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# CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday - 9.30am - Parish Eucharist

Last Sunday of the Month - 9.30am

Family Service <https://youtu.be/> (Non Eucharist)

Tuesday - 7.00pm - Holy Communion

Thursday - 10.30am - Holy Communion

Messy Church - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month  
4pm - 5pm, for primary age children and their families

**Our Website: [messy.resurrection.org.uk](https://messy.resurrection.org.uk)**



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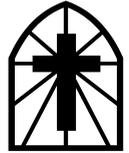
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Churchwarden for assistance**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR



### **Assumption is your Worst Enemy!**

Since I have been a member of the clergy, I've learnt a few things (just a few!) and one of them is to assume nothing!

There have been times when I've assumed that things will happen in a certain way - because it just does! That someone does this, someone does that - because they just do!!

Or my life will go this way or that way as that's what always happens - because it just does!!

But sometimes things don't always go to plan. The person who you assumed would 'do' doesn't and the way you assumed things would turn out 'don't.' And that's why assumption is just something you can't afford to do.

We only have to look at events that have happened over the last few months. Who would have believed a business man - Donald Trump - would become the next president of the United States of America, or Brexit as we prepare to leave the European Union. And anyone would then be forgiven for assuming that Honey G would have won The X Factor because it's been that kind of year!! I'm glad she didn't though!!

One example where I'd 'assumed' was at a service when I was a curate and just before it started, my fellow curate disappeared who I'd 'assumed' would be there to assist me, then someone we enlisted forgot what they were supposed to do, and I assumed again they would know! It turned out ok in the end but things like that can get us in a right mess.

Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you - plans to give you hope and a future." And that's not just for 'religious' people who go to

church - but for everyone because God loves us all and does have plans for each of us.

Don't assume you have it all in hand and know exactly how things are going to turn out because God's plans are ones which have our best interests at heart -and always will.

Rev Tracey



### **ACTUAL THINGS THAT WERE SAID ON CHURCH BULLETINS... (NOT OURS!)**

The 1997 Spring Council Retreat will be held May 10 and 11.

Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary...

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan in preparing for the girth of their first child.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

**Submitted by Julie Williams**

## **AROUND THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESE**

### **News about our Bishops, Diocese, Parochial Church Council, etc.**

Another year has passed by and it seems no end to the images in our media of the suffering of those fleeing their homes, from loss of loved ones and property, intimidation, terror, hunger and the horrors of war and for many, making hazardous journeys across Mediterranean seas.

For a moment, try to imagine.... If you or I lived amongst the rubble of a bombed out city, losing friends and family, hungry and perhaps injured, without basic foodstuffs and access to clean water, devoid of hope, how would we deal with the situation? Would you want to stay? If you could escape, where would you go? If you had no money, what would you do?

If you had information, had seen images from your television of people living a better life, had a mobile phone with internet connections and a dread of being drafted into a militia, a terror group or the army what would you do? If there seemed no hope of an education, of finishing your schooling, college or university course, if there was no hope of work, no industry, no way to feed your family and no hope of a political solution, what would you do?

If you had lost faith in your country, could see no future, what would you do?

Recently, the Bishop of Warrington, Rt Revd Richard Blackburn has called upon us all to respond, "Jesus says 'love thy neighbour' and this wave of humanity which comes knocking at our door to seek refuge are our neighbours. We should hear their knock and open the door' The Bishop states "I know that this is a complex area and we have no easy solution."

Mmm.... and then..The issue of economic refugees..... The Bishop is correct; the issues are very complex and currently appear insoluble by world leaders.

Bishop Richard offers some guidance for ways in which we can help:

- Offering food and supplies to your local food bank - often a first port of call for the hungry and displaced entering our region.
- Donating supplies and equipment to those churches and local charities, who are trying to bring relief to those fleeing persecution.
- Welcoming, befriending and supporting the stranger in our community.
- Putting pressure on our politicians.
- Pray - pray for the refugees, for those called to dedicate their lives to providing comfort and support. Pray that solutions may be found and peace reached.

Bishop Richard's call is that we all examine our hearts and as a church in the Diocese of Liverpool ask what God wants us to do to help our neighbours in need.

I recall an article I read many years ago about a vicar in a small South of England Parish. His church opened up as normal, approximately half an hour before the Sunday service was due to begin. Parishioners arrived for worship one by one, in couples and family groups, all passing by a man lying against the entrance wall. He was dirty, dressed in ragged clothes, surrounded by old blankets and plastic bags clearly requiring assistance. All hurried by, without a glance at the stranger, stepping aside to avoid him.

