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See how the flowers
in the fields grow.
King Solomon
was not dressed as
beautifully as one of
these! Matthew 6:29

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Diary Dates

Tuesdays
SOSO 5th, 12th & 26th July

8pm at St Chad's

Saturday 2nd July

Men's Breakfast

8.45am-9.45am at Aroma Café Irby

Saturday 2nd July

Dawpool Primary School

Summer Fair 1-4pm

Sunday 17th July

Church family picnic

from 11.30am onwards

at Royden Park

Tuesday 19th July

M.U. Summer Serenade
with Strawberry Tea, 2pm at
St John the Baptist Meols

Saturday 20th August

St 'Beartholomew's 'Day
2pm-4pm at St Bartholomew's

Saturday 17th September

Mothers' Union

'Tea & Toast' & bring & buy

9.30am-11.00am

at St Chad's

All Welcome

From the Registers

Baptisms

*We welcome into the
Lord's family*

12th June

Harper Morton

26th June

Frances Kenny

and

Bertie Bridglock

Weddings

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

4th June

Ian Moore & I

Lucy Thompson

25th June

Chris Jeffrey & I

Kate Hollifield

Funerals

*We commend to God's
eternal care*

6th June

Joyce Stokes

20th June

Frank Rimmer

22nd June

Barbara Williams

From Your Rector

Dear Friends,

It's summer time . . . finally . . . so stop and smell the roses. In the midst of all the family holidays, sports events, and general busyness of life, don't miss the summertime moments of joy: a beautiful sunrise, summertime flowers, a child eating watermelon with it dripping down her face, the smell of a real barbecue, the heat of the summer sun, or a day at the beach or the lake. Take the opportunity to bask in the goodness of the Son: to slow down, to breathe deep, and to just enjoy life. Even if just for a moment . . .

I know that the lazy, hazy days of summer are long gone, a museum piece, like televisions with station dials. But that doesn't mean that in the midst of the busyness of our lives we can't capture moments when time stands still, moments that become memories and give us the ability to face the difficulties and struggles of our lives with vision and hope.

What better memory for parents than a child standing on the beach with a bucket and spade making their first sand castle and watching it being washed away by the tide, only to start all over again? Can't that memory become a kind of metaphor for our lives: endings and beginnings as the tides of life swirl around us, and finding the strength and resilience to stand there in the midst of it all, ready to begin again, even when the castles of our dreams are washed away, only to realize that they were made of sand?

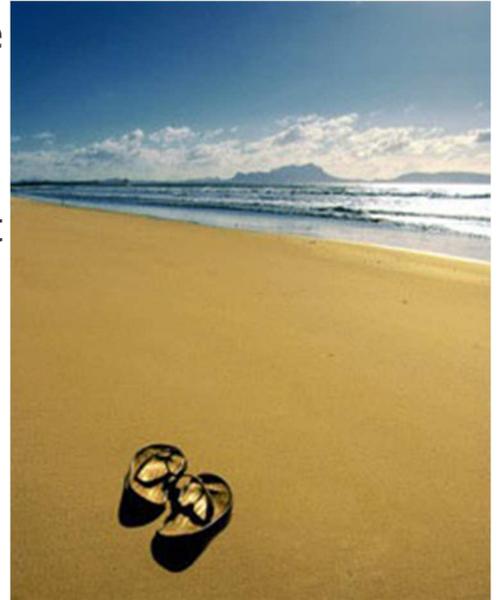
Or what about that summertime experience of jumping into the pool on a really hot summer day, bracing yourself for the shock of it all, but knowing that you will be better for it? Doesn't that experience summarize some of the most challenging moments of our lives, when we have to stop just putting our toe in the water, and instead jump in, head first?

My favourite summertime memories are sitting around a campfire with friends at the end of a long day, and the embers of the fire casting shadows: the light takes away the edges and years on our faces, makes us serene and joy-filled and reflective. Can't we learn something from those moments about reflectivity, and quiet, and deep gratitude for those

people in our lives with whom we share the most important moments in and out of season?

