# St Peter's Church **Magazine September 2020**







# EDITORIAL

Here we are in September and there is a glimmer of light at the end of what has seemed a very long and dreary tunnel.

Church services are expanding this month, with two Eucharists on Sundays (9.00am and 10.30am, with the church being cleaned between times); and Wednesday Eucharist at 11.00am.

Baptism is also scheduled, and a Children's Service.

Sanitiser and face masks remain de rigueur.

Another sign of the creep towards normality is the rescheduling of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, postponed from April. It will now be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, though details have yet to be finalised.

The Electoral Roll will be open for revision and the addition of new members; application forms will be available in the Church Porch and should be completed and returned by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. The updated Electoral Roll will be published on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

In the meantime, many thanks to all who have played their part in keeping us healthy and sane!

You are appreciated!

The Editorial Team



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

#### If you would like to see the magazine in full colour, go to our website www.stpetersformby.co.uk

Please note the deadline for the October 2020 edition of the magazine is **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020.** Contributions to alisonwhiffing@aol.com.

# **NEW SERVICE TIMES IN SEPTEMBER**



#### From September there will be a 9am and 10.30am Eucharist each Sunday.

This is to facilitate safely the growing number of people attending the Sunday Eucharist. The church will be cleaned between these services.

When it is safe not to regulate numbers due to social distancing, our original times will be re-introduced.

Once a month at 12noon there will be a Baptism Service and also once a month there will be a separate children's service.

#### Please remember to use the hand sanitiser and wear a face mask.

The stewards on duty may need to ask you to move along a pew to make it possible for others to have a safe space. Please give others space as you leave the church after the service.

Thank you for your continued support as we try to make the church a safe place for as many as possible to worship.

#### Wednesday I I am Eucharist

The I Iam Eucharist will begin again in September. As on a Sunday, social distancing protocols will be in practice. When entering the church we ask that hand sanitiser is used and face masks are worn. The church will be open from 10.30am for individual prayer.

#### Evensong by Zoom and the pre-recorded Service

Evensong by Zoom and the pre-recorded service will continue during September. The pre-recorded service will not be shown in church,





#### Dear Fríends,

Surveys have started to appear charting the effects Covid 19 has had on parishes and their clergy. Pandemic restrictions and protocols have meant a complete change in the way parishes are run, and clergy, after many years of practising ministry in a certain way, have had suddenly to change the way ministry is done. One cleric remarked, "Shutting everything down was a whole lot less complicated than the debates over how to reopen."

A few constant themes have emerged:-

**Can Churches Recover?** Now that churches are open again and services, albeit slimmed down, have resumed, attendances are still only a fraction of what they were pre-coronavirus. Admittedly and quite rightly, people are erring on the side of caution and not wanting to put themselves at risk. But it will be quite a challenge to get back to where we were before and we need to keep being open to new ways of worshipping together even if that just means a service time change to assist more to come to church.

**Parish Finances** are high on the list of concerns. In many smaller churches no services meant no income. The challenge for each Diocese is how to balance the needs of ministry and the books. How many full-time clergy will a diocese be able to afford? What new kinds of ministry patterns will result? An uncertain future is ahead and it will be a time for the larger parishes to make sure they reach out to those who need help through these challenging times.

**Pastoral Care.** For clergy for whom pastoral care is important and part of the essence of ministry the lack of personal contact has been difficult. There are many times when you just need to be with people. Thank you to those who let me know when someone is ill or struggling as I may not have heard as the opportunities to be with people have been few.

**Technology.** We have been so fortunate in St Peter's to have our recorded services and Evensong by Zoom, thanks to David Holroyd and his willingness to grapple with new technology to give us all a sense of community. For some churches it just wasn't possible. David and I have already discussed the idea of recorded services in the future for festivals as we feel it would be a way of reaching those who are ill or live in Care Homes. Some of the new ways of communicating will be a benefit for the future. Though we long for the day to be able to gather freely and without worry as a worshipping community.

Many clergy have found that during the pandemic problems have become magnified, and differences of approach more intense. Stress and tiredness have dominated. One cleric has commented that "Going into lockdown together created a community spirit but coming out at different stages has caused angst and irritation."



We need to be aware of the strain that living with a pandemic has put on everyone and therefore work hard at staying patient, caring and encouraging. It is our Christian witness how we treat each other; how compassionate we are willing to be and how understanding to those who are fearful. Let each of us check our reactions and do our best to make them Spirit-led and not fuelled by our own frustrations and desires.

No wonder one Churchwarden said, "Perhaps I just need a hug!"



