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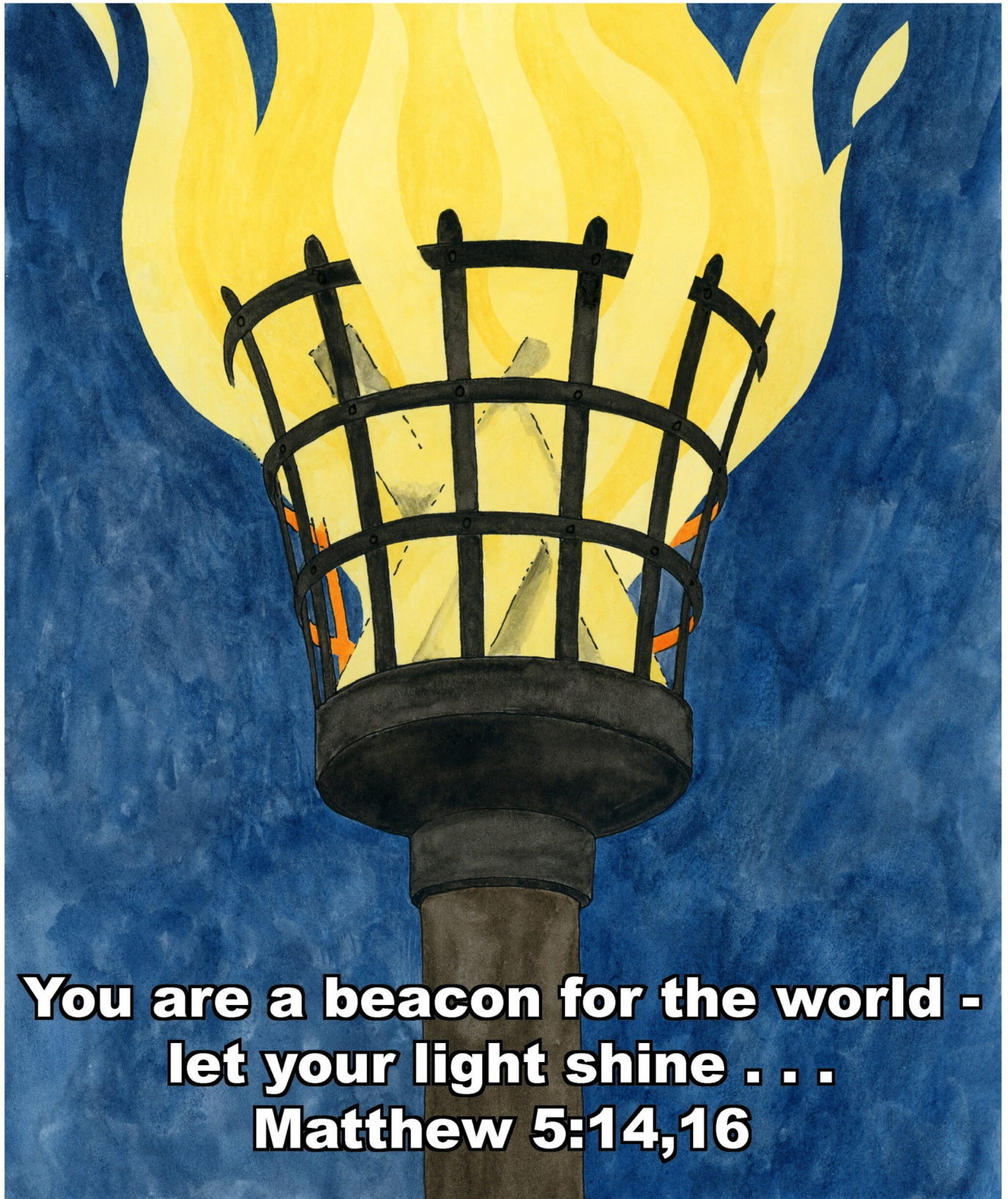
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**You are a beacon for the world -
let your light shine . . .
Matthew 5:14,16**

**Set
Your
Clocks
Back!**



The clocks go back
on the final Sunday
of October,
and the change comes
into effect at 2.00am.

