

St Peter's Church Magazine

October 2018



The magazine is an important means of outreach and keeps everyone informed and in touch with the life of St Peter's Church. The magazine is free, though it would be appreciated if you would like to give a donation towards production costs. If you would like a magazine delivered to your home, please contact the Parish Office.

SHOEBOX DAY IS NEARLY HERE!

St Peter's Church Shoebox Day is being held on
Wednesday 17th October in the Parish Hall, 10-4pm

Empty, covered shoeboxes will be available, and Shoebox Express will be here with everything you need to fill them at affordable prices!
Ready-made boxes will also be available for £5.00



If you cannot come along on the day, shoeboxes are available to order for £5 each which includes a donation of £1 towards the cost of shipping the boxes to needy children.

Please put your money into an envelope with your name on and pass to one of the Churchwardens or into the Office.

Our boxes will be distributed by International Aid, a locally based Christian charity, who ensure the boxes are given to needy children both at home and abroad.

Thank you!

(Thank you also to everyone who brought shoeboxes and cards - we now have enough.)

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

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 be used only by St Peter's.

From the Editorial Team

A busy month awaits us in October, and with last year's success of 'Formby Folk,' we look forward with eager anticipation to Ted Woods' forthcoming production entitled 'Voices of the Churchyard' which will take place on Friday 5th October at 7.30p.m. and on Saturday 6th October at 3.00p.m. and 7.00p.m. Ted will be joined by some well know characters. Prizes for recognition will not be awarded!

Those readers who failed to see 'Formby Folk' missed a real treat, and we can only urge everyone to write in large letters in their diaries:

VOICES FROM THE CHURCHYARD– DO NOT MISS.

Other events come thick in the month, and the afternoon of 'Singing for Fun' (see page 27) on 1st October is increasing in popularity. Readers are assured of a warm welcome, with the added attraction of coffee and cake to accompany the singing – but not at the same time!

Shoe Box Day (see page 2) takes place on Wednesday, 17th October. This is a worthy cause, whereby children who would otherwise not receive a gift, are given a wrapped Christmas present. Volunteers to help make up the boxes are most welcome that day, as are donations towards the cost of the boxes.

Finally we would like to take the opportunity of thanking Eleanor Gibson who happily has recovered from her heart attack earlier in the year. She has decided to retire from her duties as Branch Leader of Mothers' Union after serving for 27 years.

Thank you Eleanor so much.

The Editorial Team

Our diocesan prayer

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

*Please note the deadline for
the November 2018 edition
of the magazine is
Friday 5th October 2018.
Contributions to
alisonwhiffing@aol.com*

Dear Friends,

Years ago, when deep coal mines were in operation, each mine had its own canary. The canary was brought down into the mines in a cage with the workers because canaries are particularly sensitive to toxic gases. When the air was clear, the canary sang. But when the bird stopped singing and began to show signs of distress, the miners knew that it was time to get out because the air had become polluted with toxic gases which were colourless and odourless.

Many scientists concerned about global warming and pollution in our world today have warned that “the canary has stopped singing.”

TIME magazine carried this photo on its cover showing a polar bear on a narrow piece of ice. The accompanying article said that the small floe of ice had once been part of a solid piece of ice, which was now melting. Another photo in TIME, a two-page spread, looked like a moonscape, but it was actually parched land in Ethiopia. The magazine also reported that areas of the earth’s surface afflicted by drought had doubled in the last 30 years.



I have written previously about our over-reliance on plastic and saying “no” to straws it is all the small steps that, if they become habit, can help improve our world.

So, at Harvest time, when we celebrate and give thanks for ‘the fruits of creation’ we need also to be reminded that God has made us stewards, or managers, of his world, with a responsibility to him for how we look after it – or don’t. Christianity is about Ecology as well as Theology.

Indeed, the “**Five Marks of Mission**” adopted by the General Synod in 1996 includes “**to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.**”

I’m glad to report that St. Peter’s now has an Eco Group. Appropriately, the first question considered by the Eco Group was ‘where do we start’? It was decided that our ultimate aim was to pursue an Eco-Church award. To begin with, the group would look for ‘easy victories’ with an ultimate aim for ecological considerations to become a routine part of the decision making in St Peter’s Church. To recognise this, the church would achieve and maintain an eco-church award and we think we could already be close to obtaining the bronze award. The aim is not just to get an award but it does help focus our minds on what can be achieved.

www.ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk



If you have any ideas please do let us know so that together we can Reuse Recycle Reduce.

During the month of September we had a number of retirements and I would like to say thank you to each one who has served with dedication, enthusiasm and good nature.



- ❖ Peter Davies has served as our representative on the Churches Together committee for the last 3 years.
- ❖ Ollie O'Donnell has served as an acolyte and crucifer since he was in Year 6 and we wish him well as he prepares for A Levels.
- ❖ Eleanor Gibson has served as leader of the Mothers' Union for 27 years.
- ❖ Pat Downey has been the secretary for the Educational Trust for 30 years.
- ❖ Paul McHenry has been the Christian Aid Week co-ordinator for 30 years.
- ❖ Sue Parkes has served as the St Peter's representative on the Christian Aid committee for 39 years.

