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St Chad's Church Diary – March 2023

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***Please note new start time for Evensong is 4pm from November 2022 to end of March 2023. ***

Date	Time	Services & Events
Weds 1 st March	12-1.30pm	Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall
Thurs 2 nd March	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Fri 3 rd March	7.30-9pm	Youth Group – Meets in the Parish Centre
Sunday 5 th March	8am 9.30am 4.00pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion St Chad's Patronal Festival Service - with children's groups Evensong
Tuesday 7 th March	1.30pm & 7.30pm	Lent Course
Weds 8 th March	12-1.30pm	Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall
Thurs 9 th March	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Fri 10 th March	7.30-9pm	Youth Group Social – Bake off! - Meets in the Parish Centre
Sunday 12 th March	8am 9.30am 4.00pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion All-age service – perfect for the whole family Evensong
Tuesday 14 th March	1.30pm & 7.30pm	Lent Course
Wed 15 th March	12-1.30pm	Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall
Thu 16 th March	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Fri 17 th March	7.30-9pm	Youth Group – Meets in the Parish Centre
19 th March Mothering Sunday	8am 9.30am 4.00pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Mothering Sunday Parish Communion with children's groups Evensong
Tuesday 21 st March	1.30pm & 7.30pm	Lent Course
Wed 22 nd March	12-1.30pm	Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall
Thu 23 rd March	10.3am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Fri 24 th March	7.30-9pm	Youth Group – Meets in the Parish Centre
Sunday 26 th March	8am 9.30am 4.00pm	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion Parish Communion with children's groups Evensong
Tuesday 28 th March	1.30pm & 7.30pm	Lent Course
Wed 29 th March	12-1.30pm	Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall
Thurs 30 th March	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Fri 31 st March		Youth Group Social – Geocache! – Meet in the Parish Centre

St Michael and All Angels' Services March 2023

Date	Time	Services
5 th March The Second Sunday of Lent	9.30am 6.30pm	Joint Patronal Festival Service at St Chad's Far Headingley Evensong with Prayer for Healing
12 th March The Third Sunday of Lent	10am 6.30pm	The Parish Eucharist Evensong
19 th March The Fourth Sunday of Lent	10am 6.30pm	All Age Eucharist for Mothering Sunday Choral Compline
26 th March The Fifth Sunday of Lent	10am 6.30pm	The Parish Eucharist Evensong
2 nd April Palm Sunday	10am 6.30pm	The Parish Eucharist for Palm Sunday Evensong with Prayer for Healing
Tuesday March 14 th (2 nd Tuesday in the month)	8pm	Compline
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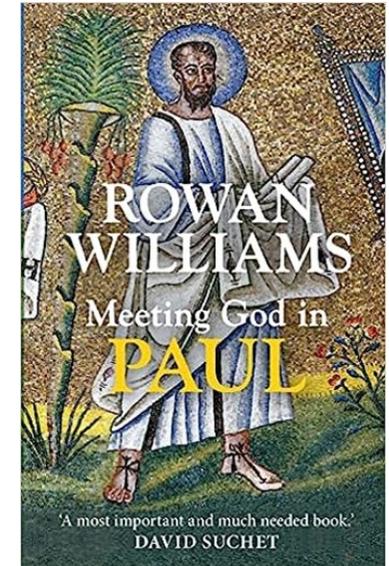
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What are you reading for Lent?

If you haven't chosen anything yet, can I recommend a short and helpful book from Rowan Williams: *'Meeting God in Paul'*. I admit, I often find Rowan's books too lofty and difficult to understand. (He has a brain the size of a planet after all, so perhaps we can forgive him!) But I promise you that this book is supremely accessible and enjoyable, and it comes with a very do-able Lenten bible reading plan, just a few verses each day, complemented by a weekly reflection.



