

# **ST PETER'S CHURCH MAGAZINE SEPTEMBER 2023**



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# Editorial

September always feels like the beginning of a new era with the little ones starting school and the older ones either moving classes or schools. Not forgetting our young adults off to colleges around the country. We wish them all every success on their new adventures.



Annie and JP, two of our Scout leaders, and Oliver, an Explorer, were on the international team for the Korean World Scout Jamboree this Summer. Look out for their article all about it.

If anyone else had any exciting adventures in the holidays, we'd love to hear about them. The Editorial Team welcomes articles for inclusion in the magazine.

Look out for the photos of the abseil down Anfield Stadium, by the Vicar, Organist and the Church Wardens, in aid of the Church Roof Appeal and check out the amazing amount raised.

We were all very saddened to hear of the death of Sue Jacques, a member of our magazine team for the last fifteen years and very much part of the St Peter's family. Our sincere sympathies are with her husband, Rod, and their family and we will all miss her.

Look out for the dates for the Service of Wholeness (17<sup>th</sup>), Breakfast Church (first Saturday of each month) and all the children's activities. From Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, after the success of last year, we will be holding 'More Scarecrow Shindigs' in and around the Church and churchyard with the Church and Coffee Shop open. For the Harvest Services we will be welcoming back some familiar faces to preach! Put the dates in your diary.

*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

*Please note the deadline for the October 2023 edition of the magazine is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023.*

## Dear Friends,

There is a hymn which goes, “There is an eye that never sleeps”. And that is certainly true of St. Peter’s!

As you cannot fail to notice when you pass the church, the scaffolding is up and the repairs to the roof have begun. The church looks like a fortress, but

apparently the steel sheets are to prevent lead theft which is an all too common experience where churches are concerned.



On the subject of the church roof, thanks to all who sponsored Gill, Sarah, David and me for the abseil off Anfield Stadium. A wonderful £13,000 has been raised! This is a great result – you didn’t let us down!

If you would still like to give a donation towards the Roof Appeal please use the link on the website, the contactless machine in church or put in a yellow envelope marked ‘Roof Appeal’.

Also, during the summer, the Vision Day Report and its Implementation was discussed. The first step as we embark on the road map for the future is the **Time & Talents Leaflet** which accompanies this month’s magazine.

Please look at it carefully and consider what you might be able to do to help St. Peter’s serve the needs of parishioners and the wider community. The plan is that the returned forms will be brought up in a basket to be blessed and dedicated at our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

The theme for this year’s service will be **“The Harvest of Talents”**. So please return your filled-in leaflet either at church, to the Parish Office or to the Vicarage. Our thanks to Shena Edwards, the Chairperson of the Community of Faith Working Group, for producing the Time & Talents Leaflet.

**Scarecrows!** They are back this year bigger, brighter, bolder!! See the back cover for the details. We are looking for lots new scarecrows plus willing helpers to help with the coffee shop and church/scarecrow sitting!

There was no let up for the summer with Singing For Fun afternoons, the Bacon Barns & Banter and the Refugee Welcome Group all continuing their ministries. Thank you to all who make these important activities happen.

After a bit of a dip in the numbers of active retired clergy in St. Peter's, I'm glad to say that numbers have increased again. I'm very grateful for the help and involvement of the Canon Janet Eastwood, Revd Jane Morgan and Revd Beverley Smith who, along with the Revd Peter Paine and our two Readers, Peter Davies and Matt Parkes, not only take services but are willing to be involved in the life and ministry of St. Peter's. We also have the wonderful support of our other retired clergy Stephen, Raymond, Chris, Arthur, Roger and Derek. We are very blessed in St Peter's.

As September unfolds, it will be a case of two eyes that never sleep as all our activities and organisations get going for another season. Please see days and dates in the pages that follow.

### **UGANDA TRIP 2024**

Looking even further ahead, the Uganda Committee have decided to organise a trip to Kalule for 2024. We had planned to return in 2021, but, of course, Covid stopped that plan.

