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EDITORIAL



The end of an era and the beginning of a new one. How well I recall the death of our previous monarch – my primary school headteacher was a radio ham and got wind of the King's death before the news broke. So he sent us all home to tell our parents! Nowadays he would have been dismissed for dereliction of duty!

During the pandemic we have all benefitted from the live-streaming of services from St Peter's – and maybe marvelled at the technology which has made it possible. But when it comes to live-streaming, Westminster Abbey reigns supreme! A fitting tribute to our Queen who served church and country with such unfailing loyalty.

The Autumn Equinox, too, has been and gone and the nights are drawing in apace – and St Peter's goes on celebrating. Many thanks to all those who distributed cards to the five thousand homes in our parish – it brought a steady stream of visitors to our church to view the scarecrows and sample the cakes. Maybe some will be encouraged to join our congregation!

A big thank-you to Michael Pitts as he assumes the title of Reader Emeritus; and a warm welcome to Matt Parkes as he joins Peter Davies as a Lay Reader.

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,

What an historic September we've just had! And what a privilege it has been to have witnessed the funeral of the late Queen Elizabeth II and the declaration of Charles III as our new king. For many of us, we have never known life without Elizabeth II as our queen.

Seventy years is a long time for someone to have been a constant in our lives.



As Supreme Governor of the Church of England, the Queen lived out her faith. In one Christmas address she said, "For Christians, as for all people of faith, reflection, meditation and prayer help us to renew ourselves in God's love, as we strive daily to become better people." What has marked her reign was an inner strength and optimism to serve God and her people. She spoke openly of her faith being her "foundation" and of the guiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

In another Christmas message (2014) she said, "For me the life of Jesus Christ...is an inspiration and anchor for my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness...Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith and none."

We give thanks for her life of service and commitment and we pray for King Charles III, that as he brings his own distinctive gifts and personality to the monarchy, those virtues we admired so much in his mother may continue to be evident in his reign.

We have a new King. We also have a new Reader! Matt Parkes was licensed as a Reader for St Peter's at a service in Liverpool Cathedral in September.

Matt is no stranger to many of you as he grew up in Formby and was a member of St Peter's. He trained to be a Reader in Southwark Diocese as he has been living in London. He has now returned to Liverpool with Sorrel, Alastair and two pugs, Gus & Fi Fi.

Matt chose to do his placement in St Peter's before he knew he would be moving back and we are delighted to welcome him as part of the team. He will "preach himself in" on Sunday 23rd October, but now is officially licensed to take part in services.

On that same Sunday as well as formally welcoming Matt we will express our thanks and appreciation to Michael Pitts who has chosen to step back from active Readership to being "Reader Emeritus." Michael has given many years of loyal service to St Peter's as a Reader, and we appreciate all he has contributed to St Peter's in that role.

We congratulate Michael and Jane on their recent 60th wedding anniversary.

Our year of celebration for the 275th anniversary of St Peter's is fast coming to a close. The Family Fun Day at the beginning of September was a great success with stalls, entertainment and so many attending. A big thanks to the 275 Committee, but especially to Fiona Martin who was the prime mover and organiser of the day. A special thanks to Trinity St Peter's for the use of the school field and facilities. Weather-wise and community-wise it was a fabulous day.



This was quickly followed by our service for all the family! The Annual Pet Service welcomed lots of dogs and a tortoise! The collection was for Little Legs Dogs Rescue. A wonderful non-profit organisation that rescues breeding dogs and abandoned pups.

At the time of writing, our congregation has increased by 29 – scarecrows!

They are constant in their attendance at church and never get distracted or put off by the weather! There is an assistant organist, a new choir member, a rock chick vicar, a Brownie picnic, a drunken gardener and many more. Thanks to all who used their creative skills and for bringing a smile to our faces.

It was also lovely to have Canon Alastair Graham as our Harvest preacher and to welcome him and his wife, Olive, to St Peter's. We have been friends for many years and they really enjoyed their visit to our parish.



As part of our 275 year of events we have had a variety of preachers and special services. On Sunday 2nd October we welcome back Revd Canon Paul Ormrod who will be our preacher. Paul and Jill are back in Formby for the wedding of their son, Greg, to Kerry on Saturday 8th October in St Peter's. They are not strangers as they do attend when they are back from Switzerland.

