

ST PETER'S CHURCH MAGAZINE

NOVEMBER 2022



Remembrance Day
lest we forget

SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2022

REMEMBRANCE DAY ALL-AGE PARADE

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EDITORIAL

Hello Everybody,

Autumn is here at last, we have just returned from a week in the Dales and the trees changed colour in that short time, from dusty green to gold, quite wonderful. I hope you will find a lot that is gold in this month's magazine!

There are many photographs that particularly caught attention. Congratulations to Greg and Kerry on their wedding, many of us will remember Greg when he first came to St Peter's as a small boy, how time does fly.

The Scarecrow Shindig was very successful. Congratulations to all who took part with their imaginative efforts, a wide range from the artistic to the surreal! Another shindig will be the happy return, after 2 years, of the Scouts charity fireworks display on Saturday November 5th - gates open at 6pm. See the back cover for details. Please remember that the entrance cost will be cash only as we won't have card facilities.

On Sunday 13th November 2022 at 10.00 am we have our Remembrance Day all-age parade, followed by refreshments.

And an early reminder that this year you can again exchange eco- friendly Christmas greetings via the magazine. We suggest a donation of £5 which will support Ugandan child Sponsorship.



Don't forget that the clocks go back at 2am on Sunday October 30th, after all it is only 9 weeks to Christmas,

With our best wishes to you all,

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,

Personally, I don't mind the dark evenings up to Christmas but by January the novelty has worn off!! In the church year the autumn has a momentum starting with Harvest and finishing with Christmas. In-between we have Remembrance Sunday and the beginning of Advent, both in November this year, and of course the Scouts Bonfire and Fireworks night.



REMEMBER

November is traditionally a month of remembrance as we give thanks for those who made the ultimate sacrifice to bring both hope and love for others and our country.

Let us also remember those who are feeling lost and lonely, and reach out as a community of care. With the worries of higher energy costs this autumn and winter it is a real concern for many and we need to remember to do whatever we can to bring hope to those around us. Not everyone is like me and likes the dark evenings; many find them lonely so don't forget neighbours and friends who would appreciate a call.



As a church we will also have higher energy charges but we are working hard to cover these costs so that our hall users will not have to pay extra rent. The groups that meet in our halls from the U3A groups to the bingo players provide an important social contact at a worrying time for many. Our parish groups - Little Fishes, the uniformed groups, the new Barms & Banter drop-in, Refugee Welcome Days and others do so much to bring joy into people's lives.

We thank everyone who takes the time to lead and help with the groups that meet. What we do ask is, please, help us to keep our energy costs down by turning off lights, closing doors, turning off taps etc. We don't want to have to say what many of us heard as children "if you're cold, put on another jumper!"

We are all social animals and interaction with others keeps us in touch with reality, stops us closing in on ourselves and keeps us grounded in the real world, so we want all the groups who use our halls to flourish.

Being a member of a church also provides that sort of contact and I am so pleased that the fruit of the 275 events is beginning to show as new people come to our services and events. So please keep saying 'Hello' to those you meet in church, especially those you **don't** know.



I know of one parishioner in our last parish who undertook to introduce himself each Sunday to two people he didn't know. So please, if you don't know someone, take the risk and say hello!



During November we are having a Vision Day and I am delighted that Stephen Lyon, who has a lot of experience in this area, will be facilitating the day. I have invited 36 people from across the parish. They represent different age groups, new parishioners and organisations who will begin to discuss a 'Vision' for our parish as we finish celebrating our 275th anniversary.

We have had so much to celebrate but we also have a wonderful foundation to keep building the mission and ministry of St Peter's for future generations. I look forward to the discussion day with great anticipation.

But we haven't finished celebrating just yet! The Christmas Tree Festival is being planned for December so if you want to help by volunteering or sponsoring a Christmas tree please do check the details in this magazine.

Also in this magazine is the news that I have a new boss! We look forward to welcoming Bishop John to St Peter's.

So, lots to look forward to and remember in November from a church with caring people and a message of love and hope!



Anne

ECO TIP FOR NOVEMBER

Merry Christmas, Everyone Don't panic, Don't panic!



It is not quite Christmas yet but we have to act early!

