

# **ST PETER'S CHURCH MAGAZINE**

## **MAY 2018**



The magazine is an important means of outreach and keeps everyone informed and in touch with the life of St Peter's Church.

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## Church Services

### **Sundays**

8.00 am    Holy Communion (1662)

10.00 am    Parish Eucharist (Coffee afterwards)

6.30 pm    Choral Evensong

Next Service of Wholeness - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm

### **Weekdays**

9.00 am    Morning Prayer

                        Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

11.00 am    Wednesday Eucharist (Coffee afterwards)

6.30 pm    Eucharist 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month

9.00am **Breakfast Church** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month

# From the Editorial Team

"Let no man boast himself that he has got through the perils of winter till at least the seventh of May" (Trollope's 'Dr Thorne'). By the time a copy of the magazine is in your hand I hope that the winter has indeed gone, for it has been a long and hard few months for many people. Remember the flu outbreak? Who could forget the 'Beast from the East?' But beautiful May is here and there is a lovely picture taken in our churchyard on the front cover to prove it! Thank you Alison for it is Alison Whiffing who selects the cover picture every month and always comes up with something interesting. We hope you enjoy them.

In this edition there is a delightful picture of Anne and Cliff Cotsworth and their grandchildren, after he received his Maundy Money. This recognises Cliff's years of commitment to many charities and we heartily congratulate him on this honour.

The centre pages give an account of our finances. The Parochial Church Council is looking carefully at a strategy that will ensure our expenditure matches income. Our church has a long history of supporting charities which is an important part of helping the communities both here and abroad.

This month some church members are off to Uganda to be part of our new overseas project. We wish them well and a safe return, and promise to keep several pages for their recollections and photos in the next issue. If anyone is off to a special place this year do keep the magazine in mind as we are very pleased to have interesting reportage.

The 10<sup>th</sup> of May is Ascension Day and 20<sup>th</sup> May is Whit Sunday; details of all the month's services are in the magazine.

With our best wishes, **The Editorial Team**

**Appeal for Shoe Boxes & Greeting Cards** - urgent need for empty shoeboxes please (ladies sizes). Please leave them in the porch or church office and I will collect them. Also any used greetings cards you don't mind 'recycling' could you leave them in the box in the porch please? They will be used to make gift tags which we hope to sell to raise money to SEND the Christmas shoeboxes. Many thanks, Vicky Hall

*Please note the deadline for the June 2018 edition of the magazine is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Contributions to [alisonwhiffing@aol.com](mailto:alisonwhiffing@aol.com) please.*

## *Dear Friends,*

Easter eggs may be long gone but we are still in the Easter season as we celebrate the good news of our Risen Lord. Christians have been described as Easter People because the story of Easter is the foundation of our faith and the foundation of the church, not fake news but a true story that continues to be told by us and by the lives we live today.

The first disciples lived, as it were, in the huddle of the upper room, behind closed doors, until they were reassured by Jesus that he had risen. They were filled with joy as they experienced Jesus' presence among them. Then they heard his call to go out into the world to proclaim and to live out the Gospel.

It is when we show God's love and care by our actions that we share Jesus' call with the first disciples. If they had stayed huddled in the upper room, then we would never have heard the wonderful news of God's love for each of us. So we are called, not to stay huddled in our parish church, but to reach out into the world with the same message of hope and love.

This message will be proclaimed by the team heading to **Uganda** at the end of May. We thank the members of the group for getting involved. Each is funding their own flight and accommodation as well as using up holidays in order to be involved. There will also be the investment of their skills as well as the emotional experience of working with the people of Kalule. Also our sincere thanks to all who have responded so generously through donations and/or items to take out with us. This is a very exciting new relationship between the two St Peter's in Kalule and Formby.



Also during May the Archbishop of Canterbury is encouraging Christians of all denominations to #Pledge2Pray as part of global prayer movement **Thy Kingdom Come** from Ascension Day, 10<sup>th</sup> May, to Pentecost, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

We will begin this time with an **Ascension Day Service at 7pm in Holy Trinity Church**. All the churches of our Deanery will join in a Prayer Pilgrimage from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May as all the churches will be open. Please see all the details on page 7. From 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> St Peter's will be open each morning from 9am to 12noon – there will be Morning Prayer each day at 9am (apart from Wednesday when there will be the Eucharist at 11am) and the church is then open for personal reflection. We will finish with an All-Age Parade Service on Pentecost Sunday.

Please do get involved in this campaign of prayer as we seek to reach more people with the good news of God's love.

**We do need volunteers** to help keep our church open so that it is available for personal prayer and reflection. If you could give some time to volunteer to church sit please add your name to the rota in the church porch.

There will also be prayer resources available.

[www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

So lots happening during May which also includes Christian Aid Week and the celebration of 100 years of the Mothers' Union in Formby.

Let us together be the Easter people proclaiming a message of hope and love.

*Anne*

## Our diocesan prayer

Loving Father,  
by your grace we long to see  
more people knowing Jesus,  
and more justice in your world.  
Help us to live as your disciples in the  
power of the Spirit  
and to work to your praise and glory.

