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Faithful Lord, thank you that we have been given all we need to live as your children and that, no matter what we may be called upon to face, we can be sure that your grace is sufficient for all our needs, because your power is made perfect in our weakness.



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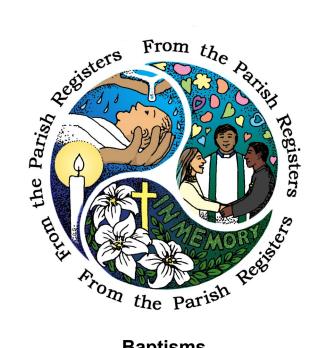
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From Your Rector

This month we focus on healing, as we remember St Luke (18th October), who was a doctor by profession. The healing of the paralytic man by Jesus (Luke 5: 17-26) gives us some key principles for healing for our lives, as the man was lowered to Jesus through the roof!

Faith:

It was the adventurous and persistent faith of man's four friends that brought him to Jesus to be healed. Jesus was the focus of their faith, as they trusted His ability and willingness to transform the man's life. We are also called to such trust, exercising faith in a great God!

Wholeness:

Jesus' first words are surprising, "*Friend your sins are forgiven*" (20). Before anything else, Jesus wants the man's relationship with God to be right. God wants to bring wholeness to our lives, including spiritual, emotional, relational, as well as physical healing. Often, He needs to deal with sin, hurt, unforgiveness, guilt or fear before physical restoration.

Authority:

Jesus challenges the Pharisees with the question, "Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?" (23). By healing the man's legs, Jesus not only confirms that He has authority over sin and sickness, but that He is truly God. We can confidently bring all our needs to Him prayerfully 'in the name of Jesus'.

SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard St. Luke was born in Syria and trained as a physician. He was also one of the most extensive writers of the New Testament. In addition to his gospels, he also wrote the 'Acts of the Apostles.' He was one of 'the seventy' and worked with St. Paul, traveling to Rome and converting Jews and pagans to Christianity. He was also with Paul during several of his confinements. Luke is also Credited with being a prolific painter, Creating many works of Mary and Jesus. St. Luke is known as the patron saint of artists, physicians and surgeons. He died at age 84 in Boeotia SHERRAN

`Almighty God, You called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the through and the Spirit wholesome medicine of the gospel, give Your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.' (Collect, Common Worship).

Revd Jane

This letter has been sent to those who I know have been bereaved in the last 12 months, but anyone who has experienced bereavement in the past couple of years (or longer) is welcome to come:

I am writing to invite you to come to a special

Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on Sunday 30th October 2022 at 6.30pm at St. Chads, Roslin Rd, Irby

I come into contact with a lot of families who are going through the sad and difficult circumstances of bereavement. Sometimes the loss of a loved one helps people to come to faith and there are many people in church today who came back to God as a result of bereavement. But often I never see bereaved families again, and as much as I would like to, it is almost impossible to carry on caring for you all after the funeral service.

However, we are holding a special service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. This will be a quiet, reflective service in which we will remember our loved ones by name and say thank you to God for the good times we shared with them throughout their lives. In this service we will be reading out a list of names of those you would like us to remember, and so if you would like your loved one to be mentioned by name please fill in the form below and return it to me.

Please feel free to extend this invitation to other members of your family.

Yours sincerely,

Rev'd Jane Turner

An Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

I/We are able / unable to come the service and would like you to remember:-

Name of the deceased:

Your Name:

Your Address:

Please return to:- Rev'd Jane Turner, 77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, CH61 3UB

A weekend of Thankyou's



on Friday 16th September to Karen Robson for service as Chair of Governors at Dawpool



and on Sunday 18th September to Margaret Fletcher as she retired from active ordained ministry.

This is no trick! You're in for a treat! Bring a pumpkin to carve and we'll have sweets to eat!