Dates for the trip are 21<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May. The cost of the flight will be £851 per person. If you would like to express an interest in being part of our working group, would you please let me know. You don't have to commit at this stage. The skills we are looking for will include—teaching, decorating, working with the Women's Group (knitting), DIY, games, sports etc We can take a group of 15/20 and I would say that a reasonable degree of fitness is required. This is a great team project and we will be taking items for the school and women's project but will give more details of what is required in the next few months.

So another very exciting year ahead in St Peter's and we want everyone to feel welcome and involved as we look ahead together.



*Anne*



# Patronal Festival Weekend

The Patronal Festival Weekend was very busy with the Choir giving a very enjoyable concert, the Bier House Coffee Shop being open and the windows being decorated to show all the many organisations who are part of the life of St Peter's.

Then on Sunday morning our special preacher was Rt Revd Dr John Perumbalath, Bishop of Liverpool.

Thank you to everyone who made the weekend so special.



## Time and Talents Leaflet

As a result of our Vision Day earlier on this year it was decided that we should spend some time revisiting our time and talents and improving what we're doing by involving more people.



Even though there are a lot people who already help within the running both of St Peter's and the organisations connected to the church, we are hoping there might be a few more who would like to offer a helping hand in one way or another.

This year as part of our Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations we would be grateful if people would consider offering some of their time and talents as a way of donating to the church thus enabling us to celebrate this Harvest of Talents being offered in the service of St Peter's.

With this in mind please take some time to fill in the Time & Talent leaflet with this month's magazine and return it either to church (at any of the services) or to the church office. Everyone has something to offer so please think about how you would like to be involved in the life of St Peter's.



Any questions please do let me know Shena Edwards [office@stpetersformby.co.uk](mailto:office@stpetersformby.co.uk)

# Inclusive Church

As part of our efforts to become a more inclusive church there will now be two bags available in church which contain equipment to be used by people with autism to help them communicate, self-regulate and take part in our services.

ASC (autism spectrum condition) is a condition which affects the way a person processes the world around them. As well as experiencing sensory inputs in a different way to a neurotypical person (sensitivity to sounds, lights or smells), they can also find social interaction to be difficult and a mine-field of misunderstanding. Individuals who are nonverbal or have limited speech often use the PECS (Picture exchange communication system) to communicate. Our bags will include a selection of PECS symbols to be used during our services.



There are example sheets for each service along with the symbols which will act as a guide. Individual activity symbols are attached to a blue card to produce a timetable of the events/activities which take place during a service. As each activity has finished, the symbol is removed and put in the bag with the “finished” symbol on it to indicate it is over and we are on to the next activity.

Each bag contains ear defenders and a selection of fidget toys as well as items to be used for massage or stroking the skin such as the bath glove, scourer and paint brushes. Hand fidgets can help manage anxiety, improve attention/ability to focus, or even help children calm down when dealing with a surge of emotions such as extreme anger or frustration.



If anybody has any questions regarding the use of these bags or needs information regarding autism, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Shena Edwards**

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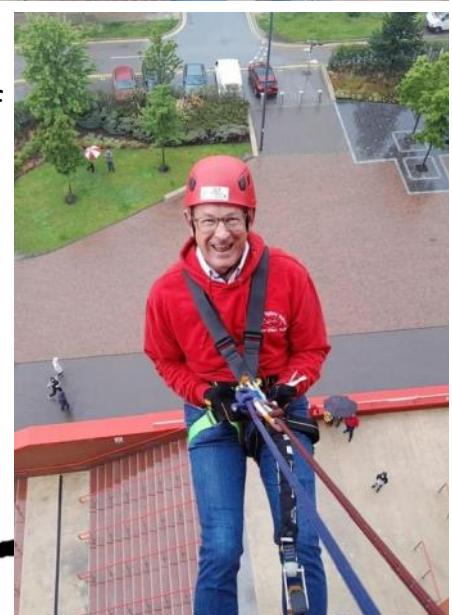




**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** ..... was the day that the Vicar, the Organist and the Churchwardens abseiled off Anfield Stadium to help raise funds for our church roof!

