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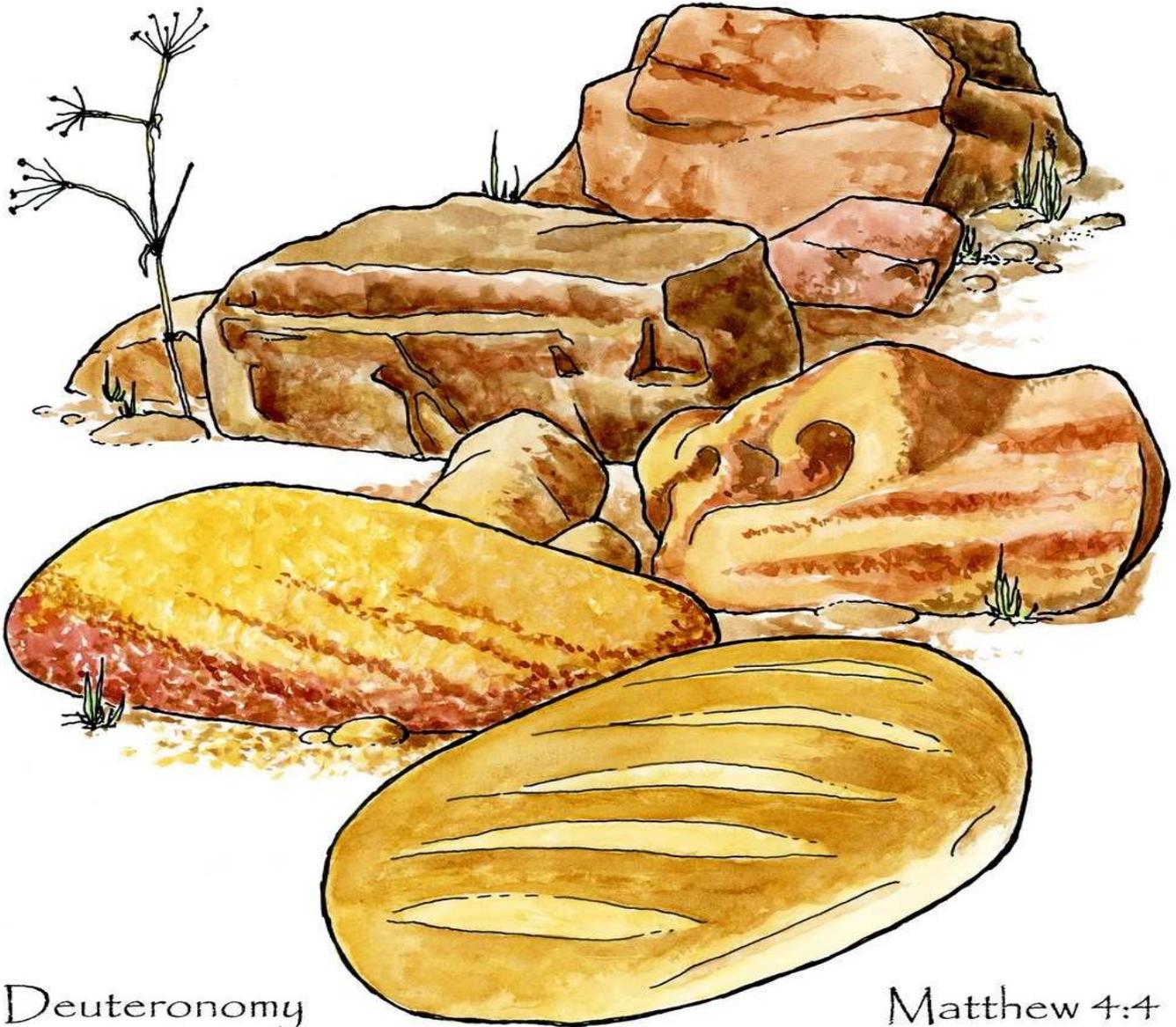


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Deuteronomy

8:3

Matthew 4:4

Bread is not enough to keep us alive;
we need to feed on every word of God

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Diary Dates

Tuesdays 2nd, 9th & 23rd February

SOSO 8pm at St Chad's

(see page 21)

Saturday 20th February

Children's Society Coffee Morning

10am-12noon at

'Barnstables' 233 Irby Road

Tickets £3 from Jean Heath

(see page 10)

Wednesday 24th February

Mothers' Union (EMU)

