

St Peter's Church Magazine

October 2017





FORMBY FOLK

A "live" history of Formby & St Peter's Church

Come and meet some Formby characters of yesteryear!

**Forni the Viking, The Formby's of Formby Hall,
Churchwarden of the "new" church, Peter Jump,
the war-time Vicar's children. Hear about Jimmy Lowe
of asparagus fame, Lifeboat rescues, and the escapades
of two of Formby's bobbies.**



Venue: St. Peter's Church, Green Lane

Opening Night: Friday 29th Sept 7.30pm £5 incl. wine

Saturday 30th Sept at 2pm & 4pm

Sunday 1st Oct at 3pm

Entry by donation for Uganda Together We Can

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*Please note the deadline for the November 2017 edition of the magazine
Friday 6th October 2017. Contributions to alisonwhiffing@aol.com please.*

From the Editorial Team

As can be seen in the pages of this magazine, September has been an extremely busy month, starting with the official opening of the Bier House Extension on Sunday 3rd September by the Bishop of Warrington, Richard Blackburn.



We show a photograph of the wonderful flower arrangement which Judith and Ray Aspinwall very generously presented for the occasion, and we should not forget to mention the substantial time committed by Steve Edwards in making numerous site visits acting as our clerk of works during the building project. Thank you, Steve.

Sunday 17th September was the occasion when we said our sad farewells to Graham and Marilyn Jones whose last service it was before their move to pastures new. Words are hardly sufficient in thanking them both for their years of commitment in maintaining the musical traditions of St Peter's.

At the same time we extend the warmest of welcomes to David and Gill Holroyd. David becomes our Musical Director as successor to Graham, adding his new role at St Peter's to a very full list of commitments, as one can read in his personal introduction on page 8, whilst Gill, an experienced chorister, is joining our choir.

Finally, do your best to support our 'Formby Folk', whose photograph appears on the opposite page. No prizes are available for spotting any of the players!

We also look forward to welcoming Bishop Anne Hollinghurst (a Formby Folk!) to round off our Harvest Festival weekend.

With very best wishes to you all,

The Editorial Team

EMAIL DIRECTORY We have a parish email directory which is used once or twice a month to send out dates for the month and also when a special event is coming up. If you would like to be added to the email list please send an email to **stpetersformby@gmail.com**.

This is a way to help us keep in touch.

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

Dear Friends,

Well I hope you have managed to catch your breath after the September whirlwind! There was Bishop Richard opening the newly renovated Bier House; Archdeacon Peter Bradley with the Air Training Corps.; goodbye and hello to our Musical Directors; the launch of the Uganda Project and last but not least our Curate, Nathan getting married to Poppy! Not sure we could have packed much more into one month. But here comes October!

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Anne Hollinghurst as our visiting preacher for the Harvest Thanksgiving evening service. Anne has been Bishop of Aston in the Diocese of Birmingham since 2015. But before then was Vicar of another St Peter's – the city centre church of St Albans. Anne is one of the 'Formby Folk' as she grew up in St Peter's, Formby, and along with her parents Bill and Audrey Bailey has long family connections with our parish. Anne and Steve were married in St Peter's in 1984 and past pupils of Formby High School will remember Anne's mum as the librarian.



We look forward to welcoming Bishop Anne back to St Peter's for our Harvest Thanksgiving.

It will be a fun weekend; as you will read there will be some familiar people bringing back to life some Formby Folk from the past.

Thank you to all who have delivered Harvest cards and please spread the word and make it a priority to invite friends along to our festival weekend.

Harvest Festival & the Foodbank

When we come together to give thanks to God at our Harvest Festival services it is a great time to give a little back. We ask that at the services on Sunday 1st October as



Thanksgiving

The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest is all gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.
Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain.
So open wide the doorway-
Thanksgiving comes again!

well as the school service on 28th September that everyone bring an item for the Foodbank. A wonderful way to give thanks is to give a little back.

By now we are gradually moving back into the Bier House as the finishing touches are being completed.

I hope everybody is impressed by what has been done. Certainly the extension and re-ordering of the building has nearly doubled its capacity and we look forward to previous groups settling back and new groups beginning. Two new groups are the Little Fishes Toddler group who will begin by meeting in the Bier House and also Keystone – Support for Dementia Carers – who will meet once a month.



We thank John Howard, Formby Photographer, for presenting us with a wonderful digitally created picture of Formby dunes for the Bier House which is perfect for creating a relaxing atmosphere.

Other finishing touches will happen over the coming months.

So while autumn has definitely arrived and the evenings close in, there is still plenty to brighten our lives here in St Peter's.

