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## Diary Dates

### **Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th June**

Prayer Experience St. Chads See  
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### **Sunday 11th, 18th, 25th June**

Multi Sensory Bible  
7.15—8.45 pm St. Chads

### **Saturday 24th June**

Saturday Together  
5.30 - 6.30 pm St. Chads

### **Monday 26th June**

Wellspring  
8pm at The Rectory

### **Wednesday 28th June**

REACH Sled dogs  
8pm St. Chads

### **Saturday 1st July**

Men's Breakfast 8.45am-9.45am at  
Aroma Café Irby

### **Sunday 2nd July**

20th Anniversary of  
Revd Janes ordination  
11.00 am Eccles Parish Church

## *From the Registers*

### *Funerals*

*We commend to God's eternal care*

*Joyce Edmonds*

*Philip Broster*

*Edwin Bezant*

*Jamie Cass*

## **From Your Rector**

Dear Friends,

### **What makes June so special?**

June is the month of light - the month of the summer solstice, when millions of people in northernmost Europe stay out late to enjoy the sight of the midnight sun. Light and glory where there is usually darkness is something we celebrate, we welcome.

In John 9 Jesus said: "I am the light of the world." He wasn't preaching over the summer solstice, but at a Jewish occasion which celebrated light every bit as much. It was the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:14), which was a celebration not only of God's provision of water, but also of the light of God's presence with the Israelites in the wilderness.

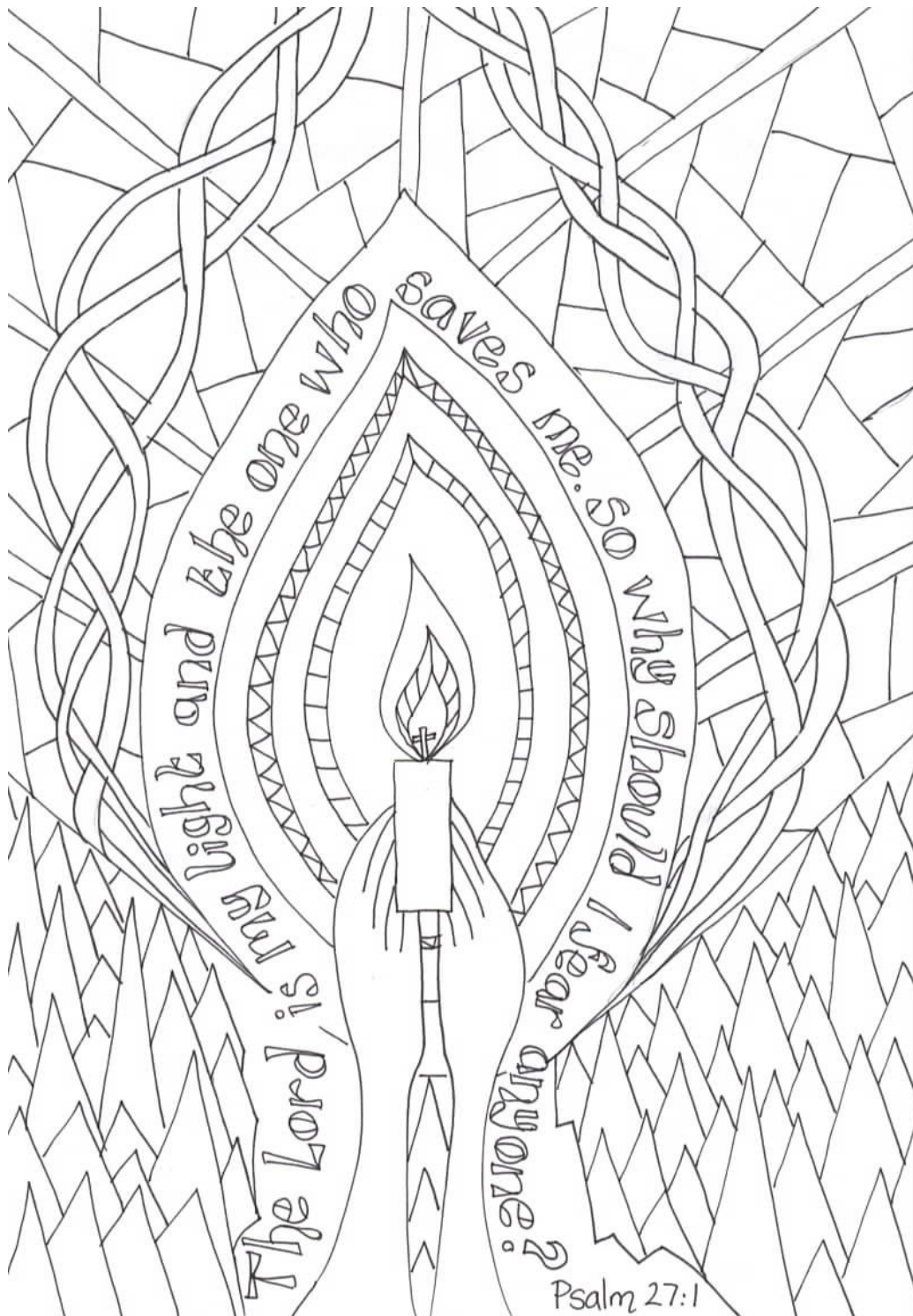
During the Feast of Tabernacles there was a joyful celebration. The priests would light four huge lamps in the Court of Women. The flames would reach as high as the temple walls and would provide a light that could be seen all throughout Jerusalem. Men of deep piety would dance throughout the night for the entire week of celebrating. A choir, accompanied by an orchestra of instruments, would sing psalms like Psalm 27, which declare "The Lord is my light and my salvation"

