

St Peter's Church Magazine

November 2016





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From the Editorial Team

Here is another bumper edition of our magazine. We hope you find something of interest in it for it is certainly wide-ranging this month!

There is news from our new curate Nathan to whom we give a huge welcome. We look forward so much to having him in the parish, a man of many talents as you will read.

This month the Scout Group hold their firework party which is always a huge success and seems to mark the change of the seasons. The uniformed organisations will be in church for their Remembrance Day Parade Service on 13th November and this year's Bereavement Service is on Sunday 6th November. This service is for all those who have suffered any bereavement but is open to anyone who may like to attend.



The Autumn study series begins on Monday 7th November, all the details you need are in the magazine see page 5. Do come along, the study series have been very well received and this new one will not disappoint.

You are invited to gasp with amazement (and perhaps just a little envy) at the article by Mike Fletcher! The last time I wrote about a car in the magazine I referred to my Grandfather's Ford Anglia. Reg. no. HWC 60. No heater, no radio, in fact nothing very much until you hit 40 mph and felt the thrill of dangerously high speed and being just a little out of control! Happy days,

Best Wishes from the Editorial Team

A Note from the Churchwardens

When someone is asked to be an Area Dean in the Diocese of Liverpool this means becoming an Honorary Canon of Liverpool Cathedral. As our Vicar is now the Area Dean for Sefton North Deanery, Anne will be officially installed as a canon or "collated" during Evensong on Tuesday 8th November at 5.30pm in Liverpool Cathedral. All are welcome to attend the Cathedral service. **Steve & Andy**

*Please note that the deadline for the November edition of the magazine is **Friday 11th November 2016**. Contributions to alisonwhiffing@aol.com*

The magazine is an important means of outreach and keeps everyone informed and in touch with the life of St Peter's Parish. The magazine is free, though it would be appreciated if you would like to give a donation towards production costs.

If you would like a magazine delivered to your home, please contact the Parish Office.

Dear Friends,

We enter a **season of remembrance** at this time of year and it is good to remember.

So firstly in this letter I want to **remember to say thank you.**

A special thank you to those who made our Harvest Thanksgiving so special. It was great to have the windows decorated and thank you to the Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Sunday Club and the School for taking such thoughtful effort in their displays. And to Liz Ward and the team for all the other displays of the abundance of fruit and vegetables. Thank you to Graham, the choir and the Thorpe family brass ensemble for great music. The last Harvest thank you is to those who have again delivered cards to the houses of our parish. This is a wonderful way of reaching out and letting our neighbours know the church is here for them. I was thanked for the kind invitation by a number of people who came along to our evening service. And we had an excellent preacher in Bishop David Chillingworth. We do plan to deliver Christmas cards (yes, I have used the word!) and will be looking for volunteers again. Please don't think it is a job for life but any help, even a street or two, would be great.



Secondly, we need to **remember it is always good to be welcoming.** Our welcome to stranger and friend each week at church is crucial and spells out that we are a community that is inclusive. In June 2017 we look forward to giving a warm St Peter's welcome to Nathan Thorpe who will be coming to serve his curacy with us. As clergy, the experience and training that you receive as a curate will mark and be the foundation of your ministry. We look forward to Nathan having the very best experience as he starts out in ordained ministry.



Thirdly, **I want to remember to make sure that you all know what the PCC is up too!** You may have noticed that the new lighting has been installed – or at least the bulbs have all been changed to LEDs – this improves the lighting but will also significantly reduce our electric bill. The sound system has been up-dated, and includes speakers in the chancel so the choir can't escape hearing the sermon! Plus one very exciting development is that the planning permission for the Bier House extension has been submitted to Sefton Council, so we now wait to hear the response.

And in this month of Remembrance we will have our **Remembrance Sunday Parade Service** on Sunday 13th November at 10am. In the afternoon in Holy Trinity Church at 3pm there will be the area Remembrance Service attended by present and past members of the armed forces, the British Legion and the Air Training Corp. This is

an important time to remember the supreme sacrifices made by those who died in times of war in the cause of peace. We remember not only those of past wars, but those who have been injured or killed in recent conflicts.



We will have our **Bereavement Service** – Sunday 6th November at 6.30pm. This is a quiet, reflective service to remember those whom we have loved but who are no longer with us. We invite families and friends to join us in church as we give thanks for how they have touched and enriched our lives. Grief can be so difficult to bear but it is good to remember and give thanks for the lives of those whom we have loved. Kahlil Gibran has put it this way:-

“When you are all sorrowful, look into your heart and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight”.

The church is an important backdrop to so many people’s lives whether that connection is weekly or occasionally. The church is part of our lives whether through regular worship or the important events of baptisms, confirmation, weddings and funerals.

A
time
to
Remember

In times of joy and in times of sorrow let us remember that God’s love is there to celebrate with us or to bring comfort. In this time of remembrance it is good for all of us to stop and remember what is truly important to us.

Anne

WHAT ABOUT??????

is the title of our **Autumn Discussion series**,
and we’ve chosen some big issues to be explored.

Monday 7th November: What About Assisted Dying?

- speaker Sir Mark Hedley, former High Court Judge and Chancellor of Liverpool Diocese

Monday 14th November: What About Same Sex Relations and the Church?

- speaker Revd Ted Woods

Wednesday 23rd November: What About Life After Death?

- speaker Canon Alison Woodhouse

**Each evening will begin at 8.00pm and will be held in
The Old Schoolroom in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.**



Hello St. Peter's!

As you might have heard by now, my name is Nathan Thorpe!



I am delighted to be joining you in June 2017 as your new curate. It's immensely exciting to think about arriving and beginning to get to know you all. It may indeed take me four years to learn all your names!

I'm very grateful to you for your welcome as I to learn how to serve, lead, and join you in all sorts of faithful high jinks in Formby. I've heard tales of theology in the pub (sold!), ponies called Doodle, and experienced some of your wonderful hospitality to newcomers (those of you I told that I was 'sort-of-thinking about church work' post-University happily didn't press me further!).

I hope to be joining you undisguised for worship in Advent, and hope that some of you may join me on the 25th June in Liverpool Cathedral where I'll be ordained a Deacon.

Here's a bit of background about me to warn/prepare yourselves! I'm 23 and grew up in St. Helen's and Warrington. In my youth, I was part of the Warrington West Scout Group, T.S. Obdurate Sea Cadet Corps, and briefly considered the Royal Marine Cadets before deciding that I wanted to grow my hair, play drums in local bands and listen to loud music. This didn't stop me getting involved in our Anglican-Methodist church school's work, being on the PCC, and going with my friends to the local Pentecostal youth group. I also enjoyed playing football and cricket for high school and town respectively.

After sixth form and working part time in a local pub, I read Ancient & Medieval History at the University of Wales in Lampeter from 2011-2014. During this time, I worked as the Sacristan of the Anglo-Catholic University Chapel, as a cleaner in a café and as a barman in the Student's Union. I also attended the Greek Orthodox and Reformed Baptist churches, when not on duty in chapel.

Serving on the college bar



This led to some academic research that continued during ordination training on training priests during the Black Death and (currently) Anglican, Roman Catholic and Orthodox ecumenical dialogue.

