

St Peter's Church Magazine ~ May 2021



May Services

The Eucharist every Wednesday at 11am in church.

The services at 10.30am and 6.30pm each Sunday will be live streamed and the link is available on our website.

Sunday 2nd May

9am & 10.30am Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 9th May – Christian Aid Week

9am & 10.30am Eucharist – preacher Revd Peter Paine

6.30pm Evensong

Ascension Day – 13th

7.30pm|United Anglican Formby, Hightown & Altcar Service on Zoom

Sunday 16th May – Christian Unity Week

9am & 10.30am Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 23rd May

9am & 10.30am Eucharist

12noon Children's Haribo Service in church

4pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at Holy Trinity Church

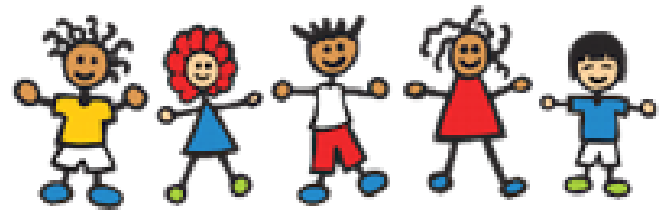
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 30th May

9am & 10.30am Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – All weekday services at 9.15am

Monday 17th May - St Jerome's Church

Tuesday 18th May - St Luke's Church

Wednesday 19th May - Formby Methodist Church

Thursday 20th May - Formby Elim Church

Friday 21st May - St Stephen's Church, Hightown

Saturday 22nd May - Formby URC (Zoom only)

Sunday 23rd May – Holy Trinity Church at 4pm (outside weather permitting)

EDITORIAL

Hello, Everyone!

Spring is here, birds are singing, and fresh green leaves and colourful blossom abound! And our hedgehogs have emerged from hibernation.

Likewise, we are starting to venture forth from our lengthy period of lockdown, many of us reinforced by two jabs of one of the vaccines. Caution is still essential, but there is a spirit of optimism in the air.

Reminiscent of Easter in the early church?

And, of course, it wouldn't be spring without the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, details of which are on page 7.

Which brings us to the annual revision of the Electoral Roll. Notice of the revision is on the Porch Door (a legal requirement) and the Roll is open for revision from 30th April until 9th May. No new names can then be added until after the APCM.

If you are not already on the Electoral Roll, application forms are available in the Porch. You need to be on the Electoral Roll in order to vote at the APCM; to serve on the PCC or as a Sidesperson; and to be on the Deanery or Diocesan Synod.

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.

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This is a way to help us keep in touch.
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Dear Friends,

At last we have been able to meet as a congregation for services in church, and what a joy that is! Live streaming the services had a strange feel to it as there was no congregation, apart from those reading or leading the intercessions. What a difference it makes to have people present!

Holy Week and Easter were very emotional as last year we couldn't open the church building at all. It was absolute joy to be able to worship together. Thank you to everyone who made it so special – to David and the choir for the wonderfully uplifting music; to our Churchwardens Paul & Sarah for all their hard work; to Fiona, Sally, Jannice and the team for decorating the church; to Sonia and Caroline in the Parish Office for your dedication; to Nick and Ted for the Easter garden and our Sacristans and everyone who helped in anyway – you are all amazing.



Live streaming continues with the 10.30am service, but with the choir and congregation taking part. It still keeps us connected with those who are shielding, and it has also attracted a congregation far beyond Formby who can tune in to our services.

It is great to have the choir for the 10.30am service, even if, on the balcony, they are out of sight to most people. It has made us appreciate even more the importance of music in worship. And it has kept David Holroyd fit as he sprints up and down to the organ for voluntaries at the beginning and the end of services! The balcony is the choir's temporary home and they will move back to the choir stalls when it is safe. I have been asked on many occasions on a Sunday morning 'where is Ted' and 'Is he playing golf!' No, the Vicar's spouse is not allowed on the golf course but is on the balcony with the choir. Ted's temporary role is choir chaplain! Basically giving the choir Communion, though he has said he will also hear their confessions but the choir haven't bitten!

Roll on the day when all restrictions will be lifted and we can use all the pews and everyone can sing. Until then we will continue with the pattern of services of 9.00am said Eucharist and 10.30am sung Eucharist which will also be live streamed. From Sunday 2nd May Evensong will also return to church at 6.30pm but will also be live streamed.

Three major church festivals fall in May this year - Ascension Day on Thursday 13th, Pentecost on 23rd and Trinity Sunday on 30th.

On Ascension Day there will be a united service for the Formby Anglican churches at 7.30pm on Zoom. The link will be on our parish website.

In Judaism, Pentecost was primarily a type of harvest festival, celebrating the first fruits of the wheat harvest, and it occurred 50 days after Passover. In celebrating Pentecost, Christians remember the coming of the Holy Spirit in all its fullness on the disciples in the Upper Room 10 days after the Ascension.

There is a lovely symbolism in this which points to the coming of the Holy Spirit as the harvest of Good Friday and Easter.

For 50 days the disciples remained indoors for fear of the authorities who had crucified Jesus. After Pentecost those same disciples went out into the streets of Jerusalem not only preaching about Jesus but serving those in need.

