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my head, I cried out
to you

You answered my prayer when I needed you
You rescued me and
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Lam 3:54,58

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Baptisms

Weddings

Funerals

2nd Feb - Betty Beacall
23rd Feb - Margaret Mude

From Your Rector

When the angel came to Mary

'And behold, you shall conceive in your womb and bring forth a son and call his name JESUS...' Luke 1:31

On 25th March Christians around the world will celebrate the Annunciation, when the angel came to Mary to tell her that she would bear a child.



At this time of year, I often find myself wondering how I would react if the angel of the Lord came to me with such amazing news. There are important lessons to be learned from Mary's ready response.

Here are the seven lessons I learn from Mary, based on the story re-told by Luke 1.

1. Trust

I am struck by how much Mary trusted God. Mary had an intimate relationship with God which must have been built up over the years prior to the visitation by the angel Gabriel. She will have known the Jewish scriptures and prophecies of the coming Messiah, which enabled her to recognise God's will and plan in the voice of the angel. (Luke 1:26-38)

2. Willingness

She was willing to surrender her life to God's will, she never asked why, she only asked **how**; the 'how' question itself shows a willingness to obey. **"How will this be", Mary said, "since I am a virgin."** (Luke 1:34)

3. Obedience **She was obedient "I am the Lord's servant" she said.** (Luke 1:38)

4. Surrender

Surrender goes a step further than obedience when she said, "let it be to me according to your Word." **She shows a complete yielding and openness to God.** (Luke 1:34)

5. Faith

Mary's faith was built on trust; her unwavering belief was evident to her cousin Elizabeth who when she saw Mary exclaimed: "Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished." (Luke 1:45)

6. Action and Testimony

It's one thing to say we believe or even to say yes to God but it's a whole different ball game to get up, get ready and go and tell somebody about His love. Mary did just that; "At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth." (Luke 1:39-40)

7. Worship

Finally, Mary worshiped, her poetic song of love shows her genuine love and reverence for God: (Luke 1:46)

So, I ask myself this question, what has God conceived in me lately?

May our prayer be to ask Him to fill us afresh, to breathe life into the dreams and visions He has given us, and grant us to conceive of His will in our lives. May His plans and purpose grow in our hearts, and may we be ready to 'push forward' and birth those plans at the right time to the glory of name and for the building of His kingdom. Amen.

Revd Jane

MONDAYS IN LENT 2023

7.30-9.00pm Everyone Welcome

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

Issues Facing the Church (and the World) Today



| | |
|------------|--|
| 6th March | Rt Revd Julie Conalty Diocesan Lead Bishop for Safeguarding “Good Samaritans and Good Shepherds” |
| 13th March | Revd Mike Loach Chair of Diocesan Environment Forum “Can human beings be taught to share” |
| 20th March | The Ven Michael Gilbertson Archdeacon of Chester “Good News for the poor” |
| 27th March | Ms Julie Okundaye Chair of Diocesan Race and Ethnicity Forum “Allyship” -the quality or practice of helping or supporting other people who are part of a group that is treated badly or unfairly |
| 3rd April | Padre Ailsa Whorton Chaplain to “1st The Queen’s Dragoon Guards” “What’s it like to have a son as a trained killer?” How I’ve learned to work alongside those in the British Army |

Each Session will be “standalone”

so you can come to whichever sessions you are able.

It would be lovely to welcome you to all of the sessions.

Dates for your Diary
Church Social Events
Everyone Welcome
tell your friends and neighbours

At St Chad's

- unless otherwise stated

Fri 21st Apr 7.30pm - Talk by members of Merseyside & Cheshire Blood Bikes Team

Sun 7th May - Coronation Party

Wed 10th May - **Craft evening at "The Potting Shed" in Hoylake. There will be a charge for this evening and you will need to book your place.**

The PCC are keen to have one social event each month which will be open to the whole community. Could you provide a social event (with help from us) as a one off? It could be anything like a local walk, curry night, etc. Or do you know someone who could come and talk? Tell us how to brew their own beer or about their volunteering. Any ideas and offers of help, please speak to Julie DeBoorder and she will help to co-ordinate dates with the PCC.

