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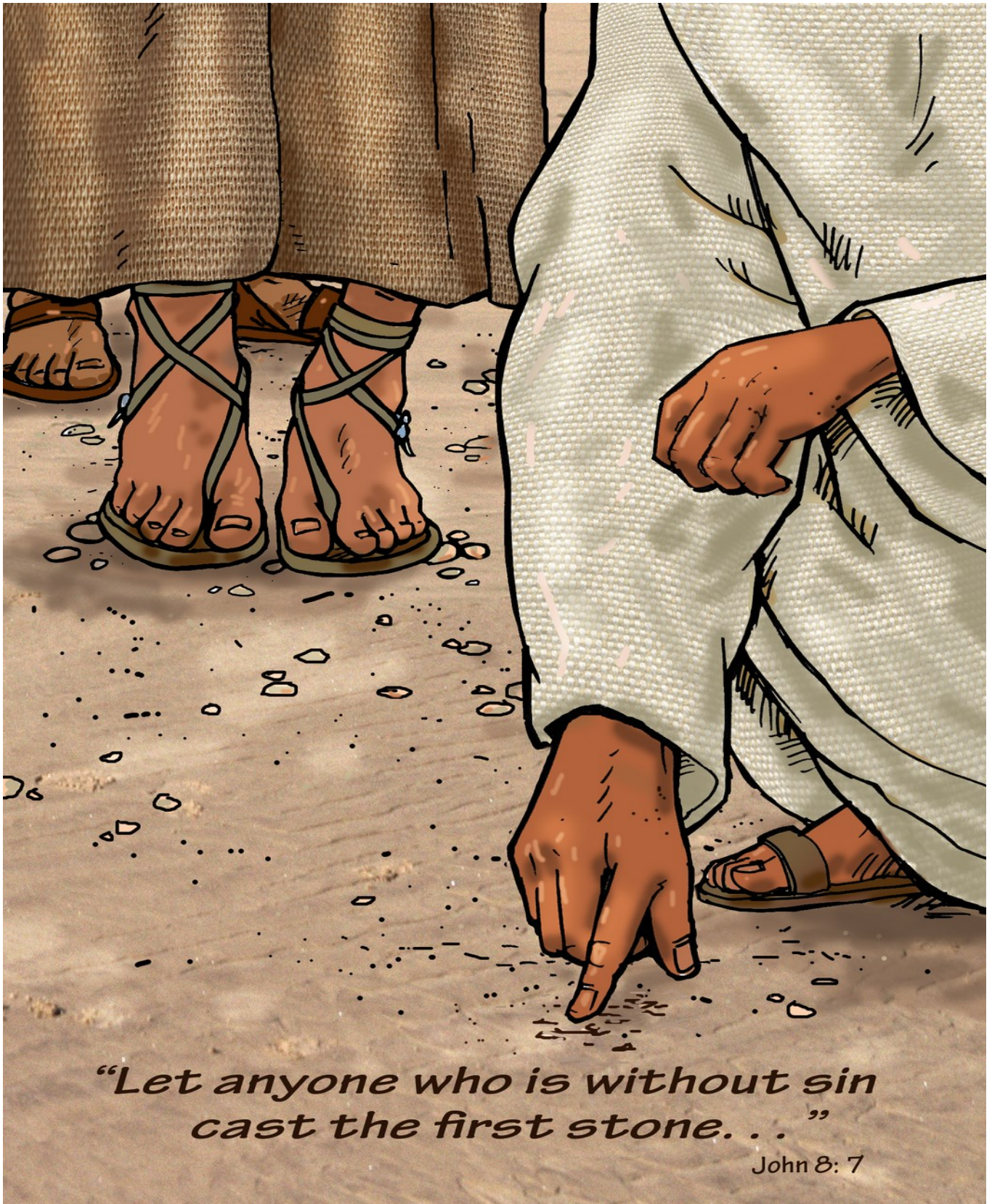
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## Diary Dates