Pentecost is a reminder that Christianity is not just about a personal relationship with God but is also about practical service.

With Christ ascended, the church is called to be his body on earth.

As St Teresa of Avila put it:-

“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

Also in May – Monday 24th at 7.30pm – we hold our APCM. This is the Parish’s Annual General Meeting to which you are all invited. It will held in the church and be socially distanced but will also be available through Zoom.

The APCM is an opportunity to review the past year liturgically, financially and socially and to look forward to the year ahead. 2022 is an important year in the history of St Peter’s as it will be the 275th anniversary of the consecration of our church. A time to put on our thinking caps and a year of celebration to look forward to with no restrictions!

275th

Anne

P.S. Red is the colour for Pentecost and it is traditional to wear red to church – go on you know you want to!!



PENTECOST SUNDAY
WEAR RED THIS SUNDAY!

PENTECOST SUNDAY IS A COMMEMORATION AND CELEBRATION OF THE RECEIVING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. WE WEAR RED TO SIGNIFY THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT AND TO REMIND US OF THE FIRE OF THE SPIRIT.

Being Safe

It is a fact of life that we all like to feel reassured by what is around us. Two stories illustrate this. A junior civil servant was instructed to accompany a senior colleague to the bank to bring money back to the office. He was told to ensure the person carrying the money had the briefcase properly locked onto a chain round his waist. Leaving the bank, he noticed that the case was not attached to the chain and pointed this out to the senior colleague, who replied that he was 'not going to be pulled along the street by any thief.' Then what would happen if the case was grabbed? The reply was that the money was not in the case but in his pocket. Another incident came to light when a prison found they had lost the key to the prison safe to which access was urgently required. They had to call in an expert from Chubb, the safe maker. On his arrival he took a long look at the safe and asked some officers to move the safe away from the wall. When this was done, all could see there was no back to the safe; it should have been built into a wall. Some years ago a clergyman in his Sunday sermon wanted to emphasis the nature of life and often how circumstances quickly change. He went on to say that on a recent camping holiday, when his wife wanted tea first thing in the morning, she would pull the air-plug out of his lilo. He then said, " Life is like that!" We all want to feel reassured and safe which is only natural, also we try to be ready for unseen eventualities.

A recent TV programme showed life in a monastery. It was clear from what the monks said that they felt safe in their community. One monk said he no longer prayed as he was in a place surrounded by God. A sister in a convent described the daily routine which controlled how the nuns lived and worshipped. Within the strict order of daily worship and work they must have felt a sense of security. There is concern about how we generally treat minorities or significant sections of society. Women are deeply concerned that the historic significance of men still dominates how society fixes priorities. The gay community feels that it is not accepted as equal and wants to be accepted as just a normal member of any group. Black people see themselves as still treated as outside the mainstream of a mainly white state. Jews have seen their graves smashed. All these people are part of our community and strive for acceptance as equals. They want to feel safe in this country.

The post-Easter time for Christians is the wonder of the resurrection and the beginning of understanding what this means. In Acts the disciples reach out to everyone and face a hostile reception. Behind their thinking and faith is the teaching and behaviour of Christ, especially His acceptance of the man crucified with him, even though a self-confessed criminal. The need for us to feel safe means that the Christian mission is to provide care and support to all in uncertain times.

Father who hast made all in thy likeness,
And lovest all whom you have made,
Suffer not our family to separate itself from thee
By building barriers of race and background
As thy Son, our saviour was born of a
Hebrew mother,
But rejoiced in the faith of a Syrian woman,
and a Roman soldier,
Welcomed the Greeks who sought Him,
And suffered a man from Africa to carry his cross,
So teach us to regard all
as fellow-heirs.

Based on a Toc H prayer.

Rod Jacques

A.P.C.M

Monday 24th May 7.30pm in Church and on Zoom

After Easter signals the time for each parish to hold its Annual Parochial Church Meeting which is basically our A.G.M.

This is an opportunity to hear how things are going overall in the parish, the plans for the future, to receive the financial report and to elect members onto the P.C.C. for a three year term and the Churchwardens for the coming year.

The A.P.C.M. is important because it's an exercise in democracy in the church. The parish is not 'them': rather it's about 'us'.



Everyone has a say in the life of the parish. So do consider coming along.

The meeting will be held in church so that we can socially distance and we will ask that face masks are worn but there will also be a Zoom link. The link is available from the Parish Office.



Regional Adoption Agency
for Merseyside



Adoption in Merseyside (AiM) are looking for more adopters from the LGBTQ + Community including single adopters and couples. According to the most recent data, out of 2,030 children waiting to be adopted, 890 are in a sibling group across the UK.

Jenny Ness, the Head of Service, said 'AiM is keen to recruit a wide range of prospective adopters and welcome all expressions of interest and those that can adopt siblings. We welcome those from a range of backgrounds to adopt including single applicants, applicants from different cultural and religious backgrounds.'

Case Study

Helen and Kieron were trying for their own family and after several years of no success, and deciding IVF wasn't for them, they wanted to adopt.

Helen's grandad was adopted so he knew a lot about the process and they wanted to give a child a safe and happy home.

