

St Peter's Church Magazine

September 2017



**Lovely to see so many at our Pet Service at 12 noon on Sunday 9th July
as we gave thanks to God for the roles our pets play and the joy they give.**



Harvest Thanksgiving

We would like to invite you to our
Harvest Thanksgiving Service
on Sunday 1st October 2017 at 6.30pm
in St Peter's Church
Special Preacher –
The Most Revd Anne Hollinghurst,
Bishop of Aston
And originally from Formby
Refreshments afterwards

colourful seasonal gardens entertaining events year round fine
food shops taste fulen joyable gift streets restaurant welcoming
nature relaxing parkland historical admire walk deer adventurous enjoy
playground animals fun farm beautiful stunning mansion collections

**TATTON
PARK**

St Peter's Day Out

Saturday 9th September 2017

Entrance to Mansion, Gardens and Farm £10 adults, £5.50 4 - 15 yr olds.

National Trust Members free entrance

Gardens Entry - Free

£10.00 per person for the coach.

Own Car - Parking £6.00



**Coach leaves 9.00am from the Church and
leaves Tatton Park at 4.00pm**

From the Editorial Team

And so September is here! We hope all our readers are refreshed and well rested after the summer holidays because St Peter's is heading for an extremely busy month, indeed we are about to hit the ground running! Lots of photos in this edition of the magazine, we hope you like those of the Sunday Club and of Nathan's welcome party. One of the editorial team wanted to have a caption competition for the pets' service pictures but space is against us!

On the first Sunday in the month, September 3rd, the Bishop of Warrington will 'open' the Bier House with due celebration, more about this in the magazine. On the 24th September the Revd Sheilagh Williamson is coming to preach and answer questions about our Uganda project.

The 17th September is Graham Jones' last Sunday as our organist after 38 years of leading our music but again, more details of this major event in the life of our church and of the new organist, further in the magazine.

September 22nd is the wedding day of Nathan and Poppy, we wish them great happiness in their life together. I wonder how we should address an envelope to the newly-weds? The Rev N and the Rev P Thorpe? The Revs N and P Thorpe? Debretts may have the answer.

With very best wishes to you all,

The Editorial Team

EMAIL DIRECTORY

We have a parish email directory which is used once or twice a month to send out dates for the month and also when a special event is coming up.

If you would like to be added to the email list please send an email to stpetersformby@gmail.com. This is a way to help us keep in touch.

Email addresses will only be used by St Peter's.

Please note the deadline for the October 2017 edition of the magazine Friday 1st September 2017. Contributions to alisonwhiffing@aol.com please.

The Parish Library is back in The Bier House

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

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 or DVD please write your name in the notebook provided. We hope this is a useful resource for everyone.

Dear Friends,



This September is very much about new starts and what a month of Sundays we have ahead!

First of all, from September we will be back in the Bier House after its extension and refurbishment. I hope you will like the lay out and all that has been done. Thanks to Steve Edwards and the Fabric Committee for all their planning and input and to our architect Robbie Bell and builders J.J. Kelly. Although Sefton Council would not allow us to go as far as the lane with the extension, we have done what we can with the limited space available and I think it looks great.

The new extension will be blessed and opened by Bishop Richard on Sunday 4th September as he comes to preach at our 10am Eucharist.

Battle of Britain Commemoration Service Each year we welcome the officers and cadets of 611 Woodvale Squadron A.T.C. who will be in attendance on Sunday 10th September. We have a special preacher at the service — **Archdeacon Peter Bradley, Wing Chaplain of the Air Cadets Merseyside Wing.**

A new beginning means a sad ending for St. Peter's as we say goodbye and many, many thanks to **Graham & Marilyn Jones**. Graham has been organist in St. Peter's for 38 years and has done much to establish the musical tradition in St. Peter's that so many have come to value and appreciate over the years. Marilyn has been a valued parishioner and member of the choir. Their last Sunday with us when there will be a special farewell is **Sunday 17th September**, and Graham & Marilyn are moving to Welwyn Garden City to be near their children and grandchildren. **We say a very big Thank You to Graham and Marilyn and wish them every blessing and happiness in their new home.**



A new beginning for St Peter's will happen on 24th September when we welcome our new Director of Music, David Holroyd. David is well-known as the Conductor of the Formby Choral Society, and is also the Conductor of Amadeus Chamber Choir and Birkenhead Choral Society. He is also Director of Music in Merchant Taylors School and has been the organist in St Luke's, Formby. So we have been fortunate to appoint such a skilled musician with lots of experience. We welcome David and his wife Gill and hope they will be very happy with us.