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Crochet Evening



Thursday 7.30pm 23 March
St Chads extension

Demonstration and refreshments
No experience needed



Learn to bell-ring for King's Coronation!

Come and join us and learn how to ring at Thurstaston

Peter Robson 0151 648 6691

The Coronation of the King and the Queen Consort will be held in Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May. It will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

A Palace statement has said that it will “reflect the monarch’s role today and look towards the future while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry.”

Meanwhile, in preparation for the Coronation, a national call has been made to recruit thousands of new bell ringers to ring in the new King in May.

A new website, Ring for the King, (ringforthe king.org) has been set up for this purpose by The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, especially hoping to encourage young people to try their hand.

The website says that bellringing is “an activity like no other – a unique mix of physical exercise with mental agility that is a deep part of our history but still practiced and evolving today.” It suggests that after ten to 15 hours of one-to-one tuition, a beginner can learn to handle a bell, use a bell rope, and begin to ring with others.

There are about 38,000 church bells, but only 30,000 ringers in the UK. The Central Council has said that while a swell of new recruits in time for the Coronation would be ‘fantastic’, **“we hope that people find this new hobby, skill and social activity something they would want to continue with beyond 6th May.”**



A warm welcome for all at the Warm Hub

Everyone is welcome to come
and be in a warm, safe space
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0151 648 8169



Tuesdays 9.00am - 12.30pm



Refreshments, free WIFI, disabled access

and a chance to chat with friends.



The Warm Hub opened on 6 December and we recorded 13 people in attendance on that day which was an excellent response from the parish and community. The Tuesday mornings serve not only as a place to keep warm, but somewhere to have mugs of tea or coffee and biscuits and engage in conversation which varies from being topical, for example focusing on the politics of the day, to reminiscing about the shops that used to be in Irby village and the many transformations some of the shops have had over the years.

Various activities are available such as reading a newspaper or a puzzle book, but the most popular has been the small Warm Hub 'Library' and having a jigsaw on the go. All the books have been donated and the library is run on a help yourself basis without registering who borrows what or when it needs to be returned. If you haven't visited us, why not come and join us for a cuppa one day and bring a friend or neighbour with you? All are welcome.

We had the week off between Christmas and New Year and opened up again in January. We have our regulars who arrive at a time to suit themselves and who stay for as long as they wish until we close at 12.30pm. Those who attend appreciate the sense of community that the Warm Hub offers and we would love to be able to continue to keep it open beyond the end of February. We are looking for volunteers to join a rota so that the task of keeping it going is not too onerous. We already have people who have put their names forward, but if you are interested in getting involved do come along to a Tuesday morning session to find out more about it. All volunteers will have to complete DBS and safeguarding. From March the opening times are being revised to 9.30am to 12.30pm.

If you are interested in getting involved do speak to Susan and Chris Smale, Cheryl Goddard or Revd Jane.

Ruth's Reflections

Hello one and all. It hardly seems any time at all since I wrote my last lot of ramblings but I am struggling to remember what I have done since then! I have been getting out a bit more, I managed to do some gardening , I ran amok with the hedge trimmer to cut back the bushes in the front garden, so that looks a lot better although it has exposed the weeds underneath them. Today is the first day I have had time to clear them and it's pouring with rain! I did get the professionals to do the trees and bushes at the end of my garden, it looks a lot better now and the birds are returning. They were definitely annoyed that I spoilt "their" bushes. I am now wondering what bedding plants to put in, I definitely want it to be very colourful.

I managed to finish decorating the kitchen, without causing any pain to my shoulder or arm so I am now thinking about doing my bedroom. I also need to paint the gates and fences, I think I am going to be busy, shoulder permitting!

I haven't been out with my camera, I have intended to a couple of times, but life and the weather keep getting in the way. Hopefully I will get out soon, as the days are getting longer it will be a bit easier.

Ringin' is still difficult but I think it is mainly fear of the pain returning that is holding me back, nevertheless I shall keep trying. Luckily handbells don't pose the same problem and we have a lot of fun learning to ring them.

Last week several of us from the Church and the W.I. Heart Bombed Irby village, this is the 3rd year we have done so and it certainly provokes a lot of favourable comments.

