

ST PETER'S CHURCH MAGAZINE

NOVEMBER 2017



St Peter's Autumn Series

Faith in today's world

This year's Autumn Study Series is ready to go!

We have continued with the theme of making sense of our Christian faith in our very complex society and we have invited some interesting speakers to share their knowledge and expertise with us.

Wed 1st November - Religion, the Boon or Bane of Society? – Canon Ellen Loudon, Director of Social Justice, Liverpool Diocese

Wed 8th November – Science & Religion, Complementary or Contradictory? – Dr. Rod Garner, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Southport and Diocesan Theological Consultant.

Monday 13th November – Dealing with Difference in Society – Have We Loved One Another? – PC Gerrie McConaghy, Hate Crime Coordinator, Merseyside Police.

Canon Ellen Loudon has just been appointed as Adviser for the Voluntary and Community Sector by the newly elected Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, Steve Rotheram. She is also Independent Chair of VS6 - a partnership of 14 support organisations. Ellen will look at ***the negative and positive effects of religion in today's world.***

Canon Rod Garner has been running study courses in the diocese on all aspects of faith and is the author of many books, including "The Big Questions: Believing with Heart and Mind." Rod will deal with the question, "***Can we square the findings of science with what the Bible says?***"

PC Gerrie McConaghy has addressed the Deanery Synod on this topic and her talk made a deep impact. Originally from N. Ireland, she now works with Merseyside Police. Looking at the society in which we live, Gerrie will help us ***live as better human beings in a divided society.***

Venue: The Old School Room in the Parish Hall, Paradise Lane.

Time: 7.30pm each evening.

All Welcome. Invite your friends.



Photo Front Cover: Chariot Race Results 2017
There were 49 Scout Teams competing.
Well done 9th Formby - 6th place overall!

From the Editorial Team

Here is the November (already!) magazine. We hope you enjoy reading it and we thank all our contributors for their input.

First we must draw your attention to the “Faith in Today’s World” series of talks. There is a large diversity of challenging topics and we suggest you get to the Parish Hall pronto to get a seat. We are thrilled to have such interesting speakers.

In November of course, we remember the centenary of the Great War with a poem by one of the trench captains. We remember those who have died in all conflicts and those close to you personally who we have lost over the years.



Congratulations to all who took part on “Formby Folk” which everyone enjoyed although there were serious doubts about Molly the Maid, least said there I think. Who was she?

And we must say congratulations to Nathan and Poppy on their marriage and wish them love and happiness everyday of their lives. I am sure you will enjoy the photo!

Our best wishes to you all.

The Editorial Team

*Please note the deadline for the December 2017 /January 2018 double edition of the magazine is **Friday 3rd November 2017.***

Contributions to alisonwhiffing@aol.com please.

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**](mailto: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,

We enter a **season of remembrance** at this time of year and it is good to remember.

So firstly in this letter I want to **remember to say thank you**. A special thank you to those who made our Harvest Thanksgiving so special. Thank you to the Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Sunday Club & Little Fishes and the School for taking such thoughtful effort in their window displays. And to Simon Price for the abundance of fruit which found very grateful homes.



I also received a thank you letter from the Foodbank saying 'we have calculated that your donation will provide 150 meals to people in need of our support' and that did not include the tins that we also gave to Cumber Lodge Children's Home and the Mission to Seafarers – so thank you to everyone who brought food to the Harvest. It was much appreciated. Thank you also to those who have again delivered cards to the houses of our parish. This is a wonderful way of reaching out and letting our neighbours know the church is here for them.

It was wonderful to have Bishop Anne Hollinghurst as our visiting preacher for the evening Harvest Thanksgiving. She said her visit was a very special experience to be back in the parish that she grew up in and the one which nurtured her early sense of vocation.

This year's Harvest weekend was also very special because of the 'characters' that appeared in the production '**Formby Folk**'! A wonderful weekend which raised £700 for the 'Uganda – Together We Can' Project. Thank you to the organising team – Sue, Paul & Ted – who were then joined by Sonia, Patrick, John, Pat, David, Mark & Joan along with our young people Gabriel, Katy, Kitty & Lana. A fabulous job even with a disruptive maid wandering about!! Thank you also to the refreshments team along with our Churchwardens who gave so much time to make the weekend such a success.

A
time
to
Remember

This month of Remembrance we will have our **Remembrance Sunday Parade Service** on Sunday 12th November at 10am. In the afternoon in Holy Trinity Church at 3pm there will be the area Remembrance Service attended by present and past members of the armed forces, the British

Legion and the Air Training Corp. This is an important time to remember the supreme sacrifice made by those who died in times of war in the cause of peace. We remember not only those of past wars, but those who have been injured or killed in recent conflicts.

