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

Jenny and I felt that we should start this month's editorial with an acknowledgment of all that John Milner has done for us at St Chad's throughout his almost twenty years as our Reader. John was a key member of our worship team, providing knowledge, clarity of thought and much wisdom. His work was faithfully carried out, but often behind the scenes. John had a particular love of the English language, both traditional and modern, and many of us found that he was exceptionally talented at checking and advising on the content, grammar and punctuation of written text. This would then ensure the effective communication of important messages. During Elizabeth's period of sabbatical leave, John also did an excellent job chairing the PCC, helping us to prioritise our finances, and steering us skillfully on our journey to establish better links with St Nicholas Church. May John rest in peace and rise in glory.

As we usually provide everyone with an update on the appointment of a new Priest-in-Charge at St Chad's we are able to say that the situation is progressing. Some interest has been expressed in the post and there may be an interview quite soon.

Also, just to remind you all that we have only been offered a half-time priest to serve our Parish, and the other half of the job will be a missionary post, working for Withington Deanery. We have recently heard some more detail about this and the Deanery half-time job is to develop an exciting area of work known as **FRESH EXPRESSIONS**. To give you all a flavour of what this involves, here is some information from the Fresh Expressions Web Site.

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A **Fresh Expression** is a form of church for our changing culture. It will have been established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church. Such folk could include those who have never attended church, or have stopped going, and also those who are not willing to go back to what they experienced before.

A **Fresh Expression** of church serves those outside the church, listens to people, enters their culture, makes discipleship a priority and so forms 'church'.

A **Fresh Expression** will come into being through principles of listening, service, and making disciples. It will have the potential to become a mature expression of church shaped by the gospel, but maturity will not mean it becomes like the church which planted it.

Some instances of **Fresh Expression** may feel quite familiar but in unfamiliar settings, for example, church in a café, a pub, a school, a gym or a sports club. Other examples of **Fresh Expression** are very different from church as we are used to it in the UK. For example, there is the Tubestation Surfer Church on Polzeath beach, in Cornwall ; a youth congregation based in an Essex skate park, and The Order of the Black Sheep for those who feel like the 'black sheep' of society !

These new ideas are developing as many churches (not just the Church of England) are finding that their old ways do not reach some parts of our culture. It is thought that we need both the new and the old, and then we can work together to fulfill our mission

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This biography by Georgina Howell was disappointing. She conscientiously lists every move made by this amazing lady, but by the end of the book, we were no closer to understanding Gertrude Bell. She was absorbed by the culture and environment of the Arab world, but what was it about the desert, which drew her back, time and again to its empty spaces? Why did she feel the need, to test herself to the absolute limit against famous Alpine climbers? She wrote books, pamphlets, and letters throughout her career but found even this unfulfilling and taught herself to become an accomplished archeologist. The book never attempts to uncover Gertrude Bell's inner world, and we are left with the enigma 'What was she looking for?'

We scored this book 6.5.

Barbara Leary

The book we will be reading in April is The Choir by Joanna Trollope

DAUGHTER OF THE DESERT:**Georgina Howell**

Most of us had never heard of Gertrude Bell, and we were amazed to learn that her exploits in the deserts of the Middle East were at least comparable to those of T.E.Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia). Why this astonishing woman has remained hidden in Foreign Office records rather than being feted for her courage and talent is a mystery.

Born in Redcar, Gertrude had a privileged upbringing, and gained exposure to politics and world affairs through her grandfather, who worked closely with Benjamin Disraeli. Against her father's wishes, she went to Oxford and subsequently became the first woman to take a 'Starred First' in history. Her uncle was British minister to Iran, and after university, she took the opportunity to stay with him in Tehran. This was the beginning of her fascination with the Arab world,...and she began a protracted period of travel around the Middle East and parts of Asia. It was during this time, that she gradually developed her relationships with the powerful tribal leaders, who held such sway in the desert lands of the Middle East. An astonishing venture for a white, single, auburn haired lady of the early 1900's.