Our next event is our Vision Day in November and then the Christmas Tree Festival. More of that later.

September has been an eventful month – a reminder that in this life nothing stands still for long. The same goes for church life. The hymn 'Abide with me' links 'change and decay.' But here in St Peter's we prefer change and challenge, as in giving thanks for all that has been we look forward in faith to all that lies ahead.

Anne

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 25th September 2022

Harvest visiting
preacher

Revd Canon Alastair
Graham from Mullingar
Parish in the midlands
of Ireland.



New
Squirrels at
the Harvest



Scarecrow Shindig - Sunday 25th September



Many thanks to everyone who took part, and congratulations for **all** the Scarecrows. And particularly congratulations to the winners, after 230 votes were cast.

Winners:

Children's Scarecrow

- 1st – Bob the Minion
- 2nd – Betty O'Barley & Harry O'Hay
- 3rd – Steve, the Hallowe'en dressed Minecraft character

Adult Scarecrow

- 1st – Queen Elizabeth II
- 2nd – Geraldine



Geraldine



Maggie



Bob the Minion



Steve, Minecraft character



Hands

Of the ten best jokes at the Edinburgh fringe festival one was by Tim Vine -"I used to live hand to mouth. Do you know what changed my life? Cutlery." This reminded me of the myriad ways the word 'hand' can be used, handmade, handy, handmaiden, handicap and so on. There are not many other parts of the body which lead to so many phrases.

The hand is clearly a vital part of our life and it is interesting to see how they are painted in portraits. Dame Edith Sitwell was painted by Wyndham Lewis. This he did over many years and it is said he came to dislike her and as she was proud of her hands, he did not paint them. The fold of her dress covers where they should be. A cruel act of revenge.

Probably the most famous drawing of hands is of course Durer's hands in prayer. The significant use of hands, especially to indicate care and hope can be found in two pictures.



Rembrandt drew the return of the prodigal son and the father's hand resting on his head is clearly a sign of forgiveness.

The other is Stanley Spencer's picture of wounded soldiers arriving outside a hospital in Macedonia in World War 1. The medical orderly rests his hand on the face of one of the wounded to give comfort and support.



Hands are used to express giving and receiving, to greet others. The military salute is supposed to have originated to show the hand raised is free of a weapon, also the reason the salute is returned.

After the reformation the consecration of bishops and clergy to their posts was often limited to being sealed by the laying on hands of the presiding bishop. During an induction all the priests would place their hand on the head of the new incumbent.

Some of this is linked to the apostolic succession. This was part of the theology of the early church which wanted the spiritual guidance passed on from the original apostles. It therefore could be shown that the bishop who confirms a candidate is passing on the continual blessing of the first apostles. This is a wonderful tradition but we must be careful it is not seen as excluding those of other faiths. The spiritual gifts from Christ can be placed in anyone's hands.

Rod Jacques

Matt Parkes was Licensed as a Reader
by Bishop Bev in Liverpool Cathedral on Saturday 24th September.



We will officially welcome Matt to St Peter's
at the 10am Eucharist on Sunday 23rd October.

275th Anniversary Preacher

To mark the 275th anniversary we have invited visiting preachers to celebrate with us.

On Sunday 2nd October we welcome back Revd Canon Paul Ormrod to preach at the 10am Parish Eucharist.

Paul was Vicar in St Peter's for 18 years from 1995 to 2013. He then moved to the Chaplaincy in St George's in Madrid.

In 2018 Paul was appointed as Chaplain of the Benefice of Montreux (St John) with Villars in Switzerland.

Both appointments have been within the Diocese of Europe.



What is the Diocese of Europe?

The Diocese in Europe is made up of churches and congregations (often referred to as 'chaplaincies') spread across forty-two countries on three continents, and covering one sixth of the earth's land surface from Iceland to Uzbekistan. And yet, this is a Diocese of the Church of England. Services are held at over 280 places. The people of the Diocese are served by around 170 clergy and over 100 readers. It includes three Cathedrals in Gibraltar, Malta and Brussels.

www.europe.anglican.org

St Peter's Shoebox Appeal 2022

We are now collecting for St Peter's Annual Shoebox Appeal! We are taking orders for ready filled shoeboxes, which will be made up by our friends at Shoebox Express.

