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### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Monday 8th

3.30pm Climbers (4's to 7's)  
*Basecamp back on next week*

#### Tuesday 9th

10.30am Prayer Meeting  
6.00pm Explorers (7's to 11's)  
7.30pm Ladies Society  
New Year's Party

#### Wednesday 10th

9.30am Prampushers  
11.00am Holy Communion  
2.30pm Mother's Union

#### Thursday 11th

9.30am Prampushers  
6.30pm Thirst (14's to 18's)  
8.00pm Youth Cell  
(14's to 18's)

#### Sunday 14th

8.00am Early Communion  
9.15am Parish Communion  
10.30am Kids Church '*Ignite*'  
10.45am Morning Praise

### SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY - ONLY ONE SERVICE

There will only be one service on Sunday 21st January at 9.15am because of the leaders weekend away at Rydal Hall. We are very grateful to Ross Garner from St Marks who will be taking the service.

### FREEDOM IN CHRIST

This discipleship course has already transformed the lives of many at St Chads. Our next course begins on Monday 22nd January and will be held in church. Brochures are available in church or from the church office.

### WOMEN - AS GOD INTENDED

*with Michele Guinness (writer & Broadcaster)*

A day of teaching, discussion and ministry **for women** around issues that affect our lives: what things give us a sense of security; relationships at home, at work and at church; what things make us feel significant; consumerism and satisfaction; and how we can fulfil our potential as women of God and live life as He intended!

**Saturday 10 February, 10am - 4pm,**  
at All Saint's Church Marple.

Cost £6 includes lunch and refreshments. Booking forms in church or available from the church office.

### THANK YOU

The Mothers' Union Literacy and Development Programme working in the poorest nations have sent their grateful thanks for a recent donation from St Chads.



# Cell Notes

**'Jars of clay'** 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Last week Tim challenged us to ask ourselves whether we would be content to feed on the 'spiritual leftovers' of our lives (meaning previous spiritual experiences and closeness to God) during this coming year. I hope that the answer was **'NO!'** Although a new year in one sense is no more than a mark on the calendar, it does provide an opportunity to take stock and to affirm afresh a desire to get close to God.

## **Some questions to inspire and challenge:**

What would you like to change in your spiritual life this year?  
How could you do that?

Do you sometimes feel that you are not qualified to serve God well?  
What is the point that Paul is making in 2 Corinthians 4:7?  
(See also 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 and 2 Corinthians 12:9)

Read 2 Corinthians 4:8-9. Anyone identify with those hardships? (Listen to each other and offer comfort.)  
What point is Paul making in these verses and also on 2 Corinthians 4:10?

Twice in this chapter (2 Corinthians 4:1 and 4:16) Paul says *'therefore we do not lose heart'*. He goes on to say *'though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.'*  
What practical things could you do to ensure that you are being renewed day by day?

Read out The Message translation of these verses:

*So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.*

Pray for and encourage one another.