

St Peter's Church

Magazine July/August 2020



72nd Anniversary of the NHS

Sunday 5th July 2020



God of healing and compassion,
we thank you for the establishment of the National Health Service,
and for the dedication of all who work in it:
give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who care for the sick,
and your wisdom to those engaged in medical research.
Strengthen all in their vocation through your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHURCH OPEN

for quiet & prayer

**The church will be open on Sundays and Wednesdays
from 10am to 12noon.**

- 10.00 am individual prayer. A prayer sheet will be provided for individual use.
- 11.00 am we will play the week's recorded service as many do not have the means to watch it
- 11.30 am there will be music and the reserved sacrament (wafer only) will be available for those who would like to receive.

On Sundays there will be a said Eucharist at 9.30am using wafers only.

There will be no chalice or sharing of the peace. The service will be 20/25 minutes long.

The clergy will use hand sanitiser and face masks when distributing communion.

Communion will be brought to those who wish to receive in the pews.

All guidelines are being followed to make the church a safe place.

Hand sanitiser is provided for use before entering and pews have been roped off to create space along with other precautions.

Stewards will be on duty. Hand sanitiser will be used by the clergy and stewards.

We will let you know by email and on the website when we plan to hold services again.

Wedding, Baptism and Funeral services can now be held in church – please discuss the details with the Vicar.

TELL A FRIEND:

Do encourage others to watch our services online as it is a good introduction to St Peter's.

**“I was glad when they said unto me,
“let us go to the house of the Lord.””
(Psalm 122 v1)**



EDITORIAL

An article in The Spectator magazine published last week suggested that the senior ranks of the Church of England had put up little resistance to the closure of our churches, yet a recent independent survey stated that 24% of British adults had watched or listened to a religious service since lockdown began.

The astonishing thing is that 5% of those who said they had watched or listened to a religious service had never been to church.

The majority of churches were using YouTube (42.7%) to broadcast a pre-recorded service and putting a link on social media.

Another popular platform was Zoom (21.8%).

The church has shown remarkable adaptability over the last few weeks to demonstrate that it is far from being a moribund institution.

And how glad we are that our Vicar, Anne, ably supported by husband Ted and many others, has taken the initiative to utilise both YouTube and Zoom to promote God's message.

We must single out for special praise our Director of Music, David Holroyd, for leading the way in such technical issues.

We thank them all.

We must also send our belated warmest wishes to Raymond Lee on the occasion of his 90th birthday and thank him for his delightful response, reproduced later in this magazine.

Happy 90th birthday, Raymond. We are so glad you had such a lovely day.

Finally, we wish to say hello to Simon, our new Curate. We look forward to welcoming him to St Peter's.

Best wishes to you all and stay well,

The Editorial Team

*Please note the deadline for the September 2020 edition of the magazine is **Friday 7th August 2020**. Contributions to alisonwhiffing@aol.com.*

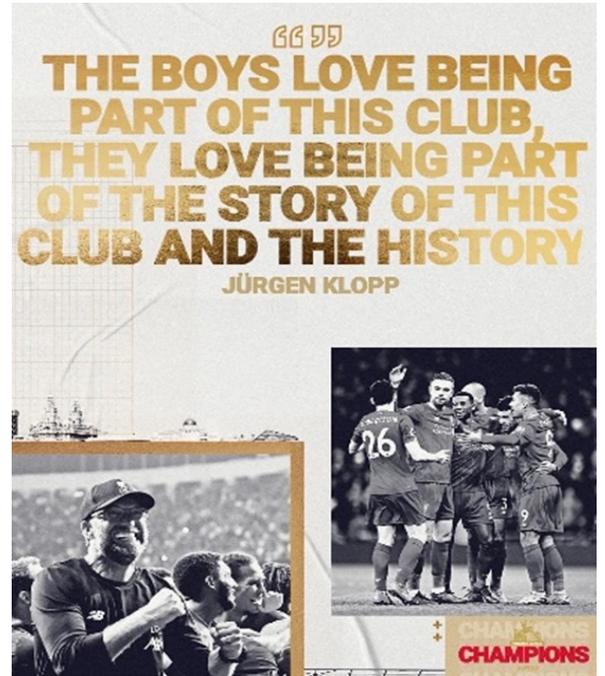
FRONT COVER PHOTO: Sonia Greenyer

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, Manchester City have been beaten by Chelsea, thus making it certain that Liverpool have won the Premier League – for the first time in 30 years! A wonderful achievement for the football club and indeed the city and one happy vicar! The celebrations have begun!

I particularly liked this posting which appeared on Facebook – “The boys love being part of this club, they love being part of the story of this club and the history.”

I also write this on St Peter’s Day (29th June), so what Jürgen Klopp says of LFC and its players could be said of us in St Peter’s, for I sense that the **people of St Peter’s love being part of this church, they love being part of the story of this church and the history.**



I like to think of St Peter’s as a family where we are linked together by a common identity, love and loyalty. One of our student placements once remarked, “You know who you are and what you are in St Peter’s. You have a common identity.” And this is shown in the way we worship, in the way we celebrate together and in the way people look after and look out for others – both locally and further afield.

And yes, we have a rich history going back to 1747 and beyond, some of which you will read about later in this issue, and of which we will become more aware as we plan for the 275th anniversary of the consecration of our church on 19th July 2022.

Apparently, this is the first time in 800 years that churches have been closed in this country. The cause, in 1208, was politics rather than pandemic as Pope Innocent III closed churches throughout England because King John disagreed with the Pope over the appointment of a new Archbishop of Canterbury. King John wanted an appointee more loyal to himself than the Pope. The closure lasted 6 years! Coincidentally, the 13th century lockdown began on the same date as our 21st century lockdown – 23rd March!

We are living through, and are part of, what will be a significant chapter in any future history of St Peter’s and indeed the world. But we long for that chapter to close! Restrictions are easing and St Peter’s is now open for individual prayer on Sundays and Wednesdays from 10am until 12noon. We have organised the church so that social distancing can be observed.

On Wednesdays we will show the previous Sunday’s recorded service on the screen at 11am and this will be followed by organ music until 12noon.

