

ST PETER'S
CHURCH MAGAZINE
MARCH 2019



Bridge Afternoon to be held at

St Jerome's Parish Hall, Greenloons Drive, Formby L37 2LX
on Friday 8th March at 2pm

in aid of St Peter's Uganda Project

Raffle * Afternoon Tea * Prizes

Tickets £40 per table

Tickets available from Sue Smith 01704 873078



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Please pick up one of our Legacy Leaflets in Church for more information.

Electoral Roll – 2019

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, a new Electoral Roll must be compiled before this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Anyone wishing to be on the new Electoral Roll **must** complete a new application form by **7th April 2019**.

Why be on the Electoral Roll?

- To vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- To be an elected member of the Parochial Church Council
- To serve on the Sides Rota

Application forms are available in Church or from the Parish Office; completed forms should be placed in the box-file on the cabinet adjacent to the lectern or returned to the Parish Office.

David Manning-Fox (Electoral Roll Officer)

From the Editorial Team

As mentioned on page 10, the Diocese will receive a visit from a team from the Sheffield Diocese from 7th to 10th March as part of the Crossroads initiative with the aim of touching people's lives and to find a living faith.

Do read this page to see how we can become involved.

The Parish's support in both practical and financial ways for the Uganda Project has been overwhelming in the past year, and this continues with a team of 18 visiting Kalule from 26th May to 5th June this year.



The commentary on page 5 sets out how we can continue that help by delving into our lofts and storage rooms to donate various items that we no longer use.

Congratulations go to Poppy Thorpe who raised well over £3,000 from being the 'donor', of her previous hair style, in aid of the Anthony Nolan Charity. The results can be seen on page 22.

Finally don't forget to sign the Electoral Roll before 7th April 2019 by completing an application form which is available from either the Church or the Parish Office.

Best wishes from the

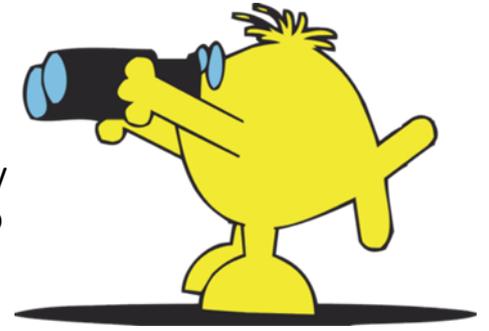
The Editorial Team

*Please note the deadline for the April 2019 edition of the magazine is **Friday 8th March 2019**. Contributions to alisonwhiffing@aol.com*

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.

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter on St Valentine's Day for the March magazine! For the magazine committee the months seem to fly by quite quickly as once one magazine is distributed then we need to start work on the next. So this letter could go one of two ways – love or looking ahead!



Some people are better at looking ahead especially when it comes to Valentine's Day – but, sure, the card choice is easier when there are only a few left! When discussing the topic of love in Fishy Club (our after-school club) on the day before Valentine's Day one boy said 'we are not going to talk about all that mushy yuk, are we?!' So maybe I will look ahead to a busy month in our parish calendar instead of dwelling any longer on Valentine's love!



Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday** on 6th March and there will be two opportunities to mark the season. At 11am in St Peter's with Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes and then at 7.30pm we gather in St Luke's Church for a united service for the Anglican churches in Formby. Please do mark the start of Lent by attending one of these services.

Lent also marks the arrival of a team from Sheffield Diocese for the Archbishop of York's Mission and there are more details about this in the magazine. I do hope you will all be able to attend our Let's Celebrate Eucharist service at 10am on Sunday 10th March when we will welcome **Bishop Pete Wilcox** as our preacher. Pete was the Dean of Liverpool before becoming Bishop of Sheffield and some may remember he was my first Harvest preacher in 2014. He is an inspiring preacher and we look forward to Pete's being with us.

You will have read about the Bishop of Liverpool's Rule of Life and the first part is Pray, Read and Learn. All three we will do together during our Lent Course '**Living Differently to Make a Difference**' – details on page 6. The following Sunday Ted will be the preacher at our Parish Eucharist as St Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday this year! He will preach in English rather than Irish! Then he will be leading the Churches Together Quiet Morning in St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue, on 19th March which is another opportunity to Pray, Read and Learn.

We congratulate Caroline Collins, our Deanery Children's Officer and a valuable part of the St Peter's team, as she is commissioned President of the Diocesan Mothers' Union on 23rd March in Liverpool Cathedral.

On the last Sunday of March we come back to the theme of love as we celebrate Mothering Sunday with a special all-age service.

Then before we know it the magazine committee will have produced the April issue!

So let us journey through Lent together being inspired, refreshed and renewed as we serve God in all the varied and exciting opportunities given to us. May we live out the purpose of the Archbishop's Mission by reaching out to those on the fringes of our community and those who have not yet heard about God's love for them. This is an exciting time to be enthusiastic about the unique and wonderful message of God's love given to us as we look forward and plan together.

Anne



UGANDA – TOGETHER WE CAN 26th May – 5th June 2019

The team of 18 are meeting together to prepare for our next trip to Uganda, and we are delighted that not only has the team expanded with new members from St Peter's Church and Trinity St Peter's School, but we also will have two teachers from Formby High School.

We now have a list of the work that needs to be done – from painting to poultry, from arts and crafts to advice on self-sustainable projects, from playground equipment to classroom assistance.

Last year we were overwhelmed and encouraged by the support that parishioners gave in so many ways, both by prayer and practical donations. Again, each member of the group will have 30kg baggage allowance – 10kg for personal items and 20kg items to bring to the project.

Here is a list of the items that we would like to bring:-

Suitcases – these will be left behind as when we are finished with them they are used for storage in their houses.

Wool & knitting needles – knitting classes really took off last year.

Craft items & material – the women sell what they make to pay for their children's school fees

Tee-shirts – for boys and girls

Runners/ sports shoes – in good condition

Sports equipment – this proved a great success and was very popular. Their footballs were made of straw!

