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Diary Dates

3rd May

James 1— Face it 8-9pm St Chad's Extension

17th May

James 2— Live it 8-9pm St Chad's Extension

24th May

James 3— Tame it 8-9pm St Chad's Extension

10th May

Ascension Day 7.30pm at St Bartholomews

12th May

Men's Breakfast 8.45 am -9.45am Aroma Cafe

23rd May

EMU—Water Aid 8.00pm St Chads

1st-2nd June

Big Church Day Out Capesthorne Hall

From the Registers

Funerals

We commend to God'seternal care

12th April

Bernard Dann

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From Your Rector

Dear Friends,

The Easter season never ceases to amaze me and have an impact upon my spiritual life. As we read through the post resurrection appearances of Jesus and see the transformation of the disciples as they are commissioned by Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20) and set up a community of believers that we would recognise today as the church (Acts 2:42), I am always challenged by the transformation that takes place. Think of Peter who went from denial of knowing Jesus to becoming an amazing preacher. Think of Thomas who went from disbelief to declaration of faith. The question which this raises for me is what difference does Jesus make in my life? What kind of disciple am I?

I was reminded this week of a quote by the theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer:-

"Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession...Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate."

If you want to explore what discipleship means in your life, then please join with me and others on Thursday evenings as we explore together the letter of James.

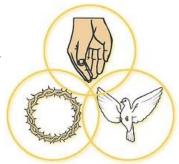
This month we have three major festivals and I would encourage you to make them as much of a priority in your spiritual life as you do Christmas and Easter.

Ascension Day (Thursday 10th May - service at 7.30pm at St Bartholomew's) is when we remember the resurrected Jesus returning to heaven to take his rightful place as Lord and King. This day is best summed up for me in the word of the hymn "Jesus is King" (see next page)

• Pentecost (Sunday 20th May - services at normal times) when we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples. The Holy Spirit is the gift of God that lives in us and enables us to know God. She assures us of God's love and acceptance in our lives, despite our fears, doubts or failures:

'God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us' (Romans 5:5). The Holy Spirit is also committed to producing the character of Jesus in us, 'the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.' (Galatians 5:22,23).

 Trinity Sunday (Sunday 27th May - services at normal times) is when we remember the awesome mystery of one God who is three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



It is my heart's desire that each one of us will know in the depth of our being that we are loved by God, as demonstrated by Jesus, and will be open to inviting the Holy Spirit to fill our lives afresh.

Revd Jane

Jesus is King
and I will extol Him,
give Him the glory,
and honour His name;
He reigns on high,
enthroned in the heavens Word of the Father,
exalted for us.

We have a hope that is steadfast and certain, gone through the curtain and touching the throne; we have a Priest who is there interceding pouring His grace on our lives day by day.

We come to Him,
our Priest and Apostle,
clothed in His glory
and bearing His name,
laying our lives
with gladness before Him filled with His Spirit
we worship the King.

'O Holy One,
our hearts do adore You;
thrilled with Your goodness
we give You our praise!'
Angels in light
with worship surround Him,
Jesus, our Saviour,
for ever the same.

James 5 weeks on Determined Discipleship

Thursday Evenings 8-9pm St Chad's Extension Everyone Welcome

You don't need any prior knowledge, but it may be helpful to read the letter of James in advance. When we meet we will share our thoughts about what we've read and discover together what it means to be a determined disciple of Jesus.

3rd May	James 1	Face it
17th May	James 2	Live it
24th May	James 3	Tame it
7th June	James 4	Lose it
14th June	James 5	Finish it

Optional Reading:

The Mirror and the Mountain by Luke Aylen

ISBN 978 0 85721 912 1

http://lukeaylen.com/the-mirror-and-the-mountain/

This book was primarily written for children and families. However Revd Jane would highly recommend it as an introduction to grappling with the themes found in the letter of James.

Only the Brave - Determined Discipleship

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mirror, they unwittingly begin an adventure that THEN JONAH AND SUMMER stumble upon a secret passage and discover an enchanted will take them far from their home into the magical kingdom of Presadia.

way home, Summer and Jonah are pulled into a strange quest to find the long-lost king, who alone has the power to restore peace to Presadia. Meeting Trapped in a war-torn kingdom with no

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strange and wonderful people along the way they learn important lessons about pride, greed, and the power of words as they The children and their new friends must be brave as they fly across their quest to find the king and restore peace to Presadia? And will the broken kingdom and climb the misty mountain. Can they fulfil Summer and Jonah ever make it back to their own world? embark on an epic journey to save the realm.

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AN ADVENTURE IN PRESADIA

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

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

APCM News:

Thank you to those who came to the Annual Meeting on Monday. 16th April, Chris Perry retired as Church Warden and was thanked for his 3 years of service. Liz Whitehead

was re-elected as Church Warden. Without a second Warden, Liz will need your support, as this is too big a job for one volunteer, so please offer to help in whatever ways you can. If anyone would like to discuss the possibilities of standing as Church Warden for next year, Revd Jane would encourage you to do that as soon as possible so that you can begin to shadow Liz and find out what is involved. Matt James retired from the PCC and was thanked for his years of service. Following the elections the members of the PCC are Liz Whitehead (Warden), Malcolm Studholme; Chris Smale and Julie Parmenter (Deanery Synod Reps), and the following elected members: Andrew Harford, Graham Barley, Janet Trigg, Julie DeBoorder, Elaine Kavanagh, Pat Neil, Jon Oliver, Chris Williams, Roger Jackson, Roger Dennison. The APCM also agreed that the PCC at its first meeting would co-opt Judith Hodgson. This still leaves FOUR vacancies, so if anyone else would like to join the PCC and bring fresh ideas and thoughts, Revd Jane would be delighted to hear from you.

