

St Peter's Church Magazine

September 2022

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

EDITORIAL

September always feels like a new beginning after the holidays, so welcome back everyone. We hope the summer, which is not quite over yet, has been a happy one for you all.



There is a great deal of activity to come in true St Peter's style.

Notable dates this month are Sunday 11th September when we have our annual pet service in church. This year the service is being sponsored by 'Little Legs Rehoming,' a local charity that is concerned with puppy farmed dogs. They are based in Southport, do look at their website. Also on the 11th is the Service of Wholeness at 6.30pm. We are hoping that the Breakfast Church will resume on Saturday 1st October at 9am in the Bier House.

Holy Cross Day is on 14th September, the date marks the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem when in 335 part of the true cross was presented to the crowd outside the church so the people could pray before it. The internet has some very interesting information on this and well worth looking up.

Please see pages 16 –18 where David Holroyd tells the adventure of the visit to Oberammergau.

One last notice, sadly we are not able to accept any more medicine blister packs. A few packs have been found to have tablets still remaining in them, it can be difficult to see that all have been removed, so for safety we cannot take any more.

'Superdrug' in Southport do take blister packs for recycling if you would like to take them there. They have a bin by their pharmacy counter.

With best wishes to all our readers,



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**

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Dear Friends,

I hope you have managed to have a restful and relaxing August because September in St Peter's promises to be a busy month, as we resume our 275th anniversary programme of celebration, and we'll need everyone to be full of energy and enthusiasm.

The month kicks off with a **Community Fun Day** for all the people of Formby. This will be held on 3rd September in the grounds of Trinity St Peter's School and we are very thankful for being given permission to use the school field. There will be something for all the family from stalls, activities, demonstrations, a variety of food stalls and much more.

Please spread the word. There are leaflets in the church porch and in the hall and please share on Facebook and with WhatsApp groups.

Admission will be by donation.

Then on Sunday 11th September we will be holding our annual service for **"all creatures great and small."** **The Pet Service** has become firmly established in our calendar, and we invite you to bring along your pet to be blessed whether four-legged, two-legged or no legs! The more the merrier!



Towards the end of September you can touch into your creative side to create a scarecrow for our **Scarecrow Shindig**. Scarecrows can be erected in the churchyard, and there will be some in the church itself as we decorate for the Harvest Festival services.

St Peter's Coffee Shop will be open for the duration of the Scarecrow Shindig, and all who visit will be given a voting paper to select the best scarecrow. There is no particular theme, so give your imagination full rein!

We look forward to a funny variety of scarecrows and look out for the Vicar and the organist!

All this leads up to our **Harvest Thanksgiving** services on Sunday 25th September with a Parade Eucharist at 10am and the Community Harvest Service at 6.30pm.

This year's special preacher is **Canon Alastair Graham**, who is Rector of Mullingar, the county town of Westmeath in the centre of Ireland. As well as being an old friend of Ted and me, Alastair has had an amazing ministry in Mullingar where he has re-vitalised and grown the parish. He has also spearheaded a youth eco project called 'Lighten our Darkness' which has been recognised and welcomed by all the churches in Ireland.

We look forward to welcoming Alastair and his wife Olive to St Peter's. Not an Irish Bishop this time but he should have been!



So, with all the foregoing events, you can see why I hope you have had time for a bit of rest and relaxation in August as we enter the final stretch of our 275th celebrations!

Again, I want to thank the 275 committee for all their hard work, vision and enthusiasm over the past 8 months. So many people have been through the doors of St Peter's where they have been welcomed and made feel at home, and all the events have heightened the profile of St Peter's and our ministry to all.

The service to celebrate the consecration of our church was a wonderfully joyous occasion with Bishop Bev, The Lord Lieutenant, the Archdeacon, the A.T.C, our Scouts, and the local MP and headteachers amongst others. After the service the High Sheriff of Liverpool, **Ms Lesley Martin-Wright JP DL**, wrote to remark on how impressed she was at the warmth and vitality she experienced in St Peter's. Thank you to our Churchwardens, David and the choir, all who helped with refreshments and for everyone who joined us on the day and the nearly 200 who watched on the live stream. A wonderful day of celebration.

Another day of celebration is on 24th September when Matt Parkes will be licenced as a Reader in Liverpool Cathedral. Matt will then be joining us in St Peter's as a Reader and I look forward to welcoming him to the team.

September is very much a '**Starting Again**' month, and it's so important after all we have achieved in the last eight months that we don't rest on our laurels but gear ourselves into action for the final four months of our 275th celebrations and make it a year to remember.

I am looking forward to worshipping and ministering with you for the rest of our celebration year and looking forward to the exciting future of St Peter's.

Anne

UGANDA UPDATE



Like us in Britain, Uganda has opened up again after Covid, and like us in Britain the cost of living is increasing and inflation is high. Food prices have doubled!



So, earlier in the year the Uganda committee agreed to sponsor 20 needy pupils at St Peter's School, Kalule, across their final 3 years of schooling there. Some of the need is due to being orphaned but the other is plain financial. All schooling, books and equipment have to be paid for in Uganda.

