

THE MAGAZINE OF ST CHAD'S PARISH CHURCH LADYBARN



Price 30p

APRIL 2015

www.stchadladybarn.org.uk



LOTTERY FUNDED

Supported by:

Biffa Award

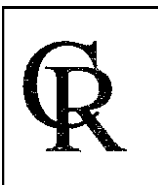
Building communities. Transforming lives.



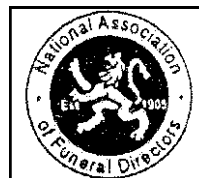
Supported by

The National Lottery[®]
through the Heritage Lottery Fund





**When help is
most needed**



Charles Robb and Sons

Funeral Directors

Day and Night Services

Private Chapels of Rest

Fairways Funeral Plan

22 Errwood Road, Levenshulme

Tel: 0161 224 1200

Geoff Matthews
Home Decorator

will decorate the gloom away

Reliable and Trustworthy

Tel: 01625 525552

April 2015

Over the past few years here at St Chad's we have been exploring ways in which we can make the church more accessible to those who don't attend regularly and ways in which we can bring the church back into the heart of the community.

It's more than three years since we first had the vision for the Community Garden and this year we are adding to that with the creation of a community orchard in the grounds of St Chad's. This involves opening up a small area of the surrounding hedge so that people can easily walk through the grounds. Fruit trees have already been planted and during April we hope that a path will be created and further planting of herbs and other edible plants will take place.

Volunteer students from the university have helped in this project – as they did when we created the Community Garden, which has been a good way of establishing links with others who are a part of this community in which we live. The students will be here on April 22nd to continue the work and everyone is welcome to come along and help.

Our World War one exhibition has been another mission project as we have invited people to come in and view the exhibition, learn more about the history of the area at that time and take time to explore their local church. We hope to be arranging more opportunities for the exhibition to be open to the public over the coming months, if you can help by being available in church while the building is open please do let John Davies know.

Continued on page 4

The Vicar:

The Reverend
E J Davies
1 St Chad's Road
Withington
M20 4WH
Tel: 445 1185

Churchwarden:

Judith Fletcher
5 Brecon Avenue
Burnage
Manchester
M19 2NJ
Tel: 248 7689

Lay Reader:

John Milner
Tel: 07957 139002

Lay Reader:

Helen Reid
Tel: 0161 434 4902

Continued from page 3

Young people make up a significant proportion of the local community and so as the next step in our more formal mission activities we have invited the Revered Peter Matthews, who is the diocesan young people's missionary, to come and share some thoughts and experiences with us on Wednesday 29th April. This will be an evening get together in the hall beginning at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome. You may have questions or ideas so bring them along.

In June there will be another event to which everyone is welcome (and at which it would be good to see plenty of St Chad's folks). This is a day organised by the deanery with Michael Harvey. Michael is the founder of Back to Church Sunday and will be with us to talk about how we create a church which is inviting to newcomers and the community as well as being welcoming once people get through the door. Michael is an interesting and engaging speaker, so do come along, hear what he has to say and help us all to explore ways that we can invite others into the community of faith.

The date is Saturday 27th June. The venue is St Nicholas Church, Burnage. The time will be 10am start and finish by 3pm.

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

BOOK GROUP

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

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

From the Registers February 2015

Holy Baptism.

We welcome into God's family:

There were no baptisms during February

Holy Matrimony

We asked God's blessing on the marriage of:

There were no marriages during February

Christian Committal

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

Hugh Pemberton

Weekly collections (Includes plates and envelopes)

February 1st	£310.16
February 8th	£235.00
February 15th	£421.26
February 22nd	£231.29

Matthew's Angel

Did you think it would be as quiet
as a cloud's slow drift across the sky,
or a cyclamen parting the waking earth
on that spring morning?
It could never have been that.

Instead, the ground shook, rocks split,
as a gasping angel, fighting for his breath,
shouldered the stone,
and cleared the entrance to the tomb
with a shout and cry that fetched back the dead.
Guards fainted. Their armour clattered.

Then he sat, and all the world was quiet again.
With the stone for his chair;
like God on the seventh day, he rested;
his assignment done, he waited
in the silence of our surprise
with the nonchalance of heaven.

Albert Radcliffe.

2015: A Year of Important Anniversaries. Einstein's Theory of General Relativity.

Albert Einstein [1879-1955]: the great German physicist, published two theories of relativity: the first, the Special Theory, in 1905, and the second, his theory of General Relativity, in 1915. They are so difficult to grasp that the great English physicist, Sir Arthur Eddington, said, 'There are three people who understand Einstein's theory of relativity. There's Einstein, there's me and I've forgotten who the other one is!'

Eddington was important, because, in 1919, he organised an expedition to the island of Principe (off the west coast of Africa) at the time of the total solar eclipse that year, in order to test Einstein's theory. If Einstein was right, then the enormous mass of the sun would distort space-time around it, and this would be enough to change the path of a star's light as it passed close by. Normally, the sun's glare would render the star invisible, but during a total eclipse it would be possible to see the star and measure how much its position was out of true.

