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Diary Dates

Various Dates in June/July/August

The Wisdom house

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Wednesday 19th June

EMU— "Just a Week in Costa Rica"

8pm St Chads



Wednesday 11th Sept—Friday 13th Sept

Living the Spirit 7days a week

Foxhill—See page 8

From the Registers

Weddings

*We ask for Gods Blessing upon
the marriage of*

!0th May

Will Guest and Holly Cullen

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

19th May

Amelie Jemima Walker

Dear Friends,

This month sees two major festivals for the Church. The first is Pentecost (9th June) when we focus on the Gift of the Holy Spirit and the second is Trinity Sunday (16th June) when we focus on the doctrine of the Trinity. So here are just a few thoughts relating to each:-

Pentecost Sunday

For Christmas we have the build-up of Advent, and Easter Day is preceded by Holy Week. But when it comes to Pentecost, it just suddenly arrives. Yet Pentecost is all about the birth of the Christian church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Surely, that is something to get excited about!

For forty days following our Lord's resurrection, Jesus appeared to His followers and taught them about the Kingdom of God. Just before His ascension into Heaven, Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Spirit.

Ten days after His ascension, it was the Feast of Pentecost and this was a significant festival for the Jews. It was an annual occasion for people to assemble in the Holy City. The day marked the time when the barley harvest officially ended. This feast day was characterised by religious ceremonies and the offering of sacrifices. No work was done. It was a day of thanksgiving. A time to remember deliverance from Egypt and God's mercy and reconciliation with His covenant people.

On the day of Pentecost, the followers of Jesus met together in an upper room. Its location was probably on Mount Zion to the west of Jerusalem. The site can be visited although it's not *the* Upper Room. It's an ancient building dating from the 14th century and built on the site of a church destroyed by the Persians seven centuries earlier. But the first floor chamber is large with old paving stones, surrounded by stone pillars and arches. According to tradition, this is where Jesus ate the 'Last Supper' and His followers received the Holy Spirit.



On Pentecost Sunday we would do well to remember why the Holy Spirit was sent to us. We are given power to live God's way:

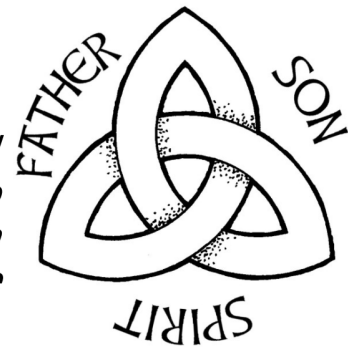
- to lead us into the things God has prepared for us;
- to worship and glorify Him;
- to enable us to pray;
- to lead us into truth;
- to give us a desire to share the love of Christ with others
- and to help us trust God for all our needs.

This Pentecost may our prayer be for God's Spirit to transform us, for the gentleness of His Spirit to lead us, and for the gifts of His Spirit to equip us. Amen.

Trinity Sunday

'We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Essence.'(Athanasian Creed).

On Trinity Sunday we will celebrate God as one God in three Persons. This understanding is based on how we see God at work in the world. We trust in a God who is: *'God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist; God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again and God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world'* (CofE Baptism Service).



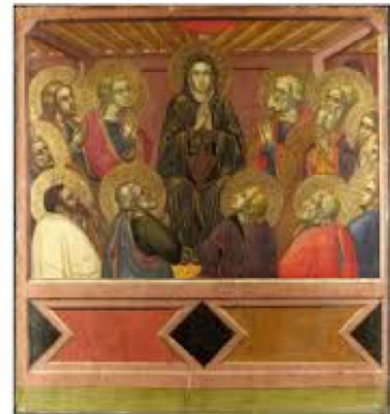
The Trinity provides a model for ***Christian community***. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit relate together in a love relationship of mutual accountability with one another. They complement and build on the work of each other. At His baptism, Jesus the Son is obedient to His Father, who declares His approval as the Spirit anoints Jesus for ministry. *'The Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'*(Luke 3:22). To what extent does the life of our church reflect this?

