

# St Peter's Church Magazine

## September 2019



## TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC



## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Welcome back to all our young people who have been baptised, have been attending Sunday Club or the Hotdog Service. Or anyone who would like to start joining us.

All will be very welcome to our Teddy Bears' Picnic.

Join us in church at 12noon on 15<sup>th</sup> September for a short Teddy Bear themed children's service and then we will be led to the woods (behind the hall) looking for bears as we go. There will be a bouncy castle, Teddy Bear themed craft and drinks and snacks.

**What to bring? A sandwich, a rug and of course a bear!**

So we know how many bears to expect do let us know you are going to join us - [office@stpetersformby.co.uk](mailto:office@stpetersformby.co.uk)

## Harvest Thanksgiving

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**10am All-Age Parade Eucharist**

Preacher - Revd Sheilagh Williamson, founder of the Uganda Project 'Together We Can.'

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**2.30pm Relaxed Harvest Service**

– 30 minute service for older people.

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**6.30pm Community Harvest Thanksgiving**

Preacher – The Rt Revd Paul Bayes,  
Bishop of Liverpool

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All the services are followed by refreshments.

**All very welcome**

**Front Cover:** Gaia, meaning the personification of the Earth, a huge, seven-metre replica of the earth created by renowned artist Luke Jerram, which was on show at Liverpool Cathedral. Photo taken by Andy Jacques. June 2019.

**Back Cover:** The Queen Anne Coat of Arms. Photo taken by John Medley.

# From the Editorial Team

Welcome back to our loyal band of readers - we have another 44-page edition for your enjoyment this month.

First, notice of **two changes** to report:

- **Singing for Fun** will take place in the **Parish Hall** on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (2.00pm) - it's popularity has outgrown the Bier House.
- **Beavers** are changing their meeting day to **Tuesday** (as from 10<sup>th</sup> September) - 5.45pm in the Parish Hall.

Thanks to our readers who have registered to make purchases via **smile.amazon.co.uk** - our first donation from Amazon has been received by the Treasurer. If you missed details in a previous edition, have a look at page 26.

It is a great comfort to the Editorial Team to know that our efforts are appreciated by our readers, especially when we extend our readership to the younger members of the congregation.

Henry Appleton, aged 10 months, helped himself to a copy from the magazine rack and was particularly excited by the coverage of the Uganda expedition. He has suggested we adopt a drool-proof cover for future editions!

In the interests of balance, any offers for the oldest reader photo for next month's magazine?

Best wishes



**The Editorial Team**

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.

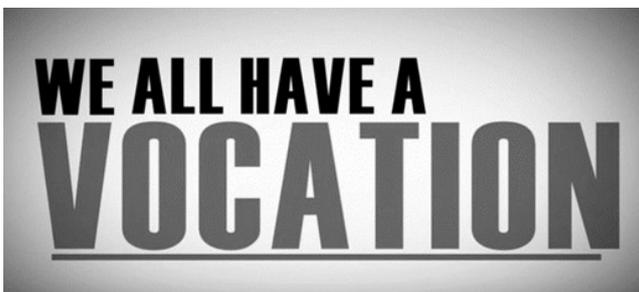
*Please note the deadline for the October 2019 edition of the magazine is **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. Contributions to [alisonwhiffing@aol.com](mailto:alisonwhiffing@aol.com)*

## *Dear Friends,*

It doesn't seem that long ago I was writing a letter for the summer issue of our magazine and here we are thinking about a new season of church life! I hope everyone has had time to reflect, relax and enjoy the summer months. I know there will be those heading off on holiday once the schools go back and really it will be October before everything is in full swing.

There has been plenty happening since our last issue. The summer began with lots of visitors – seven different preachers in a row! Along with Nathan and myself there was The Rt Revd Jane Alexander, Bishop of Edmonton in Canada, Revd Christina Wagner from the Parish of Markdorf in our link Deanery in Germany and two of our retired clergy who worship with us – Alison Woodhouse and Peter Paine. Also Helen Hunter who was with us on placement preached in the evening. It is wonderful to have an opportunity to listen and learn from such a variety of preachers. Next month is our Harvest Thanksgiving and we will have another two visitors!

St Peter's is a training parish and it is a privilege for us all to play a very important part in nurturing and encouraging those exploring the call to ministry, those already in training or indeed beginning their ministry. We have supported people on all three stages of ministry in St Peter's in the last two years and will continue to do so. In September we welcome Chris Parsons as she explores her calling. Chris will be with us for 6 weeks as she is given time to reflect on ministry. She worships in St Luke's Church in Crosby and is an osteopath. As a training parish we all have a role to play through welcome and encouragement of those on whatever stage of the ministry journey they find themselves. We have a unique opportunity in St Peter's to encourage, and be enriched, by the ministry of those exploring ministry right through to those marking the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood! Canon Raymond Lee will mark this anniversary at the 8am Eucharist on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.



Everyone has a vocation. Vocation means what you are called by God to be and do. For some, this is a specific calling to ministry. For others, it could mean serving God through faithful discipleship in everyday life.

To explore your vocation there is a very helpful Church of England website - [www.churchofengland.org/life-events/vocations](http://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/vocations) - or talk to Nathan or myself because God calls us all in unique ways.

There is also another dimension to vocation in St Peter's as Ted is an assistant DDO (Diocesan Director of Ordinands) for Liverpool - a person who helps people in the diocese explore their vocations and then makes recommendations to the bishop as to whether they should be sent to the selection conference. He is also now one of the national selectors for what is known as the Bishops' Advisory Panel which is the Selection Procedure for the Church of England.