Oil painting demonstration and sale

by Mandy Exely

8pm at St Chad's

Saturday 5th March

Men's Breakfast

8.45am-9.45am at Aroma Café Irby

Saturday 19th March

Wirral Schools' Concert Band

7.30pm at St Chad's Church

Tickets £5 (see page 6)

Saturday 30th April

Spring Craft Fair 1pm-3pm at

St Chad's (see page 7)

Tuesday 14th June

Parish Outing to Wales

(see page 18)

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the

Lord's family

27th December

Jasmine Hope Hardy

Funerals

We commend to God's eternal care

29th January

Mavis Jones

Reader's Letter

When he reached adolescence, a Cherokee Indian boy was required to go through a rite of passage to prove he could become a warrior. This involved his father taking him into the forest, blindfolding him and leaving him alone. He is required to sit on a tree stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold, until the rays of the early morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night, he is a Man. He cannot tell the other boys of his experience, because each young brave must come to manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all sorts of noises. Wild beasts must, surely, be around him. Maybe there is even an Indian from another tribe nearby who would wish to do him harm? The wind blows and shakes his stump but he sits stoically, never removing the blindfold, for this is the only way he can become a man!

Finally, after a horrific night, the sun appears and penetrates his blindfold. He, slowly, removes his blindfold and it is then that he discovers his father sitting on the stump next to him! He has been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

Later this month, the Church Calendar moves into the season of Lent and we revisit the story of the temptations of Jesus – this year through the version told by Luke. Although the story is, essentially, about Jesus' approach to his forthcoming ministry, we are left in no doubt that Jesus was never truly alone in the wilderness. God was with him - watching over him - as the Cherokee Indian watched over his son during his initiation ordeal. Indeed, Luke writes it was the Spirit of God that guided Jesus into the wilderness in the first instance.

The close presence of God in our lives is a theme often touched upon in the psalms. In, perhaps, the best loved of all the psalms, Psalm 23, we read, Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil for you are with me, while, in Psalm 41, we read, But you have upheld me because of my integrity and set me in your presence for ever. I suspect the psalms were David Evans' initial inspiration for that most beautiful of contemporary hymns, Be still for the presence of the Lord, though he wrote it in a Christian context.

In Matthew's birth narrative, Jesus is given the title, Emmanuel which means God is with us, while, in the last verse in Matthew's gospel, the risen Christ proclaims, I am with you always to the end of the age. The Apostle, Paul, from the moment of his conversion, had an unshakable sense of the close presence of God in his life and work and, in the article on Mary Slessor, it is Paul whom Mary quotes when she testifies to the nearness of God she felt throughout all of her work and travels and as she approached the end of her mortal life.

The Cherokee Indian Rite of Passage can act as a reminder to us that, just because we cannot see God, it does not mean God is not there. As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians, For we walk by faith not by sight. The essence of our Christian faith is that God is present in our lives whatever personal wilderness we may, at times, walk – be it loneliness, grief, sickness, hardship etc. - what we have to do is to acknowledge that presence and take strength and comfort from it.



Alan Jones

WIRRAL SCHOOLS' CONCERT BAND



The Concert Band is made up of young people from Wirral schools. They perform music to suit all ages, with a variety of classics and well known music from films and theatre. Their high standards are achieved through dedication, hard work and real enthusiasm for music. They rehearse weekly and perform locally and in Europe. Before Christmas they played at the NSPCC carol concert in the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. The band includes a number of musicians who started to play their instruments whilst at Dawpool Primary and Irby Primary schools.

Following the sell-out concert at St Chad's last year, the band is returning for another wonderful evening of music.

ST CHAD'S CHURCH
SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 7.30 PM

TICKETS £5 available from St Chad's Church office 648 8169
or from Karen Robson 648 6691

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Proceeds will be shared between the Concert Band and Charity.

Parish of St. Bartholomew's Thurstaston with St. Chad's Irby:

St Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby. CH61 3UH



Spring Craft Fair

*Saturday 30th April at
St Chad's Church*

1pm-3pm

Further details to follow

Volunteers needed to help with cakes and Raffle

Please speak to Julie DeBoorder if you can help

Tables £8 each, proceeds to Church funds

*Please ring Chris Rostock on 07970030794
if you would like to book a table*

Summary of November & January PCC Meetings

PCC Meeting 9th November 2015

FUSS (Free Uniforms for Secondary Schools) and FUPS (Free Uniforms for Primary Schools) are Wirral projects, launched in 2012, to redistribute school uniforms to families, without regard to circumstances. The uniforms can be unclaimed lost property or recycled by parents as their children grow. At present the main distribution centre is St Luke's church, Hoylake. We had been asked if we would provide a distribution centre in Irby. The Rector suggested that they could use the store room near the entrance, though we would need easy access to the cupboards at the end of the room. Mrs Robson would be the hub coordinator. The service would start with the local primary schools – Irby, Dawpool and the schools in Heswall – and might expand if there was further demand. Members were strongly in favour of this and agreed unanimously to the proposal.

