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INFORMATION PAGE

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion.
10.00am Parish Eucharist.
6.30pm Evensong.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion

Tuesday 9.30am.
Thursday 10.00am.
Holy Days to be announced.

Matins

Daily at 9.00am.



CONFESSION AND SPIRITUAL COUNSELLING

By arrangement with the Clergy.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BAPTISMS, BANNINGS AND WEDDINGS

All enquiries to Rev'd Janet Bacon (485 3455).

MOTHERS' UNION

Corporate Communion 10.00am on the 2nd Thursday in Church. Details of all meetings are in Saints Alive and weekly notices. See Notice Board.

MENS' SOCIETY

Monthly meetings on the 1st Thursday, September to May, at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.
Chairman: Mr Bradley Torbitt (486 9387).
Secretary: Mr Mike Parry (485 7886).

FRIDAY CLUB

Fortnightly meetings on Friday evening usually in the Meeting Room at 7.30pm. Open to women of all age groups. Chairman is Lily Mitchelhill (485 5187) Secretary is Julia Ball (440 8647)

GUILD OF ST RAPHAEL

The Guild exists to encourage the Church's ministry of healing, and the practice of regular intercession for the sick. The branch meets monthly to say an Office of Intercession: there is also a monthly Corporate Communion. For further information please contact: The Secretary: Pat Yates (485 4546).

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

Secretary: Mrs Julia Ball (440 8647).

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Cubs: (7th Cheadle Hulme) Meet on a Friday 6.30pm - 8.00pm at Thorn Grove.
Andrew Thompson
email:andy.thompson@cheadlescouts.org.uk

Beavers: (7th Cheadle Hulme)
Meet on a Friday 6.00pm - 7.15pm in the Parish Rooms. Mrs J. Metcalfe
jacquie.metcalfe@cheadlescouts.org.uk

Brownies: (11th Cheadle Hulme)
Meet on a Monday 6.00pm - 7.15pm at Thorn Grove.
Jo Taylor
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Rainbows: (2nd Cheadle Hulme)
Meet on a Monday 6.00pm - 7.00pm





Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

What is your favourite season? We are so blessed to have a climate with seasons, although these are becoming somewhat blurred by global warming. They all have their good and not so good qualities. Having been a spring/ summer person for most of my life and I am gradually converting to prefer colder weather.

We are now well and truly into Autumn - "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" as Keats put it. It can be a sad time of year. At this time, as the leaves gently fall from the trees, they become a metaphor as we remember past conflicts and those who lost their lives and also our own loved ones no longer with us. But, it is hard to beat a cool but bright Autumn morning when the sun brings out the varied colours of the leaves and the bright berries on the bushes.

Jesus spoke of his death being necessary for life. "Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seed." We see in the wonderful cycle of nature how dead matter enriches the ground enabling it to sustain new growth in spring.

Change is essential for growth and perhaps that is the way we should regard Autumn. Not in the sense of loss but of change as Autumn moves to Winter and the ground rests before the outburst of abundant life in Spring. We all like to hold on to things, to hold on to people but some changes are important and necessary. They bring hope, the promise of new life and new opportunities.

It has been a joy for me to see this new growth at All Saints. To see people, enabled by the Holy Spirit allowing God to help them grow and develop. What a privilege to witness at Chester Cathedral the licensing of Clare and Linda as pastoral workers. I pray that this change in their lives will be a huge blessing for them and that others may also hear God's call to ministry.

Thank you, All Saints for the way you have enabled me to change.

Janet

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Farming Today

I once watched a series of programmes on television which showed how much times had changed over the years. Tractors, mechanisation and new advanced fertilizers had transformed what was the traditional way of life that had established itself at least since the Middle Ages.

Where once the horse was the source of power, the tractor has become the “workhorse” (which must be the origin of the measure “horsepower”) of the farm. Increasingly, even remote farmsteads have been connected by electric powerlines to the mains. It took time. When I was evacuated during the war and went to stay with my grandparents outside the city, my grandfather used to have a smelly, noisy electricity generator in his shed. Fresh water was pumped from a well situated outside the back door, and at that time other basic needs were dealt with in the “privy” down at the end of the garden path.



