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Diary Dates

Friday 8th September
Music for a Summer Evening
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Saturday 9th September
*Saturday Night Live with the Arch-
 bishop of York - See page 11*

Monday 18th September
Wellspring: 8pm at The Rectory

Wednesday 20th September
Dementia Awareness Seminar
 8.00 - 9.30pm St Chad's

Wednesday 27th September
EMU meeting
 8pm St Chad's

Saturday 30th September
Saturday Together
 5.30 - 6.30 pm St Chad's

Saturday 30th September
Harvest Supper
 6.30 - 10.00 pm St. Chads

From the Registers

Baptisms

*We welcome into the
 Lord's family*
 23rd July
Brandon Stephen Lamb
James Nicolas Bark
 29th July
Alexander James Davies

Weddings

*We ask for Gods Blessing
 upon the marriage of*
 15th July
***Stephen Williams and
 Clare Connor***
 29th July
***Tony Kendrick and
 Emily Forshaw***

Funerals

*We commend to God's
 eternal care*

Hilary Brown
Jean Davis
John Thompson

From Your Rector

Dear Friends

I spent much of the Summer thinking about the way in which God blesses me. I was particularly struck by Psalm 67, from which I preached on 20th August. Below is an illustration that I used in that sermon, which I acquired from some daily bible reading notes that I had "squirreled away".

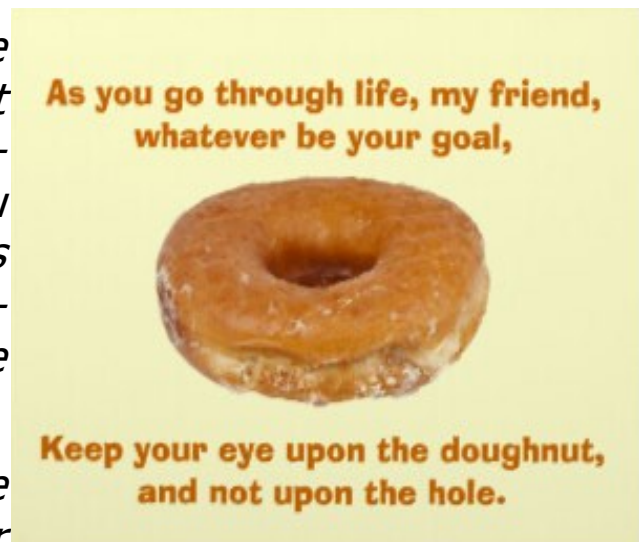
As a minister was addressing a group of men, he took a large piece of paper and made a black dot in the centre of it with a marking pen. Then he held the paper up before the group and asked them what they saw. One person quickly replied, "I see a black mark." "Right," the preacher replied. "What else do you see?" Complete silence prevailed. "Don't you see anything other than the dot?" he asked. A chorus of no's came from the audience. "I'm really surprised," the speaker commented. "You have completely overlooked the most important thing of all—the sheet of paper." Then he made the application. He said that in life we are often distracted by small, dot-like disappointments or painful experiences, and we are prone to forget the innumerable blessings we receive from the hand of the Lord. But like the sheet of paper, the good things are far more important than the adversities that monopolize our attention.

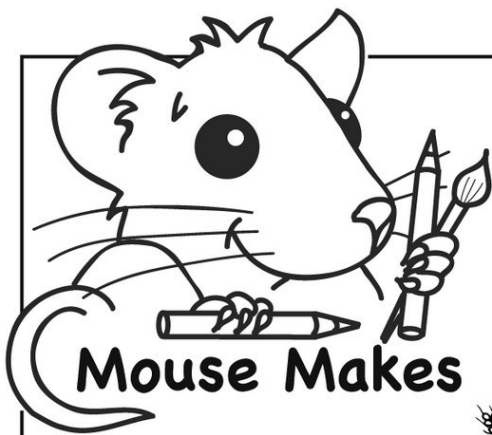
This reminds me of a bit of verse which, though I admit is somewhat trite, does express good practical advice. Someone has written: "As you travel down life's pathway, may this ever be your goal: Keep your eye upon the doughnut, and not upon the hole!"

