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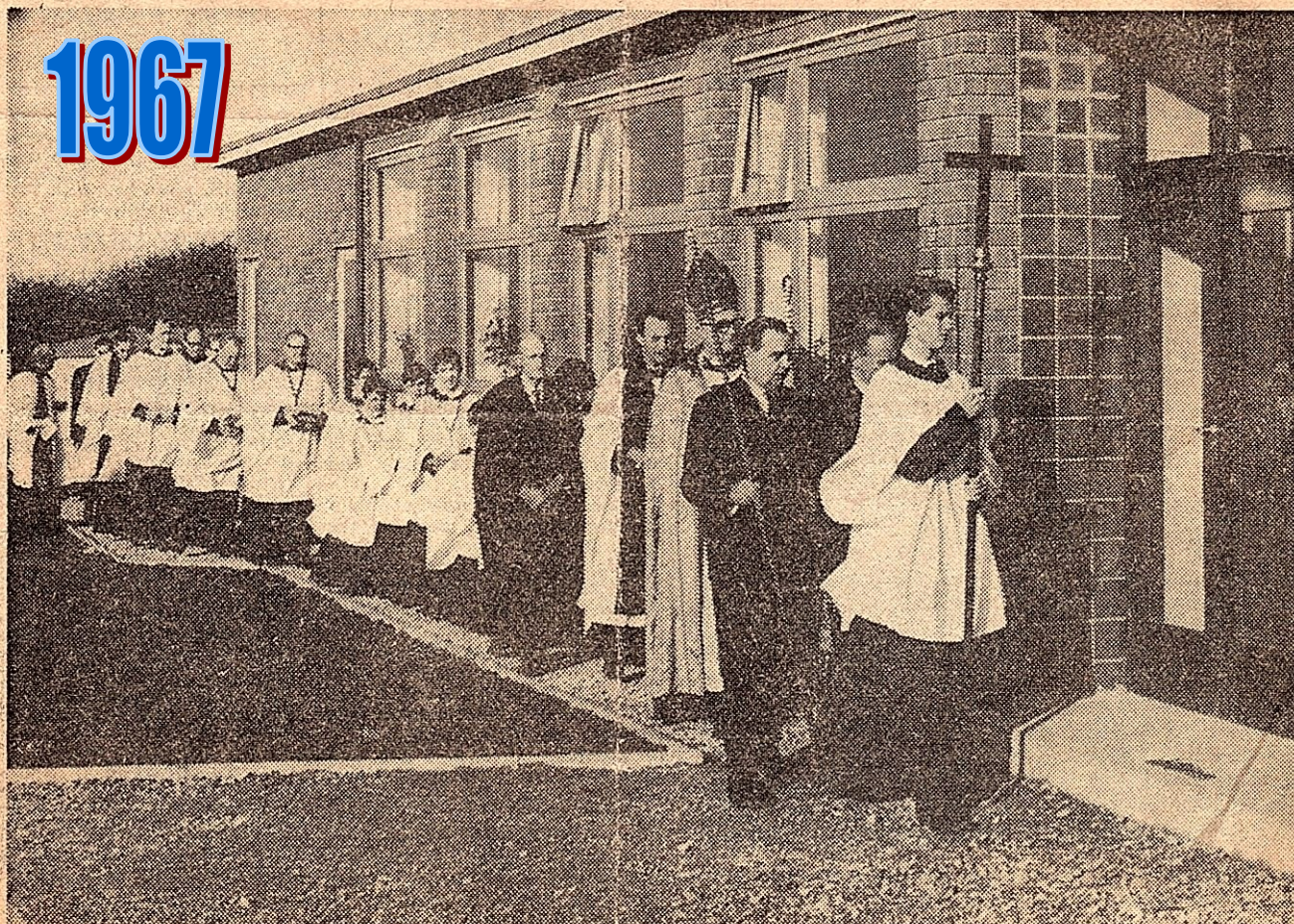


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Led by a cross-bearer, the churchwardens, Mr. W. R. Dyson and Mr. T. M. Thomson, escort the Bishop of Birkenhead, the Rt. Rev. Eric Mercer, to the entrance to the new church hall and chapel of ease in Irby for the Parish of St. Bartholomew, Thurstaston, for the dedication ceremony on Sunday afternoon. The Bishop is followed by the Rev. E. Smailes, who acted as bishop's chaplain; the vergers and sexton, Mr. C. O. Jones; and the parish church choir.—Photo by Guyse Williams.



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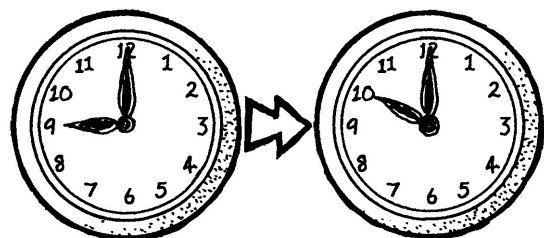
Diary Dates

Friday 3rd March
 Women's World Day of Prayer
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Sunday 5th March
 10.30am at St Chad's
 Golden Jubilee Celebration
Thursdays (from 9th March)

Lent Group - see page 6
Wednesday 15th March
 Mothers' Union (EMU)
 Jewellery with Jane

Monday 20th March
 Wellspring 8pm at the Rectory



Mothering Sunday - 26th March
 Clocks forward 1 hour
 Don't be late for services!

