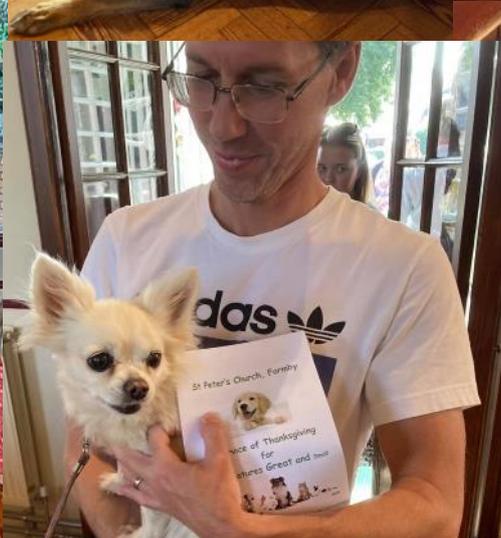


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FRONT COVER: A wonderful sunny day for our Pet Service.

Thank you to everyone who came along to give thanks for the animals in our lives and in our world. The smallest a hamster, and the biggest a pony, and lots of dogs of varying sizes in between, all giving thanks together.

EDITORIAL



Hello Everyone,

It looks as if our parish activities are really 'getting up steam' now or, to mix metaphors, the green shoots of post-covid are beginning to show through. Good news indeed.

Time Out and Primetime groups will restart this month, see the details on page 10 and of course the weekly bulletin will have all the fine details. Simon is also starting a new group, 'Ask the Curate,' on Wednesday 6th October at 7.30pm in the Bier House and he has written up details in the magazine, see page 11. He is looking forward to answering all the tricky questions you may have, so come prepared for a very interesting session.

Also looking forward to your support is a concert in church by The Amadeus Chamber Choir. Proceeds will go towards the Ugandan project. The date is October 16th at 7.30pm.

On October 31st, during the 10am Eucharist, we shall celebrate the 50th anniversary of Revd Alison Woodhead's being made Deaconess. Huge congratulations to Alison, what a milestone!

More anticipation: Patrick Parkes's son, Matthew is joining us on a three-month placement as part of his training as a Lay Reader; he is assured of a very warm welcome. He is preaching at Fauré's 'Requiem Mass' at 6.30pm on 31st October.

And finally, may we commend the article about the Formby Food Pantry on pages 18-19.

Good wishes to you all. We hope you enjoy this October issue of the magazine,

The Editorial Team

The magazine is an important means of outreach and keeps everyone informed and in touch with the life of St Peter's Church. The magazine is free, though it would be appreciated if you would like to give a donation towards production costs. If you would like a magazine delivered to your home, please contact the Parish Office.

*Please note the deadline for the November edition of the magazine is
Friday 8th October 2021.*

Contributions to office@stpetersformby.co.uk

Dear Friends,

Once again this year, because of Covid, the annual Festival of Preaching was on-line so no jolly to Oxford this year! But it was good to be able to snatch some time to listen to a few selected talks.

A favourite speaker is the Revd Mark Oakley who is Dean of St John's College, Cambridge. His talk likened our experiences of the Covid pandemic to being shipwrecked. We have been tossed about, our sense of security was taken away, we entered unknown territory and, worst of all, so many lost their lives.

It has been a testing time in so many ways and in so many areas of life, not least church life. But Mark Oakley's message was that although we have been shipwrecked, and we find ourselves in a new place, we should not be without hope.

And he had this advice for the shipwrecked –

“Remember where you came from, acknowledge where you are and start re-building.”

We're not out of the turbulent winds of Covid yet, but here in St Peter's we have started re-building. Things aren't the same as before, but we do have a sense of purpose and we're getting there!



In another contribution to the Festival programme, we were shown a video of the American priest, the Revd Nadia Bolz-Weber, preaching a sermon for Pentecost Sunday last May. She said she couldn't get beyond the opening words of the account of Pentecost, "They were all together in one place." And she said what a joy it was to be able to worship together in person, in one place.

And we would want to say the same. It has been encouraging to see congregations building up again, to be able to take the ropes off alternate pews, to increase the number of hymns in the service, to walk up to the chancel steps to receive communion, to be able to have our annual Pet Service (and welcome a pony to church!) and so on. These are all elements of re-building. Though, for the time being, we do ask that, during October, you continue to wear face masks at the main Sunday morning service. This service has the highest number of people attending and a mix of age groups and we wear masks for the peace of mind of others.

Another visible re-building block was to be able to hold a 'Wedding Evening' for the many couples who are planning to get married in St Peter's. It was a great opportunity to be able to tell them about the recent changes to marriage law, discuss options for services and hear some wedding music.

But it was also a wonderful opportunity to say that getting married in St Peter's will be a very special occasion. Thanks to Gill & David Holroyd and Wendy Thorpe who joined me for the evening. For those who may have missed it, the link for the evening is available from me or the Parish Office.

