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## Diary Dates

**2nd July**  
Open PCC Meeting - See page 15

**7th July**  
Men's Breakfast  
8.45 -9.45 am Aroma Cafe

**18th July**  
EMU Meal

**19th July**  
Diocesan Strategy meeting—See page 15

**Wed 1st August 7-9pm**  
**Thurs 9th August 10am-12noon**  
**Wed 15th August 7-9pm**  
**Wed 22nd August 7-9pm**  
Open house at the Rectory

**18th August**  
Parish Walk

**25th August**  
2-4pm St Beartholomews Day

## From the Registers

*Weddings*  
*We ask for Gods Blessing*  
*upon the marriage of*  
*16th June*  
*Anthony Croke and Charlotte Anson*

## From Your Rector

Dear Friends

### A Plastic Revolution

The recent Blue Planet II series exposed just how much plastic waste is an issue in our seas. The Prime Minister has called plastic waste '*one of the great environmental scourges of our time.*' The best estimates suggest 10 million tonnes of plastic ends up in our oceans, contaminating and killing sea life. How should we view this issue from a Christian perspective?



When God created the universe, He saw '*everything He had made, and indeed, it was very good.*' (Genesis 1:31). He calls us to share in His care of creation: '*Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves on the ground.*' (Genesis 1:28). Our rule over living creatures is not an excuse to exploit them in a selfish way. As those who made in the image of God, we are entrusted to care for them with responsibility and trustworthiness.

Why do the sea creatures being killed by plastic matter? Because of human rebellion against God (see Genesis 3), our relationship with God and His creation was damaged. No longer do we live with living creatures in harmony and interdependence. Yet after the flood, when Noah rescued the animals in the ark, they are included in God's everlasting promise to protect the earth: *'I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you, and with every living creature that was with you.'* (Genesis 9:9,10). This also points to God's cosmic plan to restore all creation to Himself.

What is our response to be? Where is God calling us, as His people in this time and place, to make a stand in protecting His creation? Time for a plastic revolution?

*Rev'd Jane*



Zero Waste Week takes place the first full week of September.  
Zero Waste Week is the annual awareness campaign for reducing landfill.  
Helping you save money and preserve resources since 2008.  
[www.zerowasteweek.co.uk](http://www.zerowasteweek.co.uk)



The Rectory  
77 Thingwall Rd

Revd Jane will be at home  
on the following days  
and would like to invite anyone  
to pop in for a drink and a biscuit  
(or maybe a piece of cake if you're lucky!)

Wed 1st August 7-9pm  
Thurs 9th August 10am-12noon  
Wed 15th August 7-9pm  
Wed 22nd August 7-9pm

This will be a good opportunity to meet and  
chat and get to know other church members.

If the weather is kind, we will be in the garden, if not, we will be inside!

All ages welcome.

For chairs and refreshment purposes it would help to know roughly how many people  
will come each week, so if you could sign on the list at the back of church that would  
be really helpful. But you are welcome to come even if you don't sign on the list!

### Out of the mouths of babes...

A woman invited some people from church to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, 'Would you like to say the blessing?'

'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied.

'Just say what you've heard Mummy say before,' the hostess answered.

So the daughter bowed her head and said, 'Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'



When it was Mrs Wilson's turn to do the  
flower arrangements, she always kept  
the vicar's hay fever in mind

# **Come and Celebrate "St Bartholomew's Day"**

**Saturday 25th August  
2-4pm at St Bartholomew's  
Thurstaston**



**Bring your teddy  
Make a Parachute  
Applaud you bear's bravery  
as it jumps from the top of  
the church tower!**

**Refreshments Available  
Various stalls**

Register your bear to  
jump for just £1.00  
and don't forget to  
collect your Bear's  
certificate at the end  
of the event!

**Lots of FUN  
for all the family**

# Parish Walk - Sat 18th August

All Timings (apart from start!) are approximate

Approximately 6-7 miles (not measured using any technical devices!)

Can't do all day or can't walk far: then come to whatever parts of the day you can manage - Lunch, Pause for Thought at St Bartholomew's, just the morning (approx 9.00-11.30) or afternoon (approx 12.30-3.00)

## 8.45am Meet at St Chad's

### 9.00am Set off

(1) Turn left out of the car park. At the top of Roslin Rd, turn right, walk through the shops, crossing at the pedestrian lights. At the end of the road turn left. Turn left into Woodlands Rd. At the bottom of the road turn left onto the footpath across two fields (there may be cattle in these fields). At the far side turn right through kissing gate, down steps and over stream. Turn left and follow footpath through Harrock Wood until you reach Thingwall Rd. Cross over, turn right and then left to the entrance of Limbo Lane. (2)

