

St Peter's Church Magazine June 2022

**St Peter's Church
Green Lane
Formby
L37 7DL**



Flower Festival

"Footsteps Through Formby"

staged by **Formby Flower Club**

Art Exhibition

(Wednesday ~ Saturday)

presented by **Association of Formby Artists**

Wednesday 8th ~ Sunday 12th June

10:00* ~ 5:00

* on Sunday
Festival opens at 11:15

Refreshments available all day

FREE ENTRY ~ donations welcome

Tuesday 7th June ~ 7:30pm
Celebrity Preview Opening
Champagne and Canapés
Tickets: £10

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

EDITORIAL



Hello Everybody,

So we are into June and officially in summer time. As the weather warms up so the pace hots up in our year of celebrations!

The headlines for June include the art exhibition in the Parish Hall and the flower festival in church, both these 5-star events run from Wednesday 8th to Sunday 12th June. All details in the magazine of course. We welcome back Revd Barry Dryden, a former curate, who will be preaching at the 10 a.m. Eucharist on 12th June, on the last day of the festival. There will be a deanery service at 6.30 p.m. celebrating the ministry of lay people and licensing the churchwardens. But before that there is the Jubilee Bank Holiday, and we add our congratulations to Her Majesty with those of the whole country. I believe there will be special prayers and we also look forward to reading the poet laureate's offering.

Enjoy the photos of the Sport Service which was a great success and will probably be repeated next year. It sounded huge fun.

Finally, did you know that on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and noon Weatherspoons in the village have set aside a large table. Volunteers act as hosts and anyone can drop in and join them for a chat and coffee. Just pop in if you would like some happy company. I have watched the numbers grow over the weeks: it's a very jolly occasion specifically for those who may be alone at home, but absolutely anyone can join them for however long they wish.

The next issue of the magazine will cover July and August. The next issue in church after that will be for September so please remember this if you are kindly sending any items for publication.

With our best wishes,

The Editorial Team

The magazine is an important means of outreach and keeps everyone informed and in touch with the life of St Peter's Church. The magazine is free, though it would be appreciated if you would like to give a donation towards production costs. If you would like a magazine delivered to your home, please contact the Parish Office. ☎ **871171** ✉ **office@stpetersformby.co.uk**



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 July/August 2022 edition of the magazine is **Friday 10th June 2022.***
Contributions to magazine@stpetersformby.co.uk





Dear Friends,

There was a good turnout for the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** as we took a little time to look at where we are as a parish and where we hope to go.

Of course, this year is our 275th anniversary of the consecration of our church.

We started with the Organ Demonstration Concert and then the Heritage Week, and we thank David Holroyd and Nick Philpott for heading up those events. Both events resulted in people coming into our church who have never visited before. The resounding comment has been how welcoming everyone is. This is so very important because the celebrations this year are not simply us patting ourselves on the back for our past successes but showcasing that we are a vibrant, welcoming, caring, worshipping community.

This year needs to be a major foundation stone as we journey together into the future. A living community is one that constantly develops and adapts, and that is what I believe we are and what we can become better at being. We have so many ways of connecting with people and we need to use them to stay fresh and to be open to where the Spirit wants to lead us. That will take trust and, at times, courage as to grow and develop may mean leaving our comfort zones, but ultimately we will flourish in God's love as a parish, as a community and beyond.



The next 275 event is the **Flower Festival & Art Exhibition** from Wednesday 8th June to Sunday 12th June. This is an opportunity for us all to bring along our friends and neighbours – this is a year of invitation and an opportunity to be visible in our community.

Could I remind you of two events that need to be pre-booked? There will be a Celebrity Preview Opening to the Flower & Art Festival on Tuesday 7th June. Spaces are limited.



The other event is the **275th Anniversary Dinner** in the Marquee in Formby Cricket Club on Friday 8th July. A hot and cold buffet will be served and there will be entertainment and magic! Tickets must also be pre-booked, so don't miss out on what will be a great evening. All the details are on page 11.

A major area that has developed over the past 5 years is our commitment to be a parish that gives training opportunities for those feeling called to ministry. I am so encouraged about how great you are as a parish when it comes to having people amongst us. It is not every parish that understands what this means – to help people experience ministry, to be encouragers, to warmly welcome someone even for a short time into our parish family. In the past year we have had Matt Parkes with us as part of his Reader training and Lilly Nelson as part of the discernment process for ordination. This year we welcome for his final year of curacy Revd Gordon MacLeod who had been on placement with us when he was training. The importance of the influence that this has on people's lives cannot be underestimated and I am glad that a commitment has been made to continue to be a **training parish** because we also benefit from those who join us.

The pandemic did encourage us to move quickly on plans for **live streaming** and this is something we plan to keep each Sunday, and I know that it is appreciated by many. The main morning service can have anything between 50 and 120 views and many of these will be couples watching together, so reaching more people. This has been a connection with those who are unable to attend on a Sunday because of illness or mobility issues, those who are still feeling vulnerable around Covid, those with young families who might not be able to be with us every week. It has been a connection with care homes and with those who have moved away. It has also proved invaluable for new people because they can see what we are like before having the courage to join us!