Stationery – pens, felt-tipped and biro, pencils, rulers, maths sets etc

Toothbrushes & toothpaste

Fluffy toys – small ones, please – like the ones you (or your children!) get with Happy Meals in McDonalds!

Children's Books – paperback.

If you have any of these spare we would like to take them with us. Items can be left in the Church porch, Office or the Vicarage.



OFF-GRID SUITE

The Uganda committee is investigating the possibility of providing an off-grid suite for Kalule. This is a specially adapted container fitted out with computers powered by solar panels. Classroom windows have no glass in them and so computers would be easily stolen. An off-grid container suite is burglar-proof. The attraction of such a suite is that it can be used not only for teaching computer skills to children and adults alike, but it can also be used for health matters providing internet resources for diagnosis and treatment and would complement a Health Centre that is being planned for Kalule.

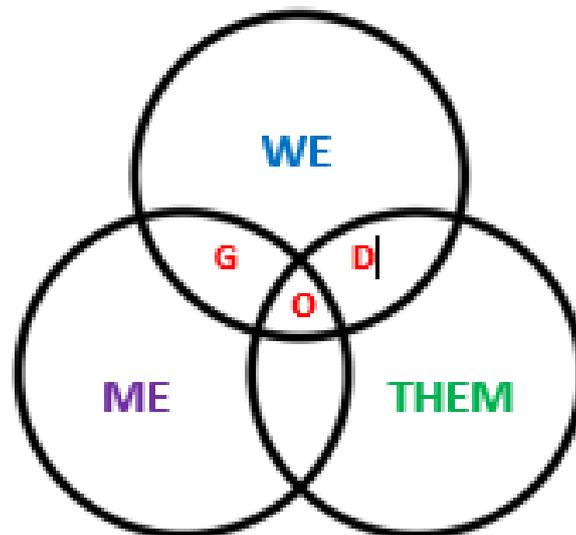
This project is separate, yet parallel to the main work we are doing in Kalule. The cost of such an off-grid suite is in the region of £50,000 plus shipping, and so a sub-committee is looking at the possibility of corporate funding for this, and would be glad of any suggestions as to which firms might be approached. We have a pack with all the necessary information.

Please contact Paul Mc Henry 871722; Lisa Maddison 07962 599603; Nathan Thorpe 461841, or Ted Woods 872824.

ST PETER'S LENT COURSE 2019

Living Differently to Make a Difference

This year's course is based on the Beatitudes – Matthew 5: 1-12



Monday 11th March

Living with God *with Ted Woods*

Tuesday 19th March

Living for Others *with Alison Woodhouse*

Wednesday 27th March

Living with Ourselves *with Anne Taylor*

Wednesday 3rd April

Living for the World *with Nathan Thorpe & Pete Hawkins*

7.30pm each evening in the Bier House

(beside the church gates on Green Lane)

ALL VERY WELCOME

A Quiet Morning

This annual quiet morning at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue, Formby, will be led by Ted Woods from St Peter's on **Wednesday 19th March** (coincidentally the Feast of St Joseph).

The morning begins at 9.15am with coffee and concludes about 12 noon with a communal soup and sandwich lunch. As this has proved very popular in previous years, please book quickly by contacting Bruni Jones by phone (01704 876038 - leave a message) or email bruni.jones@gmail.com



The Passion of Jesus

A PowerPoint presentation of the story of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus in the 16th C. windows of King's College Chapel in Cambridge with their Old Testament types will be shown in the **Bier House at St Peter's Church on Friday 5th April at 2.00pm**. Refreshments at the beginning.



Free event. Everyone most welcome. For further information please contact Peter Paine, peterspaine@gmail.com.

The picture shows the trial of Jesus before the High Priest.



611 SQUADRON WOODVALE ATC A JOHN NELSON BLIND WINE TASTING AT THE GILD HALL SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2019 7:00PM PROMPT

Join us for a night of good wine, music & dancing, a great quiz and tasty food!!
Test your knowledge of wine from around the world!!

Tickets are £20.00 per person

Contact Sue Farrell on 07775583105 or
curleysue71@icloud.com

Parties of 6 are ideal and any smaller parties will be made up to a table of 6. If you wish to come with a group please indicate this when purchasing tickets.



Three Notes from the Organ Bench



Which three notes?

A - naturally

Many thanks to Mike Hastie and to Alan Whiteley for keeping the organ bench warm, and for looking after the choir during my Hip hOP absence. And to the choir for supporting Mike and Alan with their customary enthusiasm. It was good to sit in the congregation a few times and hear the music from the opposite side. Many thanks also for the numerous good wishes, and the encouragement as I've made my way back from needing the two crutches, to playing (almost) properly again.

B - there and be sharp

One of the glories of the Church of England is Choral Evensong. In most months, we have Evensong on three out of four Sundays. If you're not a regular - why not come along and give it a try? Traditional words from the Book of Common Prayer, with a psalm, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, an anthem from the choir, a short sermon, and three hymns. A beautiful way to round off a Sunday - or possibly to precede a little G&T before dinner!

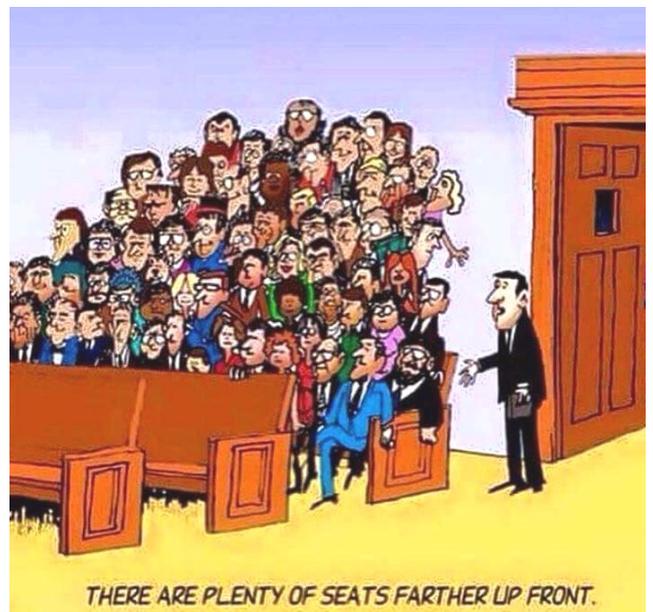
C - know what I mean? - the singing's flat

Having sat in the congregation for a couple of evensongs, it made me realise that the Church of England makes it just so difficult for organists.