Just prior to University I felt a surprising call to explore the possibility of ordination, a journey that took me (with some trepidation) to Holy Spirit (Dovecot) in Liverpool, to Walsingham, and then to Taize. It also led to some spiritual karate with God (He won). I eventually ended up at a selection panel, I began to train for ordination at Cranmer Hall (Durham University) in September 2014. It was here that I met Poppy, who will be also serving in Formby.

During training, I've become a veteran of the college pool team, served as a college vice-president, spent some time working in a prison, homeless cafés, and churches abroad (in Belgium and Rome). I've also undertaken some training as a dementia friend (which I'm delighted to see that St. Peter's also supports), done some oral history research with Durham Cathedral, and campaigned for the maintenance of accessible education.

In my free time, I still like going to loud music (and other!) concerts and supporting St. Helens in rugby league (Liverpool in the football). I enjoy drinking coffee and red wine (which I'm experimenting with making) and have recently taken up wood-carving. I'm looking forward to being taught the ropes by Anne, and serving you as you journey in the Way! Which is probably enough for now - I'm really looking forward to meeting you and getting stuck in.

Best wishes and prayers!

Nathan

Easter Joy at All Saints, Rome



Church Yard Winter Tidy

will be on Saturday 3rd December
from 10:00 just after Breakfast Church.
Please come and help!



BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

In Loving
Memory

The end of October and beginning of November is a specific time of remembrance.

A time to remember all those that we have known in our own lives; those who have loved us, encouraged us, inspired us, and whose lives still enrich our own.

Our annual service for those who have been bereaved will be held at 6.30pm on Sunday 6th November. We will be remembering all those whose funeral was connected with St Peter's over the past year. But we will also add further names of loved ones whom you want to remember and whose funeral was not in St Peter's. For many this is a comforting service and a tangible way of remembering those who have died.

This is a simple service of prayers, readings and hymns. As we take time to remember candles, may be lit in memory of loved ones.

There will be refreshments after the service and everyone is very welcome.



Breakfast Church meets on the first Saturday of the month in the Bier House, using the Iona Morning Service and followed by tea and toast. This provides an opportunity other than on a Sunday to pray together for specific needs. It means we have more time to reflect on the readings and pray for specific needs either in our world, our parish or for those whom we know.

This half-hour service has been well attended and we hope others will feel free to join us. The next Breakfast Church will be held on:

Saturday 5th November at 9.00am.



We are advised by the Foodbank they have plenty of supplies of soup and beans – but they are in desperate need of the following: - **long life milk; fruit juice; jam; tinned cold meat.** Donations can be left in the boxes in the church porch or the Bier House. Thank You for your continued support.



PRESENTATION TO TRICIA SHAW

Our Parish Administrator, Tricia Shaw, was presented with a special badge on Sunday 16th October, for her work over 10 years on behalf of The Children's Society.

The presentation was made by David Bishop, the Diocesan President for Liverpool, who also spoke of the work of the Children's Society.

The Society has been at work for over a century helping children on the margins of society. From the original "Church of England Central Home for Waifs and Strays", founded by Sunday School teacher, Edward Rudolf, the Children's Society now has an extensive network of frontline services, supported by an army of volunteers, to tackle child poverty and neglect head on, helping families in debt, caring for runaways and stopping child sexual exploitation. In fact, the first residential children's care home in the U.K. for runaways was opened by the Children's Society.

"Today, as always, we are ambitious for all children. We are determined, through our campaigning, commitment and care, to give every child the greatest possible chance in life," said David Bishop during his sermon. "The Children's Society helps change children's stories, working towards a country where all children are free from disadvantage."

St. Peter's has always been a strong and generous supporter of the Society.

The Christingle Services on Christmas Eve are held in support of the Children's Society, and Tricia has been to the forefront in facilitating these and also home collection boxes.

We congratulate her on this recognition of her work for many years, and thank her for being the focus in St. Peter's of support for this worthy cause.



FISHY CLUB This Club is our after-school bible club for older primary school children. There is a varied programme and each Club begins with a drink, chocolate and games followed by an interactive session. We would like to encourage children from all primary schools to join us as they would be very welcome. We meet immediately after school on a Wednesday, finishing at 4.15pm. More information—contact the Vicar
Autumn Dates - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November



SUNDAY CLUB has started again and meets two Sundays each month. Children start in church (10am) and then move to the Bier House for lots of fun. An adult comes with the child and can join in with the activities. All children are welcome, though it is designed for the younger age group (up to Year 2).



Sunday Club Dates - 20th & 27th November; 11th & 18th December.

HOTDOG CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Sunday 6th November at 12noon.

This is a service for children and young people once a month followed by hotdogs in the Bier House. We would like the children to be fully involved so if anyone would like to read please let the Vicar know.



All very welcome.





TIMEOUT

To Talk About What Matters

An opportunity to share ideas and thoughts together over a pint.



There was a very lively discussion at our last meeting on 'Down to Earth Christianity' and how individuals and groups can effect change.

As a follow up to last month's topic we have invited Steve Kelly who runs HOPE FOR JUSTICE, an organisation which fights to end modern slavery, to come along and speak about his work. Steve is a member of Formby Christian Fellowship Church.

Venue: The GRAPES Time: 8.00pm

Wednesday 30th November

All Welcome.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENT

Captain Hugh DGLISH ~ Wednesday 9th November 2016
'The Royal Yacht Remembered'

to be held in St Peter's Church , Green Lane, Formby L37 7DL at 7pm

Refreshments afterwards in the Bier House

There will be a Retiring Collection for Hugh DGLISH's chosen Charity the Merseyside Branch of the Soldiers' Sailors' Airmen's Families' Association (SSAFA) and Elizabeth's Legacy of Hope



Captain Hugh DGLISH LVO JP RN was born and brought up in Oxtan, Wirral, and attended Birkenhead School. He joined the Royal Navy when he was 19 and served for 36 years, leaving active service in November 2005. He had 10 ships in all: destroyers, frigates and aircraft carriers. He also served in Her Majesty's Yacht Britannia as the Commander - but more about his interesting career on the night.

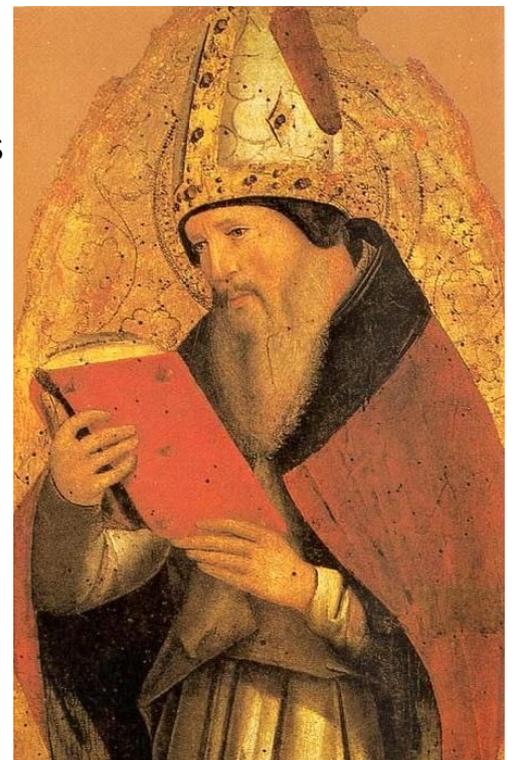
In December 2014 he was appointed Vice Chairman of SSAFA Merseyside and he was commissioned as a Deputy Lieutenant of Merseyside in April 2015.