Then to complete our month of Sundays we will welcome Rev Sheilagh Williamson who comes to preach on 24th September about her project in **Uganda — Together We Can.** This opens for us in St. Peter's an opportunity to look beyond ourselves and become involved in a project overseas in an area where there is need of much development and encouragement. It also affords us the opportunity literally to extend the hand of friendship to another part of the Anglican Communion. The PCC have approved supporting the project and we hope a group of volunteers may go to Uganda in the summer of 2018. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of Sheilagh over coffee in the Bier House after the service.

Two other new starts are also welcome. First, the establishment of new **Bible Study Groups.** There will now be four groups to choose from at different times on different days. I am grateful to Alison Woodhouse, Peter Paine, Ken Ward and Michael Pitts for agreeing to lead these groups. Further details on pages 8 & 9.

The other good news is that a **St. Peter's Toddler Group 'Little Fishes'** is opening in the Parish Hall on Friday 29th September from 9.15am to 11.30am. This is open to all Parents/Grandparents/Minders and their children. Thank you to Leah Wilson for leading the group. Do spread the word.

And last but by no means least, there is another new start for our curate, Nathan, as he marries the Rev. Poppy Richards, the new curate in Holy Trinity. Their wedding will take place on Friday 22nd September in Poppy's home parish in Ordsall, Retford. We are delighted to wish them every blessing in this new chapter in their lives and as they begin their married life in Kenton Close.



I am not sure we can pack much more into September with Sunday Club starting back along with the uniformed organisations and of course schools re-open. But never fear all will not become dull in October because we have the Harvest Festival weekend on the way when we have a special home-grown preacher and a church full of thespians!

As I've often said, life is never dull in St. Peter's as we celebrate and live our faith in love, joy and service.

Anne

Thank you for the music

and so much more. As many of you already know Graham and Marilyn are taking their leave of us on 17th September and moving “down South” to Welwyn Garden City to be close to their children and grandchildren. When Graham knocked on the door a few weeks ago to tell us of their intention he was anxious about our reaction, which is so typical of them both. It is always concern for others that dominates their every thought and deed, a true fruit of the Spirit that has made its home in their hearts. Although not in the choir for that long, my time there has only known Graham and Marilyn being the driving forces behind it, always leading choir practice come rain or shine, always the right music laid out on Sunday, always rehearsing a new piece well in advance to ensure that come the day.... Always - another way of saying constancy and faith, anchored in the love of God.

Graham has been patient and understanding of those like me who are not musically gifted, but have wanted to sing to their God yet struggled to read and/or sing the music. He has coped with the ebb and flow of choir numbers and there has always been an anthem to suit. Indeed so much of what we sing is also to be heard on the morning service or on TV being introduced by Simon Russell Beale and sung by the Sixteen – anything they can do....! Much more important though is the tradition that has been built over the nearly 40 years of Graham and Marilyn’s involvement with St. Peter’s. This music has attracted so many people, including me (and retired clergy) to come and stay and worship our Lord in hymns and anthems of everlasting praise. We have our different favourites and not so favourites, but under Graham’s caring tutelage the choir gives of its best to all them, which is always enough for our loving Father, who never winces at our mistakes.

In my time we have sung twice at the Cathedral, when the “house” choir was travelling. Those were special times given the scale of the setting and will live with me forever, but we still sing all those pieces at St. Peter’s that we sang there, and add more each year. It is not the venue that is important but the praise offered and the treasured shared memories made.

Graham and Marilyn supported me in my venture to hold Passover celebrations during Holy Week several years ago. Marilyn took the role of Passover Mum, which she has remained in my eyes ever since – you can never have too many mums.

So we bid them both God speed and farewell and say thank you for the music you have helped us to sing. The tradition you have built will carry on of course, and take new directions – change is a constant. And this is a very big change for them. But with God’s love and that of their family and ours, too, carrying them forward, we know that this change will be a happy one for them, building on what has gone before, making more treasured memories and singing the Lord’s praises wherever they find themselves.

Next year in Jerusalem!

Mark Andrews

"FORMBY FOLK"

Formby has a long history going back to Viking times, and St. Peter's Church, both old and new (.i.e. pre and post 1747!) has a special place in Formby's story.