**Amen.**

# APCM Review

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting we report on the events of the past year and look forward to the future. We also make appointments and this year the following were elected –

**Churchwardens:** Andrew Greenyer & Paul McHenry

**PCC Members** (to serve for 3 years): Mark Andrews, Steve Edwards, Vicky Hall, Gill Holroyd, Fiona Martin, Shirley Potter and John Smith.

*Each year seven are elected to serve on the PCC for a three year term.*  
Anne Cotsworth was elected to serve a vacant two year post.

## Thank You – Steve Edwards

This year Steve retired as Churchwarden after serving for 7 years. At the APCM the Vicar thanked Steve for having done a wonderful job. Thanking him for his time, effort and enthusiasm that he brought to the role. Steve has used his time and expertise to do all sorts of jobs around the church and hall. Whether fixing anything electronic to clearing blocked drains and all with a smile and a sense of humour. We very appreciate all that he has been involved in over the past 7 years.

## Welcome – Paul McHenry is our new Churchwarden

The nomination of Paul as the new Churchwarden was received with great delight. Paul is no stranger, as he was a teacher in St Peter's School; is now a Foundation Governor of Trinity St Peter's; has served on the Sides Rota and helped set up the Fishy Club, our after-school children's club. Paul has been a parishioner of St Peter's for many years and it is great news that he has accepted the new role of Churchwarden.

**The Archdeacon's Visitation Service  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 at 7.30pm  
in St Giles Church, Aintree**  
(Aintree Lane, Liverpool L10 8LE)

The annual visitation is a service where the Archdeacon formally commissions Churchwardens and Sidespeople for the coming year.

# Le Tour de Deanerie

## A Prayer Trail Around Sefton North Deanery

11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018



Inspired by the Archbishop's Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative a tour around the churches of Sefton North Deanery, by bike, car or foot has been arranged.

The tour will take in the 14 churches of the Deanery together with Redgate School (Holy Trinity's church plant in Formby), The StoryHouse (St Luke's "fresh expression" coffee shop in Crosby) and the Ancient Chapel in the grounds of St Andrew's Church in Maghull. Routes are planned for a cycle tour and a vehicle tour, and shorter walking tours. Route plans will be provided, and each church will stamp your map with their own unique stamp. You can start at any of the churches in the Deanery.

There will be an opportunity to pray at each location, and to receive both spiritual and physical refreshment.

The cycle route has been designed so that anyone who's losing puff can hop on a train! For the walkers all the churches are dog friendly.

This is a very exciting way to bring us together as a Deanery as we pray and ask God's blessing on all our parishes.



### Church Open Times:

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – 10am to 3pm

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – 10am to 3pm

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> – 12noon to 6pm

Maps will be available in all the churches.

For St Peter's we need volunteers to provide refreshments and keep the church open during Thy Kingdom Prayer initiative. If you are free at any stage over the weekend or during the week to help keep the church open please sign the sheet in the church porch. Many thanks.

# ST. PETER'S UGANDA PROJECT

## TOGETHER WE CAN



Well the countdown has started for the team from St Peter's to travel to Uganda and the village of Kalule.

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated all sorts of items for us to take with us and also those who have helped fund the work when we are there. Your encouragement and support is really appreciated and we know it will make a big difference to the people of Kalule not least because it shows we care.

In Trinity St Peter's School we have launched Project Pencil Case but we also encourage children of St Peter's Church who attend other schools to join on this venture. The local school has about 200 pupils and we are asking the children to make up PENCIL CASES for each of the pupils in Kalule.

Pencil cases to include pens, pencils (plain and coloured) a ruler, rubber and pencil sharpener. I am sure that most homes have a spare pencil case and extra pencils and pens so that very little will need to be bought.



We are still collecting – wool & knitting needles; cotton; scissors, sewing needles; T shirts for all ages; Ladybird books, children's reading books, footballs and netballs (deflated!) and football shirts; toilet bags containing soap, a flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste; material for making clothes/quilts; Cotton nighties are also very popular. They have also requested Bibles, but these would need to be small and not too heavy.

So that the group can pack everything! We ask for all items to be brought to church, school or the Parish Office by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**.

Parishioners who would like to help finance the work the group will be undertaking while there can put any donations in one of the yellow envelopes marked 'Uganda Project' or an ordinary envelope and either put on the plate in church, left at the Vicarage or Parish Office in an envelope marked 'Uganda Project'. Cheques should be made payable to 'St. Peter's PCC.' Each member of the group is paying their own fare and accommodation and all donations will go towards financing the actual work that will be undertaken.

Revd Sheilagh Williamson, who set up the project and who will be with us in Uganda was also there recently and has sent us photographs and speaks of how excited the people of Kalule are about our visit.



Members of the group are:- Steve & Shena Edwards, Donna Grayson, Peter Hawkins, Paul McHenry, Ella Giles, Nathan & Poppy Thorpe, Samantha Morris, Ted Woods & Anne Taylor.