Those selected for help were chosen by the principal and our man on the ground Richard Kaboggza. Families were interviewed and assessed before being recommended for help. There are 8 pupils in year 6, and 6 each in years 5 and 4. The cost for 2022 is £2,313, but for the present selected pupils this amount will decrease to £1,758 in 2023 and £1,618 in 2024. That is, if we do not take on any other needy pupils and that is a decision that will have to be taken on the basis of what funds we have, for helping needy pupils is only one element of our on-going support for the project.

As reported previously, the performance of St Peter's School, Kalule, so improved – we would like to think what we did contributed to this – that the Ugandan government built two extra classrooms for them, but without any furniture or fittings! Again, we have been able to finance the purchase of desks and tables at a cost of £500. So, the school is up and running and in good heart.



One of the pupils we have been particularly supporting is Vivian whose foot was badly damaged in an accident, making it difficult for her to walk and live a normal life. Over the past two years she had had two operations and numerous hospital visits for treatment. We are delighted to say that Vivian has now been discharged and can wear shoes.

Her family are so grateful to us for our on-going support of Vivian and paying for her treatment. A recent thank-you message says that we have “changed Vivian's future life for the better.”

The chicken project was very adversely affected by Covid as the school and Women's Project on the site were closed and no one was around. It coincided with the chickens stopping laying and they were all sold off. A profit of £700 is lodged for re-starting the project.

To avoid a repeat of all the chickens ceasing to lay eggs at the same time, we have suggested that the re-start should be over three years, re-stocking each year so that there is a continuous supply of eggs. That has been accepted and they have come up with the idea that as well as laying hens they should also stock broilers to sell for meat. So, the re-stock will be half and half.

This has meant that the coops have had to be divided at a cost of £700, and new stock has to be purchased, along with feed and veterinary expenses which has come to a net total of £5,883.

This has been agreed on the basis that in kick starting the project it will become self-sufficient and all profits will go in the first instance to re-stocking.

The Women's Project is getting going again after Covid. This is a self-help group on the site with their own premises where they meet and make goods for sale to help pay school fees and run their homes. Many of you will have seen and purchased their quilts and jewellery from Shena Edwards.



They want to branch out into making more clothes for sale and to help them we have agreed to pay for the repair of two old sewing machines, the purchase of two new manual and one new electric sewing machine at a cost of £600. Again, we are trying to help them become self-sufficient and develop their businesses for the future.

So, even though we weren't able to visit the project this year as we had planned, our support has not diminished. All in all, we have expended over £9,200 on the various elements of the project, and our funds are now quite depleted. We are so grateful to all who have contributed to the Uganda Fund and who continue to sponsor needy pupils. Need in Uganda is very great and education is one of the keys to unlocking opportunities for the future. Please continue to support this important and rewarding aspect of our parish ministry.

This July marked the 4th anniversary of our first trip to Kalule, which was followed by another group in 2019. We had hoped to go out again in 2021 but Covid intervened. At the time of writing, we are uncertain when another visit will be possible, but we would like to go again to encourage them in all that has been started and to monitor progress.

However, we have been so fortunate in having Richard Kaboggza as our 'manager' and we are grateful to him for the way in which he has made time from his own job to be our link person, making purchases, overseeing developments and keeping us informed of progress.

The Uganda Project has helped us look beyond ourselves and our own concerns and to realise our place as part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Our practical and financial support has made a difference to the lives of the people of Kalule, and has given them hope and a sense that they are not alone. It has given those of us who have visited and worked with them a new perspective on life and made us realise how fortunate we are.

Ted Woods

Consecration Sunday 17th July 2022



A wonderful celebration of 275 years of our present worshipping community in St Peter's church. A large congregation joined with many on the live stream to give thanks to God for the past and an exciting future.

Bishop Bev preached an inspiring sermon and was thrilled to celebrate with us.

We were joined by many guests - The Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, The High Sheriff, Bill Esterson MP, Archdeacon Pete Spiers, Headteachers of TSP and Formby High, the A.T.C and our own Scouts.

We were delighted that Barbara Carter was with us to cut the cake as her husband, the late Canon Norman Carter, was a much loved previous Vicar.





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Sunday 3rd July Patronal Festival

with special preacher,
Rt Revd Kenneth
Kearon, Bishop of
Limerick (Rtd)



Trinity St Peter's - Year 6 Leaver's Service



Choir on Tour

Just before midday on Sunday 31st July, Anne sent me a message saying “very quiet here today.”

I replied with a picture of the organ in Blackburn Cathedral, which I’d just finished playing, and said “anything BUT quiet here today!” Cliff recalls how he remained in the choir stalls when the choir processed out, and was sonically bombarded from both sides with the glorious sounds of probably the best organ in the country.



The Church choir, along with members of *Amadeus: the Chamber Choir* had been booked to sing at Blackburn in 2020 - but of course it didn't happen. It is a glorious building, and a huge pleasure, as well as a privilege to be able to sing the Eucharist and Evensong there.

