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**The flowers are blooming, the time of birdsong has come!**

Song of  
Songs 2:12

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### Funerals

25th February - Robert Tunstead

## **Look at you**

Lent encourages us to examine how we're getting on. It's especially useful for people who have been practising Christians for some time. We're used to saying prayers, going to church and trying to express our faith in action, but the routine may have become a bit jaded. We would like to beef it up, but the very busyness of living gets in the way.

Self-examination doesn't demand grovelling or self-abasement or flagellation. It means going into the open space of the wilderness with Jesus and trying to imagine what He was facing, as He prepared Himself "in the power of the Spirit" to embark on His life's work.

What might His temptations mean for us here and now? They offered Him short cuts. Turning stones into bread could solve the world's poverty gap in a stroke. It would relieve us of our responsibility to combine generosity with ingenuity and put right the world's grotesque inequalities. Jesus responded to that temptation by quoting scripture, "Human beings cannot live on bread alone". It speaks volumes for the 21st Century.

Then Jesus was tempted to do a deal with the devil, on the pretext that collaboration would deliver results. "God alone is due our homage", was His rebuff, quoting scripture again. Since everyone worships something or someone, it would be a valuable exercise to consider carefully what or who takes pride of place in our schedule. It's a tough one. What do we love most, and do we need to adjust our priorities?

Magic was the next option. Jump off the temple roof and you'll be OK. Jesus dismissed this offer with the words, "Don't put God to the test". While that stunt wouldn't appeal to many Christians, there's a breed of phoney preachers today who promise financial success and perfect health to their followers.

Others reduce the Gospel to the single word, 'love', as though acquiring a sunny disposition could solve humanity's problems. The definition of love in 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13, suggests something quite different. That Chapter could provide the whole agenda for Lent and beyond.

Revd Jane

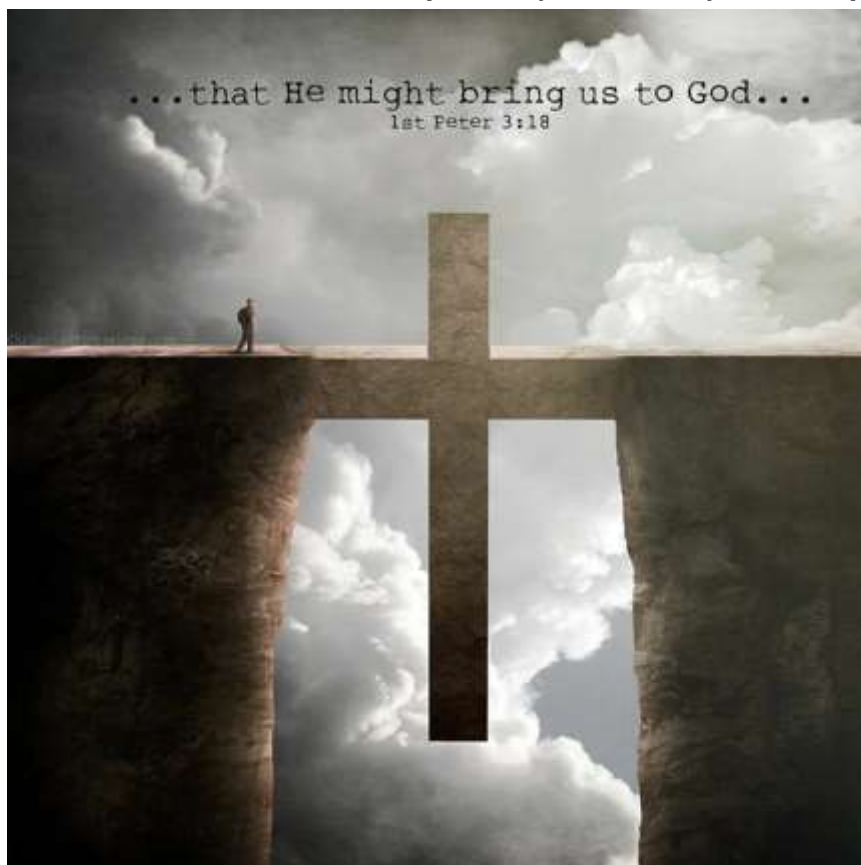
## Christian Basics No 3: Why the Cross?

