

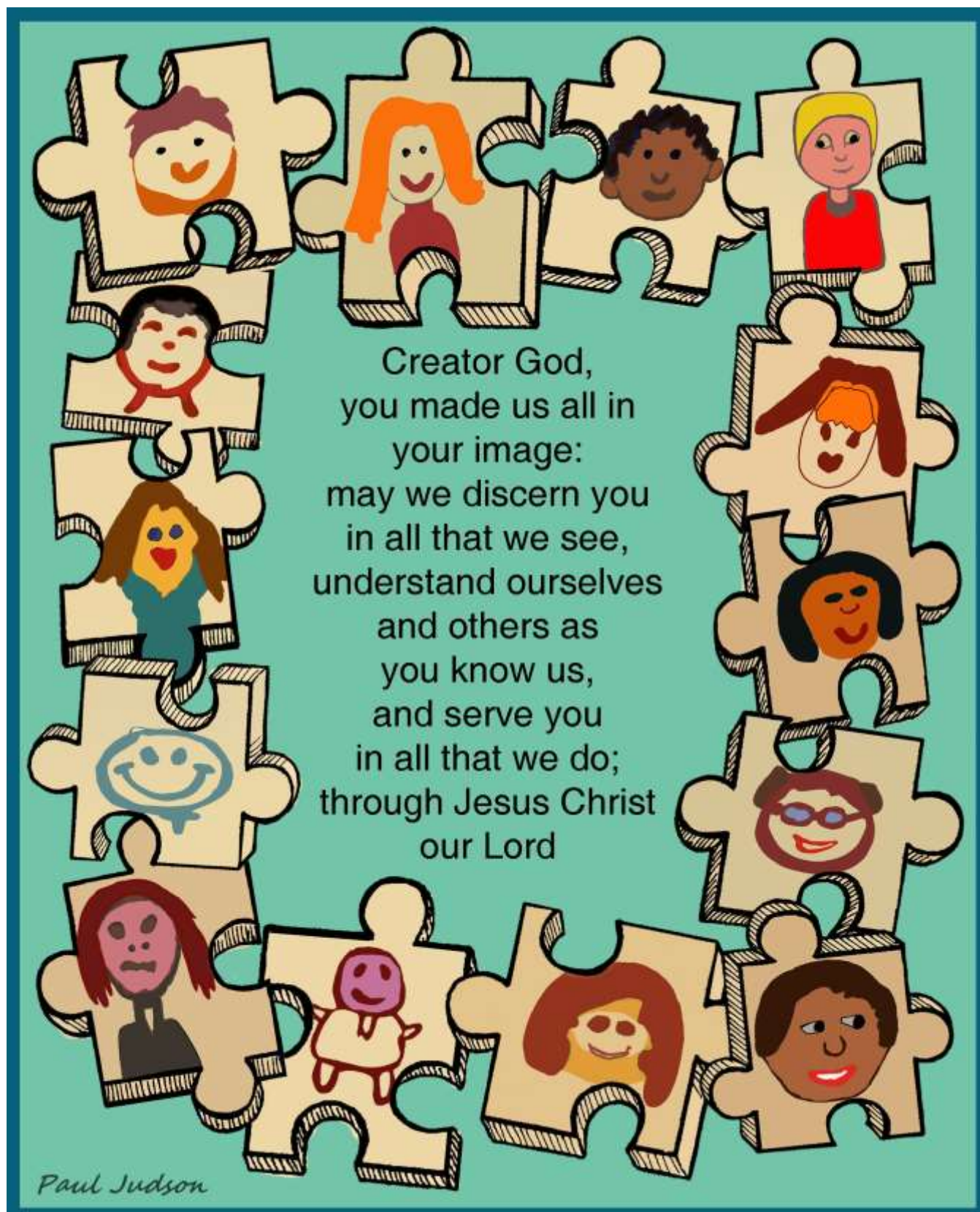
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From Your Rector

Doubts about the Christian faith? – take action now!

Do you have doubts about the Christian faith? July is the month for you to decide what to do about them. This month the Church remembers Doubting Thomas, and there IS action *you* can take, either way.

You know the story: Thomas was the only apostle not present when Jesus appeared to the disciples on the evening of His resurrection. When the rejoicing disciples later told Thomas that Jesus was alive, he flatly refused to believe them. He had seen the crucifixion.