We thank Herbert Blundell who has agreed to serve as the Mothers' Union leader and a wonderful sign that the Mothers' Union is for everyone despite the name!

We would always like new volunteers to serve as Crucifer or as an acolyte please do let us know. There is a rota so it is not an onerous task.

Lastly, if you would like to get involved with the great work of the committee of the Churches Together in Formby, Hightown & Altcar do ask me for more information.

So, as we are truly into a new season, it is a great time to say thank you to everyone involved in our organisations and activities as an exciting year lies ahead in the life of St Peter's.

Anne

CHRISTIAN BASICS COURSE

This autumn in St Peter's we want to concentrate on the roots of what we believe and we are organising four talks on the Christian Basics.

Maybe you have had your child baptised in St. Peter's.

Maybe you have started belonging to St. Peter's and would like to know more about the faith.

Maybe you just want to know what Christianity is all about.

Or maybe you want a quick refresher course.

No previous knowledge is required; just a desire to know more about the basics of our faith. No group discussions, though an opportunity to ask questions if you wish.

Everyone is welcome.

The four topics will be:-

God & Jesus; The Bible; Prayer; Baptism & Holy Communion

The root meaning of religion is 'relationship' – a relationship with God. We will learn more about God as we look at Jesus, read the Bible, learn how to pray and receive the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

The session will be light and informal, but hopefully, informative, and will be held in the Bier House (beside the church gate), on Mondays 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th October from 7.30pm to 9pm (including refreshments).

If you would like further information please contact the Vicar –

Revd Anne Taylor 872824 revannetaylor@gmail.com



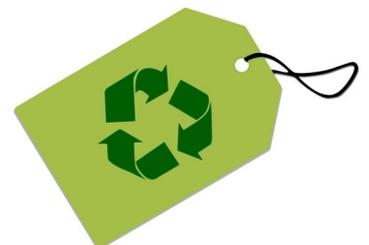
Recycle the Sherry!!

One way of recycling and helping Parish organisations!

If you have any unopened bottles of sherry, boxes of shortbread or biscuits that you would like to pass on, we would be delighted to have them. Along with chocolates, bottles of fizz etc.

All can be used for parish events, raffles etc.

Donations can be left in the Parish Office or given to the clergy.



UGANDA CALLING!

“Life-changing” was how some members of last year’s Uganda Project team described their experience of the trip.

And, while much was achieved, a lot more is still to be done, so we are planning another trip in 2019.

Here are some of the areas where help is needed:-

The Women’s Project: knitting, sewing, cooking.

The School: basic building skills, painting and decorating, basic carpentry and help for the teachers, crafts for the children and organising a sports day.

We are keen to start a chicken-rearing project for the school. Training in chicken care is being organised for staff and pupils, and we hope to build a chicken coop when we visit next year.

However, apart from the practical ways in which we can contribute, we all gained much from our interaction and friendship with the people of Kalule, and the visit was an important morale booster for them.

We stay in the Diocesan Guest House in Luweero where there are single and double rooms with en-suite. The cost is approximately £20 per night for dinner, bed and breakfast. We travel to Kalule –about 20 minutes away – by public transport (an experience in itself!)

Members of the team pay for their accommodation and also air fares, visas and any jabs that are needed. Last year, accommodation for 9 nights was £180, the air fare was £600, a visa cost \$50. Many of the jabs are available on the NHS. Yellow fever vaccination is also required.

The dates for our 2019 trip are **Sunday 26th May – Wednesday 5th June.**

If you missed our first information/report night, another will be held on Thursday 11th October at 7.30pm in The Old Schoolroom in the Parish Hall, Paradise Lane.

If you are interested in joining the 2019 group, or discussing it further, please contact Anne or Ted. We would need to have names by Monday 26th November so that flights can be booked in good time.

Uganda Evening Did You Miss The First One?

For anyone who missed the evening in July when we talked about the trip to Uganda and the project this is an opportunity to hear the news.

Also for anyone who would like to join us on the trip in 2019 it would be important to hear about the project.

Thursday 11th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.



Confirmation

For those who would like to be confirmed (renew their baptism promises for themselves) there will be a Deanery Confirmation Service in St Giles, Aintree at 3:00pm on Sunday 3rd November.

This year, young people (year 6 & older) are being prepared for confirmation by Nathan & Poppy over lunchtime in school on Tuesdays & Fridays.

Separate preparation for adults can be arranged with the Vicar.

Otherwise, please contact Revd Nathan or Revd Poppy on 461841 or nathanthorpe1@hotmail.co.uk.

Just recently we seem to be hearing a lot about palm oil, either it's washing up on our beaches or, as shown in a recent television series, it's causing major problems with deforestation which is in turn affecting wildlife, particularly orangutans. As we at St Peter's are becoming more Eco friendly as a church, I decided to find out more about the problem and discovered that Chester Zoo and indeed the city of Chester (which is aiming to become the first Sustainable Palm Oil City) are both championing the use of sustainable palm oil.