We have been told by the Government that services can resume in July, but we are still awaiting specific guidelines from the national church about how they can

be conducted. As soon as these are issued and can be implemented we will announce the resumption of services on the parish website, Facebook and email.

In the 13th century lockdown people had to find other ways to nourish their spiritual lives and there was a flourishing of lay popular devotion. The 21st century lockdown has led to the flourishing of on-line and zoom services which have been so important to many. But we long to be able to be together. Talking to one mum in the churchyard recently told me her daughter who is about to start school in September was asking when the Hotdog Services would begin again. There is no substitute for 'the real thing.'

Mother Teresa famously said, "None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful." We are social beings, we need community. Online services have nourished us in these past months and I encourage you to invite a friend to watch them. These services are a very gentle way of bringing someone to church at this time and letting them see St Peter's in action. Then maybe in the future it will be easier for them to walk through our church door and join us. But online services can lead to an insular Christianity in which there is only a Me & God relationship which doesn't take into account the other foundation stone of Christianity – **community**. We can't say that we love God if we don't also love our neighbour, and that requires social interaction. St Paul talks of the church as a body, made up of many parts, all of which interact with and support each other. The Christian faith is not just about Me & God but **US & God**.

So I appeal that in these difficult and strange times we continue to look out for and look after each other, that we continue the fantastic contributions to the Food Bank, that we continue to support our project in St Peter's, Kalule, Uganda where the corona virus has also caused great deprivation and need. It is brilliant that as a parish we have not stopped our contributions to other charities because it would be so easy to focus just on our own future. And as restrictions lift for many, please keep looking out for others. This is a scary time for so many and there is a real risk many could get left behind and that there will be a rise in isolation and depression.

WELCOME - And into the pages of our church and its history steps Simon Macaulay as our new curate. It is a strange time for him to be starting his ministry as our new curate, but as lockdown eases he will hopefully be able to meet the members of his new church family. We assure him of a warm welcome and please do introduce yourself. But there is one issue! How did I get a Curate who knows nothing about football! Well I have three years to turn him **Red!**



We also welcome to the Deanery Gordon MacLeod who was on placement with us in St Peter's as he starts as Curate in the Maghull & Melling Team. A strange time for Gordon and Simon to start their ministry but we pray that they along with the other twenty-three curates in Liverpool Diocese they will be enriched and given a sure foundation for their future ministry.

Anne

Worship from Home



Each week there is a Sunday morning service to watch as we continue to worship together. We were delighted that on our Patronal Festival Bishop Paul was our preacher and also gave a welcome to our new curate.



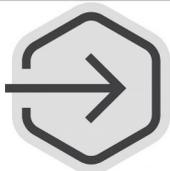
Thank you to those who have been involved both reading and preparing intercessions and of course David Holroyd whose expertise we could not manage without. Click on the link on our website home page.

<https://stpetersformby.co.uk/>

Services from previous weeks are still available by clicking on Service Sheets in the drop-down menu under Services.

Still worshipping together Sunday Evensong by Zoom

You are welcome to join our Sunday evening Zoom congregation at 6.30pm each week by clicking on the Zoom Services Link on the website Home page.



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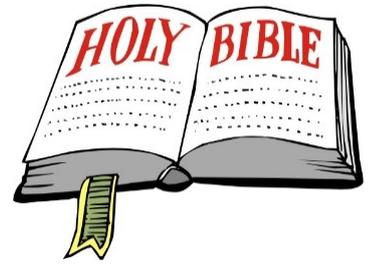
Lectio 365 is inspired by Lectio Divina, a way of meditating on the Bible that's been used by Christians for centuries.

Each day, Pause to be still. Rejoice with a Psalm and Reflect on Scripture.

Each week focuses on one of six practices that help us live like Jesus - prayer, mission, justice, creativity, hospitality and learning.

Both text and audio options are available and you can download up to a week in advance to read or listen to later.

July Bible Readings



St Thomas the Apostle (3rd)

Habakkuk 2: 1-4 / Ephesians 2: 19-22 / John 20: 24-29

Sunday 5th

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49 / Romans 7:15-25a / Matthew 11:16-19, 25 - 30

Sunday 12th

Genesis 25:19-34 / Romans 8:1-11 / Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday 19th

Genesis 28:10-19a / Romans 8:12-25 / Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Mary Magdalene (22nd)

Song of Solomon 3:1-4 / 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 / John 20:1-2, 11-18

James the Apostle (25th)

Acts 11: 27-12:2 / 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 / Matthew 20:20-28

Sunday 26th

Genesis 29:15-28 / Romans 8:26-39 / Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

August Bible Readings

Sunday 2nd

Genesis 32:22-31 / Romans 9:1-5 / Matthew 14:13-21

Transfiguration of Our Lord (6th)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Peter 1:16-19 / Luke 9:28-36

Sunday 9th

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 / Romans 10:5-15 / Matthew 14:22-33

The Blessed Virgin Mary (15th)

Isaiah 61:10-11 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 1:46-55

Sunday 16th

Genesis 45:1-15 / Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 / Matthew 15:21-28

Sunday 23rd

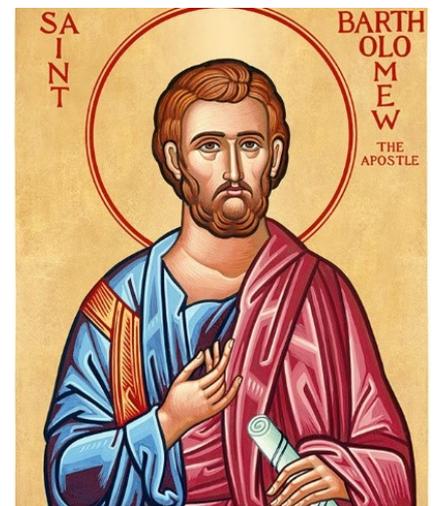
Exodus 1:8-2:1- / Romans 12:1-8 / Matthew 16:13-20

St Bartholomew the Apostle (24th)

Acts 5:12-16 / 1 Corinthians 4:9-15 / Luke 22:24-30

Sunday 30th

Exodus 3:1-15 / Romans 12:9-end / Matthew 16:21-28



Thank you FOR YOUR SUPPORT

THANK YOU for your continued financial support for the work and mission of our parish. The church is now open on a Sunday and Wednesday morning from 10am to 12noon for individual prayer and we will let you know the plan regarding services.