That means that this
year it's happening in
the early hours of
Sunday 31 October

**CHRISTMAS
COFFEE MORNING**

**CHRISTMAS STALLS
REFRESHMENTS**

SAT 27TH NOVEMBER

10AM - 12NOON

AT ST CHADS

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* Please send your contributions *
* (eg. Poems. Prayers, interesting *
* articles etc.,) *
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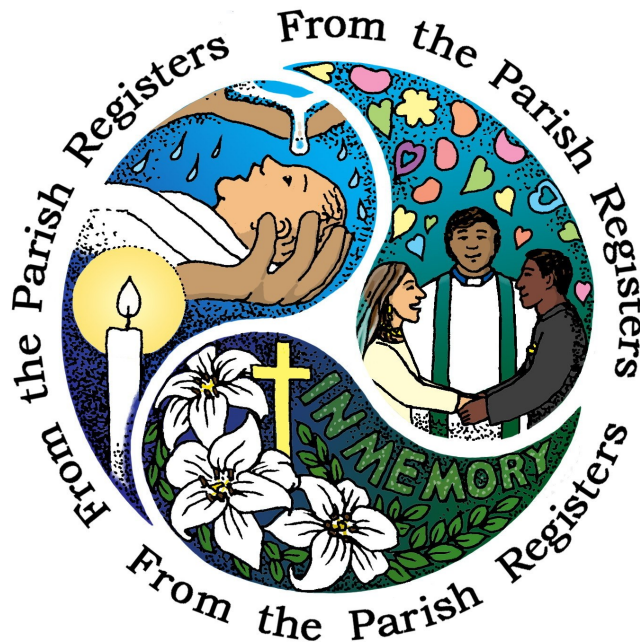
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Funerals

Baptisms

17th Oct— Sophia Cunningham

From Your Rector

This month sees the eagerly anticipated COP26 climate conference in Glasgow. As Christians, we need to hold together two key insights, if we are to engage with the challenge of climate change:

The world is not ours:

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1). The world is not ours, but God's! If we understand this, we will rediscover the responsibility of our calling to care for God's world: 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.' (Genesis 2:15). This challenges our consumer mindset, that says the resources of the earth are both limitless and exist for our pleasure. As well as caring for the planet, we also need to care for its people, for it's the poorest who will suffer the most from climate change. According to the World Bank, 100 million could fall into poverty by 2030. We cannot properly address the climate crisis until we re-learn our place in God's world!

We belong to Christ:

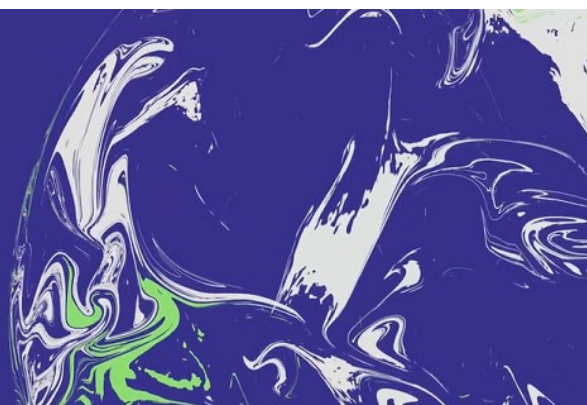
We also belong to the one in whom: 'all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.' (Colossians 1:16). We can look forward to the climax of history when God will restore the broken world and make everything new. We are empowered by Christ to take our proper place as stewards of the earth, as we share in this hope. We are called to love God and neighbour, and care for the planet by living simply, recycling, conserving energy and choosing reusable options.

However great the climate crisis gets, as Christians, we can engage in it with faith and not with fatalism!

Rexd Jane

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We're Supporting:



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It's all about you

Christmas Appeal

Forum Housing Association provides supported accommodation to single young people and vulnerable adults, who are homeless or seeking independence.

We offer a range of accommodation in Wirral, Cheshire and Warrington.



How you can help...

Gift Bags

Items UNWRAPPED can include: a hand towel, facecloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, shaving gel, deodorant, socks, mug, body spray, chocolate, sweets, gloves, hats, scarves, novelty gifts such as puzzles etc, pens etc

Thank You for your support!

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Forum Housing are once again appealing for items to provide gift bags for their residents at Christmas.

You can donate a whole gift bag, or individual items that we will then make into complete gift bags.

All items should be unwrapped and brand new.

Please bring any filled gift bags or individual items for donation to either church or the church office **by Sunday 28th November** and we will then arrange delivery to Forum.

A Season for Remembering

November is traditionally a time of remembering, when we would normally gather in church in large numbers to think about those we have loved but see no longer, and then later in the month, we think of those who have died or been injured in active service.

This year will be a bit different from previous years. Some people have already returned to church services whilst others are still finding that difficult. We want to enable everyone to be able to remember during this special season of the church year.

So, we'll be offering the following to help you with this:

Drop into St Chad's church between 3.00-4.00pm on Sunday 7th November when it will be open for individual private prayer.

You may like to bring a postcard with you – colourful or plain. Whilst in church (or before you arrive) write a brief 'memory prayer' on your postcard to say thank you to God for special memories of a person you are remembering – perhaps a particular memory of good times with them, or simply write their name on the card to remember their whole unique life. There will be a box in church for you to "post" your card.

Visit [churchofengland.org/prayers-for-the-moment](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayers-for-the-moment) to help you pray and remember those who you knew and loved but have lost, either recently or long ago.

