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St Chad's Church Diary – October 2022

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Date	Time	Services & Events	
Sunday	8am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion	
2nd	9.30am	Parish Communion - Environment Service - with children's groups	
October	6.30pm	Evensong	
Wed 5th October	12-1.30pm	Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall	
Thurs 6 th October	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion	
Fri 7 th October	7.30-9pm Youth Group – Meets in the Parish Centre		
Sunday 9.30am HARVEST TH.		Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion HARVEST THANKSGIVING – with music group - All-age service - perfect for the whole family	
	6.30pm	Evensong	
Wed 12 th October	12-1.30pm	Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall	
Thu 13 th October	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion	
Fri 14 th October	7.30-9pm	Youth Group – Social Night	
Sun 16th	8am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion	
October	9.30am	Parish Communion - with children's groups	
	6.30pm	Evensong	
Wed 19 th October	12-1.30pm	n Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall	
Thu 20th October	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion	
Fri 21st October	7.30-9pm	Youth Group – Meets in the Parish Centre	
Sunday 23rd	8am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion	
October	9.30am	Parish Communion with Baptism	
	6.30pm	Evensong	
Wed 26 th October	12-1.30pm Lunch Club in the Parish Centre Meeting Hall		
Thu 27 th October	10.30am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion	
Fri 28 th October	7.30-9pm	No Youth Group this week – Half term	
Sunday	8am	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion	
30 th October	9.30am	Parish Communion with children's groups	
All Saints/All	6.30pm		
Souls			

St Michael and All Angels' Services October 2022				
Date	Time	Services		
2 nd October	10am	Harvest Festival and All Age Eucharist		
The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity	6.30pm	Evensong with Prayer for Healing		
9 th October	10am	Parish Eucharist		
The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity	6.30pm	Evensong		
16 th October	10am	Parish Eucharist		
The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	6.30pm	Evensong		
23 rd October	10am	Parish Eucharist		
The Last Sunday After Trinity	6.30pm	Evensong		
30 th October	10am	Parish Eucharist for All Saints' Sunday		
All Saints' Sunday	6.30pm	All Souls Service		
Tuesday October 11 th (The second Tuesday of the month)	8pm	Compline		
Wednesdays in October	10.30am	Holy Communion (said)		



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Reflections on humility and the reign of Queen Elizabeth II

Humility. Humility is not about thinking less of ourselves, humility is thinking about ourselves less. It is the servant heart. It is not a heart of self-loathing, nor false modesty. It is a heart that is other-centred, rather than self-centred. Consider if you will the difference between stars and blackholes. Stars shine out, they pour out light and give it to others. Blackholes by contrast suck light in, and take from others.



When Christ's love, proven in the cross, fills our hearts, there is a spiritual reaction at our core, and the light of Christ can radiate from our lives. We are loved and hopeful, and so freely share what we have, in time, spirit, energy, love and wealth. We can be like stars. Without the love of Christ in our hearts, we remain fearful and hopeless, and nothing can plug that gap. Worldly goods and affirmation are never enough, and we suck in and consume

endlessly to no avail, to nothingness. We can be like black holes.



Over recent weeks, we have heard of the Queen's "life of service and humility". It is widely recognised how she fulfilled her public role and duty, dictated by the traditions and constitution of our land - what we as a nation required of her. At times we may have wanted her to do, or say, more. But she knew that we have

Parliament and the Press for that, and her job was to be a symbolic figure head for a modern nation, not a political leader for a proportion of it. This meant suppressing her opinions, views and emotions. She famously clapped exactly the same amount for every act at the Royal Variety so no-one would feel she was displeased with them.

She suppressed herself in order to serve everyone. Her service as Queen was one of humility — of thinking about herself less. And she says her faith in Jesus was the bedrock of her ability to serve the nation. His example and his love equipped her to offer herself for the benefit of others. Jesus was the source of her humility.

The reign of the Queen offers one example of other-centred service, and we know so many more. From the nurse missing her break, to the churchwarden tirelessly keeping a church going, to the parent who has not slept this week. The challenge is to serve with love in our heart, and a smile on our face, giving freely out of the love and hope we have because of Christ. Not to serve out of pride, nor for vain glory. To be Stars, born out of the love of Jesus, not Blackholes sucking in from everywhere else.

Faith in Jesus sustained the Queen's service to us.

