

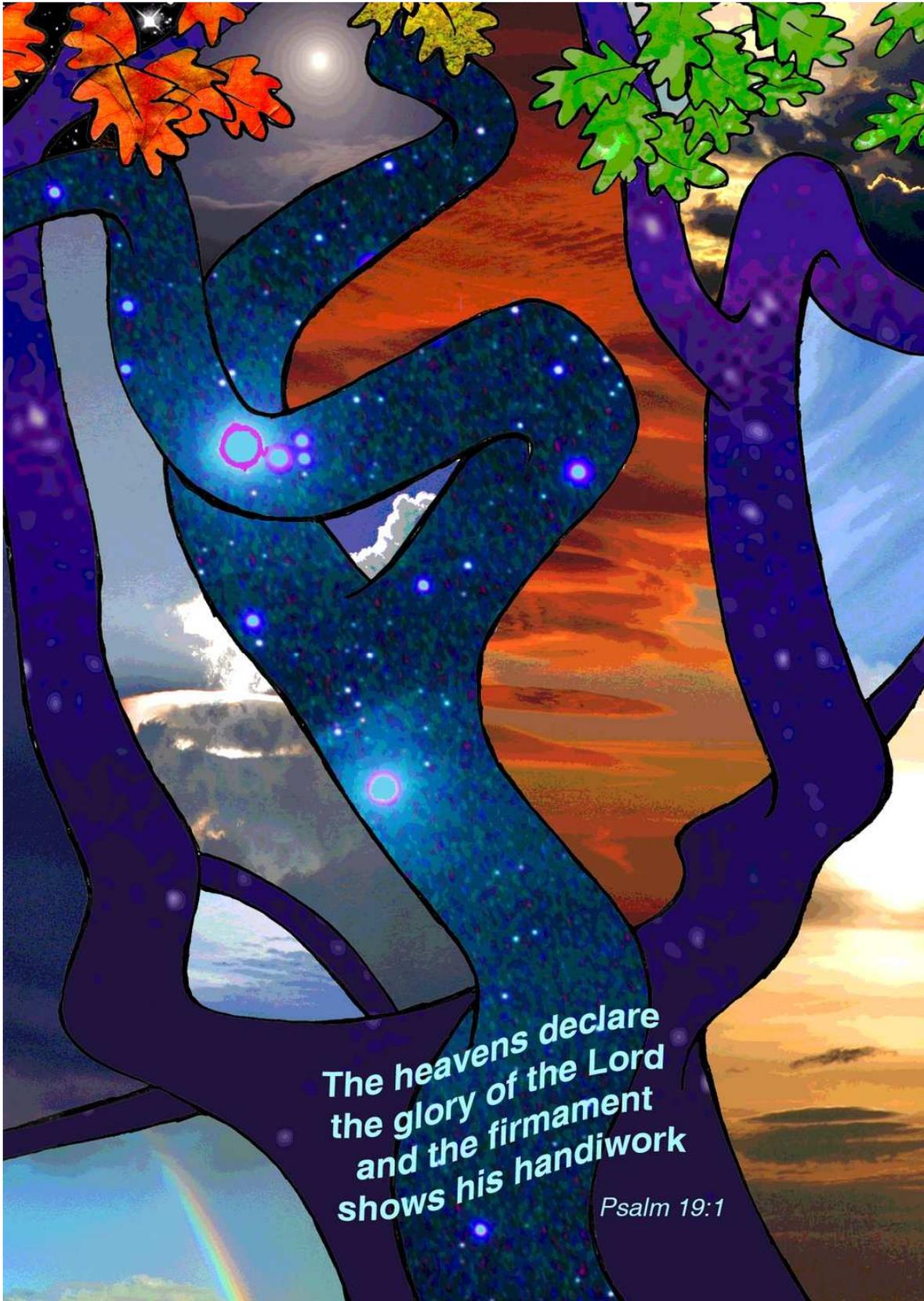
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Diary Dates

Tuesdays
SOSO 6th, 13th
& 27th September
8pm at St Chad's

Saturday 3rd September
Men's Breakfast
8.45am-9.45am at
Aroma Café Irby

Monday 5th September
Wellspring 8pm at the Rectory

Saturday 17th September
Mothers' Union
'Tea & Toast' & bring & buy
9.30am-11.00am at St Chad's
All Welcome

Friday 30th September
Harvest Supper

From the Registers

Baptisms

*We welcome into the
Lord's family*

Lucas Anderson
Emily Cunningham
Charlotte Cunningham
Sienna Trimble

Weddings

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

Bennett Applyard
& Renia Dickson

James Clarkson &
Catharine Barley

Funerals

*We commend to God's
eternal care*

Susanne Cookson
Jean Rogers
Leslie Glover
Spencer Mason

From Your Rector

Dear Friends

15th Anniversary of 9/11

Fifteen years ago on 11th Sept 2001 terrorist attacks demolished the Twin Towers in New York killing 2,996 people and injuring over 6,000. Events like 9/11 raise the inevitable question: Why does God allow such suffering to take place?