Yellow & Brown Numbered Envelopes - for those who use the envelopes these can be brought to church on a Sunday or Wednesday. If you need yellow envelopes they are available in church. For those who are still isolating envelopes can still be posted/delivered to the Office or Vicarage or kept until you are happy to come out again.

Website Donate Button - There is a Donate Now button on the St Peter's website. When the button is used Gift Aid can be added.

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Cheque Donation - cheques should be made to 'St Peter's PCC', adding name and address on the reverse and be posted to the Parish Office or to the Vicarage.

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Gift Aid - if you are a tax payer St Peter's can claim 25% gift aid on your donation. This will happen automatically with the yellow and brown envelopes. If you would like to discuss Gift Aid or would like a Gift Aid form please contact the Stewardship Team.

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If you need further information please phone or email the Parish Office, the Stewardship Team or the Vicar.

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HORIZONS REPORT DONATIONS 2020

During these difficult and demanding times, our reliance on technology has heightened. Thus, the Horizons Committee has been able to communicate through the medium of emails.

Below is the list of agreed donations for this year. There are some new charities and, in subsequent magazines, I will tell you a little more about them.

As you can appreciate, it is difficult to hold meaningful discussions through emails, but the committee has done its best by the charities.

Paul McHenry



Friends of St Joseph's

Rainbow House

Dogs for Good

Contented Dementia Trust (Formby)

Claire House

Barnado's

Mary's Meals

Southport Samaritans

Southport Food Bank

Queenscourt

Asylum Seekers (Liverpool) Shelter

Sefton Women's and Children's Aid

Churches Together, Formby

Elizabeth's Legacy of Hope

Missionaries of Charity (domestic abuse victims, Liverpool)

Sefton Cancer

Southport Offshore Rescue

Peterhouse

Learning Rooms

Sightsavers

Liverpool Anglican Cathedral

Citizens Advice

Sefton Advocacy

Whitechapel Centre (homeless)

Women's Refuge (Liverpool)

Water Aid

Toilet Twinning

Open Doors

Uganda Project (St Peter's)

Be Aware

During a programme about Sherlock Holmes the son of Conan Doyle discussed his father's ability to draw attention to the details of those around him. He would sit in a restaurant and regale his son with characteristics not noticed by others. It is often uncomfortable to be made aware of what appears to be hidden. The following stories, save one, are true.

In the 1950's Lincolnshire rectories were, in the winter, dank dark and cold. You had to break the ice on your watch in the morning to know what time it was. On one occasion a rector had a friend to stay for a few days. During lunch, the day after his arrival, the rector's wife apologised to the guest saying how sorry she was that he had been so cold during the night.

"No, no not at all," he replied.

"It was so cold you had to put on your cassock, not only that but you put it on back to front as there were insufficient blankets." She continued.

The guest stared open mouth and the rector laughed and asked how his wife knew this.

She answered that when she went to make his bed the line of small buttons on his cassock had made a line of indents on the mattress. He was nicely warm the next night.

Through the centre of Lincolnshire runs what was then called 'The Great North Road' well used by tramps. They would call at the Rectory and ask for food. The twelve-year-old son of one rector would supply bread and cheese. After this had happened a few times, his father checked to see if he had been supplying refreshment. Having agreed he had, the rector took him down the drive and pointed out a series of chalk marks on the gate which when translated meant that 'good food could be obtained here.'

Again during the 1950's in the countryside of Lincolnshire there was an induction of a new vicar. The Bishop would be presiding and always appointed one of the number of clergymen attending as his bishop's chaplain, not a popular role. On this occasion one of the clergy arrived wearing a pair of loud check tweed plus-fours with large brown shoes. Asked by a colleague why he was dressed like a gamekeeper, he replied, "The bishop won't choose me for his chaplain."

If caught unawares then you have to be ready for a quick answer. A curate had grown tired of a series of requests for information which appeared irrelevant to his life in parish work. Angered by another demand he rang the



diocesan office and when answered immediately sounded off about the demands of pastoral work being unnecessarily interrupted by a facile demand for useless information. The voice at the other end asked the curate if he knew who he was talking to. He answered he did not and was told it was the bishop. The curate asked, "Do you know who I am?" And when the bishop said, "No" the curate said, "Good" and put the phone down.

There are times when someone's insight can be beneficial.

In the gospels Jesus demonstrated his ability to see into the soul of someone and give comfort. One of the most touching of these is the healing of the sick woman who, being too shy to speak to Jesus and ask for help, touched the hem of his garment. Jesus was immediately aware of what had happened and gave willingly.

It is good to know Christ is fully aware of our needs.

Rod Jacques



Weekly Prayers for our Parish

Each Sunday we pray for the residents who live in our parish and during the year every road is included in our prayer rota.

During July & August please pray for all who live in –

5th July – Montagu Road, Golf Road, Timms Lane, Timms Close

12th July – Cricket Path, Mayfield Court, Red Barns, Cummins Avenue

19th July – Victoria Road, Victoria Way, Shireburn Road, Fairways Court

26th July – Tower End, Badgers Rake, Grange Lane, Derby Road

2nd August – Old Town Lane, Rymers Green, Piercefield Road, Freshfield Road

9th August – St George's Road, The Copse, Coppice Leys, Barkfield Avenue

16th August – Gores Lane, Deans Court, Graburn Road, Byron Close

23rd August – Formby Mews, Old Mill Lane, Willow Grove, The Warren

30th August – Alderson Crescent, Church Road, Church Close, Formby Gardens



**The days of our age are threescore years and ten;
and though men be so strong
that they come to fourscore years:
yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow;
so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.**

[Psalm 90:10 BCP]

The writer of the psalm seems to suggest that three periods of twenty years are the normal span of life, with one, possibly two, extra periods of ten years, ending at eighty. I have now lived through three periods of ten years after sixty, and reached my 90th birthday on 29th May.