One new family that I was talking to at the Children's Haribo Service have been watching us since Christmas because they knew they were moving to Formby and wanted to find a church to join, and this story is not unique.



Another result of the pandemic is that we have not been sharing the **chalice** and I feel it may be time to bring the chalice back. This would be optional so if anyone prefers to receive only the wafer that is absolutely fine – it is personal choice. My thinking is it that when you come up to receive there will be a chalice at each side and you can either stop to receive the wine or continue to your seat. Those who attended the APCM agreed with this plan.

Another growth area has been the number receiving House Communion, as I have presently 15 on the list – I thank Tricia Shaw and Peter Davies for their help in this important ministry.

Paul McHenry ends his four years as a churchwarden: to say those years have been eventful would be an understatement. With everything that has happened in that time Paul's commitment to the role of churchwarden and his dedication to St Peter's never lessened. I want to thank Paul most sincerely for his kindness, wisdom and his sense of humour.

I am delighted to announce that Gill Holroyd has been appointed as our new churchwarden. Sarah Gorman continues as churchwarden and I am so grateful for her support in the ministry of St Peter's.

As I mentioned at the APCM, this last year has been eventful in so many ways. At several points we did feel life was getting back to normal but the pandemic surges meant that life was still very unpredictable. It has been a frustrating time but I believe that, as a parish, we have managed well because of the amazing team that we have who have worked together, making St Peter's a special place to which to belong.

I thank you all for your involvement and support and look forward not only to the rest of our 275th anniversary celebrations but the years beyond.



Anne



APCM Review 2022

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting we report on the events of the past year, adopt the accounts and look forward to the future.

We also make appointments, and this year the following were elected –

Churchwardens: Sarah Gorman & Gill Holroyd.

PCC Members elected: Andrew Greenyer, Anne Cotsworth, Joanne Dean, Paul McHenry and Vicky Hall.

2022 Electoral Roll – There are 188 names on the Electoral Roll.

The PCC consists of:

The Clergy and Churchwardens

Deanery Synod Reps:

Michael Pitts, John Ryan, Cliff Cotsworth, Susan Flaxington.

Elected Members:

Andrew Greenyer, Anne Cotsworth, Fiona Martin, Irvine Rawcliffe, Jannice Crawford, Joanne Dean, Keith Millington, Mark Andrews, Paul McHenry, Rod Jacques, Shena Edwards, Steve Edwards, Tricia Barrett and Vicky Hall.

Standing Committee:

Clergy, Churchwardens, Lay Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

Sub-committees:

each of the PCC members are assigned to a sub-committee – Eco, Fabric, Faith & Outreach, Finance, Horizons (charitable donations) and Social.

Copies of the PCC Accounts are available in church.

At a PCC Meeting immediately after the APCM the following were appointed:

Lay Vice Chair – Paul McHenry

Treasurer – Irvine Rawcliffe

PCC Secretary – Anne Cotsworth

Electoral Roll Officer – David Manning-Fox

Those serving on the Sides Rota were re-elected.

Revd Anne

St Peter ~ Everything you need to know in a nutshell!

St Peter's Day is on Wednesday 29th June, and of course he is our Patron Saint.

So, in a year when we celebrate 275 years of worshipping in St Peter's Church we are going to look at exactly who St Peter is; why he has keys and an inverted cross as his symbols; what type of person Peter was; why he was also known as Simon and The Rock and much more.



Join us on St Peter's Day (29th June) at 7.30 p.m. in the Bier House.

All welcome.

The Confirmation preparation for young people in Years 5 & 6 will begin in June.

Confirmation

The group will meet after school on 8th, 15th, 29th June and 6th July.

The Confirmation Service is in St Peter's on Sunday 10th July at 6.30 p.m.

If you have not already let the Vicar know that you want to join the group please do so ASAP.

Revd Anne Taylor 872824



SHOPPING LIST

Crisps
Savoury crackers
Biscuits
Sweets and confectionery
Ketchup, brown sauce, mayonnaise
Instant noodles
Toilet rolls
Washing-up liquid

We also need toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, razors and deodorant (male and female)

Thank you

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

*The Church porch is open
everyday from
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for
donations.
Many thanks.*