There are no easy answers to this question! We cannot fully understand why such things happen, although we live in a fallen world, where people make real choices. Yet the Bible affirms that God identifies with our suffering, supremely when Jesus experienced suffering and death! It is on the cross that God knows what it is to lose a loved one in an unjust attack. 'I could never myself believe in God if it were not for the Cross. In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it?' (John Stott).

What does this mean? We cannot know why God allows evil and suffering to continue, but we do know that he does love or care for us: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16). God loved us enough to fully engage with the mess of the world.

Uncertainty and Hope

If the audience at the First Night of the Proms this year had not heard the national news broadcasts that day, they would have been startled by an unscheduled addition to the programme. It opened with a rousing rendition of the French National Anthem.

Scores of unsuspecting holidaymakers in the French resort of Nice had been mown down by a fanatical lorry driver; his was the latest in a chain of massacres perpetrated by Islamists in Europe and beyond. Ironically, it was Bastille Day, commemorating French unity. The playing of the Marseillaise in London's Albert Hall was a demonstration of solidarity with French people everywhere and a defiant message of hope.

Church leaders the world over published their prayers the next day. An Anglican chaplain based near Nice said, "Prayer is the thing. We can't do anything tangible or practical in support of the security service apart from our own vigilance . . . but we do have a very strong and a

very powerful thing that we can do . . . and that is prayer . . . because with faith we trust in God's love and mercy for those who have died, but for the families left behind this is a most terrible time from which many may not recover."

Terrorist acts of this kind are motivated by a deadly combination of false faith with hatred. No one is risk-free, and the nations' leaders are hard-pressed to safeguard their people. St. Paul's advice to Timothy has never been more apt: "I urge that ... prayers... be offered to God for all in authority, that we may live a quiet and peaceful life with all reverence towards God and with proper conduct."

We must be on our guard, but also trust God. In Nice churchyard is the grave of Henry Lyte, the writer of the hymn, Abide with me, which encourages us to disarm our fears by expressing confidence in God's purposes:

"I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me."

May you know God's peace and blessing in your lives.

Rev'd Jane Turner

trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding

find courage

TRUST

perfect love drives out fear

Be Strong

in God's promises

and courageous

walk by faith, not by sight ~2 Cor. 5:7

PSALM 23:4

EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I SHALL FEAR NO EVIL

**Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving
on Sunday 30th October 2016 at 6.30pm
at St.Chad's, Roslin Rd, Irby**

I come into contact with a lot of families who are going through the sad and difficult circumstances of bereavement. Sometimes the loss of a loved one helps people to come to faith and there are many people in church today who came back to God as a result of bereavement.

I will be writing personally to all whom I am aware have experienced bereavement in the last 12 months. If you have experienced a recent bereavement of which I am unaware, then please accept this invitation to join us at the service. If your bereavement was further back in time but you would find this service helpful, then you too are also welcome.

This will be a quiet, reflective service in which we will remember our loved ones by name and say thank you to God for the good times we shared with them throughout their lives. In this service we will be reading out a list of names of those you would like us to remember, and so if you are planning to come to this service and would like your loved one to be mentioned by name please fill in the form below and return it to me.

Please feel free to extend this invitation to other members of your family.

Rev'd Jane Turner

An Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Name of the deceased: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Please return to:- Rev'd Jane Turner, 77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, CH61 3UB

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**Everyone Welcome
St Chad's, Thursdays, 8.00pm**

**29th Sept, 13th + 27th Oct
3rd, 10th, 17th Nov**

**Each of the six sessions includes a short video
and lively discussion starters.**

**At the heart of it is identifying an image
that says something about your faith.**

An Invitation

All are invited to the launch of YBible at Chester Cathedral on Thurs. 15th Sept. at 7.30pm.

