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IN CHURCH

Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
1st Tuesday	07.30pm	Holy Communion
2nd Wednesday	07.30pm	Evening Prayer
4th Tuesday	07.30pm	Evening Prayer
3rd Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion

Also on the first Sunday of each month:

06.30pm Evensong

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

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**To all who are part of St Chad's congregation
and wider family,**

As many of you will now know, Jenny and I are delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd Mark Hewerdine as Priest-in-Charge at St Chad, Ladybarn. We also offer a warm welcome to Mark's wife Naomi, and their two children, Isaac and Lydia. They are looking forward to spreading themselves out in the Rectory, including Mark's books and drums (!), Naomi's craft work, ...and plenty of room for musical instruments and dancing ! They are hoping to arrive some time in late summer but Mark's licensing date has not yet been agreed.

As we have mentioned previously, Mark is to be part of a small team that includes the Revd Rachel Mann and the Revd Alan Simpson, and they are all to be licensed both to St Chad, Ladybarn, and to St Nicholas, Burnage. The members of this new team, together with clergy from the Deanery, will be planning together how these arrangements are to happen in practice. It is currently somewhat un-clear as they all have a variety of other duties apart from Parish work. However, parochial tasks and responsibilities do not diminish and so prayers are asked for all those involved in working out these new ways forward.

Some of the new ways forward may involve different ways of worshipping. As Mark says in his introductory message to St Chad's, "I continue to explore particularly how we can draw on, and celebrate, the riches of our liturgical traditions, and reinvigorate them for the 21st century." So, reflecting on different ways of worshipping, Jenny and I thought we would just share something of our recent experience of a local

church group called the Vineyard Church, who currently worship at the Power House building in Moss Side. The Vineyard Church has an Evangelical Christian (sometimes disparagingly called 'Happy-Clappy') profession of faith, which includes their priorities of worship and Bible Study.

A couple from the Manchester Vineyard Church recently asked for the use of St Chad's church for their wedding. The wedding involved some very modern music and songs, led by a worship band consisting of electric guitars, keyboard, drums and singers. Later in the ceremony there was even some dancing in the aisles ! However, the marriage itself was conducted by a Church of England priest, in a very dignified and thoughtful manner. The church was packed with almost 200 people, mostly in their 20s and 30, and about 20 of their children.

On the one hand, Jenny and I were very struck by the conviction and self-confidence of those participating in the service. They do share the same stories as we have, and place a great emphasis on Bible Study. On the other hand, we felt that many of those present at the wedding had relatively little appreciation of the struggle that we frequently have in mainstream churches to maintain our often very large, quite ancient, buildings. This takes much time and energy, and there is sometimes too little left for 'mission'. So how should we relate to such a vibrant group? Do we need to? We made them welcome and they may want to return, but not to truly participate in our way of maintaining a Christian presence in this part of Manchester.

St Chad's Church, Ladybarn.

You are warmly invited to our next

Science and Religion Evening

**on Wednesday 15th June 2016 at 8pm
at St Chad's Church, Mauldeth Road, Ladybarn.**

**The subject: '*Does God Play Dice?*'
*A Mathematician and Bishop looks at
Chance and Necessity in Religion.***

**Our speaker is the Rt Rev David Walker,
the Bishop of Manchester.**

**The Bishop is a mathematician and a member of
the Society of Ordained Scientists.**

**The quotation refers to Albert Einstein's
provocative assertion that
'God does not play dice.'**

Refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Admission £2.

I wonder if Christ had a little black dog
All curly and woolly like mine.
With two long silky ears, and a nose round and wet,
And two eyes brown and tender that shine.

I'm afraid that He hadn't because I have read
How He prayed in the garden alone,
For all His friends and disciples had fled,
Even Peter - the one called a stone

And I am so sure that the little black dog
With heart so tender and warm,
Would never have left Him to suffer alone
But creeping right under His arm

Would have licked the dear fingers in agony clasped
And counting all favours but loss,
When they took Him away would have trotted behind
And followed Him right to the cross.