Summertime has a lot of poetry in its days. Just take a moment, breathe deep, and don't miss them.

Rev'd Jane



The vicar's new interest in angling proved to be a real asset when it came to getting more people into church

Thank you

Parish Outing to Llangollen & Llandudno

My thanks to everyone who supported our day out this year. In spite of the dire weather forecast, we enjoyed warm sunny weather in both Llangollen & Llandudno and the cloud burst occurred whilst we were on the coach.

Everyone said it was a good trip and I hope that someone would like to continue organising another, next year.

Leslie Worrall



Men's Breakfast



2nd July 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:

3rd September and 5th November

Come and Celebrate

"St Bartholomew's Day"

Saturday 20th August
2-4pm at St Bartholomew's
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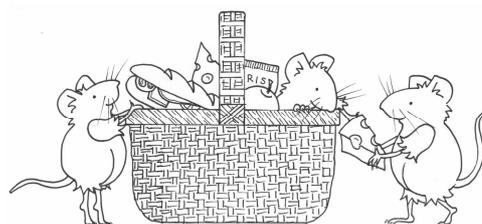
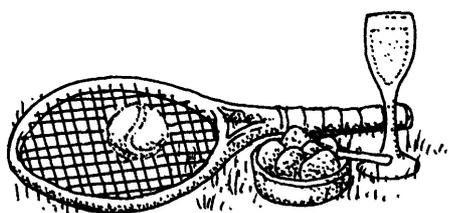
for all the family

Parish Picnic

Sunday 17th July from 11.30am at Royden Park on the main field by the trains.

Everyone from all congregations welcome.

Bring your friends, a picnic and something to sit on.



Looking at your Community

David Winter considers the pros and cons of summer of travel...

THE WAY I SEE IT - Stay-cations

We live in an era of freshly coined if slightly odd abstract nouns. We all got to know 'Brexit' (British-exit) but this month we shall also experience, I suspect, 'Stay-cation' – staying in Britain for your vacation. Terrorism is one powerful incentive to Stay-cate, but so is cost, and all the hassle of international travel.

Why not, people think, simply get in the car or book the train and visit some part of our lovely island that we've never been to before? If you haven't seen the Highlands of Scotland, or the beautiful west coast of Wales or the Boston Stump or the Helston River or the Jurassic coast, then why not make that this year's holiday adventure?

There are, of course, two sides to the argument. For my generation, going 'abroad' was a wonderful adventure. Good heavens, they actually spoke a different language, and they ate exotic things like pizza, croque monsieur and paella, washed down with unbelievably cheap red wine. Just getting on the ferry was an adventure, let alone shopping in a foreign supermarket. And there's also the Unique Selling Point, sunshine.

Balance up the arguments, and it still comes down to Stay-cation or Go-cation. Those who 'stay' will come home astonished at the beauty and diversity of our island home. Those who go will parade their tans for a few weeks and scoff at our fears of delays and terrorism. Whichever you choose – or even if you simply stay-cate at home and sit in the garden – do something different. Autumn is only round the corner.

Looking at You – daily life in the 21st century

How clean is your car? Really?!

If your car is only mildly messy – be very proud of yourself! For a recent survey has found that a quarter of us motorists have NEVER actually cleaned our car, despite eating and drinking behind the wheel. If you have a sensitive stomach, you may not wish to know the following:

39 per cent of us have not cleaned our car inside or out in the past six months. Yet 76 per cent of us regularly eat and drink while driving. 19 per cent of us also regularly transport pets, and 12 per cent of us light cigarettes while behind the wheel. So, does a car littered with stale encrusted food, ash, pet hairs and all sorts of indeterminate rubbish embarrass us in front of other people? You bet it does. And we think up all sorts of ways to keep people out of our mess:

When asked to give someone a lift somewhere, 28 per cent of us claim to have run out of petrol; 39 per cent of us claim to be heading in a different direction; nine per cent of us claim that the car is not even ours, and 14 per cent of us claim to be drunk. And finally - ten per cent of us are now so revolted by the condition of our own car, that we have switched to public transport, or getting a lift off someone else!

