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## Diary Dates

**Friday 13th April**  
 Spring Concert  
 7.30pm St Andrews, Bebington

**Monday 16th April**  
 Meeting of Parishioners and APCM  
 6.30pm St Chad's

**Wednesday 18th April**  
 EMU—Guide Dogs  
 8.00pm St Chads

**Sunday 22nd April**  
 10 yr Anniversary of Revd Jane's Induction  
 Bishop Peter will be leading and Preaching  
 9.30am St Chad's and 11.15am St Bart's

**Saturday 21st April**  
 Wirral Men's Breakfast  
 8.00—10.00 am Thornton Hall Hotel

**Saturday 12th May**  
 Men's Breakfast  
 8.45 am -9.45am Aroma Cafe

## From the Registers

***Weddings***  
*We ask for Gods Blessing upon  
 the marriage of  
 23rd March  
 Steven McShane and Louise Hughes*

***Funerals***  
*We commend to God's eternal care  
 21st March  
 Barbara Woods from Moreton*

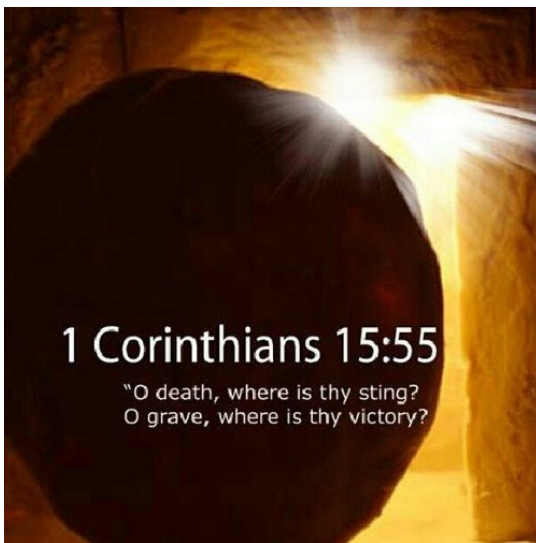


## From Your Rector

Dear Friends

"Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead,  
descended from David." (2 Timothy 2:8).

This month we remember the story of St George defeating the dragon. Although this is the stuff of legend, we face our own dragons today. We are engaged in a spiritual battle against the powers of sin, Satan and death.



In this Easter season, we remember that the great battle has been won. By His cross and resurrection, Jesus secured the victory over sin, Satan and death. The resurrection is the proof that they are no longer too powerful to resist. 'Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory?' (1 Cor 15:54,55). Where is your power, dragon?



The story is told of a village in India, terrorised by a great bear looking for food each night. Eventually, the villagers decided to take action, and tracked down the bear to his cave. One man, stronger and braver than the rest, ventured into the dark cave. The villagers outside could hear nothing; eventually they heard a loud shrieking cry and then silence. They waited to see what had happened. Finally, the man emerged from the dark cave victorious! The bear was dead and the villagers were safe.

The victory was won deep within the cave. They could only be confident and celebrate when the champion emerged. For us, this happened when Jesus rose from the grave. The finality of death is no more and the power of sin and Satan no longer controls us. The devil, the biggest dragon, is helpless to prevent Jesus taking us home.

*Rexd Jane*



## Holy Week and Easter Services

### 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



# OT Live

See poster on next page

During the last week of February I attended a training course for teaching the Old Testament story line to children in primary school. The course was fabulous and I got lots from it. The same organisation (Walk through the Bible) run a day called OT Live where they enable people to understand the story of the Old Testament and how it all links together. I was so inspired by the training that I have arranged to host one of these Adult days at St Chad's on the Saturday nearest to Bible Sunday. I would strongly encourage to think about making this a priority in your diary and to book a place online.

More information:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAs1sOeEGIs> or [www.bible.org.uk](http://www.bible.org.uk)

If you don't have access to online booking - I can do it for you, if you give me your £14.00 and contact details.

Revd Jane

A circular gold medal with the number '10' and the word 'Years' inside, surrounded by a laurel wreath. The background is dark blue with bokeh light effects and gold streamers.

**Sunday 22nd April,  
9.30am St Chad's  
& 11.15am St Bart's**

**Bishop Peter  
will be preaching  
and leading our services  
as we celebrate  
the 10th Anniversary of  
Revd Jane's Induction.**

**Please come and join us.**

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# Are you getting the most from the **Old Testament**



**Sat. 27th Oct. 2018, 10.00am - 4.30pm**  
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Tickets available from the church office  
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# 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.