We also find our ***mission*** in the Trinity. Jesus said, *'As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'*(John 20:21). As the Father sent His Son into the world, so Jesus sends us out to do the Father's work, equipped by the Spirit of God. How are we called to share in God's mission ourselves?

Revd Jane

God in the Arts: Panel depicting the first Pentecost: Barnaba da Modena

Over the last years praying 'Thy kingdom come' has become an important part of church life for the days between Ascension and Pentecost. It has been promoted by church leaders, who have encouraged Christians to follow the pattern of Mary, the mother of our Lord, and the disciples. St Luke tells us in Acts how they gathered in an upper room to pray, while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



It is the theme of this month's painting from the National Gallery – a panel depicting the first Pentecost painted by Barnaba da Modena, a prolific Italian artist, in 1377. Here we look into that upper room and see Mary and the twelve, their hands in prayer, and the Holy Spirit descending like a dove into their lives.

The disciples had seen their Lord ascend to the Father, and they must have returned from that mount to Jerusalem expectant, but also concerned and anxious about what the future held for them. Afraid and uncertain, they devoted themselves to prayer. The artist has shown us the gift of the Holy Spirit that marks the birthday of the Church and a new day in their lives. The doors of that upper room may have been closed to the world, but the Spirit came to open them and inspire the disciples to go into that world with a new purpose and hope. The closed world of fear and anxiety was changed by their prayer and by the working of the Holy Spirit.

In the days from Ascension to Pentecost we follow that tradition of prayer. We may also be concerned and anxious about our world and our lives. The Spirit calls us to move from fear to trust. Someone calculated that the words 'Do not be afraid' occur 365 times in the Bible – one for the great day of Pentecost, and one for every other day in the rest of the year.



St Chad's Extension 8-9pm

Each session is totally independent of the others. So choose which ones you want to come to.

You are of course welcome to come to all of them!

Wed 5th June - Wide-awake dreams

This session challenges us to think about our dreams, what our motivation is for pursuing them, and who or what it is that is influencing us as we try to achieve them.

Wed 12th June - Be my best friend

What does it mean to have a good friend. And what does it mean to be a good friend? This session looks at how to be “real” in our relationships.

Mon 17th June - Difficult People

We all come across people whom we find difficult to deal with. This session helps us to identify those who are truly on our side and gives us the opportunity to discuss the best ways to handle difficult characters.

Wed 3rd July - Love is something you do

Is love simply something you feel, or is there more to it? We explore what it means to love with actions even when feelings aren't present. The material in this session relates to relationships in all areas of our lives.

Wed 10th July - Forgiveness

Is it always right to forgive? Is forgiveness a reaction or a choice? Here we look at what true forgiveness is, what it is not, and what effect forgiveness may have on a person's life.

Mon 15th July - Living a life true to yourself

At times we can find ourselves trying to be somebody that we just can't be. This session encourages us to recognise when we are living our lives in an attempt to meet someone else's expectations and encourages us to play to our strengths.

Wed 31st July - The long walk home

The story of the prodigal son will prompt discussion on jealousy between siblings, forgiveness from parents, and whether it is always right to welcome the ‘wanderer’ back. It also explores the idea of God as a Father waiting for us to come home.

Wed 7th August - Thieves of Joy

Hankering after the past or longing for a better future - both will steal your present joy. This session looks at finding contentment and grasping happiness now.

Life in the Spirit is for 24/7, and for the whole of life, in all its varied circumstances.

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Led by Kevin and Anne Roberts

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Wednesday 11th Sept 4pm - Friday 13th Sept 2pm

Kevin and Anne work for ReSource, which ministers across the UK to enable little, local and ordinary churches to engage with the Holy Spirit for renewal, discipleship and mission.

Kevin was in parish ministry in Beverley, Reading and Shrewsbury, before becoming Archdeacon of Carlisle in 2009 and more recently Director of ReSource in 2016.

Anne's ministry has been mostly in hospital, and school chaplaincy, though before ReSource moved its offices from Wells to Telford last autumn she was for two years domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Bath and Wells and Chaplain to the Bishop's Palace, it's staff and visitors.