PUMPKIN PARTY

St Chad's Church Monday 31st October 2022

6.00-7.30pm

FAMILY FUN, PARTY GAMES, PUMPKIN CRAFTS, TREATS and a CAMPFIRE

€2.00 per child - payable on the night

Please bring a small pumpkin per family and tools with which to hollow and carve your pumpkin.

Please phone 648 8169 or e-mail office@thurstaston.org.uk by Fri. 21st October to let us know you are coming.

No witches, wizards, ghouls or other scary costumes – Thank You!

With October, autumn is underway – the leaves are turning gold, the chilly nights are closing in and the shops are full of Halloween things. Our ancestors were frightened of the dark and cold of winter, and feared that evil things might attack them. So they lit fires and wore frightening masks, to ward off evil spirits. But Christianity taught a much better way: it taught that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that when He died for us on the cross, He overcame all the powers of evil that there are. So we don't need charms to ward off evil, we just need to turn to Jesus in prayer. He will protect us from any power of darkness that menaces our lives. The Psalms say that He is our shield and protector!

Autumn Gold Night Dark Pumpkin Sweets

Saints Goodness Saving Prayer Protection Light

Jesus Son fearless School Exams Half term

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

Next event:

Wednesday 19th October 8pm: "Horse Sense"

Future Events Thursday 17th November 8pm: "Little Eye Photography" with Roger Ellison. Back by popular demand in time for

Christmas

All Welcome, members, non members, family & friends

Prayer Room at St Chad's

This space has been created for anyone to use for prayer. You are welcome to drop in whenever the parish office is open (usually Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings).

Revd Jane will be saying morning prayer usually on Monday; Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9.00am and you are welcome to join her.

Community groups using the hall will also have access to this space.



Reflecting Faith: the Cross in our churches

I recently read a web article which was wondering if Christians actually need a 'cross' in our church buildings; or indeed if they were unhelpful in our worship. The major argument against having one, it seems, was that it could become the focus of our worship, and it is not okay to worship idols.

To me this argument is nonsensical. The cross is a graphic reminder of what Jesus Christ has done for us in His death. No one in their senses would dream of worshipping a cross itself, as it was the most humiliating and debasing form of capital punishment – it was a means of gruesome execution.

Christians use crosses in churches to remind people of just how far Jesus was prepared to go to rescue us from what St Paul called 'the dominion of darkness'.

So this Sunday, why not have a look around your local church building, and count how many crosses there are?

I would expect there to be 'hidden' crosses where the building was consecrated, and also under the altar itself. There will also be various paperwork, service books, sheets and hymnals which all have the sign of the cross on their covers.

Perhaps you have candle holders with crosses sculptured into them. And in most Protestant churches you will see a cross on or above the altar table itself.

Many processions of choir and clergy will be led by a raised cross bearer. And In churches where the Bible is processed into the nave for reading during a service, a cross is also carried.

People turn to face these processions as they travel without necessarily understanding which part they are facing: the Cross, the Bible or the Person?

The answer is – we follow the Word of God – the Bible - *not* the cross.

The same is true in any procession. We stand to honour the clergy in their role as Christ's servants, not the cross which may be held aloft before them.

This month

Have a look around your church building – both inside and outside for crosses. What materials are they made from? How extravagant or glamorous are they? Are they Crosses (an 'empty' cross) or Crucifixes (this has a representation of Christ hanging on the cross)?

How do they aid you in your worship and how much do they reflect your faith?



Christian Basics No 10: How can I resist evil?

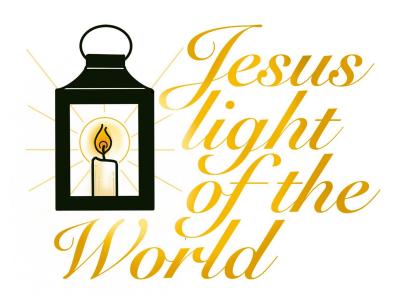
With Halloween coming up, we shouldn't forget that Satan's existence is assumed throughout the Bible and Jesus prayed 'deliver us from the evil one') Lord's Prayer). Paul adds: 'For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms') Ephesians 6:12).