Majesty

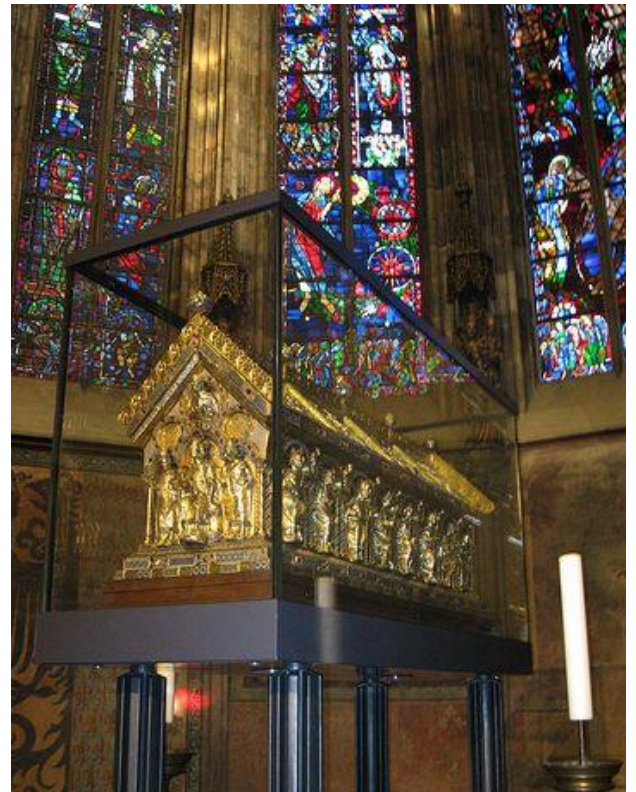


Richard II was ten years old when he became king and there is a fine picture of him sitting on his throne holding the orb and sceptre. In many ways this image sums up how we perceive the idea of medieval monarchy in practice. Yet Richard was not a success. He antagonized his barons and in later life during solemn festivals would sit on his throne in the royal hall for hours without speaking and anyone on whom his eyes fell had to bow their knee to him. This illustrates the authority of the medieval king and his relationship with his subjects. Both church and state acknowledged that they had to work together and balance the demands of the authority of a monarch, the aristocracy and church.

The history of the monarchy in this country shows how these factors gained authority and struggled to have the controlling power. The last factor often considered was the needs of the people. Richard was faced with the Peasant's Revolt. The rise of Parliament has redefined the relationship between this country's sovereign and the state.

Now it is the Queen's duty to represent the United Kingdom and provide that essential continuity which is part of our identity. She still carries the orb and sceptre and her throne shows us her in her authority. We all give thanks to her for the way she has dedicated her life to providing a model of monarchy for our time.

At the very centre of the cathedral at Aachen there is a throne which dominates the area and faces the high altar. This was built by Emperor Charlemagne and represents the status he wanted to have. He was buried there in 814 AD. The fact that it faces the altar ensures that he acknowledged the need to define his relationship with God.



This leads to the relationship of God to us. The idea of kingship has been in the Bible from earliest times.

In Luke's Gospel the angel Gabriel proclaims to Mary, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob, and of his kingdom there will be no end." The Magi ask, "Where is He who has been

born King of the Jews?." The epistle to the Hebrews says about Jesus, "After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."

The important difference between a mortal king and Christ is that Christ now reigns for ever, but more importantly he is willing to come to us and seek us out.

Rod Jacques



*The throne and bust of Charlemagne
(Aachen cathedral)*

June Bible Readings

5th – Pentecost

Genesis 11:1–9 / Acts 2:1–21 / John 14: 8–27

11th – St Barnabas the Apostle

Job 29:11–16 / Acts 11:19–30 / John 15:12–17

12th – Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31 / Romans 5:1–5 / John 16:12–15

16th – Corpus Christi: Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion

Genesis 14:18–20 / 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 / John 6:51–58

19th – The 1st Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 19:1–15a / Galatians 3:23–29 / Luke 8:26–39

24th – The Birth of St John the Baptist

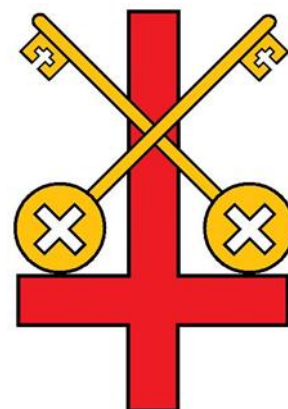
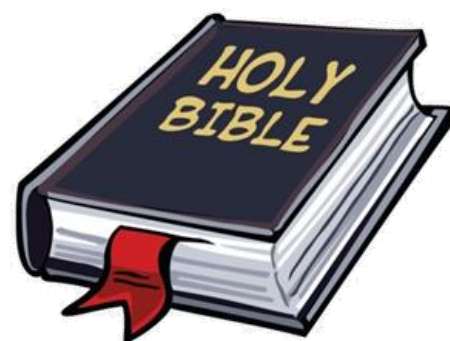
Isaiah 40:1–11 / Acts 13:14b–26 / Luke 1:57–66, 80

26th – The 2nd Sunday after Trinity

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14 / Galatians 5:1, 13–25 / Luke 9:51–62