The lessons that day involved the Christian message of 'love thy neighbour' -the sermon was delivered as usual by their own vicar. As the sermon progressed it became clear that the stranger dressed in rags had been their vicar who had posed as a stranger right there in their own church entrance.

We all frequently make a judgement on whether we 'walk on by'. In similar local setting what would you do? If the stranger was an asylum seeker, what would you do?

To help us, The 'Churches together in Merseyside' has published a guide to welcoming asylum seekers in the Merseyside Region (2016) which can be found on the internet. An innovative guide entitled 'Welcoming the Stranger' can also be downloaded from the Diocese of Liverpool website along with other additional information.

What can you do?

**Cathy Webster**

**Prayer for the refugee crisis -  
From the Diocese of Exeter Website:**

**God of compassion**

whose own son experienced life as a refugee  
we remember those fleeing from danger,  
hungry and afraid, with nowhere to call home.  
God, we ask for them warmth, security, food and peace.

**God of hope,**

we thank you for those who are working to bring relief and  
comfort to those displaced,  
showing glimpses of grace in the darkness of despair.  
God, give them strength.

**God of justice,**

guide the nations and the leaders of the world towards peace  
stir hearts to be generous and compassionate.  
God, help us to play our part in bringing about the change  
that we want to see.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## **CINNAMON BROW TODDLERS**

Cinnamon Brow Toddlers continues to provide a lovely, warm, welcoming environment for local toddlers, their parents, grandparents and carers. The group meets on Friday mornings, (Term Time only) in our church hall, 9.00am - 11.00am. Various activities are provided by volunteers and include soft play equipment, crafts, music, singing and refreshments. If you would like to join this popular group please contact:

**Sheila Taylor 694092**



**Our Christmas Party! (From our Toddlers photo album)**



Do you want to get messy, have some fun and meet some new friends?? Then we would love to see you on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 4pm-5pm....so go on.....stick your roast in the oven and come on over.....

So before we get this roast in the oven and sit down at this Messy Church session next month, how did it come about? Grab a cuppa and I'll tell you.

When I first stepped through the doors of the Church of the Resurrection 5 years ago with my 3 year old daughter, after a reasonable spell away from church in my 20s and early 30s, it was because I wanted her to have the same experiences and engagement with God and find new friends in a Christian environment with all the values that I had been lucky enough to grow up with and with friends who are still in my life. I can still remember how much I enjoyed Sunday school and all the excursions and fun we had. I remember becoming a Sunday school teacher at 16 and I loved being able to tell the younger ones about Jesus' love through stories and play. Fast forward 25 years however, and today, well, let's not kid ourselves, it's all a little different and it's very clear that whilst some churches are thriving with a young community, generally the numbers of younger folk are decreasing in our congregations and it is paramount that we look at why, and what we can do to change that.

By the time Rose was 6 I had noticed that every week, the Sunday service had started to lose Roses' attention and I could understand this. Words and pages that she couldn't really read, songs that were hard to keep up with, let alone understand the context of....However, she has always enjoyed the family services. I felt

like it was make or break time for us. I felt that it was important....actually, no It was more than that, I felt that I was being pointed and prodded in the back by the big guy upstairs to do something about her experience at Church, and not only for her, but for other children in our community. If I am totally honest, I probably ignored the call for a little while using the excuse of the everyday noise of life as a cover up! I suppose you could liken it to tinnitus, always there but you can sort of ignore it – “I’m too busy with work this month”, “school clubs are manic”, or “holidays are taking up our time”..... Whatever it may have been, it was easy to drown it out. Part of me probably thought maybe someone else would just magically provide the answers and environment for Rose to thrive in...But I realised that actually, I should listen to the gentle voice that kept nudging away at me. If it was going to happen, well, I had to make it happen.

God moves in fortuitous ways, and when Rev Tracey joined our church family it was clear that we finally had the opportunity to build a team and start to work on a plan to work for our children and young folk. Armed with a small team of mums from church and school we started to research this ‘Messy Church’ business! We had numerous books, DVD’s, CD’s, chatty meetings, and plenty of coffee and cakes, and lots of prayers to get us to our first messy church session, which was the second weekend in December 2016. It was a fun hour; we had planned well, although five minutes before we weren’t sure if anyone would even come through the door! But as the Lord says, keep the faith, they will come.....and they did, and we tried out our first planned session.

