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## Diary Dates

<p><b>Saturday 22nd July</b> Saturday Together 5.30 - 6.30 pm St. Chads</p> <p><b>Wednesday 12th July</b> EMU Summer Meal out</p> <p><b>Saturday 15th July</b> 10am-12 noon St Chads Christmas Child coffee morning</p> <p><b>Sunday 16th July</b> From 11 am onwards Church family picnic, Royden Park</p>	<p><b>Monday 17th July</b> Wellspring 8pm at The Rectory</p> <p><b>Monday 21st Aug—2nd Sept.</b> Church Work Day, St Chads</p> <p><b>Saturday 26th August</b> 2pm-4pm St. Barts "St Beartholomews Day"</p> <p><b>Saturday 2nd September</b> Men's Breakfast 8.45am-9.45am at Aroma Café Irby Satur</p>
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## From the Registers

<b><i>Baptisms</i></b>	<b><i>Weddings</i></b>	<b><i>Funerals</i></b>
<i>We welcome into the Lord's family</i>	<i>We ask for Gods Blessing upon the marriage of</i>	<i>We commend to God's eternal care</i>
11th June	3rd June	7th June
<i>Nylsa Esme Hodge Jones</i>	<i>Alex Bowen and</i>	<i>Marjorie Hillcock</i>
25th June	<i>Melanie Taylor</i>	19th June
<i>Ellsa Hughes</i>	10th June	<i>Joan Jones</i>
	<i>David Patrcik and</i>	
	<i>Laura Bennett</i>	

## From Your Rector

Dear Friends,

*'Where are you going on your holidays?'*

It's such a common question at this time of year, isn't it? Perhaps less common is the question: *'Where are you going with God on your holydays?'*

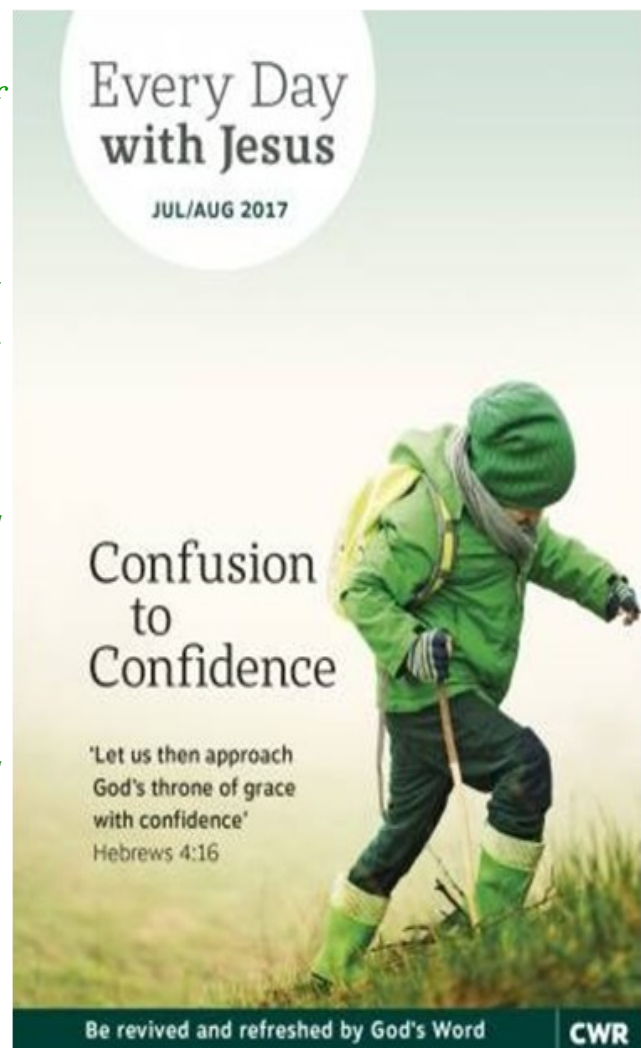
I don't know about you, but I find it much harder to spend face-to-face time with God on holiday than I do in the normal routine of life. So I've learnt that if I want to pray on holiday there are things I need to do before I go:-

I need to make an agreement with those I'm on holiday with about when, and where and how long to pray for.