Seventy is the retiring age for clergy, but for ten more years, retired and living in Formby, I served as an honorary curate in Bootle. At age 80, ten years ago, I came to St Peter's. Another retired priest, of similar age, has written of his experience which I can echo, that "Nothing in the week, in my dotage, surpasses the Sunday morning Eucharist....In a new way, heaven opens and I feel absolutely at home." We, the retired priests at St Peter's, all thank God for the privilege of belonging to the "family of God" here, our spiritual home.



My own family had planned a celebration for my birthday, but had to cancel it, because of the virus. Our eldest son lives in California, our younger son in Milton Keynes, our daughter in Shrewsbury, grandchildren and great-grandson in MK and Northampton. Janet and I imagined we would be on our own and just wait for telephone calls. The first surprise: our daughter Pip explained she could be with us, so long as she did not stay overnight.

Then, the second surprise. More than twenty friends from St Peter's came to our front garden, and spread across the road at 2-metre intervals, ready to sing – and trumpets too!

So family were here after all, my St Peter's family.

Thank you all so much.

And thank you for the cards, the emails, and messages, for a unique birthday party we shall always remember.

**RAYMOND
(Canon Raymond Lee)**



The Southport Foodbank staff have asked us to pass on their thanks for the incredible support from the parishioners and friends of St Peter's.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who has dropped items into the Foodbank boxes in the church porch or sent financial donations (which to date have bought £483.93 worth of items).

Your help is very much appreciated and helps the most vulnerable. Many of the usual sources of donations for the Foodbank have not been operating.

The Church Porch is open 10am to 5pm each day for donations. The boxes are emptied regularly during the day. Outside those times there is a box on the Vicarage doorstep on Cricket Path.

The items particularly needed are: UHT Long Life Milk, Tinned Meat, Long Life Juice or Cordial, Jam, Tinned Tomatoes, Breakfast cereal, Tinned potatoes or instant mash.

The Foodbank has plenty of – Soup, Baby Food, Pasta, Ladies' Sanitary items and Baked Beans.



**SOUTHPORT FOODBANK
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PEOPLE IN CRISIS**

For those self-isolating, donations are appreciated either directly to the Southport Foodbank – www.southport.foodbank.org.uk - or to the Vicar and items needed by the Foodbank will be bought on your behalf. If you are out for a walk do leave an item in the box.

Many thanks.

5 Finger Prayer

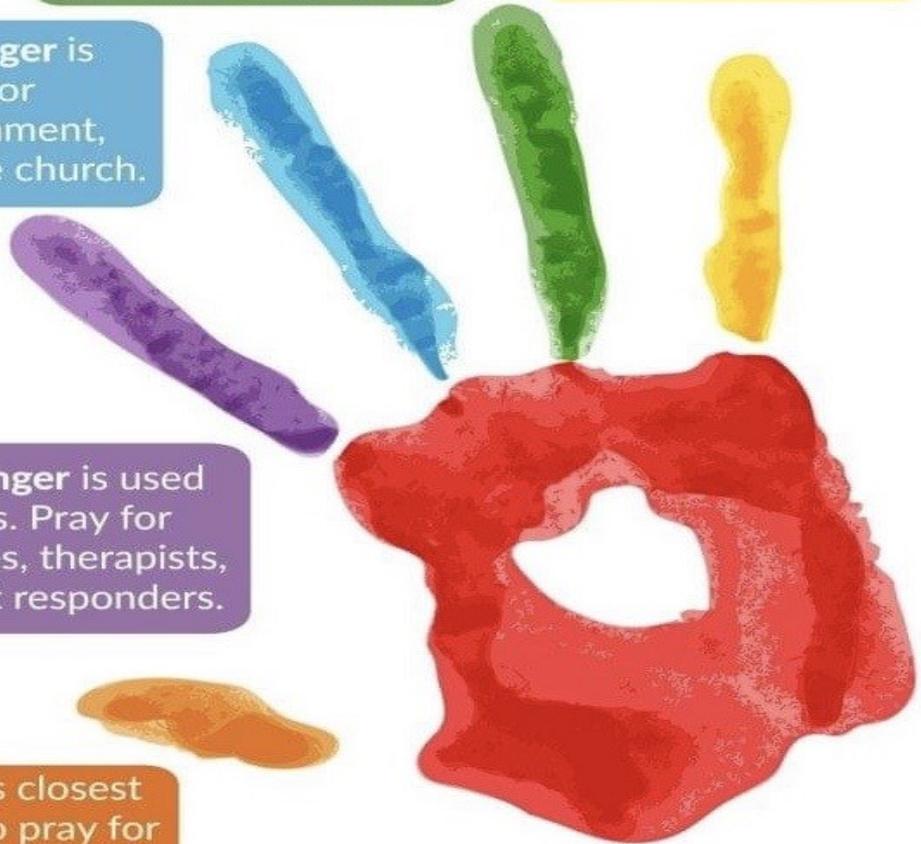
4) The ring finger is the weakest. Pray for the sick, poor, and those most in need.

5) The pinkie finger is the smallest. Pray for yourself and your own needs.

3) The middle finger is the tallest. Pray for leaders in government, business, and the church.

2) The pointer finger is used to give directions. Pray for teachers, coaches, therapists, doctors, and first responders.

1) Your thumb is closest to your heart, so pray for those closest to you - your family and friends.



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SUNDAY CLUB

Sunday Club at Home for Children on our Parish Website

Each week there is a story, activities, prayer and a song along with a puzzle sheet. Using cartoons, games and lots of fun!

During the school holidays there will be a puzzle sheet and cartoon clip.

Dear All at St Peter's,



We were overwhelmed to receive the collection for a leaving gift - thank you.

Your generosity continues to be astounding - we have decided to treat ourselves to something for the garden and a holiday when we can go places - memories and a place - like St Peter's - we will cherish and enjoy.

We are settling into our new house well and the parishes are beginning to get used to us!

We both wish Simon a fantastic experience as your curate, as well as our continued prayers.'