Drop into St Bartholomew's church between 10.30 – 11.30am on Thursday 11th November when it will be open for individual private prayer so you can mark the time of silence at 11 o'clock.

Act of Remembrance on Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/stchadsstbarts/>) - we will re-post (on 11th Nov 2021) last years recording from the War Memorial

Visit [churchofengland.org/prayers-for-remembrance](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayers-for-remembrance) to help you pray and remember the fallen from your home, or wherever you'd like to sit quietly.

If you would like a prayer card to use at home, please let us know [email your request including postal address to rector@thurstaston.org.uk]

We hope you can join us
and experience the love and peace of God at this special time of year.

**Sunday 14th November – Remembrance Sunday
AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S (No Services at St Chad's)**

Covid Precautions mean that we will be asking people to use hand sanitiser, wear a face covering and to provide us with contact details for “track and trace”.

**We will NOT be able to guarantee any social distancing measures, but will request that people are sensible and respectful of others.
For those who will find that difficult,
we invite you to remember in a different way - see the previous page**

9.00am BCP Communion Service

This service should be able to allow for social distancing

You may choose to come to any combination or just one of the following

10.15am TRADITIONAL SERVICE

11.00am ACT OF REMEMBRANCE at the War Memorial

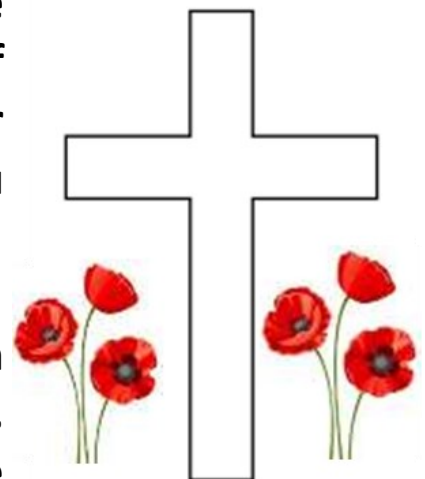
11.10am FAMILY SERVICE (aim to finish by 11.30am)
for anyone with pre-school or primary aged children.

This year we will not be hosting the Uniformed Organisations as our building is too small given the ongoing Covid precautions which are necessary.

All-Age Remembrance Trail

There are 4 special places to pray in the churchyard during this season of Remembrance. You can do these in any order you like; and do as many or as few as you want. Look for the poppy and the cross picture.

At each station, there is a way to pray with words and a way to pray with your senses. Children and adults may do whichever one they prefer.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

Covid Precautions mean that at all services we will be asking people to use hand sanitiser, wear a face covering and to provide us with contact details for "track and trace".

For Services indicated in RED:

We will NOT be able to guarantee any social distancing measures, but will request that people are sensible and respectful of others.

For Services indicated in BLUE:

We will have some socially distanced seats available.

Sun Dec 5th

9.00am BCP at St Bartholomew's

10.30am HC at St Bartholomew's

Sun Dec 12th

9.00am BCP at St Bartholomew's

10.30am All-Age at St Chad's

Sun Dec 19th

9.00am BCP at St Bartholomew's

10.30am MW at St Bartholomew's

4.00pm Carol Service at St Chad's

There is a service
of Holy Communion
at St Chad's
every Wednesday
at 10.30am

Friday 24th Dec - Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's

5.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's

As in previous years, we will run two services exactly the same one after the other. We suggest that the 4pm service is for younger (up to and including Reception) children and that the 5pm service is for older children. If you have children in both age brackets - you choose! If coming to the 5pm service, please don't arrive until 4.45pm in order for the 4pm service to have cleared church and car parking spaces!

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas at St Bartholomew's

Saturday December 25th - Christmas Day

10.30am Family Communion at St Chad's

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

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

Sunday December 26th

9.00am BCP at St Bartholomew's

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

Sunday 2nd January 2022

9.00am BCP at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Covenant Service at Irby Methodist Church

*we have received an invitation to join our Methodist friends
and we would encourage as many as possible to go along.*

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

Ruth's Reflections

Well, here we are again and nothing has really changed! I feel as if I am in limbo:- I still don't know when I will be moving, it's all in the hands of the solicitors at the moment and seems to be going extremely slowly. Perhaps I will have more news next month!

I haven't seen much of my family lately, My eldest daughter has been visiting friends in Seville in Spain, a visit postponed due to the pandemic. She loved Seville and we have made tentative plans to go together next year. Perhaps I ought to learn some Spanish during the winter, the trouble is I was hopeless at languages at school and I don't suppose anything has changed in the many years since I left! My youngest daughter and her husband are currently sunning themselves in the Caribbean, they have returned to the hotel where they got married 20 years ago. I must admit to being somewhat jealous as I love the Caribbean, having been sailing there several times. I have quite a few conversations with God regarding their safety on their journey.



