

Crosstalk

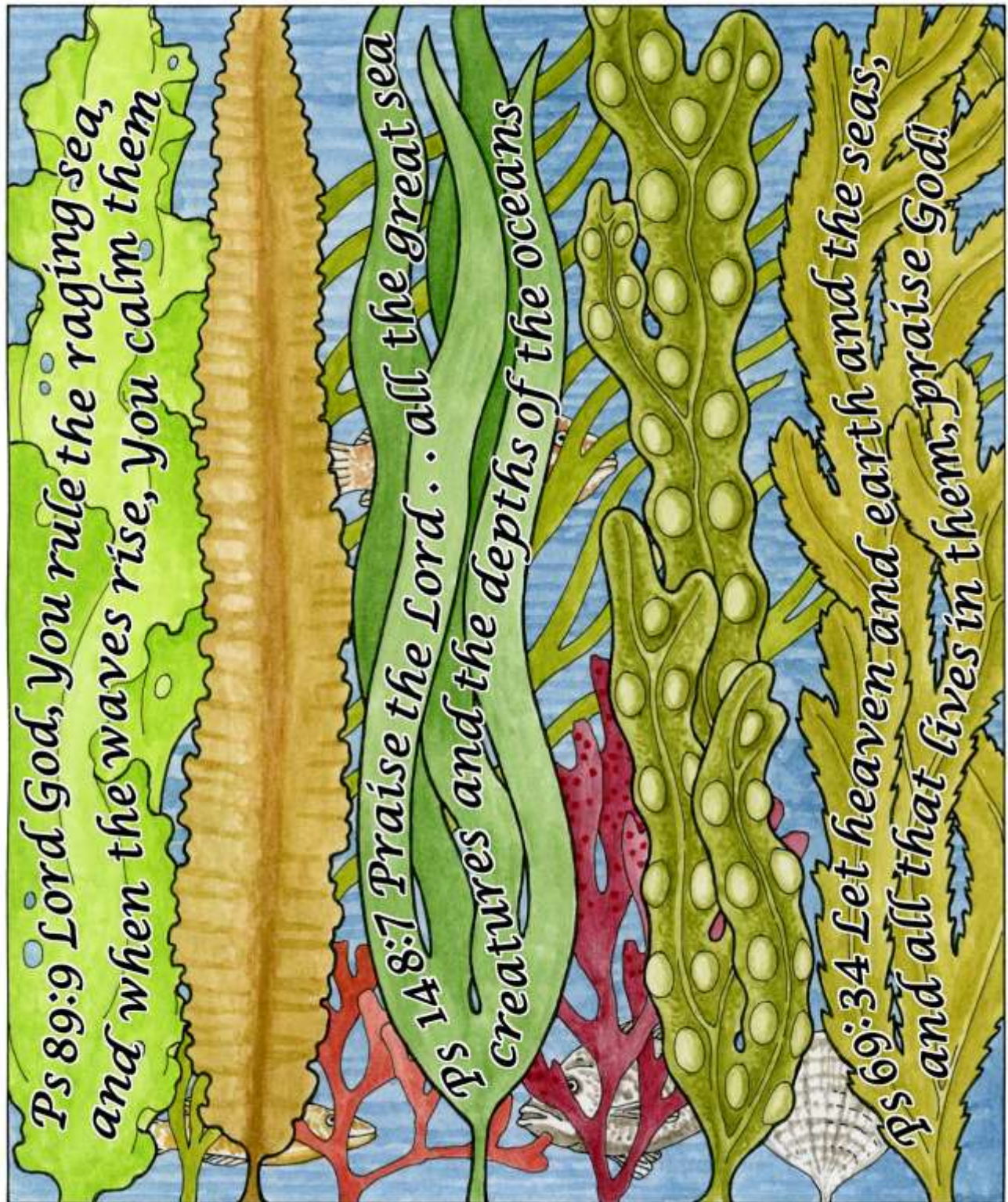
60p



The Parish Magazine of
St Bartholomew with St Chad

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Chester

July 2026





For the last time! - Which member of the Junior Choir put bubble mixture in the organ-blower?!

St Bartholomew and St Chad takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

 * "Your magazine needs you" *
 * Please send your contributions *
 * (eg. Poems. Prayers, interesting *
 * articles etc.,) *
 * to office@thurstaston.org.uk *

The views and opinions expressed in the articles in this magazine are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the editor, the Rector or the PCC.

