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Diary Dates

Various Dates in July/August

The Wisdom house

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Wednesday 19th June

EMU— Summer Meal at Otto Lounge

See Page 9

Monday 8th July

Journey into Light—prequel

8.00pm St Chad's

Friday 16th August—Monday 19th August

Journey into Light

Various times St Cha'd's—See page 6

Sunday 18th August

9.30am Morning Worship St Chad's
The Prison Chaplain from HMP and YOI
Styal will be preaching

Saturday 24th August

St Beartholomew's Cay
2-4pm St Bartholomew's

Wednesday 11th Sept—Friday 13th Sept

Living the Spirit 7days a week
Foxhill—See page 12

From the Registers

Weddings

*We ask for Gods Blessing upon
the marriage of*

22nd June

Charlie Berry and Grace Masters

29th June

Ian Dunne and Sophie Fleetwood

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

23rd June

Jacob and Freya Roberts

Skye Whitehead

From Your Rector

Dear Friends,

Holidays can be 'holy days'

No doubt you are beginning to look forward to your summer holidays. Just think about it – sun, sea and sand, time to relax and unwind, no deadlines to meet, no responsibilities to shoulder . . . ah, bliss!

We are fortunate to live at a time when workers are encouraged to take time off from work for the sake of their well-being. Most employees are given 4-6 weeks paid holiday each year, plus Bank Holidays. What a blessing that is, and a far cry from the day when the only time workers had off was on church Feast days – the original holy days.

This year, rather than go on holiday and forget God, we might use our time away to become even more aware of God's presence in our lives. Here's how:

(1) Thank God for recreation. Whatever helps you relax and wind-down is a gift from God to be received with thankfulness and enjoyed to the full.

(2) Take extra time to sleep and adopt a slower pace. This is how you will recharge your batteries and be refreshed.

(3) Make space for the relationships that matter to you, especially your family and friends. Enjoy each other's company, talk and laugh together, enjoy unhurried meals.

(4) Notice God in the world around you. Let the beauty of God's creation fill your soul with wonder. Linger and look deeply at everything you see.

(5) Take a good book with you that will nourish your inner life; listen to music that will help you relax. Breathe deeply and walk slowly, there's no need to rush.

Psalm 23:2 comes to mind: 'He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul.'

Happy Holidays!

Revd Jane



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 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.

"I went to the Forum Housing AGM and was extremely moved by the stories of some of the young people whom they have helped. This prayer was written by one of those young people. *Elizabeth Barton*"

Listen

Closely

You can hear Him, He is listening

To prayers you haven't even said yet

The secrets you tell Him

He knows

How you came to Him

The reasons you believe in Him

He is listening to you

Every heartbeat, every hair on your head, He knows you

From the size of a poppy seed to the first footsteps in heaven, He's always known you and He is ready to welcome you with open arms

Turn away from the false prophecy and hold hands with the Messiah

Clothed in white, drenched in blood and tears he laid his life down for what

The world today was not what He had in mind and you can change that

Turn to the right side and be blessed that you have a life to live in His name

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Walking with God since your first steps or turning to Him in a cell is no different

Turning to Him when you're an innocent child with the influence of your Christian parents

And turning to Him when leaving séance

There is no difference

So take a breath

Spread your wings

Life never really is what it seems"

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Walking on the moon in July 1969

American astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin became the first people to walk on the surface of the Moon 50 years ago, on 21st July 1969.

There had been some dispute over who would step first on to the Moon's surface, but Apollo 11 commander Armstrong was given the privilege partly for technical reasons. Lunar module pilot Aldrin followed him almost 20 minutes later.

Both men were Christians. Aldrin, who was an elder at Webster Presbyterian Church, Texas, had got special permission to take bread and wine with him to space and take Communion privately. He did this with Armstrong watching in silence.

Armstrong wrote later: "We had come to space in the name of all mankind – be they Christians, Jews, Muslims, animists, agnostics or atheists. But at the time I could think of no better way to acknowledge the Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God."

The two men spent 21.5 hours on the lunar surface before rejoining the command module Columbia in lunar orbit.

Armstrong's first step onto the lunar surface was broadcast on live TV to a worldwide audience. He described it as "one small step for a man – one giant leap for mankind".