**Thursday 8th March**  
"The Word made prayer"  
7.30pm St Chad's

**Saturday 10th March**  
Dad and Kids Drop in crafts  
2.00 pm—3.00pm St Chad's

**Friday 16th March**  
Board Game Night  
7.00—9.00 pm St Chad's Extension

**Saturday 17th March**  
Prayer Walk  
9.00—10.00 am St Chad's

**Saturday 17th March**  
Vox Collective Choir Concert  
7.00—9.00 pm St Chad's

**Wednesday 21st March**  
"Stumbling Blocks and Stepping Stones"  
7.30pm St Chad's

**Wednesday 28th March**  
EMU—Jane Young's Jewellery  
8.00pm St Chad's

**Easter Services**  
Please see page 5 for a list of all  
Holy Week Services

## From the Registers

**Baptisms**  
*We welcome into the Lord's family*  
*25th February*  
*Ash Price Rowlands*

**Funerals**  
*We commend to God's eternal care*  
*14th February*  
*Beryl Fleming*  
*26th February*  
*Alec Ball*

## From Your Rector

Dear Friends,

'For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16)

This verse has been described as 'the greatest verse in the Bible', as it enables us to understand the events of Good Friday and Easter Day.

God's love is unconditional: God demonstrated the extent of His love by sending His Son into this world, to show us what it looks like: 'God with skin on'! God graciously loves us, as none of us deserves it. 'There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less.' (Philip Yancey).

God's love is sacrificial: The cross is the supreme demonstration of God's love, as Jesus identifies with a fallen, suffering world. He died for our sins, removing the barrier between us and God, giving access into God's presence and release from the power of sin and death. God's love is accessible: Jesus' resurrection makes His eternal life available to all who put their trust in Him. It's an offer of life with purpose, in which we can know God personally, both now and for eternity.

Bobby Moore described receiving the World Cup from the Queen in 1966 as terrifying: 'I noticed that the Queen was wearing some beautiful white gloves. I looked down at my hands and they were completely covered with mud'! Although we approach God with dirty and spoilt lives, by the cross and resurrection, we can shake hands with a holy God.

God Bless

*Rerd Jane*





## Holy Week and Easter Services

### Palm Sunday 25th March

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.30am Family Communion at St Chad's

11.15am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

### Maundy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm Holy Communion at St Chad's

*There is also a service at 11.00am at Chester Cathedral*

### Good Friday 30th March

10.00am Family Service at St Chad's - *this will tell the story of Good Friday through the eyes of St. Peter and will be a sung service (Easter Hymns relevant to Good Friday)*

2.00pm "Hour at the Cross"

Meditative Service at St. Bartholomew's

### Easter Day 1st April

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.30am Family Communion at St Chad's

11.15am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's





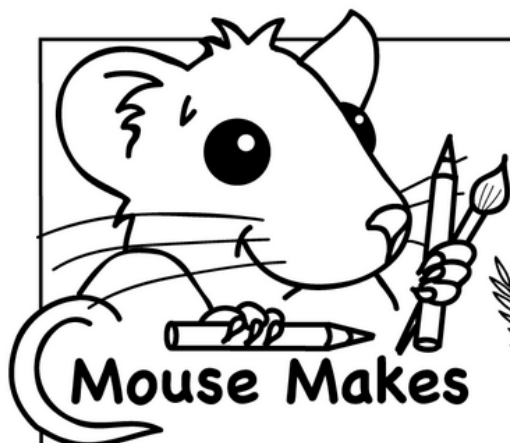
## Mothering Sunday and Mother Church

The Fourth Sunday in Lent was called 'Mid-Lent' or 'Refreshment Sunday', when the rigors of Lent were relaxed more than was normal for a feast day. It is called Mothering Sunday as a reference to the Epistle reading for the Day (Galatians 4:21-31). The Lenten Epistles follow from each other with teaching about our life as Christians and how we are to follow Christ.

On Mid-Lent Sunday the Epistle talks of bondage and freedom; the bondage of the Law and the Old Covenant as compared to the freedom in Christ, "the promised one", and the New Covenant. Verse 26 reads "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." We gain our freedom from Christ and, as it was seen before the Reformation, the Church.