Contents

4	<i>From your Rector</i>	16	<i>God in the Sciences</i>
5	<i>St Swithun</i>	17	<i>God in the Arts</i>
6-7	<i>Scargill</i>	18	<i>Mouse Makes</i>
8	<i>Sisters of Jesus Way</i>	19	<i>Wordsearch</i>
9	<i>Poem - The Church I want to see</i>	20	<i>Tots and Tines/Flowers for church</i>
10	<i>Support for Styal Prison</i>	21	<i>Warm Hub</i>
11	<i>What's the Big Idea - 1 Thessalonians</i>	22	<i>Hall Hire/Facebook</i>
12	<i>Reflected Faith—Intercessions</i>	23	<i>Irby Artists</i>
13	<i>The seven deadly sins - Sloth</i>	24-26	<i>Advertisers</i>
14	<i>Family Fun Day Out</i>	27	<i>Contacts List: Who's Who</i>
15	<i>Volunteer with FoodBank</i>	28	<i>July Services and Children's Book Review</i>



Baptisms

Weddings

Funerals

3rd June: Doreen Jones

It depends on who you are, as to what you see...

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out...

- ~ A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there."
- ~ An objective person walked by and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there."
- ~ A mathematician calculated how deep the pit was.
- ~ A news reporter wanted the exclusive story on the pit.
- ~ HMRC asked if he was paying taxes on the pit.
- ~ A Pharisee said, "Only bad people fall into pits."
- ~ A self-pitying person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit."
- ~ A psychologist noted, "Your mother and father are to blame for your being in that pit."
- ~ A self-esteem therapist said, "Believe in yourself and you can get out of that pit."
- ~ An optimist said, "Things could be worse."
- ~ A pessimist claimed, "Things will get worse."

Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.

From Your Rector

Keep on keeping on

In the church year, we've now come to that long season - it seems to go on forever - variously called 'Trinity' or 'Ordinary time'. Each of those labels tells us something about the approximately six months between Pentecost and Advent Sunday. 'Trinity' reminds us that with Pentecost, God has made himself known to us in all his fullness (or at least as much as we can bear) as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 'Ordinary time' tells us that this is the season where, now armed with the insights and power of the Holy Spirit, we can revisit the life of Jesus with new eyes, new heart, see new things in the faith, see new opportunities to serve God.

This season, is also the season when the colour that we use is green. When I explain the church year and colours to children, I tend to do it like this:-

White is a colour of celebration - think about weddings and baptisms, white dresses and gowns. So Easter and Christmas are white.

Purple begins with the letter P, as so does preparation, so purple is the colour we use when preparing for celebrations, so Advent (when we prepare for Christmas and the second coming of Jesus) and Lent (when we prepare for Easter).

Red reminds us of flames in a fire. The Bible describes the Holy Spirit as like flames of fire, so anything to do with the Holy Spirit is red - so most obviously Pentecost and Confirmations (when we invite the Holy Spirit to confirm an acclamation of faith).

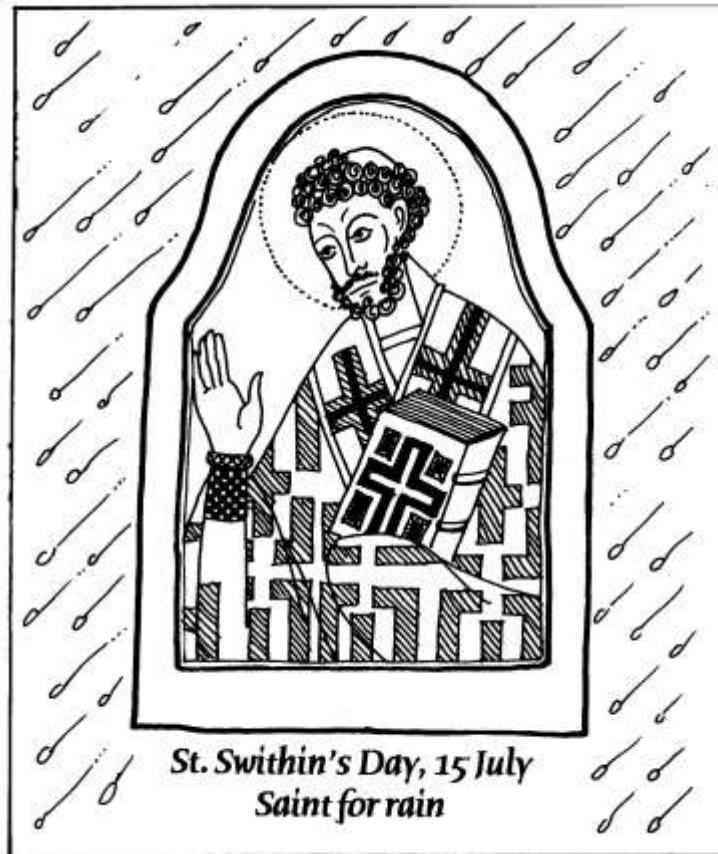
And that leaves us with Green. Green is used when it is not any of those other special things. But that doesn't mean that the green season isn't important. Often when we think of green, we think of things that are growing - trees, plants etc.