15th July St Swithun (or Swithin) - saint for a rainy day



St Swithun is apparently the saint you can blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15th July, it will then rain for 40 days after that. It all began when Swithun was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 by King Ethelwulf of Wessex. It was an important posting: Winchester was the capital of Wessex, and during the 10 years Swithun was there, Wessex became the most important kingdom of England.

During his life, instead of washing out people's summer holidays, and damping down their spirits, Swithun seems to have done a lot of good. He was famous for his charitable gifts and for his energy in getting churches built. When he was dying in 862, he asked that he be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door.

If he had been left there in peace, who knows how many rainy summers the English may have been spared over the last 1000 years. But, no, it was decided to move Swithun. By now, the 960s, Winchester had become the first monastic cathedral chapter in England, and the newly installed monks wanted Swithun in the cathedral with them. So finally, on 15 July 971, his bones were dug up and Swithun was translated into the cathedral.

That same day many people claimed to have had miraculous cures. Certainly everyone got wet, for the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and on the days following, was attributed to the power of St Swithun. Swithun was moved again in 1093, into the new Winchester cathedral. His shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the middle ages. The shrine was destroyed during the Reformation and restored in 1962. There are 58 ancient dedications to Swithun in England.

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

We will look at what it means to pray 'Come Holy Spirit' day by day, and how we can trace His presence and provision in the different seasons and experiences of life.

Led by Kevin and Anne Roberts

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Living in the Spirit 7 Days a Week

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.

Twenty is Plenty for a Retreat

As part of Foxhill's 50th Anniversary, the Diocese of Chester is pleased to introduce the "Twenty is Plenty" scheme for 2019. This is a new scheme that offers a limited number of places on the Foxhill programme of residential retreats (including this one!) for just £20. It is for those on low income who would like to go on a retreat but would otherwise be unable to attend due to financial restrictions. More information from <https://www.foxhillchester.co.uk/whats-on/twenty-is-plenty>



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Beverly Appleyard "

ALL WELCOME

Invitation to attend Commissioning Service for Emily.

Emily will be going to Uganda (many of you have supported her with fundraising) to work on various projects during the summer. There will be a service on Sunday 7th July at 6.30pm at the Church of The Good Shepherd, Telegraph Road, Heswall. During which Emily (and the other members of the church taking part) will be commissioned for this mission. You are welcome to attend to show your support for Emily and to remember her in your prayers.

Also Please come to the 9.30am service on Sunday 1st September at St Chads when Emily will be speaking about her work as part of this mission team.

God in the Sciences - Wonder and Worship: Reflections in a Scottish Rainforest



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It can be easier to notice things away from home, when we are relaxed and surrounded by unfamiliar sights in an exotic location. But sometimes the same wonders are there in our own back yard. GK Chesterton was a great advocate of intensive observation, and he invited his readers to take a fresh look at things that might be taken for granted. The rewards for this mental adjustment are great, and can feed into our worship in new ways.

I first learned to appreciate old growth forests on the West coast of Canada: the centuries-old tangle of logs and underbrush, and thick layers of moss and lichen, that provide rich resources for countless organisms. Several years later, in Scotland, I stumbled over a few acres of birch and hazel, lush with moss and ferns, and humming with insect and bird life. Fallen logs lay everywhere, vegetation grew up the trees, creepers hung down, and sunlight slanted through clearings.

I later discovered that this patch of woodland is one of the few remaining areas of old growth Atlantic rainforest, so I visited one sunny morning when I had more time to linger. The wood is home to 140 species of lichen and 100 of moss, so I found myself looking very closely at tree trunks and boulders. Each lichen is a unique relationship between a fungus and a particular collection of single-celled algae – an example of the collaboration that is so essential to every ecosystem.

Places like this are worth preserving, respecting, and appreciating as much as a work of art or a historic city. I'm so grateful to the community that chose to preserve it, and the Creator who used such intricate and patient processes to create it. As the animals and plants around me did what comes to them naturally, I did what I was made for - thanking God for everything I saw. I found myself praising God alongside all those species of lichen, moss and trees. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord" (Psalm 150).