It was great day in the rain and all in a good cause! Thank you to those who came along to watch and for the generosity of so many.

The Abseil raised £13,000 for the Church's Roof Appeal and some donations are still coming in. Thank you all.







## Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July

Nearly 30 travelled from St Peter's to support our Curate, Revd Gordon MacLeod, as he was installed as Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church, Willaston. We wish Gordon every happiness in his new ministry.





## 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in South Korea

This July, two leaders from the 9<sup>th</sup> Formby Scout group, and one of our Spitfire Explorers set off for the 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in SaeManGeum, South Korea. After years of preparation the adventure which was to follow was, it is fair to say, not quite the one they all expected!

Along with JP Halewood, I attended the event as part of the International Service Team (IST) - over 5,000 volunteer staff who help run the event attended by more than 43,000 Scouts from 158 countries.

After arriving on site a few days ahead of the participants, it became clear this event would be like no other - South Korea was experiencing a heatwave taking temperatures well over 35C (95F) daily, humidity was at an all time high bringing untold numbers of bugs out to bite us, and we were in the middle of monsoon season. We were issued with plastic pallets to pitch our tents on which was just as well as our 2nd night brought flooding after just 20 minutes of rainfall, and the excitement of emergency trench digging in the dark!

These things alone would be a challenge, but they were not the only issues. The Jamboree Organising Committee was unfortunately not fully prepared for the event. Parts of camp were not ready, key infrastructure was not in place, and heat related illness were already putting pressure on the small site hospital - these are just some examples of the issues that we faced.

The UK Contingent therefore made the difficult decision to bring their 4,500 Scouts to site 48 hours later than planned to allow time for a mammoth effort from all the volunteers to try and get the site ready.

The Scouts arrived in time for the opening ceremony, attended by key scouting figures including Bear Grylls and the South Korean President himself, and featuring an amazing drone and fireworks display.





However, even with emergency support from the Korean government and Army, the site was still lacking fundamental amenities. The UK contingent therefore made the unprecedented and I can only imagine gut-wrenching decision that we would leave, just two days after the Scouts had arrived, due to ongoing safety concerns. Media coverage ensued, and post event reviews are underway which I'm sure will highlight the many factors which fed into this decision. Having been on site ourselves for a week, we have no doubt it was the right call - the safety of our Scouts, leaders and volunteers, as well as those from other countries, was put first. Just a few days later all the remaining countries would be evacuated from site ahead of impending Typhoon Khanun.



Our first night in Seoul brought an unexpected trip out for JP and I to go and support the Merseyside Scout unit. On our return, we found our very own Explorer Oliver Jenkins who was busy supporting other IST with power bank loans, helping with admin, and even finding us somewhere late at night to get some much needed food! Our fellow IST asked "Is he another leader?", to which we rather proudly replied "No, he's our Explorer Ollie".

What followed over the next week was a Jamboree like no other as Seoul became the base for the UK scouts and those from many other countries. We experienced the generosity and hospitality of the Korean people - cultural sites were opened, free access to events and attractions was provided, the UK contingent put on a programme around Seoul and across the Olympic park. There were even a few lively ceilidhs which were as always led by the Scottish contingent.

The SaRang church opened their doors for all participants to experience Korean culture and food in the world's largest underground church. We could not have been better looked after and we could not thank the Korean people enough for how welcome they made us feel.



At the end of the week, all Scouts gathered at the Seoul World Cup Stadium for the closing ceremony and k-pop concert. Putting on this event in such short timeframes was clearly a monumental effort and it was a very positive way to end our 2 weeks. There is something extremely special about renewing your promise with 50,000 other Scouts.