This long season up to the end of November is an opportunity for us to grow in our Christian Faith. It's an opportunity in the ordinariness of life to slow down and allow God to meet with us. It's an opportunity to take time to read a book which might help us to understand our faith at a new and deeper level. It's an opportunity to remember that working out our love for God in our community is probably more about perspiration than inspiration. Few are called to be heroes of the faith, but all are called to faithfulness, and somehow or other, with the transforming power of the Spirit, we are all able to keep on keeping on, doing little things with great love.

How will you grow in this green Ordinary season?

Revd Jane



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.



Scargill is a wonderful place to just 'be' – away from the busyness of our everyday lives. In a beautiful rural setting with walks in the grounds and hills to look out on. The walk offered was leisurely, peaceful and an opportunity to make new friends interspersed with periods of silence. Services in the Chapel were uplifting and moving. The weekend away, barely 48 hours at Scargill, felt a lot longer as a result of the excellent hospitality and slowing down.

Cheryl Goddard

It was many years since I last visited Scargill and I was a little anxious about how much it may have changed. It was like coming home! It was peaceful, welcoming and challenging all at once. The location is stunning, peaceful and relaxing. The community members were welcoming and nothing was too much trouble for them. The retreat itself was wonderful. The walk with reflections was so peaceful, it was good to meet and talk with others on the retreat and Naomi was an excellent leader. She challenged my thinking and helped me to meet with God through the Living Water. The worship and prayer sessions were thoughtful and provoking and the communion service was so uplifting.

Hilary Parkinson

Living Waters

Fri 22nd - Sun 24th May



Having never having been to a Christian weekend retreat before and had only heard snippets about Scargill, I booked a place after seeing the flyer. Renew, Refresh, Restore with some Yorkshire walks sounded just what I needed after two difficult years. However, I admit I was a little apprehensive about the amount of theological knowledge I might be expected to have and how intense the sessions might be. I needn't have worried on that score. All the sessions and services were completely optional and there were many lovely friendly members of the Community happy to walk with you on your journey of understanding should you wish. I came away with a much better concept of the Holy Spirit and how He can be with me in my daily life.

Scargill House is surrounded with stunning scenery within a beautiful estate and there are many walks to be enjoyed either around the estate or further afield. Some of us tried marbling for the first time...messy but with amazing (and surprising!) results and we also enjoyed all the delicious

meals, including a very yummy barbeque while making the most of the sunshine on Saturday evening!

I would definitely consider going again, either to one of the retreats or for just a few days stay amongst the very supportive Community. I've already been flicking through next year's brochure!

Linda Barley

Jottings from my notebook

Sitting in the garden: “My ears are wrapped in a bird song symphony.... song thrush farthest away repeating his choice of special notes, blackbird’s lullaby clear and stunning, willow warbler cascading down the scales like a delightful waterfall. Song thrush comes closer and perches on the cross by the chapel. It’s just absolutely beautiful.”

On a guided walk after lunch: “On a grassy hill, after lunch by a waterfall, heading back down to find more waterfalls, we stop for peace and to meet with God.... Peace in the green grass and bobbing heads of plantain with their rosettes of tiny white flowers all dancing to a secret tune. Cars travelling on the road below, off somewhere, busy lives, but I’m quiet sat with just the breeze in the trees, the call of a pheasant and song of a distant bird winding around the hills, sun warming me, just me and God”

Waterside contemplation: “A tangle of gnats fly at speed over the water, making me think of the rat race, fast paced, busy, but not really getting anywhere. The water below is God, always there, but the gnats are far too busy and absorbed in their business they are oblivious of the calm water below looking so beautiful in the dappled sunshine. Disturbed by a centipede who has arrived on my rucksack but then headed for my side pocket with my tissues in, he wasn’t for coming out! I had to stop everything and empty out the pocket and tip him out.... reminding me of God’s persistence - or was He cleverly distracting me? Was I being called to use nature to reach God’s people?”



Julie DeBoorder



<https://scargillmovement.org/visit/>
or brochures available at church.

Celebration Days and Weekends July - December 2026



Summer Quiet Day Saturday 25th July 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Take a pause in the midst of life's hustle and bustle, and draw close to the Lord. Led by the Sisters & Brother, with some reflections on scripture, times of quietness and closing worship. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

Summer Barbecue Saturday 22nd August 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Come and enjoy our garden and spend some time with us in informal praise and worship. Food provided.



Advent Weekend Friday 27th November – Sunday 29th November

Begins with tea at 5:30 pm on Friday and ends after the 5:00 pm buffet meal on Sunday. An opportunity to reflect on the first and second coming of Jesus through scripture and song.

New Year Celebration Thursday 31st December – Monday 4th January

This is always a popular event. There will be a Covenant Service when we yield ourselves afresh to the Lord for the coming year, some Bible reflection, carols, a celebration meal and time for relaxation.

