

St Peter's Church Magazine

July/August 2017



**Ordination of
Revd Nathan
Thorpe
as a Deacon
Sunday
25th June
in
Liverpool
Cathedral**



St Peter's Day Out

Saturday 9th September 2017

Tatton Park's neo classical mansion - Open 1pm-5pm.

Tatton Park's award-winning gardens - Open 10am-6pm.

Tatton Park's working farm - Open 12pm-5pm.



Tatton Park's Tudor Old Hall - The estate's oldest and most haunted building.

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

Please note for arranging transport we would like names by the 13th August 2017. There will be a list in the church porch or contact the Parish Office.

From the Editorial Team

The highlight of our combined July/August edition is undoubtedly Ted Woods' 50th Anniversary of Ordination Service which was such a happy occasion with almost 200 people attending the event, signifying the affection we have for him.

The next celebration is when we welcome our new Curate, Nathan Thorpe, and we hope he will be very happy in St Peter's.

Work on the Bier House extension is going to schedule, although at one stage the foreman jokily suggested he might surreptitiously plant some old bones within the foundations, giving rise to an inquiry and a holiday bonus for himself and his team!!

Steve Edwards regularly monitors progress and there is an article that includes photographs showing how work is progressing (page 8).

Finally we draw your attention to an article from the Food Bank Committee which notes that stocks have run down to very low levels. Please note the particular items that are in short supply, and give as much help as possible to those in need (page 11).

Our next magazine will be the September issue. In the meantime have a wonderful summer, and our best wishes to Anne and Ted as they depart for a well deserved holiday.

Best wishes from 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

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

This is a way to help us keep in touch.

*Please note the **early** deadline for the September 2017 edition of the magazine - **Friday 21st July 2017**. Contributions to alisonwhiffing@aol.com please.*

Dear Friends,

This month's letter starts like the Beatles' song with "Hello, Good-bye!"

*Hello,
Goodbye*

We say hello to the Revd Nathan Thorpe as he begins his ministry among us in St Peter's. Nathan was one of sixteen men and women who were ordained to the diaconate at a very impressive service in Liverpool Cathedral. We look forward to getting to know Nathan better over the coming years and we assure him of our support and prayers.

We also send our good wishes to Nathan's fiancée, Poppy Richards, who was also ordained and will serve in Holy Trinity, Formby. Nathan and Poppy will be getting married on 22nd September. So a busy summer ahead for both of them as they settle into parish life and plan a wedding!

Our sad good-bye is to Graham & Marilyn Jones. Graham has been Director of Music in St Peter's for the last 36 years. He has served us in St Peter's with great skill, dedication and care, establishing a fine musical tradition in our parish. Marilyn has sung in the choir and has been a constant support not only to Graham but to all the members of the choir.

Graham's last Sunday with us will be on Sunday 17th September when we shall say farewell to them both at the 10am Eucharist. We wish them both every happiness as they prepare to move closer to their family in Welwyn, Hertfordshire.

Before we truly get into holiday mode there are a few special services in July. By the time you read this Nathan will have been welcomed at his first All-Age Parade Service with an opportunity to meet people over refreshments in the Vicarage garden (including a bouncy castle!).

On Sunday 9th we will be observing Sea Sunday. Members of TimeOut visited the Seafarers' Centre in Waterloo in May. We were made aware of the fact that 95% of our imports arrive by sea and therefore of our huge reliance on shipping. The crews of these are often on less than the minimum wage and can spend up to 90 days at sea, sometimes only getting home once or twice a year. They rely on the Centre to communicate with their families and to have a break from the claustrophobic nature of crew life. We were told that books, CDs, DVDs and small toys for their families would be most welcome. If you have spare items please bring them to church or leave them in the Parish Office and we will deliver them to the Centre.

The following Sailor's version of Psalm 23 is appropriate for Sea Sunday

The Lord is my pilot, I shall not drift.
He guides me across the dark waters.
He steers me through deep channels.
He keeps my log.
Yea, though I sail 'mid the thunders and tempest of life,
I shall dread no anger, for He is with me;
His love and His care, shelter me.
He prepares a quiet harbour before me.
He anoints the waves with oil
My ship rides calmly.
Surely sunlight and starlight
shall guide me on the voyage I take,
And I will rest in the heaven's port forever.



On the same Sunday we will be holding our annual Pet Service. You are invited to bring along your family pet whether it has 4 legs, 2 legs or no legs!! After all, the animal world is part of God's creation and they are an important part of many people's lives. At that service there will be a collection for the Woodlands Animal Sanctuary.

Finally, as summer holidays approach I would like to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable time wherever you may be and may we all come back refreshed and renewed for what promises to be another great year in St Peter's.

Anne

Pet Service

Sunday 9th July at 12noon

All pets GREAT and small are very welcome



The Bier House Project



The extension to the Bier House is commencing well and we look forward to **Sunday 3rd September** when Bishop Richard will come to officially open it.