Thus, Mothering Sunday is about the freedom that we gain through the promise of Jesus Christ delivered through our Mother the Church. People were encouraged to go to their 'Mother Church' (their home church or their home Cathedral) to worship and give thanks. Hence apprentices, and others, went home for the weekend and often brought gifts (or accumulated pay) home to their family.

On the other hand, Mother's Day is a secular festival invented in 1904 and is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in May in most countries in the world. The UK seems to be the exception. In recent years Mothering Sunday has been hijacked to take the place of a special, secular day to give thanks for our mothers.



## Journey to the Cross

Read the Bible - find the answers

**READ Matthew 21:1-11**

Where did Jesus stop on his journey? vs 1

What did Jesus send his disciples to get? vs 2

What did the crowd spread on the road in front of Jesus? vs 8

What did the people shout? vs 9

What city was Jesus going to? vs 10

**READ Matthew 26:17-75**

What festival did the disciples celebrate? vs 17

Which disciple denied Jesus? vs 34

Which disciple betrayed Jesus? vs 47

**READ Matthew 27**

When Jesus was taken to be crucified, what did the soldiers put on him? vs 28-29

What time did Jesus die? vs 45

Whose tomb was Jesus buried in? vs 57

**READ Matthew 28**

On the third day who rolled away the stone covering the tomb? vs 2

What had happened to Jesus? vs 6,7







**VOX COLLECTIVE**

**CHOIR CONCERT**



St Chads 7 - 9.30 pm



Saturday 17 March

Tickets £5 includes refreshments



proceeds to Vox Community Choirs  
and Church Funds

Tickets from Julie DeBoorder / Malcom Studholme / Liz Whitehead

And Church Office St Chads, Roslin Rd, Irby CH61 3DH



Tel 648 8169 (Church Office) 648 6331 (Julie)





# Chester Mystery Plays

A rare and treasured part of Britain's cultural heritage, the Chester Mystery Plays are returning to the diocese this summer to be performed by a community cast of hundreds of actors, singers, musicians and children.

Produced once every five years, the tales of ambition, intrigue, betrayal and passion, drawn from iconic Bible stories, are guaranteed to enrapture, astound and delight.

Originally written by Benedictine monks at the Abbey of St Werburgh (now Chester Cathedral), a new script has been commissioned for 2018 from award-winning writer Deborah McAndrew, whose recent play *Dirty Laundry* for Claybody Theatre was given national acclaim.

Director Peter Leslie Wild, who directed the previous cycle in 2013 said: "The

Chester Mystery Plays are such an important part of the city's heritage and being part of them, whether as an actor, a musician, a props maker or helping out front of house, is an experience not to be missed."

The Chester Mystery Plays will be performed in the nave of Chester Cathedral from June 27 July 14 2018. Usually performed in and around the cathedral this is only the second time that they have been produced in the nave, following the success of 2013.

Performances are every evening at 7.30pm with a matinee at 1pm on each Saturday.

Ticket are available from £18. Visit [chestermysteryplays.com](http://chestermysteryplays.com) or telephone 01244 500959. For every 10 tickets booked, the cheapest is free.





## **MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

All parishioners are invited to two meetings on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 only business during the Meeting of Parishioners is to elect churchwardens. 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 and are legally officers of the bishop. They 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. Sidespersons (sometimes called churchwarden's assistants) help with the arrangements at services. During the meeting, we can elect people to all these roles. We shall also receive written reports on what the PCC discussed in 2017, the church accounts and the organisations associated with the church.

Sidespersons' names are displayed in the churches on the duty rotas. Anyone who has any interest in becoming more involved in helping with church 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.



PCC members are elected for three years, with five members retiring each year. This year, Jon Oliver, Chris Williams, Roger Jackson, Matt James and Roger Dennison reach the ends of their terms of office but may be re-elected until 2021. There are five other vacancies, four to serve for one year until 2019 and one to serve for two years until 2020.