Those who live locally are welcome to book in just for the evening on **New Year's Eve:**

8:00 pm Thanksgiving for the Past Year

11:15 pm Watchnight Service with Renewing of the Covenant

For any of the items in this programme, please book in with us beforehand as space is limited; this applies to day events as well as weekends.

Sisters of Jesus Way, Redacre, 24 Abbey Road, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 7EP

Tel: 0151 625 8775

E-mail: sistersofjesusway@redacre.org.uk

www.redacre.org.uk

We are registered with the Charity Commissioners

Poem written during an Archbishop of York Young Leaders session.

As part of one of the 'Discovery' activities for our unit on National Community, the children were asked to think about 'the church they want to see'. The children came up with lines which we collated to make a poem. Each line in the poem is from one of the children in the class and we even managed to make it rhyme. We hope you enjoy having a look at the poem.

The church I want to see,
Will help nature to thrive,
It will help me to repeat good actions,
And we will all be on God's side.

The church I want to see,
Will encourage people of faith,
It will help us to pray and worship God,
And keep everyone safe.

The church I want to see,
Will put unkindness to the side,
It will welcome everyone with open arms,
An encouraging spirit it will provide.

The church I want to see,
Will be somewhere people will listen,
Teach people to be good Samaritans
And will help me to be a good Christian.

The church I want to see,
Will be kind to everyone in the world,
Respect other people's religions,
And God will love every boy and girl.

The church I want to see,
Will let everyone have a choice,
Help me to be kind and brave,
And listen to God's voice.

The church I want to see,
Will offer people support,
It will help me to stay close to God,
And keep those less fortunate in thought.

The church I want to see,
Will lift up people who are down,
It will strive to teach kindness, love and joy,
And spread the word around.

The church I want to see,
Will include one and all,
It will help me to be happy and healthy,
And never let me fall.

The church I want to see,
Will help me to spread the word,
It will teach people right from wrong,
And everyone will be heard.

Our wonderful church community,
Is the church I want to see,
It is kind, tolerant, patient and calm,
And it is the church for me.

Year 3 Young Leaders – Dawpool Primary School.



Support for Styal Prison

Matthew 25v36

*I was without clothes, and you gave me something to wear.
I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'*

During our weekend away at Scargill, we began a conversation over a meal about the possibility of supporting prisoners. We have now spoken to a member of the Chaplaincy team at Styal prison, and they would be delighted to receive: -

Baby clothes - birth to 18 months (this is the age that they can stay with their mothers in Styal)

Clothing for the women for interviews or going to work in preparation for their release from prison.

Journals/notebooks (non-wired) to help the women record things and help them work out issues / emotions etc

Fleece blankets - these are used in Chaplaincy sessions when women are dealing with difficult emotions. They can offer a level of comfort when things are tough (particularly for those women going through medical issues such as cancer treatment etc).

Ladies, could you use the Summer months to sort through your wardrobe? Do you have work clothes that you no longer need or no longer fit you? Parents, do you have good as new baby clothes (birth to 18 months) that you could donate? Everyone – have you been got a journal/notebook (non-wired) or a fleece blanket that is just sitting around in your home surplus to requirements?

Please be careful when selecting your donations, as for the safety of the women they cannot receive anything which contains wires, pins or other sharp things.

We will collect any donations at St Chad's and arrange to deliver them to Styal during prison's week in October.

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.
We pray for those in prison.
Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.
Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends,
prison staff and all who care.
Heal those who have been wounded by the activities
of others, especially the victims of crime.
Help us to forgive one another.
To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ
in His strength and in His Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

What's the Big Idea? July

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament : 1 Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians is the earliest of Paul's letters, written when he was in Corinth during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:1–18) in 49–51 AD. Thessalonica was the capital of the Roman province of Macedonia, as well as being a flourishing centre for trade and philosophy. After founding the church (Acts 17:1–9) Paul was forced to leave, when he was falsely accused of speaking against Caesar. As the new Christians were left with little spiritual support, Paul wrote this letter to encourage them.

Paul addresses a number of issues throughout this letter. As they weren't expecting persecution, Paul reminds them that this is normal Christian experience (3:3–4). He also challenges those in the church who were living off wealthier Christians rather than earning their own living (4:9–12; 5:14).

However, the most prominent theme in letter is the second coming of Jesus. It is mentioned in every chapter of the book (1:10; 2:19–20; 3:13; 4:13–18; 5:1–11, 23–24). The Thessalonian were unclear about the timing of the day of the Lord (5:1–2). Some church members had died (4:13), and people weren't sure what would happen to them at Christ's return (3:10; 4:13). However, Paul assures them that when Jesus returns, the dead in Christ will rise to meet the Lord with the living (4:15–17). Therefore, believers don't need to fear God's wrath, but rather are assured of inheriting his salvation.