As you know we are an eco-friendly church and so we have decided to repeat the exchange of Christmas greetings as in previous years. If you would like to send greetings to all the readers of this magazine please give your name into the Parish Office.

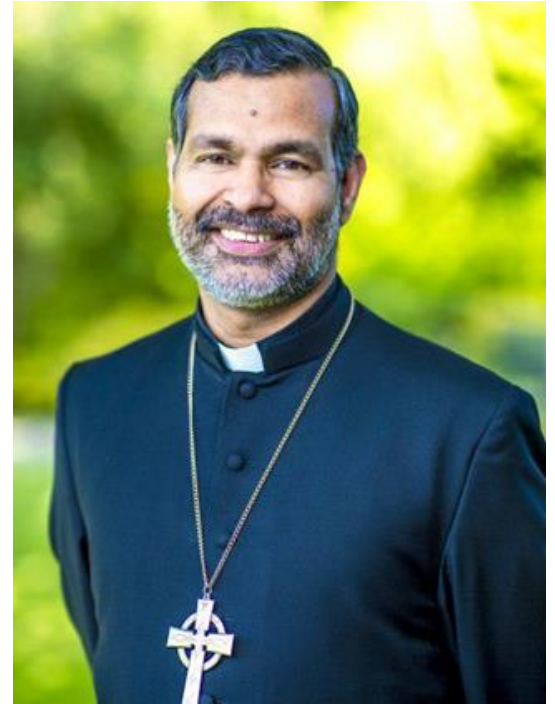
We suggest a donation of £5 and all donations will help support **Uganda Child Sponsorship** - and save cards and stamps!

The New Bishop of Liverpool

It has been announced that the 9th Bishop of Liverpool is to be the Rt Revd Dr John Perumbalath. Bishop John will join us from the Diocese of Chelmsford where he has served as Bishop of Bradwell since 2018.

Bishop John comes Kerala, South India, and was ordained into the Church of North India in 1994. He moved to the UK in 2001 taking up positions in the Diocese of Rochester. Bishop John then served as Archdeacon of Barking before becoming the Bishop of Bradwell in 2018.

Amongst other roles, Bishop John is the Chair of Churches Refugee Network of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. He chairs Christians Aware, an educational charity, and serves on the Anglican Communion-wide Advisory Group of USPG, an Anglican mission society. The Bishop lectures widely on faith and social engagement and in Biblical theology.



Bishop John is expected to be installed in Liverpool Cathedral early next year.

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.



What is Remembrance?

Remembrance honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.

United across faiths, cultures and backgrounds.

- * We remember the sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth.
- * We pay tribute to the special contribution of families and of the emergency services.
- * We acknowledge innocent civilians who have lost their lives in conflict and acts of terrorism.

Remembrance does not glorify war and its symbol, the red poppy, is a sign of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.

Wearing a poppy is never compulsory but is greatly appreciated by those whom it is intended to support.

When and how you choose to wear a poppy is a reflection of your individual experiences and personal memories.

Remembrance unites people of all faiths, cultures, and backgrounds but it is also deeply personal.

It could mean wearing a poppy in November, before Remembrance Sunday. It could mean joining with others in your community on a commemorative anniversary. Or it could mean taking a moment on your own to pause and reflect.

Everyone is free to remember in their own way, or to choose not to remember at all.

Armistice Day

At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month – we will remember them.

The Armistice, an agreement to end the fighting of the First World War as a prelude to peace negotiations, began at 11am on 11 November 1918.

Armistice is derived from the Latin for to stand (still) arms.

