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EDITORIAL

With a little bit of luck (and good management?) we hope to have this edition delivered in time for Heritage Week! See page 10 for a packed programme of events!

After what seems a long gap, Stainer's 'Crucifixion' returns, replacing Evensong on Sunday 3rd April. It would be good to see the pews packed for this moving meditation on the Passion of Christ.

The Easter Cards will be on their way very soon, inviting parishioners and their friends to the services from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. A big thank-you to all those involved in delivering the cards to every house in the Parish. Did you realise there are nearly five thousand houses in our Parish, spread over an area of seven square miles? Quite an undertaking!



Please join us for the Good Friday "Walk of Witness" to the Village for the Churches Together "Passion Play." Always a moving occasion!

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm on Monday 16th May. That means the Electoral Roll is due for revision – please watch out for details on the Weekly Bulletin in April.

Finally, a request for old and amusing photographs from the Queen's Coronation or Silver Jubilee.



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!

St Peter's now has a contactless payment machine for donations at services; it is situated near the door of the church.

*Please note the deadline for the May 2022 edition of the magazine is **Friday 8th April 2022.***

Contributions to magazine@stpetersformby.co.uk

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter – on St Patrick’s Day! - good news has for once replaced the bad news that has dominated the headlines for the past number of weeks, if not years!

Today, 17th March, Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe returned to her husband and daughter after six long years of imprisonment and torture in Iran.

We can only imagine the relief and joy of her family as the plane landed at RAF Brize Norton, and Gabriella shouted “Mummy!” as she saw her mother descend the steps of the aircraft.

A moment of pure joy. A good news story made all the more welcome in the midst of the dreadful news of what is happening to the people of Ukraine.

Thank you to all who contributed to our **Ukraine Appeal**. Over £1,000 has been raised and will be sent via the Disasters Emergency Committee which the government has been matching funding. We will be looking at other ways we can support the people of Ukraine.

We hope and pray that the peace talks going on between Ukraine and Russia at the time of writing will bear fruit and result in a cease-fire.

Good news is in short supply!

However, there is **good news from Uganda**. After Covid stymied progress on our Kalule project, life is beginning to return to normal. The school has re-opened and there are ambitious plans to re-stock the chicken coops with layers and broilers. There will be a full report on how things are going in next month’s magazine.



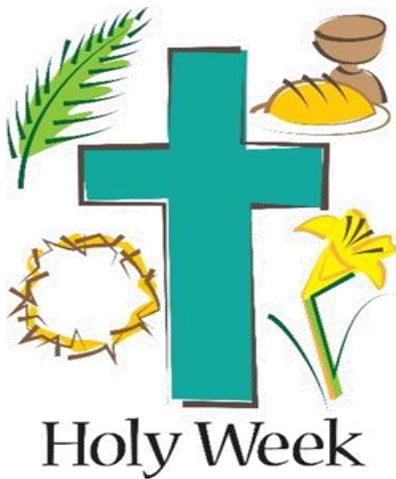
And there is good news about our 275th anniversary celebrations. The first event – the Demonstration of the Pipe Organ - was a great success and the perfect start to the year’s programme. We had a full church and an evening full of practical information about our fine organ, as well as a virtuoso performance of some well-known pieces by our Musical Director, David Holroyd.

I hope you are reading this on the eve of our **Heritage Week from 28th March to the 2nd April**. There is an interesting and informative programme of talks about all things Formby from Monday to Thursday as well as “**More Voices from the Churchyard**” on Saturday 2nd April.

In addition, there will be a **Photographic Exhibition** in the church each day and refreshments available in the Bier House.

We are extremely grateful to Nick Philpott for organising this week and assembling and mounting all the photographs, giving us a pictorial awareness of our heritage and the place of St Peter’s in the life of Formby.

And don’t forget the **275 merchandise** – see page 11.



And then it's on to **Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter** from 11th to 17th April.

From Monday to Wednesday there will be a reflective service in the church and the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday, all at 7.30pm. On Good Friday you are welcome to join us to walk from the Bier House at 10.15am to the Village for the Formby Passion Play. Then in church on Good Friday at 2pm, "An Hour By The Cross."

Easter Cards are being printed. Thank you to all who have volunteered to deliver these cards to every house in the parish.

And please invite friends and neighbours to services and events.

Three U3A Local History groups have had tours of St Peter's in recent weeks, and have said how pleasantly surprised they had been to learn of our rich history and had appreciated the welcome they received. At the Organ Evening several people commented 'I have never been in St Peter's and it is rather nice!' Of course those in the know already agree!

The Children's Haribo Service is now an important part of the calendar for our families with young children. The 30 minute service is once a month at 12noon and is followed by refreshments and Haribos! I thank Judith and Caroline for all that they do to make this service so much fun. It is certainly working as we have always at least 50 attending. Thank you also to Carol Spence for volunteering to help with the snacks. If you have young children do come along.



Also please note the **Service of Wholeness** is returning in April. This is a service when there is an opportunity for prayer and anointing.