Living in the light of Christ's return calls for holy and blameless lives (3:11–4:8; 5:23). *'May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.'* (5:23).



Reflected Faith Series: Intercessions

Last month we reflected on the Creed within our service. This month, we consider what comes next.

In the Book of Common Prayer, the Creed and the sermon appear in a different order, but in both traditions intercessions follow. In Common Worship, they come straight after the Creed.

By this point, we may feel we have already prayed a great deal, so what makes intercessions different?

Intercessions focus entirely on the needs of others. They are public prayers, not centred on 'me' but on the wider world. They gather the concerns of the Church, the world, our community, those in need, and those who have died, along with those who mourn and as a whole congregation we bring them before God.

They are not, repeat not, a time to slip in a couple of adverts for next week's summer fair and a prayer for enough volunteers to come forward – please see Mrs Jones after the service – or to tell the congregation of someone's ill health or funeral arrangements!

These prayers usually follow that order, though sometimes in reverse. Either way, there is a clear pattern that helps the congregation engage. We may begin broadly with the world and move towards the local and personal, or start close to home and widen our view.

For example, with a theme such as farming, intercessions might include churches in rural communities worldwide, countries dependent on food production, government ministers responsible for agriculture and fisheries, local farmers and food workers, and those in need or recently bereaved within the community.

Style matters as much as content. These are the prayers of the people, so they should use language that feels natural and accessible. Often, simplicity works best.

This month
Listen carefully to the intercessions when you attend a service. Do they follow a clear, engaging pattern? Is the language accessible? Which prayers stay with you through the week? Who leads them, and from where?



The Seven Deadly Sins: Sloth

'Through laziness, the rafters sag; because of idle hands, the house leaks.' (Ecclesiastes 10:18).

This month we are looking at *Sloth*, the last of the Seven Deadly Sins. This is more than just laziness! The Latin root of the word is *'acedia'* (*'without care'*), meaning it represents spiritual apathy, distraction or indifference in our lives. Sloth can have a significant effect on our spiritual lives, as it enables other sins to gain a foothold eg lust, anger or envy. Another consequence is that we can fail to respond to God's calling in our lives and his gifts go unused. There is no satisfaction in sloth, as real joy comes when we are ready to step out of our comfort zones for God.

How do we overcome sloth in our lives? Paul writes, *'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord'* (Colossians 3:23). We can ask ourselves some key questions:

Am I living with unconfessed sin? Can I identify sins or habits that are getting in the way of my spiritual intimacy with God?

Have I neglected the spiritual disciplines? In what ways have I neglected spending quality time with God in prayer, reading his Word or being still in his presence?

What fills my mind daily? What are the distractions that occupy my time and thinking eg social media, technology, people or habits? How can I let go of these things to give space for listening to God?

The Holy Spirit can convict us of those things that we need to confess and let go. Are we ready to switch off our screens, seek to help others in need and give time to God?

'Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord.' (Romans 12:11)



**Family fun at
New Ferry
Butterfly Park
Saturday 11 July
2.00 to 3.30pm
Meet at the park**



**There will be a guided
mini beast hunt, pond
dipping and craft
activity**



**Parent/Carer(s) to supervise
their own child(ren)**

This activity is provided by the Park Volunteers and is free, donations to the park gratefully received

Please let Julie DeBoorder know the names of children and adults who wish to book a place by Saturday 4 July (more details to follow after booking)

Email : Jules2121jule@gmail.com

tel : 07599186893



Volunteer with us

Together we can end hunger in the UK

We currently need volunteers for:

DISTRIBUTION CENTRES

SORTING IN THE WAREHOUSE

DRIVING OUR VANS

Volunteers play a crucial role in the running of the foodbank, from collecting & sorting donations, to processing vouchers and helping to create a welcoming space for people visiting our foodbanks

For an application form please email

enquiries@wirralfoodbank.org.uk

or look on our website

www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk

VOLUNTEERS MUST BE OVER 18 YEARS OLD



You can donate to us
using this QR code

Charity number 1167967

God in the Sciences: A Scientist Reflects: Suffering and the Image of God

Since the cost-of-living crisis in 2021/22, Food Banks have become a necessity for many desperate families. When they are given food, people reveal a variety of emotions: from relief, happiness and hope, through to quiet sadness, resignation, and desperation. Most often they display a mixture of several of these feelings at the same time.

I believe that our cries for answers at times like this, and our deep longing for things to be better, kinder, more just, less painful and chaotic, are a sign that we are made in the image of God. The Bible describes God creating men and women, instructing them to rule over the earth, and giving them the freedom to choose what they will do. The world God made was described as “very good”, but human wrongdoing caused a rift between people and God, and also between us and the rest of Creation.

