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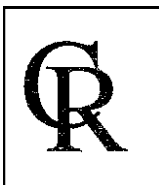
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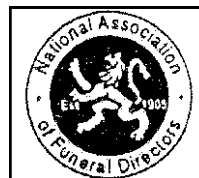
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Light One Candle: by Edward Echlin (Used with permission)
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Is there any point in my struggling to live sustainably when so many - including emerging nations - are indifferent to the earth's worth and restraints? Nearly 10% of precious European soil is covered and sealed. And the bulldozers continue to roar. I care, but what good does it do?

Are not my actions, like myself and my thoughts, dismissed like seeds in a gale?

What good are my frail efforts at personal and community sustainability? Mother Teresa agreed that one's efforts were only a drop in the ocean, but added that the ocean would be smaller without that drop. The anthropologist Margaret Mead, when asked if the actions of a few committed persons could change the world replied, 'It's the only thing that ever has'. Robert F. Kennedy said that 'each of us can work to change a small portion of events, in the least of these actions will be written the history of this generation'. When we live sustainably locally, in community with others who share our ideals and efforts, we are part of a holistic countercultural movement offering hope and light.

When families who have lived on ancestral land for centuries leave their hereditary fields, as they do in parts of Africa, Asia, South America, and even in the west today, the world and its future grow darker. As Indian farm woman Chandramma said sadly, 'A farm without seeds is like a home without light'. But each of us can be a candle. And we all know the saying: 'It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness'.

People of all religions, and of none, wonder if they make a difference. Do my little acts matter? The biblical scholar C.F.D Moule said he was asked this question more than any other. He replied, 'Nothing is wasted, all good acts contribute to the approaching kingdom'. Even in dark times all good actions, no matter how slight, burn brightly.

We may be a drop in the ocean, a candle lit in the dark, but, in Christ and together, we can win.

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World War 1 Commemorative Book and Exhibition **News about Heritage Lottery Award!!!!**

Over the past few months you may have read in the magazine that we have been putting together a bid for a Heritage Lottery Fund award for the cost of producing a book and exhibition to commemorate the outbreak of World War 1 and the men of Ladybarn who lost their lives during this conflict and whose names are honoured on the tablet in our Remembrance Chapel.

We are delighted to announce that the Fund have now informed us that we have been successful in our bid and we have been awarded an amount of £9,800, which will meet the full cost of the project.

We have been delighted by the response from the congregation and various friends of St Chad's who have offered photographs, memorabilia and information about their own ancestors and we will now be gathering in these items, in order to finalise our plans. We would like to offer our thanks to all those who have already contributed to the project and also to ask all of you to continue to search for anything which you may have. Please ask your relatives and friends too. All items loaned to us for the period of the exhibition will be recorded and kept safely, then eventually returned to their original owners.

Work has now begun to put together the exhibition and John Davies has been working on the content of the book for a number of months now.

Look out for more news about the book and exhibition in July's Magazine.

WW1 Project Group

BURNAGE AND LEVENSHULME OPEN GARDEN'S

Including St. Chad's Community Wildlife Garden

Sunday 22nd June

St Chad's Community Garden will be open to visitors
from 11.00a.m to 5.00p.m.

Volunteers needed to look after visitors

St. Chad's Church Ladybarn

Presents

A FASHION SHOW

By

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From the Registers...

Holy Baptism.

We welcome into God's family:

There were no Baptisms in May

Holy Matrimony

We asked God's blessing on the marriage of:

There were no Marriages in May

Christian Committal

We commend to God's safe keeping the soul of:

There were no Funerals in May

Weekly collections (Includes plates and envelopes)

April 6th	£1353.00
April 13th	£627.37
April 20th	£325.33
April 27th	£391.28

ILLUSTRATED TALK ON 'PICTISH STONES'

By

Anne Mauraide Hamilton

Friday 20th June

At 7.30p.m.

In the Hall

Proceeds to the Organ Restoration fund

Refreshments available

On Sunday 29th June 2014

Dr Peter Scott will be ordained deacon at a special service at Manchester Cathedral.

It's always a very special and important event for a parish when a member of the congregation is called to the ordained ministry and we wish Peter every blessing for his future ministry.

We all have a chance to say goodbye to Peter after the Sunday morning service on Sunday 22nd June with a parish lunch in the hall.

Peter will serve a curacy at St John's the Evangelist, Old Trafford and we hope that he will accept invitations to come and preach, and after he is ordained priest to preside, here at St Chad's in the future.

Friday Group

The faithful few, of which I am one, continue to look after the church and grounds every week. I sincerely hope that when you come to church on Sunday or any other time, the work we do is apparent. The trouble is that there are not really enough of us to do all that is sometimes necessary especially at Christmas when we have extra things to do. The other problem is that we are all getting older and will not be able to carry on indefinitely. So I am appealing to anyone out there who can spare an hour or so on a Friday at about 10 am to just turn up. It is not all work, we have a good time and finish the morning with tea and biscuits and cake and put the world to rights.