This Jamboree challenged Scouts and volunteers in ways no other event has or hopefully will do again. It was not the event any of us signed up or hoped for. There were highs and lows and we all wish it had been very different. But every Jamboree stretches us in ways we can't predict, presents new opportunities to work with people from across the globe, and gives us a chance to make new friends even in the most demanding of situations, and this one was no different. I will remember it as the Jamboree where a huge variety of people within and outside Scouting worked together to keep Scouts safe whilst still providing a once in a lifetime experience. I return feeling incredibly proud and privileged to have been part of the of the UK Scout Contingent who helped make that happen, and I'll be keeping my fingers crossed to do it all again (well maybe not all of it!) in Poland in 2027.

*Anna Cotswoth*





Dates for your diary:

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

**A SERVICE OF  
WHOLENESS**



## Men (mainly), Beer & Topics

Timeout is about getting together for a beer in the Bier House and hearing about a topic which has relevance for today and looking at it from a general Christian perspective. We've had plenty of lively debates over the years and hope they will continue.

We get together at 7.30pm and the evening ends about 9.00pm. It's all very informal and friendly, and we hope that some new members may come along, if only to try the beer!

We start again on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October when our topic will be "Artificial Intelligence" and this will be introduced by Steve Edwards.

Future dates: 6<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> December.



## Breakfast Church will be at 9am in the Bier House on 2<sup>nd</sup> September



Join us for a short service (about 20 mins) in the form of the Iona worship. This a small gathering in the Bier House. You will be made very welcome.

The service is followed by tea, coffee, toast, crumpets etc.  
Give it a try!

Susan Parkes

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# Primetime

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
in the Parish Hall  
at 7.30pm



## *Do you have a story to tell?*

Do you have or have you had an interesting hobby, fascinating career, unusual travel adventures or indeed any experience of anything that might be of interest to other people?

If so, would you consider coming along to talk to the Primetime Ladies at some point over the 2023/24 season? This could be as simple as a chat over a cuppa, with photos or examples along with a few questions.

We know that there are lots of interesting people in our congregation and we would like to hear from you!

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the OSR. If you think you might be interested please speak to either Sonia or Elaine or contact the office.

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.

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**

September - every Tuesday in the Bier House.

Contact Ken Ward 01704 871927

### **Wednesday Bible Study Group at 7.30pm**

This year the theme will be Old Testament Characters starting with Abraham.

Dates: 13<sup>th</sup> September in the Bier House

27<sup>th</sup> September in the Old School Room

Contact Ted Woods 01704 872824

### **Friday Bible Study Group at 2pm**

Dates: 15<sup>th</sup> September in the Bier House

29<sup>th</sup> September in the Old School Room.

Contact Peter Paine 07722 127791







As I sit writing this for the September magazine I am struck by the fact that our last meeting was almost three months ago as we enjoyed our strawberry tea in June.

Where does the time go?

However, as I look forward to us meeting again on 7<sup>th</sup> September (at 2pm in the Bier House), it is with sadness that I report the loss of two long standing Mothers Union members as Sheila Hughes and Sue Jacques have both recently died and will be sorely missed by family and friends

At our meeting in September we welcome Revd Jane Morgan to talk to us about Prayer and as usual our October meeting will be in church as we hold our Annual Service and renew our vows

All the toiletries you have previously collected have been passed on to Revd Peter Paine who sends his heartfelt thanks for all you have done and hopefully will continue to do. In particular he has told me that they are short of shower gel so whilst I suggest that we start at the beginning again with toothbrushes and paste perhaps we could also add a shower gel each month to build up stocks.

I trust you have all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to our meetings in the Autumn.