The gospel goes on to relate that a week later Jesus indeed appeared to Thomas, and invited him to put his hand into the holes in His hands and feet. Thomas was utterly **overwhelmed. His response was ‘My Lord and My God!’ He saw, he believed.**

Then Jesus said something which is relevant to us today. “Blessed are those who have *not* seen and yet have believed.” (Jn 20:29) Jesus KNOWS it can be hard for you, who have never seen Him, to believe that He is indeed alive, and Lord of all.

Which is, of course, where we are today. Perhaps you really struggle with doubt. Well, there are two courses of action you can take.

1. Don’t read the Bible. Begin to forget what Christianity teaches. Don’t go to church. Don’t ask God, or anyone else, for help. Your ‘doubts’ are perfectly honest questions, but stop looking for answers. Assume that because you have questions, there are no answers.

2. Look for some answers. Find out what the New Testament actually says about Jesus - by reading it! Do not be confused into thinking that you ‘doubt’ something which you may not even really ‘know.’ Pray – remember that Jesus said that those who believe without seeing are ‘blessed’. So, ask God that, if He is there, please would He ‘bless’ you by opening your eyes to spiritual realities. Go to church. Yes, the Christian faith demands that we take God at His word, with no evidence other than His Word. But though we believe in Jesus without seeing Him, we do NOT believe without considering Him. Faith is not blind credulity and unthinking naiveté. We have faith in the historic person of Jesus Christ.

Peter writes some real encouragement in his first epistle, “Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls” (1 Peter 1:8-9).

Revd Jane



A message from Ailsa



Anyone for tennis?

Moving Forward with Faith and Hope

I love Wimbledon and try to watch as much as I can every year! But I am not sure how much of the tournament I will get to see this year as I begin to think and do everything I need to do to move on!



As I prepare to leave my current regiment and transition to a new chapter of my army life, I find myself reflecting on the journey so far and the hope that lies ahead. Military chaplaincy is a profound privilege, allowing me to walk alongside soldiers in both their triumphs and trials. But as with any chapter in life, change is inevitable—and often, it brings both a sense of loss and excitement for what is to come.

In times of transition, I am reminded of the inspiring words from Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." This verse reminds us that even as we leave familiar surroundings, God's divine plan continues to unfold in our lives, guiding us towards new opportunities and blessings.

And believe it or not I always find hope at Wimbledon - or at least watching it from the sofa! I've always found comfort and joy in the tennis championships because I feel the tournament embodies qualities I cherish deeply - perseverance, sportsmanship, and the thrill of anticipating what comes next. Just as tennis players step onto the court with resolve, trusting in their training and their heart, so too we are called to approach life's changes with faith and resilience.

While I will greatly miss the camaraderie and the discipline of my current role, I look forward to new relationships, new challenges, and new opportunities to serve God in my new posting at Harrogate. I pray that as I move forward, I do so with the same determination and hope demonstrated by our champions on Centre Court!

May we all embrace change with trust in God's plan and a hopeful heart, knowing that He is always with us every step of the way.

Ailsa



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The background of the poster is a dark, textured surface covered with numerous 3D question marks. A bright, glowing light source is visible in the distance, creating a perspective effect that draws the viewer's eye towards the center of the image. The light appears to be coming from a path or opening, suggesting a journey or a way forward.

FROM JAIL TO PULPIT

**Inspiring real life journey
from addict to preacher**

Donations to Victory Homes Liverpool Plc

3 July 7.30pm

St Chad's Hall, Roslin Rd, Irby CH61 3UH

The Nicene Creed part 2: Who is Jesus?

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

This month we are looking at what the Nicene Creed affirms about the person of Jesus Christ.

'We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God': Jesus is presented as the unique Son of God. This reflects the big debate at the time, which was to counter the teachings of Arius, who taught that Jesus was the first and greatest of God's creatures, but not the same as God the Father.

Today we can be more concerned about Jesus' authority as a moral teacher, neglecting that Jesus the man is also truly God. *'We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father'* (John 1:14).

'eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father': These words affirm the divinity of Jesus. The phrase *'begotten not made'* is crucial in understanding Jesus as the unique Son of the Father, who existed eternally of the same divine nature as the Father.

'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning' (John 1:1,2). It is a powerful reminder that our belief revolves around trusting a person, not simply in a set of beliefs and moral teaching.

'through Him all things were made': The Creed affirms that Jesus the Son cannot be made, because through Him all things were made and only God can create from nothing.

'Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.' (John 1:3). This implies that our world was made good, with a purpose in which we can share.

Also, Jesus has the last word in promising to bring everything in heaven and on earth together at the end of time under His Lordship (Ephesians 1:10). This makes a real difference to how we see and treat God's Creation and those created in God's image.

In response to this, can we say that Jesus is Lord of every area of our life?

Don't Step on a Bee Day – 10th July

Have you ever wanted to step on a bee? Hopefully most of us haven't – but the eye-catching name of this annual event aims to remind people of how important bees are in our ecosystem, and of the need to promote their protection.

Don't Step on a Bee Day highlights the crucial role bees play in pollination, and also that their populations are declining, because of habitat loss, pesticides, and climate change.

If you want to help the bees, here is what you can do:

Plant Bee-Friendly Flowers: Grow a variety of flowers in your garden that attract and support bees, such as lavender, sunflowers, and marigolds.


Avoid Using Pesticides: Reduce or eliminate these in your garden, to create a safer environment for bees.

Support Local Beekeepers: Purchase honey from local beekeepers, to help support sustainable beekeeping practices.

Create a Bee Bath: Place a shallow dish of water with stones in your garden to provide bees with a safe place to drink.

Educate Others: Share information about the importance of bees and how you protect them with friends, family, and on social media.





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all of life.

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a place to talk

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for *anyone* bereaved *anytime*

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- Moving forward healthily
- Faith questions – a Christian perspective (optional)

To find out more visit:
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Monday Evenings
8th Sept - 20th Oct 2025

Time: 7.00pm - 9.30pm
Price £10 (for full course)

Booking via:
office@thurstaston.org.uk



Rev Gaynor and a team of helpers will be running a course entitled The Bereavement Journey in September and October at St. Chads. The course is run in over 400 locations in the UK both in person and online. The course is provided by Ataloss a Christian charity which also offers UK wide signposting for bereavement. It is a safe space for those over 18 who have been bereaved whether recently or in the past to process their loss, consider the implications of their bereavement and to discern next steps. It comprises of a 7 session series of films and discussion groups gently guiding people through the most common aspects of grief and bereavement. Session 7 is an optional session exploring faith questions that arise in bereavement from a Christian perspective.

For more information contact Rev Gaynor via the church office or via email

revdgaynor@thurstaston.org.uk

For more information on the course visit www.thebereavementjourney.org or

www.Ataloss.org

Bananas could be lost to climate change, Christian Aid warns

Bananas are in danger. Almost half of the world's banana-growing regions may be lost to climate change in the next 50 years, a new report has warned.

Bananas are the world's fourth most important food crop globally — but rising temperatures, droughts, and fungal infections are threatening where most of the world's crops grow, in Latin America and the Caribbean.

A recent study by Christian Aid found that 80 per cent of global banana exports come from this region, but that 60 per cent of the land currently used for the crop will be unsuitable, due to climate change, by 2080.

The director of policy and campaigns at Christian Aid, Osai Ojigbo, said: "Bananas are not just the world's favourite fruit, but they are also an essential food for millions of people. We need to wake up to the danger posed by climate change to this vital crop."

UK consumers eat more bananas than any other European country, eating on average about 85 bananas a year each.

Sunday 6th July (both services)

Guest Preacher: Paul Crowther from “Embracing Age”

Paul Crowther is the Churches Co-ordinator for the Christian charity ‘Embracing Age’. They help encourage and equip churches across the UK in their ministry to older people. Their vision is to work towards a world where older people are valued, connected and full of hope. You can find out more about their work by visiting www.embracingage.org.uk Paul himself lives on the Wirral with his wife and three boys and was involved in local CofE church ministry in Bebington before moving to his role at Embracing Age.



**Alzheimer's
Society**

Revd Jane is making a splash and taking on Swim for Dementia. Around a million people are currently living with dementia across the UK. Until the day we find a cure, Alzheimer's Society is here for everyone affected. Wherever they are, whatever they're going through. Your donations will keep me going so please visit the JustGiving Page below or find sponsor form at the back of church, and donate what you can to help beat dementia. Thank you!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/SwimforDementia2025-JaneTurner?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015

My father was recently diagnosed with mixed picture dementia - Vascular dementia and Alzheimer's. I plan to swim 4 miles during July. This will also be good for my own well-being. I have grant funded membership at Total Fitness and the pool has been closed for 3 months and is due to re-open at the end of June. Doing this sponsored swim will enable me to rebuild my fitness as well as raising money for Alzheimer Society.