About one quarter of our New Testament writings are attributed to the Apostle Paul, so it's worth getting to know him. Historically, Paul has suffered a bit of a bad rap over issues like the role of women in the church and his perceived acceptance of slavery. This little book debunks the myths and misunderstandings and helps us to understand the world Paul was living in, giving important and enlightening context to his teachings. It enables us to step into Paul's shoes as he tries to make sense of what happened in the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the havoc that plays with the usual conventions of Roman society and the wider world.

I'm conscious that Lent this year falls between two important dates for Racial Justice: Racial Justice Sunday on 12th February, and the thirtieth anniversary of Stephen Lawrence's death on 22nd April.

As we fight for Racial Justice today, we carry with us the painful and shameful history of the slave trade. For me, the most helpful part of Rowan's book was his unpacking of the slave : slave-owner conventions of the Roman Empire, of which Paul was a citizen, and his revealing, in Paul's letter to Philemon, how Paul understood these conventions to have crumbled under the new world order in which Jesus invites us to be citizens of heaven, 'no longer slave or free' but brothers and sisters in Christ.

So, brothers and sisters, whatever you choose to read this Lent, may God speak to you through it and draw you deeper into His love and service.

A prayer adapted from the Churches Together liturgy for Racial Justice Sunday:

Father, we thank You for Your church, founded upon Your Word,
that challenges us to do more than sing and pray,
but go out and work towards the very answer to our prayers.
Help us to realise that humanity was created to shine
like the stars
and live on through all eternity.
Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace.
Help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live
together,
until that day when all God's children will rejoice
in one common band of humanity in the Kingdom of Heaven.
Amen.

Rev Hannah Lievesley



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For more practical ways to enjoy, nurture and defend nature, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email at: arocha.org.uk/wild-Christian

Many thanks from St Chad's Green Team



Carrots, eggs or coffee beans?

A story found and offered to us by Lorraine Banning

The country is facing many problems at the moment. The cost of living is rising so fast and we've been having extreme weather. This story, by an unknown author, could be about a person facing difficulties at this time.

A woman was going through a hard time. Stressed anxious and weary, her resilience was at an all-time low. One day she poured out her heart to her gran. Grandma took her to the kitchen and filled three pans with water. Into the first she put some carrots, into the second eggs and into the third some ground up coffee beans. She stood while they came to the boil without saying a word. After 20 minutes the pans were taken off the cooker and Gran fished out the carrots and put them in a bowl, the eggs in another and the coffee in a third bowl.

"What do you see?" She asked.

"Carrots, eggs and coffee." the woman replied.

"Look closer, feel the carrots."

"They're soft and mushy." the woman said.

"And what about the eggs? Take off the shells."

"They are hard boiled." she answered.



Finally she was told to sip the coffee. The woman smiled as she tasted the rich flavour of the coffee and inhaled its deep aroma. Her gran explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity. All endured boiling water but reacted differently. The carrots had gone into the water strong and hard but had weakened and become soft. The eggs had been fragile when they went in but the shell protected the liquid inside. They came out hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique. They'd changed the water. "Which are you?" Grandma asked. The woman reflected for a while. Having been a strong character, was she going to come out of her testing time wilted and feeble?

Or would she come out of adversity hard and tough but perhaps now with a bitter heart? She recognised that she would like to come out like the coffee beans. Succumbing to the hot water had released the fragrance and flavour and the result was something delicious. The woman began to see that the circumstances that had brought her stress, anxiety and weariness, if accepted with humility, produce something pleasing in her. So when the hours are the darkest, when the trials are the greatest, how do you handle the adversity?

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By Jan Betts

Thought of the Month

I spent some of this week at the beautiful Franciscan Friary in Alnmouth and when not walking on the beach- or sleeping! - read one of Rowan Williams’ books on icons. Now icons are not something I grew up with and neither is venerating Mary: in fact I grew up convinced that ‘worshipping Mary’ was really heretical.

