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Diary Dates

Saturday 4th November

Mens Breakfast
8.45 am Aroma Café

Saturday 18th November

Bereaved Parents Support Day
10-5pm St Peters Centre, Heswall

Sunday 12th November

Remembrance Sunday
See page 12 for Service Details

Saturday 25th November

Saturday Together
5.30 - 6.30 pm St Chad's

Saturday 18th November

Christmas fair
1 -4pm St Chad's

Sunday 3rd December

Family Christingle service
4pm St Chads

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family
22nd October
Carys Caplin

Funerals

We commend to God's eternal care
5th October
Sheila Lyth
9th October
Terry Kavanagh

St Andrew the evangelist

'Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I don't like that attitude. I can assure them it is much more serious than that' (Bill Shankley). You can replace the word 'football' with 'mission', and this quote still has something to say! The apostle Andrew (we remember him on November 30th) demonstrates what the mission of the Church is all about (cf John 1:35-42). And it's not unlike following your favourite football team!

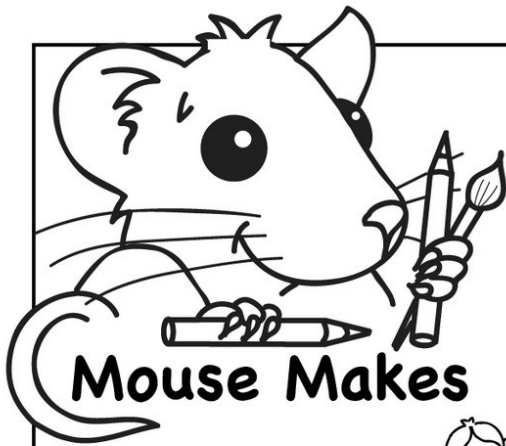
When we support a football team, we want to know all about them! When Andrew and his friend heard about Jesus, they wanted to find out more: 'Look, the Lamb of God.' (John the Baptist, v35). The first stage of mission is finding out more about Jesus, the one who enables us to be friends of God through His death and resurrection.

Secondly, when supporting a football team, we want to spend time watching their games. Andrew asked, 'where are you staying?' and Jesus replied 'Come and you will see' (v39). Andrew spent the rest of the day talking and listening to Jesus. As a result of this time he had something to share. How much time do we spend with Jesus, reading His word and praying?

When our team wins, we have good news to share! After meeting Jesus, Andrew's first action was to tell his brother Peter: 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ)' (v41). Are we willing to tell others about Him too? Sharing with family and close friends can sometimes be harder than talking with strangers. However, we don't need to follow a football team to engage in mission. It's all about being excited to share Jesus with those we meet day by day.

'Preach the Gospel everywhere, use words if necessary' (St Francis of Assisi).

