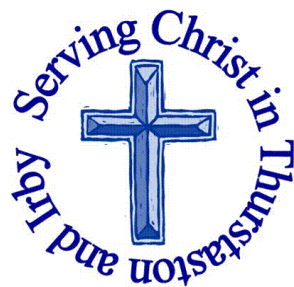


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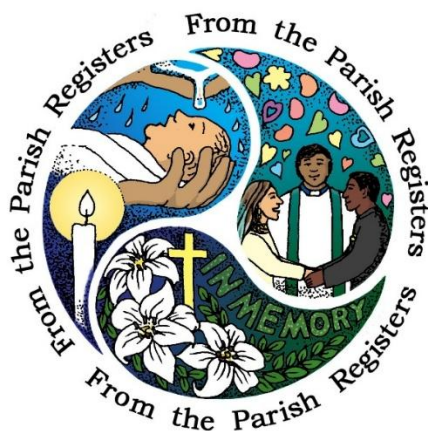
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18th September – Jean Barzey



Saturday 17th October 2026

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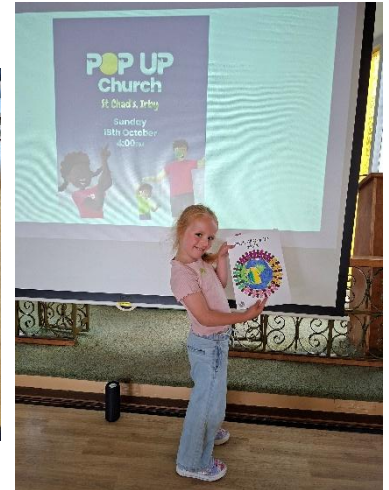
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If anyone would like them collecting, then please phone Jean on 648 6015 to arrange a convenient time.

From Your Rector

This month, I want to update you on the progress that we have made with our new PCC priorities.

Yesterday (20th Sept) saw the launch of Pop Up Church and it was wonderful to see thirteen families arrive, eight of which were as a direct result of ISingPop in school last week. The service was joyous and many chose to stay for a picnic afterwards giving us time to chat and enjoy fellowship.



In the morning service, we looked at the parable of the workers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16) and thought about the overwhelming generosity of God. This also gave us a chance to think about our priority of looking wider and thinking beyond our church walls. We thought about Fair Trade and being generous to those whose living is dependent on farming to produce the goods that we take for granted. We reflected on the donations that have been made over the Summer for the prison (see Prison's Week - page 10) and the generosity of God's forgiveness and love.



We have yet to make progress on the priority to make St Bartholomew's a place of Pilgrimage but keep watching this space.

I am so grateful to God for all the good things that are happening. Please join me in praying that these will continue to grow and flourish.

Rosa Jane



A message from Ailsa



“A Summer of Goodbyes and a Season of New Beginnings”

Late Summer for me was a season of goodbyes.



At the Army Foundation College in Harrogate, where I serve full time as a Chaplain, the Graduation Parade brought with it that familiar mixture of pride, joy and sadness. After accompanying our Junior Soldiers through an important chapter of their lives, we watched them parade for the final time before stepping forward into the next stage of their Army careers.

Goodbyes are never simply endings. They remind us of the privilege of having shared part of another person's journey. In chaplaincy, that can mean being present in moments of celebration and laughter, but also offering a listening ear, reassurance and prayer when life feels more difficult. And now, almost as quickly as one chapter closed, another begins.



As the air grows cooler and the first signs of autumn appear, the College is once again filled with new faces and fresh possibilities. More than 1,200 new Junior Soldiers arrived at the college in September to begin their journey. Each comes with their own story, hopes, uncertainties and ambitions. For them, everything is new. For those of us who support them, it is another opportunity to welcome, encourage and walk alongside them.

There is something wonderfully appropriate about new beginnings arriving with autumn. Although we often associate the season with leaves falling and the year drawing towards winter, it can also be a season of growth. New friendships are formed, confidence develops and young people begin discovering just what they are capable of.

