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Diary Dates

3rd November Men's Breakfast 8.45-9.45 am Aroma Café	11th November Services of Remembrance—p6
7th November EMU "Crafts for the Fair" 8pm St Chad's Extension	1st December Christmas Fair 1pm—4pm St Chads
10th November Afternoon Tea to Remember - p5	2nd December Christingle Family Service 4pm St Chad's

From the Registers

Weddings
*We ask for Gods Blessing upon
the marriage of
13th October
Mark Gorman
and
Anna Gittens*

Baptisms
*We welcome into the Lord's family
28th October
Hettie Manley*

From Your Rector

This year Remembrance Sunday (11th November) marks the centenary of the end of World War One. Of the 65 million men who were mobilized, 8.5 million were killed and a further 21 million wounded.

How should we celebrate this anniversary? In remembering the armistice, our response should be to desire Micah's vision of universal peace in our world: *'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.'* (Micah 4:3).

However, why keep asking God for peace, when we continue to see such violence and unrest in our world? The Bible makes it clear that peace is not just the absence of war or being untroubled. It means being in a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ, with other people and with wider society.

Of course, Micah's words are looking to end of time when God will make all things new in His universal kingdom. However, these promises also speak to us now. The ministry of Jesus demonstrated the kingdom or reign of God breaking into the everyday, as He healed the sick and brought reconciliation and hope.

The end of the centenary of World War 1 is a time to consider peace. Although the war did not bring a lasting peace to the world, for the Christian there's a deeper lesson: peace begins with the healing of hearts, the restoring of relationships and with a deep, costly commitment to justice.

Rev'd Jane



EVERYONE WELCOME

**"AFTERNOON TEA
TO REMEMBER"**

SAT 10TH NOV 2-4PM

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Tea and Cakes served during the afternoon

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Children's work relating to 100th Anniversary
of the end of WW1 on display



THERE BUT NOT THERE

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**St Bartholomew's Thurstaston
Services of Remembrance
Sunday 11th November 2018
100 years' Anniversary
of the end of the Great War**

The first of our two services of Remembrances commences at 10.15a.m. and will be followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, when the congregation will assemble with members of the local youth organizations shortly before 11.00a.m.

The horrors of the First World War inspired poetry in a unique manner. During our first service of Remembrance, we shall hear some of the poetry that has influenced the way we remember all those who have sacrificed their lives for their country over the past one hundred years. We shall also be revisiting the stories of two of the brave men whose names appear on our War Memorial.





The new ringers were Plain Bob, Unsightly Eric, Downright Ugly George, and Janet

Ringling Remembers – World War I

On 11 November 2018, 100 years since Armistice, bells will ring out in unison from churches and cathedrals in villages, towns and cities across the country.

Church bells across the UK remained restricted throughout the course of the war and only rang freely once Armistice was declared on 11 November 1918. On 11 November 1918 the ringing of church bells erupted spontaneously across the country, as an outpouring of relief that 4 years of war had come to an end. To honour that moment and the 1,400 bell ringers who died in the war 1,400 new bell ringers have been recruited to take part in the commemorations.

On 11 November 2018 at 12.30pm, 100 years since Armistice, bells will ring out in unison from churches and cathedrals in villages, towns and cities across the country. Big Ben will also strike at 11.00am to mark the centenary.

We will be ringing the bells half muffled prior to the Remembrance service and then at 12.30pm ringing the bells with the muffles removed in celebration of this event. If you hear the bells ringing at this time then please stop, pray and remember.

Peter Robson (Tower Captain)



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Signature Richard Roberts (Manager)

Date 17 October 2018



ADVENT CALENDAR



NOVEMBER 2018

During this month please try to put one item each day into your own collection box.