"Our adoption journey took around 11 months, we found it quite intense but it went smoothly overall. The best part of the process was the support and training that we received before and after the adoption. Before the adoption we attended several training days to help us figure out how we were going to parent our child together.

The first 6 months with our daughter were challenging. We recognised some development concerns but we got straight back in contact with AiM and they sent a team member around to help recognise the issues. We attended more therapeutic style training sessions and adapted our style of parenting to find one that suited our daughter and her needs, 6 months later we have seen countless changes in her attitude and it's great to see her growing and we can't wait to see what the future holds for her.

I would advise anyone looking to start their journey to attend an information evening or speak to someone who has recently adopted. The Adoption in Merseyside team were so helpful and professional throughout and we have also made friends with other adopters that we still speak to now."

To find out more information visit www.adoptioninmerseyside.co.uk

Liverpool Anglican Cathedral 8th April 2004

The Queen distributed Maundy Money to 78 men and 78 women at the Anglican Cathedral in April 2004. The numbers receiving this money were related to the age of the Monarch, and must be aged over 70.

Maundy Thursday marks the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus. British monarchs used to wash subjects' feet, but James II ended the practice.

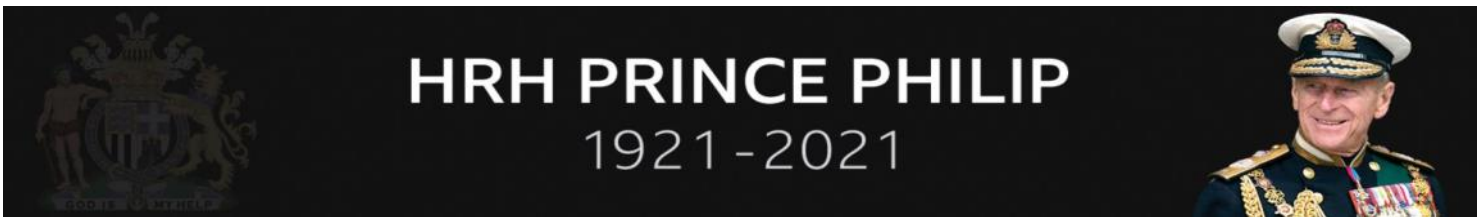
It was the first time the ceremony had been performed at the cathedral. The locals were selected for their contributions to their communities.

Pat Downey writes

"I was on duty at the Western door where the Royal party were to exit the Cathedral following the Maundy Thursday service at which the Queen had distributed the Maundy Money and as there were over 150 people receiving this money, it had been a very long service.

The Queen left first and the Duke of Edinburgh followed immediately after her, and just as he went through the door and was out of sight of the congregation, he stopped, almost leaned on the wall, and much to my amusement, gave a huge great sigh of relief. He then noticed me standing there trying not to laugh whilst still holding the door open and -thankfully - he smiled back then followed the Queen down the steps and into their waiting car.

I wonder how many times he felt like this at such occasions!"



A Prayer for the Duke of Edinburgh

'Well done, thou good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.' (Matthew 25.21)

God of majesty,
give rest to your servant Philip
who, having served his Queen and Country,
has passed from this life,
full of years yet strong in spirit.
As we give thanks for his life,
as Prince and husband,
as Consort and family man,
we pray that all that he has done
may continue to bear fruit
in the lives of individuals
and the life of this nation,
to your honour and glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This is a follow up to my previous article which focussed on reducing plastic consumption. I have one more trick up my sleeve.



Milk – the trend over decades has been to buy it very cheaply from supermarkets which is great for the consumer, not sure about the farmers. I have calculated that a household drinking 12 pints of milk a week over a full year generates 6.3kg of plastic waste which, albeit recyclable, uses energy to do so. Years ago we went to doorstep delivery and now this comes in glass pint bottles which are re-used at virtually zero energy use. And we help to employ a lovely milk person called Alison who delivers milk 5 times a week in her high performance EV. Not everyone can afford this, but perhaps this is the case for increasing the living wage and allowing people to make these choices. Sorry to be controversial!

I also had the privilege of living in Europe in a country which had and still has the culture of deposit bottles for almost everything. Glass and RE-USABLE plastic bottles for beer and local mineral water/juices re-used hundreds of times. Recyclable bottles are fed into a crusher at the supermarket, each with 10p or 20p returned or donated to charities. No bottles strewn by the side of the road or filling up dustbins.

Finally perhaps we should entitle this section reduce, re-cycle, re-use and REPAIR.

So much is thrown away because it is “TOO EXPENSIVE” to repair, everything from cars to toasters and electric toothbrushes. And indeed LED fairy light strings used on outdoor Christmas trees. I recently spent many a happy(?) hour repairing 3 sets of “outdoor” LED lights where the box says 10,000 hours life. So why were they failing after a few years? Because the LEDs were rusting as they are partly made of steel and poor seals leak. A similar set would cost less than £60 new. Fortunately my time is “free” and I am a “spark”. They are now repaired and will last another couple of years(?). Each set weighs 1.2kg and is not recyclable as it has 4 types of plastic and 3 types of metal, so 3.6kg of waste straight to landfill when they are thrown away. Perhaps I should have offered them to the Repair Shop!