29th – St Peter Apostle

Ezekiel 3:22–27 / Acts 12:1–11 / Matthew 16:13–19



ST PETER'S 275th CELEBRATIONS

Wed. 8th – Sunday 12th June

Sunday 12th June

Sunday 3rd July

Friday 8th July

Sunday 17th July

Saturday 3rd Sept

Sunday 11th September

Saturday 24th September

Sunday 25th September

Sunday 2nd October

Sunday 13th November 6.30pm

Saturday 19th November

Weds 14th - Sunday 18th Dec

Sunday 18th December

Flower Festival & Art Exhibition

10 a.m. Eucharist – Preacher: Revd Barry Dryden

Patronal Festival

Preacher: The Rt Revd Kenneth Kearon

Festival Dinner in the Marquee, Formby Cricket Club

Consecration Sunday

Preacher: The Rt Revd Beverley Mason

Community Fun Day in the School Grounds

Pet Service

Harvest Cabaret in Holy Trinity Parish Hall

Harvest Thanksgiving & Scarecrow

Competition. Preacher: Canon Alastair Graham

Preacher: The Revd Canon Paul Ormrod

Faure's Requiem

Parish Vision Day – The Way Ahead

Christmas Tree Festival

Carol Service

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275th Anniversary Merchandise

Tea-Towels £5.00

Flat Tote bags: 36 x 40cm £8.00

Gusset shopping bag: 40 x 40cm £8.00

Either bag plus tea-towel £12.00

St Peter's Wine Glasses £15.00

Bottle of 275th Anniversary Beer £2.50

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Tickets now on sale - and "when they're gone - they're gone!"

Tickets for two special events in our 275th Anniversary Celebration are now available - and they're limited in number - so now's the time to be getting yours!



There is a Celebrity Preview Evening for the **Flower Festival** on Tuesday 7th June, at 7:30pm, when 75 people will be given a guided tour of the displays by the Flower Arrangers themselves. A chance to learn about the displays and ask awkward questions! There will be "Bubbles and Bites" available on arrival, and then the formal opening of the Festival will be made by our unique celebrities.

There are not all that many identical twins around; still fewer who are Alumni of Trinity St Peter's School and no others who are both currently Members of Parliament. Angela and Maria Eagle attended St Peter's School in the 1960s and early 70s, and (Parliamentary emergencies notwithstanding) have agreed to be with us for the evening.

Tickets for this are £10 - including a buttonhole flower and the refreshments - are available from Fiona Martin in Church, or by calling 01704 643614.



On Friday 8th July, from 7:00 to Midnight, our splendid Anniversary Dinner will take place in the Marquee at Formby Cricket Club.

Tickets are £30, including a buffet (hot/cold, savoury/sweet), as well as professional entertainment, dancing and real Magicians! There will be a paying bar available.

In addition there will be a series of Raffles and Prizes during the

evening which you can join in by "putting" £10 in an envelope on arrival (contactless will be available as well as cash being accepted).

Tickets for this are available from Shena Edwards in Church, or at the Church Office.



JUBILEE SUNDAY AND PENTECOST

On Sunday 5th June we celebrate Pentecost and HRH Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee.

We ask that, in celebration, everyone coming to the services on that day brings an item for the Foodbank.

The Queen has served all her people with such dedication and selflessness that we, as a mark of respect, can do what we can to relieve the suffering of others.

The congregation who attend the 10 a.m. Eucharist are all invited for refreshments to Tony & Pauline Price's garden – Church Cottage opposite the church gates. We are being treated to bubbles and refreshments to toast the Queen's 70th anniversary.

Thank you to Tony & Pauline for their generous invitation to us all.



Children's Haribo Service



The children and their families had a fun Haribo Service thinking about the 70 years that the Queen has reigned. They also talked about what they would like to be when they grow up, which ranged from being a builder to a bus driver to a vet.

Thank you to Judith and Caroline for our service and to Carol and Tricia for providing the refreshments.

And, of course, thank you to our special guest!

The next Haribo Service is on **Sunday 19th June at 12 noon.**
All very welcome.





At our meeting in May we had a visit from Laura Holton who works for Home Instead. This is a company which is helping seniors to live well and comfortably at home. Laura was advertising for people to join their team and explained that appropriate training would be provided, hours of work would be arranged to suit each individual and remuneration would be provided (no details given).

Our main speaker for the meeting was Kay Kellaway who talked about her hobby of embroidery. Kay had a large number of beautiful samples of her work and based her excellent talk around these samples which were passed around so that we could examine them closely. All in all a wonderful afternoon.

This month's meeting is on 2nd June and we have decided to combine the June and July meetings. So the meeting in June will be the Strawberry Tea plus Bring and Buy. We are also asked to bring soap and/or shower gel for the refugee collection.

All members and friends are welcome.

Although the June meeting will be our last gathering until September we will still be celebrating our Corporate Communion on the first Wednesday of each month.

