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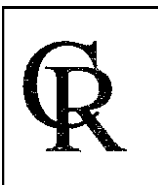
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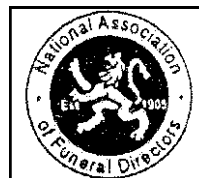
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**Jottings from the Parish Day on
8th March 2014
Led by Bishop David**

- The Church Commissioners have shown that where the numbers who attend services in churches declines where there is no stipendiary minister, and this decline is worse where the minister has to look after several churches.
- Stipendiary ministers need to be free of as much administration as possible to motivate growth of the church.
- The laity should discuss what things we want the clergy to do.
- The congregation is also involved in growing the church and to be willing to experience change.
- We are all to live out the Gospel in our daily lives; there are books and courses such as "The Pilgrim Course" to help each of us to do this.
- The Bishop's research has shown extraverts grow a church.
- Creating a new congregation may not necessarily involve growing the usual congregation.
- Activities are important in church life and it should be acknowledged that those who attend such events are not necessarily part of the regular congregation.
- Sporadic activities and events are a good way to advertise the church; sometimes relationships build up between the different people involved in the organisation of such events, so much so, that these people may be able to help at other times.
- Belonging in different ways can often lead to a person funding a church later.
- The actual site of a church is important to some people in a parish.
- GOD is the rock for a church, not the liturgy.
- Organise one-off events and do them well.
- Nurturing the faith of all people is important, the whole congregation can do this and maybe this can start from small events initially.
- Exploration of how we as Christians are in relation with our local society
- Use resources like "Open the Book" to gain access to local schools.
- Lay leadership is important.

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- Look at the skills that people have got and what skills we do need.
- Bring skills in from outside.
- How do we contact people of other faiths?
- Suggest what we are going to do here at St Chad's, what are the pitfalls of each idea, and to think about the answers to solve these obstacles, so that the idea can be implemented.
- Link the commemoration of WW1 to church events
- Spend time on things we do well.
- Work with partners in local churches.
- Keep the church open in daylight hours.
- Be more prayerful before and during services.
- Develop musical links.
- Use Heritage Open days.

There were other ideas mentioned in our discussions; the day was very profitable and enjoyable. Some of the ideas have already resulted in people taking them up and acting on the suggestions and we already do some of the others. Bishop David was thanked for his leadership of our Parish day, as were the many others who were involved to make the day so successful.

A prayer for Easter from the Liturgy of the Hours.

Ever-living God, help us to celebrate our joy
In the resurrection of the Lord
And to express in our lives the love we celebrate;
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Helen Reid

Recycling Plant Visit

The Green Group and friends enjoyed a very interesting afternoon in February visiting the recycling plant in Sharston. This is an enormous place and we had a short walk to the office for a brief talk before we started our tour. This entailed explaining briefly how the plant works, what sort of things we can recycle and what happens to the items which we cannot put in our bins, etc. After this, we donned fluorescent jackets, gloves, helmets and safety goggles to go to the actual building which sorts out the various cans, bottles, glass, paper, etc, and crushes everything up. It is extremely noisy and quite dirty and we were lucky that it was a dry day. Lastly, after we removed the special clothing back in the room, we played a game which was sorting pictures of various recycling items and putting them on the right bin picture. We all enjoyed the visit and hopefully learned something new.

Pam Race

Echoes of the Big Bang?

On March 14th there was world-wide excitement at the announcement that scientists using a telescope at the south pole, where the air is dry and clear, had discovered microwave radiation called 'primordial gravitational waves', left over from the very early universe that could only have come from ripples in the very stuff of space-time

If this is confirmed it would be a discovery as great as any ever made in cosmology, the study of the universe.

Light is made up of very, very tiny particles of electro-magnetic radiation called photons which come with wavelengths ranging from the very short to the very long and of these the human eye can only see a tiny range from blue to red. X rays and radio-waves our eyes can't detect, though mobile phones and other instruments can.

In our homes our TV aerials pick up electro-magnetic radiation signals that are loaded with information if only we have the equipment to get at it. It's the same with all photons that carries information including those from the early universe.

