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May



2011



Diary Dates

Thursday 5th May

M.U. Mrs Penny Vernon

'Quaker Tapestry'

at St Chad's, 2.15pm

Tuesday 10th May

M.U. Deanery Festival

at St John's Meols, 7.30pm

Sunday 15th May

Service to launch Christian Aid Week

4pm at St Chad's

Thursday 19th May

Diocesan Festival 11.00am at

Chester Cathedral

Thursday 19th May

"Wellspring" at the Rectory

8.00-9.00pm

Saturday 21st May

Men's Breakfast

9.00-10.00am

at Maluca Café, Irby

Thursday 2nd June

M.U. Catherine Thursby

'African Adventure'

At St Chad's 2.15pm

Thursday 2nd June

Ascension Day Service

7.00pm at St. Chad's

Followed by Bring & Share Supper

Notices



The soup luncheon for Christian Aid is to be

held at Irby Methodist Church on

Saturday 21st May 12.30 till 2.30pm.

Tickets will be £3.00 payable in advance.

There will be a cake stall, a raffle and a fair trade stall.

(Donations of cakes for the cake stall will be much appreciated)

Please see page 14 for more information on Christian Aid week

From the Registers

Weddings

*We ask for God's blessing upon the
marriage of*

Sat 30th April

Martin Rowland &

Laura Bate

Funerals

We commend to God's eternal care

14th April

Dorothy Mansbridge

From your rector

Dear Friends,

***"Be who God meant you to be and
you will set the world on fire."
(St Catherine of Siena)***



This was the opening sentence of the Bishop of London's sermon for the Royal Wedding. I don't think I heard the rest of the sermon as my mind was wandering and thinking what a difference it would make if I (and you) focussed solely on being what God intended us to be and stopped worrying about other people's opinions and expectations of who we should be.

As I read the transcript of the sermon later, I was struck by the following paragraph:-

"A spiritual life grows as love finds its centre beyond ourselves. Faithful and committed relationships offer a door into the mystery of spiritual life in which we discover this; the more we give of self, the richer we become in soul; the more we go beyond ourselves in love, the more we become our true selves and our spiritual beauty is more fully revealed."

The Bishop of London was obviously speaking about relationships in terms of husband and wife, but these words are equally valid for relationships between Christians, and between us and God.

This month sees the launch of our prayer group "Wellspring" on Thursday 19th May at the Rectory (8.00-9.00pm). Why not come along and let's see if together we can discover love beyond ourselves, become richer in soul, and become more truly what God meant us to be, so that we can set the world on fire for God! (*or to start small - at least our community!*)

May God Bless You

Rerd Jane

Please Come to:-

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

7.00pm St. Chad's

Thursday June 2nd



Followed by Bring & Share Supper

Please bring something to share (savoury or sweet)

**If everyone brings enough for four people,
then we will have more than enough!**

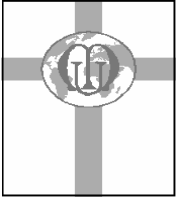
Ascension Day - Forty Days with the Risen Christ

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. It may seem crazy to call it Eastertide when Easter is clearly over! - but these are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to his disciples, following his death and resurrection.

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those forty days. Jesus was seen by numerous disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged his disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent him, he was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as his witnesses.

The Biblical account can be found in Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.

Mothers' Union



We had a very happy April - Lent meeting with our Prayer Partners from All Saints, New Brighton. 15 ladies and Jeff Staples, their vicar, joined us for the afternoon. Jane led the Communion Service, taking as it's theme 'Mothers and Mothering Sunday', and she gave us a very thoughtful and meaningful message which spoke to all our hearts. The whole service was a great blessing to each one of us. Craig very kindly played the organ for the service.

Following the service we had an afternoon tea party which was a time of friendship and fellowship for us all. My thanks to all who prepared the tea and helped in so many ways.

Several of us joined the Methodist Ladies Fellowship in Holy Week for their meeting - 'Women in the Bible'. We also enjoyed tea and fellowship with them.

God of the seasons, reflected in the Spring gardens and woodlands, refresh us anew with the hope of the risen Lord.
And enfold us with the love and nurture of our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Amen.