We don't bite in St Peter's! We look forward to many more experiencing the warmth of welcome they will receive as they visit us over this year whether for a service or a 275 event.

Here's a prayer we could use as we celebrate this 275th milestone in the life of our church:

***O God, make the door of our church
wide enough to receive all who enter;
narrow enough to shut out pride or strife.
Make its threshold smooth enough
to be no stumbling block to children
or to those who seek meaning and purpose in life.
O God, make the door of our church
the entrance into your kingdom of love and mercy.
Amen.***

Anne



St Peter's Church, Green Lane, Formby

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2022

Services to help us reflect on the death and resurrection of Jesus

Palm Sunday	8.30am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
	2.30pm	A Relaxed Easter Service – 30 minute service for older people
	6.30pm	A Reflective Service to mark the start of Holy Week – readings, reflections & music.

Theme – Women of Holy Week

Monday 11th 7.30pm Evening Service & Reflection 'Susannah'

Tuesday 12th 7.30pm Evening Service & Reflection 'Joanna'

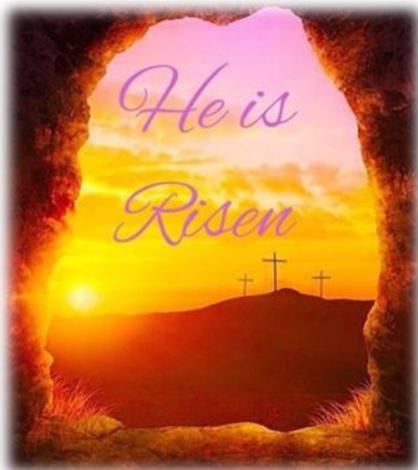
Wednesday 13th 11.00am Eucharist
7.30pm Evening Service & Reflection 'Salome'

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Eucharist & Reflection 'Mary Magdalene'
followed by Vigil until 10pm

Good Friday



10.15am Walk of Witness from the Bier House to the Village
11.00am Passion Play (Formby Pool grounds)
2.00pm An Hour By the Cross in Church



Celebrating the Resurrection Easter Day

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Easter Eucharist
followed by children's Easter Egg Hunt