01 Rice Pudding	02 Coffee	03 Tinned Soup	04 Tinned Fish
05 Pasta	06 Shampoo	07 Tinned Meat	08 Toothbrushes
09 Tinned vegetables	10 Nappies Size 5	11 Rice	12 Jam
13 Tinned Fruit	14 Toilet Paper	15 Soap	16 Deodorant
17 Biscuits	18 Shower Gel	19 Instant Mash	20 Hot Chocolate
21 Long Life Milk	22 Tinned Custard	23 Washing Powder Tablets	24 Tinned tomatoes
25 Pasta Sauce	26 Toothpaste	27 Tinned Sponge Pudding	28 Packet Soup
29 Squash	30 Washing up Liquid		

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Christmas Fair



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Books/DVDs/CDs (no videos),

Jewellery,

Toys in good condition, soft toys for kid's 'take-a- ted'

Toiletries

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 . We had a beautiful array last year.

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 , phone or email me.

Many Thanks

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St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER 1PM-4PM

- * Santa's Grotto
- * Children's Stalls
- * Craft stalls
- * Raffle

And much more...



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Christmas Appeal 2018

Christmas can be a lonely time for many young people here at Forum, but with your help, we can make their Christmas Special. ★

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Mugs



EMU are supporting this year's Forum Housing Association Appeal. Please bring any filled Gift Bags to either Church or the Church Office by

Wednesday 28th November.

EMU will then arrange for delivery to Forum.

Psalm 139

God knows you better than you know yourself

Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space in 1961, reportedly said *'I looked and looked but I didn't see God.'* Psalm 139 sees things from a very different perspective, in which God can be found everywhere in the universe.

God is all Knowing: 'You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.' (v1). God knows my thoughts, habits, moods, words and choices, including the things done in secret. He knows me better than I know myself, and yet still loves me, despite my faults and failings! *'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me.'* (6).

God is all present: 'Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?' (v7). In whatever circumstances we face, God is present with us, especially in the dark and difficult times. If we know the path to God, we can find it in the dark!

God is all powerful: 'For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.' (v13,14). Both the vastness of the universe and the wonder of the growing embryo in the womb speak of the power of the creator God. We can trust Him because He knows our beginning and end and everything in-between: *'all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.'* (16).

How do we respond to what this psalm says? Are we prepared to constantly expose our inner life to God and consistently yield our whole life to Him? *'Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.'* (v23/4).

Universal Credit leaves people worse off, says Archbishop of Canterbury

The Archbishop of Canterbury recently called for the rollout of Universal Credit to be halted, saying it has left people worse off.

The Most Rev Justin Welby received a standing ovation at the recent TUC Congress in Manchester when he attacked the benefits system, said the living wage should be higher and criticised firms like Amazon for paying 'almost nothing' in taxes.

He also hit out at the so-called gig economy and zero-hours contracts, saying they were 'nothing new', and adding: 'It is the reincarnation of an ancient evil.'

In a question and answer session after his speech, the Archbishop explained his objections with the welfare reform that Universal Credit has brought in.

'It was supposed to make (welfare) simpler and more efficient. It has not done that. It has left too many people worse off, putting them at risk of hunger, debt, rent arrears and food banks.'

'When Universal Credit comes into a local area the number of people going to food banks goes up.'

The Archbishop also spoke about tax. 'If you earn money from a community, you should pay your share of tax to that community... when vast companies like Amazon... can get away with paying almost nothing in tax, there is something wrong with the tax system.'

'They don't pay a real living wage, so the taxpayer must support their workers with benefits; and having leached off the taxpayer once they don't pay for our defence, for security, for stability, for justice, for health, for equality, for education.'

The Archbishop went on: 'Let us not delude ourselves into thinking that the gig economy is the only reincarnation of oppression of the vulnerable in employment...Pensions are just one example of the profit motive leading to the weakest being given the most risk and the strongest the most protection... where inequality and profound injustice seem entrenched, insurmountable, it leads to instability in our society.'

C of E warns: there is 'no Planet B'

The Church of England is continuing to voice its concern over climate change.