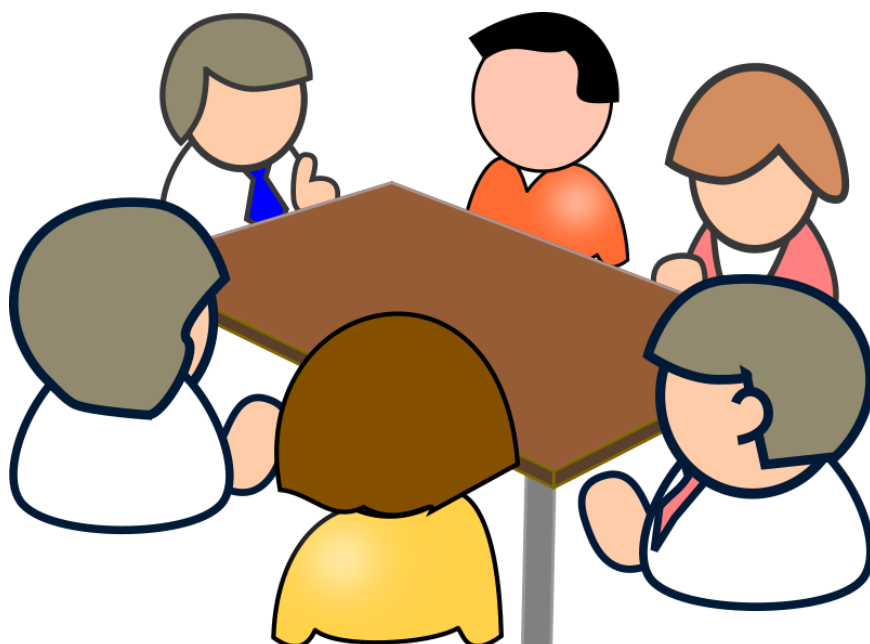
The current three-year term of office of our Deanery Synod representatives ends in 2020. At present, Malcolm Studholme and Chris Smale represent us and there is one vacancy.

That means that that we can appoint up to ten PCC members, including the five whose term of office expires in April and one person to the Deanery Synod. We are hoping for new members who can bring fresh ideas and insights to our discussions and decisions.

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 Church Meetings**  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at St Chad's at 6.30 pm**

Twenty seven people were present, including one under the age of 16.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mrs M McKie, Mrs S Smale and Mr C Smale.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (24<sup>th</sup> April 2016)**

The minutes had been published in the March magazine and copies were available at the meeting. Mrs P Hulme, seconded by Mrs S Turnbull, proposed that they be accepted as a true and accurate record. This was agreed unanimously.

**Election of Churchwardens**

Mr C Perry had been nominated by Mr C Smale, seconded by Mr R Jackson, and Mrs E Whitehead had been nominated by Mr B Jones, seconded by Mr A Peat. There being no other candidates, both were declared elected.

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**Approval of the following Reports published in the Annual Report**

- i) Churchwarden's Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Churches  
Mr Perry added his thanks to the Rector, Mr Turnbull and Others and welcomed Mrs Whitehead as a churchwarden.
- ii) The Business of the Church Council in 2016
- iii) The Electoral Roll
- iv) The Junior Church
- v) The St Chad's Seniors

Mr J Oliver, seconded by Mr D Reid, proposed acceptance of the five reports. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

**Approval of the Reports on Charities supported throughout the year**

- i) The Leprosy Mission
- ii) The Children's Society

## **Approval of Reports on Church Activities**

- i) Wellspring Report
- ii) Bellringers' Report

Dr P Robson, Tower Captain, said that the safety rails referred to in the report had been installed. The costs, over £1,000 so far, had been met by the bell ringers from the fees they receive from weddings. This and other improvements had made access to the bell chamber much safer. He thanked the bell ringers for their generosity.