The Passage of Time

The winter television schedules often have programmes dealing with living with the past. These look at the life of some period of history and try recreate it, and if possible, seek for volunteers to live in the conditions of the designated period. Some years ago there was a programme filming volunteers experiencing the life of crofters, their clothing was restricted to what a highlander crofter would have worn.. The community worked hard but a member acquired a medical condition which needed modern treatment and had to leave the island. This will always be the problem of trying to create the way of life of medieval England or Roman cities as the participants will always be aware of modern solutions to problems. Nevertheless the programmes provide an interest into the limits and skills of earlier times. The skills used to recreate the old world of history are the bread and butter of our entertainment today.

At a recent excellent talk on the relevance of St Augustine to our world today his writings of 1500 years ago were considered. What was interesting was how they presented challenges which were important then and now.

- ◆ Pray as if everything depended on God, work as if everything depended on you.
- ◆ Since you cannot do good to all, you are to pay special attention to those who, by the accidents of time or place or circumstances, are brought into closer connection to you.
- ◆ What does love look like?



During the discussion the question was asked what would St Augustine think of us today?

This is one of the fun questions asked at schools and by historians. It is said that a captain of a galleon in 1480 would be able to walk on board a frigate of 1830 and quickly know how to sail it. Mrs Beeton would be able to participate in 'The Great British Bake Off'. Ancient Greek astronomers would be able to quickly pick up modern thinking. There is a phrase, "They have learnt nothing and forgotten nothing." This is thought to have been coined by Talleyrand, Napoleon's minister possibly about the Bourbons. It has also been said of Charles 1. But it also could be said of the human condition then and now.

When looking at the past we are sometimes told it is a different world but surely the nature of us humans and the way we look at each other has remained the same. This is important as we should see the people of the past facing the same needs, desires, love and hope as we do and because of this the writings of St Augustine are still relevant.

This also applies to the New Testament. The individual issues facing the people in the bible are our issues as well. The idea that the world of yesterday, including New Testament Palestine, being foreign does not take into consideration the fact each person was as human as we are. This makes the writings of the New Testament still relevant and also St Augustine who answered his question, “ What does love look like?” by saying:

“It has the hands to help others, it has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has the eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrow of men. That is what love looks like.”

Rod Jacques

Donation of funds raised from St Peter's to St George's, Madrid

I am enormously grateful to the Capriccio singers for their two concerts to support our ministry here at St. George's Madrid. We are an entirely self-funding church and rely on the generosity of our congregation and fund-raising efforts such as this.

It is with great pleasure that I can inform you that the total raised at the concert at St. George's last Saturday was €442. This of course goes with the €300 raised the previous week at St. Peter's Formby to make a grand total of €742.

Following a meeting of the Standing Committee yesterday, it is very likely that the money will go towards a PA system in church. This is something which is very much needed but for which we have never had sufficient funds. We hope that the system will be installed in time for Advent and Christmas.

Many thanks again for your generosity,
All good wishes,

Fr Paul



Photo of Fr Paul receiving the gift of 300 euros raised at the fundraising concert in St Peter's Church by Capriccio on Saturday 8th October.

For all that has been - Thanks !

For all that will be - Yes !

September 23rd 2016 was the 60th anniversary of my Ordination at Southwark Cathedral in 1956. I wanted to mark the occasion on the following Sunday among our friends at St Peter's, my spiritual home since 2010. Our immediate family joined us, coming from Shrewsbury, Nantwich, and Milton Keynes. From the four parishes where I had served as Vicar came clergy who had been my curates. Other clergy present had once been church members who told me about their call to priesthood. There were 12 altogether, from two parishes, whom I recommended for training, and all have had distinguished ministries. One, now an Archdeacon, came specially from London to be at the service. Add to these the St Peter's retired clergy and other clergy friends, and there were, I reckon, 25 priests in church that morning.

Friends came from Bootle (I was an honorary curate there for 8 years after I retired), also from Crosby and Allerton. I was Vicar for 12 years in Crosby and for 12 years in Allerton. The preacher was Canon Bob Lewis, in charge of St Margaret, Toxteth, and university chaplain, who was himself one of eight ordinands from my Crosby period.



All these received a warm St Peter's welcome and enjoyed lunch afterwards in the Hall. The Social Committee provided lunch and a magnificent cake for Janet and me to cut.

The service, our normal Parish Eucharist, was for me an occasion to give thanks to God, and to remember all the colleagues, ordained and lay, who had been partners at different stages in seven different parishes and became our friends.

I also wanted to make a thank-offering to be divided between St Peter's and St Margaret's, Toxteth. Both churches are reaching out into their communities in different ways, with St Margaret's experiencing fresh vision and new life. Many more gifts must have been added to mine, as the total, with Gift Aid, came to £3,144, that is, £1,572 for each church. I thank God for calling me to be a parish priest, and I thank Janet for being beside me from the beginning. I thank Anne, our Vicar, for generously allowing me to mark the occasion at a Sunday Eucharist. I thank Graham and the choir for playing and singing my choice of music. The service ended with the hymn: ***Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?***

He did call. I did follow. And He has been with me all the way.

RAYMOND

Parish finances show record level of giving

The generosity of churchgoers from across the country is highlighted in the latest parish finance statistics. The figures - covering the year 2014 - demonstrate a record level of giving with total planned giving up £6 million at £329 million and total direct giving up £71 million at £481 million.

The figures also show that Church of England parishes donated £46 million to supporting other charities working around the world, from foodbanks and local children's charities to international aid appeals.

Parishes raised these important funds from a combination of regular and one-off donations as well as investments and legacies. Total parish income from giving, investments and other income sources was £989 million - an increase of £36 million on the previous year. Expenditure levels also rose by £28 million to £948 million in 2014, leaving the 12,000 parishes a surplus of £41 million over expenditure.

Dr John Preston, the Church of England's national stewardship adviser, said:

"These financial statistics reveal an underlying financial health in the church which is encouraging. As a result of the commitment and generosity of hundreds of thousands of churchgoers, we have seen record levels of giving - with the average weekly gift from all planned givers exceeding £11 for the first time, and the average gift from those able to give through Gift Aid exceeding £15 including the tax recovered. Parishes were able to claim record levels of Gift Aid, with a significant part of this increase arising from use of the Gift Aid Small Donations scheme. It is also pleasing to note that legacy giving was the highest yet."

Average weekly giving per tax-efficient givers has continued to rise year on year with members giving on average £12.01 in 2014.

Average weekly giving per electoral roll member rose to £8.85 in 2014, an increase of £1.60 a week and the highest level recorded.

Total planned giving rose by slightly less than inflation, while total income grew by more than inflation.

See <http://bit.ly/2cbkkJs>

Life as a prison chaplain

Revd Philip Tyres, chaplain of HM Prison Liverpool, talks about life as a prison chaplain

Each week around 15 – 20 prisoners attend Anglican/free church worship in Liverpool prison. With the growth in those of no faith, the number of Anglican prisoners is falling. I try to show how each Sunday's readings applies to the life of an ordinary person, guiding one into hope and a new life. That God accepts everyone, knows where each individual comes from, and can lead them into a deeper fuller life. His yoke is easy, his burden light.

Each week, on one of the wings, I lead a study group where we use the Bible to invite us into a Christian lifestyle. The men really do bring their questions, and we tease them out together, encouraging a plurality of views to be expressed, inviting everyone into a living relationship with reality, with God.