*The cross is a picture of violence, yet the key to peace;  
a picture of suffering, yet the key to healing;  
a picture of death, yet the key to life;  
a picture of utter weakness, yet the key to power;  
a picture of capital punishment, yet the key to mercy and forgiveness;  
a picture of vicious hatred, yet the key to love;  
a picture of supreme shame, yet the Christian's supreme boast.*

The cross really is the key to everything! Although a horrifying instrument of torture and death, it is also a symbol of love and peace. On the cross Jesus died to deal with the problem of our sin and defeat the powers of death and evil. He identified with our sufferings and set us an example of self-sacrificial love.

As Peter writes, *'He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed ... Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God'* (1 Peter 2:24, 3:18). Jesus died in our place on the cross and took away our guilt, to pay the full penalty for our sin. Access to God's presence is now open to all, symbolised by the Temple curtain being torn in two from top to bottom. The barrier between us and God was torn down in order *'to bring us to God'*.

Jesus is the bridge providing access between us and God. *'If Jesus Christ is to be our Saviour then He must be able to place a hand upon a pardoning God and another hand on a penitent sinner and draw them together in an act of reconciliation'* (Bishop Handley Moule).



## **MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

The Annual Meetings of the parish will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in St Chad's, starting at 6.00 pm. We have been informed that the Diocese will authorise the use of "Zoom" video, and unless the expected permission is not given, the meeting will again be in that form.

During the two meetings, we will hear reports on the activities and finances of the church during 2021. We will also appoint members of the congregations as churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), members of the Deanery Synod and sidespeople. The first meeting is the Meeting of Parishioners and is very brief. The second meeting is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

### **The Meeting of Parishioners**

The only business during the Meeting of Parishioners is to elect or re-elect churchwardens. Churchwardens are usually appointed for a year, working closely with the Rector and the PCC particularly in relation to the buildings or church grounds. Churchwardens may be nominated again in the following years for election, but there is a time limit of six consecutive years on an appointment as churchwarden.

We should have two churchwardens, but at present we have only one. Mrs Whitehead was first appointed as churchwarden in 2017 and has completed five years in that role, so it is now important to appoint another churchwarden. Churchwardens have important roles in the general management of the churches and are one of the links between the congregations and the Rector. If you are interested becoming a churchwarden, please speak to the Rector or Mrs Whitehead as soon as possible.

The Rector must receive nominations for churchwardens on the proper forms before the meeting begins. The forms will be available in the churches and on the Church website (link shown below) for downloading. Nominations for churchwardens may not be made after the meeting has begun. Anyone who lives in the parish can vote in the Meeting of Parishioners.

### **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

The PCC is responsible for maintaining the churchyard, the buildings and their contents. Deanery Synod members represent the parish at Synod meetings. Sidespeople (sometimes called churchwarden's assistants) help with the arrangements at services.

During the meeting, we shall also receive written reports on what the PCC discussed in 2021-22, the church accounts and the organisations associated with the church. These too will be available on the Parish Website for downloading before the meetings.

PCC members are elected for three years, with four members retiring each year. We are hoping for new members who can bring fresh ideas and insights to our discussions and decisions. Three members have reached the end of their terms of office and may be re-elected. There is one other vacancy for appointment until 2025.

There is also a vacancy for another person to represent us at the Deanery Synod. Deanery Synod members are elected for three years and the current cycle ends in 2023, so anyone elected in 2022 will be appointed for one year but can be re-elected in 2023.

Anyone who has any interest in becoming more involved in helping with church activities should speak as soon as possible to the Rector, the Honorary Secretary or to any PCC member. Everyone can offer something – do not be put off just because you think you don't know enough about it.

Notices with more details of the meetings will be displayed on the church website, in both churches and by email, with nomination forms for PCC members, deanery synod representatives and churchwardens.

Finally, if there are any matters that you wish to bring forward for discussion, please inform the Rector or the PCC Secretary before the meeting.

**G.J Barley (Hon. Secretary)**

The link for the nomination for the nomination forms (copy and paste into browser) is:

<https://thurstaston.org.uk/pcc-information/apcm-annual-parochial-church-meeting/nomination-forms-and-electoral-roll-application-form.php>

## **The Electoral Roll**

All Church of England parishes are required to maintain an electoral roll. Those people whose names are on the roll are entitled to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and to vote. They are also eligible for election on to the Parochial Church Council. The number of people on the electoral roll also determines how many representatives can be sent to the Deanery Synod where decisions may be taken that effect the churches within the deanery. It is therefore important that all those eligible should be entered on to electoral roll for this parish of St Bartholomew Thurstaston and St Chad Irby. Although the roll may be updated regularly a new roll has to be created every 6 years and 2019 was the most recent year in which this had to be done.