I have been getting out quite a bit and must admit to becoming somewhat relaxed about following covid restrictions . I went to a wonderful Russell Watson concert but there were no covid precautions in place which did make me feel quite anxious.

I am continuing with my photography, still enjoying it but not doing well in competitions but I don't really expect to. I had a good chance to take some photos earlier this week when I went on a guided tour and talk around the Hanover Street area of Liverpool, the talk was so interesting and the Guide was superb. I learnt a lot about the area, none of which I knew before and hopefully I will get the chance to on more tours in the future.

The garden is looking somewhat bedraggled, I blame the weather. I need to cut the grass but it is always to wet when I have the time!

Ringing is continuing but I do wish we could ring every Sunday, although our handbell ringing is improving SLOWLY.

I have a few outings to look forward to- and Christmas is coming. I don't know yet where I will be living, but I have made two Christmas cakes, only one more to do!

Take care and stay safe everyone.

Ruth.

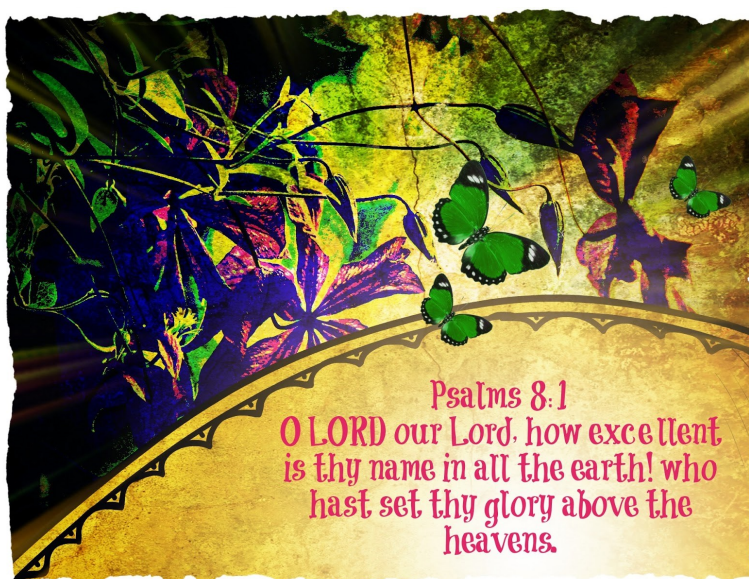
GOD IN THE SCIENCES: Should We Have Faith in Science?

How do you feel about science after more than 18 months of pandemic: tired or interested, impressed or cynical – or a bit of everything? The response to COVID-19 has demonstrated how ideology or worldview are hugely influential in our interpretation and use of scientific data – and at times in the process of experimentation itself. Should we trial a vaccine in Spain or South Africa? Is this treatment safe enough to administer to the general public? Should vaccination be made compulsory? The data don't tell us what to do.

So, when we are encouraged to 'trust the science' in our ongoing response to the pandemic, or in the run-up to the COP26 UN climate change conference, how can the Church respond? The whole biblical story affirms that God is the only one in whom we can have complete faith. On the other hand, I do put a certain amount of trust in other things. I can have faith in a plane, a body of knowledge, or a person. This trust is within limits because I know that air travel involves hazards, a body of knowledge will contain some mistakes, and every ordinary human is fallible.

I trust science to some extent because it involves careful observation and measurement, collecting different kinds of evidence. Data is interpreted, and competing interpretations are tried out. We summarise our findings in general principles or mathematical equations. Scientists keep each other accountable by looking critically at each other's work. Our knowledge is always provisional. You can't prove anything scientifically because we only deal in evidence, not proof.

On the other hand, there must always be the potential to disprove a theory or it's not science. Our aim is to keep getting nearer to the truth about the way the world is. Overall, I believe this method is reliable and worth supporting, but that only God is completely trustworthy.



Psalm Eight reminds us both of the splendour of God's creation, and that He has placed us in a position of responsibility over it. Scientific knowledge can be part of what helps us to rule well. The process of doing science can be a bit like a blurry image coming into focus. The more we learn, the better we can usually see what's going on, and hopefully the easier it is to decide on a course of action. So in answer to the question 'Should we have faith in science?' I would say yes, when used wisely and within its proper limits.

Reflected Faith Series: The Bread We Share

Last month we thought about the bread we share at the Communion table and what we do with any that is left over.

Christian beliefs and thoughts about the consecrated bread range from it being a reminder to us of the love that Jesus showed for each of us by and through His death too, at the consecration the bread becomes the literal flesh of Christ that we are invited to consume.

Wherever the church and the people are on that spectrum, the priest is always careful about the way the bread is handled. As we noted last month, this includes which container it is placed in to convey it after the service to those unable to attend.

