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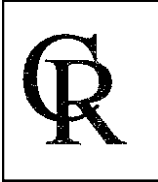
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As the summer season leaves us once again and autumn arrives with its dark evenings and its different pace of life we turn our thoughts to times of remembrance. All Souls-tide marks a time of personal remembrance and on Sunday 2nd November we will be holding our annual All Soul's service here at St Chad's Church; this is a special time set aside for us all to give thanks for and celebrate the lives of those people we have loved and now see no longer, those who were special to us in their lifetime and who remain precious to us in their death. During this service the names of those we remember will be read out and candles will be lit in their memory. Please let Elizabeth know any names you wish to be read out. Some people prefer not to have the names of their loved ones read out but like to remember them in their own hearts and minds during the service and this is fine as well as we all treasure our memories and our people in our own way.

All Souls service

to remember those who have died

Sunday 2nd November 2014

6.30pm

a time of reflection, prayers & readings

everyone welcome

During 2014 we are commemorating at St Chad's the lives and the events that were a part of the First World War, lamenting the horrors and futility of war, and remembering those whose lives were lost or torn apart by the conflict. Sunday 9th November will be Remembrance Sunday and we will be focusing our thoughts on remembrance during the 10am Eucharist, which will conclude at 11am with an act of remembrance around the war memorial. If you know of anyone who has felt particularly affected by the current focus on the First World War in the media and in society do invite them along to share in this time of remembrance. We live in a time when peace in our world seems impossible to achieve – pray each day for peace during this time of remembrance.

Remembrance Sunday service

with an act of remembrance

Sunday 9th November 2014

10am

remember the past & pray for the future

everyone welcome

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DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2014

1	Wednesday	11.00am - 12.00 noon	Bible Study in the Hall (Tea/Coffee 10.30am)
2	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bible Study Group (in the Hall)
5	Sunday	10.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Evensong
7	Tuesday	7.30pm	Holy Communion
8	Wednesday	11.00am - 12.00 noon	Bible Study in the Hall (Tea/Coffee 10.30am)
9	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bible Study Group (in the Hall)
12	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
14	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Ladies Group
15	Wednesday	10.00am - 12.00 noon	Bible Study in the Hall (Tea/Coffee 10.30am)
16	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bible Study Group (in Hall)
19	Dedication Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion with Archdeacon Mark Ashcroft
21	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Book Group
22	Wednesday	8.00pm	Bible Study Evening Talk by Canon Radcliffe
23	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bible Study Group (in Hall)
26	St. Chad's Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
28	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Evening Prayer Needlecraft Group
30	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bible Study Group (in Hall)

2nd November
All Saints' Sunday - 10.00am - Holy Communion
6.30pm - All Souls' Service

LOOKING AFTER YOUR CLERGY

An article first printed in the CRUX magazine in July 2014 and written by Archdeacon Cherry Vann.

At a time in the life of the Church of England when there are fewer stipendiary clergy to deploy to our parishes, it is vital that we take a serious look at their wellbeing and help them to strike a healthy work/life balance, writes Archdeacon Cherry Vann.

In addition to ensuring that they are supported through prayer and encouragement, it will require congregations and PCCs to have realistic expectations of their clergy. It will also require tasks and responsibilities to be shared.

The picture will be familiar to most PCC members: parishes are joining together into united benefices or teams and most stipendiary clergy now are being given the cure of souls of two or more parishes. This inevitably means change for both clergy and congregations. The parish priest has only so much time and energy. What could be done when looking after one church cannot be done when looking after two.

Stipendiary clergy and self-supporting ministers are having to prioritise more rigorously as they make decisions about what they do and, more importantly, what they don't do. Church members are being looked to to take on roles and responsibilities within the church that may formerly have been done by the vicar.

Many are coming to realise that, clergy numbers aside, these changes are long overdue. In past times, those who are baptised into membership of the church have not been encouraged to see themselves as having gifts and skills with which to serve that church, nor to being actively involved in terms of leadership and responsibility.