The experiment worked. Einstein was proved right and, thanks to Eddington, he sprang from obscurity to celebrity status overnight as the world's cleverest man.

His theory was important because it offered deeper and better explanations for things like, space, time, mass and gravity than Sir Isaac Newton, whose understanding of the physical world had lasted over 200 years. For example, Newton explained that because light has no mass, the force of gravity doesn't affect it. Einstein, on the other hand, said that space and time were not the separate things they seemed to be but were one physical reality he called 'space-time'. Space as we all know has three dimensions, but time must now be thought of as the fourth dimension. This was a completely new idea; as was the thought that the mass of physical objects could curve the geometry of the four dimensional space-time around it. In Einstein's theory, gravity was no longer a force but the curvature of space-time that dictated how objects moved.

For most practical purposes, Newton's theory and laws still work very well, but when in Newton's scheme of things, the 'force of gravity' is very strong, then in order to get their maths right physicists need to think like Einstein.

But Einstein's theory didn't stop there, it went on to explain and predict many other things, some of them never suspected before, for example, that where space is involved with motion, time is too! His theory predicts that time is affected wherever there is motion and gravity is involved. With Einstein, all motion is with respect to some frame of reference. This means that if there are two clocks, side by side, synchronised to tell the same time and they are separated and one then moves 'relative' to the other, the observer's clock, then the moving clock will move more slowly than the clock considered stationary, though, by a very, very small, almost immeasurable amount! This has now been demonstrated with very accurate atomic clocks. The technical term for this effect is time dilation. Normally it doesn't matter, but now that there are thousands of clocks whizzing around in space, in rockets, probes and space stations, it can make a difference and has to be allowed for.

Continued on page 7

Continued from page 6

Einstein's theory held other surprises too. For example, the idea of 'Now' turns out to be very slippery. Two events which happen at the same time for one observer, may not be simultaneous for another if the observers are moving relative to one another!

And these things are only the beginning. With Newton, creation seemed to be straightforward and manageable, but with Einstein it became weird, wonderful, vastly more complicated and far removed from common sense! It changed our way of looking at the world and even reading parts of the Bible, for ever.

Albert Radcliffe

A New Look in the Baptistry.

Palm Sunday 2015.

For what seems a very long time the Needlecraft Group have been planning, designing and working on a tapestry wall-hanging for the Baptistry. And now the first is complete.

We have worked in six inch squares of religious and attractive designs which have been sewn together to make a whole. The vast majority of the work has been done by the Needlecraft Group itself, but we are particularly grateful to two or three friends of friends who have made contributions.

All the work has been financed and carried out by the Needlecraft Group. Special thanks is also due to Sheila Newbery and Jean Nixon who spent many hours working out the best way to fasten the squares together and then did most of the work after the strips had been assembled by members of the group. Gratitude too, to Peter Matthews who stretched the hanging for us and to Jean who lost her dining room table for several days!

The whole experience has been most enjoyable and everyone who contributed should feel justly proud of what has been achieved. Now the second tapestry is well under way and hopefully will not take so long as we now know what we are doing!

A full list of all who contributed will be located somewhere near the hanging in the Baptistry.

The Needlecraft Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month and would welcome newcomers.

Trena Radcliffe.

DIARY FOR APRIL 2015

HOLY WEEK			
30	Monday	7.30pm	Holy Communion with reflection
31	Tuesday	7.30pm	Holy Communion with reflection
1 April	Wednesday	7.30pm	Holy Communion with reflection
2	Maundy Thursday	8.00pm	Holy Communion followed by Maundy Wash and then Compline at 10.45pm
3	Good Friday	11.00am 12.30pm	Service at the Cross Outdoor Service
5	Easter Sunday	10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
7	Tuesday		No service this evening
9	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
12	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
14	Tuesday	7.30pm	Holy Communion Ladies Group
16	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
19	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
21	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Book Group
22	Wednesday	10.00am	Creating the Community Orchard in the church grounds with students from the University. Everyone welcome. Lunch provided.
23	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bible Study in the Hall
26	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion followed at 11.15am by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the hall
28	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Evening Prayer Needlework Group
29	Wednesday	11.00am	Bible Study in the Hall (10.30am Coffee/Tea) This evening a chance to explore mission with the Rev. Peter Matthews, diocesan young people's missionary.
30	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bible Study in the Hall
LOOKING AHEAD			
5 May	Tuesday	7.30pm	Archdeacon's Visitation at Emmanuel Church Didsbury. Churchwardens, sides people and PCC members should attend but everyone welcome. No service at St. Chad's this evening.
10	Sunday		Christian Aid Week begins.
14	Thursday Ascension Day	10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion Deanery Eucharist at St. John, Brooklands Everyone welcome.

