

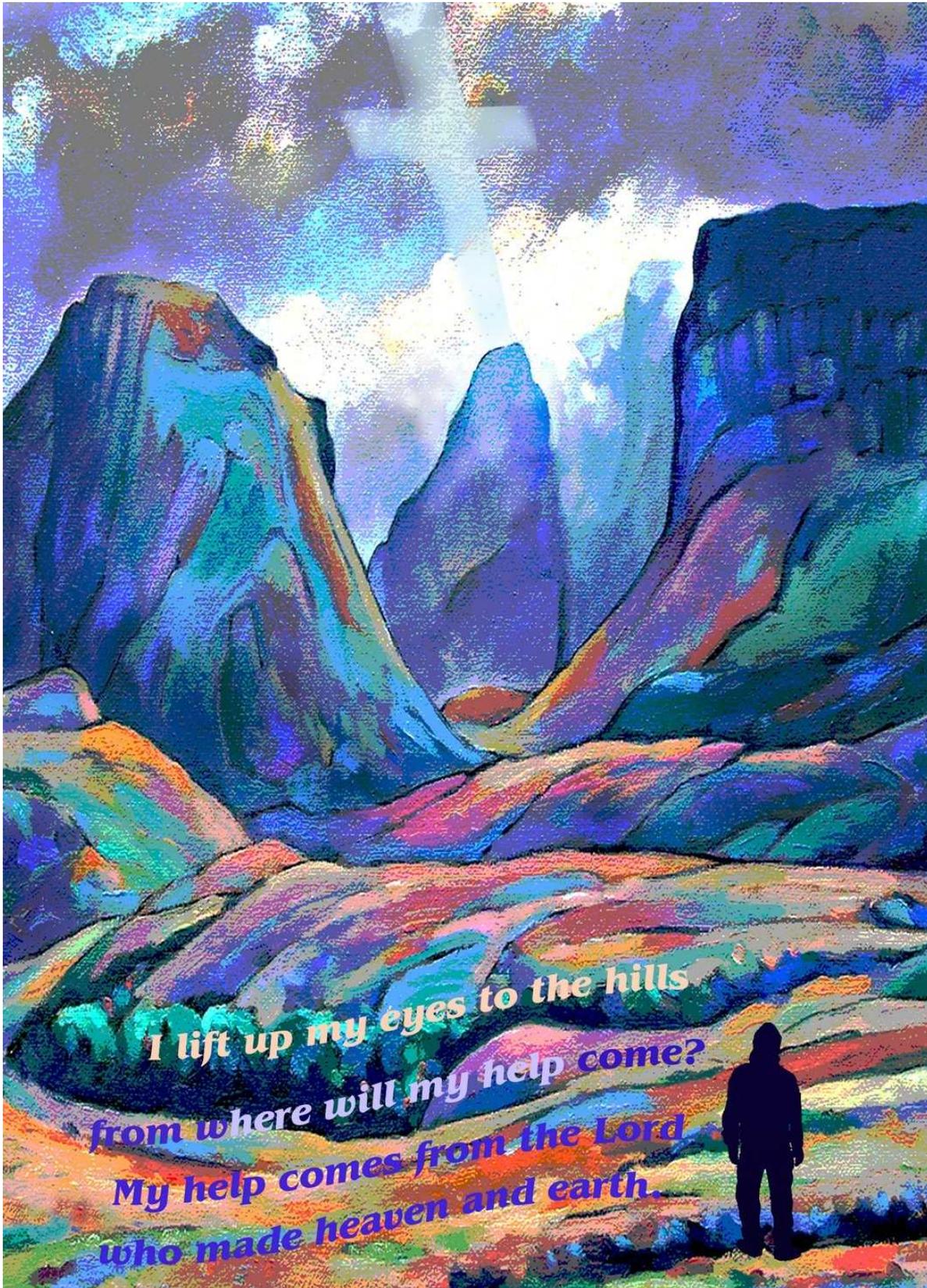
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*I lift up my eyes to the hills  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.*

