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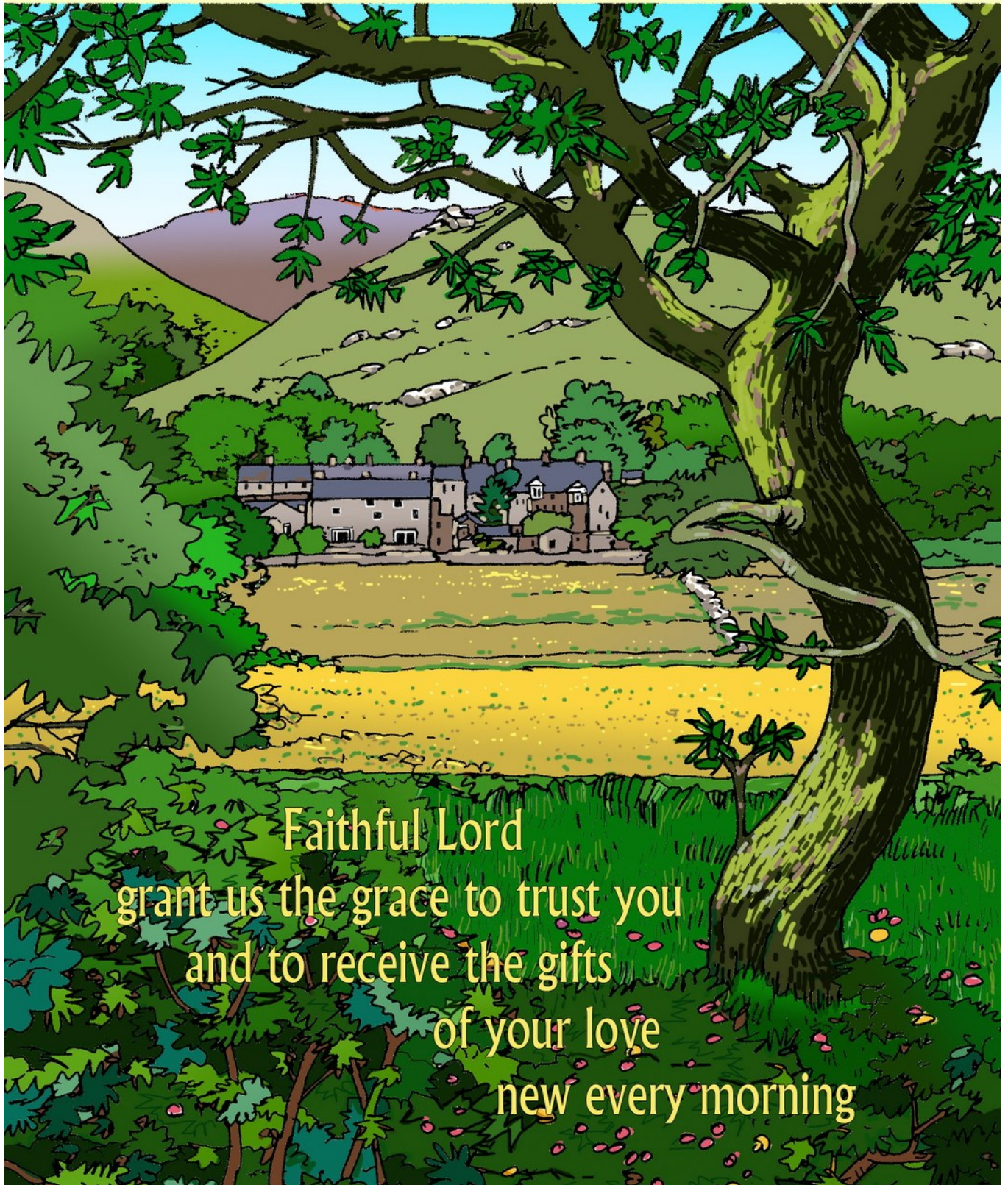
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grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts
of your love
new every morning

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Diary Dates

<p>8th September Men's Breakfast 8.45 -9,45 am Aroma Cafe</p> <p>9th September Education Sunday - p11</p> <p>19th September EMU "Besom Furniture Project" 8pm St Chad's</p> <p>20th September Start of "Being Disciples"</p> <p>5th October Harvest Supper - p 11</p>	<p>6th October Wirral Men's Breakfast 8am Thornton Hall Hotel</p> <p>27th October OT Live - p12</p> <p>10th November Afternoon Tea to Remember - p10</p> <p>1st December Christmas Fair</p>
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From the Registers