"lest we forget"

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*

On the evening of the 12th at 6.30pm we will have our **Bereavement Service**. This is a quiet, reflective service to remember those whom we have loved but who are no longer with us. We invite families and friends to join us in church as we give thanks for how they have touched and enriched our lives. Grief can be so difficult to bear but it is good to remember and give thanks for the lives of those whom we have loved. We will remember all those whose funerals have been connected with St Peter's over the last year but that evening there will be a list at the back of the church to add other names that you would like remembered.

The church is an important backdrop to so many people's lives whether that connection is weekly or occasionally. The church is part of our lives whether through regular worship or the important events of baptisms, confirmation, weddings and funerals. In times of joy and in times of sorrow let us remember that God's love is there to celebrate with us or to bring comfort. In this time of remembrance it is good for all of us to stop and remember what is truly important to us.

Anne



Church Clean and Church Yard Winter Tidy

Saturday 2nd December
from 10am just after Breakfast Church
Please come and help!



PARISH PROJECT 2018

UGANDA - TOGETHER WE CAN

It was during a sabbatical in 2010 that the Revd Sheilagh Williamson went to Uganda and was brought to the village of Kalule, one hour from Kampala, by one of the local leaders. There she found a local community and school struggling to survive. Thus the project **UGANDA – TOGETHER WE CAN** was born.



Over the past 7 years Sheilagh has been helping the community in Kalule to become self-sufficient by setting up small industries and businesses to help families feed themselves, pay school fees and buy the pencils, notebooks etc. that their children need for school. Nothing in education is free.

The women of Kalule responded to Sheilagh's encouragement and each afternoon about 100 women are engaged in a number of ventures such as making cakes, soap, patchwork quilts, rugs, bags and simple jewellery. They have now bought a marquee so that they can fully cater for wedding receptions! They have also started a type of credit union amongst themselves to be able to buy seed for planting and the necessary materials for their businesses.

Recently the project has expanded to helping 130 teenage boys make sandals for sale from old car tyres.

At the moment it's all very basic. They have bought a hut to work in but work on the floor. Benches and tables would be very much appreciated. And they could do with some input and advice about running their ventures and effecting their plans for the future. It would be hard to underestimate the effect on their morale which a visit from a volunteer group would bring.

They would also welcome advice and help in the areas of health and hygiene and developing a garden to grow food.

The local Anglican bishop would welcome a visit from our group.

There is a school of 300 pupils in Kalule. The building is in need of a facelift and some basic repairs and decoration. Education is basically the '3R's' and some sports days for pupils would be very much welcomed. The teachers themselves would be grateful for help in what and how to teach. Education is at a very basic level.

St. Peter's PCC has approved the project and we would hope that a group of volunteers from the parish could visit Kalule next spring/summer to offer whatever assistance we can and to respond to what the community of Kalule see as **their** needs and priorities.

There is a Diocesan Guest House in Kampala – with all mod cons! – where we could stay for a very reasonable rate. A minibus could be hired to take us to and from Kalule. Fares to Uganda are reasonably cheap – depending on the time of year.

The first step is to find out who from St. Peter's would like to volunteer for a 10 day work visit. Sheilagh stresses that whatever gifts and talents you have will be of use. Names of those interested to Anne or Ted by **Sunday 12th November.**

The second step would be a meeting of all those interested to decide when is the most suitable time to go. The earlier we book flights the better.

So can we give a **SMILE** to the people of Kalule?

Share what gifts and abilities we have,

Do something **meaningful**,

Make an **impact** in the lives of those struggling to survive,

Leave a lasting legacy and

Engage everyone in making our contribution.



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

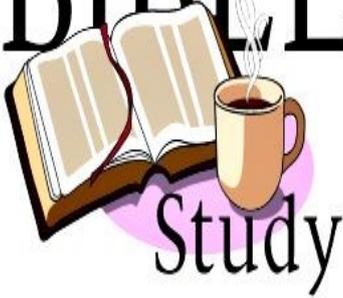
11.00 am Wednesday Eucharist (Coffee afterwards)

6.30 pm Eucharist 1st Friday of each month

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

COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE



Bible study helps us see how scripture can help us in our everyday lives. It is more fun to study and journey together and all that is needed is a willingness to read the passage. There are four groups all meeting at different times and venues so there is a group to suit everyone. So if you haven't already thought about it please think about joining a group.