May Jesus, his life, death and resurrection be the bedrock of our service to others also.

May he be the source of our humility.

May we think of ourselves less, without fear, safe in the knowledge of God's love for us, and so free to follow Jesus' example with peace and joy!

Lord, help us shine, as Stars born in you.

Amen

Rev Jo Glenwright (curate)



St Michael's and All Angels' charity of the season for October



Sue Ryder Wheatfields Hospice is in Headingley, Leeds and provides expert palliative care.

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St Michael & All Angels' Charity of the Season

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Many thanks Revd Angela Birkin



Funerals

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

9 September - Valerie Varker - Aged 82 - St Chad's

26 September - David Whiteley - Aged 62 - St Chad's

Interments

4 September - Audrey Simpson - Aged 94 - St Chad's 22 September - Brian Larkin - Aged 79 - St Chad's

Baptisms

'In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.'

28 August - Elliot George Watson – St Michael's

18 September - Daphne Chauhan

Daughter of Robert & Harriet Chauhan – St Chad's

God with us in daily life - Charlotte Pugsley, All Hallows Church

I wonder how and where you recognise God with you in your daily life? All Hallows Church have been asking some of the people in their community that very question.

Here's Charlotte Pugsley's answer.



Hi, my name is Charlotte and I am a PhD student in chemistry at the University of Leeds! People often assume that God is absent from the laboratory, but that is far from the truth. In science we are taught the laws of the natural world, with everything stripped back to basics. When I perform a reaction, adding A to B to create C (and it works, wahoo!), it makes sense.

Understanding the intricacies of how molecules work together reveals the detailed design of the world. To make me laugh, my Dad used to marvel at the intricacy of a raspberry! Now I understand what he meant: when you appreciate the way things work together in harmony, you get to see a small slice of the kingdom of God.

Thank you Charlotte!

How would you answer the question? Don't be shy, let us know so we can include your story in future editions of the magazine.

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St Chad's Youth Group Update from Ollie

Here's an update on the Summer term and our hopes and prayer request for the new Autumn term:

The main teaching theme that led us through the term was 'Who is God?' We wanted to explore the nature of who God is and what this tells us about Jesus.

Interwoven into this was an exploration of what worship means to us and the different ways we can worship God. We have begun to make a Spotify playlist of worship songs that mean something to us.

May - To begin our new theme we held a film night. We watched 'Is God Dead?' This helped us to explore what people say about God, and gave us space to explore that question ourselves.

June - As well as our theme for the term we held our monthly social night and we were able to go out as a group to go trampolining! This was also a great time to welcome a couple of new members to our group. By the end of it we had earned a well-deserved cold drink!





July - Our exploration into our theme for the term, 'who is God?' had led us into exploring The Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We learnt so much that we went in and shared our learning with the church on Trinity Sunday, in a hilarious and well received skit about the various complicated theologies of the Trinity. If you missed it you can listen to it on our church podcast from 12th June!



MUFIL (Mission United Faith In Life), a city wide youth event, was running again in Leeds and St Chad's Youth went and joined in. We enjoyed amazing weather, BBQ food, an inflatable gladiator duel and a fantastic time of worship. We are excited for the next event in November.

August - As well as getting some well-deserved rest this summer, a few of us took a trip out to IKEA to gather some items to decorate our new youth room at St Chad's! After an exciting trip round IKEA, we have identified our items and soon we hope to decorate and move into our new room! We are really excited to be getting closer to having our new youth space at St Chad's!

We hope this room will be able to bless not only our youth and give them a place to come to St Chad's and belong to, but to everyone at St Chad's who will use the room for small groups and courses too.

Hopes for new term

We would love for you to pray for us in this new term, especially as we welcome those who have recently moved up to year 7 and are joining our group.

We are also hoping to set up a new youth group in the coming weeks for those in years 5-6. We would love anyone who is interested in helping to facilitate this group starting up, and helping run it alongside the existing team.

16th Sept	Ga mes evening		
23rd Sept	Youth Group &		
	Virtual Reality Games		
30th Sept	Youth Group		
7th Oct	Youth Group		
14th Oct	Social		
21st Oct	Youth Group		
28th Oct	Half Term		
4th Nov	Youth Group		
11th Nov	Youth Group		
18th Nov	Youth Group		
25th Nov	Outing to Event with other		
	Christian Youth Groups		
2nd Dec	Youth Group		
9th Dec	Trip		
16th Dec	End of Term Session		

If you're interested in joining us here is the programme for the new term. If a young person in your family would like to try it out, (with no long-term commitment!), do get in touch with one of the leadership team or bring them along to the Parish Centre on a Friday night 7.30-9pm.