But what happens to any small pieces that may have been broken, like crumbs, upon the altar?

Although the altar is covered with a white cloth, there is another smaller cloth placed on top of it onto which the bread and wine, in their respective containers, are placed. The bread is usually on a plate or bowl-shaped dish called a paten, with 'extra' bread kept on a side table – the Credence Table – in case more is needed to be consecrated.

The smaller white cloth is called a Corporal and is typically 12 inches (30cms) square. The name comes from the Latin *corpus* meaning body, and this is folded in three in both directions (then sometimes starched) and ironed in such a way that when it is opened onto the altar all the folds are 'downward' so it forms a 'bowl' shape to catch those crumbs.

After the Communion is shared, the cloth is then folded back upon itself and later taken outside the building and shaken to allow any crumbs to return to nature.

This month: Next time you are able to go to a Communion Service, watch as the priests lays up the table for the time of consecration. Perhaps, before the service, the sacristan may open the corporal and place it there. In your own home what is so precious that you try and catch every crumb? How do you do it?



GOD IN THE ARTS : ‘All you who pass this way, look and see’

The philosopher Wittgenstein gave the following advice to people visiting an art gallery or exhibition: never try to rush through all the paintings on show, but instead choose just one painting. Sit in front of it for twenty minutes. Then get up and leave the art gallery. It is difficult advice to take to heart because we feel we want to get our money's worth from an exhibition, especially if we have paid an entrance charge. Once in the gallery we then feel so overawed by the number of paintings on show and the pressure of the crowd that we go quickly from one canvas to the next.

The rushing around at a gallery is part and parcel of the way we meet each day. We rush out of habit, and we rush because everyone else is rushing. Our world seems set in the fast lane. Carl Honoré in his book ‘In Praise of Slow’ tells how, as a busy journalist, he experienced a flashback to a time in his youth when life was unhurried. He reflects, with regret, that it was a better life then.

If we do want to take Wittgenstein's advice seriously and find ourselves in the National Gallery in Edinburgh, we could do no better than choose to sit in front of this month's painting: El Greco's ‘The Saviour.’ El Greco was born in 1541 in Crete. From Greece he travelled to Venice and Rome and finally to Toledo in Spain where he died in 1614.

His art is a fusion of eastern and western traditions, given extra fervour by the Counter-Reformation and resulting in a unique style of painting. His canvases are peopled by elongated figures who seem always to be straining upwards, just as the Counter-Reformation was exhorting the faithful to set their sights on heaven as they made their journey through life.

In his early years in Crete El Greco trained as an icon painter, and that is much in evidence in ‘The Saviour.’ It shows a half-length figure of Christ – he was to paint a fuller figure later. This Christ like an icon is looking out at us, with his right hand raised to bless us and this world, while the left hand holds that same world in His care. We can see in the eyes an inner strength, but also the poignant sadness of longing for this is a Saviour who has come through suffering and death to bring us new life.

As we look and see, we find here in El Greco's work a Christ-calmed steadiness amid the spinning world of rush and busyness. The nearer we draw to this Jesus, the slower we will find ourselves spinning. The duties and responsibilities that demand so much from us take their place in the wider perspective of the Saviour's grace and love. Then we can begin to experience that peace which the world cannot offer, but which Christ can bring.

The first step in that process is to stop and look. The Curé d'Ars, a parish priest in France in the early 19th century, told how he noticed an old man sitting at the back of his church every day. He didn't seem to be doing anything, just sitting there in the same place at the same time, looking towards the Blessed Sacrament on the High Altar. Eventually the young priest became suspicious. He asked the man what he was doing.

'I'm praying,' came the reply.' Yes, but what exactly is it you do?' enquired the priest.
'Well, I look at Him and He looks at me.'



The Children's Society

It is that time of year when we would normally have a Children's Society Coffee Morning and collect boxes for emptying and counting. If you have a box that you would like emptied, please can you deliver it to Jean Heath (Barnstables, 233 Irby Road) or contact Barbara Kozer (342 8039), who will arrange collection. If neither of these options is suitable please drop the box off at the Parish Office at St Chad's.

Alternatively you may prefer to make a cheque donation or you can donate online

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate>

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



Mummy, what's church?

I was no more than three or four when we visited a church on holiday. It was a different sort of church, and I didn't know anyone, and I didn't know what was going on. And I remember scowling, hanging on to my mum's leg, as she chatted with people after the service. I probably just looked like a petulant toddler, but even now, I can recall how scared I was of this strange new place.

As we begin to come back to church together, spare a thought for the toddlers in our midst. Some of them weren't even born when we were last in church – and even the older ones will have only hazy memories of church together. And they may need a little help to transition back well.

Because we want them to transition well! We want them to be part of a community which loves and worships God, and where they learn to love others and be loved and connect to others on this journey.