Rev'd Jane

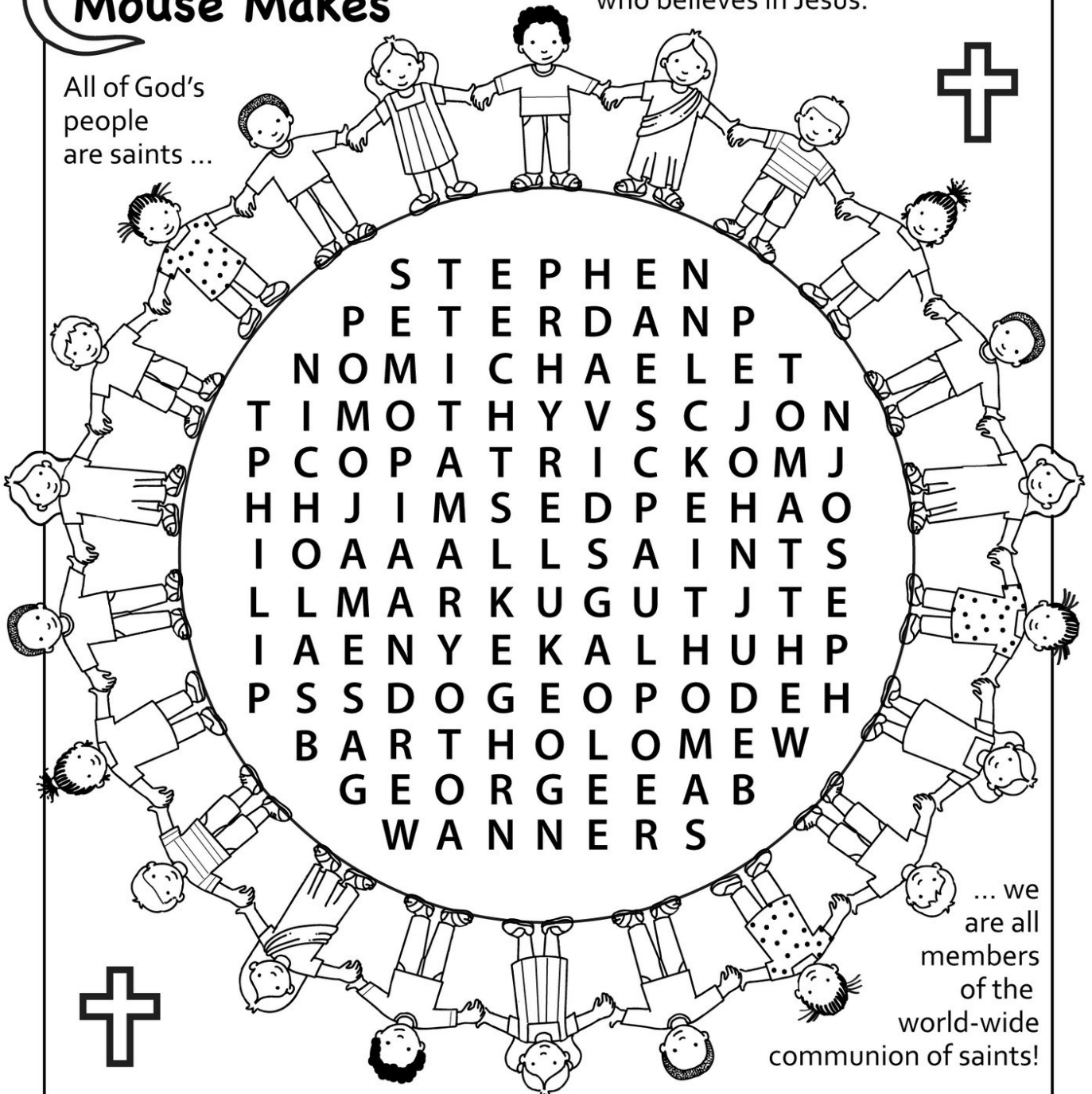


*"To those who are made holy in Christ Jesus,
and called to be **saints**, with all those in every
place who call on the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours".*

from 1 Corinthians 1:2

The Bible tells us that a SAINT is not just a
Christian that we think of as special but *anyone*
who believes in Jesus.

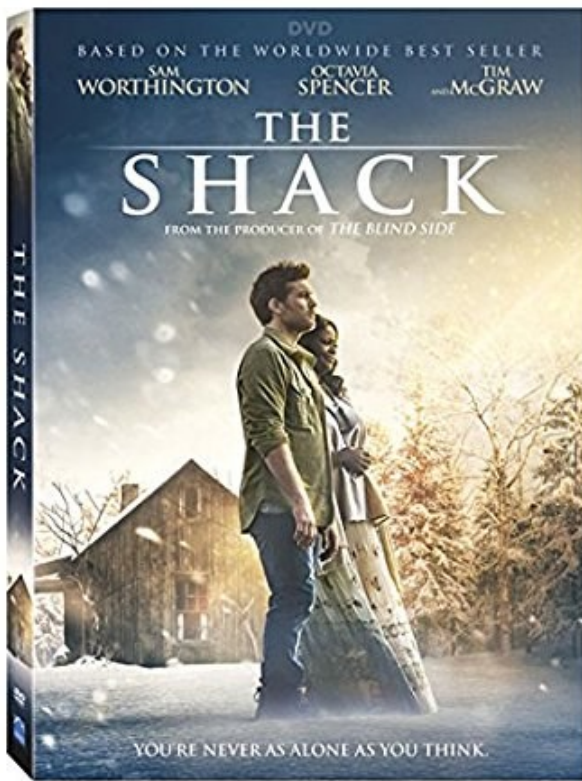
All of God's
people
are saints ...