I would like to draw your attention to the discussion evening we have organised on issues of sexuality and in particular same-sex marriage.

"Living in Love and Faith" is the name of the Church of England consultation process on these subjects and all parishes have been asked to discuss these matters and feed them back through Bishop Bev to the Co-ordinating Committee of which she is a member.



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

This will be held on Monday 11th October in the Bier House at 7.30pm. See also Ted's Back Pew article.

Other re-building blocks are the return of Sunday Club, Bible Study groups, Timeout and Primetime, Mothers' Union and Little Fishes for 'little' people. For Simon and me it has been very special to be able to be back in school for Assembly in person rather than on zoom. Simon will be starting an 'ask any question' group this month. The title was discussed from 'Grill the Curate' to 'Interrogate the Curate' but we decided on 'Ask the Curate!' An opportunity to ask any question about church, the bible, our services etc. Simon won't have the answer to everything but will find out for you for the next session.



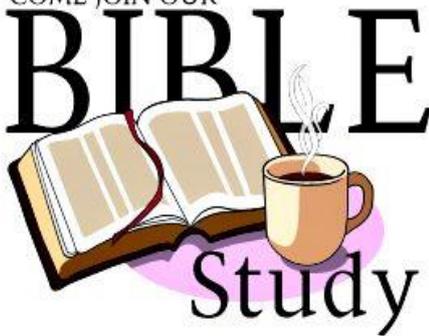
St Peter's has built up a reputation for being a welcoming church and I know you will all welcome back Matt Parkes who grew up here in St Peter's. During the next three months Matt will be on placement with us as part of his training to be a Reader. We will also welcome back Canon Alison Woodhouse on Sunday 31st October as she celebrates the 50th anniversary of her ministry at the 10am service.

So October will be busy and I haven't mentioned the weddings and baptisms! Whatever the autumn brings we will keep re-building, welcoming people back to church, reaching out through home communions and visits and doing our utmost to be the worshipping, serving community that God calls us to be.

Anne



COME JOIN OUR



Bible study helps us see how scripture can help us in our everyday lives. It is more fun to study and journey together and all that is needed is a willingness to read the passage.

There are three groups all meeting at different times in the Bier House so there is a group to suit everyone.

So if you haven't already thought about it, please think about joining a group. Please approach one of the group leaders to say that you would be interested.

Tuesday Bible Study Group (weekly) at 10am

Contact Ken Ward on 871927

Wednesday Bible Study (13th & 20th October) at 7.30pm

Contact Ted Woods 872824

Friday Bible Study Group (weekly) at 2pm

Contact Peter Paine 809517



Gabriel Fauré REQUIEM MASS

On Sunday 31st October at 6:30pm, Evensong will be replaced with a performance of Fauré's exquisite Requiem in the liturgical context of a memorial Eucharist. Rather than the sombre and foreboding atmosphere found in many other settings of the Requiem, Fauré's work is peaceful and optimistic.

The music will be sung by our choir (with hymns for the congregation) and the preacher will be Matthew Parkes.

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

The Little Fishes pre-school group is starting again on Friday 8th October. This is a drop-in group on a Friday morning in school term time from 9.30 - 11.30 in St Peter's Parish Hall (opposite Trinity St Peter's School).

Parents, grandparents, guardians with children from 0 – 3 welcome for play, organised craft, songs, stories with a light snack and drink. Messy play on the last Friday of the month.



Space for children and carers to play and support each other. There is a voluntary donation of 50p to cover snacks.

Volunteers – we also need some volunteers to help set-up, tidy away, make coffee etc who are not also keeping an eye on children! Would you like to join our team? Even if you can help for one or two Fridays a month it would be a help and it is also great fun. More information from Caroline Collins - email address office@stpetersformby.co.uk

St Peter's Shoebox Appeal 2021

Our Annual Shoebox Appeal is now in full swing, if you would like to donate a shoebox (or two) for a needy child this Christmas, please put your donation into one of the special 'Shoebox Express' pre-printed envelopes which are now in Church or available from the Parish Office, then give the envelope to either Anne, Simon, one of the Churchwardens or drop into the Parish Office. If you haven't got one of the Appeal envelopes, you can use your own.

Please write on it whether you would like to donate a box for a boy or girl, and your preferred age range. Then pass it to one of the above!

Each and every donation is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Vicky Hall

Book your place at the Archbishop Blanch Lecture

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

Date and time

Thursday 28th October 2021 18:15 – 21:30 BST

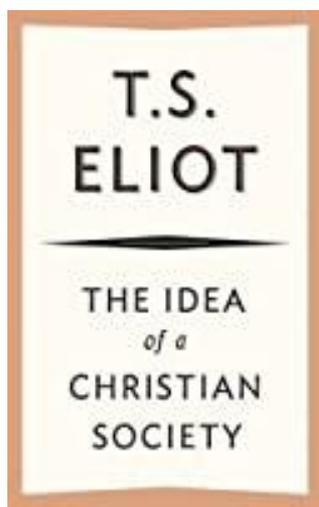
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Liverpool Hope University - Hope Park Campus, Taggart Avenue, Liverpool L16 9JD

The Influence of Christianity

In 1940 George Orwell discussed the characteristics of the British. He starts by pointing out that he feels no enmity towards the pilots who are trying to kill him with bombs because, he says, they may be law abiding men. However he has to recognize the strength of patriotism and its effect on civilization. He therefore looks at the characteristics of 1940's Britain listing the different classes, their antagonism towards each other and the amount of poverty.

