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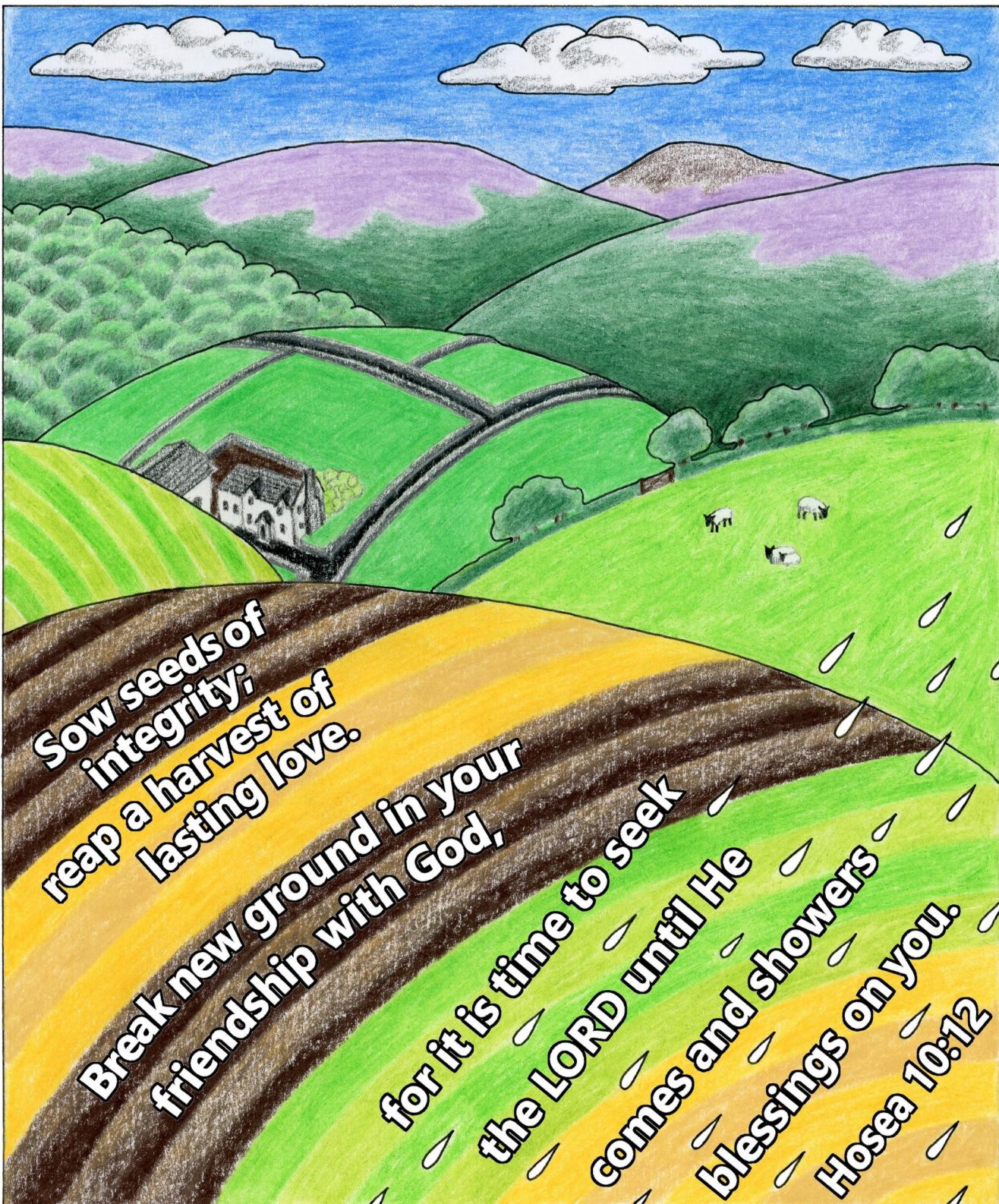
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Sow seeds of integrity;
reap a harvest of lasting love.
Break new ground in your friendship with God,
for it is time to seek the LORD until He comes and showers blessings on you.
Hosea 10:12

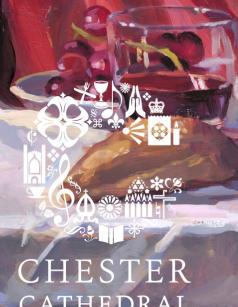
GLOBAL IMAGES of CHRIST

Saturday 25 September -
Saturday 30 October 2021

A landmark exhibition of over 40 enlightening works of art, sculpture and images to challenge our perceptions as to how Jesus Christ and other people of faith are depicted by people of different ethnicity, race and colour.

