

*Saturday 26th
February*

**An illustrated
demonstration &
concert on the
pipe organ**

*28th March - 2nd
April*

**Heritage Week:
talks & photo
displays**

**St Peter's
Church Formby
MAGAZINE
February 2022**

Saturday 21st May

**Last Night
of the
Proms**

8th - 12th June

**Flower Festival
"Ancient &
Modern"**

July

*3rd: Patronal Festival
8th: Festival Dinner
17th: Consecration
Sunday*

December

*14th - 18th: Christmas
Tree Festival
18th: Carols by
Candlelight*

November

*13th: Fauré Requiem
19th: Parish Vision Day*

September

*3rd: Community Fun Day
11th: Pet Service
22nd on: Scarecrow Shindig
24th: Harvest Cabaret
25th: Harvest Sunday*



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EDITORIAL

Hello Everyone,

February seems to be a month which demands of us great patience. Weeks ago I saw the first signs of a snowdrop's petals and it may be more weeks before the daffodils are in bloom for St David's Day. We look for spring yet February has its delights too and promises good things to come.



This is by way of a lead-in to our year of celebration. 2022 sees not just the Queen's Platinum Anniversary of her accession but St Peter's 275th anniversary too.

We hope you like the magazine cover which illustrates delights to come throughout the year. We start when David gives a demonstration of the Pipe Organ on Feb 26th and a little further ahead, 'Heritage Week' begins on March 28th. Every month from February to December has at least one special event to mark our year. During the year we will see the return of some past clergy. Barry Dryden, Paul Ormrod and Nathan Thorpe will be returning to preach at 10.00am services. Also there will be some visitors including two Bishops!

This year the Confirmation Service is at St Peter's on May 29th; do contact the vicar if you are interested in being confirmed.

Finally if you have been saving stamps from your Christmas cards, don't forget that the Bone Cancer Research Trust would welcome them. Place them in the box in the porch.

With best wishes from

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. ☎ **871171** ✉ **office@stpetersformby.co.uk**



St Peter's Moving with the Times and Going Contactless!

Less people now carry cash and instead use contactless payment machines in shops. St Peter's now also has a contactless payment machine for donations at services and it is situated near the door of the church.

*Please note the deadline for the March 2022 edition of the magazine is
Friday 4th February 2022.*

Contributions to office@stpetersformby.co.uk

Dear Friends,



The classic song “My Way” by Frank Sinatra begins, **“And now the time is near, And so I face the final curtain.”** And further into the lyrics he sings, **“I planned each charted course, each careful step along the byway. And more, much more than this, I did it my way!”**

Well, here in St Peter’s as we enter the year which celebrates our 275th anniversary we’re just at the beginning rather than the end. The curtain is rising rather than falling. But we are doing it **‘our way’!**

We have **“planned each charted course, each careful step”** for celebratory events throughout 2022. Please take note of the year’s programme on page 6.

Our first event is a Demonstration of and Concert on the Organ by our Musical Director, David Holroyd, on Saturday 26th February at 7.30pm. We all enjoy the wonderful sounds of the organ, especially in the voluntaries played at the beginning and end of services. But how does an organ work? What gives such variety of sound? What’s behind the carved wood and silver pipes that we see? From what I’ve been told – a lot!!

I have two requests to make – for now! – as we enter this year of special celebration.

Spread the news! Gossip the Gigs!

We can have the most wonderful and interesting programme – and we do – but unless people know about it, it can be a flop. The 275 Committee is doing its best to publicise events but you can’t beat word of mouth. Tell your friends and neighbours, the people in your clubs and interest groups, share the Facebook posts, put leaflets through your neighbours letter boxes, put up a poster and bring a friend along.



Refreshments will be provided at all events. We reckon that shares in wine and coffee are going to rise dramatically in 2022!



Helping Hands.

We need volunteers to help with events. The first major ‘gig’ that we need volunteers will be the **Heritage Week** from Monday 28th March to Saturday 2nd April.

In the church during all that week there will be talks about the history of Formby and a photographic exhibition. But we also plan to have the church open each day from 11.00am – 4.00pm, so we will need “church-sitters” for when the church is open. We will also need help with serving coffee and wine. There are two afternoon talks (Monday and Wednesday) and two evening talks (Tuesday and Thursday), and “**More Voices from the Graveyard**” on Friday and Saturday afternoons.



So, please consider how you could help during Heritage Week.

