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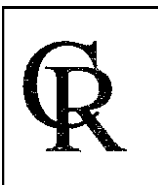
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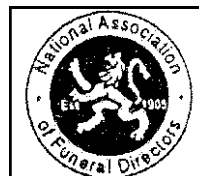
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**March 2015**

## **Women's World Day of Prayer service**

This year this annual service will be held at St Chad's Church at

**2.00pm**

**on**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

***Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the service.***

The focus of this years' service is the life and work of women who live in the Bahamas and the theme is Jesus' words to his disciples after he has washed their feet at the Last Supper.

*"Do you know what I have done to you?"*

The following information comes from the Women's World Day of Prayer website:

The Bahamas is a place of beauty. The beautiful colours gifted by nature are reflected in the worship service and the artwork. The islands give voice to the people of The Bahamas who invite the world to "come and be washed in God's ever-flowing ocean of grace: to bask in the iridescent light of Christ's love, and to be embraced by [God's] Holy Spirit with the cooling trade-winds of transformation."

Radical love is the theme that weaves together all the components of the worship resources. They eloquently tell us that Jesus is God's presence of radical love in the world. Following Jesus' example of washing his disciple's feet, we are asked to continue the gesture of love in The Bahamas and in our own communities. That is how the spiral of informed prayer and prayerful action moves around the globe.

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As we listen to our Bahamian sisters throughout the worship service, we realize that transformation is seen when a teen mother does not feel alone as she finds support to continue her education and to raise her child, when a breast cancer survivor or people living with HIV and AIDS find strength to live out their journey, and when the chains of oppression and enslavement are broken. Also, let's not forget the call for responsible stewardship of God's creation shared by all; whether it is those who step in the pink sand or swim in turquoise water of the archipelago, or those who enjoy whatever natural beauty has been gifted by God to your corner of the world.

***Jesus said to them "Do You Know What I Have Done to You?"***

## **From the Registers January 2015**

### **Holy Baptism.**

*We welcome into God's family:*

There were no baptisms during January

### **Holy Matrimony**

*We asked God's blessing on the marriage of:*

There were no marriages during January

### **Christian Committal**

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

February 2015: Hughie Pemberton - Father of Lorna, Julie and Lisa

### **Weekly collections (Includes plates and envelopes)**

<b>January 4th</b>	<b>£895.76</b>
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## FROM THE BOOK GROUP

### THE HOLLOW CROWN

Late medieval England is a confusing period of history. Dominated by the 100 Years War and the Wars of the Roses, 15C England was submerged in anarchy and violence for much of the time. It is sometimes difficult, to try to connect with people on an emotional, level, when so much is happening on a vast scale.

Dan Jones, a Cambridge historian and journalist, has written a narrative history in which well known individuals move in and out. Henry VI was a weak king who found it difficult to replicate the authority of his charismatic father. Into this power vacuum stepped the ambitious men, hungry for power. The Wars of the Roses was a conflict not just between York and Lancaster, but also between factions, the great families who were fighting to take control of the crown for themselves. England fell apart, into chaos and anarchy, at the same time losing most of her possessions in France. This is the fascinating history of a violent and prolonged time of uncertainty, part clan feud, part civil war. It was a time, without a stable government, when the powerful, landed magnates could field private armies to fight for their own particular cause, or, for their allies. The author unravels these complicated strands and transforms them into a flowing saga of power, greed and ambition.

It is an intriguing historical story, of kings and queens, dukes, earls, even a few rebel peasants, and the ways in which they managed to keep or sometimes lose their heads. We would recommend this book as a fascinating insight into the late middle ages and the struggles which took place in the competition for the for the English crown.

### BOOK GROUP

List of books we will be reading from March 2015—July/August 2015

March	Testament of Youth	by Vera Brittain
April	A Month in the Country	by J.L. Carr
May	The Luminaries	by Eleanor Catton
June	The Aftermath	by Rhidian Brook
July/August	Middlemarch	by George Elliot

## DIARY FOR MARCH 2015

1	Sunday	10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
3	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion PCC
4	Wednesday	7.30pm	Lent Group at Holy Innocents
5	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
6	Friday	2.00pm	Women's world day of Prayer service at St. Chad's, everyone welcome
7	Saturday	3.00pm-5.00pm	Afternoon Tea in the Hall
8	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
10	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Ladies Group
11	Wednesday	7.30pm	Lent Group at St. Chad's
12	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
15	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
17	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Book Group
18	Wednesday	7.30pm	Lent Group at Holy Innocents
19	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
22	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
24	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Evening Prayer Needlework Group
25	Wednesday	7.30pm	Lent Group at St. Chad's
26	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
<b>HOLY WEEK</b>			
29	Palm Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
30	Monday	7.30pm	Holy Communion with reflection
31	Tuesday	7.30pm	Holy Communion with reflection

**Bible Study Groups take a break during Lent and will  
recommence on Wednesday 15th April and Thursday 16 April**

Please note see page 9 for the rest of the services for Holy Week

**This Month's Saint.**  
**24th March**  
**Walter Hilton (c, 1343 – 1396).**  
**Augustinian Canon and Mystic.**

Ours is an age that prides itself on the indirect certainties of scientific objectivity and is therefore not one that's congenial to Christian mystics whose certainties claim to be a direct and personal knowledge of God and of his dealings with us. Perhaps it's because of the dissonance caused by the clash of these two ways of knowing that we have such difficulty dealing with writers like Walter Hilton. It's a difficulty too that's reflected in the way the Church does its theology in that the Eastern Church sits more easily with its mystics than the Western.