So, St Peter's is well equipped to be a training and a placement parish.

Before looking ahead I would like to thank Shena Edwards and the Social Committee for a very enjoyable (if very wet for some of us!) Summer Garden Party. It was a very enjoyable event and also raised £822.

There was also a very enjoyable Pet Service as we gave thanks to God for all the animals in our homes and in our world. So now we look forward to another season and all that God challenges us to be and do as individuals and as St Peter's community – exciting times.



## Anne





# **UGANDA UPDATE**

**A Report by Ted Woods**

Not only did our Parish Team do a lot of work when we went to Uganda this year, we also held discussions with the 3 groups of the Kalule Project to ascertain their priorities and how best we could help them to develop and become self-sufficient. As a result of these discussions a number of construction projects were identified.

## **The Women's Project**

Without gutters a lot of precious rain water goes to waste. The women asked if we could provide guttering and a water tank to collect rain water for washing, growing and cooking. And this we agreed to do at a cost of £1,443. The work has now been completed.

A poultry project was part of our discussions. The selling of eggs would provide the women with a steady income for them to help provide for their families, and enable them to pay school fees.

For security reasons chicken houses have to be built of brick. We have agreed with them that they will re-invest 50% of the profits. The other 50% is to be divided amongst those who work with the chickens. We had organised suitable poultry training during the year.

Building costs £3,160 and £167 for 250 chickens. The work is on-going at the moment and will soon be ready.

## **St Peter's School**

In discussion with the principal and staff, poultry rearing and egg production were seen as a vital source of revenue, and we are building a similar poultry house for the school.

We have set the same stipulation that 50% of the profits are to be re-invested and that the other 50% be divided as follows:-

30% for school equipment; 10% for teachers involved with the chickens and 10% for the pupils who work on the project, thus providing incentives to make the project work.

The cost is the same as for the Women's Project - £3,160 and they are buying 200 chickens £133.

The accommodation for teachers was in a deplorable state. There are 5 single rooms in a row with leaking roofs, no windows and broken doors.



Only one unit was in a habitable state. We have agreed to repair and extend the block, providing each unit with 2 rooms and secure doors and windows. This will cost £2,904. Having accommodation available at the school will attract better teachers and also improve the security of the site.

To help orphans get to school, we are sending £300 p.a. to the principal to pay for their school fees.

Netball is extremely popular in Uganda and we funded netball kits for the girls' team. They have since won the under 14s school netball tournament.

### **St Peter's Church**

Last year we had helped partially build accommodation for students at an adjacent Technical College. The idea was to use the rental income to run the church and also to provide grants for poorer students and widows in the congregation. It has been decided to help the church finish the project at a cost of £853.

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All this building work is being carried out by contractors employed and overseen by 'Our Man in Uganda,' Richard Igbo, who is well-known to the Revd Sheilagh Williamson who set up the project.

We are in constant contact with Richard who keeps a watchful eye on all that is being built. We are truly indebted to him for his help and commitment to the project.

All of this has been made possible by generous donations from parishioners and by the fund-raising events that have been organised.

The completion of these projects will be of great benefit to the people of Kalule. They are encouraged not only by the financial help but also by the care and concern they feel they have received from us whom they now call "friends."

Yes, there's more to do and as the project develops there will be more ideas to help them become a self-sufficient community.

# Circles



Recently a colour supplement placed two articles alongside each other, whether or not to stimulate thought or through serendipity is not known but there did seem a connection. The first one was about a Young Offender Institution called Feltham. This place of incarceration had been declared a place where violence was too well established. The journalist moved freely amongst staff and inmates, witnessing both care and the need to restrain those who had threatened violence.

The other article was about a visit by a journalist to the Large Hadron Collider, a vast underground circle designed to move particles in such a way as to create a collision which would hopefully provide a new set of scientific information.

Was there a common factor? Without stretching a point too far there was. The main purpose of Feltham after containment was to do everything possible to stop each inmate committing more offences on release. To attempt to stop the circle of crime and re-entry to an institution. The purpose of the Collider was to encourage matter to go in ever faster circles. A further odd relationship was to look at the purpose of both systems. It was clear Feltham saw that the definitive objective of the life in the institution was to enable each individual to develop, to find a crime-free approach to life. When scientists were asked about the purpose of the Collider the answer was vague and took the form of the constant need to explore even if there was no immediate value. In fact such was considered the success of the design of the Collider they were asking for billions more to build a bigger one so perhaps more scientific material may be found.

Scientists have asked if the Collider could increase its size. It has been found that the smaller the institution for offenders the more effective it is. Is there a problem of morality here, what may be the Christian approach regarding these two circles?

The drive to explore the nature of the world is a constant in human nature. The Collider uses international cooperation but sometimes governments use the purpose of scientific research as a means of achieving national advantage. But the problem is always, "What is the purpose of this constant exploration of the boundaries of the universe?" Is it appropriate for scientific inquiry into the nature of the world to be sufficient in itself, especially as it costs so much? Perhaps it is not a financial issue but one of moral judgements.

The need for supportive care to help young people to find a crime-free life through the enclosed world of imprisonment should be an issue of great

importance. A circle society must endeavour to break. The issue of endless research without a goal seems too much about just being self-satisfied. This is not about the question of resources.

The main argument is about value. We surely have to add a value to activity which affects so many. The value of a young offender institution is higher than a trip to Mars.

The parable Jesus gives about the Good Shepherd leaving his flock and doing everything possible to find the lost sheep is a good way of judging the value of placing the need of society to do all it can to help the lost.