At the height of this grand celebration, the Lord Jesus had the temerity to stand and say that HE was the light that was foreshadowed by the light for the Israelites in the wilderness.

The Jewish leaders were furious, and tried to stone him to death. Jesus did not fight back, he simply illustrated his claim to be the Light of the World by immediately giving sight to a man born blind. (John 9).

In the 20 centuries since then, the Word of God, when it is proclaimed, has drawn people out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus. The Word is, as the psalmist said, "a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105). David said, "In your light we see light" (Psalm 36:9b). Today, by the light of the word of God, we can see Jesus as he is: truly the light of the world.

Yours in Christ,  
*Renee Jane Turner*

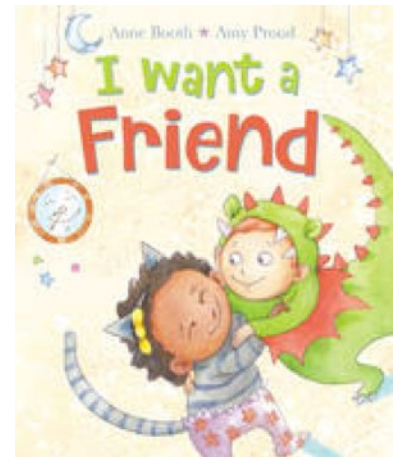




# Book Reviews

## **I Want a Friend**

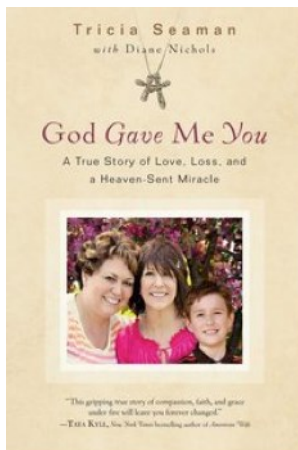
**By Anne Booth, Amy Proud, Lion Children's, £6.99**



'I want a friend,' said Arthur, 'I want a friend right now. I want to make one RIGHT AWAY. But I am not sure how.' Join Arthur at nursery school in his determined search for a friend - could he dig a hole to trap one, or catch one in a net? His ideas don't seem to be going to plan, but then Lily appears and he is soon having lots of fun and playtime adventures! Bouncy rhymes and hilarious illustrations make this first experiences tale about friendship an enchanting read for youngsters.

## **God Gave Me You**

**By Tricia Seaman and Diane Nichols, Authentic, £9.99**



In this inspiring story of a single mother with terminal cancer who asked a nurse she'd met on the oncology ward to raise her son after her death, two extraordinary mothers learn that family isn't always blood ... sometimes it's made up of the people God gives you, if you have a willing heart.