Following news that the summer of 2018 was the hottest on record in England, and the UK's joint warmest overall, The Bishop of Salisbury, Nicholas Holtam, the Church of England's lead bishop for Environmental Affairs, said:

'It is becoming difficult for even the most resolute of deniers to ignore the devastating impact of climate change. While in the UK this has meant an uncomfortably warm summer, elsewhere people are already dying, crops are threatened, marine and land ecosystems are dying out and climate change is affecting everyone, no country is escaping unscathed.

'We have a narrow window where it is not too late to do something about climate change, and to protect God's creation for generations to come. But we must act decisively, and act now, as individuals, communities, countries and as a global family. There is no Planet B.'

Christian fair trade business Traidcraft may stop selling goods

Traidcraft plc is in trouble. With very poor recent trading figures and despite enormous efforts by the staff and management and Fair Traders, it warns that the present model for the company may be no longer viable.

Traidcraft's charity branch, Traidcraft Exchange, will continue to support farmers and lobby government through its charitable arm, and the decision about closing the trading arm is still in a consultation period and not final.

Traidcraft plc first started in 1979, selling fair-trade coffee, sugar and chocolate as well as rugs and handmade baskets from Bangladesh. They went on to sell fair-trade clothes and wine.

Most of us remember them from church stalls and markets. Their aim was to keep a close link between producer and purchaser.

A spokesperson for Traidcraft said: 'Traidcraft plc's mission to put the principles of fair trade into commercial practice is not, in any sense, fulfilled but we appreciate that it is time to consider new approaches.'

'He gave us eyes to see them' – the 'Catholic Mystery' by Maurice Denis

When we were at Sunday School, we probably learnt the hymn:

'Jesus bids us shine with a pure,
clear light,
Like a little candle burning in the
night.
In this world of darkness, we must
shine,
You in your small corner and I in
mine.'



As we grew up, we learnt that Jesus calls us to shine out and not stay in that little corner. 'No one puts a lamp under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand to give light to all in the house.' In the house of God lights shine out, whether it is the menorah of Old Testament worship, or the lamp stands in Revelation.

When we enter our own churches, we see candles on the altar as a sign of worship offered to the glory of God. And not just on the altar, but also held in our hands at Christingle services or baptisms or carried in procession behind the Paschal Candle at the Easter Vigil. These candles light up the building and remind us that Jesus is the Light of the world who can illuminate our hearts and minds.

In the 1890s Maurice Denis, a French artist, created a series of paintings inspired by the Annunciation. He called them the Catholic Mystery. They show the good news coming to Mary as a Gospel procession with acolytes carrying candles to tell her that God's Word will light up her life. Denis was called 'the prophet of beautiful icons', and we see that in this sensitive and moving painting.

The light of candles, like all lights, is a mystery for they only shine out as they burn themselves up. Going back to childhood days again, you may remember the nursery rhyme describing the candle:

'Little Nanny Etticoat in a white petticoat
And a red nose.
The longer she stands, the shorter she grows.'

When we hold our candles, like the acolytes in the painting, we pray that we may shine out with the good news of Jesus the Light.

Advent, Christmas and New Year Special Services:-

Sun Dec 2nd 8.00am, 11.15am as normal

9.30am Holy Communion

4.00pm Christingle Family Service at St Chads

Sun Dec 9th All Services as Normal

Sun Dec 16th 8.00am, 11.15am as normal

9.30am Nativity Service led by Junior Church at St Chads

6.30pm Joint Carol Service at IRBY METHODIST CHURCH

Sun Dec 23rd All Services as Normal



Monday 24th Dec - Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's

5.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's

As in previous years, we will run two services exactly the same one after the other.

We suggest that the 4pm service is for younger (up to and including Reception) children and that the 5pm service is for older children. If you have children in both age brackets - you choose! If coming to the 5pm service, please don't arrive until 4.45pm in order for the 4pm service to have cleared church and car parking spaces!