When writing, the old kitchen has gone and the partition wall is being removed.

The internal walls of the work shed and the toilet have been removed. The foundations have been laid for the extension which are deep enough to withstand a small earthquake! This is the requirement from the structural engineer. Also Sefton Council Conservation Officer has agreed the slates, bricks and new window.

The trench for the new foundations was dug revealing the foundations for the original wall that went behind the east end of the church, before the churchyard was expanded.

You can see the original wall behind the hay stooks in the photo below. This photo was recently discovered by our Archivist, Mike Brian, in our Archive Room.

All is progressing well and further up-dates will be posted on our website – www.stpetersformby.co.uk



Dear St Peter's,

Well, it's nearly time to say hello in person! I'm really looking forward to getting started and getting to know you all.

If you haven't seen me wandering about then I'm pleased to let you know that I moved in on Saturday the 10th without a hitch (only one bookcase that couldn't fit up the stairs). Considering items were coming from Cheshire, Nottinghamshire and County Durham, I consider that a good result! The weather has been brilliant too (Anne assures me it's always like this...).



I would just like to express Poppy's and my immense gratitude and deep thanks to all those who put so much time and effort into making the curate's house such a beautiful place in which to start our new jobs and begin married life. Thank you so much. It could be a little intimidating to go from 6 years of student digs to a stupendous house but I'm enjoying every minute of it (unless I hit my thumb with a hammer... only once so far). So thank you again!

We have felt thoroughly welcomed by all of you and are really enjoying setting a home up – even though it will be September when Poppy fully moves in after we get married. It's been great to chat to you as I've seen some of you around – do make yourselves known to me. I'm really looking forward to my first Sunday, the Sunday Club sprinkler party next month and have already undertaken some dementia training with Anne. I am also pleased to find some familiarity in the history of St Peter's and my own – Revd Jack Thomas (1953-75) and I studied at the same University and he was also keen on snooker and billiards (advice on where to play appreciated.....).

Apart from to say thank you, I'd just like to let you all know that I will be continuing to pray for you as I go off to the pre-ordination retreat. I sit in my new study with a copy of the magazine given to me last July/ August and am incredibly thankful to you, to Anne and to God for this opportunity to learn amongst you.

All the best,

Nathan



THE CURATE

by Archbishop Donald Caird

The work of a curate is never done
From the glow in the east to the setting sun.
But on the whole his lot is a happy one
Unlike the poor policeman of Penzance!

Curates come in all sizes and shapes-
From retiring angels to raging apes,
Those who sip earl grey with a dowager
To those who'll lower a pint with a gouger! *

It isn't so many years ago
When the curate was always a "he".
But now with recent canonical change,
Some are rightly referred to as "she".

The problems they meet, they can solve on their feet.
But if the issue becomes too resistant
They can always rely on the standard reply,
"But I'm only the curate assistant!

Responsibility lies much higher than I
With vicar, archdeacon or bishop,
With PCC or the Synod itself,"
Where the problem will lie on the shelf!

The meals that he eats on the stipend he gets
Keeps him smart-brained, bright-eyed and fitter.
For one meal a day is a great way to stay
In the parish, "the pride of the litter!"

When at last he's in sight of a golden crown
He will look for a church of his own.
Interviews done, he'll wait by the phone.
Will the call make him cheer or bemoan?



Donald Caird, who died last month, was a former Archbishop of Dublin. In 1995 he ordained Anne as a priest just before he retired. He was a man of wise counsel and great humour.

At one Dublin Diocesan function he recited the following poem that he had written.

* "gouger" is a Dublin expression for an unsavoury character

WHAT IS A DEACON?

As Nathan begins his ministry among us at St. Peter's he does so as a deacon.

Deacons are first mentioned in chapter 6 of The Acts of the Apostles. The young Christian church was beginning to grow and much practical work had to be done, like "the daily distribution of food" to those in need. It was becoming more than the twelve apostles could cope with, so the decision was made to select seven persons "of good standing and full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom" for the work of practical service in this way. These seven were called deacons, meaning those who serve.



As we know from the description of Philip, one of the deacons, in Acts 8, deacons also preached and baptised.

And so, as the church developed, a three-fold pattern of ministry became established – bishop, priest and deacon. The *bishop* became the leader of the church in a local area, the *priests* were his representatives in local communities, commissioned to lead local communities, to celebrate the sacraments and to be "shepherds among the people to whom they are sent." The priests could be assisted by *deacons* who would "remind the whole Church that serving is at the heart of all ministry."

Whereas in some churches there is a permanent order of deacons, in the Church of England, the diaconate has come to be a probationary year before ordination to priesthood. In June 2018 we will celebrate with Nathan when we is ordained into the priesthood.

Deacons can carry out all the functions of ministry except celebrate the Eucharist, pronounce absolution and bless the people in Christ's name. Their distinctive badge of office is that they wear their stoles like a sash across the left shoulder.