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I 'selfie', therefore I am

Do you take selfies? Do you take more and more selfies? And – more? Be careful – there is a growing worldwide addiction to this seemingly playful trend. And it can be dangerous.

On the very practical side – literally dangerous. Last year more people worldwide were killed taking selfies than in shark attacks. "People are forgetting there's a cliff behind them, or getting squashed by trains," says one psychologist who has researched the phenomenon. One Japanese tourist in search of the perfect selfie jumped the barrier at Niagara Falls – with fatal consequences.

Even if you don't kill yourself posing for a selfie, beware what this growing trend may be doing to your mind. Such obsession with your own image is familiar in toddlers and teens, but should have a lesser grip on us as we grow older.

As the average millennial is now expected to take 25,700 selfies in his or her lifetime, Elsa Godart, a French psychoanalyst and philosopher warns that society is in danger of developing 'teen brain'. She warns that, far from selfies giving us a stronger sense of our own identities, they will only serve to increase our insecurities about how we appear to others.

'What may look like straight-forward narcissism can often be... a craving for reassurance that you can only ever get from 'likes'. But you're chasing the dragon, because far from calming any neuroses down, posting another selfie will only amplify them.'" Put another way, if you crave 'likes', you can *never* get enough of them.

She goes on to say that "it becomes worrying when the illusory virtual self you're selling is more appealing than the real self. So you can Photoshop yourself into your ideal and of course that illusion is so perfect that nobody wants real life any more... although selfies can be anodyne and fun, there is a real danger of us losing our connection to and consciousness of the world around us...

Elsa Godart's book, *Je Selfie Donc Je Suis* is pub.by Ablin Michel

Could you be our Church Treasurer?



Due to the resignation of our current treasurer, for personal reasons, we are looking for a new treasurer.

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Do you work well as part of a team?

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just the person we are looking for.

The weekly counting and banking of our Sunday offering (and other income) is done by a member of the finance team. The payment of most bills is done by another member of the finance team. Both of these people are willing to carry on doing what they already do.

The software which is being used at the moment is QuickBooks, so familiarity with that would be helpful, but not essential, as we would be willing to consider alternatives.

**For more information or to offer your help,
please contact Revd Jane Turner
rector@thurstaston.org.uk
0151 648 1816**



**Finance
Committee**

APCM NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the APCM on 24th April.

Could you be our Church Warden?



We only received one nomination (Mr Chris Perry), so he was elected!

Church wardens are elected for one year, but can serve up to six consecutive years if re-elected. Mr John Roberts has done that, so he cannot stand again.

The basic number of churchwardens is two for each parish. There is no legal sanction if a parish does not have the full number, but it is important to ensure a full complement if at all possible. This is because a single churchwarden acting alone can be placed under an unreasonable burden. It is also unsatisfactory for a parish to be left without cover if a single churchwarden is unable to carry out his or her duties for a time, for example because of illness or unavoidable absence... Churchwardens are chosen and hold office for only one year at a time. (From the "Guide to the Churchwarden's Measure 2001")

Church Wardens are appointed to serve the whole parish and not a particular church building or congregation and so anyone who is

**baptised,
on the electoral roll,
an "actual communicant"
and aged over 21**

can be considered for this role.

**If you think this could be you, or
if you think someone else would be the right person
to serve our parish in this way,
then please speak to Revd Jane
or any member of the PCC.**

(PCC members are Chris Perry, Malcolm Studholme, Chris Smale, Graham Barley, Janet Trigg, Julie DeBoorder, Kate Preston, Jon Oliver, Chris Williams, Roger Jackson, Matt James, Roger Dennison, Chris Turnbull, Liz Whitehead, Andy Harford, Peter Aspinall, Debbie Aspinall)

Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations





Wellspring

2016

Third Monday of each month

18th July

8.00pm Meeting at the Rectory

Aug—no meeting

An opportunity to Listen to God and to Pray.