### 9.20-9.30am Pause for Thought - Health Care

Follow Limbo Lane straight on until you come out at Arrowe Brook Lane. Turn left and proceed in single file along the grass verge (for about 5 minutes) —TAKE CARE. At the roundabout turn left into Mill Hill Road and cross over onto the pavement. Turn left into Sandy Lane North (3)

### 10.05-10.15am Sandy Lane North - Wait while everyone catches up

Follow the lane as it bends left and then right. As you run out of lane ("Hazledene" on your left), proceed down the footpath (narrow and nettles etc.). At the bottom, cross the bridge and head up the hill ahead of you. Follow the wall on your right. At the far end, continue in a straight line through the woods to reach the corner of Royden Park main field. Follow the wall to the far corner of the field. Turn left up the main path and follow this in a straight line, go through the kissing gate and past Benty Farm. Then take the fork in the path to the right which will bring you to the top of School Lane. (4)

### 10.50-11.00am Pause for thought - Education

Follow the path along behind Dawpool school (or go up and over the hill) to reach Telegraph Rd. Turn left and walk to the Cottage Loaf Roundabout. If you just want to walk in the morning you could return to St Chad's from here. Turn right down Station Road taking care as there is no pavement. Follow this road all the way down to the Country Park. (5)

### 11.45 -12.45pm Picnic Lunch (or visit the Café)

If you just want to walk in the afternoon, you could join us during lunch. Turn onto the Wirral Way (Heswall direction) and follow it under the Dungeon Bridge and then turn left on the footpath signed to the Dungeon. Follow this path (narrow and brambly in places) slightly uphill to the Dungeon (waiting in the opening before crossing the bridge over the stream) (6)

### 1.15-1.25 Pause for Thought - Farming and Agriculture

Carry on up the steep hill, turning right following the stream, until you reach a T junction in the paths. Turn left and follow this path to St Bartholomew's (7) If you joined us at lunch, you will now need to return down Station Road to your car.

### 2.00-2.15pm Pause for Thought at St Bartholomew's

On leaving Church head up Church Lane (past Church Farm) to reach Telegraph Rd. Turn left to the roundabout. Turn right onto Thurstaston Rd. Turn almost immediately right onto footpath to Irby. Follow this to Dawlish Rd. Turn right and onto footpath which heads left across field to bring you out on Irby Rd. Return to St Chad's

### 3.00pm Arrive back at St Chad's



# Parish Walk Map - Sat 18th August

**Pink Line = Parish Boundary, Orange Line = Walk Route**

## EVERYONE WELCOME

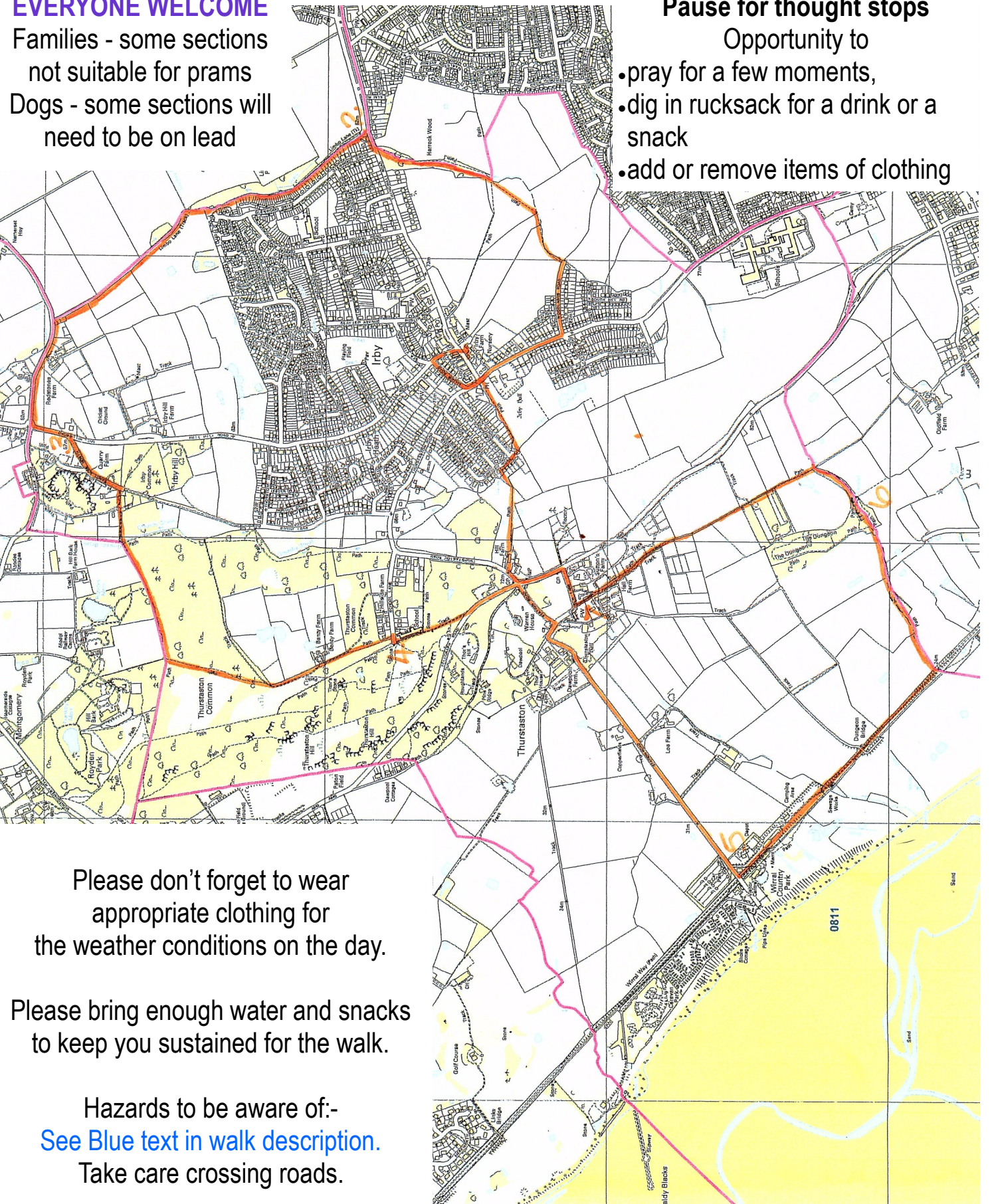
Families - some sections not suitable for prams