We made a choir of some 33 (plus our several groupies ... including a previous St Peter's Vicar), and - disaster - they ran out of coffee after the service!

With Mozart, Chilcott, Rachmaninoff, Purcell, Parry, and a little bit of Holroyd as well - we gave the Blackburn congregation a properly balanced musical diet. And we were (as they say in Lancashire) "right chuffed" with our day out.

David Holroyd

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 275 th Anniversary Beer	£ 2.50

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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 – 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th September



Sunday Club

Children start in church (10.00am) 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 18th September

A SERVICE OF WHOLENESS



Dates for your diary:

Sunday 11th September

Sunday 9th October

Sunday 6th November

Sunday 4th December



Deanery Confirmation Service

Sunday 10th July

with Bishop Geoff
Pearson

**Congratulations to our
Confirmation Group**

Darcie Gaskill, Robert Gorman,
Charlie Knowles, Ollie Dean,
Sam Maddison, Thomas
Jenkinson, Will Rawsthorne,
Finley White, Robert Belfrage
and Patricia Barrett.



HARVEST

When I read the story about Ruth going to the field to gather up the leftover grain from Boaz's field, I am reminded of Harvest Sunday.

It was Hebraic law, that *'When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor and for the alien'* (Leviticus 23:22, N.R.S.V).

We find on the Sabbath, when Jesus was wandering through the cornfields, *'his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck the heads of grain and to eat'* (Matthew 12:1, N.R.S.V).

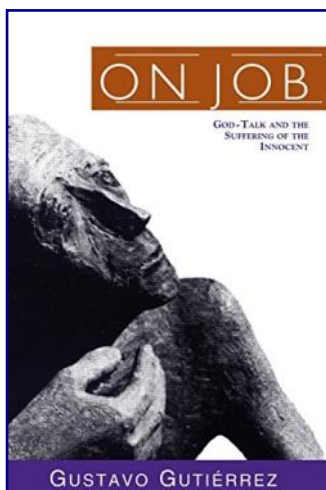
In response, the Pharisees point out to Jesus, that the disciples are doing something unlawful.

In 2014, a newspaper ran an article titled *'Vouchers for Sob Stories.'*

It highlighted how of the 913,000 food parcels provided by the Trussell Trust Foodbanks that year, some people had flouted a nine visits per year rule that the Trust adopted, and others still were going to different locations to obtain more.

It's reminiscent of the reaction to 'Oliver Twist' in the Dickens novel, when the main character who is living in a workhouse, dares to say, *'Please sir, I want some more.'*

Oliver and those who lived in the workhouse, had been suffering from slow starvation. Given that the number of food parcels issued by the Trussell Trust has grown to 2.1 million, it is likely that the reason some people were obtaining more vouchers than permitted, was because there was an underlying reason of hunger too.



There is a danger when regulations are seen to be more important than people's needs.

As the theologian Gustavo Gutierrez pointed out,

'The scorned of this world are those whom the God of love prefers. This is a very simple matter, but for a mind that judges everything by merits and demerits, worthiness and unworthiness, it is difficult'⁽¹⁾

Gordon MacLeod (Revd)

Gutierrez, G. (1987). *'On Job'*, Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books.

Congratulations to

Jane and Michael Pitts
Diamond Wedding Anniversary



Their wedding took place on
15th September 1962
at St Mary's, Fetcham, Surrey.



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.



Oberammergau 2020

The Oberammergau Passion Play season takes place only every ten years. We had signed up for Peter Paine's trip, organised by McCabe Pilgrimages, way back in early 2019. Anticipation grew as 2020 approached; and of course turned to disappointment when the C-thing struck. How wise the Oberammergau organisers had been, when they postponed the season by fully two years, became apparent as the pandemic developed. So, come June 2022, an intrepid group of fourteen from St Peter's joined a total party of thirty seven making their pilgrimage to the Austrian Tyrol, and thence to Oberammergau.

On Monday 21st June we gathered at Manchester Airport, facing the prospect of check-in and then security which, despite all the news headlines, was really not a problem. All was well, apart from us being scattered throughout the plane, unable to hold hands with nearest and dearest during take-off and landing. Then at Munich airport, passport control was navigated with typical Germanic efficiency... but much more easily by the three with their Irish passports, still able to use EU passport desks; whereas the rest of us were relegated to "all other passports" thanks to Cameron and Johnson.



Austrian pulpit



Jakobskreuz

A coach transfer by a scenic route took us to our pretty hotel in Fieberbrunn, where the accommodation, food, swimming pool and the family welcome were excellent. Trips out included Sankt Ulrich am Pillersee, Sankt Jakob and the 30 metre tall mountain top Jakobskreuz.

In the lovely mountain church of Sankt Martin bei Lofer the 'pilgrims' had to tolerate a brief blast on one of the smallest organs your writer has ever burgled his way into. Small it might have been, but it filled the church beautifully.