I was surprised to learn that palm oil is the worlds most commonly used vegetable oil and is contained in over 50% of products on our supermarket shelves. Once you start checking labels it's amazing what you find it in. The production of it is highly profitable and as the most high yielding and versatile product on the market, demand is increasing. Unfortunately that is causing devastating results with regards to the flora and fauna of places like Indonesia and Borneo where the majority of it is produced. Through their Sustainable Palm Oil Challenge Chester Zoo are trying to make people aware of the problem and help make it easier for people to choose products containing sustainable palm oil. The answer is not to boycott palm oil altogether as this would shift demand to other vegetable oils which when produced have a greater impact on the environment. By using sustainable oil it allows the trade to continue, thus keeping people in jobs, without having an adverse effect on the environment.

The Chester Zoo website has lots of information regarding this issue so if I've sparked a bit of interest please have a look www.actforwildlife.org.uk. I've actually got into the habit now of checking labels when I go shopping and have only had to swap a few brands. Chester Zoo have produced a "shopping list" showing companies which are committed to using sustainable palm oil (a copy of which will be put on the notice board in the Bier House)

Happy shopping!

Shena Edwards

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC is the executive committee of a parish. A brief report on the recent meeting of St Peter's PCC

- ✓ UGANDA PROJECT: Terms of Reference were agreed for the Uganda Project Committee. Current projects include the installation of mains electricity in the school and Women's Project.
- ✓ An ANTI-FRAUD, BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION POLICY was agreed.

REPORTS FROM SUB COMMITTEES

- Finance – accounts and investments were looked at in detail.
- Fabric – some of the jobs completed or being undertaken - Signs for potentially slippery gravestones. Damp in the Choir Vestry/ Entrance lobby. Cost effective Church Heating being researched. Queen Anne Hatchment being restored. More usable space in the Choir Room. Repairs to the front panels of the altar. A new Health & Safety Policy. External lighting on the path to the Bier House. Internal lighting under the balcony. The demise of the Holly Trees on the path.
- Faith & Outreach – the following work was highlighted. Christian Basics Course. Bible Study Groups. Pastoral Visitors. Little Fishes – Pre-School Group. The Saturday Crew. Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. Hot Dog Service. Monthly Eucharist in Halcyon House and Woodlands NH. Seasonal services in St Joseph's Care Centre. Refugee Group. Singing for Fun.
- Social – events discussed - Choir Concert. Harvest. Theatre Night. Advent Carols by Candlelight. Possible events for 2019.
- ECO GROUP: a new committee is looking at the issue around 'How environmentally friendly are we as a church?'

TIMEOUT

Men, Beer & Topical Issues!

Can Christianity and Politics Mix?

Speaker – Michael Pitt, Councillor for Harington Ward

Tuesday 23rd October at 8pm in the Bier House

“I am what I am”

There has been a discussion recently about how candidates are interviewed for a job. The questions asked are intended to inform the prospective employer about the character of the person seeking work. As part of this discussion a letter in the paper stated that the writer at his Admiralty commissioning interview, in the 1950's, was asked, “Which way does a kipper swim?”. He replied, “Forwards, Sir”, and got his commission!

A university in America has been looking at the questions asked to those hoping to work in Silicon Valley. Many of these questions are classed as brain teasers, such as “Which is bigger, Greenland or Wales,” and “How many cows are there in Canada?” The research undertaken appears to show that this type of question tell us more about the interviewer. In fact they are used a part of a power play to demonstrate the authority of the person sitting comfortably behind the interviewing table.



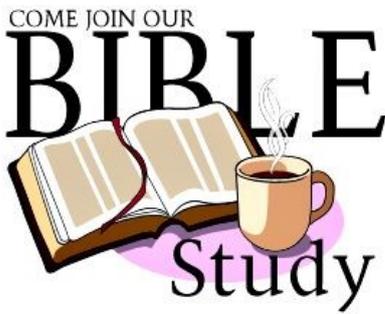
Another aspect of job selection is the Halo effect. This is a rapid judgement made as the candidate enters the room, a judgement that apparently colours the opinion of the person carrying out the selection. (Advice given to those wishing to seek promotion was to dress like those senior to them.) All of this makes judging others for work difficult.

One way to overcome the interviewer's possible bias is to use a personality test. These have to analyse a basic series of factors which make up the character of humans and then seek to reveal them. They are used extensively and are an attempt to have an objective view of a person. The problem with them is that the characteristics being assessed are viewed as permanent, indicating we do not change. The test results will show characteristics which will remain regardless of time and events.

This has been reinforced by scientists arguing that the work on genetics shows that we are created by these rather than the process of upbringing and maturity. This denies the effects of love, discipline and external pressures. Yet surely we are more than the process of clockwork genes or bound by a locked-in set of characteristics?