19th Sep
@ St Chad's

All are Welcome
Together we will seek God's Vision
for our church communities.

17th Oct

*Give ears and come to me; listen, so that you might
live.*

14th Nov
(a week earlier than
normal!)

Isaiah 55v3

Dec - No meeting

This is an important meeting in the life of our church.
You do not have to be able to pray out loud.
You do not have to feel that you are any good at praying!
Please just come and spend 1 hour each month with others
as we commit the work of our church to God.

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)

Next event:

Saturday 17th September
'Tea & Toast' & bring & buy
9.30am-11am at St Chad's
All Welcome



Things we never imagined people doing

Following on from last month's article about things we *seniors* could never have dreamt we would be able to buy, here are some ideas of things we could never have imagined we would do - or see other people do! Again, can you think of anymore?

Go for a run! We ran because we were late or to escape from a policeman or an irate neighbour whose door we knocked on for fun, but never to keep fit!



Buy a take away meal - other than fish and chips! The nearest we got to an exotic, foreign food was a dry packet of Vesta Curry and that was not until the 70s!



Draw money from a cash dispenser! Most people were paid in cash and, only later, by cheque - which was cashed *inside* the bank on Saturday!



Wear shorts outdoors! Unless you were a Boy Scout Leader or 'Tiller Girl', your legs never saw the light of day – except, perhaps, at the swimming baths!



Watch a movie in our own home! Many of us went to the cinema once a week and saw a main feature, a B movie, a newsreel and a pile of short features.



Holiday abroad! For most people, holidays meant days out in Blackpool, Rhyl, Prestatyn, Llandudno or even West Kirby - with a pot of tea on the beach from Tottey's!



Share minute details of your everyday life with people you rarely see!



Do the 'School Run' in a car! From an early age, children used to *walk* unaccompanied to and from their primary school.



Go out on a Sunday without wearing your Sunday Best!



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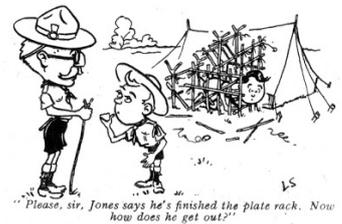
Life choice

A small boy returned from Sunday School in tears. When questioned by his mother for the reason of his distress, he gulped: 'Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, but I want to be an engine driver.'

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It's cool

I was at summer scout camp where the final service was to be taken by a bishop. It was a very hot, humid day and the clergy from local churches were slowly melting in their various heavy robes. Finally one snapped: 'When is that flipping bishop going to turn up?' Whereupon a man close by, dressed in Scouts shirt, tie and short trousers, said mildly: 'I'm already here.'



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Open wide



A lady was very nervous about her appointment at the dentist. She sought courage from her Bible. The verse her finger landed on was Psalm 81:10: 'Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it.'

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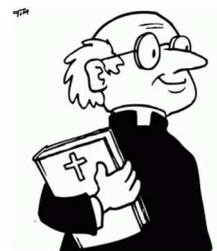
What exactly is 'a lie'?

A little boy was asked in a school exam to explain what 'lying' is. He wrote: 'A lie is an abomination unto the Lord, but a very present help in trouble.'

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Preaching hazards

Showing your new parish that you are a forceful preacher may not always be a good idea, as the Rev Sydney Smith found out when he first arrived at All Saints Church in Foston in 1806. 'When I began to thump the pulpit cushion on my first coming to Foston, the accumulated dust of 150 years made such a cloud that for some minutes I lost sight of the congregation.'