Weddings
*We ask for Gods Blessing
upon the marriage of
28th July
Oliver Harris and
Lauren Woosey*

Baptisms
*We welcome into the Lord's
family
15th July
Will Thomas David Hardy
29th July
Phoebe Elizabeth Morse
Noah Finn Bryson
26th August
Robert Norman Walton
Olivia Armstrong*

Funerals
*We commend to God's
eternal care
27th July
Mabel Gardiner
17th August
Colin Shatwell
24th August
Janet Jones*

Dear Friends,

**Start with what you have,
and don't worry about what you don't have**

When Jesus fed the 5,000, He did not produce the food from thin air. Instead, He asked the disciples how many loaves of bread they *already had* (Mark 6:38).

When they produced the five loaves and two fish, it seemed laughable. Everyone knew that wasn't enough. No one thought that what they had was, in the hands of God, more than sufficient.

Moses had the same problem. He was told to go to Pharaoh and ask him to release the Israelites out of Egypt. He asked a very natural question, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me?" God asked him, "What is that in your hand?" It was his staff which, to his utter amazement, became a snake in front of him. That staff in the hand of Moses became the staff of God. It parted the Red Sea, it made the waters close over again, when it was used to strike a rock out came water and when in time Aaron took it, it sprouted, budded, blossomed and produced almonds. In the hands of God, more than sufficient.

A desperate widow appealed to Elisha the prophet. Her two children were about to be taken as slaves to make good a debt. 'What do you have?' asked Elisha. 'Nothing, but a flask of oil,' she replied. 'Go and borrow jars and containers from all your neighbours, as many as you can,' he ordered, 'then fill them from your flask.' She went inside her house with her two sons and filled every jar. 'Then the oil stopped flowing' (2 Kings 4:6). 'Sell the oil, pay off your creditor, and live on the remainder,' said Elisha. In the hands of God, a flask of oil was more than sufficient.

What do *you have now*? A couple of spare hours a week? Some clothes that you no longer need? A willingness to visit someone who is lonely? An opportunity to help a neighbour or colleague? A talent for DIY? For sewing? For sharing your faith? What actually do you have? In the Bible, people who used what they had in the service of God found that, however seemingly insignificant, it was more than sufficient with God's blessing on it.

What is the key that opens the divine grace? Obedience. It was *obedience* in using what they already had that engendered the miracle. May it be so for you also.



Revd Jane Turner

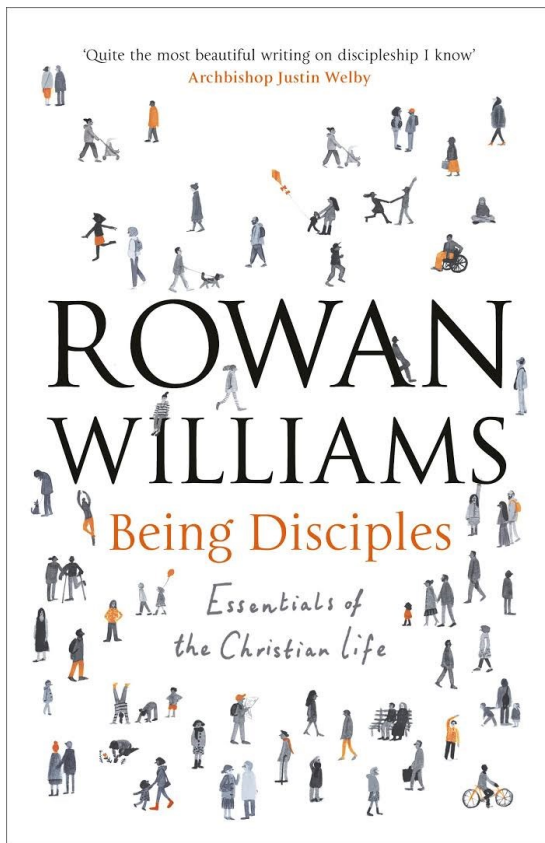
Leprosy Mission Boxes.

It is time once more to collect the Leprosy Mission Boxes. I would be most grateful to all members of both congregations, if you could return your boxes to either church, from where they will be collected and returned.

I'm also happy to receive a donation for the Leprosy Mission at any time in the year.

Your gift will be used to help those still suffering from Leprosy, bringing healing, hope and dignity to their lives. There is still much to be achieved.