My ministry at the College and my ministry here in the parish may take place in very different surroundings, but at the heart of both is the same calling: **to be present with people through the changing seasons of life.**

The writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is “a time for every purpose under heaven”. There are times for arriving and times for leaving, moments to celebrate what has been and moments to embrace what lies ahead.

So, as we said farewell to those who graduated and welcomed more than 1,200 Junior Soldiers beginning their next chapter, I pray that we might all recognise God's presence in our own seasons of change.

May we have the grace to give thanks for what has been, the courage to let go when the time comes, and the hope to step confidently into whatever comes next.

Walking *through the* *Trees* of the Bible

Wednesdays at St Chad's
7.30–9.00pm

-  **Sept 2nd** | Olive Leaf, Fig, Oak
-  **Sept 16th** | Acacia, Almond, Ebony
-  **Sept 30th** | Palm, Frankincense, Pine
-  **Oct 14th** | Balsam, Myrtle, Bay
-  **Oct 21st** | Cedar, Wild Olive, Willow
-  **Oct 28th** | Myrrh, Apple, Poplar
-  **Nov 4th** | Pomegranate, Broom, Sycamore
-  **Nov 11th** | Terebinth, Carob
-  **Nov 25th** | Good and Evil, Life

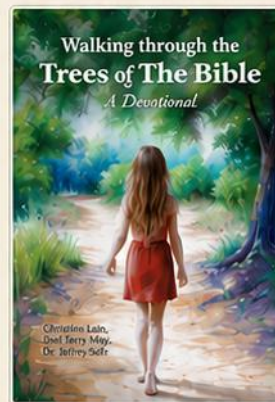
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– PSALM 104:16 –

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October 2026

I am writing to invite you (and any extended family members or friends) to our All-Souls Day Service which will be on Sunday 1st November at 4.00pm at St Chad's Church, Roslin Rd, Irby, CH61 3UB. The service will be quiet and reflective. It will be a time to remember those who have died over the past year and in previous years, and an opportunity to say thank you to God for the good times we shared with them throughout their lives. For those who would like to stay, there will be tea/coffee available after the service.

During the service we will be reading out a list of names of those we would like to remember. If you would like someone (or people) to be mentioned by name, **please fill out the form below and bring it with you to the service.**

Yours sincerely,

Revd Jane Turner

All Souls' Day Service 2026

Person/People to be Remembered (First name/s and Surname/s):

Date/s they died

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Could sleep be spiritual?

“Sleep is spiritual,” is the claim made in a newly-published guide to discipleship, written by London-based Church of England vicar, Sarah Guinness.

Although over-looked by many, ‘The Alternative Guide to Discipleship’ places sleep firmly at the core of growing in Christian spirituality.

Sarah Guinness writes, “Sleep is not wasted time. It is an opportunity for God to seal our dreams, and to deposit things and ideas in our hearts and minds.

“I’d like to imagine that at night God, who knit our brains and bodies together, stands by our beds, ready to sort through the day that we’ve had, patching the holes, processing that conversation, mending the tears in our armour so that we wake up feeling repaired, refreshed and ready for another day.”

Guinness, the Vicar of Brentford, West London, believes that sleep can be creative, an opportunity for God to speak to us, a place to be vulnerable and a practice run for our Christian lives.

She cites how Adam fell into a deep sleep, and wakes to find Eve, how God speaks to a sleeping Abram about His promises and seals a covenant with him, and how Jesus sleeps and then wakes with clarity to curse a fig tree and clear the temple.

In Mark 1, Jesus goes to bed, sleeps and awakes early to pray, and later in the day tells the disciples they need to move on to other towns. “It’s as though,” says Guinness, Jesus “goes to sleep, has a divine download and feels focused on His priorities.”

It’s in our dreams that God speaks to us most powerfully, she explains. “God, being God, can do far more in our sleeping than we can do in our waking. He uses dreams to get our attention.

“People talk about being woken in the night with a strong urge to pray for a person or a situation. Why? Because sleep isn’t dead space when our bodies reboot. Sleep is spiritual.”

