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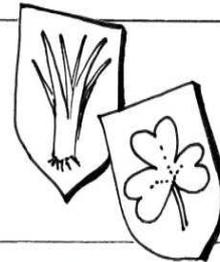


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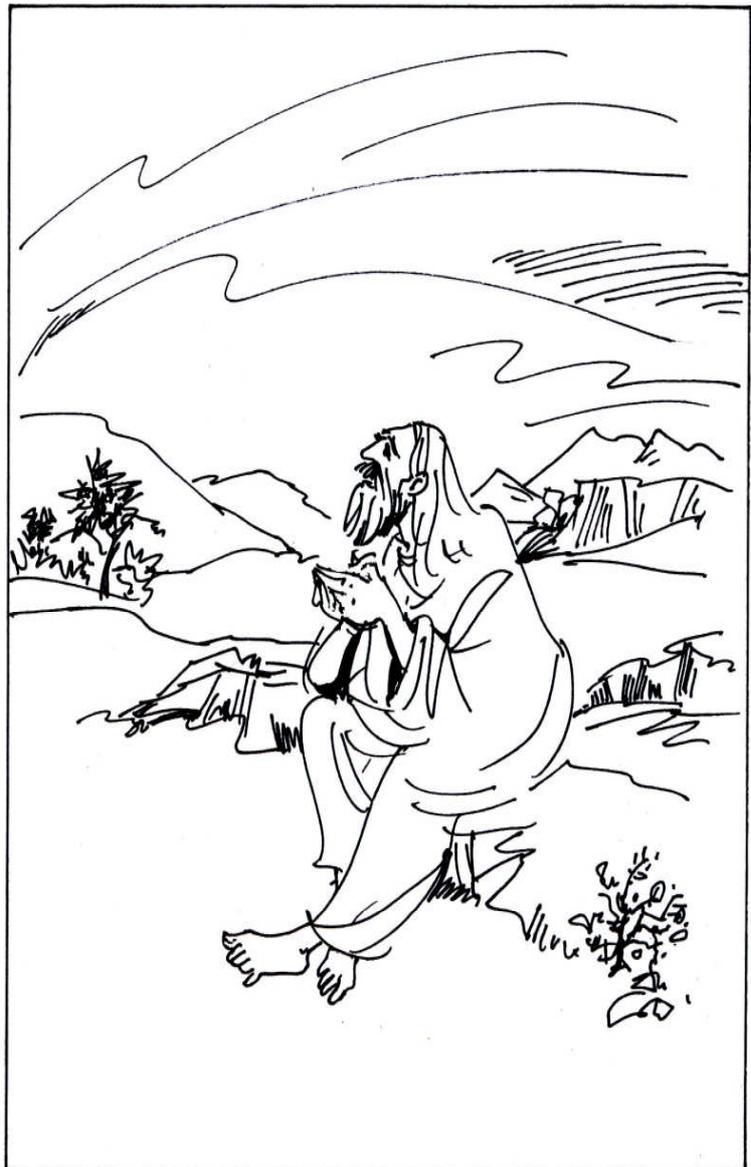
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## March



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## Diary Dates

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'African Adventure'  
2.15pm at St Chad's

### Friday 4th March

M.U. Women's World Day of Prayer

### Saturday 5th March

Afternoon Tea for Bereaved Families  
2.00 - 3.30pm at St Chad's

### Friday 11th March

M.U. Wave of Prayer

### Friday 18th March

Guides Coffee Evening for  
Red Nose Day  
7.00 - 8.30pm at St Chad's

### Wednesday 23rd March

EMU 'Card Making' by Chris Carlson  
8.00pm at St Chad's

### Saturday 26th March

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

### Sunday 27th March

APCM 6.00pm  
at St Chad's

### Thursday 7th April

M.U. Communion with Rev. Jane and our  
Prayer Partners from  
All Saints, New Brighton  
at St. Chads 2.15pm

### Saturday 9th April

Children's Easter Workshop  
at St Chad's 2.00pm -4.00pm

## Notices

### Magazine subscriptions

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or alternatively post a cheque for £4.00  
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# Sunday 27th March

Set Your  
**CLOCKS**  
FORWARD



## From your rector

Dear Friends,

Lent is seen by many as a time for giving things up, but I want to encourage you instead to think of it as a time of **discovery of God through the desert of discipline**, and I'd like to encourage you when in church during Lent to listen carefully to the wonderfully positive picture of Lent which is painted by the Eucharistic prayer.