Dogs - some sections will need to be on lead

Pause for thought stops

Opportunity to

- pray for a few moments,
- dig in rucksack for a drink or a snack
- add or remove items of clothing



Please don't forget to wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions on the day.

Please bring enough water and snacks to keep you sustained for the walk.

Hazards to be aware of:-  
**See Blue text in walk description.**  
Take care crossing roads.

## Church of England brings prayers to millions with Alexa



The Church of England is launching an Alexa skill, enabling users to ask the Church of England for prayers, explanations of the Christian faith and where to find their nearest church for local events and services based on their location.

Daily prayer resources are central to the skill, offering a prayer for the day, as well as morning, evening and night-time prayers and a grace before meals all recorded for Alexa devices.

The skill is also integrated with “A Church Near You”, our national church finder that gets 13 million page views a year, to find the nearest services and events, and seeks to increase users' knowledge of the Christian faith by answering questions such as: what is the Bible? Who is God? What is a Christian?

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, who is featured in a video to promote the Alexa skill, said: “We’re thrilled to be launching the Alexa skill today, to enable regular churchgoers and those exploring faith to connect with God in another way at a time that’s right for them. A quarter of UK households now own a smart device and, after transforming the Church of England’s and Archbishops’ national websites last year, this fast-growing area was identified as a priority for development.

“More broadly, this work is part of our wider Renewal and Reform programme, which seeks to ensure the Church of England is a growing Church for all people and in all places.”

Adrian Harris, Head of Digital at the Church of England, said: “Platforms such as Alexa give the Church the ability to connect people with God and to weave faith into daily lives, whether for daily prayers or exploring Christianity. We also see this as a fantastic opportunity to encourage people into their local church, which is why the link to A Church Near You is so important, particularly at key moments in the Christian year such as Easter and Christmas.

“We’re prioritising Alexa at this stage to reach as many people as quickly as possible, but plan to launch on Google and Apple devices in due course. The recent Church of England Digital Labs event highlighted the importance of voice as a major area of focus and the insights from this day were really useful.”

Thomas Allain Chapman, Publishing Manager at the Church of England, said: “The Alexa skill means prayers that Church House Publishing has previously made available in books, apps and e-books will now be available in audio to a new audience in many homes.”

This is phase one of the AI project, built jointly by the Church’s Digital and Church House Publishing teams, with future development planned to ensure users can find more answers to faith questions.

Users must activate the Church of England skill by saying “Alexa, open the Church of England”. A full list of commands is available on our dedicated Alexa page.

One million people go to a Church of England church and more than four million attend at Christmas. The integration with A Church Near You will mean even more users are able to find a local place to worship at key events.

This skill is one of the first significant faith-based skills available for smart speaker users in the UK.

## God is able to use us to meet others' needs

We are all familiar with the story of the Feeding of the 5000 (Matthew 14:13-21). It reminds us that *God is able* to use us in meeting the needs of others. As Jesus says to the disciples: '*you give them something to eat*' (16).

*We need to share  
God's compassion:*

Jesus responded to need, by showing '*compassion*' (lit: gut reaction, v14) on the crowds. This isn't simply feeling sorry for others, but being ready to act on

their behalf. It's being prepared to enter into their experience and see them as God sees them. You cannot demonstrate compassion at a distance!