# October 2016

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## Diary Dates

<p><b>Tuesdays 4th, 11th &amp; 25th October</b> SOSO 8pm at St Chad's</p> <p><b>Monday 10th October</b> Wellspring 8pm at the Rectory</p> <p><b>Saturday 15th October</b> Children's Society Coffee Morning 10.00-11.30am at St Chad's</p> <p><b>Wednesday 26th October</b> Mothers' Union (EMU) Crafts with Chris Carlson 8.00pm at St Chad's</p>	<p><b>Thursday's 8pm at St Chad's</b> Faith Pictures</p> <p>29th Sept, 13th &amp; 27th Oct &amp; 3rd, 10th &amp; 17th Nov</p> <p><b>Monday 31st October</b> Pumpkin Party 6.00-7.30pm at St Chad's</p> <p><b>Saturday 5th November</b> Men's Breakfast 8.45am-9.45am at Aroma Café Irby</p>
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## *From the Registers*

### *Baptisms*

*We welcome into the  
Lord's family*

*William  
Jarvis-Windsor*

### *Weddings*

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

*John Brothwood &  
Siobhan Sillitoe*

*Philip Sillitoe &  
Debra Harding*

### *Funerals*

*We commend to God's  
eternal care*

*Hamish Jeffrey*

## From Your Rector

Dear All,

### Be like a pumpkin

A lady had recently become a Christian and been baptised. Curious, one of her colleagues at work asked her what it was like to be a Christian\*.



The lady was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer. Then she saw the office 'jack-o'-lantern' on a nearby desk and blurted: "Well, it's like being a pumpkin."

Her colleague asked her to explain that one. And so she said: "Well, God picks you from the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins.

"Then He cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside you. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.

"Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all to see.

"It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine or come inside and be something new and bright."

Are you something new and bright? Will you be smiling today, and shining with His light?

*Rexd Jane*

\*How would you answer the question? What would be your Faith Picture? Want to think about this with others? Please come to our series of sessions entitled "FAITH PICTURES" – see page ?? for more details. Don't worry if you miss the first one or can't come to them all, come to the ones you can!



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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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving  
on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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

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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

# faith pictures

a fresh way to talk  
about things that matter



**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.**

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](mailto: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



5th November 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](mailto: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.

# Wellspring

2016

Third Monday of each month

10th Oct

8.00pm Meeting at the Rectory

14th Nov  
(a week earlier than normal!)

An opportunity to Listen to God and to Pray.

Dec - No meeting

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

*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:

Wednesday 26th October  
Crafts with Chris Carlson  
8.00pm at St Chad's  
All Welcome



# Christmas Fair

The fair will be on Saturday 26th November 1 - 4 pm.

Please **start to put to one side anything you think we can sell,**  
**Good as new / unwanted gifts ,**  
**Books/DVDs/CDs (no videos),**  
**Jewellery,**  
**Toys in good condition, soft toys for kid's 'take-a-ted'**  
**Raffle prizes - who do you know that will donate a voucher or prize?**

**For the Crafty and Cooks please start planning or creating ; hand made crafts, home made preserves/pickles, cakes, sweets, Christmas decorations etc, as a homemade stall always looks fantastic .**

**There is usually a small number of tables available for a fee, subject to any space after our own stalls are accommodated.**

**Lastly, it takes many hands to pull this off and we need all the help we can get on the day and the night before, so if you can help in any way, setting up, clearing away, a couple of hours on a stall, sorting donations, decorating the hall, etc. please pass me your name when you see me or drop me an email.**

**Many thanks Julie DeBoorder 648 6331**  
**debs1313deb@btopenworld.com**



St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irbly

# CHRISTMAS

## FAIR

Saturday 26th November 1pm-4pm

\* Santa's Grotto

Lots of stalls

Refreshments

Raffle



## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday

AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S (No Service at St Chad's)

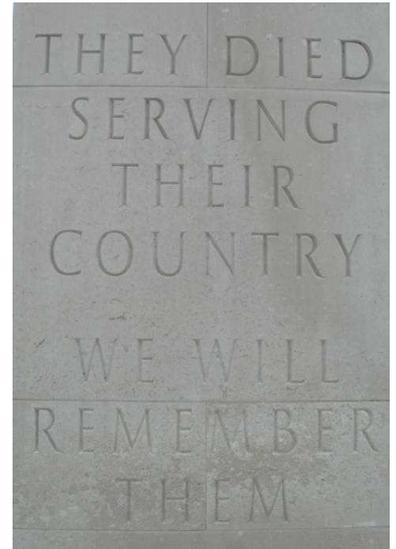
### 10.15am TRADITIONAL SERVICE

10.40am Uniformed Organisations meet on the Green at the front of Church

**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



## Advance Notice of other Important Dates

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

### Advent, Christmas and New Year Special Services:-

Sun Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Communion  
4.00pm Christingle Family Service at St Chads  
**8.00am, 11.15am as normal.**