In his charge to those to be ordained deacon, the bishop says:-

"Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God's people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession. They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in the ministering of the sacraments; they distribute communion and minister to the sick and housebound."



We were saddened by the recent death of Lily Kearsley. Lily was one of our longest serving members, and was Branch Treasurer and a member of the

committee for many years.

Members and visitors marked the closing event of the branch season at the Strawberry Tea on 1st June with strawberries, cream and scones in the Parish Hall. We are grateful to those who brought scones and to all who helped. This was followed by a bring & buy, the proceeds of which are a valuable contribution to our funds.

On Tuesday, 22nd August, we are invited by Beverley Boden, Deanery President, to a garden party for Deanery members at 2.00 pm in her beautiful garden at 40 Spinney Crescent, Blundellsands. All members are welcome to attend.

The new season opens on Thursday, 7th September, when Ken Ward will take us on 'A Trip to Glasgow', illustrated with slides.

On Wednesday, 13th September, we are holding a Beetle Drive in the Bier House. This is a fun evening which is always greatly enjoyed by those who take part.

As our summer outing next year, it is proposed that on 7th June 2018 we should venture to Chester for a sail on the Shropshire Union Canal aboard the L'eau-T Cuisine Restaurant Cruiser. Lunch, freshly prepared by the Mill Hotel, is served on board in a dining room as we sail first towards the Northgate Lock and then the Hoole Lane Lock and beyond. To secure a booking we have to make it for a minimum number before the end of this July. The cost will be £21.50 per person and travel will be by train using travel passes. For more information, please telephone Eleanor, 874112, and if you would like to book please let her have a deposit of £5.00 before the end of July.

The Mothers' Union catalogue is now available from Tricia Shaw in the Parish Office, 871171.

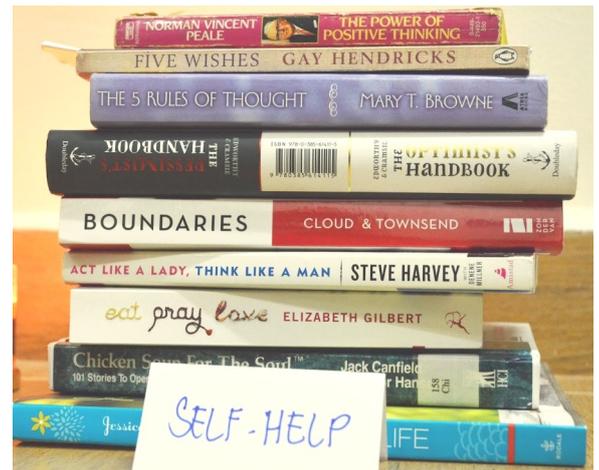
May we wish you all an enjoyable and refreshing summer.

Eleanor

HISTORY-WRITTEN BACKWARDS

Most bookshops have a table set aside for books whose theme is 'how to succeed in management'. Some show the short way up the greasy pole. There it would be with a shiny cover stating 30-50 ideas which will turn you into that competent, liked, successful, wealthy, envied senior manager. (Although it has also been said that the best advice is to dress as your boss).

Very often these books are written backwards. A successful person looks back at what has been the reason for their rise. This is then shaken into, "Ten tested way to succeed." Or "How to face the elephant at work". To be fair, much of what is said is OK but far too often it is about fighting your way to promotion or how to compete and still be liked.



In the 1980's a major conference of prison governors was held to help them understand modern systems of management. Leaders of industry were listed as speakers and clearly top civil servants hoped new and innovative approaches to the institutional running of a prison would soon be introduced. The speakers were good and explained how they had turned round failing businesses. Unfortunately they all started by stating that they reduced staffing levels to match reduced income, and then built up their organisation. The coffee breaks had members of the conference asking how to reduce staff and the number of prisoners. The information given had not been relevant to their needs.

Management language has to be relevant and not just a series of punch lines. For example one book stated that the successful manager must use a multiplex not a uniplex approach to staff. This apparently meant the manager should be aware of the needs of staff - talk about everyday things. This was no more than the armed forces taught to young officers. In fact a company commander would expect a subaltern to know the details of all the men under his charge. Two rules were applied: the first was always to explain as there will be a time you cannot explain and then you will need the men's trust; the second was to allow for mistakes and failure, your own and that of others.

There is one book on leadership which is rarely drawn upon, the New Testament. A recent book about the disciples did not question why they followed Jesus. Very often the work of the disciples is seen backwards. As Jesus, after the resurrection was seen to be the Son of God then it was obvious they would follow Christ when he first spoke to them. Jesus had to hold together a disparate group of men who had to learn moral and theological approaches to a life which would be new to them. Jesus had to lead them for several years with the need to instil a sense of trust which would survive his crucifixion. Not only that but he had to provide endless encouragement and sustenance. His qualities as a leader are exemplified by his ability endlessly to explain his position and how the disciples should act. He was also a forgiving master and welcomed back those who made mistakes. His gentle encouragement and trust we find after the resurrection is still with us.