... we
are all
members
of the
world-wide
communion of saints!

Can you find these saints names in the word search above?

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TIMOTHY • PHILIP • STEPHEN • NICHOLAS • MICHAEL • ANNE • ALL SAINTS



All Meetings Below at St Chad's

Sunday Nov. 12th 6.30 - 9.30pm

Come and watch the film and share your initial reactions.

Running Time: 133 minutes,

Classification: 12

Sunday Nov. 19th 7.30 - 9.00pm

The God of Surprises

The Shack presents a picture of God which many people will find surprising.

Come and Discuss this aspect of the film.

Sunday Dec 10th 7.30 - 9.00pm

The God who suffers

The Shack explores God's response to suffering in a uniquely thought-provoking way.

Come and Discuss this aspect of the film.

Film review of The Shack, by Andrew Maclean at The Christian Film Review:-

The Shack is the highly anticipated, big screen interpretation of the best selling book of the same name. Protagonist 'Mack' played by Sam Worthington goes through the horror of losing his youngest daughter during a camping trip. She disappears and her body is never found. Just a bloodied dress in a shack high in the woods.

The family is torn apart in the aftermath of this tragedy and Mack pushed yet further from an already distant God he seems to barely believe in.

Some time later Mack is called back to 'The Shack' via a mysterious letter which appears in his letterbox.

What follows is a fantastical journey of a man finding his way out of the smothering depths of sorrow and into the bosom of God.

By Christian film standards this was a high budget film at \$20 million. This money is apparent from the wonderful cast to the captivating visual effects. The script treads a delicate line between the horror of child abduction and murder and any temptation towards saccharine sweet Christian answers to such horrors. Just as you think the film is going to be cutesie it swerves back into authenticity.

Academy award winner Octavia Spencer plays 'Papa' (God) with a genuine kindness and affection. Jesus (Avraham Aviv Alush) is open and funny and a friend while Sam Worthington's Mack is honest and broken.

The film feels like a Christian weekend away. You meet friends, grow close and feel changed by the process in a really short time. The film addresses hard hitting subjects and asks how we can forgive the unforgivable. It asks the audience to look where they need to forgive and pulls their heart strings enough to make them cry but not enough to make them shrug with cynicism.

Some will struggle with the theology but the message of God's unreserved love and forgiveness will reach down into the depths of the audience. The pre-screening audience wept throughout.

I honestly feel this is the best Christian film since The Passion of The Christ.

Bereaved Parent

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.

Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday

AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S (No Service at St Chad's)
8.00am BCP Communion Service



10.15am TRADITIONAL SERVICE

10.40am Uniformed Organisations meet on the Green at the front of Church

10.50am Uniformed Organisations Assemble at War Memorial to be joined by 10.15am Congregation and anyone else who wishes to be present for:-

11.00am ACT OF REMEMBRANCE at the War Memorial

11.05am FAMILY SERVICE (aim to finish by 11.30am) for anyone with small children and uniformed organisations and their families

Two Minutes Silence

In the month, when we think about those who have given their lives in war, the two minutes silence is a familiar act of remembrance. We can use the silence to reflect on those who have suffered in war or on what it means to work for a peaceful world. Or do we end up thinking about lunch or panic that we haven't switched our phone off?

Victor Frankl, a victim of Auschwitz, suggested that the most intolerable of all human conditions is not imprisonment or hunger, but lack of meaning. The two minutes silence enables us to connect with Jesus' message, which offers true meaning to our lives and world. He spoke of giving ourselves in love for each other and the world, 'Love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you' (Matthew 5:44). He also demonstrated such love in sacrificing His own life, 'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13). In observing the silence, let's use it to reflect on this sacrificial love, as we remember all those who have experienced pain and conflict.