Thankyou, in anticipation, of your continued help to the Mission. If you require any further information, please contact me, Pat Hulme on 538 1953.



BEING DISCIPLES
BY ROWAN WILLIAMS
ISBN 9780281076628

THURSDAYS 8.00-9.00PM
ST CHAD'S EXTENSION

20TH SEPT - CHAPTER 1
27TH SEPT - CHAPTER 2
4TH OCT - CHAPTER 3
11TH OCT - CHAPTER 4
18TH OCT - CHAPTER 5
25TH OCT - CHAPTER 6

EVERYONE WELCOME

**Ideally you will need to buy the book and
read each chapter in advance of our meetings**

Leaving behind any pretence of exclusive or dry language that may inhibit other writers, *Being Disciples* is made to be read by believers of all ages. It is for those who have a desire to know what growing deeper in their faith looks like.

Being Disciples isn't just a book to read on a journey.

It's a book for the journey.

Discipleship, however, was never about travelling alone, and so Rowan Williams' new book is also best when used in a group, or with a friend.

Every chapter in *Being Disciples* ends with questions for reflecting on and discussing. In addition to these questions please come prepared to share your responses to the following questions:-

What excited, inspired, or encouraged you about the chapter?

What challenged, jolted, confused you about the chapter?

What did you learn from this about the essence of God or the nature of Jesus?

What will you do with what you learned in the next seven days?

Its accessibility opens discipleship to all walks of people, whilst its acute and poignant theological insights means that even those long-travelled in faith will be led to new thoughts and discoveries.

Invigorating in its approaches and intuitions, Rowan Williams' latest book will help you foster a greater spiritual life both in the inside spaces and outside places.

It's the essentials of faith from one of the greatest theologians of our age.

A wonderful gift received with heartfelt thanks...

Following our sad loss earlier in the year of a long standing member of our congregation who was much loved and will be greatly missed, Revd Jane and the PCC were informed that a legacy had been left to our parish.

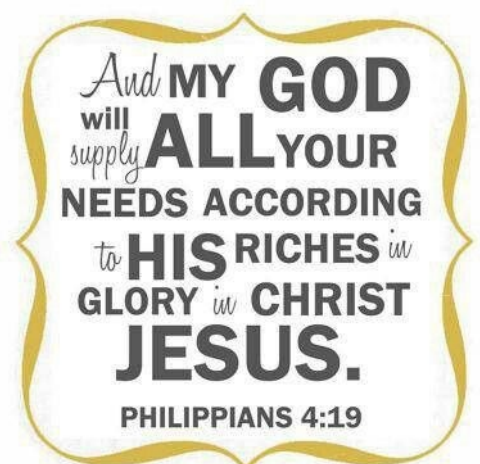
Knowing the donor well has led to us being able to use this donation for a purpose that they would have supported - the much needed restoration of St Chad's.

This lovely surprise has lifted our heavy hearts, as we can be happy seeing what was dear to them restored and made beautiful again.

This generous gift means we can now complete several jobs which have long needed doing, which before we could simply not afford:-

- Replacement of fire-doors (main double doors and the one by the organ) which was done on 18th August.
- Upgrade of extension heating which was done 20-22 Aug.
- "Making good"/replacing the woodwork in porches and windows which will be done in January (when the carpenter is available)
- New Curtains for main hall which we hope to have hung by the time you read this.
- Repair blinds in the extension which we hope to have done by the time you read this.

If you think leaving a legacy is something you would like to do, please see the following pages for more information.



A LEGACY



A Lasting Gift to St Bartholomew's and St Chad's

When we make our will, in addition to making provision for our beneficiaries, we have the opportunity to leave what is known as a legacy (ie. a gift from your estate) to an individual charity such as ourselves here at St Bartholomew's and St Chad's. The Church of England are setting out to try to encourage churches like ours to highlight this issue in a bid to increase the income that individual parishes receive from their congregations.

The latest available figures show that the top five UK charities receive an average of 55% of their total income from legacies. In comparison, there is a large difference between them and the total of the individual parishes of the Church of England who together receive less than 10%.

Here at St Bartholomew's and St Chad's, the majority of our regular income goes towards our Parish Share (paying for clergy and Diocesan Support for our ministry), to our staff, to expenditure on utility bills (heat, light, general and water rates) plus insurances, repairs and maintenance.