How can I possibly play the hymns so as not to drown out the choir, while at the same time playing loudly enough to support a congregation sitting right at the back of the building? Even sitting under the balcony where the organ's sound can reach even less effectively.

If only our choir stalls were bigger, we could all sit together (like we do for the Holy Week Compline services). So for now, **please**, come and sit in the front half of the church - so we're all part of the worship **together**. It's very "us and them" at the moment! AND it will make my job easier and more effective.

Otherwise, the choir will have to go and sit in the Gallery, and we'll need to shift the organ to the West End - altogether a rather more expensive solution ... ! **David Holroyd**



#RuleOfLife

CALLED TO READ

Augustine of Hippo was a bright young man, and a bit of a wild child. As he studied philosophy, met significant Christian leaders, and became aware of his mothers' prayers for him, he questioned his riotous youth.

Aged 31, in turmoil of heart, he experienced a deep Christian conversion, and eventually became one of the very greatest Christian leaders of any age. He did so because he read. He read what? He read scripture. In his "Confessions" he wrote that he heard a child saying "Take up and read."

I think this wonderful image is for all of us. Holy Scripture is a gift for anyone who wishes, as Jesus says, to turn their lives around and become as a little child.

The scriptures tell us that they are inspired by God and are useful (2 Timothy 3:16) Christians differ about the interpretation and meaning of the words of the Bible but this is a gift from God, as we learn together.

Some of you will have regular patterns of Bible reading, perhaps at the offices of the Church, or through a regular quiet time. If so, as you begin to read, say "As a disciple in the Diocese of Liverpool, I am open to God's inspired word."

If you don't have a regular pattern of Bible reading, don't worry. There are lots to choose from. It's not necessarily helpful to open the Bible at the beginning and read to the end.

Why not begin with one of the gospels? St Mark's is the shortest, and in many ways the most direct. Read a short passage each day. But look out – reading this book can be dynamite.

We're called to pray, read and learn. As disciples in the Diocese of Liverpool, we are open to God's inspired word. So, in the simple and curious spirit of a child, take, read – and meet the living God in the living Word.

Bishop Paul Bayes

www.ruleoflife.org.uk





TELL • SERVE • GIVE



As Nathan explained in last month's magazine this month we have the visit of Archbishop John Sentamu and Mission teams from throughout the northern dioceses visiting Liverpool. In our deanery we have a team from Sheffield Diocese who will be involved in lots of different activities, all with the aim of spreading the good news of God's love. Some of the activities in Formby are listed below and there will be school visits, services, beer, coffee mornings and Zombies! The idea is to reach those who are not already connected with the church community or are on the fringes. Please do look at the events and **BRING A FRIEND**.

Are you Frazzled, Frenetic and Stretched!

Has everyone else got it together and you've lost the car, arrived at work covered in child debris, or forgotten to buy bog paper..... Then please come to a ladies evening of posh nibbles, prosecco and share the hilarity of a frazzled life. Thursday 7th March 7.30pm @ RIVA, FORMBY. Tickets £10 from the Parish Office.

There once was a ...BBQ, Beer and a Bishop!

Sounds like the start of a joke... Join us for a great Friday night crack at Red Star Brewery Friday 8th March 6.30pm - 9.30pm. Tickets £10 from the Parish Office. Limited number.

Leave your footprints...Lifeboat Road Car Park

From 9.30am on Saturday 9th March help the National Trust clear the board walk and pick up plastics. At about 11.30am there will be a short act of worship near the car park where the Archbishop will say a few words.

Humans Vs Zombies Youth Event

Saturday 9th March 7:30-9:30pm starts at St Peter's Parish Hall, Paradise Lane, for refreshments. Cost: £2 per person on the door (will be donated to a charity voted for on the night by the youth).

Age: 14-18. What: Nerf Guns, Waffles, Shakes & Fun. Manhunt-style tag game. Maximum of 50 places.

Contact: Rev Nathan Thorpe on nathanthorpe1@hotmail.co.uk for a ticket.

Let's Celebrate – Sunday 10th March

10am in St Peter's with special preacher Bishop Pete Wilcox from Sheffield Diocese.



The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC is the executive committee of a parish.

A brief report on the January 2019 meeting of St Peter's PCC

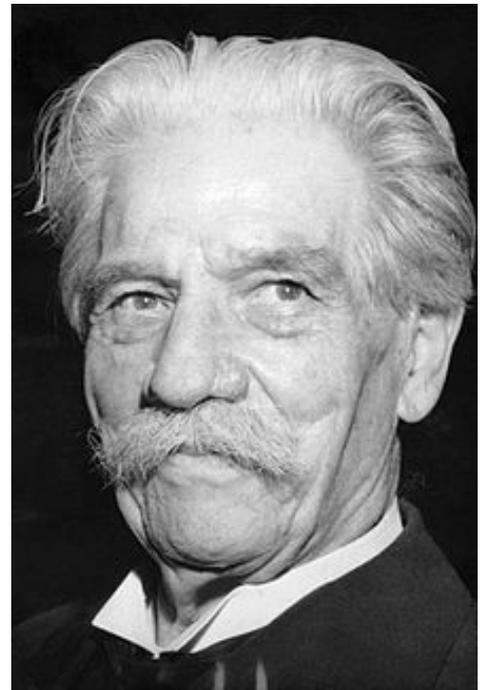
- SAFEGUARDING REPORT FROM DAVE JOHNSON: There is new Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance which can be viewed on line. www.liverpool.anglican.org/safeguarding.
- ARCHBISHOP OF YORK'S MISSION will take place in March. Bishop Pete Wilcox, Bishop of Sheffield, with his team will be visiting the parishes in our Deanery during the mission visit.
- UGANDA VISIT – a team of 18 will be going to Uganda from 26th May to 5th June.

REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:

- Finance –The 2019 budget taking account of the 2018 actual expenditure and known changes for the coming year was set. Church Insurances – The review of all insurance policies is ongoing so that the best value for money is accomplished.
- Fabric – Looking forward to projects in 2019 – the Church Heating system will be renewed this year to make it more efficient and provide value for money. The church will be decorated at the same time. The work of cleaning the Queen Anne Hatchment is progressing well and the part already done shows a big improvement.
- Social – Two events in aid of the Uganda Project will be held, firstly a John Nelson Quiz night and secondly a Bridge Afternoon. There are also plans for a Treasure Hunt and a Garden Party in the summer.
- ELECTORAL ROLL REVIEW: A new Electoral Roll has to be completed this year and alongside the collection box for forms there will be a Data Privacy Statement.
- DEANERY SYNOD REPORT: Clergy deployment in regard to Parish Share 2020 was discussed. There is presently the option of having eleven clergy positions in the Deanery plus curates. Synod agreed to reduce these positions from eleven to ten and a half. The Deanery has not used the full allocation for a number of years.

Heroes

During the 1950's a young teenager was asked to name a person who was not only a good man but someone who had improved the lot of humanity. The reply was Albert Schweitzer who had run a leper colony in Africa for decades. This was fine but a journalist who visited Schweitzer's hospital found much which was below acceptable standards and eventually this became widely known. Do we have to accept that our heroes have feet of clay?



Very often the best way of understanding how people become heroes is through fiction. In the 1930's the detective story was often based on a single murder and a total stranger, somehow involved, solves the crime through painstakingly seeking out minute details which he stacks together and then points the finger. Today many thrillers are based on serial killers and the hero is someone drawn into the plot by being related to the family concerned. There is also the drama which reveals the one and only person who can 'save the world.' These fictional heroes are rarely models of high achievement.

The modern novel does not seem to create characters which change and develop. Now characters are affected by some event and then move on to be affected by yet another. This could be called the billiard ball approach to life where a person rolls from one incident to another. It's as if someone has lifted one corner of the billiard table and watched the effect on the billiard balls which still however retain their qualities. There are no heroes.

A German dramatist once wrote, "Pity the country that has no hero." to receive the reply, "pity the country that needs one." This leaves the problem of one person's hero being another's enemy. A recent TV programme tried to analyse individuals who were seen as people who had moved the country forward, developed humanitarian systems or inspired through art or sport. The difficulty occurs when we to pitch such people against each other. Can the ordinary person in society use these models when dealing with their lives?

Perhaps the other way to look at the hero is to concentrate on the approach and manner used to achieve aims. Schweitzer was a kind and considerate man who cared. Jesus created the Christian faith but it was the method by which he did this which is also important. He provides the example of love, care, patience and forgiveness.

Rod Jacques

Last year I attended lectures on how to become a "Befriender." One of the mornings was taken up with learning how to recognise the early symptoms of Dementia.

It was not new to me, as a close member of my family had it, so I recognised the symptoms at once from the lecture.



As a family, I consider that we have been fortunate, health-wise, many of us living long and healthy lives, so it was a nasty shock to hear that my youngest cousin had been diagnosed with dementia. She lives alone, being widowed at quite an early age. Her daughter lives in the next town so she has support and help, but it is such a tragedy for one who has lived a really good, helpful life.

Her husband died from prostate cancer many years ago. Whilst he was in hospital there were nurses who came to massage his hands and feet to alleviate the stress of his condition, so Sandra decided that she could help by releasing a nurse from the job by doing it herself. She had lessons in aromatherapy and took over the ward to give the treatment herself. It was so popular that the hospital gave her a room of her own and brought patients to her, even those who had been sent home after their treatment. She worked for two days every week for quite a few years after the death of her husband.

Afterwards she went to London to learn how to become a Fund Raiser for the Macmillan Nurses and in between times she formed a group called "Above and below the Belt," which was about breast cancer and prostate cancer. She voluntarily went to talk to both men's and women's groups all over the city where she lived. She bought her own aromatherapy oils when at the hospital and paid for her own petrol, advertising and leaflets when she was giving her talks. She gave her TIME.

How sad it makes me feel to know that soon she will have to go into the "Granny Flat" that her daughter has had built for her, and she will lose her independence.

Dementia not only affects the sufferer but all the family and those who come into contact with them. I can only liken the nurses who looked after the member of my family who suffered from it, to Angels. It takes very special people to do that job, to be able to deal with the mood swings and odd things that crop up, a very special person indeed. Sandra still recognises my voice on the phone when I ring her, but she does not know whether she has eaten or seen anyone or been out; but she laughs a lot, which to me is heartening. It is I who am upset, not her, and when I put the phone down my first thought is "There but for the Grace of God go I."

Martha.

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

3rd, 10th & 17th March

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 3.



Contact Revd Nathan Thorpe at nathanthorpe1@hotmail.co.uk

The dates are:

March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

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 – 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March

Anne Taylor 872824 revannetaylor@gmail.com

HOTDOG CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Sunday 24th March 2019

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

All welcome.



March Eco Tips –

How to be ECO friendly

Buy and use a reusable water bottle.



Save water. Turn off the tap when finished.



Sefton North Deanery
Saturday 30th March 2019
A study day and planning day for churches



Led by Revd Julian Raffay, Specialist Chaplain
(Research Education and Development),
Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust.

This day is suitable for church leaders, pastoral care team members, and those engaged in hospitality and welcome.