Orwell also looks to the Christian religion stating, "The common people are without definite religious belief and have been for centuries....The Anglican Church never had a real hold on them.....And yet they have retained a deep tinge of Christian feeling."



This idea of Christianity being 'an influence' without those so affected seeing the Church as relevant is not new. During the same period T. S. Eliot took a similar approach. He was a committed Christian and wrote "The Idea of a Christian Society" in which he presented an interesting argument. His concern was to establish a national church which could affect the direction the state takes and provide communities with a sensible ethic. But he states, "The masses of people have become increasingly alienated from Christianity. In an industrialised society like that of England I am surprised that the people retain as much Christianity as they do."

Eliot goes on to look at how a national church would be effective and at the end of his essay makes a heartfelt cry for a national ethic using Christianity, 'So long, for instance, as we consider finance, industry, trade, agriculture merely as competing interests to be reconciled from time to time as best they may.....we shall move from one uneasy compromise to another.'

An example of the use of Christian teaching is in the activity of minorities so that they are heard and recognised as an essential part of society. This echoes the words of St Paul in Galatians, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

It is good that the way of life should be influenced by Christianity and the word of the church should sound loud and clear in dealing with social issues and in ensuring we have a caring society. The voice of the downtrodden should be recognised, this was something Jesus did as he walked and healed. The example of the voice calling his name among the hustle and bustle of a crowd around him did not go unheard.

There are always those who not only disown a general approach to ethics

and often quote the terms “postmodern” and “post truth” which attempts to argue that nothing is beyond the immediate and is only relevant for an immediate moment. Overall society seems to reject this and wants a general ethic which the church does its best to provide in a constantly varied and challenging world.

Yet the voice of the church as an influence is only part of the equation. As we know, behind the Christian ethic is the Christian faith. The faith which provides the strength and hope which Christian belief can give. It is probably part of the church’s missionary work to keep reminding people, communities and the state that the ethic which they accept is linked to accepting Christian faith.

Rod Jacques

Calling All Gardeners – or those who can brush!

We are asking anyone who would like to help keep the churchyard tidy to meet on the first Monday morning of the month at 10am (weather permitting). This is to tidy borders, brush paths, collect leaves and generally help keep the churchyard tidy. There will be something for everyone. Please bring your own spades, rakes, brushes etc and of course gloves. The PayBack team are back once a week to cut and strim the grass but we need help keeping everything else tidy.



The Bier House will be open for refreshments. Please look upon this as **FUN** as well as helping to keep the exterior of our church looking well.

So come along on **Monday 4th October between 10am and 12noon**. Stay for as long as you wish and you will be most welcome.

The Fabric Committee (Steve Edwards, Jannice Crawford, Nick Philpott, Mark Andrews, Paul McHenry and the Clergy).

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TIMEOUT RETURNS!



Timeout – an opportunity to share ideas and a pint in the Bier House at Ted's Bar.

Monday 4th October at 8.00pm.

Matt Parkes will share his journey in training to be a Reader and what this means.

All welcome.

Primetime to restart

Next Primetime meeting will be on **Wednesday 20th October.**

We will meet at the **Parish Hall at 7.30pm** and depending on numbers will be in the Old School Room or the Hall, so we can have plenty of space to socially distance.

We would like this meeting to be a catch up for all, with coffee (or tea) and cake, and plenty of chatting!

We would ask all, if possible, to do a Lateral Flow test before you come, just to ensure we are doing as much as possible to protect one and all. This is, of course, voluntary.

Looking forward to seeing you, **Elaine, Sonia and Alison.**

PS: If anyone wants to make a cake to share, all contributions gratefully received. Please let us know if you are bringing one. Again there is no obligation to!



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

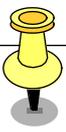
Mondays at 2pm - 4pm

Tickets are 50p each.

Refreshments are available – 20p for Tea and Biscuits.

Contact Pat Boardman

office@stpetersformby.co.uk



Ask the curate

Whether you are new to church or have been coming to St Peter's since you were child you may have questions which you would like to have answered. Maybe there is something that you have always wondered but have never had the opportunity to ask.

Well, now you have the chance to ask any church related questions you have and I will do my very best to answer!

Starting on **Wednesday 6th October at 7.30pm** we will be meeting **in the Bier House** for a friendly informal chat over tea and coffee, with the opportunity to ask your questions.

The first meeting will be a general open session on any church related topic, and an opportunity to ask questions which can be looked into at later sessions.