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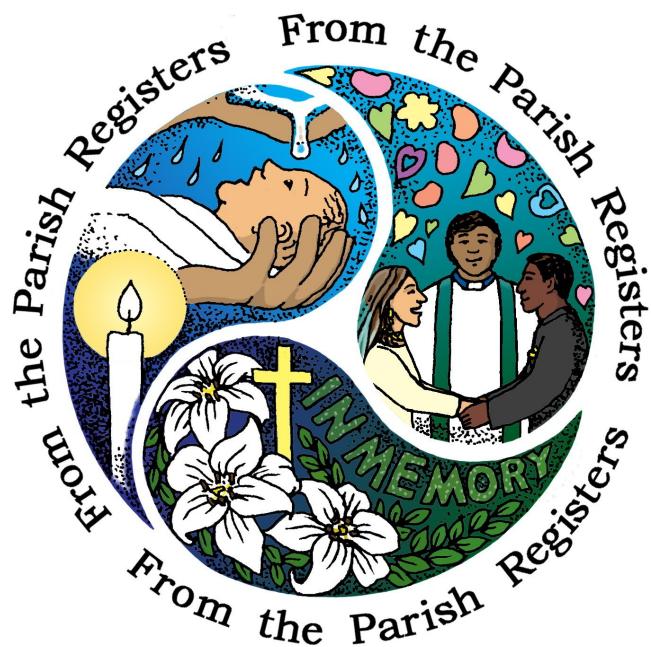
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Funerals

24th Sept - Andrew Hutson

From Your Rector

As we celebrate Harvest this month, let's take a quick look at the Parable of the Sower. (Mark 4:1-20). It's the story of a farmer who sowed his seed in different type of soils. These represent the different responses of the heart to God's Word (v15-20):

- The hard heart: 'like seed along the path...as soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.' (15). Some people, when they hear the message, get distracted eg social media, work or relationships. Personal priorities prevent them from hearing God.
- The shallow heart: 'like seed sown on rocky places...since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.' (16,17). These are the people whose heart isn't open to the message. When things become uncomfortable or discouraging, they are ready to quit.
- The crowded heart: 'like seed sown among thorns...but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.' (18,19). This soil is most relevant for us today. People crave status, comfort, security and personal desires alongside the things of God. It's a heart that is worried about life getting out of control!
- The open heart: 'like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop - some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.' (20). This represents the open heart that listens and accepts Jesus's word, and is ready to follow Him however difficult things become.

What kind of soil is our heart? Are we hard, shallow, crowded or open? Do we have a heart of faith to follow Jesus in every aspect of our lives?

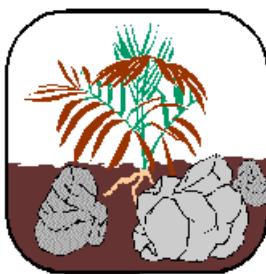
Revd Jane

The Parable of the Sower

The Seed is the Word of God



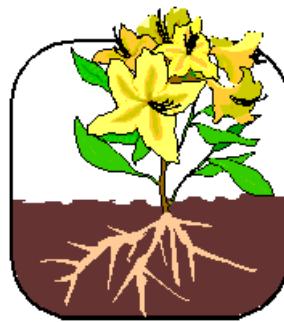
The Path



The Rocky Soil



The Weedy Soil



The Good Soil

What type of Soil are You?
Is God Growing in Your Heart?

Creation Care Course 7.30-9.30pm Thursday Evenings ONLINE

This 4-week Creation Care Course is a unique collaboration between The Diocese of Chester, HeartEdge, Melanesian Mission UK and Southampton University. We will provide you with vital information about climate change, its impacts on people, and reflect on our role as Christians in taking practical climate action.

Week 1: Caring for Creation (7 October 2021, 19.30-21.00), we will take a theological perspective on creation care and tackling climate change, using bible studies and a wide range of theological resources.

Week 2: Understanding Climate Change (14 October 2021, 19.30-21:00), we will look at climate change, its drivers and impacts from a scientific perspective.