The aims of the day are:

- ♦ To reduce isolation, stigma, and discrimination
- ♦ To contribute to churches' understanding of distress and mental illness
- ♦ To increase the capacity of churches to support and value people with mental health problems, their carers, family, and friends
- ♦ To identify and draw on best practice

Saturday 30th March: 9.00 am to 4.00 pm
All Saints with St Frideswyde Church L23 9TQ

Enquiries and bookings: Geoff Dunn 0151 345 3231 office.assfchurch@gmail.com

Parking available.

Bring your own lunch but hot drinks and light refreshments will be available.



Usually 1st Monday in Month

2-3.30pm in The Bier House,

St Peter's Church. Green Lane. Formby

Please join us for an afternoon of singing and refreshments. In March we are looking forward to being joined by the Liverpool Shanty Kings!

Everyone welcome, especially those with memory loss.

St Peter's Parish Office 01704 871171

Recycle and Help our Shoebox Appeal!

Our Saturday Crew is busy making lots of crafty things to support our 2019 Shoebox Appeal and we are in need of a few bits and bobs you may be able to help with. Coloured string/twine and used coffee tins (the type used for 'Alzera' coffee). If you have any to recycle, can you leave them in our box in the Bier House please?

Many thanks,

Ann S and Vicky H



The
Children's
Society

The Children's Society, formerly The Church of England Central Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays and The Church of England Children's Society is a United Kingdom national children's charity allied to the Church of England.

The Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London WC1X 0JL
www.childrenssociety.org.uk

It is that time of the year again – when I send in the annual return of all monies collected during the previous year in our “spare change” house boxes. I would therefore very much appreciate boxes being brought to church, during March, for counting and inclusion in the return. This, of course, doesn't preclude boxes being counted throughout the year when they are full – just bring into church – and your emptied box with receipt will be placed in the church porch when they have been counted.

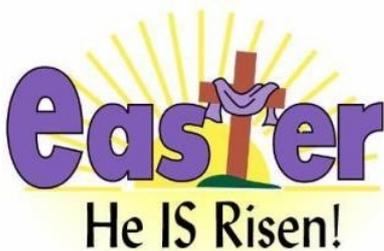
I have recently counted some boxes without a name on the base. Please can you check your box as it is nice to thank you personally for your donation.

If you would like to support the work of The Children's Society in this way a number of new boxes, with registration forms, can be found in the church porch.

THANK YOU all for your continuing invaluable support.

Tricia Shaw (tel: 833013)

The Children's Society representative for St Peter's Church, Formby



A Relaxed Easter Service

Sunday 14th April 2019 at 2.30pm

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

This Easter service, with familiar hymns & readings, will last 30 minutes and will be followed by refreshments.

The service is suitable for anyone who may find a morning service too long or too early, for a relative or friend who lives in a Nursing Home.

All Welcome

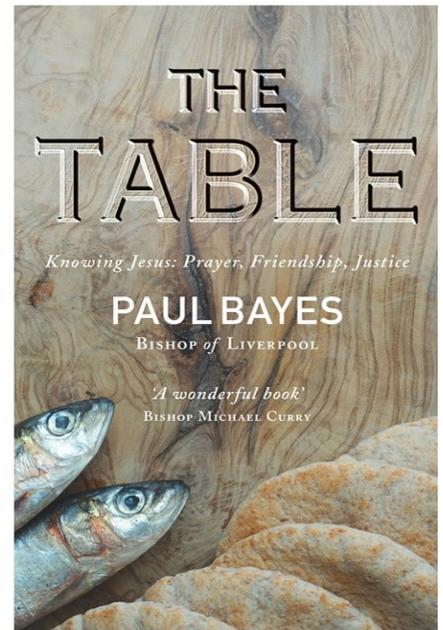
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CHURCH LIBRARY

A NEW BOOK BY BISHOP PAUL BAYES

**The Table – Knowing Jesus: Prayer,
Friendship, Justice.**



Imagine the Christian Church as an open table of friends, stretching down every street and into every home. Anyone who wishes to sit at the table may do so, and there they will find themselves alongside the very One who made the table – a poor man, a carpenter. He will feed, serve and love every person, and ask them to feed, serve and love others.

The Table is a vision offered by Bishop Paul Bayes as a basis for Christians living out their faith within a society in which the beauty of Jesus and the attractiveness of the Christian life are not always seen and understood. He describes the four key elements of living in faith as a friend of God, sitting at the Table:

Meeting at the Table – offering and receiving commitment in our relationships with each other;

Drinking from the Fountain – being nourished by Scripture, creeds and worship;

Watching in the Moment – spending ‘real time’ in prayer with God, and being open to God’s call;

Stretching for the Kingdom – extending the table through witness, justice and inclusion.

LENT BOOKS - be refreshed by reading one of the Lent books in our library.

From Dust to Glory by David Runcorn. There is a meditation for each day of Lent dealing with living and believing.

Lent FOR Everyone – Matthew by Tom Wright. Each passage is followed by a reflection and a prayer.

Wisely Pray the Psalms by Ambrose Tinsley offers “a prayerful companion to reading the psalms.”

Lent is for Loving by Sheila Cassidy. Expanding on the words Love, Empathy, No and Thankfulness.

Reflections for Lent: a meditation a day written by some of today’s leading writers on spirituality

40 Days, 40 Prayers, 40 Words by Bruce Reyes-Chow, exploring blessings and burdens.

If you would like to borrow a book or DVD please write your name in the register provided. The Library is situated in the Bier House. We hope this will be a useful resource for all ages.



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Poppy

Blog is published: <https://revpoppy.com/2019/02/03/poppy-gone-pixie/>

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/poppy-thorpe>



Primetime

Next Primetime meeting on
Wednesday **March 20th** 7.30-9.30pm
£2 contribution per meeting suggested towards costs.

*Please wear something green and
be prepared to have a lot of fun!*

*All ladies welcome, especially if joining us for the first time.
For further details call Sonia, Elaine or Ali
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What do our young people get up to?



Spearhead Explorer Scout Unit and 9th Formby Explorers went to Ingleton, caving in the Thistle and Runscar caves.