To coincide with our Harvest weekend there will be a special "show" in the church when Formby's history and St. Peter's place in it will be presented, in person, by some of the characters of the past.

So, come and meet the Lady of the Manor, Peter Jump who was a churchwarden in 1747 when the new church was opened, the Rev. Lonsdale Formby who was vicar for the second part of the 19th century, Mary Formby who founded the old schools. Hear how Formby's bobbies dealt with the 'Case of the Missing Apples', and of St. Peter's during the last war as the vicar's children remember it. Oh and there will a Viking from the dim and distant past. There will be songs and poems about the Formby's famous Lifeboat and Jimmy Lowe of asparagus fame who was a parishioner of St. Peter's. All introduced by two of the church's "maids"!



There will be 4 showings over the weekend:-

A special opening night on **Friday 29th September at 7.30pm** followed by wine and nibbles in the newly extended Bier House. This will cost £5.

Saturday 30th two showings at 2pm and 4pm. Sunday 1st at 3pm.

On Saturday and Sunday there will be refreshments in the Bier House and an opportunity to make a donation to St. Peter's Uganda Project (see page 32).

Don't miss this fun way to learn more about our past as a village and a church.

No need to book. Just come along and meet at the church for the showing that suits you.

And the cast? A dead secret at the moment – but they'll be alive on the day!!!!

**END HUNGER >>> GROW FARMING
FARM AFRICA**

St Peters Harvest collection this year will be going to Farm Africa.

Farm Africa is an international organisation working to build a prosperous rural Africa. We help farmers to increase their harvests, build their incomes and sustain natural resources, partnering with governments and the private sector to find effective ways to fight poverty. We work closely with local communities, who actively participate in all the decisions about our work. Typically, our staff are from the local area, can speak the local language and have a deep understanding of the local context. David Poole

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

We are planning four Bible Study Groups this autumn this is an opportunity to look at the Bible in more depth and to explore its relevance for today. No particular knowledge of the Bible is required, just a desire to learn with others in a small group what God's word means for our lives as individuals and as a church community.

The four group leaders are:-

Canon Alison Woodhouse, the Revd Peter Paine, Ken Ward and Michael Pitts.

Alison and Peter's groups are new. Ken and Michael's are already in existence.

Alison plans to run her group in the evening. Peter is available either morning, afternoon or evening. Ken's group meets on Tuesday mornings and has space for another two or three. Michael's group meets in the evening and also has space for two or three.

Venues – Michael's group meets in his home, Ken's group in the Bier House and the two new groups will decide what is most suitable for them.

You can contact me or indeed the leaders direct at the following

Alison	Tel	830652	email	arwfountains@gmail.com
Peter	Tel	809517	email	peterspaine@gmail.com
Ken	Tel	871927	email	swanward@supanet.com
Michael	Tel	875550	email	mypitts@talktalk.net

We are fortunate to have four such competent leaders and it will be an opportunity to deepen our understanding of our faith in a relaxed way.

Anne revannetaylor@gmail.com

Unstuffy Study

In the Autumn the *Bible Study Groups*, including the one of which I am a happy member, will all set off again.

In our group we begin by attempting to brighten up our mental abilities with coffee, or even tea, plus assorted mostly chocolate biscuits - isn't chocolate also said to be good for the brain?

Then we turn to the pre-selected subject and start to comment on and explore the associated texts, which, with a bit of luck, we have mostly got round to reading beforehand.

Between us, we are always searching for the underlying significance of what we are reading, as we try to disentangle the customs and thought processes of that cauldron of ancient civilisations mirrored in both Old and New Testaments, from the customs and thought processes of our own day.

We may go off at a tangent, or make advance apologies for the odd red herring, but enjoy these anyway, often amid much laughter.

More than all the foregoing, we learn and gain confidence from each other in the sharing of our individual perceptions of the faith and even of the doubt which can assail us all from time to time.

Most of us make contributions, either as fact or opinion when we wish to do, but if there are some among us who merely wish to listen, that's ok, too.

Finally, I must pay tribute to our particular group's leader, Michael, who works, often at length beforehand to prepare the background of the subject for us. He is adept at giving everyone time to speak and develop their thoughts, and avoids imposing his own take on what we are considering. A considerable plus, in my opinion, even though I am his wife!