A gift from your estate is different. At St Bartholomew's and St Chad's you can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to our future mission and ministry. You will notice that promise in our own legacy policy, which you can find printed overleaf and which was approved by the PCC in July 2015.

If you would like to discuss the issue of leaving a legacy, then please don't hesitate to contact one of our Church Wardens. You do not of course specifically need to speak to anyone before putting a legacy in your will - we are neither checking up on you nor budgeting for it!

So, we would love you to consider leaving a gift to St Bartholomew's and St Chad's through your will as it will help secure the future of God's ministry here in Thurstaston and Irby. Please do think about it, pray about it, talk about it, find out more about it - and then please act on it!

St. Bartholomew's and St Chad's Legacy Policy

At St Bartholomew's and St Chad's, we welcome all gifts in Wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish. Our PCC legacy policy is to use gifts to help fund significant development projects, whether buildings, equipment or ministry.

Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your Will for the general purposes of the parish rather than for a restricted purpose. We will discuss possible uses of your gift with your family/executors when the time comes, bearing in mind your known areas of interest in the church (e.g. music, buildings, children and youth, overseas mission or aid) and the church's priorities at the time.

You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to our future mission and ministry.

We will acknowledge gifts in a way that the donor and/or his/her family/executors feel is appropriate. Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous if the donor prefers.

If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about the sorts of purposes your gift might fund, and how (if) you would like your gift to be acknowledged, please contact one of our Church Wardens or our Vicar.

If you would like to make a gift to our church in memoriam, please come and discuss this with us too. It can be a wonderful and appropriate way to remember a loved one.

Thank You.

St Bartholomew's and St Chad's Church Office,
Roslin Rd, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UB.
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Registered Charity No: 1132086

Advanced Dates for your diary

Saturday 10th November - 2-4pm Afternoon Tea to Remember

We will be displaying children's work relation to the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1. Our silhouette soldier from the "there but not there" resources will be present. And there will be tea and cakes!



Saturday 1st December Christmas Fair

Setting God's
People Free
for... **Monday
to Saturday**



Survey Reminder

We would be very grateful if you could take the time to fill in and return this questionnaire to church or to the parish office by Sunday 9th September.

If you haven't had a copy of the survey and would like one, please contact the parish office.

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 work-place, 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.

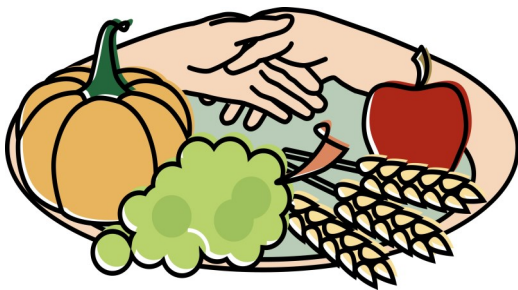
Harvest Supper at St Chad's Church

Friday 5th October 2018

6.00pm Arrive
 6.30pm Food Served
 7.45pm English Folk Dancing
 9.30pm Departure

Ticket Price
£11.00

£6.00 Age 4-11
Free - Under 4



Food will be provided by "Green Catering"
 Main: Scouse
 Pudding: Apple Crumble and Custard
Special Diets to be notified in advance
Please bring your own Drinks & Glasses

During the first part of the evening there will be a table Quiz to raise money for Christian Aid and a Raffle for Church funds



Tickets are available to purchase at Sunday services, or via the parish office. Tickets **MUST** be purchased by Sun. 30th Sept. so that numbers can be passed to the catering company.

EDUCATION SUNDAY



2018: Faith and Works

The main service which will focus on Education Sunday in the parish will be the 9.30am service at St Chad's on 9th September. EVERYONE WELCOME.

We will be collecting resources for children in poorer parts of the world as part of this service. If you would like to make a donation of lined exercise books, pens, pencils etc, please bring them with you

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

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SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER

STEVE BRADY

Steve was born in Liverpool where he was converted in his teens through a mixture of Bible reading and Everton Football Club! He was married to Brenda, his wife of over 40 years, who passed away in 2017, and has two children and four grandchildren.

He serves as Principal of Moorlands College, which trains people for Christian service in the UK and overseas, speaks at conferences and conventions throughout the UK and internationally, and is the author of a number of popular level books.

A keen sportsman, he hates gardening and still has an irrational attachment to Everton FC!

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Sat. 27th Oct. 2018, 10.00am - 4.30pm
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https://www.bible.org.uk/wtb_event_tickets.php

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Helplink are a small Wirral charity who support people who are finding life a little difficult. We offer transport, shopping and friendship services via our network of wonderful volunteers.