From the Registers

Baptisms

*We welcome into the
 Lord's family*

Jan 26th
Aaron Williams

Funerals

*We commend to
 God's eternal care*

Feb 22nd
Mike and Julie Bennet

From Your Rector

Dear Friends,

Immediately after His baptism in the river Jordan, Jesus faced and resisted three powerful temptations during 40 days in the wilderness of Judaea. This time of testing and temptation was His preparation for the work God had sent Him to do on earth. It's the principle behind the season of Lent, which begins on 1st March. Although the temptations were personal to Jesus, I suspect most of us will recognize their relevance in our own lives.

The first was simple. 'You're hungry. You can do miracles. Well, turn these hot stones at your feet into loaves of bread'. It sounds quite plausible, but in fact it's an invitation to put one's own needs first. Temptation rejected.

Then came the second: 'throw yourself off a pinnacle of the Temple. You know that God will send His angels to catch you before you hit the ground'. Again, it's plausible (there was even a verse from the Bible to back it up). But this would be to substitute one spectacular stroke for the hard slog of travel, preaching, healing and touching individual lives. Temptation rejected.

The third was outrageous. 'Fall down and worship corrupt and evil power, and you will have infinite worldly power and success'. In other words, abandon your principles and reap rewards. For the third time, temptation resisted.

I know these temptations were tests of the Messiah Jesus, but can't we see in them temptations that come to all of us from time to time?

- Look after number one, and all will be well.
- Take the short cut to success and avoid all the hard slog.
- Compromise, in order to fulfil your ambitions.

Or walk the narrow path of honesty, commitment and truth. That's really the Lenten choice.



God Bless

Rev'd Jane

Praise God's name in song
and glorify Him with Thanksgiving.

**You are invited
to St Chad's
Golden Jubilee Celebration
10.30am Sunday 5th March 2017**

There will be a cold finger buffet - Please notify us of any dietary requirements

Lent Group
The Living Cross
Exploring God's gift
of forgiveness and new life

Book £8.99 from
www.brfonline.org.uk/
9780857465122/

St Chad's Extension
7.30-9.00pm

Thurs 9th March
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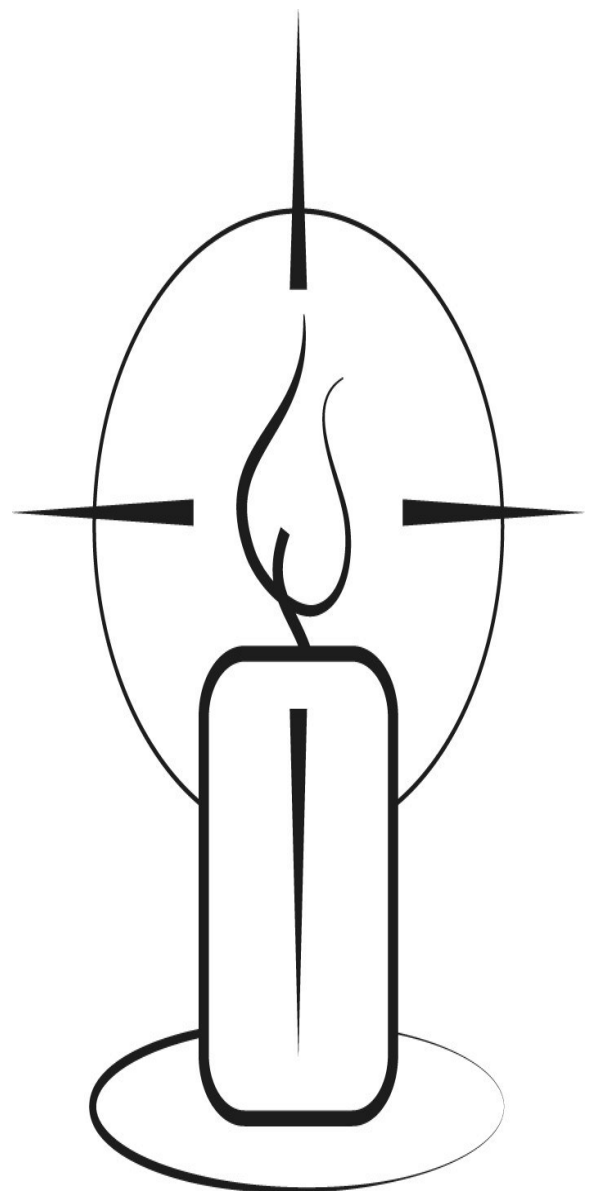
Thurs 13th April
Maundy Thursday
Service 7.30pm

