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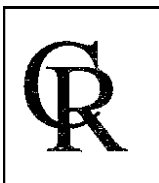
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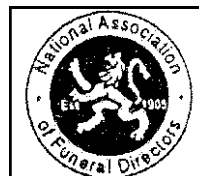
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Taken from the Sunday sermon on February 9th 2014

It's very easy to romanticise the gospel, to take Jesus' words literally and to squeeze them into our own experiences. But the world of first century Palestine is not just different to twenty-first century Britain; it's a massive cultural leap away. The modern world moves on at enormous speed and the churches struggle to come anywhere near keeping up. We happily proclaim that the followers of Christ are still called to perform acts of justice for the poor and the homeless, and yet the churches nationally and internationally continue to treat whole groups of people unjustly.

Last year we held our stewardship campaign; we talked about money, we talked about people and faith, we talked about mission. And it's because of that and because of all the work and commitment of that experience that we have invited the Bishop of Manchester to come and be among us for our mission day at the beginning of March, as we seek to further explore the way forward for the church of Christ in this place.

I hope that as many people as possible will come. Don't be scared by the day or by the word mission; it's not about knocking on doors, it's not about one small group of people trying to change the whole world, it's not necessarily about doing new and different things.

But it is about facing reality. It is about looking honestly at what we do and pondering if we could do some things better or if we could do more of some things. And it's about doing that with the help of Bishop David who is immensely experienced and, I would guess, very practical. I hope he will help us all to see that which we can't see too clearly by ourselves, because we are too close to it.

The Christian community has a past and a history in this place; it's done many things and it's been many things to many people, and all of that is of great value and all of that is to be celebrated. The past is good, it's our building block, it informs us, it informs our journey as a church and most importantly of all it informs our future as a church.

The past is good, but the past cannot be our present.

Just as there is a whole cultural leap between the world of first century Palestine and twenty-first century Britain, so there is a whole other, but equally valid, cultural void between the Edwardians who created this building and we who worship here today. Our Edwardian forbears would not recognise the moral and social dilemmas which face the modern-day Christian; they wouldn't recognise the world in which we live out our faith.

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The past is good, but the past cannot be our present.

We must deal with the reality of here and now and we must consider whether we are ready to build on where we've been and who we've been as a church, so that we can move to where we can be, so that we can become *what* we can be, without any preconceived notion of what the reality of that might be.

The message of the salt of the earth and the message of the light of the world – the message of Christ – must surely be, 'make a difference in the world'; not in the world of a time long gone, but look out from the walls of the building and make a difference in the world as it is today; and by so doing, create the building blocks for the church of the future.

Reverend Elizabeth Davies
Priest-in-Charge

First World War Anniversary

The 4th August 2014 marks the beginning of WW1 from which we have 102 casualties listed on our War Memorial. We are hoping to mark the occasion with an exhibition of war memorabilia, such as photographs, medals, letters, etc., centred around the War memorial Chapel.

If you have any items which you think may be of interest, please let us know.

Muriel Hargreaves
John Davies

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday morning in the hall.
11am – 12 noon
(tea/coffee from 10.30am)

Thursday evening in the hall.
8pm – 9pm

Everyone is welcome.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK AT ST CHADS LADYBARN



Ash Wednesday
5th March at 8pm
*Eucharist with
imposition of ashes*

AGAINST THE ODDS

True Stories of
Forgiveness
and
Healing

CARMEL THOMASON

Holy Week
14th - 18th April

**Monday, Tuesday
and Wednesday**
*Eucharist with
reflection, 7.30pm*

Thursday
*Eucharist with
reflection, 7.30pm
with vigil until
10pm, followed by
Compline.*

Good Friday
*Service at the Cross
at 11am*

Lent Course

12th March (Holy Innocents)

19th March (St Chads)

26th March (Holy Innocents)

2nd April (St Chads)

9th April (Holy Innocents)

7.15pm to 9pm

OF MICE AND MEN

John Steinbeck

This is a very, very special book, a heartbreaking story, set in America in the 1930's. Written in concise and focussed language, Steinbeck examines the themes of loneliness, racism, sexism and disability. The Californian ranch, on which most of the story takes place, is every ranch, and it is peopled by characters of every type and every attitude.

It is a powerful comment on the lives of the dispossessed.

The story centres on itinerant farm workers, the inhabitants of a ranch bunk house, and in particular, two friends, George and Lennie. They all have hopeful dreams of a different life, but that is all they have. Some are physically disadvantaged as a result of accidents on previous farms, others are emotionally handicapped by a lack of opportunity, or their own limitations and attitudes. Steinbeck offers little hope that the lives of these men will ever improve, and even less hope, that they will ever be in a position to control what happens to them.