Of course, we should be serious about silence and stillness in the whole of our lives, not just for two minutes at an act of Remembrance. In busy lives where so much is clamouring for our attention, silence enables us to reassess our priorities and rediscover true meaning in our lives. Jesus made a habit of withdrawing to experience silence. He did this before choosing his disciples, after He heard of John's beheading, after feeding the 5000, after healing a leper, at the Transfiguration and to prepare for His death. 'The seeking out of solitary places was a regular practice for Jesus. So it should be for us.' (Richard Foster).

First Service of Remembrance

The theme for this year's 10.15 a.m. Service of Remembrance is, *Letters from the Front*. It is often in the letters sent home by serving men and women in the Armed Forces that we learn, most vividly, of the bravery, sacrifice and loss that goes hand in hand with war. During our worship, we will hear letters written from the front line by servicemen to their loved ones back home.

One of the letters was written by Noel Chavasse, son of a former Bishop of Liverpool and the only man to be twice awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery during the First World War. A qualified doctor, Noel served in the Royal Army Medical Corps of the King's Regiment in Flanders. In addition to the letter to be used in our service, Noel wrote a number of letters home describing the horrors of war. Below is a letter he wrote home on 15th June 1915.

As we carried our stuff to the trenches we had to pass through a little copse. It was about 11 p.m. and in the copse a nightingale sang most sweetly. This was most remarkable because bullets were spattering through the trees all the time and frequently shells burst quite near so that its song was drowned. But it did not mind and continued singing all the time. It sings every night and I love to hear it.

When we got to our dug-outs we found we had a hot spot because they are played upon by a machine gun. We found this out to our cost two days ago because as one of my poor stretcher-bearers was chopping up some wood to boil some tea the Maxim gun suddenly let off and a little shower of bullets kicked up the earth all round him. One bullet pierced his head and he dropped unconscious. He lived still when we put him onto the ambulance, but we hear he died on the way to hospital.

I have now had 4 stretcher-bearers killed and one wounded, and one has had to go home with a strained heart and another because his nerves gave way after a very bad shelling. That is 7 out of 16 already. Last night I had a bad but necessary job. I had to crawl out behind part of the trench and bury three poor Englishmen who had been killed by a shell. I am going out after another tonight. This is the seamy side of war, but all is repaired in the feeling of comradeship and friendship made out here. It is a fine life and a man's job, but I think I shall be glad to get home again.

Noel was killed in August 1917, the third anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. He is buried in the New Military Cemetery at Brandhoek, a small village just west of Ypres. His headstone is the only one in the world to have two Victoria Crosses engraved upon it.

The grave of Noel Chavasse

Aan Jones



Saturday Together



Saturday 25th November

5.30—6.30pm

St Chads Church



Board Game evening for all ages



**Bring and Share
cakes**



The worship committee have piloted Saturday Together since April, organising events such as quizzes, treasure hunts, BBQ, prayers, songs, fish and chip supper and harvest crafts. The Saturday evening events have been well attended; however, in order for them to continue we would like church members to become involved in coordinating future events. We are meeting at the end of November to collate a provisional programme of Saturday Together events for 2018. If you are interested in becoming involved and enabling this popular event to continue please contact Chris Smale on 0151 648 4944, or by email: postmaster@thesmales.plus.com.

Advent, Christmas and New Year Special Services: -

Sun Dec 3rd 9.30am Holy Communion

4.00pm Christingle Family Service at St Chads

8.00am, 11.15am as normal.

Sun Dec 10th All Services as Normal

Sun Dec 17th 9.30am Nativity Service led by Junior Church

6.30pm Joint Carol Service at St Chad's

8.00am, 11.15am as normal

Sun Dec 24th - Christmas Eve

8.00am BCP Communion

9.30am HC at St Chad's

NO 11.15am Service

4.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's

5.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's



As in previous years, we will run two services exactly the same one after the other. We suggest that the 4pm service is for younger (up to and including Reception) children and that the 5pm service is for older children. If you have children in both age brackets - you choose! If coming to the 5pm service, please don't arrive until 4.45pm in order for the 4pm service to have cleared church and car parking spaces!