Please contact the Parish Office 871171 or email office@stpetersformby.co.uk with when you would be available or sign the volunteers sheet in the church. Let's make this year a real community effort on the part of all of us in St Peter's.

If you are new to the parish, this would be an ideal way of getting to know more people. Let's build community together and reach out beyond our walls to the community around us and beyond.

So, **Gossip the Gigs** and **Helping Hands** are our two immediate requests.

This is a tremendous opportunity to highlight the place and role of St Peter's in the life of Formby. The 275 Committee has been working very hard over the past year and has produced an exciting and varied programme for 2022.

The 275 Committee are: The Churchwardens – Paul McHenry & Sarah Gorman, Cliff Cotsworth, David Holroyd, Fiona Martin, Nick Philpott, Steve & Shena Edwards, Ted Woods and the Clergy – Anne & Simon.

We thank the Committee for all the preparation work and for everything that lies ahead. Now it is up to everybody to help make the events a success and to make 2022 a year of celebration to remember. When we reach 2023 let's look back and say '**we did it our way!**'



Thank you to everyone who congratulated us on our 25th Wedding Anniversary. The cards, the garden centre voucher from the Parish, the emails, the flowers in church and all crowned by the choir singing 'You'll Never Walk Alone'. **Anne & Ted**

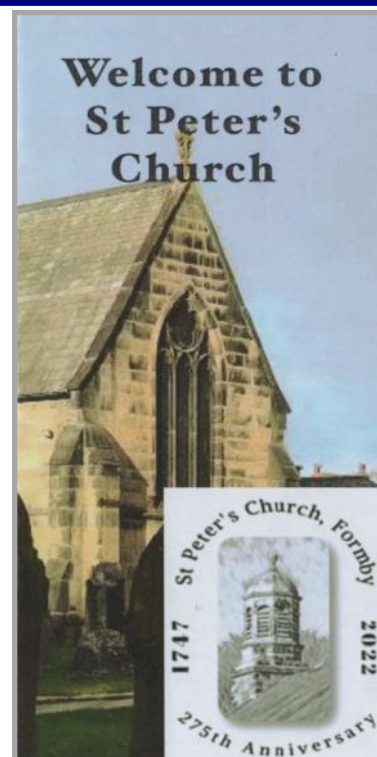
ST PETER'S 275 CELEBRATIONS

This year 2022 marks the 275th anniversary of the consecration of St Peter's Church.

The origins of St. Peter's can be traced back to the 12th century when a chapel existed near the sea. The chapel was destroyed in a storm in 1739, and the decision was taken to build a replacement church further inland – the site of the present church, opposite Church Cottage which was then an inn.

Throughout 2021 a committee has been meeting to plan a year of celebration for this milestone in our history.

Here is the programme for the year:



Saturday 26th February	Demonstration of the Pipe Organ
Mon 28th March - Sat 2nd April	Heritage Week
Sunday 10th - 17th April	Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter
Saturday 21st May	"Last Night of the Proms"
Weds 8th - Sunday 12th June	Flower Festival & Art Exhibition
Sunday 3rd July	Patronal Festival Preacher: The Rt Revd Kenneth Kearon
Friday 8th July	Festival Dinner in Marquee - Formby Cricket Club
Sunday 17th July	Consecration Sunday Preacher: The Rt Revd Beverley Mason
Saturday 3rd Sept	Community Fun Day in the School Grounds
Sunday 11th September	Pet Service
Saturday 24th September	Harvest Cabaret in Holy Trinity Parish Hall
Sunday 25th September	Harvest Thanksgiving & Scarecrow Competition Preacher: Canon Alastair Graham
Sunday 13th November 6.30pm	Faure's Requiem
Saturday 19th November	Parish Vision Day – The Way Ahead
Weds 14th - 18th December	Christmas Tree Festival
Sunday 18th December	Carol Service

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Area Dean Re-appointment

Our Vicar, Anne, has been re-appointed by Bishop Paul Bayes for a further three years as Area Dean. The commissioning took place in Bishop's Lodge on 20th January. The Area Dean is commissioned for five years and can be renewed for a maximum of a further three years. Anne has already served for six years and will serve until January 2025. Anne served in the role as an interim Area Dean when the deanery boundaries were being re-drawn before officially taking on the role.



What is an Area Dean?

As senior church leaders, Area Deans are charged by their Bishops to exercise an oversight ministry in the deanery. This involves the pastoral and professional support of both clergy and lay leaders in the deanery.