Here in St Peter's we are making headway at returning to some sort of normality. From September we will be holding two morning services at 9.00am and 10.30am. This will help spread the numbers whilst observing social distancing. The Wednesday morning Eucharist at 11am will also resume.

David has created a very helpful video for those who are wondering how being in church and receiving communion actually works. It is on our website. Due to restrictions and advice constantly changing we are planning each month at a time and will keep you all up-dated with any changes. It is unlikely that there will be a Harvest Thanksgiving this year or at least not in the way we have known and that may be the case for other celebrations. The plan is to be as creative and safe as possible in all that we do.



<u>Simon's Ordination</u> – nothing has been untouched in the present time, which includes Simon's Ordination. It has been a strange and somewhat difficult start for the curates to begin their ministries. It is not ideal that first sermons are preached to a camera! Though delayed, Simon will now be ordained deacon on 26<sup>th</sup> September in Liverpool Cathedral. All ordinations are classed as 'Life Events' in the same way as a wedding is and, therefore, only a maximum of 30 people can be present at the service. This means Simon can only invite four people plus myself as his Training Incumbent.

We hope that when Simon is ordained to the priesthood in 2021, we will all be able to gather and celebrate with him. Please remember Simon in your prayers on the 26<sup>th</sup> as he is ordained and we all look forward to his ministry amongst us.

As we move together through these months you can be assured of my prayers and support for you all.

#### Anne



During September we will continue to record a service for each Sunday morning to watch on computer as we continue to worship together.

Click on the link on our website home page each week to view the service.



#### https://stpetersformby.co.uk/

Thank you to those who have been involved both reading and preparing intercessions and to David Holroyd, whose expertise has been so important to us over these last months.

Services from previous weeks are still available on the website.



## Still worshipping together Sunday Evensong by Zoom

You are welcome to join our Sunday evening Zoom congregation at 6.30pm each week by clicking on the Zoom Services Link on the website Home page.

#### This Month's Suggested App

**Daily Prayer** is the official Church of England app to help you follow Morning, Evening and Night Prayer, wherever you are.

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# September Bible Readings

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

Exodus 12:1-14 / Romans 13: 8-14 / Matthew 18: 15-20 *Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>* 

Exodus 14:19-31 / Romans 14: 1-12 / Matthew 18: 21-35

#### Holy Cross Day (14<sup>th</sup>)

Isaiah 52: 13 – 53:12 / Ephesians 2: 11-22 / John 3:13-17

#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

Exodus 16:2-15 / Philippians 1:21-30 / Matthew 20: 1-16

#### St Matthew the Apostle (21<sup>st</sup>)

Proverbs 3:13-18 / 2 Corinthians 4:1-16 / Matthew 9: 9-13

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

Exodus 17:1-7 / Philippians 2:1-13 / Matthew 21:23-32

#### Michael and All Angels (29<sup>th</sup>)

Genesis 28:10-17 / Revelation 12: 7-12 / John 1:47-51

## Weekly Prayers for our Parish

Each Sunday we pray for the residents who live in our parish and during the year every street is included in our prayer rota.

During September please pray for all who live in -

6<sup>th</sup> Sept – Cable Street, The Hamptons, Dobbs Drive, Ryeground Lane

13<sup>th</sup> Sept – New Road, Clifton Road, Deansgate Lane, Mounthouse Road

20th Sept – Mounthouse Close, Longfield, Primrose Close, Smithy Green

27th Sept - Smithy Close, Moss Side, Fallowfield Close, Watchyard Lane



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#### The one who calls is faithful

Please pray for those to be ordained this Michaelmas

among them

#### SIMON MARK JAMES MACAULAY

to be ordained Deacon by

PAUL, LORD BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL

in his Cathedral Church of the Risen Christ Liverpool

on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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Pray also for Revd Anne Taylor, and the people of the Parish of Formby, St Peter, Apostle and Martyr, among whom Simon will serve as Assistant Curate, and the Parish of Toxteth, St Margaret of Antioch.

## Future Date for your Diary –

A.P.C.M. – Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm – venue TBC. This meeting is normally held in April but this year had to be postponed due to restrictions.

# HORIZONS REPORT DONATIONS 2020

In July, we donated £400 to the DEC Coronavirus Appeal. Millions of lives are at stake as Covid-19 hits refugee camps and war-torn countries like Yemen, Syria and South Sudan.

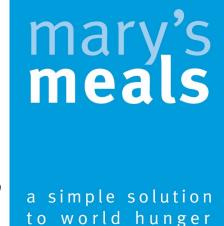
In the July/August magazine, the latest list of donations was published. There were some new causes we decided to support and below find some information on one of them.

#### Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals provides one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day.

Mary's Meals is named after Mary, mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty. MM consists of, respects and reaches out to people of all faiths and of none.