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My Favourite Hymn - Melanie from St Michael's

Have you met Melanie? She's a faithful and cheerful presence at St Michael's Church in Headingley, often accompanied by her cute and cuddly friend 'Candy', (as pictured). Melanie told me she has not one but two favourite hymns. The first is that old school assembly classic, All Things Bright and Beautiful. Melanie says,



"I chose it for my Mum's funeral in 2017. It's normally not chosen for funerals, but I picked it because it's happy and because of all the creatures in it. My mum was nice. I lived with her until she went to live in a home."

Melanie's other favourite hymn is *Shine Jesus Shine*. She says, "I like the clapping in the chorus. It makes me feel happy. It's got a joyful tune. We used to sing it at the services in Kippax. We've not started doing it at St Michael's yet but I would love to. You can stand up and do the actions when you sing it."

Another reason this hymn is special to Melanie is because of the words 'Shine Jesus Shine'. They remind her of a vision she had of Jesus one night when she was at home. She saw Jesus standing in her bedroom, and his clothes were shining bright white and he showed her the holes in his hands and feet, from where he had been nailed to the cross. This had a strong and lasting effect on Melanie and has given her a strong faith in Jesus. She talks about it often.

Melanie loves attending St Michael's, and being with the welcoming and inclusive community she has found there. She recently completed a 6 mile long sponsored walk in the Dales, raising over £400 for the church.

Rev'd Hannah Lievesley

Running for Rainbow Junktion



Rainbow Junktion relies on the kindness and generosity of friends and neighbours in order to keep up its amazing work of feeding the poorest in our communities.

One such friend is Tim Lindley who runs

Coffee on the Crescent at Hyde Park Corner.

Rev Heston, at All Hallows Church says:

"Our fantastico friend Tim Linley has run the Leeds 10k and raised £1200 for Rainbow Junktion. Please go spend a fortune in his cool coffee shop!"

Ever since Tim started the shop in 2017, he's been committed to serving the whole community not just those who can afford a 'posh coffee'!

Tim was delighted to tell us, "We've been raising money for Rainbow Junktion from the start. Our "Pay one

forward" scheme (begun during lockdown) has provided regular and consistent income each month at a time when its services were desperately needed. We've raised over £3000 so far."

Amazing kindness, for which the hungry of Hyde Park are very grateful.



Diary of a church Dog

Anyone who knows me knows that I am not an early riser. I am not one of those dogs who needs to go out at 5am, 10am is my preferred time of awakening, so imagine my horror when on Thursday 15th Mumma woke me at 3.30am and had me out walking at 4am! I was horrified to say the least however I was bedded back down at 4.20am when Mumma left. My big brother and his fiancé arrived at 9am to spend the rest of the day with me but where had my Mumma gone? Mumma arrived back much later that night and she then told me about her day. To quote the nursery rhyme she had 'gone up to London to visit The Queen.'



I have spent the days since the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II sitting by Mumma's side as she has been very sad. I have also done a lot of singing as the telly box has had a lot of programmes on about The Queen and many times have, I stood to attention and sung loudly the National Anthem, which has always been one of my favourite songs. It only seems like minutes since I was writing about the wonderful Jubilee celebrations and here, I am mourning the death of the 20th century's greatest

woman. A woman who invented 'Girl Power' a woman who in 70 years of devoted service to Church and people was a beacon of hope. A leader of unquestionable morality, faith and devotion (sadly lacking in many others!) A model of devotion and service a quality so rare. However, to me as a humble canine servant my fondest and most abiding memory of my Queen will be as an animal lover, mainly dogs and horses. When watching the funeral Mumma was absolutely wreathed in tears when, on the Long Walk, the procession's progress was watched by the Queen's pony Emma (wearing The Queens headscarf) and the corgies Muick and Sandy who both sat quietly and respectfully as they said bye, bye to their Mumma. I cannot begin to imagine their loss they were always at her side and much like me got away with blue murder because their Mumma loved them so.





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Apparently, a great number of people over the years have been nipped by The Queen's corgis, I suppose they were protecting their Mumma!