Our volunteers drive clients to appointments, lunch clubs, take them shopping.....or wherever they need to go. The support and friendship we provide is very sadly a life line for many.

At the moment we have just over 900 clients and 70 volunteers, but unfortunately we have a waiting list of clients we simply can't get to. We are in great need of more volunteers - primarily volunteer drivers, but we also need volunteer shoppers.

Our volunteers find it incredibly rewarding; **"Without us I honestly don't know how my clients would get food, and I am the only person who comes into the house for a chat each week. My clients are always so grateful. They all tell me they don't know what they would do without me- which makes me so sad on one hand, but so very glad I can help on the other"**.

If you could spare half a day a week or more to help make a real difference please call us on 0151 648 3322 or email suedavis@helplink.org.uk.

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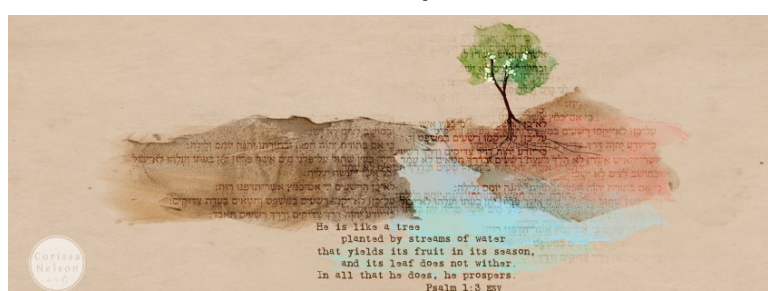
Psalm 1

This month we begin a new series on the Psalms. Athanasius said: 'Most Scripture speaks to us; the Psalms speak for us.' They are powerful tools for devotion and prayer in our lives. We start by looking at Psalm 1, which sets the scene for the whole book. The psalm tells us how we can be blessed by God, as it contrasts the life of the righteous and wicked. How can we find true happiness in our discipleship?

Delight in God's Word: 'whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on His law day and night.' (v2). Righteous people delight in God's Word: 'the most precious thing this world affords' (Coronation Service). They are preoccupied with the Word and don't miss any opportunity to meditate upon it. They recognise that by reading and studying the Word, God will speak into their lives and direct the way they live. Have we found this to be true ourselves?

Delight in God's Way: 'that person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers.' (v3). How secure is our faith in difficult times? A tree can only survive storms with a good root system, which will also provide necessary water and nutrients for the tree to grow and flourish. Just like the tree, if we want a secure and fruitful Christian life, we must give space to our hidden life. This means giving time to reading God's word and praying, as we listen for his direction for our lives. Does what people see on the outside, reflect our inner life?

Dr Who's Tardis is bigger on the inside than the outside. To what extent is this true of our spiritual life?



Can we play, Knock on the door?

When you asked me what I did in school today and I say, I just played. Please don't misunderstand me. For you see, I am learning as I play. I am learning to enjoy and be successful in my work. Today I am a child and my work is play. (Anita Wadley)

I spend a great deal of my time these days playing “*Knock on the door*” with my granddaughter, Daisy. This is a game she invented in which I play a stranger knocking on the door of a house I have come across on my travels. I never know what I will encounter! Sometimes the door is answered, sometimes there is no answer and as I, gingerly, make my way through the open door, I never know what I will encounter! It could be a sleeping princess, a baby abandoned by its mother, a child who has lost her voice or someone speaking a totally foreign language. The possibilities are endless and I don't always get my responses right – much to Daisy's frustration! The theme extends to bedtime when at least one, “*Knock on the door*” story has to be included among the bedtime story telling by whoever is putting her to bed.

Play is an essential and critical part of all children's development. Play is how children learn to socialise, to think, to solve problems, to mature and, most importantly, to have fun. Play connects children with their imagination, their parents and family and the world. But it is not only children who benefit from play. It is beneficial for parents and family members too! Playing with children establishes and strengthens bonds that will last forever. Parent-child play opens doors for the sharing of values, increases communication, allows for teachable moments and assists in problem solving.

Children are innately programmed to play and will do so in the most unpromising of circumstances. Look carefully at the television images of people living in the dire surroundings of crowded refugee camps and you will often see children playing in the background, making the most of whatever is to hand as playthings.