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To provide a daily meal, in a place of education, for children in the world's poorest communities.

To provide relief for those suffering, in any part of the world, as a result of humanitarian crises or poverty; to help people escape poverty; and to provide care for orphaned, abandoned and vulnerable children.

To raise awareness in the UK and worldwide of poverty issues through education.

For more information go to: www.marysmeals.org.uk

#### Paul McHenry

#### OVERSEAS PROJECT - UGANDA – update August 2020

This is primarily an update on the situation in Uganda this year since the Coronavirus pandemic hit them around the same time that the UK went into lockdown in March this year.



Readers may remember that in Project terms this was always planned to be, thankfully as it turned out, somewhat of a quiet year: in part to allow our first sustainability project with poultry to kick in; and quietly to show that we will not always be there. Following working visits by church teams in 2018 and 2019, 2020 was planned to be only remote support with visits returning from 2021.

Our last visit in May 2019 sparked off several projects which were delivered whilst on site or during the rest of 2019. Towards the end of 2019, the PCC agreed to support the provision of a replacement wheelchair for Prossy and an operation for Vivian to repair physical damage to her foot whilst an infant. Prossy received her new wheelchair prior to lockdown and Vivian's position will be covered in more detail below.

The Coronavirus pandemic was confirmed to have reached Uganda in March 2020 and slowly grew to 1,000 cases by mid-July. The first death was reported on 23 July. It is sadly reported that, by that same date, at least 12 people had allegedly been killed by security officers in apparent acts of excessive force when enforcing lockdown measures. The lockdown has been very strict including overnight curfews and special police passes required for travel, with some relaxations now being rolled out. At the time of drafting (04 Aug), there were 1195 confirmed cases of Covid-19 with Ugandan nationals; 1070 recovered cases; and 5 deaths.

It seems that Uganda is holding up really well in terms of the pandemic but less so in other areas where the annual MAM (March, April, May) rainfall season brought heavy floods and landslides to the Western Region of Uganda causing the displacement of thousands of residents and the destruction of crops, whilst torrential rain caused floods in the Lake Victoria basin which borders the Central Region of Uganda. We are pleased to report that our local contacts Elizabeth and Richard are safe and well, along with their families. So too the village of Kalule and specifically the poultry project where, despite increased feed costs due to the pandemic, the two coops are thriving. Hopefully egg sales will soon commence and generate revenue as relaxations increase.

Vivian Namyalo was only 8 months old when her elder brother was holding her on a bicycle when she accidentally fell down to the ground. Her parents thought that it was a simple accident and that the initial muscular damage to her foot would soon recover. That recovery never materialised and her situation gradually worsened. We first met Vivian on the May 2019 visit and that evening discussions ensued about what, if anything, we could do to help. Following our return, similar discussions took place in the Uganda Committee, an estimate of cost was sought and submitted to the PCC at £625. Now with PCC approval, our mentor Revd Sheilagh Williamson was on site in January 2020 to escort Vivian to her first visit to the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services of Uganda (CoRSU).

CoRSU Rehabilitation Hospital is a specialized surgical hospital that focuses on the surgical correction and rehabilitation of orthopaedic problems which account for over 50 percent of the patients served.

Sheilagh reported good news in that pre-op and post-op treatment would likely cost no more than £150 involving manipulation and several weeks in a plaster cast to lengthen her ligaments. The operation itself would now be free under their charitable status. It was only discovered after two further attendances and painful manipulations that the operation and all other treatment and overnight hospital accommodation costs fell outside the terms of their charity. Whilst a shock, we were now faced with a dilemma: to continue at an unknown final cost and outcome or to stop and end the hopes and aspirations of this child. Fortunately, once again in March the PCC was very supportive and agreed in the light of revised estimates that we should finish what we had started.

The following photographs provide a chronological storyline of Vivian's journey so far. We may have shouldered the financial pain but Vivian the physical pain. Was the journey worthwhile? Here are the words of her Aunt "Good morning sir am Vivian's aunt I thank u so much for the support you have rendered to my niece may the Almighty God reward your kind hearts that think about those that are needy." We asked our Project Manager, Richard Kaboggoza, for an opinion "Yes Vivian is so happy and the family is extremely happy she is now far better." Vivian has another appointment in October which will hopefully see her discharged. Current estimates amount to £1,176 and may slightly increase.

Vivian's future will look very different after this operation. Thank you for the continued generosity of so many.