The account of Creation in the first chapters of the book of Genesis is not a scientific account as modern science did not develop until the first decade of the 17th century with William Gilbert in England and Galileo Galilei in Italy; while the modern understanding of the universe as beginning with the Big Bang 13.8 billion years ago is only some 50 years old.

Immediately after the Big Bang, the universe began to expand at many, many times the speed of light in a process called inflation. This meant that the minute primordial gravitational waves created in the Big Bang were amplified and transferred onto what's known as the Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation and its these signals loaded with information which were detected by BICEP2, the telescope at the South Pole.

In short we can now fill-out the Genesis story of creation with the latest scientific theory and information. Next time you switch on a microwave oven, think about these other microwaves created 'in the beginning', which fill all of space-time and if only we can decode them tell us about the moment when God said, Let there be light, that is Let there be photons, Let there be Electro-Magnetic Radiation.

If you are at all interested in such things, please collar me and ask.

Albert Radcliffe.

Lent Course
2nd April (St Chads)
9th April (Holy Innocents)
7.15pm to 9pm

EVENING PRAYER WITH THE GLORIANA SINGERS

Tuesday 20 May

At 7.30pm

**Performing Pergolesi's 'Stabat Mater'
and Handel's Organ Concerto No 4 in F**

On 20 May, we are replacing our usual Communion service with a service of Evening Prayer in which music will be provided by the locally-based Gloriana Singers, a female choir who rehearse at Union Chapel. They will be conducted by Glynn Davies, the organist of Bakewell Parish Church and will be accompanied by the string section of the Peak Chamber Orchestra and myself on organ continuo. Admission is free - although a collection will be taken in aid of the Organ Fund. Please come and support this important event.

Robert Nicholls

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NEW CHURCH SIGNS

The PCC is planning to replace the existing church signs which are past their best and which do not give an up-to-date impression of St Chad's to the outside world. New signs would replace the two present boards and a third smaller sign would be placed near the St Chad's Road entrance to the Hall. The design is currently on display in church, the hall and on our website. The overall cost is £2,600. Of this, nearly half has been promised by way of generous donations, but we need to find the difference. It does not appear that grants will be available to cover this work. If anyone else wishes to help make this proposal happen soon by way of further promises of donations, please speak to Robert.

Robert
Chair of Signs Group

From the Registers...

Holy Baptism.

We welcome into God's family:

- 8 Dec Lee Arthur Smith son of Ryan Smith and Anna Bainbridge
26 Jan Tyler Heavens Jeramiah King son of Jeramiah Kenny King and
Lyndsay Gill.
26 Jan Lily May Money daughter James Michael Money and Chloe Money

Holy Matrimony

We asked God's blessing on the marriage of:

There were no weddings in January/February

Christian Committal

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

There were no funerals in January/February

January/February weekly collections. Includes plates and envelopes

Jan 5th £220.03
Jan 12th £264.68
Jan 19th £261.01
Jan 26th £386.02

Feb 2nd £488.41
Feb 9th £256.99
Feb 16th £225.65
Feb 23rd £267.25

DIARY FOR APRIL 2014

1	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion APCM
2	Wednesday	7.30pm	Lent Group at St. Chad's
3	Thursday	10.00am 8pm	Holy Communion Bible Study
6	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
8	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Ladies Group
9	Wednesday	7.30pm	Lent Group at Holy Innocents
10	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bible Study Group
HOLY WEEK			
13	Palm Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
14	Monday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion with reflection Book Group
15	Tuesday	7.30pm	Holy Communion with reflection
16	Wednesday	7.30pm	Holy Communion with reflection
17	Maundy Thursday	10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion followed by Maundy Watch and then Compline at 10.45pm
18	Good Friday	11.00am 12.30	Service at the cross Outdoor service
20	Easter Sunday	10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
22	Tuesday	No service this evening	
24	Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion
27	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
29	Tuesday	7.30pm 8.00pm	Evening Prayer Needlecraft Group

**There will be no Wednesday morning bible study in April.
Wednesday mornings will recommence on Wednesday 7th May 2014.**

**The Thursday Evening Bible Study Group will continue to meet in April
8pm – 9pm**

NEWS FROM THE BOOK CLUB

The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty

In this Australian novel, by Liane Moriarty, the lives of three women are interrupted by a sudden, unforeseen event. One of the women accidentally finds a letter from her husband, addressed to herself, which should only be opened after his death. This is the catalyst for a series of life-changing events which tear their lives apart. The story follows the three women, as they try to show an outward sense of normality whilst struggling with situations which are anything but normal.