Oncology nurse Tricia Seaman and her family had their hearts set on adopting a son. They were months into the gruelling process when Tricia met terminally ill cancer patient Trish on her regular rounds. As the cancer spread, Trish asked her nurse, a complete stranger just days before, to raise her beloved son when she passed away.

This is the true story of how these two remarkable women met, the immediate bond they formed, and the ups and downs of joining their families together as Trish's life ebbed away.

God Gave Me You is a story of courage, trust, and faith that God's plans are bigger and more amazing than we could ever hope for on our own.



# Saturday Together

A new monthly event for all ages

## Saturday 24th June

St Chad's Church, Irby

5.30 to 6.30pm

and

Quizzes

## Saturday 22nd July

Games

Music

## Saturday 30th September

Treasure  
Hunt

Prayer

Food

Drinks

Hymns

BBQ

Fellowship

## **Election 2017: Archbishops highlight the place of faith in British life**



Faith has a central role to play in politics and this general election, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York said on 6th May 2017.

In a pastoral letter to the parishes and chaplaincies of the Church of England, Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu urge people to set aside "apathy and cynicism" and draw new inspiration from the ancient Christian virtues of "love, trust and hope".

The three-page letter, intended to be shared in churches from this Sunday onward, encourages voters to remember Britain's Christian history and heritage as well as a concern for future generations and God's creation as they make their decisions.

Following divisions of recent years, it calls for reconciliation drawing on shared British values based on cohesion, courage and stability.

It upholds marriage, family and households as the building blocks of society which should be "nurtured and supported" as a "blessing".

At a time when political differences may be felt more intensely than ever, the Archbishops insist that Christians' "first obligation" during the election and beyond is to pray for those standing for office and recognise the personal costs and burdens carried by those in political life and by their families.

But Christians also have a duty to play an active part in the process, they add.

The letter also calls for space for faith in political debate and says politicians must be free to speak openly about their own beliefs and convictions and treated fairly for doing so.

"This election is being contested against the backdrop of deep and profound questions of identity," they say.

"Opportunities to renew and reimagine our shared values as a country and a United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland only come around every few generations.



We are in such a time”

"Our Christian heritage, our current choices and our obligations to future generations and to God's world will all play a shaping role.

"If our shared British values are to carry the weight of where we now stand and the challenges ahead of us, they must have at their core cohesion, courage and stability."

The Archbishops highlight major concerns over poverty, housing and the dangers of "crushing" debt among other issues.

They call for a generous and hospitable welcome to refugees and migrants but also warn against being "deaf to the legitimate concerns" about the scale of migration into some communities.

They also single out the importance of standing up for those suffering persecution on grounds of faith around the world.

Faith, they argue, has a unique role to play in preventing extremism and religiously motivated violence.

"Contemporary politics needs to re-evaluate the importance of religious belief," they insist.

"The assumptions of secularism are not a reliable guide to the way the world works, nor will they enable us to understand the place of faith in other people's lives.

"Parishes and Chaplaincies of the Church of England serve people of all faiths and none.

"Their contribution and that of other denominations and faiths to the well-being of the nation is immense - schools, food banks, social support, childcare among many others - and is freely offered. But the role of faith in society is not just measured in terms of service delivery.

"The new Parliament, if it is to take religious freedom seriously, must treat as an essential task the improvement of religious literacy."

They add: "Political responses to the problems of religiously-motivated violence and extremism, at home and overseas, must also recognise that solutions will not be found simply in further secularisation of the public realm."

