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February



2011



Diary Dates

Saturday 29th January

Men's Breakfast
at Maluca Café Irby
9.00am - 10.00am

Thursday 3rd February

M.U. AGM and sing-a-long
2.15pm at St Chad's

Sunday 13th February

Celebration Of Marriage
3.30pm at Chester Cathedral

Thursday 3rd March

M.U. Catherine Thursby 'African Adventure'
2.15pm at St Chad's

Friday 4th March

M.U. Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 11th March

M.U. Wave of Prayer

Notices

Magazine subscriptions

These are now due for 2011. If you see your deliverer please pay them, or alternatively post a cheque for £4.00 payable to Thurstaston PCC, to St Chad's Church Office, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UH.

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

23rd January
Harry West

Funerals

We commend to God's eternal care

13th January
Alice Dennison aged 91
28th January
Kathleen (Kathy) Hayes aged 85

From your rector

Dear Friends,

"The Lord will guide you always" - Isaiah 58v11

At the end of December, I went to see the "Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader" at the cinema. This was an excellent film and I'd recommend it to anyone old or young. The Voyage of the Dawn Treader is a fabulous allegory of the spiritual life - touching on themes of temptation, guidance and eternal life.



Over the past couple of weeks (Jan 16th and 23rd) our Sunday morning gospel reading has been about Jesus calling his disciples and both Simon and I have preached about God's calling to us.

These two things, combined with

- ◇ the fact that as a church we continue to seek God's guidance for our GAP (Growth Action Planning) Project
- ◇ and our 125th Anniversary service at St Bartholomew's in which Bishop Peter spoke about journeying in faith

have led me to think quite a lot recently about how God calls and guides us.

Jesus has called you to be his disciple (a follower) and to journey with him in faith. All journeys involve different stages:-

- ◇ Getting ready to set out
- ◇ Setting out
- ◇ The journey itself
 - ◇ Sometimes relaxed, sometimes frantic
 - ◇ Sometimes short, sometimes long
 - ◇ Sometimes roundabouts, cross roads and T-junctions to negotiate
- ◇ Arrival at destination
 - ◇ Or is it just a temporary stop
 - ◇ to refuel, rest
 - ◇ short stay en-route to somewhere else
- ◇ Unpack and settle in

Our spiritual journey takes similar stages. What God called you to do as a child, is different to what he called you to do as a young adult, is different to what he called (will call) you to do in middle age and old age. Where are you on your spiritual journey? What is God calling you to do for him at this stage in your journey - both as an individual and as a member of our church.

If anyone would like to explore God's calling for them as an individual, especially if you feel there might be a calling involving ministry of some sort - whether as a Reader, a pastoral worker, an evangelist, a priest or a missionary - then I'd love to hear from you. Please give me a call and we can arrange to have a chat.

There are lots of roles within the life of the church, and if you'd like to explore whether God is calling you to take on a new role within our church life, then again, please have a chat with me. Some roles which you might like to consider:-

- ◇ Being a member of the PCC - see last months mag for more details of what's involved.
- ◇ Being a Sidesperson - Welcoming and giving out Books at the start of the service and helping to tidy everything away at the end. We especially need more sidespeople at St Chad's, where the role includes arriving early to put out the chairs.
- ◇ Working with children and young people. We can always use more people at Junior Church and are especially looking for someone to work with "Tots and Tinies on a Thursday"
- ◇ Leading Intercessions on a Sunday - There are resource books available and we can provide you with help and guidance.
- ◇ Forming a prayer group
- ◇ Being on the reading rota, the coffee rota, the cleaning rota, the flower rota, helping to count and bank the offertory, visiting sick and house-bound members of the congregation etc. etc. etc.....

What is God calling you to do at this point along your journey of faith? I pray that you will listen for and respond to his call.

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Church Meetings will be held on Sunday 27 March 2011 at 6:00 pm in St Chad's. It is an opportunity for all parishioners to contribute to and be involved in the affairs of the Parish. Please come and give your support. The meeting will be followed by a short service for those who wish to stay.

We shall receive reports on the matters discussed by the Parochial Church Council, the financial affairs of the Church, the Deanery Synod and the associated Organisations. We shall also:

- ◇ discuss the independently inspected accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2010
- ◇ elect Church Wardens, who must be nominated and seconded in writing before the meeting (Churchwarden's Measure 2001)
- ◇ elect representatives to the Deanery Synod
- ◇ elect members of the Parochial Church Council
- ◇ appoint Sidespersons for the year
- ◇ receive a report on the Electoral Roll
- ◇ discuss any topics raised by parishioners.