I finish my letter this month with the words sung by the Choir for Graham & Marilyn on their last Sunday with us:-



Anne

PRESENTATION TO GRAHAM & MARILYN

Sunday 17th September was a special and sad day for St Peter's as a large congregation said goodbye and made presentations to Graham and Marilyn as they prepare to move to Welwyn Garden City. Graham has been Director of Music at St Peter's for the past 38 years, succeeding Denis Tinsley as organist in 1979.

Graham quickly adapted to St Peter's Catholic style of worship – "Not bad for a Methodist!", as Anne remarked in her address.

Over the 38 years Graham has not only retained St Peter's fine musical tradition but greatly enhanced it, giving it a dignity and accessibility to all. In all this he has been wonderfully supported by his wife, Marilyn, and together they have been such a great team serving St Peter's, sowing musical seeds and encouraging young people in music both in church and school.

In her sermon Anne quoted two verses from the Bible which she felt were apt for Graham. The first was St Luke's description of Barnabas - "a good man, full of the Holy Spirit", the second from the parables – "Well done, good and faithful servant." She finished her address by quoting the verse of a poem by Oliver Wendell Jones about an organ blower, but felt the words were equally applicable to Graham, the organ *player*:-



"Not all the preaching, O my friend,
Comes from the church's pulpit end.
Not all that bend the knee and bow
Yield service half as true as thou."

We thank Graham and Marilyn for that they have contributed to St Peter's and wish them every happiness as they move to Hertfordshire.

Graham & Marilyn with their sons Chris & Steve

Service in Commemoration of The Battle of Britain

We were delighted to welcome Archdeacon Peter Bradley as our preacher, along with the Officers and Cadets of 611 (Woodvale) Squadron Air Training Corps. Peter is the Wing Chaplain of the Air Cadets Merseyside.

We thank Ken Ward for parading the British Legion Standard and to Chris Thorpe for playing the Last Post and Reveille.



Breakfast Church

Join us at Breakfast Church
on **Saturday 7th October**
at 9am in the Bier House

30 minute service followed by toast & chat.
You will be very welcome.

HOTDOG CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Sunday 24th September

Sunday 29th October

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



From the Organ Bench

We're both delighted to be joining St Peter's!

Gill is Radiology Manager at Whiston Hospital, a maniac (SHE says "ardent") Liverpool season ticket holder (and therefore immediate friend of Anne). She started her singing in the Sunday School Choir at Holy Trinity, before her family moved around the country. She sings in Formby Choral Society and Amadeus.



I began my musical life as a tiny chorister

at St Hilary's Church, Wallasey - where in due course, I became Organist for two separate spells. The organ had inspired me, and I was packed off to Chester Cathedral, where I became Organ Scholar. After 4 years at the RNCM in Manchester, and a postgraduate year, I was Assistant Organist back at Chester.

I landed, more by good luck than good management, in Crosby at Merchant Taylors' School, where I've just started my 32nd year. As Director of Music, every day life is always exciting, dealing with unmusical boys in year 3 (ouch!), through to university applicants in year 13.

For my sins (of which, clearly there have been many), I conduct the Choral Societies in Formby and Birkenhead, as well as my third choir, Amadeus. I am possibly the only organist ever to have had his backside 'resident' on all three Formby Anglican churches - which now adds a fourth choir!

Coming to St Peter's really feels like "coming home" for us - returning to our liturgical childhood roots.

I hope the speed and the volume of the music do not offend too much!

David Holroyd

Sunday Club

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



Sunday Club Dates –

8th & 15th October; 5th & 19th November; 10th & 17th December.



NEW 'Little Fishes' Pre-school Group

**Next meeting is Friday 29th September,
9:15am -11:30am.**

Little Fishes is a group that extends a warm welcome to parents, grandparents and carers with children from birth to three. We will meet in the Bier House (beside the gates of St Peter's Church) every Friday from 9:15 to 11:30. We offer play, organised craft activities, songs and stories with a Christian theme followed by a light hot or cold snack for both children and adults. Our aim is to provide a space for families to play with their children, chat with others and share ideas in a relaxed, supportive and friendly setting.

Little Fishes was suggested and is facilitated by Leah Wilson - who can be contacted at leah.mahon1@gmail.com. We are also supported by Caroline Collins (Sefton Deanery Family Worker) and Rev. Nathan Thorpe (Curate). Please do come along on Friday 29th September or pray for us as we begin this new group! You can also contact the Parish Office for more information.