It is possible to buy high quality lights that cost around £120 but will last much longer and are more easily repaired. But would/should we bother? Again not everyone can afford the extra cost. So how are we going to break the circle of cheap/disposable? We must though!

Mark Andrews

**REDUCE – REUSE - RECYCLE
and REPAIR**

Weekly Prayers for our Parish

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



During May please pray for all who live in –

- 2nd May** Tower End, Badgers Rake, Grange Lane, Derby Road
- 9th May** Old Town Lane, Rymers Green, Piercefield Road, Freshfield Road
- 16th May** St George's Road, The Copse, Coppice Leys, Barkfield Avenue
- 23rd May** Gores Lane, Deans Court, Graburn Road, Byron Close
- 30th May** Formby Mews, Old Mill Lane, Willow Grove, The Warren

May Bible Readings

1st May – St Philip and St James, Apostles

Isaiah 30:15-21 / Psalm 119:1-8 / Ephesians 1:3-10 / John 14:1-14

2nd May - The 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40 / 1 John 4:7-21 / John 15:1-8

9th May - The 6th Sunday of Easter – Christian Aid Week

Isaiah 55:1-11 / Acts 10:44-48 / John 15:9-17

13th May - Ascension Day

Daniel 7:9-14 / Acts 1:1-11 / Luke 24:44-53

14th May - St Matthias the Apostle

Isaiah 22:15-25 / Acts 1:15-26 / John 15:9-17

16th May - The 7th Sunday of Easter / Sunday after Ascension Day

Ezekiel 36:24-28 / Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 / John 17:6-19

23rd May – Pentecost

Ezekiel 37:1-14 / Acts 2:1-21 / John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

30th May - Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8 / Romans 8:12-17 / John 3:1-17

31st May – The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Zephaniah 3:14-18 / Romans 12:9-16 / Luke 1:39-56



Well what a busy Easter it was at Sunday Club. Being on Zoom didn't seem to hamper us. Having prepared the children for Easter with activities and action on line we had an extra Zoom meeting on Easter Sunday when the children and parents were happy to see each other chatting and waving. We had stories, songs, prayers and videos exploring Good Friday and the joyful Easter Day. We even managed party poppers at the end.



Our Sunday Club Easter Garden



We would like to thank families for their contributions to the Kalule school Lent charity in Uganda.

Children were collecting coins in containers (we had an Easter egg money pot and one Dad produced a huge sweetie jar).



If there are any amounts we didn't manage to collect when we played Easter Bunny please could you pass them over to the church office or to Anne.

Our thanks to Caroline for guidance and her input to Sunday Club. We are fortunate indeed to have her. I think other churches may be feeling a bit left out.



A huge thank you also to parents, grandparents and carers for all their support.



It's not been easy for parents juggling different aspects of family life and we enjoyed seeing you.

Can't wait til we all meet up again for real at church.

Best wishes from
Lisa and Judith

Children's Service

Sunday Club by Zoom

Dates: 9th & 16th May



Haribo Kids Service

Date: Sunday 23rd May at 12noon in Church

WOW Service Worship on Wednesday is a service designed for pre-school children. The children from Nursery and Reception from Trinity St Peter's join us for this service which is held at 2pm.

Date: Wednesday 26th May in Church

Everyone is very welcome.



House Boxes

It is time for the annual return. If you would like your box emptied and monies included in this year's return, please bring your box to church, Parish Office or I can collect from you. It would help if boxes can be counted by Sunday 9th May 2021.

I shall also be conducting an audit, during the year, so you will be receiving a letter from me, at a later date. In the meantime, I thank you all, very much, for your continued support.

Tricia Shaw tel no: (01704) 833013

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Children's Society Regional Manager for St Peter's Church, Formby.

Ascension Day Joint Service

Thursday 13th May 2021

7.30pm – A Joint Ascension Service on Zoom.

Joining with the people of St Stephen's, Holy Trinity & St Michael's and St Luke's Churches worshipping together.

Link available on the church websites and bulletins.

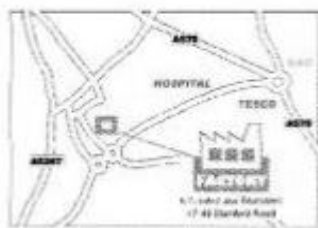


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The Biblical background (3) – New Testament

So far we have seen how Old Testament narratives emphasise three ecological themes. First, there is interdependence (or one-ness) between all parts of God's creation—people, animals, plants and the very earth itself—and a relationship of all of them with God (Genesis 1 and 2). Essential in this theme is the unique role of humankind in caring for creation. Second, the perfection of God's intentions is spoiled by 'de-creation' processes intertwining people's sinfulness with natural and man-made disasters (e.g. the expulsion from the Garden of Eden, the Flood and the prophecies of Isaiah 24). Third, the prospect of redemption and the restoration of Eden when God's sovereignty is universally acknowledged.