6.30pm Choral Evensong

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Sunday 3rd April
6.30pm

St Peter's Church
Formby

John Stainer

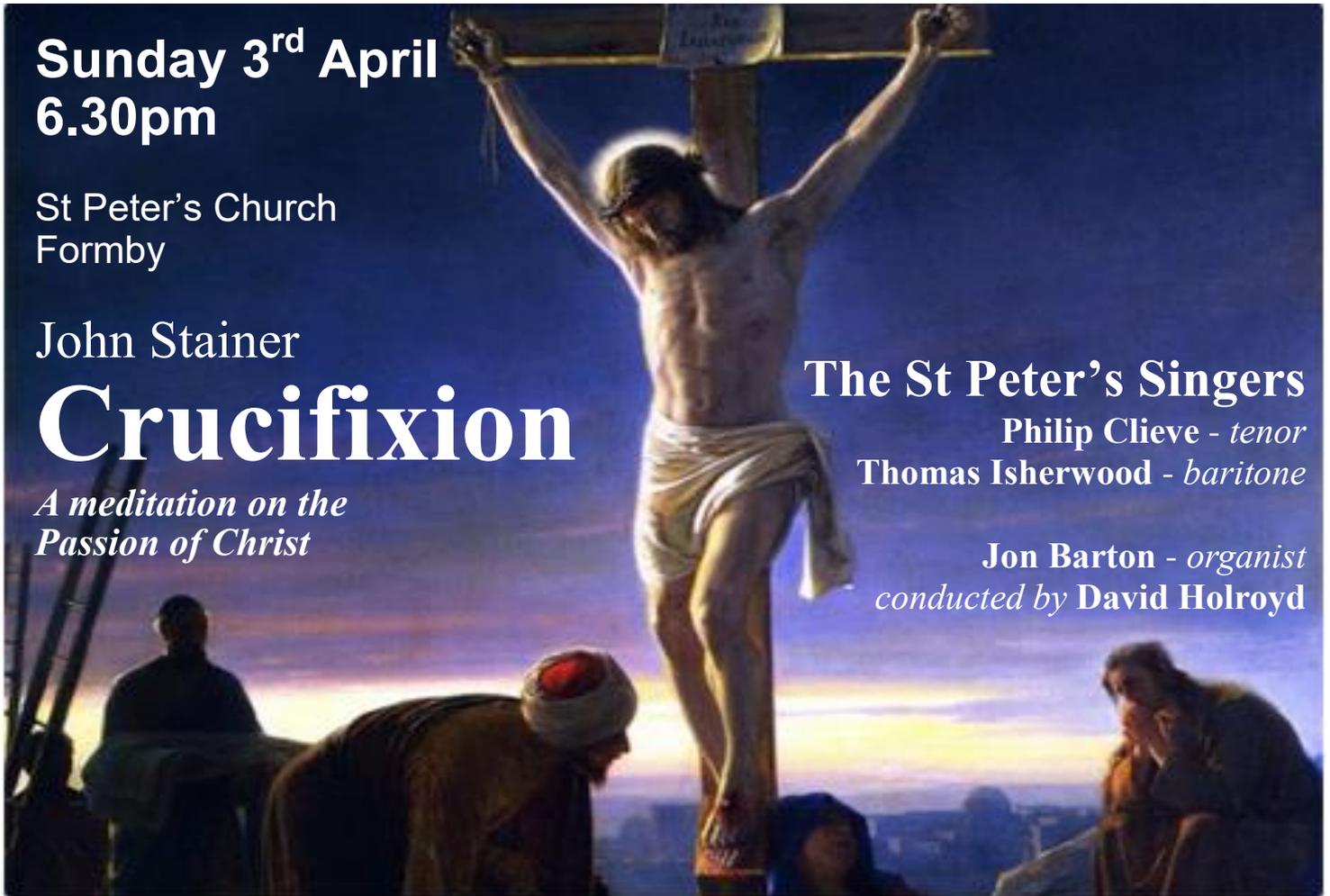
Crucifixion

*A meditation on the
Passion of Christ*

The St Peter's Singers

Philip Clieve - *tenor*
Thomas Isherwood - *baritone*

Jon Barton - *organist*
conducted by David Holroyd



April Bible Readings

3rd – The 5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21 / Philippians 3:4b-14 / John 12:1-8

10th – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a / Philippians 2:5-11 / Luke 19:28-40

14th – Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 / John 13:1-17, 31b-35

15th – Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13 – 52:12 / Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 / John 18 & 19

16th – Easter Eve

Job 14:1-14 / 1 Peter 4:1-8 / Matthew 27:57-66

17th – Easter Day

Isaiah 65:17-25 / Acts 10:34-43 / John 20:1-18

23rd – St George, Martyr, Patron of England

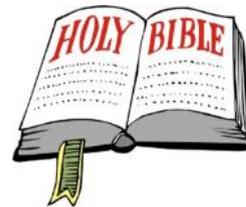
1 Maccabees 2:59-64 / 2 Timothy 2:3-13 / John 15:18-21

24th – The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21 / Acts 5:27-32 / John 20:19-31

25th – St Mark the Evangelist

Proverbs 15:28-33 / Ephesians 4:7-16 / Mark 13:5-13



A Just War or Just a War

During the Great War allowance was given to those who refused to join the army because they believed it was wrong to kill or fight. These objectors inevitably faced the question from an examining panel, “What would you do if you saw an enemy soldier attacking your sister?” This very dilemma has faced Christians over many centuries.

Christians since the resurrection of Christ have listened to the teaching of Jesus and his demand for peace and reconciliation, this to be balanced with the need to defend others against injustice. It has been noted that the first recording of a Christian being a soldier is about AD 170 and also that there was a reluctance for Christians to become members of fighting forces. However when Christianity became the dominant faith of states then political and church leaders had to find a way of dealing with Christian teaching and the safety of the state.



One of the earliest to write on this was Origen (185-253) who wrote “How is it possible for the gospel doctrine of peace, which does not permit men to take vengeance even upon enemies, to prevail throughout the world unless at the advent of Jesus a milder spirit had been everywhere introduced into the conduct of things, for we no longer take up the sword against a nation.”

St Augustine (354-430) faced the demand that a state had to face threat and violence against itself and set the parameters for a just war. These were echoed by St Aquinas (1035-1109) who, in his 'Summa Theologica,' asserted that it is not always a sin to wage war. Both agreed that if a state declared war it must be done by the sovereign or recognised leaders, it must be for a just cause, its warriors should only wish to promote good and war should be used as a last resort. Others have added further criteria such as no more force than necessary should be used and the end should bring about reconciliation.

Both Luther and Calvin in the sixteenth century accepted the state must use force to ensure a stable society and war to protect itself. Bonhoeffer, who faced the might of Nazi cruelty and was executed in 1945 stated, “When Christian faith is lost, man must himself make use of all means, even criminal ones, in order to secure by force the victory of the cause.”

However the Quakers in the seventeenth century declared that they would not accept war as legitimate.

They declared to the King, "We utterly deny all outward wars and strife and fighting with outward weapons for any end or under any pretence whatsoever. This is our testimony to the whole world." Ending with this statement, "The spirit of Christ which leads us into all truth will never move us to fight and war against any man with weapons for the Kingdom of Christ nor for the kingdom of the world."

It is one of the Church's responsibilities to help define what is a just war or, more importantly, what is a just cause. Taking the teaching of Jesus in the gospels and the history of scholastic thought it is still very difficult to come to an agreed conclusion and it may be that each decision is made against the background of the circumstances. But the fundamental criteria must be the teaching of Christ.

Christianity does provide a way of understanding the issues surrounding the use of legitimate force and the teaching of Christ leads the way. But whatever the decision made by the state, each individual should be allowed to declare that the demand for him or her to act aggressively can be against their conscience and belief.