Sidespersons' names are displayed in the churches on the duty rotas. If you wish to bring any topics forward for discussion, please notify the Rector or Secretary in advance of the meeting.

The Parochial Church Council currently comprises the Rector (Revd J Turner), the Churchwardens (Mr R Jackson and Mr J Roberts), the representatives to the Deanery Synod (Mr M Studholme, Dr E Norton-Jones and Mr C Smale, with one vacancy), all as *ex-officio* members, Mrs J Abbott and Mr C Eden, co-opted in 2010, and the following twelve elected representatives of the congregation:

- ◇ Mr A Whelen, Mr E Jones, Mr G Barley, Mr E Bezant and Mr C Vickers, elected until 2011

- ◊ Mr J Oliver, Mr D Wolstencroft and Mrs J DeBoorder, elected until 2012
- ◊ Mrs K Robson, Dr M James, Mrs S Lang and Mrs E Jones, elected until 2013.

Mr A Whelen, Mr E Jones, Mr G Barley, Mr E Bezant and Mr C Vickers retire from office this year but may be re-elected for a further three years. The terms of office of the Deanery Synod Representatives' also end this year: they can be re-elected and there is a vacancy.

In addition to the four Deanery Synod positions, eight people can be elected to the PCC, five until 2014, one until 2013 and two until 2012. Five current elected members are available for re-election. The two co-opted members, Mrs Abbott and Mr Eden, may be elected.

Nominations for churchwardens must be received in writing in the proper form by the Rector before the meeting and may not be made after the meeting has begun.

Lists for nominations of Wardens, Sidespersons and members of the Council will be posted at the two churches. Please enter the names of nominees and sponsors. Any other members wishing to retire are asked to inform the Secretary well before the meeting.

G.J. Barley (Hon. Secretary)



The church officers had their usual polite exchange over who had forgotten to order the heating oil before the price went up.

New Synod debates the Big Society and the Anglican Communion Covenant

Her Majesty The Queen inaugurated the Ninth General Synod of the Church of England in Church House, Westminster on Tuesday 23 November.

This Synod reflected some significant changes amongst its membership: 35% of the elected members of the General Synod were starting their first ever five-year term; the proportion of elected clergy who are female has increased from 21% to 28%; and women now make up 46% of the elected laity membership (up from 40%). Both newly elected and returning Synod members had attended an induction seminar in Church House on the Monday.

In her address, Her Majesty described the opening of a new Synod as a moment both for giving thanks for the witness of those who had gone before, and for praying for wisdom in seeking to balance change and continuity in the decisions lying ahead.

The Queen emphasised the importance of two forthcoming anniversaries: four hundred years since the publication of the Authorised Version of the Bible commissioned by King James, and two hundred years since the foundation of the National Society for Promoting Religious Education, both of which had had a lasting impact on the life of the Church and the nation.

In his first Presidential Address to the new Synod, the Archbishop of Canterbury reflected on issues coming to the Synod, including the Anglican Communion Covenant and the Big Society, and for the need for a process of listening, engagement and theological debate.

The Big Society is a major theme of the new Government and is of considerable relevance to the role of religious bodies, including the Church of England. In June of last year, the Bishop of Leicester sponsored a debate in the House of Lords on the concept of the Big Society. The Mission and Public

Affairs Division has been in discussion with Government ministers to consider ways the Church might work in partnership with the Government to promote greater social cohesion.

The debate in Synod was intended to enable the Church to understand the issues concerned more deeply and prepare dioceses and parishes to feel better equipped to respond at local level.

The idea of an Anglican Communion Covenant was first proposed in the Windsor report of 2004, following developments in relation to same-sex partnerships in North America. It was envisaged that the Anglican Covenant would “make explicit and forceful the loyalty and bonds of affection” which govern the relationships between the Churches of the Anglican Communion. A text of the Covenant was sent last December to all the Churches of the Anglican Communion for their approval.

The House of Bishops agreed in May to commend the Covenant to the Synod for adoption. Synod formally considered the Covenant before referring it to dioceses for consideration by the diocesan synods. The draft Act of Synod will return to the Synod in due course for Final Approval, possibly in 2012.