Well I think that is all for now, Take care and stay safe everyone

Ruth.



MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Monday 24th **April 2023 in St Chad's, starting at 7.30 pm.**

During the two meetings, we will hear reports on the activities and finances of the church during 2022. We will also appoint members of the congregations as churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Deanery Synod representatives.

The first meeting is the Meeting of Parishioners and is very brief. The second meeting is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The Meeting of Parishioners

The only business during the Meeting of Parishioners is to elect or re-elect churchwardens. Churchwardens are appointed for one year, working closely with the Rector and the PCC particularly in relation to the buildings and the church grounds. There is a time limit of six consecutive years on an appointment as churchwarden.

The appointment of churchwardens is especially important this year. Mrs Whitehead has now been in that role for six years so cannot be reappointed. Churchwardens are essential members of the parish team and are one of the links between the congregations and the Rector. They are supported and assisted by the Rector, PCC members and others. Although one churchwarden can cope with all the requirements, it is much better if two churchwardens are appointed to share them.

If you have any interest at all in becoming a churchwarden, please speak to the Rector or Mrs Whitehead as soon as possible.

The Rector must receive nominations for churchwardens on the proper forms before the meeting begins. The forms will be available in the churches and on the Church website (link shown below) for downloading. Nominations for churchwardens may not be made after the meeting has begun. Anyone who lives in the parish can vote in the Meeting of Parishioners.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The PCC is responsible for the maintenance of the churchyard, the buildings and their contents. With the minister, it steers the life of the church in its mission, witness and service in the parish.

PCC members are elected for three years, with four members retiring each year. We are hoping for new members who can bring new ideas and fresh thoughts to our discussions and decisions. Four members have reached the ends of their terms of office and may be re-elected and there are three other vacancies.

We also need people to represent us at meetings of the Deanery Synod. Deanery Synod members are elected for three years and are automatically members of the PCC. There will be at least two vacancies for Deanery Synod representatives.

Anyone who has any interest in becoming more involved in helping with church activities should speak as soon as possible to the Rector, the Honorary Secretary or to any PCC member. Everyone can offer something – **do not be put off just because you think you don't know enough about it.**

During the meeting, we shall also receive written reports on what the PCC discussed and decided in 2022, the church accounts and the organisations associated with the church. These will be available on the Parish website for downloading before the meetings.

Notices with more details of the meetings will be displayed on the church website, in both churches and by email, with nomination forms for PCC members, deanery synod representatives and churchwardens.

Finally, if there are any matters that you wish to bring forward for discussion, please inform the Rector or the PCC Secretary before the meeting.

G.J Barley (Hon. Secretary)

The link for the nomination for the nomination forms (copy and paste into browser) is:

<https://thurstaston.org.uk/pcc-information/apcm-annual-parochial-church-meeting/nomination-forms-and-electoral-roll-application-form.php>

Your P.C.C. needs you

As we approach our Annual Parish Meeting, I would urge you to consider putting your name forward for election to the Parochial Church Council.

Often the object of jokes and comedy sketches, depicting hostility and even outright warfare between vicars and, on the one hand, traditionalists and, on the other, progressives in their congregations, the PCC actually performs a vital function in any parish. Members discuss (always, in my experience, in a respectful and civilised manner, even when there are differences of opinion) all matters to do with the running of the parish and its two churches, as well as initiatives put forward by the diocese or national church.

We are a democratic body; it certainly isn't the case that the Rector makes the decisions and tells us what to do. And we are also the Trustees of the Parish, which is registered as a charity.

At the present time we need fresh blood, particularly from those below the age of fifty (and for those **who are worried, I promise that it isn't particularly onerous**). **We also need people with a range of interests and skills and who have had different life experiences.** But above all, we need people who **are committed to finding ways of enabling our parish to build God's kingdom here in Irby and Thurstaston.**

Could you be one of those people? If so, don't hesitate to have a chat with any current member of the P.C.C. I hope you'll be prepared to bring new life and fresh ideas to the council.

Chris Smale

As we come into another year for the church, please have a think if you could join the PCC. I have been on the committee for a long time and will be re-standing this year.