Please keep the project, the people of Kalule and our team in your prayers.

## St Peter's Church, Kalule



Aidan & Pauline - Leaders of the Women's Project



School Time

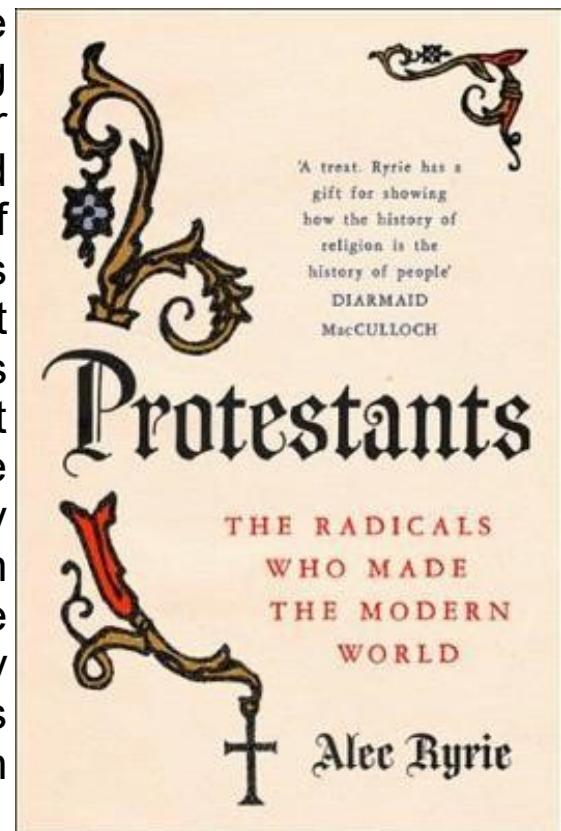


# Church and State

One of the most dramatic and chilling acts in opera is in act four of Verdi's Don Carlos. King Philip II of Spain, in the late 1500's, sits in his office at night lamenting over his problems when an announcement is made and the head of the Inquisition enters. Church and state meet in all their authority. The blind cardinal, supported by other members of his office, demands that Philip allows the church to take and try his son who is defending the people of the Netherlands, among them protestants. Philip, faced with the might of those who guard the faith agrees.

This issue of the church and state is a recurrent theme in a new book on the history of Protestants\*. One chapter looks at the position of Protestants in China. During the 19th century Christian missionaries had come from Europe and had been carried in China on the back of the military forces which demanded China openly trade with them and allow European into their ports.

The missionaries were successful but were tainted by close association with bullying states. This came to a crisis in the Boxer rising when an uprising massacred missionaries seeing them as the bringer of bad harvests and other problems. There was a recovery in Christianity following this but with the coming of communism in the 1940's religion was banned. Religion went underground but did not wither away as the new political philosophy stated. Importantly the faith which survived was no longer seen as part of a conquering empire. The state now accepts the protestant church and they have to register with limited rights. There is also a flourishing non-registered church which sees no need to be linked to the state.



These examples show how the relationship can develop. One of our human rights is that everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change one's religion or belief. This is enshrined in law which means the state has a duty to allow this right for its people but does not provide a way of understanding the link between government and a church. Does the church have any responsibility to the state?

The gospels have little on this except that Jesus makes clear the responsibility individuals have to each other. Therefore it can be argued the church has a moral duty to ensure the state meets its moral responsibility to defend those threatened by immoral behaviour. The state can behave in an immoral way which ignores the needs of individuals.

The Church needs to protect both its members and others of society and the state needs to listen to the church. Unfortunately law and morality are very different and the church has to place itself in position to make Christ's teaching clear.

**Rod Jacques**

\* "Protestants, the radicals who made the modern world". Alec Ryrie.

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## **Spring Art Exhibition**

The annual spring art exhibition of the 'Association of Formby Artists' will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30am to 4.30pm at Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

Entry is £1 which includes tea and biscuits. The pictures are by local artists and cover all types including oils, watercolours, acrylics and prints; well worth visiting!

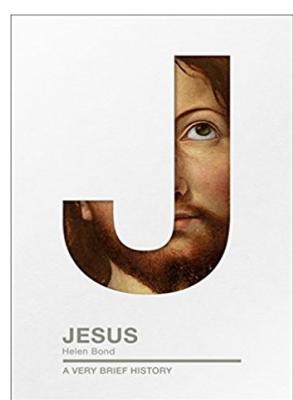
### **NEW BOOK in the Church Library**

#### **Jesus – A Very Brief History by Helen Bond**

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This paperback is a brief historical introduction to Jesus - his impact on the world as it was at the time and outlines the key ideas and values connected with him.

It explores the social, political and religious factors that formed the context of his life and teaching, and considers how those factors affected the way he was initially received. The second part explores the ways in which his impact has lasted.



If you would like to borrow a book or DVD please write your name in the register provided. The Library is situated in the Bier House. Take time to have a look.

Our Dementia Support group has evolved and has been replaced by our Singing for Fun Group which will run at the same time and day.