Please approach one of the group leaders to say that you would be interested.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Two or three new members will be most welcome as and when they can make it. On 7th and 14th November we will be having a time of quiet reading. Bring a book or borrow from the church library.

Then we begin an Advent course: **“Living in the Light: the Coming of Christ ”**

21st Nov Wondering: Luke`s Reporting Luke 2:1-20

28th Nov Pondering: John`s Reflections John 1:1-18

We meet in the Bier House from 10am to 11:15am on Tuesdays. It is preceded by Morning Prayer at 9am followed by coffee at 9:30am. There is a time for quiet reading afterwards. Please come for all or part of the morning.

Ken Ward 01704 871927, swanward@supanet.com

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

There is a Bible study group which meets fortnightly in the Bier House starting at 7.30pm. We are studying Paul's letter to the Philippians. This is an informal group made up of those who want to learn more about the Bible and its relevance for today. The dates are 22nd November and 6th December, starting again on 10th January. We have room for two or three more people.

Alison Woodhouse, 01704 830652, arwfountains@gmail.com

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Our group meets usually on a Thursday evening at 45 Freshfield Road. There are nine of us and we could welcome one more. We have looked at the early life, training and then conversion of St Paul. We will be looking at each of his missionary journeys in turn together with one or two of his letters to the members of the churches he helped to set up. Our November dates are 2nd and 16th.

Michael Pitts 01704 875550 mypitts@talktalk.net

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

This group meets on Friday afternoons starting in the Bier House at 2pm finishing no later than 4pm. It will run every week until the end of November. The group looks at the readings for the following Sunday starting with refreshments. There is room for another one or two so please let Peter Paine know if you would like to attend.

Peter Paine 01704 809517, peterspaine@gmail.com

State of Mind

Recently two radio programmes covered similar ground. The first considered the conversion of the Emperor Constantine to Christianity and the effects of this on the Roman Empire. There were two themes; the first looked at the recognition given to Christians to worship freely and the other considered his attempt to find unity within the Christian church. The decision to allow freedom of worship for Christians was apparently a freedom for all religions to act freely as long as it was not against the empire. The desire for unity of understanding in the Christian church brought about the conference of bishops at Nicaea and resulted in the Nicene Creed. The work of Constantine, who was not a nice individual, illustrates the issue of the link between state and worship and the freedom of the individual.

The second programme looked at the effect of the Russian revolution on religion in Russia. The first part looked at the reason Lenin wished to rid Russia of all religion. His ruthless abolition of anything to do with religion and destruction of the religious meeting places was an important part of his attempt to ensure communism became the only belief as a way forward. This doctrinaire and totalitarian approach was broken by the velvet revolution in 1989 when religion was no longer persecuted. The programme then looked at the position of religion in Russia today. It reported on the close relationships between the state, Putin, and the Russian Orthodox Church. So close in fact that any open expression of atheism is not tolerated and can be prosecuted by the state.

In previous times the reformation brought into high relief the issue of state and church and individual belief. It allowed Henry VIII to solve the problem by making the head of state head of the church.

Now the link between state and the Church of England is weak but it is still there. Atheism is openly spoken about without fear, in fact it seems to have become big business. Religion is no longer persecuted nor is it imposed by the state.

The whole idea of religion and state is a balance. The state recognises the power of faith and becomes concerned if it is against the government, yet the state has to accept that Christianity has a powerful statement about moral behaviour which should be respected.

It has to be recognised within Western Europe there is little interest in the relationship between an elected government and the governing bodies of churches. The important way forward is to ensure the voice of the Church can be heard. Christianity has important messages to give to society and government especially in morality and justice. In fact religion is one to the few institutions which shows a clear way.

Dear Friends,

On the evening of St Peter's Patronal Festival in 1979 Marilyn and I slipped into the church - unnoticed we hoped - and sat down. At once we became aware of a gentleman behind us who leant forward and cheerfully asked: Are you the new organist?



Raised in the Methodist tradition our experience had been of straightforward but deeply spiritual forms of worship - with full-hearted singing. We were about to enjoy the deeply spiritual Liturgies of our mother church - again with full-hearted singing to express and explore our faith and to cement our fellowship. And of course the crafted weekly reminders from the pulpit that God is abroad in His world with designs for us all; His love for mankind and His creation inexhaustible.

We have moved to Hertfordshire to live near our family. But we take leave of you with the happiest of memories, and with immense gratitude for the generosity of your friendship and your unending encouragement; we could ask for no better companions on The Way.