**Rod Jacques**

**St Peter's Choir and Amadeus went on tour to Liverpool Cathedral in August to provide holiday cover for the Cathedral Choir.**



Monica and I attended the 3.00pm Evensong at the Anglican Cathedral on the 11<sup>th</sup> August in part to support St Peter's choir and friends who were singing in place of the cathedral choir who were enjoying a summer break. It was a wonderful occasion and many thanks are due to David Holroyd and all involved for doing St Peter's proud - they were magnificent.

**Monica and Glyn Jones**

# HORIZONS REPORT

Every year, the Horizons Committee is charged with the task of distributing sums of money to worthy causes.

The Committee meets soon after the Church AGM to decide the beneficiaries. This is a very pleasant, but difficult task to complete. As you can imagine, there is a plethora of good causes locally, nationwide and overseas. The Committee works very hard to achieve a varied and fair balance.

Below, you will find the list for 2019 - 2020 that the PCC has approved. A small amount is always kept in reserve just in case an emergency arises in the next few months. For example, last year there was a terrible cyclone in Indonesia to which we were able to make a contribution. If nothing worthy needing our support comes along, then the outstanding amount is allocated to other causes.

During the year, a brief description of some of the charities we support, will be printed in the Parish Magazine. In addition, each of the charities listed will be included in our intercession list on a Sunday.

If you would like to know more, or have any suggestions for further consideration, please have a word with me.

**Paul McHenry**

## OVERSEAS

<i>Open Doors</i>	£500
<i>WaterAid</i>	£800
<i>Hope</i>	£500
<i>Uganda</i>	£ 1,000
<i>Toilet Twinning</i>	£360
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 3,160</b>

## HOME

<i>Eco Award</i>	£150
<i>Citizens Advice</i>	£300
<i>Samaritans</i>	£300
<i>Sefton Women's and Children's Aid</i>	£400
<i>Friends of St Joseph's Sefton Cancer Support Group</i>	£500
<i>Rainbow House</i>	£500
<i>Sefton Advocacy</i>	£400
<i>Southport Food Bank</i>	£300
<i>Southport Offshore Rescue Trust</i>	£400
<i>Dogs for Good</i>	£500
<i>The Whitechapel Centre</i>	£500
<i>Asylum Link, Merseyside</i>	£400
<i>Peterhouse</i>	£500
<i>CTiFAH</i>	£360
<i>Queenscourt</i>	£300
<i>Mind</i>	£300
<i>Learning Rooms</i>	£300
<i>Contented Dementia, Formby</i>	£400
<i>Ida I Cyclone Appeal</i>	£147
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 7,357</b>

**Overseas + Home = £10,517**

<i>Budget</i>	£ 11,190
<i>Spent</i>	£ 10,517
<i>Reserve</i>	£ 673

## **Horizons Report on Open Doors and Water Aid**

*Below you will find a brief description of the first two charities the PCC has decided to support.*



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*Every hour, 210 more people enjoy clean, safe water. Water Aid is installing new water points, toilets and washing facilities in 29 countries across the world. This vital work saves many lives.*

*WaterAid is working towards the day when everybody, everywhere has clean, safe water.*

*Find out more: [www.wateraid.org/uk](http://www.wateraid.org/uk)*

**Paul McHenry**



## PET SERVICE

There was a great turnout to give thanks for all the animals in our lives and for the world around us.



The collection was for Freshfield Animal Rescue and raised £97.80.



# Primetime Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

7.30pm in the Old School Room, Parish Hall



Uganda: Together We Can –

The Women's Project plus up-dates since our trip and never before seen footage! Speakers Shena Edwards & Anne Taylor

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1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

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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

# TIMEOUT

## MEN, BEER & TOPICAL ISSUES

Date: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm in The Bier House

Topic: Uganda Together We Can Update

# CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX DAY

St Peter's Church Shoebox Day is being held on  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October in the Parish Hall 10am to 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. 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 give to the Churchwardens or leave in the Parish Office.

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

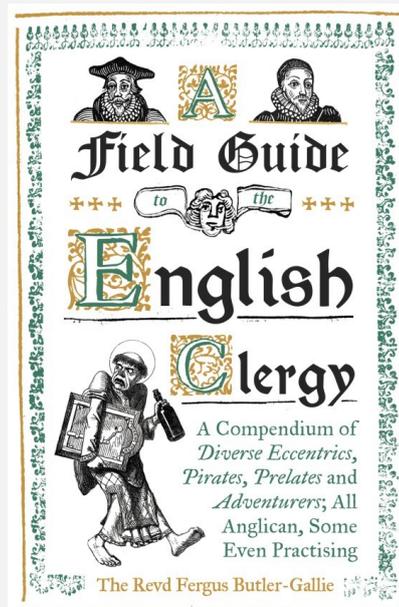
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## WHAT'S IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY?

The library now has a selection of DVDs as well as books for adults & children.

"A Field Guide to English Clergy" – featured in a recent "From the Back Pew" – is now available in the Church Library. The author, Revd Fergus Butler-Gallie, assistant curate at Liverpool Parish Church, has assembled a diverse collection of anecdotes about eccentric English Clergy. Some make more interesting reading than others, but that is a matter of personal taste; the Glossary is definitely worth reading for its witty definitions.



*If you borrow a book or DVD please write your name in the register provided.  
The Library is situated in the Bier House.*

Welcome back after what we hope has been a happy and reviving summer, whether spent away or at home.