Best wishes

Herbert (873367) and Jean



***Mothers' Union members attending the Deanery Service
with the Diocesan President, Caroline Collins.***

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 June please pray for all who live in –

- 5th June Harington Green, Warren Green, Ince Crescent
- 12th June Wicks Green, Wicks Crescent, Wicks Green Close
- 19th June Larkhill Lane, Dunes Drive, Blundell Avenue
- 26th June Gorse Way, Proctor Road, Squirrel Green



Little Fishes Pre-School Group

The Little Fishes is a pre-school drop-in group that meets on a Friday morning in school term time from 9.30 to 11.30 in St Peter's Parish Hall (opposite Trinity St Peter's School).

Parents, grandparents, guardians with children from 0 to 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 – 17th and 24th June

(Please note – no Little Fishes on the 3rd or 10th June).



Sunday Club

Children start in church (10.00 a.m.) and then move to the Bier House for lots of fun. An 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.

Date: Sunday 26th June



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 2.00 p.m.

Everyone is very welcome.

Next WOW Service is on Wednesday 29th June



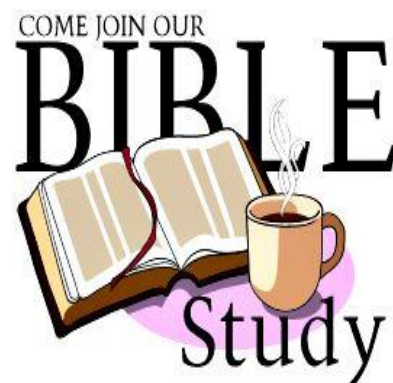
Bible Study enables us to see how scripture can help us in our everyday lives. It is more fun to study and journey together and all that is needed is a willingness to read the passage.

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 10 a.m.

Topic: Caring for Creation
7th June meeting in Ken & Liz's home
14th June in the Bier House
21st June no Bible study
28th June in the Bier House
Contact: Ken Ward 871927



Friday Bible Study Group at 2 p.m.

10th June in Raymond & Janet Lee's home
17th June in the Bier House
Contact: Peter Paine 809517

Please note Ted is not holding a bible study group in June.

Primetime

Our next meeting will be on
Wednesday 15th June

Meet in the
Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

All ladies welcome, especially
if joining us for the first time.
Looking forward to seeing you,

Elaine and Sonia

TIMEOUT

men, beer and discussion
The next meeting of Timeout is



on Monday 13th June at 8.00 p.m.
in the Bier House.

**Topic: A Christian in
Politics**

**Speaker: Councillor
Catie Paige
Ravenmeols Ward**

All very welcome.





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*Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service
which she has shown among us.
Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to you and to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen



National Anthem

Like many aspects of British constitutional life, "God Save the Queen" derives its official status from custom and use, not from Royal Proclamation nor from Act of Parliament. The variation in the UK of the lyrics to "God Save the Queen" is the oldest amongst those currently used, and forms the basis on which all other versions used throughout the Commonwealth are formed; though, again, the words have varied over time.

The author of the tune is unknown, and it may originate in plainchant, but an attribution to the composer John Bull is sometimes made.

"God Save the Queen" is the de facto national anthem of the United Kingdom, and one of two national anthems used by New Zealand since 1977, as well as for several of the UK's territories that have their own additional local anthem. It is also the royal anthem – played specifically in the presence of the monarch – of the aforementioned countries, as well.

Beyond its first verse, which is consistent, "God Save the Queen/King" has many historic and extant versions. Since its first publication, different verses have been added and taken away and, even today, different publications include various selections of verses in various orders. In general, only one verse is sung. Sometimes two verses are sung, and, on rare occasions, three.

The sovereign and her or his spouse are saluted with the entire composition, while other members of the royal family who are entitled to royal salute (such as the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge along with their spouses) receive just the first six bars.

The first six bars also form all or part of the Vice Regal Salute in some Commonwealth realms other than the UK (e.g., in Canada, governors general and lieutenant governors at official events are saluted).

Rod Jacques



The words of the National Anthem are as follows:

God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

From the Church Register ~ Weddings

Saturday 7th May
Wedding of
Adam Kendal-Crispin & Nicole Roberts



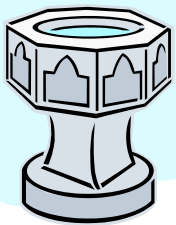
Saturday 21st May
Wedding of
James Greenwood &
Bethany Rodgers
... and transport!



From the Church Register ~ Baptism



Frankie Thomas Poole,
the son of Jenny &
Anthony, was baptised on
Sunday 1st May.



Sunday 22nd May
Baptism of
Thomas James Varey,
son of Sam & Sentillena

From the Church Register



Funeral

9th May
10th May

Joan Lyon
Samuel Sheil

Interment of Ashes

3rd May
7th May
11th May
21st May

Doreen Greer
Alison Aindow
Marie McGibbon
Paul Birkbeck

Sunday 8th May was Sport Sunday

The 10 a.m. All-Age Eucharist welcomed uniformed groups wearing shirts and scarves of their team.