Yes, rather than concentrating on the trials of life, we should fix our attention upon its blessings. Let us say with the psalmist, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits" (Psalm 69v19).

May God Bless You.

Rerd Jane Turner





Mouse Makes

Can you find these harvest words in the hay bales?

- HARVEST
 THANKSGIVING
 PRAISE • GOD • BLESSED
 SEEDS • SOW • LAND
 PLOUGH • SCATTER
 SOIL • GROW
 CROPS • REAP



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May all the peoples praise you, O God,
 may all the peoples praise you!
 The land has produced its harvest,
 God, our God has blessed us.
 God has blessed us, may all people
 everywhere honour him.

Psalm 67:5-7



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Harvest Supper



Saturday 30th September
6.30 pm-10.00pm at St Chad's

HARVEST SUPPER (3 course meal plus Coffee)

Admission by Ticket Only, available from the
office or either church

Adults £7.50, Child £4, Concessions £5, Family £20

Includes Entertainment from Band "New Era"
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Quizzes



Prayer

Saturday Together

A monthly event for all ages

Food

Saturday 30th September

Hymns

St Chad's Church, Irby

Treasure Hunt

5.30 to 6.30pm

Fellowship

Music

Drinks

Games



...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!

Sunday 1st October Harvest Services:-

At all services we will be collecting food for Wirral Food Bank. Also at all services we will be having an Additional Collection for Christian Aid.

8.00am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Service at St Bartholomew's

9.30am Family Worship at St Chad's

11.15am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's



"My 82 year old mother has lived on her own since my dad died three years ago. Mum was always a cheerful person, but lately she seems confused, and last week she got lost coming home from the grocery store! I'm worried about her."

Alzheimer's Disease or Other Dementias

DEMENTIA AWARENESS SEMINAR

It would be helpful to know how many people are coming so that we can ensure enough chairs and handouts are available. If possible, please ring 0151 648 8169 or email office@thurstaston.org.uk If not, don't worry, just turn up!

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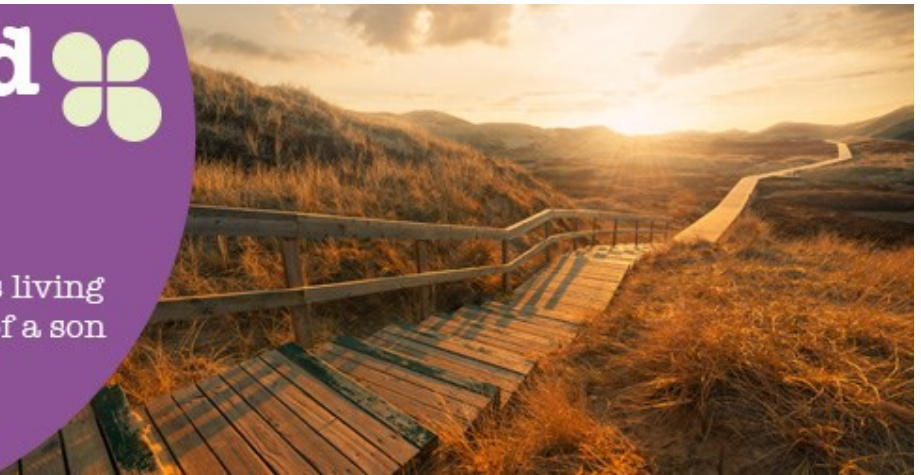
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Support Day

Events to support parents living with loss after the death of a son or daughter.



The Support Day offers understanding, encouragement and support to any parent who has suffered the death of a son or daughter in any circumstance and at any age.

The worst loss a parent ever has to face is the death of a son or daughter.

Children are 'not supposed to die'. But sometimes they do – and the extent of pain and devastation, even isolation, experienced by parents when a child dies is unimaginable.

