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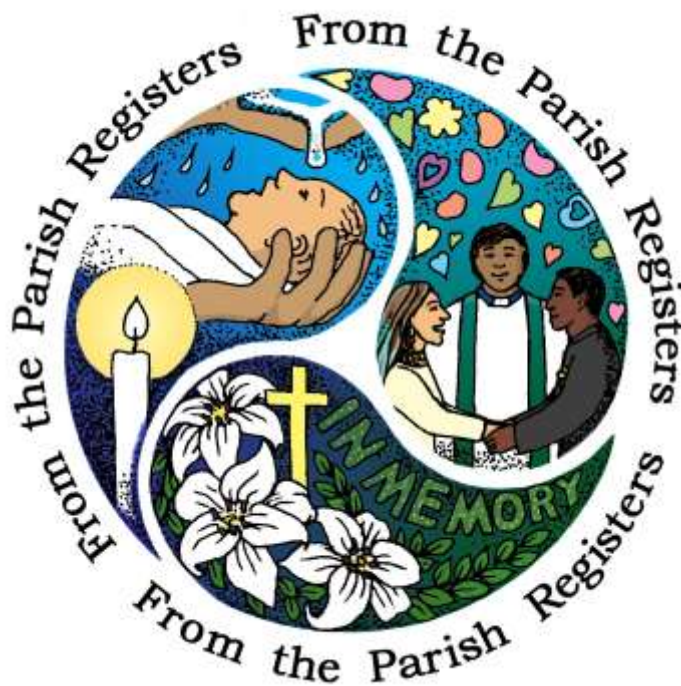
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From Your Rector

June is the month of light - the month of the summer solstice, when millions of people in northernmost Europe stay out late to enjoy the sight of the midnight sun. To have light and glory where there is usually darkness is something we celebrate, we welcome.

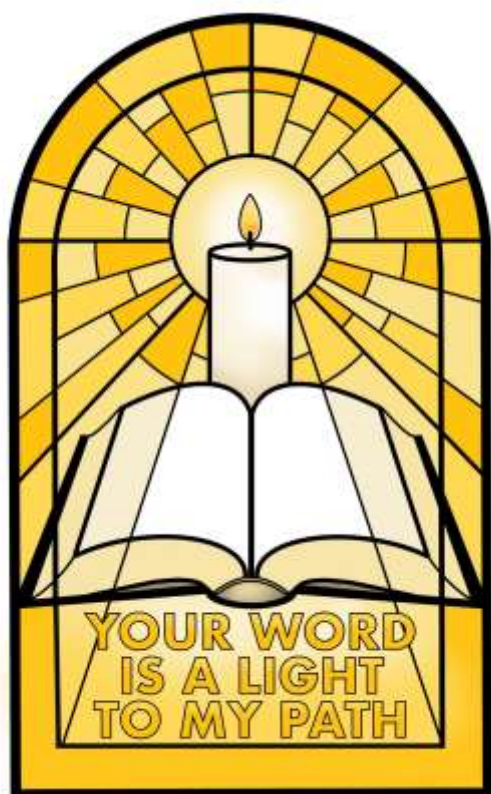
In John 9 Jesus said: "I am the light of the world." He wasn't comparing Himself to the summer solstice, but preaching at a Jewish occasion which celebrated light every bit as much. It was the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:14), which was a celebration not only of God's provision of water, but also of the light of God's presence with the Israelites in the wilderness.

During the Feast of Tabernacles there was a joyful celebration. The priests would light four huge lamps in the Court of Women. The flames would reach as high as the temple walls and would provide a light that could be seen all throughout Jerusalem. Men of deep piety would dance throughout the night for the entire week of celebrating. A choir, accompanied by an orchestra of instruments, would sing psalms like Psalm 27, which declare "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

At the height of this grand celebration, the Lord Jesus had the temerity to stand and say that HE was the light that was foreshadowed by the light for the Israelites in the wilderness.

The Jewish leaders were furious, and tried to stone Him to death. Jesus did not fight back, He simply illustrated His claim to be the Light of the World by immediately giving sight to a man born blind. (John 9).

In the 20 centuries since then, the Word of God, when it is proclaimed, has drawn people out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus. The Word is, as the psalmist said, "a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105). David said, "In your light we see light" (Psalm 36:9b). Today, by the light of the Word of God, we can see Jesus as He is: truly the Light of the World.