So, as you begin coming back into the building, here are some ideas to help your family:

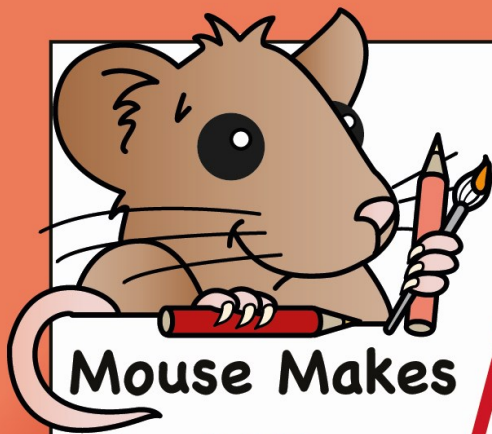
Prepare toddlers just like you would for a new school or group. You know what your child needs: maybe to visit when no-one else is there, or to explain what will happen, or look at pictures of people they will see again.

In church, explain with your body and your words what you are doing and why. We're singing now because it's a way to tell God we love Him ... some people are standing like daddy, others are sitting quietly listening, some are dancing – what would you like to do? Jenny is reading from the Bible now because that's God's book and He's written important things in it for us to hear.

Recognise that things will be different for you too. Your children are 18 months older. They may now be a toddler intent on roaming the pews rather than that baby who let you worship in peace. Take a little time to think about what might be different and how you can manage the new season well.

And be kind to yourself. It's a brand new season for all of us. And we'll get there!

Written by Becky Sedgwick who is part of the team at Parenting for Faith, which exists to equip parents and carers, and the churches that surround them, to help children and teens develop a lasting and two-way relationship with God. For more resources, including bespoke resources to support parents and carers of babies and toddlers, see parentingforfaith.org.



Mouse Makes



I AM
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Read John 10:11 and 14



I AM
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Read John 15:1 and 35



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Read John 6: 35,51



OF

Read John 11:25

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Read John 18:12

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Seven times in John's Gospel
Jesus calls Himself "I AM"
- the same name that God calls
Himself when He speaks to Moses
in Exodus 3:14
Jesus is telling us who He really is.



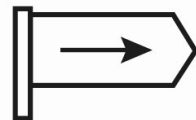
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Read John 10:9



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R E S U R R E C T I O N B L

Look up the Bible references, fill in the missing words then look for them in the word search

Please Mr Postman

I was working in the garden recently when I was struck by the sound of a beeping noise - getting nearer and nearer. It turned out to be the postman scanning some of the letters and parcels he was delivering to neighbouring houses in the road. It reminded me of my college years when, over the Christmas period, I worked for the post office in Liverpool. However, clearly, things were, somewhat, less sophisticated in those far off days - with not a beep in sight or, perhaps, earshot!

For two years, I worked nights at the sorting office in Mount Pleasant, alongside other students and people recruited from the 'dole queues' as they were cruelly termed. It was something of an eye opener into *the World of Work!* We sorted parcels into their general destinations by tossing them into labelled containers. The first time I came across a parcel addressed to a destination I wasn't sure of, I asked the person next to me, *What do I do?* Helpfully, he replied, *You do this*, and he tossed the parcel high into the air leaving it to land, randomly, in one of containers! Problem solved!

On our first day, we were all given coloured armbands to wear which were designed to identify us for our two 20 minute breaks throughout each 12 hour shift. Somehow, one 'colleague' managed to get hold of a number of different coloured armbands and, as a result, spent almost the whole of his shift on one break or another! To pass the time away, some fellow workers led us into chants, all of which were disparaging to the Post Office! They would lead with the letters *G.P.O!* And we would follow with chorused expressions like, *Under the arm!* to indicate our contempt for our temporary employers. Working nights was a little difficult at first, but I soon got used sleeping all day, waking up to a plate of scouse and then catching the 85 bus into town!

For my final Christmas with the GPO, I was elevated to working on the beat - actually delivering letters to households in a particularly deprived area of Liverpool. I was seconded to a lovely man who was of the archetypal, *Postman Pat*, *School of Postal Delivery*, loved and respected by the people he served. We would sort the round out in the early hours of the morning and would then set out, either together or individually, to deliver the mail. In those days, there was a delivery on Christmas Day and, as