Day by day, chaplains are visiting prisoners in segregation or in the hospital wings. Both places contain deeply disturbed people, who perhaps should be in mental hospital; but prisons are the place of last resort.

We support prisoners who self harm, take messages about dead or dying relatives, or about new born babies. Prisoners come to chapel to light a candle and say prayers for their families in crises. Spirituality is relevant to prisoners and touches them when nothing else can.

We welcome in every prisoner who arrives, and say farewell to each prisoner who leaves. Every one of these comes from or goes to a parish, if not a church. We suggest to each prisoner that they re-awaken their spiritual walk, including reviving their attendance at their local church. The question to the parishes is: What are you doing that is of relevance to a prisoner's family, or to an ex-prisoner seeking a new life?

We work as a multi-faith, multi-cultural team; that Anglicans, Roman Catholics, Muslims, Free churchmen, Buddhists, Jews and Pagans, work together for the common good, supporting each other with wisdom, laughter and a shared common humanity.

It is important to mention that we also support staff in dealing with difficult people day in, day out. Staff who themselves have family crises. Staff who are paid out of the taxes of citizens who want maximum service from minimum cost, and vote for the cheapest government. Our desire is to reform society. Jesus taught about a Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Both prison and parish seek to live it.

The prison service has echoed the Government, let alone the previous Bishop of Liverpool, in saying that prisoners are not just to be seen as liabilities to be managed, but potential assets who will contribute positively to society. The question for the diocese is: What sort of welcome are you preparing for these assets?



Taken from The Diocese Of Liverpool website.

Archbishop of Canterbury meets Pope Francis in Rome

To mark the anniversary of the Anglican Centre in Rome, which was established after a historic meeting between Archbishop Michael Ramsey and Pope Paul VI 50 years ago, Archbishop Welby recently met Pope Francis for the third time since 2013.

It was part of a week-long summit, both parties expressing a desire to set aside 'painful centuries of separation', with the ultimate view of reunification of the two churches.

In a statement issued, 'yet new circumstances have presented new disagreements among us, particularly regarding the ordination of women and more recent questions regarding human sexuality'.

These, they said essentially amounted to differences over organisations-or: 'how authority is exercised in the Christian community' but nevertheless 'constitute serious obstacles to our full unity. While, like our predecessors, we do not yet see solutions to the obstacles before us, we are undeterred'. They pledged to work together on issues such as the environment, fighting poverty and extremism.



Two days after preaching at our Harvest Bishop David Chillingworth joined Anglican and Roman Catholic Bishops in Rome for the celebrations in the Anglican Centre where he met the Pope for the second time. Anglican and Roman Catholic Bishops were commissioned in twos for ecumenical mission and evangelism.

Peter Deyes

FORMBY HUB
invites you to

REMEMBER, REMEMBER

an event for older people in Formby, Ince
Blundell & Hightown

on

Monday 14th November 2016 from 12 noon to 3pm

at

FORMBY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP,
corner Church Road and Mill Lane, Formby

- Hotpot, Fruit Pie
- Act of Remembrance
- Entertainment

Cost £5

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What's it got to do with us?

For many years I have had a liking for Browning's Poem 'How they brought the Good News from Ghent to Aix'. Somehow the challenge of venturing into the totally unknown with no pre-conceived ideas about what to expect, seeking and learning was in mind, as four of us set off to visit Asylum Link, Merseyside, on Monday last.

There were Carol and Peter Paine, with Peter driving, Graham Jones and I too, but sadly no horses as in Browning. We were heading for the former presbytery and offices of the Church of St Anne, Overbury Street, an area familiar to Graham and me as we had both worked in inner city Liverpool.

What I state next should probably be left to the end but we received such a warm welcome, such kindness and generosity, such openness as they told their stories and shared, with the odd tear, their journey to date through usually troubled lives. And I wondered, had they received the same warm welcome when *they* arrived on our shores? I leave the answer to you.

The lady who runs the catering department talked to us along with a number of others. She had arrived in this country with her husband and two small children a number of years ago. Her husband died shortly after their arrival. Her two children were taken away from her on two occasions for a period of time.

Her son is now studying for an engineering degree at Manchester University whilst her daughter is studying medicine also in Manchester. Not bad for a single Mum in a strange land. But we shared a few tears too.

Religion is not a dividing subject at Asylum Link, 'All of us are human being although we may be treading a different path in life'. Meat that is donated is given to refugees but halal meat (suitable for Moslems) can feed everybody as it is acceptable by all. Some 250 plus lunches are served each day and we were invited to join them. Rice with dahl (a type of lentil sauce) and vegetable curry (yummy!) was the day's menu, finished off with an apple. There are no residential facilities on the premises. Most asylum seekers are accommodated in three hostels in the city and a very limited number may be accommodated in three houses lent to the Trustees.

There is a much-valued clothing sale department that ensures that warm used coats etc. are available to people who are more used to hotter climes. Immigration advice, English classes, Destitution Support, Befriending, and so many other ways to support. As an aside, they have plenty of people to teach maths, English, etc.

The premises buzz with activity yet nobody was too busy to stop and talk to us. The stories are so numerous and meaningful that they could fill many Parish Magazines!

Just to cover some main reasons to help Asylum Seekers: -

They are not permitted to work.

£35 per week for food, clothing and transport is their allowance...

They are subject to strict reporting restrictions.

They live in a climate of fear of unexpected deportation.

The chances of permission to remain in this country are 1 in 4 only.

These are ordinary folk who have fled from persecution and war (they are often Christians) and who seek security for their families and want to work hard.

I'm no politician but will you join me in remembering these refugees and asylum seekers in your prayers while the Refugee Support Group here at St Peter's sorts out some practical ways that we can to help in the future?

It has a lot to do with us!

Cliff Cotsworth



THANK YOU

to everyone who sponsored me on the Circle Liverpool walk in memory of Canon Norman Carter.

£1,643 was raised which will be matched by EU funding at 18:1 totalling **£29,574** for Christian Aid's work in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Another £302 was added in gift aid.

Making a total for Christian Aid of £31,519.

Despite the rain it was worth it and lovely to meet members of the German Kirk and Chinese gospel church en route who provided refreshments.

Carol Paine





Revd Anne with
Bishop David Chillingworth



Lovely autumn day for our **Harvest Thanksgiving Services.**

Beautiful windows, flowers and fruit. A most enjoyable BBQ in the sunshine and then wine and fruit pies in the evening. Thanks to everyone for making it such a special occasion.



I am writing this article at the request of the Magazine Committee and not to exercise any self-aggrandisement. The request came as a result of one particular member of church recognising my new car parked on my drive as the latest version of an iconic American vehicle -

the Ford Mustang.



Born in 1964, the Ford Mustang quickly became a market leader in American "muscle cars" and since then has only rarely left the number one spot for such sales. I was born 17 years earlier and have wanted one all my life. Why? I learned to drive aged 14 by driving a 3 ton bread van around a large hospital site. No syncromesh gears then, only double de-clutch and a crash gearbox! By 16, I obtained my first RAC racing licence and raced karts all over the UK and Europe before getting a Formula 3 drive. Just as now, drivers had to bring their own sponsors to the party and sadly the money simply ran out. I say sadly but on reflection perhaps not, as several of my contemporaries subsequently lost their lives racing. So here we are 50 years on and occasionally, when there's a "day" in the day of the week, I still "put the pedal to the metal".