With all good wishes

**Herbert (873367)**

## THE FOODBANK

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



Cereal  
Biscuits  
Tinned hot meat  
Tinned cold meat  
Mayonnaise  
Savoury crackers  
Confectionery + sweets  
Pasta Sauce  
Shampoo + conditioner  
Deodorant (male/female)  
Washing up liquid

## September Bible Readings

**3<sup>rd</sup> September – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Exodus 3:1-15 / Romans 12:9-21 / Matthew 16: 21-28

**10<sup>th</sup> September – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Exodus 12:1-14 / Romans 13:8-14 / Matthew 18:15-20

**14<sup>th</sup> September – Holy Cross Day**

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

**17<sup>th</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Exodus 14:19-31 / Romans 14: 1-12 / Matthew 18:21-35

**21<sup>st</sup> September – St Matthew Apostle and Evangelist**

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

**24<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Exodus 16:2-15 / Philippians 1:21-30 / Matthew 20: 1-16

**29<sup>th</sup> September – 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 –

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	Smithy Green, Smithy Close, Cable Street
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Dobbs Drive, The Hamptons, Church Road
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Church Close, Formby Gardens, Alderson Crescent
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Whitehouse Lane, Whitehouse Avenue, The Green View



*St Peter's Church was originally "The Ancient Chapelry of Formby, St Peter Apostle and Martyr." It dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> century and was situated very close to the sea. St Peter's was part of the Parish of Walton, which is why the Rector of Walton is still our Patron. This chapel became "ruinous" and a new church, on the present site, was built in 1746 and consecrated on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1747.*





## 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 -11.15 in St Peter's Parish Hall (opposite Trinity St Peter's School).

Parents, grandparents, guardians with children from 0 – 3 welcome for play, songs and stories, together with a light snack and drink.

9.30am Playtime, 10.30am Snack break, 1.45 Time for a story & a song

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

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

**Little Fishes dates - 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Worship On Wednesday is a service designed for pre-school children.

The children from Nursery and Reception from Trinity St Peter's join us for this service.

Everyone is very welcome.

**Date: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm**



Children start in church at the 10.00am service and then move to the Bier House for lots of fun.

**Dates:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September / Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November / Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December

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 Yr3).

We also have children's puzzle sheets, books and toys at the back of church please help yourself at any stage during the service.

**Haribo Service** This is a relaxed service for children and young people at 12noon in church. The service is followed by drinks, toast, pancakes and Haribos in the Bier House.

**Dates:** 24<sup>th</sup> September and 26<sup>th</sup> November

Pet Service is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 12noon.



**PARTY TIME** to start the new season there is a children's party on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** from 12noon to 2.30pm. Bring a picnic and a blanket. There will an inflatable obstacle course, games, craft, face painting and ice lollies. Lots of fun as we look forward to a great year.



# From the Church Register ~ Baptisms

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Vienna & Vincent Alcock,  
children of Shaun & Stephanie



Skylar & Sienna Gordon,  
children of Paul & Melanie



Amelie & Alfred Kay,  
children of Andrew &  
Rebecca



# From the Church Register ~ Baptisms

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August



Anthony Arjun Taylor, son of James & Katrina

Harry Robert & Raya Rose Bradley,  
children of Richard & Danielle



Louie John Corlett, son of Sam & Abby

Ronnie, Ralfie & Tucker McCoy,  
children of Danny & Megan





# IMPLEMENTATION DAY REPORT

Last year as part of the 275 celebrations we held a Vision Day out of which came several ideas as to how we might strengthen our ministry in Formby. Three Working Groups were set up to explore how these ideas might be implemented. In June the fruit of these groups' deliberations were shared and discussed at an Implementation Day which came up with the following ways forward.

**1 – INFORMATION** – we recognised that we needed to gather more information in several areas so, as we went forward, we were responding to the real issues behind the ideas from our Vision Day

- a) **A Time & Talent Leaflet** to be produced to ensure that anyone who wanted to offer help in areas of worship, ministry, fund-raising, technology, organisations, catering, and fabric could do so. The leaflet will be distributed after the summer break asking that they be returned at the Harvest Festival on October 1<sup>st</sup> so we can celebrate this 'Harvest of Talents' being offered in the service of Christ.
- b) **A Welcome Pack** for newcomers to St Peter's is in the process of being compiled. The pack will include a 'Welcome to St Peter's' leaflet and be flexible enough to contain information about parish activities and events.
- c) **A Publicity Committee** will be formed to advertise what we do with the wider community at St Peter's, using social media, posters, and banners. 26 different groups operate under the auspices of St Peter's, and it would also be good to put information and news about these groups/activities on display boards in the church and halls. The Committee would have a dedicated person to keep the website up to date and would also liaise with the existing Magazine Committee.
- d) **Two Surveys of Parishioners and Parents** whose children attend Sunday Club to invite comments on our worship, children's ministry, and parish communication to look at how we might improve these areas of our life together. Conversations are taking place as to how we might coordinate these with Holy Trinity Church at the school jointly supported by our two churches.