Thank you for your most generous gift, your feast and your fellowship.

May God bless you all as you continue to serve each other and the people of Formby. We know you have wonderful years ahead in the service of Christ and his church.

Graham and Marilyn Jones



Breakfast Church

Join us at Breakfast Church on
Saturday 4th November at 9am in the Bier House. 30 minute service followed by toast & chat.
You will be very welcome.

HOTDOG CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Sunday 26th November

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



New Dementia Support Group @ The Bier House, St Peter's Church, Formby 2.00 - 3.30pm

The next meetings will be:
Monday 6th November 2017
Monday 4th December 2017
Monday 8th January 2018

Dementia Friendly Christmas Service

Sunday 17th December at 2.30pm
with seasonal refreshments afterwards

If you would like support from our team between these dates please contact
our Parish Office on 01704 871171
email stpetersformby@gmail.com
Web-site: www.stpetersformby.co.uk

Everyone Welcome!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

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

Next meeting - Saturday 18th November at 4pm to 6pm

in St Luke's Meeting Room

More information from Sally Nicol,



Sunday Club



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 – 5th & 19th

November; 10th & 17th December.

Deanery Link Trip to Germany

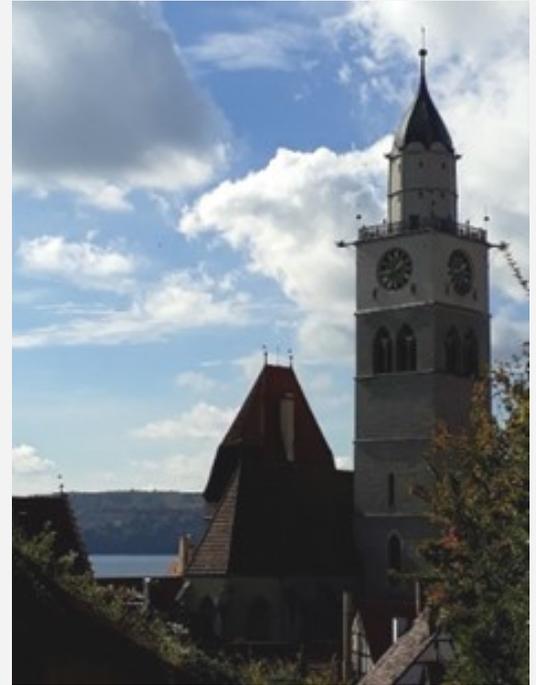
You may have noticed the absence of Anne and me from church on Sunday 8th October. As many of you know, the reason for this was that we were being hosted at different churches around the Evangelischer Kirchenbezirk of Überlach Stockach. If, like me, your geography isn't very good, it's near the border of Germany and Switzerland, near Lake Constance!

We were the guests of our partner church; the Evangelical Church in Baden. This denomination, founded in 1821 with the uniting of churches within the grand duchy of Baden, can itself trace its theological influences to the continental reformation inspired by Martin Luther in 1517.

We were warmly welcomed at Stuttgart airport, before being driven back to the impressive 'messkirche', where we were treated to a meal around a table, introduced ourselves, and prayed a meditation together. During this meditation, we sang 'The Day Thou Gavest' in our respective languages – the sound of which was one of my most pleasant memories of the journey!

On our first day, we were given a tour of Überlingen which included some impressive 14th century fortifications, a water-spa (it was freezing), some unrivalled views of the lake and a market. The first photo is my attempt to get all three included. Our second evening was held in the castle residence where Martin Heidegger had lived – in a truly stunning hall (also pictured). We were treated to a book reading about the Protestant mindset post 1520 by the author in costume and another lecture by a respected German theologian on grace – giving us quite an appetite for our food and after dinner entertainment of a local community gospel choir, before a candlelit meditation in the courtyard.

A feature of the trip, for all of us, was the excellent fellowship we received with our church hosts (usually over a bottle of wine in the evening – or on Sunday evening, a wine tasting which produced a decreasing legibility in my 'tasting notes'). Our hosts, Reiner and Martina Stockburger, were also married ministers and had taken up their posts in May. Having 20 years' experience on Poppy and me, but sharing these similarities, made conversation easy (even if language got in the way) and it was interesting to see both the similarities and differences of another reformed church.



On Monday, we visited the 'Bibel Galerie', a permanent museum about the Bible (that, like Cana, had provided our wine the day before) – complete with interactive oil ingredients, Sarah's tent, the house the paralysed man was lowered into, several ancient printed and written bibles, and a printing press – on which we all printed our own versions of Psalm 23 (complete with authentic printing hat)!