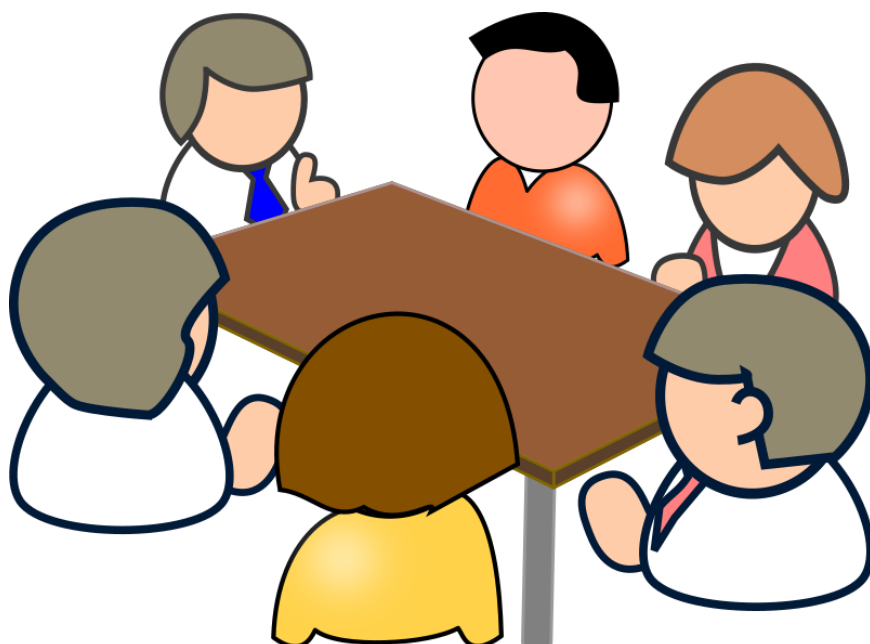
The current three-year term of office of our Deanery Synod representatives ends in 2020. At present, Malcolm Studholme and Chris Smale represent us and there is one vacancy.

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)**





### **Tweet, tweet**



A good dose of birdsong can cheer you up, boosting your mental well-being for more than four hours, a study has found. Seeing trees and the sky is also a help.

In a recent study, King's College researchers found that even short exposures to nature are hugely beneficial, especially 'to those individuals who are at risk of poor mental health.'

### **Working too hard? An odd way to find out.**

Do you wonder if you are working too hard? There is a simple way to find out: how cold is your nose?

Scientists have recently discovered that when people focus hard on demanding mental tasks, their nervous system diverts blood flow into the brain, and extremities like the nose suffer first. In tests using thermal imaging cameras, it was discovered that those feeling mentally overwhelmed had a nose temperature that had dropped by about one degree centigrade. The research was carried out by doctors from the Bioengineering Research Group at Nottingham University.

So, if the old adage of 'cold hands, warm heart' is true, perhaps we could add another: 'cold nose, warm brain'.

### **Good likeness**



Some children were asked: 'What do you think of Jesus?'