And a foretaste of the next day's main course, when he had already officially negotiated his way into having a few minutes on the monster organ in Salzburg Cathedral. The Cathedral itself resonated, rang and reverberated to Widor's famous Toccata. With apologies, fellow tourists, if it delayed your lunch, or distracted you from the behind-the-scenes glimpse of the Sacristy. But, in my shoes, you'd not go all the way to a place where Mozart played, and not want to have a go!



Tricia with Pontius Pilate

So, then we moved on to Oberammergau for a two night stay. It was amusing to stand at the stage door, and see the local participants arriving by bike - with moments to spare - before they were due on stage. It's true that virtually the whole community is involved one way or another, either on stage, behind the scenes or front of house in the theatre, as well as running their day-to-day lives as shopkeepers, hotel staff, and so on. Following her unfortunate mishap on a Tyrolean footpath, Tricia Barrett had the unique pleasure - if that's the right word - of having her plaster cast signed by several rather famous biblical characters!

And then the day itself. Early morning we had an insider's talk from members of the cast - fascinating; lunch in the hotel (what else but Wiener Schnitzel); and then the first act of the Play. Two and half amazing hours. The book with the text in English was invaluable, because although the scenes and action were clearly recognisable, a lot of the detail would have been lost in the dialogue, and in the musical items. The "frozen" human art in the tableaux scenes during the chorus items were beautiful.

The portrayal of Judas definitely made you feel that he was almost as much victim of the machinations of the High Priests as Jesus himself. His hanging was powerful, very moving - and left many stunned as we returned to the hotel for dinner, in the entr'acte of the play. Our dinner was served to us by none other than Pontius Pilate and St John!

The second two and a half hours led, of course, to the Trial before Pilate. And his portrayal left you with the idea that his hands were not completely washed clean by the end of it - he seemed to have been manipulated by the High Priests too. Some interesting "slants" on the usual gospel narratives. Then of course the Crucifixion, which was powerful. I suspect I wasn't the only person to have been emotionally wrung out!

Unlike Lloyd-Webber's Jesus Christ Superstar which ends at that point, there was a brief scene depicting the Resurrection - not quite a 'happily ever after' moment, and only a fairly recent addition to the Oberammergau script, probably to make the tourists' applause less incongruous. The applause was well deserved, prolonged and enthusiastic. And so, with a night-cap in the only bar left open at 10:30 in the evening, back to the hotel for sleep, a leisurely breakfast and the journey home.

It might have been called a pilgrimage, but let it be known that the St Peter's group had a ball ... no fasting or self-denial on this road; few truly weary feet, apart from a few blisters; neither sack-cloth nor ashes. And whilst it was great fun, I am sure I speak for us all when I say that the spiritual, emotional and abiding highpoint was the Passion Play itself.

Many, many thanks to Peter and Carol for taking the initiative and organising this for us all. They must have been relieved when the authorities in Oberammergau decided, only in March, that the play would go ahead this year.

Proof that St Peter's is a well-oiled machine, with many hands turning to many tasks: you take away the Vicar and her husband, a Churchwarden, the Organist, a Sacristan, and several stalwarts in the Congregation ... and the tower was still standing on our return.

David Holroyd



The St Peter's group outside the Passion Play theatre

From the Church Register



Funerals

5 th July	David Stephenson
11 th July	Elizabeth Christy
19 th July	Thelma Hill
25 th July	Dot Seddon
15 th August	Susan Lee
22 nd August	Sheila Clark
25 th August	Barbara Quine
25 th August	George Steele
31 st August	Mike Barrett
1 st September	Marie Crocker

Interment of Ashes

8 th June	Gabrielle Hutchinson
22 nd July	Rebecca Ibbs
17 th August	Doreen Gillett

Mothers' UNION

During our Summer break we had one meeting as we celebrated Mary Sumner Day with our Deanery President and MU members from other churches in the Deanery.

Our monthly meetings start again in September. On Thursday 1st September in the Bier House from 2pm we look forward to Sonia Greenyer talking to us about her holiday in New Zealand.

In October we meet in church for our annual service when we renew our commitment to the Mothers Union and then in November I am delighted to say that Nathan will be joining us.

As usual we will be supporting our three projects:
Away from it all; Refugees and Seafarers Mission.

Best wishes

Herbert (873367) and Jean



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From the Church Register ~ Baptism

Sunday 24th July
Margot Lucille Mahood,
daughter of Karen & John



Sunday 10th July
Joshua James Wignall,
son of Sophia & Sam



Sunday 24th July
Freddie Robert Stanley-Evans,
son of Matt & Laura



Saturday 30th July
Sophia Talitha Thorpe,
daughter of Nathan & Poppy was
baptised in the Church of the Good
Shepherd, West Derby.



Sunday 21st August
Penelope Louise Connolly,
daughter of Megan & Stuart



Sunday 21st August
Lucy Olivia Houghton,
daughter of Mark & Charlotte



Sunday 21st August
Father and son baptised together,
Alfie William Hibbard,
son of Nicholas & Melissa



From the Church Register ~ Summer Weddings

Saturday 16th July

Michael Ormond & Rebecca Pring



Friday 22nd July

Neil Hanrahan & Melissa Quinn



Monday 25th July

Simon Bushell & Nickola Bannon

Squirrels – 4 to 6 years

We're starting a new provision for four and five year olds called Squirrels, to help young people gain skills for life.