Future sessions are planned around specific subjects such as:

Services and worship,

The Bible,

What is the Church of England?

A very short service of Compline will end each session.

Please do come along if you have questions which you would like to ask, or indeed answers which you would like to share!

And remember - there is no such thing as a stupid question!

Simon

Children's Service

Date: 17th October
Children's Haribo Service in church

Sunday Club

Date: 3rd & 10th October



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 20th October
Everyone is very welcome.



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If you would like some guidance, please feel free to come and have a chat with me, or alternatively please contact me on **07926 587776**

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Following lifting of restrictions, the Cubs took full advantage when 34 members of the Pack participated in the District Wet Day at the beginning of July at Waterside Lodge, District Headquarters, on the side of Southport's Marine Lake.

Although the weather wasn't wonderful, the Cubs all had a brilliant time, Kayaking, Bell boating and using one of the brand-new Dragon Boats the District has recently invested in, followed by a "grand" water fight to finish off before going home.

Pictures of various Cubs on various craft!



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

ASYLUM SEEKER'S VISIT 15TH SEPTEMBER

The Refugee Support Group welcomed ten asylum seekers and Ewan, the leader of Asylum Link Merseyside, on the 15th September. We were blessed with glorious weather and our guests were delighted to enjoy the expanse of our wonderful beach.



This was after we had given them lunch of vegetarian curry (two varieties), rice, hard boiled eggs, fruit and cakes, thanks to our team of first class cooks. One of our guests commented that the curry was much more tasty than that which they had in their Bootle "hotel." I'm sure the same could be said for the rest of the menu.

As usual, the asylum seekers came from many different parts of the world, Syria, Eritrea, China, the Congo and Iraq among them. Two of those I spoke to had come on a boat, two by lorry; some had witnessed the killing of family members and all were in fear of their lives in the countries they came from.

What is most encouraging to us is the gratitude they express for the short time they are with us. I realise that what we do is a drop in the ocean of human need but it does appear to be significant for them.

I am most grateful to all our volunteers who drive the minibus, cook the meal, set up the hall and play games on the beach.

We are also much indebted to the Mother's Union who collect toiletries for us to give in gift bags when they leave.

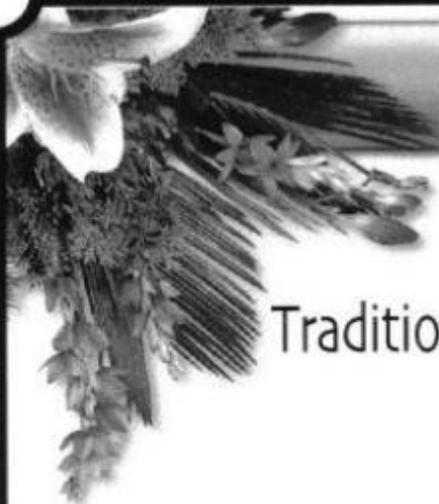
We are also most grateful for all those who contributed to the appeal for good quality clothes which were taken in the minibus when we went to collect our guests. It is always most humbling to find how much there is to take.



We hope to have another "Welcome Day" on the 20th October and for that we would be grateful for a fresh supply of toiletries, especially, flannels/sponges, soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, and shampoo.

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**COMPASSION
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The Formby Food Pantry is a project from local charity "Compassion Acts" in partnership with

**CHURCHES
TOGETHER**
in **Formby, Altcar**
and **Hightown**

CTiFAH Food Pantry Update

Formby Food Pantry, organised by the local charity 'Compassion Acts' in partnership with Churches Together in Formby, Altcar and Hightown, has now been up and running in Formby for two months. With seven volunteers on board we work in pairs on a rota basis every Monday morning in Holy Trinity's Workshop and welcome individuals referred to us by Compassion Acts. The folk we see are defined as 'just about managing,' perhaps single parents, or people recently made redundant, perhaps with debt involved. Some are indeed working full-time, but in inadequately paid jobs. There can be all sorts of reasons for financial difficulty and Compassion Acts has a range of expert counselling and help on offer, whether to tackle debt, ease access to government benefits or help with budgeting – the aim being ultimately to set people free from the trap of poverty through a programme which, in a series of steps over an extended period, will help to transform their circumstances.

Membership of the Food Pantry is for one year, as the second step up from the food bank. Members pay £5 per visit in order to purchase £20-worth of groceries. Each week, in a relaxed and informal atmosphere over a cup of coffee, we get to know them and help them compile their shopping list for the week. Any counselling needs we become aware of we refer back to Compassion Acts.

At the moment we do not have an actual food-store here in Formby, so we take the completed shopping lists to the nearest stocked Food Pantry (currently in Southport, but with one soon to open in Birkdale). We collect the goods and deliver them directly to people's homes. In addition to the tinned/boxed foods, toiletries, etc. from the store, we are also able to choose a few perishable items for each client from a selection of fresh goods (bread, fruit and vegetables), kindly donated by supermarkets, so that each person will receive two bulging bags of groceries - always received with enthusiasm!