If you would like to order a shoebox, please collect an envelope from the back of church or the porch, mark on it how many shoeboxes you would like to donate, and which age group, then pop your cash or cheque into the envelope, seal, and give to either Anne or Gordon, the Churchwardens or the Parish Office. Last year our boxes all went to Ukraine, and we were also able to send a few more during the earlier part of this year. If you would like to build your own Shoebox, Shoebox Express are holding their build a Shoebox Day on Saturday 8th October, between 10am and 4pm at the Methodist Church on Elbow Lane. Everything you need to fill a Shoebox will be there plus you are welcome to have a free bacon barm and cuppa!

As always many thanks for your support,

Vicky Hall

From the Church Register ~ Baptism



Sunday 28th August
Jamie David & Sophie Joy Collier,
the children of Philip & Sara



Sunday 4th September
Evelyn Margaret Stephenson, the
daughter of Matthew & Kellyanne



Sunday 4th September
Oliver Leo Starr-Roberts,
the son of Gareth & Natasha



Jane and Michael Pitts would like to thank Shena Edwards and those who helped her organise for us the celebration of our Diamond Wedding Anniversary after the 10 o'clock service on 18th September. It greatly added to our delight in the whole long weekend starting on the 15th (the actual day).

It was also very special that other friends were celebrating their own wedding anniversaries about the same time. September seems a popular month.



What do you value about linking with St Peter's Formby online?

Please excuse this impersonal message but it comes to ask for your help - if you can spare a minute. As you might well know St Peter's is celebrating its 275th Anniversary this year and almost the final event in November is a "Vision Day" for the parish. This is an opportunity, after having spent most of the year celebrating the past, to look forward to what lies ahead. Where might we go from here? I have been asked to facilitate the Day so that is the reason for this notice.

A significant change to the week-by-week life of the church happened, in a major way, when Covid put a stop to face to face Sunday services. The services kept going but for some time the only way to participate was by being online via your computer. Good numbers 'gathered' in this way, and it also became clear that, for some, they wished to continue to attend worship in this way. We wanted to respond to this request and so have continued streaming the main Sunday service.

We know the live streaming is appreciated but we would like to see if we could get some more detailed feedback so we could respond to the needs of those joining us in this way and, if necessary, adapt what we do. Let me say clearly that we have no intention of stopping the live stream, but we might be able to do it better.

So, over the next 3-4 weeks would you be able to offer me any reflections, from your experience of being part of the live stream, to these questions:

What you find helpful, useful, or worthwhile about being part of the live stream?

Is there anything about the live stream that you think we can improve?

Is there anything else you would wish to share with us – from the way you participate in the life of St Peter's – as we look together at the way St Peter's might move forward into Year 276 and beyond?

All replies will be confidential with no names being linked to any comments.

Can I thank you in advance for any help you might offer to us for this Day in November?

Stephen Lyon

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC)
The PCC is the executive committee of a parish
A brief report on the September meeting of St Peter's PCC

Safeguarding: The Archdeacon's Review has been completed.

Cost of Living Crisis: The Government assistance will include churches, but it is not clear how this will work. A decision that any events next year will be low cost. There is a fear that even with assistance the most vulnerable are going to struggle and we want to assist in any way we are able as a church. The Stewardship Campaign planned for next year is on hold until the present financial climate is more fully understood. We do need a campaign for more volunteers in the New Year.

Uganda Project: The final payment to support 20 pupils in Term 3 has been paid. Work on the poultry project has commenced and the reconfiguration of the two coops has been completed. A grant was also paid to facilitate the repair of old and the purchase of new sewing machines. Revd Sheilagh Williamson has confirmed that the project has been completed and that the ladies are delighted with the machines.

Finance Report: Energy bills are set to raise in October as our fix term contracts come to an end. In addition, there is the potential impact on donations as the cost of living rises for our parishioners. Curate – It is unlikely that another Curate will come to St Peter's in 2023 as the number in the diocese has been reduced to seven. This means that the tenants in the Curate's House can have their tenancy extended. We have reached the maximum Gift Aid that we can claim on unnamed donations (£8k) this is due to the 275th events. We need to encourage the use of the Parish Giving Scheme or yellow envelopes to ensure that opportunities to claim Gift Aid from donations are not lost.