Rod Jacques

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 meetings will be on
Wednesday 19th July - Dining Out
A meal in The Grapes 7 for 7.30pm please let
Elaine know if you would like to join us.***

Wednesday 16th August

Wednesday 20th September

We always welcome new ladies....

why not join us?

Call Sonia, Elaine or Ali

on 833781 / 874635 / 879976 for further details.



Please help support a fundraising activity for Alder Hey.

John, Peter and Matt (The Sunday School dads!) are taking part in the Coniston Challenge on the 8th July. They will be completing a 17km mountain bike ride, walking up the Old Man of Coniston, and kayaking across the lake. They are aiming, with 3 other local dads, to raise £1500 for Alder Hey children's hospital.



John's fundraising page can be found by visiting [justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) and searching for John Gorman.

Donations could also be made to any of the dads in person!

Here is a photo of the training walk up the Old Man of Coniston including one of the other dads (Mathew Blake).

Sarah Gorman



Breakfast Church

Join us at Breakfast Church
on **Saturday 5th August** at 9am
in the Parish Hall (not the Bier House).
30 minute service followed by toast & chat.
You will be very welcome.



Friday, Saturday & Bank Holiday Mondays
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Annual Report



A Challenging Year

2016/17 proved to be a challenging year, as the introduction of Universal Credit and the tightening of the benefit cap, impacted the ability of low paid local people to cope.

At the beginning of the year we were hopeful that demand had peaked and was beginning to decline, but these hopes were dashed last autumn and winter when a sudden and sustained increase tested our resources to the full.

The percentage jump we have seen is broadly in line with that of other Trussell Trust foodbanks in areas where Universal Credit has been rolled out. Despite a record pre-Christmas collection event at Tesco's in Southport when over 6 tonnes of food was donated, the total for the year was down by 5%. The core of our donations still comes from church congregations and the on-going food collection boxes in shops, schools and workplaces and we are grateful for the support of all these wonderful people.

The means of getting the donated food to needy clients relies on our partners who issue the food vouchers and the small army of our volunteers who work, week in and week out, in the warehouse and our six distribution centres, sorting, labelling and making up the parcels. Volunteers are the outward face of Southport Foodbank to our clients, welcoming them with a smile and a cuppa, listening to their difficulties and, in many cases being able to point them towards a solution, as well as stemming their immediate hunger. Thank you to all of them.

Notable landmarks in our year—New warehouse extension brought into use; Community Money Advice service extended; New Welfare Benefits Advice service introduced; 45,000 meals distributed; 44.5 tonnes of food donated, collected and processed; over 100 volunteers giving over 11,000 hours of free service; Launch of a new website.

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THANK YOU – to all in St Peter’s who regularly bring items of food to church and to Glyn & Mon Jones for transporting it all to the Foodbank. Your help and generosity helps so many.

Volunteering

How many charity shops are there in Formby? Eleven, twelve? The high number will enable you to make a good guess as to the total number of volunteers involved in enabling the various charities to man, or should that be, women, their shops and raise money for their good causes. And that is only the shops, how many other volunteers are involved in drop-in centres, food banks, social clubs, lunch clubs and befriending schemes?

A small town such as ours is amazingly dependent on people who are willing to give their time and talent for the benefit of other folk.

So, I am just one of the army of volunteers but there was sadly, no great heart searching when I set off on the volunteering path. I simply walked around the village and chose the cleanest, brightest shop. Not exactly rocket science!

But I am still there 12 years later and I thought it was going to be the easy option. Wrong! We have to be busy if we are to turn round stock quickly so that the merchandise is attractive to buyers. We are fortunate in that we are offered good quality clothing and bric-a-brac which will easily find a new home and there is a good feeling when items are happily recycled.

Monday mornings can be one of the busiest times. People have had two days to sort out 'stuff' and they stagger in with their welcome offerings. Others have caught up with their paperwork and need the only printer in town. 'Can I have 74 copies please?' The time of greatest stress was when the till was changed from something reminiscent of Ronnie Barker's vindictive model in 'Open All Hours' to an all singing, all dancing model. This one can still pack a punch and often fools me with its wide variety of screens and options. It is so easy to ring up £25,000 instead of £2.50.

Do support your local charities by donating time or goods. It can be great fun, its 'green', it beats daytime TV and time flies as you struggle with a 6 foot, orange, toy shark, my most unusual sale to date.

And if you can't sleep, don't count sheep, count the charity shops in Formby and you will soon drop off. It works every time!



Sue Jacques

Volunteering with Marie Curie

I have supported the Marie Curie Charity since my mother was cared for as an inpatient at their Hospice in Woolton Village, Liverpool. My profession was nursing and I was trained at the Liverpool Royal Infirmary in the days when 'caring for patients' was THE priority and my experience from my connection with the Marie Curie Hospice was of the wonderful care, support, gentleness and humour from the dedicated nurses and staff who worked there.