We feel that the work is going well. We are getting to know some lovely folk and it is a privilege to help restore some hope to desperate situations. It is also sobering to see how easy it can be to fall into poverty in the current climate, so there is no room for complacency or blame.

We began the work fairly gently, approaching a few families, but we are now looking to advertise more widely, so that more people in need can see where help is available. Please spread the word to anyone you think might be interested. We are most grateful for all of the prayer, donations and encouragement from our home churches. Please be assured your help is well used.

If you would like to volunteer on a Monday morning at the Food Pantry, pack and deliver groceries on a Wednesday, or donate to the work, visit www.compassionacts.uk

Please continue to donate food to Southport Foodbank as this also supports the Food Pantry.

If you wish to join Formby Food Pantry yourself to receive help with the cost of food shopping, then text your name to 07526 897384 or visit online at compassionacts.uk/formbypantry.

Valerie Hogben

From the Church Registers ~ Baptisms



12th September Baptism of Rupert Henry Jones



19th September Baptism of Mia Catherine Drinkwater



12th September Baptism of Millie Grace and Hallie Marie Seddon





Face Masks

We are asking that you continue to wear face masks at the 10am Sunday service. This service has the highest number of people attending and a mix of age groups. We wear masks for the peace of mind of others and we do not want anyone to be discouraged from attending.

Of course there are those who are exempt from wearing a mask. It is possible to socially distance at the 8.30am Eucharist and at Evensong so masks are optional and this includes the Wednesday Eucharist.

It has been wonderful to see so many coming back to our services and we want to make this as easy as possible for everyone.

The Clergy, Churchwardens & PCC



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

6.30pm Community Harvest Thanksgiving

Preacher - The Rt Revd Michael Burrows

Collection will be for St Peter's Uganda Project.
All the services are followed by refreshments.

All very welcome

On Placement

I was absolutely delighted when Anne agreed to take me on for my Reader-In-Training placement at St Peter's.

As the church reaches its 275th year, I myself mark 40 years since the start of my association with this fine congregation, when I joined the choir of what Graham Jones insisted we refer to as 'The Ancient Chapelry of Formby, St Peter A&M.'

Much has changed in the intervening years but St Peter's has always remained an important part of my life.

My brother Adam sang in the choir, as did my late mother Alison when she wasn't running the Girl Guides and First Formby Folk. My grandparents on both sides of the family (Edward and Lilian Parkes and Sidney and Mary Riddick) all worshipped here. And when my father Patrick married Sue, that just expanded the family links further.

When I first brought my then-fiancée Sorel to St Peter's a few years ago she was struck by the warm, friendly reception. She went as far as to remark that St Peter's is 'the beating heart' of my family. I couldn't have put it better myself, and when we decided to get married here in 2017 I couldn't have been happier.

I can trace my calling to become a Reader back to those early years, listening intently from the choir stalls to the latest pulpit missives from some of the true greats, such as Philip Cunningham, Jonathan Foster and Randall Enoch. I was always struck by their willingness to wear their hearts on their sleeves and relate the readings of the day to their own life experiences.

It is with no small amount of trepidation that I shall be climbing the stairs to that very same pulpit for the first time. But I shall be standing on the shoulders of giants. Please be gentle with me.

I now worship in the parish of St John the Evangelist, Redhill in Surrey. The photograph is taken with the most recent member of the family, our pug Augustus or Gus for short!

God bless and I look forward to seeing you at the end of September.



Matt Parkes

Mothers' UNION

We said Goodbye on 9th September to Revd Canon Alison Woodhouse who moved to her new home in Lytham St Anne's, chauffeured by Ian Chapman, and tells us she has settled in happily.

We welcome back Patricia Smith (Martha), now living in Scotland, and look forward to seeing her in Formby from time to time.

Our winter season opened on 9th September in the Bier House with a short service. Herbert read Psalm 24.

Tony Pulson gave a talk on Formby Home Front in WW1. Formby in 1914 was a rural, Lancashire village with a population of about 6,000; almost as many troops were moved to Altcar for training. When houses were selected for billeting, heavier demands were made on those living in smaller properties than in larger, upper-middle-class ones, reflecting social attitudes of the time. Many officers were billeted in a hotel, golf club, etc. Local courts were set up to enforce local law and penalties could be severe - a fine of up to 6 months' pay on a wage of around £20 p.a. On one occasion, a shopper, having bought the front half of a horse's leg from the butcher, being of an economical turn of mind tried to buy the back from his assistant.

Dates for your Diary:

Our next meeting will be the Annual Parish Service in Church on **7th October at 2.00pm.**

4th November Ken Ward will show us holiday slides

2nd December we have the Christmas Party

13th January 2022 Peter Paine will give a talk (to be confirmed)

3rd February 2022 is the AGM and bi-annual bring-and-buy

At meetings not in Church, any suitable toiletry item may be contributed for asylum seekers.