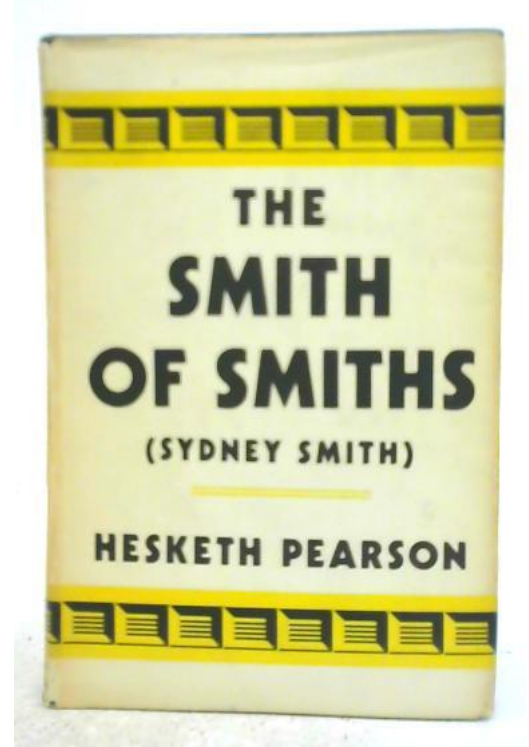
To this day we mark Armistice Day around the United Kingdom with a Two Minute Silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month.



An Influencer

Throughout our lives others are trying to influence us. This has always been the case but today the term 'influencer' refers to those who use social media to persuade and influence their followers to buy goods they are pushing, or to follow a certain line of thought and behaviour. It is causing some alarm as the methods used are subtle and can lead to harm. It was with interest when I saw a book, written in 1934, on a secondhand bookshelf about a very successful influencer, namely Mr Sydney Smith.*

Mr Smith was born in 1771 so why should we be interested in him? He was a noted wit, a clergyman who dedicated his life to influencing the state to understand justice. It was said of him, "His kindliness was overflowing and entirely took away the sting from the repartee which were perpetually bubbling up in his talk." Disraeli said "I sat next to Sydney Smith, who was delightful, I don't remember a more agreeable party." Smith was more than good company, he was a founder and first editor of the Edinburgh Review, a highly influential magazine. He wrote for this paper, as well as other publications, attacking injustice. He disliked pomp and hypocrisy. He attacked the aristocracy and the landed gentry for fox hunting. It was said he was equally at home with cobblers and earls.



A friend of the aristocracy and politicians, he still did not hesitate to attack them over ensuring justice for all. One of his quips was "I never read a book before reviewing it, it can so prejudice one." Yet on one occasion he gave a mildly critical review and was asked why when the book was so badly written? Smith explained the author was poor and needed support.

A devout Church of England clergyman, his first parish was in Yorkshire (for over twenty years), and his second in the Southwest. He was a good parish priest and well beloved. Happily married, he eventually became a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral until he retired. The aim of his extensive writing was to correct injustice. Much of this was to fight for the right of catholics to have equality with protestants. He hated inequality and wanted women to be treated equally with men. Slavery he saw for what it was.

Why is this long dead influencer still important? The main reason is because he clearly stated the basis for his determination to ensure justice. The author of his biography states he was a sound Christian. Smith wrote of his belief, "True, modest, unobtrusive religion - charitable, forgiving, indulgent

Christianity is the greatest ornament and the greatest blessing that can dwell in the mind of men."

Recently a social media influencer was fined a hefty sum for not disclosing a large payment to promote a product. Do most of those who encourage others to buy or accept ideas explain their reason for doing so? Smith was poor for most of his life but never veered from the basis of his moral standpoint. The author of this book states inhumanity and callousness in any shape or form brought him to boiling point. Tolerance and benevolence were to him the chief virtues of mankind.

Rod Jacques

* "The Smith of Smiths" by Hesketh Pearson.

St Peter's Church Christmas Tree Festival Wednesday 14th – Sunday 18th December



This year for the first time, as part of our 275th Anniversary, we are planning to hold a Christmas Tree Festival in church. Christmas trees will be decorated by charities and groups in their own particular style and displayed around the church. Each tree will have a collection box next to it so visitors can give donations to the charity/group who have decorated the tree. Our aim is that there will be no cost to those taking part.

With that in mind if anyone would like to help by sponsoring a tree and donating towards the cost of it, they can make a donation. The names of all our sponsors will be displayed in church along with the trees.

To sponsor a whole tree costs £50; the smaller trees on the window ledges cost £25. The two big trees - by the gate, and beside the Pulpit are also available - but are rather more expensive!

However - **any** sort of donation will be welcome to contribute towards the cost of a tree. Please put your donation in an envelope with your name and either take it to the church office or hand it to Shena, David, Gill or Sarah.