I was reminded of this when I read about a group of “eager beavers” who were engaged in a research project on what life was like “down on the farm”. I recall one of their findings. Rummaging through the farmhouse dustbins, what did they discover? They concluded that the modern farmers’ wives did not spend hours over a hot range, employing their culinary skills with ingredients fresh from their kitchen gardens. Instead they discovered that dustbins tended to be filled with empty tins and wrappers from proprietary products purchased from the nearby town’s supermarket. I came to realise that the lives of those who live off the land were very different from what had been the traditional way of life until relatively recently. Their world has changed and is still changing. Things may have changed, but I am certain that the basic fundamentals have not. Most of us who live in suburbia take our way of life very much for granted. Yet it may well be that all of us have this one thing in common. Wherever we live, whatever our way of life may be, we share, and we all rely on God’s given provision to enable us to live and work to his praise and glory. *Claud Metson*

We call this life?

*We call this life, that is life’s preparation;
We call this life, a little time of tears;
But thank you God for this designed creation,
A few short years?*

Douglas Malloch



Musica Nova String Quartet at All Saints' Church in November

The **Musica Nova String Quartet** return to All Saints' Church on Saturday 30th November following their well-received inaugural concert in April.

The quartet will perform **Mozart's String Quartet K.465 'Dissonance.'** The last of the famous set of six quartets that Mozart dedicated to Haydn, the quartet's nickname "Dissonance" is after it's unusual and mesmerising opening.

Beethoven's beautiful and powerful **String Quartet Op, 18 No. 4** follows.

This is one of Beethoven's earliest string quartets and was written between 1798 and 1800.

The Musica Nova String Quartet features Jem Bradley and Anne Bass on violin, Helen Parkes on viola and Emma Dixon Powell on cello.

The concert takes place at All Saints' Church on Saturday 30th November at 7:30pm.

Tickets are £12 full price, £10 concessions and accompanied children under 16 are free. Tickets are available on the door, or to reserve in advance please call **07583 165175**, email **musicanova@rocketmail.com** or ask at the church.

For more information about Musica Nova please visit **www.musicanova.co.uk**



The Fall of the Berlin Wall

It was 30 years ago this month, on 9th November 1989, that the fall of the Berlin Wall began. Over two million people from East Berlin visited the West in a celebration described as ‘the greatest street party in the history of the world.’ However, we are still living with walls, thinking of those dividing Gaza and Palestine from Israel. It’s a strong human instinct to build walls to separate us from those we view as different and threatening.

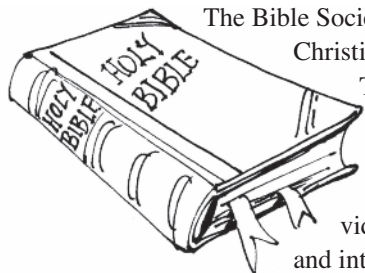
Paul writes of how the death of Jesus has broken down the barrier between Jew and Gentile: ‘His purpose was to create in Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility.’ (Ephesians 2:15-16).

Jesus is still in the business in breaking down the barriers between people of different gender, age, race and language, to bring them together in His church: ‘There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.’ (Galatians 3:28).

We can easily put up barriers with others, when we make assumptions about them, forgetting that they may be thinking the same things about us. We may want to avoid making ourselves vulnerable or appear needy. Yet Jesus can break down our defences and enable us to live openly and honestly with others. As His church, He invites us to be a community of risk-takers, i.e. those who trust each other, handle our weaknesses and fears, and who encourage one another’s strengths and gifts.

‘A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges, is not Christian.’ (Pope Francis).

Award for Bible Society’s Youth Bible



The Bible Society’s Good News Bible – the Youth Edition – has won Christian Resources Together’s Bible of the year award.

The award recognises Bibles that have stood out among the many Bibles available and made an impact on Christians and non-Christians across the country.

The Youth Edition contains features such as YouTube videos, space for doodling and journaling, Big Issues, and interactive elements such as activities, colouring and highlighting. It would make a perfect Christmas present for any young person!

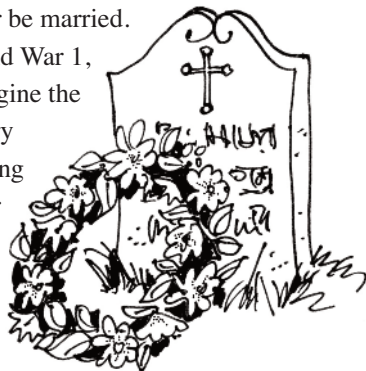
For more details, go to: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/9780564070374/>

The Two Minute Silence

Schoolgirls in 1918 were warned that they might never be married.