Week 3: Living Climate Change – Stories from Melanesia (21 October 2021, 19.30-21.00), we will learn about the effects of climate change on people and draw upon examples of climate impacts and human responses in Melanesia.

Week 4: Taking Action – Caring for the Environment, Caring for People (18 November 2021, 19.30-21.00), we will hear about various options for climate change mitigation and adaptation that we can take as individuals, as parishes and as a Christian community.

If so, you will need to go to the diocesan website and book for each week separately - with strong encouragement from the diocese that you book for all four. The links are part way down the following page of the website:-
<https://www.chester.anglican.org/cop26/cop26.php>

Revd Jane has booked and would be happy to chat, about what we discover and learn, with anyone else who decides to join - do let her know if you book!



**Please bring any of the items listed below
to our Harvest Services on Sunday 3rd October,
or drop them into the box in the foyer at St Chads
(in front of the office) by Sunday 10th October**



HARVEST LIST 2021



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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| * Tinned Potatoes | * Packet / Cup a Soup |
| * Tinned Fruit | * Shampoo |
| * Sugar | * Toothbrushes |
| * Fruit Squash | * Jam |
| * Coffee (small) | * Rice Pudding |
| * Tinned Tuna | * Instant Mash |
| * Custard | * Biscuits |
| * Washing up Liquid | * Rice Pudding |
| *Size 6 Nappies | * Toothpaste |



We have plenty of BEANS, PASTA, TEA & SOUP thank you.

MANY THANKS



Charity No. 1167967



Harvest Appeal 2021

Dear Supporters,

Due to the success of last year's Appeal with Supporters donating money, we are offering that again as well as donating food.

This will enable us to continue providing essentials to our young people who may be experiencing difficult times, or who have little or nothing to start off with on move in.

How will it work?



Using donations, we will purchase essential food supplies



Food will be delivered directly to site, reducing the handling process



We will make food bags for people moving in, for those in difficulty, or awaiting benefits

How to Donate

Donations can be made in the following ways:

By Cheque, made payable to:

Forum Housing Association

And posted to: 24—28 Hamilton Street,
Birkenhead, Wirral, CH41 1AL

Online bank transfer:

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| Name of bank: | NatWest |
| Account name: | Birkenhead Forum Housing Association Ltd |
| Sort code: | 60-23-17 |
| Account number: | 03163296 |
| Reference: | Harvest Appeal |

As always, we so grateful for your continued support, especially during this difficult time

Thank You

Ruth's Reflections

Autumn is here again. Time is a funny thing, this year seems to have flown by, but it seems to be forever since the time when we had never heard of Covid 19. Sometimes I find it hard to remember what life was like back then, when we didn't have to live with the underlying anxiety of catching the virus. However in many ways things seem to be almost normal now – most things have re-opened and certainly the traffic has returned to pre-pandemic levels. There are times when I think with nostalgia of the first lockdown in the spring of 2020, when it was so peaceful, the sun always seemed to shine and the only sound in the skies was the singing of the birds.

I have been going out a lot as real meetings have recommenced and consequently I am doing fewer zoom meetings. It is much more of an effort to go out than switch on a computer though!!

We are ringing for the Sunday services at St Barts, but only for the 10.30am service. It was thought that the local residents would not be too happy if we rang at 8.30am for the 9.00am service. On the alternate weeks we are still practising with the handbells.

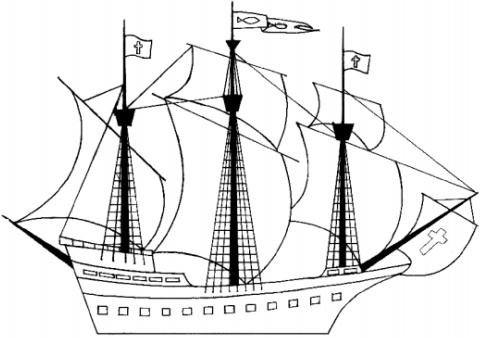
I haven't been doing much in the garden, the weather hasn't helped, but I have continued to harvest my fruit and veg. I have had a good crop of tomatoes and beans. The lettuces are now over but the cucumbers got eaten by some small creature. I have cooked and frozen a lot of the apples, plenty of apple crumble this winter. I am still waiting for the pears to ripen.

