



TOYBOX
Changing the world
for street children

Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th March

10-12

Parish Room

Admission by donation

**Cake stall
Other stalls
Guess-the-Name Raffle
Refreshments**

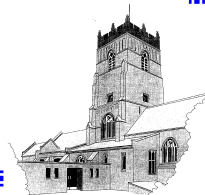
Proceeds in aid of Toybox, a charity helping street children obtain birth certificates. These cost £32 each; we hope to raise enough to fund at least 8.

APCM

(Annual Parish & Church Meeting)

Sunday 21 April at c.11.45am

Do please come and support!



St Cross Newsletter March/April



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The Vicar writes...

We continue in this Lenten season and in the life of our Church we look ahead with anticipation to an early Easter. During this month our Lent Appeal takes place, and the following day, we have our services for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, also the day when we celebrate Mothering Sunday. Our 10am service that day will be a 'Family Communion' service. I hope and pray that both these days will be joy-filled and receive a good response.

I have become even more aware than ever, how blessed I am, if that is the right word to use, or is it more of a case of 'right place, right time'? Our missional projects always focus on human need in some way, but this year, more than ever, what we seek to provide is touching my heart in a particular way. We are aiming, through the Lent Project, to give some children their dignity by providing them with a birth certificate. That is, in itself, a marvellous thing to do: giving children unknown to us, but known to God, a significant change in their prospects for the future. A change for the better.

It seems to me that the diversity of lives that people lead, both here and around the rest of the world, is one of a great divide. We see truly appalling scenes from the Middle East of people who have lost their families, homes, possessions – everything, and are suffering hunger and cold. How many orphans will emerge from this unnecessary and unjust

situation must be a staggering number.

In one aspect of my ministry as a Deliverance Advisor in the Chester Diocesan Deliverance Team, I see and meet some people who live lives in fear, isolation and financial difficulty. Thankfully, I do not get called out too often, but when it happens, I am often left humbled and saddened that some people have such difficult lives. It is personally rewarding to help people and enable them to be set free from whatever is plaguing them.

Jesus came to bring hope, healing, freedom, love and compassion to all those he met, and serving the poor and those on the margins was especially close to his heart. The Church seeks to serve in Christ's name now, transforming lives, bringing hope, sharing love, doing God's work. We would do well to remember that, above all else in the way we function as a Church community, we should remain mindful that God's mission is always the priority.

Yours, in Christ

Paul

A Prayer that you can use every morning:

Loving Father, help me to live this day to the full, being true to you, in every way.

Lord Jesus, help me to give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet.

Holy Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. Amen.

Occasional Offices in February

Wedding

24 February

**Benjamin Robert Foreman and
Laura Heather Duxbury**



What's On in March and April

Mondays 4, 11, 18, 25 March

2-4pm Monday Together

Saturday 9 March

10-12 noon Coffee Morning in the Parish Room in aid of Toybox
(see over)

Tuesday 12 March

7.30pm Lectio Divina

Thursday 21 March

2pm Mothers' Union

Holy Week

Monday 25, Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27 March

7pm Compline in the Lady Chapel

Thursday 28 March

7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Foot-washing

Good Friday 29 March

2-3pm Meditations, readings and music

Easter Sunday

7.30am Dawn Service followed by breakfast; 10am Sung Eucharist

April

Mondays 8, 15, 22, 29

2-4pm Monday Together

Tuesday 9 April

7.30pm Lectio Divina

Thursday 18 April

2pm Mothers' Union

Sunday 21 April

11.45am APCM *(see over)*