But I have slowly come to understand a bit of what these very ancient ‘texts’ (because icons are ‘written’ not ‘painted’) might teach us. Here, in a modern version of what is called the Virgin of Tenderness, Jesus snuggles up to Mary completely unashamed to be tugging at her head covering, demanding her attention, and looking at her with great tenderness. He just can’t get close enough! And Mary is looking at us and gesturing towards him, telling us to look, see, feel, this is what it’s like to be with God. She holds him close and safe, enjoying the cuddle.



There are all kinds of things we could take from this, but one thing Rowan Williams suggests is that God here is utterly unashamed to be as loving and demanding of our attention as a child. God simply wants to be close to us, to ask for our love and to give his love in return. God actively wants us to be there in relationship, accepting the love for us that is as natural as breath. He tugs at our shirts, our scarves, our faces, asking to be looked at and loved with the joy with which he looks at us, aware of when we don’t pay him attention but forgiving and still wanting to be there.



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God not only loves us, he likes us, and wants our company. He has called us friends.

Another thought is that God here is not ashamed of human bodies. He loves the closeness, the ability to cuddle which – we might guess - reflects the closeness of the Trinity. Our skin and bones are not something to be regretted but part of the us that is loved and cherished, as he loved Mary's body, and took care of his disciples when they were tired.

But Mary is also looking outwards at us and at all of us, through her eyes and her inviting hand. This love is for everyone. This is no distant God who needs appeasing but a God who is involved, active in encouraging us to know that we too need to look at every face with the loving gaze of God.



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Revision of St Chad's Electoral Roll

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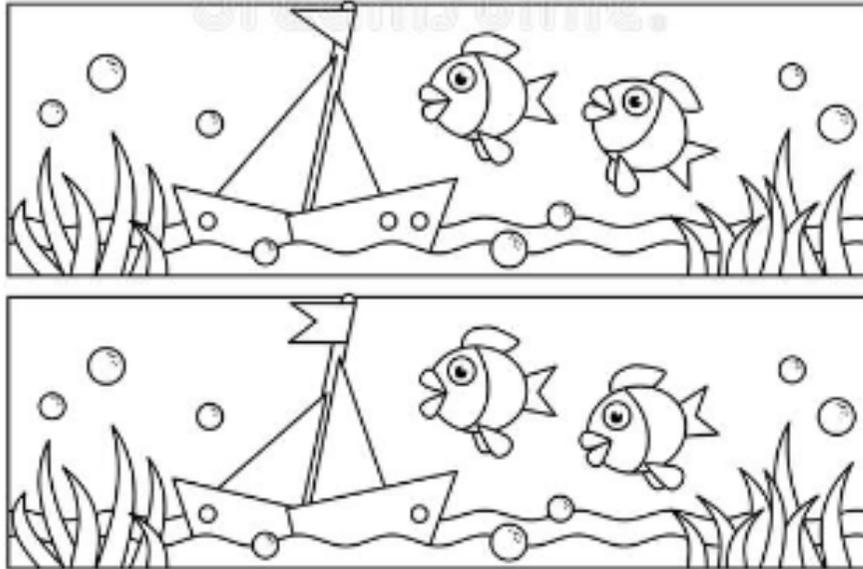
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Thursday 9th 2pm **An odyssey in Africa** by Peter Henderson is giving a slide show of his and Marys recent trip to Namibia the awesome scenery & abundant wildlife in the savanna, mountains, deserts & coast of Namibia

Saturday 18th at 10.30 in church to help make bunches of flowers for Mothering Sunday

Tuesday 21st 7.30 in small hall parish centre Mary Marshall is coming to speak . **Sing a new song** It's not about singing but moving forward with MU. If you want to know about MU tonight's the night to come and find out what we do locally and worldwide

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My Favourite Hymn.

'O God of earth and altar'

Lyrics: G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

Tune: King's Lynn, English traditional melody, arranged by R.V. Williams (1872-1958)

I love a stirring hymn and you can't get more stirring than 'O God of earth and altar', from the writer and Christian apologist Gilbert Keith Chesterton. He is perhaps best known to modern readers for his *Father Brown* mysteries, now a TV series, as well as for his religious and political beliefs.