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 - 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November



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 6th and 20th November

A SERVICE OF WHOLENESS



Dates for your diary:

Sunday 6th November

Sunday 4th December

TIMEOUT

Monday 28th November
meeting at 7.30pm
at the Bier House.

Topic: The work of street pastors – Elizabeth Walbank

Further information
from Ted Woods

office@stpetersformby.co.uk

Primetime

Our next meeting will be on
Wednesday 16th November

Meet in the
Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

All ladies welcome

Looking forward to
seeing you,

Elaine and Sonia.





**9am in the
Bier House**

Saturday 5th November!

Join us for a 30 minute service
followed by toast & chat.
You will be very welcome.



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CREATION

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books, bulletins and
magazines.

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will be pleased to assist in
providing copies. Let the
Parish Administrator know
if you would like a large
print magazine delivered.

Wednesday Eucharist

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

An Appeal for Sherry, Shortbread & Mince Pies!!!

In St Peter's we love to offer hospitality and we are hoping
you will be willing to help by providing shortbread for the
Advent Carol Service (27th November) or mince pies for the
Carols by Candlelight (18th December).

We would like to have any donated shortbread by 21st
November and mince pies by 12th December.

Please bring along to church or drop them into the Parish
Office. Many thanks.



Dementia
friendly church



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



From the Church Register



Funerals

7 th October	Joyce Dean
	Laura Watson
14 th October	Simon Marsh
17 th October	Tony Hill
26 th October	Charles Collier
28 th October	Hilda Weaver

Garden of Remembrance

2 nd October	Joan Lyon
19 th October	Margaret Forrest



Parking in The Paddock

If you park in The Paddock, off Green Lane, when coming to church, will you please be careful not to park over a resident's driveway or block their access. You are welcome to park in the Vicarage driveway during church services on a Sunday morning. 275 years ago a car park was not an issue!

275th Anniversary Merchandise

Tea-Towels	£ 5.00
Flat Tote bags: 36 x 40cm	£ 5.00
Gusset shopping bag: 40 x 40cm	£ 7.00
Either bag plus tea-towel	£12.00
St Peter's Wine Glasses	£15.00
Bottle of 275 th Anniversary Beer	£ 2.50
A case of beer £25 (free delivery in Formby)	



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

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.

Charities Supported by St Peter's

Each year the PCC agree to support various charities. This year the following have been sent donations to assist in their work.

- ❖ Papyrus UK Prevention of Young Suicide
- ❖ Friends of St Joseph's - assisting those in St Joseph's Adult Services
- ❖ Sefton Cancer Support Group
- ❖ Rainbow House - supporting children with disabilities.
- ❖ Southport Offshore Rescue
- ❖ Dogs for Good - assistance dogs for those with disabilities
- ❖ Peterhouse School - specialist education for children living with Autism
- ❖ Rotary, Formby - Santa wagon assistance
- ❖ Learning Rooms - a range of services for adults with learning difficulties
- ❖ Claire House Children's Hospice
- ❖ Queenscourt Hospice
- ❖ Mission of Charity (Liverpool)
- ❖ Citizens Advice
- ❖ Southport Samaritans
- ❖ Sefton Advocacy
- ❖ Southport Foodbank
- ❖ Whitechapel Centre for Homeless
- ❖ Sefton Women's and Children's Aid
- ❖ Women's Refuge (Liverpool)
- ❖ Sefton Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Asylum Link, Merseyside

Overseas Charities

- ❖ Open Doors - helping persecuted Christians overseas
- ❖ St Peter's Uganda Project
- ❖ Water Aid
- ❖ Elizabeth's Legacy of Hope
- ❖ Toilet Twinning - helping provide toilets in poor communities
- ❖ Mary's Meals - school meals for children living in the world's poorest countries
- ❖ Sightsavers overseas charity working to prevent avoidable blindness



Parish Donations using a QR Code – Moving with the Times!

Along with Zoom, QR Codes came into our lives during lockdown! QR Codes are now seen in restaurants to view menus and on historic buildings to offer information.

This QR Code takes you straight to the giving page of our parish website which offers a very simple way to make a donation to St Peter's.