The spiritual world directly affects the physical, when evil powers oppose God's work. However, God is sovereign and evil can only operate as He permits. We cannot blame Satan for our own wrong choices! 'There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall into about devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.' (CS Lewis).

How does Satan operate in our lives? By spoiling God's work in us (John 10:10) By hindering our spiritual understanding (2 Corinthians 4:4) By sowing doubts into our minds (Matthew 4:3,6) By tempting us to break God's law (Genesis 3:6)

How do we resist evil? On the cross Jesus secured victory over Satan, 'And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross') Col 2:15). Although Satan is still active today, his power is broken and he will be destroyed when Jesus returns. In the present we should put God first in our lives: 'Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you') James 4:7). Making Jesus our Lord, gets Satan on the run!!

'There is no neutral ground in the universe: every square inch, every split second, is claimed by God and counterclaimed by Satan' (CS Lewis).



GOD IN THE SCIENCES: - .Continuing the Celebration!

On 9th-16th October this year many people around the world will be celebrating the Jewish festival of Tabernacles, or Sukkot. They will celebrate the Harvest, and also remember God bringing the Israelites out of Egypt and through 40 years in the desert.



The biblical book of Deuteronomy contains a description of what Tabernacles should have been like back then. "Celebrate... for seven days. Be joyful... you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites, the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns."

These festivals were not just a celebration, but also an expression of gratitude to God: "celebrate the festival to the Lord your God...For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete." Tabernacles was a proper holiday, with two whole days off normal work and seven days of feasting.

Farming looks very different today. Very few of us have had to sweat long hours over crops, so we're not as ready for (or deserving of) a rest and a party as our ancestors were at this time of year. That might be even more the case in future, as the agri-tech revolution unfolds. For example, small autonomous tractors are already becoming available that do less damage to the soil and make better use of steep or oddly shaped fields.

Many arable farms already hire contractors to do the routine work with large specialist GPS-equipped machinery. In future years those people might find themselves using very different kinds of high-tech kit, acting more as land-management advisors, helping farmers to gather data and to find ways of improving soil quality, biodiversity and the water cycle.

I'm very grateful for the food that arrives on my shelves. Instead of worrying about whether or not we earned it, our modern-day Tabernacles or Harvest celebration could include ways of encouraging those involved in agriculture and developing new agricultural technologies, as well as enjoying how we can learn about and benefit from God's creation through Science.

So, after you celebrate Harvest at church, why not follow it up with a trip to a local farm this month? Why not learn from the ancient Israelites, and follow it up with a meal together? It stands to reason that those of us who live in countries where food is plentiful and cheap could do with being proportionately more generous in our gratitude and giving. Should we throw better parties? Probably!

GOD IN THE ARTS : I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES UNTO THE HILLS



"The artist should not only paint what he sees before him, but also what he sees within him." These are the words of a German romantic painter, Caspar David Friedrich, who lived from 1774-1840.

The inspiration for most of his paintings was the countryside and the world of nature around. As he looked at its beauty and grandeur, it awoke in him feelings of wonder and awe, which he expressed through his art.

At the age of 34 he painted a cross in the mountains as an altarpiece for a church in Dresden: the first time a pure landscape had been used for an altar. Later in 1811 he painted a similar, but more profound and more moving work: 'Morning in the Riesengebirge.'

Friedrich was a great walker and climber, and he loved the mountains of East Saxony depicted here. The first rays of the sun are coming over the horizon to illuminate both the beauty of the hills, and the tall crucifix placed on the mountain top. Friedrich looked at the glory of nature at sunrise and saw there a sign of God the Creator, and God the one who sent His Son to redeem that Creation.