It begins as we would expect it to, by reminding us to give thanks and praise to Almighty God through Jesus his son. Then begins the reminder of what Lent is about. "For in these forty days" - A period of 6 weeks before Easter when we prepare ourselves spiritually to celebrate the resurrection and the living Christ. "In these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again." Let's take a look at that sentence, and examine what it means for us:-

The desert of repentance doesn't sound like a nice place to be! Deserts are dry arid places, with very little if any refreshment. No-one with any sense would enter into a desert without the right preparation or an experienced guide to lead them.

Our pilgrimage through Lent is not a physical one, but a spiritual one. It is a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline. For many, this is even harder than a physical journey, and one which they choose not to enter into.

The end of this sentence is where it begins to get really positive. God leads us on a pilgrimage of discipline into the desert of repentance **IN ORDER THAT** we may grow in grace and learn to be his people once again. Growing in grace is a wonderful thing,

because we discover more and more of the love which God has for us shown through Jesus death on the cross and all that that means.

Lent allows us annually to reflect on our own relationship with God and provides a time for us to learn to be his people once again.

Learning to be his people, involves fasting, praying and acts of service, which in turn means that our eyes become open to God's presence in the world. What spiritual pilgrimage are you going to make this Lent? When will you fast? When will you pray? What acts of service will you carry out?

Lent is not a negative time of giving things up, but an exciting opportunity in which we are invited to participate. It may not be an easy journey, but the blessings and the joy will far outweigh any temporary hardship.

*Father, as we fast and pray and carry out acts of service this Lent, may our eyes be opened to your presence in the world and may we grow in grace. Amen.*

Wishing you every blessing on your spiritual pilgrimage.

*Rev'd Jane*

# 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.

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS  
SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010 AT 6.00 PM AT ST  
CHAD'S**

The Rector opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes of both meetings (2009) had been published in the April edition of the parish magazine, "Crosstalk".

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mr G Barley, Mrs L Barley, Dr M James, Mrs D Jeffrey, Mrs E Jones, Mrs S Lang, Mrs C Samson, Mr P Samson, Mrs B Rimmer, Mr F Rimmer and Mrs S Smale.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS  
Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting  
(26<sup>th</sup> April 2009)**

A proposal made and seconded by Dr P Robson and Mrs M McKie that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting was agreed unanimously.

**Election of Churchwardens**

Mr R Jackson and Mr J Roberts had been nominated and seconded, and had signed to say they agreed to the nomination and were not disqualified. As no further nominations had been received prior to the meeting, Mr Jackson and Mr Roberts were declared elected.

The Rector thanked Mr G Burns, the retiring warden, for his work during his period of office and especially since her induction. She presented him with a gift and also thanked Mrs Burns for her support and work throughout Mr Burns' time as warden. Mr Burns thanked the Rector and the congregations.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting  
(26<sup>th</sup> April 2009)**

Mrs B Appleyard proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, subject to one correction: that Mr B Appleyard be changed to Mrs B Appleyard (first paragraph on page 12 of "Crosstalk". Mrs L Ormsby seconded the proposal, which was agreed unanimously.

**Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments  
of the Churches**

Mr G Burns and Mr R Jackson, churchwardens, presented their reports, which were accepted by the meeting with no questions.