So many prospective husbands had been killed in World War 1, that their chances could be slim. It's hard for us to imagine the slaughter. The total number of both civilian and military casualties is estimated at around 37 million people, ending only when the Armistice took effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918.

The idea of a 'Two Minute Silence' originated in South Africa. The first minute was to be a time of thanksgiving for those who had returned alive, and the



second minute was to remember the fallen. It was taken up by King George V, writing, "it is my desire and hope that at the hour when the Armistice came into force, there may be for the brief space of two minutes a complete suspension of all our normal activities."

It had an immediate impact. An observer wrote, "The whole World Stands to Attention.

From the Indian jungles to Alaska, on the trains, on the ships at sea, in every part of the globe where a few British were gathered together, the Two-Minute pause was observed."

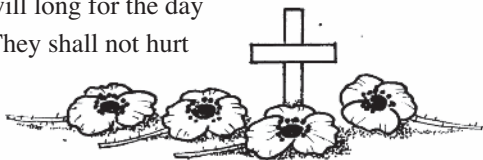


The Great War was said to be 'the war to end all wars'.

But it wasn't. About 3% of the world population were to die in World War 2. This year's 11th November commemoration, repeated on the nearest Sunday, now incorporates all wars.

The Royal British Legion describes the Act of Remembrance as a deeply personal act available to everyone, acknowledging the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces and their families, across all conflicts.

In keeping the Two Minute Silence, many will long for the day when, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."



"We used to wonder where war lived, what it was that made it so vile. And now we realise that we know where it lives, that it is inside ourselves."

Albert Camus, Notebooks, 3, 1962

A voice in the night

'The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.' Isaiah 50:4
Awake in the early hours, and my thoughts fluttering here and there, the name of a friend dropped into my mind as if from nowhere together with the words: "Tell her, 'God is aware of you.'"

Eventually I fell asleep again but when I woke in the morning the words were still there. I had a busy day ahead but as I ate my breakfast, I felt I should text her straight away with what I had been given and trust it would make sense to her.

Midmorning I received a message back. I knew nothing of her circumstances, but both she and her husband were facing major difficulties in their work situations. As they prayed together the night before she asked the Lord to send her a word of encouragement. As she started her day my text arrived. She was so encouraged, and so was I. As I ponder this event two things stand out to me.

(1) God is intimately aware of each one of us, and knows our circumstances. He sees us, He knows what we are going through. He will help us find a way through. And give us the strength and guidance we need. As you read this, He says to you: 'I am aware of you.'

(2) If God drops the name of someone into your mind take it as an indication to pray for them. If words are given to you for them, then share them – either personally, or via a written note or a text message. It may be just what they need to hear. *The Rev Tony Horsfall*



All you need is love

Mother Teresa once observed: "We cannot do great deeds, but we can do small deeds with great love." That's worth remembering in our daily life. What good are great public efforts if they are fuelled by personal ambition or a desire to rule? If you are not personally kind, what good does it do you? The Bible warns us that 'If I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, and have not love, I gain nothing.' (1 Corinthians 13:2,3) Who can you show some love to, today?



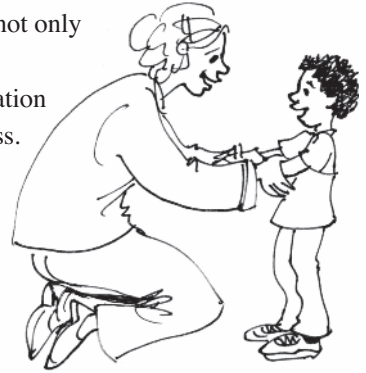
Gratitude: the underestimated virtue

The Roman philosopher Cicero declared: "Gratitude is not only the greatest of the virtues but the parent of all others."

Gratitude brings happiness to the one receiving appreciation and the one expressing it. It encourages reciprocal goodness.

How many times did you hear, as a child, after birthdays or Christmas, "Have you written your thank you letters?"

How many times do we feel that moment of delight when our kindly gestures are acknowledged by letter, email or telephone or from the mouth of the person who thanks us for our thoughtfulness?



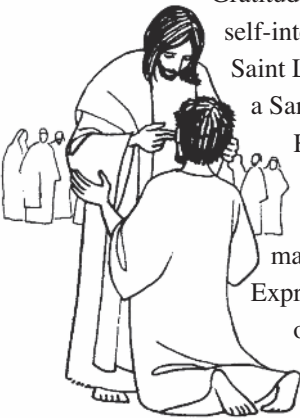
Gratitude from others encourages us in our quest to overcome self-interest and our reluctance to share good fortune.