Like Caspar David Friedrich, and like the psalmist, we can look to the hills and see the glory and greatness of God. This will be the theme for many of us this month with Harvest celebrations. But we give thanks for creation and the bounty of the world at a time when we hear reports of glaciers melting, water levels rising, greenhouse gases warming up our planet, and resources of food and fuel wasted and depleted. It is too easy to take this world for granted and imagine it is here solely for us.

Caspar David Friedrich invites us to look at the world, its beauty and greatness, as a gift to cherish, not to manipulate and exploit for our own use. As we look at this earth with eyes of wonder and gratitude, then we shall find the God who created and redeemed it, and ask what service and stewardship we can offer Him in the world.

Nigel Beeton writes:

"After more than two years of pandemic, my wife finally contracted Covid. Ironically she almost certainly caught it from a doctor at the hospital where she works. I never caught it from her! But she, like so many before her, suffered alterations to her senses of taste and smell, and I fell to considering how precious our God-given senses are. She has now tested negative, and I think my wife's sense of taste will return, but so many have lost one of these senses permanently, or, in some cases, were born without them. Do those of us who by the Grace of God have fully functioning senses really take the time to appreciate them?"

Five senses

It seems sometimes we live our lives Within our walls and fences So nothing of the world outside Can breach our strong defences; So fully do we concentrate On stresses and expenses We fail to quite appreciate Our five God-given senses.

Just touch and stroke a cat's soft coat And smell a fragrant flower, The taste of honey in your throat A song's inspiring power! The sight of rolling countryside Of nature, gently thrilling Just let your senses be your guide To daily joys fulfilling.

For sometimes, through our ailing health Our senses are denied us No doctor's skill or plenteous wealth Can put them back inside us; So if you have your senses, five Thank God – and daily use them Part of the joy to be alive – And one day we may lose them. Nigel Beeton writes:

Her Majesty had a very long life, didn't she? I kind of stupidly didn't really ever come to terms with the obvious fact that she would always be my Queen! But we prayed 'Long live our noble Queen' every time we sang the National Anthem, and God really did answer that prayer, and we should give thanks for that.

A Long Life is Ended

An aged heart flutters And ceases to beat A long life is ended But not in defeat!

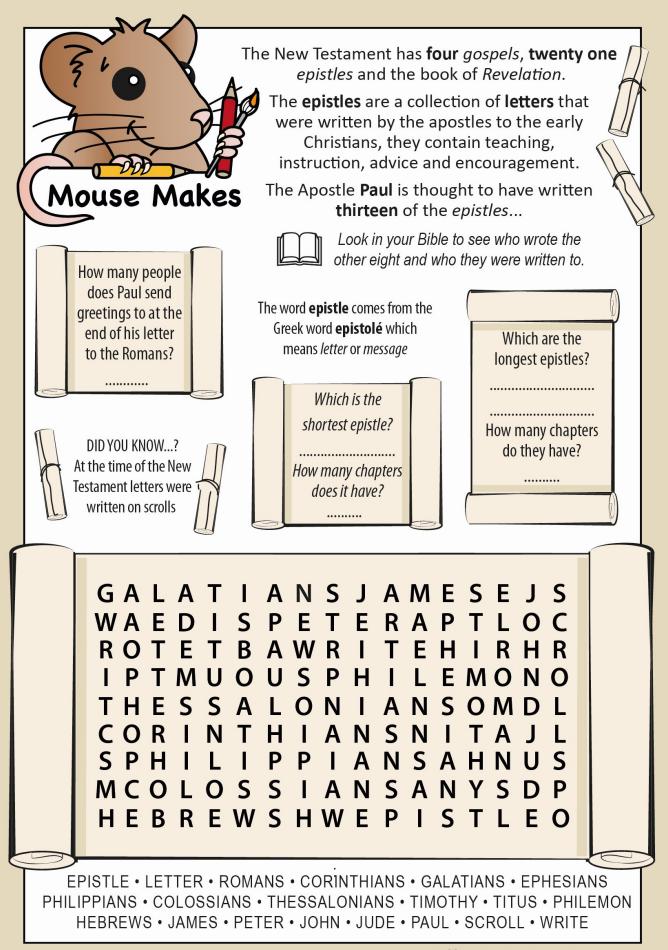
For ninety-six years Of duty and love A long life inspired By her God above!