**Report on the Business of the Council and  
Other Church Activities in 2009**

Mr G Barley, Honorary Secretary to the PCC, was unable to attend the meeting, but had asked the Rector to draw parishioners' attention to his report published in the St Bartholomew's and St Chad's Annual Report for 2009. There were no questions about the report.

**Report on the Financial Affairs of the Parish  
during 2009 and Approval of the Annual  
Accounts**

Mr C Eden, Honorary Treasurer to the PCC, presented his report and the annual account. He explained the difference between Restricted, Unrestricted and Endowment Funds and drew parishioners' attention to the closing balance of £18,096 in Unrestricted Funds, compared to £24,400 the previous year, warning that this figure could not be allowed to fall further or the parish would face a significant cashflow problem. In response to a question, he acknowledged that there had been an improvement in the parish's financial situation since the Giving Initiative in July-September 2009 and hoped that this would continue. He replied to a second question by explaining that by no means all members of the Planned Giving Envelope Scheme made up their giving if they missed a service, and he therefore urged parishioners to consider taking out a Standing Order.

The Rector thanked Mr Eden for all his hard work over the past year.

**Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery  
Synod**

In response to a question about the possible reorganisation of Wirral deaneries, Mr M Studholme said that the matter appeared to have been shelved. Mr C Smale added that certain pastoral issues within the Wallasey deanery were currently being addressed, but that there was no guarantee that Bishop Peter would not put reorganisation back on the agenda at some future date.

**Report on the Electoral Roll**

Mr J Roberts, the Electoral Roll Officer, reported that, in revising the roll, he had removed the names of eighteen people who had died or moved away from the parish, but had added twelve new names. Following this revision the number currently on the Roll stood at 283.

**Report on the Sunday School**

Mrs J DeBoorder referred to the Sunday School section of the published Annual Report.

### **Report on the St Chad's Seniors**

Mrs K Robson referred to the Seniors' section of the published Annual Report.

### **Report on the Mothers' Union and EMU**

The Annual Report included sections on MU and EMU. Mrs S Burns thanked members for their continuing support.

### **Other Reports**

In response to a question, it was admitted that part of the Playgroup report had accidentally been omitted from the published Annual Report. The Rector promised that the missing section would be retrieved and the full report published in "Crosstalk".

Mr P Robson expressed his appreciation to Dr M James for organising the men's breakfast meetings and invited others to join the group. The Rector reported that the Rainbows were about to go into new leadership. Mrs P Wonderley's retirement, after approximately 16 years as leader, would be marked in the July 2010 Family Service. She said that the Brownies were flourishing and that there was a full Guide company, with some families coming to church as a direct consequence.

A question was asked about the possibility of having the "special" choir two or three times a year at St Bartholomew's, not just at Christmas. The Rector said she would discuss this matter with the PCC.

The Rector expressed her recognition of the fact that so much is going on within the Parish and her appreciation to the co-ordinators of all these Church and Church-affiliated groups.

### **Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the Accounts for 2010**

A proposal by Mr J Oliver and seconded by Mr M Studholme that Mr R Turner be asked whether he would agree to be the Independent Examiner again was accepted unanimously.

### **Election of One Deanery Synod Representative to serve until 2011**

There being no volunteer, one vacancy remains.

### **Election of Five Members of the Parochial Church Council to serve until 2013 and One Member to serve until 2012**

Mrs P Brady, Mrs D Jeffrey and Mrs H Rathmell had retired from the PCC. The Rector thanked them and Mr B Appleyard (co-opted youth representative who had also decided to stand down), presenting them with a small gift in recognition of their work and contributions. Mr J Roberts had retired on reaching the end of his period of

office, but would continue as an *ex officio* member of the PCC by virtue of having been elected a churchwarden. Dr M James, Mrs E Jones and Mrs K Robson had also retired on reaching the ends of their periods of office but were eligible for re-election. All three had been nominated and seconded for election, as had two other candidates, one of whom was disqualified from the election because she had not been on the electoral roll for six months, whilst the other had already been elected to the post of churchwarden. The four qualifying candidates, who were duly declared elected, with the names of those who nominated and seconded them in brackets, were:

Dr M James (Mrs K Robson and Mr C Smale);  
Mrs E Jones (Mrs P Hulme, Mr A Wallis and Dr E Norton-Jones);  
Mrs S Lang (Mr A Wallis and Mrs P Hulme);  
Mrs K Robson (Dr C James and Mr C Smale).