Revd Jane is booked onto "Living in the Spirit" and would encourage you to think about booking a place too.

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Message from Julie

Hi everyone,

Over this year, due to changing personal circumstances, several of the junior church team have needed to step away from Junior Church. In order to continue properly in September we need more helpers and leaders. Please think about volunteering to help us in whichever way you can, as a helper or a leader.



We have easy to follow books which leaders can use for the sessions. If you could be a helper, you would be asked to help with a craft or game. The Junior Church team past and present, did and continue to do a brilliant job of nurturing our children and young people to become wonderful young Christians. You will find it a very rewarding part of our church family to be involved with, and it is an essential part of our children's early years.



Young or old, male or female, all* are welcome to join us.

Please let me know of your interest, with a view to visiting us this term to have a look, and starting to help or lead in September.

Thank you, Julie DeBoorder
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God in the Sciences: Re-Joining the Choir: Why people are the helpers, not priests, of creation

Urbanisation has taken us away from the rest of creation, often reducing it in our eyes to a resource that we draw on when we feel like it, or need it. But Jesus said the stones would start praising Him if people didn't (19:40), and in the Psalms and Job, all of creation is praising God. There is no hint here that people are needed to enable creation's praise to happen. The singing is metaphorical, but it draws attention to fact that all creatures praise God by being themselves. They don't only praise with their 'voices', but with everything else they do as well: eating, running, hopping, grooming, reproducing, and so on (which is a reminder to us that our whole lives can be an act of praise to God).



Our isolation from creation's praise can add to our sense that the whole world revolves around us and our needs. In reality, creation is God-centred and 'His name alone is exalted' (Psalm 148:13). The value of creation for God is not necessarily linked to its value for us – it is of value to God because He made it, He cares for it, and it praises Him.

Genesis 1:28 says that we must "rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground". To rule wisely we need to get hold of the fact that, although we have a special responsibility, we are creatures alongside all the other creatures. One way to ground ourselves in this idea is to re-join the choir and worship God together with every other living and non-living thing on earth.

Rather than being needed to help creation praise God, we can actually rely on it to help *us* in our worship. Sharing God's delight in creation, we can learn to delight in God. In return, the best thing we can do is to let living things recover their full fruitfulness as much as possible so they can praise God fully. We are called to a life of humble service, taking care of each other and everything else on this planet. In this way, we can choose to see other creatures as they are, pointing our attention away from themselves towards God – until we are caught up in their praise of Him.



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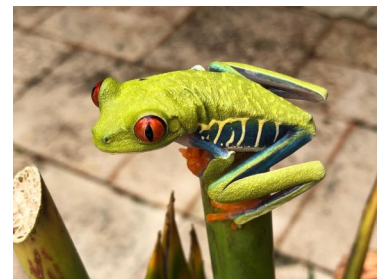