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'The Quaker Tapestry'

May 10th St. Johns, Meols 7.30pm Deanery Festival

May 19th Chester Cathedral 11am Diocesan Festival

June 2nd St. Chads 2.15pm Catherine Thursby

'African Adventure'

God Bless

Sue Burns



Mothers' Union is a vibrant network of 4 million people across the world, each serving their local community to encourage a better quality of life for all and an end to poverty. Working at grassroots level through projects training and advocacy, Mothers' Union seeks to **EMPOWER, DEVELOP and UPLIFT** people and their communities
We believe in the right to **HOPE, DIGNITY AND FREEDOM** for all regardless of faith, race and nationality

Coming and going, yes – but back again?

June 2nd is Ascension day, when we remember how Jesus concluded his earthly life. He fondly blessed his disciples, and, the Bible tells us, ascended back to his father in heaven. As his disciples stood staring in astonishment and some dismay, the book of Acts records that two angels appeared to the disciples, assuring them that one day he would return. (Read the story in Acts 1).

What did Jesus mean? Isn't the idea of Jesus of Nazareth returning to earth a bit quaint now, in our computerised world of emails and the Internet?

Well, the Bible has a lot to say about Jesus' return, and indeed makes clear that the Christian story is not complete until that happens. Various passages describe his return as the climatic event of history. It will be sudden and final. It will take the world by surprise. At the return of Christ the resurrection of believers will take place. They will be gathered to be with the Lord forever. We can only speculate on many of the details, but the Bible is definite on the fact that all people will have to face him at that time, as either saviour or judge. Matthew 25:31 says: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory... he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory."

In the Old Testament there are numerous prophecies which can only be fulfilled by Jesus' return. In the New Testament his return is mentioned more than 300 times. For example, in John 14 Jesus says: "I am going... to prepare a place for you. And if I go... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." Jesus also said, in Matthew 24.30 'They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.'

Paul had no doubts but that Jesus would return one day. In 1 Thesalonians 4.16 he wrote: 'For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God...' John, writing in Revelation, adds: '... he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him....' (Rev 1.7) In Rev 1.8 Jesus sums it all up: 'I am the Alpha and the Omega... who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'

Record demand for 'Jesus Egg' shows people were not afraid to talk about faith at Easter

In the weeks leading up to Easter, supermarkets and independent retailers across the UK were inundated with calls from customers searching for the first release of The Real Easter Egg. It is the first and only Fairtrade egg to mention Jesus and the events of Holy Week on the box.

Morrison's, Waitrose, Co-op and Booths stocked a limited 'trial listing' of the Real Easter Egg and Traidcraft's network of 6,500 retailers, a number of independent shops and a selection of cathedrals also stocked The Real Easter Egg. Schools ordered a further 30,000 eggs.

Dame Judi Dench, Sir Ben Kingsley and a host of Coronation Street stars have backed the egg and Ecclesiastical funded a national competition for schools and churches. With their help, with the support of Archbishops, bishops and hundreds of schools and churches, The Real Easter Egg became the biggest mail order egg in the UK before going into stores.

David Marshall, speaking for Manchester based Meaningful Chocolate Company, which developed the egg, said; "Response was overwhelming and we went to four production runs to meet demand." For more details, visit: www.realeasteregg.co.uk



THANK YOU

Margaret & Roy Fordham would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everybody from St Bartholomew's and St Chad's for all the cards and good wishes we received on the occasion of our Golden Wedding Anniversary on 3rd April (Mothering Sunday).

We started the day with Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's. Thank you Jane for a lovely service and thank you Eleanor for your prayers. We then went to the Chester Grosvenor Hotel for lunch and it was lovely to hear the Cathedral bells ringing when we left although not for us it did add to the occasion. Then off to our very special hotel in the Lake District where we have been going for a few days each year for the past 12 years to find peace and recharge our batteries. We were made so welcome and it ended a truly wonderful day.

Our love to you all.

Margaret and Roy



Chester Diocesan Lay Conference

Swanwick, Derbyshire - 20/05/2011

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We have some top rate speakers, being led by Simon Chesters (Regional Leadership Development Adviser at CPAS, and the former Ministry Development Officer in our diocese) and Joanna Cox (National Adviser Lay Discipleship and Shared Ministry at Church House, Westminster). They will bring to us a real combination of leadership and practice in the area of lay discipleship and ministry in the contemporary church.