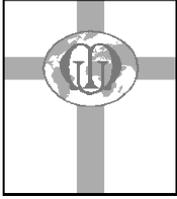
Other Legislative Business The Church of England Marriage (Amendment) Measure was introduced at the November group of sessions to give effect to the resolution passed by the Synod in July, calling for the introduction of legislation to enable a diocesan bishop to give directions allowing those who have a ‘qualifying connection’ with a particular parish to marry in any church within the benefice of which that parish forms a part.

Two other pieces of legislation came to the Synod for approval as the remaining steps in the process of preparing for the introduction of ‘Common Tenure’ early in 2011.

More details at:

www.cofe.anglican.org/about/gensynod/agendas/nov2010/index.html

Mothers' Union



The Mothers Union January meeting fell on the Feast of Epiphany and Jane presided at an Epiphany Communion Service.

About 30 members came to worship together. We sat in a semi-circle facing the Sanctuary for the service and served each other with the Bread and Wine, enabling us all to take part fully in the Communion. It was a blessed time for us all with each one taking away something individually special and memorable. Being MU this was followed by a time of fellowship and afternoon tea !

I now have the date of the Deanery Festival - Tuesday 10th May at 7-30pm, St. Johns, Meols.

Mothers Union Fellowship Prayer

O God, our Father, we pray you to be with us with your gifts of love and joy and peace, and to direct us in all our dealings and fellowship with one another. Bless our homes and our parish and grant that we may uphold your truth and honour your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Diary Dates:

Feb. Thurs.3rd. St. Chads 2-15pm AGM and Sing-a-Long of favourite hymns.

Mar. Thurs.3rd. St. Chads 2-15pm Catherine Thursby 'African Adventure'

Mar. Fri. 4th Womens World Day of Prayer

Mar. Fri. 11th MU Wave of Prayer

God Bless
Sue Burns

Are you the next Mothers' Union Parenting Network Co-ordinator?

Mothers' Union are recruiting a volunteer to take on the role of Parenting Network coordinator to liaise and support our growing group of parenting facilitators who provide parenting programmes in their local communities in the diocese of Chester.

A full role description and application form are available from the Mothers' Union office
10 Abbey Square Chester CH1 2HU. Closing date April 15th.

Thanks

Jeanette Appleton

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL – 2011 REVISION

This year the roll will be subject to the usual annual review. Current members will automatically remain on the roll and new members can be added until the end of March.

Members are reminded that to be a member of the role a person's main place of residence must be within the parish or they must be a regular attendee at worship.

Only members of the roll will be entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which will be held on 27th March 2010, and be elected to hold office in the parish and/or deanery.

Four years ago in 2007 the previous roll, which had been in force since 2002, was closed and a new roll compiled in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Not everyone who was a member of the earlier roll joined the new roll at that time, or during the revision that took place in 2008. We, therefore, encourage everyone who wishes to be a member to view the current roll which will be displayed at both churches throughout March. If you are not listed as a member we invite you to complete an application form.

We also ask existing members to check their entry, correct any errors and/or update their address.

The roll is the official record of all those who are members of our churches and reflects the depth and strength of our parish. Anyone aged 16 years or older who is baptized and is a member of the Church of England, (or a church in communion with the Church of England) and lives within the parish boundary, or lives outside the parish boundary but is a habitual attendee at our services is entitled to be a member of the roll. We, therefore, strongly encourage all those who regularly attend our churches to become members of the roll.

Application forms are available at the back of each church or from the Parish Office (648-8169).

Celebrate Marriage!

Chester Cathedral - 13/02/2011

Are you married or thinking about getting married?

Join us at Chester Cathedral for a service open to all at 3:30pm on Sunday 13 Feb.,

where we can all give thanks for marriage, whether it is our own,

our parents, our friends or just the community at large. It is one of the basic elements of our Big Society.



We want to help raise the profile of Marriage and feel that a service celebrating Marriage would raise awareness in an increasingly secular world, especially as it is being held during National Marriage Week. Bishop Peter is preaching and during the service members of the congregation will be invited to write down, if they so wish, their tip for a successful marriage. The top ten tips will be sent with our good wishes to Prince William and Kate.