The book was written in 1937, when 'The Great Depression' was still influencing all aspects of rural life in America. The writing is mesmerising, pulling the reader emotionally into the story, and the tragic ending evokes a reaction which will be permanently engraved in the memory.

We loved this book, and it scored 9.2, one of highest scores our Book Club has given.

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Parish Day with Bishop David

Saturday 8th March

Following on from last year's stewardship campaign, on Saturday 8th March Bishop David Walker, Bishop of Manchester, will be visiting St Chad's to help us to spend some time thinking about our faith, our mission and our future. We are very fortunate to have Bishop David join us so soon after he has begun his ministry in Manchester; I hope that as many people as possible will make this day a priority, come along and meet with the bishop and be a part of our shared exploration of the future for our church.

The timetable for the day will run something like this:

10.30 am refreshments

11 am Morning session begins

12.30 pm Lunch

1.15 pm Afternoon session begins

3pm Prayers to close the day

Whether you are a regular member of St Chad's or an occasional visitor everyone is welcome to come along and share the day.

DIARY FOR MARCH 2014

2	Sunday	10.00am 6.30pm	Eucharist Evensong
4	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Eucharist PCC
5	Ash Wednesday	10.30am 8.00pm	Bible Study in the Hall Eucharist with imposition of ashes
6	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Eucharist Bible Study Group (in the Hall)
8	Saturday		Mission Day with Bishop David (see separate notice)
9	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist
11	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Eucharist Ladies Group
12	Wednesday	11am -12 noon 7.15pm - 9pm	Bible Study in the Hall Lent Group at Holy Innocents
13	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Eucharist Bible Study Group (in the Hall)
16	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist
18	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Eucharist Book Group
19	Wednesday	11am -12 noon 7.15pm - 9pm	Bible Study in the Hall Lent Group at St. Chads
20	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Eucharist Bible Study Group (in the Hall)
23	Sunday	10.00am 11.30am	Eucharist Annual Parochial Council Meeting
25	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Eucharist Needlework Group
26	Wednesday	11am -12 noon 7.15pm - 9pm	Bible Study in the Hall Lent Group at Holy Innocents
27	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Eucharist Bible Study Group (in the Hall)

Tales from the War Memorial

HAROLD WILLIAM FRITH

Rank: Boy 1st Class
Regiment: Royal Navy
Unit/Ship: H.M.S. `Monmouth`
Service No: J/24216
Died: 1st November 1914
Age: 17
Grave/National Memorial: Plymouth War Memorial, Devon.
Memorial Ref: 2

Harold William Frith was born at 23 Egerton Street, Fallowfield, the son of William and Elizabeth Frith. In 1911 he was living at 16 Rippingham Road, Withington, an apprenticed watchmaker. He is also commemorated on the Didsbury and St Paul`s Church, Withington, War Memorials.

At the outbreak of the war HMS `Monmouth` was sent to the 4th Cruiser Squadron (the West Indies Squadron). She participated in the Battle of Coronel off the coast of Chile on 1st November 1914. Out-matched and with an inexperienced crew, she was quickly overwhelmed, being unable to use many of her guns due to the stormy weather. The entire crew was lost on All Saint`s Day, together with that of HMS `Good Hope`, a loss of 1570 lives.

William Evan Yeats

Rank: Fifth Engineer Officer
Regiment/Service: Merchant Navy
Unit/ship: m.v. Henry Stanley (Liverpool).
Died: 7th December 1942
Age: 35
Grave/National Memorial: Tower Hill Memorial, London
Memorial-Reference: Panel 56

William Evan Butler Yeats was born in September 1907, the son of John W. Yeats (a cotton manufacturer), and his wife Jane, and a brother to Elsie and Amy. In 1911 the family was living at 75 Birch Lane.

1942 saw the height of the Battle of the Atlantic. m.v. Henry Stanley sailed from Liverpool to cross the Atlantic to the Caribbean and then proceed to Freetown, South Africa, and then on to Lagos In Convoy ON-149. On 6th December 1942 the convoy was dispersed and the vessel was hit by a torpedo from U-103, about 580 miles NW of the Azores. The survivors abandoned the ship and took to the life boats. The Germans took the master aboard and at 1-40 hours the ship was hit by another torpedo and exploded, and all the lifeboats were lost. 63 people died.

If you have any information on those commemorated on the War Memorial, please let me know.

John Davies

The Dreaded Driving Test

Sitting in a waiting room
Nerves a shredded mess
Waiting for the call of doom!
The dreaded driving test!

Then you're in the driving seat
Can't back out now – too late!
Just getting moving's quite a feat
Why must that gearbox grate?

