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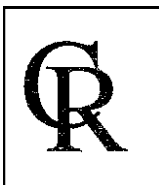
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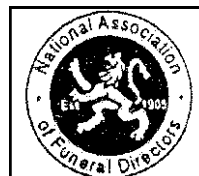
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Christian Aid Week 12–18 May 2013

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Christian Aid Week volunteer

Thousands of churches will stand together this Christian Aid Week to speak out for change. Some 100,000 committed volunteers will go out and put their faith into action, raising funds to help some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

This includes Britain's largest house-to-house collection, an extraordinary act of witness – demonstrating to our communities that we care about ending poverty and injustice.

There is enough food for everyone in the world, but one in eight people will go to bed hungry tonight.

This year's Christian Aid Week tells the story of how Christian Aid is helping communities to bite back at hunger through the lens of land rights in Bolivia, new technology in Kenya and innovative agriculture in Zimbabwe.

You can support Christian Aid Week by looking out for local events, and discover how you can be involved by contacting your local Christian Aid Week representative or by visiting www.caweeek.org/article

Christian Aid

Once again this year the people of St Chad's will join in with the Christian Aid Week street collections. It would be good to have as many volunteers as possible to distribute envelopes during the week and then to collect them back in at the end of the week.

As we have done for the past few years we will have a short time of prayer in church at 5.30pm on Friday 17th May, to pray for those who distribute and collect the envelopes, to pray for the poor and marginalised in our world and to bring the work of the Christian Aid organisation before God.

Christian Aid envelopes will be available at the back of church at the beginning of May. Please do try to distribute some envelopes during the week and then come along and join us on Friday evening before we go out to collect the envelopes back in. We generally meet back in the hall around 7.15pm for some light refreshments.

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St Chad's Stewardship Campaign: How can I help?

Our stewardship campaign, which takes place from 9 – 30 June, is getting closer! The Stewardship Team have been working hard making plans to ensure a successful campaign. Now we need more help with the key tasks of the campaign.

Delivering campaign packs

Everyone connected with St Chad's will receive an individually addressed pack explaining what the Stewardship Campaign is about, how St Chad's will benefit and how they can help the Church's mission in Ladybarn. Giving the packs to recipients in person is the most effective way of communicating the stewardship message to them; volunteers are needed to do this. Experience from churches across the country shows how absolutely vital such personal contact is to the success of a stewardship campaign.

The Diocesan Stewardship Advisor recommends that each volunteer delivers no more than five packs. The Stewardship Team has identified about 100 people who have some connection with St Chad's so about 20 volunteers are required. The Stewardship Team and PCC members will supply about a dozen of these so around 8 more are needed.

After the Parish Eucharist on May 5 there will be a session to give more detail about what is involved and discuss how this important task can best be carried out. Increasing our income is a key element of the Stewardship Campaign so how we approach this will be part of the discussion.

Making up campaign packs

Volunteers are needed to make up 100 or so campaign packs by putting six or so different items into individually addressed envelopes. This is planned for the evening of Wednesday 29 May and, as it is a rather tedious task, nice refreshments will be provided.

Opening the Church throughout the campaign

Following up a suggestion made at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, it is planned to have the Church open at some time every day of the three-week campaign. Volunteers are needed throughout this period to staff the Church and look after any visitors. Suggestions of activities to bring in visitors would be very welcome.

I can help – what do I do next?

If you can help, please give your name, telephone number and, what is helpful but not essential, email address to one of the church wardens saying which of the tasks you are able to help with. There is also a form on the website on which you can give your details.

I can't help with these tasks; is there anything I can do?

Please pray for the success of the Stewardship Campaign as all members of St Chad's consider prayerfully what they each do for the church. Pray that the work and witness of St Chad's is vigorous and growing as together we take a fresh look at its mission. Tell any of your friends who have a connection with St Chad's about the stewardship campaign and how important it is to the future of St Chad's.

From the the Stewardship Team

ST CHAD'S A UNIQUE JIGSAW

Every Sunday each person in the congregation represents an essential and unique part of the jigsaw that is St Chad's at worship. We all play a unique part and without each one of us our jigsaw would not be complete. Each piece is essential. Imagine the frustration of buying a jigsaw only to find one piece is missing! The jigsaw would remain maddeningly incomplete and rendered useless.

But, St Chad's is more than it's weekly acts of worship. We have many varied activities throughout the week, some require culinary skills or our creativity, our muscle power or our brain power. They are all valuable pieces of the jigsaw that is St Chad's.

Equally, the members of our congregation who are housebound, unable to attend church or activities, are in our hearts and minds. They too are valuable parts of the various pieces of our jigsaw. Sometimes they need our help.

