

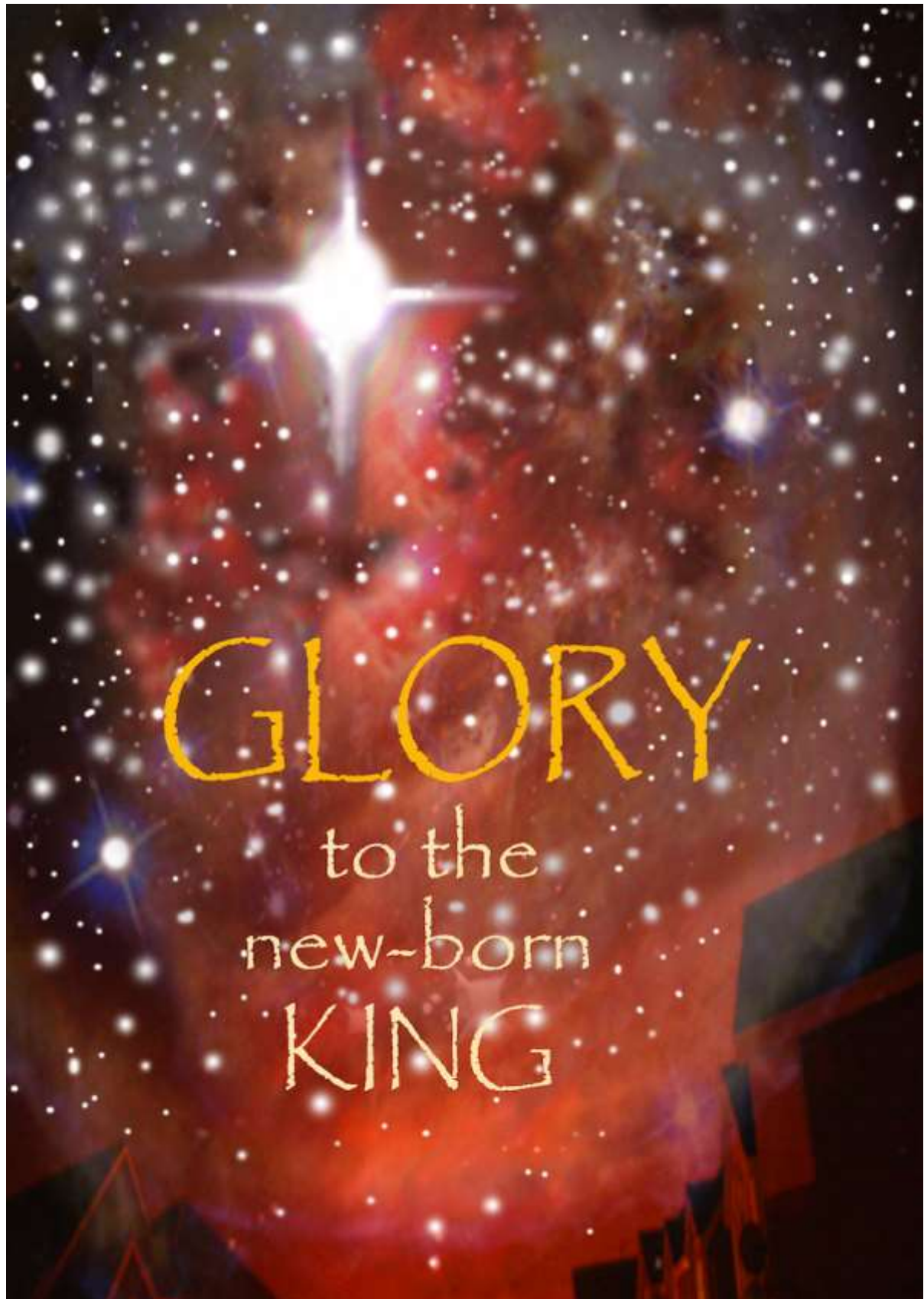
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## From Your Rector

The month of January is named after the Roman god Janus, who is depicted as having two faces. New Year is often a time of reflection as we look back and hope as we look forwards to a new start.

The apostle Paul writes: *'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.'* (Philippians 3:13,14).