The Christian understanding would probably want to stress the fact that each individual can change. Jesus saw the need for change and also the forces which demanded no change. One of the Christian approaches to character is to see us as frail and liable to act on impulse or hurt as well as love. It is this which makes the whole idea of change important. The Christian message is about hope and this leads to change.

Rod Jacques



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 meeting at different times and venues, so there is a group to suit everyone. So if you haven't already thought about it please consider joining a group.

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

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We meet on Tuesdays at 10am to 11am for Bible Study and discussion in the Bier House. At the moment we are looking at Pentecost, then a short study of St. Paul. The Bible Study is preceded by Morning Prayer and followed by a time of quiet reading with access to the church library. These are optional extras! It is a small friendly group and visitors are positively encouraged to come along. Contact: Ken Ward on 871927

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the Bier House. The meetings begin at 7.30pm. So far we have studied Paul's letter to the Philippians. At present we are concluding a study on David from the Old Testament. This is a relaxed and friendly group with a good mix of ages. We have room for one more person. Contact: Alison Woodhouse 830652

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Our group meets usually on a Thursday (or Wednesday) evening at 45 Freshfield Road starting at 7.30pm. We are studying St. Paul and some of his journeys and letters. There is room for two extra people along with our regulars. Please contact Michael Pltts on 875550 or at Church.

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Friday afternoon Bible Study Group meets in the Bier House at 2pm roughly every two weeks though the dates vary and future dates are published in the weekly Bulletin. We study the readings for the following Sunday trying to cover all three readings: Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel. Occasionally there are special subjects: in the summer we looked at archaeological biblical evidence from the British Museum and sometime in the autumn we will observe the biblical typology depicted in the windows of King's College Chapel, Cambridge. We are happy to welcome 2 or 3 new members who should contact Peter Paine, 809517; peterspaine@gmail.com

St Peter's Fish & Chip Friday-'Holidays at Home'



As part of the 'Holidays at Home' programme which began this summer, our church hosted a Fish & Chip Friday in our Parish Hall.

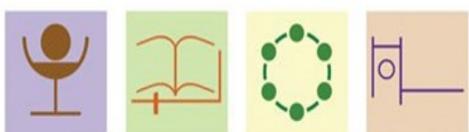
The Fish & Chips were hungrily devoured, followed by apple pie and cream.

After lunch, David Davis and the Formby U3A Folk Band entertained us with great enthusiasm and led us singing some rousing songs. It was a lovely afternoon, and many thanks must go to our volunteers, without whom we could not have done it.



Thanks also to David and his musical friends, Phone a Meal for providing such tasty fish & chips, but above all to our guests for joining us.

Vicky Hall



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

Formby Quiet Time

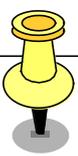
1st Friday of the month 10:30am to 12 midday

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



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

Sue Jacques



Are You Interested in Volunteering?

St Peter's, working with Halcyon House, would welcome volunteers who would be willing to bring a resident to church or a hospital appointment occasionally.

To work to the highest aims of good practice it is important that all volunteers have a DBS and an interview arranged by Halcyon House.

Unfortunately a DBS is not transferable from other organisations. There is no charge for a DBS application for volunteers.

If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Revd Anne Taylor or Revd Nathan Thorpe.

Breakfast Church

Join us at Breakfast Church on **Saturday 6th October**

at 9am in the Bier House.
30 minute service
followed by toast & chat.



You will be very welcome.



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 14th & 21st October

FISHY CLUB

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

Dates 3rd & 10th October

Anne Taylor 872824 revannetaylor@gmail.com



HOTDOG CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Sunday 7th October

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

All welcome.



L'ÉGLISE ST PIERRE - CAGNES SUR MER



In July Sue and I got away from a hot English summer to an even hotter one in the South of France. We stayed at Cagnes sur Mer near to Nice. The town has three parts : a coastal resort on the Cotes d'Azur, quite a busy main town and then a mediaeval village 14th century on a hill overlooking the rest.

Our hotel was in the 14th century part (spiral staircases and wood/iron shutters). The whole of the old town was fascinating (few vehicles due to the narrow streets), the main buildings being a castle built by the Rainier family and the church of St Pierre.

When on holiday we usually like visiting old churches, particularly when they are dedicated to St Peter. Walking down the hill past the castle and the adjacent church we saw a small door in the side of the church so we tried the handle and entered. Going in we were quite taken aback as we walked straight onto the gallery. This was because the church was built on the side of a steep hill. A place of worship opened up which was both larger, more impressive and enchanting than the relatively austere exterior would have suggested.

From where we looked down, the altar was dominated by a particularly large painting of St Peter at the handing over of the keys to heaven. Artwork extended to the ceiling and there were other paintings, frescoes and statues to be seen. Not immediately apparent were small handpainted terracotta figures constituting nativity scenes, which I think are specifically French in style and are called "santons."

Research shows that the church was originally built in the 12th century to serve the nearby fishing village of Cros de Cagnes, which with St Peter's association with fishermen is entirely logical.

Looking at the interior of the church and remembering the harsh lives the locals would have experienced back then one can only wonder at the awe they must have felt in these surroundings every Sunday.