#### **Ted Woods and Mike Fletcher**



(1) Initial injury with sole of foot almost 90 deg vertical;

2 Feb leaving after first hospital visit for manipulation (big plaster cast);

**③** March leaving after hospitalisation and operation (leg and ankle straighter, still big cast);

(4) May after hospital review (now much straighter with lighter cast);

**(5)** July after hospital review and now with even less support, holding her cousin.

# Tug of War

It must be difficult for an artist and creator to know how posterity will consider their work and which will survive. Saint- Saens composed many works but within his own life time his 'Carnival of the Animals' became enormously popular, to such an extent that he banned it. John Constable would be delighted to know that his picture 'The Hay Wain' is on so many biscuit tins. William Turner had no problem in considering his own work memorable and as a result willed his pictures to the Nation. There was however one picture he kept to himself after it was exhibited, the oil painting 'The Fighting Temeraire' (1839). From the very first, those who saw it acclaimed it a masterpiece. Most people will be familiar with the image (illustrated) of the famous old battleship which had fought at Trafalgar being towed to the breaker's yard.



Turner, himself, had seen and drawn these ships returning from the Battle of Trafalgar, they represented the pinnacle of the craft of boat building, and also were a symbol of the 20 year victorious war with France. The strength of the picture is that the old worn out wooden ship is being towed by a steel steam driven tug, the old much respected idea of an older age being replaced by the new and challenging era.

It would be interesting to guess how the old and the new replacing it would be painted today. In the early nineteen hundreds this was shown in cartoons as old carts being pulled by a motor driven vehicle perhaps today an old typewriter replaced by the computer? Yet Turner's picture and images of the old being replaced by the new often bring into focus the values of yesteryear and ask the question of what may have been lost as a consequence. Turner exhibited the picture with the lines "*The flag which braved the battle and the breeze, no longer owns her.*"

We do seem to live in an age where we discard a great deal but there is always the difficulty of deciding what to hold on to and what to let go; nostalgia can play a large part in this. Concerns about uncertainty make us look back to when values seemed more clearly defined and certain.

In a recent TV programme there was an attempt to show that much of our understanding of history is sometimes based on misinterpretations.

These myths help provide an ideology. The programmer was not wholly successful. As an example the presenter said that the protestant tradition claimed Henry V111 as a protestant founder of the reformation when he in fact he retained the Catholic approach to the Mass. Historians have always accepted Henry's Catholic standpoint. However the approach taken by the presenter was important in attempting to find a true understanding of the past. This is better than the Nazi Goebbels encouraging the burning of books, saying "Commit to the flames the evil spirit of the past."

Where therefore should the bedrock of understanding lie and what filters should we have to understand the past? It is difficult to challenge the hard-won understanding of historians, yet we can and should judge the past. For example Henry Ford gave the world the Model T car making driving available to many for the first time yet some of his workforce fell dead at the assembly line from fatigue and need.

Each generation has to make its own evaluation of the past from the work of diligent historians. Perhaps the way forward is to place a stencil over the past using the criteria given to us by St Paul in his letter to Romans.

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good: love one another with mutual affection: outdo one another in showing honour."

#### **Rod Jacques**

The Rt Revd Mariann Edgar Budde came to attention when she rebuked President Donald Trump for using tear gas to stage a photo opportunity at a church in Washington.

She was invited to give the benediction for the second night of the Democratic National Convention, and appropriately took a non-partisan approach. She began by quoting pastor and peace activist William Sloane Coffin:

May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short; grace to do something big for something good; grace to remember the world is too dangerous now for anything but truth and too small for anything but love. Amen



#### **Children's Hotdog Service** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon

This will be the restart of our children's ministry activities. There will be a pew for each family to help with social distancing. And hopefully some sunshine so that we can eat outside!

Breakfast Church will start again on

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 9am, meeting in the Bier House and using the Iona Morning Service. Tea & toast will be available afterwards. If preferred, please bring your own mug.

This service gives time to reflect on the readings and pray for specific needs in our world, our parish or for those whom we know. Social distancing will be in place.



Everyone is very welcome.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who has dropped items into the Foodbank boxes in the Church Porch or sent financial donations.





Your help is very much appreciated and assists the **DONATE** most vulnerable. Over these past months many of the usual sources of donations for the Foodbank have not been operating.

> Also a sincere **THANK YOU** to Glyn & Monica Jones who have gone twice a week to deliver the collected items to the Foodbank.

The Church Porch remains open everyday from 10am to 5pm for donations. The boxes are emptied regularly during the day.

The items particularly needed are: Shampoo, UHT Long Life Milk, Tinned Meat such as Ham, Long Life Juice, Jam, Breakfast Cereal, Tinned Vegetables.

The Foodbank has plenty of – Soup, Baby Food, Packeted Pasta, Ladies' Sanitary items and Baked Beans. Many thanks.

