

St Peter's Church Magazine September 2021



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September Services

The Eucharist is every Wednesday at 11am

Choral Evensong is every Sunday at 6.30pm

The service at 10am each Sunday is live streamed and the link is on our website: www.stpetersformby.co.uk

Please note that in September the times of the Sunday Services will change to 8.30am and 10am.

Sunday 5th September

8.30am Eucharist (BCP) & 10am Eucharist
12noon Pet Service



Sunday 12th September

8.30am Eucharist (CW) & 10am Eucharist with Sunday Club
12noon Interment of Ashes Service
12.30pm Baptism Service



Sunday 19th September

8.30am Eucharist (BCP) & 10am Eucharist with Sunday Club
12noon Baptism Service



Wednesday 22nd September

2pm WOW – worship for pre-school children in church

Sunday 26th September – Harvest Thanksgiving

8.30am Eucharist (CW) & 10am All-Age Parade Harvest Eucharist
6.30pm Community Harvest Thanksgiving



Common Worship (CW) – is a modern language service.
The 10am service each Sunday is Common Worship.
Book of Common Prayer 1662 (BCP) – is in traditional language

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EDITORIAL

September always has a 'new year' feel about it. Little children begin their schooling, older children move to 'big' school or college and the early mornings have a hint of a new season; Autumn is moving in. We all look forward to the continuing relaxation of regulations post-Covid and hope that we can again have confidence in the future.

After the lazy days of high summer we have plenty of good things to tell you about. At the beginning of the month, on September 5th there is the very popular annual Pet Service, and our Harvest Festival is at the end of the month, September 26th. The children's WOW service is on September 22nd. Please see the inside pages for the details of all these services and more.

Welcome to Sophia, baby daughter of Nathan and Poppy. We are all delighted to hear of her safe arrival and send love and best wishes to them all.

We also said good bye to Alison Woodhouse who has moved to Lytham St Annes. We wish Alison a most happy retirement and say a heartfelt thank you for all she has done for St Peter's over the years. We will miss her very much. Hopefully she will send us an account of her new life which we can share with you all via the magazine.

Most importantly, please note the new service times from September onwards. There is a said Eucharist at 8.30 am on Sunday morning; this will alternate between using the BCP and Common Worship. The main Eucharist service will be at 10.00 am. Evensong remains unchanged at 6.30pm.

Enjoy September and remember that the Editorial Team welcomes articles for inclusion in the magazine. If you have managed to get away to exciting places this summer, do tell us about them!

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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Dear Friends,

I often think that the 'S' in September also stands for '**Starting Again**' as we get ready for a new season of worship and ministry in the parish.

And this September's Starting Again is more significant as we emerge out of 18 months of lockdowns and restrictions due to the Covid pandemic that has affected us all.

During August we were able to ease restrictions in church somewhat, though we kept alternate pews in church roped off but singing for the congregation was back.

From the beginning of September the Standing Committee has agreed to open up all the pews. Communion will be distributed from two points at the bottom of the chancel steps and communicants will be invited to come up the central aisle in two lines and return to their seats by the side aisles. Communion will still be in one kind only (wafer).



**Service
Time
Change!**

Times of services will also change from the beginning of September. These will be 8.30am (said Eucharist) from the Book of Common Prayer 1662 on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays. On the 2nd & 4th Sunday it will be Common Worship. We are hoping that those who have regularly attended at 9am might be happy with 8.30am.

The sung Eucharist will return to its usual time of 10am and Evensong stays at 6.30pm. The 10am service will be live streamed each week. The mid-week Eucharist continues on Wednesday at 11.00am.

You are still requested to wear masks and to sanitise your hands on entering church. Many are still growing in confidence so anything we can do to help I know is very much appreciated.

With lifting of restrictions we will hold our **Annual Pet Service** on Sunday 5th September at 12noon. All pets and their owners, as well as animal lovers, are invited to attend and have their pets blessed.



Harvest Festival



Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held on Sunday 26th September.

The preacher at will be the Rt Revd Michael Burrows, Bishop of Cashel & Ossory (in Ireland, of course!). Michael was due to preach at last year's Harvest but it had to be cancelled and I am delighted that he has agreed to come to St Peter's for 2021. He is always an interesting and original preacher.

We hope the morning 10am Eucharist will also be the Parade Service and we can welcome back our uniformed organisations. At 6.30pm we will hold our Community Harvest Thanksgiving (with all the well-known hymns).

We are delivering Harvest Cards to the houses in our parish. Please let Caroline, our Parish Administrator, know if you are willing to deliver. As well as inviting people to the Harvest, it lets them know we are fully open again.

At some stage over the coming months, the choir will vacate their eyrie in the balcony and return to the choir stalls. We are all very grateful and appreciative of David and the Choir for the provision of music during a very difficult time. Their presence and participation has made all the difference.

So, all in all, slow steps back to normality.

Uganda Project - Though we were unable to visit our project in Uganda either last year or this year - and we are not sure when it will be possible in the near future - yet we have continued our support of the project. The good news is that the hens are laying and that part of the project is now self-financing.



The young girl, Vivian, who had a badly damaged foot has completed her rehabilitation and no further treatment is needed; this has been life changing for her. We have paid for the installation of electricity in the two new classrooms and have bought desks and chairs. Unusually, although the Ugandan government built the new classrooms, they didn't provide electricity or furniture.

As you will read on page 20, educating the neediest children is now a priority and we invite you to support the cost of their schooling. The harvest collection in the blue envelopes will also be for the general fund of our project in Uganda.

House Communion - we have a number of people to whom we take Holy Communion in their homes.