The October dates for Little Fishes are:

6th October - Free Play (Hot Snacks Provided) – Bier House

13th October - Free Play (Hot Snacks Provided) – Bier House

20th October - Messy Play (Cold Snack Provided) – Parish Hall, Paradise Lane

27th - Half term so no Little Fishes.

FISHY CLUB

This Club is our after-school bible club for children in Years 4 to 6 in primary school. 'The Fishy' reminding us of St Peter's job as a fisherman. There is a varied programme and each Club begins with a drink, chocolate and games followed by an interactive session.

We would like to encourage children from all primary schools to join us as they would be very welcome. We meet immediately after school on a Wednesday finishing at 4.15pm. Children in Trinity St Peter's School will be collected by a leader after school. Come and join in the fun.

Autumn Dates –

4th & 11th October (18th is Christmas Shoe Box Day)

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th November

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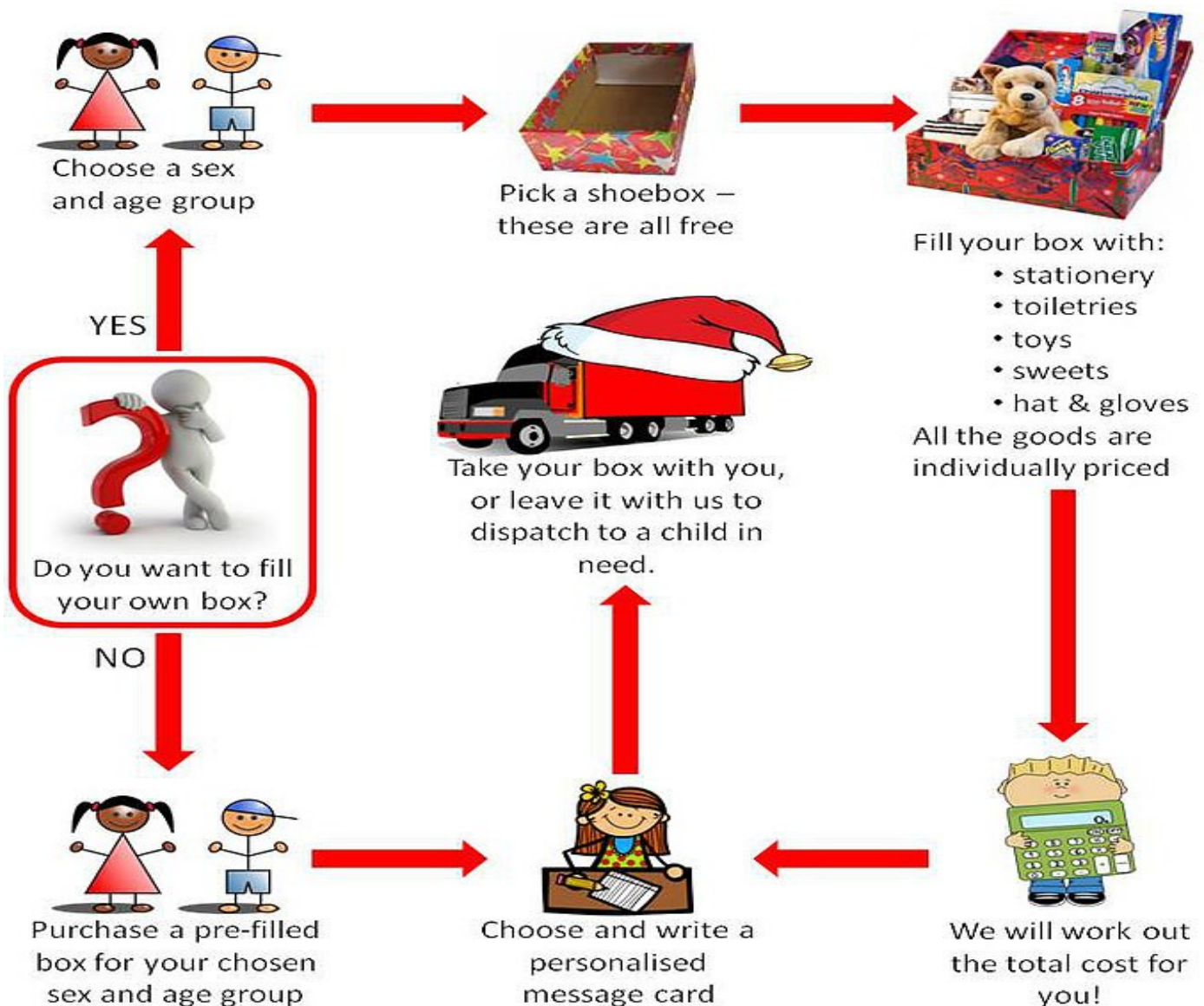


At Shoebox Express,

preparations for Christmas have been in full swing since 26th December last year. It began with Christmas wrapping paper – about 1500 metres of it – in the Boxing Day sales and through the year toiletries, toys & games, sweets, hats, gloves, school stationery and empty shoeboxes have been added to the collection.

