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St Chad's Church Diary - April 2023

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***Please note new start time for Evensong is 6.30pm from April 2023 to end of October 2023. ***

Date	Time	Services & Events
2 nd April	8am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Palm Sunday	9.30am	Parish Communion – with children's groups & Donkey Rides!
		9.20am Meet at Parish Centre for the Procession of Palms
	6.30pm	Evensong – Cross of Christ
Tuesday	1.30pm &	Lent Course
4 th April	7.30pm	Echt Course
Weds 5 th April	7pm	Tenebrae Service at St Michael's Church
Maundy	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Thursday	7pm	Maundy Thursday Supper and Eucharist at All Hallows' Church
6 th April Good Friday	2-3pm	An Hour at the Cross
7 April	7pm	Music and Readings for Good Friday with St Chad's choir
Saturday	7 pm	,
8 th April		
о Артії	6am	Dawn Service with breakfast at St Michael's Church
Easter Sunday	8am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
	9.30am	Easter Day All-Age service with Eucharist — perfect for the whole family
9 th April	6.30pm	Evensong
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Thu 13 th April	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Sunday 16th	8am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
April	9.30am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 19th April	12-1.30pm	Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall
Thu 20 th April	10.3am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Fri 21st April	7.30-9pm	Youth Group – Meets in the Parish Centre
Sunday 23 rd April	8am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
	9.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 26 th April	12-1.30pm	Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall
Thurs 27 th April	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
Fri 28 th April		Youth Group – Meets in the Parish Centre
Sunday 30 th April	8am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Communion with children's groups
	6.30pm	Evensong

St Michael and All Angels' Services April 2023			
2 nd April Palm Sunday	10.00am	The Parish Eucharist for Palm Sunday	
	6.30pm	Evensong with Prayer for Healing	
5 th April	10.30am	Holy Communion (said)	
Wednesday			
in Holy Week	7pm	Tenebrae ('shadows')	
6 th April		Headingley and All Hallows' Team	
Maundy	7pm	Supper and Eucharist at All Hallows' Church	
Thursday			
7 th April Good Friday	2pm	Good Friday Liturgy with Communion from the reserved Sacrament	
9 th April Easter Day	6am	Headingley and All Hallows' Team Sunrise Service at St Michael's	
	10.00am	The Eucharist for Easter Day	
		No Evensong today	
Remaining Sundays in April	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	
16 ^{th,} 23 rd 30 th		On April 23 rd we welcome Shire Oak Primary School to our All-Age Eucharist at 10am which will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is at 11.30am	
	6.30pm	Evensong	
Tuesday April 11 th	8pm	Compline	
Wednesdays In April 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , and 26 th	10.30am	Holy Communion (said) in the Lady Chapel	







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The day when nothing happened...

When you read the accounts in the gospels of the events of Holy Week starting with Palm Sunday, time seems to slow down. So many things happen in that week, and by Good Friday the gospel writers are reporting events almost minute by minute.

But there is one day in Holy Week when nothing happens, nothing is recorded in the gospels, there is only silence. That day is Holy Saturday – and I much prefer to call the day between Good Friday and Easter Day Holy Saturday rather than Easter Saturday because it is not yet Easter.

Jesus is dead and laid in a borrowed tomb. The disciples are scattered, grieving and terrified.

The women who faithfully stayed at the foot of the cross and saw where Jesus was laid rested, Luke tells us, on the sabbath according to the commandment. On Holy Saturday nothing happened.

However, according to the Apostles' Creed, which we say at every service of evensong, on Good Friday Jesus "was crucified, dead and buried", then "he descended into hell."

There is a Christian tradition that Jesus descended into hell on Holy Saturday to release the captives held there, to 'harrow' hell and make it holy. Orthodox Christian resurrection icons show Jesus standing on the gates of hell, which he has broken open, pulling Adam and Eve out of hell. This means that Jesus' experience of death is total; there is no reach of human experience that is not experienced by God in Christ.

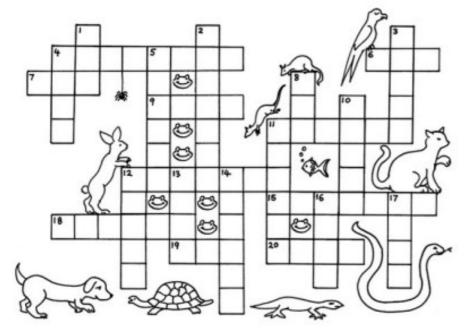
In "Failure", the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2023 (pub. By SPCK), Emma Ineson, the Bishop of Kensington, says that we are living in 'Holy Saturday times'. We do not know what the future holds as we consider the continuing war in Ukraine, the climate emergency, and the ongoing cost of living crisis. However, we do know that God is with us. In all the mess and difficulties of our lives, God is always with us. And we know that Easter Day is coming for "the third day he rose again from the dead." Alleluia!

