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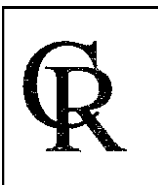
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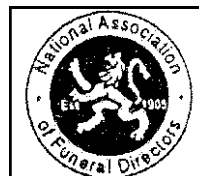
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September 2014

September sees the return of the Heritage Open Weekend and once again this year St Chad's will be taking part. It's a good opportunity to invite people from the local community and beyond into the church to see the progress we are making as a worshipping community, to witness the care we offer to those in need, to find a sacred within the community where each person can offer their prayers and thoughts to God, or simply find a space for reflection and, this year, to visit the exhibition commemorating World War One. In past years the wildlife garden has been very popular at this event and it will be open to visitors again this year.

This year we will be open from 11am – 4pm on Saturday and from 2pm – 4pm on Sunday. There will be tea/coffee with scones and cake on offer in the hall from 2pm – 4pm on both days and in church we will have a table of books and a table of homemade produce for sale, along with a Fairtrade stall. Saturday and Sunday will both open and close with short prayers in church when those who are helping in the various places can gather together for a short time of reflection.

Everyone is welcome to help out and to take part; please do think about offering some time on either or both days to do one of the following,

- ◆ Look after the church and take money for books, produce and Fairtrade goods.
- ◆ Look after the World War One exhibition.
- ◆ Help in the kitchen with serving tea/coffee and cakes.
- ◆ Show people around the garden.

You can also help providing homemade cakes, biscuits, jams, bread etc. to sell on the produce table and by donating clean and good quality second-hand novels that can be sold.

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Heritage Open Weekend

13th & 14th September

Church, garden and exhibition open as follows

Saturday 13th September 11am – 4pm

Sunday 14th September 2pm -4pm

Books, produce and Fairtrade goods for sale

Afternoon tea in the hall from 2pm – 4pm Saturday and Sunday

Everyone is welcome so please do come along and support St Chad's for Heritage Open Weekend 2014.

**Reverend Elizabeth Davies
Priest in charge**

CHOCOLATE HOUSE VISIT

The ladies group year finished on a high note in July as we made a return visit to the Chocolate House in Burnley. This is a very small firm which employs only three people and make only hand made chocolates from Belgian chocolate. They use about 5 tonnes of it every year.

Our visit began with a taste of chocolate and a hot or cold drink. This was followed by a demonstration of decorating hand made chocolates which were then packaged into 3 parcels and raffled.

It was time for supper after that which consisted of a variety of sandwiches and salads and several lovely desserts and, of course, more chocolate and a drink.

It was a very interesting evening and we managed not to get very lost!

Pam Race

A Note from John Milner

A year ago I acquired a small property in Whitby, North Yorkshire, and so fulfilled a long term ambition to have a base in what for me has been a very special place since a first family holiday there in 1963. Over the Sabbatical, I did not spend weekends there because I was committed to being at St. Chad's over that period. Since the New Year I have been spending some weekends in Whitby.

My main aim while I am there is to work on a writing project which has been on hold for a long time. I decided, however, that I wanted to contribute if I could to the life of a new community where I was planning to spend significant amounts of time. After discussions with the church over in Whitby and with the then Archdeacon of Cleveland (now Bishop of Whitby) who had an oversight for Readers in the Diocese of York, I now have the Archbishop's Permission to Officiate in Whitby parish and hope later in the year to have a licence jointly with the Dioceses of Manchester and York. I have taken a couple of services over there.

There are four churches in the Whitby parish. In two of them Matins is often the main service on a Sunday. This means that there is a call for Reader ministry in the area and I can draw on the experience of many years in the Chester Diocese where I regularly took Matins. This involvement means that I will not be at St. Chad's as much as I used to be, but I will still be there quite often and keep an active involvement, supporting Elizabeth where I can. It is my aim normally to be available to take Evensong at St. Chad's on the first Sunday of the month.

Any kind of move is difficult but, if I had not taken the opportunity which presented itself last year, it almost certainly would not have arisen again. I hope that this change will also refresh my Reader ministry. Elizabeth has been very kind, helpful and understanding and I am grateful to her for that support as a new chapter opens for me. I am, of course, very pleased that this arrangement will enable me to maintain active involvement at St. Chad's where I have been since 1997.

Elizabeth asked me to write this note for the Magazine so that everyone would know why I am not at St. Chad's as frequently as has been my normal practice.

John Milner

POVERTY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Although it can seem difficult for many of us to believe, every day, people in the UK just run out of money. This can be due to variety of reasons. A sudden job loss, an unexpectedly large bill on a low income, no work arising from a 'zero hours contract', delayed benefit payment, or the stopping of benefits altogether.

Lack of money can then lead to a serious downward spiral in someone's life. They may have no money for bus fares and so cannot get to job interviews, or benefit claimant interviews. They may have their electricity cut off and so cannot cook or heat water. They may even be evicted from their homes. All of the above can lead, in turn, to a deterioration in a person's mental health, and then their need for support increases further.