You may already be familiar with Christmas shoebox schemes. Participants Christmas-wrap a shoebox and fill it (with stationery, toiletries, toys, games, clothing and sweets) for a needy child in Eastern Europe, Central Asia or Africa at Christmas. This usually involves studying the scheme small-print and tearing around the shops in the lead-up to Christmas to assemble the necessary (and permitted) merchandise at full pre-Christmas prices.

HOW SHOEBOX EXPRESS WORKS



“Shoebox Express” is the name for our community-based assistance project. Our goal is to make it fun, easy and inexpensive for people to participate in the Christmas shoebox schemes. We shop throughout the year, retail and wholesale, to purchase items when they are at their cheapest, rather than in the weeks leading up to Christmas when they are often most expensive.

We buy only items that are permitted by the schemes. Volunteers knit hats and glove puppets. We collect and cover suitable shoe boxes with Christmas gift wrap and then bring everything together in one place to deliver you a one-stop-shop.

The diagram ‘How Shoebox Express Works’ outlines the system we operate. At the Shoebox Express event you can choose from a wide range of ready-covered shoeboxes (these are all free of charge), fill them with a full selection of suitable gifts from across all categories: stationery, toiletries, clothing, sweets, toys & games. Our prices start at 5p and no one item costs more than £1. We charge only what we have paid, rounded to the nearest 5p to make the adding up easier! Participants can leave their completed boxes with us on the day, or take them away for collection at another venue. Many schools and churches in the area have such collections and work with different schemes.

If you’re short on time, we also offer ready-filled shoeboxes at £4.50 each. These contain a full selection of items from all the recommended categories, wrapped in Christmas paper and appropriately labelled.

This year, Shoebox Express has two events in Formby:

- ◆ **Saturday 14th October** (between 10am and 4pm) at Formby Methodist Church, Elbow Lane. Admission is free, there will be a Games and Activities room for children and the refreshments, including bacon baps, are free all day!
- ◆ **Wednesday 18th October** (between 10am and 4pm) at St Peter’s Parish Hall, Paradise Lane. Admission free. Contact Vicky Hall 07789712892

We hope you will join us for what can be a heart-warming experience! If you have children, or grandchildren, please bring them with you. After all, what could be better than seeing our children get involved in the giving as well as the receiving this Christmas?

If you have any questions please contact via e-mail:
shoebox_express@yahoo.co.uk or you can write to them c/o The Family Centre, Formby Methodist Church, Elbow Lane, Formby, L37 4AF.

Heroes

Recently a newspaper printed a series of reviews of newly published books. The books set out to destroy the reputation of three international figures and the first made no bones about ensuring there was no part of Freud's work left with any respect. He was referred to a fantasist and liar, hiding the real results of his work. The second set out to diminish the work of Darwin which has resulted in a storm of protest. This book sees Darwin as a poor scientist whose theories were taken from other thinkers. His outline of evolution as survival of the fittest allowed the late Victorian middle class to justify their wealth alongside the growing poverty of that time. The last book looked at the famine in the Ukraine in the early 1930's. It covered Stalin's deliberate policy of starving the population thus causing the death of millions. This book reveals the true nature of a tyrant whom Russia still tries to whitewash.

These reviews may signal a move which occasionally occurs which denigrates the great and good but raises the question of whether we need heroes. There was a quote, often used in the 60s from a mid-European writer, which said, "Pity the country which has no hero, pity the country that needs one." Heroes are used as examples of conduct and models of how to live. All too often they set an example which is nearly impossible to emulate, but as these book reviews try to show, heroes may have feet of clay. A saintly man who ran an austere regime for wayward boys was known for living the rigid life imposed on the boys. One day he asked a junior member of staff, who admired him, to accompany him on a walk. Half way round he pulled from his pocket a huge bar of top quality chocolate and, saying there is always a need for comforts, offered a piece and then devoured it all.

The issue of the need to look back at finding examples of men and women who show a way forward is dealt with in the book of Job, Chapter 8, where Job feels lost and isolated and Bildad, one of his comforters says, "Ask any former generations and find out what their fathers learned, for we were born only yesterday and know nothing."