There is a growing call to take both our personal devotions and our church services outside from time to time, and there are a growing number of resources to help us do this. As you go through your week, can you find one new way to appreciate your surroundings, and praise God alongside the rest of creation?

Lyfe Journal: a helpful way of learning about the Christian faith

Bible Society has launched a regular magazine called Lyfe Journal. It's stated aim is to provide 'inspirational articles and activities to help you deepen your faith'.

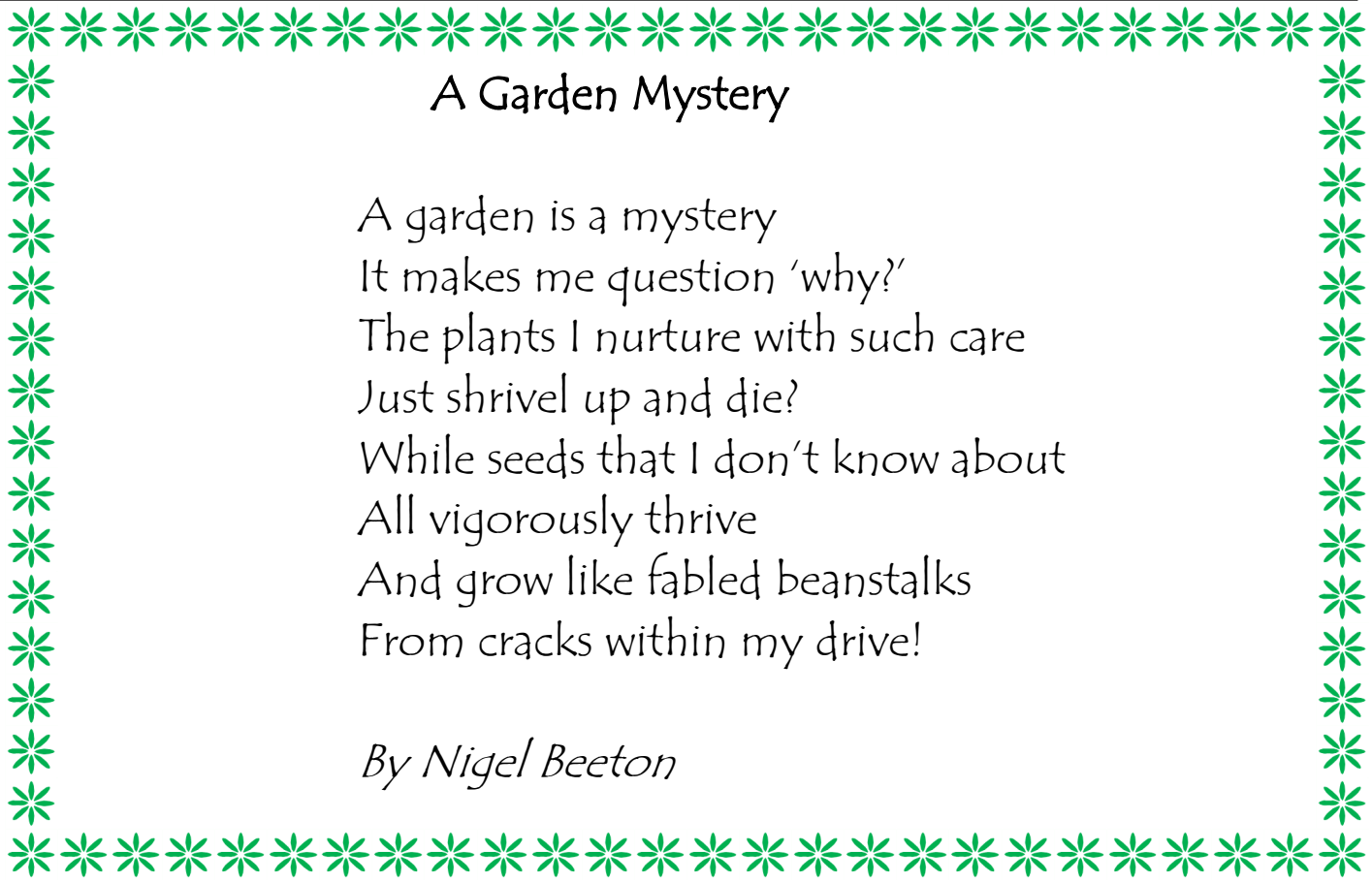
It is aimed at people who "love to engage with their faith in a more thoughtful way, but who don't have the time to read long books." And so the magazine provides "insights and reflections in manageable sizes from engaged Christians." Each edition draws on the Scriptures and invites the reader to explore different spiritual practices in more depth.