followed by approx 8.30-9.30pm

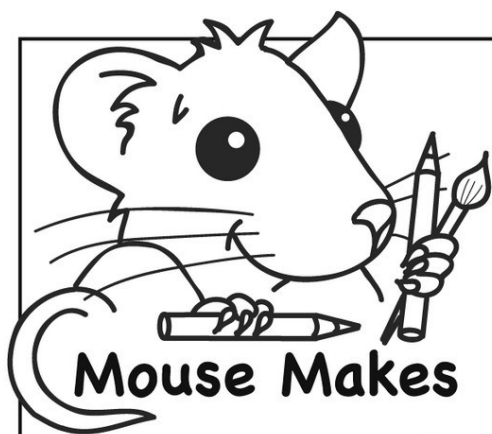
Thurs 13th April
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All are Welcome
To join this group

Revd Jane has a couple
of spare copies of the
book. Let her know if
you would like one.



LENT



Mouse Makes

SHROVE TUESDAY

During **Lent** some Christians eat simple food or go without food for a while like Jesus did.

Pancakes are often made to use up all the fresh eggs and milk on Shrove Tuesday, the day before the start of Lent.



ASH WEDNESDAY

The first day of **Lent** is called **Ash Wednesday**, it is a day for saying **sorry** to God for any wrong things you have **said** or **thought** or **done** and to ask for God's help to live in the right way.

In bible times people would cover themselves with ashes as a sign of repentance.

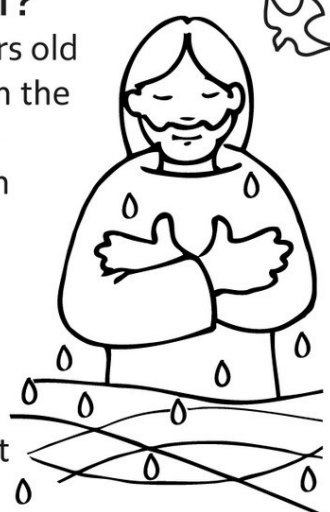
In some churches today on Ash Wednesday the minister will draw a cross shape on our foreheads with ash.



WHAT IS LENT?

When Jesus was 30 years old he was baptised by John in the River Jordan. Before Jesus began to preach and teach and heal he went out into the wilderness alone.

For 40 days he did not eat but spent time praying and talking to God, preparing himself for what God had sent him to do.



Remembering those days Jesus spent in the wilderness, the Christian Church set aside the 40 days before Easter as a time to pray, read the bible and learn more about God.

This time is called **LENT**



While Jesus was out in the wilderness he was tempted by the Devil *three* times.

Look up the bible verses to see how Jesus replied.



- 1 The devil said, "If you are God's Son order this stone to turn to bread."

Read Jesus' reply in **Luke 4: 4** and **Deuteronomy 8: 3**

- 2 The devil said, "I will give you power and wealth if you worship me."

Read Jesus' reply in **Luke 4: 7** and **Deuteronomy 6: 13**

- 3 The devil said, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, the Scriptures say God will take care of you."

Read Jesus' reply in **Luke 4: 12** and **Deuteronomy 6: 1**



Dear Lord,
Please forgive me for

.....
Amen



St Chad's
7.00-8.30pm
Sunday Evenings

Multi-Sensory Bible

15 Sessions

**which will breathe new life
into your understanding
of the whole story of the Bible,
from creation to Jesus' return.**

**Learn more about the part you
can play in God's epic plan.**

The Old Testament

Sunday 15th January

1. **Oh Yes!** - Creation

Sunday 22nd January

2. **Oh No!** - Fall

Sunday 29th January

3. **Setting Off** - Abraham

Sunday 5th February

4. **The Shape of Rescue to come** - The plagues,
the Exodus and the parting of the Red Sea

Sunday 12th February

5. **The only way is up** - Wanderings and Law

Sunday 19th February

6. **In too deep?** - Jordan, Promised Land and
Judges

HALF TERM

Sunday 5th March

7. **They did it their way** - Kings and Queens of
Judah

Sunday 12th March

8. **Down. Down, Down, Up** - The Exile

Sunday 19th March

9. **Not exactly home and dry** - The Jews return
from exile

EASTER

The New Testament

Sunday 30th April

10. **Promise Fulfilled** - The birth and ministry of
Jesus

Sunday 7th May

11. **Moment of victory**

Jesus' death and resurrection

Sunday 14th May

12. **Upwards and Onwards** - Jesus Ascension and
the coming of the Holy Spirit

Sunday 21st May

13. **Man on a mission** - Paul

HALF TERM

Sunday 11th June

14 **Solid Foundations** - The early church

Sunday 18th June

15 **Totally glorious!** - Jesus return

This is for you!

**Been a Christian for a long time or
just curious - All are Welcome**

**Want to deepen your faith
or discover faith - Please come.**



Cut Here

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO REVD JANE (77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, or e-mail rector@thurstaston.org.uk)

I would like to come to the Multi-Sensory Bible Sessions.