Each of the three, central characters, is essentially a well-meaning and kind hearted individual, and the reader follows these lives with some interest and sympathy. The women are connected through their attachment to St Angela's Primary School, and come into contact and conflict with each other as they struggle to find some kind of closure for their tragedies.

The level of involvement, felt by the reader in the lives of these women, probably reflects the success of this book as a story. We were quite divided in our opinions. Some people, thought that the book fully deserved the praise which has been showered upon it by other reviewers. However, others were less convinced, perhaps because the level of coincidental events seemed to stretch credibility just a little too far.

It is an unusual plot, an easy book to read, with a narrative which moves at a brisk pace. If you would like to discover the contents of the mysterious letter, and how it affects the lives of these three women, why not read the book to find out for yourself?

We score this book at 7.00

Our next book will be 'Injury Time' by Beryl Bainbridge

The Cleansing of the Temple.

The building never stops, and all the while
huge stones are piled stone on stone, prayer on prayer
climbs higher still in the smoke-filled air,
as God's glory meets ours in every aisle.
Stout cedars from Tyre and gold from the Nile,
bring wonder to worship; while marble, rare
and smooth as coddled flesh, like some tare
in a field of splendour, lends shade to guile.

Power can overwhelm all sense with beauty.
Wealth can make the wisest men forget:
'The worst lies hid at all times in the best.'
The unpurchasable mind takes no booty
from the abandoned treasuries of Tophet.
A prophet knows when God is unimpressed.

Albert Radcliffe.

First World War Anniversary

The 4th August 2014 marks the beginning of WW1 from which we have 102 casualties listed on our War Memorial. We are hoping to mark the occasion with an exhibition of war memorabilia, such as photographs, medals, letters, etc., centred around the War memorial Chapel.

If you have any items which you think may be of interest, please let us know.

**Muriel Hargreaves
John Davies**

Tales from the War Memorial

NORMAN STOTT

Rank: Warrant Officer
Regiment/Service: Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
Unit/Ship: 189 Squadron
Service No: 1097284
Died: 21st March 1945
Age: 22
Grave/National Memorial: Runnymede Memorial (Air Force), Surrey
Memorial Reference: Panel 269

Additional Information

Son of Thomas Edmund and Mary Stott of Burnage, Manchester. Norman was stationed at RAF Fulbeck, Newark-on-Trent Nottinghamshire. He was lost without trace while flying a Lancaster Bomber, to Bohlen in Germany. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal. The Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve was formed in 1936 as a method of training aircrew for the RAF. 189 Squadron was reformed in October 1944 at RAF Bardney in Lincolnshire. They flew bombers in raids on occupied Europe, in 1944 and 1945. After RAF Bardney the squadron was based at RAF Fulbeck.

John Davies

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

F. D. Maurice was the son of a Unitarian minister and born into a family where theological and intellectual argument were the order of the day. In 1823, with the intention of becoming a barrister, he went to Trinity College, Cambridge and later Trinity Hall. However, in those days, in order to graduate it was necessary to sign the 39 Articles of the Church of England and this in conscience he couldn't do.

His inward debate was unending, however, and by 1830 he had become an Anglican. Maurice's upbringing and the struggle for his faith had now him perfectly for his age which, perhaps more than any other in world history was an age of intellectual combat and exploration.

Maurice was ordained in 1834 and began a lifetime of writing. He was orthodox yet always controversial. His range was wider than that of most of his learned contemporaries. He was just the sort of Christian intellectual the Victorian Church needed. In 1840, he was elected Professor of English Literature and History at the recently founded (1829) King's College, London. Then, in 1846 he became Chaplain at Lincoln's Inn and Professor of Theology at King's College.