Saint Luke records Jesus healing ten lepers but only one, a Samaritan, returns to thank him.

He asks, "Where are the other nine? Did no one else turn back to give glory to God except this man of another nation?" Luke 17:11-19

Expressing sincere gratitude is a demonstration of love. A simple act of warm appreciation truly works miracles.

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Life with St Benedict: the Rule reimagined for everyday living

By Richard Frost, BRF, £9.99

The Rule of St Benedict has been described as inspiring, supporting, reassuring, and challenging. It has much to say about faith, work and daily living.

Benedictine communities use a well-established pattern of daily readings to enable the entire Rule to be considered over a four-month period. *Life with St Benedict* follows this pattern. Divided into four, there are 122 readings and reflections in each period.

In a time when many are seeking space, silence and spiritual depth, *Life with St Benedict* provides daily reflections on the Rule as an aid to enabling personal spiritual growth and prayer.

Does short term mission have an impact?



I believe that there are two areas where short term missions are critical for the work of mission. First, short termers help by supporting the ongoing work. Second, short termers bring necessary and unique skills to fill needs on the field.

Full-time missionary service can sometimes feel a little like Sisyphus pushing his rock up the hill. It can be tiresome, lonely and constant. A good short-term missionary can come alongside a long-term worker and help relieve some of their burdens, take up some of their responsibilities and bring a welcome change of pace.

Short-term missionaries can also bring their unique skills and abilities to an area that desperately needs them. Individuals with construction knowledge, mechanical skills, medical specialities, educational abilities, and so many other talents can all be a tremendous help to teams and can open doors to more effective engagement with unreached people groups.

I've seen God use short term concrete specialists, photographers, surgeons, teachers, and even fashion designers to open new avenues for reaching out to unreached African people groups! The gifts and skills God has given us don't have a timetable or geographical range for their usefulness. There could be a community or worker right now in Africa that needs your talents to help them be more effective in the work that God is doing.

Still wondering how God can use a short termer on the mission field? For over 120 years Africa Inland Mission has boldly proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ across the continent of Africa. Millions of souls have heard the good news as a result of the faithful work of dedicated AIM missionaries working together. What if I told you the whole thing started with a short-term missionary?

Peter Cameron Scott, the founder of AIM, didn't plan to be a short-term missionary, but his health only allowed him 18 months of service in Africa. God was able to take that humble offering and multiply its impact infinitely. Through the tireless and ongoing efforts of the thousands of workers that followed, God used Scott's life to begin a movement.

We must never underestimate God, who can use our smallest gifts to build his kingdom.





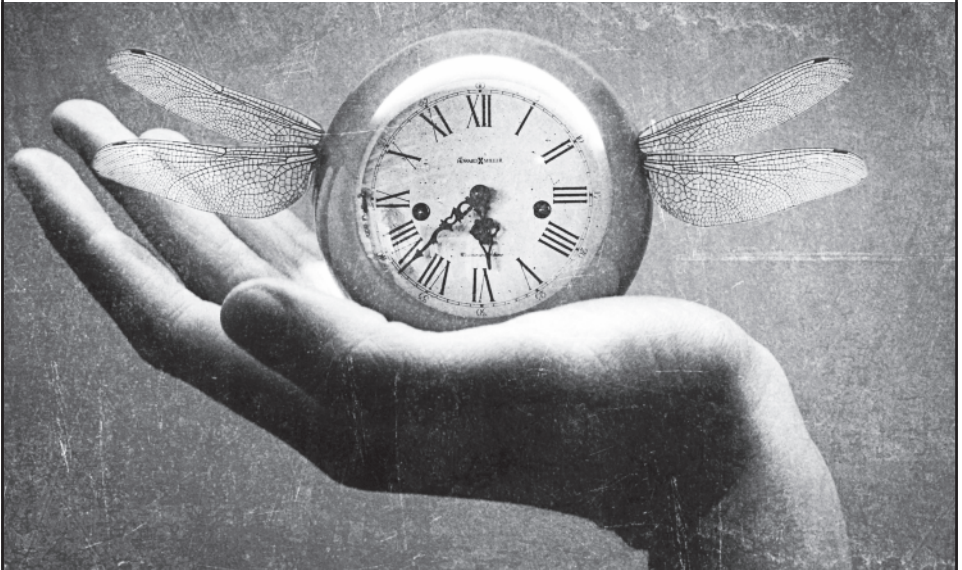
Congratulations to Linda Ackerley and Clare Russell our new Pastoral Workers

Congratulations to Linda Ackerley and Clare Russell who were licensed as Pastoral Workers for our Parish on Saturday 12 October. The ceremony, which took place at Chester Cathedral, was presided over by Rt Revd Keith Sinclair, Bishop of Birkenhead. Linda and Clare have completed a three year programme of training including both biblical studies and practical pastoral skills. They now join the All Saints' ministry team alongside the Vicar and our Readers Michael and Pat.