Fabric Report: Electrical systems - 5-year Electrical Testing – Work carried out in July. There is approx. £1,600 remedial work needed to bring the electrical systems up to today's specifications. Roofs/water ingress - The Quinquennial inspection took place in June. It was confirmed at this time that the coping on the Nave would need to be removed, lined with lead and replaced. No quotes have been requested yet, but estimates in the region of £25k are expected. It goes without saying that we need to be very careful regarding energy consumption. We need to be aware of lights and heating left on.

Faith & Outreach Report: On the first Monday of every month there will be Bacon Barms and Banter in the Bier House. There will be a Christmas lunch on 29th December in the Church Hall at a cost of £5 per head. Numbers will be limited to 50. Both of these events are in conjunction with Abbeyfield. There will be a Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. There are new Children's Ministry leaflets in the church.

Horizons: The charity donations were agreed. A List will appear in the next magazine.

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

Please contact the Parish Office ☎ 871171 ✉ office@stpetersformby.co.uk



Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Little 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.

Space for children and carers to play and support each other.

There is a voluntary donation of 50p to cover snacks.

Little Fishes dates - 7th, 14th, 21st October (half-term on 28th)



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.

Dates: Sunday 2nd and 9th October

A SERVICE OF WHOLENESS



Dates for your diary:

Sunday 9th October

Sunday 6th November

Sunday 4th December

Questions a Vicar Gets Asked!!

Question – What is a Reader?



We now have two Readers, Peter Davies and Matt Parkes, Michael Pitts has now retired and is Reader Emeritus. But what is a Reader, other than someone who reads the lessons at services?

The office of Reader has for many years supported the life of the Church of England. There are more than 200 Readers in our diocese who faithfully serve their local churches.

A Reader is a lay minister who holds a Bishop's licence to help proclaim the Gospel in the words they preach and the way they live their life.

Predominantly Readers have a preaching and teaching ministry and are gifted in leading worship. Readers minister alongside and support the ministry of the parish clergy. The Church also finds the support of Readers in pastoral situations of great value.

Most are licenced to a specific parish. Readers are more than volunteers - with the Bishop's licence comes a commitment to training and on-going development. It is a privilege, joy and responsibility to be a Reader.

To be a Reader you must be a communicant member of the Church of England and feel called to this ministry. It is primarily an unpaid role.

God calls many gifted people to this vital ministry. The Diocese of Liverpool is committed to properly selecting, theologically training, and equipping and supporting Readers in their ministry.

If you would like more information please talk to the Clergy or see <https://www.liverpool.anglican.org/for-leaders/supporting-reader-ministry/called-to-be-a-reader/>

**Breakfast Church at
9am in the
Bier House**



Starts again on

Saturday 1st October!

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

You will be very welcome.

Primetime

Our next meeting will be on

Wednesday 19th October

Meet in the

Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

All ladies welcome

Looking forward to seeing you,

Elaine and Sonia.

Votive

The word votive is now usually associated with candles, especially small ones often in a tin container. The term goes back centuries based on the Latin for a vow regarding a religious commitment.

The term is often linked to a gift given to a church in thanks for surviving an event or recovery from a serious illness. Examples are model ships given in thanks for surviving a dangerous voyage or a replica of some object like a pair of crutches after recovery.

While some offerings were apparently made in anticipation of the achievement of a particular wish, in Western cultures it was more typical to wait until the wish had been fulfilled.

Now the symbolic lighting of a candle is linked with requests, thanks, guidance and prayer.



Record of Formby Incumbents

The new board recording the names of the incumbents of this parish indicates that prior to 1846 they are referred to as perpetual curates.

This title is not used now but has a long history. It was first used during the medieval period to show the priest held a rank outside the title of rector or vicar which had a totally different form of income.

It was a form of status which grew in the 19th Century when many new parishes were established to meet the population growth in the industrial areas.