A real hero in many ways is one who has weaknesses and while acknowledging this still manages to move on displaying a clear moral code. This leaves the question of what moral code and what sort of model. Perhaps we have a responsibility to identify one.

For the Christian one person who could well fall into this category is St Peter. This may seem an obvious choice but there are many others in the Gospel. His life is covered in all the Gospels and reveals his character, his intelligence, his

stubbornness, the rush to act and his courage. There is perhaps one act which marks him out a hero. His betrayal of Jesus, as a follower, could have meant him being rejected from his role as a disciple or he could have continued with his cowardice and run away.

Peter did neither and remained in contact with the other disciples and knew of the resurrection. He then had to make a courageous decision one which meant fully realising his isolation unless he acted quickly. This was to present himself to Jesus not knowing what would happen. We now know the result of his return and Peter is shown as a man of weakness and courage and a moral inspiration.

Zophar, another of Job's comforters, talks of the result of facing faith which is what Peter did, and says, "You will surely forget your trouble, recalling it only as water gone by. Life will be brighter than noonday and darkness will become like morning."

Rod Jacques

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FORMBY, ALTCAR AND HIGHTOWN



A prayer initiative for tackling cancer

The initiative for Pause for Hope came from retired thoracic surgeon Professor Ray Donnelly, the founder and President of Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

It was established to bring together in prayer all those affected by cancer, their loved ones and carers and anyone who has known someone affected. This will apply to the majority of us.

The first Pause for Hope ecumenical service was held in Liverpool in 1999 and has been held annually since at both the Anglican and Roman Catholic cathedrals.

There will be a **Pause for Hope Service on Sunday 8th October at 4pm in St Anne's Church, Timms Lane**. This will be an ecumenical service and is open to everyone. Please come along and extend the invitation to anyone who might not otherwise be aware of the service.

VOLUNTEERING

My husband, Michael, had a great love of RNLI lifeboats and wherever possible would manage to get a trip in one. After his funeral donations were given to RNLI, I was soon invited to join the local committee.

Some of St Peter's congregation will remember Clare Entwistle, Annette Fry, Betty Moorhouse and Jean Noble who were amongst the enthusiastic members of the committee.



Within a week I was helping at a Sandwich Lunch for over 100 supporters.

Our main purpose is fundraising by collections and holding events such as coffee mornings, lunches and bridge afternoons. At the moment, as a result of illness and accidents we only have 3 working members of the committee. We would be delighted if any of you would like to join us. The work of the committee has changed over the years, becoming more formalised. Now we have to do a risk assessment before any of our events! In spite of this, we enjoy every event and it is fascinating to hear the variety of reasons why people support RNLI. We are always amazed by the kindness and generosity of everyone.

In all organisations where I have worked as a volunteer, the great reward is meeting wonderful and inspiring people. Last week I was at a meeting at Hoylake Lifeboat Station where I met volunteer crew members of the new Shannon Lifeboat, as well as some of the lifeguards who work on our Sefton beaches. The skill and courage of these modest volunteers is very much to be admired. The series on BBC 2 'Saving Lives at Sea' shows many examples of the dangers faced and the heroism of these volunteers. Last year 20,538 people were helped, 8,643 people were rescued by lifeboats and 431 lives saved. The lifeguards also saved 127 lives. The busiest lifeboats are those stationed on the Thames which were launched an amazing 758 times in 2016. RNLI also has a Flood Rescue Team of specially trained volunteers ready to work in severe flooding conditions in the UK and around the world. 95% of RNLI people are volunteers.

Saving lives is not the only aim of the RNLI. Education of all ages is a very important part of their work. Already they have had occasions where children have been saved successfully because they have remembered what they have been told by an RNLI volunteer visiting the school. This year there is a

campaign to reduce the number of cases of accidental drowning by 50% . The 'Respect the Water' campaign has been launched to alert people (mainly males aged 16 to 39 years) of the key dangers of cold water, unexpected entry into water, rip currents and waves, and ways of coping in their life threatening situation.

Some volunteers are concerned with the heritage of the RNLI. They give lectures about its history since it was founded in 1824 and collect material for the archives. (Of course we all know that Formby had Britain's first lifeboat station in 1776). My family has a cine film taken in the 1930s showing the launching of the Hoylake lifeboat. The lifeboat was basically a large rowing boat. When I looked around the present Shannon lifeboat it was difficult to take in the massive changes in boat design and technology that had taken place in my lifetime. I wonder what the situation would have been if we had no volunteers.