Linda will be specialising in working with the seniors in our community; Clare will focus on families and the young. Please pray for them as they start their ministry.



We Have Time On Our Hands



Do you need company and someone to talk to?

Perhaps you don't see anyone from one week to the next. Or you are a carer who needs a bit of 'me' time.

We hope to create an opportunity for you to meet others who may feel like yourself within a safe, informal and relaxed atmosphere.

We are starting a small group, up to 6 people (any age). Meeting once a month on a Tuesday between 1.00pm - 3.00pm in Cheadle Hulme.

We will offer a relaxed environment where you could just chat and feel at ease. Everyone has something that they are good at and it would be great to be able to share your skills, knowledge and interests.

If you have any questions and are interested in joining us, please contact:
Mel on 0161 485 5486 or mobile: 07916 771224
email: mel@brohn.co.uk

Supporting each other in our brokenness

Prison Fellowship has a new venture: it is partnering with a charity, Kintsugi Hope, to offer a course that helps prisoners deal with issues such as anger, depression, shame, and forgiveness.

“We’re inspired by the belief that ordinary people can support each other in their brokenness and remind each other of the reality of God’s love. We know, from multiple reports, that men and women in prison suffer disproportionately from mental health issues.” The Kintsugi Hope course seeks to equip people to cope with their lives, to help them realise they are not alone. “There comes a point when you can no longer minimise your own brokenness – it’s too present and too real,” Peter says. “There’s no hiding anymore. The police come around, the door slams, and you can’t conceal it away as you have been doing. Kintsugi Hope is about embracing our brokenness, about God’s love, and that is such a powerful message for men and women in prison to hear.”

Peace

*On the eleventh day of the eleventh month
The guns had ceased and peace had come,
Another war with so much loss
As brave men fought and victories won.
We honour those who gave their lives
And took up arms against the foe,
Not knowing if they would return
But faithful to the call to go.
Battles rage throughout the earth,
It seems that wars will never cease
Until the day that Christ returns –
And only then will there be peace.
The Prince of Peace, Emmanuel
Will come to end this world of strife
And as He brings His kingdom in
He’ll usher in eternal life.*

Megan Carter





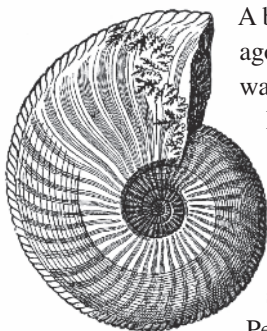
FRIDAY CLUB

Friday 20th September 2019 - "Artefacts of Folk Magic" Peter Watson

We said prayers, I gave out notices and we welcomed Mr Watson to Friday Club and he began his talk. He told us about street magic. A man shows a group of people a beer bottle and a phone, he claps his hands and somehow the phone is in the bottle.

In our days many things are insured and we have the police force to keep law and order, the fire brigade to put out fires and solve other problems, doctors to keep us well, ambulances to call in an emergency, hospitals to solve serious illnesses. Four hundred years ago none of these services that we rely on were around. Then it was a dark, unscientific world.

For help, people consulted the local 'cunning man'. 'Cunning' comes from the Anglo-Saxon 'canan' to know, so he would know what you don't know. His wife would be a wicken, hence witch or wise woman, who you can make use of. You could ask a cunning man to make you an image of something in clay to help you and then wear it round your neck on a cord. In those days there were no street lights and people mostly weren't around after dark. If you had to go out in the dark, which was truly dark except for moonlight, you could wear an owl amulet round your neck. The owl was wise and could see well in the dark to hunt its prey, so wearing the amulet meant you could see more clearly in the dark too.



A belemnite fossil (an extinct cuttlefish from 180 million years ago) was thought to be the tip of a thunderbolt. Keeping a belemnite was thought to keep you safe from being struck by lightning.