Some of the responsibilities of the Area Dean are:

- Leading a Deanery Mission & Pastoral Committee and facilitating the development of mission in the deanery.
- Establishing connections between the churches.
- Convening the monthly deanery clergy chapter.
- Attending the quarterly Diocesan Advisory Team meeting.
- The Area Dean also participates in the recruitment process for clergy and other staff to the deanery, acts as joint chair with the Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod, and as Returning Officer for lay elections. The Area Dean acts as the Archdeacon's representative with regard to parochial concerns and is present to help parishes who are in an interregnum (vacancy). The Area Dean is also a member of the Cathedral College of Canons.

What is a Deanery?

A deanery is a dedicated area which includes a number of churches. We are part of Sefton North Deanery and have 14 churches: St Peter's, Holy Trinity, St Luke's in Formby. St Michael's, Altcar. St Stephen's, Hightown. St Michael's & St Nicholas', Blundellsands. St Luke's, Crosby. All Saints with St Frideswyde, Thornton. St Giles, Aintree. St Andrew's, St Thomas', St Peter's & St James', Maghull & Melling.

The Lay Chair is Elizabeth Chestnutt, a parishioner of St Michaels, Altcar. We have seventeen clergy, including two full-time stipendiary curates and three NSM curates (self-supporting with other jobs). Two of the parishes are vacant and are about to be advertised - Vicar of All Saints & St Frideswyde and Team Rector of Maghull & Melling.

COMPULSION

During the early part of Queen Elizabeth 1's reign a small group of Londoners gathered on a field to hold a service. The service was led by their elected leader and they were part of a separatist movement often called 'Brownists' after a founder, but a term they disliked. This seemingly innocent joining of Christians to worship was known to the authorities and the local bishop had the power to stop and insist on their imprisonment. This was done and some of those thought to be leaders remained in prison for many months. Today this sort of activity would probably go unnoticed but to the Elizabethans it undermined the new church settlement.

The church authorities during the Tudor period wanted a church which would encompass the whole nation, bring about unity of worship and provide a theology in the prayer book. Those who gathered in the London field strongly opposed all this. They wanted an end to bishops, no prayer book, and had no wish to have their worship ruled by priests. In a time of uncertainty, as the state was looking for stability, the separatist groups were seen as a direct threat and in line with other challenges to the state were dealt with as criminals. Eventually many members of the separatist movement, mainly from London and Norfolk, settled in Leiden, Holland.

Their decision to move from Holland to America using the 'Mayflower' was made after several years in Leiden because they wanted to retain their English identity and many of their children were being absorbed into the Dutch community. When they sailed from Plymouth they were however joined by some others from England who were tired of threats of persecution.



This drive to enforce the Anglican Settlement and the constant pressure against separatist Puritan groups went on for over another century and began to be relaxed only through the 19th Century. Yet even in the mid 1800's the local magistrates held power over some religious activities.

These examples of the law are taken from a magistrates guide book published in 1842:

- ◆ Depraving the Christian religion, first offence - barred from holding civil or military appointments.
- ◆ Refusing to pay church rates, fined.
- ◆ All persons, not having a just or reasonable excuse, neglecting to go to church (or other place of worship allowed under the toleration act), fined.

It is possible to assess this level of coercion by looking at a survey of church attendance carried out in 1851. The figures are not easy to read but in one district of London out of a population of 2,202,236 those who attended church of England services on one Sunday were 468,911, and a total of 814,155 attended all places of worship on that day.

There is an interesting example of coercion in the design and use of the prison chapel in Lincoln castle.



The chapel was built in the 1850's. Chapel was compulsory and the chapel was like a theatre of tiered seats but when a prisoner entered his seat he shut the door each side of him and could not see those next to him or above and below. This was part of the 'separate' system which isolated prisoners during their whole sentence as punishment. It had to end due to damage to their mental health.

Is this study of compulsion relevant today? Yes, it probably is. A recent book on the Tudor separatists* argues that the demands made by them were an important part of the drive for free speech and resisting state coercion. The freedom we have now to worship freely and practice religion is precious and, thank goodness, enshrined in Human Rights. There is always the need to balance the need of each individual's religious understanding and an acceptable church theology but remembering the long history of religious development in this country allows us to realize the need to protect the important freedom we now have.