Rev'd Jane

Ness Gardens

Saturday 10 June

10.30am

Normally
£7.50



Over 60
£6.50

Groups of 20 or more £6.25

if we reach 20 people we can get the discount

Please contact Pat Neil c/o Church Office

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Fancy a day at Ness Botanical Gardens together on Saturday 10 June? Come and enjoy the beautiful gardens and views of the River Dee and North Wales. Standard entrance fee is £7.50, over 60 years of age is £6.50 but if we can make up a group of 20 or more it is £6.25.

You can make your own way to meet there at 10.30, or it is planned to meet at St Chad's Carpark at 10am and carshare. You can use the café or bring a picnic and we aim to leave to return home at 3.30/4pm, depending on weather and any other arrangements you might wish to make.

Please book your place (and let us know if you are willing to drive or would require a lift) by emailing pat.neil@hotmail.co.uk as soon as you can, so if there are enough people we can make a group booking.

The address is Neston Road, Ness, Cheshire CH64 4AY. Further details are on their website www.liverpool.ac.uk/ness-gardens."

FATHER'S DAY

An illustration of two baseball gloves, one positioned above the other, rendered in a simple line-art style. The gloves are oriented vertically, with the fingers pointing downwards.

'What is a Christian? The richest answer I know is that a Christian is one who has God as Father. If you want to know how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child and having God as his Father.' (J I Packer, *Knowing God*)

The month we celebrate fathers on Father's Day. Unlike Mothering Sunday, this doesn't have a distinctly Christian origin. However, it does provide an opportunity to celebrate God's fatherhood and what it means for us.

At His baptism, as Jesus came out of the water: *'heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.'* (Matthew 3:16,17). What can we learn about Jesus' relationship with His Father, the role of fathers and our relationship with God?

The Father's presence

When Jesus was baptized, the Father made His presence real by the Holy Spirit. It's the Spirit who enables us to call God *'daddy'* (abba, Galatians 4:6). God is with us and knows our joys and sorrows, fears and trials. In this way, dads can relate to their children.

The Father's love

The Father described His Son as *'beloved'*, who like us, is subject to His unconditional love. Dads should be constant in assuring their children of their love.

The Father's pleasure

The Father tells Jesus that He is *'well pleased'* with Him. We also need to hear this, if we feel that we are disappointing God or letting Him down. This can arise with harsh words spoken by our parents. Fathers should use every opportunity to demonstrate their pleasure in their children, especially when things go wrong.



**SATURDAY 24TH JUNE -
SUNDAY 9TH JULY**

**Build your scarecrow and
display in your garden or
business premise for all to
see and enjoy!**



I would like to have some scarecrows at St Chads. I have the ideas and wooden frames but need help to make them and some brains to figure out how to make the bees and bugs.

We would like to have a naturalist out collecting bugs with a net and magnifying glass in front of St Chad's and lots of bugs put all around the fence and trees.

At the back of at Chads in the back garden by the fence between us and the village hall we would like to have a bee keeper with a white suit, net hat and smoke can and then lots of bees all along the fence and on the trees (Maybe also a beehive) Do you have any of these items for the scarecrows we could borrow for the duration of the festival ?

Could you make a bee, butterfly, dragonfly, spider, grasshopper or ladybird? They need to be able to withstand rain and be at least as big as your hand or bigger.

Please contact me if you can help build scarecrows with me or have any of the things we need or if you or your family can make some bugs or bees at home and give them to me. Get your thinking caps on for making bugs, maybe plastic bottles with black and yellow sticky tape for bees? Please give me any ideas and we can share them to help other families make them .

Julie DeBoorder jules2121jule@gmail.com

Ruth's Reflections

By the time you read this I will be in Italy! I am really looking forward to it, but I have to admit I am feeling nervous, which is quite usual for me. I hope that the weather in northern Italy improves, at the moment it is not good!

I have been able to do some gardening, not that there is much in my tiny new garden. It is looking good and I keep thinking what a difference a year makes. I can hardly remember what a jungle it was when I first moved here. It is still a quiet and peaceful place to relax in the sunshine and as I quoted in one of my first ramblings, " You are nearer to God's Heart in a garden, than anywhere else on earth."