On 11<sup>th</sup> June committee members delivered our collection for Seamen to the Seamen's Mission in Crosby. Frank Allen, who as Chief Executive, combines many roles, from welcoming seamen to baking cakes, told us about the work of the Mission, which caters for up to 100 seamen at a time of all nationalities and religions, often from the Middle and Far East, who may be away from home for nine months living on board ship in very cramped conditions. The Mission collects them from ships and brings them to Crosby on day visits. We were impressed by its furnishings and facilities.

On 4<sup>th</sup> July we enjoyed scones, strawberries and cream at the Strawberry Tea, which was followed by successful Bring & Buy. Thank you to all who contributed.

On 13<sup>th</sup> July we provided a stall at the Church Summer Garden Party, a happy event for all ages.

On 20<sup>th</sup> August members attended Beverley Boden's Garden Party for the MU at her home in Blundellsands.



We look forward to the opening of our Autumn Season with the meeting in the Bier House on 5<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00 pm when Ken Ward will talk on the WWI Battle of Ypres. This will be followed by a committee meeting.

At this meeting we will resume our projects: collection of books, magazines and woollen items for Seamen in the box provided, cash for holidays for deprived children in the yellow bucket, and toiletries for refugees. The specific item for refugees this month is soap and shower gel.

A reminder that the Mothers' Union is open to everyone, men and women, and we welcome visitors at all our meetings. If you would like further information, please contact Herbert (tel. 873367).

***Herbert and Jean***



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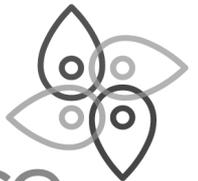
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# A St Kilda Trip

'Thank God I'm still alive' read the front-page headline of the Chorley Guardian on 3<sup>rd</sup> August thirty years ago. And indeed, I did, and still do.

It all came about like this ..... after many holidays in Scotland, in 1989, the opportunity arose to join a party of birdwatchers going to St Kilda.



The islands of the St Kilda group lie about 45 miles west of the Outer Hebrides, and our party sailed across The Minch from Kyle of Lochalsh in perfect weather, but once into the Atlantic met a fierce gale and most of us were very seasick.

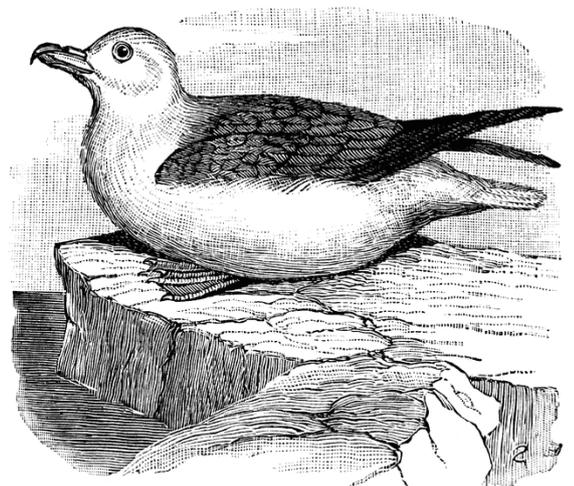
I can't say I fancied the voyage back.

Once on Hirta, the main island, populated by an army detachment and a NT for Scotland work party, we spent several days bird-watching and looking round the remains of the village, deserted since 1930 when the last St Kildans asked to be evacuated due to the hardship of their lives.

We also sailed round the other islands, Boreray and its gigantic sea stacks, teeming with gannets, Soay, and Dùn, virtually connected to Hirta.

It was on Dùn, which has sea cliffs which range from 200 to 500 feet, that I slipped or tripped over the edge. I well recall thinking 'this can't be happening to me,' but it was. However rather than falling hundreds of feet into the sea I was fortunate enough to land, albeit with some force, on a grassy, rock-strewn ledge some 30 odd feet below.

After a while I managed to find a way back up, past nesting fulmars which spat fish oil at me, and sat down on a rock, totally spent.



Fortunately some of my companions were nearby, and contacted the Medic at the army base, who arrived, gave me first aid, put me on a stretcher and summoned the Coastguard who arrived some time later, winched me up into their helicopter and flew me 80 miles to the Lewis Hospital at Stornoway.

There I was found to have an assortment of injuries: fractured ribs, a punctured lung, dislocated shoulder, fractured collar bone and various leg injuries, but miraculously my head and spine were untouched. So, thanks to skilled surgery and quite excellent nursing I was soon a lot better, and my wife, Joan, who had flown up to Stornoway to be with me, and I were able to return home.

Thinking of what might have happened, death or permanent injury, I can only say that I look back every day and thank God that I'm still alive, and also think with gratitude of all the people who helped me. I really am very lucky and thought it perhaps appropriate to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with this little story.

**Glen Williams**



**1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month  
2 - 3.30pm  
in The Parish Hall,  
Paradise Lane, Formby**

**Please join us for an afternoon of  
singing and refreshments.  
Everyone welcome, especially  
those with memory loss.**

St Peter's Parish Office  
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**Please note new venue.**

## **Church Flowers**

Many people have special days in the year which they commemorate and flowers on the altar of St Peter's Church can fittingly mark the special event.

We invite you to remember your family and friends with a donation towards our Church flowers. Suggested donation is £20.

The occasion would also be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

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# The Queen Anne Coat of Arms

by John Medley

One of the very few things salvaged from Formby's ancient chapelry before its destruction in the 1730's, and before the building of our current St Peter's, was the painted armorial bearings (coat of arms) of Queen Anne, who reigned from 1702 to 1714.