They also visited the local Cave Rescue Organisation and finished with a visit to the Wensleydale Cheese factory.



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We always welcome new members. If you are thinking of joining or would like more information, please telephone Herbert (873367).

The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, 7th February, and was well attended. The present officers and committee were confirmed in office. We also had a successful *Bring & Buy* which provides an important part of our income, so thank you to all who contributed.

The annual World Day of Prayer service will be held at 2.00 pm on Friday, 1st March, at St Michael's Church, Altcar.

The opening branch meeting of the year 2019-2020 is at 2.00 pm on Thursday 7th March in the Bier House when Caroline Collins will talk about 'Muloa' (Mothers' Union Listen Observe Act).

The specific items that we will be collecting for refugees at this meeting are **soap and shower gels**. We will also continue to collect cash in the yellow bucket for holidays for disadvantaged children and woollens, magazines etc. for Seamen.

Caroline will be installed as Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union at a service in Liverpool Cathedral at 3.00 pm on Saturday, 23rd March, at which all are welcome.

On Thursday, 4th April, at 2.00 pm in the Bier House, Keith Thomas will talk on the history of Sefton Church, one of the oldest parish churches in the country dating from pre-Norman times.

On 2nd May the speaker is Gordon MacLeod who will talk on his "*Training at St Peter's.*"

We are always glad of volunteers to assist with providing refreshments at children's WOW services held on specific Wednesday afternoons at 2.00 pm in Church.

Copies of the blue membership card containing details of the year's programme are available in the Church porch and there is one copy on the notice board.

If you are thinking about joining the MU, please take a copy. All are eligible. For more information, telephone Herbert (873367).

Herbert and Jean





This year 'The World Day of Prayer' service is being held at St Michael's Altcar on Friday 1st March at 2pm.

The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia .

Note the name change, this annual service used to be known as Women's World Day of Prayer, now the name is inclusive and everyone, as always, is most welcome.

Two Mothers Remembered

by Joann Snow Duncanson

I had two Mothers - two Mothers I claim
Two different people, yet with the same name.
Two separate women, diverse by design,
But I loved them both because they were mine.

The first was the Mother who carried me here,
Gave birth and nurtured and launched my career.
She was the one whose features I bear,
Complete with the facial expressions I wear.

She gave her love, which follows me yet,
Along with the examples in life she set.
As I got older, she somehow younger grew,
And we'd laugh as just Mothers and daughters do.

But then came the time that her mind clouded so,
And I sensed that the Mother I knew would soon go.
So quickly she changed and turned into the other,
A stranger who dressed in the clothes of my Mother.

Oh, she looked the same, at least at arm's length,
But now she was the child and I was her strength.
We'd come full circle, we women three,
My Mother the first, the second and me.

And if my own children should come to a day,
When a new Mother comes and the old goes away,
I'd ask of them nothing that I didn't do.
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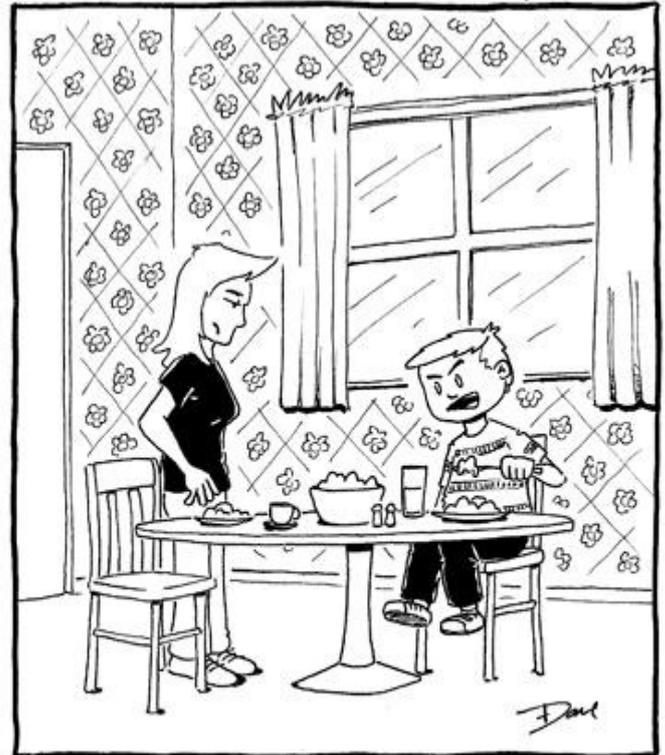
The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said,

"Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"



Derek had always secretly admired the Pope!



I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS,
BUT I'M PRETTY SURE I
GAVE IT UP FOR LENT.

'Doc I can't stop singing The Green, Green Grass of Home' "That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome." "Is it common?" "It's not unusual."

So I was getting into my car, and this bloke says to me, "Can you give me a lift?" I said, "Sure, you look great, the world's your oyster, go for it."

"You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen. It said, 'Parking Fine.' So that was nice."

A man walked into the doctor's, he said, "I've hurt my arm in several places" The doctor said, "Well don't go there anymore."