But I also find that using something different and more structured encourages me to pray and enjoy praying. This year I'm thinking of using:

<https://www.eden.co.uk/shop/every-day-with-jesus-jul-aug-2017-4522769.html>

*Confusion to Confidence Bible verse: 'Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence' (Hebrews 4:16). How can we trust that God is in control when there is such suffering in the world? This is a question that Habakkuk had to grapple with centuries ago. And it is still relevant today as many face uncertainty, unrest and fear. By exploring the life of Habakkuk and the discoveries he made, we can learn, as he did, how to rise above confusion and face the world with confidence. In this issue, explore how we can learn to trust in God's plan for the future, stand firm in difficult times and live each day with confidence in Him.*





So, *'What will you do with God on your holydays this year?*

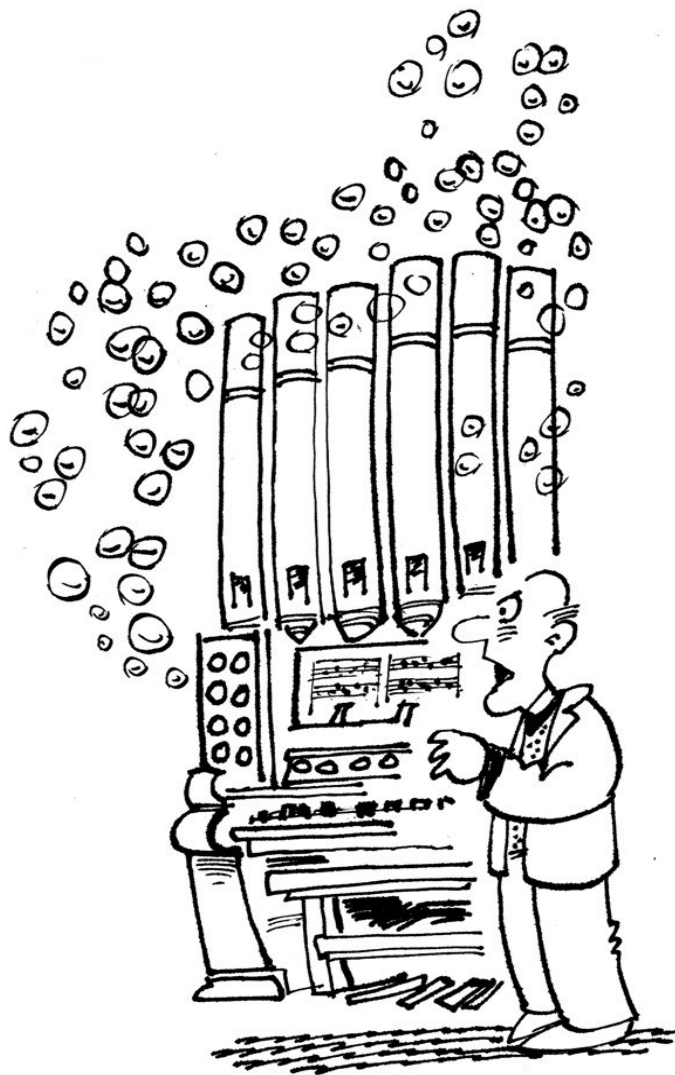
It can be easy to take a break from God as well as from our normal life when we go away. But the Psalmist, probably going on holiday up to Jerusalem for a festival, writes in Ps 84 v 5:

*What joy for those whose strength comes from the LORD,  
who have set their minds on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem.*

May God give us joy and strength as our holidays become holydays this year.

May God be with you,

*Rev'd Jane*



For the last time! - Which member of the Junior Choir put bubble mixture in the organ-blower?!



# #PRAY365

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

**1 Thessalonians 5:17**  
**“pray continually”**

Throughout 2017, Youth for Christ are pursuing Jesus through an intentional Year of Prayer, #Pray365.

As part of our commitment as a local centre, Wirral YFC invites you to join them for an evening of prayer for Wirral schools, children and young people.

“When we do this (pray), when we take a risk, surely evangelism has a steadfast foundation and God will do immeasurably more than we could ever ask or imagine through our YFC Centres and Projects.”

*Beth Whitehouse*  
*National Prayer Coordinator at Youth For Christ.*

**Monday 10th July**  
**7:30pm - 9:00pm**

Refreshments will be served during the evening



**‘The Spire’, Breck Road, Wallasey, Wirral, CH44 3BD**



# Saturday Together

A new monthly event for all ages

## Saturday 22nd July

St Chad's Church, Irby

5.30 to 6.30pm

BBQ (weather permitting),

games and quizzes

Quizzes

Games

Music



Treasure  
Hunt

Prayer

Food

Drinks

Hymns

BBQ

Fellowship

And  
22nd September 2017



# **Come and Celebrate "St Bartholomew's Day"**

**Saturday 26th August  
2-4pm at St Bartholomew's  
Thurstaston**

**Bring your teddy  
Make a Parachute  
Applaud you bear's bravery  
as it jumps from the top of  
the church tower!**

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and don't forget to  
collect your Bear's  
certificate at the end  
of the event!