## **Approval of Other Reports published in the Annual Report and relating to Parish Organisations**

- i) Evening Mothers' Union
- ii) 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston Guides
- iii) 3<sup>rd</sup> Irby Brownies
- iv) 2<sup>nd</sup> Irby Rainbows
- v) Tots and Tinies

Mrs B Appleyard, seconded by Mrs J Bibby, proposed the acceptance of all the reports listed under c – e above. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

## **Report on Safeguarding Arrangements in the Parish**

A change in regulations required the inclusion in the Annual Report of information about the policies for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The PCC had appointed a new Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Kathryn Timmins, who had reviewed the policy and procedures. A copy of her proposed policy was available for inspection.

## **Report by the Treasurer on the Financial Affairs of the Parish during 2016**

Mr Turnbull informed the meeting that he had undertaken the role of Honorary Treasurer in June 2016. Many people had supported him. The church would not survive without volunteer help and 11 people were involved in the financial processes, to different degrees. He thanked them all, and also thanked Mr A Whelen, who had inspected the accounts and corrected them where necessary. He said that the accounts had been produced in Receipts and Payments format, which differed from the accruals method used previously. Overall giving had fallen by about 10%, so gift aid had fallen by about the same amount. Income from hire of St Chad's had increased and in future we would be able to let the extension. The cost of work in the churchyard had increased considerably and an application had been submitted for a grant to pay the costs of replacing the roof of St Bartholomew's. It might be necessary to spend more on St Chad's, for example on redecoration. There was a possibility of a Planned Giving campaign later this year. Dr Robson said that legacies appeared to distort the figures,



making it more difficult to compare 2016 and 2015. Mr Turnbull said that this was one of the changes resulting from the change to receipts and payments format.

The Rector thanked Mr Turnbull for the many hours of work he had undertaken to understand the accounting systems and produce the accounts. The parish was extremely grateful for all he had done. This was endorsed with warm applause from all present.

### **Approval of the Independently Examined Accounts for 2016**

Dr Robson, seconded by Mrs Whitehead, proposed the approval of the independently inspected annual accounts for 2016 and the proposal was agreed unanimously.

### **Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the Accounts for 2017**

Mrs Deboorder, seconded by Mrs Appleyard, proposed the appointment of Mrs P Brady as the Independent Examiner of the accounts for 2017. This was approved unanimously. Mr Turnbull noted that Mrs Brady was qualified to be an Independent Examiner but not an Auditor. If our annual income exceeded £250,000 we would require an auditor, and the grant for the roof might cause that to happen.

### **Report on Matters discussed by the Deanery Synod during 2016**

Dr Robson, seconded by Mrs Oliver, proposed acceptance of the report. That was agreed unanimously.

### **Election of three members of the congregations to represent the parish at the Deanery Synod until 2020**

Mr Perry, seconded by Mr Jackson, proposed the reappointment of Mr Smale, and Mr Bradshaw, seconded by Miss Rodgers, proposed the reappointment of Mr Studholme. No other representatives were proposed and Mr Smale and Mr Studholme were declared re-elected.

### **Election of members of the congregations to membership of the PCC**

The Rector thanked Mrs Preston, who had retired, for her contributions and the work she had done. With the appointment of Mrs Whitehead as churchwarden, eight vacancies were to be filled. Five nominations had been received, so all were automatically appointed. Their names, followed by the names of those who proposed and seconded their appointment, were: Mr G Barley (Mrs Deboorder and Mrs Trigg), Mrs J Trigg (Mr Oliver and Mrs Deboorder), Mrs J Deboorder (Mrs Trigg and Mr Oliver), Mrs E Kavanagh (Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Turner) and Mrs J Parmenter (Mrs Cramond and Mrs Deboorder). As Mrs Parmenter had not been on the electoral roll for six months, it was agreed that she would be co-opted.

## **Appointment of Sidespersons**

All serving sidespeople were re-appointed unanimously. The Rector said that more were needed for St Chad's.

## **Other Business**

There was none.

## **Rector's closing remarks**

The Rector thanked everyone for their support during the year. She had been on sabbatical from January to March and was grateful to those who had kept the parish thriving in that time. It had been a challenging year in many ways, especially with bereavements and some disagreeable tasks. She was pleased to have two church wardens again and hoped that 2017 would be better.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 7.15 pm.