**2 – OUTREACH** – we recognised that we could do more to reach out to the community we serve in Formby offering pathways for people to experience St Peter's.

- a) **Opening Coffee Shop more often** for special occasions like the Scarecrow Festival and Christmas Tree Festival and other communal events.



- b) **Formally be Registered as an Inclusive Church** – this is “a formal Network of churches, groups and individuals uniting around a shared vision of a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.” This is a formal grouping that the PCC would seek to join. Also a small group should be set up to monitor disability needs.
- c) **Drawing in Like-Minded People.** Re-starting Fishy Club for senior classes in Trinity St Peter’s, possibly with Holy Trinity. Recording activities to put on social media, e.g., Scarecrow Festival, Christmas Tree Festival. Also, it was suggested we might make a video of “An Introduction to S. Peter’s.”
- d) **Child/Youth Ministry Group** be formed to support and find leaders for existing children’s activities. A group of young people focussed on eco issues are coming from Ireland next February and they could be a catalyst for young people in Formby to get involved in this area.

**3 – PASTORAL / FAITH** – the Vision Day pointed to the need to both find new ways of building up our faith as a Church and supporting those in differing kinds of need within the congregation.

- a) **A Faith Committee** of clergy/laity be set up to look at and arrange:
  - (i) Parish Away Days/Retreats
  - (ii) Programmes/Courses for Advent & Lent and once off events, e.g., lectures
- b) **Pastoral Support Group** be set up to informally visit the socially isolated and those in need of support, e.g., bereavement, hospital visits, and generally ‘to keep an eye open’ for regulars who may be missing from church or activities.

**4 – FINANCE** – as a recent letter from the vicar reminded us, to do any of these things at St Peter’s requires not only people but also finances.

- a) **A New Social/Fundraising Committee** be set up by September 2023 to coordinate events to raise money for general funds which is our present need. When someone is found to run a particular event, they will be asked to get their own team together. Each event should, as far as possible, include new people as part of the organising group.
- b) **Local Business Sponsorship** was a suggestion we wished to pursue and this could be included under the remit of the new Social/Fundraising Committee.

## From the Church Register ~ Wedding

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August  
Scott Durrant &  
Samantha Fergusson



Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August  
Jonathan Cubbon  
& Carla Fox





## From the Church Register



### Funerals

4 <sup>th</sup> July	Mary Charlton
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Peter Ware
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Raymond Seddon
8 <sup>th</sup> August	Bobby Roberts
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Ethel Downey
24 <sup>th</sup> August	Sue Jacques
25 <sup>th</sup> August	Sheila Hughes

### Garden of Remembrance

14 <sup>th</sup> August	Leslie Aindow
14 <sup>th</sup> August	Dorothy Sawkins
15 <sup>th</sup> August	Helen Garmon-Jones
15 <sup>th</sup> August	Ralph Osborne
25 <sup>th</sup> August	Florence Rostron
25 <sup>th</sup> August	Freya Sidney Keeton

## PLEASE NOTE

we have large print hymn books, bulletins and magazines.

Those on duty in church will be pleased to assist in providing copies.

Let the Parish Administrator know if you would like a large-print magazine delivered.



## 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 £25.

The occasion would also be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

***Please first contact Caroline in the Parish Office on 871171 for more details and to reserve your date. Thank you to everyone who has already given donations towards the weekly flowers.***



## EMAIL DIRECTORY



We have a parish email directory which is used once or twice a month to send out dates for the month and also when a special event is coming up.