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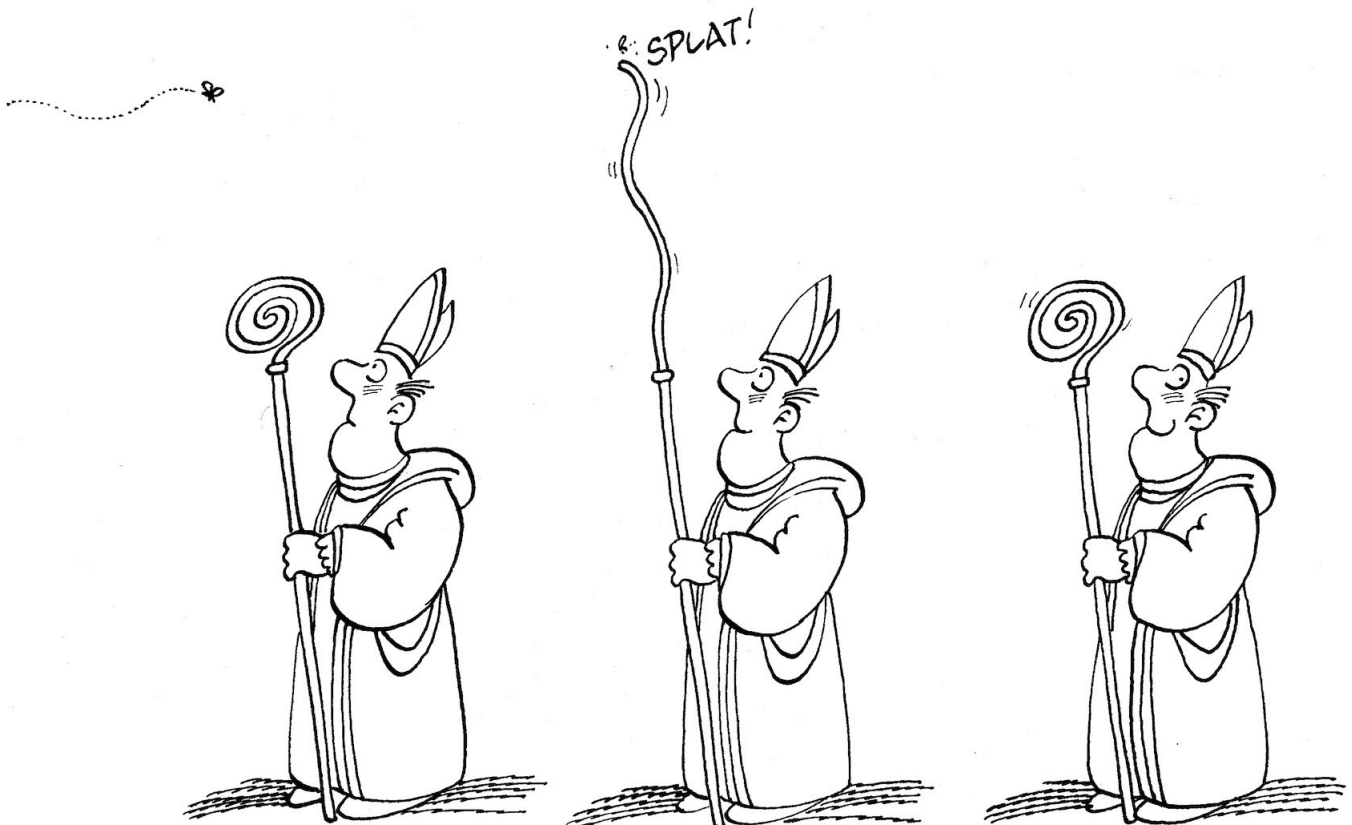
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Next event: : Wednesday June 19th 8pm at St Chads

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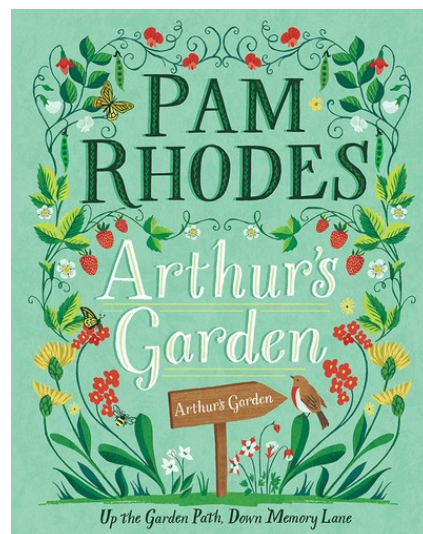


Arthur's Garden – Up the Garden Path, Down Memory Lane

By Pam Rhodes, Lion, £14.99

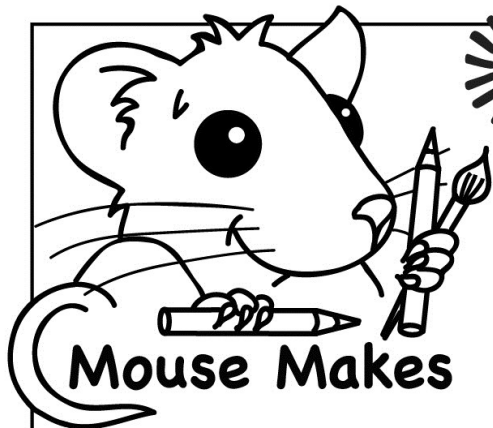
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In Arthur's Garden, Pam Rhodes collates a heart-warming collection of songs and poems, advice and tit bits about the glorious, very ordinary, English garden - told through the life of her Uncle Arthur. This is a gardening book, with a story.