Fossilized ammonites from 190 million years ago resembled curled up snakes minus their heads, so if you kept one in a bag you wouldn't get bitten by a snake. All these were examples of sympathetic magic which dated back to the cave men of pre-history who painted deer being hunted successfully and hoped this would become a reality.

People were afraid of fairies who might steal a child and put a changeling in its place. In Lancashire a fossilised sea urchin was kept in the home. It looked like bread and it was hoped that thereby no one in the house would ever be short of bread. Things were different then for if you ran out of things you couldn't nip to the corner shop or to the supermarket. If a harvest failed there was no spare seed to sow for the next year, people could and did starve. Salt was very powerful, not only to flavour food and preserve it but also it had magical properties to avert evil influences or black magic. Spilled salt had to be thrown over the left shoulder in to the face of the devil.

Evil could enter the house through the windows, the doors, fireplace and windows to protect the household from the devil. Number 3 and number 9 were powerful magic numbers against evil. Some people wore a cord with a triangle hanging from it as a protection. In 1520 it was written that evil spirits were gathering near the church to attack babies before they were baptised. Women until quite recently were 'churched' before they could take part in normal activities as they were regarded as unclean after having a baby.



Black cats could be regarded as lucky or unlucky. If it walked in front of anyone it was lucky, if it walked backwards it was unlucky. I have to admit that I have never seen a cat walk backwards, apart from backing off from danger. A red cat was used to ward off evil. If you didn't have one, a picture or a model of a red cat would do.

In 1570 people believed that you could be influenced by the moon, hence the term 'lunatic'. A husband asked a cunning man for help as his wife was running naked as the moon waxed and waned. The moon waxing and waning draws the tides and people thought some women went a bit funny - affected by water in the brain. The cunning man took some honesty seeds which look like the full moon and put three of them in a red bag. We don't know if this worked or not.

There was a great belief in contagious magic. So if you had toothache you took a nail, purified it and then rubbed the gum with the nail until the gum bled. Then you took the nail and hammered it into a tree. As the nail is hammered your toothache goes. Not a remedy you feel you could rely on.

Presumably in days before people were aware of germs childbirth was a dangerous business. Most people would be used to quite a lot of germs but the inside of the body was not so good at repelling bacteria and many women and girls died in childbirth or some days after the birth.

Pueperal fever was common. Even royalty wasn't exempt as Jane Seymour, Henry VIII's wife died some days after bearing the longed for heir, Edward. Mothers to be sought protection during childbirth and before. Relics were used and charms written in latin were used and if there was a successful delivery and churching then the charm or relic gained in power for the next time it was used.



Sometimes magic became black magic if it was used for evil purposes. Supposing a girl desired a man to be her husband but instead he proposed to her friend (who we'll call Eve). The spurned young lady asks for help and is advised to make a doll and dress it in clothes belonging to Eve. So at night she sneaks to Eve's washing line and carefully removes some material from her clothing in such a way that it won't be noticed.

She clothes the tiny doll, names it and sticks thorns or pins into it to hurt Eve. If she's feeling really vicious she takes the doll if it's made from clay and crumbles it into a fire or dissolves it in water. *(Continued on page 14)*

(Continued from page 13) Then the unfortunate Eve dies. Close links there to voodoo. Fairies did you harm and could turn your cream sour or make your cattle ill or harm your child. To keep your children safe you walked from home to a rowan tree and broke pieces off it in silence and then you walked home a different way. You took the pieces and bound them together with red thread into a cross shape, one for each of your children. The red thread was for good magic and the resulting cross was a pre-Christian symbol. In 1947 in Bleasdale, the crosses were still being made and there are still some today who wear it round their necks. The hair of a black cat is also supposed to protect you. The oak tree is the symbol of the god Thor. If you have an acorn you will be safe. Iron had the reputation of warding off evil - touch it to be safe. In the school playground playing games of tig a rule was that if you touched the iron railings you couldn't be caught, which is a folk memory of iron's supposed magical properties.