I can honestly say that my mother was so well cared for at the end of her life that that she died happy, comfortable and peacefully at the age of 91.

Marie Curie is the leading charity providing free specialist care and support to people with terminal illness in their own homes or in one of the Charity's nine hospices. The Charity helps people throughout their illness by providing practical information and support from trained volunteers and being there when someone needs to talk.

The Formby Fund-Raising Group was formed only recently. We are currently a small group raising money from organised street collections and through the Daffodil Appeal; we hold monthly meetings and have several ideas for further fund-raising activities, including quiz nights and fashion show evenings and maybe even a 'Fire Walk' night!!!

Another activity is to persuade people to get together with friends, family or colleagues to throw a Marie Curie Tea Party in the summer months. Various flyers are being distributed in Formby village at the present time. If you are interested, please call 0800716146 for further information and support.

The Fund Raising Group is planning a Tea Party at the Formby Lawn Tennis Club on Saturday 19th August with added attractions and music, so please note the date in your diaries and come along to support us whilst enjoying tea, cake, and good company!

We are also on the look out for more volunteers to join our group or to help with our fundraising activities. Anyone who might be interested in becoming involved, please phone or contact me.

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St. Peter's Church Formby is looking to appoint a new Director of Music.

The key criteria we are looking for are:

- ♪ Suitably qualified & experienced Church Organist
- ♪ Experience of Leading and Developing choirs
- ♪ Sympathetic to St. Peter's style of worship and choral tradition

Remuneration will be in line with the RSCM guidelines.

Please send a letter of application together with details of formal qualifications to Revd Canon Anne Taylor, St Peter's Vicarage, Cricket Path, Formby, L37 7DP

Applications to be received by 5pm on Monday 10th July 2017.

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A Very Special Day - Sunday 11th June



Thank you to all who helped celebrate Ted's 50th Anniversary of his Ordination. Ted & Anne thoroughly enjoyed the day spent with family and friends.

The photo is with close friend and special preacher for the service, Canon Cecil Hyland.

Ted presented a new NRSV lectern bible to St Peter's to mark the occasion.

Thank you to Steve & Shena and the Social Committee for the wine and cake after the service and to all who came along on the day.



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 50 years in the priesthood.

Family, friends, well-wishers all gathered round the altar to join in the Eucharist on this delightful occasion.

Ted, on the other hand, presented St Peter’s with the most magnificent Anglican Revised Common Lectionary version of the New Revised Standard Version of a lectern copy of the Bible. 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



Commissioning of Spiritual Directors



On 14th June Bishop Richard conducted a service of Commissioning for Spiritual Directors. I was one of those who had completed the nine month Diocesan

course and was duly commissioned along with others who had completed the course and several of those who have been exercising this ministry for many years. More spiritual directors are needed because anyone coming into ministry in the diocese is strongly encouraged to have a spiritual director.

For those who may be unfamiliar with the practice a spiritual director is someone who accompanies you along the path of the Christian life. Traditionally every parish priest has potentially been a spiritual director and many clergy have exercised this ministry without any particular training. However many dioceses have for some years provided courses for those who wish to exercise this ministry, Liverpool Diocese being one of them.

In the present culture of compulsory achievement, ministers, along with teachers, medics, police and many others are under considerable pressure which can lead to what is called "burnout". It is therefore beneficial to have a non-judgemental, compassionate listener who is outside the diocesan structures with whom to talk.

However, any and every Christian could benefit in this way because there are times when it is useful to have a fellow member of the faith to be a sounding-board when, for instance, difficult decisions have to be made. One contemporary writer has likened the spiritual director to a mid-wife who helps to bring to birth the life of the Spirit within the directee.

If you would like to explore spiritual direction for yourself or simply know more about it please speak to me or contact me by phone or email. If you would like to become a spiritual director yourself, the diocese is starting a new course next year and information is available from the church or from me. 01704 809517. peterspaine@gmail.com.

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News from Trinity St Peter's School

As always, it's been an eventful term here at Trinity St. Peter's! From our three year olds in Nursery right up to our oldest pupils in Year 6, our children have all well and truly shone!

This term saw us raising funds for Cancer Research as the whole school took part in our school's very own 'Race for Life'. An incredible £914 was raised thanks to the support of all our families.



By feeling creative and using their incredible imaginations, more funds were raised as pupils across the school all took part in Den Day! Led by our fantastic Collective Worship Pupils, Den Day was enjoyed by all and raised almost £200 for the worthy charity, Save the Children. Through this the children not only raised much needed funds, but developed their awareness of the lives of others across the world who are not as fortunate as themselves.

Using Skype, we have had some exciting 'virtual visitors' to school. The incredible Alex Staniforth - survivor of the Nepal Avalanche last year - led a Q&A session with our Year 5&6 pupils. The children were fascinated to hear of his experiences and the bravery and courage that he showed.