Squirrels

Every week, Squirrels will gather to grow and learn their way through lots of different games and activities

The one hour sessions will be a brilliant opportunity for young people to take their first step into being part of Scouts, and they'll help everyone get ready for the adventure of school too.

Sessions will be packed with outdoors activities, fun, games, badges, laughter, and so much more to help our youngest members learn the skills they need for life. Of course, none of it would be possible without the support of the amazing leaders who plan and deliver such an inspiring programme.

**If you would like further information please contact
Olwen (Squirrel Leader) on 07736 457067.**

**We are always looking for volunteers to help the Scouting
movement to grow!**



September Bible Readings

4th – The 12th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 18:1-11 / Philemon 1-21 / Luke 14:25-33

11th – The 13th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 / 1 Timothy 1:12-17 / Luke 15:1-10

14th – Holy Cross Day

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

18th – The 14th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 / 1 Timothy 2:1-7 / Luke 16:1-13

21st – St Matthew Apostle and Evangelist

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

25th – Harvest Thanksgiving

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 / Philippians 4:4-9 / John 6:25-35

29th – St Michael and All Angels

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



Weekly Prayers for our Parish

Each Sunday we pray for the residents who live in our parish and during the year every road is included in our prayer rota.

During September please pray for all who live in –

- 4th Sep Moss Side, Fallowfield Close, Watchyard Lane
- 11th Sep Smithy Green, Smithy Close, Cable Street
- 18th Sep Dobbs Drive, The Hamptons, Church Road
- 25th Sep Church Close, Formby Gardens, Alderson Crescent



How you can make a lasting difference to the work of St. Peter's

Once you have made provision for your loved ones, you have the opportunity to make a lasting gift to God, by leaving a legacy to His church.

Leaving a gift in your Will is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support the mission and ministry at St. Peter's.

Please pick up one of our Legacy Leaflets in Church for more information.

TIMEOUT

Visit to the Southport Lifeboat Station
on Monday 5th September
meeting at 7.15pm at the Bier House.
Further information from Ted Woods
office@stpetersformby.co.uk



Primetime

Our next meeting will be
on

**Wednesday
21st September**

Meet in the
Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

All ladies welcome
Looking forward to seeing
you,

Elaine and Sonia.

Breakfast Church at 9am in the Bier House

Starting again from October!

Join us for a 30 minute service followed by toast & chat.

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Urgently Needed Items

Tinned meat eg ham, corned beef

Tinned fruit

Rice pudding

Tinned custard

Rice

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

We've got plenty of

Beans, soup and tinned tomatoes.



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Glyn Jones

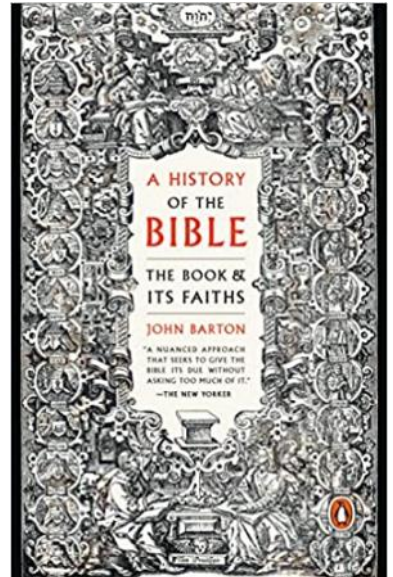
*The Church Porch is open
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Bishops

The bishops of the Church of England have come in for some severe criticism from senior politicians, mainly because of their outspoken rejection of the government's immigration policy. Members of Parliament argue that the leaders of a church should stick to the limits of their authority and the morality of the individual. This raises the question of what right the bishops have to speak about a government's approach to national issues.

An interesting point made in 'A History of the Bible' by John Barton is that the psalms move from an individual petition and prayer, to prayer seeking help and support for the nation. He explains how Psalm 102 moves from the individual "Hear my prayer, O Lord, let my cry for help come to you" then later in the same psalm "The nations will fear the name of the lord." The bible has always been interested in both the individual and the community.

The New Testament has considerable emphasis on the morality of the individual but also refers to how members of a community should conduct themselves. Possibly the most famous are the parables of the Good Samaritan and the need to render unto Caesar and God.



This continuity of private and public morality is seen throughout the Bible, which implies that those who lead our churches have a responsibility to meet the demands of Christ's teaching.

There is an apposite quote from the late Bishop Tutu, "There comes a point where we need to stop pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they are falling in." Bishops when they are consecrated, in the book of Common Prayer, have to make a series of promises, part of which states, "Will you maintain and set forward quietness, peace, and love among all men." And in another demand, "Will you shew yourself gently and be merciful for Christ's sake to poor and needy people."

As is well known, bishops have the power to speak in parliament, so a voice there is an essential part of their work. It can therefore be argued that bishops and all church leaders have the responsibility to ensure government policy is appropriate to Christ's teaching.