Name:

Contact Details (Phone or e-mail):

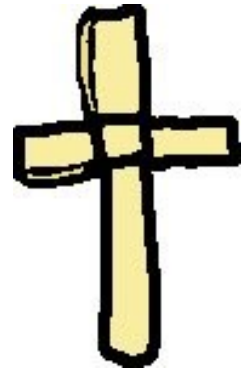
Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday 9th April

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.30am Family Communion at St Chad's

11.15am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's



Maundy Thursday 13th April

7.30pm Holy Communion at St Chad's

There is also a service at 11.00am at Chester Cathedral

Good Friday 14th April

10.00am Family Service at St Chad's

2.00pm "Hour at the Cross"

Meditative Service at St. Bartholomew's



Easter Day 16th April

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Family Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's



MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

All parishioners are invited to these two meetings on **Sunday 30th April at St Chad's at 6.30 pm**, when members of the congregations will be appointed as churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), members of the Deanery Synod and sidespersons.

The Meeting of Parishioners

The election of churchwardens is the only issue for this meeting and anyone who lives in the parish can vote. The Rector must receive nominations for churchwardens on the proper forms before the meeting begins. Nominations may not be made after the meeting has begun.

Churchwardens are elected for a year. They are legally officers of the bishop and work closely with the Rector in reporting any issues, particularly in relation to the buildings or church grounds, to her and the PCC.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The PCC is responsible for maintaining the churchyard, the buildings and their contents. Deanery Synod members represent the parish at Synod meetings and sidespersons (sometimes called churchwarden's assistants) help with the arrangements at services.

At the APCM, we elect and appoints members of the PCC, people to represent us at the Deanery Synod and sidespersons. We shall also receive written reports on what the PCC discussed in 2016, the church accounts and the organisations associated with the church.

PCC members are elected for three years, with five members retiring each year. This year, Janet Trigg, Julie Deboorder, Kate Preston and Graham Barley reach the ends of their terms of office but may be re-elected until 2020. There is also a vacancy, and two further vacancies for people to be members of the PCC until 2019.

At present, Malcolm Studholme and Chris Smale represent us at the Deanery Synod, and there is one vacancy. Their three-year term of office ends this year, but they can be re-elected.

That means that there will be at least four vacancies, one for the Deanery Synod and three for the PCC. We are hoping for new members who can bring fresh ideas and insights to our discussions and decisions.

Sidespersons' names are displayed in the churches on the duty rotas. Anyone who has any interest in becoming more involved in how the church arranges its activities should speak as soon as possible to the Rector, the Honorary Secretary or to any PCC member. Everyone can offer something – do not be put off just because you think you don't know enough about it.

Notices will be displayed in both churches with more details of the meetings, and with nomination forms for PCC members, deanery synod representatives and churchwardens.

Finally, if there are any matters that you wish to bring forward for discussion, please inform the Rector or the Honorary Secretary before the meeting.

G.J Barley (Hon. Secretary)



St Bartholomew's, Thurstaston and St Chad's, Irby Annual Meetings 24th April 2016 at 6.30 pm

Welcome

Thirty-one people were present. The Rector welcomed everyone.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mrs J Bentham, Mrs J Deboorder, Mrs J Dennison, Mr R Dennison, Dr M James, Mrs K Robson and Mr C Smale.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr R Jackson, seconded by Mr C Turnbull, proposed acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting on 19th April 2015 and circulated in the churches and at the meeting. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Election of Churchwardens

Mr C Perry (first elected 19th April 2015) had been nominated and seconded by Mrs K Robson and Mrs M McKie. He had signed a declaration that he agreed to the nomination, was eligible and was not disqualified. As no other nominations had been received prior to the meeting, Mr Perry was declared elected. The Rector thanked Mr Roberts for six years of valuable service as churchwarden and two years of service as treasurer and presented him with a gift, with another for Mrs Roberts. The meeting of parishioners closed.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mrs M McKie, seconded by Mr C Turnbull, proposed acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting on 19th April 2015 and circulated in the churches and at the meeting. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Approval of Reports

Mrs E Jones, seconded by Mr M Studholme, proposed acceptance of the following reports (the page numbers shown relate to the pages of the Annual Report for 2014):

- i) The Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of St Bartholomew's (pages 7 to 9)
- ii) The Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of St Chad's (pages 9 and 10)
- iii) The Business of the Church Council in 2015 (pages 3 - 6)
- iv) The Electoral Roll (page 11)
- v) The Junior Church (pages 13 and 14)
- vi) St Chad's Seniors (page 14)

The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Approval of Reports on Parish Organisations

Mrs K Preston, seconded by Mrs S Turnbull, proposed acceptance of the reports from the Evening Mothers' Union (EMU) and other parish organisations. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Report on the Financial Affairs of the Parish during 2015

Mr C Williams, the Honorary Treasurer, explained that owing to unusual circumstances, a report could not be provided because the accounts for 2015 had not been completed. He thanked all those involved in the financial management of the parish, particularly Mr C Turnbull and Mrs C Rostock, for all their work during 2015.