I have been out with my camera, now I can hold it without pain. I spent a lovely day at Martin Mere, the weather was perfect and the birds seemed to like having their pictures taken. the cafe there was very good as well! The only downside was getting there, there traffic was horrendous and my sat nav went berserk, telling me to turn right and left at the same time. Needless to say I got lost, I was definitely having a rather frantic conversation with God, the result being I got back on the right road and arrived only 15 mins late and still before the person I was meeting. I am so glad I don't have to do that journey everyday.

I am also able to do more bellringing, with no ill effects. We rang for the Coronation, when we were joined by The Mayor of Wirral. we rang for half an hour then we all rushed off to watch it on television. I spent the day with my daughter and son-in-law's. I enjoyed watching the Coronation, the pomp and ceremony and the feeling of history was wonderful, as were the coronation chicken sandwiches and the scones with jam and clotted cream. I also went to a party on Sunday which was lovely so altogether I had a really good weekend.



I have also been quite busy with the WI. we have had several outings and there are a lot more arranged throughout the rest of the summer. We also made and put up[with help] the King and Queen at the entrance to the drive to the Village Hall. we also strung the bunting up in Irby village.. I hope you all enjoyed seeing them.

Well that's all for now, take care and stay safe everyone

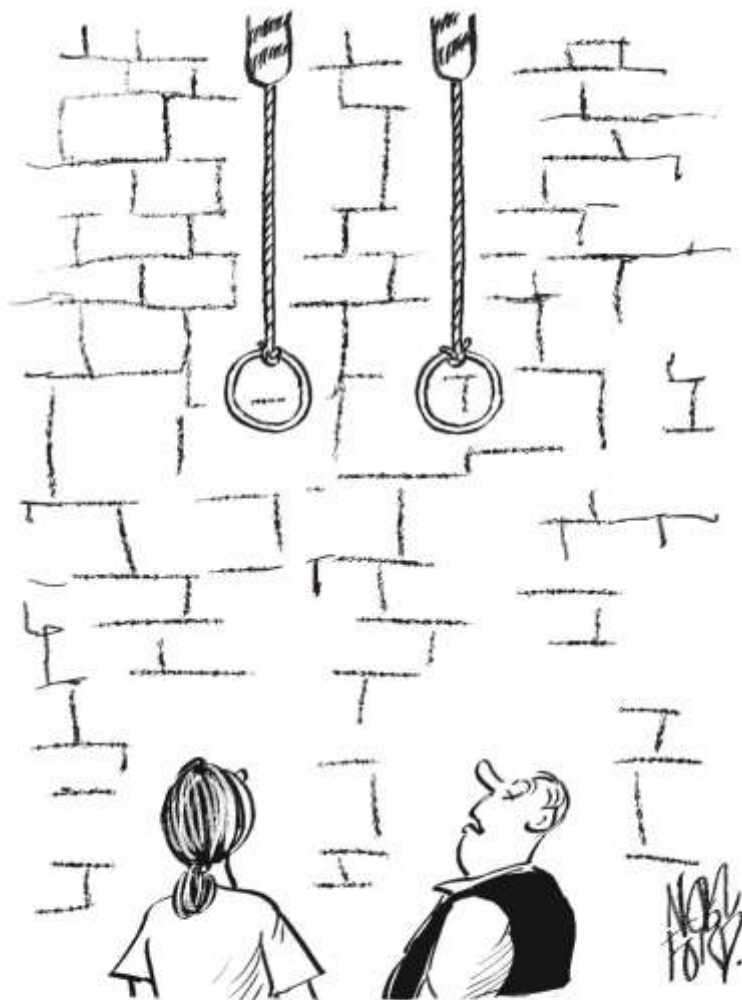
Ruth.

This month we celebrate Trinity Sunday. The doctrine of the Trinity is one of the most important of the Christian faith, for it goes to the very heart of what God is like. The Bible is quite clear: there is one God, but He is revealed in three 'persons' – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Have you ever wondered at what point in the Bible God is revealed as being more than one person? Well, you don't have to read very far: only to Genesis 1:26, where God (Elohim – a plural noun) says: Let US make man in OUR image. (Gen. 1:26)

The Bible reveals a pattern: God the Father lives in heaven and has never been seen. God the Son became the incarnate Jesus Christ, who made known to us the Father, and God the Holy Spirit, who is unseen, has been sent to live within and to equip His people, the Church.