Our Year 2 pupils travelled to Vietnam through Skype and met children of the same age. They learned about the different foods that are eaten as part of Vietnamese culture which linked to their geography topic! Year 2 also enjoyed their visit to St Peter's Church today, learning about the different features of a Church.



Our Foundation Stage pupils enjoyed a day out at Farmer Teds! The boys and girls enjoyed grooming ponies, a bird of prey show, watching a cow being milked, as well as a tractor ride too.



Year 3 and 4 pupils stepped back in time to the Stone Age as they spent the day at Martin Mere and more recently studied our very own coastline as they spent the day at Formby Beach as part of their geography work.

Budding bakers here at Trinity St. Peter's in Year 6 baked scones in the kitchens of St Peter's Parish Hall for their afternoon tea stall at the school summer fair. This was their Design Technology project which the children all thought enjoyable - as did those of us fortunate enough to be a recipient of such tasty scones! Meanwhile, children in Year 1 and 2 attended a masterclass bakery session with the talented chef Daniela Tucci from The Art School Restaurant who was also Northwest Young Chef of the Year 2016. The delicious cheesecake they made was enjoyed by us all!



Year 5 had an amazing trip to Chester Zoo learning all about the Amazon Rainforest.

Our very own 'Think Tank' pupils have been busy once again this half term and have been organising and leading our 'TSP's Got Talent'

performances for school funds. These performances have showcased the talents of all our pupils and acts have varied from playing the piano, martial arts, monologues and solos to whole class raps! The Think Tank have been exceptional judges and I see a career in show business for many of our children after this!

Please do look at our school website www.trinitystpeters.org or follow on Twitter to keep up to date with the many marvellous opportunities our fantastic children are provided with!

Louisa Martin

Gamanfa Ganu - Friday 21st July 8pm

Every Welsh man and woman is familiar with the Great Festival of Hymns known as a Gamanfa Ganu (Ka Manva Gani - Community Singing). More than a thousand are held each year in Wales alone but they take place wherever the Welsh culture flourishes. One notable occasion was the Albert Hall in 1963; the singing of the London Welsh community can be heard raising the roof on Youtube -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNgC16vdkBA>

Living next door to the Welsh nation, our choir is preparing a Gamanfa Ganu for Friday 21st July 8-9 pm and you are very warmly invited to come along and take part.

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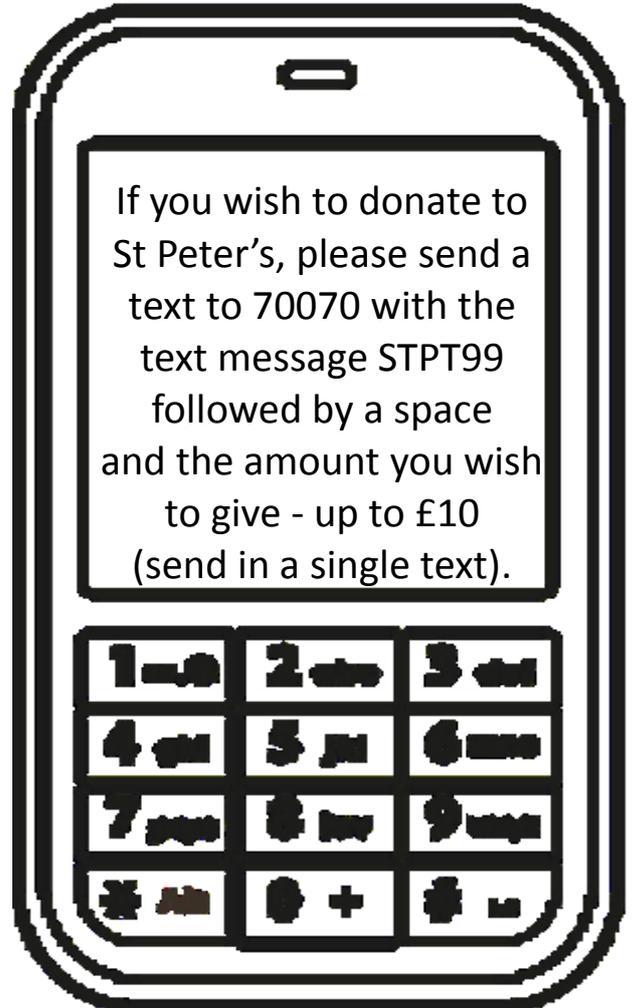
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Derek hadn't quite worked out if loving your neighbour included their leylandii!



"This week's sermon is about how we all need to simplify our lives. Unfortunately, I lost the whole thing when my computer crashed."

Joys of Parenthood!!

A boss wondered why one of his most valued employees had not phoned in sick one day. Having an urgent problem with one of the main computers, he dialled the employee's cell phone number and was greeted with a child's whisper.

"Hello."

"Is your daddy home?" he asked.