Opening the Scriptures with Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Tuesday 22nd November at 7pm
in Liverpool Hope University

The Archbishop of York, the Most Revd Stephen Cottrell will deliver the Archbishop Blanch Lecture. His theme 'Opening the Scriptures' explores what this means in an increasingly secular culture and why it still matters for Christian discipleship.

As a prolific author and a national leader with a pastoral heart for the mission of the Church, Archbishop Stephen will challenge and encourage us in this vital task.

More information from the Latest News Section of www.liverpool.anglican.org/

November Bible Readings

1st – All Saints' Day

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

6th – The 3rd Sunday Before Advent

Job 19:23-27a / 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 / Luke 20:27-38

13th – The 2nd Sunday Before Advent – Remembrance Sunday

Malachi 4:1-2a / 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 / Luke 21:5-19

20th – Christ the King

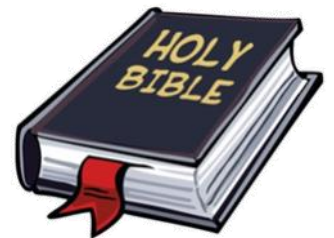
Jeremiah 23:1-6 / Colossians 1:11-20 / Luke 23:33-43

27th – Advent Sunday

Isaiah 2:1-5 / Romans 13:11-14 / Matthew 24:36-44

30th – St Andrew the Apostle

Isaiah 52:7-10 / Romans 10:12-18 / Matthew 4:18-22



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 November please pray for all who live in –

6 th November	Glenmarsh Way, Burlington Avenue, Lowes Green
13 th November	Old Mill Lane, Willow Grove, The Warren
20 th November	New Road, Clifton Road, Ryeground Lane
27 th November	Wrigleys Lane, Wrigleys Close, Canterbury Close



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: 9th and 23rd November 2022

Contact Ted Woods 872824

Friday Bible Study Group at 2pm

Date: 4th and 18th November 2022

Contact Peter Paine 07722 127791



THE FOODBANK

SHOPPING LIST

Urgently Needed Items

Tinned vegetables e.g. potatoes, peas, carrots

Tinned fruit

Baked beans

Packet soup

Flavoured rice pouches

Savoury crackers

Longlife juice

Crisps

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

COMPASSION
ACTS

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
10am to 5pm for donations.
Many thanks.*



It's time to start living again

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Sunday 2nd October

Revd Canon Paul Ormrod with Anne.

Paul preached at the 10am Eucharist as part of our 275th anniversary celebration year.



Bug Hotel in
Conservation Corner
- by Squirrels



Formby Memories

With Joan Rimmer and Nick Dickson. An entertaining and informative stroll through Formby's past, with slides, songs, chat and humour.

**At Holy Trinity Church, Rosemary Lane
on Thursday 10th November at 7.30pm**

Tickets £5 (includes a glass of wine or a soft drink)

Tickets from Charlotte Home: 01704 831700 Mobile: 07850 396560. Or very welcome to pay on entry at the door.

Proceeds to aid one of our 9th Formby Explorers, Oliver Jenkins, to attend the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in the summer of 2023.





From the Church Register ~ Wedding

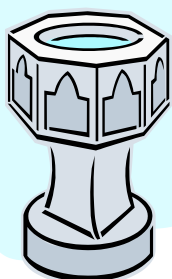
Saturday 8th October 2022

Greg Ormrod and Kerry Fazal



From the Church Register ~ Baptism

Sunday 16th October 2022
Jackson Guy Whalley, son of
Kelly-Jayne and Philip



Scarecrow Shindig

Our Festival of Scarecrows took place in and around the Church in the days leading up to our Harvest Celebrations.

Individuals and groups produced a whole range of scarecrows – from the very scary to the very friendly and they were positioned in the Church and in the Churchyard spread between the Porch and the Bier House.

Entries were numbered, and judged by visitors – with children's votes counting twice as much as a "grown up's" vote – and the results were announced at the Harvest Festival service in Church on Sunday evening.

Here are more Scarecrow photos! Enjoy!