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas at St Bartholomew's

Tuesday December 25th - Christmas Day

8.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Family Communion at St Chad's

You are invited to bring one of your presents
to show to everybody else.

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

Sunday December 30th All Services as Normal

Sunday January 6th All Services as Normal

Sunday January 13th

8.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

NO 9.30am Service

10.30am IRBY METHODIST Covenant Service

11.15am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's



Men's Breakfast



3rd November 2018 8.45 - 9.45am

Aroma Cafe, Irby Village

Eat, chat and share in fellowship.

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for further details.



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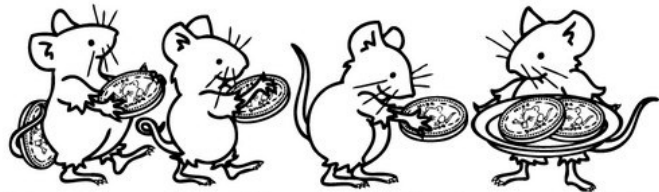
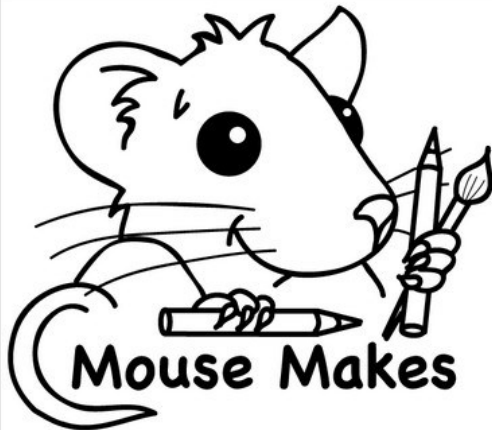
EMU (Evening Mothers' Union) meets:-

One Wednesday in each month, 8.00pm at St Chad's
for more information contact Chris Rostock (648 1112)

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 7th November 8pm St Chad's Extension

We will be making crafts for the Christmas Fair.



Remember the words Jesus said:
"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Colossians 3:25

Remember
 all the
 commandments
 of the Lord
 and obey them

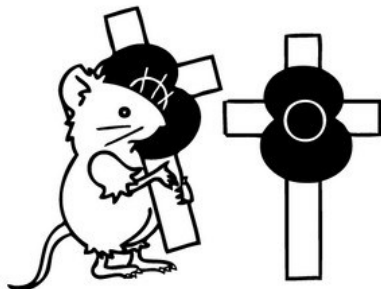
Colossians 3:25

Jesus took bread,
 gave thanks,
 broke it and said,
*"This is my body
 which I am giving
 for you, do this to
 remember me."*

Luke 22:19



Jesus said:
*"No one can have
 greater love than
 to give his life for
 his friends."*



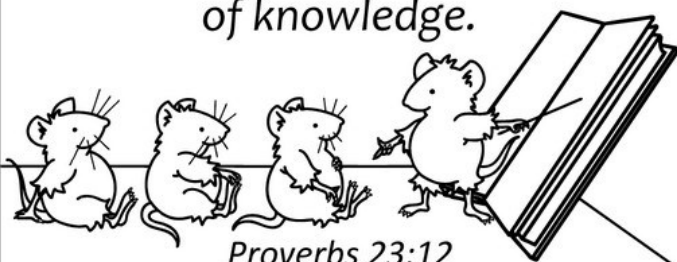
John 15:13

Remember to keep
 the Sabbath day Holy

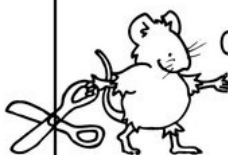
Exodus 20:8



Remember what you are taught,
 and listen carefully to words
 of knowledge.