The Trinity is basic to our salvation – for these three persons in the one Godhead have combined to save us from our sins: it is the WILL of the Father, the saving WORK of the Son, and the indwelling WITNESS of the Holy Spirit. (John 14:16, 23-26).



"Apparently, the new member of the bell-ringing team is a keen gymnast"

Bible Society says it is "excited" to be sponsoring a garden based on Psalm 27 at the RHS Flower Show Tatton Park in July. Psalm 27 is a profound meditation on loss, fear and faith.

Inspired by designer Ollie Pike's reflections on burial grounds – "scenes of sadness, but also of hope and spiritual refreshment" – the Psalm 27 Garden will aim to lead visitors on a journey through pain to peace. Ollie Pike first heard the psalm when attending a funeral. "Its hopeful message was very comforting at a time of sadness," he said.

"The psalm speaks to me of protection and to be hopeful. It gives a feeling of comfort in difficult moments and to have faith that things will improve."

The garden follows Bible Society's sponsorship of Sarah Eberle's Psalm 23 Garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 2021. The Psalm 23 Garden won a gold medal, Best Sanctuary Garden and Best Construction.

Bible Society hopes to use this garden to "introduce people to biblical wisdom, and to help them see that the Bible can speak to them today."



MEMBER PROFILE

"BEING A BLOOD BIKER IS MY WAY TO HELP PAY SOMETHING BACK"

Motorcyclists around the UK are the backbone of the life-saving blood bike network. For IAM RoadSmart member **Graham Bryson**, his journeys are a way to say 'thank you'...

WORDS MATT MASTER PHOTOGRAPHS JOBY SESSIONS

Three years ago, after almost a decade in the saddle, IAM RoadSmart member Graham Bryson decided it was time to refine his riding skills. Following a chance encounter with an instructor at his local bike shop in Merseyside, the retired Royal Engineer applied for the IAM RoadSmart Advanced Motorcycle qualification, a decision that would set him on a life-changing journey.

Based at Wirral Advanced Motorcyclists, Graham was observed during his training by volunteers for the Merseyside and Cheshire Blood Bikes, a charity that delivers blood around the clock between hospitals and laboratories in the north-west. Following six weekends of intensive training and self-imposed high-mileage practice, Graham was deemed ready to take his advanced test. But while waiting for a slot, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

"I travelled home feeling a bit down but with the mindset that it would not knock me down," Graham says. "I put the diagnosis to the back of my mind, as taking this test meant a lot to me. I'd worked so hard to reach that stage."

Graham was so inspired by the work of his mentors on the course that he joined the Merseyside and Cheshire Blood Bikes shortly after passing and, in his own words, has never looked back. He began treatment for his prostate cancer not long after, undergoing radiotherapy and hormone treatment at the Clatterbridge



During his cancer treatment, Graham found himself transporting blood samples for fellow patients.

Cancer Centre, where staff were frequently surprised to see one of their patients return hours after treatment to pick up someone else's blood samples.

Following a positive prognosis and with regular check-ups, Graham is now three years into his role as a blood biker and meeting head-on the enormous challenges that the pandemic has caused for healthcare services.

As a blood biker, Graham was already used to answering around three call-outs on a night shift, often doing sample runs to and from Clatterbridge for fast lab analysis. But with the arrival of Covid-19, the nearby Bromborough micro labs started testing for the virus and Graham went from sleeping in bed with one eye open to sleeping on the couch, unsure whether to bother taking off his boots.

"During each night shift I've been riding 100 to 150 miles locally with up to 13 call-outs," Graham says. "I often leave

the house on a call and return five hours later as I'll be diverted on different call-outs while riding between hospitals, labs and Clatterbridge Cancer Centre."

The Merseyside and Cheshire Blood Bikes regularly link up with other blood bike groups to get samples to other parts of the country, at no cost to the NHS. It's a heroic effort on the part of all the volunteers involved and, bearing in mind the physical and mental demands of riding hundreds of miles throughout the night, there are measures in place to ensure every rider's safety.

"A controller tracks you on the system to make sure your journey is a safe one and knows exactly where you are," Graham explains. "And we report in on a WhatsApp group as a secondary measure when the package is picked up, dropped off and we're home safe."

Graham is now an eager advocate for the charity, keen to explain the importance not only of blood bikers but the controllers, management, fundraisers and speaker teams who keep this complex and vital service running effectively.