Here are details of the first two issues, which each costs £4.99:

Issue 1: PRAYER. Whether you consider your prayer life to be dynamic or deep, this issue will help you reflect on and discover new ways of praying. Includes interviews with Krish Kandiah and Pete Greig, founder of the 24/7 prayer movement.

Issue 2: HOLY SPIRIT. How do we relate to the Holy Spirit? Including features from Christy Wimber and Paul and Becky Harcourt, leaders of New Wine England, this issue will inspire you to pursue a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit.

Details at: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/9780564046478/>

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A Garden Mystery

A garden is a mystery
It makes me question 'why?'
The plants I nurture with such care
Just shrivel up and die?
While seeds that I don't know about
All vigorously thrive
And grow like fabled beanstalks
From cracks within my drive!

By Nigel Beeton

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**MOVIE
MOMENTS**

Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

Glimpsing the face of God?

'Extraordinary', 'transcendent', 'spine-tingling'. This is just some of the praise from reviewers of *Amazing Grace*, the film of Aretha Franklin's 1972 recording of what became the best-selling live gospel album of all time. Intimately filmed in a small church before a local congregation and brought to our screens just as it was recorded almost fifty years ago, why has the film provoked such a positive response from contemporary film critics?



Its huge impact is clearly due to Aretha's deeply personal rendition of so many powerful gospel songs such as 'What a friend we have in Jesus' and 'Precious Lord take my hand'.

Singing at the church pulpit, with a cross in front of her and a mural of Jesus behind her, Aretha uses her amazing vocal mastery and artistic excellence not to draw attention to herself but rather to draw out the message of the music. No wonder Rolling Stone magazine says: 'It will make you feel as if you've seen the face of God'.

Halfway through, her father Rev C.L. Franklin, gives a short talk in which he refers to criticism of Aretha that she should come back to church (until 1961 she had mainly sung gospel songs, but in the intervening decade she had recorded a string of 'secular' hits). Quite rightly, he says, 'she never left the church.'



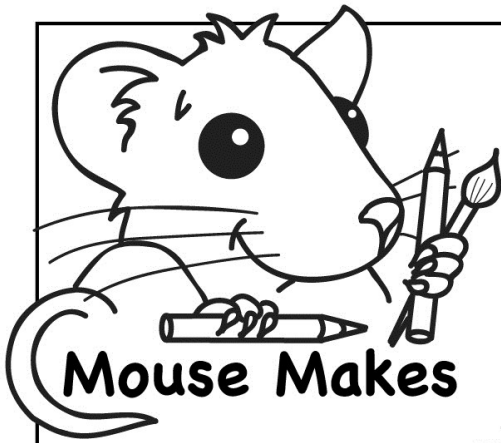
Certainly, Aretha faced many trials and challenges in her life and faith. And one can palpably feel them through this intimate recording of her emotional rendition of these powerful songs. Watching it on the big screen, we are not distant observers of a slickly packaged musical performance. Rather we feel right there with her, in the midst of the intimate reality of an open-hearted woman honestly expressing, through her music, the grace that she has received – the amazing grace through which we glimpse the face of God.



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Who did Jesus choose as His first disciples?
 _____ and _____
 Matthew 4:18



DID YOU KNOW?
 Some of the Apostles recorded the stories of Jesus and wrote about what it means to be a Christian.

Matthew and John wrote gospels.

Paul wrote many letters to the new Christian churches. (Look at the New Testament to see how many he wrote.)

James, Peter, John and Jude all wrote letters.

John wrote the book of Revelation.

In the time of the disciples it was usual for men to have two names. Which second name belongs to which Apostle?