Sun Dec 11<sup>th</sup> **All Services as Normal**

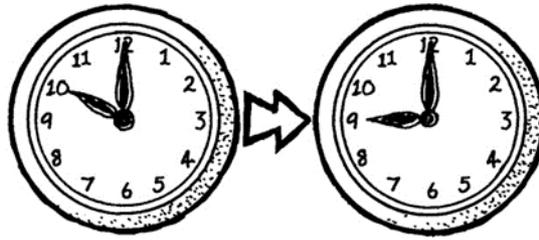
Sun Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Nativity Service led by Junior Church  
6.30pm Joint Carol Service at Irby Methodist  
**8.00am, 11.15am as normal**

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's  
5.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's  
11.15pm First Communion of Christmas

Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day  
8.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's  
10.30am Family Communion at St Chad's  
**NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY**

Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>  
10.30am Communion Service at St. Bartholomew's  
**NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY**

Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Covenant Service at Irby Methodist  
**8.00am as normal. NO 9.30am or 11.15am service.**



On Sunday, October 30 the clocks will go back by one hour at 2am, meaning we will gain one hour of sleep and it will be lighter in the mornings.

## **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.

# St Chad's will be 50 in 2017



**We plan to celebrate St Chad's 50th Anniversary in a Variety of Ways:-**

**Making a Banner** in which we hope everyone will play a part even if just a few stitches!

**Special Service on Sunday 26th February**

**Summer Barn Dance on Friday 2nd June**

**Do you have any photos** that we could borrow to make some kind of montage or historical timeline? All photos will be much appreciated and looked after - we would especially like any photos of special events e.g. opening of St Chad's in 1967, inductions/baptisms/confirmations, extension being built or opened, other celebrations in the life of the church etc.

**Please carefully label your photos with date and what they are of, plus your name, place them in an envelope and hand to Revd Jane (or the parish office) who will return them to you ASAP.**

**If anyone would like to organise any other special events during this Anniversary Year, then please speak to Revd Jane.**

**Next month: An article on the History of St Chad's.**



Offer your hand for international friendship! Welcome an adult international student into your home for a day, weekend, or 4 days at Christmas, and do your bit to make the world a little friendlier. Many adult international students from across the world would love to spend a few days with you, learning about British culture, experiencing UK home-life, and telling you about their own country. A Christmas invitation is particularly valuable to students facing a holiday on an empty university campus.

Japanese student, Mamiko Moda, wrote "Thanks to my hosts and their kindness, I could spend a nice Christmas here instead of staying at home alone. I am grateful to you all."

Hosting is a voluntary position suitable for all ages and is also available throughout the year with HOST, a charity set up in 1987. To find out more or be put in touch with your local organiser, please visit [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org), or call 020 7739 6292.



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### **Wear out**

Three little boys were bragging about how tough they were. "I'm so tough," said the first boy, "that I can wear out a pair of shoes in a week." "Well," said the second little boy, "I'm so tough, I can wear out a pair of jeans in a day."



"That's nothing," said the third boy. "When my parents take me to see my grandma and grandpa, I can wear them out in just one hour."

\*\*

### **All Angels?**

The slightly harassed minister stood on the railway station platform with a number of lively Sunday School children, while the two Sunday School teachers went off to buy tickets. A porter came up to him and asked: 'Excuse me, are you St Michael and all the Angels?'

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### **A WC worth visiting**

Years ago a young couple were house-hunting in rural Somerset, and so visited an elderly clergyman who had a cottage for sale. Later they could not remember seeing a bathroom in the property, and so wrote asking where the WC might be.

The minister was not familiar with the term, and decided they must be asking for the nearest Wesleyan Church. And so he wrote them this reply:

'Dear ... I regret to inform you that the nearest WC is fifty miles away, which is most unfortunate if you are in the habit of going regularly. This one is situated in a beautiful valley, and many local people make a day of it, setting off in early morning and taking picnics with them. Some travel by car, others by bus, and some (on foot) arrive just in time. A bell rings 20 minutes before the WC opens, and there is plenty of standing room if you are late.