Chesterton's hymn reminds me of the psalms, honestly laying before God the problems of the supplicant and the world. It's fundamentally a prayer, not a piece of music and brings to mind the old saying that "whoever sings prays twice." The address to the God "of earth and altar" evokes the heart of Christian faith which holds that this good world is suffering from the disorder of sin, but that God who is sovereign will bring about the renewal of all things.

This is the New Heaven and New Earth we long for and read about in the scriptures. The New Creation we encounter every time the resurrected

O God of earth and altar,
bow down and hear our cry,
our earthly rulers falter,
our people drift and die;
the walls of gold entomb us,
the swords of scorn divide,
take not thy thunder from us,
but take away our pride.

From all that terror teaches,
from lies of tongue and pen,
from all the easy speeches
that comfort cruel men,
from sale and profanation
of honour and the sword,
from sleep and from damnation,
deliver us, good Lord!

Tie in a living tether
the prince and priest and thrall,
bind all our lives together,
smite us and save us all;
in ire and exultation
aflake with faith, and free,
lift up a living nation,
a single sword to thee.

As occurred in 2021, one of our nest boxes designed for starlings was used by a nuthatch. We again can't be sure that eggs were laid in it, but the front which is designed to be removed to allow for cleaning out of the used nest in the late summer, was again extremely difficult to remove. How long this box will stand being hit by a mallet to allow us to open it and clear out the used nesting material remains to be seen! Sadly, many of the remaining wooden bird boxes made by members of the St Chad's SCY club at least 15 years ago are rotting and I suspect tits are regarding several of them as insufficiently structurally sound for nesting purposes. Several have been pecked open at the back, or chewed open by squirrels, to investigate if a nest is present that can be raided. We will need to decide if these boxes should be replaced. Would anyone like to donate a new nest box? On balance we would prefer to use nest boxes that don't need to be attached to a tree with nails or screws.

Year	Species Seen	Number of Individual Birds	Nests in Bird Boxes
2013	14	25	
2016	13	41	
2019	13	31	5
2020	11	31	6
2021	7	14	7
2022	9	23	7
2023	11	39	

The bird box which was on one of the lower branches of the multi-stemmed willow which was recently coppiced, outside the south porch, has been moved to another position in the churchyard.

Helen Cruickshank

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch at St Chad's 2023



Peter Henderson kindly counted the birds in the St Chad's churchyard for the 2023 RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch on 27th January. The morning was rather drizzly to start with, but cleared during the hour spent watching the birds. Peter reports seeing 3 blackbirds, 3 robins, 11 carrion crows, 3 magpies, 5 bullfinches, 5 blue tits, 2 great tits, 2 long tailed tits, 3 wood pigeons, 1 dunnock and one wren. Two of the bullfinches were males. This is an increase in the number of birds and species seen since last year, though the increase in the number of birds seen is largely due to the number of crows around.

There were the same number of occupied nests as during 2022, but many fewer dead nestlings in the nests this year. To try and counter the problems in 2021 when, nationally, tit nesting failed to coordinate successfully with the peak time for caterpillar emergence due to poor weather, and many nests failed, we put up a bird feeder in the churchyard during the nesting season in 2022. That was not maintained during the rest of the year, but we are planning to replace the bird feeder during this nesting season. Did you spot it last year?



Christ comes among us in the Eucharist and a reminder that what happens on earth matters. God is not distant but intimately involved in our lives. The lyrics lack neither power nor punch. They're a blunt and searing indictment of the corruption that sin has wrought within humanity. I can't see anything in verses 1 and 2 that isn't as true of our contemporary age as it was for Chesterton's. That might seem disheartening, that we haven't learnt much from our mistakes, but it's the voice of a prophet speaking truth to a world that doesn't want to admit its errors nor understand and make better use of its beautiful gifts. No patient gets better until they're diagnosed and then can be treated. Lord, make us own up to our mistakes, challenge our delusions and show us a better way is the hymn's prayer.