With my very best wishes

Angela Klabou

Mothers Union, Chester Diocesan President

It is not enough to love – you need to be loved

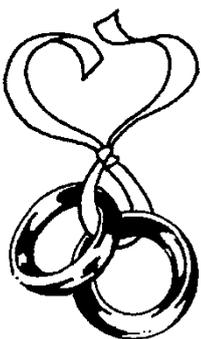
Sometimes we can be inclined to give and give and give to others – without asking anything in return. We may think that this is a sign of generosity – of great strength. But it can also be one of pride – we want to be seen as the one who does not need help. Or it can be a sign of very low self-esteem – we do not think we are worth receiving anything from others.



Whatever the reason, when we keep giving, without also receiving, we put ourselves in danger – we will burn out quickly. It is as important to know when we need to TAKE attention and care, as when we need to give it to others. If you do not pay careful attention to your own needs – whether physical, emotional, mental or spiritual – you will not last the distance. If you want to remain a joyful giver for years to come, you need also to be a joyful taker – and accept God’s love - given to you through other people.

Keep your marriage in good shape

We may go for a jog to keep fit, or lovingly polish our car so it stays in good condition, but how many of us have grasped the value of nurturing our marriage? Marriage Encounter weekends give you the opportunity to escape the pressures of everyday life, and spend some constructive time together with your husband or wife.



Nobody is going to pry into your relationship, but you will have time together to think about what is good about your marriage, how to make your communication even better, and what God’s plan and purpose for your lives are. Weekends are held in hotels or retreat houses and offered free except for a small booking fee. Visit www.marriageencounter.org.uk, or call Ray & Val Humby on 01689 820466.



1st Thurstaston Guides

Girlguiding UK

Coffee Evening
Friday March 18th
7.00-8.30pm
ALL WELCOME

Sealed Bid Auction
Liverpool Football Club
Stadium Tour and Museum Visit

Maximum of Four People. Not available on the day prior to, on or after a match. Must be used by 31/12/11. If you were to purchase tickets for this via the LFC website it would cost £14 per adult and £8 per child.
Please make a realistic bid! After all the money is going to charity!

Please write your name, address and a contact phone number, along with your bid on a piece of paper and send to:-

1st Thurstaston Guides
c/o 77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UB

Your bid must arrive by Friday March 11th 2011.
If the highest bid is duplicated, we will draw the winner from a hat.
The winner will be announced on March 18th at our Coffee Evening
(St Chad's, Roslin Rd Irby 7.00-8.30pm—ALL WELCOME)

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February Recipe - Onion, Mushroom and Sausage Toad in the Hole

Serves 6 but can be halved if you want to feed 2/3 people. This is a variation on the theme of the usual toad-in-the-hole, the sautéed onions and mushrooms make it more interesting. Use either chipolatas or thin pork sausages.

INGREDIENTS

170g/6oz flour sieved with a pinch of salt and freshly ground black pepper
3 large eggs
285ml/½ pint milk and water, mixed

3 tbsp sunflower oil
1 large onion, skinned and finely sliced
450g/1lb mushrooms, wiped and sliced
675g/1½lb good pork sausages, grilled until golden brown

METHOD

Start by beating together, or putting into a food processor, the flour, eggs, milk and water. Cover and leave for ½ hour.

In a saucepan heat the oil and cook the onions until soft and just beginning to turn golden - about 5-8mins, add mushrooms and stir for several minutes.

Pour this mixture into a baking tray, because the batter cooks much better than in Pyrex or porcelain. Lay the grilled sausages on top.

Pour the batter over the top.

Cook in a hot oven for about 35 mins. at 420F/220C/Gas Mark 7, until the top is well puffed up and dark golden in colour.

Serve with cabbage or broccoli.

Betty Rimmer



Reverend Margaret Fletcher MBE

If you saw the 2011 New Year Honours list, you might have seen that the Reverend Margaret Fletcher, previously Reader and then Curate in this parish, was awarded an MBE for "for services to the community in Thurstaston and in Irby, Wirral".

Many people in Irby and Thurstaston know Margaret well, but might not know the extent and richness of her involvement with the wider community. The nomination form said that she "made a difference to the community through tremendous contributions in several distinct areas and with people ranging from toddlers to the elderly". Her community work extended over more than 40 years. It included work with the Women's Institute, where she was president and at the forefront of several community projects, with the local Gardening Club and the Wirral Flower Club, in both of which she held office.