#### **Trinity St Peter's School Admissions for September 2021**

Due to the exceptional circumstances of COVID and in line with variation agreed by the office of the schools adjudicator, admissions for September 2021 for Trinity St Peter's Church of England Primary School will be based on attendance at church services (in St Peter's or Holy Trinity) in January and February and from September to December 2020 and January 2021 (at least once a month and a minimum of six times).



Please sign in the yellow folder to record attendance (ask the clergy or Churchwardens for details).

#### www.trinitystpeters.org





A very warm welcome to Revd Matt Davis the new Vicar of St Luke's, Formby.

Matt will be licensed on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. He moves from St Anne's Church, Aigburth, where he served as Assistant Curate.

The great news is that Matt originally comes from Lisburn, Co Antrim. Which of course means there are now two vicars in Formby from Lisburn and who attended the same primary school!

How lucky are the people of Formby!!

We wish Matt, his wife Liz and their two sons every happiness as they settle into life in Formby.

#### Songs of Praise comes to Formby



'How would you like to talk about squirrels on Songs of Praise?' asked Revd Anne way back in the darkest days of lockdown. She knew that we were used to talking to visitors about the local red squirrel population in our work for the National Trust and thought that, as members of the St Peter's congregation, we would be the perfect people for the job.

Not known for shunning the limelight our immediate answer was, of course, yes! How exciting.

So that is how, several weeks later, we found ourselves filming in the woods one sunny afternoon with Jessica the producer, Rebecca the researcher, a man with a camera, a man in charge of sound (complete with a big fuzzy microphone on a stick) and a celebrity vicar, the Revd Kate Bottley.

We'd previously had a Zoom 'chat' with Rebecca to make sure that we knew what we were talking about (i.e. red squirrels) and were confident enough to talk about it on camera. We were asked various questions about the squirrels and to confirm that we were both people of faith. Talking on Zoom is one thing, however, 'doing it for real' is quite another.

We spent 2 hours in the woods, following instructions to walk here, stand there, look this way then that way and going over questions and answers (all about squirrels) filming from different angles. We were interrupted a few times by visitors walking past but managed to avoid having a crowd gather (as we were told sometimes happens) and only one group really stopped to talk to Revd Kate who dutifully chatted, petted dogs and was generally lovely to everyone.

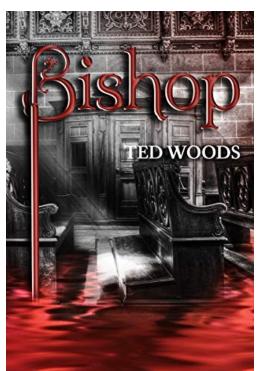


Despite Sonia being convinced she'd talked gibberish the whole time, Revd Kate did reassure us that the Songs of Praise editing team always made everyone sound good and so it amazingly transpired. Our 3 minutes of fame were finally aired at the end of July and what a great programme it was. We were working at the National Trust site that afternoon but how lovely to be 'spotted' together at the kiosk at Victoria Road later that day and asked 'are you that couple we've just seen on Songs of Praise?'. Fame at last!

Just wish the editing team had done something with the lockdown hair  $\ensuremath{\textcircled{\sc one}}$ 

#### **Sonia and Andrew**

#### Want a good read about a fictional bishop and church goings-on? Then maybe Bishop by Ted Woods is the book for you!



Even as a student, Arthur Easterby was tipped to become a bishop.

Ambitious and able, he carefully plotted his progress to preferment including marrying his Rector/Archdeacon's daughter. So it was no surprise when in due course he was elected as bishop of Daneford, just outside Dublin.

In a hurry to make his new diocese a flagship for Growth and Renewal and make a name for himself in the process, Arthur became autocratic rather than a 'pastor pastorum', alienating both clergy and laity.

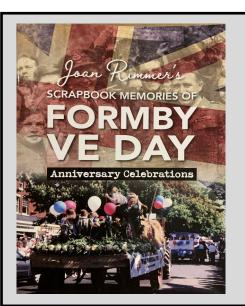
What nobody realised was that he also carried a dark secret!

Ebook Edition: £2.99 available from Beaten Track Publishing & Amazon Paperback Edition: £7.99 available from Beaten Track Publishing and St Peter's Vicarage (tedwoods1607@gmail.com)

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Ted's first book "AND SOME THERE WERE" -Sketches of some Irish Anglican prelates and priests is available as an ebook on Amazon.





