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Diary Dates

Monday 9th October

The 95 North west tour See page 8

Monday 16th October

Wellspring: 8pm at The Rectory

Wednesday 18th October

EMU meeting 8pm St Chad's

Saturday 28th October

Saturday Together 5.30 - 6.30 pm St Chad's

Sunday 29th October

Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving 6.30pm St Chads

Saturday 4th November

Mens Breakfast 8.45am Aroma Café

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family 24th September **Pamela Crammond**

Weddings

We ask for Gods Blessing upon the marriage of 2nd September Grahams Crawford and Angela Fling

16th September

John Walkup and

Sophie Nieto-Hearn

Funerals

We commend to God's
eternal care
6th September
Keith Cleary
13th September
Hilary Bradshaw

From Your Rector

Dear Friends,

October 31st marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door in signalling the start of the Protestant Reformation. He was protesting against the practice of indulgences, where the good deeds of the saints could be purchased to reduce time spent purgatory, before arriving in heaven. For Luther, this cheapened grace, repentance and forgiveness: 'You can't buy God's friendship!'

Luther rediscovered the truths of God's grace: 'For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith'.' (Romans 1:17). He recognised that righteousness (being right with God) and



forgiveness is not earned by good works, but faith. The undeserved love of God and his acceptance is a matter of trust. This challenge to the church of Luther's day remains so today! At the Diet (Council) of Worms, he refused to recant his views: 'Here I stand; I can do no other!'

Luther stood for the free forgiveness of the gospel, by which God accepts us because of the death of Jesus on our behalf to deal with our sin. Is this what we believe? Only trusting Jesus can make us right with God. We will continue to get things wrong, but God never gives up on us!

Revd Jane Turner

Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on Sunday 29th October 2017 at 6.30pm at St. Chad's, Roslin Rd, Irby

I come into contact with a lot of families who are going through the sad and difficult circumstances of bereavement. Sometimes the loss of a loved one helps people to come to faith and there are many people in church today who came back to God as a result of bereavement.

I will be writing personally to all whom I am aware have experienced bereavement in the last 12 months. If you have experienced a recent bereavement of which I am unaware, then please accept this invitation to join us at the service. If your bereavement was further back in time but you would find this service helpful, then you too are also welcome.

This will be a quiet, reflective service in which we will remember our loved ones by name and say thank you to God for the good times we shared with them throughout their lives. In this service we will be reading out a list of names of those you would like us to remember, and so **if you are planning to come to this service** and would like your loved one to be mentioned by name please fill in the form below and return it to me.

Please feel free to extend this invitation to other members of your family.

Rev'd Jane Turner	
An Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving	
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Your Name:	
Your Address:	

Please return to:-Rev'd Jane Turner, 77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, CH61 3UB

Reap a good harvest

If you've been out and about in the countryside in recent months, you'll have noticed that there was a bumper crop of blackber-



ries and other fruit this year. That was no accident. It was because, from Spring onwards, there has been just the right amount of heat and cold, rain and sun, to make the plants bring forth their best.

It's the same when we are making Jesus known. Only God knows if the people we meet are ready to respond to the Gospel. We might be simply planting a seed, and that person still has years to go, or it may be that the person is finally ready to become a follower of Jesus.

This autumn, as we prepare for Christmas, let's be intentional – praying for friends and family members who don't yet know Jesus. Let's ask God for opportunities to sensitively share the Good News of Jesus. And let's be ready to serve and speak in Jesus name.





Prayer

Saturday Together

A monthly event for all ages

Food

Saturday 28th October

Hymns

St Chad's Church, Irby

Treasure Hunt 5.30 to 6.30pm

Fellowship

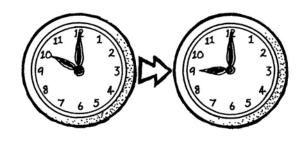






On Sunday, October 29th the clocks will go back by one hour at 2am,

meaning we will gain one hour of sleep and it will be lighter in the mornings.





The 95 North West Tour

An estimated 95% of children and young people in England and Wales aren't in church*

Reaching those beyond the church has always been an important part of Scripture Union's mission but this year, as we celebrate our 150th anniversary, we want to re-emphasis this as our number one priority

This Autumn we're coming to a church near you with The North West 95 Tour

Packed with stories from the SU team around the North West, the 95 Tour brings you lots of suggestions of how your church can reach out with the Good News of Jesus. There will also be the chance to share your own local mission stories so that you leave with some easy, practical ideas for going to where the Children are but the Gospel isn't.

The North West 95 Tour is for church leaders, youth and children's leaders, and anyone passionate about taking the Good News of Jesus to those children and young people who have no regular contact with church.