# Singing for Fun, All Welcome

Next meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2 - 3.30 pm  
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## Formby Quiet Time

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month 10:30am to 12 midday

**Bier House, St Peter's Church, Green Lane, Formby L37 7DL**

Quiet Time is based on the Quaker tradition of silent worship. The meetings are open to everyone, of faith or no faith, who would like to come and share half an hour of peace and reflection with refreshments provided afterwards.

**Sue Jacques**



# **Breakfast Church & Christian Aid Join Forces!**

Throughout the Bible we see people coming together to share food and take action.

Jesus' passion for justice inspired Christians to get together to support the most vulnerable. At the May Breakfast Church we will pray for those most in need of justice and while sharing toast/pancakes together, all while raising money for the work of Christian Aid. Join us at Breakfast Church on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 9am in the Bier House.

You will be very welcome.



## **Little Fishes Pre-school Group**

**Every Friday 9:15am - 11:30am in the Parish Hall, Paradise Lane.**

Little Fishes is a group that extends a warm welcome to parents, grandparents and carers with children from birth to three.

Contact Leah Wilson at [leah.mahon1@gmail.com](mailto:leah.mahon1@gmail.com)

The dates for Little Fishes are: May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>



The Christian Aid Service this year will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in Elbow Lane Methodist Church.



As well as house collections envelopes will be available in church.

[www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)



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**  
**May 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**

## **FISHY CLUB**

This Club is our after-school bible club for children in Years 4 to 6 in primary school. We meet in the Parish Hall, Paradise Lane, immediately after school on a Wednesday finishing at 4.15pm. Children in Trinity St Peter's School will be collected by a leader after school. Come and join in the fun.

**Dates – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Anne Taylor 872824 [revannetaylor@gmail.com](mailto:revannetaylor@gmail.com)



## **HOTDOG CHILDREN'S SERVICE**



**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
A short service in Church for children & young people at 12noon followed by hotdogs in the Bier House.

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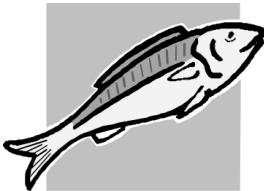
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We welcome as a member John Ryan, who was enrolled by Revd Nathan at our meeting on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April. John's mother was Branch Leader for twenty-three years up to 1990.

At this meeting John Wilson from the Liverpool Seafarers' Centre gave a highly informative and interesting talk on the work of the Centre. Founded as the Mersey Mission to Seamen in 1856, to provide comfort and welfare to seamen, a few years ago the Mission joined with the Catholic Apostleship of the Sea to open and operate the Seafarers' Centre, with the same object of caring for seafarers.

John described the huge quantity and variety of trade coming through the Port of Liverpool and the ships' chartering and manning process. Seafarers, usually from the Philippines and Far East, are frequently at sea for nine months at a time in cramped and hard conditions, away from home and family, and suffer isolation and home-sickness. The Centre is the only agency concerned with their welfare. The staff visit all ships that come into the Port, and its headquarters, at Waterloo, is open to all seafarers. His talk brought home to us something of the lives, so different from ours, of the people on the ships that we see can see most days sailing past our own shore.

The Centenary of the founding of the Mothers' Union in Formby takes place on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, at 2.00 pm in Holy Trinity Church. We began with one Formby branch, and in the early nineteen-thirties St Peter's and Holy Trinity developed separate branches. Right Revd Bishop Cyril Ashton, retired Bishop of Sheffield and now Assistant Bishop of Liverpool, will preside. A number of guests have been invited who have past associations with us.

The service will be combined with the annual Deanery Festival for the MU branches in the North Sefton Deanery: St Philip's Litherland, St Luke's Crosby, and St Michael's Blundellsands, as well as Holy Trinity and ourselves.

All are welcome to attend this service.

We are hoping for sunny waters for our cruise aboard the L'eau-T Cuisine Restaurant Cruiser on the Shropshire Union Canal from Chester on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> June. We meet at the Mill Hotel, opposite where we embark, at 11.30 am.

We first sail towards the Northgate Lock whilst our starter course is served, then return to the Hotel to collect our main course which is served whilst we sail towards the Hoole Lane Lock and beyond.

Our summer programme will close with the Strawberry Tea and bring & buy on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, to be held in the Bier House.

We have three projects for 2018. It was agreed at the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April that we should continue to collect toiletries and also underwear for male refugees in Liverpool. We will also continue to collect small change in the yellow bucket to provide 'away from it all' holidays for disadvantaged children.

A further project will be collecting items for the Liverpool Seafarers' Centre which are needed and greatly appreciated by seafarers. These include books, CDs/DVDs, old magazines, knitted caps, scarves, etc, and toy 'cuddly' animals. English is the common language of the sea. There will be collection boxes for these at Bier House branch meetings.

We welcome guests at all our meetings. If you are thinking about joining the MU, please contact Eleanor (Tel. 874112).