Following a recent electrical inspection of St Bartholomew's, all the work required had been completed except for an additional RCD box to provide additional protection for users, which was in hand. At St Chad's, a slight gas leak in the new kitchen had been repaired at no charge. Servicing of the main boiler was being arranged. With a small grant from the Local Authority and money previously raised for the kitchen, approximately £1,500 was available for a cooker and the choice of model was left to Mr and Mrs Turnbull and Mrs K Robson.

Mrs Trigg and Mr Turnbull had looked into the room hire charges made by other parishes. Mr Perry agreed to check the diocesan health and safety advice. With that reservation, proposals for changes in charges to users were agreed.

PCC Meeting 11th January 2016

The Treasurer reported that our bank account was healthy, he was working on the accounts for 2015 and he hoped to work on the next tax reclamation from HMRC at the same time. We had to change the wording on new Gift Aid declarations before 6th April 2016, but existing declarations would not have to be changed.

Mr Roberts explained why he and the Rector recommended the appointment of Mr M Pearce as Church Architect. Members unanimously agreed, and Mr Roberts said he would make arrangements for the quinquennial inspection as soon as possible.

The roof of St Bartholomew's was in a very poor state and there was a hole in the north side of the chancel roof. Water was entering the building through other defects in the south side of the chancel roof and was running down the sanctuary wall. The heating boiler is at the end of its life. Members noted these points with great concern.

Four architects and several others had agreed that the roof should be replaced. The Government Roof Repair Scheme provided grants of up to £100,000, with no attached conditions. Mr Pearce (church architect-designate) had said that the cost of the repairs would be significantly more than £100,000, and had advised us to apply for Heritage Lottery funding (HLF). If that price is confirmed, a Government Roof Scheme grant would require substantial topping-up from other sources. Heritage Lottery grants for places of worship can be up to £250,000, but we would have to offer "activities" related to heritage and to ensure the church was open for 40 days a year in addition to Sunday services.

Members appreciated that a grant from the Government scheme, if successful, could provide a full solution much more quickly than an HLF grant. However, we had been advised by the North West Grants Officer for the Government Roof Scheme that we would be unwise to apply to that Scheme before other grant providers had promised all the other funding required. Members recognised that the extra funding required might not be forthcoming, though an independent report (the QI) saying that the roof repair was needed urgently would be very strong evidence of need.

It was agreed that arrangements for the quinquennial inspection should be made as soon as possible, so that a final decision might be made in February. This approach would not commit us and was accepted by the Council.

Some of the work that might be covered by a Heritage Lottery grant could not be called emergency work, and the Archdeacon had said that in the absence of the Rector we should take major financial decisions only in emergencies. That could be discussed with the Archdeacon when the quinquennial report was available and we had a clearer understanding of the cost and urgency of the roof. It was unanimously agreed to authorise a Project Enquiry and to continue discussions at the next meeting.

A local firm was selected to service the main boiler at St Chad's. Fire extinguishers in both churches will be inspected in March or April and will be moved nearer to the floor, in accordance with new regulations. All the outside woodwork at St Chad's will be inspected, as some is beginning to rot. A decision on the dates of the summer maintenance closure will be made at the next meeting.

Bishop Peter is encouraging all parishes to participate in any local events planned as part of the celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday in 2016 and to consider mounting an exhibition of parish life over the last 90 years.



Saturday 20th February
Children's Society Coffee Morning
10am-12noon at
'Barnstables' 233 Irby Road
Tickets £3 from Jean Heath or
on the door



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families



EMU (Evening Mothers' Union) meets:-
One Wednesday in each month, 8.00pm at St Chad's
for more information contact Chris Rostock (648 1112)



Wednesday 24th February
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by Mandy Exely
8pm at St Chad's



Men's Breakfast



5th March 2016 8.45 - 9.45am

Aroma 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 first Saturday of alternate months. Future dates for 2016 are:

7th May, 2nd July, 3rd September and 5th November

The White Queen of Calabar

Run, Ma! Run! Whenever Ma, known as, The White Woman, heard these words she knew that serious trouble was brewing - so she hurried out of the house, down the path and into the forest. Presently, she found Etim, the oldest son, and heir apparent, of the chief, lying mortally wounded under a tree which had fallen upon him. This news sent terror throughout the district because every violent death was attributed to witchcraft and it was certain a number of people would be put to death, charged with causing the tree to fall upon the boy. True to form, as soon as the boy had died, the chief announced, Sorcerers have killed my son and they must die – bring the witch doctor! The witch doctor placed responsibility for the boy's death on a nearby village and armed warriors marched to that village and seized a dozen men and women bringing them back and tying them to posts, close to where the chief lived. The chief endeavoured to persuade Ma to let the prisoners submit to the poison ordeal announcing if they are not guilty, they will not die. However, Ma knew the poison would kill them, irrespective of their innocence, and steadfastly refused to agree. Finally, eleven of the prisoners were released and the death of one remaining – a woman - was demanded. When Ma refused, the chief was furious and threatened to burn down Ma's house. A stalemate ensued for several days during which Ma prayed for strength, patience and love. Eventually, she triumphed. The prisoner was released and the chief contented himself with the sacrifice of a cow. For the first time in that district, a chief's grave had not been saturated with human blood.

Ma was the local name given to the Christian missionary, Mary Slessor, who died, 100 years ago, on the 13th January. Mary was born on 2nd December in Aberdeen, into a poor working family. She was the second of 11 children of Robert and Mary Slessor. Her father was originally a shoemaker but alcoholism forced him to move the family to Dundee, as he and his wife searched for work in the mills. At the age of 11, Mary began working at the mill herself, part time, but was soon working from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day to support the family, following the early death of her father. Inspired by the faith of her mother, a devout Presbyterian, Mary became deeply interested in religion and, in particular, in the work of the missionary, David Livingstone. When she heard of his death, she felt the call to follow in his footsteps. After a period of training in Edinburgh, she set sail on 5th August 1876 from Liverpool in the SS Ethiopia - bound for West Africa. She noted how she was a lone missionary on board and was far outnumbered by the scores of casks of rum which made up the ship's main cargo!

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Soon after arriving in Calabar, Nigeria, Mary began to realise the enormity of her task. She found herself in a land where terrified prisoners had their hands dipped in boiling oil to ascertain their guilt and where wives were strangled or buried alive to go with their dead chief into the spirit world. Early on in her work, her canoe was attacked by a hippopotamus and she saved the lives of those on board by throwing a cooking pot into its gaping jaws. She learned the language of the local Efik people and lived alongside them - eating their food and drinking their contaminated water – often with dire consequences for her own health.

She sent most of her missionary's salary home to support her mother and siblings. One of the superstitions of the Efik people was that the birth of twins was caused by an evil spirit who fathered one of the children. Because no one could tell which twin was supposedly fathered by the spirit, both children were either murdered or abandoned to die. Mary saved countless sets of twins - to the extent that mission stations throughout the region soon all had orphanages attached to them!

Mary herself filled her own house with orphans, upon whom she lavished a motherly love. She set up a series of strings from her cot to each of the hammocks of twenty to thirty little ones so, whenever one began to cry, she could pull the right string and swing the child to sleep! After saving a set of twins – a boy and a girl – when the boy did not survive, Mary adopted the girl as her own daughter and called her Janie. There are statues in Nigeria today of a white marble figure holding two black babies which were commissioned to honour the work of Mary Slessor in this field.

Ill health forced Mary to return to Scotland on a number of occasions and she used her time back home to promote the need for both funds and missionaries to be sent to Africa. Janie accompanied her. On one trip home, she nursed her mother and sister who had become seriously ill. Although, initially, Mary's work had been on the coastal fringes, she was determined to travel further north and inland to an area where, previously, male missionaries, who had ventured there, had been killed by the local tribes. Anywhere, provide it be forward, was her watchword and, perhaps, because she was a woman, and a striking one at that, with her red hair and blue eyes, Mary was spared and accepted by the local people of the interior regions. Mary supervised the building of a new house every time she moved. Her earlier houses were simple structures but, eventually, she managed to build a house with a cement floor. When an incredulous visitor asked her how she managed it, she replied, all I did was stir it like porridge and pray!