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protects	rejoices	truth		

There was a Roman emperor who never aged after he turned 19.  
His name was Constant Teen.

Once upon a time, there lived a king who was only 12 inches tall.  
He was a terrible king, but he made a great ruler.



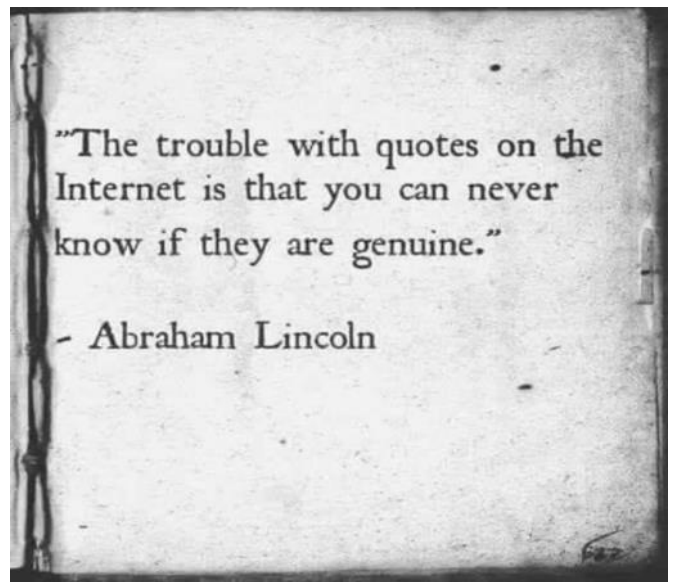
## 10 FUN FACTS

1. You can't see your ears without a mirror.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through nose, with your tongue out.
4. You just tried No 3.
6. When you did No 3 you realised that it is possible, only you look like dog.
7. You are smiling right now, because you were fooled.
8. You skipped No 5.
9. You just checked to see if there's a No 5.
10. Share this with your friends so they can have some fun too.

**Have a Nice Day!**

## TSUNDOKU

THE PRACTICE OF ACQUIRING BOOKS  
BUT LETTING THEM PILE UP WITHOUT  
READING THEM.



Kids don't always seem to comprehend our best efforts to educate them. I am reminded of the Sunday School class who were asked to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories.

The teacher admired many sheep and angels, and then she came to a small boy who had drawn four people in an aeroplane. She asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"This," he replied, "is the flight to Egypt."

The teacher nodded and pointed to the four people. "So who do we have here?"

"That's Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus," replied the boy.

"And the fourth person?" asked the teacher.

"Oh, that's Pontius the Pilot."

The Chain of Curiosity – Sandi Toksvig



## From the Back Pew Ted Woods

### A TALE OF TWO CHURCHES

Situated on the cliff top in Whitby, just in front of the iconic Abbey, is the church of St Mary the Virgin. It's an impressive solid building with a squat Norman tower. Tourists pass its front door as they make their way to the Abbey ruins or visit its graveyard which is associated with Dracula.

The church of St Mary the Virgin was founded in 1100AD, but its interior dates chiefly from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century and has been described "as a riot of styles" reflecting different tastes over the centuries.

All the pews are box pews and there are galleries on every wall, giving it a very closed-in feeling.



There's also a three-decker pulpit, complete with a huge ear trumpet – one rector's wife was deaf!

In spite of the size of the church, it feels fussy and over-crowded.

But what struck us when we paid it a visit was its untidiness! Pews were used for storage as were many of the side aisles. There was no information that we could find about its history – it was the church of Captain Cook – or of its present mission. And yet it is visited by hundreds of tourists.

The overall impression was one of neglect, a monument to the past but with no indication of its present-day mission. A missed opportunity!

On our return journey from Whitby, we stopped in Harrogate. Seeing a St Peter's Church in the middle of the busy town, we went to have a look. (Yes, I know it's sad what clergy do on breaks!) On entering the church we were met by welcome cards, details of services and activities, and a booklet detailing the history of the church from its building in 1869 to the present day.