Now that the vicar can't do everything (if s/he ever could), there is an opportunity for ministry to be properly shared and for clergy and people to work in partnership for the sake of both church and kingdom.

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However, unrealistic expectations of clergy persist, particularly of incumbent-status clergy. There are some parishioners who still expect the vicar to be available 24/7, and others who are critical when their vicar does the school run, takes time off for a retreat or is away on 'yet another holiday'. This, together with an ever-increasing workload, places an extra and unnecessary burden on parish priests.

Wardens and PCC members in particular can make a big difference in terms of the wellbeing of their clergy, not only through their prayerful support and encouragement, but also by taking on some of the tasks necessary for the smooth and effective running of a church.

Priests are primarily responsible for the worship and spiritual life of the church, for the building up of the body of Christ and for equipping the saints for mission and evangelism. There are many other tasks to be done, including an increasing amount of administration that tends to land on the vicar's desk.

As a Church, we need to find ways of releasing clergy for the work that they were ordained to do.

So, some questions for you and your congregations to reflect on:

- How realistic are our expectations of our clergy and how ready are we to challenge any unrealistic expectations both in ourselves and in others?
- Are we ensuring that our clergy are regularly getting a full and uninterrupted 24 hours off each week, a proper retreat and their holiday entitlement?
- Are there ways in which we can better support and encourage our clergy in their ministries?
- Are there tasks that, as laity, we could take on, which would release our clergy for all that they are called to do?
- Are there roles and responsibilities that we could actively encourage others to fulfil so that our clergy get proper support?

THE TREE OF LIFE:

Several people from St Chads, recently had the privilege of seeing a new piece of musical theatre, performed by St Nicholas' Church, Burnage, a commemoration of WW1. It was an unforgettable experience for everyone involved, actors, musicians, singers, backstage crew and audience.!

Visitors entered through the church hall, to find exhibition of local stories and memorabilia, all in some way connected to WW1. The lights dimmed and the focus turned to the tree. A memorial for his dead colleagues, planted by a soldier who had come back from the war. It was to be a constant and living reminder of those left behind, in the graves and on the scarred battlefields of France. The music began, the soldiers came, and we walked back into the mist filled trench. We listened to the young men congratulating one another as they enlisted, saw the pain and the heartache as mothers and girl friends said goodbye. Then, we watched as enthusiastic schoolboys became cynical soldiers, as they tried to disguise their fear and deal with the horror. In an inescapable way, we were all waiting for the sound of the whistle. It would order the soldiers up the ladders and over the top of the trench, to face the machine guns and almost certain death. When it came, and we saw the young men disappear into the noise and the smoke, there were no words, just desperate sadness at the utter futility and horror of the carnage.

The libretto was written by Revd. Rachel Mann and the music by Oliver Mills, a young student from Burnage. Together, they have produced a wonderful and haunting piece of theatre. By illuminating the lives, of one small, representative group of young soldiers, they compel us to consider the savage consequences of war, not just on those directly involved, but also on the families and wider communities left behind. !

Barbara Leary



From the Registers August 2014

Holy Baptism.

We welcome into God's family:

July: Samuel Colin Ansbro

August: Amelia Rose Clarke
Nathan Obadina

Holy Matrimony

We asked God's blessing on the marriage of:

There were no marriages during August

Christian Committal

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

Edna May Burgess 7th August 2014

Weekly collections (Includes plates and envelopes)

August 3rd	£310.40
August 10th	£341.95
August 17th	£363.55
August 24th	£379.28
August 31st	£224.40

Edna Burgess 1919 - 2014-08-10

It has been a great comfort to us all to receive your cards, letters and prayers at the time of Edna's death.

We very much appreciated Elizabeth's support and help, and thank her for making Edna's funeral so special to us all.

Belonging to St. Chad's family has been and will continue to be very important to us.

Jenny, Diane, Heather and families.