Though stricken with fever, diarrhoea and other diseases, Mary carried out her missionary work in Calabar for nearly forty years. The fevers eventually weakened her to the point where she could no longer walk long distances in the rain forest but had to be pushed along on a handcart. In early January 1915, while at a remote station, she suffered a particularly severe fever. The advent of the 1st World War in Europe precluded any possibility of her returning safely to Scotland. She died on 13th January 1915 and her body was transported down the Cross river to Duke Town for the colonial equivalent of a state funeral.

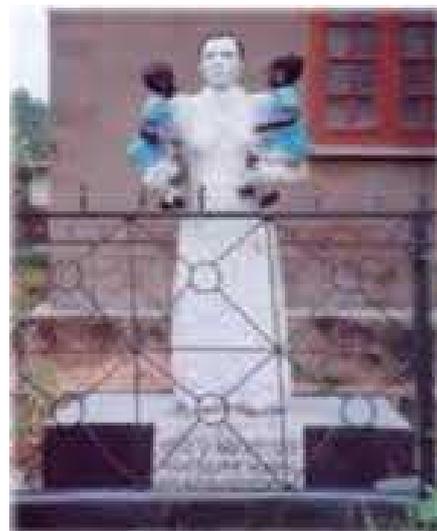
There is a strong sense in which Mary Slessor, who became known in Scotland as, The White Queen of Calabar, changed the whole nature of missionary work at that time. She was an early pioneer as a female missionary and, as such, was able to travel to more remote areas than her male counterparts. Mary focused her evangelism on practical support for the people she took under her care, rather than simply preaching the gospel. She settled disputes, encouraged trade, established social changes and introduced Western Education.

Mary Slessor was the driving force behind the establishment of the Hope Waddell Training Institute in Calabar, which provided vocational training to Efik people. She also had an Elementary school named after her. Testimony to the work and legacy of Mary was also made at the Independence Celebrations when Nigeria became a self Governing member of the Commonwealth of Nations. Shortly before her death, Mary said to some of the twins she had saved and had now grown into adults.

Never talk about the cold hand of death. It is the hand of Christ. For I am persuaded, with the Apostle Paul, that, neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, not things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Jesus Christ.



Alan Jones



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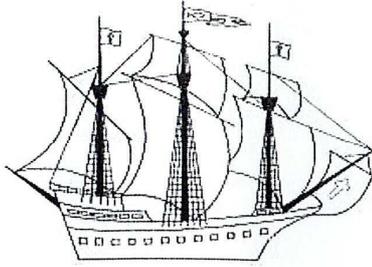
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**The Dawpool community strive to create a school where Christian values flourish, where there is a found sense of unity, purpose and mutual co-operation, and where children may know security, affection, self-discipline and the joy of discovery.
(Mission Statement, 2016)**

8th January 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be the new Head Teacher of Dawpool C.E. (Aided) Primary School. It is a privilege to join the community of such a special Church school.

I am a Christian teacher who is devoted to serving Christ in education. For the last sixteen years, I have undertaken a wide range of roles in Wirral schools, most recently as Deputy Head Teacher at St Andrew's C.E. (Aided) Primary School, Bebington.

I believe that Dawpool should be a Christ-centred school: a school of distinctive excellence, where high standards exemplify Christ's vision for humanity and where the whole school community are valued as individuals and as God's children. I bring with me a core set of Christian values that underpin everything I do:

'The fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control'

(Galatians 5: 22-23)

I would like to embed these values into the heart of the school and ask for your support in reinforcing them at every opportunity. By working together, I hope to nurture and reward the unique God-given talents of every child. I will work tirelessly alongside the dedicated staff and Governors to ensure that the school continues to flourish in the future.

I am married with two young children and understand the demands of working full time and raising a family. For this reason, one of my first priorities is to improve the way we communicate with parents. I will shortly be sending home a questionnaire to gather your views about communication and I encourage you to respond.

In the meantime, I plan to spend time listening and talking to every member of the school community, understanding everyone's hopes and aspirations for the future success of Dawpool. I plan to be outside as much as possible before school and at home-time to meet you. If you haven't already done so, please come and say 'hello.'

I look forward to meeting you.

David Burrows

F.U.S.S.



FREE UNIFORM for SECONDARY SCHOOL

We aim to supply **FREE** school uniform, PE kit, etc. used by the 22 secondary schools in Wirral. Currently we have links with 17 of these schools.

AND NOW..... F.U.P.S. – Free Uniform for Primary School

In 2015 Wirral FUPS (Free Uniform for Primary Schools) has started at two of our hubs, with more due soon. Currently, we have uniform for around 20 of the 98 primary schools in Wirral.

Since 2012 Wirral F.U.S.S. has helped more than 1500 families with their school uniform needs – all free of charge.