"Being a blood biker is a way to help pay something back for the treatment I received," Graham says, "and thanking all the staff who looked after me. If blood bikes are needed, I will do as much as I possibly can."

You can read more about Graham's inspiring story on the IAM RoadSmart blog: bit.ly/IAMbloodbiker

Reflecting Faith: – the Lectern (part 2)

Why not have a good look at the lectern in your church, to see what it was made from and if it has a particular design.

There seem to be two distinct styles for lecterns, either a 'simple' plain book holder or one in the shape of a bird. Both styles are usually made from either wood or gilt metal (brass).

The bird is an eagle - often holding the world in its talons. The intention being that the eagle is known as the most powerful bird, which can fly the highest and longest without pausing and so can take the Word of God - the Bible that it holds - to all the places in the world.



There are 44 mentions of eagles in the Bible, but just two to include here:

In Exodus after the Israelites have left Egypt and crossed the Red Sea they camp in the wilderness, where they are not surprisingly worried about what will happen next. Shall we say 'there's a bit of grumbling and groaning' going on?

So God calls to Moses with words to encourage them, *"The Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.'"* (Ex 19: 3- 5)

And the second is one to uplift us all when we are in need of support:

Isaiah in chapter 40 is trying to describe how awesome and powerful God is and concludes that even our youth will grow weary in comparison. However, *'those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'* (Is 40: 30 – 31)

So perhaps as we hear the words of the Bible passage read to us from that symbolic figure we are reminded to both trust in the Lord and to gain inner strength.



This month

As you hear the Bible passage(s) read from the lectern during this coming month, listen not just to the words themselves but reflect on their intention to encourage you.



Spiritual Disciplines: - Simplicity

'Clutter is not just the stuff on your floor. It's anything that stands between you and the life you want to be living.' (Peter Walsh).



The spiritual discipline of **simplicity** is about living more simply and ensuring that possessions don't end up possessing us! Jesus expresses the heart of simplicity in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:19-34). He emphasises trusting God, not worrying about material things but *'seeking first his kingdom and his righteousness,'* (Matthew 6:33).

'The Christian Discipline of simplicity is an inward reality that results in an outward life-style. Both the inward and the outward aspects of simplicity are essential.' (Richard Foster).

What happens in our hearts impacts the way we live our lives. But what does this look like in practice? Richard Foster lists a number of outward expressions of simplicity in his book ***Celebration of Discipline***. These include:

- Buy things for their usefulness rather their status value eg cars, clothes.
- Reject anything that is addictive to us eg drinks, TV, social media.
- Develop the habit of giving things away to others who need them.
- Don't get caught up with buying the latest electronic gadget.
- Develop a deeper appreciation of creation.

How can we simplify our life?

Step 1: Find something that needs simplifying eg decluttering the house or limiting the time consuming TV or social media. It's about stopping whatever prevents us from making the kingdom of God our top priority.

Step 2: Take time to reflect and write down how we will embrace simplicity in that area eg. stop using the phone one hour before bed and keeping it outside the bedroom.

Step 3: Ask someone to keep us accountable!

'Always remember the essence of Christian holiness is simplicity and purity: one design, one desire: entire devotion to God.' (John Wesley)

GOD IN THE SCIENCES: A scientist reflects on God’s heart for the suffering

It’s difficult as a scientist to hear information that is fascinating, but which also involves so much suffering for other people. I worked for a time in a leukaemia research lab. We had to let other people’s pain drive our research without it crippling our ability to concentrate on our work. But, during lockdown, I found myself – as a biologically-educated bystander – avoiding looking into the science of COVID-19, because the reminders of its impact on people’s lives were everywhere that I looked.

One of the ways I managed my own feelings during the pandemic was by digging deeper into what God has revealed to us about His character, letting that fuel my faith, my prayers, and my actions. For more academic types like myself, study – particularly of the Bible – can be one of the primary ways we connect with God and hear from Him. It’s not wrong to be comforted by books, so long as the contents turn our eyes upwards and outwards.

First of all, God hears: “The Lord is close to the broken-hearted” (Psalm 34:18a). In Jesus God took on human form, and He showed us His heart for the world. When His friend Lazarus died, He wept (John 11). God is “the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort” (2 Corinthians 1:3).

