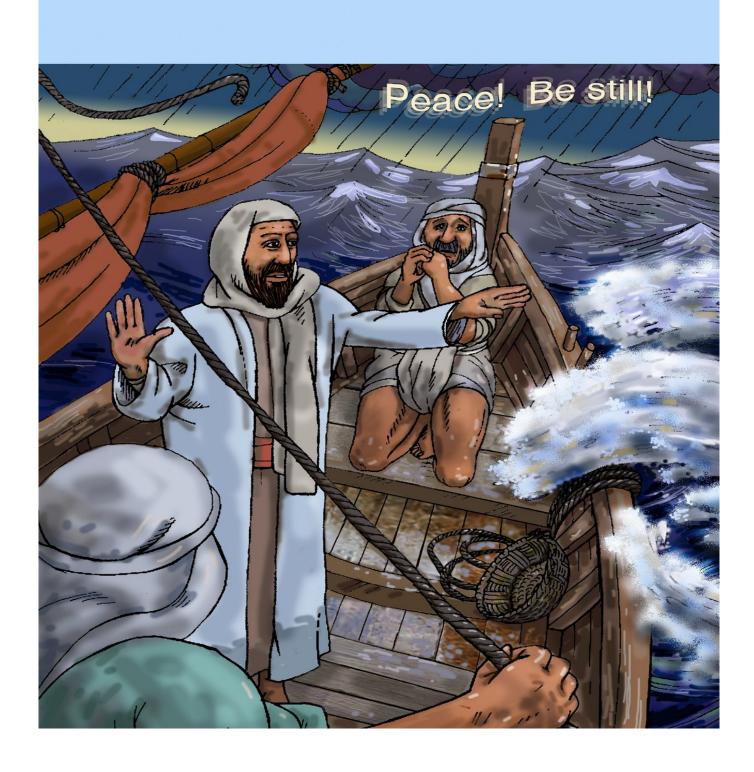
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Diary Dates

6th June

Real Lives

7.30pm All Saints Church, Thornton Hough

7th June

James 4— Lose it

8-9pm St Chad's Extension

14th June

James 5—Finish it

8-9pm St Chad's Extension

16th June

Wirral Men's Breakfast

8 -10am Thornton Hall Hotel

16th June

EMU Anniversary Coffee Morning 10 am—12 noon at St Chad's

19th-20th June

Cheshire Show

20th June

EMU-RSPCA

8.00pm at St Chad's

7th July

Men's Breakfast

8.45 -9.45 am Aroma Cafe

From the Registers

Funerals

We commend to God'seternal care 14th May

Thelma Paton

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From Your Rector

Dear Friends,

The former Liverpool Manager Bill Shankly famously said, 'Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that!'

This month sees the start of the World Cup in Russia; a truly global event watched by billions on television. Yet this competition illustrates some key points about the Christian life. As Paul writes: 'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 3:13b,14).

A prize to be won: The dream of every player in the competition is to be able to hold up the World Cup themselves. For us the prize is the eternal life, God's gift of relationship with him for now and eternity through Jesus. But there's an important difference between football and the Christian faith. To win the World Cup you have to be good enough, while Christ's love for us is underserved and is not dependent on how well we've done.

Training to be undertaken: If a team is going to win the World Cup, they have to train hard beforehand. Our training, as Christians, starts the moment we accept the gift of God's life. On a daily basis, we train ourselves to say no to the wrong things in our lives. As we build up our godly muscles we are better able to choose to do what is right in God's eyes. To enable us to do all this we need to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, studying the Bible and being part of a church and small group. How is your training going?

Revd Jane

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James 5 weeks on Determined Discipleship

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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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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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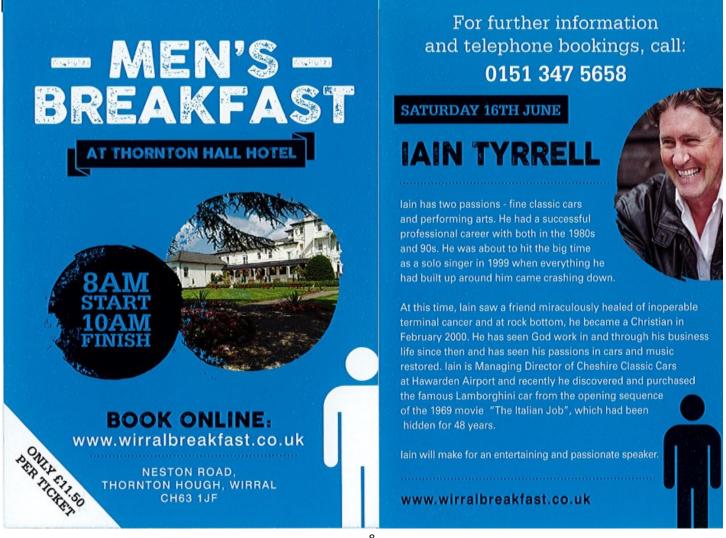
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During the last week of February I attended a training course for teaching the Old Testament story line to children in primary school. The course was fabulous and I got lots from it. The same organisation (Walk through the Bible) run a day called OT 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



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Diary of a Momentous Year: June 1918

An interesting piece from the archives of the *Church Times* a few weeks ago vividly illustrates the way the war on the western front changed in 1918. For years the Church Army, like the Salvation Army, had run what they called 'huts', close behind the trenches, where soldiers could find on their free time a meal and hot drinks, comfortable seats and company, offering emotional and spiritual support.