Firstly, to make a new start, you need to ***forget the things which are behind***. Paul saw himself as an athlete running for Christ and purposely not looking back. He refused to allow his past sins and difficulties to define who he was. By God's grace,



he no longer saw himself that way. The same can be true of ourselves, as we confess our sins and failures to receive God's forgiveness and new life.

Secondly, we need to ***focus on the things that lie ahead***. The athlete is entirely focused on winning the race and gaining the

prize. Like Paul, we have to be single-minded in making Jesus the focus of everything we do. How can we go deeper in our prayer life and Bible reading this year? What will it mean to better serve Christ in our workplace and neighbourhood, or family and children?

Paul looked forward to the day when he would stand before God, who would say *'well done, good and faithful servant'*. In light of all that Jesus had done for him, Paul wanted to give his very best to Jesus. As we approach the beginning of a new year, let's ask ourselves, *'What can I do in 2023 that will help me bring glory and honour to God?'*

Rev'd Jane



A warm welcome  
for all  
at the  
**Warm Hub**



Everyone is welcome to come  
and be in a warm, safe space  
at St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH  
0151 648 8169

**Tuesdays 9.00a.m.—12.30p.m.  
Starting 6th December**



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



**WARM HUB INITIATIVE**

**In response to the challenge of rising heating costs, we are opening St. Chad's as a 'warm hub' for our local community on Tuesday mornings from December 6<sup>th</sup>.**

We plan to offer refreshments, a quiet place to work (with internet access if required) as well as space to chat with friends and relax.

Drop in for a warm welcome and a cuppa!

**TUESDAYS FROM DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 9.00 a.m. – 12.30p.m.**

The initiative is free to all, so do bring family, friends and neighbours!

Volunteers to help with the initiative are always welcome and if you would like to join us as a helper, please mention this to Rev. Jane Turner ([rector@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:rector@thurstaston.org.uk), Tel:648 1816)

You will need a DBS check and to be willing to do Basic Safeguarding training.

## Who is the Baby?

A little girl was examining a Christmas crib with her grandmother and commented, *'Grannie, it's really nice, but there's one thing that bothers me: is the baby Jesus ever going to grow up? He's the same size He was last year!!'* The birth of Jesus must be the most well-known birth in the world, but are we really growing in our understanding of this story?



The angels announced, *'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.'* (Luke 2: 10,11). The birth of a baby is a time of great joy and excitement and Jesus' birth is good news for *all* people! He is none other than the king of the universe, who has come as our Saviour. To experience this joy, we must let go self-centredness and living as our own saviour. His deliverance and wholeness *is* a real cause for joy!

*'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'* (Luke 2:14). We may feel anything but peace with God, ourselves, or even with those closest to us at Christmas. How can a Jewish infant born to a peasant family in first century Palestine be the source of peace between God and man in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Jesus came to establish such peace through His death on the cross. Trusting the Prince of Peace in our lives brings peace with God. If we ignore this message of Christmas, we won't benefit from it. As the carol says, *'Joy to the world, the Lord has come, let earth receive her King.'*





# **Wirral Flower Club**

**Presents**

## **HERE COMES Christmas**

**An exhibition of Christmas Flowers & Crafts  
at**

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

**on**

**Friday 9th December 10am - 5pm  
Saturday 10th December 10am - 5pm**

**Admission £1**

**Refreshments served all day  
Christmas Market - Raffle - Tombola**

Christmas is nearly here! Two thousand years ago the Jews were longing for the coming of their Messiah. The Old Testament had promised that when He came, He would preach good news to the poor, bind up the broken hearted, proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, comfort all who mourn and to bestow on his people a crown of beauty instead of ashes. Jesus did all those things. He was and is the Son of God, and whoever has seen Him has seen the Father. Whoever believes in Him will have the best gift of all – His Spirit within them, which gives them eternal life.

Messiah  
Broken  
Heart  
Freedom  
Darkness

Favour  
Prisoners  
Comfort  
Mourn  
Bestow

Crown  
Beauty  
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God  
Jesus

Seen  
Father  
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**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families



**EMU** (Evening Mothers' Union) meets:-  
One Wednesday in each month, 8.00pm at St Chad's  
for more information contact Chris Rostock (648 1112)

**All Welcome, members, non members, family & friends**

## **Mothers' Union partners campaign against domestic abuse**

Mothers' Union has teamed up with Women's Aid in a campaign to help draw attention to end domestic abuse.