The Rector proposed that the other candidate, Mrs J Abbott, be co-opted at the next PCC meeting. She also took the opportunity of thanking Mrs C Samson for her work on the social committee.

### **Appointment of Sidespersons**

The list of sidespersons shown in the Annual Report was verified, with the addition of Mrs J Abbott and the clarification (as noted in the minutes of the 2009 meeting) that Miss H Appleyard would carry out the duties of a sidesperson at St Chad's although she was still too young to be legally appointed.

Those appointed were: Mrs J Abbott, Mr E Bezant, Mrs J Bibby, Mr P Bradshaw, Mrs S Burns, Mrs P Cleary, Mrs J Dean, Mrs P Hulme, Mrs S Hunt, Mr A Jones, Mr CW Jones, Mrs D Jones, Mrs E Jones, Mr E Jones, Mr L Kingsbury, Mrs S Lang, Mr A Peat, Mr J Roberts, Mrs L Roberts, Mrs D Turner and Mr A Wallis for St Bartholomew's; and Mr B Appleyard, Miss H Appleyard, Mrs L Barley, Mrs J Hazeldine, Mr S Jeffrey\*, Dr E Norton-Jones, Mr J Oliver, Mrs J Ratcliffe, Dr D Reed\*, Mrs D Robinson, Mr C Smale, Mr M Smale, Mr A Tempest, Dr C Turnbull and Mr D Wolstencroft for St Chad's.

\*Reserves

## Other Business

The Rector informed the meeting that she had received notification verbally on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April and in writing on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April that the Chancellor had granted the faculty relating to the Open Door Project. She expressed her pleasure that it would now be possible to devote maximum energy to achieving completion of the project.

## Rector's Closing Remarks

The Rector said that her second year of ministry in the parish had been both active and challenging, but that she wished to extend a huge thank-you to everyone who had supported her during that time.

## Churchwarden's Remarks

Mr G Burns, who was retiring as churchwarden, commented on his sense of satisfaction that on this occasion he really could have the last word, saying what a privilege it had been to serve as warden. He thanked everyone who had helped him over the years, expressing particular gratitude to his wife, and handed over his badge of office to his successor. Having remarked on the good-hearted nature of the parish, he conveyed everyone's thanks to the Rector, praising her for her management skills – so necessary in today's

world – as well as for her preaching ability. He felt, he said, a particular sense of satisfaction at the fact that, having been involved in the start of the Open Door Project when he first became warden, he was able to see the completion of this stage before he retired from office. He ended his remarks by quoting a slightly adapted first verse of a Charles Wesley hymn:

Forth in thy name, O Lord, we go,

Our daily labour to pursue.

Thee, only Thee, resolved to know,

In all we think, or speak, or do.

The Rector, having closed the meeting at 6.45 pm, then led a service of Compline.



## **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 27<sup>th</sup> 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).



**Ash Wednesday: 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
**7.30pm Irby Methodist Church**  
**A joint service to mark the beginning of Lent**

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. But why 'Ash' Wednesday? The reason has to do with getting things right between you and God, and the tradition goes right back to the Old Testament.