With love, Nathan & Poppy

The Bible Characters in a Nutshell Series!

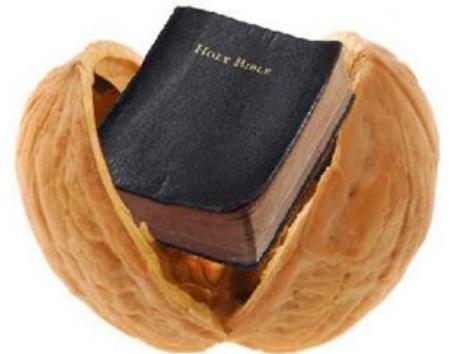
Bible Study from Home

Following on from the first two sessions there will be one more in the series '**Bible Characters in a Nutshell!**' before the summer break.

We have looked at St Barnabas and St Peter and in July we will find out more about **St Thomas**.

We will have a Zoom talk on **Monday 13th July at 7.30pm**. It will start with a talk followed by a prayer and then some time for questions and a catch-up. No prior knowledge needed though the readings for St Thomas' day are on page 7 which you might like to read. The only issue is you will need to make your own coffee!

For the Zoom details simply follow the link on the St Peter's website.



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St Peter's Eco Garden



If you go down to the Bier House today you could be in for a big surprise. For the last few years the ladies of Primetime have led the way in planting up the pots outside the Church and Bier House with the help of donations of plants and compost from Porters.



This year has been no exception, although due to lockdown the number of ladies has been somewhat reduced and the usual one evening did seem to stretch over several weeks!

Thanks to Mike Almond for his help in making this happen.

This year, after last year's success, we wanted to add more vegetables to our garden in keeping with St Peter's Eco theme. We are grateful for donations of lettuces, tomatoes and peppers and we've now planted peas, beans, courgettes, cabbages, butternut squash, leeks and mini cucumbers in the super- size planters made for us by Paul Appleton, thanks Paul! We reckon these are strong enough to last us some time.

Our thanks for donations from Primetime and those who have sponsored St Peter's flowers during the time the Church has been closed. This has allowed us to both fund the new planters and buy a selection of filled pots from Porters to brighten up the sitting area and the porch.

Flowers sponsored as follows:

24th May, Pat Smith, in memory of her husband and grandson Frank Smith and Jake Devine-Smith and 19th July in memory of her father Ralph Winsby

31st May, Eleanor Gibson, in memory of Robert Gibson beloved husband of Eleanor and loving dad of Heather

7th June, Steve and Shena Edwards, to celebrate Tom & Kirsty's anniversary and in memory of Mike Flynn



14th June, Sonia & Andrew Greenyer, to celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary



21st June, Angela Ryder Jones, in memory of Peter and Daniel

28th June, Nick Philpott, in memory of his mother Connie who died on 28th June 2010 and would have been 100 on 20th May

Enjoy watching our eco garden grow and when you see something that is ready to eat please take it home with our blessing.



Elaine, Alison and Sonia

Our diocesan prayer

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



What an Amazing Lockdown Volunteering Project - The Scrub Hub

Debbie Charnock started the project on 30th March, via Facebook, to see if anyone else in the Formby area wanted to sew scrubs.



The Tully family, who have a soft furnishing factory, offered to cut fabric ready for the increasing number of volunteers - over 140!

By mid-April a bigger room was needed and Jacquie Sefton very kindly offered the loan of the Gild Hall and it took off with an order for 900 scrub sets for Southport & Ormskirk Hospital.



Thomas Charnock was printing the mask straps on his 3D printer and was at the Scrub Hub daily running the collection/delivery area. He was also in charge of visor production. He assessed the risks posed with despatch and he devised a drive through option to keep volunteers onsite and those visiting safer. He created all the posters and artwork including a QR code to access the web site.

A Go FundMe page was created and raised over £6k to fund materials.

2,600 metres raspberry fabric was cut for the Hospital order and for community scrubs (care homes, care providers etc).

By May, Celia Thornley of the UK Fashion & Textile Association, offered her support. She had a pop up training school (machinery) which was used to offer training to non/inexperienced sewers.



Formby High loaned machinery and the Scrub Hub factory was created. 5 industrial sewing machines and 8 domestic sewing machines all socially distanced with at times 12 volunteers working full time producing scrubs alongside a team of drivers delivering bundles of cut work to home sewists in Churchtown, Tarleton, Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and South Liverpool. The team also began making visors from sheets of acetate, sticky back foam and elastic.



All three Charnock children attended the Training School and started making items of scrubs and fabric face coverings. Lizzy for her volunteering at the Scrub Hub has received a Merseyside Scouts #You Shape Champion Badge and a letter of congratulations from the District Youth Commissioner.

The volunteers produced -

900+ scrub sets for the S&O hospitals in raspberry
600+ community sets for local care homes and care providers.

600+ face coverings

15 non-sewers trained on both domestic and industrial machinery ranging in age from 11 - 60 years young!

While creating well-made items for both the hospitals

and the community the impact this project had on the volunteers should not be underestimated. Many were living alone and unable to visit friends or family. The project became a lifeline giving a sense of purpose and meaning through a very frightening and uncertain time. The amazing drivers collected and delivered bundles with a cheery smile.

The project was to close at the end of June but due to the outcry from many volunteers it will continue in the Formby Luncheon Club. Bundles of work can be collected/returned from there 10-12 Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer. The support of the Gild Hall and now the Luncheon Club is hugely appreciated.



This has been a huge team effort on many levels. Volunteers at the Scrub Hub have continually worked over 36hrs each week for over 10 weeks.

Debbie said "It has been a major privilege for us all to get to know so many wonderful people through such a worthwhile project."

Plus ça change

“The face mask consists of two layers of gauze enclosing a flat oblong piece of absorbent cotton 6” by 4”. It can easily be made by cutting the usual surgical gauze (9” wide) into strips, each measuring 3ft in length. Each strip is then doubled lengthwise so as to contain in the middle a flat piece of cotton wool 4” by 6”. At either end of the gauze two 15” cuts are made, thus turning the pad into a 3-tail gauze bandage with the central piece of cotton wool for covering the respiratory entrance. The upper tail of one side should be passed around the side of the head above the ear and tied to the other corresponding tail. The lowermost tail should in a similar manner be passed under the ear and tied to the one on the other side, while the middle tail should be passed over the crown of the head, so as to fix the pad and prevent it from slipping down the neck.”