From a scientist’s perspective, it seems that the *potential* for accidents, disease and death – for both animals and humans – may have been part of God’s very good creation, and there was a real threat of famine, albeit far rarer than in our current mismanaged version of creation? How would we have managed life in what Genesis describes as an un-subdued world if our relationship with God hadn’t broken down, and evil hadn’t been unleashed? Maybe painful experiences would have been experienced as challenges that brought us closer to each other and to God, rather than bringing us the experience of suffering (which I would define more particularly as involving distress, isolation and fear)? Of course, these are theoretical questions that no one can answer, but perhaps they are worth exploring.

God has already responded to suffering at a root level by taking it on Himself. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus broke the power of sin and death. We do not yet see the final results of those decisive actions – the end of suffering for all those who trust Him – but we can already feel their impact. For example, many people have experienced the wonderful effect, either in their own lives or by receiving kindness from others, which is described by these words: “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh” (Ezekiel 36:26).

Some of the people who receive food are, in the words of one community leader, “really desperate”, but yet they still trust God to meet their needs. My hope is that the worldwide Church will, with God’s help, be part of the answer to their prayers – demonstrating our true status as people made in the image of God.



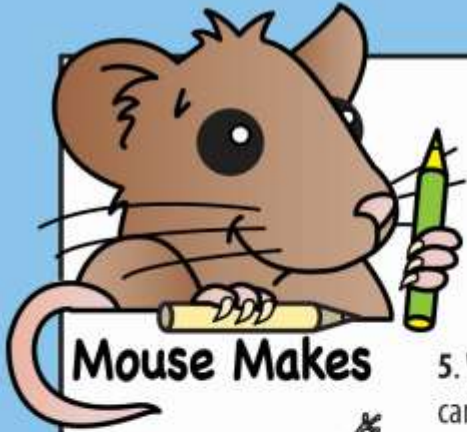


It is a steep climb of 199 steps that leads the visitor to Whitby from the streets below to the church of **St Mary's that stands near the ruined abbey. Having negotiated the climb, the visitor enters the church** and is greeted by a glorious array of Georgian furnishings: box pews and a triple decker pulpit with candlesticks and cushions. The clerk would sit at the bottom level to give out the notices, the parson would lead the service in the middle, and then he would ascend to the third level to expound the Word of God.

George Herbert says that for the country parson the pulpit should be 'his joy and his throne.' Sydney Smith had a different slant when he wrote on going into the pulpit of All Saints Church in Foston in 1806: **'When I began to thump the pulpit cushion on my first coming to Foston, the accumulated dust of 150 years made such a cloud that for some minutes I lost sight of the congregation.'** Not so at Whitby where the church is cared for and well loved.

Today preachers often remain at ground level, the better to interact with their congregations, but here **at St Mary's Church the pulpit is a sign of the importance of teaching the Word: not because the preacher stands eight feet above contradiction, but to allow people to see and hear.**

The word 'pulpit' means a platform or raised area to address the gathered family of God. As we look on in the pews, it stands often on our left. But God looks at us from the east end of the church and the pulpit stands at his right hand: a sign that the sermon can be the divinely inspired message of prophet and teacher, and so become living and active in the minds and hearts of its hearers.



Mouse Makes

1. What bird makes its nest on high?
Job 39:27



2. What ate the seeds along the path?
Matthew 13:4



3. The hair of which animal was used to make curtains?
Exodus 36:14

4. What insect can we learn from?
Proverbs 6:6

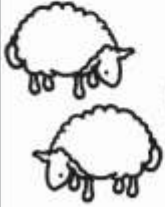
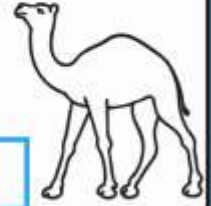
7. Which animal was Jesus compared to?
John 1:29



5. What plague came out of the River Nile?
Exodus 8:6



6. What animal would go through the eye of a needle easier than a rich person?
Luke 18:25



8. What bird did Noah release from the ark first?
Genesis 8:7



9 across. In what creature's mouth was a coin found?
Matthew 17:27



9 down. What lives in holes?
Matthew 8:20



12. Which bird did the Holy Spirit appear as?
Luke 3:22



13. Which animal did Jesus ride on?
Matthew 21:7



14. What bird did God provide for food in the wilderness?
Exodus 16:13



15. What insects did John eat in the wilderness?
Matthew 3:4



16. Which animal is the "mightiest among beasts"?
Proverbs 30:30

B I B L E

C R E A T U R E S

Wordsearch for July 2026

It was 250 years ago, on 4th July 1776, that the US Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress. The original signed parchment still exists, behind bullet-proof glass at the National Archives in Washington.