Social action on poverty is seen by many Christians as being at the heart of their faith. Some key biblical passages are : Isaiah Chapter 58; Micah Chapter 6 v.8, and Matthew Chapter 25 vs. 35-40. During August our own Bishop of Manchester, David Walker, together with other church leaders, spent some time visiting Christian Aid projects in Angola. Whilst they were there they experienced urban poverty at first hand, focusing on food, fuel, finance and shelter. They hope that this visit will help them to better understand the reality of urban poverty in the UK.

The visit to Angola also reflects the increasing importance being given by church leaders to developing a more connected approach to poverty, both in the UK and overseas. An interesting website about poverty is www.jointpublicsues.org.uk and the content of this website is currently being promoted at Chester cathedral. The Children's Society, which we have supported for many years at St Chad's, has produced a report highlighting the fact that around two thirds of children growing up in poverty are living in low-income working families. Their website also has excellent reports explaining the reality of child poverty in the UK.

Here at St Chad's, another way in which we are doing our best to support those in difficulties, is our involvement with the Withington and Fallowfield Food Bank. A big thank you for your really great contributions so far...they have been much appreciated. Food banks are known to help prevent crime, housing loss, and family breakdown. Evidence shows that a simple box of food can make a big difference. In 2013-14 food banks fed almost one million people nationwide, and of those helped, 330,205 were children. Keep up-to-date with our own food bank at <http://fallowfieldwithington.foodbank.org.uk>

I would like to give the final word to John Wesley ! In 1753 he said, "So wickedly, devilishly false is that common objection, 'They are poor, only because they are idle'."

Judy Fletcher

**In the words of John Leech MP, from the
South Manchester Advertiser, Wed August 13th 2014**

"World War 1 was dubbed 'the war to end all wars', and the Centenary events are a stark reminder that we have failed to learn the lessons from that war.

They focus our minds on current conflicts throughout the world and the devastation that war brings to the innocent victims of those conflicts.

It is important that politicians play their part in helping to deliver peace.

In Ladybarn, I was asked to launch the event to commemorate the men who lost their lives in World War 1, at St Chad's Church.

St Chad's are staging an exhibition and commemorative book about those men connected with the area and whose names are recognised on St Chad's World War 1 remembrance tablet.

The project brought together people in the community working together to preserve the memories and heritage of local people who lived through the Great War.

Volunteers collated photographs, newspaper clippings, documents, keepsakes, as well as family tales to help them build a clear picture of what life was really like.



This project is a fitting memorial to those who made the ultimate sacrifice 100 years ago. It will also be a permanent reminder to future generations of the price local people paid in the war that was supposed to end all wars. Well done to all those who played their part in delivering this legacy."

From the Registers...

Holy Baptism.

We welcome into God's family:

Holy Matrimony

We asked God's blessing on the marriage of:

Christian Committal

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

Edna May Burgess Thursday 7th August 2014

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The Woman in White **Wilkie Collins**

This book was written in 1859 by Wilkie Collins, who was a great friend of Charles Dickens. It was first published in Dickens' journal 'All Year Round' and became a great popular success. Collins was considered to be a master of serial writing. He created tantalising suspense, which persuaded his eager readers to purchase the next instalment of the journal. 'The Woman in White' appeared in book form, three years after the story had appeared in the journals and it has never been out of print, since that time. More recently, there has been a film made, and a play written.

When they were published, Collins' works were described as 'Sensation Novels' and are now considered to be the precursors of 'Detective Fiction'. Collins trained as a lawyer and in his introduction to the book, he compares evidence, given by various witnesses in a court case, to the viewpoints of the different narrators of this complicated tale. He was very sympathetic to women, and tried hard to bring their ill treatment to the attention of the public through his stories.

The book charts the romance between Walter Hartwright and Laura Fairlie and the intrigues of people who wish to thwart this relationship for their own gains. Into this maelstrom comes 'The Woman in White', Anne Catherick, who is actually the illegitimate daughter of Laura Fairlie's father. It is this relationship which is used to explain Anne and Laura's uncanny resemblance to one another. Anne has been cruelly incarcerated in an asylum, but she escapes. The villains kidnap Laura and return her to the asylum instead, telling the authorities that she is the escaped Anne Catherwick. As in all true romances, love does eventually triumph, but not before Sir Percy's dastardly secret is exposed and Count Fosco's evil plans are thwarted.

'The Woman in White' is one of the most successful of the 'Sensational Novels' of the period. It is characterised by tales of mystery and crime, and of sinister secrets, which are slowly uncovered in an atmosphere of great suspense. Even though the events are unlikely, they take place in commonplace settings, and it is this factor which gives such a feeling of authenticity..to the story

'This novel has become one of the highest scoring books we, as a Book Club have read. The same reason was repeatedly given for its popularity 'It is such a good story'

It scored an average of 9 / 10.

At our next meeting, we shall be discussing 'Cold Comfort Farm' by Stella Gibbons.

DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

2	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Eucharist PCC
4	Thursday	10.00am	Eucharist
7	Sunday	10.00am 11.30am 6.30pm	Eucharist Baptism Evensong
9	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Eucharist Ladies Group
11	Thursday	10.00am	Eucharist
13 & 14	Saturday and Sunday		Heritage Weekend (See separate notice)
14	Sunday	10.00am 11.30am	Eucharist Baptism
16	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Eucharist Book Group
17	Wednesday	11.00am - 12 noon	Bible Study in the Hall (Tea/Coffee 10.30am)
18	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Eucharist Bible Study Group (in the Hall)
21	Harvest Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist
23	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Evening Prayer Needlecraft Group
24	Wednesday	11.00am - 12 noon	Bible Study in the Hall (Tea/Coffee 10.30am)
25	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Eucharist Bible Study Group (in the Hall)
27	Saturday		Werneth Concert Band (see separate notice)
28	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist
30	Tuesday	7.30pm	Eucharist

**This Month's Saint.
19th September.
Theodore of Tarsus.
Archbishop of Canterbury 690.**

Theodore was a Greek monk, over 60 years old, with a reputation as a scholar and teacher, when the Pope, Vitalian, was looking for a candidate for the vacant See of Canterbury in the Saxon kingdom of Kent. One candidate, Wighard, had died and another, Adrian, had declined the offer, but Theodore accepted, was ordained and consecrated and in 669 AD became the 8th and one of our greatest archbishops.

Theodore was an organiser, he visited most of his province, built schools and found dioceses; sorted out the difficulties between St Chad and St Wilfred and called the first Synod of the Anglo-Saxon Church at Hartford in 672. His greatest achievement was to turn the church he found from the barely organised missionary church of St Augustine into the well organised and administered province of the Church of England we know today.

Of Theodore as a Christian man, Bede, the great historian of the early English Church tells us little beyond that he was one of the heroes of the early English Church. As the first archbishop willingly obeyed by his clergy, he clearly had gifts of leadership as well as an ability to get on with difficult people, saints included, and end quarrels amicably.

At his second synod at Hatfield, during the Monothelite Controversy, which was about whether Christ had one will or two, Theodore kept the church on the side of orthodoxy. Monothelism was the understanding that as Christ had two natures, human and divine, he therefore had two wills. The orthodox correction to this was that his human will was always obedient to the Divine, as in the Lord's Prayer, 'Thy Will be done.' .

In an age when few lived beyond 70, his death when he was about 87 testified to a rare vigour. Today, our Church is also going through a difficult time of doctrinal and organisational change with our 105 Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, in a not dissimilar situation to Theodore in the 7th c. May God grant him the same grace to see us safely through.

Albert Radcliffe

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.

Abert Radcliffe.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTHS QUIZ

[71] Methuselah lived for 969 years.

[72] The Hebrew name Emmanuel means 'God with us.'

[73] Moses sister was called Miriam.

[74] It was Porcius Festus who told St Paul, 'Too much study is driving you mad.' [Acts 25]

[75] It was Beneniah son of Jerhoidah who slew a lion in a snow pit. [1Chron 11:22].

[76] King Herod Agrippa beheaded the apostle James the brother of John.

[77] Nehushtan was the brass serpent in Numbers 21:4-9 said to cure snake bites.

[78] Jesus mother Mary sang the Magnificat.

[79] Bezalel was the chief workman in the building of the tabernacle. [Exodus 31:1-6].

[80] It was Judas who betrayed Jesus.

[81] It was Isaiah who saw the Lord in the year that king Uzziah died. [Isaiah 6:1]

[82] Nicodemus was the Pharisee who came to Jesus by night. [John 3:1]

[83] It was Jesus who became a High Priest for ever after the Order of Melchizadek. [Hb7:17]

[84] It was Job's wife who suggested he curse God.

[85] The Garden of Eden. [Genesis 2:10]

[86] St Matthew was a tax collector before he became an apostle.

[87] It was St Paul who left his cloak at Troas. Timothy was to fetch it. [2Timothy 4:13]

[88] It was the prophet Habakkuk who first said 'The just shall live by faith.'

[89] The description of the sea monster Leviathan is to be found in the book of Job chapter 41.

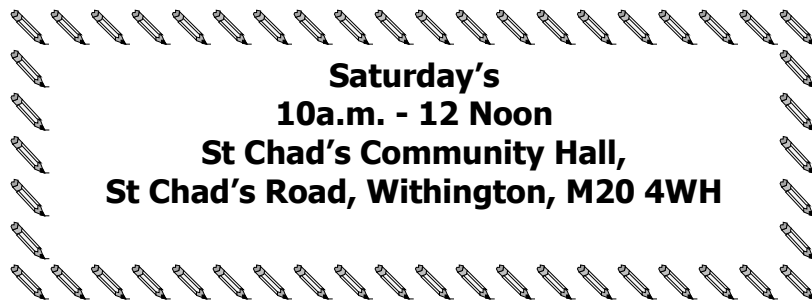
[90] St Paul wrote his letter to Philemon to cover the return of the run-away slave Onesimus.

Contributions for the Magazine

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3rd Tuesday	08.00pm	Book Group
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