Riding high on the feedback, we planned session two for January 2017. We had everything ready and hoped for about 25 people .....Hot dogs were on the menu, along with making memory boxes to keep your good memories in to read at the end of the year. Our messy team member Julie Williams did a fab PR job in school

which provided not just 25 people through the door at 4pm but 70!!!!!!! We were blown away!!!! My poor husband was on rapid dispatch to get more hot dogs and buns and the toddler crayon cupboard had to be raided! The response was overwhelming and although we weren't quite prepared for those numbers, we pulled our socks up and got on with an incredibly manic but fantastic session.

I have never been so glad to see a cold glass of wine in my life as I was after that .....! I'm so grateful and send a massive thanks to all those who came, all those who helped from church, and to the many parents from school that saw how busy it was, rolled up their sleeves and pitched in. During the activities everyone talked together, it was so lovely to see people meet new people. We had friends from all over. We had families from Cinnamon Brow School, St Bridget's school and Christ Church, as well as local 'Brow' families.



This month we are prepared and will have full complement of craft items in advance, half a ton of sandwiches, tea, biscuits and milk!!!

...This week you will mostly find me in the Range getting craft stocks, pens, pencils, papers, glues and the like! My hopes for this are rooted in the fact that we will grow as a team and we will get more input and training on how to 'Messy Church' (that's a thing, honest :). And that we will get some really good inspirational ideas, and more new adults involved in helping and enjoying it with us. By this time next year I believe we will have a church with more children growing in faith in Christ having enjoyed lots and lots of different and fun ways to get in touch with the bible and its teaching. I hope that for Rosie it's the start of making some of the memories and friendships that I was privileged enough to have at her age at church.

So that's my journey to Messy Church and you have probably finished your cuppa now :-), I've waffled on enough, but if you're still unsure what Messy Church is about well here it is in a nutshell...

It's the chance for children and their parents/family/friends to come together for an hour, to hear the stories and the messages from the Bible in a very accessible way. Mums and dads get to sit down and natter with a tea or coffee and cake. We have a short message for the week; sometimes we act this out with children's participation!! Sometimes it might be a story or a discussion.....it will be relevant to what we are thinking about that week. Then we usually get down and dirty with some fun crafting or make and do that will help us to relate to the theme for the week.

It's very early days, but we are going to be working really hard over the next few months to keep it fresh and exciting. We are planning some gardening activity as spring greets us to make the church blossom with colour. And some different activities like baking and modelling. In the summer we are hoping for a bit of

planting and gardening, maybe a BBQ or outdoor games and picnics.

The important thing about Messy Church is sharing. Each session we make food for everyone to share. We've had Christmas cookies, hot dogs and sandwiches so far, which everyone has enjoyed chomping, whilst we all talk about what we have learned. We like to sing a song, and then have our own cool version of the Lord's Prayer with actions. We always close with the Peace High five.

We're aiming to get laptop and projection equipment up and running soon so that we can have videos and songs to share, and make it as interactive as we can.

Finally I have one ask – if you have read this maybe you will come and join in.

Its good fun and it would be lovely to see each and every one of you. Everyone is welcome .....Let's face it, the possibilities are endless when you have the best boss ever behind you .....!

**Tori Aldred**

**Check out our website for details:  
[messy.resurrection.org.uk](http://messy.resurrection.org.uk)**

## 2017 LENTEN CHALLENGE - WHY NOT?

During Lent many individuals deny themselves something they particularly like or love; chocolate, cakes, sweets, alcohol, etc. Other individuals decide to fast, hoping to emulate in a small way, the hardships Jesus faced during his forty days in the wilderness.

Individuals will often donate monies saved to a favourite charity or even buy something special for themselves or others at the end of the Lenten period.

In 2015 we set up a '**Why Not?**' challenge to try and do something different. Instead of **denying yourself**, the challenge was to **do something positive** which would impact favourably on yourself, your family, a neighbour and possibly a stranger.



We may not be able to change the world we live in, but each of us can make a small difference.

Do try this challenge. Prop the following two pages up in a prominent place in your home and try to follow a daily challenge through, ticking off as you go. It does not matter whether you complete every one, or indeed do one every day. Just have a go! You may even complete a couple of challenges in one day! The important thing is you will have tried.