Earlier this year, it being 80 years since VE DAY IN 1945, Elizabeth and I decided to put on an afternoon tea for our residents at Village Court ,similar to the ones we had done for our late Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee and the coronation of King Charles II. The invitations were delivered to all 20 flats .

Elizabeth organised her trip to Cosco for supplies . Our friend Diane and sister-in-law Pat we're volunteered for tea and coffee duty .We borrowed a large teapot and some tables from St Chads . We asked for some cars to be removed to other spots to allow space across the court for setting up tables . Everyone was asked to bring their own chair ,cup ,glass and plate if possible, so we didn't have lots of washing up!

The sun was kind and we had a lovely afternoon, we also invited several of our church members who would of remembered that day from their childhood in 1945 to join us. We supplied rolls of egg and cress, ham and watercress , cheese and onion, scones both plain and fruit, meringues, strawberries and cream along with tea, coffee and bucks fizz . We had music from the 40 s but it was drowned out by the conversation!

Revd Jane called in and offered a grateful prayer for the fallen . We also had a visit from Eira Jones son Gethin (Eira lived here until moving to Kent about 18 months ago to live) Gethin was delighted to met with so many that his mother had talked about while recalling her very happy years here. Sadly Eira passed away not long ago , she was a lovely lady and sadly missed by all that knew her.

Our flags are remaining up until VJ day in August .

Elizabeth has created a small garden at the front of our entrance to Village Court in memory of the fallen , we are hoping to organise a small plaque to be placed there .

Joyce Kenworthy and Elizabeth Barton .



What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament : Romans

'Paul's letter to Rome is the high peak of Scripture...all roads in the Bible led to Romans, and all views afforded by the Bible are seen most clearly from Romans' (J I Packer)

Paul probably wrote his letter to the Christians in Rome around AD 57 at Corinth, on his third missionary journey. The original recipients of the letter were predominantly Gentile, although Jews would have constituted a substantial minority of the congregation.

Paul set out to explain the relationship between Jew and Gentile in God's plan of salvation, as the Jewish Christians were being rejected by the larger Gentile group in the church. Paul begins by showing that both Jews and Gentiles are sinners in need of salvation. He shows how the life, death and resurrection of Jesus eternally affects both world history and every person.

This salvation, secured by Jesus, must be received *by faith*, as the example of Abraham shows. As salvation is not just about starting the Christian journey, Paul goes on to show how believers are freed from sin, law and death. This is made possible both through their union with Christ in His death and resurrection and by the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

The theme of the book centres on the Gospel of Christ, which brings us into a right standing with God through faith: *'I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."'* (Rom. 1:16,17)



Reflecting Faith: Saying 'Hello'

Last month we considered how, when we are invited by the priest to come and receive Holy Communion, our immediate response is one of being overwhelmed with the enormity of what we are being offered. We recognise how unworthy we are, to even be in God's presence, never mind taking Him in our hands and making Him part of ourselves.

Now, for the next few months, let's consider some other key moments in our church services. Let's start at the very beginning.... Just saying hello!

How do you say 'hello' to the people you meet? We don't use the same words, gestures and tone to each person, nor on each occasion.

When we meet a very senior person in our workplace; we tend to be deferential and formal. By the time we have worked together for some months, we will still hold them in high regard and with respect, but we are probably more relaxed in their presence.

As for members of our close family, there's a time for huge hugs and explosions of laughter, such as at the arrivals desk of the airport, but such a greeting is probably not so appropriate when we meet them in a formal restaurant for lunch.

So it is on a Sunday morning, when we meet with the members of our church in the setting of a church service.

By meeting together for worship, we have come deliberately into a consciousness of God's presence. It's not that He hasn't been with us on the way there, but this is a specific and intentional thing.

So, when the person leading the service says 'hello' at the start of the service, they are not just welcoming you as an individual but rather acknowledging that we are meeting together in the presence of God, to worship Him.

This is special. This is amazing. This is huge.

This month: When you next go to a church service take note of the leader's opening words and your expected response to them. What is your acceptance to that wonderful invitation?