Jane Pitts

When I was a lad

As I type this heading I can almost hear my daughters mutter "Dad's in the olden days again!" I shall press on in spite of this.

I was brought up on the King James edition of the Bible. Sometimes it was a little hard to understand and sometimes it could be quite alarming.

The first version of the Revised Standard Version (RSV) of the New Testament was published in 1946 and the Old Testament in 1952. Nobody told me about its publication and its use was unheard of in Church or School.

Perhaps we were just a little bit set in our ways in those days.

The RSV itself was intended to be a readable and literally accurate translation and to put the message of the Bible in simple, enduring words that are worthy to stand in the great Tyndale-King James tradition. And this it certainly does, and is the bible we read in church and our homes today.

On Sunday 11th June we had a grand celebration at St Peter's. The Revd. Ted Woods, 'Our Ted,' was marking his Golden Jubilee of HIS Ordination. Family, friends, well-wishers all gathered round the altar to join in the Eucharist on this delightful occasion.

At the end of the service Ted presented St Peter's with the most magnificent version of the New Revised Standard Version for the lectern. The new Bible is in the same format as the Gospel Book we use and is designed in shorter sentences and paragraphs which make reading so much more understandable and convenient. Have a look next time you are passing the lectern – as long as your hands are clean of course!

We are indebted to you, Ted, not just for the magnificent gift of the Bible, but for your being with us at St Peter's.

Cliff Cotsworth



NEW 'Little Fishes' **Pre-school Group**

**First meeting is Friday 22nd September,
9:15am -11:30am.**

Age range 0-3 yrs. Meeting in the Old School Room (and utilising the hall if need be) in the Parish Hall, Paradise Lane (opp. the school).

All children along with parents, grandparents, minders are welcome.

Come along on the 22nd or contact Leah Wilson (leah.mahon1@gmail.com) or the Parish Office for more details.



**As the ladies have Primetime
so the men have
TIMEOUT**



Please note we are changing the venue
to The Cricket Club.

The next get-together will be on
Monday 18th September at 8.00pm.

We have asked Rod Jacques to give us a Perspective on
PRISONS: PLACES OF RETRIBUTION OR REHABILITATION?

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

“New Beginnings” for those planning to get married in St Peter’s or St Luke’s. It is a relaxed group where couples can support each other; where the church can offer advice about the practical things concerned with a wedding; and where we can look together at some of the key things which make for a successful marriage. **Next meeting -**

Saturday 16th September at 4pm to 6pm in St Luke’s Meeting Room

More information from Sally Nicol,
New Beginnings Co-Ordinator
Tel. 01704 877655





Breakfast Church

Join us at Breakfast Church
on **Saturday 2nd September**
at 9am in the Bier House
30 minute service followed by toast & chat.
You will be very welcome.

Primetime

*Primetime ladies group meets monthly
on the 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.30 - 9.30pm
in the Old School Room at the Parish Hall, Paradise Lane.
We do something different at each meeting, but you can take part as
much or as little as you like - whatever we do we enjoy ourselves!*

**Our next meeting will be on
Wednesday 20th September**



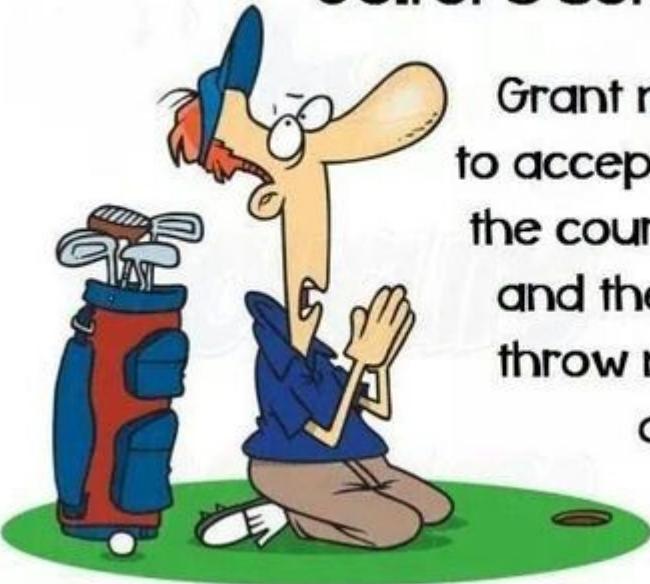
*We will have a visiting speaker, Heather Slater,
who will talk about her time working as a nanny in the Middle East.*

All welcome, bring a friend. £2 admission'

Call Sonia, Elaine or Ali

on 833781 / 874635 / 879976 for further details.