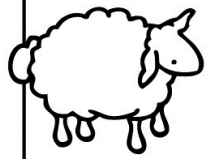
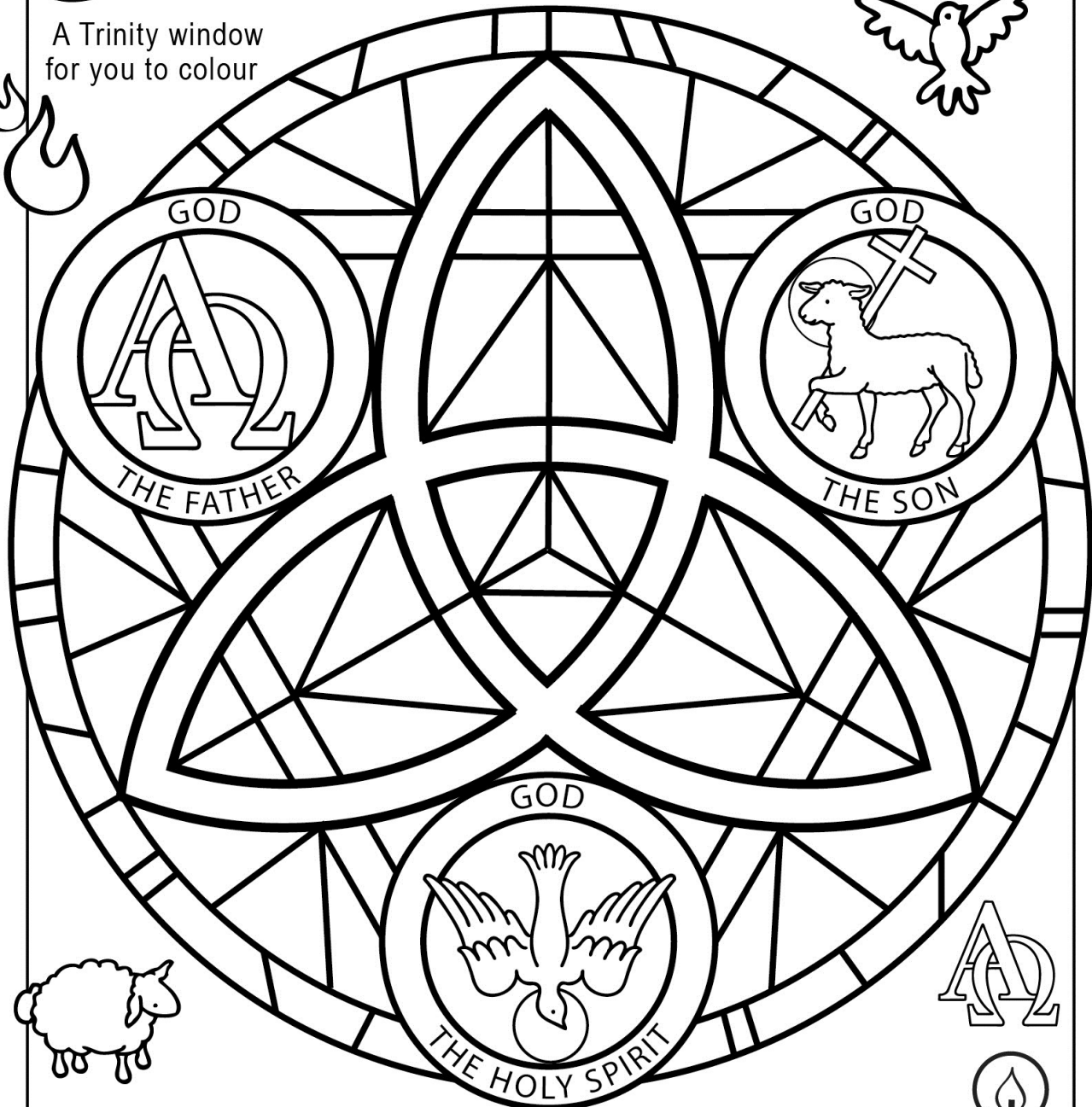
Mouse Makes