Human sin has affected the whole of creation, and I believe this is largely the direct impact of our mismanagement of creation and mistreatment of each other. COVID-19 may well be another animal’s friendly virus, pushed by human activity into causing havoc in bodies where it doesn’t belong.

But God’s world remains good. It is still fruitful, praising Him, as Psalm 19 describes. Even pictures of a deadly virus can seem beautiful – especially to a biologist! These good things are hints of the promised “new heavens and new earth” mentioned in the New Testament. One day “creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay” (Romans 8: 21), and for everyone who follows God, “He will wipe every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 21: 4).



Behind the debates about suffering is sometimes the assumption that God doesn’t care. My experience is that God does care deeply, and He invites His Church to care for those around them – especially the most vulnerable. He is with us, He hears us and grieves with us, He helps us and promises a better future.



THANK YOU

to everyone who enabled the
Parish Coronation Celebrations

Bell Ringers
Flower Arrangers
Party Planners
Garden Volunteers
Set Up/Tidy Up/Put away Volunteers
Robes and Carriage Makers
Window decorators etc etc.

Those involved in Sunday Worship
Organist
People leading prayers
Those doing readings
Sidespeople

and everyone who came and
shared in the fellowship and fun.



Bell Ringers
Photo
on Page 8





GOD IN THE ARTS : Tintoretto's 'Christ at the Sea of Galilee'

In 1833 Mendelssohn composed two overtures inspired by the sea. 'Fingal's Cave' portrays the gentle roll of the waves and the call of the wind on the waters around Staffa. 'Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage' paints a sea journey when the fog lifts, the sky clears, the safety of land beckons and the boat arrives in the harbour.



This month's painting shows us a very different picture of the sea. It is 'Christ at the Sea of Galilee' by Tintoretto. He was an Italian painter of the Renaissance period who worked in Venice until his death in 1594. All his paintings are marked by intensity and drama, whether it is the Last Supper, the Conversion of St Paul, or this canvas. Tintoretto worked so quickly and so single-mindedly that he was nicknamed 'Il Furioso.' And it is the fury of the sea that is captured here. Not the lazy waters of Venice or the calm seas of Mendelssohn's music. Now the sea and the sky above are in torment and revolt, and the world is dominated by the violence of this storm.

The Sea of Galilee is like that. One moment, the sky is clear and windless, the next, a gust can whip up the waters into anger. In Scripture the sea is always an element to fear. For the psalmist the sea contains creeping things innumerable and even monsters. For John in the book of Revelation, the sea ceases to exist when the new heaven and the new earth appear. The threat of that element is pervasive in this painting. The sail of the boat bends with the raging of the wind, and the vessel is tossed up and down – so near the shore, and yet so far. Above, the clouds frown.

But enfolding the scene are two signs of hope and life. To one side we see a tall tree in leaf and growing. At the other side is the tall figure of Jesus: a sign of safety and hope to the disciples, floundering in the boat. His feet are just vague outlines in the water, but His hand is firm as He beckons to His followers. Peter, brave and headstrong as ever, begins to climb out of the boat with no immediate sense of danger. This month of June ends with his feast day when we celebrate a saint who was so much like us. Wanting to follow Jesus, but finding himself weak; eager to serve, but unable to back words up with deeds. And yet, through all that, God's grace triumphed in Peter's life. We know that he will be saved here as he steps onto the wild water to reach Jesus.

This raging element is a parable of life with its storms and challenges for Peter and for all of us. Just as the sea threatens to swallow the boat and the disciples in it, so we know how the world threatens to swallow us up. Each of us, in our discipleship, faces concerns and challenges, anxieties about the present, even despair about the future. Tintoretto is saying to us from this canvas, Reach out and take hold of the sure hand of our Lord. That will be an anchor for you when the sea of life is calm and when the storm rages. 'Will your anchor hold?' asks the hymn, and we can reply

*'We have an anchor that keeps the soul,
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
Fastened to the rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.'*

St. Chad's Tots and Tinies

St Chad's Church (Roslin Road, Irby)

Every Thursday 9.30-11.30am
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£1.50 per child - All Welcome



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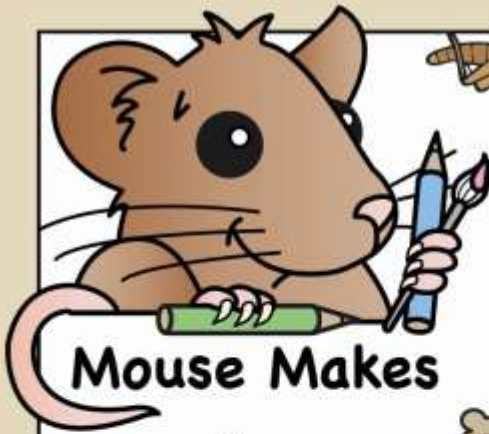
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Refreshments, free WIFI, disabled access
and a chance to chat with friends.