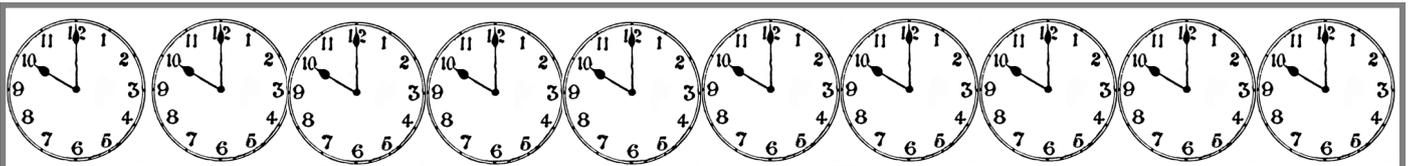
The Ford Mustang in 1964 represented something I could strive for but never obtain. A left-hand drive, expensive, high-performance, gas guzzling beast of a machine that was beyond my reach. Earlier this year, Robin Speakman told me Ford had launched a right-hand drive version and fate took us to Bootle twice in February: once to look and again to order one! I was told then it would take 4 months to build and another 3 to ship over; it did.

The car itself retains many characteristics of its famous forebears with modern technical and electronic improvements. In addition to the Mustang badge, the dashboard has continued to have "eyebrows" whilst the rear light cluster has the triple segments on either side. Choices of convertible or fastback body styles; manual or automatic transmission; and 2.3 or 5.0 litre engines are offered. After that, the aircraft style toggle switches grant access to four selectable electronic chassis calibration modes: normal; sport; track; and snow/wet plus three steering modes: normal; comfort; and sport. I haven't tried anything other than normal/normal yet. One beneficial improvement is a limited slip differential which greatly improves traction and agility during acceleration out of corners and on slippery surfaces. The display panels and gauges are from Star Trek. Engine performance is limited to 440 bhp; acceleration is 0-60 mph in 4.4 seconds; and around 22 mpg.

So what is my impression after one month and 1,000 miles of ownership. The car is certainly iconic. Many people, young and not so young, stop, look and occasionally wave as the car goes past them. Many people have asked may they take photos of the car whilst others just dive in with "selfies". It is a modern reminder of yesterday and, for me, how 50 year old dreams sometimes do come true.

In a word, awesome.

Mike Fletcher



Primetime

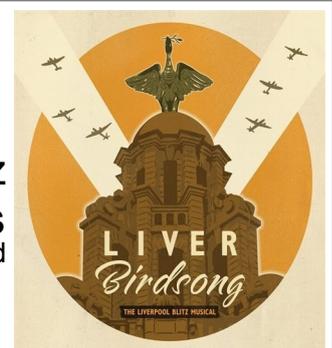
In January we set up a new ladies group 'Primetime' with the hope of encouraging ladies to join us for a monthly get-together. We weren't quite sure how it would pan out but are happy to report that 'so far, so good'!

We meet in St Peter's Old School Room on Paradise Lane on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 – 9.30pm.

Our next meetings will be on 16th November and 14th December (a week early for Christmas). Why not join us? Call Sonia, Elaine or Ali on 833781/874635/879976 for further details.

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A new production, Liver Birdsong - The Liverpool Blitz Musical - will run at the Epstein Theatre, Liverpool, this Autumn from Tuesday 29th November until Saturday 3rd December.



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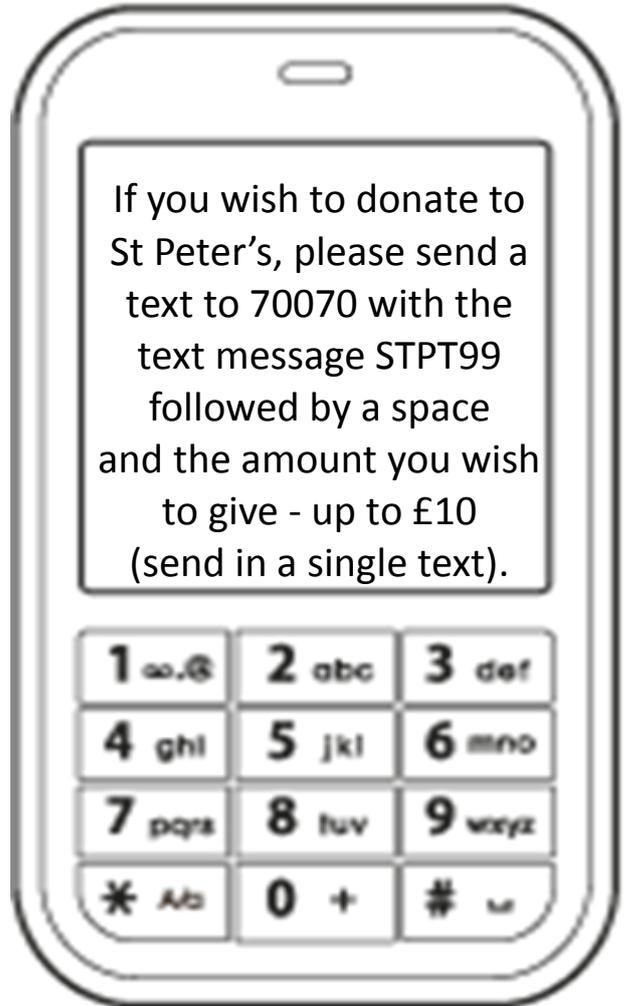
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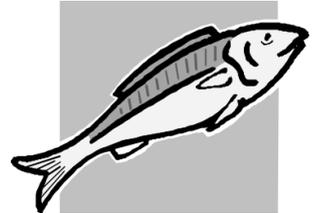
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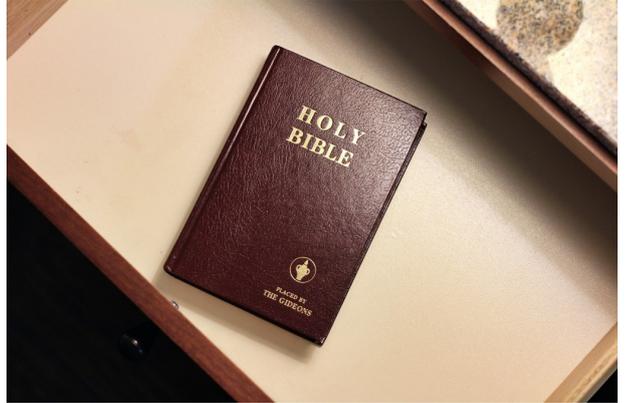
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Soap Opera

My friend and I went away for a holiday. When we arrived at our room there was a lot of activity with unpacking suitcases and getting refreshed after our long journey. My friend knocked on my door and brought with her a Gideon Bible.

She asked why someone had left it in her drawer. There is nearly always a Gideon Bible in holiday accommodation, so I asked her if she had ever attempted to read it.

"No" she said. "There are too many long names that I can't pronounce, and "begats" and I don't understand a lot of it, so never got round to reading it," was her reply.



"That's true" I agreed, but went on to tell her what a wonderful story it is, full of murder, battles, mystery and sex, a full blown, wonderful, gripping story book. It is a Saga of the ancient world.

She didn't believe me, thinking it was just a boring, old fashioned book and battered and finger worn to boot.