The full pastoral letter can be read [https://www.churchofengland.org/media/3977056/electionletter\\_text.pdf](https://www.churchofengland.org/media/3977056/electionletter_text.pdf)



**St Chad's, St Bartholomew's  
and Wirral Youth for Christ  
present "The Prayer Experience"  
at St. Chad's**



**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30am Thingwall Primary Year 4  
10.30am Thingwall Primary Year 5  
11.30am Thingwall Primary Year 6  
1.15pm Dawpool Primary Year 3  
2.15pm Dawpool Primary Year 4

**7.00-9.00pm**

**Open to All**

**Teenagers and Adults**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**10am-12noon**

**Open to all Teenagers and Adults**

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accompanied by an adult**

**Schools closed due to General Election**

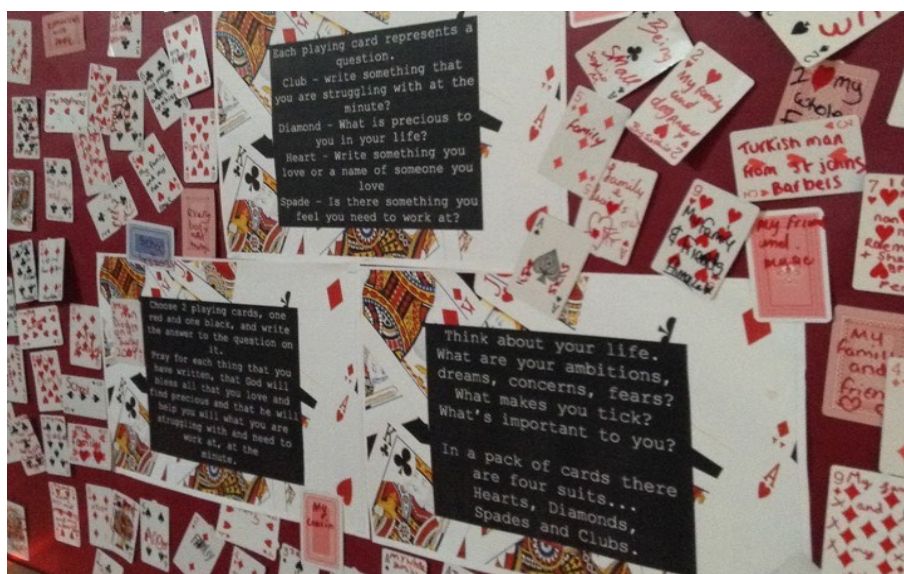
**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30am Irby Primary Year 4  
10.30am Irby Primary Year 5  
11.30am Irby Primary Year 6  
1.15pm Dawpool Primary Year 5  
2.15pm Dawpool Primary Year 6

There will be  
a variety of  
prayer stations  
set up.

Come along  
for 5 minutes  
or an hour  
or anything inbetween!

Please pray  
for all of the children  
who will come  
with their teachers  
on Wednesday  
and Friday.





Revd Jane was  
ordained priest  
on 28th June 1997  
in Eccles Parish Church.

To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of this there will be a special service in Eccles Parish Church at **11.00am on Sunday 2nd July 2017** followed by a bring and share buffet lunch.

If you are planning to come, please sign the list at the back of church or email the parish office (stating what you will contribute to the bring and share). If there are enough people we will organise a coach, if not we will organise car shares.

The Foresters Horn Group  
Riding for the Disabled

## **BOOKS, BAGS BANGLES & BEADS**

10am-noon, Saturday 24th June 2017  
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Dear Friends,

At the APCM held recently the Rector told the meeting that I had decided to retire. I came to Irby in 1984 when I left my last parish and I have enjoyed working here ever since

Wendy and I were given a very warm welcome and soon felt as if we had always been here. I shall always remember the day when the parish celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the ordination as priests of Simon and me

Thank you for all your love and support when I was seriously ill in hospital.

I wish to thank you for your recent present.

May God bless you all in the days ahead.

With all my love  
Joe Edwardson.

## **JUNE CELEBRATIONS**

“.... we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake (2 Corinthians 4:5). Thus wrote Paul the apostle, and we can be certain that our Rector Jane shares the same motivation as she celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her priesthood on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> – the same day as the Parish Barn Dance – is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SCRIPTURE UNION (SU). On that date in 1867, Joseph Spiers gathered 15 children together in Islington to pioneer a new approach to sharing Christ with them. In August, the following year he drew the words GOD IS LOVE in the sand at Llandudno, encouraging children to decorate the letters with shells and seaweed. The first beach mission was born. With a co-worker Tom Bishop, Joseph began working under the banner of the Children's Special Service Mission (CSSM). Today, SU exercises ministry in over 120 countries. Its famous Bible Reading Notes were first printed in 1923. In 1925, SU and CSSM combined to launch a revised and updated hymnbook called “Golden Bells”, with the aim of reaching the “lips of children”. Its first version had arrived about 35 years previously. More about this shortly. Meanwhile, back to June.