Whether you are coming on your own or as a couple, you'll be able to meet others who understand the heartache you are going through. Many have found that these events can make a huge difference in helping them cope both now and as they think about the future.

**Saturday 18th November 10.00am-5.00pm
St Peter's Centre. Heswall, Wirral, CH60 0DZ**

Revd Graeme Skinner (vicar at St Marys Upton) and Mrs Phillippa Skinner will be speaking at this event. They lost their own son, Jim - aged 21, 10 years ago.

Cost including lunch and refreshments: £22.00 per person

Further details from: <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/bereavement-support-events/bereaved-parent-support-day> or Telephone:029 2081 0800

The website also has very helpful page of frequently asked questions, please take a look.

If you know someone who has lost a child through any circumstances from still birth, to illness, to drugs etc etc. then please invite them to consider booking for this day. They do not have to be part of our church family. Anyone of any faith or none is very welcome.

'He gave us eyes to see them': Caravaggio's Matthew in the Contarelli

21st September is the feast day of St Matthew the evangelist, and his call by Jesus is described without any embellishment in chapter 9 of his Gospel. It was a bold step for Jesus to call a tax collector, someone so hated by the people. And it was an equally bold step for Matthew to respond – to turn from the security and profit of his lifestyle and step out into the unknown.

It is the subject of one of three paintings on Matthew's life that Caravaggio produced for the Contarelli Chapel of the church of San Luigi in Rome in 1560. The group of tax collectors are about their daily routine of counting money. They are dressed in rich 16th century Italian costumes. Jesus and Peter break into that scene on the right wearing ordinary cloaks. They are even





barefoot by contrast. But it is Jesus in the shadow who brings light onto the canvas, and that play on light and darkness heightens the dramatic intensity of the scene. We see simply the face of Jesus and his right hand pointing. But pointing to whom? Is it the bearded man who seems to say, 'Is it me?' or is He pointing to the younger man at the end of the table engrossed in his money?


Perhaps Caravaggio is saying that Jesus can call any and all of us. His call to follow can break into our daily routine at any time of day, whoever we are, whatever we have to commend ourselves, and whatever our faults and worries. As He says in that same chapter, 'I have come to call not the righteous, but sinners.' We can take heart that His church is not a museum of saints: it is a kingdom of sinners who have the courage, like Matthew, to follow.

Two Free Events. No tickets required.


Both events will be high quality so you can feel confident to ask someone to come with you – whether it is someone who has never been inside a church or perhaps they used to go but haven't been for years. It will be enjoyable and they will hear an inspiring message about Jesus in the matchless style of the Archbishop of York.




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Music for a Summer's Evening

An evening of classical music featuring a Royal Liverpool Philharmonic violinist and an audience with the Archbishop of York.

September 8th 2017
Doors open for drinks and nibbles from 7:30pm.
St. Stephen's Church, Prenton (11 Prenton Lane, CH42 8LA)


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MOVIE MOMENTS

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

Communal heroism

Christopher Nolan, the writer and director of *Dunkirk* describes the true event on which it is based as ‘one of the greatest stories in human history’. Brilliantly bucking the trend of recent war films he does not resort to gore and special effects, as he provides an immersive experience that enables the viewer to empathise with the young soldiers in their apparently hopeless situation, trapped between the sea and the advancing German army.

By cleverly moving around the timeline, we experience the different perspectives on land, sea and air. Particularly powerful is the interplay between two characters on one of the small boats heading to Dunkirk. Cillian Murphy plays a shell-shocked soldier picked up from a torpedoed ship, on the outward journey, and desperate not to be taken back towards the beach. Previously having starring roles in Nolan films (*Inception*, *The Dark Knight*) here Murphy is credited only as ‘Shivering Soldier’, a nameless character representing the 338,000 beaten and demoralised men who were rescued. Also in the boat is the 17-year-old George (played by Barry Keoghan) who is the only character whose back-story is revealed, when he says he has never achieved anything but wants to do something valuable



with his life. George’s only skills appear to be making tea and carrying life-jackets, thus providing a poignant representation of the many ordinary people who joined together to make the Dunkirk evacuation possible.