Have a blessed and very happy Easter.

Revd Dr Angela Birkin



Bad Frog! Crossword



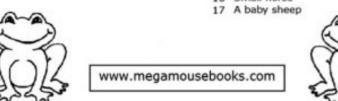
Clues

Across

- 4 Small turtle
- 6 Terriers are a type of _
- 7 Feline pet that likes catching mice!
- 9 It might be a billy or a nanny
- 11 This dog looks woolly!
- 12 This small pet might like a wheel
- 15 Snakes and lizards are kinds of
- 18 Baby cat
- 19 A blob of frogspawn is a frog's ____
- 20 You could keep fish in this

Down

- Animal doctor
- 2 Iguanas and geckos are
- 3 Tiny rodent
- 4 A Manx cat doesn't have one
- 5 Rabbit with soft silky fur
- 8 A pair means
- 10 Grown up
- 11 Talking bird
- 12 Home for a rabbit or guinea-pig
- 13 Hair on a horse's head
- 14 A snake has a forked ____
- 16 Small horse





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'May they rest in peace and rise in glory.'

23 February - Brian Gibson Aged 77 – St Michael's

30 March - Maureen Ross - Aged 96 – St Chad's

Internment of Ashes

11 March - Roger Vandenbriele - Aged 98 - St Chad's

Baptisms

26 March - Benjamin Jack Wedlinscky - son of Daniel & Sarah - St Chad's

St Chad's Annual **Parochial** Church Meeting 2023

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023 I hereby give notice that the St Chad's Annual Church Meeting will be held on

Sunday 21 May in Church after the 9.30am service

Please contact the Churchwardens if you would like more information.



The nonviolence of Jesus

For early Christians, and probably for Jesus's



own self-understanding, the suffering servant of God (Isaiah 53), despised and rejected, was key: "We held him of no account ... but he was

By Clive Barrett wounded for our transgressions". It underlies

accounts of Jesus' arrest and passion. Jesus took on the nature,

character and nonviolent way of the suffering servant. That was who he was. Apart from an occasional

statement, Jesus was the patient servant who, "like a sheep before its shearers, is silent". And key to the whole passage, "he had done no violence". This nonviolent way of being was vindicated at the resurrection.



Jesus had refused to lead an armed rebellion (John 6), but the authorities still feared a coup and wanted to capture him. They hadn't registered his teaching, "Blessed are the peacemakers...", nor appreciated his compassion even towards occupation forces. His peace was not a distant goal but a way of living – and dying. The renunciation of violence against people was central to what Jesus taught, what he did, and who he was.

Consider his arrest. Gospel-writers all report that someone in Jesus's party struck out with a sword, telling this story in different ways.

In Luke 22, Jesus wearily tells his disciples that the lawless would need swords, and sighs "Enough" when they show him a couple – hardly resources for revolution. His last words as the arresting party approaches are "Don't fall into temptation" – in this context, don't use those swords.

Somebody doesn't listen and lashes out. Jesus makes a short, decisive command: "No more of this!" Was that command for the moment, or for all time? The way of the sword was not the way for followers of Jesus. Jesus healed the victim.

In Matthew 26, Jesus orders the disciple, "Put your sword away" adding, "All who take the sword perish by the sword". More than that, the rejection of the way of violence is a fundamental principle. Jesus had the power to summon "Legions of Angels" to defeat his enemies, but he refuses to use that kind of violence. He has chosen nonviolence, and he expects his followers to do so too.

John 18 came later. By then, tradition said Peter was the guilty swordsman, and the victim's name was Malchus. Jesus tells Peter, sternly, "Put your sword back into its sheath".

This story deeply influenced early generations of Christians. It was part of their identity that, for them to be Christlike, swords really were turned into ploughshares. Tertullian, writing in the second century, said that "In disarming Peter, Jesus disarmed every fighter". Paul had shown the same characteristics; his word "patience" could easily be translated as "nonviolence". He lists it alongside "peace" as a fruit of the Spirit: "Love, joy, peace, patience,..."

The rejection of violence, and instead Jesus's embrace of the way of peace and nonviolence, is at the heart of the passion. And it is precisely the nonviolence of Jesus which is vindicated on Easter Day. "Peace be with you," says the risen Lord...