Revd Anne with Lilly

Lilly Nelson's last Sunday on placement with us was Sport Sunday.



Sporty Brownies

Caroline
Speakman



Scouts 

The Beach Angels and National Trust helped to support the Scouts in learning about environmental issues for their World Challenge Award and as part of the Community Impact Badge.

Elaine Almond



PENTECOST AROUND THE WORLD

The Feast of Pentecost falls on 5th June this year, coming as it does 50 days after Easter. Pentecost commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first disciples.

In a recent book, Mark Oakley, Dean of St John's College, Cambridge, mentions the different customs of celebrating Pentecost to be found in various countries down the ages.

In medieval Bavaria, a wooden bird, representing a dove, would be lowered from the ceiling of the church to symbolise the descent of the Holy Spirit on the first disciples. However, to counteract any idea that the Holy Spirit is wooden and lifeless, choirboys would tip buckets of water on the congregation at the same time to "baptise them with the Holy Spirit"!



In some parts of Europe, the courts were closed and servants' work suspended. The message was clear – the Holy Spirit sets you free. You are no longer a slave but a child of God.

In France, it was customary to blow trumpets during the service to celebrate Pentecost. This was to symbolise the rushing mighty wind and to blow away the cobwebs of dull conformity and tradition.

In Oriental churches, the congregation would kneel and read poetry. Kneeling is a sign of submitting to God and poetry reading was an acknowledgement that the Holy Spirit inspires art, craft, music and literature and not just "churchy" things.

In Italy, it was the custom to scatter rose petals from the ceiling of the church to symbolise the tongues of fire that rested on the heads of the disciples on the first Pentecost.

And here, in England, Pentecost was, and is, known as Whitsunday because of the white clothes worn by those who came to be baptised on that day. Whitsun ales were brewed in honour of the day. On the first day of Pentecost the onlookers thought that the disciples were drunk, even though it was only 9 o'clock in the morning!

This year the Feast of Pentecost coincides with the Queen's platinum celebrations. It is a happy coincidence as the Queen has made no secret of her Christian faith or of her dependence on the guidance of the Holy Spirit during her long and grace-filled reign.

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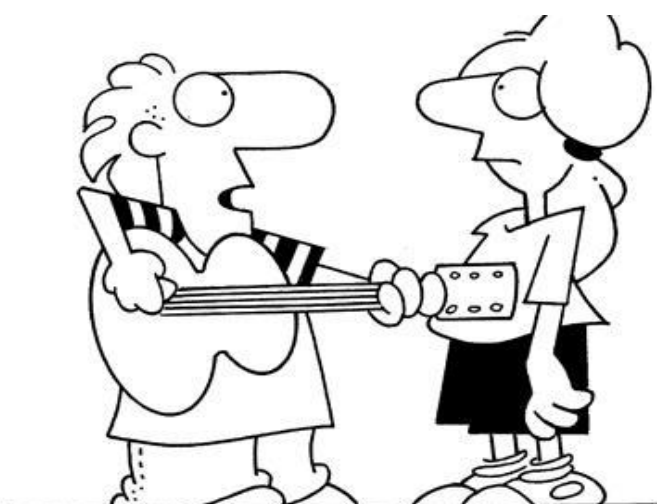


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Surprising things you never knew about Queen Elizabeth II

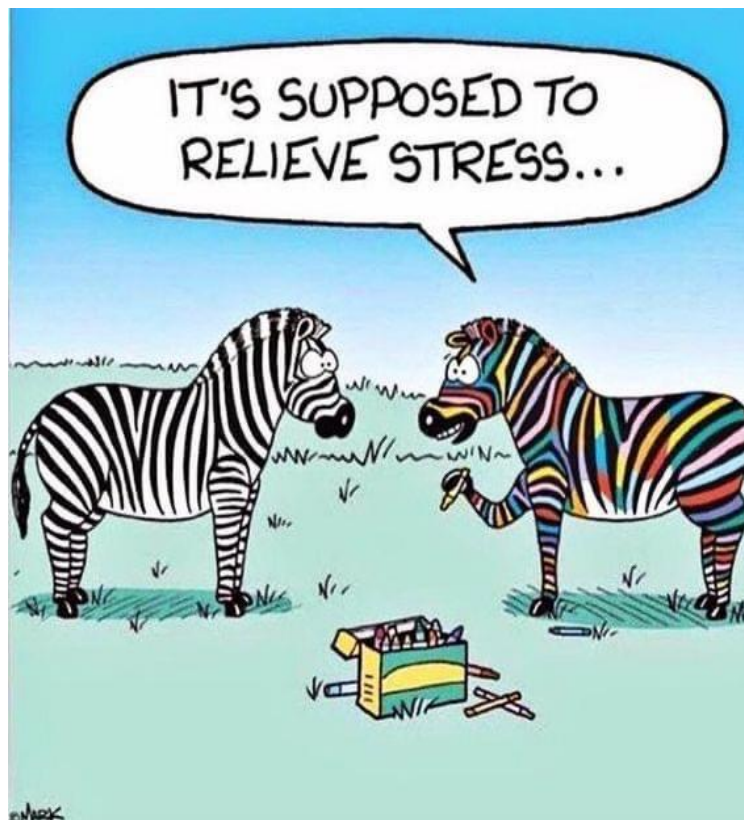
- * Queen Elizabeth has her own Barbie doll.
- * She has reigned for so long, four-out-of-five UK residents weren't alive when she ascended the throne.
- * Her tiara snapped on her wedding day.
- * Queen Elizabeth never went to school.
- * She is the longest-reigning British monarch in history.
- * Despite being one of the world's most recognizable people, she's very private.
- * She and her sister partied incognito in the streets of London to celebrate the end of World War II.
- * She once trolled a group of tourists who didn't recognize her.
- * She's rich, but she's not even close to being the richest person in the UK.
- * She's made at least 260 official overseas trips since taking the throne.
- * She doesn't have to pay taxes, but she does anyway.
- * She reportedly uses her handbag to send secret signals to her staff.
- * She owns all the swans and dolphins that swim in UK waters.
- * She doesn't have a passport or a driver's licence. She doesn't even need them.
- * She sent a message to the moon, ahead of the Apollo 11 moon landing in 1969.
- * She's owned more than 30 corgis throughout her lifetime.
- * She reportedly used to drink a glass of champagne every night before bed until recently.
- * During her 70-year reign, there have been 15 different British prime ministers.
- * She's also seen 14 different US presidents.
- * She's been portrayed as a character in roughly 100 TV shows and movies.