Golfer's Serenity Prayer!



Grant me the serenity
to accept the shots I miss,
the courage to try again
and the wisdom not to
throw my clubs in the
damn lake.

Author Unknown

Shipshape and watertight

There are two well known boats recorded in the Old Testament, Noah's ark and the boat that carried Jonah who was consumed by the whale. We have virtually no knowledge of Jonah's ship save it had a big enough crew to throw him overboard and that it was a seagoing craft. There are details of the size Noah's ark but very little about its shape. In fact a recent book has argued it was an immense reed craft made water tight with pitch. An internet search of the Old Testament showed that there are very few mentions of craft as such, there are a few references to shipping but not many. This seems strange as Old Testament Israel had a significant coastline on the Mediterranean. There is the famous reference in Psalm 107, "They that go down to the sea in ships that do business in great waters". This is probably one the best known references to the sea but not all countries with a coast line were known for their shipping.

It is interesting that the New Testament has a great many references to boats, their use for fishing and transport and as some of the disciples were fishermen then it is clear why this is so. The sea of Galilee was the hub of many towns and so Jesus had a readymade highway for moving around from town to town.

As a maritime nation we accept easily constant reference to phrases using boat or shipping metaphors. Some are well known but others are not used now. To say a person had 'bottom' was a reference to how well a ship remained stable in heavy weather but one of the best known is 'Don't rock the boat'. This emphasises the need for those who are in a boat to act together and be aware of the dangers around them. This use of the boat as a simile of the need to remain stable was an important part of the work of the famous woodblock print maker Hokusai. A recent exhibition in the British Museum showed his famous print of the sea. Here a huge wave on the left is about to engulf rowed fishing boats on the right. The picture shown has to be read from right to left.

Hokusai was very aware of the precarious nature of human life and wanted to convey this. He would also make prints of heavily laden travellers crossing rope bridges. The time Jesus had to calm the storm when his disciples became frightened by the waves is an important illustration of this same problem.

However an important element of being part of a boat or ship's crew is team work. St Paul makes several references to communities agreeing and how one person's skill can complement another's, teamwork is about total interdependence of a group. It has been written somewhere that a church at prayer is where all share the joy, troubles and need of each other.



In Hebrews 10:25 we read “Let us all not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing but let us encourage one another- and all the more as you see the day approaching”. After all we are all in the same boat.

Rod Jacques

Voices and Instruments in Eucharistic Praise

The Royal School of Church Music Liverpool Area is holding an Event under this title in St Peter's Church on

Wednesday 13th September 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

It will explore some of the music we use in our Parish Eucharistic worship: Mozart, Taize, anthems, hymns and liturgical chants. All the music will be provided on the day. The workshop will conclude with a fish and chips supper in the church hall!

Director: Dr. Ian Sharp.

Participation costs £5 (to cover the fish and chips!) but all are invited to come and listen. There will be a short act of worship.

Please note the start time of 7 pm.

Enquiries: Graham Jones (01704 876 134)

The Diocese in Europe

Whilst the Diocese is the most recently formed in the Church of England, it has a long history and is the largest by far, stretching from the Canary Islands to Vladivostok and covering nine time zones.

Divided into seven Archdeaconries, it has 322 congregations and 147 Licensed Clergy, assisted by 106 Readers (35 in training). There are many historical Anglican Church buildings, but many more places of worship belonging to other denominations are used each week. Ecumenism is very much the rule, rather than the exception.

The most recent Annual Review describes the Diocese of Europe as “a Mission-shaped diocese – a network of Christian communities and congregations serving Anglicans and other English-speaking Christians, working together to build up the Kingdom of God across an enormous geographical area”.

Historically, English churches and congregations have been established on the Continent since before the Reformation. Such was the growth that in 1633 congregations of the C of E in all foreign countries were placed under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of London, London being the chief port. Anglican Dioceses and then Provinces were later formed across the world outside of the United Kingdom.