In the Old Testament, the Israelites often sinned. When they finally came to their senses, and saw their evil ways as God saw them, they could do nothing but repent in sorrow. They mourned for the damage and evil they had done. As part of this repentance, they covered their heads with ashes. For the Israelites, putting ashes on your head, and even rending your clothes, was an outward sign of their heart-felt repentance and acknowledgement of sin. (See Genesis 18:27; 2 Samuel 13:19; Job 2:8, 30:19; Isaiah 58:5; Jeremiah 6:26; Jonah 3:6)

In the very early Christian Church, the yearly 'class' of penitents had ashes sprinkled over them at the beginning of Lent. They were turning to God for the first time, and mourning their sins. But soon many other Christians wanted to take part in the custom, and to do so at the very start of Lent. They heeded Joel's call to 'rend your hearts and not your garments' (Joel 2:12-19). Ash Wednesday became known as either the 'beginning of the fast' or 'the day of the ashes'.

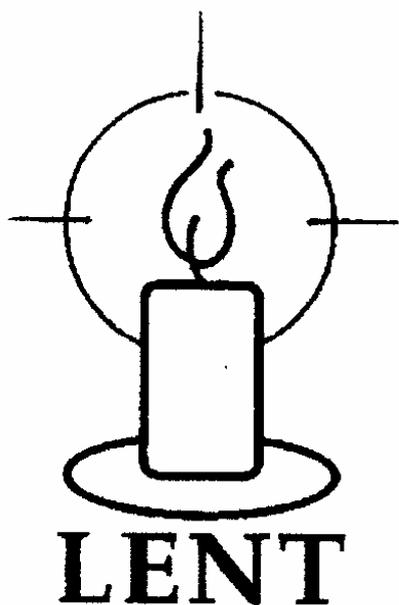
The collect for today goes back to the Prayer Book, and stresses the penitential character of the day. It encourages us with the reminder of the readiness of God to forgive us and to renew us.

The Bible readings for today are often Joel 2:1-2, 12-18, Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21 and Paul's moving catalogue of suffering, "as having nothing and yet possessing everything." (2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10)

The actual custom of 'ashing' was abolished at the Reformation, though the old name for the day remained. Today, throughout the Church of England, receiving the mark of ashes on one's forehead is optional. Certainly the mark of ashes on the forehead reminds people of their mortality: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return..." (Genesis 3:19)

The late medieval custom was to burn the branches used on Palm Sunday in the previous year in order to create the ashes for today.

The Collect for Ash Wednesday is:



Almighty and everlasting God,  
You hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

# You are invited to join one of our Two Lent Study Groups:-

**You've Got the Time**  
**Wednesdays**  
**8.15-9.30pm**  
**at St Chad's**

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>  
April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>



Can you find 28 minutes a day during Lent (beginning on Ash Wed. - 9th March) to listen to the whole New Testament?

The Bible Society in conjunction with Riding Lights Theatre Group have recorded 40 mp3 files which can be downloaded from:- [http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/1359/49/you\\_ve\\_got\\_the\\_time\\_audio\\_files/](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/1359/49/you_ve_got_the_time_audio_files/)

Each week  
we will meet to discuss what  
we have been listening to.  
The meetings will be informal

**'A Rich Inheritance: The  
Legacy of Jesus'.  
8.00pm Thursdays  
at 8 Edgemoor Drive**

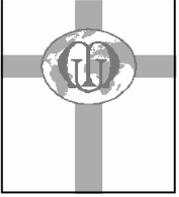
March 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>  
April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>

Jesus did not write a will. He left no written instructions. He didn't seem to have a plan. At the end, as he hung dying on a cross, almost all of his followers abandoned him. By most world estimates his ministry was a failure. Nevertheless, Jesus' message of reconciliation with God lived on. It is the central message of the bible. With this good news his disciples changed the world. How did they do it? What else did Jesus leave behind - what is his legacy of love? This course addresses these questions.

Week 1: An empty tomb  
Week 2: A group of people  
Week 3: A story  
Week 4: A power  
Week 5: A meal



## Mothers' Union



The MU AGM seems to have come round quicker than ever this year! It went off without a hitch but we are a little concerned about our numbers. We have 39 members - but only 9 are under 70 years! If any ladies, or gentlemen, would like to come to our meetings to see what it's all about you will be very welcome.