Another senior politician has stated that Roman Catholic bishops should not be given places in the House of Lords, stating "I think the English Establishment is deeply, deeply seductive and I don't want Catholic bishops to be tempted by an essentially secular Establishment." This warning is prescient as the history of the state church has a long history of being a prop of the state. We see it in Putin's heavy reliance on wooing the Russian Orthodox church to support his invasion of Ukraine.

This reliance on the Church to support state action occurred in the fascist states between the two world wars. Mussolini's blackshirts, Franco's civil war on the Spanish government, and Hitler's consolidation of power used the fear of communism to harness the church support.

The Russian revolution under Lenin and Stalin wanted the end of all religious activity and destroyed churches. This in turn made European leaders identify radicalism and popular movements as anti church. By their actions church leaders supporting fascism lost their independence.

There is no reason that bishops are now tightly tied into the state government but they must not be cowed by the censorship of the government. It is extremely difficult to know with certainty the exact nature of moral norms but the essential factor is the teaching of Christ. Morality seen through the lens of his teaching points in the right direction.

Rod Jacques

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, 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

Wednesday Bible Study Group at 7.30pm

Date: 28th September 2022. Contact Ted Woods 872824

Friday Bible Study Group at 2pm

Date: 9th September 2022. Contact Peter Paine 07722 127791

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.

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Cubs on Fire as they win the District Dragonboat Races

The District Cub Dragonboat racing finally took place on Friday July 22nd at Waterside Lodge in Southport, having been postponed from earlier in June due to very windy conditions the Marine Lake.



Forming a joint team with Cubs from the 61st Southport Pack, the races consisted of two timed heats racing against another boat, with the best two teams entering the final.



Our boat came first in both heats, and after a nerve wracking wait while the other heats were run, found out they were in the top two and so would be in the final! One more race, and with fire in their bellies, back out on to the lake, with mother nature trying to dampen spirits, our team gave it all their worth and passed the winning post first!

Mark Sheil, Cub Scout Leader, Assistant Scout Leader
9th Formby (St Peters) Scout Group

cubs

Sadly No More Blister Packs!!

We were delighted to provide an opportunity to recycle blister packs especially considering the phenomenal amount that arrived!



But there are two reasons we can no longer take them -

- 1) Blister packs need to be empty and many still had drugs in them and this is a risk to our young people.
- 2) Our local source for recycling is no longer taking them and the only place is now Superdrug who take personal amounts not bin bags full!

So apologies, it was a great idea, but we need to ask that you take your blister packs to Superdrug in Southport, Maghull or Bootle.

Many thanks.

Superdrug ☆

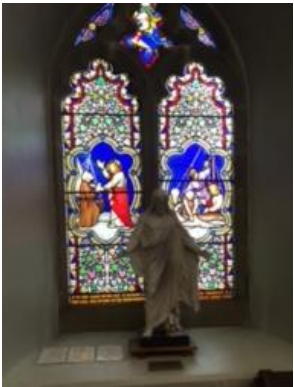
Please note we still collect stamps, greeting cards, toiletries for the Refugee Committee, items for the Foodbank and have a small library.

Also please help yourself to our vegetables growing at the Bier House.

St Pedrog's Church, Llanbedrog

When Sue and I are on holiday we always take an interest in any St Peter's Church we see on our travels. This summer we came across the Church of St Pedrog in Llanbedrog. Pedrog (a Celtic form of Peter) was a missionary who was based in Cornwall in the 6th century.

According to Celtic legend Pedrog was a prince who renounced his rights and became a monk in Bodmin. He carried out missionary work in the South West and Brittany, as well as travelling in Europe.



Churches bearing his name are nearly always on the coast, reminding us that travelling then was mainly by sea. He died on 4th June 564 and was buried in Bodmin.

Llanbedrog derives its name from the church. Llan is an old Welsh word meaning enclosure and was used to denote land on which churches were built. In this instance the enclosure of Pedrog with the P mutated to B. Not a lot of people know that.

The existing nave of the church and part of its foundations were built in the 13th century and a document in 1254 describes it as a significant Church.

The Church was much damaged at the time of the civil war of the 17th century. The particularly distinctive screen was hidden by villagers and is now restored. The Lyn Peninsular was invaded by Cromwell's army and the villagers, hearing of their approach, buried the screen under the sand on the beach. St Pedrog's was ransacked and used as a stable. Also damaged was the stained glass window. In the 1860's a great deal of restoration work took place and pieces of the broken window were discovered. Having been put back together this window is now behind the gallery though some say having the appearance of a jigsaw.



The Church is in a beautiful woodland setting with a garden with seating going down to the stream which flows down to Llanbedrog beach. We think it is a place well worth a visit.

Patrick Parkes



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 Keep digging until you find what you want
 Avoid biting when a growl will do
 Accept all of life's treats with gratitude
 Love unconditionally

I've finally reached
The Wonder Years

Wonder where I
 parked the car?

Wonder where I left
 my phone?