Dr Peter Oakes (Head of Department, Religions and Theology at Manchester University) will speak on 'The Bible for Real People. Then and Now.' The evening will also include a host of other presentations, resources, and ideas. Variety and mutual encouragement will characterise the event. We hope to generate a host of different responses and ideas so that every congregation will be involved. The aim is to encourage a new enthusiasm for regular use of the Bible in a wide number of ways.

But YBible isn't primarily about big events. Its aim is mutual encouragement in which we help one another with our use of the Bible.

Getting Involved

It is hoped that every congregation will do something under the YBible banner during the course of the year beginning next month. Whether a 'one-off' special gathering, a shared endeavour, group work or a course, or an initiative for individuals, everyone is urged to try something new in their approach to using the Bible.

Scripture Engagement

As one way into that exploration, Dr Phil Collins of Taylor University's Center for Scriptural Engagement has given permission for the Diocese to utilize the methods collected together by that Center. A host of suggestions ranging across memorization, journaling, visual arts, Lectio Divina, praying, singing, hand-copying, storying, speaking, dramatizing, public reading, and more, are detailed on their website. Everything is now available to use through the Bible Gateway website - www.biblegateway.com/resources/scripture-engagement/ The site contains all sorts of imaginative resources to enhance our use of the Scriptures. Why not explore its many possibilities and encourage friends to do the same?



'52 Thoughts'

At the launch a small book of favourite Bible verses will be published as a first YBible effort. The style of the book is personal accounts of why a particular verse of scripture is significant to the author. The key word there is 'personal' since what is being offered isn't an academic or scholarly account but a more individual and heartfelt approach. The purpose is to encourage one another in sharing the power of a word of scripture in a person's own faith experience.

As well as the book, the thoughts will also be published on the diocesan website. They will therefore be widely available for readers' reflection.

Parish initiatives

Reading Luke Together is one initiative to celebrate the YBible Year, encouraging more people to read the Bible for themselves.

Members of each church community will be encouraged to read one portion of Luke's Gospel each day, following a pattern of readings put together by Josie Tuplin, parish Reader at St Saviour's Oxton. It will start in Advent 2016 and end at Easter 2017, which means we'll be reading the Christmas and Easter stories at the corresponding times in the Church Year.

Advanced Notice for your Diaries

Advent Angels

**Thursdays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December
St Chad's 8.00pm**

Everyone Welcome

Advent is a time for penitence and preparation, a time of anticipation and great joy. In these sessions we will hear again how God's grace is always at work and see how God uses his angels as agents of grace.

This is no trick! You're in for a treat!

Bring a pumpkin to carve and we'll have sweets to eat!

PUMPKIN PARTY

St Chad's Church Extension

Monday 31st October 2016

6.00-7.30pm



FAMILY FUN,
PARTY GAMES,
PUMPKIN CRAFTS,
TREATS
and a BONFIRE

£2.00 per child - payable on the night

Please bring a small pumpkin per family and tools with which to hollow and carve your pumpkin.

Please phone 648 8169

or e-mail office@thurstaston.org.uk

by Fri. 21st October to let us know you are coming.

No witches, wizards, ghouls or other scary costumes - Thank You!

Donations towards the Pumpkin Party would be much appreciated:-

Orange Wool

Jam Jars

Battery operated tea lights

Glow Sticks

Chocolate Digestive Biscuits

Marshmallows

Wrapped Sweets or Treat sized

Chocolate Bars

Volunteers to help on the night would also be very welcome.

Please let Revd Jane know if you can help in any way.

Many thanks.



Men's Breakfast



3rd September 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:

5th November

Wellspring

2016

Third Monday of each month

5th Sept

8.00pm Meeting at the Rectory

10th Oct

An opportunity to Listen to God and to Pray.

14th Nov
(a week earlier than normal!)

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

Dec - No meeting

Give ears and come to me; listen, so that you might live.
Isaiah 55v3

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





Sunday 2nd October Harvest Services:-

At all services we will be collecting food for Wirral Food Bank. Please see the Shopping List for the things they most need.

Also at all services we will be having an Additional Collection for Christian Aid.