Royal coats of arms first appeared in parish churches during the reign of Henry VIII, to leave people in no doubt as to who was head of the Church of England. Many Tudor and early Stuart coats of arms were destroyed by Cromwell's soldiers during the Civil War and the Commonwealth, but with the Restoration of Charles II in 1662, it again became the practice for the royal coat of arms to be displayed. Our own version appears to date from 1710, and it may be no coincidence that this was a time when many poor benefices were beginning to receive support towards the maintenance of poorly paid clergy under the terms of "Queen Anne's Bounty" (*Google this!*). This Act came into force in 1704 and the churchwardens, William Rhimer and Edward Rice, perhaps had something to be grateful for.

For generations, this large painting on four vertical boards measuring 113 x 133cms (3'9" x 4'5") has been hanging in the chancel over the doorway leading to the sacristy without many people taking too much notice of it, but in 2016 it was taken down to examine its condition and to consider any necessary conservation treatment. The most obvious initial finding was that it is extremely heavy and bringing it down was a feat in itself. It was found that a huge sheet of one-inch ply, almost as big as the entire painting, had been fixed to the back, presumably to hold the original boards together, and this accounted for most of the weight. It's not known when this was done but, being plywood, it is unlikely that it was before the early 20th century. The painting was clearly very dirty, there was a great deal of cracked and flaking varnish and there were signs of previous woodworm infestation.

Following discussions with the diocesan adviser, a professional conservator, Elizabeth (Beth) Jowett from Stockport, was appointed to carry out a detailed inspection, to prepare a comprehensive condition report and to make recommendations for restoration/conservation. Beth visited on a number of occasions to complete this work. We were informed that the painting was not a great work of art. It had probably been painted by some local artisan (a coach painter perhaps?) and it was a little rough around the edges. Locally produced coats of arms were in fact the norm, and therefore the value tends to lie solely in their age and long association with the parish church.

Initial estimates of cost for restoration ranged from about £2,500 to more than £10,000, largely dependent upon the amount of structural work required on the frame and panels as well as for the restoration of the painting itself. The main

difficulty in making a firm assessment was the large, heavy plywood backboard that had been fixed securely to the back of the original frame by a strong adhesive, and therefore prevented full visual inspection of the condition of the original boards. A submission to the Church Buildings Council to obtain a grant towards the cost of restoration (a very long drawn out process) was eventually rejected on the grounds that our coat of arms was insufficiently worthy of their largesse, and at this point the decision was made with the conservator that we should do what was necessary to conserve the painting at a cost not exceeding £4,000. A generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, then came forward with a promise to underwrite that amount.

In August 2018, the painting was finally transported to Beth's Stockport studio for the painstaking job of restoration. On removing the frame to expose the edges of the panels, it was apparent that previous extensive woodworm damage had resulted in some parts of panels being thinned down to no more than 5mm, whereas in other places the panels remained at about 25mm in thickness. Additional newer wood had been inserted to support the thinned-out panels, but there was little evidence that woodworm infestation had ever been properly treated. The entire panel was therefore in a delicate condition and this was no doubt the reason why the large backboard had been attached. Woodworm treatment was applied to the edges of the panels and to the frame, and the woodworm damaged edges consolidated by application of a suitable proprietary filler. The back of the panel showed evidence of mildew. This was cleaned and treated to prevent regrowth, and four wooden blocks were fitted to the back to allow the panel to hang further from the wall to improve air circulation.

The surface of the painting was cleaned and all the old varnish removed. This revealed a rough and matte paint surface and some old retouchings, and when these were removed or thinned it revealed significant amounts of original paint below the later fillings. A modern isolating varnish was applied by brush, and retouchings were carried out with appropriate conservation colours, including the correction of earlier mismatched retouchings. The work was completed with a final coat of semi-matte varnish, before the panel was reinstated into its frame. Because it was not possible fully to address all of the existing structural problems, it is possible that further deterioration will occur and we have been advised therefore that the panel be re-examined at no more than two-yearly intervals.

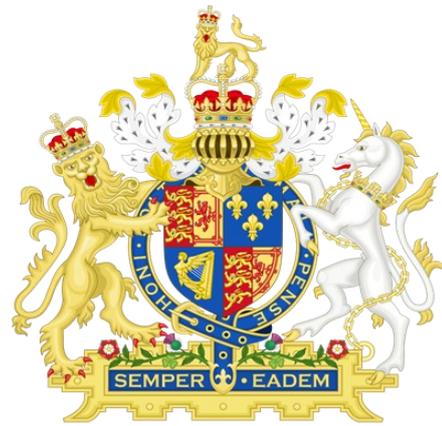


During varnish removal

Two points of interest. Firstly, it's the **WRONG** coat of arms. With the Act of Union in 1707, the queen adopted an amended version taking account of Scotland's changed status. The original coat of arms had the three lions of England and fleur de lys for France together in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters, the lion rampant of Scotland in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and the Irish harp in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The new version had the three lions impaled with the lion rampant in quarters 1 and 4 of the shield, the fleur de lys in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and the Irish harp unchanged in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Our coat of arms is the pre 1707 version and it might be assumed therefore that, if the painting was produced in 1710, the local painter was not aware of the change and was working from an out of date source.



1702-1707



1707-1714

Secondly, when originally painted the background to the garter, the scroll beneath the garter and parts of the shield background were painted in cobalt blue. The smalt pigment used for this purpose has faded over the centuries and these areas appear now as being of a rather greyish colour. Should the painting be restored to the original colour? The conservator says definitely not!

What's there is the original paint and from a conservationist point of view it would be quite unethical for this to be overpainted. It has to be said though that looking at the computer-generated image, the bright blue does add a splash of colour and perhaps gives the painting something of a lift.