All our uniform is in good condition.

Uniform can be picked up by appointment from one of our 6 (soon to be 7) local 'hubs'. Several of our hubs also have regular open days, where you can come along and try items on, or swap your current outgrown uniform for larger items.

AND you can request items ONLINE at www.wirralfuss.co.uk and arrange to pick them up later.

How does FUSS work?

Wirral FUSS receives items of uniform and other clothing donated via our collection drums located in many Wirral schools, at our HUBS, on Open Days, at ASDA in Woodchurch and Birkenhead, and the Conway Centre.

All items are sorted for quality, minor repairs made, washed and ironed if necessary, labelled and stored by our volunteers (*you can volunteer via our website*).

Items that cannot be re-used are sold for recycling, all of which means that a huge amount of artificial fibre does not end up in landfill!

Wirral FUSS works to encourage the free distribution of school uniforms for re-use by families, without judgement of circumstances.

Wirral FUSS aims to follow the Christian principles of compassion, integrity, kindness and care; demonstrating faith-in-action – God's love for all.

For more information please contact us: on 0151 632 6524 or wirralfuss@yahoo.co.uk or visit us at St Luke's Methodist Church, Market Street, Hoylake (9 till 1 most Mondays & Wednesdays)

Andy Kemp (Development Coordinator) Sheila Fowler (Director)

“School uniform is a constant source of anxiety. I am not ashamed of being poor but I always want my children to look as well cared for as others.”

- Recent research, undertaken independently by The Children’s Society and Family Action, has discovered that families spend an average of £320 on uniform when their child starts secondary school and £250 at primary school.
- A family with one child in each sector will spend between 30% and 40% of their August budget on new items of school uniform. Many families end up in debt or are forced to cut back on essentials to pay for school clothes, PE kit, shoes, bags etc.
- Analysis by the charities suggests that nearly 800,000 pupils go to school in poorly-fitting uniform because their parents cannot afford to keep buying new items, while a further 400,000 have been sent home for wearing 'incorrect' clothes. Around a quarter of a million children have had their school chosen based on the cost of its uniform!
- Issues around school uniform risk dividing pupils into the 'haves and have-nots', leaving those without the right kit at risk of bullying and embarrassment.
- £2.1billion is spent each year on school clothes in the UK, more than twice the amount predicted if schools were adhering to the Government guidelines on school uniform policy.
- Government guidelines on school uniform, issued in 2012 and reviewed in 2015, emphasize the importance of cost considerations. School uniform should be easily and cheaply sourced, should be available from a wide range of retailers, and compulsory branded items should be kept to a minimum. If schools engage in agreements with specific suppliers, the financial savings should be returned to parents and the agreement regularly reviewed to ensure best value.
- The Children’s Society is calling for Government guidance to be made statutory and reissued to schools, and that the Government should also look at capping the cost of uniforms.

Wirral FUSS was set up as both a response to social need around the impact of school uniform costs on the budgets of families with low incomes, and, as a means of encouraging recycling and reducing the quantity of artificial fibre entering land-fill.

We received start-up funding from local Waste Management, the Eleanor Rathbone Trust, the John Moores Foundation and The Methodist Church - the project originated within the Methodist Church but is ecumenical (working with the United Reformed Church, the Church of England and the Wirral Christian Centre) and works with and through secular organisations, especially schools.

Wirral FUSS is a voluntary organization, currently working under the charitable umbrella of The Methodist Church (St. Luke’s, Hoylake).

For more information and contact details, please visit our website:

www.wirralfuss.co.uk

The Parish of St. Bartholomew's Thurstaston, with St. Chad's, Irby will be opening a uniform 'hub' in St Chad's Church, Irby.

The PCC are very keen to support this project and our local community, by offering the church building for use as a local hub and Margaret Fletcher will co-ordinate the pick-up of uniforms by families.

On behalf of our Parish, Margaret will work with Wirral FUSS to offer the free distribution of school uniforms for re-use, without judgement of circumstances. Wirral FUSS aims to follow the Christian principles of compassion, integrity, kindness and care; demonstrating faith-in-action – God's love for all.

If you would like to help with the preparation of uniforms (minor repairs, washing and ironing, if necessary), please speak to Margaret.

For more information, please visit the website:

www.wirralfuss.co.uk

Parish Outing

Come and join us on a parish outing to Wales on Tuesday 14th June.

Driving through the Conway Valley, stopping for coffee at Llangollen & lunch at Llandudno.