In addition there are 28 planned workshops around the theme of the bible in practical use, many of which will offer us some insight and encouragement for both ourselves and our parishes.

Plus there will be opportunities for worship, fellowship and some fun and relaxation.

The conference is at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick. It runs from supper time 6.45pm on Friday 20th May to 4pm Sunday 22nd May 2011. It is hoped that delegates will be sent by each parish (now no limit on numbers), maybe discussing with them beforehand the programme "The Greatest Story - Never Read?" and receiving a report afterwards.

With over 220 people expected to attend there should be great demand for accommodation and workshops so please return your booking form as soon as possible (the deadline date of 25th March has now been lifted).

Phone Ann Finlay at Church House on 01244 681973 ext 248 to book or speak to Revd Jane.



Fair trade goes from strength to strength

Despite recession and rising food prices, the fair-trade movement continues to attract ever-increasing support in the United Kingdom. Over 6,600 churches are now affiliated to the Fairtrade Foundation and more than 500 schools have joined. There are also over 500 Fairtrade Towns.

UK shoppers are continuing to embrace Fairtrade, showing no downturn in ethical values despite the tough economic times. Sales soared in the past year by 40 per cent, reaching an estimated retail value of £1.17 billion, compared with £836 million in 2009.

Every day in the UK we are now consuming an estimated 9.3 million cups of Fairtrade tea, 6.4 million cups of Fairtrade coffee, 530,000 of certified drinking chocolate and 3.1 million Fairtrade bananas. New categories are also growing, with over one million cosmetic products using Fairtrade ingredients sold in 2010.

This expansion into new areas has opened up more opportunities for producers. Juliana Sampana, a shea-nut gatherer from the Akoma Co-operative in Ghana (which has recently started selling shea butter into the UK Fairtrade cosmetics market) says: "Many women in our region and elsewhere have worked so hard to put food on their tables for their families through farming and odd jobs but end up with an unfair income, leading to poor diet and diseases such as kwashiorkor and beri-beri. With Fairtrade, women are assured of a fair wage for their hard work."

Fresh commitments from the business world here include the Co-operative's plan to convert all commodities that can be Fairtrade by 2013, starting with bananas. Topshop has launched a new range of cotton denim, while Marks & Spencer have introduced a new cotton range under its Indigo Green label. The majority of Waitrose tea is now Fairtrade.

The Fairtrade Foundation has welcomed the setting up of a Fair Deal Food (FDF) Council of UK food producers to campaign for a price that covers costs of production. It seems that the North of England is leading the way on this concern. Barbara Panvel of FDF says there is a real danger that if action is not taken we shall lose milk production in the UK and have to rely on imported milk in our Fairtrade coffee.

More information is available from the Fairtrade Foundation, Ibex House, 42-47 Minories, London EC3N 1DY (telephone 0207 405 5942).



Raising funds to support **The Prince's Trust**



All net proceeds donated to The Prince's Trust.
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Janet Trigg

Edinburgh Marathon 22 May 2011

I am running the Edinburgh Marathon in May and all proceeds raised will be donated to the Prince's Trust Charity. I have been a Delivery Partner Manager of the Prince's Trust Team programme for 17 years and their aim is;

"to help change young lives"

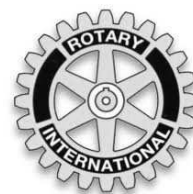
If you would like to support Jan by sponsoring her, please complete the form at the back of church or contact Jan direct on 648 1245 or at janet.trigg@wmc.ac.uk



The Rotary Club of North Wirral proudly presents
the



Wirral Coastal Walk on
Sunday 22nd May 2011
Start: Seacombe Ferry



Finish: Thurstaston Country Park

Distance: 15 miles. Interim completion points at
4, 9 and 13 miles

Please support Dave Wolstencroft who is walking for
Clatterbridge Cancer Research in memory of his dad.
A sponsor form is available at the back of church or
contact Wendy on 929 5778
The Brownies are also walking



Men's Breakfast



Saturday 21st May 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 16th July

Saturday 24th September

Saturday 26th November

Christian Aid Week
15th-21st May 2011



Join us for a United Service
4pm at St Chad's
Sunday 15th May 2011
to learn more and to pray for
The work of Christian Aid



The Christian Aid Week house-to-house collection is a vital part of the movement to end poverty. Every May for more than 50 years, hundreds of thousands of volunteers have taken the issues of poverty and injustice into their own communities. This vital work not only connects individuals, neighbours, streets and whole communities, it also serves to bring home the issues facing our neighbours in the developing world.