The church was clean and tidy. A side aisle was converted into a coffee shop. "As a town centre church we are open 7 days a week" one of its leaflets declared and



went on to list some its social outreach – a daily breakfast club, evening food parcels, café services, free drop-in advice and support. It was a vibrant, welcoming, living church serving the town.

We reflected on the two churches. One giving the impression of being tired and out-of-date, more of a museum than the hub of a vibrant Christian community. The other alive and full of vitality and service.

Admittedly we talked to no one in these two churches, but first impressions matter.

Quite coincidentally on our return an email newsletter from The Living Church arrived in my inbox containing an article about the impression your local church gives to outsiders and newcomers, and asking parishioners to rate their churches.

It asked, “If your church was a restaurant how many stars would you give in the following areas – appearance outside, appearance inside, welcome, music, sermon and facilities for children. \* - poor, \*\*\*\*\* - excellent.”

Sometimes we are so familiar with our church that we don’t see it with fresh eyes. If you are a regular attender in St Peter’s, then the next time you go, pretend you’re a stranger and take in all those areas above from the gate in.

The article ended with this interesting question, “If you held shares in your parish church, would you buy, sell or hold on to your shares?” The answer indicates the confidence parishioners have in the direction and future of their parish.

Well, we’ve had a thorough discussion about St Peter’s with last November’s Vision Day and its follow-up – see the middle pages of this magazine.

Now we need action! How can we make St Peter’s better, a place to invest our energies in, a place of spiritual nurture and growth, a place of welcome and service to all?

Will you help by filling in the Talents’ leaflet?

There’s an old slogan “THE CH\_\_CH IS NOT CHURCH UNLESS U R IN IT”.

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

9.00am Breakfast Church in the Bier House  
10.00am Saturday Crew in the Bier House



### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

### 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)  
10.00am Parish Eucharist  
6.30pm Choral Evensong



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

TSP Opens for a new year

10.30am Bacon Barms and Banter in the Bier House

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

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

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Refugee Welcome Day

11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*  
2.00pm Eucharist in Halcyon House



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

2.00pm Mothers' Union in the Bier House



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

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Eucharist (CW)  
10.00am Parish Eucharist  
12noon to 2.30pm Children's Party in the Church Hall  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

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

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

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

2.00pm Singing for Fun in the Church Hall



### Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

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

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

### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)  
10.00am Parish Eucharist & Baptism and Sunday Club  
12noon Service of Baptism  
6.30pm Service of Wholeness





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

- 11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*  
7.30pm Primetime Women's Group in the Church Hall

PRIMETIME

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

- 2.00pm Singing's Good for the Brain in the Church Hall

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am Eucharist (CW)  
10.00am Parish Eucharist  
12noon Children's Haribo Service  
6.30pm Choral Evensong



## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Scarecrow Shindig begins

- Bier House/Coffee shop open today  
11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments*  
2.00pm WOW Children's Service  
7.30pm Bible Study *with Ted Woods* in the Old School Room

## Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

- Church and Bier House Coffee shop open today**  
2.00pm Singalong Thursdays in the Church Hall

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival Weekend

**Church and Bier House Coffee shop open today**

- 9.15am TSP School Harvest Service  
2.00pm Bible Study *with Peter Paine* in the OSR



## Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Church and Bier House Coffee shop open

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Harvest Thanksgiving

- 8.30am Eucharist (BCP)  
10.00am Parish Eucharist and All Age Parade Service with preacher Revd Nathan Thorpe  
2.30pm Harvest Relax Service for Older People  
6.30pm Harvest Community Service with preacher Revd Poppy Thorpe

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# Harvest Thanksgiving



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
10:00am to 4:00pm

## MORE Scarecrow Shindigs!

*entry forms on the website*

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### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October

8:30am - Eucharist (BCP)

10:00am - Harvest All-Age Parade Eucharist

*Preacher: Revd Nathan Thorpe*

2:30pm - Relax Service for Older People

6:30pm - Community Harvest Thanksgiving

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