The campaign aims to highlight the fact that 1.6 million women in England experience domestic abuse every year. Three women are killed each fortnight by a current or ex-partner. And one in every seven children will have to live with domestic violence at some point in their childhood.

As Bev Jullien, CEO of Mothers' Union, says: "It's what happens behind closed doors which is so very worrying. Domestic abuse takes many forms. As well as the bruises and violence, which is absolutely shocking, it's restricting access to money, it's tracking your partner online, it's controlling who they speak to. It's very much about exercising power over those who are closest to you. Of course, the longer it continues, the more impact it has on any children in a relationship as well.

"God created man and woman as equal. He teaches us to love one another, and those core principles should lead us all to be in healthy relationships and help others to be so too."

More details at:

<https://www.mothersunion.org/partnerships/womensaid>



## Mouse Makes

HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS!

Read the Christmas story  
in **Luke 2:1-21**.

Answer the questions, colour  
the picture and colour one  
star each day until Christmas.

Where was  
Mary's baby born?  
Why were Joseph  
and Mary there?

What did  
Mary dress  
her baby in?

Where did  
Mary lay  
her baby  
and why?

Why were the  
shepherds  
afraid?

What good  
news did  
the angel tell?

What  
did the  
shepherds  
do after they  
had seen the  
baby?

Who  
appeared  
praising God,  
what did they  
say?

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## **Ruth's Reflections**

**Hello again, It only seems a few days since I last wrote to you, time seems to be flying by at the moment! I am still unable to do as much as I would like to do as my shoulder is still very painful. Luckily the strong painkillers keep it more or less under control.**

**I have done some of my Christmas shopping including buying Christmas cards, I want to send them soon as quite a few of them are doubling up as change of address cards!**

**Christmas is now arranged, my eldest daughter and my two grandsons, along with my youngest grandson's girlfriend are coming here for Christmas Day. I really wanted to spend the first Christmas in my new home. I have also invited two friends to come, who otherwise would be on their own. All together there will be 7 of us and since it is a long time since I cooked for so many I hope it all goes well!**

**I was helping on the W.I. Table at the Christmas Fair at St Chads yesterday, although I did more talking than selling! It was a lovely afternoon and it was so nice to see so many people and families there. There was a lovely atmosphere, so if you missed it this year keep a look out for it next year. I am looking forward to it already!**



**I mentioned last month that I was planning a holiday with two friends, well it is now all booked and we are off to Italy in May. I am really looking forward to it, I haven't been away for 6 years and I have never been to Italy. Perhaps I should try and learn some Italian before I go, but I probably won't.**

**I still haven't done much in the garden, the weather hasn't helped, although I have planted some bulbs. I hope they come up in the spring. I also need to get someone in to cut back the trees at the end of my garden, I have been reluctant to do so until now, there have been so many birds in them.**

**I am still not able to ring, but I still turn up for the social side of it, I enjoy that so much. I do however intend to start taking photographs again, before I forget everything I have already learnt! Well you won't be hearing from me for a couple of months, so I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a peaceful New Year.**

**Take care and stay safe everyone.**

**Ruth.**



## Reflecting Faith: - To the Glory of God

Everything about the church building is intended to tell us something about God.

But it doesn't end there. We put into the building things that are important to us and again reflect not just our specific denomination but our ways of worship.

Imagine visiting someone in their home whom you are just getting to know and have a look around at the decorations, photos, wall hangings, books, music etc. What are their hobbies? How do they enjoy spending their time? Who is important to them? Well our church interiors are like that.

In most church buildings each week there will be a display of flowers. Venues vary from being large and elaborate to simple and homely and so do such arrangements. Of course, much depends upon finance and the availability of flowers as well as the interest and skills of the arranger.

Flower arrangements 'should' be in keeping with the church season or the occasion that is being celebrated. During Advent (Latin meaning 'coming') while we anticipate the birth of Christ at the Feast of Christmas most places of worship show restraint in their arrangements and often decline to use any coloured flowers using only evergreen leaves.