After almost 16 years on the committee Lil Ormsby has retired this year. She has been Deputy Leader and 'Tea Lady' and we are grateful for all she has done over the years. We gave her a Spring Planter and Cosmetics as a thank-you. Sandra Roberts has kindly agreed to join the committee.

Following the AGM we had a 'sing-a-long' of our favourite hymns.

### Prayer for an MU Branch

Heavenly Father, we commit this branch to you.  
We seek your blessing in all we do,  
your presence in our fellowship, your inspiration in our activities,  
your strength in our service to the Church and community.  
Help us to be faithful in prayer and worship and outgoing in our  
witness to the Gospel, that we may advance your kingdom,  
and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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'African Adventure'

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Prayer Partners from All Saints, New Brighton.

God Bless  
Sue Burns

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> March is St. Chad's (d 672) Day

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 when Oswiu, king of Northumbria, made him 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.

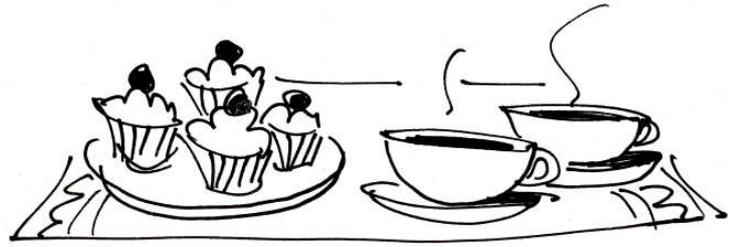
Chad took his dismissal with good heart, and peacefully retired. But then Theodore had second thoughts: Chad was of excellent character: humble, devout, and zealous. So Theodore re-consecrated him - to be the first bishop of the Mercians. Second time around, Chad was a great success - again.

When Chad died 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 7th 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.

**Afternoon Tea  
for Bereaved Families  
Saturday March 5th  
2.00-3.30pm  
St Chad's, Roslin Rd**



Drop in for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat.

The Sanctuary Doors will be open and you will be welcome to light a candle on the altar to remember your loved one, and a room will be available for "quiet time" and prayer for those who'd like to do that.

All ages welcome. Bereavement affects families.

**The Children's Society**

Collections will take place between  
26th March & 9th April.

Please contact Jean Heath, 648 6015,  
Elaine Kavanagh, 648 1721 or  
Barbara Kozer, 648 3523

if you are able to help delivering and/or  
collecting envelopes.



## Women's World Day of Prayer 7.30pm St Chad's Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March

This month - on the first Friday in March - women in our local churches will join with millions of others around the world with one aim in mind - to pray. The Women's World Day of Prayer has in recent years become a global, ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action, organised and led by Christian women.

The service is written by a different country each year and that country then becomes the focus of the world's prayers on the day itself. It begins as dawn breaks over the islands of Tonga in the Pacific and continues across each continent until the last services of this special day are held back in the Pacific, on the islands of Samoa, circling the world in prayer for 36 hours.

By then the day will have been celebrated in over 170 countries and over 5,000 services will have been held in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The origins of Women's World Day of Prayer date back to the late nineteenth century when Christian women in the USA and Canada began a variety of activities in support of women's involvement in mission, at home and abroad. But it was not until the 1930s that Women's World Day of Prayer services began in Britain.

This year 2011 the worship material has been prepared by the women of Chile. Its theme, 'How many loaves have you?', is appropriate as bread is eaten at every meal in Chile, and is very much part of everyday life.

Although organised and led by women, this is essentially a day of prayer for everybody, as Christians demonstrate their solidarity with 'sisters and brothers' in other countries. So - all are welcome to attend!



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)

**FUNDRAISING**  
**FOR RED NOSE DAY**

**RED**  
**NOSE**  
**DAY**

## March Recipe - Almond Tray Bake

Line a Swiss roll tin with 225gm (8oz) shortcrust pastry.  
Spread with raspberry jam.