So, whilst the nation has lost its queen, the Church its leader and her family a much loved mother, grannie and great grannie, spare a thought for all her animals, horses, dogs even pigeons who have lost their Mumma.

Rest in peace Ma'am and God save The King.

Much love TJ



Tuesday 4th October at 7.30 Knit and Natter in parish centre bar area

Thursday 13th October 2pm

Talk 'Love & justice-my walk with Christ '

Revd Jo Glenwright is coming to speak to us, come along and meet our new curate

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Listen to the Voice of Creation

This year the theme for Season of Creation is 'Listen to the Voice of Creation'. The Season of Creation, or Creationtide, it is the part of the Church Year, running from 1st September to 4th October, when churches across the diocese and around the world will celebrate and cherish God's creation and Sunday by Sunday join with all creation in worship.

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.



Psalm 19

Creation cries out both in glory and in pain. Our starting point is that we are all creatures living in relationship with our Creator. This influences how we relate not only to our fellow living creatures, but with everything that is created. We belong to creation as much as being stewards of it. Care for the earth is founded upon relationship.

All is not always well with creation. Romans 8 tells us of the 'groaning of creation'; the unexpected heat waves and lack of rain have caused an outbreak of roaring fires on our parched dry land. The prevalence of unnatural fires and the destruction of the burning land can be seen as a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on our farmland and our farmers, on us as consumers and on the most vulnerable of our planet.

Locally grown and picked herbs will reduce the single use plastic packaging and transport emissions linked to shop-bought herbs. People will be able to pick just the amount they need, reducing waste and increasing their freshness.

It will help to link local lives together with the fundraising, building and ongoing gardening alongside creating something beautiful. The flowers of the herbs will also help support our pollinators. So far, £404 has been raised for this project. Another £100 or so is still needed, so a sponsored litter pick is planned and donations would be welcome from people interested in

Further tree work is planned in the churchyard, but we have yet to achieve the necessary permission for this from the diocese. The most noticeable job will be to coppice (i.e. cut down to near ground level) the two large multi-stemmed goat

the project.



willows, which are growing out of old graves. The trunks of these are gradually splaying out and will ultimately approach the horizontal and block paths and the access to the church south porch. These trees are expected to re-grow vigorously from the base, so will not be lost. Some branches on an oak tree near the garden of rest, broken in last autumn's storms, will be cut back. We are also wanting to fell two rather over-crowded and distorted trees growing under the old oak beside the entrance path from the top of Drummond Road, to create more space for graves in the churchyard. This won't affect the view from the back of the houses along that boundary, as there are other trees behind these two we want to fell, including a young yew tree, which will very much benefit from some extra light. If you have any questions about these plans, do come and have a chat with me or Mike Willison.

Helen Cruickshank on behalf of the Green Team



Work on St Chad's Trees & Community Herb Bed

As you may already have noticed, the big

horse chestnut tree outside the vicarage was taken down on 25th August, along with a smaller cherry tree at the top of the cricket pitch. This followed our regular, 3 yearly tree survey, carried out in February 2022, which found fungal damage and fruiting bodies from a Ganoderma fungus in both these trees, causing some possible structural weakness which could result in mechanical failure of the trunk of the tree or the root plate if it progressed. There was felt to be no evidence of a sufficient response from the horse chestnut tree to try and compartmentalize the decay, indicating it would progress with age. Due to the trees' location within a high use area, they were recommended for removal.

Since St Chad's is within the Headingley conservation area, we had to seek permission to fell these trees from the City Council and they have a policy requiring replacement trees to be planted in the same area.

In due course, when the ground is moister, we plan to replace the horse chestnut with another lime tree in the remaining gap on the St Chad's drive and another cherry tree will be planted adjacent to the site of the one we have just lost. To support the agenda to increase the number of trees in Leeds and in light of the diocesan policy of trying to replace one felled tree with 3 new ones, we also plan to plant 2 more crab apple trees at the top of the cricket pitch, next to the two existing ones, which will nicely increase the line of flowering trees below the church, as viewed from the Otley Road.

The site of the horse chestnut will be used by the Save the Planet Group to create a community herb garden. They have been raising funds to build a large, sleeper raised bed to hold lots of herbs for the whole community to use.

Creation cries out as fields and forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice. The cry of creation is heard in the voices of those suffering from climate change. The parched and hardened ground is unable to receive the rain even when it comes, the land has become so hard and compacted. Drought and flood alternate.