I am still hoping to move, hopefully before Christmas but nothing is signed and sealed yet, so I am just praying that it all goes well. My conversations with God have certainly gone up a notch! I will update you next month.

I don't think I have anymore news, but I can't finish without saying "Thankyou" to Pat for her lovely note, it was so nice and helpful to receive.

Take care and stay safe everyone.

Ruth.



Foundation Governor Vacancy at Dawpool CE (Aided) Primary School September 2021

We are looking to appoint a foundation governor at our school and would like you to consider whether you could serve God in this way.

Governors play a key role in ensuring that the children of our community develop both academically and spiritually within a distinctive Christian ethos. We are looking for people who are able to support the school in its understanding and development of the Christian aspects of its work and are willing to commit time and effort to supporting the educational development of the children in the school. You do not have to be an educational expert as you will be given help in developing such skills, and training is available on all aspects of school governance. What is important is a willingness to commit to the role and an ability to ask questions whilst working with others to ensure the best outcomes for the children by challenging and supporting school leaders in equal measure. School governance uses the experience of people from many walks of life and if you work in business, have an interest in finance or have experience of working in a variety of situations then you could make a valuable contribution to the work of the school governing body.

Governing body meetings take place once or twice a term with smaller subcommittees held termly or as needed. Membership of any committee will be based on your interests and experience. If you would like further information, please contact Revd Jane who will be willing to talk through with you what it's like being a foundation governor and how it all works.

Christian ministry can take many forms and we strongly feel that church school governance is an important part of the church's mission. We have many families linked to our school and an opportunity to share the Christian message with many who may not have any experience of the Christian faith. We would therefore encourage you to ask God if this may be the work that He is calling you to do. It is a requirement that Foundation Governors are members of a Christian Church and regularly attend worship services in that Church.

If you would like someone to pray with/for you, or if you feel that you could take on this very important role, then all we ask is that you fill in a form which is available from Revd Jane and who will discuss this with you further. We are especially keen to hear from anyone who can offer skills relating to finance / business / data, as this is the skill gap being left by the outgoing governor. However, we would also love to hear from you if you can offer enthusiasm, commitment and other skills. We would like to know if you are interested in the role now or possibly in the future.

GOD IN THE SCIENCES: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Every person was once a sperm and an egg. Those two unique germ cells fused together, and in nine months they turned into a living, breathing, human being. One of the most important stages of this process is when each section of the body, from head to rump, takes on its identity.

In this context, identity means what shape it takes, and which limbs or internal organs grow there: legs or arms, lungs or pancreas, and so on. The source of that physical identity is DNA: the networks of genes that are switched on or off in each segment of the body, making all the proteins that are needed to grow and develop in the right way. The master-genes that control the whole process are called homeobox, or Hox genes for short.

The most beautiful thing about the process of body patterning is the way it brings the dimensions of time and space together in such a tidy way. The Hox genes are organised into several clusters on the chromosomes, in the order in which they are needed during development *and* the order in which they appear on the body.

As the embryo develops, the cells near the head end activate the first genes in the Hox clusters. The cells just below the head then switch on the second genes in the cluster, and so on. A wave of gene activation passes down the embryo, specifying each section of the trunk in turn.

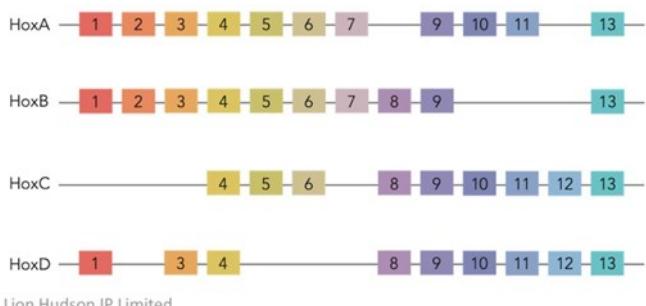
Once a Hox gene is switched on it can stay switched on in the next few sections of cells, and it is the overlapping activity of the genes which gives each section of the body its proper identity.

The Wisconsin-based developmental biologist Jeff Hardin often quotes Psalm 139 to express the wonder of embryonic development. *“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb...your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 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.”* The story of the tidy Hox genes is very relevant to these verses, bringing out the hidden beauty in the process.