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas

Mon Dec 25th - Christmas Day

8.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Family Communion at St Bart's

You are invited to bring one of your presents
to show to everybody else.

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

Sun Dec 31st

All Services as Normal

Sun Jan 7th 2018

8.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

NO 9.30am Service

10.30am Irby Methodist Covenant Service

11.15am HC St Bart's

Christmas Fair

The fair will be on Saturday 18th November 1 - 4 pm.

Please start to put to one side anything you think we can sell,
Good as new / unwanted gifts ,
Books/DVDs/CDs (no videos),
Jewellery,
Toys in good condition, soft toys for kid's 'take-a-ted'
Raffle prizes - who do you know that will donate a voucher or prize?

For the Crafty and Cooks please start planning or creating ; hand made crafts, home made preserves/pickles, cakes, sweets, Christmas decorations etc, as a homemade stall always looks fantastic .

There is usually a small number of tables available for a fee, subject to any space after our own stalls are accommodated.

Lastly, it takes many hands to pull this off and we need all the help we can get on the day and the night before, so if you can help in any way, setting up, clearing away, a couple of hours on a stall, sorting donations, decorating the hall, etc. please pass me your name when you see me or drop me an email.

Many thanks Julie DeBoorder 648 6331
debs1313deb@btopenworld.com



St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irbly

CHRISTMAS

FAIR

Saturday 18th November 1pm-4pm

* Santa's Grotto

Lots of stalls

Refreshments

Raffle





Men's Breakfast



4th November 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.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Boxes must be returned to church

by Thursday 9th November

Wellspring

2017

Third Monday of each month

Nov - No Meeting

8.00pm Meeting at the Rectory

4th Dec - Not
normal week!

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.



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Christian care for families

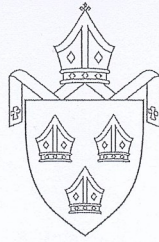


EMU (Evening Mothers' Union) meets:-

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

Next event: **November Meeting** still being planned
Keep your eyes on the weekly notice sheet for more info!

All Welcome



THE BISHOP OF CHESTER

October 2017

Dear Colleagues,

Ad Clerum

You will doubtless have heard that there has been a police investigation into allegations of improper sexual behaviour by Victor Whitsey (Bishop of Chester 1974-81).

The police have reported the outcome of their investigation, as well as making a public statement about the conclusions they have reached. As you can understand, from recent news, when the accused is dead there is only so far that the police can progress matters. The police have advised that were Bishop Victor alive, they would wish to question him under caution in relation to 10 complainants. The Archbishop of York and I have issued a joint statement of apology and regret for any unacceptable behaviour which occurred. This can be found on the Diocesan website.

The Police have indicated there are no further steps which they can take. The Church, through the national safeguarding office, will now conduct a review of these matters, and the Church's handling of them. I never met Victor Whitsey, who died in 1987, but many people in the Diocese (and beyond) will recall him. If anyone has further information which they wish to offer, they are asked to contact either our DSA, Pauline Butterfield (Pauline.butterfield@chester.anglican.org; Church House, 5500 Daresbury Park, Daresbury WA4 4GE; 01928 718834 ext 221) or the CCPAS helpline 0303 003 1111.

I need hardly say that I have been appalled, and shocked, at these allegations. I knew nothing of them until the recent investigation. It is the worst church matter that I have dealt with during my ministry. I would assure you that I am satisfied that the police investigation has been undertaken with great care and professionalism.

Please share the contents of this letter with your parishioners, as you feel is appropriate.

Yours as ever,
+ Peter

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Signature *Richard Roberts (Manager)*

Date *5 October 2017*



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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.

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Church Services - November 2017

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

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10.15am Traditional Service
11.05am Family Service

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3.00pm Baptism

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5th November
4th Before Advent

12th November
Remembrance Sunday

19th November
2nd Before Advent

26th November
Christ the King
Sunday Before Advent

3rd December
Advent Sunday

St Chad's

9.30am Family Service

NO SERVICE

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion
4.00pm Christingle Family Service

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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