Are you getting the most from the

Old Testament



Sat. 27th Oct. 2018, 10.00am - 4.30pm St Chad's Church, Roslin Rd, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UH

The booking DETAILS...

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11 - 16 year olds can attend for free with a paying adult (but they will not receive a book)







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

Forgiveness and restoration

It is clearly coincidental, but perhaps providential, that *Paddington 2* was released whilst the media has been driving the #MeToo hashtag. We continually read new salacious stories revealing people's hidden depths of wickedness, with an implicit expectation that we should now vilify and exclude them. Then, along came *Paddington 2*, with its heart-warming story of a little bear who looks for the hidden depths of goodness in vilified and excluded people, with the explicit expectation that they should be recognised as part of the society which we all share.



The film's storyline is simple, but beautifully developed. Paddington is working hard as an accident-prone window cleaner to earn enough money to buy a pop-up book from an antiques shop to give to his aunt for her birthday. However, the book contains a secret message about the location of hidden treasure, and the villainous Phoenix Buchanan (Hugh Grant) steals it away. Wrongly convicted of Buchanan's crime, Paddington is sent to prison, where he faces the violent Knuckles McGinty (Brendan Gleeson).

Many children's films operate at two levels: obvious visual slapstick for young viewers, and subtle verbal humour for adults. *Paddington 2* has a much more connected integrity, with an underlying message for young



and old. As much as many of us have been hurt, in different ways, by the wicked behaviour of other people, there is good in everyone. And, as much as evil within people's hearts must be recognised and repented, the goal must be forgiveness and restoration. Many films utilise a redemptive story-arc for key characters. *Paddington 2* applies this to everyone. And,

thereby, has an important message for us all.



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

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 or telephone 01244 500959. For every 10 tickets booked, the cheapest is free.



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That is the aim of National Doughnut Week, and this year you will find about 600 participating bakeries, cafes and shops, all over the country. There you can choose from all sorts of doughnuts with various toppings and fillings.

Through the support of these bakeries, cafes and shops, National Doughnut Week has raised more than £755,000 in the past 23 years for children's charities. And it is hoped that at least £30,000 will be raised to make this the best year ever.

The Children's Trust is a national charity working with children who have multiple disabilities and complex health needs.

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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-dayout.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

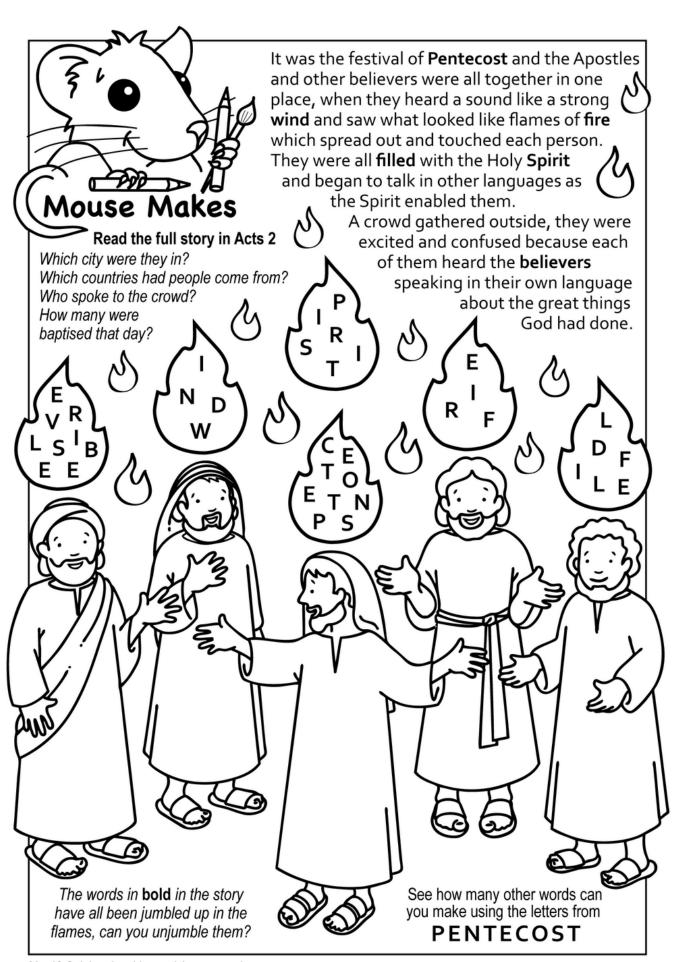
This buzzing venue brings together an incredible selection of Christian ministries and traders, so whether you're looking for ideas for your church, clothing with a Christian message, new campaigns to support, books, artwork, jewellery or a summer holiday location, you're sure to find it in the Big Church 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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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 for further details.

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







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: 23rd May — Water Aid

> > Future Dates

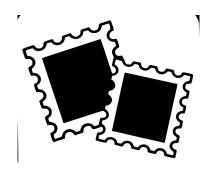
16th June — Coffee Morning (See page 13 for details) 20th June—RSPCA

All Welcome



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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.

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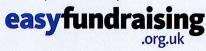
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Church Services - May 2018

Sunday Services

St Chad's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Holy Communion	6th May Easter 6	9.30am Family Service
7.30pm Holy Communion	10th May Ascension	
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Morning Worship	13th May Easter 7	9.30 am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) **20th May** 9.30am Morning Worship 11.15am Holy Communion Pentecost

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) **27th May** 9.30am Family Holy Communion Trinity Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 3rd June 9.30am Family Service 11.15am Holy Communion Trinity 1

Weekday Services

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

Baptisms and Weddings

St Bartholomew's

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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