*Eleanor and Jean*

## Primetime Planting!

We will be planting pots and tubs for around the Church and Parish Hall on

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**

in the Old School Room,

St Peter's Parish Hall, Paradise Lane, Formby L37 7EH

All welcome and bring a friend.

For further details ring Sonia/Elaine/Alison

on 833781/874635/879976

# Change

The form of service changed this week with it being after Easter now. It is

always a bit confusing to me and I have to follow the booklet carefully or I give the wrong response. It keeps you on your toes though and you don't just say the responses off rote, so if anything, it is a good thing. Time was when we only ever had the one service book, and we managed for years with that, but now each season has its own change of service.

Life is like that too, we have changes all along its path. Last week the time changed and in my great wisdom I put my clocks back an hour and it was not until the radio didn't give me my usual programme that I caught on and fixed the clocks again.

As we get older it is more difficult to deal with changes and at times I think why bother? Dark mornings offset lighter evenings in winter but only by a very short time, so to me it makes not a lot of difference if it is dark or light, the electricity still has to be paid for! There again, prices have changed enormously over the years. My father always said that electricity was so cheap that we should keep the lights on all the time in winter. Bless him! If he were here now he would have a shock.

My friend's fridge broke down, and it was as cheap to buy a new one as to have the old one repaired, so economy has also changed. It is good for the manufacturers and not so good for the repairers. It has all changed, as have our values. Things used to be made to last, but now with our throw-away society and designers who change their styles every month or so, we spend, spend, spend much more than is necessary. I just cannot keep up with the "social media". My two-year-old phone is way out of date, but would cost a month's pension to replace, so I have to be made to feel like a dinosaur. I don't mind one bit being a dinosaur, my pension is more to me than a load of rubbish put out by this media. I get adverts for things I would never use and photographs of people doing silly things, and I am really only keeping the thing for an emergency!

Doctors have changed. Most of them for the better with new medicines and drugs, but since the NHS came into being, people are much more demanding of their overworked doctor than they were when everything had to be paid for. It is not the doctor's fault that you can't get an appointment on demand, it is the fault of those people who don't use their common sense with their health. I was always told to look after my health then I could earn my wealth, and it is good advice. We were given our health to look after not throw away but anti-biotics on demand have stopped a lot of folk using their common sense.

Education has had to change with the coming of computers, and my seven-year-old grandson can work this computer better than I can because he was taught at school at a very early age.

Times change but do they improve?

London and knife crime have been in the news this past while. It is dreadful that these knife-wielding gangs have been allowed to thrive on our streets, but it is lack of respect that is the cause. The law and law enforcement officers are no longer respected or feared. Discipline is a dirty word, but we all need it. We have to have self-discipline or life would be intolerable as it is for some.

Disciple/discipline. Jesus knew which was which and taught His Disciples His ways, which if only those who scorned the rules by which we should live, listened more to His ways, life would be simpler, and respect for life and limb would make this a better world. I wish things would change for the better.





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- Skills you want to share such as art, craft, music or working outside in our greenhouse
- Ability to work with members of our support staff and under the supervision of senior support workers
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# STEWARSHIP 2018

## OUR CHURCH    OUR CHALLENGE    OUR CHOICES

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### OUR CHURCH

#### Our giving sustains

- ❖ our church building here - a sacred place dedicated to worship, prayer and witness.
  - ❖ Parish Share (Diocesan clergy, stipend, housing, training and support costs)
- ❖ parish ministry; measured by **every** person visited, confirmation course run, assembly taken, bereaved family comforted, funeral taken, baptism & wedding celebrated, sermon preached, Eucharist celebrated and service taken, and every person shown the love of Christ through our care, comfort and compassion.
- ❖ mission both here in Liverpool and overseas for people we will never meet but to whom we are able to give practical support through our ministry of giving.

*This ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but overflows with many thanksgivings to God*      2 Cor 9:12

### OUR CHALLENGE

To cultivate the grace of giving we need to think carefully about all we receive from God, consider our priorities then prayerfully review our giving.

- ❖ The church needs £14,158 per month in 2018 for its ministry of worship, witness, service and mission. In 2018 our estimated monthly income is £12,325.
- ❖ That means there is a deficit of £1,833 per month in our planned budget to cover the day to day running expenses.
  - ❖ We are also looking forward to getting actively involved in a project in Uganda.
    - ❖ As well as financial support you can also give of your Time and Talents.  
Do you have a talent that you would like to offer?

*"But just as you excel in everything ... see that you also excel in this grace of giving"*

2 Cor 8 v7

### OUR CHOICES

St Peter's stewardship scheme had 153 members in January 2018.  
**Is it time to join the envelope scheme or time to move to a direct debit?**

Of these, 142 tax payers used Gift Aid to enhance their giving.  
**Is it time to join the Gift Aid scheme?**

Giving to God's work through the church should be a priority.