This can be when someone is unwell or if they find it difficult to get out and about. If you would like Communion at home please do contact us.



2022 is the **275th anniversary** of the consecration of St Peter's Church on 19th July 1747. Already the 275 committee has arranged a year's programme of celebration which will include a Heritage Week, a Flower Festival, a mid-summer celebration, concerts as well as special preachers - a couple of bishops and clergy who have had associations with St Peter's - and much more! And, we are having a special St Peter's beer brewed, recalling the Churchwardens' ale that used to be brewed in the inn opposite the church! A full programme will be published shortly.

We hope you all had a chance to have a refreshing break over the summer as the pace of life begins to quicken after a lull of 18 months. A real September beckons!

Anne

Consecration Sunday



It was wonderful to be able to welcome back our previous Curate, Revd Nathan Thorpe, to preach on Sunday 18th July to celebrate the 274th anniversary of the consecration of our church.

Just two weeks later Nathan & Poppy became parents!

Congratulations to them on the arrival of Sophia Talitha born on Saturday 31st July weighing 8lb 12oz. We sent an M&S voucher on behalf of St Peter's with your warmest wishes.



Thank you very much for all the well-wishes, cards and presents for Sophia. We are settling into family life and (sssh...) managing some sleep, even!

Nathan & Poppy



St Peter's Shoebox Appeal 2021

We cannot believe that it is almost 12 months since our last Shoebox Appeal, or the events that we have lived through in that time. One of the most heartening things was that people really were generous helping others, and our appeal last year was no exception. This year, we hope we can hold our usual Shoebox Day, in the Church Hall with TSP school, but whatever happens we will be collecting as usual if any parishioners would like to send a box too!

Special Shoebox Envelopes will be available in the Church Porch or from the office from early September, and donations can be given to the Church Wardens, Vicar, Curate or the Church Office. Any cheques should be made payable to Shoebox Express, who will be our partners again in this project, and will be filling the boxes. As always many thanks for your kindness, we really do appreciate it.

Vicky Hall

Formby Food Pantry Support

If you shop at Tesco you can help tackle food poverty locally by using your token at the checkout to vote for the Formby Food Pantry. It could result in up to £1,500 donation for local families in need through the Food pantry set up by Churches Together and Compassion Acts. The vote is open now until end of September. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

Sunday Club

Dates:

**12th and 19th
September**



WOW Service

Worship on Wednesday is a service designed for pre-school children.

The children from Nursery and Reception at Trinity St Peter's join us for this service, which is held at 2pm.

Date: 22nd September

Everyone is very welcome.



Bingo Group for the elderly which is held twice a week in the Parish Hall on Paradise Lane.

The Bingo group runs on

Sundays at 8pm - 9.30pm and

Mondays at 2pm - 4pm

Tickets are 50p each.

Refreshments are available – 20p for Tea and Biscuits.

Dealing with complaints

Tony Hancock in one of his 'Hancock's Half Hour' programmes decided to take a course in becoming 'A Toff.' One of his test questions was 'How do you address a letter to a Bishop?' He tried several ways such as 'Dear Bish' and 'Your Eminence.' Being Hancock he succeeded with flying colours!

I would address this article to all Church of England bishops.

All organisations which have employees and volunteers have to have systems in place to deal with complaints. This is clearly necessary where the organisation provides a service to the general public. Some decisions can be dealt with internally by the organisation and some may have to be referred to outside agencies such as the police. It is not always an easy decision.

A few months ago a periodical reported on the problems being experienced by clergy and other church officials when they found themselves under investigation for complaints levelled against them. The report was deeply concerned that those who had been complained about had not been told about the investigations which may have taken many months. When some individuals had learned about the inquiries there was often a large toll on their well-being. A recent tragic event has brought this problem to light again.

The Church of England has a procedure regarding complaints about safeguarding issues. The complaint is referred to the diocesan bishop who then asks a core group to evaluate it. If it is clear that the complaint should be referred to the police or to a statutory agency, then this should be done. If the statutory agency decides to take no action then it is for the bishop with the core group to handle the complaint.

At this stage the core group has to make a decision as to whether the person complained about should be told of the issue. Para 3.4 of the Church of England procedure states "Where the statutory agencies are not involved the core group will determine when and what the respondent should be told in relation to the concern or allegation." In effect this allows the bishop and the core group to undertake an investigation without the person, against whom the accusation is made, being informed.

This raises the issue of justice. Should a person have decisions made about their conduct without having the opportunity to give their explanation or defence? It appears that the Church of England has devised a Kafkaesque world in which individuals are aware of actions concerning them but have no say. Does this meet the demand that we treat others as we would wish to be treated?

It is difficult to see a reason for a core group to ignore the views of someone being complained about. If the Church believes it needs to hold onto this proviso then the 'case' should be referred to an independent authority such as a judge who would have the power to override the core group and certainly impose a time limit.

The Church of England should ensure its approach to pastoral care is a model of Christian intent.

The Church Tower

The loss of Liverpool's status of World Heritage Site brings to the fore the difficulties of architecture and also the importance of handling buildings of importance and significance. The media coverage of the loss showed the main buildings of the three graces and Albert Dock. Yet there is one other building of importance in that cluster, Our Lady and St Nicholas. Much rebuilt, it still acts as the Liverpool Parish Church, with its glorious tower acting as a beacon on the edge of the Liverpool water front.

There is a lovely story regarding the weather vane in Wikipedia. This is supposed to represent the ship The Richard Donnelly.