Perhaps a trifle over-elaborate compared with some of the more recent designs, but remarkable to think that this was published in 1926 by the League of Nations in Geneva in a Treatise on Pneumonic Plague.

The author was Dr Wu Lien-Teh, the first Chinese person to gain a degree in medicine from the University of Cambridge. He continued his studies at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine before being posted to Harbin as leader of a medical team tackling an outbreak of pneumonic plague in Manchuria in 1910.

Dr Wu realised that the plague in Manchuria was transmitted directly between humans in an airborne manner, overturning the theory that the disease was spread by rats and their fleas.



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Count Your Blessings

As I sat in the Church Porch the other day, thinking of my woes, about how this lockdown has affected my social life, I read some of the notices there and gave myself a quick smack around the head! What on earth have I to be miserable about? After reading the leaflet about abuse and child abuse and how much food is needed for the hungry in our land, I felt humbled, not sorry for myself.

When my granny could not sleep at night, she used to count her blessings. I never knew what she meant, as I had no problem with sleeping in those days, but now I understand. I sat in the porch, alone, and began to think of all the blessings that I have had in my life.

My parents were poor but had ambition, and they had ambition for me too. Most of the girls in my class at school left at the age of fourteen and went to work in the woollen mills in the village. My friend, who was cleverer than me and wanted to go to college was sent to work in the mill too, but she too had ambition and asked to go into the office, where she did well and eventually she passed the tests for the Income Tax Office and went from strength to strength. I was made to stay on at school until the age of eighteen. I was able to get a scholarship to Bristol University, where I became a teacher. The rest of my cousins and friends thought that I was "Stuck Up" and did not want to know me when I returned home.

My Father was ambitious too and got himself a place at Leeds University. We were there at the same time, so both had to pass well, or we would never have lived it down!

After returning home and getting married, to an ambitious man who opened his own business, I had plenty to be thankful for. We had our own home, and although still poor, we had love and one another. We were grateful and had many blessings to count as life treated us well. We both had loving parents, who had helped us on our way, and in later years we were able to look after them and they too counted their blessings in us.

I have a wonderful son, who now looks after me (on the phone every night) so he is a great blessing to me. My partner, Eric, was a wonderful man, who looked after me well until he died, and his family are wonderful too, so they are another blessing to count.

Since I got a bit more "fragile" my friends and neighbours have been such a blessing to me, as I know that all I have to do is ask and they will do all that they can for me.

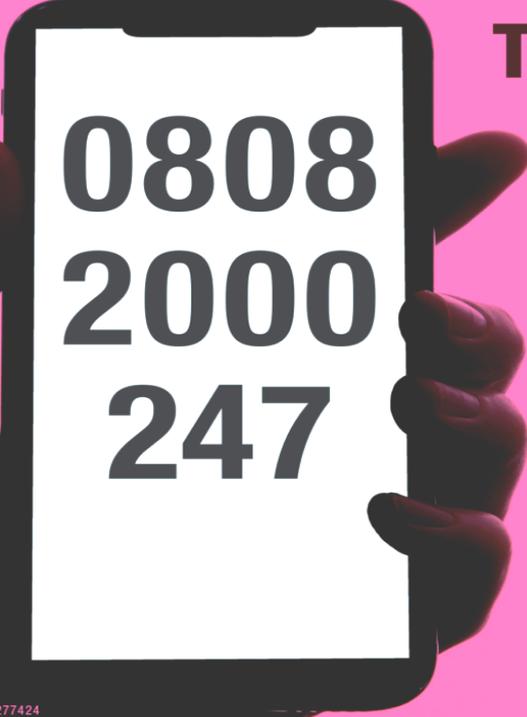
So, when people tell me they are fed up of lockdown and not being able to do as they like, I tell them to count their blessings and see how fortunate they are.

Martha.



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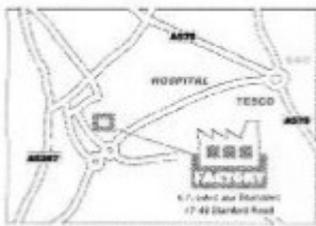

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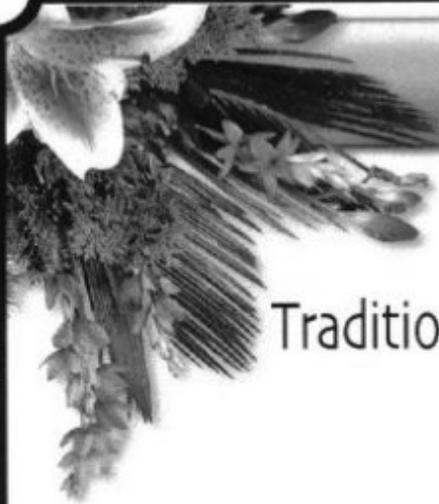


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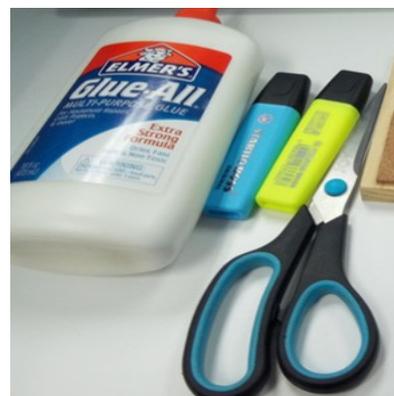
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Lockdown recycling

Every year I am lucky enough to receive a wonderful selection of birthday cards from friends far and wide. Some are scenic, some are crafty and many make me laugh. Last year, with my eco hat firmly wedged on my head, I decided that these cards were far too good to be put in the recycling bin, I was going to keep them and 'regift' them, ensuring, of course, that they would not end up with the original giver. At the same time, I bought a packet of plain cards and envelopes, convinced that despite being the least crafty person I know, homemade cards were the way forward for me. Little did I know then what a good idea this would prove to be by Spring 2020.