*This is a ministry for everyone - "each according to your means"*      2 Cor 8 v11

## OUR CHURCH IN 2017

### Last year we spent on average each month:

Parish Share (Diocesan clergy, stipend, housing, training and support costs)	£8,018
Buildings★ and churchyard including insurance, heat and light etc	£3,103
Worship and ministry costs within the community including the church hall	£253
Missions and charitable giving	£1,498
Church Office, social and administration	£2,403
<b>Total</b>	<b>£15,275</b>

### Last year we received on average each month:

Regular giving	£7,536
Inland Revenue tax recovered from Gift Aided donations	£1,844
Collections and appeals	£517
Legacies	£167
Property lettings and management	£1,233
Property & other investments	£849
Fees for weddings and funerals	£484
Sundry income including fund raising and social events	£998
<b>Total</b>	<b>£13,628</b>
<b>Operating Deficit</b>	<b>-£1,647</b>

In 2017 £115,165 was spent on the Bier House extension. ★£99,304 was withdrawn from the Rowlandson bequest and not included in this figure for buildings.

### How to decide how much to give and how

There is no easy formula - we are commanded to love God and our neighbour as ourselves. Our giving to the ministry and mission of God and our Church must suit our personal situations.

There are a variety of ways to give that may suit your own individual circumstances.

- ❖ By joining the Parish Giving Scheme.
- ❖ By requesting numbered weekly envelopes.
- ❖ By using the yellow gift aid envelopes in church.
- ❖ There is not always a plate collection at each service but a plate for donations is situated near the door.

*Please think and pray about your response as we seek to serve God together.*

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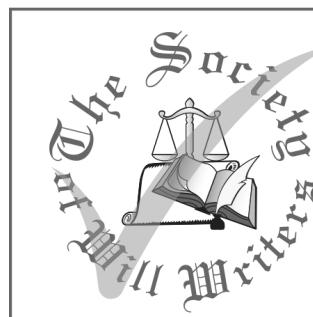
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# The Invitation

'Open this one first' said my wife as I sat opening the morning post one day last November.

'It's only a circular' I said pushing the white C5 envelope to one side, 'I shall open it later.'

'But look at the postmark it reads Buckingham Palace' said she, and won the debate yet again.

It was from Paul Leddington-Wright, the Secretary to the Royal Almonry. The name was unfamiliar to me; perhaps I went to school with him.

It was, in fact, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, inviting me to be a recipient of the Royal Maundy Money to be distributed in St George's Chapel Windsor on Maundy Thursday in Holy Week. The acceptance was sent by return of post!

All the taxi drivers on the journey down to Windsor were delighted to learn where we were going. Perhaps the gentleman that took us from Euston to Paddington left the greatest impression. As we left the taxi he came and shook my hand vigorously. He told me what a privilege it had been to have me as a passenger when I was going to meet Our Queen the following day. Just a bit humbling.



The day dawned and we were at the Henry VIII gate by nine twenty. A thorough security interview by a nice lady and then on to the police who were charming but rather firm. Into St George's we went to find that I was sitting at the end of the first row with Anne behind me.

The music was provided by the combined choirs of the Chapel of the Savoy and the choir of St George's Windsor. Both professional choirs and you certainly felt that heaven was near at hand.

To go into any detail concerning the members of the procession would be tedious. However, I shall long remember the twenty three Yeomen of the Guard who entered the packed Chapel in silence apart from banging their staffs on the pavement every time that they marched on their right foot. Very eerie!

The Queen sat less than two metres directly in front of us. She is very small and rather stooped but not necessarily somebody that I would care to be at odds with!

She gave each of us two leather purses. A white one containing ninety two specially minted silver pennies and a red purse. The red purse contained five pounds and fifty pence; this is to cover travel, hotel accommodation and clothing.

What a fabulously British and inspiring day and one we will always treasure and remember.

Our daughter Emma and three of our grandchildren met us in the pouring rains to give us both a hug and have a photo taken before we were transported to the State Apartments for lunch. The day finished in the company of two very old and valued friends for a good natter and supper in addition to several gin & tonics.

Why me? Well I think that the Vicar had something to do with it. It could be some of the outreach work in the inner city community that it was my privilege to do over the years. Thank God for giving me the opportunity.

**Cliff Cotsworth**

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## **Collect used stamps for the Bone Cancer Research Trust and help raise vital funds for life saving research.**

Small stamps, large stamps, old stamps, new stamps, franked and international stamps... we want all your stamps!

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By collecting just 1kg of stamps we can help pay towards an hour vital life saving research underway across the UK.

For more information on the Bone Cancer Research Trust see their website at [bcrt.org.uk](http://bcrt.org.uk)  
Thank you!

## **10<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day**

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. These are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to His disciples, following His death and resurrection.

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those 40 days. Jesus was seen by numerous of His disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged His disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent Him, He was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as His witnesses.

Surely the most tender, moving 'farewell' in history took place on Ascension Day. Luke records the story "When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands - and blessed them."

'I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God...' (John 20:17)

'While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven.' (Luke 24:50-1)

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## **20<sup>th</sup> May Day of Pentecost – Whit Sunday**

Pentecost took place on the well-established Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest exactly 50 days after the Passover, the time of Jesus' crucifixion.