Incumbents of Formby Chapel and the Church of St Peter, Formby			
Perpetual Curates		Vicars	
1620 -	Thomas Lydiate	1846 - 1894	Lonsdale Formby
1626 -	Roger Wright	1894 - 1914	Thomas Bishop
1636 -	Robert Merton	1914 - 1928	Charles Wright
1660 -	Peter Aspinwall	1928 - 1953	Harold Barsley
1663 -	Thomas Mather	1953 - 1976	Jack Thomas
1671 -	George Birchall	1976 - 1982	Kevin Eastell
1697 -	John Coulbourne	1983 - 1988	Norman Carter
1702 -	Timothy Ellison	1989 - 1994	Mark Boyling
1710 -	William Mount	1995 - 2013	Paul Ormrod
1711 -	Thomas Derbyshire	2014 -	Anne Taylor
1711 -	William Clayton		
1730 -	John Hadwen		
1735 -	Thomas Mercer		
1742 -	James Mount		
1771 -	Lancelot Graham		
1794 - 1832	Richard Formby		
1832 - 1846	Isaac Bowman		

These newly created posts did not have the usual incomes associated with parishes and so were given the title of protected curacies. The position was permanent and to all intents and purposes was seen in the same light as rectors and vicars. Perhaps the most famous perpetual curate was the father of the Bronte sisters at Haworth rectory.

Rod Jacques

From the Church Register



Funerals

5th September

Mary Foote

15th September

Jim Banks

The following poem 'Draw Breath,' by Geoffrey Weeden, was read at the recent funeral of Barbara Quine. Barbara attended meetings of Southport Quakers and this poem conveys something of the peace and comfort that Barbara found there.

We send our condolences and love to Chris and all the Quine family.

Draw Breath

Breathe in the quiet purpose of this place;
Through outward stillness, seek a calm within.
Here we can find forgiveness and forgive;
Here feel the healing miracle begin.

Breathe out the busy world, the teeming mind,
The follies, fears and failures of the week;
Breathe out contention, pettiness and pride,
And wait in trust for 'that of God' to speak.

Breathe in communion, friend with quiet friend,
Each drawing closer in this timeless hour;
As all our different needs and gifts are drawn
To the one source of comfort, love and power.

Breathe out at last, to God, the heart's full thanks
That we have seen this vision, known this grace;
Renewed through love, let us that love extend
Through all our daily life beyond this place.

Geoffrey Weeden

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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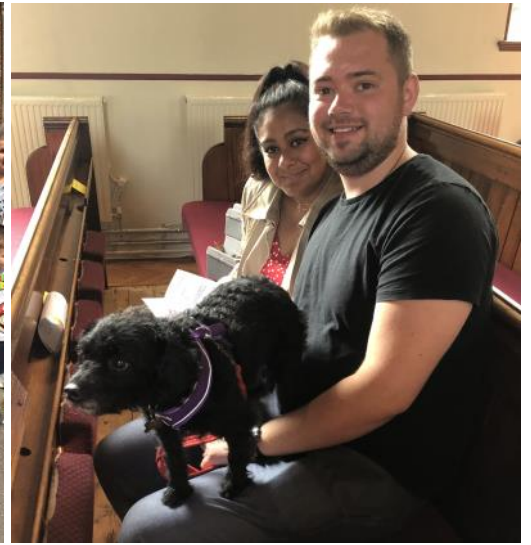
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Photos from the Pet Service Sunday 11th September



← Little Legs Dogs Re-homing.
The dogs are called Dave, Grace & Moody Margaret.





A right smacker on the nose for Anne, from Mimi !



Photos from 275th FUN DAY

Saturday 3rd September
Fun Day held in
Trinity St Peter's
school grounds





Fun Day Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Fun Day, particularly those who donated their services to support the church and the community, creating such a variety of interests for all ages in such a relaxed atmosphere. A wonderful day and a pleasure to watch.

Particular mentions should go to Trinity St Peter's School for the loan of their playing field, The First Aiders from Merseyside Scouts First Aid Team, 9th Formby and District Scouts, Formby Fire Station, Southport Lifeboat Crew, 156 Transport Regiment, Southport & Formby Police, West Lancs MG Owners Club, All Paws Agility Training, Jonathan's petting goats, and Travelling Wannabies (The Funboy Four). Grateful thanks too, to all St Peter's helpers, who marshalled and manned the various stalls so efficiently.

Last, but by no means least, a very special mention to James & Beth Greenwood of Warren Farm, who assisted us from the start of planning this event, offering practical advice, many invaluable contact names, and the loan of very necessary items! Please go and support them in October at The Pumpkin Patch in Hightown. A great day out for all ages, see their advert on Facebook for details.