I did my best to explain to her about the exciting things that happened to the main characters in the stories, telling her of Cain and Abel. Just think how that would have affected their parents' lives, one son dead and the other on the run so as not to be caught and punished. Heart breaking for Adam and Eve. Think if it had been your sons how you would feel?

Then there was Joseph. His life, from being brought up in a loving home with a rich father changed overnight by jealous brothers. I told her of his miraculous journey from being a slave in a far off land to being the most important man, apart from the king, in Egypt. It was a tale of rags to riches, but in the end he was able to forgive the wrong done to him and be reconciled with his long lost father and brothers.

David was a bit of a lad too. What a Saga his entire life was. He was a shepherd boy, a musician, a poet and a giant killer at an early age, promoted to being the king's favourite and transforming his own life. But once out of favour with the king he had many adventures, fought many battles and ended up as the king himself. His "marital affairs" were most romantic, yet he was devious and had Bathsheba's husband killed so that he could marry her.

Noah and his miraculous Ark survived a horrendous flood that occurred in the Mediterranean Sea, covering lands and destroying much of Eastern Europe, but he

and his family lived to tell the tale and to repopulate the lands with people and animals from the Ark. Wonderful stuff!

We sat in the evenings in front of the television watching a Soap Opera, to which many people are addicted. It was pure rubbish and an insult to our intelligence, but it was full of murderers, thieves, cheats, liars and adulterers. Lots of people sit night after night watching this entertainment. To my way of thinking, with a bit of ingenuity and careful attention to biblical events and bible stories it could be made into a wonderful Soap Opera.



There are so many gripping events, with lots of different characters, who are related to one another in some way or other, but the end product is not only a story of Country Life, it is a story of real people with real, exciting lives and cruel deaths.

I will never know how the Soap Opera ends, it goes on getting more violent and evil by the week with horrible characters in it, but I do know how the bible story ends.

Through all the blood and tears and adventures comes goodness and self-sacrifice and eternal love.

If only that Gideon Bible could have been written in story form, like a normal book which was left on the bedside table in our hotel room, I am sure that many more people would have a gripping yarn to read before they went to bed and not just put it back, unread in the bedside drawer.

Martha.

The Parish Library is in The Bier House

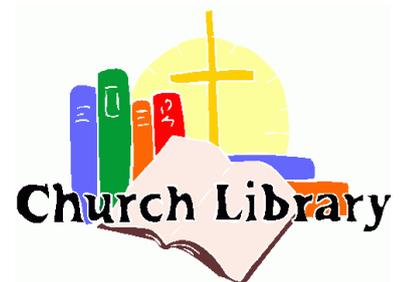
There is a great range of books and DVDs for all ages.

Most recent addition – 'Out of the Deep: Prayer as Protest' by Gordon Mursell recommended by Revd Peter Paine

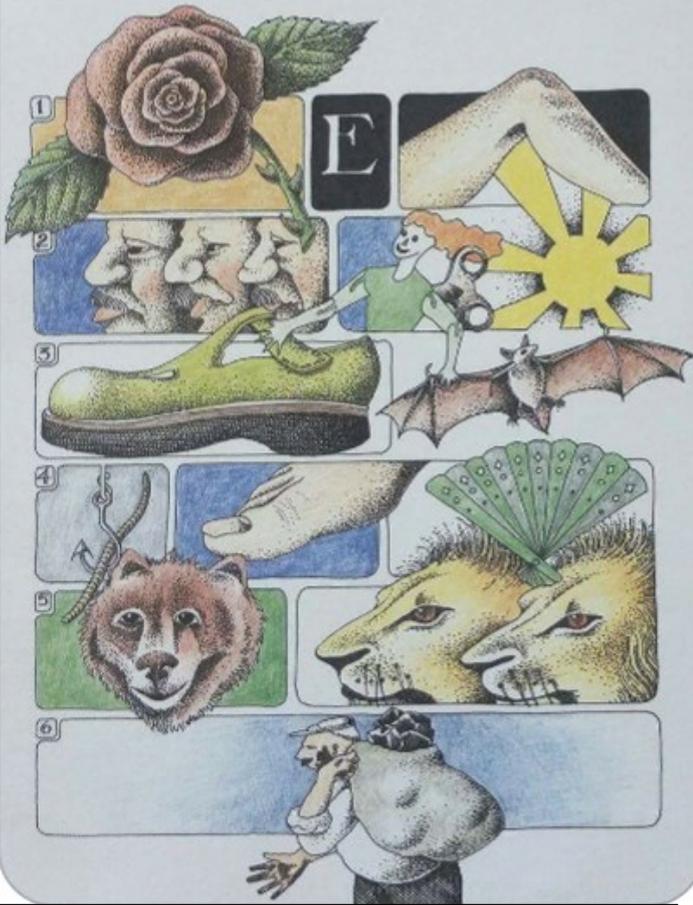
The Library has a selection of books that include theology, spirituality, prayer and biographies. There is also a selection of DVDs from BBC and ITV documentaries.

If you would like to borrow a book, please write your name in the notebook provided.

We hope this is a useful resource for everyone.



SPOT THE COMPOSER



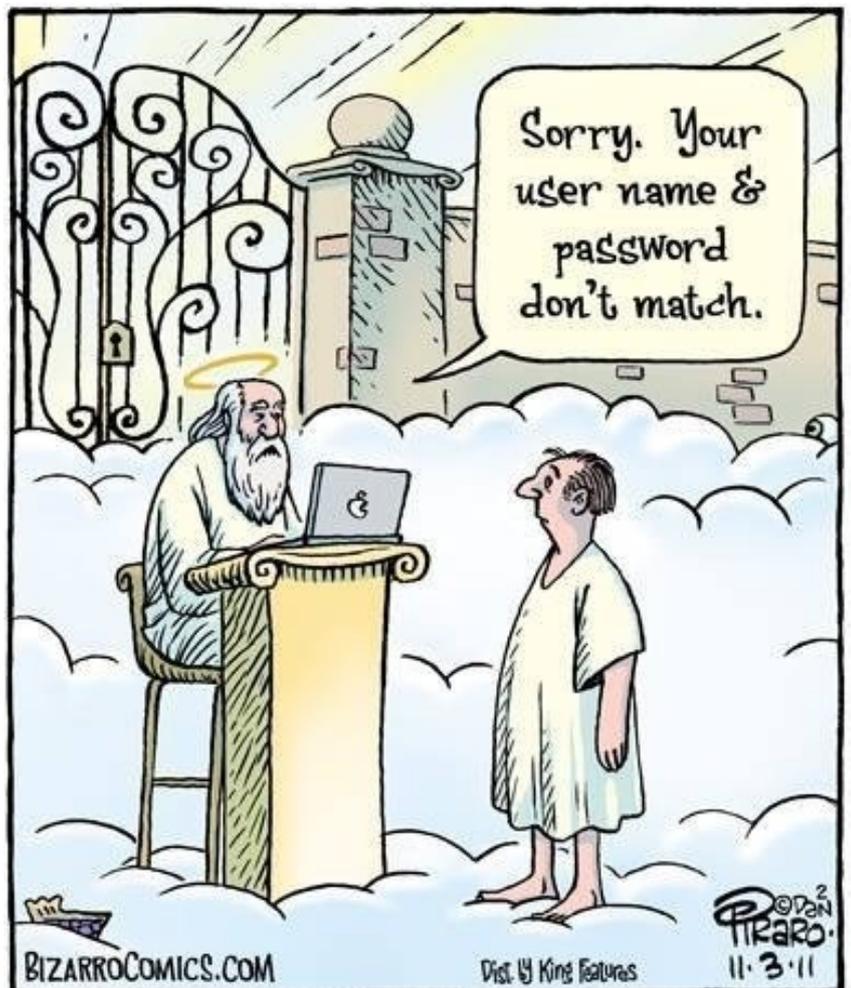
"Don't worry, I'm getting to the part about you."