8.00am Book of Common Prayer

Holy Communion Service at St Bartholomew's

9.30am Family Worship at St Chad's

11.15am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's



Wirral Foodbank Shopping List — Most needed items

September 2016

Long Life Milk, Cereal, Instant Mash, Sponge Pudding (tinned or microwavable), Rice Pudding, Custard, Feminine Hygiene Products, Washing Up Liquid, Packet Soup, Shampoo

Harvest Supper on Friday 30th Sept

Hopefully also to be arranged

Harvest Family Fun—WATCH THIS SPACE

Advance Notice of other Important Dates

Sunday 6th Nov - 9.30am Family Service at St Chad's to be led by Dawpool School

Sunday 13th Nov - Remembrance Sunday

At St Bartholomew's (No Service at St Chad's)

10.15am Traditional Service

10.50am Uniformed Organisations Assemble at War Memorial to be joined by 10.15am Congregation and anyone else who wishes to be present for:-

11.00am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

11.05am Family Service (aim to finish by 11.30am) for anyone with small children and uniformed organisations and their families

Sunday 4th Dec - 4.00pm Christingle Service at St Chad's

Christmas Service Details will follow as they are arranged.

Stef Reid – Christian paralympic athlete on her way to Rio

Stef Reid is a paralympic athlete. She does long-jump and also sprints. In the 2008 Paralympics she won a bronze medal in the 200 metres and in 2012, a silver medal in the long jump. She has broken the world record for long-jump in the F44 (below the knee amputees) class several times.

She had a life-changing accident in her teens as she describes: "I was in a boating accident when I was 16. The propellers caught me across my lower back. The water around me was blood red. I thought I had been cut in half. The next issue was that we were three hours away from a half-decent hospital.

"I survived but unfortunately the leg was so mangled that it had to be amputated. So I was really thankful to be alive. But with my love for sport, I was absolutely devastated. The stuff that you love to do, you are told that you cannot do it any more.

"I don't come from a Christian family but my parents sent me to a Christian school. We had Bible classes. I had a very good head knowledge of the Bible but it wasn't a major part of my life.

"Everything changed when I was in the accident. I remember lying in the ambulance. I was scared because I knew in my heart that I wasn't going to heaven. I did not know God. I had never asked Him what His plan was for my life. I remember praying for a second chance. It was a complete miracle that I survived the accident. I know that God had a hand in that.

"I also know that by me not dying, I still had a purpose here. There is a reason for me to be here and it completely changed my perspective. It changed me as a person and I committed my life to Him in the ambulance. Now, I look at things from the perspective of hope. I have always got hope. I think that is the biggest difference".

In September 2016 Stef will represent Britain in the Paralympics



"Standing up for the National Anthem in the middle of the sermon was a bit of a giveaway that you were watching the Olympics on your iPhone!"



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Spring Harvest Local - Friday 14th October 7.30pm All Souls, Liverpool, L9 4TF

**Revd Jane has booked 10 tickets (free)
for this evening of praise, prayer and preaching
in the style of "Spring Harvest Evening Celebrations".
Let her know if you'd like to go.**

The focus for the evening will be - Jesus' call that we be united for one purpose. You'll hear more about the potential of a united church, learn about further opportunities to work together, and spend time praising God. There'll also be prayer for the church, both locally and nationally, led by church leaders.

More information - <http://www.springharvest.org/local/>

Children's Society Coffee Morning

on Saturday 15th October, 10am-11.30am

Bring & buy. All Welcome.

Box holders please return your house boxes or bring to church from now. If anyone would like a box, or needs theirs collecting then please contact Jean 648 6015, Barbara 648 3523 or Elaine 648 1721.



**The
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CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Thursday 8th September

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AVAILABLE FROM THE SHOP OR BY EMAIL

0151 647 8743 sales@christian-bookshop.org

Once again I'm asking those members of the congregation who have leprosy mission boxes to return them to either church, from where they will be collected and returned.

Churches like ours are working in partnership with The Leprosy Mission to fund projects in Asia and Africa. Together we show people affected by leprosy what Jesus meant when he promised fullness of life by providing health services for diagnosis and treatment, rehabilitation, education, vocational training, low cost housing and sanitation.

Thank you for your continued support. If you don't have a box, I'm very happy to accept a one off donation, and if by cheque, please make payable to The Leprosy Mission.

Remember leprosy is a dreadful, but curable disease.

Any further information I can be contacted on 538 1953. Pat Hulme



Could you be our Church Treasurer?



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

Do you have skills in
Book-keeping and Account Reconciliation?

Do you work well as part of a team?