Rod Jacques

Volunteers needed for the Refugee Support Group

We are rightly giving whatever assistance we can to Ukrainian refugees, however there are asylum seekers already in our midst and our Refugee Support Group is in need of more male helpers as most of our guests are men.

One of the most rewarding things that I do is giving a friendly reception to asylum seekers on our Welcome Days. We all find that we ourselves are blessed by the experience. The commitment would be for one day a month from 11.30am to 3.30pm - although there are only seven occasions in the year. You should be able to put up tables and chairs in the Parish Hall, share a vegetarian lunch with our guests and spend some time on the beach with them, possibly with some games, frisbee, football or cricket (of a kind), or take them to the church and/or play indoor table games if the weather is poor.

If you think that you might be up for this, even if you could only do it every other month, please contact Peter on 01704 809517 or email for more details peterspaine@gmail.com

We'd love to hear from you.



ST PETER'S 275th CELEBRATIONS

Mon 28th March to Saturday 2nd April - Heritage Week
Photographic Exhibition in Church 11am - 4pm daily

Monday 28th March at 2pm John Phillips
Formby - A Glimpse Over Time - An overview of the history of Formby from Viking settlement to the thriving town of today

Tuesday 29th March at 7.30pm - Sally Sheard
From Cradle to Grave: Formby Health Histories

Wednesday 30th March at 2pm - Tony Pawson - Formby in World War I

Thursday 31st March at 7.30pm - Joan Rimmer & Nic Dickson
Formby Memories - An engaging presentation with images of old Formby, songs, poems, chat and humour

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

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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Plea for Assistance

Grand Hamper Raffle with A Variety of Vouchers!

As part of the 275th Anniversary Celebrations, we propose to run a 'Grand Raffle.'

We hope to create the following *hampers*:

Chocoholic - Food - Drink - Pamper Hampers, together with

'A Variety of Vouchers' (hairdressers, meat, gift, department store etc)

*Although the draw, for all the prizes above, will not take place until the day of the Community Fun Day, we need your help to start filling the hampers soon, so that we can sell tickets to the wider public, in the Friday Market or in Tesco/Waitrose from May onwards. If you have any items we could place in any of the hampers, please bring them to me in church, the church office, give to the church wardens, or ring me and I will arrange to collect. (Please do **not** leave in the porch, as the items may be confused with Food Bank items.)*

If you know any store owner/manager who could be persuaded to donate any sort of voucher, those too would be gratefully received! The ticket sales from this activity will, hopefully, offset some of the costs of some of this year's events, so we need to sell as many as possible. Let's get started!

Many thanks for your continued support.

Fiona Martin 01704 643614



HARIBO SERVICE



Our 'visiting vicar' introduced our Lent service, very well behaved he was! Sorry, Anne, but the supplier has run out of female vicars. Our theme was "What can we give at Lent?" so giving kindness was our focus. The children acted out various examples. It should hopefully be a good week at home with children laying the table, tidying their toys and entertaining the baby.

Kindness is catching
These children are demonstrating how kindness multiplies. By passing on kindness others copy you.



Children help their parents with the prayers.
We welcome new children to Sunday Club. Grandparents are always welcome to bring their visiting grandchildren. Join in the fun.

Judith Aspinwall





Mothers' UNION

Report for meeting held on 3rd March in the Bier House. Fifteen members and one guest attended. Meryl welcomed everyone and led a short service.

The speaker was Gill Holroyd, who gave a fascinating talk on 'Inside stories from a Radiographer.'

This month we will concentrate on collecting toiletries for men and women refugees.

The next meeting is on 7th April when Angela Robinson will talk on '40 Years in Bangladesh.'

Visitors are welcome at all meetings. (Please tel. Herbert 873367).

Herbert and Jean

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.



Primetime

**Wednesday
21st April**

Our next meeting will be a
'Race Night'
so please wear your hats!



We will meet in the
Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

All ladies welcome,
especially if joining us for
the first time.

Looking forward to seeing
you,

Elaine and Sonia.