We are hoping to see our German friends, and introduce them to you again, in two years. There is also the possibility of a Deanery youth exchange too – so watch this space....



Nathan Thorpe

NEW 'Little Fishes' Pre-school Group

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

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

Contact Leah Wilson at leah.mahon1@gmail.com or the Parish Office for more information. The November dates for Little Fishes are:



- 3rd November - Free Play (Hot snack)
- 10th November - Song & Music (cold snack)
- 17th November - Free Play (Hot snack)
- 24th November - Messy Play (cold snack)

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 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. Meeting in the Parish Hall, Paradise Lane.



Autumn Dates – 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th November

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Making Time Out!

At a stables a couple of horses have broken free and are running away across the moors. The owners discuss plans for their safe return. One suggests they drive out in half a dozen Land Rovers to round the horses up. Another suggests riding out on the other horses. Yet another suggests building an extra fence around the stables to prevent any more escaping. They all fret about the time and expense involved. Meanwhile, the stablehand laments the fact that the owners don't ever bother fitting bolts on the stable doors!

I was enlightened by Rod Jacques' description of the prison system at our recent "Time Out" meeting. I was impressed by his understated description of the work which he had carried out and, knowing how Rod always takes the time and effort to make everyone feel welcome and valued at our 8 o'clock service every Sunday, I was left in little doubt that he has made a profound difference to many of the people who were in his charge during his career.

As we pondered the overarching question of how best to rehabilitate prisoners to the benefit of the wider community as well as the prisoners themselves, I couldn't help wondering if there might be a more pressing question and one which is ultimately far easier to answer: how do we prevent people from entering prison in the first place?

I spent a decade teaching in a special school for young people who had "social, emotional and behavioural difficulties". Without exception, the young people faced overwhelming challenges. Outside school, many of them were immersed in abusive, chaotic surroundings. With a Primary aged class, I had a relatively easy job as my pupils had 'only' been damaged by a decade of negative influences. With increasing pressure on schools to keep challenging pupils within the mainstream setting for as long as possible, I felt for my colleagues who faced the enormous challenge of trying to help young people who arrived towards the end of their Secondary education.

Without a doubt, the earlier the intervention the easier, quicker and longer lasting the influence.

I was quiet, softly spoken and hardly an imposing figure in our school: many of our pupils were much bigger and stronger than me! But I always took the time to listen to our pupils and, at playtime, I considered the playing as vital as the teaching. I would always join the pupils playing computer games, 'tig' or football. It was an integral part of the bond that forged our relationships; and it was only through the strength of those relationships that I had the authority to impose discipline.

There are no shortcuts to achieving this. Relationships require the investment of time. A member of staff once asked if it was a problem that

one of my pupils arrived 15 minutes before the official start of school every day. I replied that I was more than happy giving up a quarter of an hour of my time sitting, chatting and working with him every morning. I pointed out that the boy in question smiled and laughed every day and he had a record of over 90% school attendance since joining our class: his previous record had been less than 5% attendance accompanied by frequent violent outbursts.

Just like adults, all children need to feel valued. Given the opportunity, they will be happy and grow to play a constructive role in our society. For me, the question of 'what' to do is relatively easy. Far more challenging is the question of 'how' we do it. How do we make it happen on a national scale... when we're all so very busy measuring outcomes, writing policies and analysing statistics?

John Howard



TIMEOUT

Formby Cricket Club, Cricket Path,
Formby, Liverpool L37 7DP

The next get-together will be on
Thursday 30th November at 8 pm



Discussion - A Christian Perspective on the Arms Industry

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 15th November

***when we will have a talk and demonstration on soap
making from local TigerMuffin Soaps. £2 admission.***

All welcome, bring a friend.

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





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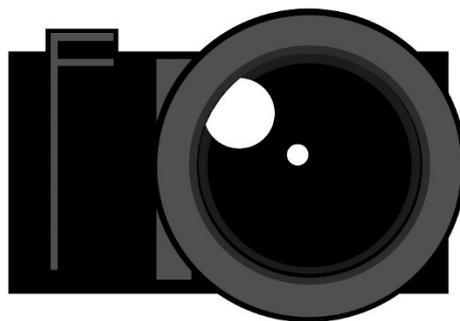
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THE UNUTTERABLE BEAUTY

The Revd G. A. Studdert Kennedy (1883-1929)
(Submitted by Graham Jones)

God, give me speech, in mercy touch my lips,
I cannot bear Thy Beauty and be still,
Watching the red-gold majesty that tips
The crest of yonder hill,
And out to sea smites the sails of ships.