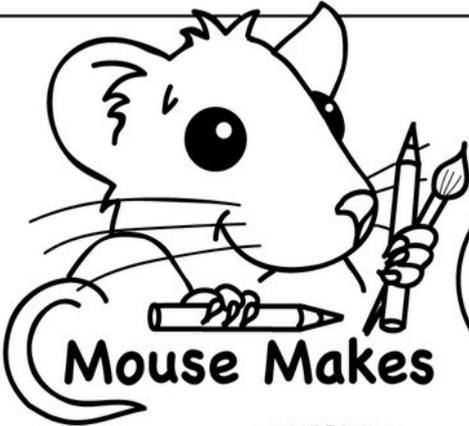
Inside, there are 40 plush seats, and beautiful carvings on the walls. The children sing as they process in, and there is even an organ accompaniment. I hope this will encourage you to visit it, and enjoy what it offers. I myself have not been for five months, and you can imagine this pains me very much. Yours faithfully...

\*\*

### **Who is God?**

During a youth service, the minister asked if anyone could tell her who God is. One youngster waved a hand, and ventured: "Isn't God the man who saves the Queen?"

\*\*



### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

#### GOD'S WORD IS...

Look up the bible verse and fill in the blanks.

Your \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ for my  
\_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ for my \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalm 119:105*



#### BLESSING COMES FROM...

Cross out every second letter to read the bible verse.

"BALEEYSYSPESDV ADREEM TKHCOUSMED  
WAHROS HPEKAMRS TWHAEU WHOGREDN  
ATNODL OABLEPYW IFTO"

*Lpurkdes 11:28*



#### WISDOM COMES FROM...

Change the backwards words to read the right way.

"For the Lord gives wisdom  
from His mouth come knowledge  
and understanding."

*Proverbs 2:6*



Is not my \_\_\_\_\_ like  
\_\_\_\_\_ declares the Lord, and  
like a \_\_\_\_\_ that breaks a  
\_\_\_\_\_ to pieces?

*Jeremiah 23:29*



#### UNDERSTANDING COMES FROM...

Change each letter to the letter **after** it in the alphabet.

SGD SDZBGHMF NE XNTQ VNQC  
FHU DR KHFGS RN DUDM SGD  
RHLOKD TMC DQRSZMC

*Orzkl 119:130*



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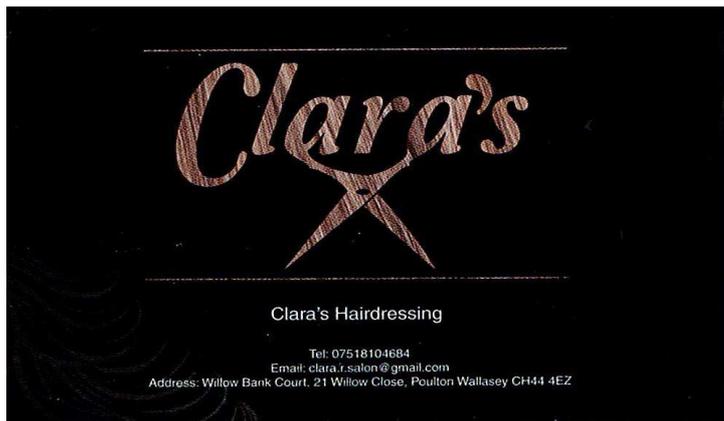
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parish's local mission and ministry



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## Church Services - September

### Sunday Services

#### St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**2nd October**  
**Harvest**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Morning Worship

**9th October**  
Trinity 20

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**16th October**  
Trinity 21

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

**23rd October**  
Trinity 22  
Bible Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**30th October**  
4th Before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**6th November**  
3rd Before Advent

#### St Chad's

9.30am Family Service

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Service

### Weekday Services

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

### Baptisms and Weddings

To arrange a baptism or wedding,  
please telephone the Rector, Revd Jane Turner on 0151 648 1816  
or the Church office on 0151 648 8169.

**PLEASE NOTE: Rector's day off - Tuesday**

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