And the bottom line? The total cost came to £3870, so grateful thanks once again to our generous donor for ensuring that a significant piece of St Peter's history has been preserved, and to our conservator, Beth, for her research, advice and superb skills, without which this article could not have been written.

And the next time you are in the church, please take a few minutes to examine our coat of arms. It should not disappoint.

***See back cover for a photo of The Queen Anne Coat of Arms.***

# World Scout Jamboree – West Virginia, USA

It has been an incredible three week journey for James and Tristan (9<sup>th</sup> Formby), Imogen (1<sup>st</sup> Formby) and Daniel and Finbarr (4<sup>th</sup> Formby).

The journey started two years ago when they were chosen to represent their District. It's been a long journey but it has been worth it. They visited New York, West Virginia for the WSJ, Washington DC, then Canada, including the Niagara Falls and Toronto. They are all now safely home, no doubt recounting their adventures to their families!

On their behalf we thank everyone who has supported them on this journey, from their Unit Leaders and Leaders at home and their family, friends and fellow Scouts.

The World Scout Jamboree is held every four years and the next one is in South Korea in 2023.



Imogen, James & Tristan

## St Tugual's Chapel - Herm

In June Sue and I enjoyed a holiday in the Channel Islands, including three nights on the small island of Herm, population of about 50 with no cars or television.

As we were there on a Sunday we decided to attend the weekly service at St Tugual's Chapel. The chapel was built in the 11<sup>th</sup> century by Norman monks who lived on the island, though the site has been a place of worship since the 6<sup>th</sup> century. Many skeletons have been found there, some from the late 10<sup>th</sup> century.



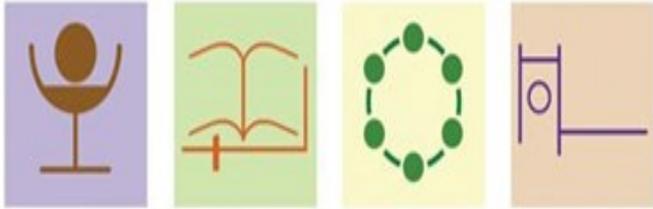
The church is non-denominational and different priests officiate at services there. At the service we attended there was a congregation of eleven at the tiny chapel plus the minister and organist who had both sailed over from Guernsey. The organist asked us to sing loud so we would not hear any mistakes she made on the organ. It being Pentecost, the chapel was decorated with balloons and paper flames all painted red, yellow and orange, the colours of the Holy Spirit. To celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit the organist had baked a delicious lemon drizzle cake which was shared with the congregation in the chapel garden after the service. (Another good idea for David). The service ended with a small boy releasing an untied red balloon which flew at great speed round the whole chapel.



St Tugual was probably a saint of the Celtic Church. He lived in Ireland before becoming a Hermit on a small island off the coast of North Wales. From there he crossed the sea to Brittany where he preached. Apparently Irish people still do that sort of thing. He set up a flourishing monastery and was made a bishop at the behest of the King of the Franks.

We were made most welcome by all and it was a privilege to share in a service. The isolation of church and island inspired a strong feeling of the presence of both God and nature.

**Patrick Parkes**



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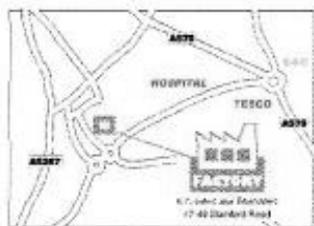
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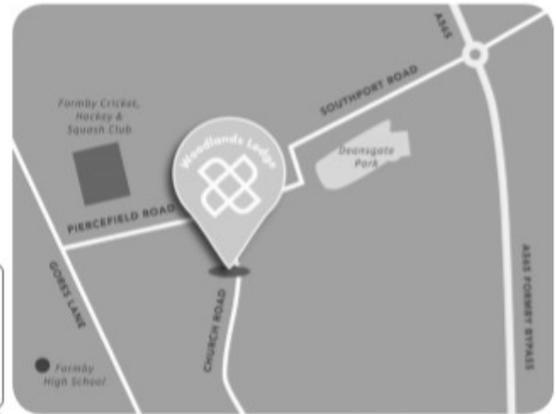


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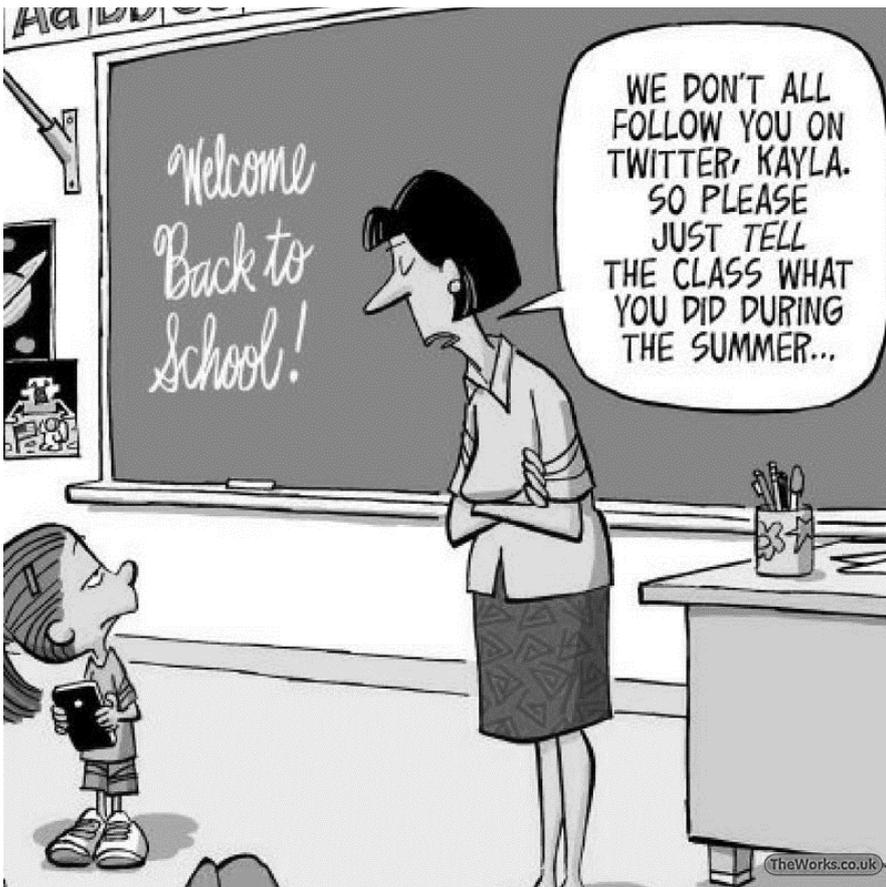
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Derek couldn't resist a little bit of irony!