During WW1, she was attached to the British Intelligence in Cairo. Here, she collaborated with T.E.Lawrence in an attempt to forge alliances with the Arab tribes, and to persuade them to rise up against the Ottoman Turks. After the British forces captured Baghdad in 1917, she became part of the colonial authority involved in the political reinvention of Mesopotamia. She helped to instal King Faisal I, as king of the newly formed country of Iraq, and using her fluent Farsi and Arabic, drafted many of the plans for its infrastructure. Her reputation as an Arabist, was such that she was the only woman invited to take part in the Cairo Conference of 1921, when part of their remit, was to determine the boundaries for the new countries of the Middle East.

She was a multi-talented. A great, competitive mountaineer who had scaled almost every high Alpine peaks. She taught herself archeology, and eventually, became a respected expert of great renown. It was Gertrude's pioneering idea, that antiquities should always be retained in their country of origin, rather than being transported to European centres of learning. As a result of her efforts, the National Museum of Iraq was eventually formed, with its great collection of Mesopotamian antiquities and treasures.

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Finally, Christian Aid week is now almost upon us. At it's April meeting the PCC considered whether we should do our fund-raising somewhat differently this year, as the house-to-house collection is becoming difficult to carry out. Recognising that this is the case in many churches, Christian Aid suggests holding what they call a "Big Brekkie" so we are going to try that at St Chad's. This will be advertised widely in our area with posters and a house-to-house **delivery** of invitations to come and have breakfast at St Chad's.

However, it is surprising how much is raised for Christian Aid in our house-to-house collection, and also it can be seen as an act of mission in that many households in the Parish are visited, although very briefly. So a house-to-house **collection** will be arranged, although smaller than usual, targeting those streets where we know from experience a worthwhile sum will be raised.

Finally, a big THANK YOU for your offers and provision of plants. Gaps in the orchard and the grounds are gradually being filled. The orchard continues to do well, with a good showing of both pear and apple blossom, so hopefully some fruit in the autumn, provided some bees find their way to St Chad's ! Do take a look.

Judy and Jenny

Learning to Pray IV.

Most Christians feel guilty about prayer. Some blame themselves for not praying more often, others are troubled that their prayers don't seem as real as rest of their lives. All of us however wish that we were better at praying and that our prayer life left us feeling more mature and fulfilled.

With these things in mind we have begun looking at the Lord's Prayer and have reached the words **Hallowed be thy Name**, (and not as in the schoolboy howler, Harold be thy name!)

'Hallow' is an old English word meaning consecrate, sanctify or make holy. In everyday life it's to give someone or something their true spiritual value; not to treat them as if they were less than they are. It's the opposite of the sin condemned in the third commandment, *thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain*.

Today, when we are rediscovering the ancient spiritual and pastoral importance of *attitude*, so that when we change our attitude towards someone or something we also change what they mean for us and how they are experienced, then we can better understand the importance of our *hallowing the name of God*.

In some ways, nothing us more important in prayer than that. Get that right and so much else comes out right as well: other people begin to get the respect they deserve and we begin to see things in their true light.

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REGULAR SERVICES

IN CHURCH

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

Also on the first Sunday of each month:

06.30pm Evensong

IN THE HALL

1st Tuesday	08.00pm	PCC
2nd Tuesday	08.00pm	Ladies Group
3rd Tuesday	08.00pm	Book Group
4th Tuesday	08.00pm	Needlecraft Group

**Baptisms, Banns, Weddings or Funerals
by arrangement.**

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The opposite of hallowing the name is to treat with contempt. We have only to think how we feel when someone fails to treat us with respect than we begin to realise how in this first petition of the Lord's Prayer Jesus put his finger on something of the greatest importance in all our lives. Children whose name is made one of contempt grow up to have blighted lives. Not to hallow is not to love, while to love is to treat as sacred and holy.

It follows from this that the struggle for human rights is very much bound up with the Lord's Prayer. The prayer is not only personal, it's also political! This may surprise some people but 'think on' as we say in Manchester, if we give God his true worth by hallowing his name, how can we then deliberately refuse to do the same for any of his children? In the Kingdom of God, that is in a world that was really fit for humans, everyone's name would be hallowed, but as we have to begin somewhere, why not begin with God.

Another result of not hallowing God's name is idolatry which the sin of hallowing the things we substitute for him. We have only to watch the news on TV to appreciate that among the culprits here are power, money, fame and pleasure. All four are in themselves good and we couldn't live without them, but when they are hallowed as only God should be hallowed, the result is war, oppression and all manner of human misery.