An original draft of the Declaration was made by Thomas Jefferson, and was amended by Benjamin Franklin and John Adams. It runs for only 1,320 words. The Declaration included the phrase: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

July
Fourth
Declaration
Independence
Second

Continental
Congress
Washington
Draft
Thomas

Jefferson
Benjamin
Franklin
John
Adams

Truths
Created
Equal
Creator
Inalienable

Rights
Life
Liberty
Pursuit
Happiness



Donations of Flowers for Church

You can make a donation
“in memory of”, “in celebration of”
or just because you like seeing flowers in church!



Please sign up at the back of church.

You do not have to arrange the flowers - the flower team can do that for you.

Money for your donation (with your contact details and the date for your flowers) should be given to the parish office in a clearly marked envelope, or by BACS indicating that it is Flower Fund, followed by email to the office.

St. Chad's Tots and Tinies

St Chad's Church (Roslin Road, Irby)

Every Thursday 9.30-11.30am
(Term Time Only)



£1.50 for one Adult and one child - All Welcome

Additional children £1.00
Additional Adults £0.50



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

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

A warm welcome at the **Warm Hub**

Every Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Open to everyone, so please drop in!

**St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH
0151 648 8169**

*There are a range of activities
including quizzes, Games,
jigsaws, Crosswords etc*

**Guest Speaker
28th July**

**Barbara Greenwood
Phoebe Mylchreest**

Story of an extraordinary woman



**The Warm Hub
belongs to a
growing national
network of
Places of Welcome**



Jigsaw Library

Over the time that Warm Hub has been operating, we have been gifted many jigsaws. While we always have a jigsaw in progress at Warm Hub, there are many waiting for us to use in the future. Rather than these jigsaws just piling up, with the winter nights ahead we would like to make these jigsaws available for individuals to borrow and then return to us. We can't vouch that all the jigsaws are complete as they are donated to us but if you would like to borrow one then we can make them available on a Tuesday morning when the Warm Hub is open - 9.30 to 12.30 at St Chad's

Susan Smale



You can make donations to Foodbank by placing items (non perishable food and toiletries) in the box by the office door at St Chad's.

Need a Meeting Room?

At St Chad's we have a large hall
and some smaller rooms.

Booking Enquiries should be made by emailing
hallbookings@thurstaston.org.uk

For more information and prices please go to the website
<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/hall-and-room-hire/>



facebook

St Bartholomew's and St Chad's
on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/>

If you are already on Facebook it is easy to find and "like" the page. Just search for "stchadsstbarts" or "St. Bartholomew's Thurstaston, with St. Chad's, Irby" and you will find us.

If you "like" the page you will receive notifications when we add events and other informative posts.

From our page you can also share individual posts and events with others you may think would like to hear about us and our events.

Please do share this page with your friends.

You do not have to be on Facebook to view our posts.

We also have a Twitter Feed:-

[@StBartsStChads](https://twitter.com/StBartsStChads)



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

billy hill curtains ltd.

**Still going strong in
BIRKENHEAD MARKET
after 75 years!**



**Nets • Roller Blinds
Wooden Venetian Blinds
Curtains • Curtain Poles & Tracks
Pelmets • Roman Blinds**

**Visit us in
BIRKENHEAD MARKET
- Open 6 Days A Week -**

*Free Measuring &
Expert Fitting Service Available
1000's of **Clearance Fabrics**
Starting from £1mtr.*

**If you can't
come to us,
we will come to you!**

Home visits available

Please call **0151 647 8604** or
Mike on 07792 009505

billyhillcurtains@yahoo.com 
www.billyhillcurtains.co.uk 

Help St Bartholomew Thurstaston and St Chad Irby raise FREE funds when you shop online!



Every time you shop, you'll raise a donation for us and **it won't cost you a penny extra!**

1. Sign up to easyfundraising

Got to

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/stbartholomewthurstastonandstchadirby and follow the simple steps to sign up.

2. Hit the shops

When you shop online, visit easyfundraising first, click through to the retailer and shop as normal. Everything costs exactly the same

3. Earn donations

With every purchase you make you'll raise a donation from the retailer. Your donations are then transferred to **St Bartholomew Thurstaston and St Chad Irby**

**OVER 2,700
RETAILERS TO
CHOOSE FROM...**

TESCO



Argos

amazon.co.uk

John Lewis
johnlewis.com

at M&S

Viking

ASDA

Expedia.co.uk

easyfundraising
.org.uk



Visit: easyfundraising.org.uk/stbartholomewthurstastonandstchadirby



Gary Furlong
Tree and Hedge Services
07759284091

Accounts Un Limited
 Patricia Brady ACMA

Personal Tax Returns .
 Company Accounts . VAT Returns

Home Visits . Friendly &
 Confidential Service
 648 4379 or 07968 908779

BIRKENHEAD MONUMENTAL LTD

QUALITY MEMORIALS, RENOVATIONS,
 ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS ETC.

CALL FOR FULL COLOUR BROCHURE,
 PERSONAL ATTENTION OFFERED.