TIMEOUT

- men, beer and discussion

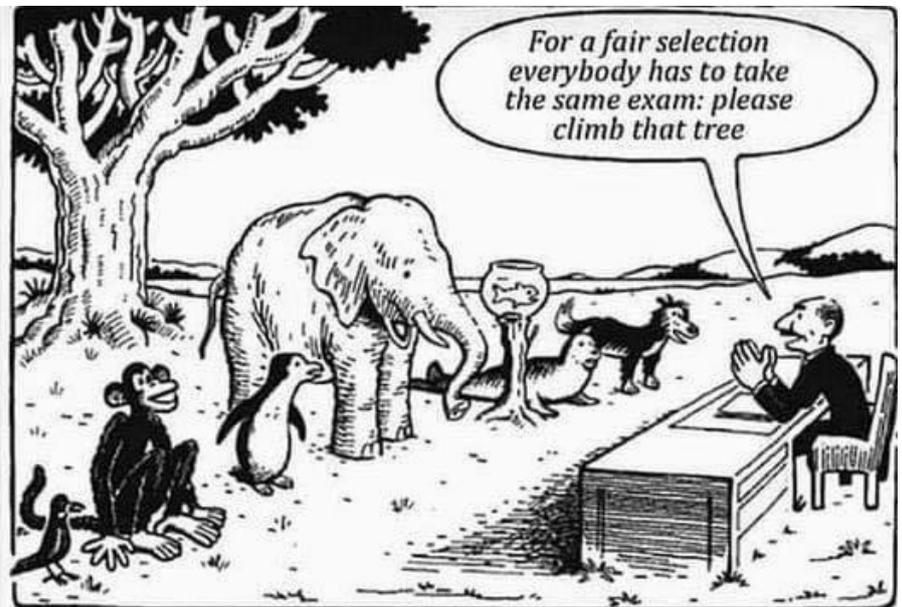
Next Meeting -

Monday 25th April at 8.00pm in the Bier House

Topic: Is our education system fit for purpose?

Pete Hawkins.

All very welcome.



Our Education System

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

- Albert Einstein

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 two groups, meeting at a different times in the Bier House.

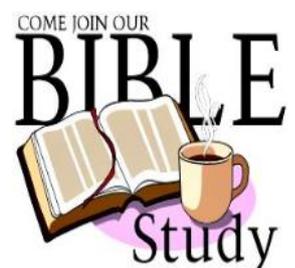
So if you haven't already thought about it, please think about joining a group. Please approach one of the group leaders to say that you would be interested.

Tuesday Bible Study Group (weekly) at 10am

Every Tuesday. Contact Ken Ward on 871927

Friday Bible Study Group at 2pm

April 8th and 22nd. Contact Peter Paine 809517



Churchyard Clean Up

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 and generally help keep the churchyard tidy. There will be something for everyone. Please bring your own spades, rakes, brushes and gloves.



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 April between 10am and 12noon.** Stay for as long as you wish and you will be most welcome.

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

The Littles Fishes is a pre-school drop-in group that meets 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.

Little Fishes dates – 1st, 22nd & 29th April



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 Date: only on Easter Day



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.

Everyone is very welcome.

Next WOW Service is on Wednesday 27th April



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A Prayer for Ukraine



God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



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TO THIS APPEAL.**

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An appeal was made to all sections of the 9th Formby (St Peter's) Scout Group for donations of food, clothing and toiletries to go out to Ukraine. As you will see from the picture of the Church kitchen the response was fantastic.

Our thanks go to all who donated and the team of volunteers who moved it all to join the Elim Church's collection point.

Special thanks go to Olwen, Catrin, Tricia, Mike and Tara.



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The children were very excited for World Book Day at Trinity St Peter's, and this was certainly reflected in their book costumes!

Reception

Reception Class really enjoyed wearing their favourite character costumes and sharing their favourite books with their friends and Year 6 buddies. The children created bookmarks to use in their books at home, created their own mini books and ended the day with some of the children retelling their story that they had created and illustrated throughout the week - they were all incredibly proud to be little authors!



Year 1

The Year 1 classroom was transformed into a magical land filled with storybook characters. Year 1 pupils enjoyed a front row seat at "The TSP Character Catwalk," on which they showed off their wonderful costumes and told everyone about their characters. They also really enjoyed sharing and listening to some of their favourite stories and even enjoyed a yummy hot chocolate, to make it an extra special story time.



Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed taking part in a 'Guess the Story' quiz, which allowed the children to use their problem-solving skills to determine which stories were being described. They also enjoyed designing their own front covers for their brand-new stories, using the character that they were dressed as.

Year 3 and Year 4

Year 3 and Year 4 children arrived at school to be met with a rather perplexing mystery, linked to the story book, 'The Day the Crayons Quit.'



The children were informed that the crayons were not returning without their help. As a result, their morning was spent completing a series of challenges set by the crayons in order to restore the crayon pack. If that wasn't enough, they then took on a Masked Reader challenge, spotting the hidden celebrity behind the book.

Year 5

Year 5 participated in an abundance of fun activities all centred around a love of books! This included EXTREME reading where the children took photographs of themselves reading in strange and wonderful places. Such photographs included reading on a scooter, while playing sports, hanging upside down and many more. There were plenty of laughs as we shared our photos together and we proved that reading can take place anywhere and at any time...well, within reason! During a tremendous day, we also: played book bingo where the children shared their book knowledge with one another; took part in some book-based quizzes; learned about Japanese manga books which linked to our class theme, and we even tried some storytelling mindfulness and storytelling yoga too.



Year 6

Throughout the day, Year 6 pupils took part in a range of activities: from word searches to Kahoot quizzes and even a book 'scavenger hunt' around school! As always, the children enjoyed the opportunity to visit their Reception buddies as well and were able to read their buddy's favourite book with them in the afternoon.