**Why not** try to make a difference?

**Cathy Webster**

## **CHURCH AND SCHOOL LINKS**

### **Brookacre Community Primary School**

#### **THE MYSTERIOUS MAYANS**

In January, Year 6 had a fabulous opportunity to work with the company 'One Day Creative.' The children spent the whole day learning about the ancient Mayans through drama and dance. From the moment the workshop began, the children were hooked on their new learning journey and were interested to discover all the gruesome and mysterious facts about the Mayans. The children worked extremely hard to learn and practise a script, as well as improvising their own scenes and dances, which they performed to parents and carers at the end of the day. They are looking forward now to using what they have learned back in class to delve even deeper into this fascinating topic.

Years 2, 3, and 4 enjoyed a magical trip to see the pantomime Aladdin at the Parr Hall. They all had a wonderful time and have taken their experience back to their classrooms to produce some fantastic writing, including character descriptions and recounts. As ever, all the children were exceptionally well behaved and a credit to the school.

Well Done Brook Acre!

**Brook Acre CP School Website**

Mothers' Union was saddened to hear of the recent death of Lois Dandy.

I have fond memories of Lois, we were both enrolled into the Mothers' Union by Enrolling member Marilyn Whinfield 12th March 1991. Lois supported our church and would occasionally submit a poem for publication in our Magazine. I have never forgotten the poem '**Remember**'

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better  
To paint a picture or write a letter,  
Bake a cake or plant a seed,  
Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there is not much time  
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb,  
Music to hear and books to read  
Friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there  
With the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair,  
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain  
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,  
Old age will come and it's not kind  
And when you go - and go you must-  
You yourself will make more dust.

(A house becomes a home when you can write 'I love you' on the furniture.)

**Cathy Webster**

## PLACE OF INTEREST.....

### 60 ANDRASSY AVENUE, HOUSE OF TERROR

As we walked down the wide, tree-lined, Andrassy Avenue in Budapest, (a UNESCO listed World Heritage Site) the presence of designer stores, multi-starred restaurants and the State Opera House deceived our minds from the shocking horrors which once lay behind the doors of number 60. How different the avenue would have looked at the height of the building's infamy and how terrifying it would feel for those detained inside the grim walls of number 60.



Opened in 2002, the infamous building is now a museum but was the former home of the Arrow Cross Party, a national socialist party which led a Hungarian government between 1944 and 1945, and the AVH who were the secret police force in Hungary under

communist rule from 1945 until the 1956 uprising. Both organisations were responsible for the imprisonment, torture and murder of many Hungarians. The aim of the museum now, is to help visitors understand what life was like for Hungarians during those bloody periods of Fascist and Stalinist history and demonstrate that the fight against terror ended with victory for the forces of freedom and independence.

Being a church magazine, this article covers the section of the museum dealing with the way churches, clergy and congregations

were treated during those brutal periods. Both Nazism and Communism regarded religion as their enemy. While the totalitarian dictatorships persecuted and murdered their victims based on collective criteria, religion looks upon sin and practices forgiveness on the basis of individual responsibility. Both the Nazis and

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Communists replaced God with their own leaders, who they presented as infallible and omniscient. They swore allegiance to their leader, went into battle in his name, and surrounded his person with rituals befitting an idol. They proclaimed that they required men of a 'new type' in order to create a 'new world', a special 'heaven on earth'. They persecuted religion, the faithful and the Churches, because religious teaching was diametrically opposed to the Nazis' and Communists' ideologies, which they wanted to elevate to the rank of creeds.

From the very first, the Communist dictatorship - launched in the wake of the Soviet occupying forces - regarded the Churches, on account of their moral and spiritual authority, their financial power and international organization, as implacable enemies to be crushed. It was the aim of the Communists to ruin the reputation of Church leaders and their institutions by demeaning them as reactionaries, as obstacles of progress. They trampled on the moral authority of priests and qualified it as a political crime if they stood up for their faith and for freedom of religion. They made every effort to gradually destroy the Churches and erode religious life. As a first step they expropriated the landholdings of the Roman Catholic Church by way of the 1945 land reform which threatened the majority of the Church's institutions with financial ruin.

The Communist regime fixed salaries below the poverty line for priests, pastors and rabbis. They prohibited and dismantled religious, charitable and devotional associations. Apart from a few exceptions, they closed down all Church-owned educational institutions. In 1949 they halted compulsory catechism and instituted optional religious teaching. The parents of those who followed religious instruction were continually harassed and intimidated. Students who attended religious schools were regularly discriminated against at college and university entrance exams. Church leaders who were reluctant to co-operate with the party-state, were

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eliminated by internal putsches, forced emigration, contrived court cases, prison sentences and threats.