To be eligible applicants must be baptised, over 16 and

*Either* Live within the parish boundary

*Or* Have been a regular worshipper at St Bartholomew Thurstaston or St Chad Irby for at least 6 months.

Application forms available at the back of both churches or from the parish office between 6-20th March 2022.

**St Bartholomew's, Thurstaston and St Chad's, Irby**  
**Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 by Video Link ("Zoom") at 7.30 pm**

Nineteen adults and one child were present for the two meetings.

The minutes of the previous meetings had been published in the Church Magazine for April.

**(1) Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

**(2) Annual Meeting of Parishioners**

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (26<sup>th</sup> October 2020)**

Mr C Turnbull, seconded by Dr P Robson, proposed that the published minutes of the previous meetings be accepted as a full and correct record of those meetings. This was agreed unanimously.

**2. Election of Churchwardens**

Mr M Studholme, seconded by Mrs J Trigg, proposed the re-election of Mrs E Whitehead as a churchwarden. As there were no other nominations, Mrs Whitehead was declared to have been elected. A vacancy for a second churchwarden was unfilled.

The Bishops had decided that because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the usual procedures for admitting churchwardens formally to office would be suspended and that the vicar or rector could carry out that procedure. The Rector and Mrs Whitehead therefore went through the procedure and Mrs Whitehead was admitted immediately to the office of Churchwarden.

**(3) Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (26<sup>th</sup> October 2020)**

Dr P Robson, seconded by Mr C Turnbull, proposed that the published minutes of the previous meetings be accepted as a full and correct record of those meetings. This was agreed unanimously.

**2. Approval of Reports published in the Annual Report**

The following Reports within the Annual Report were considered:

- The Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the churches;
- The business of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) since the last APCM;
- The Electoral Roll;
- The Junior Church;
- The St Chad's Seniors;
- The Evening Mothers' Union (EMU);
- The Leprosy Mission, the Children's Society, the Bellringers, the Guides, the Brownies and the Tots and Tinies.

Mrs J Oliver, seconded by Mrs S Turnbull, proposed that reports listed above be received by the meeting. This was approved unanimously.

**3. Verbal Statement on the Financial Affairs of the Parish during 2020**

Mr K Marley, the Honorary Treasurer, reported on the Financial Affairs of the parish. The full report and the accounts, or an electronic link, had been distributed to all parishioners by email. Mr Marley asked if anyone had any questions. Mr Studholme asked if the cost of

buildings insurance had changed. Mr Marley replied that the total amount paid was the same, but the Insurance Company now issued a single policy covering both churches.

#### **4. The Independently Inspected Annual Accounts for 2020**

Mr Turnbull, seconded by Dr P Robson and Mrs J Oliver, proposed that the Annual Accounts be received by the meeting. That was agreed unanimously.

#### **5. Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the Accounts for 2021**

Dr P Robson's proposal, seconded by Mr J Oliver, of the re-appointment of the same Independent Examiner as for 2020, was agreed unanimously.

#### **6. Safeguarding Arrangements in the Parish**

The Rector asked if anyone had any questions to ask about the Safeguarding Report.

Dr Robson asked about the progress with the provision of toilet facilities at St Bartholomew's church. The Rector replied that plans were still being finalised and an application for a faculty had not yet been submitted. Mrs J Oliver, seconded by Mr K Marley, proposed that the Safeguarding Report be received by the meeting and that was agreed unanimously.

#### **7. Matters discussed by the Deanery Synod during 2020**

The Rector asked if anyone had any questions about the Report and whether those present would volunteer to be elected, in the next item on the agenda, to be our third representative. Mrs J Hodgson, seconded by Mrs E Whitehead, proposed that the Report be received by the meeting and the proposal was agreed unanimously.

#### **8. Election of one member of the congregations to fill a vacancy to represent the Parish at the Deanery Synod until 31st May 2023**

There were no candidates.

