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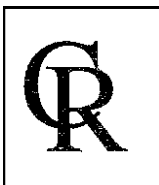
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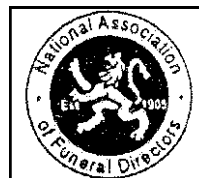
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The weeks that mark the ending of one year and the beginning of another always seem to herald the deepest and darkest season of the year; those are often the days when the weather is at its coldest, the dark evenings seem to be going on forever and the dawns don't seem to get any lighter. For many people in our community it's a time when folks can feel a bit fed-up, maybe a little depressed, and longing for some light and warmth – Christmas has passed, the holiday season is drawing to a close and many people are preparing for a return to school or work, or just back to their more regular routine. The world can seem engulfed in darkness and spring is still hiding itself away.

But through these weeks of cold and dark new things are beginning, soon the hidden seeds will start to germinate, soon trees will begin to grow this year's leaves; flowering bulbs are already pushing their way through the earth; each day lighter evenings and lighter mornings will nudge their way in and bright, sunny days will gradually make themselves known. Nature is making its plans for the New Year and these stagnant days are a good time for us all to make our plans for the New Year as well. Plans, but not resolutions; resolutions are rarely truly attainable, they're usually made in a rash moment and when we realise that we haven't kept them it's too easy to feel that we've failed. Plans can be much more realistic.

Looking back at the past twelve months is a good way of planning for the coming twelve months, but probably best not to do that in the slightly sentimental way that many of us are prone to do – looking at our failures and regretting the passing of time. Probably better to do that looking back by remembering the good things and the positive things.

Here at St Chad's we began the last year by planning for the parish visit of the new Bishop of Manchester, and when the day of his visit arrived in March we had a good turnout for a really positive day of exploring mission – what we do, how we do it, what we could do better and what new approaches we could take as we seek to share the gospel of Christ in this neighbourhood. Over the past eighteen months we have become committed to the mission and outreach of St Chad's and that has had a positive effect on how we relate to each other and how we work together.

We ended the year with no heating and instead of this being seen as the disaster that we could have considered it, it became a time of working together and supporting one another; generous donations were made, fund-raising was tackled cheerfully and only occasionally did we each give in to a little moan about the situation on a particularly cold Sunday morning.

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By the time you read this we will hopefully have a date for the heating to be restored as the new boilers are fitted. We expect the new boilers to be more efficient, providing better heat and cost less to run – there's usually something positive to come out of difficult situations.

So as we move into 2015 we go forward in the hope that we will continue to grow the mission of this church to the local community, and that we will be open to new ways of working with each other in the service of Christ.

Happy New Year to you all.

**Reverend Elizabeth Davies
Priest-in-Charge**

BIBLE STUDIES

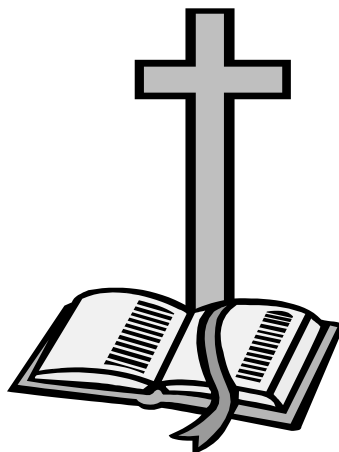
The next series of bible studies will run from Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th January, with the final meetings of this series being held on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March.

The meetings are held as follows:-

Wednesday's 11am - 12 noon, with tea/coffee available from 10.30am.
Held in the hall.

Thursday's 8pm – 9pm. Held in the hall.

Come along and explore the lectionary readings for the following Sunday.



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294	Ink Cartridges
20	Mobile telephones.

This translates to **£364.**
to the R.N.I.B for Guide Dogs.

For Information:

Guide Dogs have informed us that they are no longer able to collect the items themselves, and have asked if we would send our cartridges and telephones directly to the R.N.I.B. They have sent a Freepost address label, to be downloaded for our use.

It is probably an administrative arrangement and I will do as requested. Please continue to save your ink cartridges and old mobile telephones so that we can still help to make a difference.

Thank you
Barbara Leary

From the Registers November 2014

Holy Baptism.

We welcome into God's family:

There were no baptisms during November

Holy Matrimony

We asked God's blessing on the marriage of:

There were no marriages during November

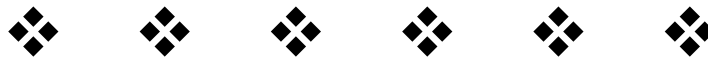
Christian Committal

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

Peggy Yeomans

Weekly collections (Includes plates and envelopes)

November 2nd	£319.60
November 9th	£463.42
November 16th	£256.45
November 23rd	£268.95
November 30th	£1329.12



News From The Book Club:

'GONE GIRL'

by Gillian Flynn

This book has been at the top of the fiction best seller list for several weeks, and we were so looking forward to an exciting and interesting read. Gillian Flynn is a modern, American writer, and this is her story, told from both viewpoints of a disintegrating relationship, and the schemes as each strives to become puppet master of the marriage.

It is difficult to find positive comments for 'Gone Girl' as most people found it difficult to continue reading through to the last page.

The two central characters Nick and Amy, relocate from New York to the Mid-West and the book becomes peopled with oddly drawn characters who drift through the narrative without actually becoming part of the story. Alternating the narration becomes tiresome exercise and the credibility of the storyline less convincing as the events unfold. There has been so much hype surrounding this book that we decided the publishers were much more successful than the author. To describe this book as 'The Thriller of the Year' is such a wild exaggeration we can only conclude that our expectations are higher than those of the copywriters.