Jesus had told His disciples that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee.

And so they waited in Jerusalem, praying together with his other followers, for many days. And then on that fateful Pentecost morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues – to the astonishment of those who heard them.

That morning the Holy Spirit came to dwell within the disciples and followers of Jesus and the Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian Church that morning: proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah.

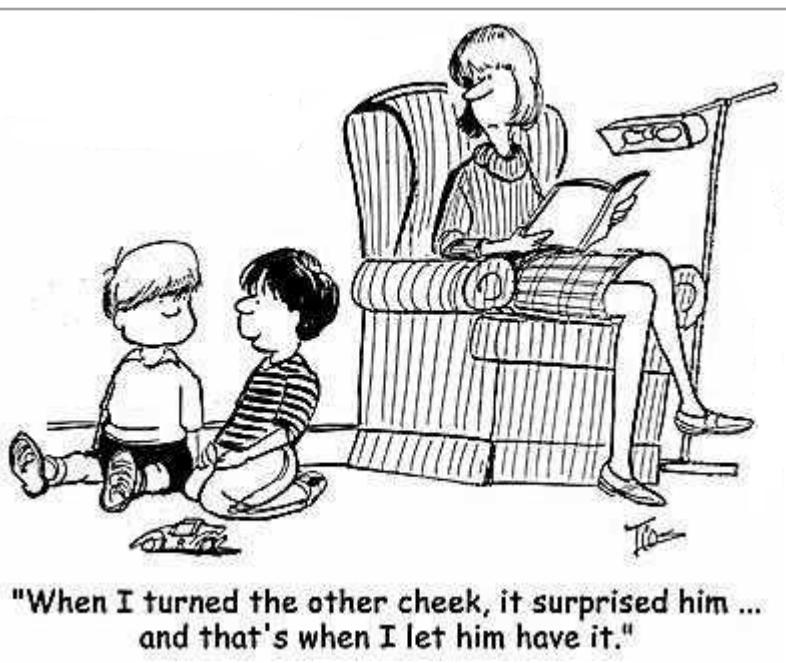
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"DID YOU HAVE TO SHOW YOUR IGNORANCE BY  
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"When I turned the other cheek, it surprised him ...  
and that's when I let him have it."

**The secret of a good sermon** is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

-- *George Burns*

A preacher visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks.

"No, not at all!" the woman replied.

They chat for an hour and as the preacher stands to leave, he realizes that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really just meant to eat a few."

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Tea and coffee on return to Formby Library.

# From the Church Registers

## Baptisms



15<sup>th</sup> April

Jessica May Campbell, daughter of John & Jenny

15<sup>th</sup> April

Rex Henry Rothwell, son of Graham & Sarah

22<sup>nd</sup> April

Noah Jenkinson, son of Ben & Hayley



Ken and Liz  
Ward

April 3<sup>rd</sup>



# From the Back Pew

## Ted Woods

### THE CHURCH THAT NEEDS NO MONEY

A vicar I once knew, who was known to be a bit of a wag, was asked to write a piece about Money and The Church. So he penned an article entitled “The Church That Needs No Money!”

Once they saw the title, people all over the diocese began to read it with a great deal of self-interest.

If you want a church that needs no money, the vicar wrote, then don’t put on the heat in winter. Just put on a few extra layers. Bring your own torch for evening services or dark mornings. Don’t bother doing any repairs.

Someone else will do them sometime...maybe. Don’t bother with an organist and church choir. Everyone can sing a cappella. Avoid having to pay your quota for clergy to the diocese by not having clergy. Ask for volunteers to lead services and to preach. And finally, he suggested, don’t bother having church organisations so you can sell your halls and facilities.

It was, of course, a humorous piece to make the point that if you want your local church not only to survive, but to thrive, then it has to be financed properly.

In many denominations it’s called ‘tithing’, or giving one-tenth of your income to the work of God. Tithing was very much an Old Testament concept and command. For example, “A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord” (Leviticus 27:30). The tithes and first fruits belonged to God, and he assigned the Levites to receive them on his behalf (Numbers 18:12-13, 21, 24). It’s interesting that in verses 26 to 29 of that chapter, the Levites are then told to ‘tithe the tithes’, and it’s on that principle that churches, including St. Peter’s, allocate a tenth of their income to charitable giving.

However, the emphasis in the New Testament is not so much on tithing as on generosity. In 2 Corinthians, Paul praises the Macedonian church who, though they were themselves experiencing “a severe ordeal of affliction” and in “extreme poverty” (2 Cor.8:2), yet managed to be generous in their giving. Paul uses their example to urge his readers to be generous in their support of the work of the church.

The New Testament doesn’t specify how much a person should give, only that contributions should be made with a glad and generous heart.

The people of the New Testament were levied with taxes just as much as we are, if not even more. But unlike the people of that time we live in a welfare state which makes provision for the poor and needy which was the responsibility of the church to its members in New Testament time. These contributions to social welfare could be described as part of our tithe. Also today people give to charities which are not church related, and this type of giving could also be included in the original concept of ‘tithing’.