“The church is linked to the famous phrase, "I'll be waiting till Dick docks", meaning "I'll be waiting a long time." This refers to the ship the Richard Donnelly, which is said to have sunk in Liverpool Bay. Another version of this phrase is used when an unlikely promise is made; "I'll repay that loan soon!" "Oh, yes – when Donnelly docks!" implying that the action

is never going to happen. A gilded copper weather vane in the form of the ship is on top of the tower of St Nicholas. The weather vane measures 4ft 4 (1.3m).”

Church towers are often seen in travel posters of the nineteen twenties and thirties. They are occasionally seen in war posters showing an English scene indicating this is what we are fighting for. Often towers are castellated as if for defence but the height of the tower and the fact they usually carried bells made them useful for signalling. The novel by Dorothy L. Sayers, “The Nine Tailors,” provides a good example of the church bells sending out a warning of flooding. They are however expensive items to maintain. The church tower at Grasmere cost an enormous sum to be resurfaced and in a medieval church in Laugharne, after years of examination, no one has so far found out where water is entering and damaging the structure.

The main purpose today of the church tower is to provide a beacon which represents the Christian faith. In a book published many years ago on Christianity it states that the first requirement for the Christian religion is a church. Without this it cannot survive. The bible refers to homes used as meeting places but it was the introduction of specialist buildings which changed religious practice. These buildings became the necessary home for sanctuary, prayer, and services, under the control of a nominated priest or elder.

So many churches now are, like St Nicholas, surrounded by high rise buildings and no longer dominate. But they still represent a need for a Christian meeting house which provides one of the basic tenets of a church which radiates hope.

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 September please pray for all who live in –

5 th Sept	College Close, Firs Link, Firs Close, Firs Crescent
12 th Sept	St Peter's Avenue, St Peter's Close, Oakfield Drive, Birch Green
19 th Sept	Larch Way, Harington Road, Squirrel Green, Proctor Road
26 th Sept	Gorse Way, Larkhill Lane, Dunes Drive, Blundell Avenue

September Bible Readings

5th September – 14th Sunday after Trinity

Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23 / James 2:1-10, 14-17 / Mark 7:24-37

12th September – 15th Sunday after Trinity

Proverbs 1:20-33 / James 3:1-12 / Mark 8:27-38

14th September – Holy Cross Day

Numbers 21:4-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17

19th September – 16th Sunday after Trinity

Proverbs 31:10-31 / James 3:13 – 4:3,7-8a /
Mark 9:30-37



21st September – St Matthew Apostle and Evangelist

Proverbs 3:13-18 / 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 / Matthew 9:9-13

26th September – Harvest Thanksgiving

Joel 2:21-27 / 1 Timothy 2:1-7 / Matthew 6:25-33

29th September – St Michael and All Angels

Genesis 28:10-17 / Revelation 12:7-12 / John 1:47-51





Ask the curate...

Whether you're new to St Peter's or have been coming for many years, do you have questions that you've always wanted to ask?

Why do the clergy dress in the way that they do at services? What is the PCC? What is an epistle? What does the word sacrament mean?

If you're interested in finding out the answers to these or any other questions you might have, watch out for details of our monthly sessions, which will be a relaxed chat over coffee in the Bier House.

Details to be announced soon.

Deanery Confirmation Service

Congratulations to Heather Cosgrove who was confirmed by Bishop Bev on Sunday 11th July at the Deanery Confirmation Service in Holy Trinity Church.



Roof Appeal

Thank you to all who contributed to the Roof Appeal your generosity has been very much appreciated. The amount raised to date is £14,955 (this includes £1,308 from a DCMS Grant) This helps meet the final cost of £23,562 for the roof repairs.

All the external work is now complete.

We will have some further expense for internal decoration.

From the Organ Bench

Well, it would be nice if my behind was actually more regularly in contact with the organ bench than it has been recently! But more often over the last few months, I've been **standing** up in the gallery, with the choir, playing a digital keyboard, connected to a clever device which creates pipe-organ-like sounds, then amplified with two speakers up.

I'm not sure those nearest to the speakers have always enjoyed the vibrations coming through the gallery floor. But - the choir has been very fortunate - when *guidelines* allowed a choir to sing, we managed to space out with reasonable distance up in the gallery. We might not have always restricted ourselves to the **six** singers suggested (a ridiculous number when choirs always come in four parts: soprano/alto/tenor/bass ... but I won't start a rant about the nonsense that went into the so-called guidelines ... particularly with regard to the church and music.

Everyone upstairs has felt safe - AND, let it be known, we **have** felt **very** privileged to be "allowed" to sing, when those downstairs were not. Sorry ... that you just had to listen. However, every cloud has a silver lining ... as you'll see:-

Parishioner to Vicar: *When will we be singing the **Gloria** which we know?*

Vicar to Parishioner: *It is good to have a change but I will mention it to the Organist.*

Vicar to Organist: *By the way it has been mentioned...*

SO: Organist to Magazine:

One of the most contentious things in Parish Church music is when the Organist suggests changing the *setting* of music sung at the Eucharist! I don't know how long St Peter's has been using the Richard Shephard *Addington Service*. It was written in 1973, has been very popular, and arguably one of the most straightforward settings in use in churches - the point being to allow congregations to sing along with the choir. And it has been in use at St Peter's, I think, since somewhere back in the previous century.

I'd thought about suggesting a change to Anne for a while - and then almost miraculously, the silver lining appears out of the cloud of the restrictions ... the choir can sing, but the congregation can't. What an opportunity! We'll start to sing something different ... and hopefully by the time the congregation is allowed to sing again, they won't realise that the *setting* is different, because they will have subconsciously absorbed it.

Sometime back in December 2020, there was brief window of choirs allowed back in church - and we faded from Shephard into Holroyd.