That flame like drifting stars across the deep,
Calling their silver comrades from the sky,
As long and ever longer shadows creep,
To sing their lullaby,
And hush the tired eyes of earth to sleep.

Thy radiancy of glory strikes me dumb,
Yet cries within my soul for power to raise
Such miracles of music as would sum
Thy splendour in a phrase,
Storing it safe for all the years to come.

O God Who givest songs too sweet to sing,
Have mercy on Thy servant's feeble tongue,
In sacrificial silence sorrowing,
And grant that songs unsung,
Accepted at Thy mercy seat, may bring

New light into the darkness of sad eyes,
New tenderness to stay the stream of tears,
New rainbows from the sunshine of surprise,
To guide men down the years,
Until they cross the last long bridge of sighs.

The Revd Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, better known as "Woodbine Willie", was the vicar at St Paul's church in Worcester, and he is buried at St John's cemetery, in the city. At the outbreak of WW1 he volunteered as a chaplain, and won the Military Cross in 1917. His habit of handing out cigarettes to troops earned him his nickname, being a heavy smoker himself. Big crowds lined the streets of Worcester for his funeral in 1929.

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

**In Loving
Memory**

The end of October and beginning of November is a specific time of remembrance. A time to remember all those that we have known in our own lives; those who have loved us, encouraged us, inspired us, and whose lives still enrich our own.

Our annual service for those who have been bereaved will be held at 6.30pm on Sunday 12th November. We will be remembering all those whose funeral was connected with St Peter's over the past year. But we will also add further names of loved ones whom you want to remember and whose funeral was not in St Peter's.

For many this is a comforting service and a tangible way of remembering those who have died. This is a simple service of prayers, readings and hymns. As we take time to remember candles may be lit in memory of loved ones.

There will be refreshments after the service and everyone is very welcome.

A prayer for peacemakers

History can inspire or trap.
Walls can protect or divide.
Words can encourage or inflame.
Power can free or destroy.
Touch can comfort or violate.
Peace can be shared or withheld.
Gracious God, on this day,
when we remember past and present conflicts,
we pray for the divided peoples of the world,
that leaders, governments and each one of us
may use our resources,
our opportunities and our lives
in the service of reconciliation,
for the sake of future generations
and to the glory of your name.
Amen.



Harvest Festival Weekend



Harvest Thanksgiving Service - special preacher Bishop Anne Hollinghurst



PC Fred Beswick & Det. Bob Greenhalgh



David Davies and the Housekeeper





Mary Formby



Lady Formby

*Formby Folk performance
at St Peter's Church*



Forni the 10th Century Viking



Molly the maid



Revd Lonsdale Formby



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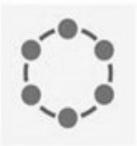
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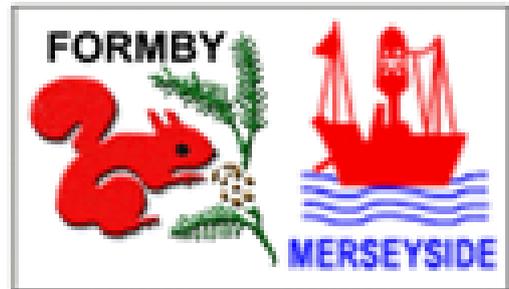


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Angela, Callum, Gill, Joe, Anna and Martin



Martin Jones (Group Scout Leader)



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

We held our annual service in St Peter's Church on Thursday, 6th October. Canon Alison Woodhouse was enrolled as a member by Revd Peter Paine, who led the service, and we all renewed our commitment to the Mothers' Union.

We look forward to Revd Chris Quine talking to us on 'All Saints' on Thursday, 2nd November, at 2.00pm in the Bier House.

On Thursday, 7th December, we are holding our Christmas agape lunch in the Parish Hall, Paradise Lane, at 1pm.

Please note time and venue.

As our 2017 project, we are again collecting toiletries for refugees in Liverpool. There is an on-going need for these necessities. Items particularly needed are shower gel and soap, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes, flannels, combs and brushes. Please bring these to the November and December meetings.



The yellow bucket will be at both these meetings to welcome your loose change in aid of holidays for disadvantaged children.