As the Year 6 staff had dressed as characters from the fairy tale, "Little Red Riding Hood," their English lesson involved their reading 'The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs' by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith and learning how The Big Bad Wolf felt that he was the real victim in this tale. The children were then asked to become lawyers in Fairytale Court and to write up a defence statement for The Big Bad Wolf against Little Red Riding Hood and then present it to the rest of the class.

There were some very creative ideas from the class...as well as some rather theatrical performances from a few lawyers in particular!

It truly was another wonderful World Book Day event at TSP!



DEMONSTRATION OF THE PIPE ORGAN



The first event of our 275 year was a resounding success as our Musical Director, David Holroyd, not only explained the intricate workings of our church organ but also demonstrated the huge variety of sounds it can produce by playing selected pieces from the War March of the Priests by Mendelssohn to Vidor's Toccata.

David described an organ as a cross between a synthesiser and a symphony orchestra! Behind the shiny pipes we see above the organ console in the chancel is a chamber full of pipes of different sizes – 1312 in all! We were told all about flues, reeds, swells and greats. With a camera on the “flight deck” of the organ we could see David play with hands and feet in a dazzling display of skill and co-ordination!

When the present organ was rebuilt in 2002 the porthole type window above the pulpit was opened to allow the sound of the organ to travel down through the nave of the church. Up to that, the sound was mostly directed towards the Formby Chapel.

It was a fascinating, informative and entertaining evening giving us all a renewed appreciation of the organ in St Peter's, and a reminder of how fortunate we are to have David as our Musical Director.

If you missed the evening, or want to relive the experience, a recording can be found on the parish website in the “Services” section, and go to the link for all live streamed services.



Canon Harold Bardsley

Canon Bardsley was Vicar of St Peter's from 1928 to 1953. He kept immaculate handwritten records of services, PCC meetings and other events. In 1997 David Poole photographed some of these records, and I recently found two excerpts which are relevant to our Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Canon Bardsley was a popular figure, as some senior members of our congregation will confirm.

He retired as Vicar immediately after the Coronation, handing over to Revd Jack Thomas.