Oh - I've not mentioned that yet .. the new music I was proposing wasn't actually **new** as such. I wrote it in 1988, for when Rebecca Judith Holroyd was baptised at St Saviour's Oxton.

I was organist, and the Vicar actually suggested it was time to change the eucharist setting. So I wrote one - and called it *The Oxtan Mass*.

A few singers learned it, and sang it as a demonstration to a few of the PCC. One person said ... you can't call it *The Oxtan **MASS*** ... whereat the Vicar (not into bells and smells, but certainly into candles and vestments) pointed out that the composer could call it what he wanted. They're still using it at St Saviour's. I also introduced it at St Hilary's, Wallasey when I was Organist there in the 1990's. And now some 33 years since writing it ... it's here at St Peter's. With apologies to any who are really missing the Shephard. I'm sure we'll do it occasionally to give variety.

It was written to be tuneful and singable. It was rather gratifying that two weeks ago Paul Ormrod said, "that new service is very singable". He commented that "people around us were singing it confidently" ... and he didn't know who'd written it!

There are harmonies and some more fancy bits for the choir - and they'll be added in due course ... for now, there will be a melody sheet available for anyone who wants to see it, to help learn it. And it won't be long until the time comes that, for a change, we use the "old" Shephard service and people will ask what's happened to the "usual" one!

Advert Break:

A date for your diary **Saturday 16th October, 7:30pm**, in Church - a concert in aid of the Uganda Project.

Amadeus: the Chamber Choir perform *Feel the Spirit* - John Rutter's lively setting of seven traditional spirituals, and Mozart's sublimely beautiful *C minor Mass*.

David Holroyd



PRAYER FOR AFGHANISTAN

Eternal God, hear our prayer for the peoples of Afghanistan. There is a profound humanitarian crisis. Countless people, mostly women and children, are now fleeing and vulnerable. The lives of many are now endangered. hopes of many are forgone. Send your Spirit, Lord, to rally the resolve of the nations of the earth to find pathways to save human lives, protect human rights, and to resolve the hardships of those seeking refuge, asylum, and safety. Hear our prayer for the peoples of Afghanistan. This we pray as followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

**The Most Revd Michael Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church USA**

Our Summer Sunday Club Picnic Service

Sunday Club gathered in church for a service with the theme of the 5 loaves and 2 fishes miracle. Parents and children helped to demonstrate three modern comparisons to bring the story up to date.

1. THE CHICKEN FARM in Kalule in Uganda (that's what Snowdrop was representing) funded by St Peter's. The project was set up so that profits raised selling the eggs helps support some of the families to pay for the school fees.

2. FOOD BANKS, the huge efforts during Covid by so many people has played a crucial part in many communities.

3. EMERGENCY FOOD BOXES dropped from the air in war zones to starving families.



The star of the show was Snowdrop, one of the Davidson family's hens. Claudia brought the hen into church to show the children.



Snowdrop was extremely well behaved and listened to all that the children said during the service.





Here they come with their giant cornflake boxes!

We tried to show how extraordinary efforts can make good things happen.

When we plan the children's service we never quite know what will happen. We try to think of ways we can help the children to understand. Well, instead of having a drone in the nave of the church representing a helicopter, we decided a child pilot throwing boxes from the pulpit would serve the purpose.



The sun shone that day, after all it was the Euro football finals and Wimbledon finals. We had a really relaxing picnic in the church grounds. Thank you to all the children who helped and thank you also to the parents who read the prayers with little warning! In fact thank you to all families turning up on such a busy day. We really appreciated your support.

From Anne, Caroline and Judith

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MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE

Uganda has been hit badly by the Covid pandemic and there have been job losses and deaths as everywhere else, leaving many in need.

One serious consequence of the pandemic is the education of children, and in particular, the children being educated in St Peter's, Kalule, the school linked to our Uganda project.



All school education in Uganda has to be paid for, even primary level. Such is the need, we have received a request from the school principal to increase the number of children we support from 5 to 20. Because education is the key to a good future for these children, our Uganda committee has responded positively to this request, but fears that the cost of supporting 20 pupils could deplete our funds for other work to be done on the project.

So, we invite you to join us in sponsoring the education of these 20 young people. – 6 in P5, 6 in P6 and 8 in P7. The children have been carefully selected by the principal and Richard Kaboggoza, our representative for the project in Kalule.

P1 – P5 costs £47 per year to which is added books, pencils and uniform making a total of £60.

For P6 the cost is £67 while for P7 the cost escalates to £194.

You can choose to sponsor a child in a particular year or donate £100 as an average of the fees.



Two of the children

There are a number of ways to donate:-

1. Use a yellow envelope (available in church) and mark it clearly **UGANDA CHILD SPONSORSHIP**. Enter your name and please sign the Gift Aid declaration if you are a UK taxpayer.
2. By bank transfer to St Peters PCC account – Sort code 40-52-40. A/C no. 00020671. Please reference **UGANDA CHILD**.
3. By contactless payment in the Church or Parish Office.
4. St Peter's Website donation button with the same information.
5. On the plate in church or dropped into the Parish Office. Please mark clearly **UGANDA CHILD SPONSORSHIP** and your name.

Whatever you donate will make a real difference to the lives of the children concerned.

Ted Woods

Moving On

By the time you read this article I will have moved to Lytham St Annes. After living in Formby for 26 years it will be a huge wrench to leave. I came to Formby in 1995 to be the Vicar at St Luke's and subsequently retired in 2007. During my retirement I have supported a number of Churches in the Deanery and for a few years I helped out at St Mary's Knowsley.

During the Interregnum at St Peter's I joined the congregation, believing strongly I should worship locally.