Although we are a long way from the Victorian ethic that, *children should be seen and not heard*, there are, possibly, some contemporary hindrances to a playful childhood. One might be an overuse of technology which can hinder physical activity and the use of imagination. A contemporary educational system which sees assessment as the most important aspect of a child's education and fails to fully value creative and physical subjects may also fail to value the importance of play.

On the positive side, these days there are many opportunities for preschool children and parents to play together through a range of activities available in local church halls (including ours), community facilities and coffee bars - groups such as:- Tumble Tots, Baby Sensory, Melody Makers, Moo Music, Laughter Tots, Bats and Balls and Dancing Tots.

Our church also runs the *Tots and Tinies*' Play Group which meets during term time on a Thursday morning at St Chad's. It is led solely by Allyson on her one day off a week from work. The *Tots and Tinies* are pre school children, who are accompanied by their parents, and have access to a range of large and small toys, art and craft activities, and singing and mime activities. The children have a snack half way through the morning and their parents have unlimited access to tea, coffee and biscuits. As a congregation, I feel we could do much more to help Allyson. So far, requests for help via the weekly notice sheets have gone unanswered. However, if you feel you could help in any way with this valuable church activity, please do not hesitate to contact Reverend Jane. Assistance could include half an hour setting out snacks, occasional help with shopping for the snacks, helping set up or clearing away the toy equipment, leading an art or craft activity or just being on hand for a short time to help with any need that arises. Please give it some consideration.

Postscript

Daisy starts school this September which I assumed would mark the end of my, sometimes, stressful "*Knock on the door*" role. However, I was recently looking after two year old Percy on my own when he approached me with those same, fateful words, Can we play "*Knock on the door*", Granddad?

Alan Jones

You don't know what you missed...

(Parish Walk - Sat 18th August)

I arrived at St Chad's on a warm but dull day, just right for walking. "But wait, where is everyone?" There were only three of us, Revd Jane with Lily, Laurie and me! No matter, Laurie and I set off towards Woodlands Road, and then across the fields, while Jane waited a little longer to see if anyone else turned up. She joined us with Lily at the end of the fields so that Lily wouldn't upset the cows or vice versa.

We continued through Harrock Wood until we reached Thingwall Road. Here we paused to pray for the sick and those in hospital. Then down Limbo Lane, which I don't remember ever walking before, despite living in Thingwall for 31 years! We continued on our route until we arrived at Royden Park, where we stopped for a drink and to remove layers. We were entertained on the way, by Laurie, who is a fount of all knowledge and has many tales to tell. Lily kept the pace up for us.

When we reached Dawpool School we again paused, to pray for education. Then down Station Road, the only boring bit, until we arrived at the Country Park. Here we had our picnic lunch, even though only 11.15am, but we were ready for it. However, oh dear, Jane had picked up the wrong picnic box from her fridge and had a lump of cheese instead of sandwiches. Laurie and I offered her ours, but I think she was quite happy with the cheese, as all cheese lovers will appreciate. (It could have been worse, raw Bacon, perhaps!) We sat on our bench quite happy enjoying the scenery and our very own private viewing of the paragliding. I cannot understand why anyone would want to do this, but Laurie seemed up for it and perhaps even Jane.

I then decided to go and have a look in the bird hide, as I love to watch the birds feeding. I learnt that the sparrows I see in my front hedge are actually called 'Dunnocks', which I am sure most of you know, but I didn't. I also saw a Bullfinch, which are apparently rare to see.

It was then time to continue to St Bart's, via the Wirral way and the dungeons. We arrived early, so rested until 2.00pm, whilst listening to relaxing music. Jane then took a short service, with Lily being very well behaved.

We concluded our walk by returning to St Chad's along the footpath to Irby and Dawlish Road, which again I don't ever remember walking along before.

We all three (and Lily) had a really enjoyable time and the sun even came out in the afternoon.

Chris Rostock



We are like the Thai boys trapped in the cave

The dramatic rescue of the boys trapped deep inside a cave in Thailand has been an inspiration around the world. That all of them could be brought out alive seemed almost beyond belief, yet because of the bravery, skill and ingenuity of their rescuers it happened. One news reporter spoke about their 'salvation', and it certainly is a remarkable illustration of the salvation that Jesus offers us.

The boys were trapped deep underground in the darkness of a flooded cave for nine days, with no way of escape and no hope of saving themselves. They were lost and cut off from the outside world, separated from their families and friends. What a picture of the condition we find ourselves in when we are separated from God because of our sin.