Finally, many thanks to Waitrose, Tesco, Dapa Coffee, The Bay Horse, The Cross House Pub, Venue Hair, The Barber & Laurie Flower Stylist, who kindly donated raffle prizes, and everyone who bought a raffle ticket. We raised over £1,000 for the Roof Appeal, which was a fantastic result! The list of winners and prizes is displayed in the Church Porch.



Fiona Martin



The Pumpkin Patch Hightown!

🎃 Opening day Saturday 1st October 2022 🎃

We will be open every day in October from 9am until 6pm for pumpkin picking fun 🎃

NO BOOKING and no entrance fee.

💳 We accept cash & card 💳 🥤 Refreshments available

🍽️ Picnic area 🚻 Toilets available

🚗 Safe off road car parking for hundreds of cars

🧼 Covid safe - hand sanitising stations & barrow wash

🐕 Dogs are very welcome - but must be kept on a short lead

at all times and please pickup 🐕 after your dog

🗺️ **Find us on Orrell Hill Lane, Hightown L38 5DA**

🌽 Our free Maize Maze returns! 5 acres of our maize crop to enjoy while picking your pumpkins at The Pumpkin Patch Hightown. 🌽 Pick your own SWEETCORN.

👟 Please wear appropriate footwear - bring your wellies. We strongly recommend that you avoid white trainers & sliders etc for a field in October!

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



OUR SHOPPING LIST

We are currently in need of the following items:-

- Savoury crackers
- Baked beans
- Flavoured rice pouches
- Mayonnaise
- Instant soup

We also need toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, razors (male and female), deodorant (male and female) and household products such as toilet roll and washing up liquid



The Church Porch is open everyday from 10am to 5pm for donations. Many thanks.

Proclamation of Queen Elizabeth II at Oban, February 1952



ME!

A photograph sent in from one of our readers, Morag Montgomery

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 consider 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: 12th and 26th October 2022.

Contact Ted Woods 872824

Friday Bible Study Group at 2pm

Date: 14th October 2022.

Contact Peter Paine 07722 127791





TIMEOUT VISITS SOUTHPORT LIFEBOAT STATION

For their first meeting of the new season, members of Timeout visited the new lifeboat station in Southport.

The original lifeboat station in Southport opened in 1886 but was closed by the RNLI in 1925. It re-opened in 1988 and is now run by the Southport Offshore Rescue Trust which was founded by Kath Wilson after her son, Geoff, lost his life off the Southport coast while out fishing with some friends.



Elaine gets Richie ready to man the lifeboat

The Trust built a new facility which was opened in January of this year. And it is impressive - with its 2 lifeboats, three quads, state-of-the-art drone and other equipment. Equally impressive is the fact that the premises, which cost £1.4m, was paid for by public subscription as are its annual running costs of £70,000. All staff are volunteers, as are the lifeboat personnel.

Not only do they deal with ships in trouble off the Sefton coast, but also people caught in mudflats and those lost in the dunes.

The great, great (and possibly a few more 'greats') grandfather of one of our members, Richie Edwards, was an Aindow who manned the Formby lifeboat in the early days.

A big thank you to the Scouts for the loan of their minibus; Mark Andrews, our driver for the night and Elaine Almond, the Trust secretary, for showing us round and telling us all about the history and work of Southport Lifeboat Station.



Ray to the rescue!

Ted Woods

The Best Job in Formby?

When I volunteered as St Peter's nominee as Vice Chairman it turned out to be a step into one of the best jobs in Formby - sitting in the Chair of our "Churches Together in Formby, Altcar and Hightown" group (CTiFAH) – a truly amazing experience. But now I feel that it is time for someone younger to enjoy that experience as well.

At that time, there were three major events in the public eye, the Good Friday Walk of Witness and Passion Play, the Free Family Fun Day in Duke Street Park (a gift to Formby from its churches) and the Nativity Play in the Village; needing the combination of efforts and attention to such matters as Public Liability Insurance and road closures. Our calendar year started with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "officially" 18th to 25th January, usually re-arranged as Monday to the Sunday that falls within those dates. Once a meeting of the "Churches Together" Council, (Lay representatives of our Churches) has decided whose turn it is to host each week-day, providing the Sunday evening service falls to the Church of the current Chair occupant. And things happen. (Ready involvement by the Lay representatives seems to be one of the reasons that our "Churches Together" works so well, and is so inspirational to work with).