## **Lots of FUN for all the family**

## **What do you smell like at work?**

This does not mean when you're a bit sweaty from your cycle ride to the office, or after you've polished off a cheese and onion salad sandwich for lunch.

It does mean what do you exude when you go to meetings? When you meet clients or patients, when you work closely on a project with colleagues, when you chat with your boss... what do people breathe in when they're around you?

2 Corinthians 2 talks about us being the 'aroma of Christ' to people – that as we interact with those around us, over time, our words and our actions develop a scent and a flavour that can suggest something of God's character.

Fiona, a social services manager from Scotland, seems to smell pretty good. "I look at you and I wonder how you can behave as you do", a colleague said to her recently as they battled for the umpteenth time with a long-running and very difficult service complaint. "You're under so much stress and always busy, but you always have a smile and a different perspective."

Tom, who heads up a car-company sales team in the Midlands, also has something of a godly scent – despite the competitive industry he's in, where the temptation to cover up mistakes is high. One of his managers recently commented: "I really respect that you always tell the truth and don't try to hide problems – that's had a huge impact on me, and on the team too"

All of us can approach our work in a way that gives off a Christ-like aroma. The scent comes from the ripening fruits of the Spirit in our lives: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

# Reflection

A knock on the door reminded me I must get round to fixing that bell! The words, *'That will be £6 please, sir,'* were my first indication that we had our own window cleaner. My extremely rare forays into the world of water and chamois leather were, mercifully, at an end!

The experience set me thinking about windows and the properties of glass. I remember, as a child, being somewhat mystified by the question, *'Is your father a glazier?'* whenever I stood in someone's way – especially because everyone knew he was a steelfixer and bar bender! He, in turn, was incensed by one of the few items of history he had acquired during his short school career that, in the past, people had felt it necessary to brick up windows because of the iniquitous 'Window Tax' – a tax on daylight!

However, all is not gloom - for glass and its properties have been used as powerful Christian symbols by many writers. Paul, in his wonderful passage in 1 Corinthians 13 about the gift of love, looking forward to that, *'which is perfect to come,'* explains, *'For now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face. Now I know in part but then shall I know even as also I am known.'* Similarly, George Herbert in his hymn, 'Teach me my God and King,' used glass to illustrate the choices we can make in response to God's revelation:



*A man may look on glass  
On it may stay his eye;  
Or, if he pleaseth, through it pass  
And then the heaven espy.*

I have always been struck by how simple, yet how clear, this analogy is. Of course, had I taken more notice of the fourth verse, I would have realised that even cleaning windows should have been a real joy – if approached in the right frame of mind!



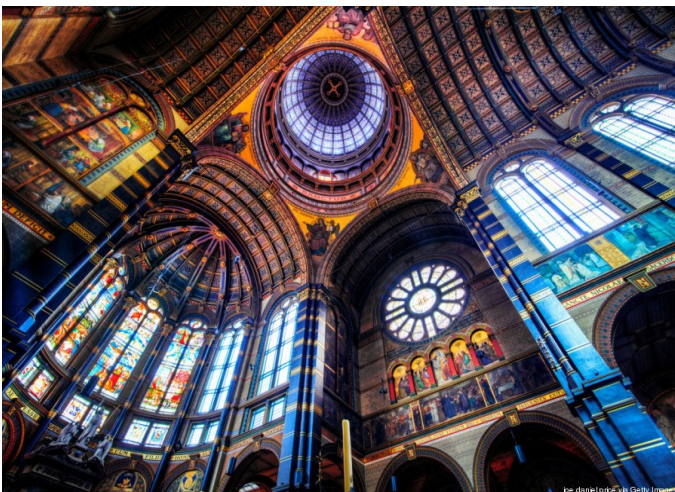
*A servant with this clause  
Makes drudgery divine,  
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws.  
Makes that and the action fine.*

People approach the divinity of Christ in many ways. For some, it is expressed in the story of the Virgin Birth or in the miracles or in the Passion and Resurrection. The theologian, Paul Tillich approached it from, seemingly, the other end of the scale. For him, it was Jesus' total humility, selflessness and openness to God's will that made Him divine. To explain this, he used the symbolism of transparency. For Tillich, Jesus was so utterly selfless and open to God's will that He became, as it were, transparent, so that God was revealed through Him in a unique, once and for all, way.