### **Electoral Roll**



**Belong**



**Participate**



**Contribute**

### **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

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
7.00-9.00pm  
St. Chad's Extension  
Everyone Welcome  
Drop in for half an hour  
or come for the whole time**

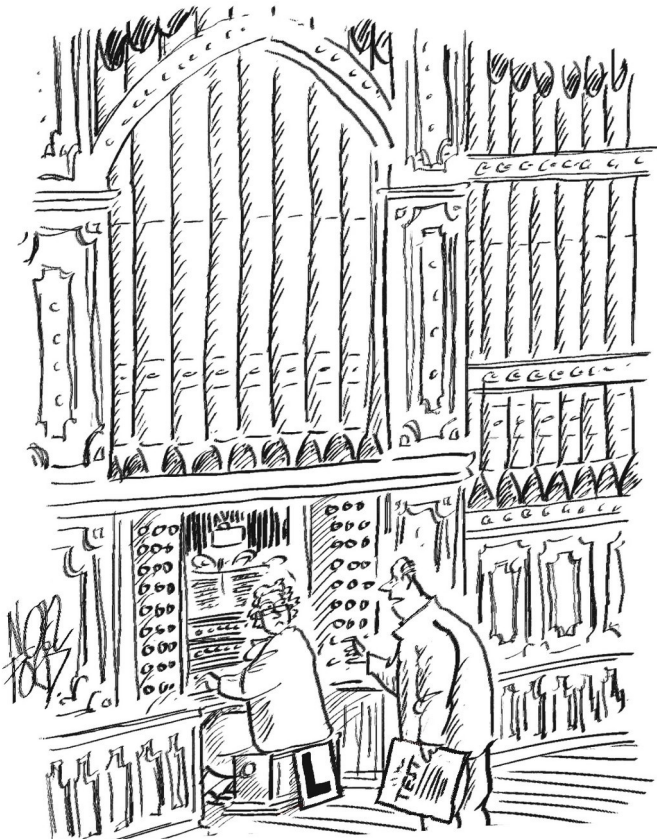
**Tea and Coffee provided**

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Do something different during Lent.  
Give up technology for a couple of hours  
Develop your mind and keep your brain active  
Spend time getting to know other people  
Come and have some fun!

*Connect 4, Ingenious, Frustration, Sorry, Shut the box,  
Mancala, Jenga, Uno, Mapominoes, Scrabble Dash, Fluxx*  
**Plus any games you bring with you!**

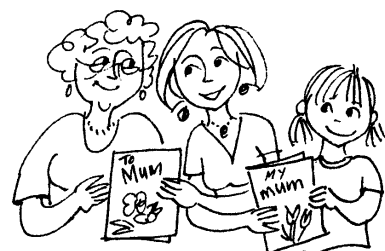


"At some point between Verses 3 and 6, I'll signal for you to do an Emergency-Stop."

**Sat 10th Mar  
2.00-3.30pm  
St Chad's**

**Dads and Kids**

**Drop in and make  
card/gifts for Mum**







# Lent 2018

During Lent 2018 we will be looking at Prayer. There will be 4 sermons and 4 evening sessions. Each will stand on it's own, so you can pick and choose what you come to:-

**Sunday 18th February (9.30am and 11.15am, Wed 10.15)**  
**Approaches to Prayer**

**Thursday 22nd February 7.30pm St Chad's**

**Sunday 25th February (9.30am and 11.15am, Wed 10.15)**  
**Focussing the Telescope**

**Wednesday 28th February 7.30pm St Chad's**

**Sunday 4th March (9.30am and 11.15am, Wed 10.15)**  
**The Word made Prayer**

**Thursday 8th March 7.30pm St Chad's**

**Sunday 18th March (9.30am and 11.15am, Wed 10.15)**  
**Stumbling Blocks and Stepping Stones**

**Wednesday 21st March 7.30pm St Chad's**



## Prayer Walk

**9.00-10.00am Sat 17th March**

Starting and finishing at St Chad's  
 with option to remain at St Chad's  
 for those unable to walk far

We will set out in ones and twos to walk and pray for our parish. Never done prayer this way before. Come and give it a go!