Corporate Communion is held on the

1st Wednesday of the month at 11.00am

Visitors are welcome at all meetings. office@stpetersformby.co.uk

Herbert and Jean

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Weekly Prayers for our Parish

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During October please pray for all who live in –

- 3rd Oct Wicks Crescent, Wicks Green, Wicks Green Close, Harington Green
- 10th Oct Harington Close, Warren Green, Ince Crescent, Wicks Lane
- 17th Oct Hawksworth Drive, Hawksworth Close, Longton Drive, Lingdales
- 24th Oct Turnacre, Broad Lane, Southport Old Road, Southport Road
- 31st Oct The Spinney, Heather Close, North Moss Lane, Deansgate Lane North

October Bible Readings

3rd October – 18th Sunday after Trinity

Job 1:1; 2:1-10 / Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 / Mark 10:2-16

10th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 / Hebrews 4:12-16 / Mark 10:17-31

17th October – 20th Sunday after Trinity

Job 38:1-7, 34-41 / Hebrews 5:1-10 / Mark 10:35-45

18th October – St Luke the Evangelist

Isaiah 35:3-6 / 2 Timothy 4:5-17 / Luke 10:1-9

24th October – Bible Sunday

Isaiah 55:1-11 / 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5 / John 5:36b-47

28th October – St Simon and St Jude Apostles

Isaiah 28:14-16 / Ephesians 2:19-22 / John 15:17-27

31st October – The 4th Sunday before Advent / All Saints' Day

Wisdom 3:1-9 / Revelation 21:1-6a / John 11:32-44



Formby Befriending Scheme



The past 18 months have been challenging for all of us, as a result of Covid-19, and Formby Befriending Scheme (FBS) is no exception. We have kept in contact with all our FBS Friends as best we can, with the help of our great team of volunteers.

However, the need to reach out to those in our community who are lonely or isolated continues to increase.

Perhaps we are all a little more aware of the impact on our physical and mental health when we have to stay indoors for long periods of time. As FBS continues to get more referrals, our need for financial support and more volunteers is also apparent. And so, we very much appreciate the local support that we have from our churches and the local community. And we would like to highlight two fundraising events.

On 4th September, Liz and Matt Foggin set off with around a thousand other cyclists on the Deloitte Ride Across Britain, aiming to ride the 970 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats in nine days! They made good progress as far as Scotland before illness and injury got the better of them. But their efforts were not in vain: they had set a target of raising £1,250 for Formby Befriending Scheme, but the total raised as at 21st September stands at £1,650, plus £303.75 Gift Aid. Thank you, Liz and Matt; we trust you have recovered from your efforts on behalf of FBS!

Some of you may have run a marathon in the past and will understand the need to train and build up to the big day. The London Marathon turns away thousands of applicants every year, so FBS were very fortunate to have been allocated a 'small charity place' for the 2020 event and have James Clarke running for us. As the 'live' marathon had to be postponed from April last year, his training schedule has been a lot longer than usual. The London Marathon will take place this year on 3rd October and James will be running for FBS. We are also delighted that Debbie Pendleton, another local runner, has successfully got a marathon place through the ballot and has offered to fundraise for FBS too.

If you would like more information about FBS or are interested in volunteering for us, please get in touch. Tel: 07437 479417

If you would like to encourage and support these fundraising events, the details are below. Thank you!

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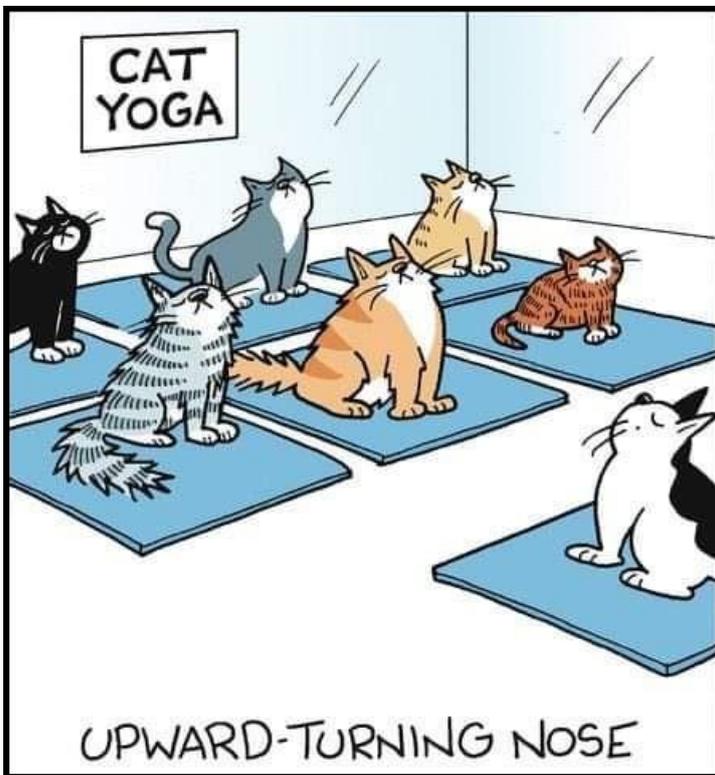
Abigail	Abraham	Adam	Benjamin
David	Esther	Eve	Isaiah
Jacob	Jehovah	Jesus	Jonah
Joseph	Noah	Paul	Peter
Ruth	Samuel		