Thomas Merton, a 20<sup>th</sup> century contemplative Christian writer, in his book, 'New Seeds of Contemplation', attempts to set out for us the mystery of Christ using the imagery of the magnifying glass:

*As a magnifying glass concentrates the rays of the sun into a little burning knot of heat that can set fire to a dry leaf or a piece of paper, so the mystery of Christ in the gospel concentrates the rays of God's light and fire to a point that sets fire to the spirit of man. And this is why Christ was born and lived in the world and died and returned from death and ascended to his father in heaven. Through the glass of His incarnation, He concentrates the rays of His Divine Truth and Love upon us so that we feel the burn, and all mystical experience is communicated to men through the Man Christ.*

It would appear from these passages that, not only can glass illuminate our everyday lives, but it may



also act as a symbol that can illuminate our spiritual lives.

As for me, perhaps it's time I got around to having a look at that bell, now that our new window cleaner has freed up some of my time!

*Alan Jones*



**Routine Maintenance at St Chad's  
Monday 21st August - Saturday 2nd September**

We need your help with:-

- Painting the main hall
- Painting the vestry were it was damp
- Painting the external woodwork (window frames etc)
- General pruning and tidying the grounds
- Pruning of tree close to being entangled with telephone wires
- Weeding the front paving area
- Replacing/Repairing the floor in the vestry
- Cleaning in the Extension, Washing Windows
- Creating a table & chair storage area in the extension
- Putting up a shelf in the extension kitchen
- Taking down a shelf in the extension
- and repair paint work associated with this.

We can only do as much as you volunteer to do!  
Please let Chris Perry (Church Warden) or Revd Jane know if  
you can help. Every hour given will make a difference.  
You can come in on a day and time that works for you.



# Men's Breakfast



2nd September 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:

4th November



## "Christmas Child" Coffee Morning

Saturday 15th July 10am–12noon



Mothers Union are holding a coffee morning to promote "Operation Christmas Child" shoebox appeal.

There will be shoeboxes available for a small charge or use your own. Ray Ward will be coming along with ideas as to how and what to fill them with. There will also be knitting patterns and craft ideas. Please come along and bring your friends, particularly those who have not heard of or been involved with "Operation Christmas Child"





# 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

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 12th July:**

**Summer Meal Out—venue and time to be arranged**



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# Dawpool Primary School Can you Help ?

Julie De Boorder recently met with David Burrows, Head teacher Dawpool Primary, as part of the mission and outreach committee, to explore if there were any needs the school had that the church could meet.

Dawpool is our church school and it would be lovely to have some people from St Bart's and St. Chads as a presence in the school supporting in some way. Some of the areas that were identified at the meeting were :



After School Craft Club

Helping the children plan an act of worship

Lunch time knitting club

Extra Adult to stayover at Barnstondale year 5 weekend.

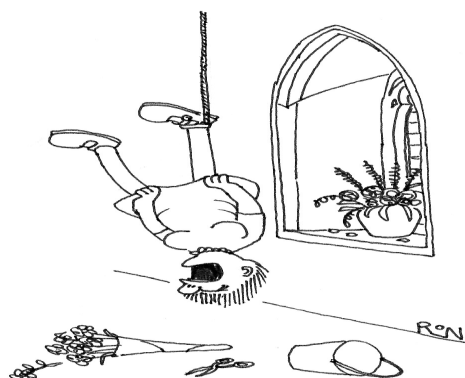


The knitting club seemed a particularly favourite idea, this would only be a few children, and as Mothers Union are launching "Operation Christmas Child" appeal on 15th July it was thought it would be lovely for the children to learn to knit a small scarf to donate.

Anyone who is interested in helping with any of these can you please contact Julie (648 6331, [debs1313deb@btopenworld.com](mailto:debs1313deb@btopenworld.com)), a DBS check will be required . If you are interested in helping at the Barnstondale weekend can you let her know ASAP.

## Please collect your Postage Stamps

throughout the year for RDA (Riding for the Disabled). Box in St Chad's foyer and envelope at the back of St Bart's.