Now we turn to the New Testament. On the face of it, Jesus didn't have a lot to say about the environment. When my career became very environmental I started to think more about the Bible and ecology, and it seemed to me that although Jesus' teaching included frequent images of nature (as in the parables of the sower and the mustard-seed, and his use of sparrows to illustrate the wideness of God's love), the theme of creation—and new creation—was to be found more commonly in the writings of Paul. In his letter to the Romans (8.18-25) he refers to *the whole created universe* groaning as it waits for the ultimate revelation of God's glory. In Ephesians 1.9-10 he writes *[God] has made known to us his hidden purpose... to be put into effect when the time was ripe: namely that the universe, all in heaven and earth, might be brought into a unity in Christ*. The letter to the Colossians contains a hymn of praise that gives Christ *primacy over all created things. In him everything in heaven and earth was created... Through him God chose to reconcile the whole universe to himself* (1.15-20).

We see in these passages a continuation of the theme begun in the Old Testament, of the relationship between creation and redemption, with the additional and crucial dimension of Jesus as the creator and redeemer. This is expressed again in the opening of John's gospel: *In the beginning was the Word... Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made*. John, like Paul, clearly links Jesus with the creation process. We continue to make that link today in the words *Through him all things were made* as part of the Nicene creed. Also, the concept is expressed in a lot of modern church music, as for instance in Graham Kendrick's 'The Servant King': *Hands that flung stars into space, to cruel nails surrendered*.

These ideas have been seized upon by more recent writers. Shortly after becoming Bishop of Liverpool James Jones took a keen interest in environmental matters, heavily influenced by Alastair McIntosh's powerful book 'Soil and Soul' (2001). The result was a book of his own, 'Jesus and the Earth' (2003). As it says in the blurb, "he argues clearly and passionately that Jesus is the saviour not only of humanity, but also of the planet and of the whole cosmos, which came into being through him and for him." For a slim volume the book is very wide-ranging in its biblical coverage (and the bishop admits that he would have loved to take three years to study the subject in depth), but his main focus is on events around the crucifixion and resurrection as related in Matthew's gospel.

First, though, Bishop James calls attention to the fact that the only title Jesus uses for himself is 'the Son of Man', in Hebrew Ben Adam, Son of Adam, and Adam is the one formed from the earth, in Hebrew *Adamah*. It was his excitement at seeing this connection between Jesus and the earth that led him to search the gospels for places where the title Son of Man is linked to references to the earth—and he found seven! Although every theologian he talked to warned him to be cautious about the significance of this, he goes on in his book to highlight some of them, including the Matthew references. In particular he quotes Jesus' saying, *'For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth'* (Matthew 12.40 ff). He poses the question: What happened when Jesus died? Answer: the earth quaked (Matthew 27.51). What happened when God raised him from the dead? Answer: the earth quaked again (Matthew 28.2).

After further examples and discussion Bishop James concludes that the belief statements in Paul's letters, especially the Colossians passage quoted above, "lead to a high view of creation. It is the gift of Christ. Respect for and reverence of the earth follows, as it does for the whole created order."

Next time: a discussion of some attitudes to Christian environmentalism.

Garth Raybould,
Reader at Holy Trinity Church

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Forest School



Over the last 23 years I have had the privilege of being able to say I am part of the Peterhouse School team. We are a small school situated on the outskirts of Southport and cater for the needs of children and young adults from the age of 4 to 19 who have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC). It is a specialist provision that provides personalized learning and a safe secure environment where our young people are valued and can develop, express their needs and grow into successful adults with autism.

As part of our curriculum we deliver Forest School activities, which for some of our pupils involves visiting new places and outdoor environments. Whilst chatting with the teacher who leads that subject (Tom), he mentioned that it would be nice to have a permanent site they could use which would enable him expand the range of activities he was able to offer the pupils. I was there like a shot,

“I think I know just the place....”

Hence the reason you might see small groups of boys and staff working in Conservation Corner putting up shelters and especially building a “real” fire for a cup of tea, once they’ve finished their clearing and tidying. They learn to take care of the environment and do all they can to enhance it. A few of them are involved in our own Eco challenge in school and are very eager to implement their ideas in the wider community.

The idea behind Forest School is to use the natural environment to encourage learning. Apart from covering all areas of learning including emotional and spiritual aspects, it offers young people the chance to use their imagination, problem solve and develop skills for life long learning. As a result of the sessions held so far it has become obvious that it has a positive effect on the pupils’ confidence and building relationships with their peers. Over the next few months the plans are to build bat boxes, bug hotels and one young man wanted to plant an area of wild flowers.

By the time the summer comes they will have made quite a difference, so when they’re not there, please go down and have a look. We really are so lucky to have an area like this attached to our church and now equally lucky to be able to have it cared for by young people who in turn are also reaping numerous benefits.

Shena



St Peter's to participate in the Ellacombe Chimes 200th Anniversary Celebration on 26th June, 2021

You might well be asking what are Ellacombe Chimes and what have they got to do with our Church?!



The Revd Henry Thomas Ellacombe was curate at St Mary's Church in Bitton in South Gloucestershire 200 years ago. He created the "Ellacombe Chimes", using a system of pulleys which could be operated by one person as an alternative to having local bell ringers so that he did not have to tolerate their wayward behaviour! Chimes were installed at St Mary's in 1821.