As a founder member of the Christian Socialist movement Maurice was a Christian thinker with deep interests in social and political reform. In 1854, he also helped to found the Working Men's College.

As a theologian he was always abreast of the latest thinking. In 1846, he took on John Henry Newman's ideas about the Development of Christian Doctrine, while his Bampton Lectures of 1854 challenged H. L. Mansel's criticisms of philosophical theology. However, his belief that the New Testament's understanding of 'eternity' had nothing to do with time, together with his denial that hell meant endless punishment, resulted in his losing his professorship at Kings College.

A controversial age needs a controversial church and a controversial church needs controversial theologians? Not everyone believes that though the Church today is challenged intellectually on even more theological fronts than it was in Maurice's time. Controversy is unavoidable in the human search for truth. Jesus didn't avoid it, nor did St Paul, or St Augustine, or F. D. Maurice and nor can we. If, as we should, we pray for our theologians we should ask for those who are skilled in controversy, though controversy without hatred, of course.

Albert Radcliffe.

Maundy Thursday – time to wash feet

Maundy Thursday is famous for two things. The first is one of the final acts that Jesus did before his death: the washing of his own disciples' feet. (see John 13) Jesus washed his disciples' feet for a purpose: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The ceremony of the 'washing of the feet' of members of the congregation came to be an important part of the liturgy (regular worship) of the medieval church, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

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ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S BIBLE QUIZ

- [41] The words, 'the greatest of these is charity' is found in 1 Corinthians 13.
- [42] Onesimus was the runaway slave Paul sent back to his master Philemon.
- [43] The number of the beast was 666. [See the Book of Revelation: 13:17-18].
- [44] Traditionally, the prophet Jeremiah wrote Lamentations.
- [45] Moses led the Children of Israel 'to' the Promised Land, Joshua, 'into' it!
- [46] St Paul was shipwrecked on the island of Malta.
- [47] Zachariah was the father of John the Baptist.
- [48] Nicodemus was a Pharisee.
- [49] Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. [1 Kings 18]
- [50] It was Jesus who healed Peter's mother-in-law. [Matthew 8:14].
- [51] Joseph was the Hebrew slave who solved the Egyptian food crisis.
- [52] It was the Babylonians who captured Jerusalem in 587 BC.
- [53] Pontius Pilate was the Roman Governor who tried and executed Jesus.
- [54] Cain was Adam's murderous son. He slew Abel. [See Genesis 4.]
- [55] It was Samson who tied lighted torches to foxes tails. [Judges 15:4].
- [56] It was Joshua who led the Children of Israel across the river Jordan. See Joshua 3.
- [57] Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. [Exodus 31:18].
- [58] St Paul eventually hoped to visit what is now Spain.
- [59] St Paul advised Timothy to let no one despise his youth. [1 Timothy 4:12].
- [60] Bethlehem was also known as Ephrathah. [See Micah 5:2. It means 'fruitful']
- [61] Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, the price of a slave. [Matthew 26:15]
- [62] In an Anglican Bible the book of Ecclesiasticus is found in the Apocrypha.
- [63] Olive trees grew in the Garden of Gethsemene.
- [64] The son who rebelled against his father, King David, was Absalom. [See 2 Samuel 13ff].
- [65] It was the prophet Jeremiah who was taken into exile in Egypt.
- [66] St Peter was the leader of the disciples.
- [67] Jonah was the prophet swallowed by the great fish.
- [68] Five thousand men were fed by the five loaves and two small fishes. [Matthew 14:13ff].
- [69] The 23rd psalm begins with the words, 'The Lord is my Shepherd.'
- [70] The longest psalm is 119 with 176 verses.

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But Thursday was also important because it was on that night that Jesus first introduced the Lord's Supper, or what we nowadays call Holy Communion. Jesus and his close friends had met in a secret upper room to share the Passover meal together - for the last time. And there Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying, 'this is my body' and 'this is my blood' as he, the Lamb of God, prepared to die for the sins of the whole world. John's gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were killed.

Contributions for the Magazine

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Tuesday	07.30pm	Holy Communion
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion

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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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