Times have moved on; the Fun Day is no more, though attempts to resurrect something similar, such as Pentecost Parties, have been tried. Having a shared set of Lenten meditations has now matured into the sharing of timings and invitations to join in with any of our Churches' offerings, starting with a meditative morning and light lunch at St Joseph's, led by our very own "Father Ted."

Biennial "Pause for Hope" services for cancer sufferers were launched at St Anne's Church (now, sadly, closed as part of the re-organisation of our Roman Catholic friends into the Formby Catholic Community). Publicity for Nativities is boosted by a presence at Lights Switch-ons with dressing-up for kids having been available, until "COVID" intervened; something which has caused serious, but easing, disruption to all our regular activities. We are blessed, though, with people who can write imaginative scripts to give a fresh touch to our dramas each year, without hiding their essential message – or can build sets to match.

CTiFAH has also been beneficial in bringing together people who have been inspired to start up supportive groups, such as the Formby Befriending Scheme (publicised in the August "Trader") for example. Most of these are re-awakening after lockdown setbacks. We also have strong links with the Formby Pool Trust, which has helped enable our use of their grounds to such good effect. Yes! We are an inspirational group to work with!

What of personal involvement? Notionally, all that goes with sitting in the

Chair in meetings, in our case enjoying the warmth of the spirit of those assembled, is sorting out agendas (which follow a regular pattern) with the Secretary, starting and ending each meeting in an appropriate Christian way, working through the agenda tidily and checking the minutes of each meeting promptly so that they can be sent out and any actions decided effected briskly. If your Mum happens to have taught another Rep English, dramatic involvements may follow, and St Peter's links to the Spiers family involve you with *In Another Place*, in Crosby, don't worry – this will eventually turn into an Assembly Team, linked to "Open The Book" and led by Geraldine Foster (URC) dramatising Bible Stories in local Primary Schools. Others may be limited to providing words of welcome at the start and thanks at the end of events.

If there is one twinge of guilt about all this, it is that at times it seems that Anglican churches in Formby feel a stronger bond to their CTiFAH neighbours than to others in our Deanery, who could do with a similar strength of support.

So, what is keeping you? If you think that you can speak for the St Peter's way of doing things, want to join in a heartening Christian activity and help add joy to Formby lives, and can spare time to attend half-a-dozen meetings a year, let Anne (who actively supports our involvement) or one of our PCC members know. The job is then what you make of it.

John Ryan



Our diocesan prayer

Loving Father,
by your grace we long to see
more people knowing Jesus,
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(if you can ditch the daily baths
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which reminds me ... eco-wash on thirty,
cram as much as you can in.

My cup of love is full for you –
it overflows, my petal.
So make yourself a brew with me,
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Brian Bilston

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Riddle Answer: The word is starting! starting, staring, string, sting, sing, sin, in, I.
Riddle Answer: You would be in the 2nd place!
Palindrome Riddle Answer: Racecar.

What 8 letter word can have a letter taken away and it still makes a word. Take another letter away and it still makes a word. Keep on doing that until you have one letter left. What is the word?

Riddle:

If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?

Palindrome Riddle:

What 7 letter word is spelled the same way backwards and forwards?

Answers to Riddles at bottom of page 38

Famous People of the Bible

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From the Back Pew Ted Woods

A LIFEBOAT STATION – A PARABLE

As is well known, Formby had the first lifeboat station in the UK, if not in the world. It was established in 1775 and closed in 1918. It was demolished in 1970, having been used as a café up to 1935.

Southport also had a lifeboat station, although it was later and was established in 1886. As you will have read already, members of Timeout visited Southport's new lifeboat station in September.

So, with the theme of lifeboat stations, and also thinking of our Vision Day to be held on 19th November, here is a modern-day parable I came across.

On a dangerous coastline where shipwrecks often occurred, there was a rude little lifeboat station. The building was just a hut, and there was only one boat, but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea and, with no thought for themselves, went out day and night to rescue those in danger.

Some of those who had been rescued, and various others in the surrounding area, wanted to become associated with the station because of the great work they did. They gave of their time and money and effort to support the work of the lifeboat. The little lifeboat station grew.