What's known of Walter Hilton's life is easily summarised. He was, perhaps, a Lancastrian who studied canon law at Cambridge and then was associated for a time with the controversial and reforming bishop, Thomas Arundel. He later became a hermit before, in 1386, becoming an Augustinian Canon at Thurgarton Priory, near Southwell, where he wrote the work he is most remembered by: *Scala Perfectionis*, *The Ladder of Perfection*, a practical guide to the spiritual life, first printed by Wynken de Werde in 1494, in English.

Hilton is interesting because he wrote, as in the *Ladder*, in English as well as in Latin. It was written originally to encourage an anchoress, a female hermit, in her prayer life, where the defaced image of God needed to be repaired and the 'foul image of sin' driven out. Like the 'dark night of the soul' of the Spaniard mystic, St John of the Cross (1542-1591) Hilton taught that when a Christian was making progress in the life of faith, paradoxically their soul sometimes experienced a 'luminous darkness' as it journeyed from self-love to its love of God.

For Hilton, the purpose of prayer and the aim of the spiritual life was 'contemplation in the perfect love of God.' Here he stands in a tradition of mystical prayer that through writers like Anselm, St Bernard and Gregory the Great goes back to St Augustine.

**Albert Radcliffe.**

## St Chad's Community Orchard

The planting of fruit trees in parks and open spaces has been quite unusual in the past. However, this is changing, and local authorities are beginning to incorporate orchards into their parks and other landscape schemes. These have become known as Community Orchards and it is thought that they offer an excellent place for people to relax, work and learn. They can help to revive an interest in traditional horticultural skills as well as enabling people to engage with nature and gain an understanding of where their food has come from. Stockport already has 14 Community Orchards, and Manchester is trying to catch up!

In Manchester the Clean City Team and a group called Incredible Edible, have begun planting fruit trees in a variety of places including parks, schools, along footpaths and cycleways and....now....St Chad's Church grounds! The Clean City Team has access to large groups of student volunteers who are taking part in a Community Service Module as part of their degree.

So, our plan for the St Chad's Church Community Orchard is as follows. The Clean City team have donated to us 8 well-established, 4 foot high fruit trees including two of each : cherry, plum, apple and pear. We also have an apple tree and a pear tree (kindly donated to St Chad's by Annemauraide) that are desperate to come out of their large plastic tubs and go into the ground. We have been awarded a small grant of £200 and this will be used to create two small square raised beds and one larger raised bed. We plan to use these to grow herbs and bee-friendly flowers (we need bees to pollinate the fruit blossom!) and possibly some easy grow vegetables.

The two raised beds and a seat will be placed along the north wall of the church. The larger raised bed will be opposite the seating area. The fruit trees will be planted in the grassy area between the church and the hedge on Mauldeth Road, and also between the east end of the church and the fence on Parrs Wood Road. We plan to create an entrance into the orchard near the junction of Parrs Wood Rd and Mauldeth Rd, and a pathway around the trees.

We also have enough money to buy four 5 foot high trellises and plan to attach one of those to the north church wall, and to have two or three along the pathway at right-angles to the Disability Access door. This will create a demarcation screen indicating the end of the orchard area. I hope you are all still with me!

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Fortunately, almost all the hard work to create our orchard will be carried out by young and enthusiastic students ! Two days are planned so far. These are Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10am until 3.30pm. Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> will be spent clearing and preparing the area, planting the trees and building the raised beds. Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> will be spent planting up the beds and creating the pathway. Please join us if you can.

If you would like to visit another Community Orchard there is a small developing one on the Fallowfield Loop cycle path at the Quadrants next to Crayfield Road in Levenshulme. Further afield there is a very well established Community Orchard in New Mills where they hold an annual apple day and a festival ! Just Google "New Mills Community Orchard" to find the web-site.

Finally, with reference to our Mission focus, the development of an orchard space can be seen as 'Treasuring' our fragile planet. It could also be seen as 'Tending' to the needs of some members of our local community who may welcome an opportunity to reflect on the wonder of creation in the midst of a very busy city suburb.

**Judy Fletcher**

### **Services for Holy Week**

'Do invite your friend, family and neighbours to join in the Holy Week services here at St Chad's everyone welcome'

30th March	Monday	7.30pm	Holy Communion with reflection
31st March	Tuesday	7.30pm	Holy Communion with reflection
1st April	Wednesday	7.30pm	Holy Communion with reflection
2nd April	Maundy Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
		7.30pm	Holy Communion followed by the Maundy Watch and then Compline at 10.45pm
3rd April	Good Friday	11.00am	Service at the cross
		12.30pm	Outdoor Service
5th April	Easter Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
		6.30pm	Evensong

**St Chad's  
Ladybarn  
Community Hall**



**SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2015**

**3pm–5pm**

**A CELEBRATION OF OUR  
NEW HALL ROOF**

**Please join us for afternoon tea  
to celebrate the repair of our Community Hall Roof  
funded by a community support grant from  
Veolia Environmental Trust**

**Fairtrade and home made produce stalls  
together with displays showing the activities held  
in the Hall.**

## 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.

## St Chad's Artistic Explosion

**Explore your artistic side, join in  
the fun and meet new people**



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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.**