Telephone: 0151 608 2578

IRBY MOTOR COMPANY

CARS BOUGHT AND SOLD
 SERVICE & REPAIR - FREE LOAN CAR

SERVICE: 0151 648 0200

SALES: 0151 648 5488

RNIB 

See differently

Please collect your Postage Stamps
 throughout the year for RNIB
 (Royal National Institute Blind).

A Big Thankyou for all the stamps
 that have been collected this year,
 there has been a huge response

If you would like to purchase advertising space
 in this magazine please telephone

St Chad's Church Office on 0151 648 8169 or
E-mail: office@thurstaston.org.uk

Advertising space is sold in good faith.
 The Parochial Church Council and/or Editor can take no responsibility for the quality
 of goods or services offered.

Contacts

RECTOR: Revd Jane Turner PLEASE NOTE: Rector's Rest Day - Tuesday
The Rectory, 77 Thingwall Road, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UB
Telephone: 0151 648 1816 (Day off Tuesday) E-mail: rector@thurstaston.org.uk

CHURCH OFFICE: Mrs K Butler St Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UH
Telephone: 0151 648 8169. E-mail: office@thurstaston.org.uk
OPEN TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 9.30am - 12.30pm (term time)

PARISH WEBSITE: www.thurstaston.org.uk

Churchwardens

Vacant

churchwarden@thurstaston.org.uk

Associate Minister

Revd Ailsa Whorton CF
(Chaplain to the Forces, Army).

revdailsa@thurstaston.org.uk

Ailsa works full time and will reply to emails when she is able around her work commitments

678 4733 (Evenings only and messages will be passed on to Ailsa via her husband Derek)

PCC Secretary

Cheryl Goddard

pcc-secretary@thurstaston.org.uk

PCC Treasurer

Vacant

pcc-treasurer@thurstaston.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding Team

Peter & Karen Robson and Janet Trigg

safeguarding@thurstaston.org.uk

648 6691

Electoral Roll

c/o Church Office

648 8169

St Chad's Hall Booking

hallbookings@thurstaston.org.uk

Verger

Mr Jon Oliver

648 1754

Organist

Mr Craig Vickers

648 7405

Bellringing - Tower Captain

Dr Peter Robson

648 6691

Flowers for both Churches

Team Co-ordinator Dawn Rudd 648 0209

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Junior Church (3-10) and Seniors (11-16)

Mrs Julie Deboorder

07599186893

Rainbows/Brownies/Guides

www.girlguiding.org.uk or

Freephone

0800 1 69 59 01

CHARITY REPRESENTATIVES

Children's Society Representative

Mrs Jean Heath

648 6015

Leprosy Mission Representative

Julie DeBoorder

07599186893

Adoption Society Representative

Mrs Chris Rostock

648 1112

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.

July 2026 Services

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

- Sunday 5th July** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's
- Sunday 12th July** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am All Age at St Chad's
- Sunday 19th July** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's
- Sunday 26th July** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Chad's
with Junior Church
- Sunday 2nd August** 9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

Fantastically Faithful Leaders Who Gave Their All for God
By Paul Kerensa, SPCK, £8.99

Here is a page-turning biography series for children 7 and up, to meet Christians whose courage and leadership changed the world.

Award-winning comedy writer and author Paul Kerensa brings to life eight extraordinary people from history who answered God's call to lead – and changed the world in the process.

They include:

Sojourner Truth: a former slave who spoke out against slavery and for women's rights

Lord Shaftesbury: a social reformer who campaigned to prevent children from being sent out to work

Evangeline Booth: the first female leader of the Salvation Army

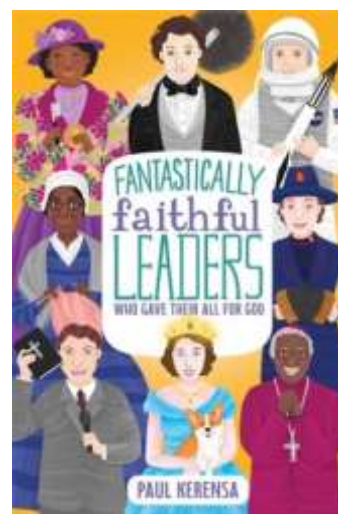
Madam C. J. Walker: an African American business woman who was the first female self-made millionaire in the USA

Billy Graham: an evangelist who preached the gospel all over the world and led millions to Jesus

John Glenn Jr: who rocketed into history as the first astronaut to orbit Earth

Elizabeth II: a queen who faithfully served God and her people

Demond Tutu: an Archbishop who helped bring an end to apartheid in South Africa



Whether used as a family read-aloud, for independent reading, a classroom resource, or a Sunday school supplement, this book gives children real-life role models who show what ordinary people can achieve when they trust an extraordinary God.