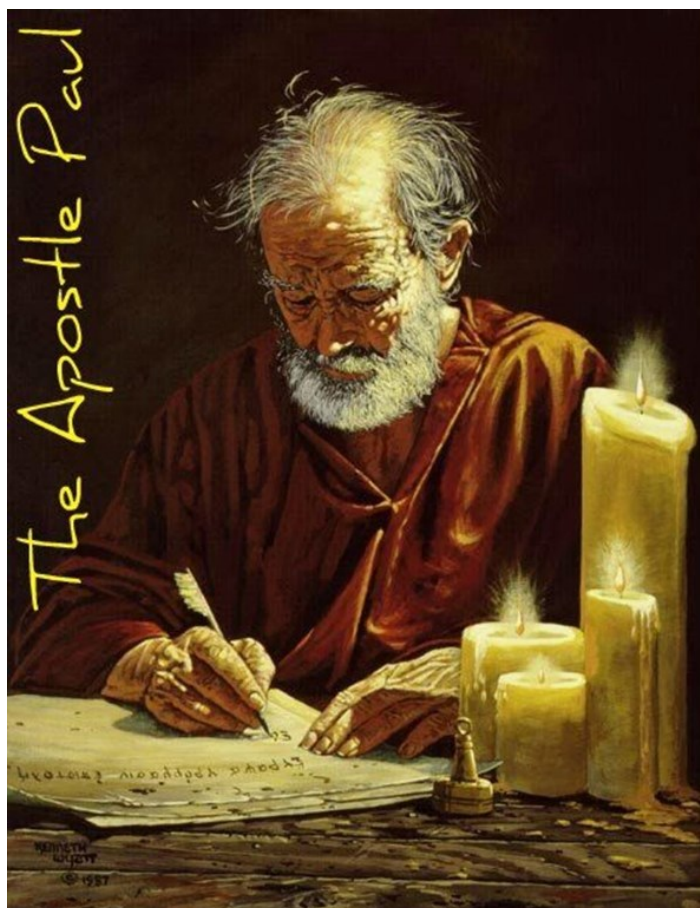
we made our way around the houses, we were repeatedly invited in for a celebratory drink and mince pie, together with the ceremonial handing over of the *Christmas Tip* to my friend and mentor!

As well as being important in our day to day lives, letters were also tremendously important in the growth and development of the Early Church. You may be surprised to discover that, of the 27 books of the New Testament, 21 of them comprise actual letters written to contemporary Christian Communities or to individual Leaders of the Church. These *Epistles* would have been delivered by hand by trusted members of the Christian Church and often, on receipt, would be copied and distributed even further. None of the writers of the 21 Epistles could ever have imagined that their letters would, one day, become part of our canon of Scripture.

Fourteen of the twenty one Epistles are attributed to Paul, although some scholars believe a small number of these were written after his death and then attributed to him. Paul wrote most of his letters to the churches he had founded in Syria, Asia Minor and Greece to support and teach them. The letters followed a pattern, opening with a greeting, then moving onto Paul's teaching, before finishing with business matters - often targeted at a named individual. Some of his later letters to churches were written while he was imprisoned or under house arrest. The other seven Epistles in the New Testament are attributed to individual disciples and to James - who was believed to be a brother of Jesus.

Alan Jones

(Lay Reader)



Poppies

It was 100 years ago this month, on 11th Nov 1921, that Remembrance poppies were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries to commemorate military personnel who died in war.

Amid the mud, blood and carnage of trench warfare in World War 1, tens of thousands of bright red poppies had grown, marking the graves of the fallen. This led John McCrae, a Canadian army physician who had lost a colleague, to write "In Flanders Fields",

*In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly.*

This image inspired the adoption of a red poppy as the symbol of all soldiers who had died in conflict. In the UK they are sold by the Royal British Legion to raise funds for current and former members of the British Armed Forces. Around 30 million poppies are sold each year.

Remembrance
Poppies
Sold
Countries
Commemorate

Military
Personnel
Mud
Blood
Carnage

Trench
Warfare
Thousands
Bright
Red

Graves
Fallen
Flanders
Fields
Symbol



Nigel Beeton writes: November is also the month of remembrance, made more poignant this year by the recent withdrawal from Afghanistan. Was it a waste? It's not for me to say, but the gallantry shown by our armed forces can never be a waste. We, like their families, are so proud of what they did in the name of freedom. I cannot think of a more appropriate poem than the one that I wrote in 2009 in response to the loss of our soldiers out there, O Gallant Youth:

O Gallant Youth

Through long dark years our young have fought and died,
In Freedom's name our country's foes defied;
Now in Remembrance they are glorified,
O Gallant Youth, we owe so much to you.

Though they were young, when came their country's call,
Ready they were to stand up strong and tall.
They did not flinch when asked to give their all,
O Gallant Youth, we give our thanks for you.