Through her church activities, she offered service and support to people of all ages. She worked with young families, bringing parents and children together for mutual support and growth, and many of those who attended were not churchgoing families. Many people benefited from her untiring support at difficult times. She helped elderly people to remain integrated in the community, and also provided them with practical help when it was needed. She worked within the Scouting Movement both at local and District level, helping young people to develop mentally, spiritually, physically and socially. She contributed to the Talking Newspapers for the Blind. She made a huge contribution to the Open Door community project at St Bartholomew's Church, by organising and coordinating a Flower Festival that raised more than £10,000. Margaret is one of those who, behind the scenes, drive much of what is good in society and provide the "glue" that joins people in communities, without seeking personal reward or recognition and often at personal cost. Her value to the local community has been and remains immense. Her interest in the Church led her, with the encouragement of the church community, to be ordained as a minister. She left us to take a very challenging post as Priest in Charge at Ince with Elton, where much of her work is unpaid. Margaret has devoted most of her life to the service of others in widely different areas, to people of all ages and through different organisations.

The nomination included letters of support from the Rt Revd Dr Peter Forster, Bishop of Chester, the Rt Revd Keith Sinclair, Bishop of Birkenhead; Mr Brian Tucker, former Deputy District Commissioner, West Wirral Scouts; Mrs Joyce MacLeod, President, Girlguiding Wirral; Mrs Joyce Ratcliffe; Revd Diane Watson, then Rector of Thurstaston; Mrs Pat Ballard, Chair, Wirral Flower Club; Mrs Katrina Hartley, past president and Secretary, Irby and Thurstaston WI, and WI Adviser Cheshire Federation of WIs; and Mr and Mrs H Lyth.

There can be no doubt that Margaret's life of service to so many parts of the community richly deserves recognition in this way, and that we all join in congratulating her on her award.

Graham Barley (PCC SECRETARY)

Would you like to be kept in touch with Church News by E-mail?

We are aware that not everyone is able to come to Church every week, and wonder if you would like to receive the weekly notice sheet by e-mail so that you get the News even on the week's when you can't come to Church?

We are also aware that there is sometimes important information from the PCC or the Diocese that we want to share with as many people as possible, but that not everyone gets the parish magazine or looks regularly at the parish website. This information could be e-mailed in the form of a monthly (or bi-monthly) news bulletin.

If either or both of the above would be helpful to you, then please return the slip below to the Parish office or e-mail the parish office thurstaston.parish@btinternet.com and ask to be added to the list.

St Bartholomew's and St Chad's

Please send me the weekly notice sheet by e-mail

Please send me news bulletins containing
important information (no more than monthly)

My e-mail address is: _____

Name: _____

Telephone: (in case of query): _____



See notices at front of
magazine on how to pay
your yearly subscrip-
tion for Crosstalk!

Children's Page

See what God made

**Bible story: Genesis 1:11–12
and 20–25**

Activity: A nature mobile

You will need:

- One plastic or polystyrene plate per child
- Ballpoint pen
- Coloured crayons or felt-tipped pens
- Objects from nature, such as feathers, pine cones, bark, dried flowers or seashells
- Scissors
- Wool
- Sticky tape
- Hole punch

Instructions

Use a pen to punch a hole through the middle of the paper plate, then make holes around the rim with a hole punch.

Write 'See what God made' around the rim of the plate. Choose some natural objects to hang around the plate to make a mobile. Cut a piece of wool for each of the objects, using a variety of lengths. Tie one end of each piece of wool to an object and tie the other end through a hole in the paper plate.

Hold the plate so that the writing is on the top. Cut one more piece of wool and thread it through the hole in the middle of the plate. Knot the wool on the underside of the plate and secure with sticky tape.

Hang the mobile up to show the wonderful world God made for us to touch and see.

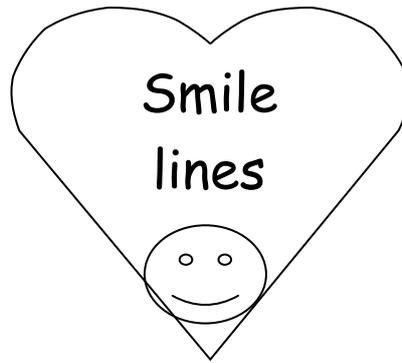
Talk about

Talk about the wonderful things that God has made for us to enjoy in nature.