Subscriptions are now due. Headquarters have increased these by £1.00 each, making them now £21.50, of which the branch retains 35p. Cheques for £21.50, made payable to 'St Peter's Mothers' Union', should be brought to the meeting on 2nd November or to the Christmas Party.

As always, we welcome visitors and prospective new members. For more information, ring Eleanor on 874112.

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Trinity St Peter's Christmas Fair

Saturday 2nd December from noon till 4pm

at St Peter's Parish Hall on Paradise Lane. All welcome.

Entrance will be just 50p per person or £2 per family.

Visit Santa's grotto for just £3 per child, have a go on the bottle or luxury goods tombola or make some Christmas decorations to hang on the tree.

Hot food and drink will also be available.

All proceeds will go towards buying equipment and paying for events for children at Trinity St Peter's Primary School.



Hymns? No Derek's getting in early with what he wants from Argos for Christmas!



Bible

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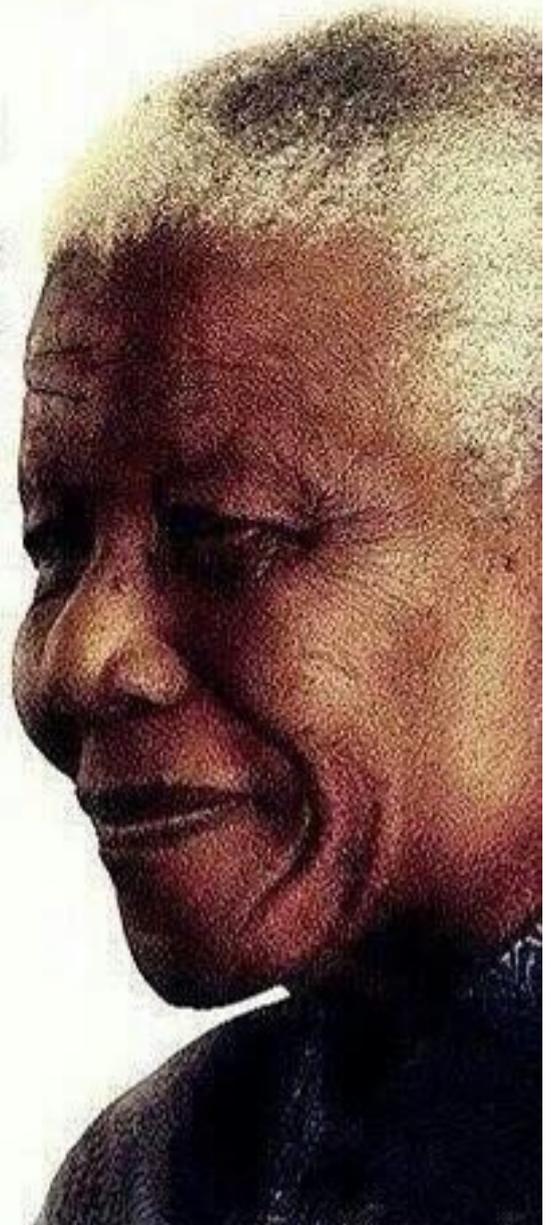
LAZY TWINS ON HALLOWEEN

Laughter Lines!!

The Vicar was a notoriously bad driver and narrowly missed hitting the postman on the Vicarage drive. He stopped and apologised. The postman claimed that in diving for cover he had damaged his leg and might want to claim compensation. The Vicar gave him a visiting card so that he could get in touch with him later if he wished. However, as the Vicar sped away, the man's anger was increased as he read the message on the card, for it said, "The Reverend John Brown is very sorry to have missed you, but hopes to make contact with you soon".

No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background or his religion. People learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

Nelson Mandela



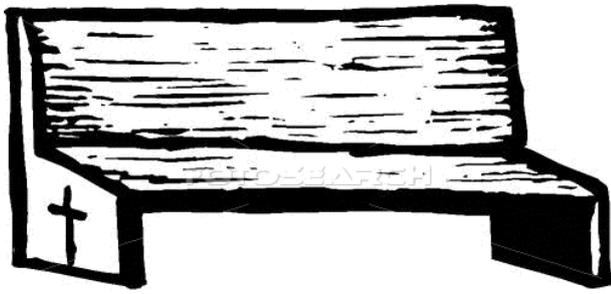
The Parish Library is back in The Bier House

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

The Library has a selection of books that includes theology, spirituality, prayer and biographies. There is also a selection of DVDs from BBC and ITV documentaries. If you would like to borrow a book or DVD please write your name in the notebook provided. We hope this is a useful resource for everyone.