What is surprising is that there was a complete restoration of the church in the 20th century. The roof, walls and artwork were all restored as original so that as far as is conceivable the church reflects how it appeared in the 12th century. Indeed the locals refer not to a restoration but to a resurrection.

I know little of the history but it is interesting to think that at the end of the 12th century there was a French Pope Urban the Second and it was in France (Clermont) that Urban instigated the First Crusade to the Holy Land.

Patrick Parkes



Sweet Singing In The Choir

Last Summer I asked Graham Jones (our recently retired long-serving choir master) if I could join the St Peter's Church Choir, and with his usual welcoming generosity, he said yes.

I had no idea that, after a long gap of years without singing in a church choir, I was going to enjoy myself so much.

St Peter's has a considerable library of music, and it naturally encompasses much of the music that I sang when I was a teenager in my father's church choir in Surrey - in fact just like Angie Hannah, a long-stay member of the St Peter's choir, who similarly sang in her father's church choir in Blundellsands.

There is that satisfying feeling of continuity in singing exceptional words coupled with exceptional music which has graced the worship of the English Church for centuries. Add to that the best of newer music from the 20th and 21st centuries which contains different harmonies and perhaps sharper, syncopated rhythms which are the product of our contemporary world.

We sing anthems (the short pieces which so often combine the aforesaid outstanding words and music), at the main Sunday Eucharist, along with psalms and canticles at the 6.30 sung Evening Service. We are very fortunate that this latter service continues to exist in our parish, for it is a very important part of Sunday for certain of our parish community - and for some people, by its contemplative nature, a way to a stronger faith. The psalms and canticles reflect the human condition and are the outpourings of poets from long centuries before Christ. They remind us that little has changed as to our common humanity since we began to call on a loving God for help in our everyday joys and distresses.

So while I can continue to sing for St Peter's, led now by the able David Holroyd, the Choir remains a very precious part of my life, particularly, too, when we all enjoy a lively and lighthearted banter, which turned out for me to be a happy, if unexpected feature of our Friday evening choir practices.

Jane Pitts



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Shoeboxes - Not just for Christmas. Or children.....

Because of the generosity of parishioners, friends, the pupils of TSP, and the support of Shoebox Express our annual shoebox appeal has gone from strength to strength. But this year, we discovered that shoeboxes are also needed for needy pensioners living both at home and abroad, and are also needed throughout the year, for both pensioners and children who otherwise would not receive a birthday gift.

Anne S and the Saturday Crew team have wrapped a small number of boxes in adult gift wrap and children's birthday wrap to be sent with our regular Christmas boxes but we need donations to fill them! Popular items are socks (ladies and mens), small packets of tissues, deodorant, handcream, small sewing kits, notepads, scarves etc. If you would like to help us fill these boxes, please leave your donations in the box in the Bier House. Thank you! **Vicky and Anne S**

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What is Tell, Serve, Give 2019? (Bishops Mission) and why is our parish involved? Do I need to do anything?

The Archbishop of York will be visiting our diocese, joined by bishops from all over the northern province from the 7th – 10th March 2019. They will come to support our diocese, deaneries and parishes to share our Christian faith with others in our communities, through events, conversations, visits to schools, prisons, sports clubs and much more. We want everyone to be involved, leaders, congregations, individuals, young, older and everyone between, in building a Bigger church for a Bigger difference.

Archbishop Sentamu said, “The heart of the Christian faith is about having a personal encounter with Jesus – an encounter which transforms and brings hope and love. we have the greatest news to share – that we are loved and accepted by our Creator God, and that he wants us to know him through his Son Jesus Christ – fantastic!”

Mission activities are organised locally; activities and events are to work with, but build upon, the normal outreach of any parish. We will have a Bishop (and a small team) in each deanery for the full four days. We will also try to get the Archbishop to each deanery at some point.

We do not want to do events for people who already come to church, we want to reach out further and tell everyone and anyone about how our God loves them. We want to show how the church can give and serve others also. Sharing your personal faith can be daunting for some, you will not be the only one, but we encourage you to join together with us as we prepare, train and pray, so we can all be more confident in what we share in March next year.

Local leaders have been appointed for each deanery, so find them, give them your ideas and support so we can Tell, Serve and Give in March 2019.

Chris Neilson, chris.neilson@liverpool.anglican.org

Linda Jones, Director of Mission, linda.jones@liverpool.anglican.org

Battle of Britain Service



In September we welcomed officers and cadets from 611 Woodvale Air Training Corps for our annual Battle of Britain Service which this year also marked 100 years of the RAF.

Hotdog Service



There was a great turnout for the first children's Hotdog Service of the new season.

Along with hotdogs there was entertainment after the service with Mr Trix.



Merry Christmas Everyone

Don't panic, don't panic!! It is not quite Christmas yet but we have to act early!!

There has been a suggestion that to raise funds for the Ugandan appeal, people might like to express their Christmas greetings via the magazine for a donation of £5. This would be very eco-friendly, saving paper and transport, and of course saving the cost of a stamp. The school in Kalule would benefit by a considerable sum from such encouragement and support.