Yes to both. Then you could be
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)

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WIRRAL NORTH DEANERY

QUIET AFTERNOON



led by Reverend Peter Froggatt

**2pm, Wednesday 28th September 2016, at St
Michael's Church, Pensby.**

Followed by Tea and Scones



No worries

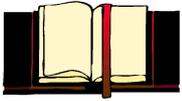
A 102 year-old lady was asked if she had any worries about the future, and replied: "Not since I got my eldest son into an old people's home."



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Getting ready

Two children watched their grandmother reading her Bible. 'Why does she do that?' whispered one. 'I expect she's studying for her final exams,' came the reply.



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Visit

A bishop visited a primary school in his full episcopal attire - with his mitre, robes and bishop's crook or crozier. A little lad's mother asked him later what he had thought of the bishop's visit to his school. The little boy replied: 'It was great - now I know what a *real* crook looks like!'



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Cucumber



A small boy asked his mother for a cucumber to take to Junior Church. A slightly puzzled mother complied. Later she asked what it had been used for. 'Sorry, mum,' he confessed. 'I got it wrong. We were supposed to bring a newcomer.'

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Not all

Dear Minister: I know that God loves everyone but He has never met my sister. Love Peter (aged 7)

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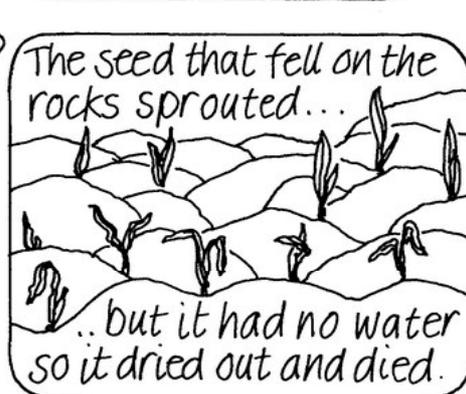
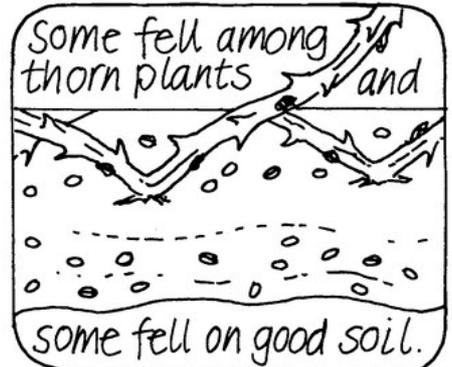
Children's Pages

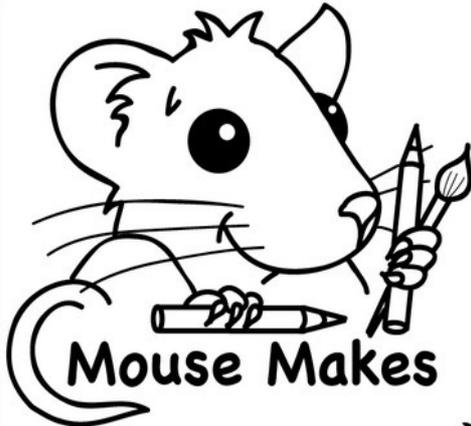
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt. 13:3-8, Mk 4:1-9, Lk 8:4-8

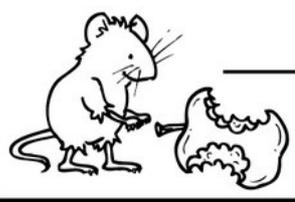
Crowds of people now came to hear Jesus, so he used stories to teach them; those who really wanted to learn would work out the meaning.





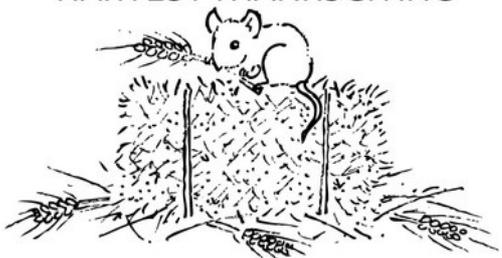
Thank you
God for...



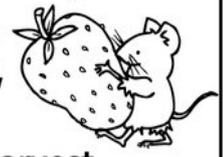


See how many words you can make using the letters from **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

HARVEST THANKSGIVING



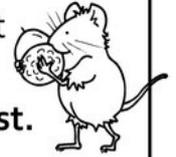
Lord God, you made the world;
You made the land we live on,
the air we breathe,
the water we drink,
the food we eat.



Thank you Lord for the harvest.