Approval of the Independently Inspected Annual Accounts for 2015

The Treasurer explained that because the accounts for 2015 had not been completed, a further Parish Meeting would be required to approve them after they had been approved by the Independent Examiner and the PCC. He said there was no underlying problem with the accounts.

Dr P Robson asked if the financial position was stable, better or worse than at the end of 2014. The Treasurer said it was stable: the current position showed slight improvements in all respects.

Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the Accounts for 2016

A proposal by the Rector that, since it was not possible to make this appointment at the meeting, the responsibility should be delegated to the PCC, was accepted nem con.

Deanery Synod Report

The Rector explained that the Deanery Synod was part of the structure of governance of the church. Mr Studholme outlined some of benefits that membership brought, including awareness of how other parishes approached matters that we also had to deal with. A proposal by Mrs J

Trigg, seconded by Mrs K Preston, that the Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod (on pages 10-11 of the Annual Report for 2015) be accepted was agreed unanimously.

Election to fill a Casual Vacancy on the Deanery Synod until 2017

The vacancy had arisen because the Synod had changed the day on which it met and Mr Turnbull was unable to attend. No one had been nominated to fill the vacancy, which therefore remained.

Election of five Members of the Parochial Church Council to serve until 2019 and one Member to serve until 2017.

One member had come to the end of his period of office, two vacancies had come about through resignations and three had existed for some time.

Five nominations for membership had been received:

- Mrs E Whitehead (proposed by Mr J Roberts and seconded by Mr E Bezant);
- Mr A Harford (proposed by Mr G Barley and seconded by Mr C Perry);
- Mr C Turnbull (proposed by Mr R Jackson and seconded by Mr G Barley);
- Mr P Aspinall (proposed by Mr J Roberts and seconded by Mrs J Dean);

Mrs D Aspinall (proposed by Mr J Roberts and seconded by Mrs J Dean).

They were duly elected.

Appointment of Sidespersons

The Rector read out the list of names of current sidespersons, saying that more were required for St Chad's. They were all reappointed nem con.

Other Business

The Rector informed the meeting that Mrs Joyce Ratcliffe had retired as vergers, where she had assisted at weddings, funerals and other services. A gift of flowers had been purchased and would be taken to her after the meeting.

Rector's Closing Remarks

The Rector thanked the PCC and the Standing Committee for their support, and also thanked the retired members of the clergy and others who had officiated in her absence during her sabbatical.

Closing Remarks by the Churchwardens

Mr Roberts said he had enjoyed his experience as churchwarden, and thanked everyone who had supported him, particularly the Rector who gave 100% of her energy and ability. He thanked Mr Perry and Mr Barley. Having been treasurer for two years while also churchwarden, he understood the complexity of the role and the pressures that could arise and thanked Mr Williams for his work.

The meeting closed at 6.58 pm and was followed by a service of Compline.

The Electoral Roll

All Church of England parishes are required to maintain an electoral roll. Those people whose names are on the roll are entitled to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and to vote. They are also eligible for election on to the Parochial Church Council. The number of people on the electoral roll also determines how many representatives can be sent to the Deanery Synod where decisions may be taken that effect the churches within the deanery. It is therefore important that all those eligible should be entered on to electoral roll for this parish of St Bartholomew Thurstaston and St Chad Irby. Although the roll may be updated regularly a new roll has to be created every 6 years and 2013 was the most recent year in which this had to be done.

To be eligible applicants must be 16 years of age or over and
Either Live within the parish boundary or
Or Have been a regular worshipper at St Bartholomew Thurstaston or St Chad Irby for at least 6 months.

Application forms available at the back of both churches or from the parish office

Electoral Roll



Belong



Participate



Contribute

Women's World Day of Prayer

3rd March – Philippines

On Friday 3rd March over 5,000 services will be held in the British Isles on the theme of 'Am I Being Unfair to You?' The Christian women of the Philippines wrote the service and it has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects, to be used, throughout the whole world, on that day, starting at sunrise over the island of Samoa and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa.

In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan – named locally as 'Yolanda' – struck the Philippine islands in the western Pacific Ocean. This is mentioned in the service but you will also hear the stories of a girl, a mother and an older woman, recounting their situations and their hopes and fears.

The service focuses on the Bible story of the workers in the vineyard: Matthew 20 v 1-16. There is a reflection on the artwork designed by Rowena 'Apol' Laxamana-Sta.Rosa. It is very thought provoking and illustrates contrasting scenes.

The Day of Prayer is not just for women. Everyone is welcome to attend the service.

1.45pm
Heswall URC

7.30pm
St Michael's
Pensby





Thank God for Mums!