With the help of so-called 'peace-priests', fraudulently elected from among party secretaries and communist functionaries, the moral authority of the Churches was tarnished. The new leaders stood for the interests of the party-state. The Churches' former leaders, pastors and priests, were now in jail, forced into retirement or had to leave their homeland. Despite 'agreements' not to harass the Churches, the Communist regime continued with purges, deportations and imprisonments. Even during the post-uprising 'soft dictatorship' of the 1960's and 70's, young people accused of attempting to organize religious movements were incarcerated or 'relocated'. The forced agreements were in effect for forty years between 1950 and 1990.

In 1957, following the uprising of the previous year, the dictatorship was once again firmly established and issued a directive whereby all church assemblies, and the publishing or copying of religious material required the approval of the AEH (The

State Church Bureau). The collaborating church leaders, who had resigned during the uprising, were reinstated and brutal reprisals meted out to members of the Renewal Movement. In 1957, seventeen ministers, assistants and students of theology were arrested, and others kept under observation. At the same time other 'co-operating' Church dignitaries received high state decorations from the government.

The development of the political formation of the Church began in earnest in 1958 and served the existing regime. It supported Soviet politics and the ideas of socialism without criticism, spreading propaganda among western Churches. This ideology of the 'Serving Church' remained the official theology until the change of regime in 1990.



#### **A PLACE OF INTEREST.....**

A key figure in the post-war struggle between the Roman Catholic Church and the Hungarian Government was **Cardinal Mindszenty**, who was appointed by the Vatican in 1945. With the Cardinal as its head, the church initially mounted a stout defence of its institutions. However, continuing police harassment, false charges and convictions, imprisonment and executions, served to weaken the churches' resolve. Events were stage-managed in villages across the country, which were designed to present the church leaders as criminals. In 1948, church schools were nationalized. Later that year Cardinal Mindszenty himself was arrested and given a life sentence. All clerics were labelled 'reactionaries', and although the church had tried to resist as long as it could, finally, in the

summer of 1950, it retreated. The episcopate had to face the fact that the communists' cruelty and brutality was boundless, and had to admit its impotence and vulnerability.

The Catholic Church had to undertake to support the political system as it was, and the government gave a promise to uphold religious freedom and the free functioning of the Church. However, less than a year later in 1951, a series of show trials was organised in which a number of important religious leaders received long sentences and executions. The communists had accomplished their aim. The terror meted out by the AVH had broken the episcopate's resistance and extended the state's control over the Catholic Church.

In 1956, Primate Mindszenty, liberated by the Revolution, once again took up the Church's leadership, but on the day of the armed Soviet attack he sought refuge in the US Embassy where he remained for fifteen years. Under pressure from the Vatican and the Hungarian government, Mindszenty agreed to emigrate and lived in Vienna another four years. His ashes were returned to Budapest in 1991. Pope John Paul II's visit to Hungary in August 1991 symbolized the end of forty years of religious persecution.

Our 2016 visit to the 'House of Terror' was indeed sobering, bringing with it a degree of understanding of the terrors experienced by the Hungarian people. After sitting in a 'courtroom' listening to numerous fabricated cases, and surrounded by hundreds of photographs of those 'lost' after sentencing, our descent in a dark lift into the frightening, basement torture-cells of the building made us literally shudder with horror.

**Les Webster**

## THE RESURRECTION LADYBIRD

**Another update from a little Ladybird who alternates between a bush and plant pot in the home of a Church member.....**

How time flies when you have fun travelling from numerous events tucked within my friend's pocket! As the weather this winter has sometimes been treacherous, I have been secreted in my pot in the second bedroom of my friend's home to keep dry and warm.

We attended the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mother's Union with a service at Winchester Cathedral, addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. I was tucked inside my friend's pocket during the service, which was a memorable occasion. We also attended a further formal event in Basingstoke.

During the Christmas season I attended numerous celebratory services and meals out with my friend, enjoying my usual crumbs. In January, we had our monthly visit to the Church of the Resurrection where we discussed the future of the children's service with the hope that more families may attend, so children will learn about the life of Christ.

With my prayers. Amen.



## OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

### A Very Special Event....

We are delighted to hear the news that Diana Bennett, our well loved Reader, and Graham Friend, are to marry. Congratulations to you both! An invitation to attend the ceremony is printed below:





## MEDIA VIEW

**Details of regular TV & Radio programmes, documentaries & films, all with religious content:**

**BBC1 or 2 TV:**   Sundays            Around tea time   ‘Songs of Praise’

**BBC Radio2:**   Sundays            06.00-07.00       ‘The Sunday  
Hour’

                          Sundays            07.00-09.00       ‘Good Morning  
Sunday’

**BBC Radio4:**   Daily                09.45(LW Only)   ‘Daily Service’  
                          Daily(Ex Sun) 05.43   ‘Prayer for the

Day’  
                          Sundays            05.43               ‘Bells on

Sunday’  
                          Mondays           00.45               ‘Bells on

Sunday’  
                          Sundays            06.05 & 23.30     ‘Something

Understood’  
                          Sundays            07.10               ‘Sunday’

                          Sundays            08.10               ‘Sunday  
Worship’

### **BBC Local Radio**

**Merseyside:**   Sundays            06.00-09.00       ‘Daybreak’

**Manchester:**   Sundays            06.00-09.00       ‘Mike Shaft’

**Lancashire:**   Sundays            06.00-09.00       ‘Joe Wilson’

### **BBC World**

**Service:**        Various            Various             ‘Heart and Soul’

**Premier Christian Radio:** Digital TV Channel 725

## FURTHER AFIELD

### **Cathedral information, local & global activities, items from Church Times.**

Christian Aid raises income from a wide number of sources, such as institutional grants, regular gifts, general donations, legacies, emergency appeals and the Christian Aid Week Campaign. Although income comes through the Department of International Development and the European Commission, a significant percentage of the remaining income comes through thousands of individuals in churches and communities.

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017, Christian Aid representative Eirlys Jessop spoke at our Family Service congregation about the work of Christian Aid. Eirlys talked to us about Climate Change and encouraged the children to take part in a game trying to 'cross a river' using imaginary stepping stones. However, these particular stones were of different sizes, some so small some children 'fell' into the river. The children stepping onto the larger stones had no trouble; each large stone supported them so they were able to traverse the river safely. Eirlys explained; some people in our communities and around the world have roads and communications to support catastrophic events and are able to respond to natural disasters such as floods (which may be caused climate change,) earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and avalanches. However, many communities do not have any infrastructure and need help from others through donations and good works.



The work of Christian Aid ensures that struggling individuals and communities are supported from the donations from those who are

more fortunate. We can supply those 'stepping stones' for them.....

Christian Aid week will take place **14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017**. Look out for a red envelope which may pop through your letterbox. Please support the work of Christian Aid.  
Website: **[www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)**

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS**

It is a pleasure to look back over the last few months at the services and activities which have taken place in church. Pictured is Revd Tracey, with the children celebrating her first Christingle at The Church of the Resurrection. Earlier in the day, children and adult volunteers helped to make the Christingles. We have been reliably informed that the children had to keep watchful eyes over those adults tempted to 'taste' the sweets!

The Christingle Service is a particularly special service which helps raise funds for the Children's Society. Thank you to all who came along and filled our church, to those who worked hard to make the service a success and 'thank you' to all who made donations. Well Done!

Looking back over the last twelve months our church has filled up with more children taking part in our local Christian life. What a joy, and so much more to look forward to in 2017!

**Editors**

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Church Services, Religious Festivals and Fellowship

Ash Wednesday Church	1 <sup>st</sup> March 7.00pm Christ
Women's World Day of Prayer	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March Christ Church
Mothering Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30am
APCM	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 10.45am Church Hall
Palm Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30am
Stations of the Cross	11 <sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm Team Service Church of the Resurrection
Agape	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm Team Service Church of the Ascension, Woolston
Maundy Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm
Good Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> April 2.00-3.00pm - The Last Hour
Tenebrae	14 <sup>th</sup> April 8.00pm
Easter Day	Sunday 6.00am Sunrise Service at Church of the Ascension, Woolston
Easter Day	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April (Time to be confirmed)
Churches Together Resurrection Exhibition	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May Church of the
Team Away Day	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 10.00am - 4.00pm
Pentecost	Sunday 6.30pm Team Service Church of the Resurrection
Trinity Sunday confirmed)	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June (Time to be confirmed)
Padgate Walking Day confirmed)	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June (Time to be confirmed)
Pastoral Services	To be confirmed
Summer Fayre	To be confirmed
Mothers' Union Lunch	Wednesday 'Drop In' 9 <sup>th</sup> August