Mrs Stebbings always did the flowers in the South Window, as Mrs Todger soon learned

# **NORTH WEST GOSPEL CONCERT MEMORIES**

## **THE CROSSBEATS**



Based at St. Leonard, Bootle, this five-man Christian beat group had been in public demand for a while. In 1967, their LP (Yes! Good “old” vinyl) **CRAZY MIXED-UP GENERATION** was right on young peoples' wavelength with its direct Christian message.

In March '69 they played in the old church hall of St Mark New Ferry, to that Church's YPF and their guests. The attendance figure was 153 reminding us of the number of fish netted by Simon Peter and his companions on the morning that the risen Jesus had told them where to cast their net (JOHN, Chapter 21). It is quite salutary, to recall alongside, Jesus' parable involving fish in MATTHEW 13.47-50.

## **GLORYLANDERS**



This was a three-piece Christian folk band based near Oldham, at South Chadderton Methodist church, which had a thriving youth group. Very like the four-piece Australian group The Seekers, having guitars and an enormous bass, they

made last minute arrangements in March '72 to play at Chadderton Town Hall, having cancelled a trip to Ireland because of the troubles there. With 300+ people in attendance, including the Chairman of the Council and his lady, they rounded off their one and a half hour concert with Isaac Watts' hymn **WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS ON WHICH THE PRINCE OF GLORY DIED, MY RICHEST GAIN I**



COUNT BUT LOSS, AND POUR CONTEMPT ON ALL MY PRIDE, sung to the tune adapted by Cecil Sharp from the melody of an old Scottish song, “The Water is Wide”, which the Australian Seekers had recorded in 1964. The tune can be found in both the present hymn books we use, and was also in YOUTH PRAISE 2 which was launched in 1969 by Michael Baughen and team. Having come to the last two lines of Watts' great hymn,

“Love so amazing so Divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.”

the GLORYLANDERS' lead singer, Arthur Pemberton added

“Love so amazing so Divine  
SHALL HAVE my soul, my life, my all.”

## **PARCHMENT**



In December 1972, this 3-piece band sang their own composition LIGHT UP THE FIRE, at the Renold Theatre, UMIST, Manchester. This emblematically titled song became the theme song of the Festivals of Jesus.

It was Liverpudlian Sue McClellan who led the band in singing the song, which actually reached number 31 in the old official British Singles Chart. It had entered the chart at 34 in September after only two weeks from release.

Radio Luxembourg had played it extensively, but the BBC chickened out and one DJ vowed he would not play it, even if it hit the number one spot.

However, it is still sung in Christian circles and is still a favourite in school assemblies. So - .....

“TELL THE PEOPLE OF JESUS,.....”

*Simon Beckley*



# **CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC**

**Sunday 16th July**  
**from 11.00am onwards**

**EVERYONE  
OF EVERY AGE  
WELCOME**

**Bring your friends**

We will meet on the main grassed area at Royden Park near to the model trains. Please bring your picnic and a picnic rug/chairs. Feel free to bring footballs, rounders bat and ball, boules, frisbees etc. Dogs also welcome to come with you, but please make sure that whilst you are amongst the group that they are on lead and under your control.





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parish's local mission and ministry

## **Church Services - August 2017**

### **Sunday Services**

#### **St Bartholomew's**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**6th August**  
Trinity 8

#### **St Chad's**

9.30am Morning Worship

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Morning Worship

**13th August**  
Trinity 9

9.30am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**20th August**  
Trinity 10

9.30am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
**11.15am Family Communion for  
St Bartholomew's Day**

**27th August**  
Trinity 11

**No service at Chad's  
Joint service at St Bart's**

### **Weekday Services**

Holy Communion celebrated at St Chad's Wed 10.15am

2nd, 9th, 16th August

No service on 23rd, 30th due to St Chad's Maintenance Shutdown

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## Church Services - July 2017

### Sunday Services

#### St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**2nd July**  
Trinity 3

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Morning Worship

**9th July**  
Trinity 4

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**16th July**  
Trinity 5

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion  
3.00pm Baptism

**23rd July**  
Trinity 6

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Baptism

**30th July**  
Trinity 7

#### St Chad's

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Book Giving

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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#### Baptisms and Weddings

To arrange a baptism or wedding,  
please telephone the Rector, Revd Jane Turner on 0151 648 1816  
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**PLEASE NOTE: Rector's day off - Tuesday**

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