Rod Jacques

* The Journey to the Mayflower, by Stephen Tomkins

Bible Study enables us to 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, each meeting at a different time 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

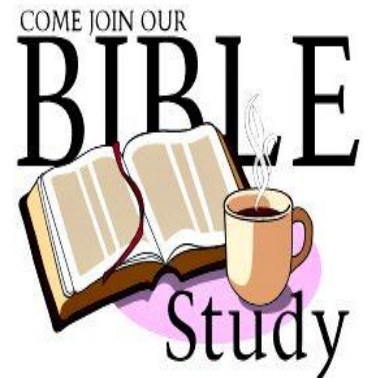
Every Tuesday. Contact Ken Ward on 871927

Wednesday Bible Study at 7.30pm

9th and 23rd February. Contact Ted Woods 872824

Friday Bible Study Group February 11th and 25th.

Please contact Peter Paine on 809517 to check whether the group is meeting.



THE FOODBANK

The Church Porch is open everyday from 10am to 4pm for donations. The items particularly needed are: coffee, jam, crackers, UHT milk, tinned fruit, tinned meat, cereal, shampoo, razors, toothbrushes, deodorant and nappies (size 5 and over). The Foodbank urgently needs carrier bags for transporting the food. Not bin bags. Please leave in the church porch. Many thanks. **Glyn Jones.**



Children start in church (10.00am) and then move to the Bier House for lots of fun. As adult comes with the child and can join in the activities.

All children are welcome though it is designed for the younger age group (up to Yr2). We also have children's puzzle sheets each week please ask those on duty at the church door. **Sunday Club Dates: 6th & 13th February**

Sunday Club need helping crafty hands

In the past we have been very grateful for help from members of the congregation who knitted nativity figures for our Christmas hampers. Again this Christmas children had a turn of playing with them at home.

We now have two dolls in need of winter warmth to use during play sessions at Sunday Club. If there are any kind folk who can knit or sew some clothes for them we'd love to hear from you or if you have any already made dolls clothes.

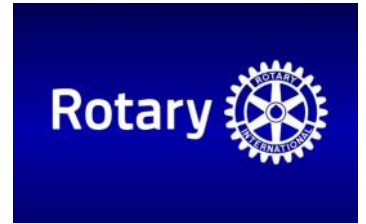
Thank you, Judith Aspinwall email judithmaspinwall@gmail.com tel 07879 418761



Thank you from Santa!

It was lovely to meet so many people on my tour around Formby in the Rotary Carol Wagon, and I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this possible, and to everyone who came out to see me.

My friends at Rotary would also like to thank everyone in Formby who has donated to this year's appeal and supported them with all their projects during the year.



I look forward to seeing you all in December, and remember, be good!

Santa xx And the Rotary Elves



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 2.00pm.

Next WOW Service is on Wednesday 23rd February.

Everyone is very welcome.

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

The Littles Fishes pre-school group has started again.

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 and stories, together 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.

Volunteer needed to set up. Would you be free at 9am to come in and help set up the equipment before Little Fishes starts? If please contact the Vicar or the Parish Office 871171.



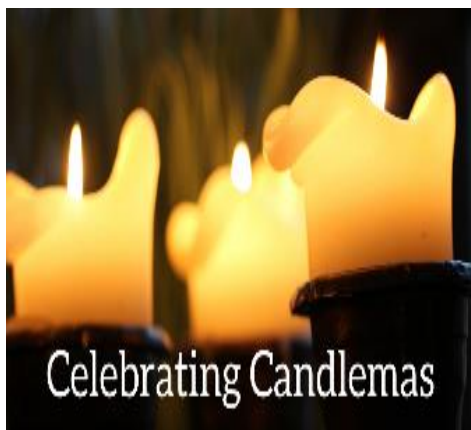
Bingo Group for the elderly which is held twice a week in the Parish Hall on Paradise Lane. The Bingo group runs on

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



Candlemas – The Service of Light – Sunday 30th January at 6.30pm

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ.

A reflective service of readings and music.
The Preacher will be Revd Gordon MacLeod.

All welcome.

2nd March 2022

11.00am ~ Eucharist in St Peter's Church

7.30pm ~ A Joint Ash Wednesday Service in St Stephen's Church, Hightown

Joining with the people of St Stephen's, St Luke's, Holy Trinity & St Michael's Churches worshipping together as we begin the journey of Lent.