The Diocese of Gibraltar was founded by Letters of Patent on 21st August, 1842. Later, in 1883, the Bishop of London appointed a Suffragan Bishop, ‘Bishop of Fulham’, to supervise the chaplaincies in North and Central Europe. From 1970 this jurisdiction, together with the Diocese of Gibraltar, was in the Episcopal care of one Bishop, the Bishop of Fulham and Gibraltar. Since July 1980 a single Diocese has been formed with the title: **The Diocese in Europe**.

The many ecumenical agreements of the recent past provide for widespread co-operation: the Porvoo Agreement, the Meissen Declaration, the Reuilly Common Statement. Throughout Europe, hospitality is provided weekly in Reformed Churches, Roman Catholic Churches, and increasingly the Orthodox Churches. Those agreements often mean an interchange of ministries.

The Diocesan Bishop, Dr Robert Innes, speaks of 2016 as a difficult year for Europe – terrorist attacks in Brussels, Nice and Berlin; the struggle to respond adequately to the refugee crisis; the result of the vote to leave Europe. Our strategy has five points: building up of the Body of Christ; sharing in the evangelisation of Europe; striving for a just society and sustainable environment; working for reconciliation; with proper resources.

This latter point is expressed forcefully in the fact that the many congregations are entirely self-financing; yet, there is enormous growth and regular requests for help in establishing new churches

If you are heading off to Europe, including Turkey and Morocco, for holiday or on business, look at: europe.anglican.org before you go. You will find details of the many Churches and Service times. Many of you have told me of the welcome you have received.

Arthur Siddall, former Archdeacon of the Diocese of Europe

It has been announced that our former vicar, Rev. Paul Ormrod, has been appointed as a Canon of the Diocese of Europe. Congratulations Paul!

St Peter's to form a Keystone Group

The Keystone programme, based at St Luke's Church Crosby, aims to provide care for carers and cared for. Through monthly meetings, a safe environment is provided for them to meet others and to help reduce the loneliness and isolation that a dementia diagnosis can bring. Keystone now has several groups in Crosby, Thornton and Hightown. It is led by Jane Stephens, LML, who will be working with St Peter's to set up Formby's first Keystone group.

Planned to begin in the Autumn, the meetings will be held in our newly refurbished Bier House on the first Monday of the month, 2-3.30. Early sessions will cover sharing memories, benefit entitlements and practical advice. The sessions are open to anyone in Formby regardless of faith (or no faith). And we know there are many people in our parish, and in Formby, living with or affected by dementia.

As always, volunteer helpers are needed! Are you compassionate? Could you share a cuppa and a chat with a carer? Could you reminisce about times past? If so then please have a chat with Anne, Nathan or Vicky. Full support and guidance will be given to everyone helping with this project.

Another fundamental part of Keystone is prayer, so we shall also need volunteers to become prayer partners to support the meetings, and to be available to pray for particular things.

Please do consider giving up a small amount of time to help. A small amount of your time will make a massive, massive difference! Vicky Hall 07789712892

The Coniston Challenge 2017

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the generous members of the parish who have supported us with their donations towards the Coniston Challenge. Currently, we have raised over £2,000 to be donated to Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool.

The challenge began with an early start on the 8th July. By 8.30am our team of six – the Formby Dads - were on our mountain bikes heading up through Coniston village towards Grizedale Forest, the ride uphill was hard work but we completed the 17km ride in 1hr 15mins. Then it was on to the 3km kayak event which took us across the lake and back again. Finally, we began our 3 hour hike up the Old Man of Coniston. The evening ended with a presentation to all the participants, we were delighted to finish 7th fastest and we are already planning how we might go quicker next year!

It was a brilliant event for a very worthwhile cause, and we wish to express our gratitude to everyone who has donated to the charity and wished us luck.

Many thanks,

John, Matt and Peter (The Sunday Club dads!)



Formby Welcomes Asylum Seekers

The Formby Refugee Support Group welcomed 14 asylum seekers from Asylum Link Merseyside (ALM) to Formby on 10th July. We shared a vegetarian curry lunch provided by members of the Group and then travelled to Ainsdale beach for informal cricket, shell collecting and paddling.

Thanks to the generosity of local people at St. Peter's, St. Luke's and Formby Elim Pentecostal church we were able to give a toiletry pack to each of them and a Mars bar 'treat' provided by a donation from friends in Derbyshire. We also delivered to ALM a sizable quantity of clothing and other items which local people had donated since our last "Welcome" occasion. So a big THANK YOU to everyone involved.