The Children Act **Ian McEwen**

Another fascinating novel, written in precise, diamond sharp prose. Never an unnecessary word, the sentences are constructed so acutely that they transmit myriad layers of information and emotion.

The book focuses on the Justice System, seen through the experiences of Fiona Maye, a High Court Judge of the Family Division. With her razor-like intellect and analytical mind, she has risen to the pinnacle of her profession, but suddenly, after thirty years of marriage, her well ordered world starts to crumble. The relationship between her, and her academic husband begins to disintegrate, and she is forced to reflect, on the tensions evoked by the emotionally demanding decisions she needs to make on a regular basis.

Into this maelstrom, comes a case involving a seventeen year old boy with leukaemia. Both he and his parents are Jehovah's Witnesses, and as such, do not agree with the concept of blood transfusions. The hospital trust has applied to the court, for permission to override the family's beliefs, in order to give the boy a transfusion, which they hope will save his life. Mrs Maye is called to make the judgment.

The essence of this book illuminates the route of her decision making, and the unexpected effects of that decision on the people involved. The niceties have been stripped away to expose raw feelings which are scrutinized and analysed. It is a powerful, and emotional experience to read this book. However, it offers a better understanding of the difficulties which arise, when each of two, diametrically opposed viewpoints, considers that it is following the correct pathway, and for the most virtuous of reasons.

This book scored 9.5 / 10

Our next book is 'Testament of Youth' by Vera Brittain

Barbara Leary

Services for Holy Week/Easter

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

1st April	Wednesday	7.30pm	Holy Communion with reflection
2nd April	Maundy Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
		8.00pm	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

This Month's Saint.
1st April
Frederick Denison Maurice 1805-72
Teacher of the Faith.

F.D. Maurice was one of the most interesting and controversial Anglicans of the 19c, an age in which the Christian faith was tested intellectually as never before.

Maurice was the son of a strong anti C of E Unitarian minister who wanted him to follow in his steps; and although, as a non-Anglican, he could not obtain a degree, in 1823 Maurice entered Trinity College, Cambridge, to study law. In 1827, he moved to London to earn his living as a writer.

Having grown up in a religiously argumentative family Maurice's own faith was understandably subject to a great deal of self-scrutiny. As a result, he began to change his views so that by 1830 he had reasoned his way to belief in the Holy Trinity and was able to enter, Exeter College, Oxford, to study classics. He was ordained priest in 1835.

Maurice never ceased wrestling with the demands of his faith and as a writer he always attempted to meet the intellectual needs of the thinking Christian. In 1840, he was appointed professor of English history and literature at Kings College, London, to which in 1846 was added the Chair of Divinity.

Although he held them to be orthodox, the originality of many of his views left Maurice open to criticism. He could not, for example, believe in hell as everlasting torture. He also argued that 'eternity' did not mean time without end. Some of his views lost him his professorships though another post soon became available.

Maurice's pastoral and intellectual energy was astounding. After Europe was convulsed by the revolutions of 1848 he helped launch the Christian Socialist Movement and in 1854 began a Working Men's College in London. He was also to the fore in women's education, helping found a college for governesses (1848) and a Working Women's College (1874). The mathematician Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll) travelled from Oxford each Sunday just to hear him preach. Julius Hare thought him 'the greatest mind since Plato.'

Good theology is seldom without controversy. It's right that we remember F. D. Maurice as a Christian thinker who helped the Church survive the upheavals of the 19th century.

Albert Radcliffe.

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**



**Saturday's
10a.m. - 12 Noon
St Chad's Community Hall,
St Chad's Road, Withington, M20 4WH**

**For further details contact Opal
On 07803001231**

£2.00 per session

RETIRED? REDUNDANT? TIME ON YOUR HANDS?

Join the admin team of O & A, a local community initiative offering courses for adults in languages, art, music, history and current affairs.

VOLUNTARY
Ring Eileen on:-

0161 - 445 - 7694

CHERRY MANOR LANDSCAPES

FOR ALL YOUR GARDENING REQUIREMENTS

***Garden Design and Planting
Regular Maintenance
Renovation and Clearance***

- 25 Years Experience -

Alan Horne, B.A., M.Hort (RHS)

07758 357 142

PARISH CONTACTS

P.C.C. Secretary	Leslie Fletcher	0161 248 7689
Treasurer	Mrs Muriel Hargreaves	0161 224 8802
Organist	Robert Nicholls/Pam Craig/Jordan English	0161 225 0414
Sacristan	Mrs Barbara Purvis	0161 286 1062
Magazine Editor	Christine Hindley	0161 224 8067
Ladies Group	Mrs Jean Matthews	0161 445 5632
Flower Arranging in Church	Mrs Barbara Purvis	0161 286 1062
Child Protection Officer	Judith Fletcher/Leslie Bell	0161 248 7689

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.**