Nick Philpott



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H.M. KING GEORGE VI.  
ENTERED INTO REST ON  
WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY,  
AT SANDRINGHAM.  
1936 ~ 1952.  
~~~~~  
THURSDAY 7th FEBRUARY,
THE PROCLAMATION OF
HER MAJESTY
QUEEN ELIZABETH II.
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FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY,  
THE FUNERAL OF HIS  
LATE MAJESTY KING  
GEORGE VI. AT WINDSOR.

Morning Prayer on the Sunday preceding  
HER MAJESTY'S CORONATION  
was attended by the Chairman of  
Formby Urban District Council,  
Mr Councillor Peter R. Marsh, &  
and members and Officials of  
the Council.

On Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> a United Service was  
held in Holy Trinity Church, Formby, at  
7.30 p.m.

Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Coronation Day  
The Parish Breakfast at 9.30 a.m. in  
Victoria Hall, was attended by about  
150 people, including the Chairman of  
the Urban District Council & Mr Peter  
Marsh. The old Elizabethan Grace was  
set to music by Mr H. Alwyn Thomas and  
sung by the Children of the Choir.

## 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 April please pray for all who live in –

- |                        |                                               |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | Victoria Way, Shireburn Road, Fairways Court  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> April | Tower End, Badgers Rake, Harington Road       |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> April | Birch Green, Oakfield Drive, St Peter's Close |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> April | Firs Link, Firs Crescent, Firs Close          |



## REFUSE - REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE - REPAIR

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2. Shop in traditional stores that pack purchases more lightly.
3. Buy dry foods, minimally wrapped, from wholefood stores and then decant them into storage containers.
4. Buy milk in returnable glass bottles.
5. Buy fewer packaged, processed foods.
6. Sign up for a veg box, which tends to be lightly packaged.
7. Avoid individually wrapped portions if possible.
8. Use loose tea leaves and coffee rather than teabags and coffee pods.
9. When you can, buy products with a single type of recyclable packaging.
10. Invest in a steel water bottle rather than regularly buying plastic bottles.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/10-ways-trash-plastic>

# THE FOODBANK

It has never been more important that we continue to support the food bank - on behalf of the bank I would thank you for your generosity and kindness as shown by your past support.

**Glyn Jones**

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*Many thanks.*



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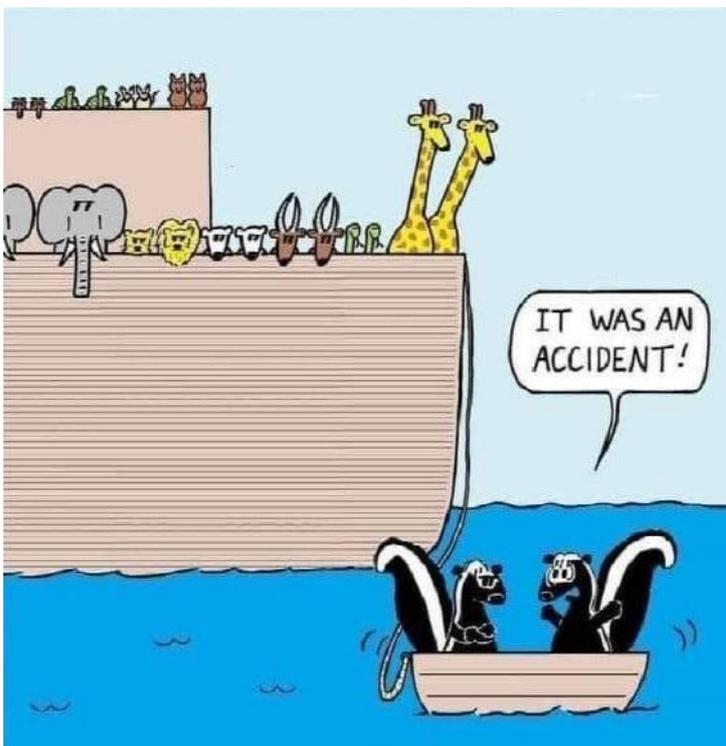
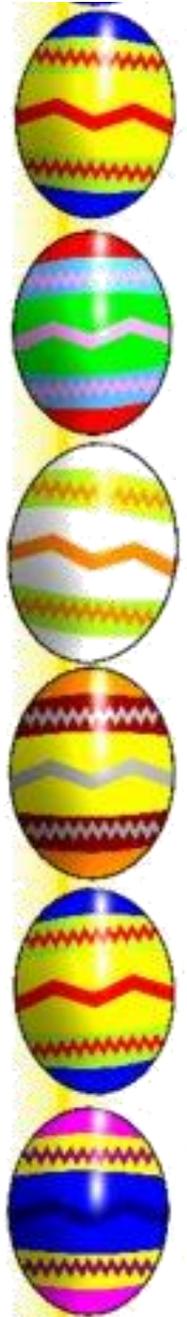
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- For young people, preparation for Confirmation will be arranged after school, but I need to know who is interested so we can arrange a time that suits. The sessions will be fun!
- For any adult we will be planning some further Christian Basics sessions.

So whatever age you are, if you are interested in being confirmed or if you have further questions, please do contact me.

**The Confirmation Service is in St Peter's on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm.**

Revd Anne Taylor 872824 [revannetaylor@gmail.com](mailto:revannetaylor@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:office@stpetersformby.co.uk). This is a way to help us keep in touch. Email addresses will be used only by St Peter's.

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## From the Church Register ~ Baptisms



13<sup>th</sup> March Julian Coates, pictured with his fiancée Heather and her mother Enid Oliver

### From the Church Register



#### Funerals

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> March | Jim Adams        |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> March | Cyril Goulbourne |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March | Marie McGibbon   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March | Noel Lancaster   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March | Sheila Laker     |

#### Interment of Ashes

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> March  | Jim Rhymes      |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March | Andrew Westcott |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March | David Oliver    |

*St Peter's Church was originally "The Ancient Chapelry of Formby, St Peter Apostle and Martyr." It dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> July 1747.*



# From the Back Pew Ted Woods

## PAST & FUTURE

I came across the following phrase that I thought would be a good motto for our 275<sup>th</sup> celebrations –

**Preserving the Heritage, Promoting the Future.**

It seems to sum what we should be doing and aiming for in this special year in the life of St Peter's.

We have a rich heritage, going back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century, when a church was first planted in Formby, and the Formby family from whom the village takes its name have been very much connected with and been part of St Peter's.

They too, date back to Viking times when their name was de ffornebi or Forni's settlement.

The family seat, Formby Hall, was first built in 1466 by William Formby, though the present building (not owned by the Formby family and undergoing huge re-development) dates from 1523.

Two Formby squires were vicars of St Peter's – Richard from 1794 – 1832 and Lonsdale from 1846 – 1894. He died just two years short of being the church's vicar for fifty years!

It is to Lonsdale Formby that we owe the addition of a Gothic chancel and Formby Chapel to the once rather plain and simple Georgian rectangular building. Another Formby, Miles, was vicar of Maghull.

Mary Formby, daughter of Richard, and her brother Miles were instrumental in building a girls' school and teacher's residence on Paradise Lane. The school is now our Parish Hall but you can still make out its original function on the plaque over the front door as well as inscriptions inside the building. A few years later a boys' school and teacher's residence was built on the opposite side.

These were not the first schools in Formby. St Peter's was also instrumental in building a school in the centre of the village in 1659, which was rebuilt in 1785, and is now The Balti House.