Please place the money in an envelope with your name printed clearly on the outside, hand the envelope into the Parish Office, to Sue Jacques (41 Heatherways), or leave in the marked container in the porch as you come into church and your editorial team will see your Yuletide wishes distributed to the 400 plus readers of the magazine.

Sue Jacques Tel. 879643

Primetime



Our next meeting will be on

Wednesday 17th October at 7.30pm

The Old School Room, Paradise Lane

Uganda: Together We Can –

The Women's Project

Speakers Shena Edwards & Anne Taylor

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

Questions a Vicar Gets Asked!!

Nathan & I get asked lots of different questions and I thought if one person has asked others would be interested in the answer. We will include some in the magazine over the next couple of months. So do please ask if you are puzzling over something. **Anne**



Question – ‘What is a Qualifying Connection?’

Asked after I had been reading banns of marriage and saying the couple had a qualifying connection.

Most Church of England marriages require banns to be read out in church before the wedding can take place. Banns are a legal requirement.

Banns are an announcement in church of a couple’s intention to marry and a chance for anyone to put forward a reason why the marriage may not lawfully take place. Banns are an ancient legal tradition.

Banns need to be read in the parish(es) where the couple live as well as the church in which they are to be married, if that is somewhere else. Banns are read out in church for three Sundays during the three months before the wedding.

A Qualifying Connection is required if the couple are not living in the parish or they are not on the Electoral Roll of the church they are to marry.

A Qualifying Connection is any of the following if either of the couple -

- ◆ has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months
- ◆ was baptised or confirmed in the parish
- ◆ has at any time regularly attended normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months
- ◆ or if one of the parents, at any time after their son/daughter was born has lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months, or has regularly attended church services in the church for a period of at least 6 months
- ◆ one of the parents or grandparents was married in the parish

Archbishop Blanch Memorial Lecture

What can we learn from the spread of
Christianity in the earliest centuries?

Revd Frances Young

Wednesday 17th October 2018 at 7pm in
the Eden Lecture Theatre,
Eden Building, Liverpool Hope University,
Taggart Ave L16 9JD

Further information from
www.liverpool.anglican.org



Stuart Yarworth
Blanch
Bishop of Liverpool
from 1966 to 1975

Church Flowers

Many people have special days in the year which they commemorate. Flowers on the altar of St Peter's Church can fittingly mark the anniversary of a birth, baptism, marriage or anniversary.

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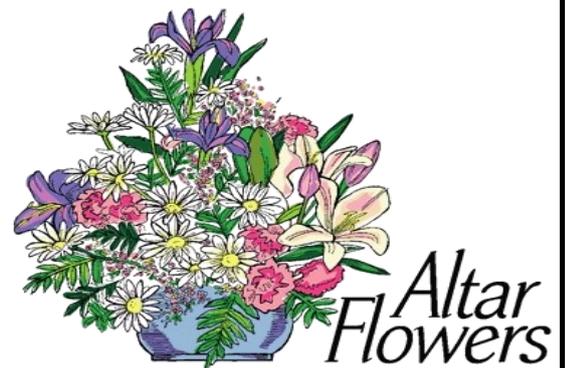
Suggested donation is £20.

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

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- ❖ Once you have a date please send or deliver the details you would like on the bulletin and the donation to the Parish Office (Paradise Lane) or give to the Clergy.
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We are said to be either SAD (suffer from 'seasonal affective disorder') or uplifted by the fresh air and deep hues of autumn. Whatever you are, we hope you find warmth and inspiration in the Mothers' Union.

As you know, for health reasons Eleanor has retired as Leader but remains active in the branch and on the committee. At the meeting on 6th September, Herbert Blundell was elected as Leader and will be commissioned at the annual MU service to be held at 2.00pm on Thursday, 4th October, in St Peter's Church.

The speaker on 6th September was Lisa Maddison from Rainbow House, Ormskirk. Lisa gave us an interesting and informative talk about the work Rainbow House does in providing therapies for children and adults with disabilities.

Deanery Prayers, the annual service for MU branches in the Deanery, took place at St Michael's, Blundellsands, on Tuesday, 18th September.

At our meeting on Thursday, 1st November, at 2.00pm in the Bier House, Nick Philpott will talk on 'Mr. Bradshaw comes to Southport', a history of the Liverpool to Southport railway line. This talk was postponed from last year.

Now we are into the autumn season we will be pursuing the three specific projects which we agreed to support in 2018-19: collection of toiletries for male refugees in Liverpool, for which there is on-going need; provision of holidays for disadvantaged children; and the collection of books, CDs/DVDs, magazines, knitted caps and scarves, woollen toys etc. for Seafarers, living on ships and away from home for months at a time, who come into the port of Liverpool. Items for refugees and seafarers will be collected at all Bier House meetings and loose cash for children's holidays will be welcome in the yellow bucket.