The more biologists get to find out about how we came to be born, the more we can say, “*I am fearfully and wonderfully made!*”



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Reflected Faith Series: Sacred Things

Last month we thought about the bread we share at the Communion table. But what about any bread that is left over – regardless of the type of bread or wafer used?

During the service the bread and the wine are ‘consecrated’. That is, they are set aside for a specific purpose, in this case to be the body and blood of Christ. Because to Christians this is so very special, indeed ‘sacred’, we treat the unused bread and wine with special care.

No-one leaves very precious things lying around in case of theft, damage, or misuse. And so it is the same with the consecrated elements of bread and wine. When they have not all been consumed by the congregation, it is important that the surplus is dealt with in ways that honour the meaning that we give and receive from them. In most denominations they are consumed immediately, in others they are returned to the earth or given back to nature.

Sometimes, at the end of a service, you will see that some bread and wine has been deliberately kept aside to take out to those who are sick, or for use at a service where no priest will be present, and this then must be stored. So, the question arises – what vessels will be used?

The ‘pyx’ – literally a box – is the name for the container for the consecrated bread. Its size depends on the amount that it needs to contain; for taking to individuals in their own homes it is usually small enough to fit in the palm of a hand.



Although these can be especially bought from church suppliers, made in a variety of metals with embellishments, precious stones, enamel work and so on, you can actually use any container that fits the purpose.

This month

Have a look around your house and ask yourself, ‘What container would I use for a pyx?’ And thinking of containers, how about yourself? Do you and your life need a bit of cleaning and polishing to hold the bread? Are you aware how precious you are in God’s eyes as you receive the bread? The Bible says that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit – an awesome, sacred calling.

GOD IN THE ARTS : 'Spread over us the tabernacle of your peace, O God'



For nine days at the end of September Jewish families will have gathered to celebrate the festival of Tabernacles. It is always a happy season as adults and children alike join for their Harvest feast. Many churches will be having their own Harvest Thanksgivings at the beginning of this month. We know this was a custom revived by Parson Hawker in the Victorian period, but its roots lie in that Jewish feast which Jesus Himself knew and celebrated.

Each family erects a tabernacle or tent in the garden or back yard. They will have their meals and spend time there, relaxing with one another. The roof of each tabernacle might have branches of trees covering it, hung with fruits and fragrant flowers. The children decorate the tent with drawings and pictures.

Because it is only a temporary building for that time of the year, and because the roof is fragile, it is a reminder of the journeying of the Israelites in the wilderness when their safety rested on the goodness of God. It was God who watched over the people then. It is God who watches over them now and watches over the earth, so that it is fruitful, providing food for their health and happiness.

This feast is the subject of this month's picture by Simeon Solomon. He was a Jewish

artist, born in London in 1840 into a family of artists. He made his own reputation through meeting the Pre-Raphaelites and the poet, Swinburne. Solomon was a colourful character of that period, whose life sadly ended in poverty and alcoholism. But this wood engraving was made early on in his life in 1866. It is part of a series illustrating Jewish customs, which Solomon provided for 'Leisure Hour.'

We see an elderly person on the left making his way into the tent, and at the other side a mother leading her children. The walls outside are adorned with palm branches and inside the tent a feast of fruits and food await them. The young boy seems hesitant, wondering what he will find and clinging to the hand of his mother. But all is well, for inside other members of the family are there to welcome them.

Solomon conveys the domesticity of this feast, and the young boy outside reminds us that Jesus Himself would have celebrated this feast with Mary and Joseph. They would also have gone up to Jerusalem to join the thousands of pilgrims there, as Jesus was to do later in His adult ministry. Each pilgrim would carry a branch of myrtle, palm and willow in one hand and a citrus fruit in the other, symbols of the fruits of the promised land. The air would be full of hosannas and praises to God.

Like the Jewish families at the Feast of Tabernacles, we shall gather for our Harvest Thanksgivings. Like them, we shall thank God for His faithful goodness in the past. Like them, we shall look ahead to the coming of God's kingdom, where God who feeds us now in food and drink will nourish us eternally. Like them, we shall proclaim, 'O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the one who trusts in Him.'