In ‘The Alternative Book of Discipleship,’ Sarah Guinness goes beyond the importance of sleep to map out a route to spiritual growth based on managing boundaries, embracing emotions, learning to play, surrendering outcomes, and other insights. It is founded on the author’s experiences as a parish priest and, before that, 12 years as an occupational therapist.

Prison's Week

Prisons Week is an annual initiative dedicated to prayer and raising awareness for those affected by the criminal justice system. This year it runs from Prisons Sunday, 11th October, to Saturday 17th October.

It was begun in 1975 by Bishop Victor Guazzelli, an auxiliary bishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster. The bishop was a keen supporter of social justice and wanted to encourage Christians to pray for the needs of all of those affected by prison: the prisoners, their families, the victims of crime and their communities, and all those working in the criminal justice system.

These days Prisons Week provides a shared focus for Christian churches and individuals to minister to those in prisons. It also aims to inspire volunteers to give time to support affected individuals.

Do you feel drawn to some kind of prison ministry, but are not sure where to begin?

You might consider the Prison Fellowship's letter writing scheme, *Letter Link*. It enables volunteers to safely connect with those in prison, to encourage them.

Letter Link has been the foundation of many friendships. Prison Fellowship letter writers can become a strong support system for someone struggling behind bars. And these letters can often be the vital link that connects people in prison with the outside community.

Sadly, Letter Link is sometimes the *only* communication that someone in prison receives. In a place of isolation and darkness, regular letters can be a source of comfort and a reminder that people in prison are still loved and valued by God.

Many prisoners still seeking a pen pal. For more info:
<https://prisonfellowship.org.uk/our-work/letter-link/>



23rd Psalm for the workplace

The Lord is my real boss and I shall not want.
He gives me peace, when chaos is all around me.
He gently reminds me to pray before I speak and to do all things without
murmuring and complaining.

He reminds me that He is my Source and not my job.
He restores my sanity every day and guides my decisions that I might honour
Him in everything I do.

Even though I face absurd amounts of emails, system crashes, unrealistic
deadlines, budget cutbacks, gossiping co-workers, discriminating
supervisors, and an aging body that doesn't cooperate every morning,
I will not stop -- for He is with me!

His presence, His peace, and His power will see me through.
He raises me up, even when they fail to promote me.
He claims me as His own, even when the company threatens to let me go.

His faithfulness and love are better than any bonus cheque.
His retirement plan beats every 401K there is.
When it's all said and done, I'll be working for Him a whole lot longer
and for that, I bless His Name.





If you are able to help with the Christmas Bazaar on stalls , set up/put away, baking cakes, donations of raffle prizes, second hand children's toys and hand-crafted items (no books or bric-a-brac please) can you please contact Julie DeBoorder email: jules2121jule@gmail.com Mobile: 07599186893

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18th October

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What's the Big Idea? October

An Introduction to the Minor Prophets

The Minor Prophets are '*minor*' not because they lack importance, but due to their length. The 12 prophets, Hosea through Malachi, make up the last books of the Old Testament, and were written from around 770 BC (Jonah) until 433 BC (Malachi).

The prophets fall into 3 time-periods:

Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah and Nahum = Assyrian period

Habakkuk and Zephaniah = Babylonian period

Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi = Post-exilic period.

Hosea and Amos spoke to Israel (Northern Kingdom), calling the people to acknowledge their sin and return to God. Joel and Micah addressed Judah (Southern Kingdom), including prophecies about the coming of the Messiah and the church. Habakkuk and Zephaniah spoke to Judah shortly before they were taken into exile into Babylon. Obadiah spoke God's judgment against the Edomites, while Jonah and Nahum both spoke against Assyria and their capital city of Ninevah. Following the people's return from exile, Haggai exhorted the people not to neglect rebuilding the Temple. Zechariah encouraged them with the promise of the future glory of Zion and of its shepherd king, while Malachi reminded them that if he is rejected, God would judge His people.