Armed with a supply of white card, a pair of scissors and a guillotine, a glue stick, my lifetime stash of envelopes that were far too good to throw away, some spare paper for when the envelopes weren't the right size, a PC and a printer, I have successfully navigated the challenge of lockdown birthdays and have even received a few compliments from the recipients.



Of course, I have confessed that I am not talented, merely a recycling queen! Each card took some time to execute and I suspect this will not always be possible, but it's been fun choosing exactly the right card for each of my friends and personalising it accordingly.

Lockdown has certainly made us think how to 'make do and mend' or 'reduce, reuse and recycle' in inventive ways. I've even reused a few pieces of my lifetime stash of ribbon to tie up my tomato plants, but I'm still not sure how I'm going to reuse the remaining 99.9% of them.



Ideas on a postcard please.....

Sonia

I had a dream I was swimming in an ocean of orange soda.

Turns out it was just a Fanta Sea.

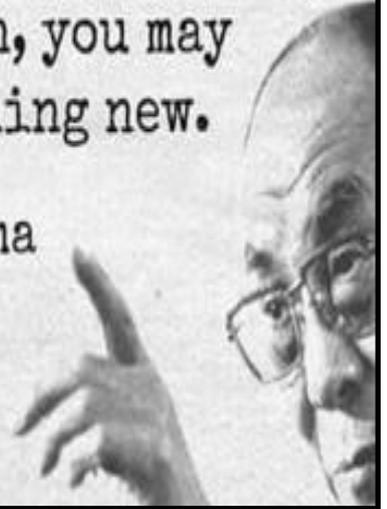


Had a painter and decorator round. He's a currently furloughed Virgin Atlantic Pilot.

Made a lovely job of the landing...

When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new.

- Dalai Lama



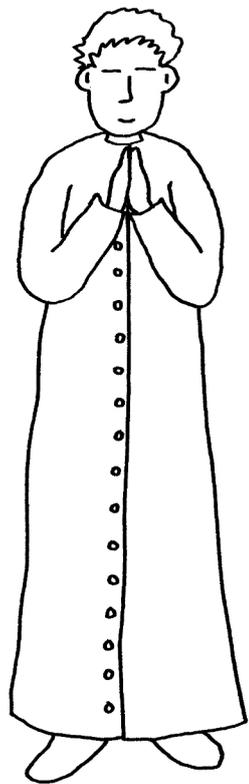
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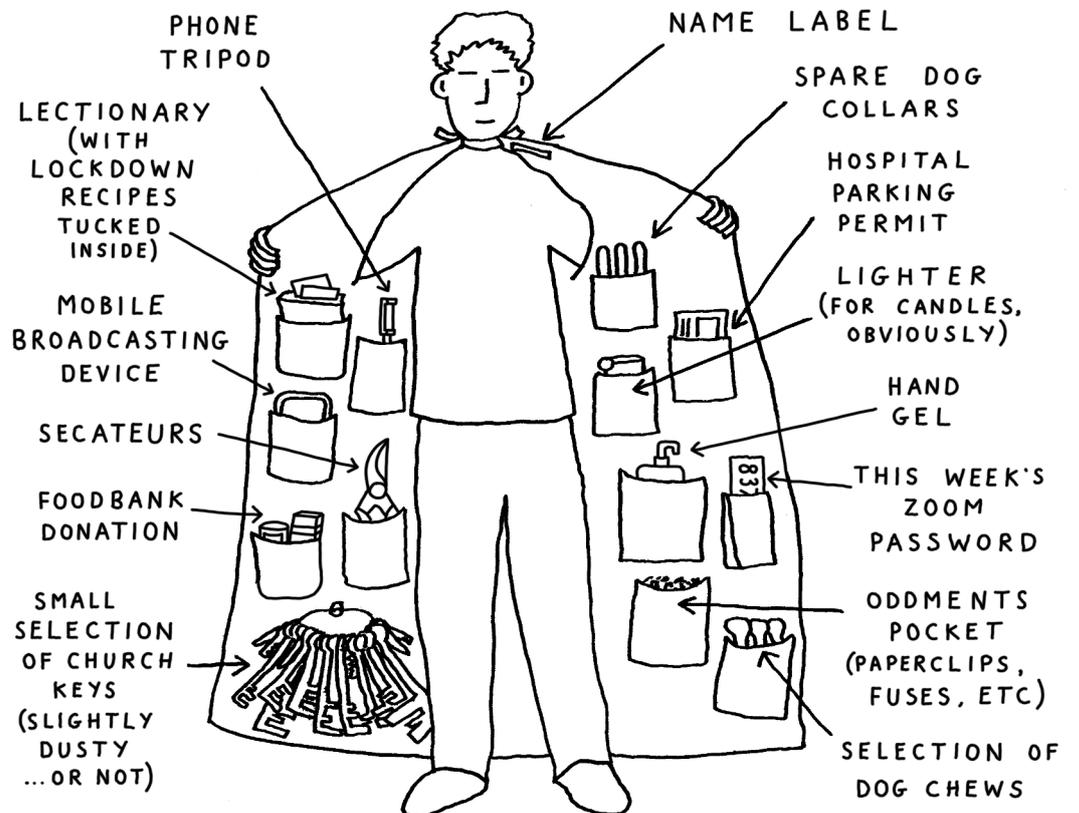
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From the Back Pew Ted Woods

THINGS TO SPOT AROUND ST PETER'S

Now that lockdown is easing and we are able to get back into church, if only for individual prayer (at the time of writing), there is a chance (while not concentrating on a service!) to spot some of the features of St Peter's that you may not have noticed before.

The **plinth** of the sundial outside the church dates from 1719 and was located in the grounds of the original St Peter's which was destroyed in a sandstorm in 1739.

Stonework from the old church was salvaged and incorporated into the foundations of our present St Peter's, some of which are still visible today.

It appears that the **West Gallery** – the gallery that remains – was erected as an after-thought during the building of the church in 1746. There is a full length window on the south side which the gallery intersects, but there is no corresponding window on the opposite wall and the windows in the west wall have been designed to accommodate a gallery.