### INGREDIENTS

115gm (4oz) marg

115gm (4oz) sugar

2 eggs beaten

115gm (4oz) ground almonds

55gm (2oz) ground rice or semolina

85gm (3oz) sultanas

85gm (3oz) glace cherries

2-3 drops almond essence

### Method

Grease and line a Swiss roll tin with pastry, make sure it comes well up the sides of the tin.

Spread jam on pastry.

Mix all the ingredients well and spread on top of the jam and pastry.

If you have a few flaked almonds these can be sprinkled on top.

Bake for 40 mins at Gas Mk 4/180C/350F until pastry and filling are brown and crisp. Allow to cool in tin before cutting into squares.

I have used this recipe as a cake or warm as a pudding.

Betty Rimmer





# Men's Breakfast



Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011

9 – 10am

Maluca Cafe, Irby Village

Eat, chat and share in fellowship.

Contact Matthew James on 07817625122 or  
[mjames@doctors.org.uk](mailto: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 21st May

Saturday 16th July

Saturday 24th September

Saturday 26th November



# MOTHERING SUNDAY

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011



Mothering Sunday in its origin is about people returning to their Mother Church (i.e. the one in which they were baptised).

It dates back to the days when many people were 'in service' working for the Lord of the manor and other Big Houses. On Mothering Sunday, everybody had the day off, to return to their Mother Church. Many young girls would collect posies of flowers from the wayside to give to their mothers.

We would like to encourage you, as well as celebrating Mothering Sunday, with all the modern day cards; breakfasts in bed, lunches out etc., to come to Church and revive the tradition and origin of Mothering Sunday.

8.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.30am Family Worship at St Chad's

11.15am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

6.30pm Evening Worship at St Bartholomew's





# Children's EASTER WORKSHOP

Saturday 9th April

2-4pm

at St Chad's Church

Roslin Road

Irby

Fun things to make

& to take home too

crafts, competition,

refreshments

To cover costs there will be a suggested  
donation of £1 per family

# Looking at You – daily life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

## Snap out of it!

What takes up nearly half of our waking hours? Daydreaming, contemplating the future, and raking over the past, according to scientists. And yet, far from making us happy, our wandering minds are making us all miserable. Instead, we are happiest when we are 'living in the moment', and focussed on something enjoyable, like being with our friends, or listening to music.

"A human mind is a wandering mind, and a wandering mind is an unhappy mind," says the study from Harvard University. "The ability to think about what is not happening is a cognitive achievement that comes at an emotional cost.... While this ability allows us to learn, reason and plan – it can also make us very unhappy."

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## Ouch!

The mind boggles: osteopaths have reported a 72 per cent rise in the number of people suffering strain injuries caused by over-use of their Wii or iPhone. It seems that people do not bother to 'warm up' before using their Wii, and that they talk so long on their iPhone that they give themselves neck ache and headaches. If this happens to you, try some gentle stretching. If the pain continues, see your GP.

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## What is the burning question?

What do you think is the most commonly asked question today? No, it is not 'Where is the remote?' Neither is it 'What is the weather doing?'

According to a recent survey by the search engine, Ask Jeeves, it is: "What are we having for dinner?" or variations such as "Are you hungry?" "What are you doing for lunch?" "Would you like a cup of tea?" It seems the British are obsessed with food.

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## Dogs, dogs, dogs

It is time for Crufts Dog Show again (10 – 13 March). And it should be popular this year, as almost a quarter of dog owners think their dog is more reliable than any person, according to new research by the charity Guide Dogs. In fact, it seems that one in ten owners would rather spend their free time with their dogs than with any human.

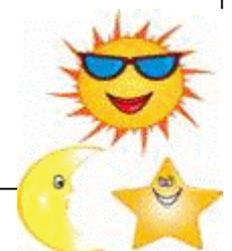
Sadly, however, we tend to nearly kill our pets with kindness. Six out of ten dogs in the UK are overweight. We tend to give them too much food and too little exercise - much as we treat ourselves!