God in the Sciences : Wonder and Worship: Reflections in a Scottish Rainforest



It can be easier to notice things away from home, when we are relaxed and surrounded by unfamiliar sights in an exotic location. But sometimes the same wonders are there in our own back yard. GK Chesterton was a great advocate of intensive observation, and he invited his readers to take a fresh look at things that might be taken for granted. The rewards for this mental adjustment are great, and can feed into our worship in new ways.

I first learned to appreciate old growth forests on the West coast of Canada: the centuries-old tangle of logs and underbrush, and thick layers of moss and lichen, that provide rich resources for countless organisms. Several years later, in Scotland, I stumbled over a few acres of birch and hazel, lush with moss and ferns, and humming with insect and bird life. Fallen logs lay everywhere, vegetation grew up the trees, creepers hung down, and sunlight slanted through clearings.

I later discovered that this patch of woodland is one of the few remaining areas of old growth Atlantic rainforest, so I visited one sunny morning when I had more time to linger. The wood is home to 140 species of lichen and 100 of moss, so I found myself looking very closely at tree trunks and boulders. Each lichen is a unique relationship between a fungus and a particular collection of single-celled algae – an example of the collaboration that is so essential to every ecosystem.

Places like this are worth preserving, respecting, and appreciating as much as a work of art or a historic city. I'm so grateful to the community that chose to preserve it, and the Creator who used such intricate and patient processes to create it. As the animals and plants around me did what comes to them naturally, I did what I was made for - thanking God for everything I saw. I found myself praising God alongside all those species of lichen, moss and trees. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord" (Psalm 150).

There is a growing call to take both our personal devotions and our church services outside from time to time, and there are a growing number of resources to help us do this. As you go through your week, can you find one new way to appreciate your surroundings, and praise God alongside the rest of Creation?

God in the Arts: : John Martin's 'Manfred on the Jungfrau'

In July we start looking with eager longing to holidays, a chance to get away from it all - to rest and recharge the batteries of life. Holidays are also a time to explore and visit new places. It might be the wild splendour of the Northumberland coast or the serenity of the Italian lakes, the vastness of the Grand Canyon or the magnificence of the Lake District.



This month's artist had a gift for creating paintings that expressed this epic quality of landscapes. John Martin was born in 1789, and as an artist was drawn to religious and historical scenes on the grand scale. He illustrated the Bible and Milton, and his final works were on the theme of the Last Judgement. These are in the Tate Gallery in London, but for this July we visit the Art Gallery in Birmingham with its amazing collection of over half a million items, including many Pre-Raphaelite treasures. The entrance to this Victorian building is beneath the clock tower known as Old Brum.

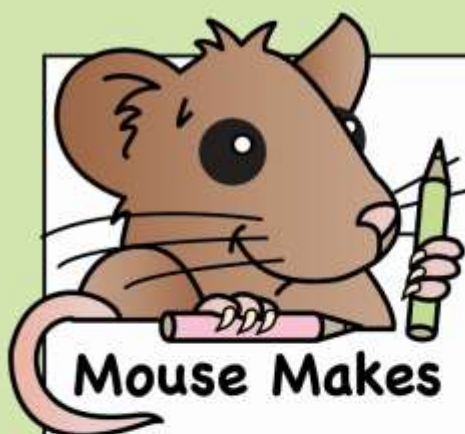
The Art Gallery is home to John Martin's watercolour of 1837, 'Manfred on the Jungfrau.' It is a large work, almost 5 feet by 3 feet, capturing the rugged, imposing glory of the Jungfrau. Now a railway takes tourists to the summit in the Bernese Alps in Switzerland. In the 19th century climbers had to navigate glaciers, high passes and steep precipices. John Martin captures the grandeur of all this in his painting of snow and sky, crags and torrents, mountains and pine trees. Against that immensity we see two characters: Manfred, tortured by guilt and about to throw himself off the edge, and the mysterious hunter who leads him to safety.

Byron's poem 'Manfred' inspired the music of Tchaikovsky and Schumann, as it inspired John Martin. They were each attracted by the romanticism of man and nature in the poem. Like Manfred and the hunter in the watercolour, we look at this grace and nobility and feel humble and insignificant. Byron wrote:

'How beautiful is all this visible world!
How glorious in its action and itself!'

Manfred seeks redemption, but, sadly, finds only the solace of death. As we look at this painting, we see reflections of the landscapes we shall visit on our holidays. Such beauty, such glory, evoke for us those feelings of wonder and awe that inspired John Martin.