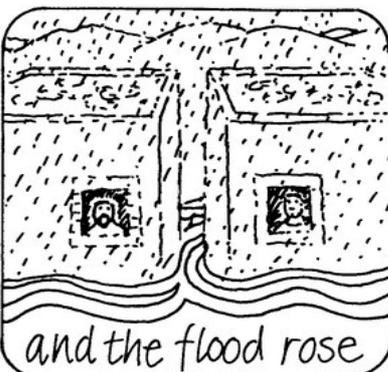
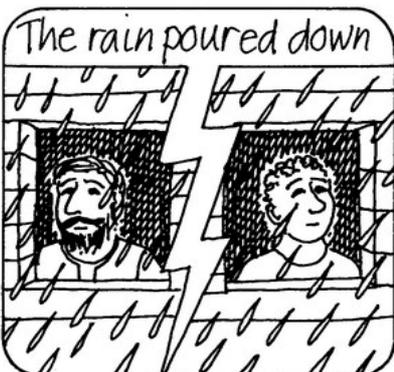
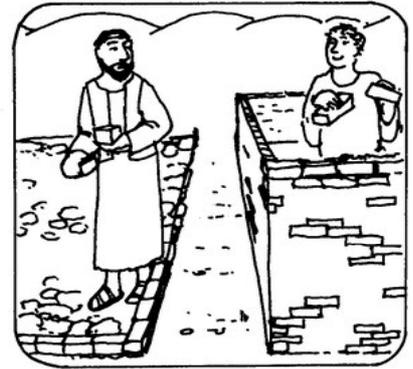
Children's Pages

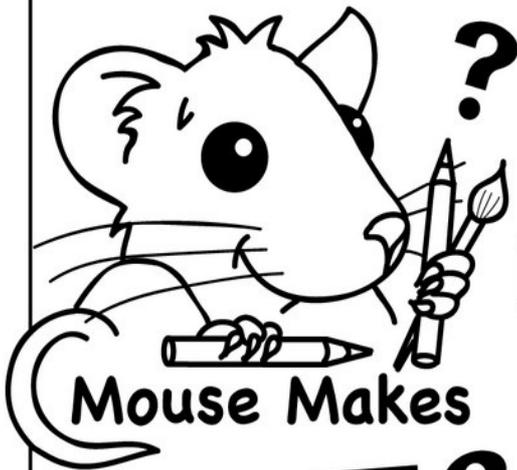
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Matthew 7:24-26 and Luke 4:7-49

Jesus explained the difference between just listening to what he taught, and actually doing it, by using this story...





Mouse Makes

WHO AM I?

The last letter of one name is the first letter of the next name.

J _ _ _ S

- Mary's first child
Luke 1:30-31
- Hannah's son
1 Samuel 1:20

E _ _ T

- He wrote the second Gospel
- Followed Elijah
2 Kings 2:15

A _ _ M

- The first man
Genesis 2:20
- Baby in a basket
Exodus 2:1-10

_ _ _ S

- A wise king
1 Kings 4:29
- He built an ark
Genesis 6: 13-14

H _ _

- Wrote the 28th book of the Bible

A

WHICH BOOK IN THE BIBLE...
... is the **first**?
... is the **last**?
... has the **most** chapters?
... is the **last** in the Old Testament?
How many books are there in in the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the whole Bible?

DID YOU KNOW?
In the Bible there are: 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters, 773,692 words.
The longest word is in Isaiah 8:1
The longest verse is Esther 8:9
The Bible was originally written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek

Can you find **JESUS** and all the Apostles in the word search?

-
- ANDREW
 - JOHN • JAMES
 - THOMAS • MATTHEW
 - SIMON • THADDEUS
 - BARTHOLOMEW • PETER
 - PHILIP • JAMES • JUDAS

FIND THE BROTHERS

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JAPHETH	JAMES
JACOB	ASHER
JOHN	ESAU
CAIN	ISHMAEL
PETER	ABEL
ABRAHAM	ANDREW

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Church Services - July

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

3rd July
Trinity 6

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

10th July
Trinity 7

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

17th July
Trinity 8

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion
3.00pm Baptism

24th July
Trinity 9

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Baptism

31st July
Trinity 10

St Chad's

9.30am Family Service

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am BookGiving

9.30am Family Communion

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Weekday Services

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ALL WELCOME

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Church Services - August

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

7th August
Trinity 11

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

14th August
Trinity 12

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

21st August
Trinity 13

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion
3.00pm Baptism

28th August
Trinity 14

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

4th September
Trinity 15

St Chad's

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am NO SERVICE

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