Our jigsaw still needs to grow and the wider community needs to find out we are a listening church eager to welcome newcomers. We would be happy to surprise our neighbours with all that we have to give and, from those who take the plunge and give us a try, we would be happy to receive new ideas about how we can make a difference in our local community.

We all must travel hopefully. The congregation of St Chad's knows there is always room for improvement. If we are to be a living, growing church we need to be adaptable to change. Equally we need to be realistic about our human resources, both financial and physical.

The reflections of a parishioner



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NEWS FROM THE BOOK CLUB.

THE TENANT OF WILDFELL HALL by Anne Bronte

On being a woman in 1850:

It was inferred that her sole purpose in life was to marry and to have children.

On her marriage, everything she owned, inherited or earned automatically became the property of her husband.

Her husband had automatic right of access to her body. This was assured by law and written into the marriage contract as her vow to obey her husband.

A husband could permanently and legally remove the children from his wife if it was his choice. She had no redress.

Divorce was never an option for an abused wife.

A wife who took her child, and fled from an abusive husband could then be charged with kidnap and sent to jail.

The Tenant of Wildfell Hall is a powerful and sometimes violent novel of expectation, betrayal, love, sin and oppression. It charts the disintegration of the marriage between Helen Huntingdon, the 'Tenant' of the title, and her abusive husband, Arthur. Defying convention, Helen flees with her young son, to protect him from his father's appalling influence. She manages to earn her living as an artist and eventually finds love with Gilbert Markham, a local farmer.

The book is written in an unusual three part format. First, in a letter from Gilbert, to a friend, it relates the story of Helen and her son's arrival at Wildfell Hall. Part two is in retrospect. Gilbert is allowed to learn the truth about Helen's disastrous marriage and subsequent flight, when he is given her diary to read. The narrative restarts for the last section when Helen leaves Wildfell Hall to nurse her dying, alcoholic husband. Several incidents conspire to destroy the relationship between Helen and Gilbert before their problems are eventually overcome at the end of the story.

Anne Bronte did not subscribe to the existing admiration for characters like Heathcliff, whose romantic power was based on strength and brutality. In her story, male violence is shown to be sordid, stupid and unreasonable. The powerful images of this book are as relevant now as they were then. Occasionally, Helen appears rather prim and sanctimonious, but this seems a small price to pay, for such a perceptive glimpse into the dark side of a woman's life in early Victorian England.

We loved this book and it scored an average of 9/10 .

The next Book Club will be on Tuesday April 18th when we shall be discussing **Brazzaville Beach by William Boyd**

Barbara

SPRING-TIME THOUGHTS IN THE ST CHAD'S COMMUNITY WILDLIFE GARDEN

In the words of the Psalmist "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it ; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers" Psalm 24 verses 1-2. As Spring gradually unfolds in our Community Wildlife Garden we are being reminded again of God's creative and generous nature, as we witness the continual round of seed-time and new growth.

During this exceptionally cold, dry spring, it has been good to see that we have created a safe and nurturing environment for a variety of creatures within our garden. This includes spaces where insects and small mammals have been able to hibernate, some of which are in the 'bug hotel'. Many of the seed heads of flowers we had planted last summer have provided natural food for several species of birds. During the bitterly cold days of February and March we also placed bird food in appropriate feeders.

Such nurture and care in our small garden, together with our forthcoming Stewardship Campaign, have helped us to keep in mind the need to steward God's earth well. Good stewardship of our planet, with her myriad of creatures and plant life, should ensure that this precious heritage is handed on to future generations. We have already begun 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.

Finally, the serious decline in our bee population has made many people realize the amazing inter-connectedness of the eco-systems of our beautiful but fragile planet. A particularly welcome recent development with regard to the St Chad's Community Wildlife Garden is that Friends of the Earth have just awarded it the status of a Bee Friendly Garden. It is one of 60 gardens that have been chosen as part of our Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012. We have just received a lovely bright honey-gold plaque and we plan to place this near the entrance to the garden. Please take a look!

The Green Group, and those who take particular responsibility for managing the garden, would very much welcome new members from our congregation to join their endeavors.

Judith Fletcher

Easter Trail

An Easter trail was held in Ladybarn Park this Easter Saturday, organised by my daughter Heather, with some help on the day by other members of Ladybarn Park committee. The trail involved following clues which were fastened up around the park with initial letters forming part of a word. When the children came back to the tent with the right word, they were given an Easter egg and a lolly and some sweets. It was a cold day but very sunny and 92 children turned up. This is the 3rd Easter that we have had this trail and it is proving a very popular annual event.