Wonder where my
 glasses are?

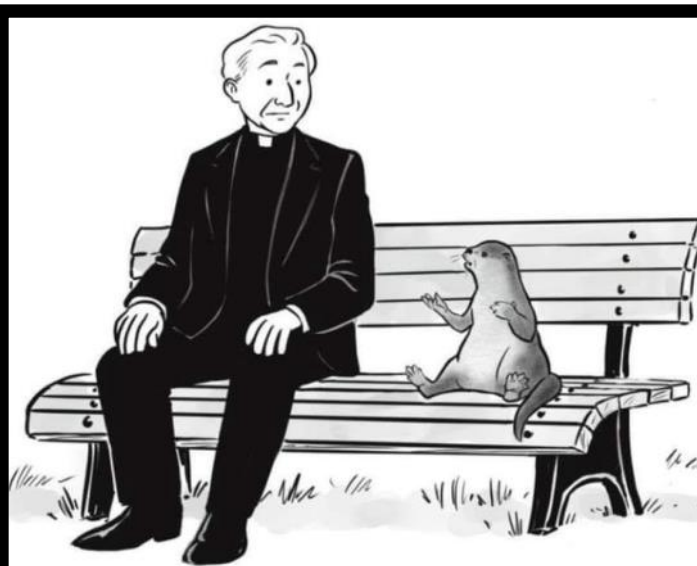
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 YOU SEE THE SECOND
 PAINTING WITH THE LEGO



MY ABILITY TO
 REMEMBER SONG
 LYRICS FROM THE
 80S FAR EXCEEDS
 MY ABILITY TO
 REMEMBER WHY I
 WALKED INTO THE
 KITCHEN.



"No, I'm pretty sure it's do unto otters as you would have otters to do unto you."

I signed up for a zoom workout that was too advanced for me, so when the instructor said to "do a plank, and then bring your knee to the opposite elbow," I did a modified version, where I turned off my computer, and made pancakes

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

ANNUAL
APPLES
AUTUMN
CELEBRATION
CONTESTS
CORN
CORNUCOPIA
CROPS
FARMER
FEASTING
FESTIVAL
FIELDS
GAMES
HARVEST

Harvest festival

Word Search



HAYRIDE
LEAVES
MERRIMENT
MUSIC
OCTOBER
PUMPKINS
REGIONAL
SCARECROW
SEPTEMBER
SQUASH



From the Back Pew Ted Woods

PASSIONATELY MODERATE

Driving along the M6 there are a few graffiti messages scrawled on bridges that berate those who drive in the middle lane. Once when driving too near the white line in the middle of the road, I was requested (!) by my passenger to pick a lane and not straddle the centre! The middle of the road is a dangerous choice when driving.

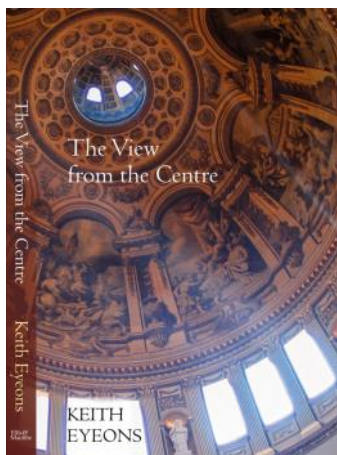


The middle of the road with regards to church and theology, while not a dangerous position, is a challenging place to be. In spite of such a stance giving the impression of not holding an opinion on anything, it is actually a very challenging line to take.

Today's church is becoming more and more polarised, nationally and internationally, with divisions over homosexuality, abortion rights, women's leadership and ordination (yes, still!), Biblical interpretation, methods of evangelism and outreach, the function – or future – of the parish and even what the cross means.

There are those in today's church who want to change everything and there are those who want to change nothing. There are those who think the church should be concentrating on a social agenda and those who think it should solely be about saving souls.

And increasingly today the extremes are vocal and entrenched. It's easy for the voice of moderation to be drowned out and ignored.



But the middle way is not an opting out of discussion, but, at its best, is a place of reason and rationality.

I've just finished a book called "The View From The Centre" by Keith Eyeons, the chaplain of Downing College, Cambridge.

He writes, "Those of us who rejoice to be in the centre region of a broad church are usually quite vague about what we actually think." But he goes on to make a plea for a clearly thought-out middle way in both theology and contemporary social and political issues. "Identifying and valuing a middle ground with a thoughtful perspective is an urgent task."

High church Anglicans are big on formal liturgy, seeing that everything is done "decently and in order", and more! Low church Anglicans are big on preaching and don't care for liturgy or wearing robes.

But it shouldn't be a case of either/or. Good liturgy and good preaching are not mutually exclusive. Bible study groups should be as part of catholic parishes as evangelical ones.

Today's leaders and trainers want clergy to be mainly managers rather than pastors. But again, there's no reason why a vicar can't be a good organiser as well as a diligent pastor.

Eyeons talks about "confrontational" and "cliquey" churches. The members of confrontational churches are big on welcome but tend to shove the Gospel down people's throats whether they want a taste or not. Whereas, cliquey churches don't make any effort to attract people, assume that everyone who comes knows what it's all about and just keep doing what they've always done.