The Lord's Prayer only takes us deeply into life when we ponder it word by word and phrase by phrase. It's best therefore prayed slowly and thoughtfully.

Albert Radcliffe.

From the Registers March 2016

Holy Baptism.

We welcome into God's family:

6th March 2016

Zach Amari King son of Reece and Nicola King
Olivia Paige Sowersby daughter of David Sowersby
and Caroline Pardew

Holy Matrimony

We asked God's blessing on the marriage of:

There were no Wedding's in February

Christian Committal

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

There were no Funeral's in February

Weekly collections (Includes plates and envelopes)

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1st	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
		6.30pm	Evensong
3rd	Tuesday	8.00pm	PCC Meeting
8th	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
10th	Tuesday		Manchester Community Homes Community Forum
		8.00pm	Tuesday Group Meeting
11th	Wednesday	8.00pm	Evening Prayer
15th	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
17th	Tuesday	8.00pm	Book Group
19th	Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
22nd	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
24th	Tuesday	7.30pm	Evening Prayer
		8.00pm	Needlecraft Group
29th	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion

To celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, and her role as Supreme Governor of the Church of England, every Parish Church is being encouraged to organise an event to mark the Queen's official birthday, sometime during the weekend of 10th-12th June 2016.

**The PCC have therefore decided to hold a Sunday afternoon tea in the St Chad's Community Hall on
SUNDAY JUNE 12th
from 3.30pm onwards**

**Everyone is invited to join us on that special occasion
Tickets available soon**

**6th May
Caroline Chisolm (1808-77)
Social Reformer,**

Caroline Jones was her father William's sixteenth and last child. He was a hard working and principled man and a successful dealer in pigs who when he died left his family well provided for.

On one occasion during the Napoleonic wars he took in a wounded army veteran who had fallen on hard times and explained to his children their Christian debt and duties towards the man.

Although she was brought up an Anglican, in 1830 Caroline married Archibald Chisholm, a Roman Catholic officer serving in India. In 1832 she joined him in Madras and when she failed to gain the support of the Governor in setting up a school for the girls who lived in the barracks, on her own initiative founded a women's School for the daughters of European Soldiers. Lessons included the Christian faith, reading, writing, cooking, housekeeping and nursing. Soldiers asked if their wives could also attend.

It's not known when Caroline became a Roman Catholic but when her husband moved to Australia on health grounds she went with him and during the seven years she was there, she set up a home in Sydney for the young colony's destitute women. In its 38 year life the home found over 11,000 immigrants homes and jobs. Her husband joined her when invalided out of the army.

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On her return to England Caroline had an unparalleled knowledge of conditions among the poor in Australia and with the support of key figures in public life set up The Family Colonisation Loan Society based in her home. The Society worked to improve the travelling and living conditions of emigrants, At this time, her son William was studying in Rome for the RC priesthood, and learning of her work, Pope Pius IX granted her an audience and a Papal Medal.

In 1854, Caroline returned to Australia, this time to the gold fields where she was instrumental in improving the working and living conditions of the miners and their families. Her Christian faith expressed itself in a very practical, humanitarian way, and not surprisingly though she died in England she is far from forgotten in Australia, where she has appeared on stamps and banknotes and various educational and social institutions are named after her. Attempts have been made by some Roman Catholics to have her recognised as a Saint. She is woman whose humanitarianism members of both our churches can commemorate.

Albert Radcliffe

Tuesday group

The Tuesday group still meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. This was, of course, originally known as the ladies group but in this day and age the title seemed a bit sexist hence the name change. Where, I wonder, though, are the men? Apart from regulars like Peter Knight and Colin Powell they are conspicuous by their absence!

There is a varied programme to appeal to all tastes. Our own Helen Reid gave a very interesting talk and slide show in April about her visit to China. Canon Radcliffe gave a further talk on life as a parish priest in February and in October Robert Macgregor made us all laugh and be amazed by his magic tricks. The annual after Christmas meal at the Wycliffe Hotel is always popular, as is carols and mince pies evening in December.

To finish the year, we are going by coach to Oswaldtwistle Mill, which should be really good, This will be on a Sunday after church. As you see we continue to enjoy ourselves.

Pam Race

Contributions for the June issue of the Magazine

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