**1 EVENT**  
**2 LOCATIONS**  
**40,000 PEOPLE**

Join thousands of others in 2018 for the UK's largest united gathering of the church, coming together to worship and celebrate all that is good.

**26 - 27 MAY**  
 WISTON HOUSE, WEST SUSSEX

**01-02 JUNE**  
 CAPESTHORNE HALL, CHESHIRE

### 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.**

### Ticket Prices

Chester Diocese have again secured a BIG discount from the Big Church Day Out team for this fabulous event:-

**Full Weekend** tickets £28 per adult and £22 for 5-16 year olds. Under 4's are £4 each.

**One day tickets for either Friday or Saturday** are £23 per adult and £17 for 5-16 year olds. Under 4's are £4 each.

Camping tickets are in **addition** to the above at £20 per adult and £10 for 5-16 year olds. Under 4's are £4 each.

Please be aware there is a 10% service charge that will be added to the above.

### How to Book

To book your discounted tickets please go to:-

<http://www.chester.anglican.org/mission/the-big-church-day-out/big-church-day-out.php>

Tickets booked directly on the Big Church Day Out web site will not be added to our group therefore will be full price.

## **The Big Church Day Out is back in the Diocese of Chester in June 2018!!**

Tens of thousands of Christians gather to worship and celebrate in Cheshire

**1st and 2nd June 2018 at Capesthorne Hall, Cheshire**

We hope you can join us in June at this exciting event which is coming to our Diocese again this year.

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...

#### **Five 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!



## **"Cross Talk Subscription for 2018 is £6"**

These are now due for 2018. If you see your deliverer please pay them. Alternatively either post a cheque for £6.00 payable to Thurstaston PCC, to St Chad's Church Office, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UH or pay on-line at 40.52.40 00018674, putting your surname and mag subs as reference.

- ☐ I enclose £6 and would like to continue to have Cross Talk delivered to my house
- ☐ I no longer wish to have Cross Talk delivered to my house

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No. (optional) \_\_\_\_\_



## **St John the Baptist Great Meols 12th - 17th March 10 am - 4pm**

St John the Baptist Great Meols invites you to experience the power of the Cross. This is a reimagining of the Stations of the Cross as you take the journey with Jesus to his cross.

It has been a whole Parish project and every image has been worked on by many different people. The journey will be suitable for all ages using different reflections for children and young people.

There will be refreshments, also a prayer ministry for those who want it.

If you would like to bring a parish group please let us know through the contact page on our website.

[www.stjohnsmeols.webeden.co.uk/](http://www.stjohnsmeols.webeden.co.uk/)





# Men's Breakfast



3rd March 2018 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.

**2018 Dates for your diary:** Saturday 12th May, Saturday 7th July,  
Saturday 8th September and Saturday 3rd 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 Meeting:**

**28th March** —Jane Youngs Jewellery

**Future Dates**

**18th April**—Guide Dogs with Peter Fearnhead, featuring a  
young dog

**23rd May**—Water Aid (to be confirmed)

**20th June**—RSPCA

**All Welcome**



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## Church Services - March 2018

### Sunday Services

#### St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**4th March**  
Lent 3

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Morning Worship

**11th March**  
Lent 4  
**Mothers' Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**18th March**  
Lent 5

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15 am Holy Communion

**25th March**  
**Palm Sunday**

**29th March**  
**Maundy Thursday**

*There is also a service at 11.00am at Chester Cathedral*

2.00 pm "Hour at the Cross"  
Meditative Service

**30th March**  
**Good Friday**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15 am Holy Communion

**1st April**  
**Easter Day**

#### St Chad's

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30 am Family Service

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Holy Communion

7.30pm Holy Communion

10.00 am Family Service

9.30 am Family Holy Communion

### Weekday Services

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

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