But isn't there an exciting middle way? Welcome is so important but so are opportunities to dialogue about and explore the faith. Eyeons says that confrontational churches care little for diplomacy and respect while cliquey churches are too polite and pluralistic to talk about what faith means. And he goes on to stress, "If a church is not set up to welcome people, show them how Christian worship works and help them understand the Christian Gospel without needing any previous knowledge, it is not living up to its calling."

Social issues like same-sex relations, abortion and assisted dying cannot be dealt with by quoting isolated texts. They and other issues need to be approached using the three-fold Anglican yardsticks of the Bible, Tradition and Reason. The world of the Bible is different to the world of today. We have insights and knowledge today that were not available or even thought of 2000 years ago. The Holy Spirit didn't stop working at the end of the 1st century AD.

How does Scripture speak to the issues of today? To ask that question is not to disregard the Bible but to take it seriously. The middle ground between treating the Bible literally or metaphorically is an exciting, challenging and thought provoking place to be.

With regard to church organisation: we live in very different times today than 100 years ago. Church allegiance and attendance have fallen dramatically and there is a lot of talk – and action – to try and streamline the organisation of the church - not at HQ where new jobs proliferate but at ground level.

And yes, there are situations which need rationalisation and re-grouping and where things can't go on as they always did. But equally, the one-size-fits-all mentality that pervades the church today fails to recognise that there are places where the parish system is working well and should not be tampered with, where "streamlining" would deplete rather than increase resources and membership. It's not either/or, but both/and.

The preface to the 1662 edition of the Book of Common Prayer includes this: "It hath been the wisdom of the Church of England, ever since the first compiling of her Publick Liturgy, to keep the mean between the two Extreames."

Passion and moderation are not mutually exclusive. In fact, it's the place to be, however challenging, where we will have to be more informed rather than less informed, and make more effort rather than less.

In *The Second Coming*, W. B. Yeats says that "the centre cannot hold...(because) the best lack conviction" while the extremes are "full of passionate intensity."

So, let's be passionately moderate, and drive smartly along the middle lane!

Diary Dates September 2022

Thursday 1st September

2.00pm Mothers' Union – speaker Sonia Greenyer
– in the Bier House



SATURDAY 3rd September COMMUNITY FUN DAY IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Sunday 4th

The 12th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
12noon Service of Baptism for Evelyn Stephenson & Oliver Starr-Roberts
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday 6th

10.00am Bible Study *with Ken Ward* in the Bier House
11.00am Eucharist in Woodlands Care Home

Wednesday 7th

10.00am Refugee Welcome Day in the Parish Hall
11.00am Eucharist with Mothers' Union prayers *followed by refreshments*

Friday 9th

9.30am Little Fishes Pre-school Group in the Church Hall
2.00pm Bible Study *with Peter Paine* in the Bier House



Sunday 11th

The 13th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Eucharist (CW)
10.00am Parish Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
12noon Service of Thanksgiving for our Pets
6.30pm Service of Wholeness

Tuesday 13th

10.00am Bible Study *with Ken Ward* in the Bier House

Wednesday 14th

11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

Friday 16th

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



Sunday 18th

The 14th Sunday after Trinity

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

Tuesday 20th

10.00am Bible Study *with Ken Ward* in the Bier House

Wednesday 21st The Scarecrow Shindig begins!!

11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
2.00pm W.O.W Service for pre-school children in Church

Friday 23rd

9.15am TSP School KS1 Harvest Service
9.30am Little Fishes Pre-school Group in the Church Hall

Saturday 24th

2.30pm Matt Parkes' Licensing as a Reader in Liverpool Cathedral



Sunday 25th

Harvest Thanksgiving

8.30am

Eucharist (CW)

10.00am

Harvest Parade Service *followed by refreshments*

Preacher – Revd Canon Alastair Graham, Vicar of Mullingar

2.30pm

Harvest Relax Service for Older People

6.30pm

Community Harvest Thanksgiving

Preacher – Revd Canon Alastair Graham, Vicar of Mullingar

Monday 26th

9.15am

TSP School KS2 Harvest Service

Tuesday 27th

10.00am

Bible Study *with Ken Ward* in the Bier House

Wednesday 28th

11.00am

Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

7.30pm

Bible Study *with Ted Woods* in the Bier House

Friday 30th

9.30am

Little Fishes Pre-school Group in the Church Hall



LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 2nd October our visiting preacher at the 10am Eucharist will be Revd Canon Paul Ormrod

Friday 21st October

Christmas Shoe Box Day in the Parish Hall

Morning Prayer

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Wednesday Eucharist

there is a Eucharist held every **Wednesday** at 11am in the **Church**.



EMAIL DIRECTORY

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2.30pm Harvest Relax Service
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6.30pm Community Harvest Thanksgiving

Preacher for both services ~
Revd Canon Alastair Graham

Collection will be for **Uganda**
Services are followed by refreshments
All very welcome