Help for the boys came in the form of experienced divers and skilled cave rescue teams, not just from within Thailand, but from all around the world. These brave people left what they were doing to save the boys, exposing themselves to danger and harm, and risking their lives to rescue the boys. Indeed, one Thai navy diver lost his life in the process. They entered the dark world of the cave system to search for the boys and bring them back home. It reminds us that Christ left the glory of heaven and entered the darkness of our world in order to rescue us from our spiritual plight. He took on human form and became one of us so that He might save us – and of course, it cost Him His life.

What was most striking was that, having found the boys, the rescuers then had to carefully escort each one through the floodwaters of the cave system. One diver went in front, and another came behind, while the boys had to trust completely in their rescuers during the arduous exit from the caves. Only in this way could they be saved. It reminds us again of the way in which Jesus, in bringing many sons to glory (to use a phrase from Hebrews 2:10) gently and carefully leads each one of us from the dark place of life without God into the light of His presence. He asks us to trust Him as He leads the way, and to believe that He is able to save us completely, and for all time.

The book of Hebrews uses an unusual title for Jesus. It calls Him the 'pioneer' of our salvation (2:10). The word 'pioneer' suggests one who goes before us, making a way possible where there was no way before. It suggests an adventurer, one is brave and bold and willing to risk everything to save others. In a very real sense the people who rescued the boys were pioneers, because such a rescue had never been attempted before. It was daring, dramatic and heroic. So too was the rescue mission of Jesus that brought Him into our world and took Him to the darkness of the cross at Calvary. It is what pioneers do; lay down their lives for others. It's what Jesus did for each one of us.

Back to School – and daily life

'Most Christians don't really believe that the ordinary things they do every day have anything much to do with God's purposes in time and eternity. But the reality is that God can and does work through His people... among the people they naturally meet, doing the things they normally do.' (Mark Greene).



September is the time when we get back to our normal routines after the summer break. It's a good opportunity to ask how God wants us to make a difference in our workplace, school, family or with friends. Paul writes:

'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.' (Colossians 3:17).

As disciples, we are called to do the ordinary things in the name of Jesus, i.e. *act in the way Jesus would in our situation*

'WHATEVER you do': God is at work in every aspect of our lives. He can use whatever we do to make a difference to those around. Do we believe this? Our lives shouldn't be like an orange, segmented into the sacred and secular, but more like an apple, in which the whole is available to God.

'Whatever YOU do': God wants to use us to make a difference to the people and places where we spend time. We can trust Him for the resources we need hour by hour, day by day, year by year. What do we need from Him?

'Whatever you DO': Our work is for God alone, out of gratitude for God's love for us. How does this perspective make a difference when what we do seems hard, unrewarding, or unappreciated by others?

'Work doesn't take us away from God; it continues the work of God.' (Eugene Peterson).

'He gave us eyes to see them' Church of the Multiplication at Tabgha



All the saints have their special symbols. When we see a saint in a window or painting carrying loaves of bread, we know it is St Philip. It was Philip who wondered how the multitude gathered around Jesus could be fed in John 6. Our Lord met their hunger with just five loaves and two fish.

Bread has always been a staple food in the Holy Land, and in July the media reported that the oldest bread had been found in the remains of a Jordanian fire 14,000 years ago. Today all kinds of bread are sold in our bakeries and supermarkets. Each country has its own way of producing bread, but at heart it is the same procedure combining the four ancient elements of life: earth, air, water and fire - earth producing the grain for flour, air to transform the dough, water added to the mix, and fire to bake the bread.

Bishop Geoffrey Rowell tells the story of sharing a picnic with some Lebanese Christians. Fragments of the bread were scattered on the ground, and he idly cracked them with his feet. The reaction was immediate. 'Don't do that' one said. 'It is bread. It is life.' John tells us in chapter 6 how bread is a sign of life for the people, and a sign that points to Jesus whose life is generously shared with others.

A church was built on the site of that miracle at Tabgha by the north-west shore of the Sea of Galilee. It is called the Church of the Multiplication. On the floor in front of the altar is a 5th century mosaic depicting the loaves and fish - beautiful and immediate in its simplicity.

We enter our own churches and see bread offered on the altar at every eucharist, and rejoice that Jesus is our host as He was by the Sea of Galilee. He comes to us with the same invitations: 'Take and eat. See and believe.' He offers us the bread of life. But more than that: He offers us the bread of eternal life.