The Duke of Edinburgh will be 96 this month, and has spent years of dedicated service to Queen and country. As husband and Consort to Her Majesty, he accompanied her on their first Royal Tour of the Commonwealth during 1953-4. When, in February 1954, Queen Elizabeth opened Australia's Parliament, she declared “It is my resolve that under God I shall not only rule but serve”. In June 2012, her Jubilee month and year, the Queen spoke of her husband as being her “strength and stay”. What made her use that particular expression of loving gratitude? I wonder this, because the year before the Queen was born, the Golden Bells hymnbook included a hymn which contained that very phrase. The hymn had first appeared as a one-verse chorus in a 1921 book popularly known as CSSM choruses. It was written by Naomi Pope, who was inspired by the verse from 1 Timothy 6:12 - “Fight the good fight of faith”. By 1925, Naomi had extended her chorus to a 3-verse hymn, having the same profession of faith in the last two lines of each verse, viz. -

“....THE LORD IS OUR LIGHT AND THE LORD IS OUR LIFE  
AND THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH AND STAY”

Simon.Beckley.



# Men's Breakfast



1st July 8.45 – 9.45am

Aroma Cafe, Irby Village

Eat, chat and share in fellowship.

Contact Matthew James on 07817625122 or [mp\\_james@btinternet.com](mailto: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:

2nd September, 4th November

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Third Monday of each month

8.00pm Meeting at the Rectory

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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

26th June \*note  
change of date from  
19th

17th July

Aug - No meeting

18th Sept

15th Oct

Nov - No Meeting

4th Dec - Not  
normal week!



**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)



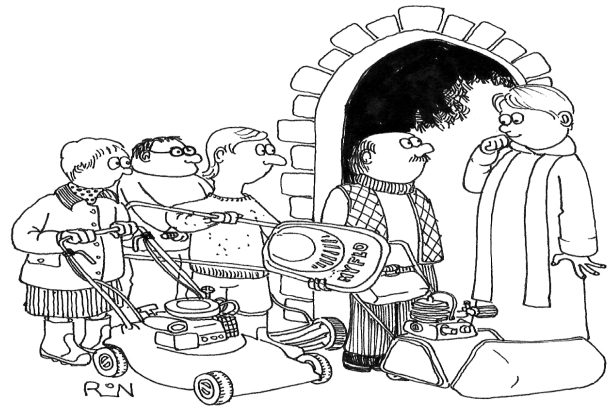
Next event: **Wednesday 28th June 8pm** :  
**R.E.A.C.H** Sled dogs, come and meet the  
rescue team. Hear about their work and  
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come along.

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*All she had said was it was time for her  
annual lawnmower service*

## **LAY CONFERENCE 2017**

\*\*\*\*\* **MISSION : IMPOSSIBLE !** \*\*\*\*\*

The Lay Conference started with a bang, well, the welcome talk started with the Mission Impossible theme tune and the trailing ignited fuse burning across the screen!

We were inspired to “re-imagine church, think of new ways of being church, to hear God, use our gifts, share our faith and grow God’s Kingdom together”.

We were encouraged to “Get out of the building and meet people where they are, trust that the Holy Spirit flows through us wherever we are”.

We heard that a survey has shown that Christians are thought of as “Spiritual, Loving, Wise and Inspirational” and that we should be confident and think of ourselves as a “non-stop trip adviser for Jesus” and be inspired to talk about Jesus Monday to Saturday.

As well as empowering us outside the church building, many ideas were discussed and shared between each other for new ways of being church too, reaching every age, such as coffee, cake and prayer mornings, bacon butty dads and kids play mornings, soup and pud lunch club, Ice-cream Sundays, knitty natter afternoon, Wednesday walk club and many, many more. I have got them all written down!

Also we got to experience different style services, Taize, Iona and café church.

The whole experience was very uplifting and inspiring.