*Peter Brierley, UK Church Statistics 2, 2010–2020, Tonbridge: ADBC Publishers, 2014

Share the good news of Jesus with the next generation www.scriptureunion.org.uk



9 October:

The Spire, Breck Rd. Wallasey. CH44 4BD

9 October:

St Paul's Church, Victoria Rd. Widnes. WA8 7QU

10 October:

Heathfield Church, Millwright St, Manchester M40 2JG

11 October:

Coniston Methodist Church, Coniston. LA21 8HH

11 October:

St. Lukes Church, 9 Fauvel road, Glossop. SK13 7AR

12 October:

Haydock URC. West End Rd. Haydock. WA11 OAW

12 October:

Emmanuel Methodist United Reformed Church, 38 Derby St.

Ormskirk. L39 2DE

13 October:

Whole Life Christian Centre, Cabin Lane, Oswestry. SY11 2LQ 14 October:

Christ Church, Lord Street, Southport. PR8 1AA

16 October:

St. Cleopas Church, 400 Mill Street, Liverpool. L8 4RF

16 October:

Emmanuel Community Church, 55 Green Lane, Stockport. SK4 3LH

17 October:

St. Mary's Church, Church Lane, Nantwich. CW5 5RQ

18 October:

Bamber Bridge Methodist, 5 Wesley St.

Bamber Bridge. PR5 6NN

19 October:

The Baptist Tabernacle, 2 Springfield Road, Blackpool. FY1 1QL

26 October:

St Johns Mill, Isle of Man.

There will be two sessions at St Johns Mill, one begining at 10.00am and the other at 7.15pm.

Each session will run from 7.15pm to 9.30pm and will have refreshments and a bookstall.

Thanks to our host churches, The 95 Tour is completely free of charge but please register via Eventbrite at: https://northwest95tour.eventbrite.co.uk

For more information e-mail the North West Team; northwest@scriptureunion.org.uk



The Support Day offers understanding, encouragement and support to any parent who has suffered the death of a son or daughter in any circumstance and at any age.

The worst loss a parent ever has to face is the death of a son or daughter.

Children are 'not supposed to die'. But sometimes they do – and the extent of pain and devastation, even isolation, experienced by parents when a child dies is unimaginable.

Whether you are coming on your own or as a couple, you'll be able to meet others who understand the heartache you are going through. Many have found that these events can make a huge difference in helping them cope both now and as they think about the future.

Saturday 18th November 10.00am-5.00pm St Peter's Centre. Heswall, Wirral, CH60 0DZ

Revd Graeme Skinner (vicar at St Marys Upton) and Mrs Phillippa Skinner will be speaking at this event. They lost their own son, Jim - aged 21, 10 years ago.

Cost including lunch and refreshments: £22.00 per person

Further details from: https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/bereavement-support-events/bereaved-parent-support-day or Telephone:029 2081 0800

The website also has very helpful page of frequently asked questions, please take a look.

If you know someone who has lost a child through any circumstances from still birth, to illness, to drugs etc etc. then please invite them to consider booking for this day. They do not have to be part of our church family. Anyone of any faith or none is very welcome.









Learning to hear God

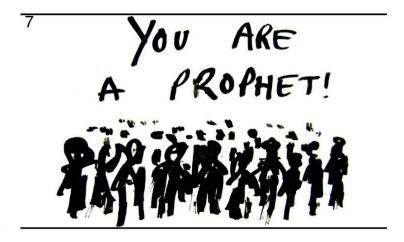
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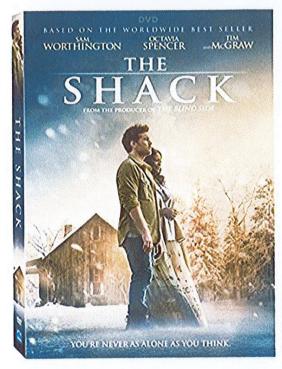


God wants to speak to us, so we need to tune into his voice. He loves us and wants to encourage us but sometimes what he wants us to say is not very popular. So we need to learn to recognise His voice and trust Him. Samuel discovered this even though at first he thought it was Eli calling him! Samuel spoke out against sin and wrongdoing even though he did not want to. It was a hard message because it was critical of Eli. But the people came to recognise him as a prophet. What about you? Are you hearing God speak? Are you willing to speak out?

Be reassured as you read 1 Samuel 3!







Film review of The Shack, by Andrew Maclean at The Christian Film Review: Come and Discuss this aspect of the film.

During October - you may like to read the book - but this is not essential.

The Shack is written by Wm. Paul Young. It can be purchased at the Christian Bookshop in Birkenhead or online.

Sunday Nov. 12th 6.30 - 9.30pm

Come and watch the film and share you initial reactions.