It has been a great privilege and joy for me to help out with Church Services when needed and to lead one of the Bible Study groups.

I want to say a 'big thank you' to Anne for all the opportunities she has given me to minister. My thanks to David and the choir for their contribution to our Worship which is truly in 'the beauty of holiness.' What a blessing both Anne and Ted are in their gifts of preaching and teaching. Thank you. To all of you in the congregation my thanks for your friendship and fellowship. I will miss St Peter's greatly. It will be very hard to leave. But I believe that God has called me to pastures new.

Fosbrooke House is a Christian Community of retired clergy and their spouses plus single clergy. We range in ages from 67- 100!!! It is owned by the Pensions Board of the Church of England. I can tell you honestly I would not be moving but for God's call. I shall have my own flat overlooking the sea but also the fellowship of the other residents. It will be challenging but the words of a prayer sum up things for me.

"For all that has been thanks, For all that will be YES."

With my love and thanks. Alison Woodhouse



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Members of Alison Woodhouse's Bible Study Group will greatly miss her leadership and input now that she has moved to a new home in Lytham St Anne's. However, the group will continue and Ted has agreed to try and fill her shoes.

So, existing members and any new members are invited to take part on the following dates:-



8th & 29th September, 13th & 20th October, 10th & 24th November and 8th December.

Nick and Ros Philpott
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Saturday 18th
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Wedding Flowers

From the Church Registers ~ Wedding

4th July -

George
Rourke
& Crystal
Varey



Getting Married? Come to our Wedding Evening



Getting married in church is a very special occasion, so whether you have set a date or still thinking about the possibility, come along to our wedding evening on Tuesday 7th September at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church.

This is an opportunity to hear what you need to do, think about the service, meet the organist to talk about music, hear about the new marriage laws and generally be encouraged to plan for your very special day.

Revd Anne Taylor, the Vicar, will discuss your wedding service and the new marriage laws. Gill Holroyd will have helpful advice as you prepare to be married.

David Holroyd, our organist, will be there to make suggestions about hymns and music. And let you hear some possibilities.

This will be an opportunity to have a glass of wine, meet other couples and ask questions about your important day.

Please do join us. You will be very welcome.

*Getting
Married!*

From the Church Registers ~ Baptisms



11th July - Jasmina-Rose Smith



11th July - Darcey-Athea Whalley



11th July -
Paige Lily
Hinson



8th August - Kyra Rae Youssef

22nd August - Isla Jane Murphy was baptised with
her mum Laura Jane Murphy





Just before the start of lifting of restrictions in April, I was asked by Nikki Parr, one of our Deputy County Commissioners if we would pilot the new Money Skills Badge, which we duly did at the start of term (which seems a lifetime ago now!). The requirements of the badge are varied and are designed to help build young people's confidence and understanding of money through creative, fun, and hands-on activities.

One of the requirements is to "Talk with your group about how people can gain, save, and give away money, and choose a way of gaining, or giving away money that you'd like to try."

We therefore gave the Cubs the idea of doing sponsored events, as that would cover "the gain" of raising money which they would donate to charity which is the "giving away." The Pack at the time was split into 3 groups due to Covid restrictions so there were three different Charities chosen – NHS Charities, Cancer Research, and the Red Squirrel Survival Trust (RSST). As well as choosing which charities to support, the 3 groups also chose what sponsored activities they wanted to do to raise the money, so we had a "Quizathon," Sponsored Silence and the 3rd group did different things, such as "Keepie Uppies," Star Jumps, running etc. Unfortunately, the Covid Delta spike we had in Formby got in the way somewhat, so a lot of the sponsored activities ended up being done at home, or on a Zoom Quiz evening.

The funds raised were NHS: £109.80 Cancer Research: £312.00 and RSST £234.30

The RSST responded by passing it onto their local affiliated group Red Alert Lancashire and Merseyside and they asked if they might come down one evening to collect the cheque and have a chat with the Cubs. So, Pete and Phil from Red Alert visited the group of Cubs to thank them for their efforts and talk a bit about their work and how the money the Cubs raised would be used. They also presented the Cubs with a Squirrel feeder which will be put up in Conservation Corner and promised to come back in the future to do a presentation to the full Pack, Covid restrictions permitting.



Pictured are Pete and Phil receiving the cheque from two of the Cubs, and a picture of all the Cubs who took part in a Sponsored Silence to raise a grand total of £234.30.



The badge was launched during June, with National news coverage including BBC Breakfast and Sky News. Our Cubs are therefore some of the first in the country to earn this badge, which you will see on their arms and it was nice to be asked to trial it for Headquarters, something that doesn't happen very often.

Cubs are a resilient bunch, continuing to work towards their Challenge Awards as well as Activity Badges such as the new Money Skills badge, through the numerous interruptions of lockdowns, tiers, and Delta variants! Indeed, since last October 414 badges have been earned by the Cubs of which 5 have been Chief Scout's Silver Awards.



The Chief Scout's Silver Award is the top Award in Cubs and is only completed after earning the seven Challenge Awards, such as the Team Leader, Adventure and Outdoors Challenge Awards. In "normal" times it is an incredible achievement for a Cub to be awarded the Chief Scout's Silver Award but is even more so in these times of Covid restrictions.

So, I was incredibly pleased and proud to present, on behalf of Chief Scout Bear Grylls, the **Chief Scouts Silver Award to Toby Hargreaves, Robert Gorman, Charlie Knowles, Brennan Howell and Oliver Dean.**



Here are the Cubs, with their Certificates on what was their last Cub meeting as they have all now moved on to Scouts.