#### **9. Election of four members of the congregations to serve on the Parochial Church Council until 2024 and one to serve until 2022**

Four candidates had been nominated. As there were five vacancies, all were declared elected. They were:

Mr R Jackson, proposed by Mrs B Appleyard and seconded by Mrs L Worral;  
Ms Elizabeth Barton, proposed by Mrs Deboorder and seconded by Mr J Oliver;  
Mr J Oliver, proposed by Mrs Deboorder and seconded by Mr M Studholme;  
and Mr C Williams, proposed by Mrs H Williams and seconded by Mr K Marley.

#### **10. Other Business**

After asking those present if there were any other matters they wished to raise, the Rector announced that she had been asked if the parish would accept a reader on placement for six months, from St Mary's Upton, who would probably be in the parish once a month.

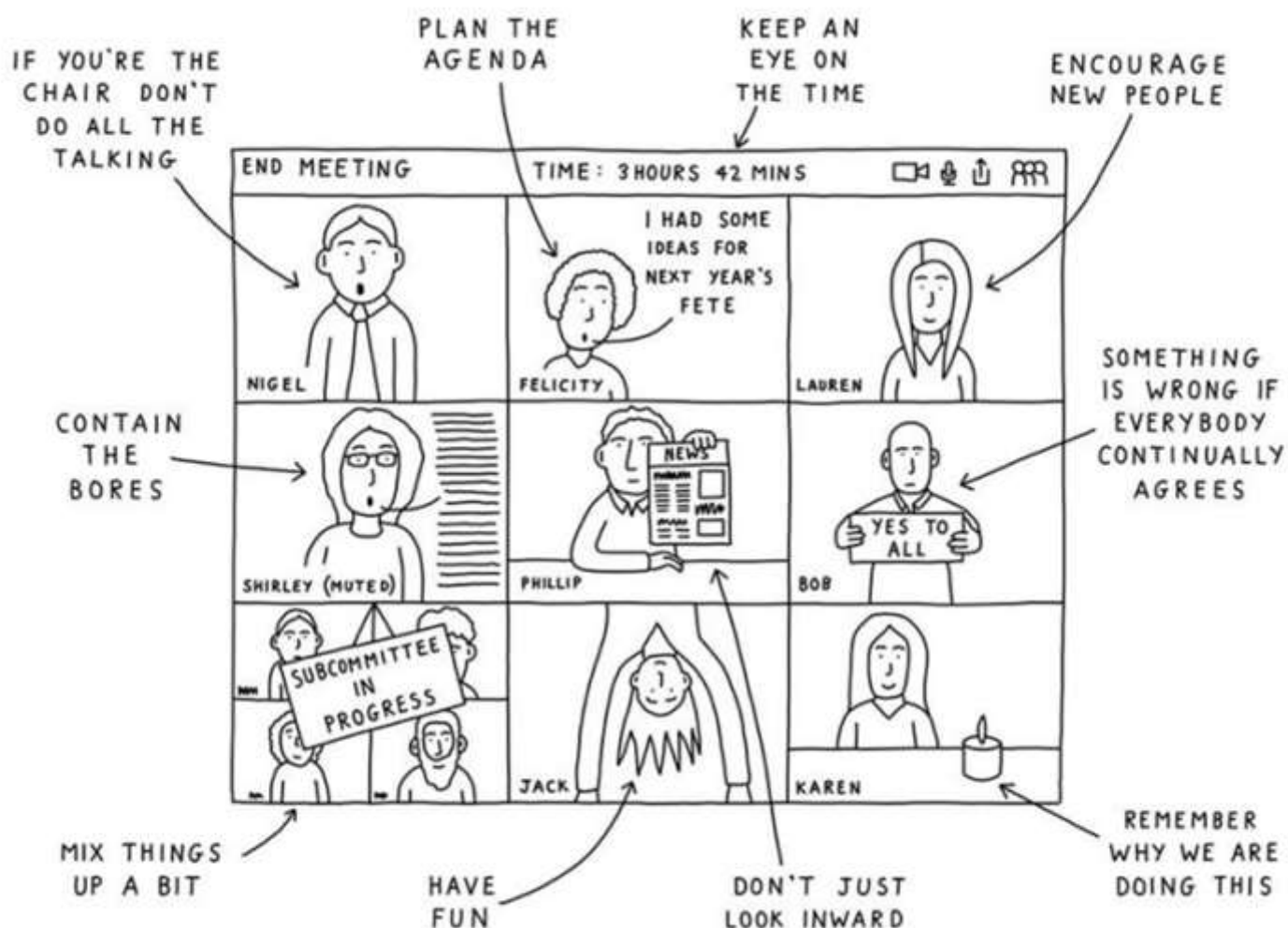
#### **11. Rector's Closing Remarks**

The Rector said that it had been a year like no other that any of us had ever experienced, as she had said in the Annual Report. She hoped that next year, we could hold his meeting in "human form".