Boy in Pyjamas



Mrs Christmas



Father Christmas



ScareCub



Bridget



The Merry Gardener



Rose & Ruby



Olive – the new recruit



Sissy



Barrett Boy



Rock Chick Vicar



Go Kart Driver



The Classic Crow



The Standard Scout



Barnard



Grease Monkey



Clyde



Peter



Wanda the Workout Wonder



Covid Carer



*The assistant organist
being dragged away
from the organ*



*The last
three
scarecrows
reluctant
to go home!*



A global movement.

Present in 84 countries, our members are not all mothers, or even all women.



They are single, married, parents, grandparents, or young adults just beginning to express their social conscience.

Mothers' Union provides a network through which they can serve Christ in their own community. This is done through prayer, financial support and actively working at the grassroots level in programmes that meet local needs.

Our meeting in October was our Annual Church Service, led by Gordon, our Curate, whilst Anne gave the address using Queen Esther as the basis of her talk.

Attending members agreed to uphold the aim of Mothers' Union which is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life.

We aim to:

- encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
- help those whose family life has met with adversity
- promote and support married life

These objectives are reproduced here for the benefit of those members who were unable to attend the service.

At our November meeting we are hoping to welcome Nathan so that we can catch up with all he has been doing or is hoping to do at St Giles.

In addition we will be asking members to indicate what item of food they will be bringing to our Christmas Party on Thursday 1st December.

Items for refugees

- November shower gel/soap
- December flannels/sponges

Best wishes

Herbert (873367) and Jean

Do you use the Parish Hall or Bier House?

As part of a group or as a group leader?

We need your help.



We want to keep rents from rising and to do this we need your help to keep our heating and water bills as low as possible. Often lights are left on or taps dripping – please check every time you use the halls or toilets. Please close the external door of the Parish Hall and Bier House. As our parents used to say “Were you born in a barn!” or “Why are we heating the street!” Use the snip if you do not want the Parish Hall door locked. Only boil the water that you need and turn off water heaters when you are finished with them.

And please do let us know if your group is not meeting as we do not want to heat an empty hall.

Please help us to keep our costs down so we do not need to charge extra to our hall users.

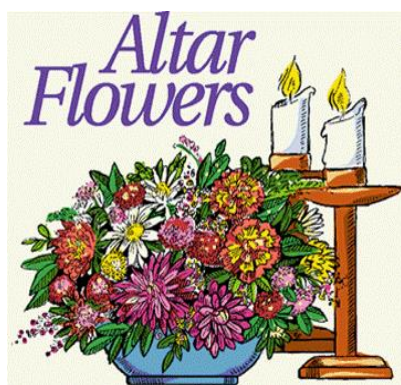
Church Flowers

Many people have special days in the year which they commemorate, and flowers on the altar of St Peter's Church can fittingly mark the special event.

We invite you to remember your family and friends with a donation towards our Church flowers. Suggested donation is £20.