- ❖ Why do fathers take an extra pair of socks when they go golfing? In case they get a hole in one!
- ❖ Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.
- ❖ What do a tick and the Eiffel Tower have in common? They're both Paris sites.
- ❖ What do you call a fish wearing a bowtie? Sofishticated.
- ❖ How do you follow Will Smith in the snow? You follow the fresh prints.
- ❖ If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims.
- ❖ I thought the dryer was shrinking my clothes. Turns out it was the refrigerator all along.

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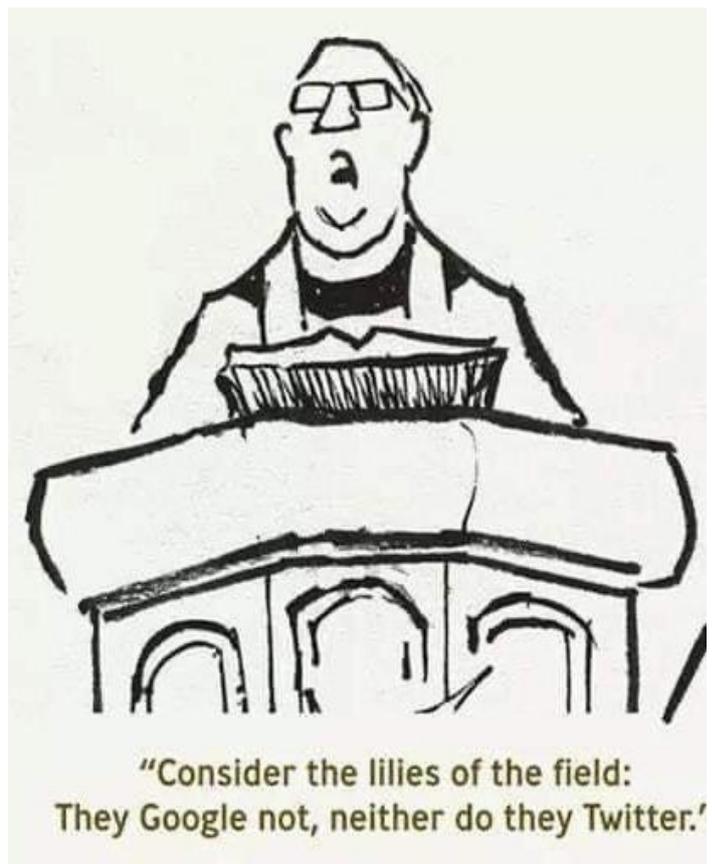
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Lottery. I soon
found out who all
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Please first contact the Parish Office on 871171 for more details and to reserve your date.



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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.

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

O God, make the door of this church
Wide enough to receive all who
need human love and fellowship;
Narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and hate.
Make its threshold smooth enough
to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet,
But rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's
power.

God make the door of this church the gateway to thine
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Amen.

Bishop Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

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From the Back Pew Ted Woods

SEX AND THE CHURCH

Sex and the City, the American romantic comedy drama, is a popular TV show for many people. It has received all sorts of awards and all sorts of criticism for its 96 episodes.

Sex and the Church is a topic that seldom seems out of the news, not only about “naughty vicars” but more seriously about its attitude to sexuality in general and same-sex relations in particular. It has received more criticism than awards for its performance and proclamations on the subject and is seen by the public at large to be way behind the times, if not, indeed, irrelevant.

Some churches have moved forward. The American Episcopal Church led the way in 2015. In 2017 The Scottish Episcopal Church passed a bill to allow the solemnisation of same sex marriages. The Church in Wales has just recently agreed to bless same-sex marriages.

The Church of England has launched a church-wide consultation called “Living in Love and Faith” (LLF) as it tries to discern what its response should be.



It was initiated after a report of the House of Bishops called “Marriage and Same-Sex Relationships” was rejected by General Synod in 2017. Synod refused even to “take note” of the report – a procedure that neither assents nor dissents to a document - which showed the depth of dissatisfaction.

As a result of this rejection the Archbishops of Canterbury and York launched a new consultation process called Living in Love and Faith to discern the mind of the church.

In setting up the consultation process, the Archbishops called for “a radical new Christian inclusion in the Church” founded on the three pillars of Anglicanism, Scripture, Tradition and Reason and on “a proper 21st century understanding of being human and being sexual.”

This consultation is to be as wide as the membership of the Church of England and to filter down to parish level. It isn't being left just to bishops and clergy and members of councils and committees. Everyone has a voice in suggesting what should be the mind of the Church with regard to same-sex relationships, same-sex marriages and the place of LGBTI+ in Church.