Then nearer to Christmas itself everything changes and either flowers are added to the original evergreens or they start completely new. Colours change to red for love and Christ's death and passion, white and gold for importance, royalty and celebration: with green alongside for the hope of new birth and spring.

*This month: Have a look at the flowers used in a church near you. What do they 'say'? Perhaps there will be poinsettias, lilies or even irises. Each has a different story to tell of the glory of God.*



## Christian Basics No 12: the Return of Jesus

*'For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people... while we wait for the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ' (Titus 2:11,13-14).*

Advent is the time when we focus on the first and second coming of Jesus. He first came as a baby in Bethlehem as our Saviour, *'to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own.'* (14), through His cross and resurrection. Now we wait for His return to judge the world and finally put an end to sin and death.



We can understand the relationship of these two events by considering D Day and VE Day in World War 2. D Day marked the allied invasion at the beaches of Normandy on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944. It was not the end of the war, but it was a decisive turning point in which victory was assured, although not finally achieved until VE Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945.

For us, Jesus' death and resurrection marks our D Day, when He secured victory over sin and death. However, only when He returns, will Jesus finally end sin and death and all who have put their trust in Him can share the great victory celebration in heaven.

In Advent we reflect on what it means to live in the time between these key events. Paul says, we need to *'to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age'* (12). More troops died in the period between D Day and VE Day than during the rest of the war. Although we live under Christ's victory, we will still struggle with sin and suffering.

## **GOD IN THE SCIENCES: – The Incarnation: fearfully and wonderfully made**

*My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.*

*Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in  
your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:15-16*

You began life as a single cell. For a few hours you were a miniscule but highly complex blob of jelly, until it began to divide: two cells, four, eight, sixteen, a ball, a hollow ball, and then something more recognisably like a living organism. You were still tiny, but developing a nervous system, a head, a body, arms and legs.

Until recently I hadn't thought much about Jesus being an embryo. Somehow, I find that thought even more shocking than His birth. How could God, who made the universe, have become something so completely and utterly vulnerable? Maybe in the past, when the development of a child happened in 'secret', it was possible just to let that part of the Christmas story go untold.

Today, when we see images of a developing child, or even embryos outside the womb, it is harder to ignore the process of Jesus developing into a baby. The incarnation meant that God's Son went through all the stages in the diagram in my developmental biology textbook: 'zygote', 'morula', 'blastocyst', implantation, and so on.

Jesus was there in the beginning, and all life owes its existence to Him. But instead of remaining aloof, He chose to become one of us. The Son of God shared the same kind of DNA as every other organism on the planet. He knows what it feels like to have a body, to feel hungry and thirsty, pain and pleasure, dark and light.

In Psalm 139, the writer is meditating on God's intimate knowledge of him, which began when he was an embryo. There is nothing God doesn't know about him, and even darkness cannot obscure him from God's sight. The incarnation means that God's intimacy with us now extends even further. He became one of us, lived alongside us, and shared our very fragile material nature.

The transcendent God is also immanent, longing for us to relate to Him as Father. He became as fragile as we are so He could rescue us from the messes we so often find ourselves in. With His help, we can remember what it means to be fearfully and wonderfully made.

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## GOD IN THE ARTS : Preparing the Way

This month's drawing is 'The Virgin and Child' by Raphael (1483-1520). Raphael was a talented artist from a very early age, but this drawing belongs to a time when he was in Rome from 1510-12. The finished painting is known as the Mackintosh Madonna, after its last owner.

This drawing, or cartoon, was the first stage in creating that work: it is in black chalk with heightening marks of white. When an artist made an initial drawing like this, he would then prick the cartoon with holes and then sprinkle charcoal powder over the drawing to reproduce the design on the canvas below.

The pinholes on this drawing are still clearly visible. Sadly the final painting has been damaged through time, but here in the cartoon we see that first stage: a sensitive and balanced picture of mother and child: Mary warm and caring, Jesus laughing and alive.



During Advent we think of the preparations God made for the birth of the Saviour. We celebrate God's work of creation and how He chose a people for His own. Within that people He looked for a holy remnant and then finally a loving heart in the assent of Mary to be the mother of our Lord. These preparatory steps were as vital for our salvation as the artist moving from idea to sketch to the finished work.