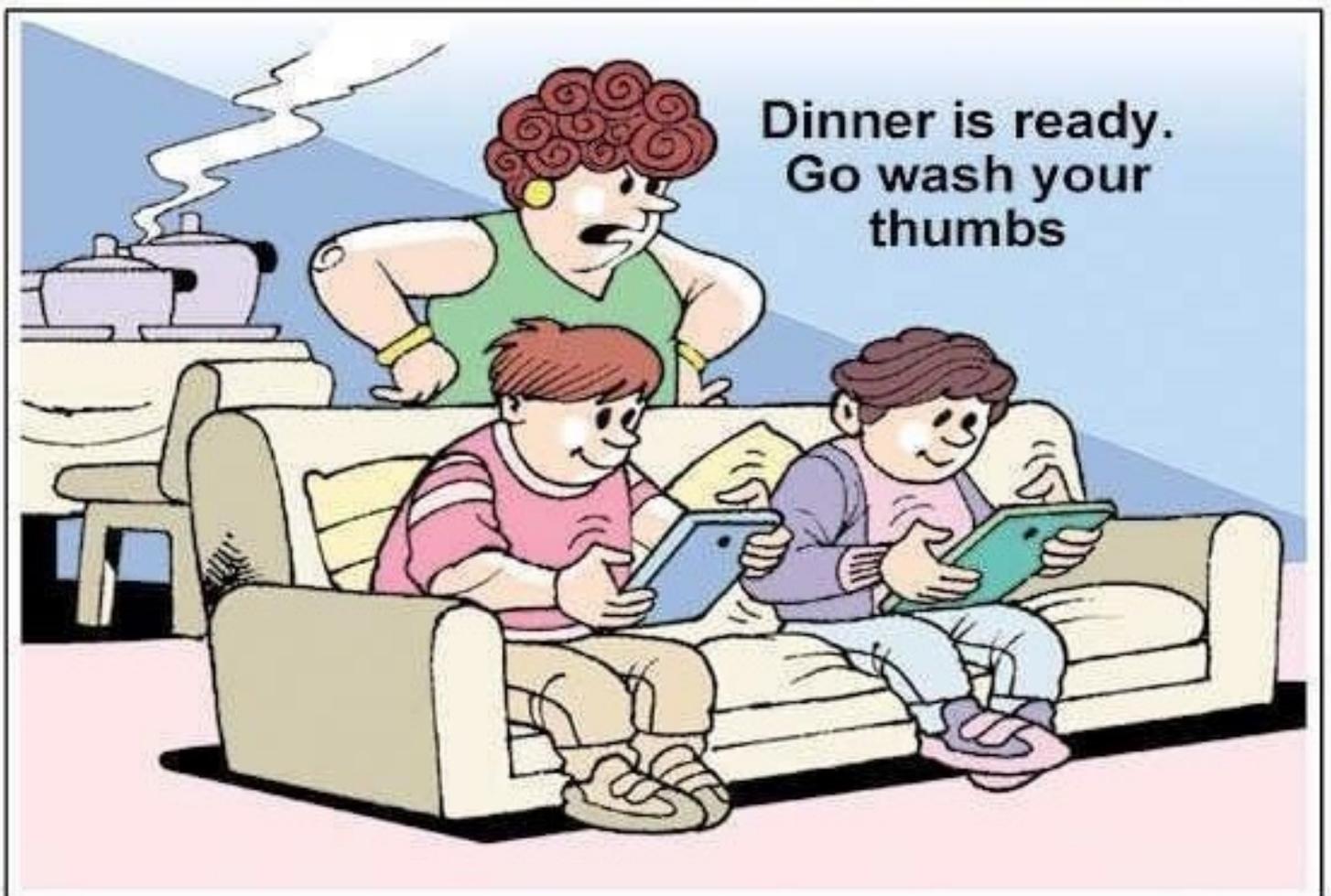
Curate's Bad Joke Corner.....

Top Reasons for Joining the Church Choir

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- You've just been selected for jury duty and you want to get used to sitting with a large group of people.
- There's a clock in the back of the church and you want to know when one hour has passed.
- For years you have wanted to know who sits in the back of the church but were afraid to turn around and look.
- You've been known to nod off during the service and don't want the ministers to catch you.
- The chairs for the choir are among the most comfortable chairs in the church.



Keep groaning!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY –

March 2019

Friday 1 st	6.30pm 9.15-11.30	First Friday Eucharist Little Fishes in the Parish Hall (2 nd Feb please note change of venue for this month)
Saturday 2 nd	9.00am 10.30am	Breakfast Church in Parish Hall Saturday Crew in Parish Hall
Sunday 3rd		The Sunday next before Lent
	10.00am 6.30pm	Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club Choral Evensong
Monday 4 th	10.00am 2- 3.30pm	Meditation in Bier House Singing for Fun in the Bier House
Tuesday 5 th	10.00am	Bible Study Group <i>with Ken Ward</i> in Bier House
Wed 6 th		Ash Wednesday
	11.00am 2.00pm 3.15pm 7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Eucharist with pupils of TSP School WOW service for pre-schoolers Fishy Club in the Parish Hall Ash Wednesday United Service in St Luke's Church, Formby
		
		
		The Archbishop of York's Mission Begins – see page 10 for details
Thursday 7 th	2.00pm	Mothers' Union in the Bier House
Friday 8 th	9.15-11.30 12noon 2.00pm	Little Fishes in the Parish Hall Wedding of Samuel Crick & Natalie Owen Bible Study Group <i>with Peter Paine</i> in the Bier House
Saturday 9 th	7.30pm	The Mission - Humans Vs Zombies Mission Youth Event
Sunday 10th		The 1st Sunday of Lent
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist (& Sunday Club) with Special preacher is Rt Rev Pete Wilcox, Bishop of Sheffield
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Monday 11 th	10.00am 7.30pm	Meditation in Bier House Lent Series in the Bier House
Tuesday 12 th	10.00am	Bible Study <i>with Ken Ward</i> in Bier House
Wed 13 th	10.00am 3.15pm 7.30pm	Refugee Meeting in Parish Hall (OSR) Fishy Club in the Parish Hall Bible Study <i>with Alison Woodhouse</i> in Bier House
Friday 15 th	9.15-11.30	Little Fishes in the Parish Hall

Sunday 17th

10.00am Parish Eucharist (& Sunday Club) -
preacher Revd Ted Woods
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Monday 18th

10.00am Meditation in Bier House

Tuesday 19th

9.15am Churches Together Quiet Morning
with Ted Woods in St Joseph's
10.00am Bible Study Group *with Ken Ward* in Bier House
7.30pm Lent Series in the Bier House

Wed 20th

3.15pm Fishy Club

Friday 22nd

9.15-11.30 Little Fishes in the Parish Hall
2.00pm Bible Study Group *with Peter Paine* in Bier House