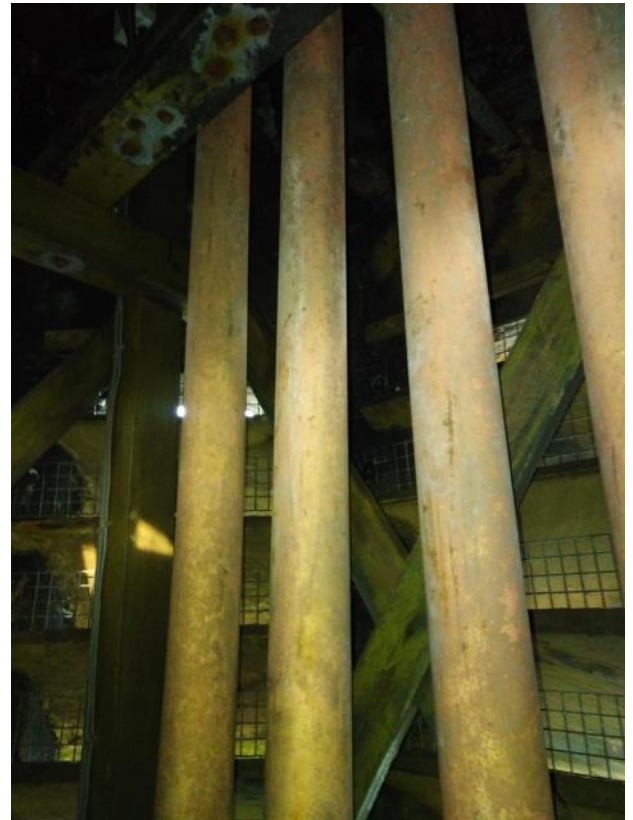
A former engineer who had worked for Marc Brunel, Ellacombe's invention proved popular around the world and some installations were set up in churches in England, including St Peter's in Formby.

Typical Ellacombe frame

Our Ellacombe Chimes installation consists of a set of eight tubular bells housed at the top of the Bell Tower, which also houses our single tolling bell. Originally, each tubular bell had a corresponding rope which dropped down through the floor to the next level in the tower. The ropes were gathered together into a frame which conveniently organised the ropes so that the bells could be rung by one person.

It was generally the task of some of St Peter's choir boys to ring the chimes before morning Sunday services and these were rung intermittently up to the mid 1990's.

However, enthusiasm waned somewhat and it was also felt that, because of the very narrow stairs leading to the ringing chamber, one level above the current gallery, there was a danger that someone might fall. Usage of the chimes then ceased and they remained silent for a number of years.



4 of the 8 tubular bells in St Peter's tower

In 2009, after an inspection of the Bell Tower and the framework of the chimes, which appeared to be quite rusty, it was agreed that a professional inspection of the whole bells' installation would be prudent. A detailed survey was carried out by a specialist bells' company, Hayward Mills Associates, later to become John Taylor & Co..

They concluded that the tolling bell, which was originally cast in 1695, and rigidly fixed to its supporting frame, required dismantling and cleaning. In addition, to provide an authentic sound, it should be reinstalled such that it is allowed to swing, as it was originally intended.



St Peter's bells control box

They also recommended that the tubular bells should be rehung and, if money was available, an electronic operating system could be installed which would allow the bells to be rung at the touch of a button thus saving a lot of the congestion in the ringing chamber.

Each bell tube would be provided with an externally mounted electromagnetic hammer, the hammers being controlled through a control box mounted inside the Church.

After much discussion and a number of Fund Raising events, together with generous donations from some Parishioners and friends of St Peter's, sufficient money was raised, agreement was obtained and the contract placed with Taylor Bells.

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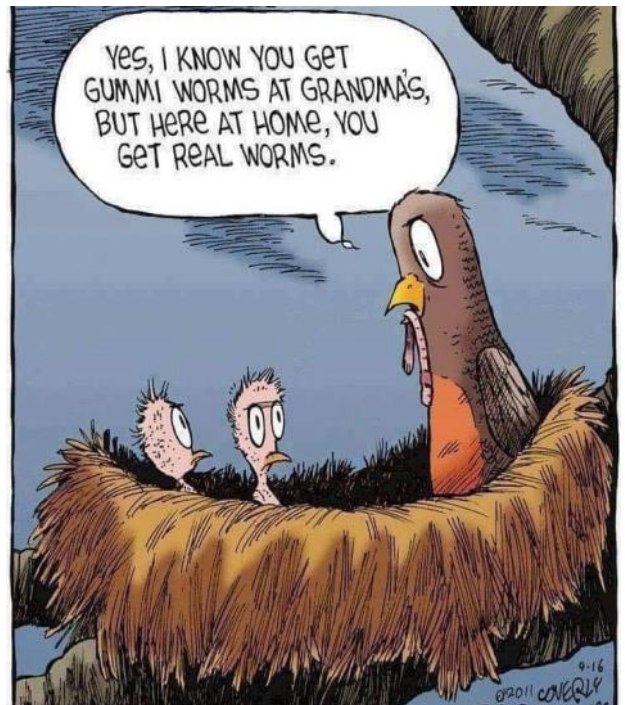
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Okay, who's singing it, "How Great Thou Arrrrrrrrt?"



The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



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**I'M TAKING CARE OF MY
PROCRASTINATION ISSUES;
JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE.**

**It takes real
skill to choke on
air, fall up stairs
and trip over
completely
nothing... I have
that skill!**

Me: This show is boring.