Yes there are boring bits about finances and pipes, but also important decisions to be made that cannot happen without members. Being part of all sorts of topics discussed, things like our mission to serve the community, growing people in their faith and supporting each other are the rewarding bits. All opinions are valued and varied ones very much needed.

If you could spare an evening every few months, to help the church grow and to give your ideas and opinions, you would be welcomed and a valued new voice.

Julie DeBoorder



Treasurer Needed

The PCC currently pays a bookkeeper to undertake day to day transactions, banking of money and paying of bills etc. The PCC finance sub committee makes decisions based on the information in the parish accounts, but they would very much value having someone to act as treasurer (who does not need to be a member of the PCC) to assist with producing financial reports for the PCC and the annual meeting, as well as interpreting the more complicated aspects of banking decisions eg parish share.

Please speak to Revd Jane or the PCC secretary (Graham Barley) or a member of the finance committee (Chris Smale, Malcolm Studholme, Pat Neil) if you think you could help.

Reflecting Faith: what birds can remind us about our faith

There are many depictions of 'creatures' used in decorations in and on our church buildings. Some are beautifully carved in the highly decorated ends of choir stalls. Others can be found on the pew-ends.

Sometimes there are human caricatures, perhaps of people the craftsmen knew in real life – their priest or bishop; or even their foreman!

Sometimes there are carvings of birds, such as the pelican and peacock.

The peacock is known for its magnificent tail feathers, which it displays to both impress and deter aggressors. From the early days of Christianity, the peacock has been used to symbolise eternal life, and so is often seen carved into memorial stones in the churchyard. This is because it renews itself each year, by shedding its old feathers and growing new ones. Of course, this also links to Christ's resurrection, as the peacock is visually reborn and whole again.



The pelican is a less obvious Christian symbol, although quite common in all art forms. It's seen as a symbol of atonement because when observed by naturalists many centuries ago, they misinterpreted the red tip on its long bill.

They saw the pelican started to prune its feathers, and it appeared to them to be ripping open its breast, so as to feed its young with its own blood. This story became symbolic for the Atonement, where Jesus allowed Himself to be pierced so that we may live. And although ornithologists view the red tip differently today, the pelican continues in its representation.

This month: Have a look at what other 'creatures' you can see in a church near you; but also think about what flowers might be most suitable in church for next month – April.

Spiritual Disciplines: - - Fasting

Spiritual disciplines are practices designed to help us grow as disciples of Jesus. This month we are looking at the practice of *fasting*.

Fasting can be a neglected discipline, but plays an important part in the Christian life, especially during Lent. Jesus began His earthly ministry by fasting in the wilderness for 40 days and taught His disciples to fast: *'when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen.'* (Matthew 6:17,18).

Why Fast?

Firstly, giving up something in my life underlines my desire to put God first in my life. Secondly, fasting shows me how much I depend on things other than God in my life, so I can surrender my idols to Him. Thirdly, fasting encourages me to have a deeper hunger and dependency for God in my life. Therefore, fasting gives me space to focus on God for His strength, provision, and wisdom and leads to a more intimate relationship with Christ. It also enables the Holy Spirit to reveal my true spiritual condition, leading to repentance, and a transformed life and a more attentive heart towards God.

How can I fast?

Usually fasting involves missing one or two meals during the day, although some can't abstain for medical reasons. It might also include abstaining or limiting the time I give to television, alcohol or social media. However, Lent can also be a time to embrace new spiritual disciplines e.g. joining a study group, *'random acts of kindness'*, or giving more time to prayer and Bible Study. Whatever you do, make Lent count this year!

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.' (Matthew 5:6).



GOD IN THE SCIENCES:

A bucket of tadpoles: Springtime, curiosity, and the Theology of Science

When I was nearly three, I knocked a bucket of tadpoles all over the patio. Those unfortunate creatures must have been collected to educate my brother and I on where frogs came from, but a toddler can't just stand by and watch. Can I see up close? Or maybe I was 'helpfully' moving it to another place. I just remember doing something I shouldn't have done, and tadpoles on the ground. I was sad that I wouldn't get to see those creatures grow up.