These 'huts' were very popular with the troops, and for years most of them remained in place, indicating how static the whole conflict was. But in one month, April 1918, the Church Army lost 57 of them, as German advances overtook their positions. In most cases the land was recaptured, but the huts needed



THE GREAT WAR 1914 - 1918

rebuilding. The war had changed. It was no longer a static battle of soldiers with rifles and bayonets charging batteries of machine guns, but an increasingly fluid conflict involving tanks and aircraft.

Although at first the Allied generals were slow to recognise it, the new style of war suited them best. Over the years they had built a formidable war machine, involving thousands of tanks and tens of thousands of aircraft, with tactics to match. Not only that, but the arrival of the Americans in large numbers, added to the vast number of troops from the Empire (now the Commonwealth) meant that casualties could be replaced in the Allied ranks. The Germans and their Austro-Hungarian allies had no such source of fresh manpower, turning instead to younger and older men to fill the depleted ranks.

The German generals were aware of the situation, and desperate to make inroads before it was too late, in the hope of achieving a relatively 'neutral' peace agreement in due course. On June 9th the German General Ludendorff launched a major offensive in Flanders. Like so many, it gained several miles, but cost many lives and eventually petered out.

There would be several more such attempts, some of which threatened to succeed, but in fact the eventual outcome was becoming clear. The German people were disillusioned with the Kaiser. Their troops were exhausted. The civilian population were restless. There would be, as we shall see, battles to come, but there would barely be time to rebuild those huts.

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.

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Before the Suffragettes - the woman who 'made a majority' with God

On May 30th the Church of England honoured Josephine Butler in its Calendar of great Christians of the past. It seems appropriate in this particular year to recognise the contribution of a woman who came decades before the suffragettes but fought many of the same battles.

Josephine Butler's was an often-lonely Victorian voice, challenging injustice, prejudice and discrimination. She was a noted champion of victims of child slavery and sexual exploitation. Her opposition to the Dangerous Diseases Act, which ruled that a man who was infected with an STD could sue the woman who was 'responsible', eventually won parliamentary approval – but it took 20 years of campaigning. She fought to get the age of consent raised from 13 to 16, and also brought about an end to the practice of 'selling' young girls into the hands of unscrupulous men.

All of this campaigning was motivated by her profound Christian faith. Her best-known quote was 'God and one woman make a majority' – her response to the continual parliamentary majority against change, when there were, of course, no votes for women and no women MPs. Supported by her husband, a vicar, and by a growing band of women, this Victorian predecessor of the Women's Rights movement fully deserves to be remembered and honoured this year.

Emmeline Pankhurst - leader of the suffragettes

Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of the British suffragette movement, died 90 years ago, on 14th June 1928. Less than a month later, women were given equal voting rights with men.

Born in Moss Side, Manchester, in 1858, she helped found the militant Women's Social and Political Union in 1903, after the death of her husband. They became known as suffragettes to distinguish them from the more law-abiding suffragists, who included many Christians.

The suffragettes often attacked church buildings, because the Church of England as an institution was seen as opposing votes for women. Nevertheless, there were large numbers of Christians in the Church League for Women's Suffrage, which by 1914 had over 5000 members.

Mrs Pankhurst was arrested on many occasions and went on hunger strike, which led to violent force-feeding. But she ended her militancy at the outbreak of war, reasoning that it would be no good having the vote if her country ceased to exist. It was the use of female labour during the war that led as much as anything to their eventually obtaining the vote.

In 1926 Mrs Pankhurst surprised many people by joining the Conservative party; she was selected to run for Parliament shortly before she died.





Real Lives

LOCAL PEOPLE CHANGED AND HELPED BY JESUS

You're invited to hear local people being interviewed about their Christian faith. We'll be hearing from the man with every reason not to have faith, the woman who was simply searching for meaning in life, and the couple whose trust in God was crucial following the New Ferry blast.

Afterwards we'll be able to meet and chat with them in person.

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For Those Born before 1940

We were born before television, before penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, videos, Frisbees and the Pill. We were born before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ball point pens; before dish-washers, tumble driers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip dry clothes.......and before man walked on the moon.

WE got married first, and then lived together (how quaint can you be?). We thought 'fast food' was what you ate in Lent, a 'Big Mac' was an oversized raincoat and 'crumpet' we had for tea. We existed before house-husbands, computer dating, dual careers, and when a meaningful relationship meant getting along with cousins, and 'sheltered accommodation' was where you waited for a bus.

We were born before day centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric type-writers, artificial hearts, word-processors, yoghurt and young men wearing ear-rings. For us 'time sharing' meant togetherness, a 'chip' was a piece of wood or a fried potato, 'hardware' meant nuts and bolts and 'software' wasn't a word.

Before 1940 'Made in Japan' meant junk, the term 'making out' referred to how you did in your exams, 'stud' was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and 'going all the way' meant staying on a double-decker bus to the Bus Depot. Pizza's, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of. In our day cigarette smoking was 'fashionable', grass was mown, coke was kept in the coal house, a 'joint' was a piece of meat you had on Sundays and 'pot was something you cooked in. 'Rock Music' was a Grandmother's lullaby. Eldorado was an 'ice cream', a 'gay' person was the life and soul of the party and nothing more whilst 'aids' just meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

We who were born before 1940 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the way in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder we are confused and there is a generation gap today......BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD.....WE HAVE SURVIVED. ALLELUIA

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Men's Breakfast



7th July 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:

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

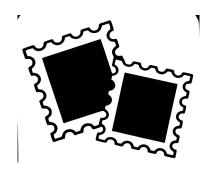
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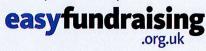
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8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Holy Communion	17th June Trinity 3 Fathers Day	9.30am Morning Worship
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15 am Holy Communion	24th June Trinity 4	9.30am Family Holy Communion
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Holy Communion	1st July Trinity 5	9.30am Morning Worship

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