**Mark Sheil, Cub Scout Leader, Assistant Scout Leader
9th Formby (St Peter's) Scout Group**

Gratitude

Hello All, here is a voice from the past. How I miss you all at St Peter's since my move to Scotland to be with my daughter-in-law and son. It is a year now since my departure and much has happened in that year, a lot of which I am very grateful for.

First of all, I have such wonderful friends in Formby, where I lived for thirty-seven years. Because of lockdown I was unable to come and go freely and they helped me to sell my house. One friend did the Estate Agent and Solicitors work and arranged viewings etc, another packed up all my belongings to bring here and another took all the "detritus" to the tip in his trailer. How could anyone not be grateful for friendship like that? I am really overcome with love and affection for all of them.

At first I stayed with my family by the lovely river, as with lockdown we couldn't start to look for a house for me to be near but not with them, but luckily, once restrictions were relaxed a bit, I saw a bungalow which immediately took my liking and I bought it quickly, as bungalows are like hen's teeth here.

The second move was arduous, but with the help of my family it was done, and although there is still a lot to do to make it to my liking, I am content and grateful for what has been achieved. At my great age most people are going into "Homes"; well I have gone into my own home and am so grateful that God has given me the health and strength and ability to do it.

I am grateful for friends, two of whom have been to see me and for those who phone me regularly. I am grateful that I am near my loving family who visit me daily to check on me and do little jobs for me.

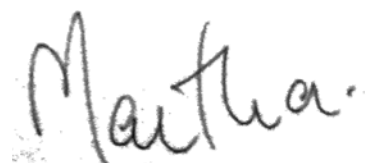
God made a wonderful world, and as I look from my "supermarket" sized windows I see the beauty of His handiwork. There are fields all around where I watch cows and calves not thirty metres from my kitchen window and birds galore. They are always hungry and much time and expense is spent feeding and watching their antics. A fox ambles across the fields among the cows about his nefarious business in the late evening and bees and butterflies keep me entertained in the wildflower meadow not more than a metre from my bedroom window. Mountains surround me with lovely colours which change throughout the day as the sun moves around.

Tell me, how could I not be grateful to be able to spend my halcyon days in such a beautiful place?

I miss you all but keep you in my prayers. Mothers' Union I miss but am still a member of, and watch with great enjoyment the Live Stream services on Sundays where I see many faces that I know.

I tried to go to a church here but was told that it was Full Up with regulars on Sundays and there is no mid week service, so I still attend St Peter's with you all!

God Bless you as He has blessed me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha".

LEJOG bike ride to raise funds to combat loneliness



As we see the green shoots of being able to safely meet up in group activities again, local solicitor Liz Foggin and her husband Matt are raising funds for the Formby Befriending Scheme to support these activities by cycling 970 miles from Land's End to John O' Groats over just nine days.

The Deloitte Ride Across Britain takes place between 4th to 12th September and sees around 1,000 cyclists taking on the iconic route.

"The common goal of reaching John O' Groats together creates a very special type of camaraderie," says Liz Foggin. *"No matter what type of cyclist you are, you can talk to anyone on the ride and say: 'How are you or how is your day?'"*

"We are all social animals and the additional isolation created by the covid pandemic has most certainly added to the challenges that many people face as they advance in years."

All sponsorship raised from our ride will go directly to the Formby Befriending Scheme in helping local residents combat loneliness so that people can also ask them – how are you and how is your day?"

Liz and Matt have paid fully for the ride themselves. This means that every donation goes straight to supporting Formby residents. Every penny of sponsorship will also encourage both Liz and Matt as they turn their pedals on the arduous journey. Liz will be blogging the ride on her Autumn Years Law Facebook page, which you will be able to follow daily during the event. If it's anything like last time do expect tears, exhaustion and the drama of will she or will she not make it?!

To make a donation please go to: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MattLizzieFoggin> To follow the ride between 4th to 12th September go to: www.facebook.com/AutumnYearsLaw



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Mothers' UNION

We celebrate the opening of the winter season after our long lock-down on Thursday, 9th September, when Tony Pulson will talk to us on Formby Home Front in WW1 at 2.00 pm in the Bier House. As usual, we will open the meeting with a short service so we ask members to be in their seats by 1.45 pm.

We will again be collecting for our three projects, magazines and knitted garments for seafarers, toiletries for refugees (the specific item for collection this month is toothbrushes) and cash in the yellow bucket for disadvantaged children (AWOL).

Future meetings will take place on 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December (Christmas Party) at 2.00 pm, speakers and subjects to be confirmed.

Visitors are welcome at all meetings.

Corporate Communion is held in Church on the first Wednesday of the month at 11.00 am.

We hope you have had a refreshing summer break, and look forward to meeting you on 7th September.



Herbert and Jean

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

who has dropped items into the Foodbank boxes in the Church Porch or sent financial donations.

The Church Porch remains open every day from 10am to 5pm for donations. The boxes are emptied regularly during the day.

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OUR SHOPPING LIST

We are currently in need of the following items:-

- Ladies and gents razors
- Ladies and gents deodorant
- Coffee
- Hot chocolate
- Sweets (confectionery)
- Mug shots
- Marmite
- Salt, pepper + vinegar
- Apple juice

REFUSE - REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE and REPAIR



Recycling gets a lot of attention, but it's the least effective of the 5Rs. We need to be doing more refusing, whether it's excess packaging, cheap goods that won't last, or just simply something we don't need. Take what you have already and make it last, or give it a new lease of life.

Almost everything we buy and use in our daily lives has a carbon footprint: from its manufacture to its transport. And almost everything we buy ends up being thrown away at some point. It goes to landfill, becomes litter, pollutes our oceans, contributes to the emission of greenhouse gases, or harms the planet in other ways. We need to cut our consumption to reduce our environmental impact.