Pam Race

From a Nearly Reader

Three years is nearly up now and it has passed very quickly. I am on the last part of the Reader Training course before the licensing, which is happening next month.

The module I am doing at the moment is entitled Service & Leadership, it consists of eleven evening sessions and there is one more assignment to be done; when a group of four of us, gives a presentation about the best practices of collaborative ministry among our churches and their underlying principles to the rest of our year and the tutors. This includes those who are training to be Readers in the dioceses of Chester, Derbyshire, Liverpool and Manchester.

Some of the modules that I have completed in this course also involved people who are preparing for ordination, these people will be ordained this year. My colleagues who will be licensed as Readers this year will have their licensing services in their respective diocesan cathedrals, but as some of you may know Manchester Cathedral is closed for a new under-floor heating system to be installed, so the Manchester Readers Licensing service is to be held in William Temple church in Wythenshawe.

This current module has been well taught with plenty of time for discussion amongst our group at Luther King House (so it is not far for me to travel). Those in charge of our training now consider that the leadership in our churches is to be collaborative, although they recognise the ordained minister as the leader within the church or group of churches, that leader cannot do everything and has to encourage others to use their talents in the collaborative ministry. Everyone has something to offer and for most people who come into church for the first time this is by welcoming them and allowing them to become part of the worshipping community, if that is what they want to do. As we are having a stewardship campaign soon we will all have to think about how we can offer our gifts to God, in service in our church and lives.

A Reader is a lay person and the licence given to them by the bishop allows them to preach, read the gospel and teach in the church the Bishop licences the Reader to. So just like John Milner I will be a Reader in St. Chad's. There are rules and regulations about what we can do as Readers but we cannot preside at communion, or give absolution, and we have to be careful about the form of words we use giving the blessing.

Like most professions now, our training does not finish and there are post licensing courses to do from October. This is to enable us to continue to learn about the bible and to improve our preaching. One important part of the course has been the need to find time for prayer, because we always ought to try and remember where God is every day of our lives and we need to keep our line of communication open to God.

Helen Reid

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.

DIARY FOR MAY 2013

2	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
5	Sunday	08.00am 10.00am 06.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong
7	Tuesday	07.30pm	Archdeacons visitation, St. Matthew, Stretford. Please note: no service this evening at St. Chads
9	Thursday Ascension Day	10.00am 07.30pm	Holy Communion Deanery Eucharist at St. Wilfred, Northenden everyone welcome
CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12 - 18 MAY			
12	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
14	Tuesday	07.30pm 08.00pm	Holy Communion PCC
16	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
17	Friday	05.30pm	Prayers in church for Christian Aid Week
18	Saturday	02.30pm	Organ recital in church with Jordan English
19	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion for Pentecost
21	Tuesday	07.30pm 08.00pm	Holy Communion Book Group
22	Wednesday	07.45pm	Fashion Show by Fizz in Church
23	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
26	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion for Trinity Sunday
28	Tuesday	07.30pm 08.00pm	Holy Communion Needlework Group
30	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion

Prayers for Christian Aid Week

God of the impossible,
we pray for justice, peace
and reconciliation.
And when the challenges seem too many,
remind us of
your resurrection power,
and the miracles of your love that happen
whenever injustice is dismantled and rebuilt with peace.
Help us to
hope that the impossible can happen
and live as if it might do so
today.

Amen

God of reconciliation and grace,
you promise us a world
where all is new,
where love is born when hope is gone,
where broken
relationships are restored to wholeness.
May we live as people who know
your story of love,
and we have the vision to imagine what could be
possible
if we dared to live this story.
God of abundant life,
may we
be witnesses of love, hope and peace,
and co-creators of your life in
the world.

Amen



NOTICES

'The Achdeacons Visitation will take place at St Matthew, Stretford on Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm. Churchwardens must attend, sidespeople should attend and it is good if PCC members are there as well. Everyone is welcome. Please note that there will be no service at St Chad's that evening.'

'This year's Deanery Eucharist will be held on Ascension Day (Thursday 9th May) at 7.30pm, at St Wilfred's, Northenden. Everyone is encouraged to attend and it is always good to have as many representatives from St Chad's as possible for this special service.'

'Christian Aid Week - On Friday 17th May there will be prayers in church for Christian Aid Week. Everyone is welcome to come along and pray for the work of Christian Aid whether or not they plan to collect envelopes that evening. Light refreshments in the hall from 7.15pm'

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REGULAR SERVICES

IN CHURCH

Sunday	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday	07.30pm	Holy Communion
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion

Also on the first Sunday of each month:

08.00am	Holy Communion
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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