Originally there were **internal stairs**, behind the old font, to the gallery, and the main entrance door to the church was in the west wall. The original **portico pillars** can still be seen outside but in 1884 the spaces in between them were filled with concrete and the main door bricked up to make an external staircase to the tower and gallery. (Why?) An architect of the time described this as “a most unfortunate procedure, highly detrimental to the architecture. The portico should be opened and unwalled.”

The main entrance to the church was in the west wall, but having walled it up a **side porch** was added, also in 1884, and this was to become the church's main entrance, though it has been said that it should have been built of stone rather than wood. The **sandstone door frame** probably mirrored the original main door – notice the carving above the lintel, giving the date of the building - 1746.

A further **gallery** was added to the north side of the nave (the pulpit side) in 1767, **outlines** of which can still be seen on the wall. **Another gallery** was erected to the opposite wall in 1830, providing an extra 86 seats. The two galleries were removed in 1935 “by unanimous resolution of the PCC.”

The **Royal Coat of Arms of Queen Anne** over the door of the vestry dates from 1701, and hung in the original church. A royal order to place the monarch's coat of arms in churches was made by Henry VIII. During the reign of Queen Mary they were removed but the practice was revived after her death.



The church with galleries

Another item moved from the old church to the new church is the **old oak chest** dating from 1740 in the Formby Chapel on which the churchwardens names have been carved – Peter Jump and Thomas Shorlicar. After the devastation of the old church it may have been made to safely store records and silver plate.

The church was enlarged in 1872 by the Revd Lonsdale Formby by adding on the **choir, sanctuary and Formby Chapel**, and the old 3-decker pulpit removed from the south wall. The old box pews in the nave were removed and new pews provided. Note the contrast between the **Georgian architecture** of the nave and the **Gothic** style of the extension.

The first **organ** was installed in 1885. Before that singers and musicians would have led the singing from the west gallery. The **present organ** dates from 1947 and was installed as a memorial to the parishioners of St Peter's who had died in World War II. Some parts of the original organ were incorporated into the new organ. There was an inaugural recital on 25th February, 1949, by H Goss Custard, organist of Liverpool Cathedral.

In 1900, "**the handsome timbered roof**" was designed and built by Duxfield of Southport, probably to replace a flat ceilinged roof.

The present **choir stalls** were installed in 1903 to replace the "plainer benches" and the oak screen between the arches of the Formby Chapel was added.

In 1918 the current **altar** was presented in memory of old boys of St Peter's School and members of the Choir who had died in the 1st World War. Also added at this time was the **oak panelling** of the sanctuary.

When the galleries were removed in 1935, the **pulpit**, which was at the top of the chancel steps just before the organ and obstructed the view to the sanctuary, was moved to its present position. But the one you see now was not the original. The **present pulpit** was installed in 1991. It came from St Stephen's, Grove St, Liverpool which was declared redundant. It was reckoned that the St Stephen's pulpit would "better suit the style and proportions of our Georgian nave."

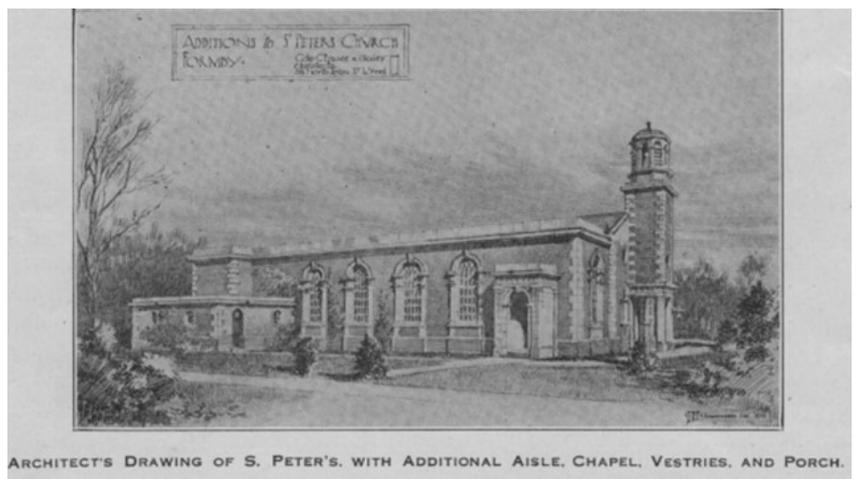
What you won't see!

In 1920, the Vicar, the Revd Charles Wright, had ambitious plans to remove all the galleries and extend the church. To do this he wanted to build a side aisle on the north (the pulpit) side of the church which would accommodate 180 people. This could also be used as a side chapel with it's own altar in the front.

He also wanted to re-instate the original west door and add a new door and porch in the north side. The plan also included new vestries for clergy and the choir.

These plans did not succeed, though 15 years later the north and south galleries were removed.

But see how St Peter's might have looked today. →



Garden of Remembrance – New Bench

Many people sit in the Garden of Remembrance and find it a special place of quietness and reflection.

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As I recall faces, personalities, fun times and sad times,

Lord I ask for your peace and blessing on all who come here and sit.

As they look upon your cross and remember - grant them the peace and serenity of knowing that all is well, for you are with them.

You know the roads we travel, our companions on the way, the twists and turns of the journey and the joy and sadness we encounter.

Bless all who come here for whatever reason and make this place a special place of peace and hope.

I give thanks for the lives and love of...

I ask that I and all who sit on this bench will be renewed in spirit and strengthened in mind and body.

May its wood provide a place of respite and peace that cradles and inspires the imagination and brings peace.

*Grant that all who see the view from here have the awe and wonder of your presence, O Lord, and the knowledge of your love. **Amen***

I have adapted the prayer so that maybe when you sit on the bench you would like to read the passage, say The Lord's Prayer and use these words including your loved ones name.

Revd Anne Taylor



The Songs of Praise team has been filming in the Formby Pinewoods recently, so look out for the programme later in July and see who you can spot!

From the Church Registers

Interment of Ashes

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