Yet the voice from the burning bush in Exodus 3.1-12, which called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mount Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush.

This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice. The covenant with Noah also brings hope, it will not always be like this. Rain brings both flood and new life. It is our responsibility as 'tillers and keepers' of the soil to work against the current prevailing destructive forces.

It is our responsibility not only to hear the cries of the victims, but to respond and to bring the voices from various communities to the public forum of our businesses and governments, and of our own everyday lives. It is this responsibility and respect for the whole of creation under God which is at the heart of our thinking and acting as the people of God. It is the theological starting point we also share with people of other faiths.

We must respond to 'the signs of the times; God in Christ has reconciled the world to Himself; God's saving purpose is for the whole of creation. Saving creation was part of Christ's sacrificial mission and as his followers is part of ours.

Christine Jack, Christ Church, High Harrogate

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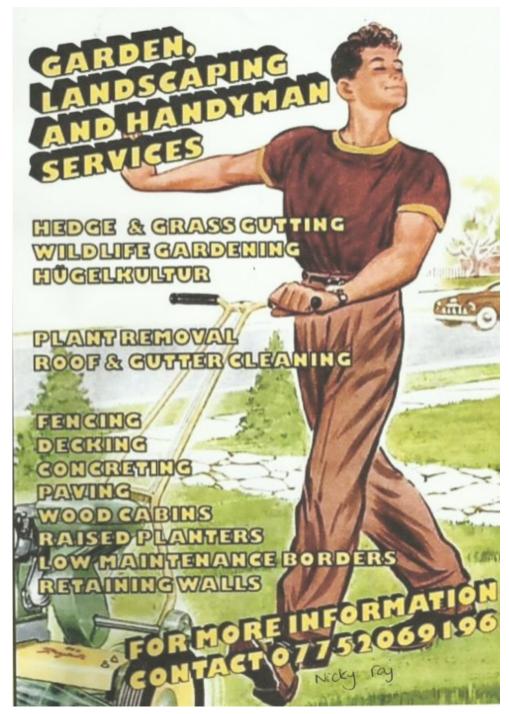
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Our Archdeacon, Paul Ayers, recently reflected on the book of Philemon, and got me thinking about 'usefulness'. Philemon is a very tiny book of the bible – only 355 words long! – and actually a letter from the Apostle Paul to his By Hannah Lievesley friend, Philemon, a Christian leader in the church at Colossae.

People may wonder why parts of the Bible like this letter are included. They seem so small and personal. Those who don't know the Bible sometimes seem to think that what they will find there are lots of rules and commands, and lots of airy-fairy 'timeless' truths. But the Bible isn't really like that.



It's rooted in real events at particular times and places that happened to particular people.

Behind this letter is a story, that of a slave called Onesimus who has evidently run away from his owner Philemon.

The name, Onesimus, means 'useful'. In spite of this, we read he was 'useless' to his master Philemon. After running away, Onesimus has somehow ended up in prison with Paul, and has become a Christian. Paul writes to ask Philemon to take him back, rather than having him punished or cast out of his home and job with a criminal record.

Paul says, "Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for ever – no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother." Interestingly, Paul claims that the converted Onesimus has become very 'useful' in serving Christ's purposes alongside him, and he urges Philemon to see Onesimus now as another equal member of the Christian fellowship, equally committed to Jesus, and equally useful in the work of supporting the spread of the gospel.

What might seem a domestic issue from centuries ago poses deep theological questions. *Conversion*: do we think absolutely anyone can come to faith in Christ, as Onesimus did? Reconciliation: do we believe that relationships can be put right, on the basis that in Christ we are sisters and brothers? Sanctification: do we believe that every member of the Church can become 'useful' in the Lord's service?

Yes! Yes!! and Yes!!!

An essential part of being a disciple of Christ is that we make ourselves 'useful' to him by supporting the spread of the gospel. 'Every-Member-Ministry' is what the church is built on. That doesn't mean we have to all go out to preach on the street corners! But it does means we should all be 'useful' in playing our part to enable the gospel to be shared with others. At St Chad's, we're still hoping and praying for someone to come forward to fill the role of Treasurer. At St Michael's, we are still hoping and praying for someone to come forward to fill the role of Church Warden. Could you make yourself 'useful' for Christ in this way? If you don't feel gifted for these particular roles, why not look into other ways that you could become useful like Onesimus?