To the summary of human failure is added a hopeful call in the hymn's final verse. The profoundly moving tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams helps to exhort Christians to collectively embrace the better angels of their nature, stir up the strength of faith and live the freedom of the gospel, as ones not enslaved to the tyrannies of human sin and selfishness. Become the light and salt of the earth, we might say, that Jesus wants his followers to be.

The hierarchical language of "prince and priest and thrall", and the notion that we are a single Christian nation, may no longer work, but the thrilling call to action will never be outdated. The idea that as a society and as a church we are tied together in bonds of mutual obligation, respect and service is a powerful one. When one person falls, we all fall. When one person flourishes, we all flourish. Against an age obsessed by individualism and the destruction of those institutions which teach us that we are more than an island of self-interest, that we are a community that cares for each other, we need more of the fire and fervour expressed in this hymn's faith.

O God of earth and altar, bind all our lives together, smite us and save us all.



Reverend Joshua Peckett



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Journey to Jamboree, By Rachel Fogg

In last month's issue you may have read about how successful and popular scouting is at St Chad's, but do you have any idea how popular scouting is around the world? Go on, have a guess – how many Scouts do you think there are there across the whole world?



A few hundred thousand? A few million? What did you guess? There are, in fact, over 31 million scouts in 216 counties and territories around the globe. That's a lot of Scouts!

Next question – this one's a bit easier – what's one of a Scout's favourite things to do? Yes, you guessed it – camping! Scouts love going on camp, and what could be better than a camp of epic proportions, with Scouts from all around the world!

This camp, known as jamboree, happens once every four years and the next one is this summer in South Korea. The information on the jamboree website tells us that there will be over 40,000 Scouts in attendance - two of those very lucky attendees will be from our very own Scout Group.

What sort of a person signs up to travel half way around the world to camp with 39,998 strangers and how do they prepare for such an adventure, you might wonder? I managed to grab 10 minutes with Alice Cammegh, one of our representatives – and the first girl ever to go on jamboree from our group - to find out more...

R: What inspired you to apply for jamboree?

A: I wasn't able to do Scouts during Covid and I really missed it. I thought jamboree would be a great way to get back into it. Also, South Korea sounded really, really cool and I've never been that far before. I studied the Korean War in History GCSE, so I thought it would be a great opportunity to see in real life what I had studied.

R: What was the application process?

A: I originally applied in September 2021. There was a form to fill in, with questions about why I wanted to go and what had been my best scouting experience to date. I think I was a bit over the top with some of my responses – I'd probably cringe if I read it now! After that, I was invited to a selection camp at Bramhope with over 125 Scouts. We were all supposed to get along and work collaboratively, but that was quite tricky when we were all competing for places. Less than half got through, but fortunately I was one of them.

R: What are you looking forward to most?

A: Getting to the camp, setting up and getting organised. We'll be visiting Seoul whilst we're there, which I think will be amazing but also very intense and maybe a bit overwhelming. I think I'll definitely prefer being in the routine of camp.

R: Anything you're not looking forward to?

A: Flying on plane for 14 hours with a bunch of 14 year old boys!

R: Do you know any Korean?

A: I know the names of some places – Incheon, Pusan and Seoul. I also know the names of some foods, but they are really difficult pronounce! I'm looking forward to trying the noodles and veggies – I'm definitely a veggies sort of a girl.

R: What's top of your list for packing?

A: My headphones – I'll be blasting out Phoebe Bridgers in the middle of the jungle. And deodorant, because it's going to be soooo hot. Annoyingly, I can't pack insect repellent because it melts the tents!

R: Well, I didn't know that! And I didn't know how rigorous the application process was either. Super well done for getting a place; I'm sure you'll have an amazing time. Please will you come and tell us all about your adventure when you get back.