If you are contemplating joining the Mothers' Union and would like more information, please contact Herbert (873367) or Jean (874091).

Visitors are welcome at all our meetings.

Eleanor and Jean



It is with joy that I have handed over the reins of leadership of St Peter's Mothers Union to a very capable and devout Christian, Herbert Blundell, who has been a loyal member of St Peters M.U. since 2015.

I have enjoyed my time over the last 27 years since I took over from Ena May Ryan in 1991. John Ryan, her son, is now a member of the branch as is Ken Ward. Not forgetting Ron Daniels who was not a member of the MU but what we called a 'muscle man' (he helped with lugging chairs and tables around, generally a helping hand for heavy stuff).

St Peters M.U. has one of the largest memberships in the Sefton and Bootle Deanery.

May I take this opportunity to thank all members and the committee for their loyal and loving support over the years. I will continue to give my loyal and loving support to Herbert and the branch as a committee member when Herbert is commissioned on the 4th October at our annual church service.

Yours in Christ, Eleanor

Mothers Union announce next Diocesan President

Bishop Paul has appointed Mrs Caroline Collins as the next Diocesan President 2019-2021



Caroline said,

“I’m looking forward to getting started in January. We have been doing some new things in the Mother’s Union. The MULOA project – ‘Mothers’ Union Listening, Observing, Acting’ has been the focus for the last 12 months. I really believe in the MULOA, I think we all need to listen, we all need to observe and we all need to act when we need to act and try to see how we can fit into that bigger picture. Next year’s theme builds on this further and is: ‘Listen, observe, act – in step with God’.

For me it’s all about looking toward the future and how we can be more active within the community. I want to work closely with the Diocese and with individual churches to be more effective generally. There is a realisation within the Mothers Union that we need to work in partnership with other organisations. Collaboration is really important. We want to dispel the idea that Mother’s Union is just about making tea and cake, we are actually a lot more engaged and interactive within our communities.”

All Welcome

Monday 1st October

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Curate's Bad Joke Corner.....

It's OK to borrow a book from the library once in a while, but try not to overdue it.

A man just assaulted me with milk, cream and butter. How dairy.

The roundest knight at king Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.

Novice pirates make terrible singers because they can't hit the high seas.

Keep groaning!



I JUST discovered my age group!

I am a **Seenager** (Senior teenager).

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager,

only 55-60 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's licence and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store, I like the wine store best.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared?

And I don't have acne.

Life is Good!

Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains.

Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem; it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!!



**Blessed are we who can laugh
at ourselves for we shall never
cease to be amused.**



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From the Back Pew

Ted Woods



NO TEDDY BEAR!

Seldom a day goes by without many of us cringing at some of the things said (or tweeted) and done by President Trump. A new book, “Fear” by Bob Woodward, one of the reporters who exposed Nixon’s Watergate, tells of a dysfunctional White House, a situation that was confirmed by a recent, anonymous leader writer in the New York Times.

I’ve recently been reading about another president of the United States – Theodore Roosevelt. His nickname, which he disliked intensely, was Teddy. In fact, his name inspired the first “teddy bear.” A cartoon of him on a bear hunt in 1902 appeared in the national press. A toymaker in Germany had the idea of using his name for a stuffed toy bear. Roosevelt agreed and that’s how teddy bears came into being.



However, Roosevelt was far from being a soft cuddly person.. He is famous for his energetic personality in spite of not being well as a child.

In one of his letters, he wrote, “I was a rather sickly, rather timid little boy, not excelling in any kind of sport, owing to my asthma.”

But before long he was fighting his illness and instead of becoming inactive he took on strenuous activities: playing tennis, rowing, polo, horse riding and boxing!

No doubt, reflecting on his attitude to life, he said, “Life brings sorrows and joys alike. It is what a person does with them, not what they do to us, that is the true test of a person’s mettle.”

He gained fame initially as governor of New York, but then around the turn of the century became Vice-President of the United States.

When President William McKinley was assassinated in 1901, Roosevelt took over the presidency. He was only 42, the youngest of any president. (Barack Obama was 47).

Roosevelt has sometimes been described as “The Locomotive President” because of the energetic and unflagging way he led the U.S. into the future as a major power.

He was president for seven years and declined to run for re-election.

Instead he went off on a major expedition to South America. However, while there he contracted malaria and died a few years later in 1918, aged 60.

Roosevelt was a church attender, and in his youth was a Sunday School teacher. Indeed, he was reprimanded by his church in that role. One of his pupils turned up to Sunday School with a black eye, and on learning that the boy had received it because he stood up to another boy who was bullying his sister, Roosevelt gave the boy a dollar for his courage and example. The church were not as impressed!

But his sayings have a timeless quality, applicable to the 21st century as to the 20th century. Here are a few:-

“Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though chequered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much or suffer much because they live in a grey twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat.”