Heritage Week EVENTS

Monday 28th March ~ Saturday 2nd April
Church open 11:00am ~ 4:00pm daily

Monday 28th March at 2pm – John Phillips *Formby – A Glimpse Over Time – from Vikings to today*

Tuesday 29th at 7.30pm – Professor Sally Sheard *From Cradle to Grave: Formby Health Histories*

Wednesday 30th at 2pm – Tony Pawson *Formby in World War I*

Thursday 31st at 7.30pm – Joan Rimmer & Nic Dickson *Formby Memories*

Saturday 2nd April 10.30am & 12 noon *Further Voices from the Churchyard*

The Queen's Accession - 1952

Elizabeth was staying in Kenya with her husband Prince Philip when she heard of the death of her father King George VI, on 6th February 1952.

She returned home immediately and, aged just 25, was declared "Queen Elizabeth II" by proclamation of the Accession Council.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour and glory of your name and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



Confirmation is for everyone at any age. In confirmation we 'confirm' that we want to dedicate ourselves to Jesus and to live the Christian life as best we can, and God 'confirms' that he loves us and accepts us, and bestows on us afresh the Holy Spirit to help and strengthen us all our days.

Confirmation is an affirming of faith and a very meaningful step. Confirmation is available to anyone who wants to make this decision from Year 6 through to adulthood.

The Confirmation Service is conducted by one of the Bishops and is a very special and moving service. There are two services each year in the deanery and the churches take it in turn to host the service.

The next Confirmation Service will be held in St Peter's on
Sunday 10th July.

If you would like to be confirmed or have questions about what it entails please contact the Clergy.

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TIMEOUT - men, beer and discussion

Next Meeting - **Monday 7th February at 8.00pm** in the Bier House

Topic: Should assisted dying be legalised?

Baroness Meacher has introduced a bill in Parliament to change the law. Ted will introduce the topic and set out what the issues are, their pros and cons and what might be a Christian response - to be followed by discussion.

All very welcome.



Primetime **Wednesday 16th February**

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.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Elaine and Sonia,



We held the Christmas Party on 2nd December 2021, a happy occasion when those who could attend enjoyed celebrating together the coming of Christmas.

The AGM was on Thursday 13th January and all the same people were re-elected.

We issued Membership Cards with the 2022-2023 Programme at the AGM. Cards will be posted to those who could not attend.

At the following meeting on 3rd February 2022 at 1.45 pm in the Bier House the Revd Peter Paine will talk on the visit he led to Ethiopia.

We will be resuming our three projects: collection of toiletries for asylum seekers; cash in the yellow bucket for holidays for deprived children; and magazines, knitwear etc. for seafarers.

MU Corporate Communion is on the 1st Wednesday of the month in Church at 11.00 am.

Visitors are welcome at all meetings (Tel. Herbert. 873367).

Herbert and Jean

Ask the curate

Ask the Curate resumes on Monday 28th February at 7.30pm in the Bier House.

If you have any questions to do with Church, worship, faith or any related matters, this is your opportunity to ask them! Maybe you're new to church, or possibly the opposite is true - either way, there are no stupid questions!

It's also a good opportunity to meet and get to know other people in the St Peter's community whom you may not have met.

The session ends with a short service of 'Compline' (night prayer).

Simon

REFUSE - REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE and REPAIR



Love that Bar!

Don't we all just love bars? Graduating from Mars Bars to Coffee bars, pub bars to wine bars, cocktail bars, gin bars and lounge bars, bars seem to be a part of life whatever stage of the cycle we're in.



These days a new type of bar is the 'in thing' and as far as the planet is concerned it can't be recommended highly enough. Some might say that we've seen this (or similar) before, that we're just reinventing the wheel. Well perhaps we are. And perhaps that is exactly what needs to happen. Not everything our grandparents did in the time before mass commercialisation now seems so terribly old fashioned, just quite sensible.

Have you guessed what type of bar this newcomer might be yet? Closely related to the soap bar, which reduces the use of single use plastic bottles of liquid soap, this newcomer is the descriptively named shampoo bar. This bar might take a bit of getting used to, but once rubbed onto the hair and lathered up with water it does a fine job. Often hiding on the supermarket shelves next to the soap, even occasional use of a shampoo bar will reduce your consumption of single use plastic shampoo bottles. And remember, it's always better to reduce first before recycling.

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Sonia

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ST PETER'S AT CHRISTMAS





CHRISTINGLES



Blue Envelope Donations

This year The Whitechapel Centre in Liverpool was chosen to benefit. After sending the cheque to the centre, I received this reply.

Paul McHenry



Dear Paul

On behalf of The Whitechapel Centre I would like to thank you for your recent donation of £1,299.17. We are very grateful to you for thinking of us and our clients; your donation really does make a difference.