Mothering Sunday - March 26th

8am BCP HC at St Bartholomew's

9.30am Family Communion

at St Chad's

11.15am Holy Communion

at St Bartholomew's

Prayer for ALL Mothers and children

God of light and love;

We pray especially for all who find Mothering Sunday painful:

We pray for mothers who watch over children who are ill
and children who watch over their suffering mothers;

We remember mothers who are apart from their children
and mothers who grieve because their children have died;

For those who longed for children and who have none
For those without their mothers because of illness or death

And who, in their longing, know themselves to be alone;

For children who are abused or neglected,

For children missing their mothers on this day

And all who suffer the impact of family breakdown

We ask that you would be a light in the darkness.

Tender and compassionate God

surround us all in your loving embrace;

and hold us always in your care.

Who'd be a mother?

Constant nagging didn't seem to provide any relief from having to clean up the bathroom after each of my three teenage children. After I cleaned it one day, I resorted to posting a sign that read: "Please leave the bathroom as you found it." I noticed the bathroom was in the usual mess after my son used it, so I called, "Brian, how did you find the bathroom?" After a brief pause, he replied, "Straight down the hall, first door on the right."

Naughty mummy

A mother asked her young son, as they waited for the bus, to tell the driver he was five years old, because then he would ride for free. As they got into the bus the driver asked him how old he was. "I am five years old," said the little boy proudly.

The driver had a son of his own that age, and smiled. "And when will you be six years old?" he asked.

"When I get off the bus," answered the boy.

**The Big Church Day Out
Comes to the Diocese of
Chester!!**

2nd-3rd June

Capesthorpe Hall, Cheshire

**Don't forget that our
Parish Summer Barn Dance
is on Friday 2nd June**



We hope you can join us in June at this exciting event which is coming to our Diocese for the first time!

The Big Church Day Out draws together tens of thousands of Christians from all over the UK and Europe to worship and celebrate all that is good. It's a one-of-a-kind expression of church unity that's as vibrant and varied as its wonderful guests. Whatever your age, denomination or musical taste, you are welcome to join us for two days of discovery and enjoyment you'll never forget. We will be camping together in a Diocese 'space' especially allocated for us.

The Big Church Day Out is like one huge playground, bursting with activities and fun for all ages. From the Big Church Kids tent and fun-filled fête to the relaxing Tea Tent nestled in the beautiful gardens, you're sure to find your favourite spot and make memories that will last a lifetime.

What can you expect?

The Big Church Day Out is a chance to discover world-class music, mouth-watering food, relaxing cafes, family activities, and dancing crowds. Here is what to expect...

5 Music Stages

The Main Stage brings together the most popular line up of Christian worship and artists from world-renowned choirs and urban acts to worship leaders and bands from all over the globe. The Illuminate Stage is a more intimate venue. It's a great place for youth groups and those who crave the dance-till-you-drop festival experience. The Airstream Stage is a chance to perch on a hay bale and listen to breath-taking live music performed from inside a converted Airstream Caravelle. This chilled-out venue is brimming with character and talent, making it the perfect place to relax on your journey of discovery across the Big Church Day Out site.



Late Night Events

At the Campfire area you can worship under the stars in the cool night air, warmed by a roaring campfire. The Comedy Tent is a late-night-only comedy venue, mixed with acoustic sets from incredible bands who have got just a few more songs to treat you to before they head off to bed. The Kingdom Come tent, with artists from the Main Stage line up leading worship into the wee hours. Here you'll find the space and time to sing, pray, dance and relax in God's presence.

The Big Church Bazaar

This buzzing venue brings together an incredible selection of Christian ministries and traders, so whether you're looking for ideas for your church, clothing with a Christian message, new campaigns to support, books, artwork, jewellery or a summer holiday location, you're sure to find it in the Big Church Bazaar!

Kids

There's a farm for little animal lovers, rock climbing for little dare-devils, face-painting for big imaginations and much more dotted all around the site. Be sure to make your way to the dedicated Big Church Kids Tent, exploding with worship, dancing, fun and games.



Cafés and Bars

In the Tea Tent Café you can sip a steaming latte or a cool glass of Pimms as you enjoy the incredible entertainment in this family-favourite area of the Big Church Day Out. A delicious Tea Tent cream tea is the perfect sweet-tooth satisfier as you sit back and relax in this beautiful setting. The Stage Cafés serving your favourite specialty hot drinks and delicious snacks to fuel you through the next incredible Big Church Day Out artist!

Camping

Don't miss a moment of the Big Church Day Out – camp with us! Exclusive After Hours entertainment, fabulous food and breath-taking views are just some of the things that make the Big Church Campsite the perfect place to stay.

You can camp Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. You only need to purchase one Camping Ticket per person, regardless of whether you choose to camp for 1, 2 or 3 nights. Everyone camping will need a camping ticket, including Under 5s and Disabled Carers.

Your event ticket is not included and will need to be purchased separately.

Campsite Opening Times:

Thursday 1st June: Campsite opens at 12 midday. Car parks and ticket gates open at 12 midday. Camping gates will close at approximately 10pm and temporary overnight camping will be available for late arrivals. Please check back for further details from April onwards.