It is lovely to be surrounded by God’s love in everyone you meet and to be in such a lovely setting with beautiful grounds, a lake and lovely views.

We had a good laugh and unwind too, it was lovely to be there with Julie, Lee and Emma too and to share the experience together.

Our Saturday night entertainment was comedian Paul Kerensa, who was brilliant and afterwards I got to have a natter with him about working with Chris Evans on Radio 2!

Every Evening there was a chance to socialise in the bar and take silly pictures like this:

We Had a great time, I would recommend it

Julie DeBoorder



# **Swanwick Lay Conference**

## **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

We arrived at Swanwick at 5.30pm. We checked in and went to our rooms and put away our bags. I went back down and met Julie in reception, we chose our group activities. After this it was coffee time and then dinner. The food was lovely and there was plenty of choice. In the evening we all gathered in the main conference hall where we were introduced to the main concepts for the weekend which were ways to develop our churches and engage the congregations more. There was also a questions and answer session with some of the main organisers/ contributors. It was good to know people could ask questions.

## **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Saturday began with a Taize service in the chapel. After this was breakfast.

We then attended a session called "The Big Picture". This was very inspiring and included facts and figures on what the general public think of Christians. Most people don't think of Christians as mad, over the top or weird, which is definitely a good start! Also it was heartening to hear that something in the region of 80-90% of all adults in England believe the resurrection of Jesus really happened. We were then split into discussion groups. In these groups we discussed the issues our churches and the diocese faced and what the priorities should be. A fair few different churches faced physical limitations with the actual buildings, problems with lack of facilities are major. The other problem many people talked about was some resistance or reluctance from some clergy when wanting to make changes.

Then came lunch which again was lovely!

In the afternoon was a presentation on "New Approaches to Mission". We split in to groups for this. I went to a session on Media and IT. Personally I thought it wasn't very useful or what I expected. There was a fair amount of talk about the internet site "Second Life" and how you can create a whole other life for yourself. There was discussion on how the church has been resistant to new technology right from paperback books to social media but ultimately these things happen anyway. Perhaps we should just embrace it and make the most of it? I was thinking we should create a Facebook page and perhaps an Instagram account. We could spread the word of the church and our news easily with that.



We had a feedback session on the various group activities which were interesting but ultimately all agreed on the difficulties making changes to church buildings. St Bart's is not alone!

We had dinner and then a café style worship. The café worship was relaxed and involved cake, what's not to like? We sat and were asked to discuss what would stop us talking to people about Jesus, it seemed we all agreed it was confidence due to fear of ridicule. We then sang a couple of upbeat songs and a short prayer. Very fun and more social than most services.

The evening was entertainment from the comedian Paul Karenza. Unfortunately I missed this but Julie D and Emma saw him and both thoroughly enjoyed it.

Sunday morning began with a chapel service in the Iona Abbey style. The chapel had a beautiful prayer labyrinth next to it.



We then had breakfast and had to clear our rooms.

There was then a poster session where we all displayed posters with one of our parishes mission successes. We showed the pumpkin party. There were many, many wonderful ideas I think we should look into. There were a few which really wouldn't work for us but lots that could be great. Keep your eyes out for some new ideas!

The ending Eucharist was really nice and I think everyone was fired up with great ideas but also sad to be leaving. A really good weekend well spent with great people. Something I would be more than happy to do again.  
Julie Parmenter

Quote from Emma Parmenter " I really enjoyed the whole weekend and want to book for next year. I enjoyed talking to lots of people and liked the youth workshop. We talked about different things we could do in church including a shoe church"



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## Church Services - June 2017

### Sunday Services

#### St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**4th June**  
Pentecost

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Morning Worship

**11th June**  
Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**18th June**  
Trinity 1

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**25th June**  
Trinity 2

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**2nd July**  
Trinity 3  
Special Service  
At Eccles Parish Church  
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#### St Chad's

9.30am Family Service

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Worship

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### Weekday Services

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

#### Baptisms and Weddings

To arrange a baptism or wedding,  
please telephone the Rector, Revd Jane Turner on 0151 648 1816  
or the Church office on 0151 648 8169.

**PLEASE NOTE: Rector's day off - Tuesday**

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