**Boss: Again, this is a zoom
conference.**



***They sing because
they can.***

**When I was little my mom
used to feed me alphabet
soup claiming I loved it.**

**I didn't really, she was just
putting words in my mouth...**

I just dropped my phone in the bath.
Now it's syncing.

**I Hired a handy man and
gave him a list. When I got
home, only items #1, 3, & 5
were done.**

**Turns out, he only does odd
jobs.**

**REMEMBER BACK WHEN WE
USED TO EAT CAKE AFTER
SOMEONE BLEW ALL OVER IT?**

MAN, WE WERE WILD...



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



From the Back Pew Ted Woods

Uganda update

Like the rest of the world Uganda has been affected by the Covid pandemic and schools have been closed and people's lives disrupted. Official figures are low – 41,113 cases and 337 deaths – but it's hard to know how accurate these numbers are.

Certainly, Covid has had an effect on our project in Kalule with the school being closed – except for P7 pupils who have been sitting their leaving exams – and extra home responsibilities for the members of the Women's Project.

However, in spite of restrictions, progress is still being made.

Four hundred chickens were being raised in two coops – one for the Women and the other for the school. However, when the school closed due to lockdown, the chickens were moved into one coop. There were no teachers and pupils around to care for the chickens, and the women were not attending their centre as often, so we agreed with the suggestion of our project manager Richard that we should pay someone to look after the chickens. This we did and have agreed to pay a poultry manager for a year at £20 per month. The chickens have thrived and are now producing eggs and at last some profit is being made from their sale.

We have now suggested that the school's chickens be returned to their school coop so that both buildings are being used.



We have also agreed that as they seek to expand the number of chickens in each coop we will purchase an equal number, and in this way provide an incentive to develop the chicken project.

Covid has also had an effect on the incomes of people in Uganda. Many are now worrying that they won't have enough money to send their children to school. All schooling has to be paid for in Uganda. None is free. In round figures, fees cost £14/£15 per term (depending on the class) added to which there are costs for school uniform (£9) and pens and books (£9).

A year's cost of £63. We had been supporting 7 orphans, but have now agreed that this number be increased to 20. Education is the key to helping young people make their way in life, and this must be a priority in the project we have undertaken. The pupils to be supported will be chosen by the school principal and Richard.

We reported in our last update that the Ugandan government has built two new classroom blocks for St. Peter's School in Kalule – but without installing electricity. Many schools in Uganda do not have electricity. But as we installed power for the Women's project and the school after our last visit, we are going to pay for that connection to be extended to the new classrooms so that they can be of maximum use.

Schools are not fully back yet, so the new teachers' accommodation has not been used, but we look forward to hearing that staff will be using the refurbished rooms as soon as school returns to normal.



One of the pupils we support



Vivian, the girl with the injured foot, continues to make good progress, but has had to have another operation to complete her treatment. We have been sponsoring her hospital costs and hope that these have now been concluded and that she will be fully mobile and able to live a normal life.

We are so fortunate that we have Richard Igbo, a relative of Sheilagh Williamson's friend in Kampala, to be our representative in all that is being done in Kalule.

We pay him a modest gratuity and expenses, but we are so grateful for all that he does and undertakes on our behalf.

We had planned to make another visit in 2022, but with the Covid situation so uncertain, we are unsure whether this will be possible. But we are in constant contact with Richard and we are confident that, even without our physical presence, the work in Kalule will continue and prosper.

David Holroyd's choir, Amadeus, are planning to hold a virtual concert for the Ugandan Project. We are grateful to them and ask you all to support this venture.

From the Church Registers

Funerals

9th April Alwyn Maddick

16th April Muriel Whiffing



The funeral service sheets can be viewed on the parish website in the section marked Funeral Services.