*Rows of graves, with headstones white
Tributes to our gallant men,
From Sun's rise till it sets from sight
We'll always remember them.*

Though they know well how high the price before –
Legions of men and women lost in war –
Our young today are standing firm and sure!
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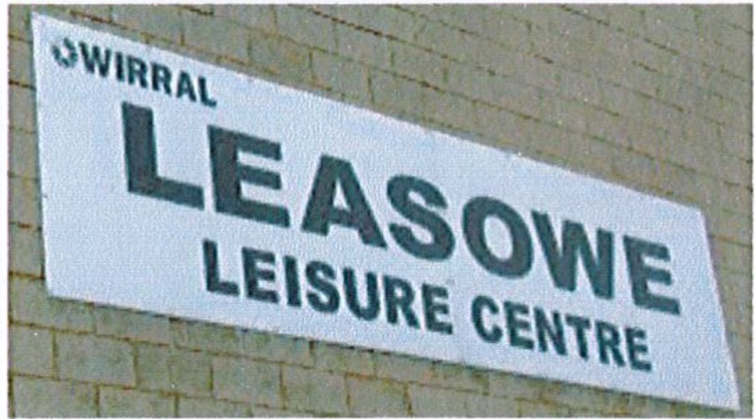
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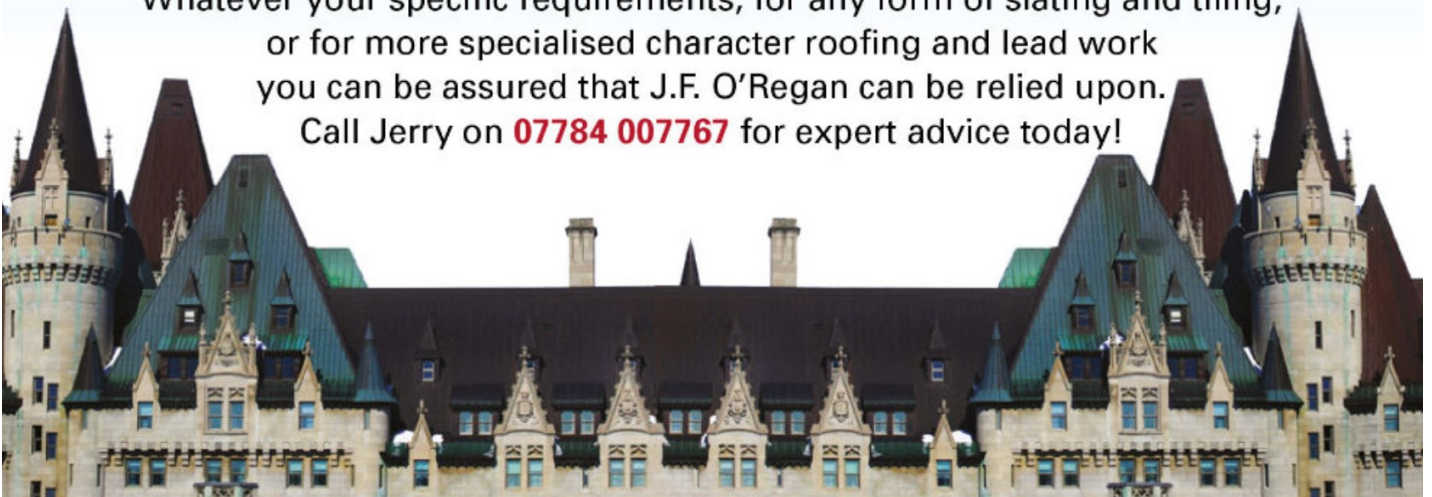
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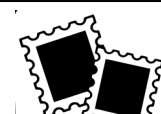
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NOVEMBER 2021

The new pattern of services is-

- 9.00am BCP HC at St Bartholomew's – every week
- 10.30am service every week:-
 - 1st Sunday – HC at St Barts
 - 2nd Sunday – All age at St Chads
 - 3rd Sunday – MW at St Barts
 - 4th Sunday – HC at St Chads with Junior Church
 - 5th Sunday – Baptism at St Barts – or HC if no baptism booked
- 6.30pm ZOOM Evening Prayer
- Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chad's – every week

This pattern will be reviewed by the PCC in 6 months time
and may change to fit around major festivals.

The PCC would encourage people to choose whatever services are going to work for them, so some people will choose to go to 10.30am whichever building it is in, others may choose to attend the earlier service or midweek service some weeks.

Having fewer services will mean that we have enough volunteers to make them possible. It will give us opportunities to get to know people from other congregations and increase fellowship. It should mean that there are more people present at each service which will be an encouragement for everyone.

SERVICES IN CHURCH:-

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

Sun 31st October	9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am MW at St Chad's
Sun 7th November	9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am HC at St Bart's
Sun 14th November	9.00am BCP HC at St Bart's Remembrance Sunday: see page 7 for details of later services and Act of Remembrance
Sun 21st November	9.00am BCP HC at St Bart's 10.30am MW at St Bart's
Sun 28th November	9.00am BCP HC at St Barts 10.30am HC at St Chad's & Junior Church

Every Sunday 6.30pm ZOOM Evening Prayer
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