The meeting ended at 7.54 pm.

## Cartoon below from a Church Times article written by Bp Mark (when he was Bishop of Berwick) in 2020

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2020/24-april/features/features/ten-tips-to-improve-your-pcc-meeting>



## BIG JUBILEE PINIC Sunday June 5th at St Chad's

Elizabeth Barton  
has agreed to co-ordinate and plan this.  
She's looking for a small group of people  
who would be willing to support her.  
She can be contacted on 648 7178.



## **Could you be our Church Warden?**

We currently only have one church warden. We need another.

Church wardens are elected for one year, but can serve up to six consecutive years if re-elected.

*The basic number of churchwardens is two for each parish.*

There is no legal sanction if a parish does not have the full number, but it is important to ensure a full complement if at all possible. This is because a single churchwarden acting alone can be placed under an unreasonable burden. It is also unsatisfactory for a parish to be left without cover if a single churchwarden is unable to carry out his or her duties for a time, for example because of illness or unavoidable absence...

Churchwardens are chosen and hold office for only one year at a time. (*From the "Guide to the Churchwarden's Measure 2001"*)

**Church Wardens are appointed to serve the whole parish and not a particular church building or congregation and so anyone who is**

**baptised,  
on the electoral roll,  
an "actual communicant"  
and aged over 21  
can be considered for this role.**

## **WHAT IS A CHURCHWARDEN ?**

A churchwarden is . . . . .

- The Bishop's officer
- A support to the Rector
- A leader in the PCC and the Standing Committee
- Responsible for some church property
- Responsible with sidespeople for order in church services
- A 'caretaker' during a vacancy

There is a booklet available which explains this in more detail. If you'd like to read it please let Revd Jane know. There will be no assumption that you wish to take on the role, just an understanding that you want to know more.

**If you think God could be calling  
you to be our Church Warden  
or if you think someone else  
would be the right person  
to serve our parish in this way,  
then please speak to Revd Jane,  
Mrs Liz Whitehead (Church Warden)  
or any member of the PCC.**

(PCC members are Malcolm Studholme, Chris Smale, Julie Davies, Graham Barley, Janet Trigg, Julie DeBoorder, Pat Neil, Jon Oliver, Chris Williams, Roger Jackson, Andy Harford, Judith Hodgson, Elizabeth Barton)

## GOD IN THE SCIENCES: – Science and a sense of the Transcendent

*What is the difference between a cathedral and a physics lab? Are they not both saying: 'Hello'? - Annie Dillard*

Scientists often speak of a reality beyond the objects they are studying, and for some this is encountered in powerful – if rare – episodes of wonder and awe. The Christian writer J.W. Sire quotes this line from Annie Dillard in his book *Echoes of a Voice*, which explores spiritual or 'transcendent' experiences.



In his analysis of these experiences Sire describes moments that are “emotional, intellectual, highly charged, usually sudden, unannounced, often odd, some weird, others glorious”, and places them on three different levels:

A material object that points beyond the material reality. For example, someone might develop a sense of what is good and evil, based on the actions of others.

Experience of “something personal...just behind the surface of what we are directly experiencing, often something with which one feels at peace or even at one, or, perhaps, as dangerous or threatening.”

A felt presence that has a specific character or presence, e.g., holiness, or inspiring humility, fearful awe or wonder.

According to Sire, level 1-2 experiences are fairly common but level 3 is rare. He gives a wide range of examples, including scientists. Some of these people are religious or interested in spirituality, others are atheists. Some of their moments of transcendence carried a particular meaning, others simply sparked curiosity.

The famous geneticist Francis Collins described several significant moments when he was young: “being transported by the experience of looking through a telescope”, or “a Christmas Eve where the descant on a particularly beautiful Christmas carol...left me with a sense of unexpected awe and a longing for something I could not name”.