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My Favourite Hymn – David Walls, St Michael's

I have been thinking about this for a couple of days now, thumbing backwards and forwards through the hymn book. For me, this is a very difficult decision. What is my favourite hymn? Do I find that my affection is swayed by the tune or the words? Hmm Really tricky.

There are lots of great tunes, some new, some old and classic, and some wonderful words with deep spiritual meaning. It also depends on what is, like fresh fruit and vegetables, in season, or I should qualify that as where are we in the churches calendar. I could list so many.

For me though, I have finally plumped for the sublime Creation and Harvest hymn, For the Fruits of his Creation. The wonderful Frances Jackson tune, East Acklam, named after the Yorkshire village, where Dr Jackson lived. The tune was composed in 1957 and first sung for an old chorister's reunion service at York Minster where he was the Master of Music and was set to the hymn words 'God that maddest earth and heaven', for that service. The now familiar words written by F. Pratt Green, were joined to the tune relatively recently in 1970 and published together in 'The Methodist Recorder'. The words are a stroke of genius for a creation and harvest hymn, thanking God for all aspects of our life, families and neighbours, our frailties, our crops, our work, our safety, and our caring and sharing. It seems to cover the whole of humanity in just three verses.

The harmony is a masterclass in composition giving all parts a good tune, the Tenors singing high in their register, the Altos having more than three notes to sing and the Basses some lovely scale work. Each harmony part is selflessly given a throw away tied minim note at the end of each phrase, 'thanks be to God'. Firstly, in the Bass line, Alto, then finally, the Tenor line has the parting G resolving the E-flat major final chord. The third verse always leaves me glassy eyed. Whatever you do, don't make eye contact with me during the third verse. The phrase and music build up to the wonderful crescendo ... 'most of all, that <u>love</u> has found us, thanks be to God'!





Revision of St Chad's Electoral Roll

Revision of St Chad's Electoral Roll 2023

The annual revision of the church electoral roll will take place from 2 April for 4 weeks. If you are not on the roll but are a regular worshipper at St Chad's please consider filling in a form.

Forms are available at the back of church or from the Parish Office. If you are already on the roll, there is no need to re-apply, but please let the parish office know if your entry needs updating.

Being on the roll entitles you to vote at the Annual Church Meeting, which is taking place on

Sunday 21 May.

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Thursday 13th April - 2pm in parish centre rearranged meeting from last month

An odyssey in Africa by Peter Henderson is giving a slide show of his and Mary's recent trip Namibia the awesome scenery & abundant wildlife in the savanna, mountains, desert & coast of Namibia

All welcome

For further details please on any of these events please contact Elizabeth Branch Leader Elizabetheden9@gmail.com - 0113 2787990



Diary of a Church Dog

Well I hope you all managed to get to the pantomime this year? I have been helping my mumma with the production and sat in the director's chair on numerous occasions. I also helped the singers when practicing their songs. I especially enjoyed teaching The Beggar Boy and The Princess their duets.

Let me tell you there is a lot of work that goes into the final production of the photo here you can see me on my director's chair telling everyone what I wanted them to do and for the most part they listened to me and did as they were told! This year's panto, Queen of Hearts, was our first one since covid and I know everyone enjoyed being back on the stage, singing silly songs, dancing (if you can call it that!), wearing ridiculous outfits and just generally having an absolute ball.

I know mumma often says that performing for the audience is a bonus as most of the people on the stage are doing it for themselves and that they would probably go on and do it even if there was no one in there! The audiences, though, do lift the performance and when you get the "He's behind you and Oh no you don't" moments or when the audience get a joke that you didn't realise was funny or when something goes wrong (never you say!) and it causes great hilarity these things buoy up the actors on stage and make them feel good. The fellowship of the troupe is always self-evident and at the end of each performance if cast, crew and audience are left feeling happy, exhausted and fulfilled then I, as director, have done my part.

If you have never seen one of our pantos before then why not? They are not just for children they are for everyone. They are an evening of joyous, exultant escapism. I mean who does not want to spend two hours singing along, booing the villain and laughing at the pratfalls of clowns and goofy idiots? So we will see you next year no excuses now you have a year's notice... February 2024



Much love TJ

Fourthly, we have to recognize the violence that we do to the natural world and to the other-than-human creatures with whom we share the world. Transforming unjust structures - such as those that have protected wealthy, polluting nations from paying the price of the damage caused across the globe – will help us to address many of these issues.

That final mark of mission is implicit within the other four: we can't engage in our mission without 'going green'. We have been called to take the good news of peace, justice, renewal and reconciliation to the whole world.