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# TRAVELS - PART ONE

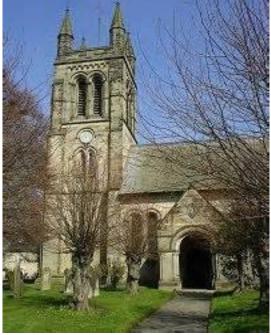
#### **By Jannice Crawford**

One of the things I am always amazed at, is when I go away from home, I can always find a church to visit and I am always made most welcome. This is such an important part of being a member of any church, that we welcome visitors and enjoy their experiences. I have recently been able, at last, to visit my new Grandson in Cambridge. He is nearly 4 months old and I have been waiting for my visit with great anticipation. My son and daughter—in-law live in the lovely village of Newnham right next to the Grantchester Meadows. Over the years I have joined both the churches of Newnham and Grantchester and have got to know the Vicar there, the Revd Rachel Rosborough.

This Sunday I joined them via Zoom, and it was so good to see many familiar faces. I was actually introduced to people and I sent greetings to them all from us at our church of St Peter's. The church of St Andrew and St Mary is much older than ours, dating back to the 1100 AD, with the chancel dating back to c1360 and cared for by Corpus Christi College in the nearby Cambridge.

The college has a coat of arms with images of a pelican and lilies being symbolised in an old rhyme: *Fit emblem in the bird I see of Christ who shed his blood for me, and in the lilies undefiled the Mother of this Blessed Child.* They appear on the mosaic floor before the altar, together with the Tudor Rose, which marks the village's connection to Kings College.





The church is also famous for featuring in the TV series "Grantchester" with Robson Green, James Norton and now Tom Brittney. Some of the people I know have played as extras but as yet my visits have not coincided with the filming.

Coming from Yorkshire, I have often gone back there and hired the same cottage for many years near the village of Helmsley, where I have attended services at All Saints throughout the year, including Christmas.

#### All Saints, Helmsley

When I first started going there, I told the Vicar I came from Ainsdale, not expecting him to know where that was, but he had been a curate in Crosby and of course knew Formby and St Peter's. Again, I was made most welcome and as they lacked a choir I made sure I led the singing, with some strange looks from my husband.

Another favourite place I have visited over the years is Mousehole, Cornwall and the church of All Saints, Paul. Sunday mornings were the time for a good walk up a steep hill from Mousehole to Paul but worth every minute of it. I have again been made to feel very welcome and after a few years it is like home to me.



All Saints, Paul, Cornwall

I have been there so often that I was asked if I would like to join the choir and one Evensong even ended up playing the organ.

My son Matthew has a Roman Godfather and we have quite a lot of family in Rome and other parts of Italy. Christmas and New Year in Rome is quite an experience and we always go to church, again an All Saints, just down from the Piazza di Spagna where we know St Joseph's College and the staff there. The very first time we went one Christmas morning we were asked to tell everyone where we came from and why we were in Rome. I stood up and explained just that, not knowing what would happen afterwards.



Coffee and wine being served after the service I was chatting to people when I heard my maiden name being called out. It was only my Physics teacher from the Grammar School in Southport who was a warden at the church and had lived there for many years.

Not only this but the Vicar, who was actually the Archdeacon of the Anglican church in Italy and Malta, had been the curate at Holy Trinity Southport and I had known him from the time I had attended there before moving to Ainsdale.

All Saints, Rome

#### Part Two follows in the next edition

#### **Covid – 19**

The spring of 2020 Will go down in history As the time we lost our freedom And were plunged in misery.

A cruel virus hit the world And countless lives were lost, These islands joined the mayhem And paid the highest cost.

In the run-up to the lockdown The public went insane Stripping the shelves of every shop Like war time once again.

Business and industry closed down, Isolation was the game, Strict rules and regulations Meant life was not the same.

Our roads were all deserted, Like ghost towns everywhere, But bikes and feet were still allowed To get some clean fresh air.

Garden centres were hit hard With their stock just right for sale, Bankruptcy stared them in the face, Locked down like a coffin nail.

Every mortal thing was stopped, Funerals, weddings, sport, VE Day celebrations Long planned, all came to nought. Our N.H.S. were heroes Slaving morning, noon and night, Risking their lives on our behalf In this evil virus fight.

The staff of all the food shops Were in the firing line As bravely they served the public With essential food and wine.

Livelihoods were shattered, No-one seemed to have a clue, When would this torment ever end, Education suffered too.

The government came to rescue Those furloughed from their tasks, 80% they paid them, "How can they?" many asked.

One day we'll have an answer Though we'll never comprehend The selfishness of some folks And the kindness of each friend.

2020 was a nightmare Though with the weather we were blessed, So many lost their loved ones, So many were depressed.

But always there is sunshine Which follows after rain, We've had it all the wrong way round, And good times will come again.