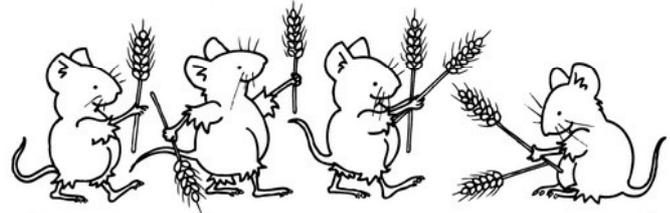


Lord God, you give us all that we need each day to live.



Thank you Lord for the harvest.

Lord God, help us to share all that you give us.
Thank you Lord for the harvest.



" May the peoples praise you, O God,
may all the peoples praise you.

The land has yielded it's harvest and
God, our God, has blessed us."



Psalm 67:6

What foods can you think of to finish this acrostic?

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| H | F |
| A | E |
| Raspberries.. | S |
| V | T |
| E | I |
| S | Vegetables... |
| T | A |
| | L |





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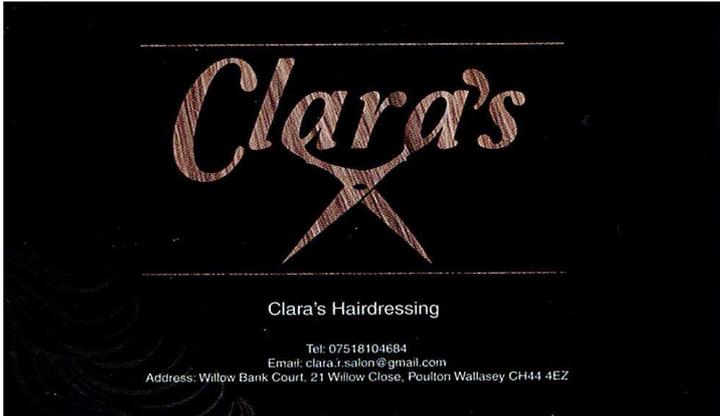
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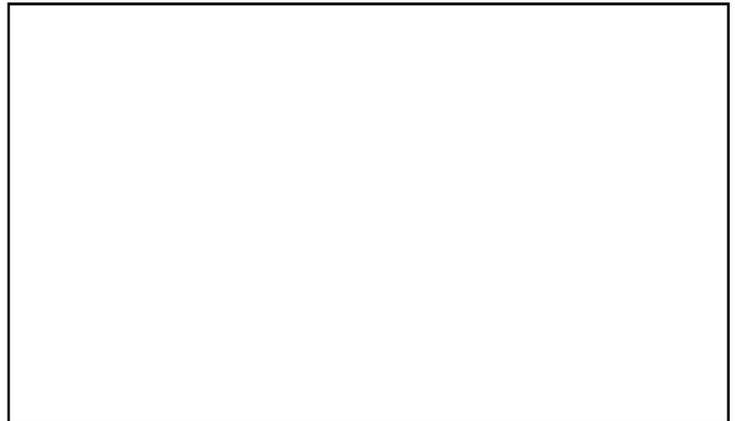
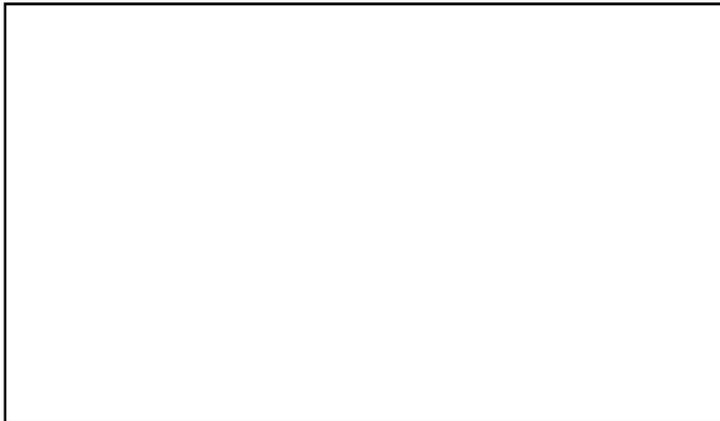


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Church Services - September

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

4th September
Trinity 15

9.30am Family Service

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

11th September
Trinity 16

9.30am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

18th September
Trinity 17

9.30am Morning Worship

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

25th September
Trinity 18

9.30am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

2nd October
Harvest

9.30am Family Service

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