The minor prophets remind us that God cared not just for the Jews, but also for the Edomites, Assyrians, Egyptians and all of His creation. For Christians today the challenge remains to take the message of God's grace to all nations in the power of the Holy Spirit: *'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.'* (

Reflected Faith Series: What it's Worth?

Last time we reflected on the time of 'Receiving and sharing the Peace' within our service. This month, we consider what comes next.

I say 'next' but actually, during that time of sharing the Peace most of us multi-task! We move around saying hello and catching up on the latest news from folk we only see on a Sunday in church; we shake hands and say the words of 'The Peace'; and we also scrabble around looking for cash to put on the plate or in the bag.

Our cash offering to the church is then processed up to the altar to be received by the priest who blesses it and prays over it. (Many years ago, when we were first able to give by standing order to the local church, I recall some people saying they would prefer to continue to give using cash, as the money in the bank was 'not blessed'!)

In more recent years I have attended, and indeed been the incumbent for, churches where no plate or bag is passed around at this point but rather that folk are both encouraged to give by standing order or if by cash then on a plate or in a box as they enter the building.

Some churches today do not bring forward any financial collection, even if there is a plate on entering /leaving.

So what has changed?

It's a reflection of our understanding of the real meaning behind the 'collection'. A reversion to the original intention by the church fathers.

It was never intended to be just a small percentage of our possessions or the leftover cash we have lying around. Instead, it was intended to be an offering of our whole lives. The money was just a visible token.

This month

Have a think about what you are 'offering' when this time comes in your next church service. Are you able to offer yourself and put yourself to God's use?



God in the Arts: ‘He gave us eyes to see them’ – the choir stall

‘Let all the world in ev’ry corner sing *My God and King*.’ George Herbert’s poem from ‘The Temple’ tells us that ‘the church with psalms must shout. No door can keep them out.’ It is a reminder of the rich tradition of music in our worship that reaches back to the people of the Old Testament praising the Lord. 2 Chronicles 5 paints a vivid picture of musicians and singers gathered to welcome the Ark of the Lord to Solomon’s Temple.

Because music is such an important part of worship, churches have set aside places for the singers to offer praise and petition. Some of the most wonderful choir stalls in the land can be found in Lancaster Priory, the parish church of St Mary. They are 14 in total, the third oldest choir stalls in England dating back to the 14th century. John Ruskin called them the finest in the country. The canopies are richly decorated with foliage and carved heads, and they enclose tapestries from the 1970s that depict saints and shields. Beneath are the seats: misericords with carvings that have survived the vandalism of the Civil War.

We can imagine the medieval monks gathered in these stalls to sing the offices. Today the stalls are a resplendent, harmonious blend of the old and the new – a work of beauty for the eye, just as the music offered there is a work of beauty for the ear. The word ‘choir’ means a dance to God, and the Priory has a fine choir whose chants and hymns dance from side to side of the chancel and resound in the air. But the music sung there is not just for our enjoyment: its focus is God. Herbert tells us that the songs we create here in our churches on earth have no other destination but the courts of heaven.



God in the Sciences:

Do the Bible and Science contradict each other ?

For the Christian, the Bible is God's Word to us; it tells us about His character and creative purposes, how He has related to people in the past, and His promises for the future. Science is a specific way of studying the world, exploring the physical properties of things – a wonderful way to explore God's creation. So, the question to ask if the Bible and Science seem to be contradicting each other is, have we made a mistake in interpreting one or the other?

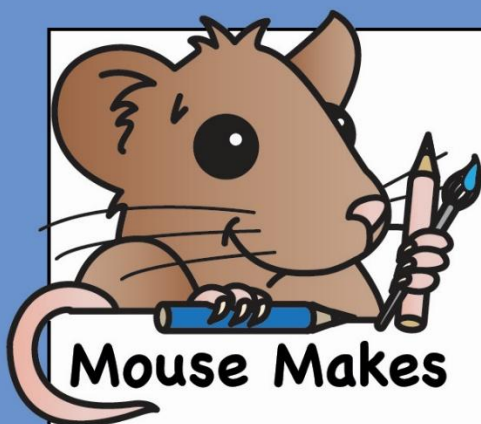


Science is very good at answering certain types of questions: 'What size is it?', 'How fast does it travel?', 'What is it made of?', and so on. Questions like 'What's it for?', 'What should I do with it?', and 'What's it worth?' can't be answered using scientific methods. Some of the misunderstanding in discussions of science and religion come from not recognising the limits of science.