Formby also had the first lifeboat station in Britain, if not in the world. The Sefton coast was a dangerous shipping lane and there have been over 300 shipwrecks along the coast. Formby has been the scene of many brave rescues by courageous Formby lifeboat men, many of whom lost their lives in their efforts to save the lives of drowning sailors. The local doctor, Richard Sumner, buried in our churchyard, was always part of the rescue team, risking his life in storms and gales to minister to those who were



injured. In 1833 he was awarded two gold medals for his bravery in his effort to save survivors on The Good Intent as it was battered by a storm off Formby.

Grace Darling, the daughter of the Lighthouse keeper off Bamburgh, has been celebrated for her rescue attempts, but our own Richard Sumner has been overlooked.

Many of those who didn't survive shipwrecks are buried in St Peter's in unmarked graves in the piece of ground outside the Choir Room and Vestry.

Add to all this the faithful service of people and pastors over 900 hundred years, and we do indeed have a good heritage worth preserving.

St Peter's has ministered to the people of Formby through wars and political crises, through religious upheavals and controversies, through times of plague and pestilence, as well as in times of peace and plenty.

It has been what a parish church should be, without fuss or fanfare, just in faithful service to God and the people of Formby.

And so, in this 275<sup>th</sup> year as we celebrate the preservation of our heritage, we also need to be thinking about promoting and preparing for the future.

Jesus told two parables about owners giving their servants "talents", or money, to use while the owners went away, expecting them to do something with the money and increase what they had given.

In each of the parables, two servants worked hard and took risks to double the amount they were given. The third servant did nothing. He buried and hid what he had been given and returned it intact to the owners when they returned.

In both parables, the third servant is rebuked and scolded because he just sat back and made no effort about future expectations. They preserved the heritage but didn't promote the future.

It's good and necessary that towards the end of our 275<sup>th</sup> celebrations there will be a Vision Day in November to look ahead as a parish and to promote the future of St Peter's. Someone once said that there is no standing still in the Christian life: whoever is not moving forward is already falling back.

I have sat through many, many Harvest sermons (and actually remember very few!), but one I do recall was when the preacher began by asking the congregation, "Have you grown in any way since the last Harvest Festival?" In other words, 'Has your thankfulness been just a nice cosy feeling or has it been a spur to grow and improve spiritually?'

What in St Peter's do we want to be in five or ten years' time? What do we want to achieve?

We know our strengths but do we know our weaknesses? And will we take steps to address them?

Churches are usually very good at preserving heritage. We need to be equally attentive to promoting our future.

# Diary Dates April 2022



## Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

9.30am Little Fishes Pre-school Group, Parish Hall

## Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

10.30am & 12 noon – **Further Voices from the Churchyard**

– *characters from the past will give a tour of the churchyard!*

10.00am The Saturday Crew (all things crafty!) Old School Room, Parish Hall

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

12noon Service of Baptism for Sophie Cochrane & George Green

2.30pm Service of Interment – Sheena Hastie

6.30pm Crucifixion – A meditation on the Passion of Christ by John Stainer



## Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Churchyard Tidy Up – meet at the Bier House

## Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Bible Study Group with Ken Ward in the Bier House – *every Tuesday*

11.00am Woodlands Care Home Eucharist

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

11.00am Eucharist with Mothers' Union Prayers

*followed by refreshments*



## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

2.00pm Mothers' Union - talk by Angela Robinson '40 Years in Bangladesh'.

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> No Little Fishes – school half-term

2.00pm Bible Study Group *with Peter Paine* in the Bier House

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday

8.30am Eucharist (CW)

10.00am Parish Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

12noon Service of Baptism for Arty Bateson & Theodore Cramsie

2.30pm A Relaxed Easter Service – 30 minute service for older people

6.30pm A Reflective Service for the start of Holy Week  
– readings, reflections & music.

## Holy Week Theme - Women of Holy Week

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

7.30pm Compline & Reflection 'Susannah'

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

7.30pm Compline & Reflection 'Joanna'

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

7.30pm Compline & Reflection 'Salome'

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

7.30pm Eucharist & Reflection 'Mary Magdalene'  
*followed by Vigil until 10pm*



## Good Friday

- 10.15am Walk of Witness from the Bier House to the Village
- 11.00am Village Passion Play (Formby Pool grounds)
- 2.00pm An Hour By the Cross in Church



## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Day

- 8.30am Eucharist (BCP)
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club *followed by refreshments*  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt after the service
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong



## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

- 11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
- 2.30pm Wedding of Rodney Price & Jade Varey
- 7.30pm Primetime Women's Group in the Parish Hall



## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 9.30am Little Fishes Pre-school Group in the Church Hall
- 11.30am A Service to Celebrate the Life of Shirley Dixon
- 1.00pm Service of Interment – Barbara Moors
- 2.00pm Bible Study Group *with Peter Paine* in the Bier House

## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 1.00pm Wedding of Colin Tattam & Kelly Brett



## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

- 8.30am Eucharist (CW)
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
- 12noon Children's Haribo Service
- 6.30pm Service of Wholeness



## Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

- 8.00pm Timeout – Men, Beer & Topics in the Bier House

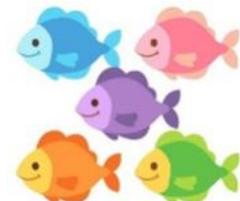
## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

- 11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
- 2.00pm WOW service for pre-school children in church



## Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

- 9.30am Little Fishes Pre-school Group in the Church Hall



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