Pam Race

DIARY FOR JUNE 2014

1	Sunday	10.00am 6.30pm	Eucharist Evensong
3	Tuesday	7.30pm	Holy Communion
4	Wednesday	10.30am 8.00pm	Bible Study in the Hall (Tea/Coffee 10.30am)
5	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bible Study Group (in the Hall)
8	Sunday Pentecost	10.00am	Eucharist
10	Tuesday	7.30pm	Holy Communion
11	Wednesday	11am -12 noon	Bible Study in the Hall (Tea/Coffee 10.30am)
		7.45pm	Fizz Fashion Show in Church
12	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bible Study Group (in the Hall)
15	Trinity Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
17	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Book Group
18	Wednesday	11am -12 noon	Bible Study in the Hall (Tea/Coffee 10.30am)
		7.30pm	Deanery Synod at William Temple
19	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bible Study Group (in the Hall)
20	Friday	7.30pm	Illustrated talk by Anne Mauraide Hamilton on "Pictish Stones"
21	Saturday		Open Gardens
22	Sunday	10.00am 11.00am-5.00pm 12.00noon (Hall)	Holy Communion Open Gardens Charity Event Parish lunch to mark Peter Scott's ordination and last Sunday at St.Chad's plus John Milner's 65th birthday
24	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Evening Prayer Needlework Group
25	Wednesday	11am -12 noon	Bible Study in the Hall (Tea/Coffee 10.30am)
26	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bible Study Group (in the Hall)
29	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion

In the cathedral for those with tickets, ordination service for Peter Scott

**Please note that the next PCC meeting is on
Tuesday 1st July at 8pm**

ORGAN RESTORATION UPDATE

What happened with the previous application to the Heritage Lottery fund?

Last year the Heritage Lottery Fund rejected our initial application for £100,000 towards the £125,000 cost of restoring our historic organ. However, they did encourage us to try again, an encouragement repeated at a meeting held with them in January.

Consequently, we are now going round the grants 'route' in the opposite direction, applying to other grant-giving bodies first, and then applying to the HLF. So far, we have received one definite offer of a grant, one 'conditional' offer and three rejections. One application remains outstanding. At the point we hear from the final grant body, we will go and speak to the HLF again.

We have also applied to the Diocese for a formal Faculty to permit the work to take place. The first stage of the Faculty process is consideration by the Diocesan Advisory Committee, which has approved the proposal.

When will the work start and how long will it take ?

Before work can start, all the following need to happen, in this order :

1. We need a promise of sufficient grants from non Heritage Lottery sources.
2. We need a promise of a grant from the HLF. Together, these promises plus any amounts raised by St Chad's need to cover the estimated total costs.
3. We need to settle final costs and a contract with the selected restorer.
4. The restorer will need to fit us into his existing work schedule

Currently, we are expecting a decision on the final non HLF grant application by the end of July. If we have sufficient promises, will then apply again to HLF - their decision-making process takes 2 -3 months. We also expect to have our formal Faculty by then.

Once all the promises of money are 'in place' and a contract agreed, the contractor will need about 6 months to fit us into his work schedule. During this time we will have to satisfy various HLF requirements, such as giving talks on the organ, hosting school visits, producing explanatory material etc (for which we will require congregational assistance, please). Thereafter the work on the organ itself will take between 6 and 8 months to complete.

If all goes to plan, a start-on-site in early 2015 would be anticipated.

If anyone has any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to me or any other members of the Organ Restoration Sub Group.

Robert
Chair - Organ Restoration Sub Group

STRAWBERRY TEA

Our annual Strawberry Tea will take place on:

Sunday 13th July

2.30pm - 4.30pm

We will begin with a short time of readings and prayers in the garden at 2.30pm to celebrate the second anniversary of its dedication, followed by tea with strawberries and cream, scones and cakes.

Everyone welcome.



BUFFET LUNCH

On Sunday 22 June, Peter Scott will be preaching at what will be his last service at St. Chad's before he is ordained deacon. It will also be the Sunday closest to my 65th birthday when I will be at St. Chad's. This combination provides an excuse for a little party. The congregation is cordially invited to a buffet lunch on 22 June, from 12.00 noon in the Hall. This will be a nice occasion for everyone to get together socially. An external caterer is providing the food and will be setting everything out so there will be minimum preparation. Those who normally do all the work will, hopefully, be able to sit back and enjoy themselves!

It will be particularly nice for people to get together to thank Peter for his many contributions to the life of St. Chad's and to wish him well in his ordained ministry.

John Milner

**This Month's Saint.
28th June.
St Irenaeus, c130-200.
Bishop of Lyons,
Teacher of the Faith,**

One of the remarkable things about the early church was that it was able to attract and hold some of the most able minds of the age.

Irenaeus, whose name means 'Peace', was probably born at Smyrna, on the west coast of modern Turkey. As a young man he was much influenced by St Polycarp, the disciple of the apostle John, after whose martyrdom he fled to Lyons in south Gaul and so escaped the fourth great persecution of the church under the Emperor Marcus Aurelius in 162 AD.