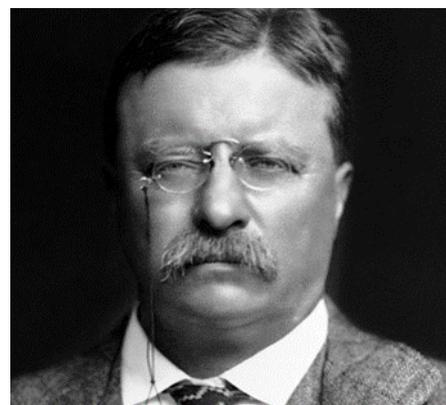
“There is no disgrace in failure – only in a failure to try.”

Although he was an avid reader he was also a doer and once said, “I have a horror of words that are not translated into deeds, of speech that does not result in action.” And, “Be practical as well as generous. Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground.” And again, “Better faithful than famous.”

Reflecting on his own Christian faith and membership of the church, he said, “In this actual world, a churchless community, a community where men and women have abandoned, or scoffed, or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid down-grade.”

But here are two of my favourite Teddy Roosevelt quotes:-

“it is not the critic that counts; not the one who points out how a strong person stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the person who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly, who errs, and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds.”



And finally, “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”

Roosevelt was a man who led by example and not just exhortation. Not so much a teddy bear as a grizzly bear!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - OCTOBER

Monday 1 st	10.45am	Meditation in Bier House
	2- 3.30pm	Singing for Fun in Bier House
Tues 2 nd	10.00am	Bible Study Group with Ken Ward in Bier House
Weds 3 rd	2.00pm	WOW Service
	3.15pm	Fishy Club begins
Thurs 4 th	2.00pm	Mother's Union Annual Church Service
Friday 5 th	9.15-11.30	Little Fishes in the Parish Hall
	6.30pm	First Friday Eucharist
	7.30pm	Voices from the Churchyard
Sat 6 th	9.00am	Breakfast Church
	10.30-12	Saturday Crew in Bier House
	12noon	Wedding of John Johnson & Emma Martin
	3.00pm	Voices from the Graveyard
	7.00pm	Voices from the Graveyard



Sunday 7th		The 19th Sunday After Trinity
	8.00am	Eucharist (BCP) followed by Baptism
	12 noon	Hot Dog Children's Service
	6.30pm	Service of Wholeness
Monday 8 th	10.45am	Meditation in Bier House
	7.30pm	Christian Basics Course in the Bier House
Tues 9 th	10.00am	Bible Study with Ken Ward in Bier House
Weds 10 th	3.15pm	Fishy Club
	7.30pm	Bible Study with Alison Woodhouse in Bier House
Thurs 11 th	7.30pm	Uganda Feedback Meeting in the Parish Hall
Friday 12 th	9.15-11.30	Little Fishes in the Parish Hall



Sunday 14th		St Luke the Evangelist
	10.00am	Sunday Club
Monday 15 th	10.45am	Meditation in Bier House
	7.30pm	Christian Basics Course in the Bier House
Tues 16 th	10.00am	Bible Study Group with Ken Ward in Bier House
Weds 17 th	10-4pm	Christmas Shoebox Day in the Parish Hall
	10-1.30pm	Save the Children Christmas Card Sale in Bier House
	7.30pm	Bible Study with Alison Woodhouse in Bier

House	7.30pm	Primetime – Uganda Talk 'The Women's Project'
Friday 19 th	9.15-11.30	Little Fishes in the Parish Hall



Sunday 21st		The 21st Sunday After Trinity
	10.00am	Eucharist with Baptism & Sunday Club
	12noon	Service of Baptism
Monday 22 nd	10.45am	Meditation in Bier House
	7.30pm	Christian Basics Course in the Bier House
Tues 23 rd	10.00am	Bible Study with Ken Ward in Bier House
Weds 24 th		No Fishy Club - school half-term
	7.30pm	Bible Study with Alison Woodhouse in Bier House
Thurs 25 th	2.00pm	Halcyon House Eucharist
	3.00pm	Woodlands Lodge Eucharist
Friday 26 th		No Little Fishes today – Half Term

Sunday 28th		St Simon & St Jude Apostles
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From the Church Registers



Baptism

2nd September –
Joshua Michael Wright,
son of Jane & Tom



Funerals

30th August Mike Ward
28th September Thomas Byrne
1st October Barbara Revell

Interment of Ashes

24th August Eric Acland
31st August Geoffrey Dickinson

Regular Church Services

Sundays

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
10.00am Parish Eucharist (Coffee afterwards)
6.30pm Choral Evensong
Next Service of Wholeness - Sunday 7th October at 6.30pm

Weekdays

9.00am Morning Prayer
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
11.00am Wednesday Eucharist (Coffee afterwards)
6.30pm Eucharist 1st Friday of each month
9.00am **Breakfast Church** – 1st Saturday of each month

VOICES FROM THE CHURCHYARD!

A walk through St Peter's Churchyard

A chance to hear about some of Formby's interesting and amusing past residents who are buried in St Peter's Churchyard.

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Meet at the main door of the church.

You may need to bring a torch for the evening performances.

There will be refreshments in the Bier House and all donations will go to our parish project, Uganda: Together We Can.

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