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.childrenssociety.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



General Timetable for the morning

9.30am Session starts - General Play and Craft activity out
10.45am Snack Time (drinks provided, please bring your own snack)
11.00am Tidy up Time
11.10am Story and Song Time
11.30am Session Ends

St Luke – the doctor who brought good news

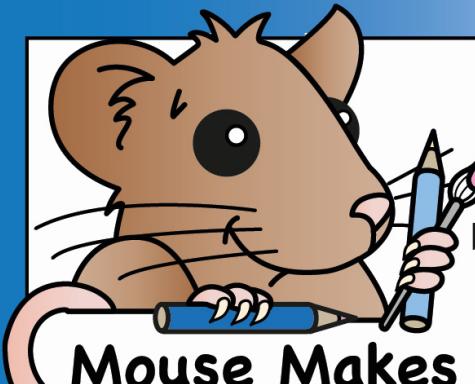
This month we remember St Luke (18th October), the author of the third gospel and the Book of Acts. Throughout his writing Luke makes clear that the good news of salvation is available to all people regardless of their gender, social position, or nationality. It is believed that Luke was a doctor, and he certainly sees the importance of healing in the ministry of Jesus and the Church. The signs of the presence of God's kingdom include the healing of sickness, hurts, as well as unforgiveness.

This is evident when Jesus sends out the 72 disciples in Luke 10, a reading for St Luke's Day:

'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field... When you enter a town and are welcomed eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.' (Luke 10:2,8). What challenges do we find in these verses?

Firstly Luke, as a **Gentile** (a non-Jew) recognises the revolutionary way outsiders are welcomed into the faith community, e.g. Zacchaeus (Luke 19) and Cornelius (Acts 10). How can we engage with those who are outside the community of faith? We have to avoid the tendency to regard ourselves as insiders! As we reach out to those who are ready to welcome the gospel, we have an opportunity to share good news and healing in the name of Jesus.

Secondly, as an **Evangelist**, Luke wants us to share the love of Jesus with all those we encounter. However, as these verses indicate, this has got to be rooted in prayer, if we are going to be led by God in our response to others. '*Mission is seeing what God is doing and joining in'* (Rowan Williams).



Mouse Makes

"Come with me across the lake,"

Jesus said to his disciples, so they got into a boat and set out. While they were sailing Jesus slept.

A big storm *blew* across the lake and the boat began to fill with water. They were in **great** danger.

The disciples went to Jesus and woke him. They said, "Master, mater, we are going to drown!"

Jesus got up and gave a command to the wind and the waves, “Be *still*, be *calm*.”

The wind stopped and the lake became calm.



Read the story in *Mark 4: 35-41*



A word search puzzle grid containing the following words:

- CQJELWB SWAMPED A FC
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ASLEEP • WAVES • BROKE • OVER • SWAMPED • DANGER • WOKE • DROWN • QUIET
STILL • WIND • STORM • WATER • SUBSIDED • CALM • FAITH • FEAR • OBEY • WHO

The Minister is Tired

*Sent to Revd Jane by a colleague who found here:-
Beaker Folk of Husborne Crawley: The Minister is Tired (cyber-coenobites.blogspot.com)*

If you could just give the minister a moment.
These times have been hard
reading regulations
installation of sanitisation
Adding things,
cancelling things,
changing things,
exchanging things
Putting things away,
taking them back out - we know more today.
Studying virology,
epidemiology,
crowd psychology,
eschatology
Hybrid services, with cameras overheating.
The odd virtual meeting
While half say "it's nice doing face to face",
And others refuse to be in the same place
as anyone who's not triple-vaxed,
vacuum-packed,
shrink-wrapped
in HazMat suits.
You wouldn't believe the scenes
looking at countless Zoom screens
Then remembering on the third Wednesday it's Teams
because Zoom fails to work on Jenny's Chromebook.
Holding virtual hands with the dying.
Checking the latest rules on hospital visiting.
Uncle Jim's funeral by the graveside
because Aunty Joan won't go inside.
Wedding guests that won't go masked
no matter how nicely asked
Even with Grandma's condition
and the bride's dad's only in remission.
(And the changes to the Wedding Regs
have left the minister running on the dregs
of energy
and sanity,
and stability,
and mental agility.)

And no chance of rest
from the Lateral Flow Test.
Communion in the hand?
On the tongue?
In the garden?
Bring your own?
And the inside, outside, all the sides
in Covidtide.
People who worship in masks,
Those who focus on irrelevant cleaning tasks
Those who are scared stiff by the news
Those so reckless, they're licking the pews.
Trying to discern
what is this normal to which everyone wants to return
So if the minister looks a little gray
at the Zoom Communion today
please don't think
it's your screen needs adjusting
it's her colour balance on the blink.
It's been a long time.
And the minister is tired.