Some members of the station were unhappy that the building was so crude and poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as a first refuge for those rescued from the sea. So, they replaced the emergency hammocks with beds and put better furniture in the enlarged building and painted the walls. Soon the lifeboat station became a popular and comfortable gathering place for its members who treated it as a kind of club. Fewer members were interested in going out on lifesaving missions, so they hired lifeboat crews to do this work. Lifesaving pictures and mementos from the past decorated the walls of the club where members met and meetings were held.

About this time a large ship was wrecked off the coast and the hired crews brought in boatloads of cold, wet and half-drowned sailors. The beautiful new club house was in chaos so the committee decided, for the future, to have a shower facility built outside the clubhouse where shipwreck victims could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting, the membership was divided. Some wanted to stop the club's lifesaving activities since they brought in a lot of needy strangers and were a hindrance to the normal activities of the club. But some members insisted that lifesaving was their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a lifeboat station! In the end they were outvoted and told that if they wanted to rescue the types of people who might



be shipwrecked, they could begin their own lifeboat station further down the coast. This they did.

As the years went by, similar changes took place in the new station as well. It too evolved into a club, and consequently another station was established elsewhere. History continued to repeat itself, and on that coastline today there are a number of exclusive clubs with 'Lifeboat Station' in their name. Shipwrecks continue to occur but no survivors are ever brought to them.

Jesus seldom explained parables and left those who heard them draw their own conclusions.

And that is what I will do as well!

October Bible Readings

2nd – The 16th Sunday after Trinity

Lamentations 1:1-6 / 2 Timothy 1:1-14 / Luke 17:5-10

9th – The 17th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 / 2 Timothy 2:8-15 / Luke 17:11-19

16th – The 18th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 31:27-34 / 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5 / Luke 18:1-8

18th – St Luke the Evangelist

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

23rd – Last after Trinity / Bible Sunday

Isaiah 45:22-25 / Romans 15:1-6 / Luke 4:16-24

28th – St Simon and St Jude Apostles

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

30th – The 4th before Advent / All Saints' Day

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 / Ephesians 1:11-23 / Luke 6:20-31



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2nd Oct Whitehouse Lane, Whitehouse Avenue, The Green View

9th Oct Kenyons Lane, Bull Cop, Gardner Road

16th Oct Shaw Crescent, Norris Way, Devon Farm Way

23rd Oct Mawdsley Close, Moss Green, Cattan Green

30th Oct Flaxfield Road, Altcar Road and Stephenson Way.



Diary Dates October 2022

Saturday 1st

9.00am Breakfast Church begins again in the Bier House



Sunday 2nd The 16th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club *followed by refreshments*

Visiting preacher as part of our 275th celebrations – Canon Paul Ormrod

12noon Service of Interment for Joan Lyons

6.30pm Choral Evensong



Tuesday 4th

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

11.00am Eucharist in Woodlands Care Home



Wednesday 5th

10.00am Refugee Welcome Day in the Parish Hall

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

Thursday 6th

2.00pm Mothers' Union Service in Church followed by refreshments

Friday 7th

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

Saturday 8th

3.00pm Wedding of Greg Ormrod & Kerry Fazal



Sunday 9th The 17th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Eucharist (CW)

10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club *followed by refreshments*

6.30pm Service of Wholeness

Tuesday 11th

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

Wednesday 12th

11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

7.30pm Bible Study *with Ted Woods* in the Bier House

Friday 14th

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

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



Sunday 16th The 18th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist & Baptism of Jackson Tolman *followed by refreshments*

12noon Children's Haribo Service

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday 18th

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

Wednesday 19th

11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

2.00pm W.O.W Service for pre-school children in Church



Friday 21st

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

Sunday 23rd Bible Sunday

8.30am Eucharist (CW)

10.00am Parish Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday 25th

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

Wednesday 26th

11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

7.30pm Ted's Bible Study *with Gordon MacLeod* in the Bier House

Friday 28th NO Little Fishes Pre-school Group – half-term holiday



Sunday 30th The 4th before Advent / All Saints' Day

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

12noon Service of Baptism for Harry Ferguson

6.30pm Choral Evensong



LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 13th November 6.30pm Fauré Requiem

Wednesday 14th to Sunday 18th December - Christmas Tree Festival in Church



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Wednesday Eucharist

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