If you would be willing to help with the house-to-house collection in Irby and Thurstaston this year, please contact Wendy Wolstencroft either via St Chad's Parish Office, Roslin Rd, Irby (Tel 648 8169, e-mail: thurstaston.parish@btinternet.com) or on 9295778 or email at wwolstencroft@msn.com

Each collector will have a Christian Aid bag for life provided by Ecclesiastical Insurance. They have also offered to donate 50p for every person who lets them know the date their home insurance is due for renewal. This can be done at www.ecclesiastical.com/caw or 0800 9174154 or Wendy has coupons that can be returned to a Freepost address.



The people of Los Alpes have, with the support of Soppexcca and Christian Aid, transformed their community and made dreams they once thought were impossible into realities. With your help, other communities around the world will be transformed over the coming years.

May Recipe - Lemon Cheesecake

Norma Coles has given me this recipe for a lemon cheesecake which is really delicious. You will need an 8" round loose bottomed tin.

INGREDIENTS

225g(8oz) digestive biscuits, crushed	125ml (4 fl oz) boiling water
110g(4oz) butter melted	Small tin of evaporated milk (170g) or use part of a large tin, chilled
½ lemon jelly	110g (4oz) Philadelphia cheese
Rind & juice of ½ lemon	2 tablespoons castor sugar

Method

Mix the biscuits into the melted butter and line the 8" tin, pressing down well.

Bake in oven 150C/300F/Gas Mark 2 for 10 minutes. Leave to cool.

Dissolve jelly in boiling water, leave to cool.

Beat evaporated milk until thick, beat in Philadelphia cheese, then sugar, lemon juice and rind.

Keep beating, add jelly and beat again.

Pour on top of biscuit base and chill for 4-6 hours.

Decorate with whipped cream and grated chocolate.

Will freeze for up to one month.

Betty Rimmer



Looking at the Church

What is God calling you to do? Now's the time to find out.... Vocations Sunday 15 May

What is your vocation? You may think that you don't have one, that vocations are the sort of thing that only clergy have. But if you think that, you're wrong. God calls each one of us. The question, though, is to what?, *writes Stephen Ferns*

First and foremost, God calls us to change: to become more Christ-like. We are called to live out our lives in response to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That process began in our baptism, but it continues through prayer, through the reading of the scriptures and through the receiving of Holy Communion. One of the constant themes in the New Testament is that lives touched by Christ were changed. What is true for the characters of the New Testament is true for us. As we encounter and respond to Christ we cannot help but be changed.

But while we are called to change, we are also called to be more deeply ourselves. God never calls us to be something or someone we're not. God always calls us to what we are capable of becoming. It may be that there are parts of us which are underdeveloped or which rarely see the light of day which need to be allowed to flourish so we can be our true selves.

It may be that we have hidden gifts which need to be discovered or it may be that there is something that we have secretly always wanted to do but have not had the courage or the time to try. Whatever it may be we need to find an outlet which will allow us to feel more excited about life or indeed to feel more alive.

St Irenaeus wrote that 'the glory of God is a human being fully alive'. Through the dual process of becoming more fully ourselves and of becoming more fully Christ-like, the will of God is fulfilled and the glory of God seen. That is what Vocations Sunday is about. You have one life. For God's sake and for your own, live it.

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Signs & Symbols: that Final Blessing

What do you say when you leave someone? 'Have a nice day!' 'Ta-rar' 'See you later' or just 'Bye'.

They all sound vaguely the same – but the last one is actually grounded in a hope and trust that far outweighs the simplest wish; for it comes from the word, 'Goodbye' which in turn comes from the much longer phrase, 'God be with ye'.

We say our farewells to each other by asking God to bless us, for there's nothing we can do for each other while we're apart except trust in God to look after and be with the other person. We only have to think of our family and friends living away from us to know the reality of that, never mind watching the news of places where people are in terrible conditions.