Sorry, Lord, I just couldn't make it

The bells ring out on Sunday morn,
O did you hear their call?
They call the faithful ones to prayer
To Church they summon all.

But Lord, I cannot come today,
I live a busy life,
Still, when there's something
special on
I'll try and send the wife.

It poured with rain last Sunday
An inch or two, I bet.
You surely can't expect me then –
I'd get my new suit wet.

Today the sky is blue and clear,
but the car's as black as ink.
And if I do not clean it soon,
What will the neighbours think?

You know I do my bit, dear Lord
I have a golden rule,
I sometimes send my kids along
To be at Sunday school.

But I really couldn't come as well,
There's grass to mow, and beds to
weed
Shelves to fix, a dog to walk, and
Sunday newspapers to read.

And now this day has ended, Lord
How fast the weekends go!
I ask for faith and strength this
week
For I feel (spiritually) quite low.

Inflame, O Lord, my feeble faith
My lamp burns rather dim,
For God depends on me, of course,
And I depend on Him.

Author unknown

Nigel Beeton writes: I loved books when I was a child. I read book after book, and learned my love of the language at a tender age. I think ‘Biggles’ was my favourite! Maybe I should have been reading Psalm 119, but I promise that I did read that, too!

Remember the Stories?

Remember the stories that we used to read?
Heroic adventures – we loved them indeed!
We'd read in the garden, if wet, in the porch,
Or under the covers at night with a torch!

Our fingers would avidly trace lines of text
Of what Katy Did, and what she Did Next.
And, starting this journey along Mem'ry Lane
We can't forget Biggles, up there in his plane!

We laughed and we laughed at Jennings at school.
Tormenting his teachers by acting the fool.
Just William's young friends, and their latest trick –
“I'll scream and I'll scream till I make myself sick!”

Black Beauty the horse brought a tear to our eye –
Some stories brought laughter, and some made us cry.
Like Paddington Bear, and the things he would do
Arriving by train from Darkest Peru.

There was Noddy, and Rupert, and Peter Pan, too;
The woodland adventures of Winnie-the-Pooh;
Little Women and Crusoe and Chalet School Girls;
Just So – all such stories were wonderful pearls!

This poem could go on for page after page
If your favourite is missing, please don't fill with rage –
Just nip to the loft, and dig through that box,
And sit down and read – ignoring the clocks!

By Nigel Beeton

Like a pumpkin

A lady had recently become a Christian and been baptised. Curious, one of her colleagues at work asked her what it was like to be a Christian.

The lady was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer. Then she saw the office 'jack-o'-lantern' on a nearby desk and blurted: "Well, it's like being a pumpkin."

Her colleague asked her to explain that one. So she said: "Well, God picks you up out of the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins.

"Then He cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside you. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all to see.

"It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine, or come inside and be something new and bright."

Are you something new and bright? Will you be smiling today, and shining with His light?



"But, Mum, if the vicar wasn't coming here Trick-Or-Treating, why did she still take the chocolates I gave her?"

Need a Meeting Room?

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

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hallbookings@thurstaston.org.uk

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<https://www.thurstaston.org.uk/hall-and-room-hire/>



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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.

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Richard Farrell recommends Open House West Wirral.
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Open House West Wirral and Jenny Booth

Patsy Coen Brady recommends Open House West Wirral.
January 29

With Open House, we received an offer on our house in days and we completed less than 2 months later. Alan knows what he's doing, has contacts waiting for the right property, and is a very nice man! We will definitely use him in the future- this is the way that all estate agents should work.

Open House West Wirral and Vicki Roberts

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 us a lovely bottle of champagne as a moving in present. Thanks again X"

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OCTOBER 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
 - 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

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| Sun 3rd October | 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts |
| Harvest | 10.30am HC at St Bart's |
| Sun 10th October | 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts |
| | 10.30am All Age at St Chad's |
| Sun 17th October | 9.00am BCP HC at St Bart's |
| | 10.30am MW at St Bart's |
| Sun 24th October | 9.00am BCP HC at St Bart's |
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| Sun 31st October | 9.00am BCP HC at St Barts |
| | 10.30am MW at St Chad's |

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