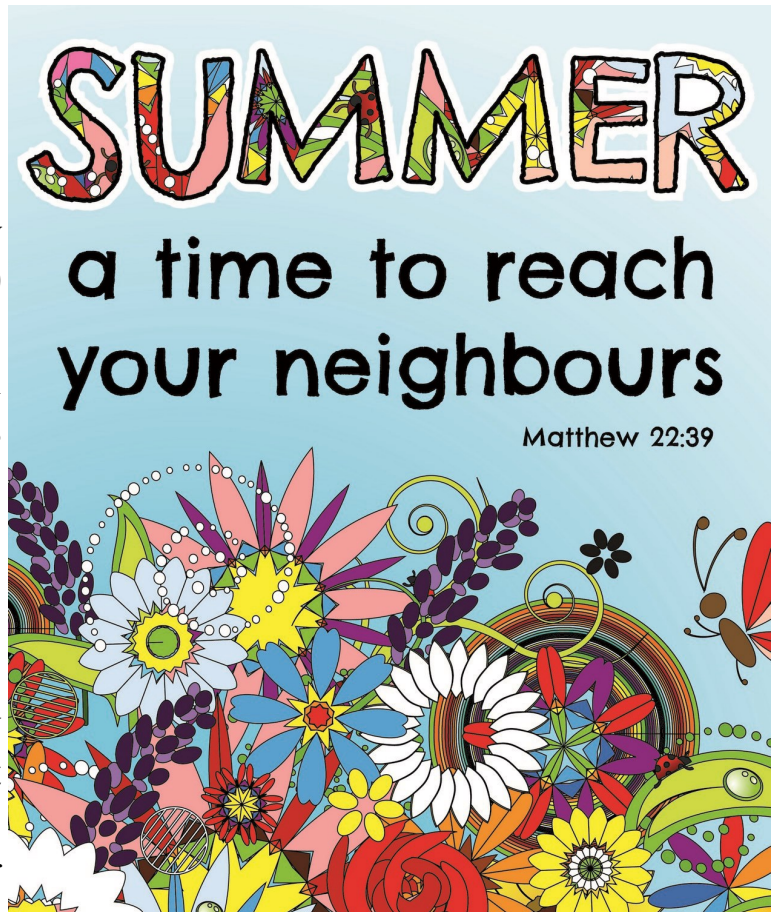
*We need to share God's heart:*

It is said that '*The buck stops here*'! God wants us to take responsibility for those in need. The disciples tried to pass the buck, telling Jesus to '*send the crowds away*' (15). Are we looking for God-given opportunities in church, work or our communities to demonstrate God's love to those who cross our path? It will be costly, involving our time, energy and money eg listening to a colleague, shopping for a neighbour or visiting a friend in hospital.

*We need to share what we have:*

This story reminds us of the challenges of meeting peoples' needs! The disciples only had five loaves and two fish to feed 5000+ people! It is not simply a matter of what we have, but what God can do with it. They offered what they had to Jesus and He multiplied it to feed the people, leaving 12 basketfuls of leftovers. Are we prepared to let God use what we have: our words, prayer and acts of love?

*'Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for that one person.'*



# 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

## **What happened when one person prayed for a baby...**

When did you start praying for the children of your friends? Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, thanks God that someone prayed for him before he was even born – in the hope that he would one day become a Christian.

The Archbishop told the story during a recent short film on the Thy Kingdom Come initiative. He said that after he had become a Christian, he had 'learned that there was a particular person who prayed for me every week – since I was conceived – that I might become a disciple of Christ.'

He concluded: 'I cannot tell you how grateful I am to them.'

The film can be seen at:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=4\\_AMDxsDkAc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_AMDxsDkAc)

**Please pray for children you know -  
in the congregation, neighbours etc.**

INTERACTIVE - MEMORABLE - FUN - ENGAGING

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...**

**It is just £14 per person for a life changing day.**

**Please bring a packed lunch**

[https://www.bible.org.uk/wtb\\_event\\_tickets.php](https://www.bible.org.uk/wtb_event_tickets.php)

**Everyone receives a full colour workbook and free re-admission for life**

**11 - 16 year olds can attend for free with a paying adult**

ENCOURAGING - INSPIRING - HELPFUL



## **Gardening for Wildlife Making a Community Garden**

Summer is here and work has begun to restore and improve the raised beds behind St Chad's Hall. Here we have the beginnings of a wildlife garden which could attract butterflies and bees, and become a resource for all ages to enjoy.

There are already flowers, tomatoes, onions and strawberries growing. If you would like to get involved in this project and see the garden grow then please contact me.