Book your place ASAP. Seats £15.00.

Give your name and a non-refundable £5.00 deposit to Leslie Worrall or Alan Jones or put in an envelope and deliver to the Parish Office.

Depart from The Rectory, 77 Thingwall Road at 9.30am.



"Cross Talk Subscription for 2016 is £5.00"

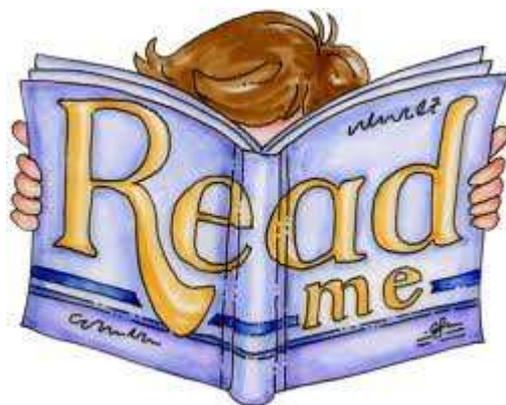
These are now due for 2016. If you see your deliverer please pay them. Alternatively either post a cheque for £5.00 payable to Thurstaston PCC, to St Chad's Church Office, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UH or pay on-line at 40.52.40 00018674, putting your surname and mag subs as reference.

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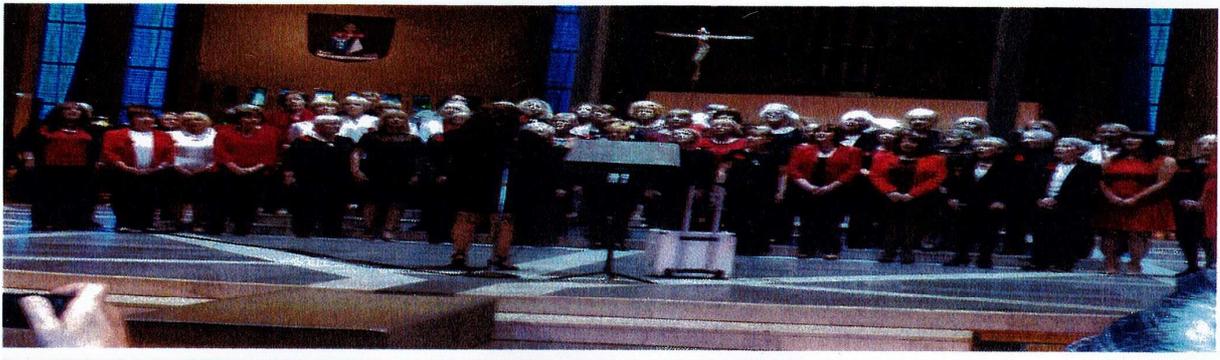
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We are looking for a person with a heart for children and families, working within a busy parish church serving our community in the name of Christ.

We are seeking someone to build upon the work we have established in schools, Messy Church, Sunday activities and groups, and working inclusively with children with additional needs. The children's and families worker will join a staff team and a large team of volunteers working across two sites and with local schools.

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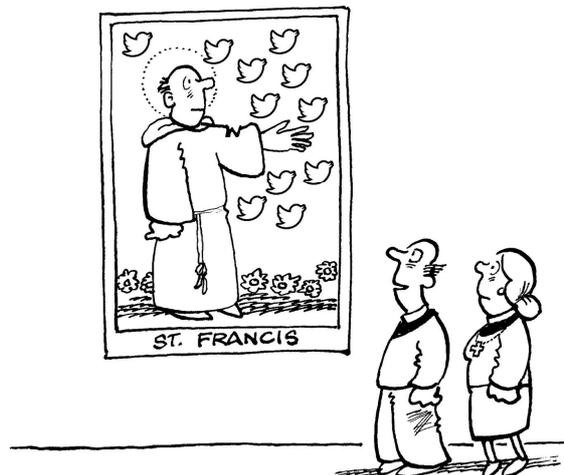
We would expect the person to become an active member of the church family .