We scored this book a disappointing 5 / 10

ANNA OF THE FIVE TOWNS

by Arnold Bennett

Arnold Bennett was born in Hanley, Staffordshire, the son of a solicitor. Aged 21 he moved to London to work as a solicitor's clerk but he soon began writing stories. After his first novel 'A Man From The North' was published in 1898 he decided to become a professional writer.

In this rather sad story, he tells of Anna Tellwright, the daughter of an unpleasant and miserly business man from the Five Towns, those small places which eventually became Stoke on Trent. On her 21st birthday, Anna inherits a fortune from her late mother although though her father can not bring himself to allow her free access. He forces her to pursue rent arrears on one of the properties she now owns, an action which has unforeseen consequences for her. Anna is courted by Henry Mynors, the owner of a local pottery. Although she admires him and is flattered by his attention, she doesn't love him, and understands that when she marries him, she will be exchanging parental domination for marital subservience.

This is a tightly knit story about the destructive forces of evangelism and industrial expansion in a small community. It is a social history which focuses on a woman's place in society, her duty to her parents, her responsibility to marry within her own class and her expected religious piety and most of all, it is about the kind of world our grandparents and great grandparents experienced. It is beautifully written, in language which flows elegantly through the story. We loved this book, it received one of the highest scores we have given and we recommend it to anyone who enjoys reading.

We scored this book 9/10

This Month's Saint.
24th January.
St Francis de Sales.
Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622.

Born in 1567 in a chateau near Annecy named after the family, Francis was ordained, in spite of his father's opposition, and sent to his native Chablis to try to wean back the people from Calvinism. It was then that he gave all preachers everywhere the immortal observation on their craft: 'that whoever preaches with love preaches effectively.' Not surprisingly, he reconverted the lost congregations.

In 1602, Francis was made bishop of Geneva, where the shadow of the reformer, John Calvin [1509-1564] fell over his entire ministry. These were two great men and formidable theologians. Both were outstanding writers and preachers but Francis with his emphasis on prayer and love has proved the more sympathetic. His Introduction to the Devout life is one of the classics of the spiritual life and was especially valued and recommended by John Wesley. Francis counts as one of the leaders of the Roman Catholic Counter-Reformation.

Nowadays, when the pressure on a bishop is to become something of a manager after secular models of business CEOs, we can appreciate how Francis de Sales shaped his own ministry after that of the bishop as 'Father in God'. He was not only an excellent manager of his diocese, but was a much sought after as a spiritual director and guided those under his pastoral care not only to the prayerful love of God but sometimes also to the limits of heroic self-sacrifice. Another typical saying of his was, 'more flies are attracted by a spoonful of honey than by a barrel full of vinegar.'

Such was the love of Francis for the broader scope of French Culture and of the learning of the renaissance that thirty years before the founding of the Academie Francaise he set up the Academie Florimontane at Annecy.

Francis was made a saint in 1665 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1877. In 1923 Pius XI declared him the patron saint of writers, especially journalists.

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Albert Radcliffe.

DIARY FOR JANUARY 2015

1	New Year's Day	11.00am	Short Service of traditional Matins with carols (40 minutes)
4	Sunday	10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
6	Tuesday		No service this evening
8	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
11	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
13	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion PCC
14	Wednesday	11.00am	Bible Study in the Hall (Coffee/Tea from 10.30am)
15	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bible Study
18	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
20	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Book Group
21	Wednesday	11.00am	Bible Study in the Hall (Coffee/Tea from 10.30am)
22	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bible Study
25	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
27	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Evening Prayer Needlework Group
28	Wednesday	11.00am	Bible Study in the Hall (Coffee/Tea from 10.30am)
29	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bible Study
1 Feb.	Sunday	10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong

SAWERS SCOTT FAMILY MEDAL CABINET



In the south aisle of the church is a two light window, designed by Karl Parsons, in memory of 2nd Lieutenant Norman Sawers Scott of the King's Own Scottish Borderers who was killed at Ypres on 23rd April 1915. Below is an inscribed stone in memory of his brother, 2nd Lieutenant Ian Sawers Scott who died on the Somme on the 1st July 1916. The brothers were the sons of William Sawers Scott M.D., and Mrs Margaret Scott, of 57 Wilmslow Road, Withington.

Norman Sawers Scott was educated at Manchester Grammar School and Manchester University, and after taking his degree he was nominated by the university for a commission in the regular army and went to France in 1916. Ian was educated at Manchester Grammar School and Fettes College, Edinburgh before enlisting.

In June 2014 the church was approached by the representative of a London auction house requesting information on the family as they had received a cabinet containing medals belong to the Sawers Scott family, but had been unable to confirm its provenance or family history.

A mounted, framed cabinet, consisting of a superbly made triptych-style frame covered in tooled leather and initialled. The cabinet contained the 1914 Star Trio medals of 2nd Lt. Norman Sawers Scott and the British War and Victory medals of 2nd Lt. Ian Sawers Scott. There are also two bronze plaques together with memorial scrolls. These plaques were sent to the families of all servicemen killed in the war and were known as 'Dead Man's Pennies'. There are also mounted colour photographs of the two brothers. The cabinet also contains the medals awarded to their father, Captain Willaim Sawers Scott, M.D., who survived the both.

We were able to supply information on the family history and the military careers of the two brothers to the auctioneers. The value of medals depends on their rarity and the stories behind them, but the quality of the cabinet and the completeness of this family collection made this a rare item.



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:

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.
Please inform her of any sick parishioners.**