- | | |
|-------------|-----------|
| JUDE | BOANERGES |
| MATTHEW | SIMON |
| JOHN | DIDYMUS |
| PETER | THADDEUS |
| THOMAS | SAUL |
| PAUL | NATHANIEL |
| BARTHOLOMEW | LEVI |



Who was John's brother?

Matthew 4:21

Which disciple betrayed Jesus?

Mark 3:19

Which Apostle wrote Revelation?

Revelation 1:1

Who became the Apostle to the Gentiles?

Acts 13:9
 Acts 9:1-18



DID YOU KNOW?

Four of the disciples were fishermen: Andrew, Peter, James and John. They would have used **two** different nets to fish: a circular one in shallow water and a large dragnet in deep water.



A J O J E S J U D P A U L J
 T M J U D M A T T H E W A E
 J A O D J A M E S I M O N S
 A T H A D D E U S L E H D U
 M T N S M A T T H I A S R S
 E N O T H O M A S P E T E R
 S A B A R T H O L O M E W S

Can you find **JESUS** and all the Apostles in the word search?

- PETER • JAMES • JOHN
- ANDREW • PHILIP
- BARTHOLOMEW
- MATTHEW • THOMAS
- THADDEUS • SIMON
- JAMES • JUDAS
- MATTHIAS • PAUL



God in the Arts 'Beach scene' by Degas

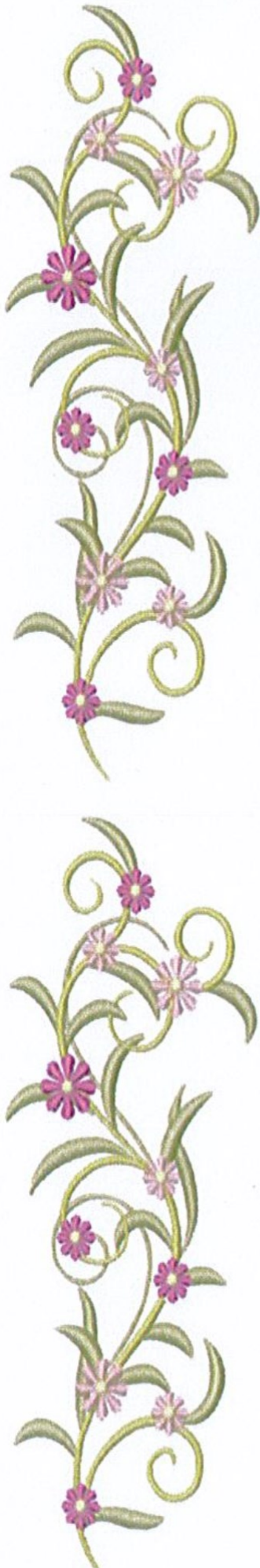
'Mindfulness' seems to be the 'in' word. In a world where people are moving faster and faster, we are called to slow down, to attend to the present moment and enjoy it for its own sake, whatever the pressures of work and family around. For Christians it is a call to live a simple and sacramental life, and an invitation to attend to what is holy there in front of us: it might be a meal, the countryside, a piece of music, family and friends, a pet or a painting. They are all avenues for God's refreshing grace to touch us.



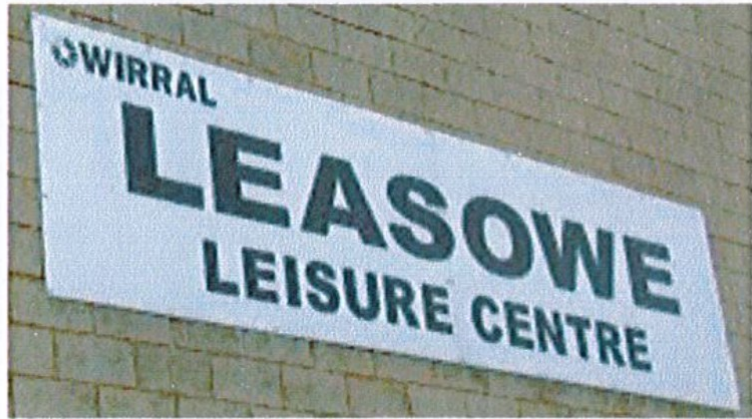
In this month of July we are probably planning our holidays. It may be in this country or abroad. Sometimes a holiday can be a frenetic rush of journeying and queues, or it can be a 'mindful' time, when we can relax and allow the days to refresh and renew us. Degas has captured that sense of rest and enjoyment in his painting of 1870 which is in the National Gallery: 'Beach Scene.'