These experiences meant that when Collins was faced with the question of belief in God, “all [his] arguments seemed very thin”. Now, as a fully-fledged scientist and a believer in God, he is able to say that “for a scientist who occasionally is given the remarkable privilege of discovering something not previously known by man, there is a special kind of joy associated with such flashes of insight.”

Most of us are not scientists, but we may well have had experiences like this in different contexts. How can we, in our engagement with scientifically minded individuals, make connections through our shared experience of the transcendent? Can we listen as well as explain, finding some common points of connection?

## Reflected Faith Series: the Ashing Service

Such a strange name for a church service! Why would anyone be attracted to attend such a thing?

This year Ash Wednesday is close to the start of March; on the Second of the month. As the first day of Lent the service is used to physically place a sign of the cross on each person's forehead using ashes made from the previous year's palm crosses.

The use of ashes has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship; the Old Testament referring to sackcloth and ashes over twenty times.

There is clearly a visual link with the blackness of evil and sin but also the 'dirtiness' that spreads everywhere from it. We all know how a small amount of mud on the shoes walked into the house will soon go everywhere and take a much harder and longer clean-up operation than if it was wiped off before entering.

In Christian records, ashes are used for penitents by the sixth century, but it is not until the beginning of the eleventh century that the faithful took part in a ceremony on the Wednesday before Lent that included the imposition of ashes. Still later this came to be called Ash Wednesday.

Over the centuries the emphasis of meaning for the imposed ashes has changed, from a preparation for baptism, a renewal of baptismal vows, to an understanding of a community's preparation for the event of the Paschal mystery of rebirth at Easter.

It reminds of what is past and what is to come, and it encourages us to think again of how we can change that journey should we wish to do so.

*This month*

The Imposition of Ashes is a powerful nonverbal and experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation. It is 'felt' in the heart and soul – as well as on the skin.

And can be one of the most profound experiences of humility as we enter together as a Christian community across the globe our journey towards the Cross and the Resurrection.

As the priest says the traditional words over you, *"Remember that you are but dust, and to dust you will return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. Amen."* what will you be focusing upon?



## GOD IN THE ARTS : Enter my rest

At this time of the year, we are planning our gardens for the Spring and Summer ahead. The book of Genesis opens with a glorious account of God's work of creation, and it also tells us that God rested on the seventh day.

We all need to find that balance of work and rest, of activity and slowing down in our lives. And we are not always good at that because our world seems to be in the fast lane. We rush everywhere, we rush out of habit, and we rush because everyone around us is rushing.

This month's painting, 'The Potato Planters' by Jean-Francois Millet, a 19<sup>th</sup> century French artist, portrays two peasants at work. They don't seem to be rushing, but Millet has certainly portrayed the hard toil of their work, digging in the earth from sunrise to sunset to eke out a living. Millet was the son of a farm labourer and many of his paintings convey the severe realism of peasant life. We can sympathise with the couple working on the land, and our eyes focus on them as they dominate the canvas.

But in the corner under the shade of a tree there is a donkey and a sleeping child. The donkey knows only too well the reality of toil and work, but here he is resting, enjoying the peace and the shade. Andy Merrifield, an American philosopher, has just published an account of his travels with a donkey, Gribouille. As they journey together, the donkey teaches him the value of patience, the importance of going slowly through the world, and the preciousness of tender friendship between humans and animals. They are all caught up in the little donkey in this painting.

The man and woman in the foreground may reflect our own lives with the duties, the expectations and the demands called of us at work. Take time to focus on the donkey, enjoying his rest. Take time this Spring and Summer to find relaxation and recreation. The world may carry on spinning around us, but we can stand apart, and enter into the rest that God enjoyed after His work of creation.



# Life

## WHAT'S THE STORY?

**A series of evenings looking at life through the lens of the stories Jesus told, with popular speaker Glen Scrivener.**

### A VALUED LIFE

**MONDAY 28TH MARCH, 7:30PM**

St Marks New Ferry, New Chester Rd, New Ferry CH62 1DG

What gives our lives value? Should we really live every day like it's our last? Can we give life meaning or are we just floating in an indifferent universe?