I might have been great at destroying things when I was a child (my family would probably say I still am), but I absolutely love watching living things up close. The more I learn, the more my sense of wonder grows. For a tadpole to become a frog, large sections of its gut, salivary glands and muscles must die, as well as the gills. The cells in those tissues are programmed to curl up and disintegrate, and are swallowed up by a specialised kind of white blood cell. Legs grow from small sacs of cells on the tadpole's body, and one of my textbooks says that 'The nervous system is also remodelled' - which I suspect is a bit of an understatement.

This knowledge removes a little of the mystery of how a tadpole turns into a frog, but there is plenty more to discover. These few details also reveal the cleverness of the process. Metamorphosis is surprisingly common in the animal kingdom. How is that an efficient way to grow up, or is efficiency not the most important thing for an animal?

Scientists are essentially grown-ups who are still very much in touch with their inner two-year-old self. They refuse to stop asking questions, even when finding an answer becomes decidedly more awkward than opening a textbook.

Many scientists are people of faith, and this also drives their questioning. They believe that God created a world that was very good, that the purpose of all Creation is to praise Him, we are made in Gods image, and that we are tasked with looking after Creation. So Christians, of all people, should be enjoying and investigating our surroundings. These are the bones of a Theology of Science which serves some of us very well, and keeps us looking into things like buckets of frogs – that is, until a two-year-old comes and knocks them over.

GOD IN THE ARTS :

'He gave us eyes to see them': Sandro Botticelli's 'Primavera'

Each month we are exploring a painting that celebrates the glory and wonder of creation. In this month of March the world around us is moving from the cold and harshness of winter to new birth as the earth comes to life again in the season of spring. It is the theme of 'Primavera' by the 15th century Florentine artist, Sandro Botticelli. His work in the Sistine Chapel in Rome brought him to the attention of the Medici court, which commissioned this painting in 1482. The Medici dominated the political life of Florence, but Cosimo and his descendants were also great patrons of the arts. Humanism, which debated the place of reason in a world of faith, was the mood of the day in court life, and the work of artists at that time expressed the human form in all its beauty.



Scholars have never agreed on the exact meaning of 'Primavera,' but it is certainly a celebration of beauty and fertility. We can identify a host of classical figures: Mercury on the left of the canvas separating the clouds so that Spring may come; Zephyr, the west wind, on the right, who is pursuing Chloris; Flora, the goddess of abundance robed in a colourful dress and adorned with flowers. In the centre we see Venus, the goddess of beauty, with a blindfolded Cupid above, preparing to shoot an arrow at the three Graces, whose arms are joined in a stately dance. The setting is a wooded garden where the trees are filled with oranges, myrtle surrounds Venus, and wondrous flowers spring up from the earth.

At first glance the sensuousness and fruitfulness seem almost profane. But we look again and think we see not Venus in the centre, but the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose own fruitfulness gave birth to the Saviour. The three figures by her side could be the Christian virtues of beauty, truth and goodness who dance in her honour, while all around God's creation blossoms forth to bring joy and new life. It is the world of the Song of Solomon, which the early Fathers could only accept as an allegory of Christian love, where the individual soul seeks the Saviour. But that book of the Old Testament was written in praise of the love that moves human life, as much as it moves the universe. And that can only be good because God the creator is good.

The writer invites the beloved to accompany her to the fields and vineyards and find fruits in blossom and plants in bloom: a wilderness transformed by growth and goodness. Just so, we enter the garden of this painting. The characters may be classical, some may be Christian, but as we look we see a creative Love that transforms the winter of death and darkness into light and Spring – the birthday of creation.

St. Chad's Tots and Tinies

St Chad's Church (Roslin Road, Irby)

Every Thursday 9.30-11.30am
(Term Time Only)

£1.50 per child - All Welcome



Parents/Carers will be responsible for their child(ren) during the sessions

For further information please contact **Allison** via the Parish Office 648 8169

Our Lay Reader, Alan Jones book, **Parishioners at War**, telling the war time stories of thirteen parishioners who, in recent years, attended St Bartholomew's or St Chad's Churches is available free or to buy on Amazon Kindle.



Parishioners at War!