Margaret Fletcher—0151 648 1025

**From this ...**



**To this ...**

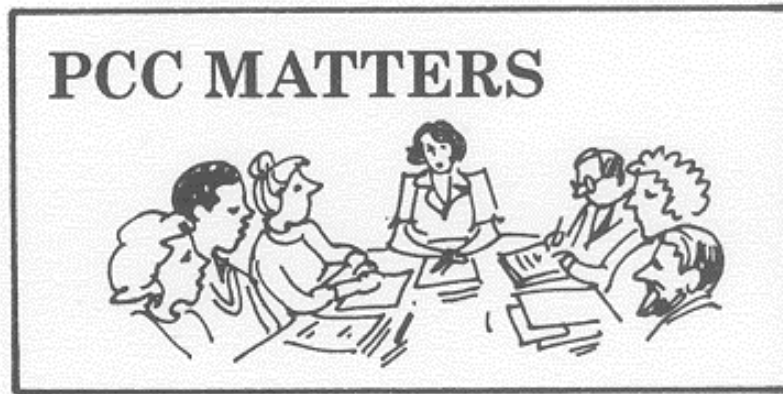


Thank you to those who gave their time and energy to spraying weed-killer and digging out weeds.

Thank you to those who donated money towards compost and flowers.

Thank you to Junior Church for planting the flowers.

Thank you to those who will get involved in this project going forward.



**Open PCC Meeting  
with Archdeacon Mike  
to look at Setting God's People Free  
7.30pm Monday 2nd July  
St Chads Extension  
EVERYONE Welcome**

Setting God's People Free is a national initiative by the Church of England to encourage whole-life discipleship, so that members of our congregations are better equipped to live out their Christian calling Monday to Saturday as well as Sunday. It is about helping people to live intentionally as Christians in the workplace, the home and the neighbourhood. Our parish has been chosen to take part in a Diocesan Pilot related to this initiative. The aim of the pilot will be to assess how well congregations feel they are currently equipped in this area, and how confident they feel about it, and to trial different approaches and resources with them. The learning from the pilot exercise will then feed into a major launch of Setting God's People free in the diocese early in 2019.

**Diocesan Strategy for Mission  
Important Discussion Meeting  
Thursday July 19th 7.30-9.00pm  
at St Michael's Pensby.**

In recent months there has been some debate in the diocese about how the diocese is best able to meet the missional challenge that we now face. Bishop Peter has written a discussion paper and would like to know what members of local churches think on the issues he raises (including Review of Deaneries, Diocesan Organisation, Ministry among younger people, Buildings and Human Resources). This is going to be done through deaneries. Our deanery meeting will be an open to anyone in the deanery who would like to express a view or be part of the discussion. The Bishops paper can be found on the Diocesan website at <http://www.chester.anglican.org/content/pages/documents/1527756028.pdf>

## The Church of England is facing a serious shortage – of church organists



Be very, very nice to your church organist, and don't upset them, because they are becoming somewhat of an endangered species in the Church of England.

In fact, so many churches now have organs, but no organists, that nearly one in three churches have introduced recorded organ music for their congregations to sing along to.

A recent survey found something very ominous: that less than four per cent of churches have organists aged 30 years old or under. Almost half of all churches who do have organists report that they are older than 70.

But recorded organ music is hardly ideal – it tends not to leave enough time between lines, and so rushes the singing along. Also, there is a weaker sense of togetherness and community, if you are singing along to a machine, rather than a person well known to you.

**Please take time to let Craig know how much you appreciate him!**

The survey was done by the diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich's music development

## Why so much stress in our schools?



School closes this month. And maybe that's not a moment too soon for many children and their teachers, who are suffering increasing levels of stress and anxiety in school.

For children as young as four are showing signs of mental health problems, with increasing anxiety, panic attacks and depression being presented.

In a poll carried out by the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT) teachers reported rising levels of anxiety, panic, depression, self-harming, eating disorders and signs of obsessive compulsive behaviour among the children. Sexual harassment is also known to be going on in many schools, with children sharing messages, photos and videos of a sexual nature.

Chris Keates, general secretary of NASUWT, said 'Teachers have never before had to deal with such a complex range of pupil welfare issues as they do today. The pressure on teachers and head teachers is enormous. It is putting at risk their own mental and physical health and well-being.'

**Please pray for all teachers.**

**Please take time to show a teacher that they are valued.**

A TEACHER  
OPENS MINDS  
AND TOUCHES  
HEARTS ♥



# Voice Mail

Be grateful God doesn't have voice mail. Imagine praying and hearing the following :

Thank you for calling Heaven. Please select one of the following options:

- Press 1 for Requests
- Press 2 for Thanksgiving
- Press 3 for Complaints
- Press 4 for all other enquiries



I am sorry, all our angels and saints are busy helping other sinners right now. However , your prayer is important to us and we will answer it in the order it was received. Please stay on the line .