There's no denying that the issue of sexuality and sexual identity is complex and there's also no denying that the Church's response to these issues has caused a lot of hurt and damage. Within the world-wide Anglican Communion there has been disagreement and division and even the demonisation of those churches who have liberal views and practices, permitting the blessing and solemnisation of same-sex marriages and the ordination of homosexual men and women. Some churches have severed their links with the Anglican Communion and set up separate churches. Within individual churches members have strongly held opposing views and some parishes have withdrawn their financial support of the Church and sought alternative episcopal oversight.

The Pastoral Advisory Group to LLF has suggested 6 principles for living well together as a Church:-

to acknowledge prejudice – do we welcome people as they are and love them unconditionally?

to speak into silence - do we listen without a hidden agenda and encourage conversations?

to address ignorance – are we learning to live together with people who have different perspectives and lived experiences?

to cast out fear – do we live out in practice what it means to love even in cases of disagreement?

to admit hypocrisy – do we condemn certain behaviours and attitudes while turning a blind eye to others?

to pay attention to power – are we alert to attempts to control others?

Here in St Peter's, we will hold an evening to discuss what the Church's response to the issue of same-sex relationships should be. We will look at Scripture and its interpretation, what the Church has said in the past, and seek to discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church today in the light of modern scientific research and opinion.

This will be on **Monday 11th October in the Bier House at 7.30pm.**

A summary of our discussion will be fed back to the Bishop of Warrington, the Rt Revd Beverley Mason, who is on the Co-ordinating Group of LLF.

The organisers of the Church-wide consultation say that this “is a unique opportunity to play your part in the life and direction of the Church of England. It is about being open together to hear what God is saying to the Church of England today.”

For further background reading and information visit
www.churchofengland.org/LLF

October Diary



Sunday 3rd The 18th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am Eucharist (BCP)
- 10am Parish Eucharist (CW) and Sunday Club
- 12noon Wedding of Phillip Porter & Amy MacDonald
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Monday 4th

- 10am Churchyard Clean-Up Group
- 8pm Timeout (Men, Talk & Beer) in the Bier House

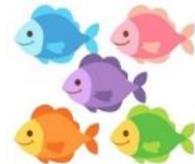
Tuesday 5th

- 10am Bible Study Group *with Ken* in the Bier House – *every Tuesday*



Wednesday 5th

- 11am Eucharist with Mothers' Union prayers *followed by refreshments*
- 7.30pm Ask the Curate (a new group) in the Bier House



Thursday 7th

- 2pm Mothers' Union Service in church

Friday 8th

- 9.30am Little Fishes Pre-school Group in the Church Hall – *every Friday*
- 2pm Bible Study *with Peter* in the Bier House – *every Friday*



Sunday 10th The 19th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am Eucharist (CW)
- 10am Parish Eucharist and Sunday Club *followed by refreshments*
- 1.30pm Wedding of Elliott Taylor & Amy Ralston
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong



Monday 11th

- 7.30pm Living in Love and Faith Discussion in the Bier House

Wednesday 13th

- 11am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
- 7.30pm Bible Study Group *with Ted* in the Bier House

Saturday 16th

- 7.30pm Amadeus: Chamber Choir Church, Donations in aid of the Uganda Project

Sunday 17th The 20th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am Eucharist (BCP)
- 10am Parish Eucharist
- 12noon Children's Haribo Service
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong



Wednesday 20th

- 11am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
2pm WOW – service for pre-school children in church
7.30pm Bible Study Group *with Ted* in the Bier House
7.30pm Primetime – women’s group in the Parish Hall



Sunday 24th The Last Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am Eucharist (CW)
10am Parish Eucharist
12noon Baptism of Lily Hardwick
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 27th

- 11am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

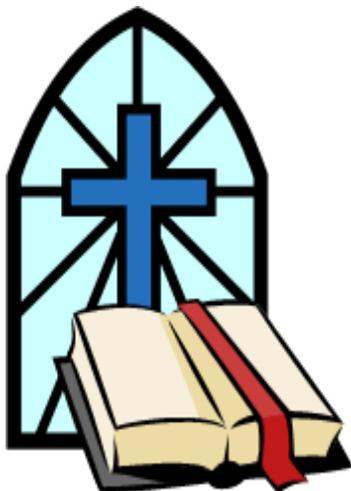


Sunday 31st All Saints’ Day

- 8.30am Eucharist (BCP)
10am Parish Eucharist - 50th Anniversary of Canon Alison Woodhouse’s ministry
12noon Baptism of Johnathan McFadden
6.30pm Gabriel Fauré Requiem Mass

**For further details please refer to our website:
www.stpetersformby.co.uk**

From the Church Registers



Funerals:-

- 2nd September Beryl Towler
14th September David Jones
24th September Veronica Dyson

Interment of Ashes:-

- 5th September Florence Brown
12th September Blanche Graham
19th September Alwyn & Kenneth Maddick

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

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