

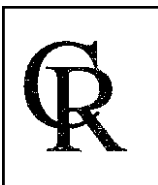
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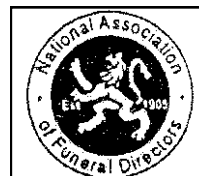
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## October 2012

**M**oney is always a difficult topic for people to talk about, or sometimes even think about, but money issues don't go away just because we ignore them. Here at St Chad's we have a large building to support in order to maintain our Christian presence in the community. The reality is that at St Chad's our income no longer equals our expenditure, and it seems highly probable that this year we won't have sufficient funds to pay our parish share. Our parish share (also known as the quota) is the money that we, as a church, pay into the central funds of the diocese. In turn the diocese pays a considerable sum of money into the central funds of the Church-of-England nationally. This money is used to pay for clergy, for housing, for grants and for all the other things that keep such a large institution viable. If we don't meet our parish share payments that means that we are in debt.

We shouldn't think of our parish share as an optional extra. It's a bill just like the gas bill, the electric bill and the insurance bill, and I believe that we have a moral and an ethical duty to pay it.

For the past four years we've been carefully cutting back on what we spend, but, for a variety of reasons, our fund-raising activities are much less robust than they were in the past, and, however much we stretch them, the two ends of our finances can no longer be made to meet in the middle.

We depend overly much on the monetary generosity of a few and we appear readily to accept it when people say things like, 'something will turn up, or God will provide'. But a few cannot keep the church going by themselves, and neither should they, and the mysterious 'something' has failed to materialise. Meanwhile I feel God may be expecting us to address the situation for ourselves.

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Autumn is a good time to reassess many aspects of our lives, and that includes how we support those institutions that we want to see grow and flourish (or even just stay the same). If a number of people make small increases in their giving then those small increases add up to a significant sum. We can all ensure that, where ever possible, we gift-aid any donations that we give to the church. If we all use our talent money thoughtfully then that project will give some extra cash. We may not all be able to take part in fund-raising events, but we can probably all support those events by our donations of goods and by our presence on the day. Some people may have ideas for new and different fund-raising events and we should all encourage and support that, and if possible offer our help.

Small changes by many people can add up to a big difference. Take some time this autumn to see what small changes you could make to benefit your parish church and to keep our Christian presence alive in this community.

**The Reverend Elizabeth Davies**

### **A SONNET FOR DAVID AND GOLIATH**

Poor Goliath, burdened by that armour!  
He didn't stand a chance! He just stood there,  
while David surveyed the panorama,  
then swung and loosed a pebble and a prayer;  
when like a tumbled tower, the Philistine  
tottered, then swayed, staggered and fell face down  
at the shepherd's feet. His elephantine  
head soon severed as the youth played the clown  
before king Saul. Generals dream of this hour,  
and the day when also they can deploy  
such mobility, with a firepower  
that's overwhelming. It would make their joy  
in war complete. But now, ad nauseam,  
the rules have changed. Remember Vietnam!

**Albert Radcliffe.**

## DEDICATION SUNDAY AND ST. CHAD'S DAY

A few months ago, I wrote an article for the Magazine asking for views about changing the date on which we celebrate St. Chad's Day and having a joint celebration for St. Chad and our Dedication. Briefly, the argument was this. St. Chad's Day normally falls on 2 March. This means that the Sunday nearest to that date, when we have traditionally celebrated our patron, is almost always in Lent. Keeping his day then interrupts the flow of Lent and, of course, also means that our celebrations are somewhat muted. The new Lectionary, however, helpfully allows us to celebrate Chad on 26 October together with his brother St. Cedd, also a Bishop in the Anglo Saxon church. This coincides almost exactly with the Sunday on which we have traditionally celebrated our Dedication.

In my earlier article, I suggested that keeping St. Chad at the end of October and celebrating our Dedication anniversary at the same time made good sense. The general response to my proposal was positive. We have decided to make the change and, from this year, the last Sunday in October will see us celebrate St. Chad and our Dedication. Although this year we kept St. Chad's Day on the nearest Sunday to 2 March, we have decided, just for this year, to celebrate him again, together with the Dedication, on Sunday 28 October. As we think increasingly about how we witness to the community around us and make the parish aware of our presence, it is appropriate that we link St. Chad and Dedication. He lived and ministered in times so different from ours that they would be unrecognisable to us - as our society would be unrecognisable to him. We must not forget that he faced incredible difficulties but always maintained a faithful ministry. That is surely important for us as we face our own challenges.