Derek may be anti lottery but he's still a man of the people!



## School blues

A little girl had just finished her first week of school.

"I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother.

"I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!"

## Back to School

Luke comes home from his first day of school, and his mother asks, "What did you learn today?"

"Not enough," Luke replies. "They said I have to go back tomorrow."

# Curate's Bad Joke Corner.....

Will glass coffins be a success? *Remains to be seen.*

You know what really bugs me? *Insect puns.*

What's so great about whiteboards? *Well, they are pretty re-markable.*

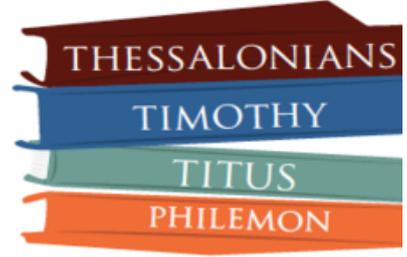
I wanted to tell you a joke about leeches. *But they all suck.*

What do you call somebody who keeps abandoning their diet plans? *A deserter.*

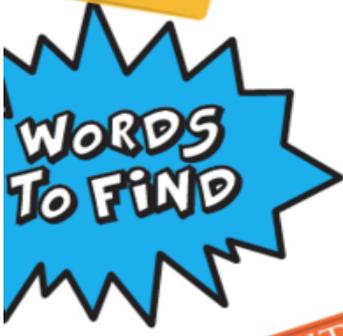
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## LOVE AND TRUST

For the last twelve years my son and daughter-in-law have had a dog. They did not really want a dog, as Sheila is allergic to the hairs, but when their daughter bought a house, she arrived with one for them.

She bought a terraced house and at night heard a dog howling. She had never seen a dog at the house next door, but night after night it kept her awake. In the end, in desperation, she knocked on the door and asked if it was their dog that kept her awake. It was, but the lady worked nights and could not really cope with a dog, so she said she would get rid of it! "If you don't want it, give it to me," said the bold Rebecca, not knowing what she would do with it, but she could not let it be put down because she had complained.

Like all good daughters, she thought of her Mother and took it to her. Its history was sparse. The lady who gave it away was not sure what breed or age it was. She had never walked it, or house-trained it or fed it properly, so the poor thing was a sorry sight and was terrified.



It only took a month to house-train it, and a bath and a good meal was all it needed to make it adore Sheila. As the poor scrap had never been out of the back yard, it had not seen people or dogs or grass, and when it was taken to the park for a walk it was bemazed, but soon discovered how to play and how to run off its barrel like weight. Life had arrived at last!

That little dog brought so much love and trust with it that every room was somehow different when it was there. From being neglected and abused, it now lived in comparative doggy luxury and had a loving home with a loving family.

I was delighted when they asked me to look after him whenever they went away, and he became a fixture in my home too.

It is so sad that people get animals and neglect or abuse them. As with children, they are not asked to be born, but once they are it is only right to look after them. Charities are so helpful to both animals and children, but is it really a charity's responsibility to fulfil someone else's duty? We have become so "Mothered" by the State over the past few decades that many people think and talk as if "The Government" should do all that is necessary to make THEIR lives wonderful.

Life is wonderful, and anyone who does not accept that it is a precious gift should look in the mirror and see the image of God.

When Scamp died, it was a big loss to us all. He was a bundle of love, sent to us to care for. God moves in a mysterious way, but in rescuing Scamp we all earned a lot about responsibility and trust and love. R.I.P. Scamp.