The Whitechapel Centre is the leading homeless and housing charity for the Liverpool region. We work with people who are rough sleeping, living in hostels or struggling to manage their accommodation. We are committed to helping people find and maintain a home and learn the life skills essential for independent living.

Last year we supported 4,000 people in Liverpool who were experiencing homelessness. It's only thanks to the generosity of supporters like you that we're able to continue our life-changing, life-saving work.

We believe prevention is the first step in the fight against homelessness. We aim to offer support in housing at every step of the journey of homelessness, from the moment a person is at risk of losing their home, right through to those who have become entrenched in a 'street lifestyle.' With this in mind, we also prevented 1,050 individuals from becoming homeless thanks to interventions for those at risk, including drop-in advice sessions, benefits advice and personal negotiation with landlords and agencies.

We supported a further 2,467 homeless people into the right accommodation for their needs. We also ensured 332 people had access to education and employment activities to enable them to continue to live independently.

Because of your support and generosity our vital services remain open to all, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with a 24hr public helpline (0300 123 2041), and dedicated Street Outreach Teams.

We know that there are so many more people in Liverpool who still need our help, and, with your ongoing support, we'll continue to offer help to anyone who needs it. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Sandy

Sandy Clarke - Administrator



CHRISTINGLES

This year we returned to the format of holding the three Christingles on Christmas Eve. The late scares about COVID made us, hastily, make some adjustments to the organisation. Consequently, the numbers passing through the doors were down on other years.

However, all three services went ahead and were enjoyed by nearly 300 children and adults. In total, we raised £249.50 for the Church of England Children's Society.

I would like to thank all those who attended and made a donation. I would also like to thank the small army of volunteers who packed bags, gave out Christingles or helped to make the services run smoothly under difficult conditions. We are fortunate at St Peter's that we have such people who are generous with their time.

Paul McHenry

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All of our leaders are trained volunteers, working to make Explorers the best it can be. But we don't just need swashbuckling adventurers to lead our expeditions. We also need tidy-uppers and tea-makers and great listeners from all walks of life – for as much or as little time as they can spare.

Please contact: alex.clark@merseysidescouts.com

Our diocesan prayer

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

February Bible Readings

1st – Saint Brigid, Abbess

2 Samuel 18 – 19:3 / Psalm 86:1-6 / Mark 5:21-43

2nd – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Malachi 3:1-5 / Hebrews 2:14-18 / Luke 2:22-40

6th – The 4th Sunday before Lent

Isaiah 6:1-13 / 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 / Luke 5:1-11

Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952

Proverbs 8:1-16 / Romans 13:1-10 / Matthew 22:16-22

13th – The 3rd Sunday before Lent

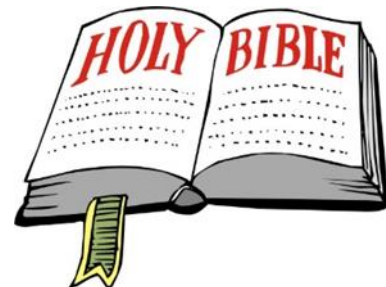
Jeremiah 17:5-10 / 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 / Luke 6:17-26

20th – The 2nd Sunday before Lent

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25 / Revelation 4 / Luke 8:22-25

27th – The Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 34:29-35 / 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2 / Luke 9: 28-36



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 February please pray for all who live in –

- 6th Feb Byron Close, Graburn Road, Formby Mews
- 13th Feb Old Town Lane, Rymers Green, Derby Road
- 20th Feb Grange Lane, Freshfield Road, St George's Road
- 27th Feb Wicks Lane, Coppice Leys, Barkfield Lane



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My decision making skills closely resemble that of a squirrel when crossing the street.

My doctor asked if any members of my family suffered from **INSANITY.**

I replied, "No, we all seem to **enjoy** it."



In normal circumstances Derek would never have attempted ventriloquy for the children's talk!

The Squirrel's Prayer

"I'm grateful God" the squirrel said, "To have a cosy little bed; when, in the rain and wind I see the blackbirds clinging to the tree!"

And so, (quite snugly), then and there, he offered up a simple prayer; "God bless all those within each storm Give them a place both safe and warm."



BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

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MIRACLE
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Diary Dates February 2022



Tuesday 1st

- 10.00am Bible Study Group with Ken Ward in the Bier House – *every Tuesday*
11.00am Woodlands Care Home Eucharist

Wednesday 2nd – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

- 11.00am Eucharist with Mothers' Union prayers *followed by refreshments*

Thursday 3rd

- 2.00pm Mothers' Union in the Bier House – Revd Peter Paine to talk about Ethiopia

Friday 4th

- 9.30am Little Fishes Pre-school Group in the Church Hall – *every Friday*



Saturday 5th

- 10.00am The Saturday Crew (all things crafty!) in the Bier House

Sunday 6th The 4th Sunday before Lent

- 8.30am Eucharist (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club followed by refreshments
6.30pm Choral Evensong



Monday 7th

- 2.00pm Halcyon House Eucharist
8.00pm Timeout – men, beer, topics – in the Bier House



Wednesday 9th

- 11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
7.30pm Bible Study Group *with Ted Woods* in the Bier House



Friday 11th

- 2.00pm Bible Study Group – *please contact Peter Paine on 809517 to check whether the group is meeting today.*

Saturday 12th

- 1.00pm Wedding of Dominic Tolley & Lauren Millar
3.00pm Farewell Service for Bishop Paul Bayes in Liverpool Cathedral



Sunday 13th The 3rd Sunday before Lent

- 8.30am Eucharist (CW)
10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club *followed by refreshments*
12noon Service of Baptism
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 16th

- 11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
7.30pm Primetime Women's Group in the Parish Hall



Friday 18th No Little Fishes - school half-term

Sunday 20th The 2nd Sunday before Lent

- 8.30am Eucharist (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 23rd

- 11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
2.00pm WOW – service for pre-school children in church
7.30pm Bible Study Group *with Ted Woods* in the Bier House



Friday 25th

- 2.00pm Bible Study Group – *please contact Peter Paine on 809517 to check whether the group is meeting today.*

Saturday 26th

- 7.30pm An illustrated demonstration & concert on the pipe organ by David Holroyd
See detail on the back cover of the magazine

Sunday 27th The Sunday next before Lent

- 8.30am Eucharist (CW)
10.00am Parish Eucharist
12noon Children's Haribo Service
6.30pm Choral Evensong



Morning Prayer – there is a short service of Morning Prayer in the **BIER HOUSE** at 9am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday.

For further details please refer to our website:
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From the Church Registers



Funerals

10th January Diana Fox

Interment of Ashes

16 th December	Phyllis Tolman
16 th December	Daisy Thomson
19 th December	Avril Parsons
13 th January	Randle Holford
26 th January	Barbara Williams

From the Church Registers ~ Baptism



Sunday 5th December
Mia Hope, daughter of Amy &
Andrew O'Donoghue.



Sunday 5th December
Baptism of George Allan
Collingwood and Iona Cerys
Collingwood, children of Olwen &
Michael Rumph.



Sunday 12th December
Lottie Louise Quirk was
baptised with her mum,
Lydia Victoria Kirk. Lottie is
the daughter of Ryan & Lydia.

Sunday 12th December James & Katrina Taylor were baptised.
Their son, Rohan Lal Taylor, was baptised on Sunday 19th December.



From the Church Registers ~ Wedding



17th December
Richard Danvers & Julie Rice



18th December
Sam Sutton & Maria Botterill



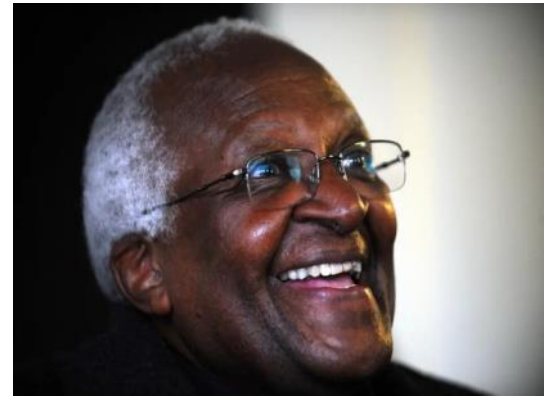
From the Back Pew

Ted Woods

DESMOND TUTU

On the first day of this new year the funeral took place of one of the greatest leaders in the modern world, Desmond Tutu, former Archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa, and often called “the Bishop of Peace.” He was 90, a good age for one who had been a sickly child from birth and had contracted polio, and who as a teenager had been in hospital for 18 months with tuberculosis.