### A RICH LIFE

**TUESDAY 29TH MARCH, 7:30PM**

St Andrews Bebington, Church Rd, Bebington CH63 3EX

Is money or the lack of it, the root of all evil? Is it wrong to be rich or want to be rich? Is it wrong to be poor? Glen will interview Mark Mitchell, a local Christian and founder of Mitchell Motor Group, involved with food banks, street pastors, etc.

### A HARD LIFE

**WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH, 7:30PM**

St Catherines Tranmere, Church Rd, Tranmere CH42 0LQ

Many hardships in life take their toll on us. Some suffer because of their skin colour, ethnicity, or social background. Must a hard life define us forever?

### A BETTER LIFE

**THURSDAY 31ST MARCH, 7:30PM**

Cornerstone Wirral, Bebington Rd, Bebington CH63 7NY

It seems there are many ways to find a better life. Do you want a life better than others? Who are you comparing yourself to anyway? What do we even mean by 'better'?

### A WONDERFUL LIFE

**FRIDAY 1ST APRIL, 7:30PM**

Holy Trinity Spital, Chorley Way, Spital CH63 9LS

We all hope for times when we can enjoy life - if only for a while. Imagine if someone actually invited you to a truly wonderful life: Would you go?

**[wirralgospelpartnership.org.uk/life-mission](http://wirralgospelpartnership.org.uk/life-mission)**

"One thing that never seems to improve as we get older is the deepening mystery of the power that computers have over us, and the utter confusion that results when they do something that we don't expect!"

### **The Computer Swallowed Grandad!**

The computer swallowed Grandad!  
Yes! Honestly! It's true!  
He pressed Control and Enter –  
And disappeared from view!

It devoured him completely  
The thought just makes me squirm!  
He must have caught a virus  
Or been swallowed by a worm!

I've searched through the recycle bin  
And files of every kind;  
I've even searched the internet  
But nothing did I find.

I went to Mr Google  
My searches to refine  
His reply was in the negative,  
'Nothing found' was Google's line.

So, if inside your inbox  
My Grandad you should see –  
Please copy, scan, and paste him  
And send him back to me!

*By Nigel Beeton*



Thankyou to everyone who collected for the Children's Society, the total raised was **£1258.29**



Jean Heath would like to thank everyone who collected and dropped off their stamps after Christmas. Riding for the Disabled are still collecting stamps, they can be left at either church or the office.

## **St. Chad's Tots and Tinies**

**St Chad's Church**  
(Roslin Road, Irby)

Every Thursday 9.30-11.30am  
(Term Time Only)

£1.50 per child – All Welcome

Parents/Carers will be responsible for their child(ren) during the sessions

For further information please contact **Allison** via the Parish Office 648 8169

## 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Chad, the recycled bishop

Chad should be the patron saint of any modern bishop whose consecration is questioned by another bishop. Chad was consecrated a bishop, then deposed - and then re-consecrated!

It all began about the middle of the 7<sup>th</sup> century, when Oswiu, King of Northumbria, made Chad the bishop of the Northumbrian see. But due to a scarcity of appropriate bishops, two dubious bishops did the job of consecrating him. This led to Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury, deciding to depose him about three years later.

Chad took his dismissal with good heart, and peacefully retired. But then Theodore had second thoughts: Chad was of excellent character: humble, devout, and zealous. So, Theodore re-consecrated him – to be the first bishop of the Mercians. Second time around, Chad was a great success - again.

When Chad died in about 672AD, he was quickly venerated as a saint. People took a great fancy to his bones, believing that they would bring healing. Even today, four large bones, dating from the 7<sup>th</sup> century, and believed to be Chad's, are in the R.C. cathedral in Birmingham.

Bishops today may still argue about consecration, but they are unlikely to have their bones disturbed.



Saturday, 19th March 2022,  
10.30am – 12.30pm  
at Jean Heath's, 'Barnstables', 233 Irby Road



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## Wordsearch for March

March brings us Lent and Mothering Sunday. Lent is a time of spiritual self-assessment as we prepare for Easter. It is a time to turn to God, and grow closer to him. Mothering Sunday reminds us of not only the mothers that have loved and raised us, but of Mother Church, who has spiritually loved and nurtured us throughout our Christian pilgrimage. How many words can you find on these themes in this month's Word Search?