For further information ,
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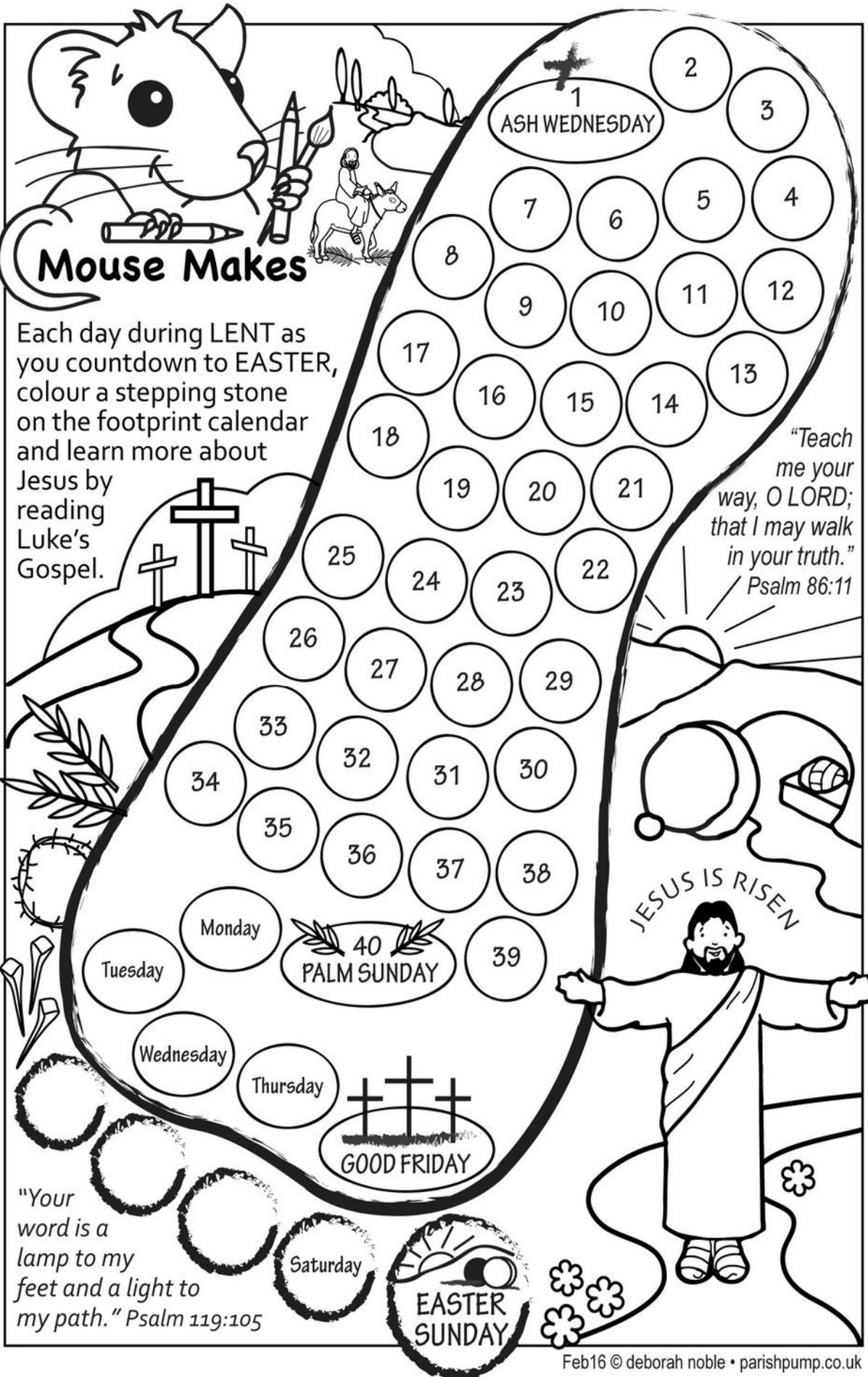
Closing date for completed applications to be submitted electronically to
Rev Graeme Skinner: 12 noon Tuesday 1 st March 2016

The interview date will be 21st March 2016, with a view to the appointed worker starting in April/May (subject to negotiation).

An Enhanced DBS Disclosure will be required for the post-holder.



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Church Services - February

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.15am Holy Communion

7th February

Sunday before Lent & Education Sunday

St Chad's

9.30am Family Service

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.15am Morning Worship

14th February

Lent 1

9.30am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.15am Holy Communion

21st February

Lent 2

9.30am Morning Worship

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.15am Holy Communion

28th February

Lent 3

9.30am Family Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.15am Holy Communion

6th March

Lent 4 & Mothering Sunday

9.30am Family Service

Weekday Services

10th February

ASH WEDNESDAY

7.30pm Holy Communion

10.15am Holy Communion

Holy Communion celebrated at St Chad's each Wed 10.15am
ALL WELCOME

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To arrange a baptism or wedding,
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PLEASE NOTE: Rector's day off - Tuesday

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