"Yes," whispered the small voice.

"May I talk with him?"

The child whispered, "No."

Surprised and wanting to talk with an adult, the boss asked, "Is your Mommy there?"

"Yes," whispered the small voice.

"May I talk with her?"

Again the small voice whispered, "No."

Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message, the boss asked, "Is anybody else there?"

"Yes," whispered the child, "a policeman" Wondering what a cop would be doing at his employee's home, the boss asked, "May I speak with the policeman?"

"No, he's busy", whispered the child.

"Busy doing what?"

"Talking to Daddy and Mommy and the Fireman," the whisper answered.

Growing more worried as he heard what sounded like a helicopter through the earpiece on the phone, the boss asked, "What is that noise?"

"A helicopter." answered the whispering voice.

"What is going on there?" demanded the boss, now truly apprehensive. Again, whispering, the child answered, "The search team just landed the helicopter."

Alarmed, concerned and a little frustrated the boss asked, "What are they searching for?" Still whispering, the young voice replied with a muffled giggle. "Me!!"



From the Back Pew Ted Woods

GIVING RELIGION A BAD NAME

Margaret Court, the winner of more tennis grand slams than any player in history, has been in the news lately, and not because of her tennis achievements.

In 1991, the “greatest female tennis player of all time” founded a Pentecostal church – Margaret Court Ministries Inc. - in Perth, Australia, and became a “Christian minister”.

What brought her name to public notice was her call for a boycott of Qantas Airlines because of their support for same-sex marriage.

But then she went further with the scathing comment that “tennis is full of lesbians” and that homosexual tendencies are the work of the devil. It prompted some to call for the Margaret Court Arena to be re-named.

But it was the description of her as a Christian minister in the report I read that annoyed me just as much as her comments. For in the media, when “Christian” is used to describe a person or an opinion, it is invariably used in a pejorative sense, as if extreme positions on matters of sexuality were the preserve of those labelled Christian.

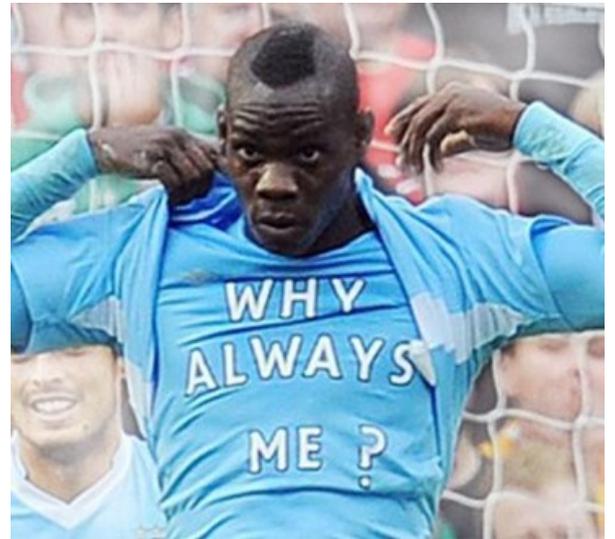
Same-sex relations were again to the fore and given as the reason for the resignation of Tim Farron as leader of the Liberal Democrats – despite the fact that one of his chief advisers had handed in his resignation and one of his spokespersons was going to do the same!

In his resignation speech, Tim Farron concentrated on the sexuality debate, “I have found myself torn between living as a faithful Christian and serving as a political leader....To be a political leader...and to live as a committed Christian, to hold faithfully to the Bible’s teaching has felt impossible to me.”

Again, there is the equation of “committed Christian” with being anti same-sex marriage, while not acknowledging that equally committed

Christians, who hold to the Bible's teaching but interpret it in a different way, also have a valid point of view.

Mario Balotelli, the former Manchester City & Liverpool player, used to wear a tee-shirt with "Why Always Me?" emblazoned on the front. Why, when "Christian" is bandied about in the media, does it always have to be about sex, and same-sex relations in particular?



There are so many major issues facing the world today which need a Christian response – ethnic wars, terrorism, the environment, the build-up of nuclear arsenals, refugees, persecution, human trafficking, the fact that two-thirds of the world's population go to bed hungry....the list is endless. Why do we not read about "Christian" responses to these great public issues rather than the private matter of sexuality?

The world and religion today are full of fanaticism and factionalism with the result that only the extreme views are heard. As with the planet we live on, religious global warming is increasing.

Dr Martyn Percy, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, has written, "Cool, calm religion is giving way to hot and sultry expressions of faith that despise moderation and temperateness."

But there's no reason why moderation cannot be exciting. In today's "hot and sultry" religious climate, it is challenging to be 'middle of the road', and if such a position is held with passionate conviction it is far from being indifferent, lukewarm and boring.

So let's not make being against same-sex relations the sole defining issue of whether a person is a Christian or not. For in the end, all it does is to give religion a bad name. Jesus didn't mention the subject of homosexuality even once in the Gospels, so why should we bang on about it as if that is all religion is concerned about.