For seventy years The crown she did wear And "Long live the Queen!" – God answered our prayer!

But now she is with Him God's true to His word We'll ask Him for guidance For King Charles the Third!







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As I write this it is the day before the Queens Funeral. What an unusual time this has been, it is definitely the end of an era and has had me remembering her Coronation, my father brought a television specially for it, all the neighbours came in and my mother complained she hardly saw any of it as she was so busy making cups of tea for everyone!

All the work on my new house has now been completed, except for redecorating and that can wait until next year!

I have decorated the kitchen but that was necessary after all the work done in there. It is now looking really good and it is so nice to have a cooker that works properly. I have just about found a home for everything, although I might change my mind about what goes where, time will tell!

The garden is looking good, the landscapers did a lovely job and now I have filled the beds with flowers and a few shrubs it is looking colourful. It is very quiet here and as one of my friends remarked, the garden is a little haven of peace. I have missed growing any vegetables and fruit especially strawberries. They are the one thing I have really missed from my last house.

I have had a few days out lately, which have been very enjoyable, but as winter looms nearer and nearer these will become fewer and fewer. Speaking of winter, I haven't made any plans for Christmas yet. I think it will be very quiet this year, one daughter is gong away and the other is on duty Christmas night and Boxing night.

I have however been thinking about holidays, apart from a few days at my sisters I haven't had a holiday for 4 years and after all that has gone on over the last 15 months I feel I need one. I hope to go away with a couple of friends and discussions about when and where are on going. Watch this space for our decision!

Quite a lot of ringing has taken place over the last week for both the Late Queen and the new King and tomorrow, Monday, we will be ringing prior to the funeral. It is good in a small way to feel involved with all that is taking place.

I will finish this in a different way this time

GOD SAVE THE KING.



Could anyone who has a Children's Society Box please deliver their house boxes to St Chad's or St Bartholomew's for counting. If anyone requires a box to be collected from their home, please contact

Jean Heath (648 6015) or Barabra Kozer (342 8039).

There will be a coffee morning for the society on Saturday 5th November from 10am at Barnstables, 233 Irby Rd, which is open to all, but we would like the boxes ASAP please.





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CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday 19th November 1pm to 3.30pm



We all enjoyed the Christmas Coffee Morning last year as we crept back to some normality. This year I have planned a similar but slightly bigger event.

In the hall will be independent stalls. At the time of writing, Claire House Christmas Cards, Bodyshop Toiletries, W.I. Christmas goodies, Maralyn's Christmas Makes, Dilys' Christmas Crafts and Cheryl's Christmas goods. Church will be running a refreshments, cake stall and a raffle.

In the extension will be Children's games and crafts.

At this stage the Guides are serving refreshments, so I need volunteers to help on the Raffle, Cakes, Children's games/crafts and volunteers to help set up and clear away. I also need donations of Raffle prizes, cuddly toys and cakes.

If you can help please let me know, THANKS

Julie

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Did you know.....

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

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St Chad's Hall Booking hallbookings@thurstaston.c	org.uk	Adoption Society Representative Mrs Chris Rostock	648 1112
Evening Mothers' Union (EMU) Mrs Chris Rostock (Secretary)	6481112		-

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.

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October 2022 SERVICES

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

EVERY Wednesday 10.30am HC at St Chads

Sun 2nd October	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's
Sun 9th October	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
	10.30am All Age Service at St Chad's
Sun 16th October	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
	10.30am Morning Worship at St Bartholomew's
Sun 23rd October	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
	10.30am Communion at St Chad's (with Junior Church)
Sun 30th October	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's
	10.30am Communion at St Bartholomew's
6.30pr	n Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving—see page 5

Sun 6th November9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's10.30am Communion at St Chad's

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