Answers to Composer Quiz on Page 41

EMAIL DIRECTORY

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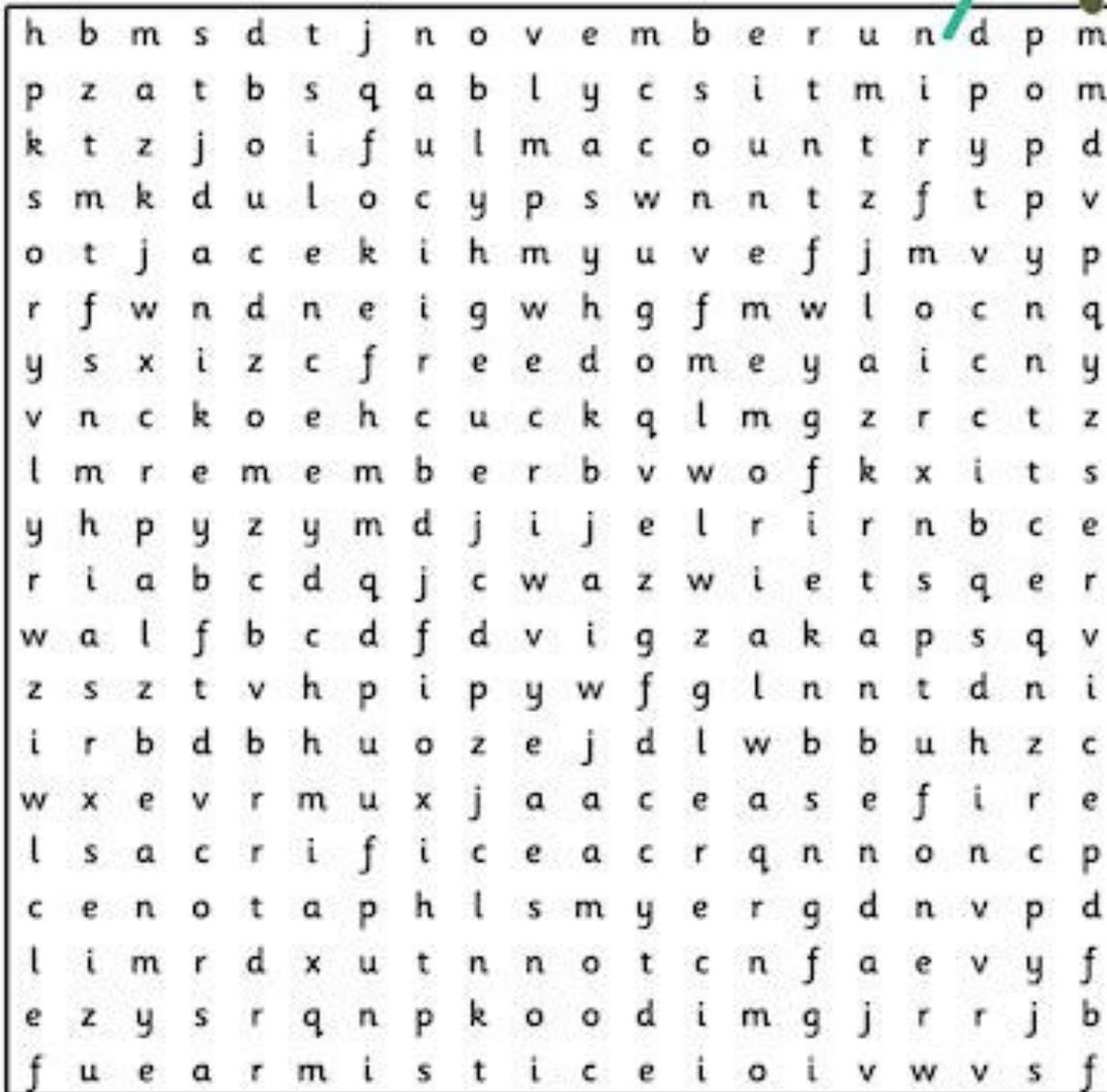


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- Cenotaph

Goat for Dinner - The young couple invited their elderly Vicar for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the Vicar asked their son what they were having.

"Goat," the little boy replied. "Goat?" replied the startled man of the cloth, "Are you sure about that?"

"Yep," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mum, 'Today is just as good as any to have the old goat for dinner.'"

Hillbilly Ten Commandments

1. Ain't but One God.
2. Honor yer Ma and Pa.
3. No tellin' tales or gossipin'.
4. Git yer hide ta Sunday meetin'.
5. Ain't nothin' come before the Lord.
6. No foolin' with another fellers gal.
7. No killin', 'cept fer critters.
8. Quit yer foul mouthin'.
9. No swipin' yer kin folks stuff.
10. Don't be hankerin' for it neither.





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From the Back Pew Ted Woods

HALLOWE'EN

As I write this, the shops are full of costumes of ghosts and ghouls, of witches and wands. Our local SPAR has a spooky graveyard scene in the window with all sorts of apparitions peering from behind tombs and gravestones! In one store the rather scary display of Hallowe'en masks is just beside the Christmas shop with its Ho! Ho! Ho! Santas, mince pies and chocolates! However, the Hallowe'en market is estimated to be worth about £150 million in Britain, so they've got to make room.

The origin of Hallowe'en is not Christian, though the name is. Hallowe'en is simply the eve of All Hallows or All Saints day. But that is as far as it goes.

The festival itself goes back to pre-Christian days, to the Festival of Samhain, which to our ancestors was a kind of New Year's Eve. Herds returned from pastures, laws were reaffirmed and land tenures were renewed.

Samhain was the festival that marked the end of summer and light and the approach of winter and darkness. Our ancestors believed in all kinds of powers and spirits, and at Samhain bonfires were lit to defend themselves from evil spirits which they believed were released and ran wild on the night of Samhain.

Samhain became a night of mischief, when the normal rules of behaviour were overturned. In the words of a former Bishop of Bolton, David Gillett, it was seen "as a celebration of evil winning over good." In the popular devotion of the time, it was the only occasion when the devil was prayed to for help and good fortune.

In one sense, Hallowe'en is a fun time, a time for dressing up in scary costumes to try and frighten one another.

But in another sense, Hallowe'en has become quite a sinister and unpleasant time. Maybe as the influence of Christianity declines, the more pagan aspects of Hallowe'en have increased and come to the fore. I know of people who have had their houses pelted with eggs, others who have had bangers

and smoke bombs put through their letter boxes and this year's sinister craze of evil clowns. The more innocent pursuits of Hallowe'en are being overtaken by nastiness.

Christmas, too, has pre-Christian associations - with the festival of mid-winter, but whereas Christmas was well and truly Christianised by associating it with the birth of Christ, the same could not be said for Hallowe'en, for what sometimes happens on Hallowe'en night is the direct opposite of what Christian faith and action stand for.