Other ideas

- Instead of a mobile, make a wind-chime with objects that make a noise when blown on or hit together.
- Invite the children to draw their own pictures of things that God has made and hang them from the plate.





Romance, love, marriage and all that stuff
- the way children see it...

How do you decide whom to marry?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the crisps and dip coming. - Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. - Kirsten, age 10

What is the right age to get married?

23 is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then. - Camille, age 10

No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married. - Freddie, age 6

What do most people do on a date?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say, if you listen long enough. - Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. - Martin, age 10



Men's Breakfast



Saturday 26th March 2011

9 – 10am

Maluca Cafe, Irby Village

Eat, chat and share in fellowship.

Contact Matthew James on 07817625122 or
mjames@doctors.org.uk for further details.

Dates for your diary: Where possible Men's Breakfasts will take place on the fourth Saturday of alternate months. Future dates for 2011 are:

Saturday 26th March

Saturday 21st May

Saturday 16th July

Saturday 24th September

Saturday 26th November



Poor old February!

Thirty days hath September,
April, June, and November.
All the rest have thirty-one
Save for February, and it alone,
Short-changed when they gave out the dates,
Whose days are only twenty-eight!
Though, to be completely sure
In leap years it just gets one more.

It puzzles me, why should this be?
That some months have an extra three
Days more than poor old February!
May? Now that I understand;
Sometimes its days can be quite grand
And August too, when we get tanned!
July, when we can drink cold beer,
December, full of Christmas cheer!

These months, indeed, should not be short;
But don't you think perhaps they ought
To pick a month that's much too long
And bolster Feb – would that be wrong?
January, month of cold and frost
Improved if just one day were lost!
Or March is not so very great
To feel the loss of just one date!

The boffins and the scientists say
February can't be as long as May -
The equinox needs a certain day!
But February is just that special time
When the grip of winter rime,
Weakens with the Spring's first sign!
So, hearken to my heartfelt plea
For a longer February!

By Nigel Beeton

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Pilgrimages Holidays Conferences

Conference 2011 – an invitation

Bishop Martin Warner, is extending a warm invitation to all clergy and laity to attend The Whitby Conference (Mon 11 – Fri 15 July). It is to be an international gathering this summer of clergy and lay people who are interested in looking at what influence the Anglos Saxon and Celtic Church had on the people of Britain. A range of top speakers brought together by Bishop Martin of Whitby will ensure a feast of theology and reflection. Speakers include Rob Mackley, Assistant Chaplain at Emmanuel College, Cambridge; Lucy Winkett, Rector of St James, Piccadilly; Mark McIntosh, Professor of Theology at Durham University and Margaret Barker, a published biblical scholar. Accommodation is provided in comfortable guest houses with breakfast everyday. Dinner is either included or purchasable locally on one of the field trips. If you would like a brochure they are downloadable from www.ukltg.com or please phone 01482 562 455

Retreat to Iona – Reflection and Prayer

Led by the Venerable Bob Fitzharris, Archdeacon of Doncaster (Mon 4 –Fri 8 April). There is space for reflection and a chance to experience a pilgrimage led by the Venerable Fitz Harris, Archdeacon of Doncaster. This is an opportunity to discover the meaning of pilgrimage in a special break incorporating Glasgow, Loch Lomond, Oban and the Isle of St Columbia (Iona). The inclusive cost is £493 which is on a half board basis – included in this is four nights accommodation, breakfast and dinner on three nights, coach travel and all lectures and visits. If you would like a brochure they are downloadable from www.ukltg.com or please phone 01482 562 455

Retreat to Iona – Reflection and Prayer

Led by David Hope, former Archbishop of York (Sun 10 – Thurs 4 April). Time for prayer and reflection, discovering the meaning pilgrimage, led by the former Archbishop of York, David Hope. This is an opportunity to take in the significance of the life of St Columba and all those great northern saints who he influenced. Iona provides a perfect back drop for retreat, reflections and renewal. The inclusive cost is £493 which is on a half board basis – included in this is four nights accommodation, breakfast and dinner on three nights, coach travel and all lectures and visits. If you would like a brochure they are downloadable from www.ukltg.com or please phone 01482 562 455

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