Friday 2nd June: Car Parks open at 10am and ticket gates open at 10.30am.

Saturday 3rd June: Car Parks open at 10am and ticket gates open at 10.30am.

Sunday 4th June: Campsite closes at 12 midday.

How to Book

Book your place now! Places will fill fast!

The Diocese has a group booking system and has secured a discounted price if booked through our group.

Adult wk/end: £25

Age 5-16 wk/end: £19

Day tickets are also available through our group booking system.

Register your details via the Diocesan Website <http://www.chester.anglican.org>

If you have any questions please contact Anne Cody, Mission Coordinator, on 01928 718834 ext. 263

Stop, Look and Listen Days



The days are for people from all walks of life:

Stop: and step back from your busyness; and make some space.

Look: at the beauty of creation; at the world around you; at your own life.

Listen: to what God is saying to you today.

Each day starts with coffee at 9:30a.m. and ends with tea at 4:00p.m.

The cost is £21.00 per person per day and includes lunch and refreshments.

Foxhill House and Woodlands

The Diocese of Chester's centre for Prayer, Study and Mission

For further details and booking forms please contact:

Foxhill House and Woodlands, Tarvin Road,
Frodsham, Cheshire WA6 6XB.

Email: foxhill@chester.anglican.org
Teli: (01928) 733777

Monday 13th February

The Revd. Canon Jane Brooke, Canon at Chester Cathedral.

Monday 13th March

The Revd. Ray Samuels, Vicar of Alvanley and Manley and former Chester Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

Monday 10th April

The Revd. Magdalen Smith, Chester Director of Ordinands.

Monday 8th May

The Revd. Gillian Rossiter, Vicar of Great Meols.

Monday 12th June

The Revd. Canon Anne Samuels and Mr. Chris Wood. Anne is the Chaplain to Foxhill House and Chris is the Assistant Director at Foxhill House and Woodlands.

Monday 14th July

The Revd. Joe Kennedy, Vicar of Oxtan.

Monday 11th September

The Revd. Jenny Bridgman, Associate Vicar of Timperley.

Monday 9th October

Mrs Molly Dow, Spiritual Director

Monday 13th November

The Revd. Rob. Munro, Vicar of Cheadle St. Mary.

Monday 11th December

The Revd. Jonathon S.M. Green, Director of Foxhill House.

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Wordsearch for March

March brings us Lent and Mothering Sunday. Lent is a time of spiritual self-assessment as we prepare for Easter. It is a time to turn to God, and grow closer to him. Mothering Sunday reminds us of not only the mothers that have loved and raised us, but of Mother Church, who has spiritually loved and nurtured us throughout our Christian pilgrimage. How many words can you find on these themes in this month's Word Search?

lent
spiritual
easter
preparation

fasting
prayer
desert
selfdenial

repentance
seeking
finding
growing

mothers
love
care
nurture

learning
teaching
disciples
worldwide

flowers
thankyou
nursing
family



The Wise Ram

Said the sheep to the ram,
"I'm bored, so I am!
"The same old thing day after day!
"The same fields, the same scene
"The same grass, the same green
"The same horses with just the same
neigh!"

The ram looked surprised;
"Just open your eyes!
"And look at that fine splendid view!
"Clouds fluffy and white
"Make a varying sight
"You really are one lucky ewe!"

"Those marvellous trees
"As they sway in the breeze
"Your senses with wonder should fill!
"The birds in the air,
"Make me just stand and stare –
"And the way that the light strikes that
hill!"

"I think, my dear sheep
"That, if you look deep
"This world is a wonderful place!
"So, please, look again
"And you will regain
"A true sense of God's wondrous grace!"

by Nigel Beeton



Spring

Another winter finished;
Our hearts are full of joy!
The icy frosts diminish
And summer sun's ahoy!

Last summer seems so distant
The autumn leaves long gone;
But now, each passing instant
Is full of sunny song.

The seasons flow reminds us –
The climbing, sinking sun;
That death's dread cords won't bind us
Our time with Christ will come!

by Nigel Beeton



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Guides are once again collecting vouchers and would like to thank people for all their support over previous years - (the girls have benefited greatly from the equipment we've been able to get for them), so any vouchers would be greatly appreciated.



Active Kids



Men's Breakfast



6th May 2017 8.45 – 9.45am

Aroma Cafe, Irby Village

Eat, chat and share in fellowship.

Contact Matthew James on 07817625122 or mp_james@btinternet.com
for further details.

Dates for your diary: Where possible Men's Breakfasts will take place on the first Saturday of alternate months. Future dates for 2017 are:

1st July, 2nd September, 4th November

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



EMU (Evening Mothers' Union) meets:-

One Wednesday in each month, 8.00pm at St Chad's
for more information contact Chris Rostock (648 1112)

Next event: Wednesday 15th March
Jewellery with Jane

Come and make or buy gifts for Mothers' Day

Wellspring

Third Monday of each month

8.00pm Meeting at the Rectory

An opportunity to Listen to God and to Pray.