Each stage is important; each stage a revelation of life and love. Vasari wrote of Raphael that in his paintings 'the flesh palpitates, the breath comes and goes, every organ lives, and life pulsates everywhere.' Even this preliminary drawing displays that life and vitality. It is a life we celebrate at Christmas in the birth of a child who turns to us, as he does in this work, as a sign of joy and love.



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This Christmas why not give the birds in your garden a Christmas present by joining the RSPB? More and more of our wild birds are disappearing, making the RSPB's work vital, to make sure that the birds we have grown up with and love remain a familiar sight for our children and future generations. More than 200 different kinds of wild bird live within our shores – why not help the RSPB to help them?



Visit: [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

## The Holy Family

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?"

One child answered, "Mary."

The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?"

Another child ventured: "Verge?"

Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

He replied hesitantly: "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

## 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

In aid of



**Coffee Morning  
10am - 12noon Saturday 14th January 2023  
St Chad's Church, Roslin Rd, Irby**



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**CHRISTMAS PRESENT AMNESTY**

**Too many Chocolates? Too many smellies?  
Duplicate children's Games/Toys?  
Not my style? Not my thing?**

**If you have any gifts that you would like to recycle by donating to this good cause, we will use them at the coffee morning to raise money for Guide Dogs UK.**

**Please drop them off at Church or hand them to Revd Jane by Friday 13th January.**

**THANK YOU**

## **There's more with us than with them!!**

We begin the New Year with a Bible event from 2 Kings and an anecdote from Birmingham.

For a number of years, the king of Syria had tried to capture the prophet Elisha. (The story is found in 2 Kings 6:11-19). Elisha always knew what the Syrians were planning, and revealed their plans before they could be carried out. Finally, the Syrian armies surrounded Elisha in Dothan.

When Gehazi, Elisha's servant, woke up and saw the encircling Syrian armies, he was terrified. But Elisha prayed, 'Lord, open his eyes.' When Gehazi looked again, he could hardly believe what he saw. All round them were horses and chariots of fire. The armies of heaven were protecting them! And Elisha encouraged him. "Don't fear, there's more with us than with them!" Immediately the Syrians were struck with blindness and Elisha and Gehazi escaped.

Often, we need to ask the Lord to *open our eyes*. When our strength has failed and faith is weak, we're apt to think that God has forgotten us. But He hasn't! He is near and only our dimness of vision prevents us from seeing His great presence and power and provision. Fear not! Trust God! Believe His Word! There's more with us than with our enemy!

In the early 1950s a well-known department store in Birmingham, England, wanted to extend its premises. Close at hand was an ideal site but it belonged to the Quakers whose Meeting House had been there for well over 200 years. The department store wrote to the Quakers, offering to buy the site. They said, "We will give you a very good price for the land. In fact, we'll send you a blank cheque. Please fill in whatever sum of money you think appropriate, and we will honour it." Four weeks passed and there was no reply, then five weeks, then six weeks.

Finally, a letter arrived from the Quakers. It thanked the department store for their generous offer but declined to accept it. "Our Meeting House has been here for almost 250 years," they explained, "much longer than your store. We have no wish to sell our property. However, if you would agree to sell your site to us, we are very interested in buying it. We will give you



a very good price for it. Just state your selling price and we will honour it.”

The letter was signed ‘Cadburys.’ The department store thought they were dealing with a small congregation of Quakers. Instead, they were dealing with the Cadburys’ empire. Cadburys could have bought the department store twenty times over!

When our enemy the devil attacks us, by ourselves we are weak and feeble. But when Christ dwells in us by His Spirit, we are mighty! The devil is no longer attacking us; he is attacking the Captain of our salvation – and the devil cannot win! There’s more with us than with him! As we go through 2022, be *encouraged*. With Christ we are more than conquerors!

*Written by The Revd Dr Herbert McGonigle - a former Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology and Church History at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, England.*

### **God’s fragrance – do people catch a whiff of it on you?**

*‘...and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.’ John 12:3*

A story runs of how a lady was having tea outside a tea shop late one afternoon, when she became aware of a pleasant scent filling the air. She asked the waiter the source of the scent and was told that it came from the people passing by. He explained that they worked in a perfume factory down the street and were on their way home. When they left the factory, they always carried with them the fragrance that had permeated their clothes during their day’s work.