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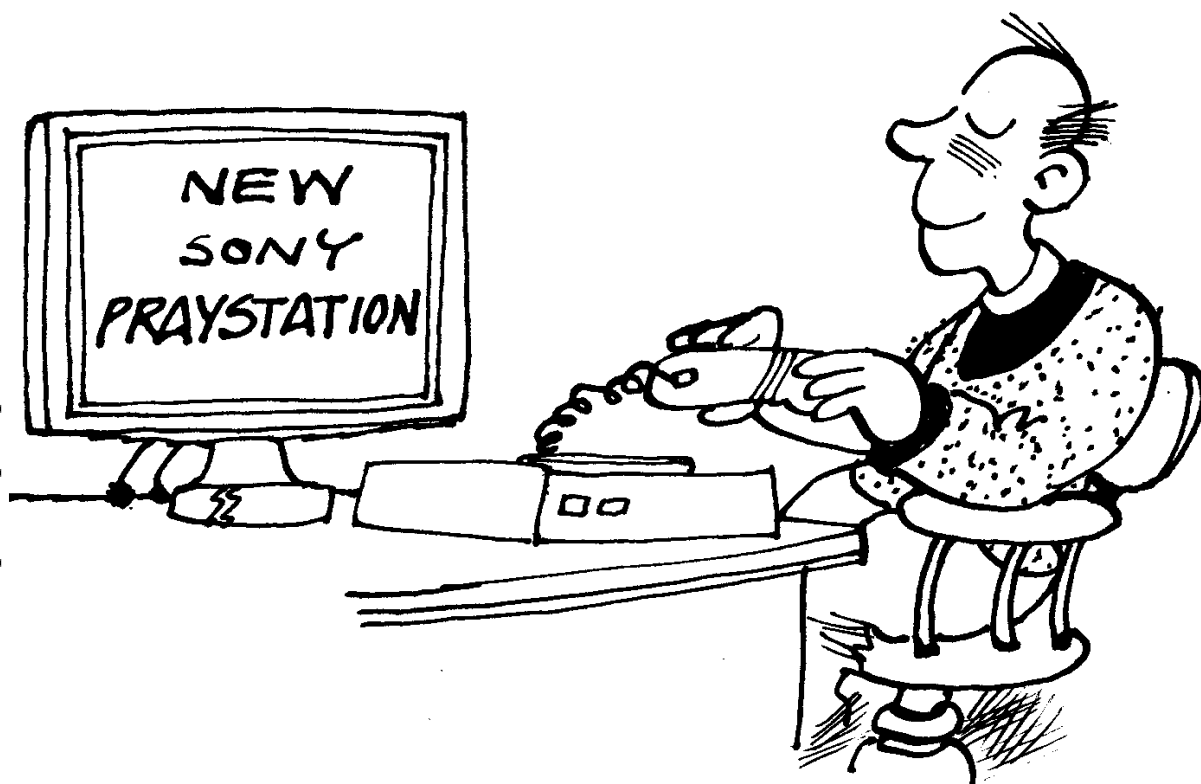
With the experience of three Olympic Winter Games, Ian is an accomplished athlete and performance coach. He has represented Great Britain at Olympic and World Championship level on more than 80 occasions and has worked with some of the UK's toughest athletes.

Ian currently works as an executive coach to many organisations in the UK and abroad, with a particular emphasis on making positive change happen within complex organisations. He's a part time pundit for Eurosport and an elder of a local church in Windermere. He's married to Nicky and they have five children. He's currently training for the Cumbria Triathlon X, considered to be one of the toughest Iron Man triathlons in the world.



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***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!

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## **THANK YOU**

Dear All,

I just wanted to let you know that my treatment is all finished (hopefully!) though I will be going back to The Christie for regular check ups for the next 5 years. I feel very well and people tell me I look very well, though I do wish my hair would grow back a bit more quickly! So all I can do now is look after myself and hope and pray this sense of health and well-being will continue. Although I must admit to having the odd fragile moment, I am determined not to let the "what ifs" get in the way of making the most of life.

Thank you once again for all your prayers, your care and your support over the last year. Both Brian and I have so much appreciated the support we have received from yourselves and from so many people across the diocese, and it has certainly helped to keep us strong and to get through this time.

Best wishes  
Alison Harris



# Men's Breakfast



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



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**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:**

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

**Future Dates**

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

**20th June**—RSPCA

**All Welcome**





**Please collect your Postage Stamps** 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.



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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### Bellringers Tower Captain

Dr Peter Robson **648 6691**

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### Junior Church

Mrs Julie Deboorder **648 6331**

### Seniors/Youth (11-16)

Mrs Janet Trigg **648 8821**

### Rainbows/Brownies/Guides

[www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) or  
Freephone **0800 1 69 59 01**

## CHARITY REPRESENTATIVES

### Christian Aid Representative

Vacant

### Children's Society Representative

Mrs Jean Heath **648 6015**

### Leprosy Mission Representative

Mrs Pat Hulme **538 1953**

### Adoption Society Representative

Mrs Chris Rostock **648 1112**



## **Church Services - April 2018**

### **Sunday Services**

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

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

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

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Morning Worship

**8th April**  
**Easter 2**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**15th April**  
**Easter 3**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15 am Holy Communion

**22nd April**  
**Easter 4**

**10th Anniversary of Revd Jane's Induction with Bishop Peter**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**29th April**  
**Easter 5**

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

9.30am Family Holy Communion

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9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Holy Communion

10.00 am Holy Communion

### **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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