"Are we nearly there yet?" No, but the journey has most definitely begun. God calls us to announce the kingdom and to witness to its values – to be a sort of foretaste of it through the way we choose to live. That's why the Church of England has set itself the target of getting to Net Zero Carbon by 2030. That's why churches across the diocese register with the Eco Church Award scheme.

We are trying to change the way we think and act on everything from how we heat the church and manage our land through to the tea and coffee that we serve at church events. It's all part of the 'deep green' mission God has entrusted to us.

Revd. Dr Jan Goodair

Area Environment Champion, Leeds



How Green is God's Mission?

Some years ago, the Anglican Church spelled out what are referred to as 'the Five Marks of Mission'. Almost every organization has a 'Mission Statement' these days, from schools and hospitals to big businesses and charitable organisations. They have all 'borrowed' the idea from the church, wanting to state clearly why they exist and what they are trying to do. The Anglican Church's Five Marks of Mission look like this:

- To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom.
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers.
- To respond to human need by loving service.



- To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

At first glance it looks as if only the last of these has anything to do with caring for God's creation, and it *has* been put last so maybe it's the least important; maybe we should be 'out there' trying to convert everyone and bring them into the church; maybe we should be limiting our efforts in mission mostly to the human sphere. I think not. Let me try to explain why.

Firstly, our scriptures tell us that the good news of the kingdom is good news for the *whole* creation and not just the human bits of it. So, secondly, when we *are* teaching and nurturing new believers, one of the things we need to be teaching them about is God's love for all of creation. Thirdly, if we are serious about responding to human need, then we have to be serious about recognizing and responding to the climate emergency which is already causing so much suffering to our sisters and brothers in various parts of the world.





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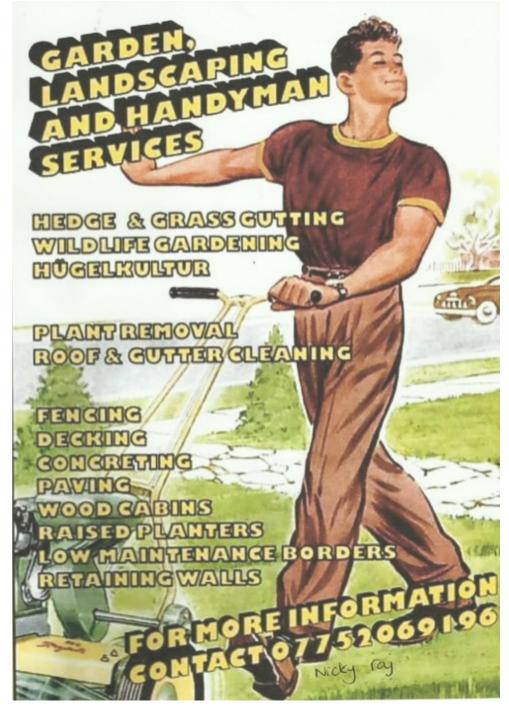
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St Chad's Tots!

St Chad's has had a history of offering local families a place of welcome, conversation and play for over 40 years! Over those years, the parent and toddler groups have taken many forms and have been run in each season by volunteers from church and the wider parish. Covid saw the previous parent led group close, and children grow up. So, post covid there was no active

group ready and waiting to restart.

In Summer 2022, we felt a calling to restart this group, and re-establish that traditional link between St Chad's and the families of the parish. With lots of excitement and planning



over tea and cake, and far from having everything worked out (!), we launched the new group in November 2022. We did this hoping and trusting that volunteers would come forward and families would engage.

God honoured our trust.

That first morning in November we had 25 people (12 adults and 13 children) come along. Then four people volunteered and another started baking for us. Our most recent morning, we had 55 people (26 adults and 29 children) attend. In just the four months we've been going we have connected with 55 different families!

We have families now attending on a Sunday after first coming to Tots, and some others, who joined church recently, finding friendship via Tots with other church families.



As a team we have found the group to

have a lovely atmosphere and can see the good care and connection it provides. Even in this short time, it has been a very rewarding and fruitful ministry and a good encouragement to just get started and step out in faith when you sense that call to do something, but are hopeful rather than sure of its likely success.

Please do encourage any families with babies and toddlers to come a visit us, we would love to meet them and make them a brew! All the details are on the poster on page eight.

Thank you to all the church families who have supported the group, by coming along and encouraging new people. And a huge thanks to the current team of volunteers whose wonderful welcome and heart for families has made the group what it is. If you too have a heart for welcome and families and could offer yourself to our volunteer rota come and talk to us about it – we'd love to share the joy.

Blessings to you all, Rev. Jo and Nicki Bagnall