Single use items make no sense for our wallets or the environment.

Our lives are full of stuff we don't need, and everything has an environmental cost. Even a simple action such as refusing a disposable coffee cup in favour of your re-useable one can make a significant difference over time. Globally we use 16 billion disposable coffee cups every year and they are extremely difficult to recycle due to the paper inside being coated with plastic. If you do need to buy things, do it thoughtfully, and use your spending power to tell companies what you want and don't want. For example, items that are built to last or those with less plastic packaging.

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C	A	M	S	S	A	A	H	P
C	O	R	N	P	V	A	E	A
P	A	P	V	R	I	S	A	P
E	N	U	R	E	T	R	T	P
C	R	O	P	S	S	Y	E	L
R	B	Y	M	M	E	T	A	E
S	I	B	I	T	F	I	R	S
I	O	N	I	O	N	S	S	B

Word Search

HARVEST	APPLES
FESTIVAL	ONIONS
CROPS	PEAR
WHEAT	CORN

Harvest Sudoku

	4	2	3
2			1
			4

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	3		
	2	1	3

			2
2	4		3
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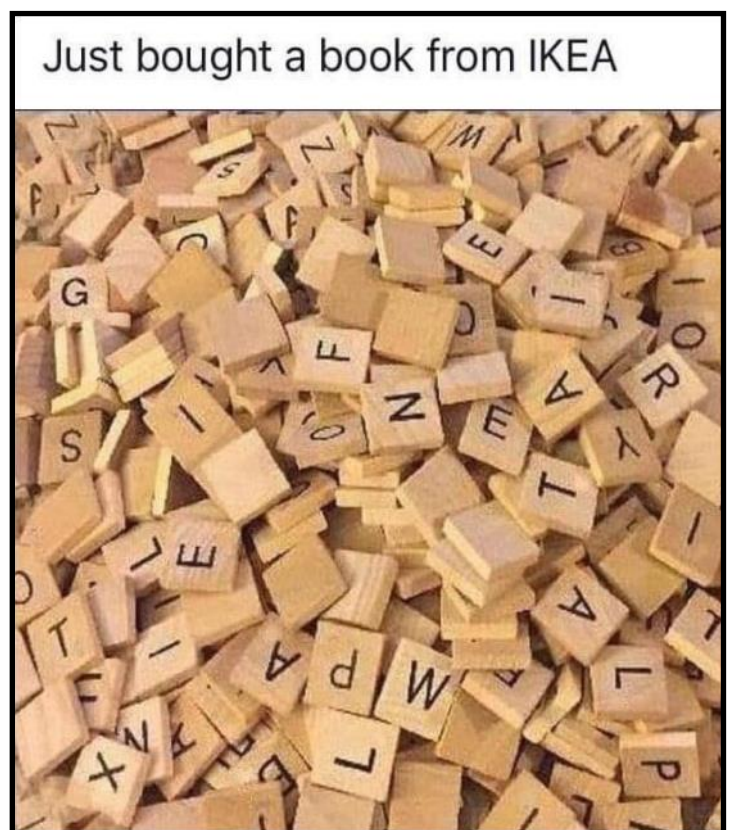
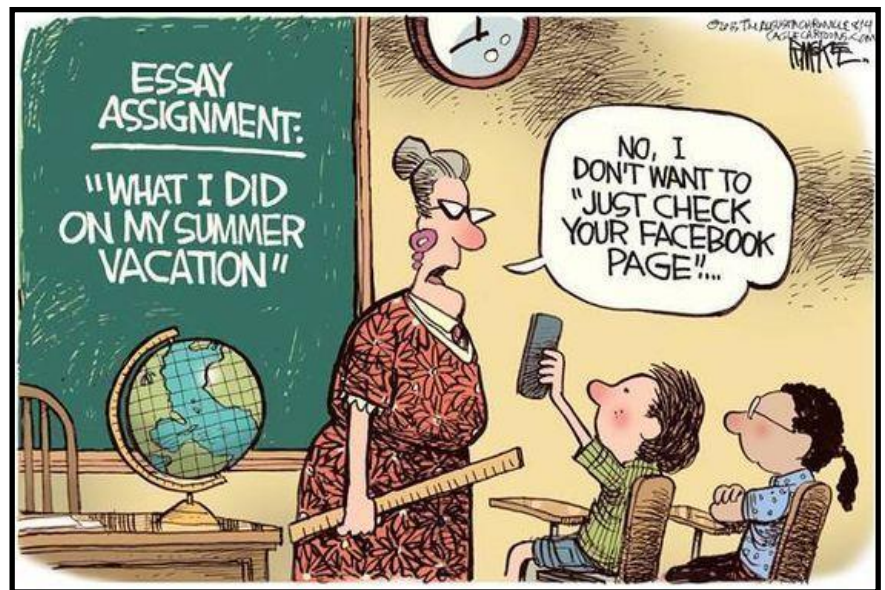


Word Finder

V	R	S
A	H	T
E	O	C

How many words
can you find?

1. **Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon?**
It had great food, but no atmosphere.
2. **Did you hear about the cheese factory that exploded in France?**
There was nothing left but de Brie.
3. **I can't take my dog to the park because the ducks keep trying to bite him.**
I guess that's what I get for buying a pure bread dog.
4. **What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a unicycle and a well-dressed man on a bicycle?** Attire
5. **My teachers told me I'd never amount to much because I procrastinate so much.**
I told them, "Just you wait!"
6. **What gets wetter the more it dries?** A towel.
7. **What did one wall say to the other wall?** I'll meet you at the corner.
8. **What do you call a droid that takes the long way around?** R2 detour.
9. **What do you call bears with no ears?** B
10. **What do dentists call X-rays?**
Tooth pics.
11. **Why can't Elsa have a balloon?**
Because she will let it go.
12. **When does a joke become a "dad" joke?**
When the punchline is apparent.
13. **What is the fleas favourite way to travel?**
Itch hiking.