If you would like to speak to:

- |   |         |
|---|---------|
| God   | press 1 |
| for Jesus   | press 2 |
| for the Holy Spirit   | press 3 |
| to hear King David sing a psalm while you are holding   | press 4 |
| to find a loved one who has been assigned to Heaven   | press 5 |
| then enter their Social Security number followed by the pound sign (if you get a negative response, please hang up and try area code 666) |         |

For reservations in Heaven, please enter J-O-H-N-3-1-6

For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth, life on other planets and where Noah's Ark is, please wait until you arrive.

Our computers show that you have already prayed once today, please hang up and try again tomorrow.

The office is now closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday. Please pray again on Monday after 9.30am. If you are calling after hours and need emergency assistance, please contact your local Pastor.



# 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](mailto:mp_james@btinternet.com)  
for further details.

**2018 Dates for your diary:** 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:**

**Wednesday 18th July—Meal out (TBC)**

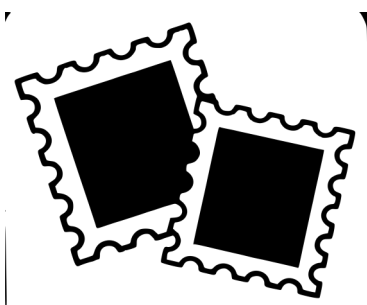
**Future Dates  
TBC**

**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  
an 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 Reminis-  
cence work also.

Leaflets are available at both  
churches.

## **Community Choir**



**Meets every Tuesday  
8.00 - 9.30pm  
at St Chad's, Roslin Rd, Irby.**

Come along to this relaxed, fun evening singing a great  
variety of songs £5 per session

**Call +44 (0)7786 100258 Email :[voxshops@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:voxshops@yahoo.co.uk)**

## **‘He gave us eyes to see them’**

### **Ludolph Bakhuizen’s ‘Christ in the storm on the sea of Galilee’**

When we enter a church and sit in a pew, we can look up and see the roof of the nave: a reminder that the church is a ship sailing through the ocean of life. Boats and ships abound in scripture from Noah’s ark and the psalmist singing of seafarers to the New Testament with Jesus calling fishermen from their boats and Paul shipwrecked off the coast of Malta. The ship, like the anchor, is a powerful nautical symbol of the Christian journey.

We all know how the sea can be calm and serene one moment, but stormy and tempestuous the next. This month’s painting captures the terror of that primal element: ‘Christ in the storm on the sea of Galilee’ by Ludolph Bakhuizen. He was a leading Dutch painter of maritime subjects in the 17<sup>th</sup> century with powerful studies of the drama of sea battles and whaling scenes.

Here in this painting of 1695 a boat carrying the anxious disciples is trying to make its way through an angry sea. The waves are high, rain and dark clouds threaten overhead,

and the wind is tearing the rigging. Storms like that quickly sprang up on the sea of Galilee. But Jesus is there among the disciples, ready to allay their fear and ready to tame the elements around. We can see the rays of sunlight on the left of the canvas that will soon break through to bring peace again beneath a blue sky.



And we on land sitting in that pew can think of those times when life is stormy and the way ahead unsure. We can take heart from the assurance that Jesus is our captain on the voyage, the sails of our ship are hoisted on the mast of His cross, and the destination is certain. Just as Jesus protected His followers then, we pray that He will be with us on our journeys through calm waters and storms, so that we can raise ‘glad hymns of praise from land and sea.’

## Holidays and Holy-days

Written by Canon David Winter

‘Going to go somewhere nice for your holidays?’ is the standard hairdresser’s opening gambit at this time of year. ‘Yes’, I reply, ‘I’m staying here’. They laugh politely, but clearly that’s not their idea of a holiday.

In an average life holidays go through stages. Do you remember your late teens, and the thrill of independence - hitch-hiking with a friend across Germany, or scuba diving, or climbing mountains or camping (in the rain)? Then it’s couples, and memorable meals in little cafes in Italy or France. Next, perhaps, it’s children – warm sunshine, beaches, Spain or Cornwall. Then it’s retirement, and apart from grand-parent duties it’s cruises (‘cheaper than staying at home!’ they tell me, but I don’t believe it).

The final stage is where I am now, the holiday season as a time when the fever of life cools, when there’s room on the buses and trains, and blissful idleness punctuated by the occasional theatre outing or visit to Lord’s to snooze and watch county cricket.

Each phase has its appeal, and each can fulfil the fundamental principle of a holiday, which is hidden in the very word. It is, of course, a holy-day, because God commanded us to rest as well as work, and space and time to think, reflect and pray are precious holiday gifts.

At the different stages of life our holiday needs are different. What it should offer is a change from the normal, a new environment (even if it’s only the local park) and new experiences to treasure during the months of winter. God invented the Sabbath because we needed it. Enjoy your holy-days, wherever or whatever they are.