Men's Breakfast



8th September 2018 8.45 - 9.45am

Aroma Cafe, Irby Village

Eat, chat and share in fellowship.

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for further details.

2018 Dates for your diary: Saturday 3rd November



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Next Meeting:

Wednesday 19th September 8pm St Chad's
Naomi talking about the Besom furniture project

Future Dates

TBC

All Welcome



One day God was looking down at earth and saw all of the rowdy behaviour that was going on...

So He called His angels and sent one to earth for a time.



When the angel returned, he told God,
'Yes, it is bad on earth; 95% are misbehaving and only 5% are not.
God thought for a moment and said,
'Maybe I had better send down a second angel to get another opinion.'



So God called another angel and sent her to earth for a time.

When the angel returned, she went to God and said,
'Yes, it's true. The earth is in decline; are misbehaving,
but 5% are being good...'

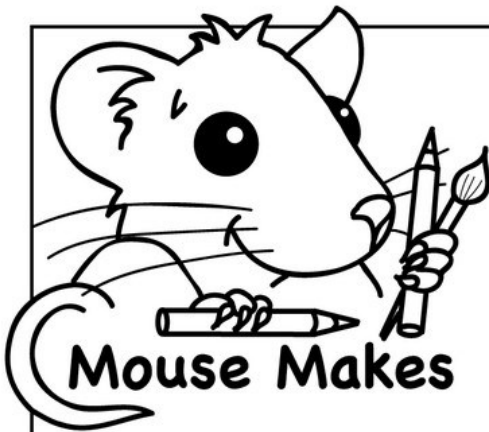
God was not pleased...

So He decided to e-mail the 5% who were good,
because he wanted to encourage them, and give
them a little something to help them keep going..



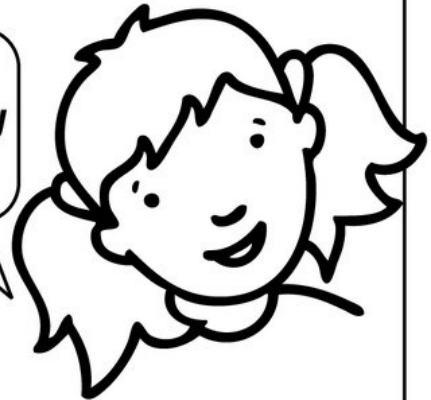
Do you know what the e-mail
said ???

I was just wondering, because I didn't get one - -



What do you say when you pray?

When I pray I say **THANK YOU** to God



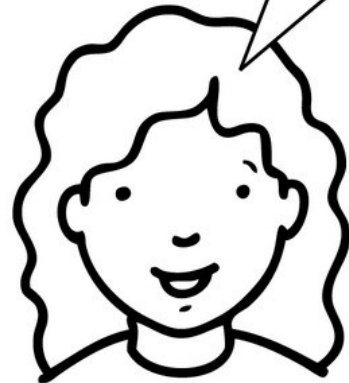
When I pray I say **SORRY** and ask God to forgive me



I pray for my **FAMILY** and my **FRIENDS**



I pray The Lord's Prayer from *Matthew 6:9-13*



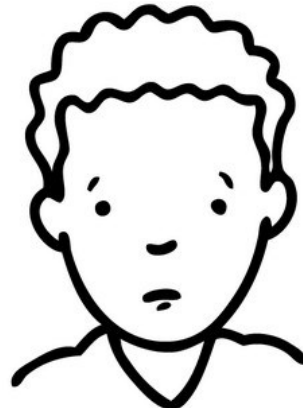
PATER NOSTER is Latin for '**Our Father**'

How many other words can you make with the letters from **PATER NOSTER** ?

Here are two to start you off

SON **PEAS**

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When I pray I tell God about my **WORRIES** and ask Him to help me

I talk to God all the time about all sorts of things!

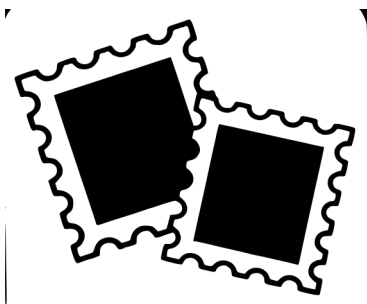


What do you pray to God about?



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Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

2nd September
Trinity 14

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

9th September
Trinity 15
Education Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

16th September
Trinity 16

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

23rd September
Trinity 17

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Baptism

30th September
Trinity 18

St Chad's

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30 am All Age Agape

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

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