The start of Mission Action Planning at St Chad's, October 2014

Mission Action Planning is a major task for us here at St Chad's in the months and years ahead. This is a process that follows on well from our Stewardship Campaign, and our day with Bishop David. Elizabeth and the PCC have agreed that there are clear ways forward with our Mission Action Planning.

One strand in the development of this plan is the Archdeacon's visit to St Chad's on October 19th, when he will preach at the Parish Eucharist to celebrate our Dedication Festival. I understand that he will ask us a few key questions, including, "What would you like your church, and the community it serves, to be like in 10 or 20 years' time?" Although this question may not seem to concern us.....as we may not be here (!)...it is a most important question. This is because it is a question about the legacy we will be leaving to future generations who live and work in Ladybarn, perhaps including our own children and grandchildren. There has been a strong Christian presence in this part of Manchester for more that 100 years and we all hope and pray that this will continue to be so. However, as we know well, times are changing and 'Christian presence' and 'Mission Action' may need some fresh thinking.

A second strand in our Mission Action Planning is to review again the ideas summary from Bishop David's day with us, and try to decide on two or three suggestions that could be progressed. One of the key points from this summary is how to try to engage more with younger people. As we must always bear in mind the constraints of our person power, it would be wise to make sure that our efforts are well focused. We feel therefore that we should make use of the new diocesan young people's missioner, appointed to the Manchester Archdeaconry. He has been appointed to advise on work with younger people, and the age range identified is 18-40. We hope to arrange an event, early in 2015, when he could be invited to talk to us.

Our Season of Invitation can be seen as a third strand in the development of our Mission Action Plan. At St Chad's, our Season of Invitation has already begun with our Harvest Festival celebrations, and there will be other events during the coming months. These include our All Souls Service, Armistice Remembrance Sunday, and events during Advent and Christmas. As we go through this season, we feel confident that everyone will take these opportunities to welcome those who respond to our invitations. Obviously we will let them know what we are able to offer them here at St Chad's, but it will also be important to listen to what they have to say to us about what they hope for from their local church.

We hope that other ideas about our Mission Action Plan will emerge from discussions throughout the Autumn. Please make suggestions of what we could do to Elizabeth, our Readers and any member of the PCC. Thank you.



Judy Fletcher

A Season of Invitation



Some special events between now and Christmas to which all are warmly invited

Sunday 19 October	10.00am	The Archdeacon of Manchester joins us to preach at our Dedication Day celebration - the church was consecrated on 18 October 1907.
Wednesday 22 October	7.30pm	Talk by Canon Radcliffe "The Holocaust and the Problem of Evil"
Sunday 2 November	6.30pm	All Souls Day - a quiet, prayerful service to remember loved ones who have died. Refreshments afterwards.
Sunday 9 November	10.00am	Service for Remembrance Sunday.
Sunday 30 November	6.30pm	A reflective service to mark Advent Sunday, the beginning of the Church's year, and to prepare for Christmas.
Christmas Services		
Sunday 21 Decemnber	6.30pm	Carol service followed by drinks and Christmas refreshments.
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas (Midnight Mass)
Christmas Day	10.00am	Holy Communion service with carols (Lasts no more than 45 minutes)
New Year's Day	11.00am	Holy Communion service for New Year

This Month's Saint.
9th October
Robert Grosseteste [c1175-1253]
Bishop of Lincoln,
Philosopher, Scientist.

Robert Grosseteste was lucky to be born when and where he was. In those days, sons of peasants could only 'make good' through the Church and this was a time when the Church was central to European life and its founding of the first universities was opening up and re-invigorating its intellectual and spiritual life.

It's likely that Grosseteste studied at Paris and Oxford, before going on to teach at Oxford where lectured in law, theology, medicine, mathematics and the natural sciences before becoming what would now be the Chancellor of the University.