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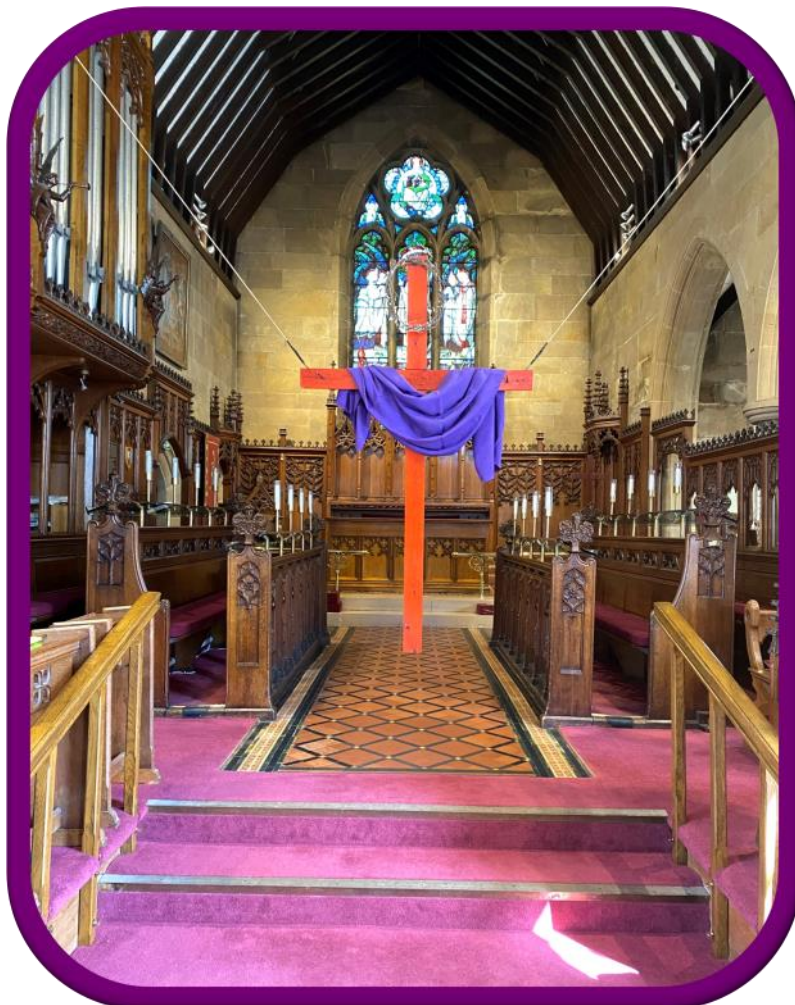
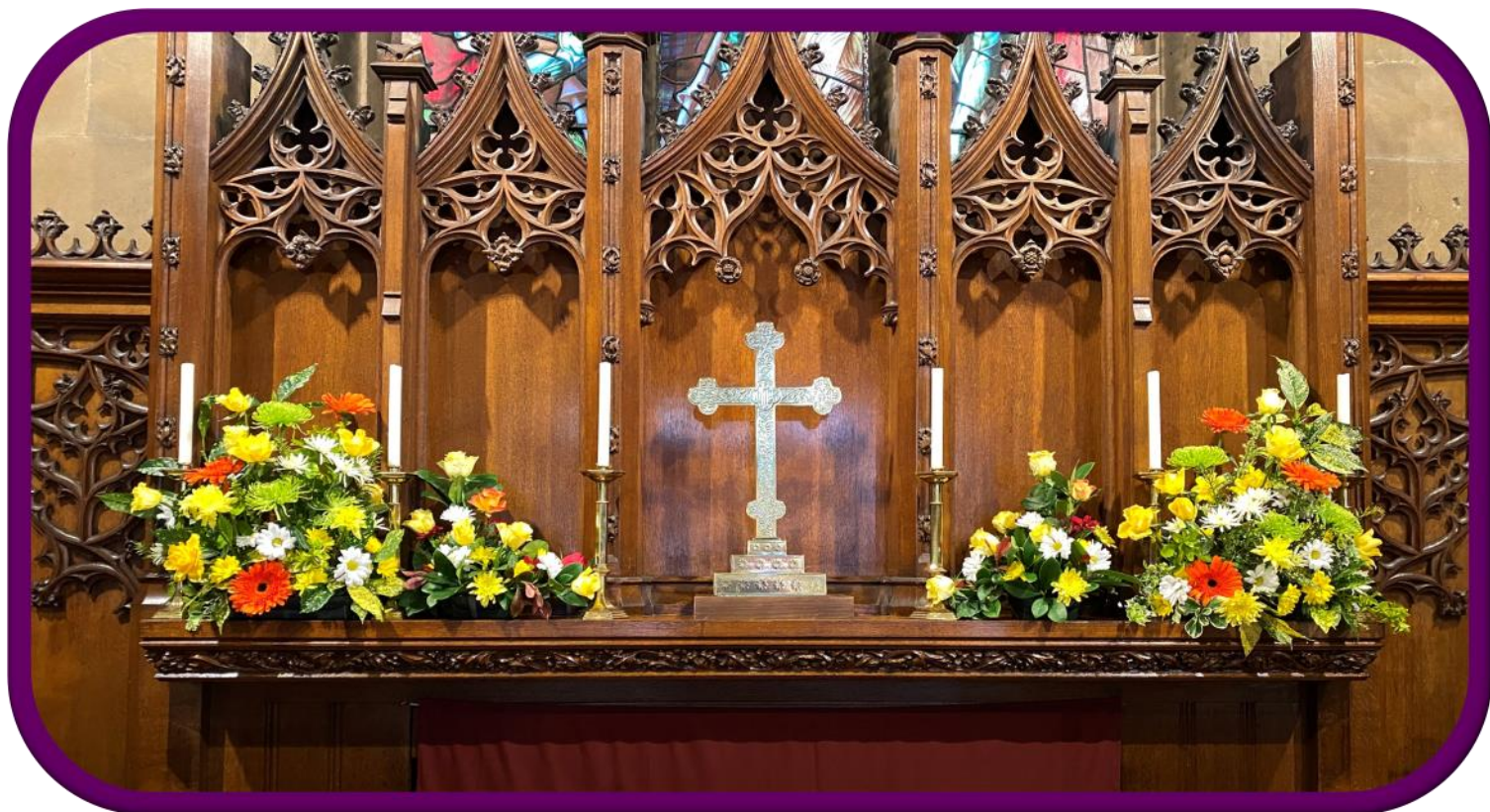
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