However, that still leaves the church needing support for its ministry, mission and the maintenance of its buildings.

I have always believed that if a parish is doing the right things and doing them well, the money looks after itself. People give gladly and generously. But they also need to know when income doesn’t match expenditure so that they can respond accordingly.

The work of God through the church has always needed generous financial support.

In a recent programme on television, “Jesus’ Female Disciples”, it was mentioned that Jesus and the twelve disciples were accompanied by some women, including Mary Magdalene and “Joanna, wife of Herod’s steward, Chuza, and many others who provided for them out of their own resources.” That’s nothing new because the quote is from Luke 8: 2&3.

The disciples James and John were obviously rich as they had their own fishing business, and there were also wealthy secret followers like Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. So rich and poor and all in-between were supporters of the newly formed churches.

I once heard a sermon, which made a deep impression on me, in which the preacher said that God is not glorified by a church in debt. He went on to say that as we call the church building ‘the house of God’ then it should be in good condition and order, saying that “only the best is good enough for God.”

In the end of the day, the generosity of our giving is in response to the generosity of God as we thank him for “our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life,” to quote the Prayer Book “A General Thanksgiving,” which went on to say that our thanks is especially in response to all the love that God has shown in Jesus “in the redemption of the world, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.”

Giving is part of our thanks to God. To give the last word to St. Paul, “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor.9: 7)

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY MAY

Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00pm 3.15pm	WOW Service Fishy Club in Parish Hall	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00pm	Mothers' Union in the Bier House	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am 6.30pm	Little Fishes in Parish Hall First Friday Eucharist	
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 3.00pm	Christian Aid Breakfast Church in the Bier House Installation of 8 <sup>th</sup> Dean of Liverpool Rev Canon Dr Sue Jones All welcome to attend.	
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am 12noon	Sunday Club Service of Baptism	
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Bible Study <i>with Ken Ward</i> in Bier House	
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm 3.15pm	Bible Study <i>with Alison Woodhouse</i> in Bier House Fishy Club in Parish Hall	
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	<b>Ascension Day</b> Eucharist in Holy Trinity Church Beginning of <b><i>Thy Kingdom Come</i></b> Campaign	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Little Fishes in Parish Hall	
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am to	3pm Deanery Prayer Pilgrimage – all churches will be open	
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am 12noon to 6.30pm	<b>The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Christian Aid Week</b> Sunday Club 3pm Deanery Prayer Pilgrimage – all churches will be open Christian Aid Service in Elbow Lane Methodist Church <b>No Evensong in St Peter's</b>	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Deanery Synod in St Luke's Church, Formby	
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Bible Study Group <i>with Ken Ward</i> in Bier House	
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Mothers' Union Centenary Service in Holy Trinity <i>Celebrating 100 years of the MU in Formby</i>	
	7.30pm	Primetime Ladies Group	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Little Fishes in Parish Hall	
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am 6.30pm	<b>Pentecost</b> All-Age Parade Service Service of Wholeness	
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Bible Study <i>with Ken Ward</i> in Bier House	
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3.15pm 7.30pm	Fishy Club end of year party in Parish Hall Bible Study Group <i>with Alison Woodhouse</i> in the Bier House	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Little Fishes in Parish Hall	
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	12noon	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> Children's Hot Dog Service in Church	
		<b><i>The Parish Team depart for Uganda</i></b>	
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>	2.00pm	Halcyon House Eucharist	

We would like to include the announcement of births, engagements and special anniversaries etc. so please let us know - [alisonwhiffing@aol.com](mailto:alisonwhiffing@aol.com)

# Future Dates for Your Diary

- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev Nathan Thorpe in Liverpool Cathedral.
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 10am Nathan's first celebration of the Eucharist.  
Special Preacher Rev Martin Thorpe
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 12noon Pet Service

## From the Church Registers

### Funerals

11<sup>th</sup> April Ivy Jones  
17<sup>th</sup> April George Clark  
20<sup>th</sup> April Ken Pinkstone



### Interment of Ashes

27 <sup>th</sup> March	Charles Grange
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Gary Rimmer
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Frederick & Jennie Murdock
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Joyce Scattergood
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Philip Pinnington
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Dorothy Barnes

## Church Flowers

Many people have special days in the year which they commemorate. Flowers on the altar of St Peter's Church can fittingly mark the anniversary of a birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage or death, or may be used as an expression of joy or thanksgiving at any time.

We invite you to remember your family, friends, and other loved ones with a donation towards our Church flowers. Suggested donation is £20.

The occasion would be printed in the Sunday bulletin (if you would prefer not to be included in the bulletin please let us know).

If you would like to make a donation for flowers on a particular Sunday, please put £20 or more in an envelope (cheques made payable to St Peter's PCC) and write details of the special event and date on the envelope.

Please send or hand in to the Parish Office at least 3 weeks before the special date.



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## District Scouts St George's Day Parade at St Peter's Church 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