In 1235, he became Bishop of Lincoln, the largest diocese in England where, as befits someone who was present at the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215, he proved to be an energetic reformer, removing clergy who were slack in their pastoral duties. On a pilgrimage to Rome, he also took on Pope Innocent IV and the Vatican for corruptions at the very heart of Papal power. However, his carefully prepared legal case was

ignored and he was reckoned lucky to have escaped excommunication. Much of what the Reformer John Wycliffe [c1320-1384] later campaigned for had been anticipated by Grosseteste, especially his criticism of the Papacy, his sympathy for the Greek Orthodox Church and the importance of preaching and pastoral work.

In today's scientific world, together with one of his students, Roger Bacon [1214-94], Grosseteste is remembered as one of the originators of the experimental method, especially in his study of light. In his studies on light and creation he suggested he came up with the idea of a point beginning in time that was similar in many ways to the contemporary Big Bang theory.

As a mathematician he seems also to have anticipated Georg Cantor [1845-1918] by being the first to propose the paradox that not all infinities are equal.

Following his death, attempts were made to have him canonised, but now, after long neglect, the polymathic stature of Robert Grosseteste is again being appreciated.

Albert Radcliffe.

**The Problem of Evil.
A talk by Canon Albert Radcliffe.**

8pm on Wednesday 22nd October 2014

In the Church Hall.

Admission £2.00, including refreshments.

This is a problem that everyone's interested in because it won't go away. The lecture will focus on the Holocaust, the murder, between 1941-45, of 6 million Jews in Death Camps like Auschwitz. How did it happen? How can human beings do things like this? Are we doomed to go on doing things like this. The subject is now taught in our schools as part of the National Curriculum and faces our children with some of the biggest and most difficult questions they are ever likely to meet. But it's also a subject for our churches to face as this was an evil that took place at the heart of Christian Europe and before which the churches seemed helpless. This was a spiritual as well as a political tragedy.

Personal Note from Judy Fletcher

Dear Parish members,

My sister and I share a birthday and later in October, she will be 60 and I will be 65, on the same day. As we are Warwickshire lasses we are planning to walk 30 miles of the Shakespeare Way from the Roll Wright stones in Oxfordshire, to Straford-upon-Avon in Warwickshire, as part of our birthday celebrations. The Shakespeare Way is described as 'easy' walking through rolling country side, and we hope that is a correct description !

As the Shakespeare Way is also a Macmillan Way, I am hoping to fund-raise a little for Genesis, the Manchester based charity for Breast Cancer. This will be in memory of my mother, who died of breast cancer, 30 years ago next January. If you feel able to sponsor me, for whatever amount, I would be very grateful...that will help to spur me on !

MENDING THE HALL ROOF

Thanks to some more work and dedication on the part of our treasurer and our Churchwarden, we have been able to obtain grant money of £5,258 towards replacing the front, lower part of the roof and repairing the higher section at the back.

The roof has been leaking for many months now and minor repair work has not been able to solve the problem. It will be good to have the hall roof water-tight again before winter arrives and so the awarding of this grant money will help to give us peace of mind.

The grant award has been promised by Veolia Environmental Trust, who support community organisations through the Landfill Communities Fund, and since this was established in 1997 they have supported numerous projects throughout Greater Manchester. The organisation owns and manages recycling plants and landfill sites throughout the country, and aim to try to support projects which are within a 10 mile radius of one of their sites. They are also committed to making a difference to the environment and communities for people of all ages and backgrounds.

In their correspondence to us Veolia have quoted the following, as the main reason for their support of this work:

“St Chad’s provides a facility for the people of the local community, for worship, social interaction, life events and quiet and contemplation when needed”.

The total cost for the work on the Hall roof will be £6,290 and an amount of £717 has been sourced from our Buildings Contingency Fund. However, this still leaves a short fall of around £300 to complete these repairs, so if anyone feels they would like to support this project by making a small, special contribution towards the shortfall, this can be given to either Judy or Elizabeth, or through the Sunday Collections plates, but clearly marked as “Hall Roof Repair”. Thanks are offered in advance to anyone who contributes.

The Grant Sub Group of the PCC

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.