Our next "Welcome" event is planned for the 18th September. If anyone is interested in assisting, especially able-bodied men to assist with setting up and clearing up, please contact Peter on 01704 809517 or peterspaine@gmail.com. Thank you.



HOTDOG CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Sunday 24th September

A short service for children & young people at 12noon
followed by hotdogs in the Bier House. All welcome.





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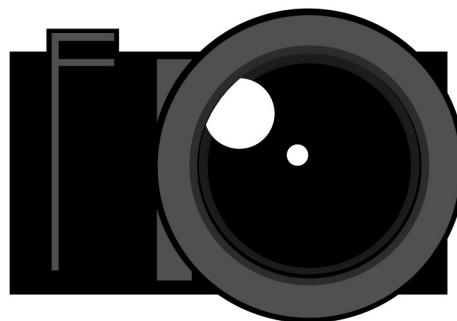
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Packed Sunday Club

The choir room had elastic walls!



**Sunday Club is back on 10th
& 17th September in the new
Bier House.**



Christian care for families

We hope you have had refreshing summer holidays. On 22nd August several members enjoyed the garden party given to the Deanery by our President, Beverley Boden, in her Blundellsands garden. Thank you, Beverley.

We look forward to the opening of the autumn season on Thursday, 7th September, at 2.00pm in the Bier House when Ken Ward will be taking us on 'A Trip to Venice', illustrated with slides.

On Wednesday, 13th September, there will be a Beetle Drive at 7.30pm in the Bier House. Come and join us for a fun evening!

Deanery Prayers will be held this year on Wednesday, 20th September, at 2.00 pm at St. Michael's, Blundellsands.

The annual church service for St. Peter's MU will be held on Thursday, 5th October, at 2.00pm in St. Peter's Church, followed by refreshments in the Bier house.

Next year is the centenary of the MU in Holy Trinity and St. Peter's parishes. A joint service to mark this will be held in Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday, 16th May 2018, at 2.00pm. This will include the Deanery Festival. Bishop Cyril Ashton will preside. Please note this date in your diary for next year.

As the autumn season begins, we would like to remind you that we welcome visitors at all our meetings and that the Mothers' Union is open to everyone, men and women, not just 'mothers'.

If you would like to join or seek further information, please contact Eleanor, tel. 872118.



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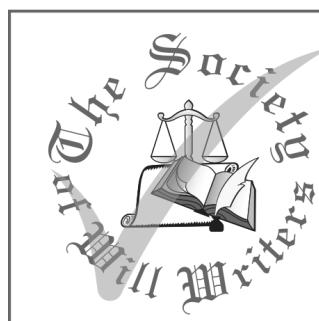
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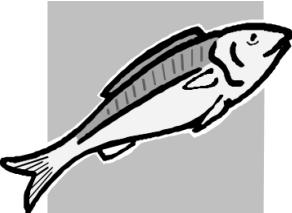
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Taking for granted

The summer is practically over. It has been quite a good summer, weather-wise. It was a bit dry for the plants in my garden and for quite a while I had to water them. My water butts ran dry and I had to use the hose pipe at times, as the flowers had to just get on with it, but the food needed to be watered. I do enjoy my own produce such as salad vegetables and peas and beans, so needed to water the garden for them. I expect my water bill will be going up again!

It is just one of those things that we take for granted, that rain will come, and if it doesn't, then the tap will provide for us. It must be dreadful to live in a place where water is in short supply.

I got to thinking about the other things that we take for granted. If we have family, we expect that they will always be there to give a helping hand when needed. When there is no family nearby, we rely on friends, but they should never be taken for granted. To have a friend, you must be a friend.

The children are back at school now and I expect they will either be glad to be there, or they will be grumbling about it. How we take education for granted. I was reading in the Mothers Union magazine how precious education is in some countries in Africa, and how the women are trying to learn to read and write so that they can pass on their knowledge to their children. All this we take for granted, and many people abuse the system and scorn education, thinking that it is for fools, but they are the fools in the long run. It is a precious commodity to be clung on to.

We take our homes for granted. Can you imagine what you would do if it was destroyed by fire, as were the many homes in London in the Tower Block? All those poor people homeless in seconds, if they were lucky enough to get out with their lives. To be homeless must be soul destroying, so never take it for granted. I have only been homeless once in my life, but had parents who supported me until another home could be found. I swore that I would never live in rented accommodation again, and have been lucky enough to always have a home to call my own. Poverty is bad enough, but to be homeless is beyond thinking about.