Running Time:133 minutes, Classification: 12

Sunday Nov. 19th 7.30 - 9.00pm The God of Surprises

The Shack presents a picture of God which many people will find surprising.

Come and Discuss this aspect of the film.

Sunday Dec 10th 7.30 - 9.00pm The God who suffers

The Shack explores God's response to suffering in a uniquely thought-provoking way.

The Shack is the highly anticipated, big screen interpretation of the best selling book of the same name. Protagonist 'Mack' played by Sam Worthington goes through the horror of losing his youngest daughter during a camping trip. She disappears and her body is never found. Just a bloodied dress in a shack high in the woods.

The family is torn apart in the aftermath of this tragedy and Mack pushed yet further from an already distant God he seems to barely believe in.

Some time later Mack is called back to 'The Shack' via a mysterious letter which appears in his letterbox.

What follows is a fantastical journey of a man finding his way out of the smothering depths of sorrow and into the bosom of God.

By Christian film standards this was a high budget film at \$20 million. This money is apparent from the wonderful cast to the captivating visual effects. The script treads a delicate line between the horror of child abduction and murder and any temptation towards saccharine sweet Christian answers to such horrors. Just as you think the film is going to be cutsie it swerves back into authenticity.

Academy award winner Octavia Spencer plays 'Papa' (God) with a genuine kindness and affection. Jesus (Avraham Aviv Alush) is open and funny and a friend while Sam Worthington's Mack is honest and broken.

The film feels like a Christian weekend away. You meet friends, grow close and feel changed by the process in a really short time. The film addresses hard hitting subjects and asks how we can forgive the unforgivable. It asks the audience to look where they need to forgive and pulls their heart strings enough to make them cry but not enough to make them shrug with cynicism.

Some will struggle with the theology but the message of God's unreserved love and forgiveness will reach down into the depths of the audience. The pre-screening audience wept throughout.

I honestly feel this is the best Christian film since The Passion of The Christ.



MOVIE MOMENTS

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

Leadership and mental health

With the strapline "The icon you know. The man you don't", *Churchill* offers an unusual perspective to consider the mind of this great wartime leader (brilliantly played by Brian Cox who gives what film critics have described as 'a master-class in acting'). And like all good art, this iconoclastic movie causes the viewer to think again about our assumptions and preconceptions. Here, we don't just see the strong stable person that we assume Churchill to be because of his inspirational speeches and place in history. Rather we experience a thought-provoking viewpoint on some of the personal struggles behind his public rhetoric and robust decisions.



The film powerfully depicts Churchill's inner turmoil as he wrestles with regrets about the past (the vast loss of life at Gallipoli in 1915) and fears about the future (that this carnage will be repeated on the Normandy beaches), highlighted against the backdrop of his own battle with the 'black dog' of depression.

Some have criticised the film for historical inaccuracies such as the fact that, although Churchill did oppose any hasty return to France in 1942, by 1944 he was committed to Operation Overlord. But that



is to misunderstand the nature of art, as the film theatrically condenses this journey into one week before D-Day. And, more important, that also misses a key message in this film, which is particularly relevant today as we become increasingly aware of the mental health challenges that many of us face — including those in positions of leadership.

All of us, whatever our position and responsibilities, can wrestle with doubts and struggle with depression. But we can keep going. And we can take heart from the biblical message: 'My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.'

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



Churchill is released on Blu-ray[™] and DVD on 16th October 2017.



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Men's Breakfast



4th November 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.

Dates for your diary: Where possible Men's Breakfasts will take place on the first Saturday of alternate months.

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16th Oct

Nov - No Meeting

4th Dec - Not normal week!

All are Welcome
Together we will seek God's Vision
for our church communities.

Give ears and come to me; listen, so that you might live. Isaiah 55v3

This is an important meeting in the life of our church. You do not have to be able to pray out loud. You do not have to feel that you are any good at praying! Please just come and spend 1 hour each month with others as we commit the work of our church to God.







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 event: Wednesday 18th October 8pm:

We will be having a craft evening, making things to sell at the Christmas fair and maybe something to take home. Also and opportunity to bring items for the shoebox appeal.

All Welcome



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throughout the year for RDA (Riding for the Disabled). There is a box in St Chad's foyer and envelope at the back of St Bart's.

Thankyou to everyone who donated and supported the RDA fundraising morning.

The event raised £403! This almost covers the cost of three riding sessions.



Wirral age UK are launching a new initiative called Joining Forces. This is a veterans project aimed at older veterans aged 65 plus. They will be based in Meadowcroft in Bromborough and are able to offer help and support in a number of areas including, Information and Advice, Health and Wellbeing and Reminiscence work also.

Leaflets are available at both churches.