It was an interesting talk and Mr Watson showed some of the artefacts he had collected. We thanked him for his talk and enjoyed our usual refreshments. *Lily Mitchelhill*

Dates for Your Diary

1st Nov Halloween Party 1.00pm

15th Nov A Kaleidoscope of Sounds - Trevlyn Thomas 2.00pm ALL WELCOME

23rd Nov Preparation for the Christmas Fair 6.00pm - 8.00pm

24th Nov Christmas Fair

28th Nov Corporate Communion for Friday Club 10.00pm ALL WELCOME

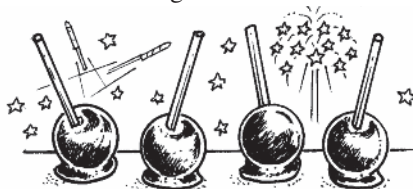
29th Nov Chutney and Cheer - Melanie Latham 2.00pm ALL WELCOME

Guy Fawkes Night



*Sharp sounds and bright illuminations
Roaring fires and celebrations
Incandescent constellations
Multichrome disintegrations
Festive fireworks and frivolity
Jumping Jacks and all such jollity!
But, pause between those stellar shows,
Perhaps we might remember those
Through centuries of "Christian" strife
Have lived their faith, and paid their life.
Remember too, before you're done,
That Jesus prayed we might be one.*

Nigel Beeton





Free gifts for festive shoppers

Families shopping this festive season will receive two great giveaways telling the Christmas story. HOPE Together, Bible Society and Speak Life are working with The Entertainer toy stores to help customers appreciate the reason for the season.



The Entertainer chain is the UK's largest independent toy retailer and each store has a nativity scene in its shop window at Christmas. This year, The Entertainer nativity scenes will feature the popular Happyland characters as Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, the Wise Men and the Shepherds.

To tie in with these nativity scenes, Bible Society is producing a special Entertainer edition of its Christmas booklet.

Each family shopping for Christmas in The Entertainer stores will receive a copy. Shoppers will also get a copy of the Christmas HOPE magazine, featuring a centre-spread with the Happyland characters telling the Christmas story. This 32-page magazine is packed with topical features to inform, challenge and entertain readers. This year's Christmas HOPE cover features Tom Hanks, 'the man behind the honours'; the new Cats movie; Allison Becker: the world's best goalkeeper and Street Pastors 'keeping party-goers safe this Christmas'.



As well as featuring the nativity scene in shop windows and giving away The Christmas Story booklets and Christmas HOPE magazines, The Entertainer stores will screen a specially-made Happyland nativity animation which is being made by the Speak Life team. The animation will be available on social media and to download for use in schools and churches.



All the Christmas resources are also available for churches to order and will be available from the end of October on the

HOPE Together website hopetogether.org.uk/Christmas. The Christmas HOPE magazine is an ideal giveaway for churches visiting homes carol singing or to invite local residents to Christmas events.



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For further details please contact Frances Pickett on 0161 439 8890.



All Saints' Website and Facebook



Keep up to date with news and events on the All Saints' website. Find out about our charity work, community groups and listen to recent sermons.



Please contact Sarah Ball on: comms@allsaintsheadleholme.org.uk with any stories and updates.

Find All Saints' on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsCH/> and "Like" us to get notifications about our news and events.



Church Open

The next Saturday Coffee Morning will be on
November 9th.



MEN'S SOCIETY

Monthly meetings on the first Thursday, September to May, at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room (unless otherwise stated). After the talk there is a short question and answer session followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.

The upcoming programme includes:

Thursday 7 November The Archaeology of Stockport - talk by Norman Redhead

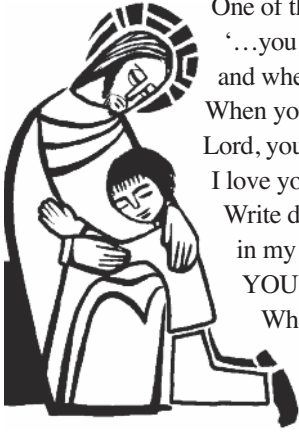
Thursday 5 December From the stage to the pulpit - talk by Rev Lawrie Adam

Although this group is attended by men, if you are interested in hearing any of the speakers you will be most welcome to come along.

Chairman: Bradley Torbitt (0161 486 9387)

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You are loved by God



One of the most beautiful passages in Scripture is found in Isaiah 43:
'...you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.
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Lord, your God,.. you are precious and honoured in my sight, and...

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Our hospitals are full of lonely people

Two in five hospital patients never have any visitors, according to a recent survey. And a recent poll of 200 hospital nurses by the Royal Voluntary Service found that many nurses believe that the lack of social contact hampered patient recovery.

People with no visitors are less likely to be stimulated by conversation, or move away from their beds, or even to follow the medical advice given to them. As one doctor explained:

“Human contact is a crucial part of recovery and that’s why we’re so passionate about ensuring everyone has the option of being supported by volunteers.”