Manfred sees life in its true perspective as he gazes on the majestic scenery of the Bernese Alps. Holidays help us to put life into perspective. Away from the pressure of responsibility and duty, we often realise what is essential in our lives and with those around. We behold the majesty and glory of creation; we see this world as the handiwork of God; and we ask ourselves how we might make our way through it and be always alert to its mystery and its beauty.



"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, *"Lord, teach us to pray..."* And He said to them, *"When you pray, say..."*"



Our _____
in _____,
hallowed be your
_____, your
_____ come,
your _____ be done,
on _____ as it is in
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Give us today our daily
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S _____ as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into

_____ but _____
us from _____.

For the kingdom,
the _____ and
the _____ are
yours now and forever.
Amen

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Fill in the missing words of the Lord's Prayer then find them and these extra words in the word search:

LORD'S PRAYER
DISCIPLES
JESUS
GOD
WORLD
NEEDS
FORGIVENESS
TRESPASSES
PROTECTION
REPENTANCE



The versions of **The Lord's Prayer** we say today come from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.
Which version do you use in your church?



Read
Matthew 6:9-15
and
Luke 11:1-4



Wordsearch for June 2025

If you ever struggle with doubt, take heart: so did one of the apostles, whose Feast Day is this month. St Thomas just could NOT believe that the Jesus he had seen crucified and dead on the cross could ever come back to life. But Thomas was an honest sceptic, because he really wanted to know the truth. Jesus could help such a man. And so He appeared to him and the other disciples. Instead of scolding him, Jesus simply showed him the wounds. Thomas's response was immediate: "My Lord and my God" (John 20.26ff). Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects. It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3rd July, 72 AD in Mylapore, near Madras. 46 ancient churches in England are dedicated to him.

Thomas
Doubt
Apostle
Cross
Dead

Truth
Sceptic
Wounds
Lord
God

Appeared
India
Patron
Martyred
Spear

Mylapore
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Showed
Saint
madras



Donations of Flowers for Church

You can make a donation
“in memory of”, “in celebration of”
or just because you like seeing flowers in church!



Please sign up at the back of church.

You do not have to arrange the flowers - the flower team can do that for you.

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St. Chad's Tots and Tinies

St Chad's Church (Roslin Road, Irby)

Every Thursday 9.30-11.30am
(Term Time Only)



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A warm welcome at the **Warm Hub**

Every Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Open to everyone, so please drop in!

**St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH
0151 648 8169**

***There are a range of activities
including quizzes, Games,
jigsaws, Crosswords etc***

Guest Speaker 22nd July

Blood Bikes



**The Warm Hub
belongs to a
growing national
network of
Places of Welcome**



Jigsaw Library

Over the time that Warm Hub has been operating, we have been gifted many jigsaws. While we always have a jigsaw in progress at Warm Hub, there are many waiting for us to use in the future. Rather than these jigsaws just piling up, with the winter nights ahead we would like to make these jigsaws available for individuals to borrow and then return to us. We can't vouch that all the jigsaws are complete as they are donated to us but if you would like to borrow one then we can make them available on a Tuesday morning when the Warm Hub is open - 9.30 to 12.30 at St Chad's

Susan Smale



You can make donations to Foodbank by placing items (non perishable food and toiletries) in the box by the office door at St Chad's.

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If you "like" the page you will receive notifications when we add events and other informative posts.

From our page you can also share individual posts and events with others you may think would like to hear about us and our events.

Please do share this page with your friends.

You do not have to be on Facebook to view our posts.

We also have a Twitter Feed:-

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Did you know.....

.....back in the year 1976, a committee based at St Chad's Church was trying to raise funds for the RNLI.

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EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

Sun 6th July	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's
Sun 13th July	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's
Sun 20th July	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's
Sun 27th July	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's with Junior Church
Sun 3rd August	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's

Prayer for July 2025

Lord, in this month, we, your church, remember Thomas. Thomas, who asked questions and doubted when he didn't see You with his own eyes. And Lord, You walked through those locked doors of his questions and doubts specifically to meet his needs.

Help us to come to you, honestly, with our questions and doubts, knowing that You understand and will meet our needs too. Help us to recognize You with eyes of faith - the only One who can help us.

May we declare, with Thomas, in humility, devotion and thankfulness, 'My Lord and my God!'. We pray in your powerful name, Lord Jesus. Amen.