We see and hear this particularly in church at the end of a service where the person leading the service gives a 'blessing'. In many churches the words go like thisand the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. And we reply, 'Amen' which means, 'I agree'.

We often quite literally see this blessing as the priest raises his or her hand to form the sign of the cross over the congregation. Some Christians like to incline their heads at that moment and imagine the minister is wrapping them up in a blanket of love and protection and that no matter what happens until they meet again, God will wrap each one around and hold them fast.

Looking at your Community

Community reporter, Philip Barron, looks at the future of our homes...

Carbon-neutral family home is voted "best house"

A member of St Paul's Church, Balsall Heath [Birmingham] has won a major award for transforming an existing end-of-terrace house into a ground-breaking, carbon-neutral family home.

Architect John Christophers has been awarded the prestigious Manser Medal by the Royal Institute of British Architects for his project, which involved the conversion and extension of a 2-bedroom, redbrick, semi-detached Victorian house into a 4-bedroom dwelling with a studio loft. The project was voted "best house in the UK" and also won the Retrofit Award for 2010.

The property was extended upwards and outwards: upwards to catch sunlight which had been blocked by a taller neighbouring house and sideways to create for family life and for meditation. Inside, the dark pink baked-clay floors, recycled timber, exposed brick and unpainted lime render give the house an earthy warmth.

Air-tightness is essential for the very low-energy design. Very high thermal mass has been provided, as this is considered the simplest, least expensive way of ensuring that buildings will not overheat in the hotter summers that climate change is likely to bring.



"I wanted to show that being green can be fun," says John. "Architecture can be serious but I wanted this house to feel playful. We've got to stop people glazing over when we talk about saving energy." His design was the first UK retrofit to achieve level 6 (the highest) of the Code for Sustainable Homes.

The Ecology Building Society (visit: www.ecology.co.uk) gave John the best rate on its 'C-Change Discount for Sustainable Homes', which means he gets 1.25 per cent off their standard variable rate on the whole of his mortgage.

In passing, John also says that his local church (St Paul's, Balsall Heath) is just finishing an 8.4kWp solar PV roof. "It's great that Rowan Williams has given such an inspiring lead on environmental issues." See: <http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/127>

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We are no longer rubbish with rubbish....

For the first time, more than 40 per cent of all the rubbish that English households create is being recycled. Only ten years ago, 14 per cent of rubbish was recycled.

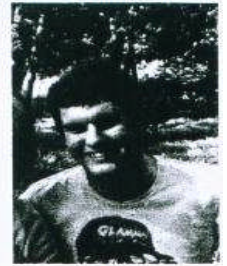
While less junk is ending up in landfill, still the average person is producing more than half a ton of rubbish every year. English households create 23 million tons annually. The statistics come from the Environmental Department. Last year the amount of waste being sent to landfill by local authorities fell by 2.3 per cent.

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Please help raise funds for Adoption Matters Northwest by sponsoring Mike Delap in the Great Manchester Run on 15th May 2011

You can donate a small amount of money to help support Mike in his charity challenge whilst knowing that the agency will benefit from the sponsorship.



Mike, who was adopted as a young child, says "Adoption Matters Northwest is the organisation that helped me find the great life and upbringing that I have enjoyed and I am doing this to give just a little back".



Visit his donations page:
<http://www.justgiving.com/Michael-Delap>

See our website for more details and links to Mike's Just Giving page: www.adoptionmattersnw.org

Send an email to fundraising@adoptionmattersnw.org if you have an idea for a sponsored event

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- Why some ways of parenting work best
- The real cost of an affair

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Looking at You

Visiting the Sick – part two: The Visitor

Hospitals can be intimidating places. If you go to visit someone on a ward, what are some key things to bear in mind? David Winter is a former Head of BBC Religious Broadcasting who has contributed to Radio 4's 'Thought for the Day' for the past 22 years. He has also done extensive hospital chaplaincy work. After considering 'The Patient' last month, he looks at 'The Visitor' this month.

Your next-door neighbour is in hospital. You get on well and you feel you ought to make the effort to visit them. You can't say the prospect fills you with joyful anticipation - by and large, you believe in avoiding hospitals as much as you can. But at the same time it doesn't fill you with horror, because you've got to know Jane very well and you're fairly sure she'll be glad to see you.