There are plenty of other far more important issues that Jesus did talk and challenge us about. If "Christian" means being like Christ, isn't it time his followers began to do something about them?

From the Church Registers

Baptism



28th May
Evie Grace Tattam,
daughter of Colin & Kelly



18th June
Benjamin James Charles Jones,
son of Ged & Michelle

Funerals

8 th June	Lily Kearsley
9 th June	June Maxfield
27 th June	Bryan Olver



Interment of Ashes

6 th June	George Thomson
20 th June	Gwen Masterson

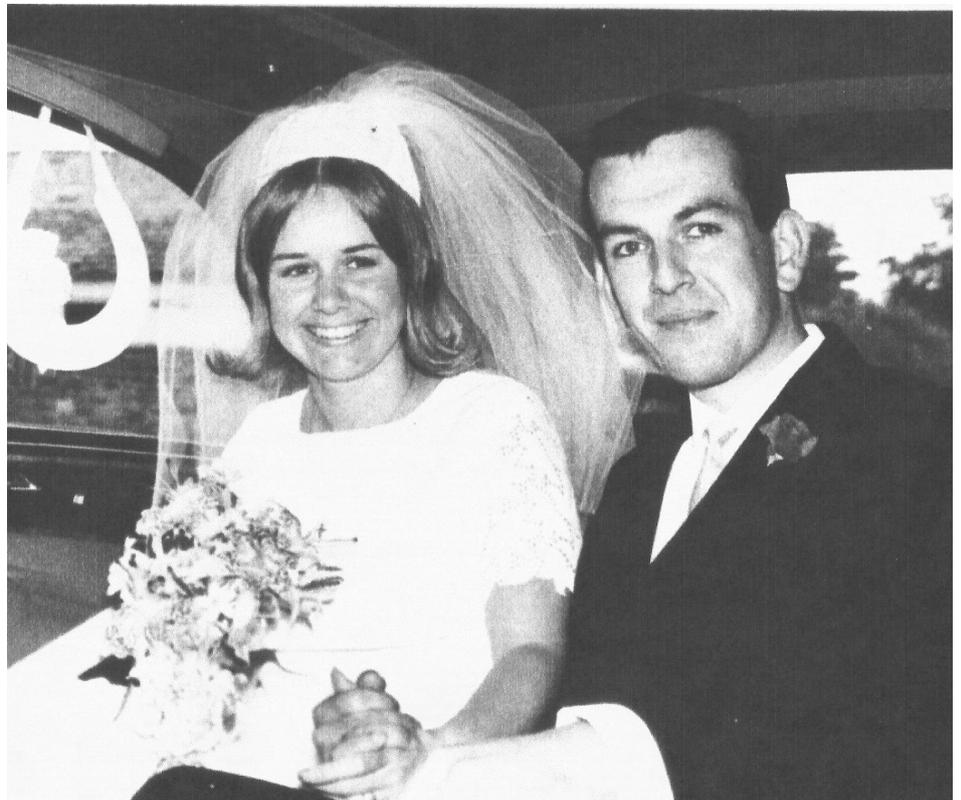


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JULY



7 th	Friday	6.30pm	First Friday Eucharist
9 th	Sunday		Sea Sunday / Sunday Club
		10.00am	Sunday Club in the choir vestry
		12noon	Pet Service
12 th	Wednesday	2.00pm	WOW service for pre-school children
16 th	Sunday		5th Sunday after Trinity
		10.00am	Sunday Club in the choir vestry
		12noon	Baptism of Alexander & Jessica Quintana
		12noon	Sunday Club Sprinkler Party
18 th	Tuesday	7.30pm	Scouts AGM and BBQ in Parish Hall
19 th	Wednesday	7.30pm	Churches Together AGM in Parish Hall
		7.30pm	Primetime in The Grapes
21 st	Friday	9.00am	Trinity St Peter's School – end of year service in Church
23 rd	Sunday		6th Sunday after Trinity
27 th	Thursday	2.30pm	Eucharist in Halcyon House
30 th	Sunday		7th Sunday after Trinity



Church Services	Sundays	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist (Coffee afterwards)
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong
	6.30 pm	Service of Wholeness – Last Sunday of month
	Weekdays	
	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

AUGUST



4 th	Friday	6.30pm	First Friday Eucharist
5 th	Saturday	9.00am	Breakfast Church in the O.S.R., Parish Hall
6 th	Sunday		The Transfiguration of Our Lord
13 th	Sunday		9th Sunday after Trinity
16 th	Wednesday	7.30pm	Primetime
20 th	Sunday		10th Sunday after Trinity
		12 noon	Baptisms of Chloe Goodfellow & Lucina Rimmer-Richardson
27 th	Sunday		11th Sunday after Trinity
		12 noon	Baptism of Madelyn Killingbeck
		6.30pm	Service of Wholeness



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