Anon

Submitted by Pam Race



One other thought is that, although the Vineyard Church has a very different worshipping style, they seemed to have to turn to the Church of England for the formal marriage ceremony. You can read more on their web-site www.manchestervineyard.org/

Finally, a big thank you to all those who supported Christian Aid week in so many ways, including both the traditional street collection, and the various tasks involved in the "Big Brekkie". We should be able to report what has been raised in the July magazine. £412 has already been raised in the Tesco 'Bucket Rattle' on 28 April and this is already in the bank as part of the St Chad's contribution.

Judy and Jenny



**TO CELEBRATE THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF
HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II
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Contributions for the July issue of the Magazine

If anyone has any articles to be inserted into the July issue of the magazine please could you let Christine Hindley have your copy by 15th June. Articles submitted after this time will unfortunately not be able to be included in the magazine for June. Please do not send articles in PDF Format if possible unless there are logos included in your article.

Judas betrayed Jesus to the Sadducees who were the priestly ruling class of the Jews. Under the Roman Empire, the Sadducees were responsible for keeping the peace in Judea, and here was Jesus talking about the coming of his Father's kingdom of love and peace. What were the politically anxious Sadducees to think? With the Zealots talking about setting up their own Kingdom of God, through rebellion and violence, they could take no chances with Jesus preaching his kingdom to the uneducated, unwashed 'meek of the earth.' The Lord's Prayer has a troubled history which we do well to understand.

After the petition, *Thy Kingdom Come*, lest there be any misunderstanding, it goes on, *Thy will be done*. In the politics of this world, God's will is seldom done. The human will is finally the will to power, control over other human beings through promise, threat and violence. For the Zealots, this was how they would bring in their version of God's rule on earth. Jesus' parables made it clear that you couldn't bring about his version of God's kingdom through human politics.

Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be done are prayers that God will bring in his own Kingdom in his way and in his time. Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer we contradict our own nature and our own way of being political, asking for something better. Our deepest wish and desire is for this way of being human. And after 2000 years the Kingdom of God still hasn't arrived. After 2000 we go on praying, *Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be done*.

Albert Radcliffe.

DIARY FOR JUNE 2016

4th	Saturday	7.30pm	Organ Recital
5th	Sunday	10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
7th	Tuesday	7.30pm 7.30pm	PCC Meeting Taize Service at St.Nick's
8th	Wednesday	7.30pm	Iona Evening Prayer
12th	Sunday	10.00am 3.30pm	Holy Communion Afternoon tea to celebrate HM Queen's 90th birthday
13th	Monday	7.30pm	SEFRG Meeting (in church)
14th	Tuesday	8.00pm	Tuesday Group meeting
15th	Wednesday	8.00pm	Science and Religion Lecture with Bishop David
10th	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
19th	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
21st	Tuesday	8.00pm	Book Group
26th	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
28th	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Evening Prayer Needlecraft Group

John Milner R.I.P.
13th June 1949 – 12th April 2016

John became a licensed Reader, Lay Minister, at St Chad's in 1998 and gave valuable support to Fr Donald Pryce, the Rector at that time. Although John was in full time employment with the local exams board he willingly gave his time on Sundays leading the Eucharistic worship and taking many Evensongs.

When Fr Donald had to leave St Chad in July 2006 John made sure the priests who were taking the Sunday morning services were welcomed and knew what the format of our Eucharist was during the twenty month interregnum. He helped also with doing hymn lists and proof reading of the weekly notice sheets giving valuable advice to Leslie Fletcher on various liturgical matters.

John also welcomed our last Rector, Revd. Elizabeth Davies and gave her his full support in her ministry at St Chad. He also supported The Revd. Professor Peter Scott in his studies for ordination, myself in the Reader course and encouraged Opal Walsh when she took her Authorised Lay Minister course.

At the service of Thanksgiving for his life held at St Chad's on Tuesday 26th April, we heard about several other aspects of John's life. He read history at Manchester University and continued with his interest in medieval history throughout his life even having papers he had written published in the Historical Society's journals and he was still writing some while he was ill earlier this year.

Learning to Pray. V.

The Lord's Prayer is a prayer about the central and most important aspect of Jesus' teaching: *The Kingdom of God, or the Kingdom of Heaven*. There's a common misunderstanding that because the *Kingdom of God* is also known as the *Kingdom of Heaven* that it's about the place we hope to go to when we die, heaven itself. It's not.