Barbara Guest

The winter season opened on 7th September when Ken Ward talked about his visit to Glasgow, illustrated by slides showing the splendour of its buildings, its streets, parks and the waters of neighbouring Loch Lomond, and capturing the clouded skies and sometimes murky atmosphere of this historic Scottish city.

The annual deanery prayers were held this year on 27th September at St Michael's Blundellsands.

Our annual MU Church service will be held in church on Thursday, 5th October, at 2.00pm, followed by refreshments in the Bier House. Revd. Peter Paine will preside.

At the meeting on Thursday, 2nd November, at 2.00pm in the Bier House, we look forward to hearing the Revd. Chris Quine talk on "All Saints".

A reminder, the yellow bucket will be present at all our Bier House meetings, ready and happy to receive any loose cash in aid of AFIA ("Away from it all", holidays for disadvantaged children).

Best wishes

Eleanor



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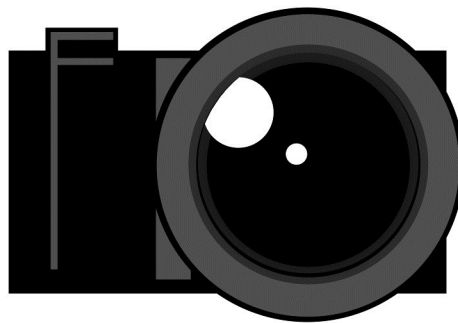
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Bishop Richard Blackburn on Sunday 3rd September



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Child Friendly Church Award – Journeying Together for the Growth of God’s family

The Award was presented by Bishop Richard in recognition of how St Peter’s welcomes and integrates children and their families into the worshipping life of our parish. Ministry amongst children is a very important part of our parish life and we thank all our leaders for their energy and enthusiasm.



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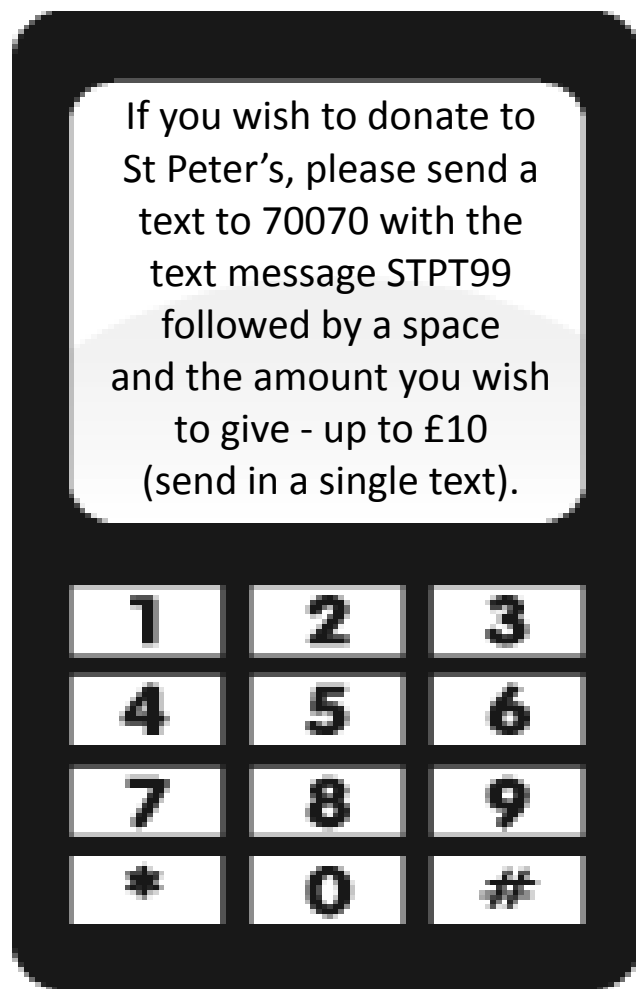
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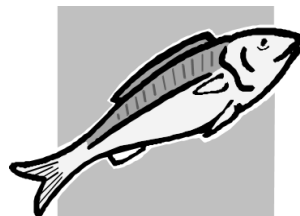
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A Grace for a Busy Cook

Lord of creation, may my every guest
By all my kitchen skill be much impressed.
I know you were content with loaves and fishes
But these days they expect less homely dishes.
May they not spot the traps I've set for mice,
But be beguiled by scents of bread and spice;
Let meals run smoothly from the rough terrine
To summer pudding with sauce mousseline.
Also, please Lord, let them never guess
It's mostly been acquired at M and S!





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The Claddagh Ring

There was a wedding in the parish, Nathan and Poppy tied the knot, as they say. Good Luck to them both, and may they have a long and happy life together.