Nolan says: ‘as a group of people we can achieve so much more than we can individually’, an important message for all of us. At that crucial time in history, King George VI called the nation to pray. As we pray for our nation today, perhaps God will open our eyes to see how we can each use our limited skills and resources for the common good.

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EthosMedia.org provides free resources to help people explore spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through the latest feature films.

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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
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

Community Choir



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Third Monday of each month

8.00pm Meeting at the Rectory

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Together we will seek God's Vision
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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

18th Sept

16th 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 27th September 8pm :**

We will be having a guest speaker talking about "Foodbanks"

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

Thankyou to everyone who donated and supported the RDA fundraising morning. The event raised £403 ! This almost covers the cost of three riding sessions.



Wirral age UK are launching a new initiative called Joining Forces. This is a veterans project aimed at older veterans aged 65 plus. They will be based in Meadowcroft in Bromborough and are able to offer help and support in a number of areas including, Information and Advice, Health and Wellbeing and Reminiscence work also.

Leaflets are available at both churches.



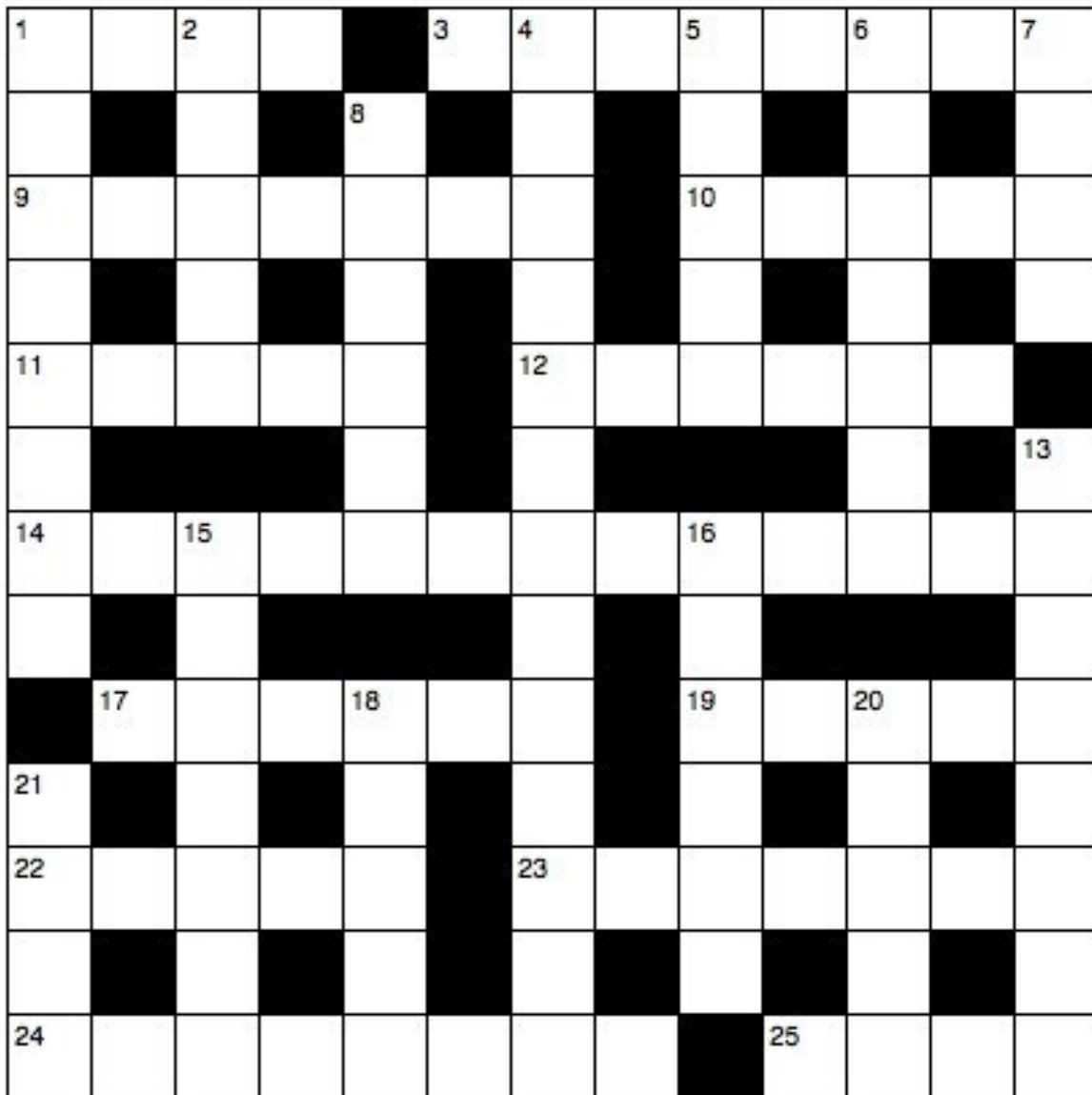
Mothers' UNION
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There are shoeboxes for Operations Christmas Child available to purchase for £1, at St Chad's.