It was while he was in school in Johannesburg that he got to know Fr Trevor Huddleston, an English Anglican priest who ministered in Sophiatown. The young Desmond had become a server in Huddleston’s church and he was greatly influenced by the guidance and support Huddleston gave him. According to one biographer Huddleston was “the greatest single influence in Tutu’s life.”



Although he originally wanted to become a doctor, Tutu trained to be a teacher. But when in 1953 the Bantu Education Act was passed to enforce racially separated education Tutu resigned from education and offered himself for ordination in the Anglican Church. He was duly ordained in 1960.

After serving a curacy in a rather posh part of Johannesburg he was sent off for further study to King’s College, London and returned to South Africa in 1966 to be a lecturer in the Federal Theological Seminary.

In 1974 he was nominated as bishop of Johannesburg but narrowly failed to get the required number of votes, but was appointed as the first black dean of Johannesburg Cathedral where he became an outspoken voice for equality and the rights of black people, eschewing violence and revenge. For his unwavering pursuit of justice, peace and reconciliation he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984. A year later he did become Bishop of Johannesburg and two years later was appointed Archbishop of Cape Town.

The status of these posts gave him a platform to speak and be heard about the issues of equality, fairness and forgiveness.

Fr Huddleston had imbued in the young Desmond a dynamic Christian faith and a disciplined spirituality and it was this that informed and inspired Tutu’s words and actions.

While Nelson Mandela was in prison Tutu, as Archbishop of Cape Town, was the only person of stature to speak on behalf of the oppressed black majority, and it is said that without Tutu and Mandela post-apartheid South Africa would

have been a blood bath. Instead it became known as The Rainbow Nation.

Tutu preached sacrificial love and forgiveness. After a teaching term in Atlanta, Georgia, his students presented him with a farewell plaque on which was inscribed, "Nobel Prize Winner – even if was for preaching one sermon!"

Tutu laughed and admitted that he indeed had only one sermon which, he said, went like this, "I am a person of infinite worth. Why? Because I am loved by God with a love that will not let me go. I can only love others because God tells me that I am lovable." It was God's love for him that enabled Tutu to love and forgive others.

In 1995 he was appointed chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission which was an attempt to heal the wounds of the past in South Africa. The TRC had three aims:- the first was confession: with those responsible for human rights abuses fully disclosing their actions, the second aim was forgiveness in the form of a legal amnesty from prosecution, and third, restitution: with perpetrators making amends to their victims.

It was a post to which Tutu brought his Christian beliefs and principles, but it took a tremendous toll on him and what he heard often reduced him to tears.

During his ministry Desmond Tutu had become the voice of the voiceless, a role he continued after his retirement in 1994, speaking up bravely and courageously, in the face of a lot of church opposition, in favour of gay rights, and more recently, the legalisation of assisted dying.

His obituary in the Church Times summed up his life in these words:-

"He will be remembered ... as one who was always able to weep with those who wept and to rejoice with those who rejoiced. He will be remembered as a man of prayer, which, from the age of 16, held the first place in his life. He will be remembered for his courage in adversity and for his generosity in victory. He will be remembered for his warm-hearted acceptance to those who were otherwise in danger of rejection by others within the church itself.

But, above all, he will be remembered for his sense of fun, for the irrepressible gaiety that kept bubbling up from the inexhaustible well-spring of the Spirit within. Never had the Lord Christ a less solemn witness to the gospel of the resurrection."

Desmond Tutu was not without his faults and failings. No human being, however saintly, ever is. He was not liked by everyone. No prophet ever is. He had his critics and detractors as anybody who preaches the gospel of love and forgiveness always has.

But he was a shining light in times of darkness, a voice of calm in times of turbulence, an example of Christian leadership when many sought only revenge and the embodiment of love in a hate-filled land. In short, as far as is humanly possible, an icon of Jesus.

Though physically small, he was a spiritual giant, and we give thanks for his life and witness.

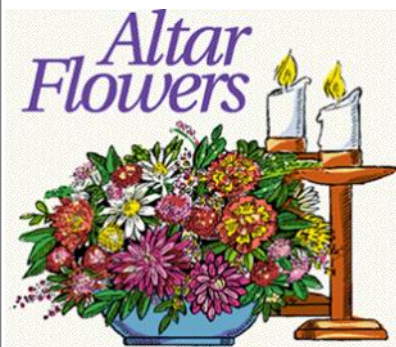
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The occasion would also be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

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- What's the difference between the GREAT and the SWELL?
- How are FLUES and REEDS different?
- What is the Sesquialtera?
- How many pipes are there?