Sunday 24th

10.00am Parish Eucharist & Baptism
12.00noon Hot Dog Service for Children
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Monday 25th

10.00am Meditation in Bier House
7.30pm PCC meeting in the Bier House

Tuesday 26th

10.00am Bible Study Group *with Ken Ward* in Bier House

Wed 27th

3.15pm Fishy Club in the Parish Hall
7.30pm Lent Series in the Bier House

Thursday 28th

2.00pm Halcyon House Eucharist
3.00pm Woodlands Lodge Eucharist

Friday 29th

9.15-11.30 Little Fishes in the Parish Hall

Sunday 31st

10.00am All Age Parade Service
6.30pm Service of Wholeness

St Patrick's Day



The 3rd Sunday of Lent



From the Church Registers



Funerals

7 th February	Penny Campbell
8 th February	Betty Swearman
12 th February	Sheila Naylor
20 th February	Mary Miller
25 th February	Margaret Brian

Interment of Ashes

20 th February	Kenneth Miller
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MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

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The occasion would be printed in the Sunday bulletin (if you would prefer not to be included in the bulletin, please let us know). If you would like to make a donation for flowers on a particular Sunday here is what to do:

- ◆ Contact the Parish Office (871171) to check the date you would like is available. stpetersformby@gmail.com
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ ‘Gift Aid’ can be added to your donation.
- ◆ Cheques made payable to ‘St Peter’s PCC’.

Thank you to everyone who has already given donations towards the weekly flowers.

From the Church Registers

Baptism

17th February

Jasmine Kathleen
Fahey, daughter of
John & Helen with big
sister Juliette.



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.

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From the Back Pew Ted Woods

BEATING TATT (Tired All The Time)

Just before we left Dublin a “RUDE HEALTH” Exhibition was held in a city centre venue at which there was all sorts of advice and seminars on healthy living – as well as products to purchase!

To advertise the event, a doctor who would lead one of the seminars was interviewed on a talk show. And this is what she said, “Look after the inside and it will show on the outside”, and, although it probably didn’t go down well with the cosmetic companies, she said that lotions and potions – the ones that prevent ageing and wrinkles – aren’t as effective as attending to the well-being of our inner selves, and ended by making a plea for balanced living.

A balanced life and looking after our inner selves.



Some years ago, the residents of a Florida apartment building woke up to a terrifying sight outside their windows. The street had collapsed creating a massive hole that the locals call a “sinkhole.” Sinkholes occur when underground streams drain away and dry up during periods of drought, and this causes the ground on the surface to cave in with devastating results.

In ‘Restoring your Spiritual Passion’, Gordon MacDonald lists 7 conditions that can cause sinkholes in our lives. They all begin with the letter ‘D’:-

- Drained – when we’ve too much to do;
- Dried Out – when we’re running on empty;
- Distorted – when we survive only on excitement and novelty;
- Devastated – always having to fight your own corner;
- Disillusioned – from disappointments and unrealized hopes;
- Defeated – the tiredness that comes from failure and
- Disheartened – when we can’t be bothered anymore.

Everyone is under so much pressure today. Life seems to get more and more complex and complicated. There always seems so much to do. We suffer from TATT – Tired All The Time. So many voices, so many choices, all clamouring for our attention.

Lent is a traditional time for reflection. And we might ask ourselves, how can we achieve a balanced life and look after our inner selves?

And this gives an opportunity to plug this year’s Lent Course on the Beatitudes “Living Differently To Make A Difference.” See page 6!

In the meantime, here's a questionnaire devised by a stress management counsellor.

Answer **YES** or **NO** as honestly as you can

1. Have you an absorbing hobby on which you spent time during the last 3 months?
2. During the last 2 weeks have you been for a walk/had lengthy conversation *alone* with your partner when you discussed matters other than day-to-day trivia?
3. Do you often feel that your time is totally taken up with doing things for others and that you have no time for yourself?
4. Do you and your partner discuss in advance and try to plan for peak periods?
5. Has your intellect been "stretched" in the last month?
6. Do you know your children's best friends?
7. Do you entertain friends who are not involved with you or your partner's work several times a year?
8. Do you heave a sigh of relief when you or your partner leaves home for work on Monday mornings?
9. Did you attend any school concerts/ parent teacher evenings etc. last term?
10. Have you read an interesting non-work related book in the last month?
11. Do you, if you are working outside the home, or your partner, on returning from work take time to relax before becoming involved in home/family affairs?
12. Have you taken exercise in the last 2 weeks?
13. Have you and your partner spent an evening out either on your own or with non-work related friends during the last month?
14. Have you taken up anything new as a hobby, a sport, or a topic to be studied during the past year?
15. Do family birthdays and events get written into the diary at the beginning of the year?
16. Over the past month, on average, have you or your partner brought home work more than 3 times a week?
17. Have you had a serious philosophical or religious discussion with anyone over the past month?
18. Do you know each of your children's current concerns, problems and interests?
19. Have you had a time of good fun over the past month?
20. Have you spent some time (1 hour or more) on your own doing nothing except thinking and dreaming during the last week (excluding driving!)
21. Do you feel bored at having too much free time on your hands?
22. Have you spent time doing something individually with each member of your family based at home over the past month?

Give yourself 1 point for every Yes with the exceptions of questions 3, 8, 16, 21 where you give yourself a point for a No answer.

If your score is 16+ it would suggest your life-style is well balanced.

If your score is 12 – 16, there is room for improvement.

If your score is below 12 it would be worth your while reassessing your life style values.

© Ruth Handy

*1st Formby St Peter's Brownie Group at Church Parade
on 3rd February 2019*



Regular Church Services

Sundays

- 8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
10.00am Parish Eucharist (Coffee afterwards)
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Service of Wholeness at 6.30pm - 31st March 2019

Weekdays

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
11.00am Wednesday Eucharist
6.30pm Eucharist 1st Friday of each month

- 9.00am **Breakfast Church** – 1st Saturday of each month
Sunday 31st March Mothering Sunday