If you would prefer to donate items towards filling a few communal boxes, ideas for suitable gifts are: very small musical instrument, new small stuffed animal, pens, pencils, notebooks, colouring books, small new toys, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap flannel, small packs of sweets (not chocolate)

Free knitting patterns are also available for those who would like to make suitable hand puppets, hats, gloves etc.



Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5)
- 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
- 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
- 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
- 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
- 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
- 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
- 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
- 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
- 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
- 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
- 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
- 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
- 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
- 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
- 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
- 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
- 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)
- 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
- 20 Episcopal headwear (5)
- 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

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Leprosy mission boxes

I would be most grateful to all members of both congregations, if you could return your Leprosy Mission collection boxes. You can leave them at the back of either church, and they will be collected, emptied, and returned to you.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued help for the Mission.

Please note that a one off donation is always welcome, and this year you can get rid of your old pound coins.

Any enquires please contact Pat Hulme on 538 1953.



'England's Rose'

This month marks 20 years since the funeral of Princess Diana on 6th September 1997. Recently Prince William described how his mother's death was like an earthquake, the shockwaves taking time to sink in. When we remember the days leading up to the funeral, the whole nation seemed touched by her death. Over 32 million people watched the funeral on television. As we look back to this event, what is its continuing significance?



As those made in the image of God, we are called to reach out to show love to others. 'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.' (1 John 4:7). Princess Diana did this, especially the vulnerable in our society, remembering especially her work with AIDS sufferers and landmine victims. However, she was also a flawed individual, who fought various 'demons' in her own life and struggled with relationships. People identified with her humanity as one like us: fallible, weak yet more than good enough.

There is always something powerful about vulnerability in others; we can identify with them because, like us, they don't have it all together. God uses flawed people in his purposes, as we clearly see in the pages of the Bible: Abraham, Moses, David and Paul, to mention just a few!

Ironically, Mother Theresa died the day before Diana's funeral. Again, she was somebody who was much loved for her work among the poor. However, despite being declared a saint last year, she openly talked about the vulnerability of her faith. Mother Teresa revealed that she spent nearly 50 years without a tangible feeling of God's presence in her life! It's not easy to be a perfect saint!

'I think the biggest disease the world suffers from in this day and age is the disease of people feeling unloved.' (Princess Diana).

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ACROSS: 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper. 12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads. 23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt.

DOWN: 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic. 7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin. 20, Mitre. 21, Slav.

Wills and Legacies

If you are thinking of making a new Will,
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Christian stewardship.

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difference for the general purposes of our
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Church Services - September 2017

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

3rd September
Trinity 12

St Chad's

9.30am Family Service

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

10th September
Trinity 13

9.30am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

17th September
Trinity 14

9.30am Morning Worship

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

24th September
Trinity 15

9.30am Holy Communion
with Adult Baptism

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

1st October
Trinity 16
Harvest

9.30am Family Worship

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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