Now it would be easy, and very counter-productive, to try and stop the fun that many children have at Hallowe'en. What many leaders and teachers would like to see is a focus on good triumphing over evil, of linking it with All Saints Day by telling stories about Saints who have done much good in the world, of emphasising that we are all 'saints' (with a small 's') and of our Christian calling to be lights of love in the world around us. And let the children play the traditional games associated with Hallowe'en.

Even the hollowing out of pumpkins can be used to tell children that though people long ago thought that those who died could come back to frighten people, yet because of God's love for everyone, we now believe that life after death is one of joy and peace in the presence of God, and nothing to be feared.



It's all a matter of changing the emphasis of Hallowe'en from darkness to light, from badness to goodness and from pagan beliefs to Christian beliefs.

There's a lot of evil in our world today – indiscriminate bombing, religious persecution, human trafficking, the neglect of those most in need. The list could go on and on.

The pagan origins of Hallowe'en support the triumph of evil over good. Jesus, by his cross and resurrection, stands for the ultimate triumph of God and good. Hallowe'en, celebrated in the right way, can re-inforce that message and be a wholesome and positive, rather than a sinister and negative, annual festival.

Ted Woods

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – NOVEMBER 2016



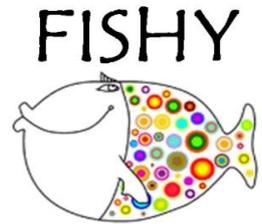
2 nd Wednesday	2.00pm	WOW service for pre-school children in Church <i>followed by refreshments in the Bier House</i>	
	3.05pm	Fishy Club	
3 rd Thursday	2.00pm	Mothers' Union – in the Bier House <i>Speaker: David Brooks "A Saddleworth Childhood"</i>	
	2.30pm	Halcyon House Eucharist – visitors welcome	
4 th Friday	6.30pm	First Friday Eucharist	
5 th Saturday	9.00am	Breakfast Church in the Bier House	
	6.30pm	Bonfire & Fireworks in The Paddock	
6 th Sunday		3rd Sunday before Advent	
	12noon	Hot Dog Children's Service – followed by hotdogs!	
	6.30pm	Bereavement Service	
7 th Monday	8.00pm	Autumn Study Series (Old School Room, Parish Hall)	
9 th Wednesday	11.00am	Eucharist <i>with the Mothers' Union</i>	
	3.05pm	Fishy Club	
	7.00pm	'The Royal Yacht Remembered' by Hugh Daghish in the Church	
13 th Sunday		Remembrance Sunday	
	10.00am	All-Age Parade Service	
14 th Monday	8.00pm	Autumn Study Series (Old School Room, Parish Hall)	
16 th Wednesday	3.05pm	Fishy Club	
	7.30pm	"Primetime" Ladies Club in Old School Room, Parish	
20 th Sunday		Christ the King	
	10.00am	Sunday Club	

23rd Wednesday 3.05pm Fishy Club
 8.00pm Autumn Study Series
 (Old School Room, Parish Hall)



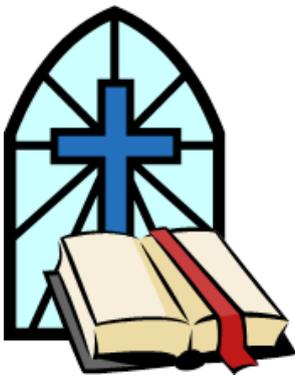
27th Sunday 10.00am Sunday Club
 6.30pm Advent Carol Service

1st Sunday of Advent



30th Wednesday 3.05pm Fishy Club

From the Church Registers



Funerals

27th September Collette Stephenson
 13th October May Blundell

Interment of Ashes

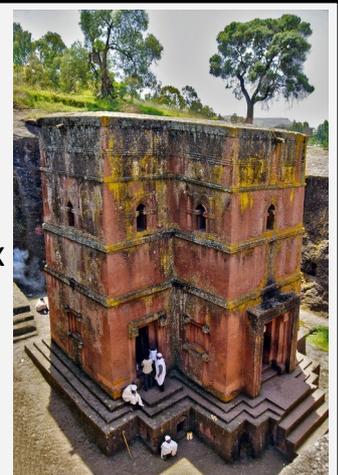
26th September Chris Jackson
 28th October Albert Tomkins

Easter in Ethiopia

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From the Church Registers - Baptisms

16th October 2016

Harry Paul Barradell
son of Adrian and Claire



Harriet Audrey May Shipley
daughter of Matthew and Natalie

From the Church Registers Weddings

1st October
Simon Price and
Jackie Burt



We would like to include the announcement of births, engagements and special anniversaries etc. **so please let us know—alisonwhiffing@aol.com**

Our Annual Deanery Prayers, an informal service led by President Beverley Boden, took place on 27th September at St Phillips, Litherland. Earlier this year the church was renovated and adapted to today's needs. In front is the entrance area with tables and space for social activity and refreshments. The pews have been removed and replaced by chairs in the main church, but the old box pews have been retained along the walls. The area around the altar is wide and accessible, some stained glass windows have been replaced by plain glass, and the church is light and bright. The stone window embrasures, the plaques on the walls and box pews connect the past and the present. It is a beautiful church. We enjoyed seeing over it, and appreciated St Phillip's hospitality.

On 6th October members met in St Peter's for our Annual Service. At this service we renew our commitment to the aims of the Mothers' Union. The service was led by Revd. Anne, who spoke encouragingly of the role that MU members can play today.

We look forward to a talk by David Brooks on 'A Saddleworth Childhood' in the Bier House on Thursday, 3rd November, at 2.00pm.

The Christmas party is on Thursday, 1st December, at 1.00 pm in the Parish Hall. *Please note time and place.* Members bring contributions to this lunch.

Donations of food and toiletries, including tinned food, for refugees in Liverpool, our 2016 project, will continue to be collected at the November and December meetings.

Finally, Subscriptions. We regret that in order to meet expenses we are having to increase the 2017 Member's subscription to £21.00. This can be handed to Tricia Shaw on 3rd November or 1st December. Cheques should be made payable to *St Peter's Mothers' Union.*

As always, we welcome visitors to our meetings. Should anyone wish to consider joining the MU, please contact Eleanor on 874112.

Eleanor

ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON PAGE 32

4	Beethoven	5	Berlioz	6	Cole Porter
1	Rossini	2	Mendelssohn	3	Schubert

A prayer for peacemakers

History can inspire or trap.
Walls can protect or divide.
Words can encourage or inflame.
Power can free or destroy.
Touch can comfort or violate.
Peace can be shared or withheld.
Gracious God, on this day,
when we remember past and present conflicts,
we pray for the divided peoples of the world,
that leaders, governments and each one of us
may use our resources,
our opportunities and our lives
in the service of reconciliation,
for the sake of future generations
and to the glory of your name.
Amen.



Church Services

Sundays

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion (1662) |
| 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist (Coffee afterwards) |
| 12.00 noon | Baptisms (as arranged) |
| 6.30 pm | Choral Evensong |
| 6.30 pm | Service of Wholeness –
Last Sunday of month |

Weekdays

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| 9.00 am | Morning Prayer
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday |
| 11.00 am | Wednesday Eucharist (Coffee afterwards) |
| 6.30 pm | Eucharist 1 st Friday of each month |