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



From the Back Pew Ted Woods

20 C+M+B 17

Walking around the beautiful villages of Lake Constance during the Deanery's recent trip to Germany, we were struck by the number of times we saw **20 C+M+B 17** written in chalk above the doors of the houses.

It was time to do a little bit of research!

And what we found is that it is a way of stating that the house has been blessed in the year given at the beginning and end of the letters. The above example would indicate that the house was blessed in 2017 but other dates can also be seen.

The 'CMB' stands for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for "May Christ Bless This House".

Traditionally people bless their houses at Epiphany. St. Matthew in his Gospel indicates that by the time the Wise Men visited Jesus with their gifts, Mary and Joseph had moved from the stable to a proper house. See Matthew 2 verse 11. So not only do the letters CMB stand for blessing but they also stand for the Three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

Incidentally, the eagle-eyed may have noticed that on the keystone over the end window of the Bier House "C+M+B 1992" is inscribed. For the past few years some have thought it stood for Revd Mark Boyling who had the Bier House extended in 1992, but, of course, his initials are MCB! The plaque commemorates the blessing of the extended Bier House 25 years ago. And further, you may have noticed to the left hand side of the Bier House entrance '1992' chalked on a red brick. Did it once also have C+M+B above it?

We have now chalked 20 C+M+B 17 to mark Bishop Richard's visit in September to bless the extended-extended Bier House.

From time to time during my ministry I have been invited to bless people's homes, especially when a family moves into a new home. Unfortunately, I never knew to chalk an inscription above the door!

But a blessing doesn't have to be done by clergy or only at Epiphany. Many people hold a short prayer service to ask God's blessing on their homes and all who live in and visit them.

Here is a simple prayer service to bless your home:-

Except the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. (Ps 127:1)

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Cor.13: 4 – 7

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of hearth and home, maker of love and laughter, make our home a place for reflection and restoration, rest and renewal, that all who enter here may know your peace and all who live here know your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Then chalk **20 C+M+B 17** on the wall above or beside your front door!



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From the Church Registers

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15th October

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Friday 22nd September

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Nathan and Poppy*

Funerals

3rd October David Foreman
16th October Donald Lyon

Interment of Ashes

2nd October Malcolm Chapman



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 2017

NOVEMBER



1 st Wed	2.00pm	W.O.W. – service for pre-school children	
	3.15pm	Fishy Club in Parish Hall	
	7.30pm	Study Series in Old School Room, Parish Hall	
2 nd Thurs	2.00pm	Mothers' Union meeting in the Bier House	
3 rd Fri	2.00pm	Bible Study Group <i>with Peter Paine</i> in Bier House	
	6.30pm	First Friday Eucharist	
4 th Sat	9.00am	Breakfast Church in the Bier House	
	6.00pm	Scout Bonfire Party. Gates open. (See back page for more info)	

5 th Sun		All Saints Day	
	10.00am	Sunday Club in Bier House	
6 th Mon	2.00pm	“Keystone” Dementia Support Group in Bier House	
8 th Wed	3.15pm	Fishy Club in Parish Hall	
	7.30pm	Study Series in Old School Room, Parish Hall	
10 th Fri	2.00pm	Bible Study Group <i>with Peter Paine</i> in Bier House	

12 th Sun		Remembrance Sunday	
	10.00am	All-Age Parade Service	
	6.30pm	Bereavement Service	
13 th Mon	7.30pm	Study Series in Old School Room, Parish Hall	
15 th Wed	3.15pm	Fishy Club in Parish Hall	
	7.30pm	Primetime in the OSR, Parish Hall	
17 th Fri	2.00pm	Bible Study Group <i>with Peter Paine</i> in Bier House	

19 th Sun		2nd Sunday before Advent	
	10.00am	Sunday Club	
	6.30pm	Faure Requiem	
21 st Tues	10.00am	Bible Study with Ken Ward in the Bier House	
22 nd Wed	3.15pm	Fishy Club in Parish Hall	
	7.30pm	Bible Study Group <i>with Alison Woodhouse</i> in the Bier House	
24 th Fri	2.00pm	Bible Study Group <i>with Peter Paine</i> in Bier House	

26 th Sun		Christ the King	
	12 noon	Hot Dog Service in Church (followed by hot dogs in the Bier House)	
	6.30pm	Service of Wholeness	
28 th Tues	10.00am	Bible Study with Ken Ward in the Bier House	
29 th Wed	3.15pm	Fishy Club in Parish Hall	
30 th Thurs	2.00pm	Halcyon House Eucharist	



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