He is famous for his studies of ballerinas and racehorses, but he was also fascinated by the advent of the snapshot camera. This painting is like a holiday photograph. We see a maid combing the hair of a young girl. Her hat and swimming costume are nearby, and we can see bathers in the distance where the shore meets the sea. Families and a dog, yachts and a steamer: they are all captured in this moment.

The sky looks misty but warm, and for those on the beach, it is a time to lie and relax, to bathe and swim - to live simply, enjoying the sun above and the sand beneath. The ordinariness of a restful day calls us to be patient and enjoy the good gifts of God's creation. Wherever we are on holiday this summer, I hope we find time to savour the delights of the world around, as we see young and old doing exactly that in this painting.



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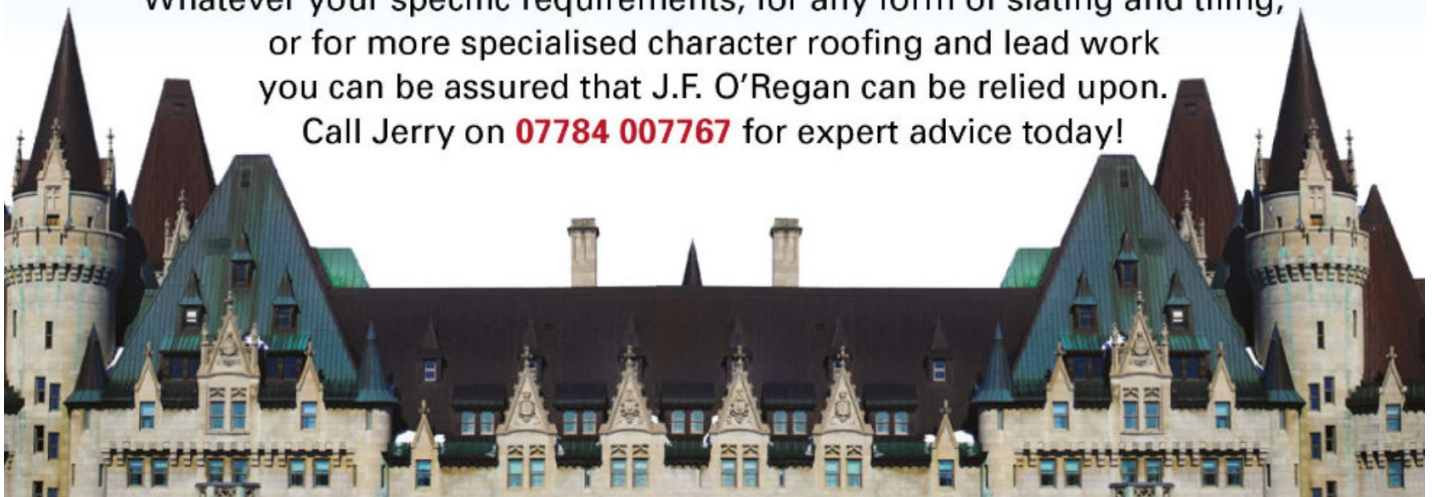
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Church Services August 2019

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15 am Morning Worship

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

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

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

4th August
Trinity 7

11th August
Trinity 8

18th August
Trinity 9

25th August
Trinity 10

1st September
Trinity 11

St Chad's

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Worship
Journey into Light see P7

9.30am Family Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Worship

Weekday Services

Holy Communion celebrated at St Chad's each Wed 10.15am
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Church Services July/August 2019

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

7th July
Trinity 3

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15 am Morning Worship

14th July
Trinity 4

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

21st July
Trinity 5

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15 am Holy Communion

28th July
Trinity 6

St Chad's

9.30am Family Service
Junior Church BookGiving

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Holy Communion

Weekday Services

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Baptisms and Weddings

To arrange a baptism or wedding,
please telephone the Rector, Revd Jane Turner on 0151 648 1816
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PLEASE NOTE: Rector's day off - Tuesday

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