Marriage can be a bit of a lottery unless you go into it with the right idea. It is a lifelong partnership, and should be built on love and trust.

Ireland was, in the old days, a thriving place where gold was mined, and the most beautiful jewellery was made. The gold has almost all been exhausted now, but jewellery of a sort is still made in a small, but quite famous, town. It is called Claddagh, where an Irish wedding ring is made.

The Claddagh Ring shows two hands holding a heart and above them both is a crown. The hands are for friendship; the heart is for love and the crown is for loyalty. What better way is there to symbolise marriage?

Like everything else in this world, to be successful you have to work hard, and marriage is no different. You need lots of patience and trust to make it work. The day that I married (long ago), my father told me that if ever I needed a home I would always have one with my parents.

"Oh no she won't." said my mother. (A wise woman.) She has a home of her own now and she stays in it! She must work at being a wife."

I often look at my old Claddagh Ring and think of the good times, and the bad ones and wonder which wise person thought to make that ring with the profound meaning of what it takes to make a good marriage.

That's what Nathan and Poppy need, friendship, love and loyalty and they will be all right. I can guarantee it.

Martha.



Contact St Peter's Stewardship Team who will be happy to discuss the scheme.
Mike Fletcher 07808 310834 email: stewardshipstpeter@gmail.com

Evening Hot Pot and apple pie!

Saturday 21st October 7.30pm

Holy Trinity Church, Formby



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Tickets will be available from Patrick & Sue Parkes

Archbishop Blanch Memorial Lecture C. S. Lewis for Today:
Making Sense of Faith and Culture

presented by Professor McGrath

at Liverpool Hope University on 25th October at 7 pm
on the subject C.S.Lewis, his life and work.

Admission is by ticket, and early application is advised.

For more information and to register for free tickets please go to
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Primetime

Primetime ladies group meets monthly on the

3rd Wednesday of the month 7.30 - 9.30pm

in the Old School Room at the Parish Hall, Paradise Lane.

*We do something different at each meeting, but you can take part as much
or as little as you like - whatever we do we enjoy ourselves!*



Our next meeting will be on

Wednesday 18th October

All welcome, bring a friend.

For further details call Sonia, Elaine or Ali on 833781 / 874635 / 879976



From the Back Pew

Ted Woods

WAR & PEACE

Once again the threat of a nuclear war has become very real as President Trump and Kim Jong-un boast about the range and power of their armaments and their ability to obliterate each other “with fire and fury”.

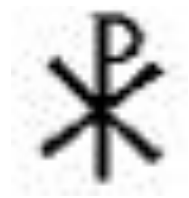
Church leaders are warning against the danger of war with Korea and have pleaded with all parties to redouble their efforts to find a diplomatic solution, sentiments that have been echoed by the U.N. Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres.

Addressing the Korean Council of Religious Leaders in the Vatican, Pope Francis said that if we are to sow the hope of a future “in which humanity becomes more human” it will mean “not just raising our voices but rolling up our sleeves” in the pursuit of peace.

But as one journalist in a recent Church Times put it, “It would be bad enough if we were being troubled by one unpredictable megalomaniac surrounded by sycophants. But in the stand-off between North Korea and the United States the worry is that we are dealing with two.”

For Christians war has always been a difficult moral issue. Indeed, in the first two centuries after Christ, his followers were pacifists, refusing to take part in war as they found killing incompatible with the Gospel they professed. Many legionnaires who became Christian suffered martyrdom rather than continue to be involved in war.

But with the conversion of the Emperor Constantine in the early 4th century, Christianity became the religion of the empire. To join the army a person had to be a Christian. And they marched into battle with Christian monogram on their shields!



To help Christians in the moral dilemma of warfare, the 13th century philosopher and theologian Thomas Aquinas laid down three conditions for a “Just War”.

The war must be started and controlled by the authority of the state or the ruler.

There must be just cause; those attacked are attacked because they deserve it.

The war must be fought to promote good and avoid evil. Peace and justice must be restored afterwards.

Later, two other conditions were added:-

The war must be a last resort: all other possible ways of solving the problem must have been tried out.

There must be 'proportionality' in the way the war is fought, e.g. innocent civilians should not be killed.

Lambeth Conferences – 10-yearly meetings of all world-wide Anglican bishops – have repeatedly condemned war as a method of settling international disputes, saying it is incompatible with the Gospel and committing its members “to prayer, mediation, and any active, non-violent means we can employ to end current conflicts and wars and to prevent others.”