As the perfume workers leave the factory full of the fragrance of where they have been, so we, as we leave our churches and chapels and wherever we spend time with God, are meant to carry the perfume of His presence with us. We are called to spread everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him (2 Corinthians 2:4). If we allow ourselves in worship to be permeated with Christ’s love and the sweetness of His presence, then we will be able to take the Jesus in us out into the world.



*Please join us at our annual family*

# Carol Concert

**Wednesday 7 December 2022**

**Salvation Army Community Church,**

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Refreshments from 6pm, Carols from 6.30pm

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*Featuring Cantemus at Gaiday Choir*

**Tuesday 13th December  
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Christ Church, Port Sunlight CH62 5EF  
Tickets £8 (includes mince pie and refreshments)**

For tickets call  
**0151 482 7788**

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*Did you know.....*

*.....back in the year 1976, a committee based at St Chad's Church was trying to raise funds for the RNLI.*

*They decided to hold an exhibition of paintings by local Irby residents. The exhibition was so successful that the artists decided to join together to form an "Irby Artists Association".*

*....and the rest, as they say, is history!*

*The Irby Artists are proud to have had such a long association with St Chad's.*

*We welcome new members and actively provide support to those wishing to try their hand at painting & drawing, with weekly Monday afternoon sessions, indoors during the winter, and outdoors in the summer months, and two exhibitions of members works per year.*

*For more information, contact the Chair:*

*Alan McMahon, Text:07889 404917*

*Or Email: [almac48@virginmedia.com](mailto:almac48@virginmedia.com)*



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I can't tell you how impressed my boyfriend and I were to buy our house through Alan at Open House in February. They offered such a personal and efficient service at what was such a busy time in our lives, having just had our baby daughter in December! They were understanding, flexible with viewings & their communication was excellent. We are enjoying our new house so much & Alan even gave have us a lovely bottle of champagne as a moving in present. Thanks again X"





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## January 2023 SERVICES

**Morning Prayer St Chad's Prayer Room 9.00am MOST Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays**  
(check with Revd Jane for cancellations due to other meetings or commitments)

**EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads**

**Sun 1st January      10.30 am Covenant Service at Irby Methodists.**  
**This will be the only service today and we encourage all congregations to join us**

**Sun 8th January      9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
**10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's**

**Sun 15th January      9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
**10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's**

**Sun 22nd January      9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
**10.30am Communion at St Chad's (with Junior Church)**

**Sun 29th January      9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
**10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's**

**Sun 5th February      9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
**10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's**

### **Get fit for 2023!**

More people join health and fitness centres each January than at any other time of the year. And well over half the newcomers will be gone again – within a month.

Perhaps there's not much commitment to begin with. Or maybe, they lack motivation because they haven't made themselves accountable to a personal trainer. (One incentive many clubs are now bringing in.)

But Christians have been called by God to become spiritually fit, and we DO have a personal trainer! We have only been able to join our 'club' through the precious, priceless blood of Jesus, and our 'spiritual fitness' goal is to be holy and to be loving, caring people.

The heavenly Father will be pleased and glorified as we simply keep on coming to the 'gym' of personal and corporate worship, and keep faithful to the spiritual disciplines, and our service together in the Body of Christ.

## December 2022 Services (January services on inside back Cover)

**Morning Prayer St Chad's Prayer Room 9.00am MOST Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays** (check with Revd Jane for cancellations due to other meetings or commitments)



**EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads**

**Sun 4th December 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
**10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's**

**Sun 11th December 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
**10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's Nativity**

**Sun 18th December 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's**  
**10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's**  
**6.30pm Ecumenical Carol Service at St Chads**

**Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve**



**3.00pm Crib Service at St Chads**  
*(focused for KS1 and younger children)*

**6.00pm Christingle Service at St Bart's**  
*(focused for KS2 and above and adults)*

**11.15pm First Communion of Christmas**  
**at St Bart's**

**Sun 25th December Christmas Day**

**9.00am BCP Communion at St Bart's**  
**10.30am Communion at St Chad's**