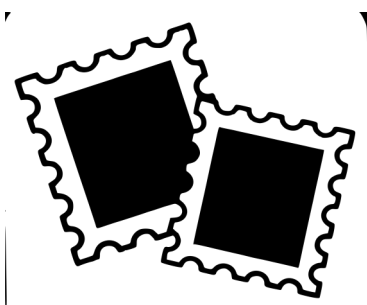
Proverbs 23:12

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 you to remember
 God's words to us.



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Pat Hulme



Many thanks to those who attended the Coffee Morning last month we raised £105

There are still some House boxes to be returned for counting . Could holders please return them to either Church or contact Jean to arrange collection

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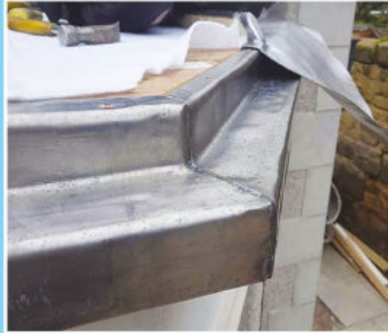
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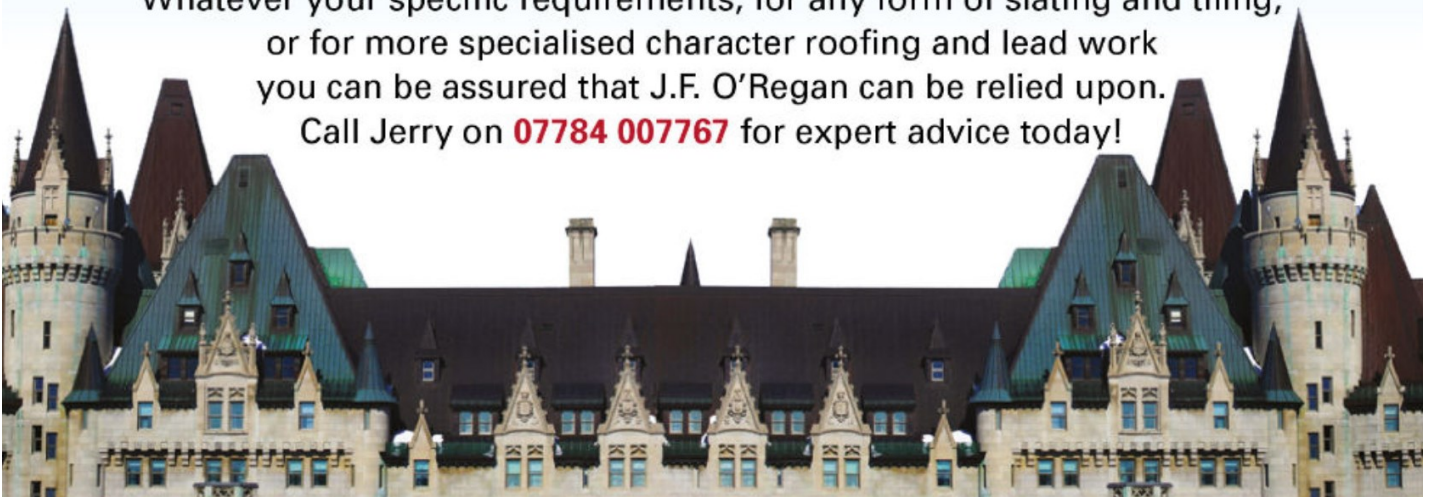
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Mrs Pat Hulme

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Mrs Chris Rostock

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Church Services - November 2018

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

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10.15am Traditional Service
11.05am Morning Worship

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3.00 pm Baptism

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11.15 am Holy Communion

4th November
4th Before Advent

11th November
Remembrance Sunday

18th November
2nd Before Advent

25th November
Christ the King
Sunday Before Advent

2nd December
Advent Sunday

St Chad's

9.30am Family Service

NO SERVICE

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion
4.00 pm Christingle Family Service

Weekday Services

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

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Advent, Christmas and New Year Special Services**

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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