The Kingdom of Heaven is about this world as it should be and by God's grace will be one day. It's this world transformed by God so that Meek inherit it and it because a place where we have the power to love even our enemies. In the Kingdom of God, the first come last and the last come first as all the values of the world as it is are turned upside down.

This is why the first petition in the Lord's Prayer is *Thy Kingdom Come*. Jesus told his disciples that though it hadn't arrived yet, that kingdom was very near, It was coming and that one day in that kingdom those who hungered and thirsted after righteousness in their lives would one day have that hunger satisfied.

Before everything else then the Lord's Prayer is a prayer for the arrival in our world of the Kingdom of God's love and righteousness, It's a prayer for the transformation of human politics; which helps us to understand why Jesus' death was a political death. Crucifixion was for rebels.

It is quite difficult to interpret the book's central theme of memory loss. It could be the straightforward disappearance from the mind of any recall of the past. Alternatively, it might be to show that only with some kind of protection from the terrors of that past, can mankind begin to contemplate the hazards of its own future.

We scored this book as a 4.

Barbara Leary

The book we will be reading in June is
The Time Travellers Wife by Audrey Niffenegger

Our Congratulations

To Nicholas Fletcher, son of Judy and Leslie, who will qualify as a doctor and has successfully secured a job in a Scottish Hospital.

To Peter and Jean Matthews on their 52nd Wedding Anniversary.

And to Naomi Radcliffe, daughter of Trena and Albert, who plays a blind girl in the current series of the TV drama, The Musketeers.

The good news for gardeners is that Peter Matthew's plants are ready for sale.
All profits go to St Chad's.

Trena Radcliffe.

He was a history teacher before moving into an administrative post with the exams board, where he also made valuable contributions at local and national levels, becoming known for his ability to get people to work together despite their differences. He had served as a magistrate and latterly was Chair of Governors for Burnage Academy for Boys where again his advice, leadership and administrative abilities were greatly appreciated.

John had been a Reader for nearly 45 years and served St Chad's superbly. He worked hard in the background and made sure the services went well, he was calm and not easily ruffled, also he used his sense of humour to effect in calming situations. As a Reader he was invited to other churches in South Manchester to lead and preach at services. In his retirement from the exam board he found an apartment in Whitby to do his research writing and watch the sea. John was welcomed into the church there as a Reader, so continuing his long service to the Church of England as a Reader.

We also heard at his Thanksgiving Service of his ability to keep up with his friendships he gave his time to others despite his many commitments. Though he was ill with cancer he drew up the Thanksgiving Service choosing his favourite hymns. As the church was full they were sung with great voice. The whole service and the packed church were a tribute to him and his full and varied life. We all have our own memories of John and in particular of his friendship and help he gave to us.

Helen Reid

From the Registers April 2016

Holy Baptism.

We welcome into God's family:

Kelsey Lee Clarke

Daughter of Nicholas Clarke and Charlotte Young

Holy Matrimony

We asked God's blessing on the marriage of:

There were no Wedding's in April

Christian Committal

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

10th April Margaret Hirtle

16th April John Milner

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THE BURIED GIANT

KAZUO ISHIGURO

Two years ago, we read 'The Remains of the Day' by Kazuo Ishiguro. Everyone loved this book, which became one of only two of our choices ever to score an average of 10 points. With such an endorsement for this author, we anticipated another fascinating novel. We were mistaken.

'The Buried Giant' is set in England soon after the Romans left. The central characters, Axl and Beatrice, set forth on a journey through the countryside in search of their long lost son. On the way they meet various strangers, including a Saxon warrior, Sir Gawain a knight from King Arthur's court and a group of monks in an isolated monastery. At the beginning of the story we are told that every one is suffering from a strange affliction, they can no longer remember anything from their own history. Consequently, Axl and Beatrice have no understanding of their reason for searching for their child. There are references in the story to historical events which happened at that time, but even so, the narrative remains tantalisingly oblique.

Kashio Ishiguro writes beautiful prose, with sentences which flow seamlessly from one to the other and envelop his novels with an aura of calm. Although his story takes place within this extraordinary framework and we acknowledged the consummate skill of his writing, we were less attracted to its content. It appears to be a fairy story, told on behalf of Axl and Beatrice but with other characters who may or may not have existed, moving in and out of the narrative.