JOAN RIMMER (1/6/2020)

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**THANK YOU** for your continued financial support for the work and mission of our parish. We are delighted that the church is now open for services again – on a Sunday at 9am & 10.30am and a Wednesday at 11am.

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# Gratitude

The day that lockdown in Scotland was removed and allowed people to travel, my son came and took me back with him to their home. I don't know how long my stay will be, it will depend on any more lockdowns.

I slept for most of the two hundred mile journey here, as the motion of the car lulls me to sleep. So the next day I was fresh, and we sat out in the back garden catching up on the seven months absence from one another, and all that had gone on with the "virus" which Sheila had from Christmas to Easter and beyond. It was horrible!

For three days we had a happy time in the sunshine and even had a day out to Stranraer, twenty five miles away to do some shopping.

The following morning, as I sat out in the sun, having a cup of tea, the phone rang, and Steve came out to tell me that my friend Cathy had been found dead. I was stunned!

For twenty five years we had been best friends and saw one another most days. We went out, did shopping and had holidays together, day trips and 101 other things. When Eric died she was a tower of strength for me. Every Sunday after Mass at St Anne's she came straight to my house for her dinner and stayed the rest of the day, or we would go out for a meal and walk round a garden centre. Each time she left me she gave me a hug and said "What would I do without you?" Now, what will I do without her?

I shall do as I said in last month's article and count my blessings. Cathy was a great blessing to me and I have many happy memories to think about, and I can be so grateful that we had our friendship for so long. Her death was very sudden, so I can be grateful for that too.

Now, as I sit here, watching the rain come down in torrents, and hear the relentless restlessness of the river outside my window I am so grateful that I am with my loving family. It may be raining today, but even the river is alive and rushing to the sea a few miles away. The scenery is beautiful, the birds and trees (millions of them) are in full summer garment, and hundreds of birds chorus to each other for our music. Who could not count their blessings and be grateful when we see and hear the wonders that God has given us to compensate for our losses?

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#### From the Church Registers - Baptisms



19<sup>th</sup> July Scarlett Rosina Margaret Kkounnous, daughter of Andreas & Robyn



30<sup>th</sup> August Louis James Casey, son of Lyndsey & James

## **Church Flowers**

Many people have special days in the year which they commemorate and flowers on the altar of St Peter's Church can fittingly mark the special event.



We invite you to remember your family and friends with a donation towards our Church flowers. Suggested donation is £20. The occasion would also be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

#### Please first contact the Parish Office on 871171 for more details and to reserve your date.

We would be grateful if you would make donations either by yellow envelope marked "Flowers" or direct to the following account:

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A GRANDFATHER WAS WALKING THROUGH HIS YARD WHEN HE HEARD HIS GRANDDAUGHTER REPEATING THE ALPHABET IN A TONE OF VOICE THAT SOUNDED LIKE PRAYER. HE ASKED HER WHAT SHE WAS DOING. THE LITTLE GIRL EXPLAINED: 'I'M PRAYING, BUT I CAN'T THINK OF EXACTLY THE RIGHT WORDS, SO I'M JUST SAYING ALL THE LETTERS, AND GOD WILL PUT THEM TOGETHER FOR ME BECAUSE HE KNOWS WHAT I'M THINKING.'



# WOMEN OF THE BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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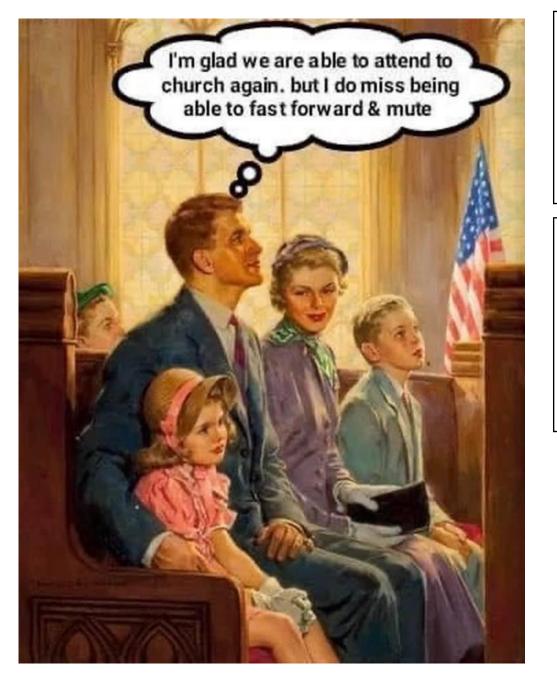
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A wise teacher once brought balloons to school, told her pupils to blow them up and write their name on one. After the children tossed their balloons into the hall, the teacher moved through the hall mixing them all up.