We thought that it would be appropriate to celebrate St. Chad twice this year, the year we are making the change. If we had not, it would have been over 18 months from the celebration this March to the one in October 2013. We hope that linking the two events together - St. Chad and Dedication - will be welcomed and will help us to focus our thinking and our planning, drawing on the example of St. Chad.

**John Milner**



## ST CHAD'S OPEN WEEKEND

### Artistic Explosion

Dedicated art enthusiasts Christine, Pam, Linda, Peter, Phillanna and Barbara attended the art group. Painters painted landscapes and flowers. Others sketched wildlife and explored shading using pastel and pencil crayons.

As a group we talk about our loves, likes and dislikes in art and society. The open weekend allowed us to show what we do in the Community Hall on a Saturday morning 10am till noon.

The Local M.P. and the Councillors came along to support the event. We have a display of our work in the entrance to the Church. Please come along and have a look and join in.

**Opal Walsh**

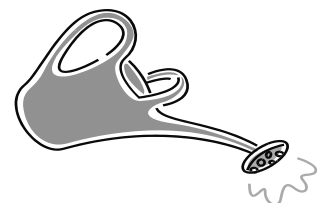
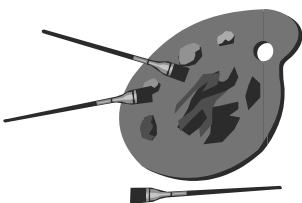
### The Community Wildlife Garden during the Open Weekend

We were fortunate enough to have lovely, sunny weather over the weekend, making the experience for visitors to the Wildlife Garden a very pleasant one. The sun had encouraged bees and other insects, as well as a few birds, into the Garden. Wildlife spotted over the two days included a dragon fly, quite a lot of cabbage white butterflies, a few other coloured butterflies which we couldn't identify, lots of bees of different types, various insects skating across the pond, a loan squirrel and a neighbour's black cat, which does regularly visit the garden on other occasions.

We welcomed 30 people on Saturday and 21 people on Sunday, quite a number of whom had not seen the Garden before. Everyone was offered a guided tour and most people accepted the offer, asking lots of questions and giving very good feedback about what has been achieved. A couple of people showed an interest in helping us to maintain the Garden.

We were also pleased that some of the visitors were children who all enjoyed looking at the plants and the pond. Some even made a replica garden to take away with them (using seed trays, compost, twigs, small plants and foliage from around the Garden.). We were also able to give away colouring sheets and crayons to the children. The adult visitors were each given a packet of wildflower meadow seeds to take away, and some of them bought plants grown by Peter.

**Muriel Hargeaves**



## **WEEKEND AT PICKERING**

I had a lovely weekend in and around Pickering North Yorkshire in June. On the way there, we stopped at St Mary's Church, Lastingham. which is where St Cedd, who is St Chad's brother is buried. He founded it as a monastery in 654. He died of the plague in 664.

Restoration of the monastery, which was never finished, began in 1078 and St Mary's has been a parish church since 1228. The interesting part of the church is the crypt, where the Eucharist is celebrated on a Wednesday all year round.

We spent all day Saturday hopping on and off the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. First visiting Whitby Abbey which would have been very enjoyable if the rain had stopped for long enough! After that we went to Goathland which is also known as Aidensfield for Heartbeat viewers. The station was used for Harry Potter films and called Hogsmeade. Lastly we alighted at Grosmont Station where the engines are restored. This was very interesting.

The whole weekend all around the district were having music from the 1960s and when we arrived back in Pickering, the main road was closed for a very good band from that era. It didn't matter that it kept raining as everyone was having such fun, dancing and singing. I was in my element and it made a lovely ending to the day.

On Sunday, we picked up our granddaughter, Sara, from an adventure weekend nearby, and took her back to Bradford.

**Pam Race**

## **Poetry at St Chad's**

You are warmly invited to the launch of:

***'Darwin's Pigeons and Other Poems, Poems on Scientific Themes'***  
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Wednesday 17th October 2012

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Which includes a copy of the book, or £3 without the book. Though we live in a world that's shaped by science that science, unfortunately, is not often the subject of poetry, poetry being all too often limited to the celebration of nature, even though without science nature would be very poorly understood indeed. These are poems that attempt to get to grips with the spiritual meaning of the science that opens up the world we all live in. Poems will be explained before they are read.