"May the *grace* of the Lord **JESUS CHRIST** and the *love* of **GOD** and the fellowship of the **HOLY SPIRIT** be with you."



2 Corinthians 13:13

A Trinity window for you to colour



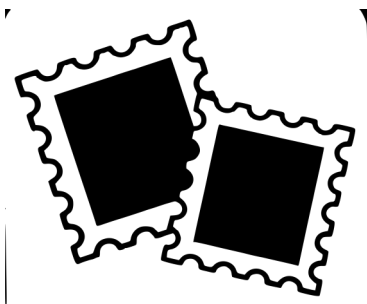
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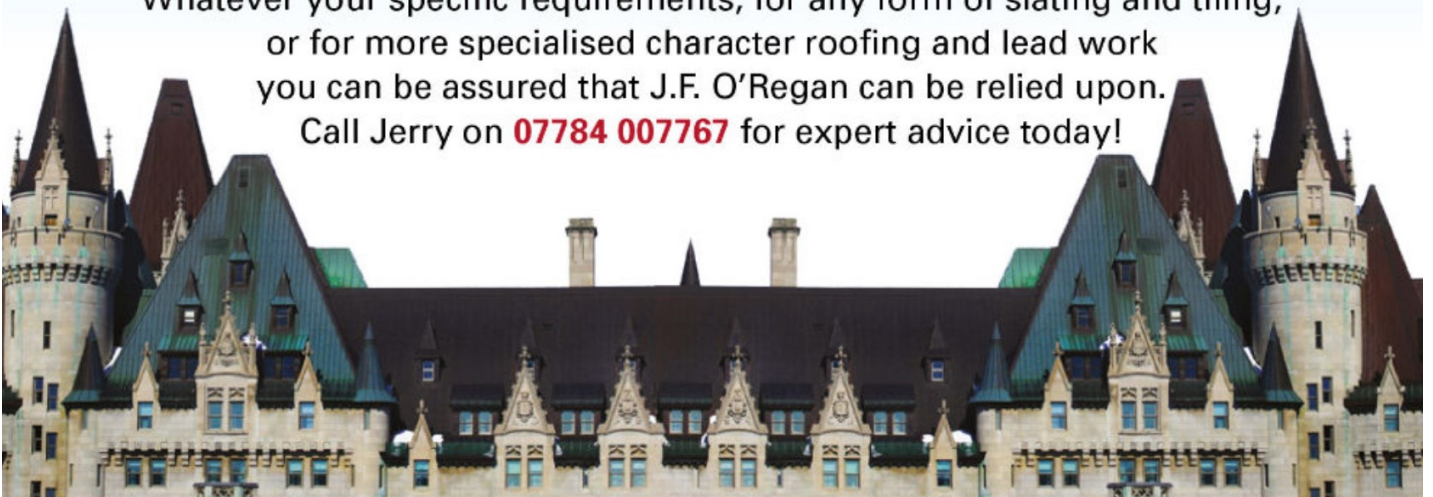
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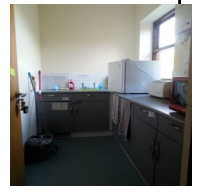
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Church Services June 2019

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15 am Morning Worship

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11.15am Holy Communion

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11.15 am Baptism
3.00 pm Baptism

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15 am Holy Communion

2nd June
Easter 7

9th June
Pentecost

16th June
Trinity– Fathers Day

23rd June
Trinity 1

30th June
Trinity 2

St Chad's

9.30am Family Service

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Holy Communion

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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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