Mouse Makes

The Lord said to Moses,
 "Your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh
 to let the people of Israel go out of his land...
 The Egyptians shall know that I AM the Lord
 when I stretch out my hand against Egypt..."
 As Pharaoh's heart was hardened against the
 Israelites, God sent ten plagues upon him...



1
Water turns to Blood
 Which water turned
 to blood?
Read - Exodus 7:19

D F G B O I L S L
 L S O O T O P I B
 A W D P E O P L E

6
A Break out of Boils
 What did Moses throw into
 the air before boils appeared
 on people and animals?
Read - Exodus 9:10

2
A Swarm of Frogs
 In which
 places were the
 frogs found?
Read - Exodus 8:3-4



D R S N G N A T S
 U M I D N I G H T
 S S T A F F U U O

7
A Rain of Hail
 What also rained
 down with the hail?
 Where did it not hail?
Read - Exodus 9:24-26



3
A Plague of Gnats
 When Aaron struck his
 staff on the ground
 what became Gnats?
Read - Exodus 8:16-17



D E B K D F S D G
 T M A N W A T E R
 M O S E S R W R O

8
A Swarm of Locusts
 Where did the wind
 come from that brought
 the locusts to the land?
Read - Exodus 10:13



4
Swarms of Flies
 In which land were the
 flies not be found?
Read - Exodus 8:22



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 H W I N D T H T
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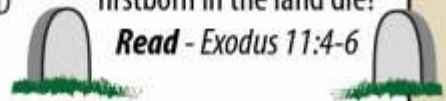
9
Darkness over the Land
 How many days did
 it remain dark?
Read - Exodus 10:21-22

5
Death of Animals
 Which animals that belonged
 to the Egyptians died?
Read - Exodus 9:2



G O D • P L A G U E S • M O S E S • A A R O N
 W A T E R • B L O O D • S T A F F • R I V E R • N I L E • F I S H
 F R O G S • S W A R M • G N A T S • D U S T • F L I E S
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 D A R K N E S S • F I R S T B O R N • M I D N I G H T

10
Death of the Firstborn
 At what time would the
 firstborn in the land die?
Read - Exodus 11:4-6



Each June, the Church of England holds its Petertide ordinations, to coincide with the feast day of the great apostle Peter, who led the Church at Pentecost. Simon had been a fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee, when his brother Andrew introduced him to Jesus. When Simon made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus gave him a new name – Cephas, or Peter, which means rock. The ‘gates of hell’ would never prevail against Jesus’ Church, and He gave Peter the power of ‘binding and loosing’, and also the ‘the keys of the kingdom of heaven’. Peter witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and Jesus praying in Gethsemane. Peter betrayed Jesus but after the Resurrection, Jesus entrusted him to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ’s flock. Peter was the first apostle to work a miracle.

Simon
 Peter
 Fisherman
 Bethsaida
 Galilee

 Andrew
 Jesus
 Rock
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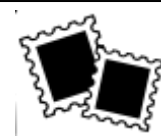
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	10.30am All Age service at St Chad's
Sun 18th June	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
	10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's
Sun 25th June	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
	10.30am Communion with Junior church at St Chad's
Sun 2nd July	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
	10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Prayer for June 2023

Dear Father,

As we come to this beautiful time of year, the month of June, we thank you for the wonder of your creation and the way our spirits are lifted as we see all around us the freshness of a new summer.

This month we remember Barnabas, whose name means, *child of encouragement*. He was a good person, full of the Holy Spirit and faith. Lord, help each of us to be a *Barnabas* to someone today, to encourage and lift up, led by your Holy Spirit and full of faith.

Help us to share your love and goodness, especially with those whose circumstances are difficult. Help us all to trust you through good times and testing times, knowing you are always with us, always encouraging us, always faithful.

In Jesus' name. Amen