We take our shops for granted, but when one closes and we have to go elsewhere for our needs, it is a big shock.

Our health is the most wonderful blessing that God has given us, yet I hear of young people who destroy their health with neglect and drugs. It is so foolish, for if you have your health you can earn your wealth.

One thing we can always rely on, is the Love of God, but don't ever let us take Him for granted.



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UGANDA PROJECT - Together We Can

We are very much looking forward to the visit of Rev Sheilagh Williamson on Sunday 24th September when she will preach at the 10am service about our proposed partnership with her in a project based in Kalule, near Kampala in Uganda.

When looking for an overseas project to become involved with, the PCC agreed that not only should money be raised in its support, but also that there would be an opportunity for a group of volunteers from St. Peter's to visit the project and make some practical difference.

After a lot of research, Sheilagh's project fitted the bill. Not only is there a school to be refurbished and repaired which needs painting and DIY skills, but a group of ladies have started a local business baking cakes and catering for weddings, and they would value some advice in making the most of their venture. Teachers at the school would value help with English and with teaching skills. There will be opportunities for interacting with the school children by arranging games and fun days. Health and hygiene are also areas of need.

In short, there will plenty to do for everyone, no matter what their skills and abilities.

The local bishop has been informed of our interest and will be delighted to welcome a group from St. Peter's. The diocese has a well-fitted hostel in the area which would be at our disposal. We would envisage a group visiting the project sometime in the summer of 2018.

From experience involvement in such a project is a two-way experience. Not only do those visited benefit but so too do the visitors. Mission is a two-way relationship and the possibilities are endless.

There will be an opportunity after the service and over coffee in the Bier House to ask Sheilagh any questions and to get a full picture of what we might offer to do with the community in Kalule.





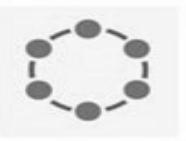
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From the Church Registers



Baptisms

16th July 2017

Alexander Ramon & Jessica Beth
Quintana twins of Ramon & Jane



20th August 2017

Lucinda Emily Jade
Rimmer-Richardson daughter
of Jonathan & Becky

20th August 2017

Chloe Elizabeth Nardone
daughter of Michele & Ruth



Funerals

- 13th July Derick Chamberlain
- 26th July David McCullough
- 28th July John Pearson
- 21st Aug Joyce Scattergood
- 1st Sept Peter Hall
- 4th Sept Pauline Moore

Interment of Ashes

- 13th July Richard Birkett
- 23rd Aug Mary Read

From the Church Registers

Wedding

1st July

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 2017



1 st	Friday	6.30pm	First Friday Eucharist
2 nd	Saturday	9.00am	Breakfast Church in the Bier House
3 rd	Sunday		12th Sunday after Trinity Celebration to Open the New Bier House Extension with Bishop Richard Blackburn
6 th	Wednesday	9.00am	Trinity St Peter's School re-starts – Autumn Term
7 th	Thursday	2.00pm	Mothers' Union meeting in the Bier House
9 th	Saturday	9.00am	Parish Day Out to Tatton Park
10 th	Sunday		13th Sunday after Trinity Battle of Britain Service with 611 Woodvale Air Training Corp. Preacher – Archdeacon Peter Bradley, Wing Chaplain, Air Cadets Merseyside Wing <u>Sunday Club begins again</u>
		12 noon	Baptisms
13 th	Wednesday	7.30pm	Mothers' Union "Beetle Drive" in the Bier House
17 th	Sunday		14th Sunday after Trinity Farewell to Graham & Marilyn Jones <u>Sunday Club</u>
18 th	Monday	8.00pm	TimeOut in the Cricket Club
20 th	Wednesday	7.30pm	Primetime in the OSR, Parish Hall
22 nd	Friday	2.30pm	Wedding of Nathan Thorpe & Poppy Richards All Hallows Church, Ordsall
24 th	Sunday		15th Sunday after Trinity Launch of our Partnership with a project in Uganda Preacher – Rev. Shelagh Williamson 12 noon Hot Dog Service in Church (followed by hot dogs in the Bier House) 6.30pm Service of Wholeness



28th Thursday 2.00pm Eucharist in Halcyon House—note earlier time

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| 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist (Coffee afterwards) |
| 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 |