All are Welcome
Together we will seek God's Vision
for our church communities.

*Give ears and come to me; listen, so that you might
live.*
Isaiah 55v3

This is an important meeting in the life of our church.
You do not have to be able to pray out loud.
You do not have to feel that you are any good at praying!
Please just come and spend 1 hour each month with others
as we commit the work of our church to God.

2017

20th March

Apr - No Meeting

15th May

19th June

17th July

Aug - No meeting

18th Sept

15th Oct

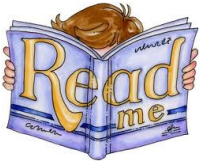
Nov - No Meeting

4th Dec - Not
normal week!

Church Finances

Our parish share (our contribution to the diocese to cover employment of our Rector and support local and diocesan and national expenditure) will increase by 2.5% in 2017 to £62796 (of which we only pay at present at 60% leaving a large shortfall). The Chester Diocesan Board of Finance have produced an annual document explaining the background to all this which they advise should be made available to congregations. Please if you would like to see this document contact me on 01516250089 or turnbullcj@gmail.com.

Chris Turnbull Treasurer Thurstaston PCC



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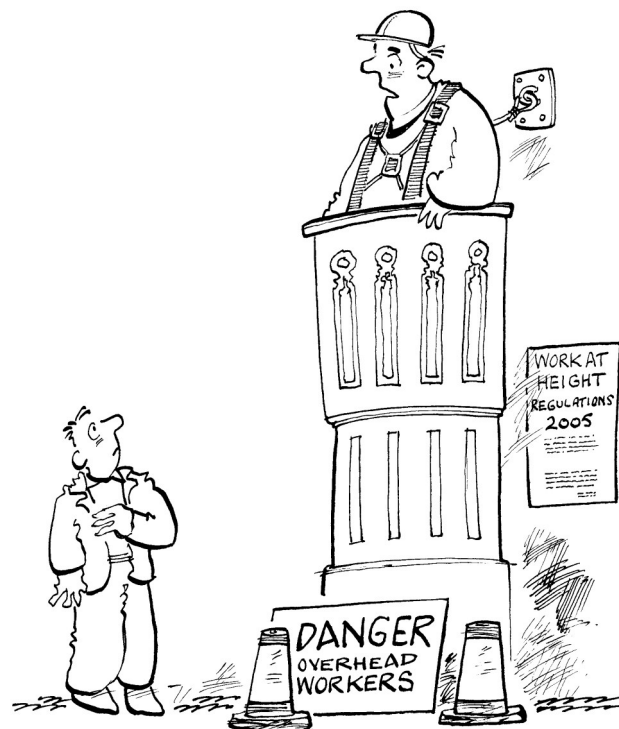
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MOVIE MOMENTS Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

Trolls is a gloriously happy, family film, with a sing-along soundtrack. But there are also hidden depths to the storyline. And these can help children question the playground assumption that we make ourselves happy by pushing others down.

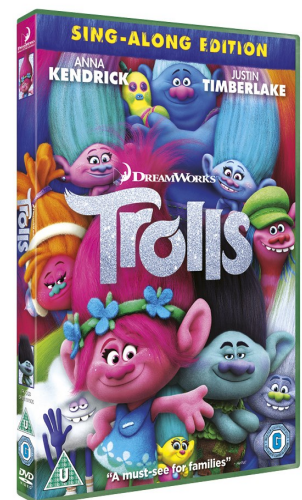


The Trolls are delightful, colourful, happy creatures. But their lives are threatened by the Bergens who believe they can absorb the Troll's happiness by eating them. In fact, the Bergens are convinced that the only way to be happy is through taking the happiness of a Troll.

The Trolls have found a safe hiding place to live, but when Poppy, the happiest Troll ever, throws an enormous fireworks party, their location is revealed, and the Bergen's Troll-catcher takes some of them prisoner. So, Poppy sets out on a daring rescue

mission, armed only with happiness and songs. Through her sacrificial actions the Bergens discover that they don't need to take another's happiness, because it is already inside all of us, we just need someone to help us find it.

This is a fun-filled family film. But it can also spark a conversation about what it means to be happy, and whether this must be at the expense of others. Is life really a 'zero-sum game' in which one person's gain depends upon another person's loss? *Trolls* provides an opportunity to help our children consider what it really means to 'find your happy place', and maybe reflect on the words of Jesus who said: 'If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.'



Trolls, certificate U is released on DVD 13th Feb.

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Church Services - March 2017

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

5th March

1st Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

12th March
Lent 2

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

19th March
Lent 3

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

26th March
Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

2nd April
Lent 5

St Chad's

10.30am Golden Jubilee Celebration
All Welcome

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Communion

9.30am Family Communion

Weekday Services

Holy Communion celebrated at St Chad's each Wed 10.15am
ALL WELCOME

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