***All are welcome and there'll be something to interest everyone.***

# DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2012

2	Tuesday	07.30pm 08.00pm	Holy Communion PCC meeting
4	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
6	Saturday	10.00am -12 noon 07.00pm	Artistic Explosion Harvest Supper
7	Sunday	08.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion / Harvest
9	Tuesday	07.30pm 08.00pm	Holy Communion Ladies Group meeting
11	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
13	Saturday	10.00am -12 noon	Artistic Explosion
14	Sunday	10.00am 03.00pm	Holy Communion Confirmation service at St Nicholas
16	Tuesday	07.30pm 08.00pm	Holy Communion Book Group
17	Wednesday	7.30pm	Poetry Book Launch by Canon Radcliffe
18	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
20	Saturday	10.00am -12 noon	Artistic Explosion
21	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
23	Tuesday	07.30pm 08.00pm	Holy Communion Craft Group
25	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
27	Saturday		Half Term no Artistic Explosion
28	St Chad's Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion & Dedication Sunday
30	Tuesday	07.30pm	Holy Communion



## **Harvest thoughts in St Chad's Community Wildlife Garden**

When we first began to develop our Community Wildlife garden here at St. Chad's we wanted to create a space that would help us to reflect on the beautiful, complex and fragile planet that we have inherited. From the very early stages of planning and creating the garden we began to see that it could become an important part of our Christian witness here at St. Chad's.

We have found that the garden reminds us of our earth and all that has gone before us. This makes us mindful of our responsibility to pass on this heritage to future generations.

It has helped us to become more aware of God's creative and generous nature, within the continual round of seed-time and harvest. It has helped us to understand that we rely on the powers and forces of God's creation for our life and for our well-being.

Within our garden space we have also developed a safe and nurturing environment to sustain a myriad of fellow creatures, co-habiting peacefully within this inner city environment. This ensures that we also have in mind the need to take care of our whole planet, with a far greater myriad of creatures and plant life.

Our garden has therefore become, not a withdrawal or retreat from the city, but a different sort of sacred space to compliment the sacred space of our church building. We hope to share our garden and our thinking with other churches, with local school children, and with other community groups. In this way we can continue on our journey of discovery.

**The Green Group**



### **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.

**This Month's Saint  
Elizabeth Fry 1780-1845  
12th October  
Prison Reformer**

**I**n the old Book of Common Prayer our church remembered the lives of only six or so saints each month; while now, with Common Worship, this number has quadrupled, with many of those celebrated being not only modern but also members of other churches.

A further change has been that those in the old calendar were honoured chiefly for the 'holiness' of their lives, while those added recently are celebrated more for their Christian courage or humanitarianism, as is the case with this month's commemoration of Elizabeth Fry. This interesting theological shift from holiness to morality deserves more discussion than it's so far received.

Elizabeth Fry, 'Betsy' to her family and friends, was born into a wealthy Quaker banking family, the Gurneys. Catherine, her mother was a Barclay, of Barclay's bank fame.

When she was 18, Elizabeth heard the American Quaker preacher, William Savery and as a result became concerned for the plight of the sick, poor and those in prison. She began a Sunday School for poor children and began collecting clothes for poor relief.

In 1800, she married Joseph Fry, a family banker friend who was also a Quaker. They had eleven children, nine of whom survived childhood.

In 1812, at a friend's suggestion she visited Newgate Jail and was appalled at the brutalisation and conditions of the prisoners, especially the women, many of whom had their children with them. After

visiting other prisons and spending the night there she invited aristocratic friends to see prison life for themselves.

As well as encouraging women prisoners to improve their lives, sewing and reading the Bible, she began a school for the children and lobbied parliament through her brother-in-law who was an MP.

A woman of tremendous energy, Elizabeth founded the British Ladies Society for Promoting the Reformation of Female Prisoners, the first national women's organisation in the country. In 1840, she also began a nurses' training school which later supplied Florence Nightingale with nurses in the Crimea. Among those who supported her work were Queen Victoria, Robert Peel and King Frederick William IV of Prussia.

In 2001, the Bank of England issued a £5 note showing her reading to prisoners at Newgate. Fry is a Christian Quaker worthy of Anglican commemoration in our church's prayers.



**Albert Radcliffe**

## St Chad's Artistic Explosion

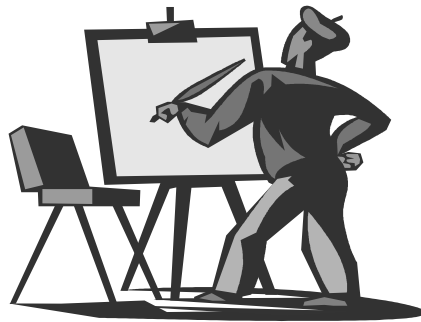
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Sunday	10.00 a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Thursday	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

Also on First Sunday of each month:

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evensong

### **IN THE HALL**

1st Tuesday	8.00 p.m.	P.C.C.
2nd Tuesday	8.00 p.m.	Ladies Group
3rd Tuesday	8.00 p.m.	Book Group
4th Tuesday	8.00 p.m.	Needlecraft Group

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