lent  
spiritual  
easter  
preparation

fasting  
prayer  
desert  
selfdenial

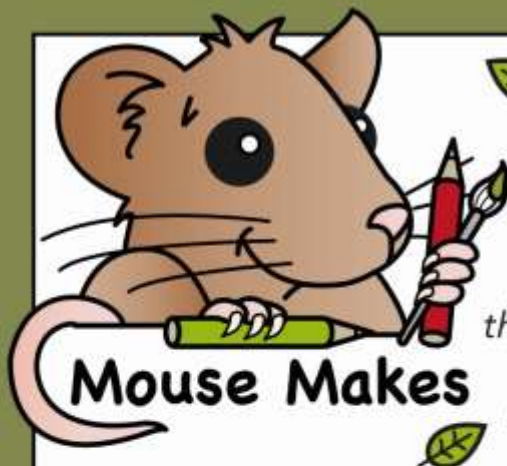
repentance  
seeking  
finding  
growing

mothers  
love  
care  
nurture

learning  
teaching  
disciples  
worldwide

flowers  
thankyou  
nursing  
family





## GOOD FRUIT OR BAD FRUIT?

Jesus said:

"No good tree does not produce bad fruit, nor does a bad tree produce good fruit. Each tree is known by its own fruit..."

...Good people bring good things out of the good they stored in their hearts. But evil people bring evil things out of the evil they stored in their hearts. People speak the things that are in their hearts."

- Luke 6: 43-45

During LENT ask God to help you through His Holy Spirit to turn your hate to **love**, your impatience to **patience** and your unkindness to **kindness**, so we can be like a good tree that grows good fruit.



READ  
Luke  
6: 27-45

How did Jesus  
say we should  
treat others?

Look up  
Luke 6:31

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B R O F F R U I T E  
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Do

to everyone  
who asks you  
Luke 6:30

for those who  
are cruel to you  
Luke 6:28

those who  
curse you  
Luke 6:28

to those that  
hate you  
Luke 6:27

and you will be  
forgiven  
Luke 6:37

Find these words from **Luke 6** in the word search above.

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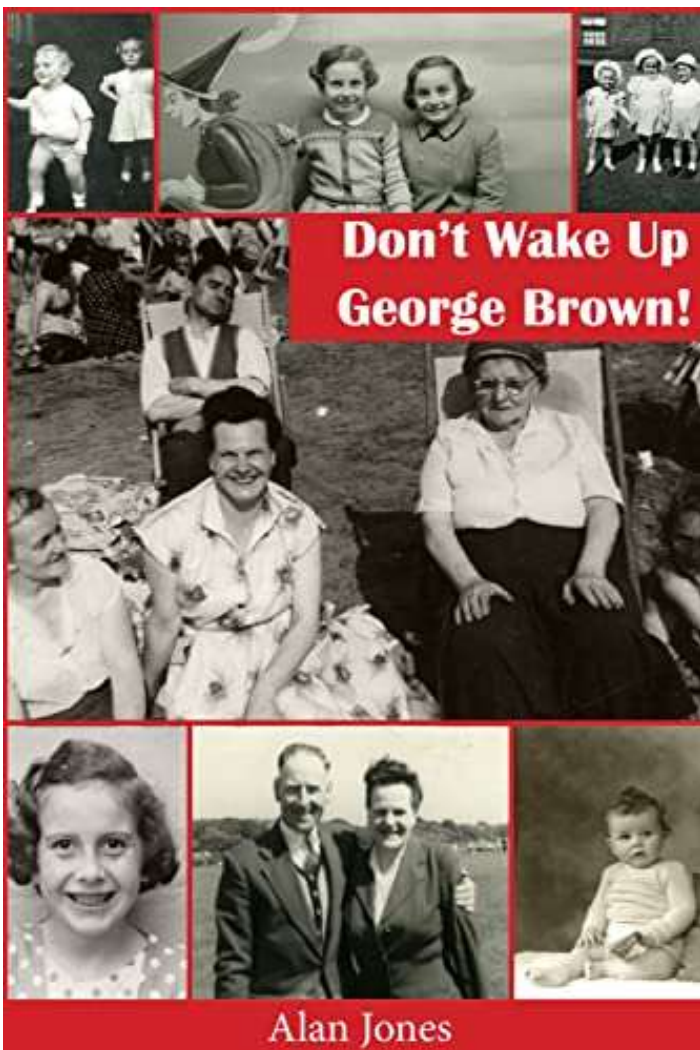


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Alan Jones

Lay Reader Emeritus



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