*...I don't care what your Sat-Nav's telling you - I'm telling you you are definitely **not** on the M6, nine miles south of Derby!!*



# THE BESOM

sweep away suffering

## In Wirral

### **The Besom in Wirral**

The Besom in Wirral was started in 2010. We operate across the Wirral and have connections with numerous churches around the Peninsula. We have a warehouse in Birkenhead and a storage space in Heswall.

Using our contacts with social services and charities, we provide a bridge between those who want to give and those who are in need. To date, we have arranged for church groups to clear and decorate the homes of single mums who would be unable to do such a project on their own, passed on good quality furniture to those who need it and provided opportunities for a specific group to do garden clearance and DIY projects on a regular basis.

We are always looking to hear from people who would like to get more involved and give their time to help those in need.

### **HOW TO GET INVOLVED**

#### *Give time as an individual*

There are many ways you can give your time or skills individually (such as befriending, teaching a recipient how to cook or clean, read and write etc), just let us know what you would like to do and we will try to find something suitable. Alternatively you could help on our regular van trips, collecting and delivering good quality items of furniture and household goods. Again, let us know when you are able to go out on the van and we will organise something for you.

#### *Give time as a group*

Groups can get involved by giving time and skills to painting, decorating, cleaning and gardening projects. They are a great way to serve others, offer help and get to know people better. We always have a range of potential projects and would love to hear from you if you would like to be involved.

#### *Give things*

If you have top quality furniture and/or household items, then feel free to give us a call and we will prayerfully try to find a suitable recipient. You would be amazed how often God surprises us by matching gifts to someone in need in a short time.

#### *Gift packs*

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## ACROSS

1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)

3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)

8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)

9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)

11 Resentment (Ephesians 4:31) (10)

14 In Cain(anag.)(6)

15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—' (Psalm 139:6) (6)

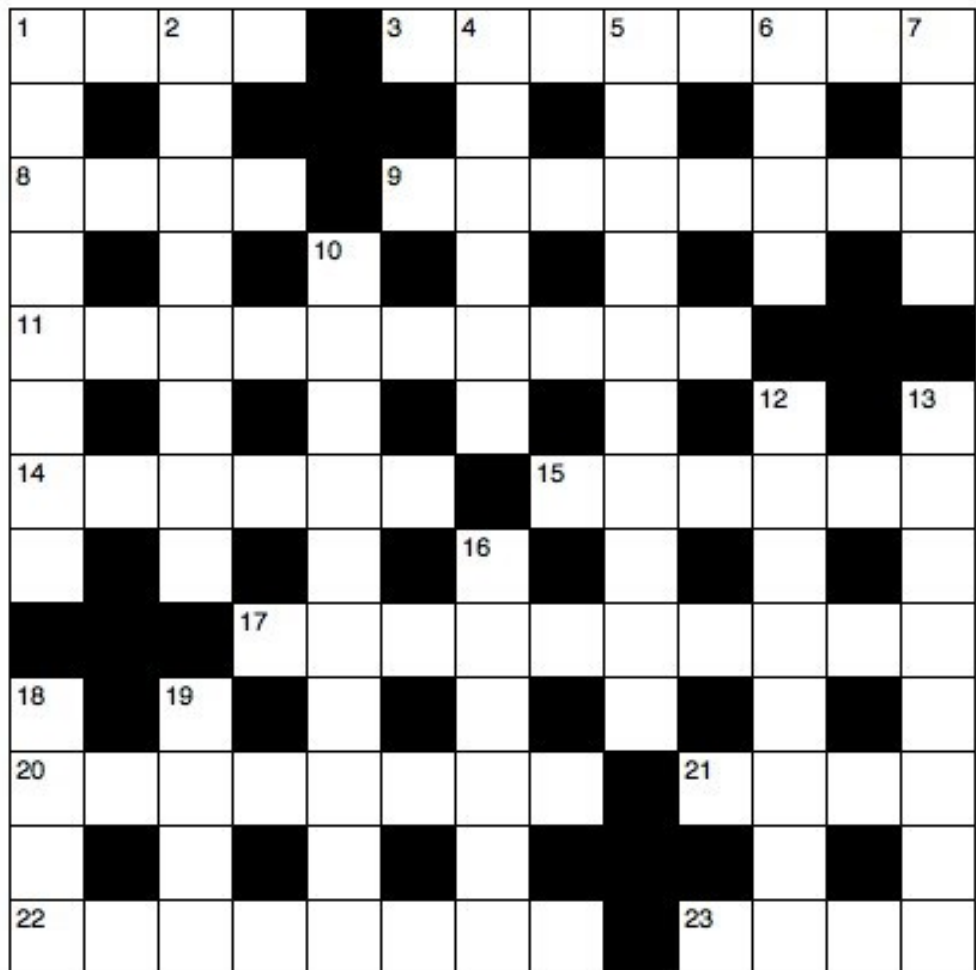
17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)

20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)

21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)

22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)

23 'As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)



## DOWN

1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)

2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)

4 'We three kings of — are' (6)

5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)

6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)

7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)

10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22)(10)

12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)

13 Forebear(James2:21)(8)

16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)

18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)

19 Rear(anag.)(4)

Answers on page 30

It is easy to understand the popularity of Mary Magdalene over the centuries: she is the patron saint of repentant sinners, and so represents all of us. We honour her on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July.