The occasion would also be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

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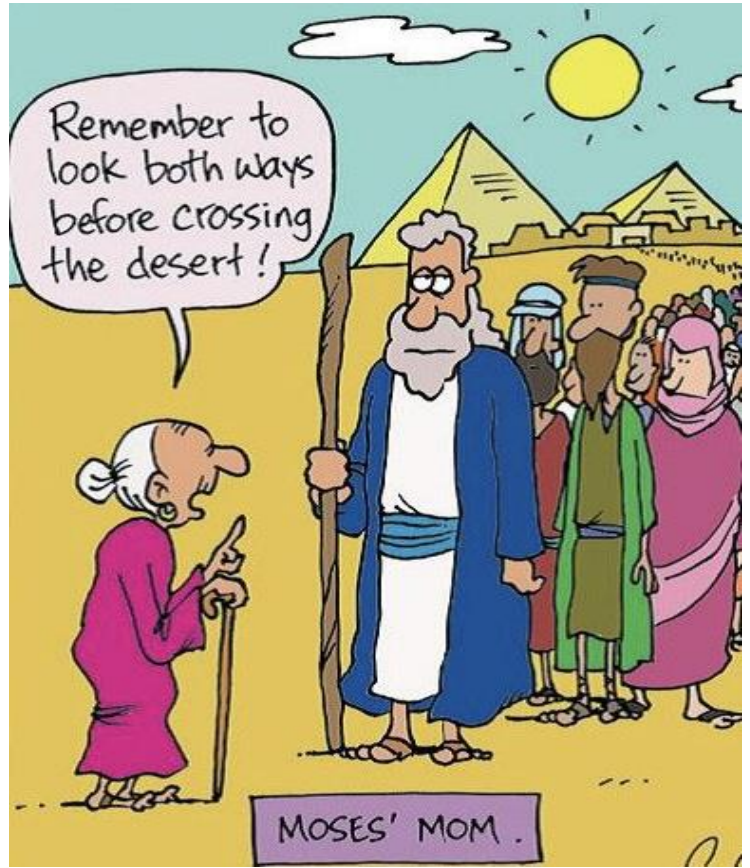
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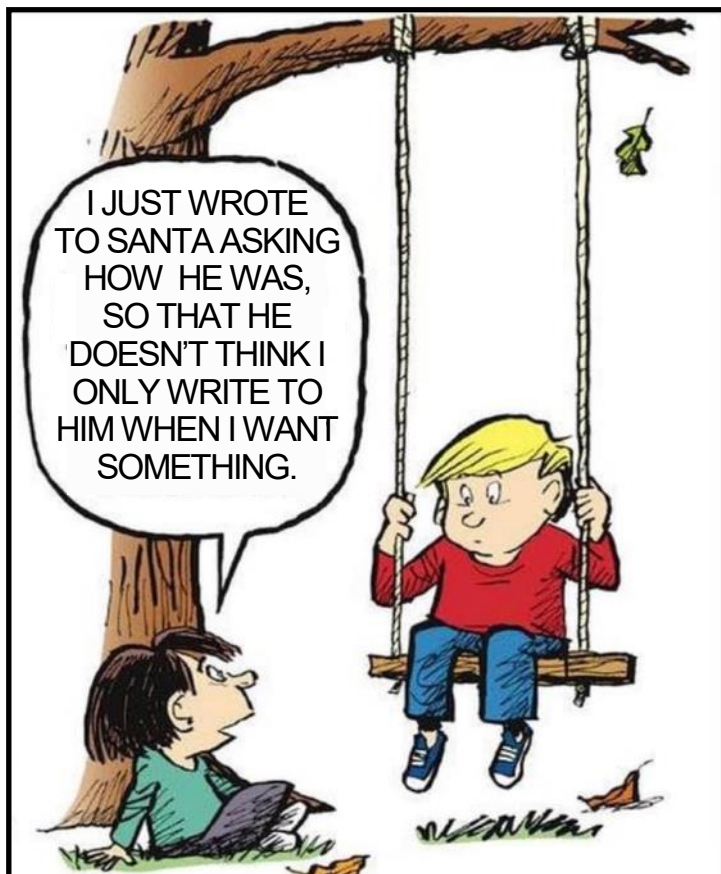
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- Why are elevator jokes so classic and good? They work on many levels.
- What do you call a pudgy psychic? A four-chin teller.
- What kind of drink can be bitter and sweet? Reali-tea.
- Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they use a honeycomb.





How quickly can you
UNSCRAMBLE these words?

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RUTAME	TOLCU
CUPOH	DNARK
OCERV	AFDTR

Answers at bottom of page 35!

One thing no one ever talks about being an adult, is how much time you debate with yourself about keeping a cardboard box, because it's, like, a really good box.



From the Back Pew

Ted Woods

WHY OR WHY NOT?

The name Michael Curry may not mean anything to you, even though he is the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in America. But if I say that he was the bishop who preached at the wedding of Harry and Meghan you will probably remember his widely acclaimed sermon about love.

During his student days, Michael Curry was an activist for the election of Robert Kennedy to be president of the United States, and he recalls that Kennedy loved to quote words from George Bernard Shaw, “Some people see things as they are and ask why. I dream of things that never were and ask why not!”

And Curry says that he began to reflect on those words and began to ask questions not about ‘why’ but about ‘why not.’



Like, “Why not a world where no child will ever go to bed hungry again? Why not a world in which poverty is truly history, a thing of the past? Why not a world in which every person is treated and valued as a child of God? Why not a world where we lay down our swords and shields to study war no more? Why not a world reconciled to our God and to each other as children of God and brothers and sisters of one another? Why not a world that looks less of a nightmare of our human devising and more like a dream of God’s creating?”