The kids were given five minutes to find the balloon with their name on it, but though they searched frantically, no one found their own balloon.

Then the teacher told them to take the balloon closest to them and give it to the person whose name was on it. In less than two minutes, everyone was holding their own balloon.

The teacher said to the children, "These balloons are like happiness. We won't find it when we're only searching for our own. But if we care about someone else's happiness...it will ultimately help us find our own."



Q: How many Witches does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Into what?

Albert Einstein was an absolute genius, on the other hand his brother Frank was a monster.





# From the Back Pew Ted Woods

## VERSES FROM THE CHURCHYARD

Wandering through the churchyard here in St Peter's, I have noticed that while most gravestones are inscribed with just names and dates, there are others which have religious poems included.

They are all very serious – well, death was, and is, a very serious matter! But they also reflect that the Victorians were a very religious people, and in the face of a growing questioning of faith, still wanted to preach at those who might stop and read the inscriptions.

I found over 20 of such verses and here are a few of them:-

Peacefully sleeping free from pain In God's own time we'll meet again. Life at its best is brief. We have not long to stay. Remember both in joy and grief To watch and pray.

# *Wilfred Alfred Rimmer died April 1881, aged 65*

Dear children, as you pass by On my grave cast a longing eye. And as I am, you sure must be. So prepare yourselves to follow me.

#### Catherine Rice died February 1855, aged 81

They are gone to the grave We no longer can hold them. We trod the rough path by their side. But the wide arms of mercy Are pierced to enfold them. And sinners may hope For the Saviour has died.

*Catherine Ball died March 1865, aged 73* 

Some are quite fatalistic about death:-

Affliction sore long time I bore Physicians worked in vain. Till Christ in mercy gave relief And freed me from my pain.

#### Anne Brown died 1857, aged 20

Short was my stay, long be my rest The Lord took me when he thought best.

Weep not for me, my parents true, For I was only lent to you.

#### Richard Dean died November 1894, aged 25

A husband and a father dear A faithful friend when he was here. In love he lived, in peace he died. His life was asked but God denied.

*William Rimmer died Sept 1867, Aged 91*  And some were full of hope:-

If I ask him to receive me Will he say me nay. Not till earth and not till heaven Pass away.

#### Mary Jane Sumner died January 1899, aged 37

Not gone from memory Not gone from love. But gone to the heavenly home above.

# *Elizabeth Dickinson died Sept 1898, aged 67*

Her pains so patiently she bore We watched her dying bed. Her quiet eyes have gently closed. To heaven we hope she's sped.

#### *Elizabeth Sumner died October 1874, aged 55*

And here are a few lighter epitaphs – though not from St Peter's!

Here lies the Reverend Jonathan Doe. Where he has gone to I don't know. If haply to the realms above Farewell to happiness and love. If haply to a lower level I can't congratulate the Devil.

For a dentist Stranger! Approach this spot with gravity. John Brown is filling his last cavity.

For a Car Driver He passed the bobby without any fuss And he passed a cart of hay. He tried to pass a swerving bus And then he passed away.



And finally,

Here lies one Wood Enclosed in Wood. One Wood within another. One of these Woods is very good. We cannot praise the other.





### **From the Church Registers**

#### Funerals

20<sup>th</sup> July 4<sup>th</sup> August

Alison Jane Milles John Williams

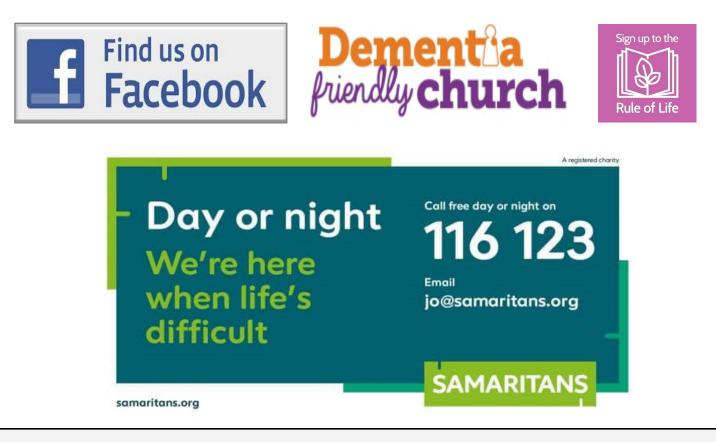
#### **Interment of Ashes**

26<sup>th</sup> July

**Brendan James Ginty** 



The funeral service sheets can be viewed on the parish website in the section marked Funeral Services.



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Pen drawing by **Dougie Knight** (to illustrate verse 8 of Joan Rimmer's Covid-19 poem on page 22)