"Writing hymns is harder than I thought!
I can't think of anything that rhymes with
'Hallelujah' except 'glad I knew ya'
and 'we'll tattoo ya!'"



Derek realised it had been a mistake allowing the church treasurer to do the hymn numbers!



Pentecost

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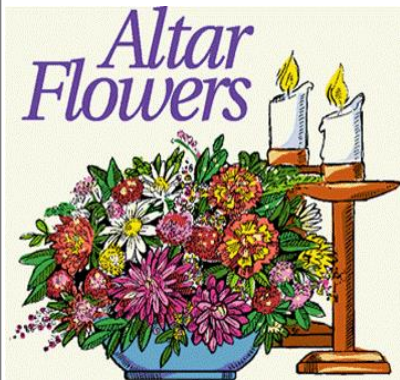
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St Peter's Church was originally "The Ancient Chapelry of Formby, St Peter Apostle and Martyr." It dates from the 12th century and was situated very close to the sea. St Peter's was part of the Parish of Walton, which is why the Rector of Walton is 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.



From the Back Pew Ted Woods

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS !

One of the major events of our 275 celebrations is this month's *Footsteps Through Formby* Flower Festival from Wednesday 8th to Sunday 12th June, as, in a special way, the flower arrangements will illuminate our knowledge of the area.

Flowers don't just tell a story or give a message when they are put together. Our Victorian predecessors believed that individual flowers and individual colours conveyed special meanings.

Like, sending a red rose to say, "I love you", or a white rose to tell someone that they were worthy of them. To get orange blossoms meant that the sender thought you were pure and lovely! Lily of the valley signified a return to happiness.



A pink carnation stood for a woman's love but a yellow one meant, "I don't love you", whereas a red carnation stood for a broken heart.



Similarly, chrysanthemums conveyed special messages. Red stood for love, white for truth and yellow meant, "I've been let down"!

So be careful about what you buy in flowers!

I've been thinking what flowers might represent the kind of people we are.

For example, are we Busy Lizzies and Geraniums. They both give plenty of blooms and, once watered, keep going for a long time. How lucky we are in St Peter's to have many Busy Lizzies and Geraniums – people who willingly "get stuck in" when things have to be done and make a blooming good show of it, too! The great thing about these plants is that they are easily slipped. Enthusiasm is contagious.



In contrast is the cactus. We had one that sat on the window shelf of the kitchen, and never seemed to do anything much – for 360 days of the year anyhow. But once a year a shoot with a bud would appear, and then one morning we would come down and there would be a magnificent red flower with an exquisite

perfume. But it only lasted a day! And then it reverted to its rather dull, prickly existence. Although it was quite an unfriendly plant, nevertheless it still had its place on the window ledge.

And then there's the *Mimosa sensitiva*. Whereas the cactus will spike you if you come too close, this little plant curls its leaves when you touch it, and even the stem droops a little. It's like a person full of fear and anxiety.



That's why the Bible is full of advice about being tender-hearted, warm and considerate, being conscious of how we treat people who can be just as sensitive as we can be!

We mustn't be like the *Arum pictum* which grows red poisonous berries. Its other name is Lords and Ladies. There's no room in the church for pride and superiority. The only time we should look down on people is when we are lifting them up!