But the ideal and the real world are sometimes very hard to reconcile. In St Peter's we have just had the annual service to commemorate the Battle of Britain, and to give thanks for the contribution and sacrifice of “The Few” who protected our shores from Nazi fascism. Self-defence and the cause of justice must always surely be justified. But the cost of armaments is spiralling all the time. A recent estimate is something like \$1300 billion.

It's a sobering thought that a fraction of that amount would wipe out world hunger, eradicate disease and ensure a fairer world.

After World War II, Gen Dwight Eisenhower, the American President, said, “Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed.”

With the Old Testament prophet Micah we long and pray for the day when “they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” But in the meantime we live in a world which over the last century has experienced the largest and bloodiest wars in history and where once again the spectre of a world war looms large.

Peace seems elusive and war continues to present us with a difficult moral dilemma.

Here are a few quotes to mull over:-

“Let us not negotiate out of fear, but let us not fear to negotiate.”

John F Kennedy

“Wars are poor chisels for carving out a peaceful tomorrow.”

Martin Luther King Jnr

“Peace is the greatest development weapon that any people can have.”

Nelson Mandela

“An eye for an eye and the world will soon be blind.”

Mahatma Ghandi

From the Church Registers

Baptisms

27th August

Madelyn Wendy Killingbeck
daughter of Mike & Lizzie



10th September

Eva Beth Crone
daughter of Stuart & Hilary



10th September

Fifi Anais Belshaw
daughter of Kieron & Zoe



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



Engagement Announcement

Congratulations to
Matthew Thorpe and
Helen Barke on their
recent engagement.

From the Church Registers

Funerals

30 th August	Edna McGuire
1 st Sept	Peter Hall
4 th Sept	Betty Church
4 th Sept	Pauline Moore
5 th Sept	Bob Fairburn
7 th Sept	Muriel Clulee



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

9.00am **Breakfast Church** – 1st Saturday of each month

THE KNOT PRAYER



Dear God,

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart, and my life. Remove the have nots, the can nots, and the do nots that I have in my mind. Erase the will nots, may nots, and might nots that find a home in my heart. Release me from the could nots, would nots, and should nots that obstruct my life. Most of all dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart, and my life all the 'am nots' that I have allowed to hold me back, especially the thought that I am not good enough. Amen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY September 2017



28th Thurs 9.00am School Harvest Service in Church
 2.00pm Eucharist in Halcyon House

29th Sept to 1st October **Harvest Thanksgiving Weekend –**

29th – 7.30pm Formby Folk

30th – 2pm & 4pm Formby Folk

1st – 10am Harvest All–Age Parade Service

3pm Formby Folk

6.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving
 with Bishop Anne Hollinghurst



October

October 2017

4 th Wed	2.00pm	W.O.W. – Worship on Wednesdays for pre-school children	
	3.15pm	Fishy Club begins (children's after school club Yr4 to Yr6)	
5 th Thurs	2.00pm	Mothers' Union Opening Service	
6 th Friday	9.15am	Little Fishes in the Bier House	
	6.30pm	First Friday Eucharist	
7 th Sat	9.00am	Breakfast Church in the Bier House	
8th Sunday		17th Sunday after Trinity Sunday Club	
11 th Wed	3.15pm	Fishy Club	
13 th Friday	9.15am	Little Fishes in the Bier House	
15th Sunday		13th Sunday after Trinity Sunday Club	
18 th Wed	10am - 5pm	Christmas Shoe Box Day in the Parish Hall	
	7.30pm	Primetime in the OSR, Parish Hall	
20 th Friday	9.15am	Little Fishes in the Parish Hall	
22nd Sunday		19th Sunday after Trinity	
26 th Thurs	2.00pm	Eucharist in Halcyon House	
29th Sunday		Last Sunday after Trinity	
	12 noon	Hot Dog Service in Church (followed by hot dogs in the Bier House)	
	6.30pm	Service of Wholeness	

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St Peter's Church was originally "The Ancient Chapelry of Formby, St Peter Apostle and Martyr." It dates from the 12th century and was situated very close to the sea. St Peter's was part of the Parish of Walton, which is why the Rector of Walton is still our Patron. This chapel became "ruinous" and a new church, on the present site, was built in 1746 and consecrated on 19th July 1747.



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

We would like to invite you to our
Harvest Thanksgiving Service
on Sunday 1st October 2017 at 6.30pm
in St Peter's Church, Green Lane, Formby.

Special Preacher –
Bishop Anne Hollinghurst
who grew up in Formby.
Refreshments afterwards

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Opening Night: Friday 29th Sept 7.30pm £5 incl. wine
Saturday 30th Sept - 2pm & 4pm and Sunday 1st Oct - 3pm

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