Brownies

1st Formby (St Peter's) Brownies



We meet every Thursday night 6pm – 7.15pm (term time) in the Parish Hall.

We have lots of fun every week playing games, doing challenges and working towards badges.

If your daughter is interested in joining us, please contact us via the Parish Office on 01704 871171

Or find out more about us on the Church website
<https://stpetersformby.co.uk/church-organisations/brownies/>



EMAIL DIRECTORY

We have a parish email directory which is used once or twice a month to send out dates for the month and also when a special event is coming up. If you would like to be added to the email list, please send an email to **office@stpetersformby.co.uk**. This is a way to help us keep in touch. Email addresses will be used only by St Peter's.

St Peter's Church was originally "The Ancient Chapelry of Formby, St Peter Apostle and Martyr." It dates from the 12th century and was situated very close to the sea. St Peter's was part of the Parish of Walton, which is why the Rector of Walton is still our Patron. This chapel became "ruinous" and a new church, on the present site, was built in 1746 and consecrated on 19th July 1747.

Book your place at the Archbishop Blanch Lecture

This year we are delighted to welcome Professor Elaine Graham to deliver the 2021 Lecture. Professor Graham is Canon Theologian of Chester Cathedral.

A notable author, her recent book 'Apologetics without Apology' will form the basis of her presentation which will address how we can learn 'to speak Christian' in a world troubled by religion, and where faith sits alongside secular beliefs.



The lecture will take place on 28th October, book your place now via Eventbrite.

Date and time

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From the Back Pew Ted Woods

“SAVE THE PARISH”

I apologise for returning to the topic of parish ministry, but two articles in recent issues of ‘The Church Times’ caught my eye and stirred my heart!

The first article sought to tease out the meaning of ‘mixed ecology’, the new buzz word in the Church. The author, Dr Anderson Jeremiah of Lancaster University, says that at the heart of mixed ecology in biological terms is “conservation alongside innovation, but not at the expense of endangered species.” And he goes on to say that “aggressive growth of any one organism/species could endanger the survival of another.”

Applying this to present church policy he says that the present emphasis on success, multiplication and growth as the only way forward for the church is neither balanced nor healthy. Far from ensuring the future of the church, it threatens it. As a healthy ecosystem is built on diversity, so too should the church. Yes, we need new initiatives and imaginative ways of communicating the Gospel, but success cannot only be measured in numbers and novelties.

As in the parable of the sower, there are many different ‘grounds’ in which parishes operate. Some may be fruitful in varying degrees, others not. In these latter, is not a ministry that is faithful, caring and inclusive against all the odds “successful” even if the numbers don’t multiply? For Paul, writing to the Corinthian church, the measure of success was faithfulness.



So, it was interesting to read of a “Save the Parish” campaign that was launched in August ahead of elections to General Synod later this year.

The keynote speaker at the launch, Dr Alison Milbank, Canon Theologian at Southwell Minster, said that “the Church of England has totally capitulated to market values and managerialism...There has been a tendency to view the parish like some embarrassing knick-knack from a great aunt that you wish were in the attic!” Saying that resources from central funds are being drained in favour of “fresh expressions”, she declared that we are at “a crunch time” with regard to the future of parish ministry. Another speaker referred to the Church’s top heavy management “which it can’t afford” and has to be funded at the expense of parish ministry.

Dr Milbank went on to outline the strengths of the parish system, how its worship and pastoral care are offered to everyone, pointing to a God “who is stable, inclusive and caring, who is committed to his world.”

In a real mixed ecology of church there will be collaboration rather than competition between the parish and new mission initiatives. Rather than being dismissed as irrelevant, the value of the parish system will be recognised as part of the healthy ecosystem of church life.

To prevent the parish system from becoming an endangered species threatened by the aggressive growth of new models of church based simply on size, numbers and novelty, the organiser of the Save the Parish campaign, Canon Marcus Walker, said, “This is probably the last chance we have to save the system that has defined Christianity in this country for 1000 years.”

I’ll leave the last word to Martyn Percy, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, who in his latest book, *The Humble Church*, critiqued the emerging new forms of church as “appealing to homogenous groups with specific identifiable narrow interest groups....usually apolitical in outlook, and often tend to be socially, politically and theologically conservative.” The parish may not be as “sexy,” but it has the opportunity to reflect better the wider concerns and needs of society as it ministers to all, regardless of faith-profession and commitment.



If interested, the full details are at
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From the Church Registers



Funerals:-

4 th August	Thomas Watkins
9 th August	Susan Spencer-Jones (Halstead)
16 th August	Randle Holford
17 th August	Barbara Williams

Interment of Ashes:-

3 rd July	Sheryl Murphy
7 th August	Brian Knowles
8 th August	Jim Charnock

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

Pray with us...

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of another week
in which you call us:
to bless our neighbour,
to welcome the stranger,
to pray for our enemies,
to look after your world,
to share the good news of your love
and to become more like Jesus,
through the power of your Holy Spirit in us.
Amen

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Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 26th September 2021

St Peter's Church, Green Lane, Formby

10am All-Age Parade Eucharist

Preacher - The Rt Revd Michael Burrows,
Bishop of Cashel & Ossory, Church of Ireland

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6.30pm Community Harvest Thanksgiving

Preacher - The Rt Revd Michael Burrows

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