Alan Jones



Saturday 25th March 2023
10.30am – 12.30pm
at Jean Heath's Home,
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Devastating earthquakes have recently killed thousands of people in Turkey and Syria. Hundreds of buildings have been destroyed. Survivors are facing freezing conditions and need urgent aid. As we go to press, more than 24,000 people have been killed, and 17 million have been affected. They urgently need shelter, food and medical aid, or they will also die.

Please, if you can help, go to <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal> and join the worldwide response to the suffering people of Turkey and Syria.

Prayer for the earthquake victims

Heavenly Father,

We look on with desperation at the events unfolding in Turkey and Syria and turn our faces towards you, our sovereign Lord.

Your profound and powerful love brings hope, even in the midst of the most devastating circumstances.

While we feel distant and helpless, we know that you are present and able to bring transformation.

Draw near, Father God.

Draw near to those who are grieving.

Draw near to those who are working tirelessly to provide essential aid.

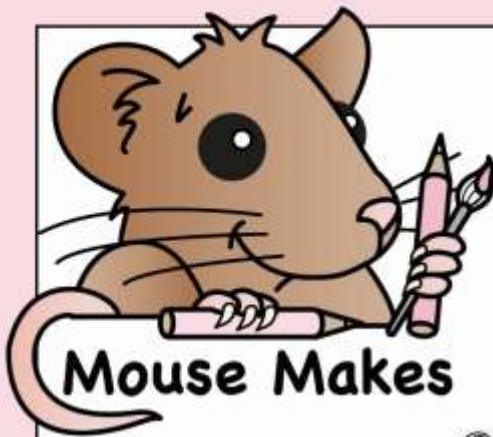
Draw near to Jesus followers who are beacons of your love in the darkness.

Draw near to those in critical roles providing co-ordination, logistical support, and life-saving medical treatment.

Draw near to all those who need to know that you are *with* them.

We choose to trust in your unfailing love.

Amen.



Mouse Makes

WHO IS MY MOTHER?



- | | |
|---------|-----------|
| CAIN | ELIZABETH |
| ISAAC | HANNAH |
| JESUS | RACHEL |
| JACOB | REBEKAH |
| TIMOTHY | EVE |
| JOSEPH | MARY |
| SAMUEL | SARAH |
| JOHN | EUNICE |

Look up the Bible verses then find the answers and the names below in the word search



- REBEKAH
- ELIZABETH
- EUNICE
- RUTH
- MARY
- RACHEL
- LEAH
- ZIPLAH
- MOTHER
- MUM

BIBLE MOTHERS

Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?

— — —
Genesis 4:1-2

Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?

— — — — —
Genesis 17:19

Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?

— — — — —
1 Samuel 1:20

Who was Ruth's Mother-in-Law?

— — — — —
Ruth 1:1-5

Eunice was Timothy's mother, but who was her mother?

— — — — —
2 Timothy 1:5

Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

— — — — —
Exodus 6:20

Look up the Bible verses and find out who the Bible mothers are.



M — — — — —
Matt 1:16

O — — — — —
2 Tim 1:5

T — — — — —
1 Kings 1:11

H — — — — —
1 Sam 1:20

E — — — — —
Gen 34:1

R — — — — —
Gen 30:22

How many other words can you make from:

MOTHERING SUNDAY



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Leeks for St David's day, daffodils for the rest of the month: March brings us Spring. St Patrick, who brought Christianity to Ireland, is remembered with parades. Mothering Sunday and Mother's Day are celebrated with more daffodils and Sunday lunch 'out'. March brings us the Annunciation, when the angel first appeared to Mary to tell her of her coming pregnancy. March is the month of Lent, of prayer and preparation for Easter.

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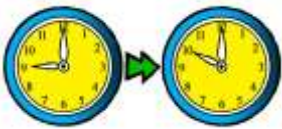
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Sun 12th March 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's

Sun 19th March **MOTHERING SUNDAY**
9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's

Sun 26th March **CLOCKS FORWARD**
9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Communion at St Chad's (with Junior Church)



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Sun 2nd April **PALM SUNDAY**
9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's



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7.00pm Communion at St Chad's



Friday 7th April **GOOD FRIDAY**
2.00pm "Hour at the Cross" at St Bartholomew's



Sunday 9th April **EASTER DAY**
9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All-Age Communion at St Chad's