That’s quite a lot of ‘why not’s’!

But he says that as Christians, as followers of Jesus, these are the questions we should be asking.

A few weeks ago, one of the Sunday readings was about having faith the size of a mustard seed and Jesus saying that even a mustard seed of faith could move a mountain.

The little black mustard seed was indeed small. In Jesus’ day it was a synonym for littleness. But yet it grew into a great bushy tree between 10 and 12 feet high.

Also, in those days, mountains were synonyms for problems and difficulties.

So, Jesus was saying, ‘Don’t let the problems of the world get you down.’

It’s easy to get downhearted about what Curry calls the “nightmare” of today’s world, but he says that as Christians we are to work to change the nightmare the world is into something closer to the dream that God dreams for it. Why not?

He says that God has a habit of asking the impossible of people – like asking Noah to build an ark when the sun was shining; David to face Goliath with just a sling; Esther to challenge the king; Mary to be the mother of Jesus. But he reminds us that along with the seemingly impossible proposals God tells us that “I am with you always.”

The first woman bishop in the Episcopal Church, Barbara Harris, used to say, “The God who is behind you is greater than any problem ahead of you!”

The late Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said, “God sent us here to help realise God’s dream of a new kind of society - gentle, caring, compassionate, sharing...There are no outsiders or aliens. All are insiders. All belong. Black and white, rich and poor, young and old, male and female, educated, uneducated, gay, straight, all belong in this family of God, this human family, the rainbow people of God. And God has no one but you to help realise God’s dream.”

And faith the size of a grain of mustard seed is all that is need for us to ask ‘Why not?’ and to commit ourselves to dreaming God’s dreams rather than dreading the world’s nightmares.

Let us build a house where love can dwell

and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children

tell how hearts learn to forgive;

built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions;

All are welcome, all are welcome,

All are welcome in this place.

And that all came from a book by Michael Curry I picked up in the Cathedral bookshop! It’s called “Crazy Christians” and very much worth a read.

Diary Dates November 2022

November



Tuesday 1st

All Saints' Day

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

11.00am Eucharist in Woodlands Care Home

Wednesday 2nd

10.00am Refugee Welcome Day in the Parish Hall

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

Thursday 3rd

2.00pm Mothers' Union – speaker Revd Nathan Thorpe

Friday 4th

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

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

Saturday 5th

9.00am Breakfast Church in the Bier House



Sunday 6th

The 3rd Sunday before Advent

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)

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

6.30pm Service of Wholeness

Monday 7th

10.30am Bacon barm and banter in the Bier House

Tuesday 8th

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

Wednesday 9th

11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

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

Friday 11th

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



Sunday 13th Remembrance Sunday

8.30am Eucharist (CW)

10.00am All-Age Parade Service *followed by refreshments*

12noon Baptism Service for Lenny Yearsley

3.00pm Community Remembrance Service in Holy Trinity Church

3.00pm Installation of Revd Poppy Thorpe as Vicar of All Saints with St Frideswyde

6.30pm Fauré Requiem



Tuesday 15th

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

Wednesday 16th

11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

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

7.30pm Primetime Women's Group in the Parish Hall

7.30pm Deanery Synod in St Luke's Church, Crosby

Friday 18th

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

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



Sunday 20th Christ the King
 8.30am Eucharist (BCP)
 10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club *followed by refreshments*
 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday 22nd
 10.00am Bible Study *with Ken Ward* in the Bier House

Wednesday 23rd
 11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
 7.30pm Bible Study *with Ted Woods* in the Bier House

Friday 25th
 9.30am Little Fishes Pre-school Group in the Church Hall

Sunday 27th Advent Sunday
 8.30am Eucharist (CW)
 10.00am Parish Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
 12noon Children's Haribo Service
 6.30pm Advent Service with readings and hymns *followed by refreshments*

Monday 28th
 7.30pm Timeout – men, beer & topics in the Bier House

Tuesday 29th
 10.00am Bible Study *with Ken Ward* in the Bier House

Wednesday 30th St Andrew's Day
 11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*



LOOKING AHEAD

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

Morning Prayer there is a short service of Morning Prayer at 9am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday in the Bier House.

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