As a peacemaker in name and nature, Irenaeus established himself as an able diplomat. He was sent to Rome to urge the Pope to be lenient in his treatment of a charismatic sect known as the Montanists and on his return to Lyons in 178AD was appointed bishop.

Irenaeus was peacemaker again in 190AD when he interceded successfully for the Quartodecimans whom Pope Victor III had excommunicated for keeping Easter on the wrong day.

However, it is chiefly as a theologian and historian of the early church that Irenaeus is remembered today. As a pastoral and missionary bishop he wrote to defend the Christian faith against the Gnostic heretics whose spiritual and intellectual elitism and claim to secret 'knowledge' [Greek 'gnosis'.] was winning many converts. His great work, 'Against all Heresies' helped to establish him as the first great Christian theologian after the New Testament writers.

Irenaeus was in many ways a conservative, defending the unity of the Bible and the importance of the bishop, especially in safeguarding the received tradition and teaching, but he also developed and extended what had come down to him. In particular, he emphasised the unity of God and the reality of the Incarnation. Here, his teaching on recapitulation was especially important: of how, in Christ, God had restored humankind's fallen nature to communion with himself, summing up all aspects of his self-revelation in the Old Testament. Irenaeus is worthy of commemoration among the Fathers of the Church.

Albert Radcliffe.

Food banks in the United Kingdom

Why are they needed?

For some people these are desperate times...13 million people live below the poverty line in the UK.

“We had to borrow a tin of soup from next door to stop our 18-month-old daughter from going to bed hungry.’ *Ann-Marie, Salisbury*

Every day, people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. Rising food and fuel prices, static incomes, under-employment, and changes and delays to benefits, are some of the reasons why increasing numbers are being referred to food banks for emergency food.

Food banks help prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems. A simple box of food makes a big difference.

Food banks provide a minimum of three days emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK.

In 2013-14 food banks fed almost one million people nationwide. Of those helped, 330,205 were children.

Why have churches led the way in setting up food banks?

Research findings suggest that the idea of ‘Faith in Action’ has encouraged many churches to take on, or support, food bank initiatives. This was similar to the way in which churches also led the way in promoting Fair Trade. From Case Study interviews there was a sense that social action such as this was at the heart of Christianity, and for many people support for a food bank was one means to ‘live out their faith’. Some key biblical passages are : Isaiah Ch 58, Micah Ch 6 v8, and Matthew Ch 25 v35-40.

As food banks are so often church-led there is also an excellent opportunity for the network to grow, given the very wide geographical spread of churches across the country. This spread has made it possible to find many people who are willing to commit to taking on such social action projects, because of their faith.

As many of us have heard, both Archbishop Justin Welby and our own Bishop David have spoken out about the unwelcome necessity for food banks, and that it is very appropriate for Christians to support them.

How is a food bank run?

A charity called the Trussell Trust works together with churches and communities to open new food banks nationwide. With over 400 food banks currently launched, their goal is for every town to have one.

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Schools, churches, businesses and individuals from local communities are all invited to donate non-perishable, in-date, food to the individual food bank organisers. The food is then sorted and made available to the clients.

Front-line care professionals such as doctors and social workers identify people in crisis and issue food vouchers. Clients receive three days of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food in exchange for their food voucher. Food bank volunteers also make time to chat and to signpost clients to other helpful services, if necessary.

What's in a food box?

Each food box contains a minimum of three days nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food. This often consists of breakfast cereal, tinned meat and vegetables, rice and pasta, rice pudding, custard and fruit, tea and coffee. Toiletries are also often very welcome. However, the requirements for different types of food will vary and guidance about donations will be regularly provided.

The Fallowfield and Withington Food Bank project

Union Chapel Baptist Church in Fallowfield, and St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Church in Withington, have just created food storage facilities in their Church Halls. They are also training volunteers to work in the food bank. This has been done with advice and practical help from the Trussell Trust. The PCC and Elizabeth have agreed that here at St Chad's we will be supporting this project.

Margaret Harrop is our link person to Union Chapel and she is keeping us in touch with all that is happening. We understand that those who run the Fallowfield and Withington Food Bank project would welcome volunteers to work in the food bank and also to provide gifts of food. Further details will be available soon.

Find out more at :

<http://fallowfieldwithington.foodbank.org.uk/>

Judy Fletcher



Contributions for the Magazine

If anyone has any articles to be inserted into future issues of the magazine please could you let Christine Hindley have your copy by the 15th of the month. If it needs typing Christine will need copy by the 12th of the month. Please do not send articles in PDF Format unless there are logos included in your article.

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REGULAR SERVICES

IN CHURCH

Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	07.30pm	Holy Communion
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion

Also on the first Sunday of each month:

08.00am	Holy Communion
06.30pm	Evening Prayer

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

Baptisms, Banns, Weddings or Funerals by arrangement with the Vicar.