Jesus drove seven demons from Mary, who came from near Tiberius in Galilee. Mary is thought to have been the woman who anointed Christ's feet in the house of Simon (Luke 7:37). She certainly followed Jesus to the bitter end – from Galilee to Jerusalem. Mary was present during the crucifixion, standing heart-broken at the foot of the cross. Her love for Jesus did not end there, for she went to the tomb to anoint his body on the Sunday morning.

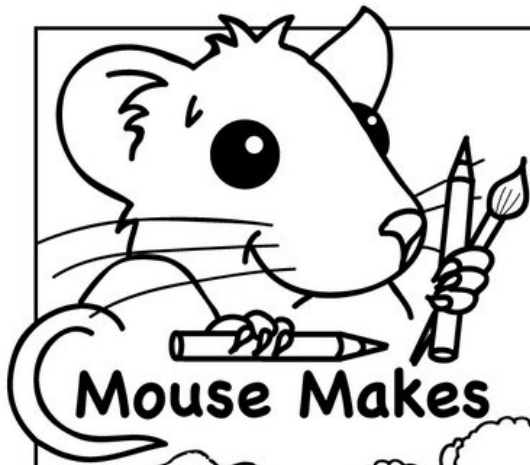
Such faithful, humble devotion was richly repaid: she was the first person to whom the Risen Lord appeared on Easter Sunday morning. She thought He was the gardener at first.

Mary Magdalene's feast has been kept in the West since the 8th century. England has 187 ancient churches dedicated to her, as well as a College in both Oxford and Cambridge.

Mary  
Magdalene  
Patron  
Saint  
Repentant  
Sinners  
Seven  
Demons  
Galilee  
Tiberius  
Anointed  
Feet  
Simon  
Crucifixion  
Jerusalem  
Tomb  
Anoint  
Body  
Easter  
Appeared  
Gardener  
Feast

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## LOST AND FOUND

Jesus told three stories to help us to understand God's love and forgiveness.



The first is about a missing sheep that the shepherd did not give up looking for.

The second is about a lost coin that the owner kept searching for until it was found.

The third is about a young man who returned home after he realised he had made a mistake by wanting to go his own way.

*Read the 'Lost and Found' parables in **Luke 15***

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U	V	T	J	E	S	U	S	E	N	S	E	N
R	E	F	O	U	N	D	F	R	O	H	P	G
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E	A	T	C	H	U	N	G	R	Y	M	A	N
Y	L	C	E	L	E	B	R	A	T	E	C	P
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N	S	I	N	N	E	R						

Can you find the lost COIN, the lost SHEEP and the lost SON in the word search? Can you find these other words from the Lost and Found parables too?

HEAR • JESUS • HUNDRED • LOST • LOOK • FOUND  
REJOICE • SINNER • REPENT • TEN • ONE • LAMP • SWEEP • SEARCH  
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### Sunday Services

#### St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Morning Worship

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion  
3.00pm Baptism

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15 am Holy Communion

**5th August**  
Trinity 10

**12th August**  
Trinity 11

**19th August**  
Trinity 12

**26th August**  
Trinity 13

**2nd September**  
Trinity 14

#### St Chad's

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30 am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Worship

### Weekday Services

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



**Crossword Answers**

**ACROSS:** 1, Wife. 3, To battle. 8, Obal. 9, Disciple. 11, Bitterness. 14, Niacin. 15, Attain. 17, Passionate. 20, Tertiary. 21, Meet. 22, Weakness. 23, Deer.

**DOWN:** 1, Woodbine. 2, Feast day. 4, Orient. 5, Accusation. 6, Type. 7, Eyes. 10, Dedication. 12, Gadarene. 13, Ancestor. 16, Esdras. 18, Stew. 19, Area.

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### Sunday Services

#### St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**1st July**  
Trinity 5

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Morning Worship

**8th July**  
Trinity 6

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**15th July**  
Trinity 7

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15 am Holy Communion

**22nd July**  
Trinity 8

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Baptism

**29th July**  
Trinity 9

#### St Chad's

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30 am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Service  
Junior Church BookGiving

9.30am Family Holy Communion

9.30am Baptism

### Weekday Services

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ALL WELCOME

**See page 30 for August Services**

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