*Martha.*

# From the Church Registers - Weddings



28<sup>th</sup> June Nick Smeddles  
& Rachel Gibson



27<sup>th</sup> July David Morgan &  
Amelia Dudley



3<sup>rd</sup> August John McFadden  
& Amy Wilson

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



# From the Church Registers - Baptisms



21<sup>st</sup> July  
Autumn Kiernan Jones,  
daughter of David & Hayley



21<sup>st</sup> July  
Bea Amelie McMillan,  
daughter of Greg & Jane



21<sup>st</sup> July  
Kenny Jeffrey Paul Blower,  
son of Keith & Amy



18<sup>th</sup> August George Peter &  
Jack Peter Vine, sons of  
David & Sarah-Ann



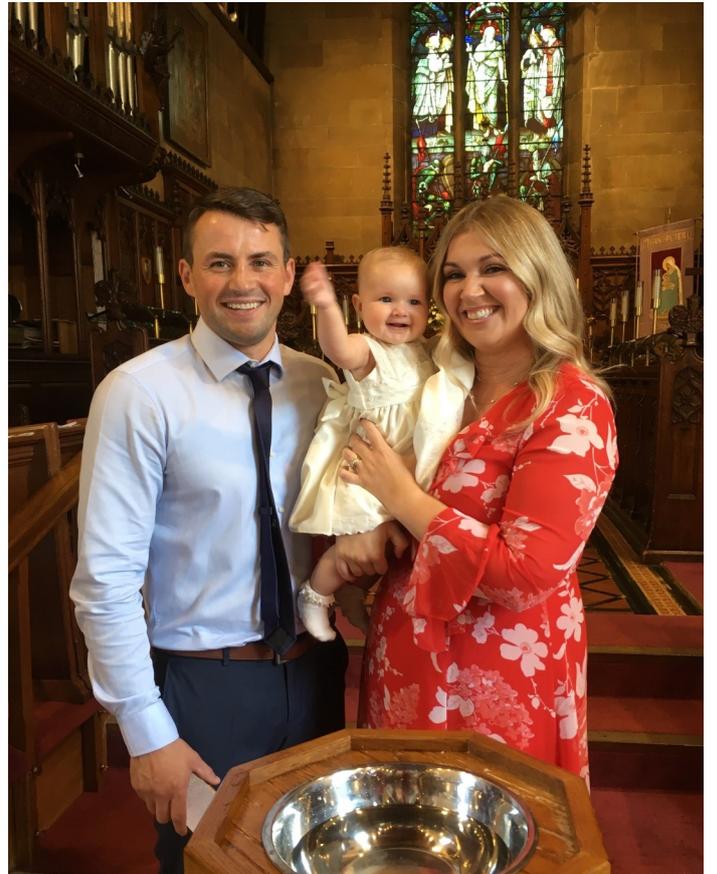
25<sup>th</sup> August  
Hugo James &  
Oscar Ray Deegan, sons  
of Shaun & Vicky



18<sup>th</sup> August  
Amber Rose Gerrard,  
daughter of Adam & Lisa



25<sup>th</sup> August  
Teddy David J Dunbavin,  
son of Ian & Sophie



25<sup>th</sup> August  
Lovella Rose Davis,  
daughter of Gerry & Amanda

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – September 2019



## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

10.00am Parish Eucharist  
12 noon Service of Baptism  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

**The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

2.00pm Singing For Fun in the **Parish Hall** (note venue change)

## Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

8.50am Trinity St Peter's School opens for new school year.

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

1.00pm Churchyard Clean-Up – volunteers needed.

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

2.00pm Mothers' Union in the Bier House

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

2.00pm Bible Study with Peter Paine in the Bier House (The Book of Jonah)  
6.30pm First Friday Eucharist

## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Breakfast Church in the Bier House  
10.30am Saturday Craft Crew – all welcome



## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Parish Eucharist  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

**The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Meditation Group resumes in the Bier House

## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

6.30pm Cubs begin  
10.00am Bible Study Group with Ken Ward in Bier House  
5.45pm Beavers begin  
7.00pm Scouts begin  
8.30pm Explorers begin

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

7.30pm Bible Study with Alison Woodhouse in Bier House

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

6.00pm Brownies re-start

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

9.15am Little Fishes resumes in the Parish Hall



## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Parish Eucharist

**The 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

12 noon Short Children's Service followed by Teddy Bears' Picnic  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

## Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Meditation in the Bier House

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Bible Study Group with Ken Ward in Bier House

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

7.30pm Primetime in the Old School Room

## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Refugee Welcome Day in the Parish Hall

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

9.15am Little Fishes in the Parish Hall



## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

8.00am Eucharist (BCP) – Canon Raymond Lee to preside, marking his 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

**The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

## Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

10.00am Meditation in the Bier House

## Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Bible Study with Ken Ward in Bier House

## Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

7.30pm Bible Study with Alison Woodhouse in the Bier House

## Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

2.00pm Halcyon House Eucharist  
3.00pm Woodlands Lodge Eucharist

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

9.15am Little Fishes in the Parish Hall



## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club

**St Michaels and All Angels**

12 noon Service of Baptism  
6.30pm Service of Wholeness

## Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Meditation in the Bier House



## FUTURE DATES

Fishy Club – after school – begins on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Harvest Thanksgiving – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Pause for Hope Service – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm

Christmas Shoe Box Day – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 9.30am to 4pm

# A PRAYER FOR THE AMAZON RAINFOREST

O God, who made the earth and all that is in it:  
we remember before you  
the Amazon rainforest and all other places  
where disaster threatens what you have made.  
Be with those who care for the earth's resources,  
and those who defend them against fire and calamity,  
and make each of us thankful  
for everything you have given to us.  
Amen.



## From the Church Registers



### Funerals

16 <sup>th</sup> July	Mabel James
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Jonathan Hare
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Andrew Train
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Douglas Campbell
12 <sup>th</sup> August	Ronald Martin
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Florence Shannon
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Theresa Halligan

### Interment of Ashes

31 <sup>st</sup> July	Margaret & Charles MacDonald
18 <sup>th</sup> August	Lyn Daniels (St Luke's Crosby)



## 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 - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

### Weekdays

- 9.00am Morning Prayer  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
- 11.00am Wednesday Eucharist
- 6.30pm Eucharist 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month
- 9.00am **Breakfast Church** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September