So far, so good. But you're a novice at this visiting business. Should you take something, and if so, what? It's always grapes on television, but you don't know if she even likes grapes. A book, perhaps, or a magazine? And when you get there, will it smell of antiseptic, be embarrassing, awkward or even scary? What will you talk about (there's no shortage of subject matter over the garden fence, but this is a bit different)?

So you ask Emma, who you meet in the supermarket, because you know she does a lot of voluntary work, including hospital visiting. She's quite reassuring. 'If you know her well and you like each other, honestly, there's no problem', she says. Just be natural, is her advice, exactly like you are when you meet over the garden fence, or walk together to the shops. After all, she points out, we're both exactly the same people, at home or in hospital. The only difference is that someone's changed the scenery for a few days. Don't major on her medical problem, she advises - that's the concern of the doctors and nurses.

What I would bring, she points out, is a breath of ordinary life back home into the hospital ward. Tell her how old Mrs Wilkinson lost her washing when it blew away in the gale last week, or how John's dog had a scrap with Marjorie's cat.

And when you sense it's right, she says, wish her well and go. Few visits are too short, but many are too long - and apparently that's mainly because people simply don't know how to bring it to an end! Perhaps it would be worth practising that.



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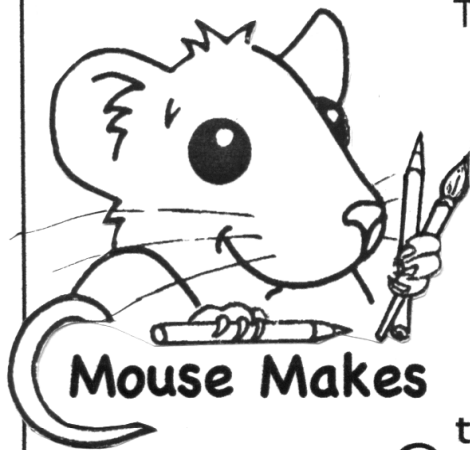
Why laughter literally is 'good medicine'

Here is something you would never have guessed: laughter can literally help wounds to heal more quickly.

Scientists at Leeds University have discovered that in wounds where the patient needs to stimulate blood flow for healing, there is something more they can do than use compression bandages and support stockings and exercise.... they can laugh.

Having a hearty chuckle gets the diaphragm moving, which in turn increases the blood flow around the body, which then increases the amount of blood sent to the wound, which aids healing! It's all enough to make you smile...

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The **Bible** took over 2000 years to write. Is a collection of **66 books** written by many different people all helped and inspired by God. God also **speaks** to us today as we read the Bible. It **encourages** us, **corrects** us and shows us how to live...
...but most of all the Bible **teaches** us about God and how we can be friends with him.

Cut out around thick lines and glue together to make a folded bible bookmark



<p>OLD TESTAMENT</p> <p>LAW</p> <p>GENESIS EXODUS LEVITICUS NUMBERS DEUTERONOMY</p>	<p>HISTORY</p> <p>JOSHUA JUDGES RUTH 1 SAMUEL 2 SAMUEL 1 KINGS 2 KINGS 1 CHRONICLES 2 CHRONICLES EZRA NEHEMIAH ESTHER</p>	<p>WISDOM</p> <p>JOB PSALMS PROVERBS ECCLESIASTES SONG OF SONGS</p>
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Pilgrimages Holidays Conferences

Celtic Journey announced

The increasing attraction of the Celtic saints and the emergence of Celtic Christianity will feature at a major course at St Chad's College, Durham starting on 18th July for 7 nights.

Details of the course have been released this week with BBC Radio 4 *Thought for the Day* presenter Revd Rob Marshall, who is also Media Adviser to the Diocese of Derby, once again leading the popular summer school.

The week will run from 18th-25th July and costs £448 (half board) in a university standard room.

Celtic Summer is open to everyone from this region. Participants register at the Durham College before a week of Christian pilgrimage and teaching focussing on the Celtic saints of Hilda, Aidan, Cuthbert and Cedd.

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6.30pm Holy Communion

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5th June
Easter 7

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