"Please make it face the other way,
"By using reverse gears
"Then stop it quickly when I say
"And please dry up those tears!"

The whole thing passes in a blur
Although you've done your best
And then he says that "I concur
"That you have passed your test!"

By Nigel Beeton

Birthdays

Like climbing a tower for a better view,
or digging from rock the memories of earth,
birthdays reward the curious eye and mind.

Few other occasions reveal the worth
of that inner landscape of our lives:
the half-hidden road by which we came,
hedged with recollections; for the heart thrives
on each remembered face, saying its name,
identifying some turning of the mind,
picturing the place, as it retreads
the fossil dust of pilgrimage, hoping to find
some spot unvisited.

Today's sun sheds
little light on tomorrow's distant hill.
traveller, give your thanks and journey still.

Albert Radcliffe.

Saint of the Month,
29th March,
John Keble [1792-1866].
Priest, Pastor, Poet.

Today, John Keble is remembered for three things: His holiness of character; his leadership of the Oxford Movement and the poetry and hymns of *The Christian Year*.

Keble was the son of a High Church clergyman who in 1816 was himself ordained. His brilliance as an academic led to his becoming a Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, at the age of 19. He only came to national fame in 1833 when he preached on 'National Apostasy,' alerting his brother clergy to the dangers threatening the church by a reforming House of Commons which seemed set to make it just one national institution among others. The sermon became a sensation and the end of the political dominance of the Church of England in national life. It also led to Newman, Pusey and others joining together with him to launch the Oxford Movement which later became the Anglo-Catholic Party in the Church of England, and whose pastoral, theological, liturgical and social influence continues to this day. It was perhaps the last time that a sermon changed the course of English history. For a quiet, unassuming and reflective man it was quite an achievement and very Anglican.

The Christian Year was published in 1827 and by the time its copyright expired in 1872 had reached its 148th edition. No volume of English verse has ever been as popular. Every middle class English home had a copy and it led in 1831 to his being elected Professor of Poetry at Oxford. Keble's hymns, *New every morning; Blest are the pure in heart; Sun of my soul, thou saviour dear* are still sung.

Though temperamentally unsuited for conflict, unlike his friends Newman and Pusey, Keble's views were always controversial. Not surprisingly, he was never offered preferment but happily remained a conscientious parish priest. Keble College is named in his memory.

Little of his controversial life is reflected in his poetry which was nearly always lyrical in form and re-assuring in content. The weakness of the poetry of the Oxford Movement was its tendency to express sound Christian teaching and experience at the expense of more poetic and risky considerations.

Albert Radcliffe.

BIBLE QUIZ

- [41] Where in the Bible would you find the words, 'the greatest of these is charity.'
- [42] Who was Onesimus?
- [43] What was the number of the beast?
- [44] Who wrote the book of Lamentations.
- [45] Who led the Children of Israel to the Promised Land?
- [46] On what island was St Paul shipwrecked?
- [47] Who was the father of John the Baptist?
- [48] Of which Jewish sect was Nicodemus a member?
- [49] Who defeated the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel?
- [50] Who healed St Peter's mother-in-law?
- [51] What was the name of the Hebrew slave who solved Egypt's food crisis?
- [52] Which ancient empire captured Jerusalem in 587 BC?
- [53] Which Roman governor tried and executed Jesus?
- [54] What was the name of Adam's murderous son?
- [55] Who tied lighted torches to foxes tails?
- [56] Who led the Children of Israel across the river Jordan?
- [57] On which mountain did Moses receive the Ten Commandments?
- [58] Where did St Paul hope to visit had his missionary journey's continued?
- [59] To whom did St Paul write, 'Let no one despise your youth?'
- [60] By what other name was Bethlehem known?
- [61] For how much did Judas betray Jesus?
- [62] Where would you find the book of Ecclesiasticus in an Anglican Bible?
- [63] What grew in the Garden of Gethsemene?
- [64] Which of David's sons most famously led a rebellion against his father?
- [65] Which prophet went into exile in Egypt?
- [66] Which apostle was leader of the disciples?
- [67] Which prophet was swallowed by a great fish?
- [68] How many men were fed by the five loaves and two small fishes?
- [69] Which psalm begins 'The lord is my shepherd?'
- [70] Which is the longest psalm?

Contributions for the Magazine

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Tuesday	07.30pm	Holy Communion
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion

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08.00am	Holy Communion
06.30pm	Evensong

IN THE HALL

1st Tuesday	08.00pm	PCC
2nd Tuesday	08.00pm	Ladies Group
3rd Tuesday	08.00pm	Book Group
4th Tuesday	08.00pm	Needlecraft Group

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