It's also important to recognise what the Bible is, and what sorts of questions it can answer. The Bible was written well before people began to investigate the world in ways we would recognise as scientific. Of course, people in the Ancient Near East were studying the world around them, observing the movements of the stars, the processes of life and death that happened all around them, the seasons, the behaviour of physical objects, and so on. But they did not study the mechanisms underlying these things systematically using the tools of science, and they did not see or describe the world in scientific terms – not because they weren't intelligent, but because science as we know it wasn't happening at that time.

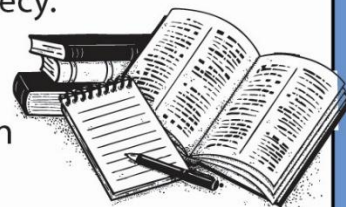
Instead, the biblical writers used words that were commonly used in their own cultures to record events, share truth and wisdom, and tell stories that convey deep truth about God's character. If we want to understand God's intention in inspiring these words, we need to do some careful work to connect with those ancient writers and find out what they meant, before we can discover what those words mean to us today.

These principles can help us have far more fruitful conversations about science and Christian faith. If we allow any apparent conflict between Science and the Bible to fuel our search for understanding, not only will we learn as individuals, but we will be able to draw others into a conversation that is relevant to wider society today.



The **Bible** is a collection of books, written by many different people who were helped and inspired by God. The **Bible** includes books of history, law, poetry and songs, wisdom, testimony, letters and prophecy.

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2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?

1. How many books are there in the New Testament?

2



3

3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

Hebrews 4:12



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4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.



5. The first book of the Bible.



6. God's word is like?

A _____
and a _____
Psalm 119:105

8. The last book in the Bible.

8

9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.

9

10

11

12

11. The last book in the Old Testament.

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

13

14

12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?



13. The Bible is also known as the

_____ of God.
Hebrews 4:12

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman



7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?



Wordsearch – St Luke

To St Luke, whose feast-day is 18th October, we owe a beautifully written gospel as well as the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician and faithful travelling companion to St Paul. Under house arrest near the end of his life Paul noted, 'only Luke is with me'. Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ, and offers us moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than in any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner. His gospel also features more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners', who are all shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. In Acts, Luke skilfully links sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. He tells of how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke
Feast
Day
Written
Gospel
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Physician
Travelling
Faithful
Paul
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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.

They decided to hold an exhibition of paintings by local Irby residents. The exhibition was so successful that the artists decided to join together to form an "Irby Artists Association".

....and the rest, as they say, is history!

The Irby Artists are proud to have had such a long association with St Chad's.

We welcome new members and actively provide support to those wishing to try their hand at painting & drawing, with weekly Monday afternoon sessions, indoors during the winter, and outdoors in the summer months, and two exhibitions of members works per year.

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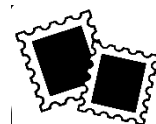
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October 2026 Service

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chad's

Sunday 4 th October	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's
Sunday 11 th October	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30 All Age at St Chad's
Sunday 18 th October	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's 4.00pm Pop Up Church at St Chad's – see page 13
Sunday 25 th October Bible Sunday	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30 Holy Communion at St Chad's with Junior Church
Sunday 1 st November	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's 4.00pm Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at St Chad's – see page 7

Prayer for October 2026

Father,

Thank you for your written Word to us in the Bible, inspired and interpreted by your Holy Spirit. Thank you that from beginning to end it reveals Jesus, the living Word, sent by you to rescue us from the mess of selfishness and disobedience. May we treasure your revelation to us and allow you to guide us by it through the confusion and pain of this world, confident that your Word is unchanging and powerful and trustworthy.

In Jesus' name, Amen.