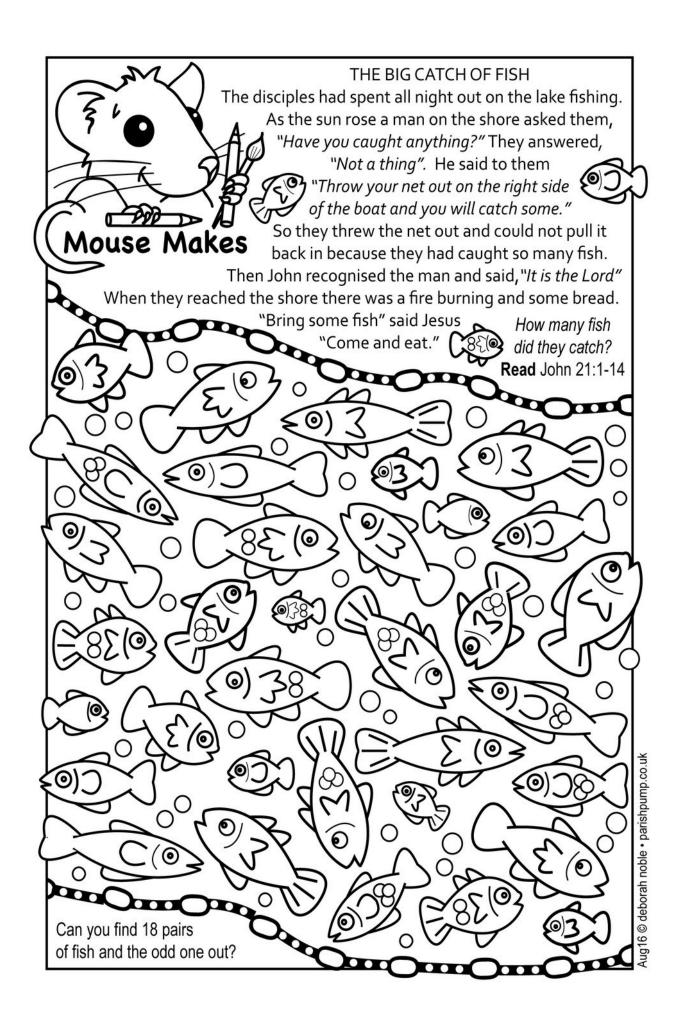


There are shoeboxes for Operations Christmas Child available to purchase for £1, at St Chad's.

If you would prefer to donate items towards filling a few communal boxes, ideas for suitable gifts are: very small musical instrument, new

small stuffed animal, pens, pencils, notebooks, colouring books, small new toys, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap flannel, small packs of sweets (not chocolate)

Free knitting patterns are also available for those who would like to make suitable hand puppets, hats, gloves etc.



Time for Pumpkin Heroes from World Vision!



Halloween is now the third biggest retail period of the year - coming in just behind Christmas and Easter. So, no wonder that Christians are increasingly seeking to engage with Halloween, or to provide alternatives.

That is why World Vision has launched Pumpkin Heroes - a set of Bible-based resources starring 'Patch the Pumpkin' to equip children in churches and communities to respond to Halloween in a positive way. That 'positive way' will also include thinking about the children less fortunate than them around the world.

Of course, Halloween began as 'All Hallows Eve' - the day before All Hallows Day or All Saints Day, when the Church celebrated Christ's defeat of death, and life beyond the grave. But nowadays, the holiday is devoted to all things dark and 'spooky'.

Chine McDonald of World Vision says: 'We're hoping Pumpkin Heroes, for children aged 4-10 from churches across the UK, will instead spread light and love in their local communities. They will enjoy a fun-filled journey around their neighbourhood with lots of storytelling, craft-making, game-playing and pumpkin partying, all suitable for Christians seeking a different response to the season.

'At World Vision, we believe that Jesus is the light of the world and that He came to bring life in all its fullness. But for millions of children around the world, that is a far cry from the reality of their daily lives. That's why World Vision works in nearly 100 countries, to bring about long-term change, and to respond to emergencies that can ruin hundreds of thousands of lives.'

World Vision hopes that Pumpkin Heroes will help local churches to 'turn Halloween into a night of hope'. For the project, they have teamed up with Scripture Union, UCB and The Meaningful Chocolate Company in Pumpkin Heroes.

More details, and to download your free pack http://www.worldvision.org.uk/get-involved/pumpkin-heroes/



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Church Services - October 2017

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion
15th October
Trinity 18

22nd October
Trinity 19

9.30am Confirmation
9.30am Holy Communion

Weekday Services

Trinity 20 Bible Sunday

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

Baptisms and Weddings

11.15am Holy Communion

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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