The Royal Voluntary Service runs several hospital services, including assistance with meals, patient transport, trolley services and volunteer-run cafes and shops. More details at:

<https://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/>

The first martyrs - the ‘seed’ of the Christian Church (1st November)

The first martyrs of Rome are recorded in the old Roman Martyrology. The Roman philosopher Cicero states that: ‘At Rome, the birthday is celebrated of very many martyrs, who under the Emperor Nero were falsely charged with the burning of the city and by him were ordered to be slain by various kinds of cruel death; some were covered with the skin of wild beasts, and cast to the dogs to be torn asunder; others were crucified, and then when daylight failed used as torches to illuminate the night.

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Ministry statistics published



The number of female clergy in the Church of England continues to rise with more women than men entering training for ordained ministry for the second year running, according to recently published statistics.

More women, 54%, than men began training for ordained ministry in 2018, for the second year running. Just under a third, or 30%, of the estimated 20,000 active clergy in the Church of England were female compared to 27% in 2014, according to Ministry Statistics for 2018.

The report also shows the proportion of senior posts such as dean or bishop occupied by women rose from 23% to 25% over the last year. The figures do not take into account six new appointments of female bishops this year, bringing the total so far to 24.

The proportion of people identifying as from black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds starting training for ordained ministry in the Church of England rose to 8% in 2018, compared to 4% in 2016. Around a third, or 33%, of people beginning their training last year were under 35 years old and more than half, or 53%, were under 45. Meanwhile the number of men and women ordained as deacon rose from 485 in 2016 to 535 in 2019. The figures have been released as the Church of England seeks to fulfil a key target of a 50% increase in the number of candidates for ordination as part of its programme of Renewal and Reform. Mandy Ford, Interim Director of the Ministry Division of the Church of England, said: "I am thankful for the hard work and prayers of the parishes and dioceses in helping us to increase the numbers of people coming forward for ordained ministry, a key aim of the Renewal and Reform programme."

Bishop welcomes PM's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief

The Bishop of Leeds, Nick Baines, the Church of England's Lead Bishop for Foreign Affairs, has welcomed the appointment of Rehman Chishti MP as the Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief, succeeding Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon. Bishop Nick said: "Everyone has an inherent right to profess any faith or none, yet across the world people continue to be imprisoned or killed for what they believe. "Given the fundamental importance of this issue we have long called for the Prime Minister's Special Envoy to be made a dedicated role and we are pleased that this step has now been taken."



"It's a devil to start on these damp November Sunday mornings – luckily we have a sidesman who works for the AA"



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NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am The Parish Communion.
We welcome children and encourage them to bring their parents. There is a supervised creche in Church for the under 5's in the Meeting Room. On the second Sunday of each month this will be our Family Communion and Parade Service. We serve coffee in Church after the service - please come and join us.
- 6.30pm Evensong.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

- Holy Communion:
Tuesdays at 9.30am
Thursdays at 10.00am
Holy Days as announced
- Matins: Mondays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays at 9.00am
- See the weekly news sheet for further details.*

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BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of the Church:

Oct 20 George Thomas Catanach

CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

We give thanks for the lives of the following:

Oct 1 Susanne Ternahan
Died 13th September 2019
Aged 73

Bereavement Service

On Sunday the 3rd November, All Saints Sunday, at 6.30pm, All Saints Church will be holding a special service for those who have been bereaved.

We will provide an opportunity to remember before God the loved one who has died, to thank God for that person's life, to reflect on what their lives have meant for us and how they have made a difference in the world, and to remember each other in our prayers.

There will be an opportunity for the names of loved ones who have died to be read out. Those who wish to may make a special act of remembrance by the lighting of a candle in memory of their loved ones. Candles are provided. Some hymns will be sung and there will be readings and prayers but no collection will be taken. The service will last approximately one hour. I hope you will be able to join us.



We have a new website. Please take a look and let us know what you think.

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Christian Stewardship

The Parish practises the principles of Christian Stewardship in its giving for the work of God. If you are interested to learn more about it please contact the Recorder, Kate Hughes (485 1010), the Vicar or the Churchwardens. The giving of time and talents is encouraged, If you wish to help in some capacity in the Church services or organisations, in improving or maintaining the Church fabric or grounds, or in visiting and helping the sick or housebound, please speak to the Clergy or the Churchwardens.



All Saints Cheadle Hulme

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