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## Seek some sun

Make the most of any winter sun you can find. A shortage of vitamin D, which is made in your skin when it is exposed to sunlight, can increase your risk of heart disease, high blood pressure and metabolic syndrome. So whenever the sun is shining, expose your face and hands for at least ten to 20 minutes.

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## HOLY VOICE MAIL

Voice mail these days is a nuisance,  
It's becoming too often routine,  
But imagine if it was in Heaven!  
If you will, try to picture the scene.

“Hello and we thank you for praying,  
to continue remain on your knees,  
and select from the following menu  
any one of these options you please.

All our angels right now are quite busy  
helping sinners who prayed before  
you,  
so hang on and TRY to be patient.  
You'll be glad  
that you did when you do!

Press 1 if you're seeking forgiveness,  
Press 2 if you're offering thanks,  
Press 3 to do gripes and complaining,  
Number 4's for agnostics and cranks!

Press 5 if you're wanting the Father,  
Press 6 to consult with His Son:  
Press the star key if you're frantic  
and are happy to reach ANYONE!

Press zero to dial operator,  
if it's busy don't panic or fuss,  
just wait and re-pray a bit later,  
your prayer is important to us!

Your prayer may well be recorded  
and relayed later on back to earth:  
To hear Psalms while you wait  
by King David,  
please enter the date of your birth.

You may pray  
every day except Monday,  
there's a chance  
you may reach someone live.  
Please don't pray  
before eight in the morning  
and there's nobody here after five.

Well, thank you again  
and keep praying,  
we hope that you have a nice day:  
In the future for aid or for comfort,  
remember we're here, so just pray!”

**But, thankfully it doesn't work like that...aren't we blessed?!?**



# Children's Page

If you like drawing and word searches then this is for you!  
 Help Noah as he watches the animals going into the ark – and

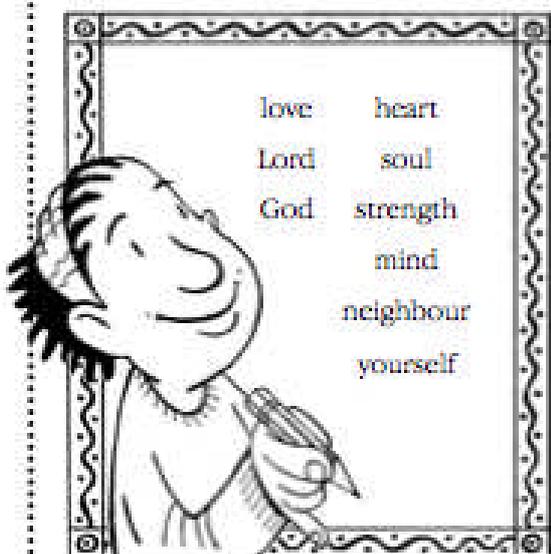
Draw a picture of your favourite animals going into the ark.



Find the key words of today's Bible memory verse in the wordsearch.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ , with all your \_\_\_\_\_ , with all your  
 \_\_\_\_\_ , with all your \_\_\_\_\_ and love your  
 \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 10:27



love      heart  
 Lord     soul  
 God      strength  
            mind  
            neighbour  
            yourself

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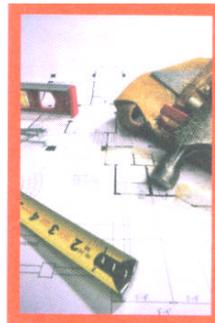
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11.15am Baptism  
6.30pm Holy Communion

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11.15am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evening Worship

#### **7.30pm Service at Irby Methodist**

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11.15am Morning Worship  
6.30pm Holy Communion

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**27th February**  
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**6th March**  
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**9th March**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**13th March**  
Lent 1

**20th March**  
Lent 2

**27th March**  
Lent 3

**3rd April**  
Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

**10th April**  
Lent 5

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9.30am Family Service

#### **10.15am Holy Communion**

9.30am Family Communion

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9.30am Holy Communion

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