A little bit of kindness, a little bit of love helps us all to grow, and nowhere is this more true than with the Chinese Lantern – *Physalis*. When it's growing it has a small whitish flower which the gardening books describe as "insignificant" and not much to look at. But given the warmth of the sun it becomes a spectacular lantern.

Even if we think we're just ordinary with not much to offer, we all have hidden gifts and talents which just need the warmth of encouragement to grow and blossom. And the great thing about the Chinese Lantern is that it can be dried and last a long time.

Many flowers can be dried and kept for arrangements. I often think that they can remind us of those whom we have known and loved and are now gone, but whose influence, goodness and memory continues to live on.

And just one more flower, a favourite of mine, the *Passiflora* or Passion Flower. It's so called because it has reminders of the passion of Jesus.

The flower is purple, the colour of the season of Lent. The three stigma represent the three nails that held Jesus to the cross. The five anthers, the five wounds of Jesus (hands, feet and side). The filaments remind us of the crown of thorns. The leaves with 3 spikes point to the Holy Trinity, while its vine-like tendrils tell us of God's attachment to the earth!



So, don't only say it with flowers: listen also to what the flowers say to us!

What flower do you identify with?

Diary Dates June 2022



Wednesday 1st

11.00 a.m. Eucharist with Mothers' Union Prayers *followed by refreshments*

Thursday 2nd

2.00 p.m. Mothers' Union Strawberry Tea & Bring & Buy Sale in the Bier House

Friday 3rd

Bank Holiday – *No Little Fishes*

Saturday 4th

12.00 noon Wedding of Ian Aitken & Jennifer Hughes

Sunday 5th Pentecost / HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

8.30 a.m. Eucharist (BCP)

10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist *followed by Jubilee refreshments by kind invitation of Tony & Pauline Price of Church Cottage*

12.30 p.m. Service of Baptism for Louie, Frankie & Evie Percival and Sam & Olivia Petrou

6.30 p.m. Choral Evensong



Flower Festival and Art Exhibition Week

Tuesday 7th

10.00 a.m. Bible Study *with Ken Ward* in Ken & Liz's home

11.00 a.m. Woodlands Care Home Eucharist

7.30pm Flower Festival opening Night – ticket only

Wednesday 8th Please note there will be no Wednesday Eucharist

10.00 a.m.–5.00 p.m.

Flower Festival and Art Exhibition

12.00 noon Interment of Ashes – Gabrielle Hutchinson

Thursday 9th

10.00 a.m.–5.00 p.m.

Flower Festival and Art Exhibition

Friday 10th No Little Fishes Pre-school Group

10.00 a.m.–5.00 p.m.

Flower Festival and Art Exhibition

2.00 p.m. Bible Study *with Peter Paine* in Raymond & Janet Lee's home

Saturday 11th

10.00 a.m.–5.00 p.m.

Flower Festival and Art Exhibition

Sunday 12th Trinity Sunday Flower Festival open from 11.15 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

8.30 a.m. Eucharist (CW)

10.00 a.m. Festival Eucharist – preacher Rev Barry Dryden

6.30 p.m. Deanery Thanksgiving for Lay Ministry and Visitation

Monday 13th

8.00 p.m. Timeout – Men, Beer & Topics in the Bier House

Tuesday 14th

10.00 a.m. Bible Study Group *with Ken Ward* in the Bier House

Wednesday 15th

10.00 a.m. Refugee Welcome Day in the Parish Hall

11.00 a.m. Eucharist *followed by refreshments*



Friday 17th

9.30 a.m. Little Fishes Pre-school Group in the Church Hall

Saturday 18th

1.00 p.m. Wedding of Luke Martin & Rebecca Cobain



Sunday 19th The 1st Sunday after Trinity

8.30 a.m. Eucharist (BCP)

10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

12noon Children's Haribo Service

6.30 p.m. Service of Wholeness

Tuesday 21st *Please note no Bible Study Group today*

Wednesday 22nd

11.00 a.m. Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

Friday 24th

9.30 a.m. Little Fishes Pre-school Group in the Church Hall



Sunday 26th The 2nd Sunday after Trinity

8.30 a.m. Eucharist (CW)

10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club *followed by refreshments*

6.30 p.m. Choral Evensong

Tuesday 28th

10.00 a.m. Bible Study Group *with Ken Ward* in the Bier House

Wednesday 29th St Peter's Day

11.00 a.m. Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

2.00 p.m. WOW service for pre-school children in church

7.30 p.m. St Peter in a Nutshell Talk in the Bier House



LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 3rd July

Patronal Festival with preacher Bishop Ken Kearon

Friday 8th July

Festival Dinner in the Cricket Club Marquee

Sunday 17th July

275th Celebration Service preacher Bishop Beverly Mason


Saturday 3rd September

Community Fun Day in the TSP school grounds

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July's 275 Events

Sunday 3rd

Patronal Festival Service

10:00 Eucharist

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17th July

Consecration Sunday

10:00 Eucharist

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