



**St Peter's Church Magazine
September 2024**

Harvest Thanksgiving

**Sunday 29th September 2024
St Peter's Church,
Green Lane, Formby**

10am All-Age Parade Eucharist

Preacher – The Rt Revd Adrian Wilkinson,
Bishop of Cashel & Ossory, Church of Ireland

2.30pm Harvest Relaxed Service for Older People

6.30pm Community Harvest Thanksgiving

Preacher – The Rt Revd Adrian Wilkinson

Collection will be for St Peter's Uganda Project.
The services are followed by refreshments.

All very welcome

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

Diary Dates 2024

Sunday 1st 14th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am Eucharist (BCP)
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist
- 6.30pm Service of Wholeness



Monday 2nd

- 10.30am Bacon, Barms & Banter in the Bier House



Tuesday 3rd

- 10.00am Bible Study with *Ken Ward* at 40 Southport Road **every Tuesday**
- 11.00am Woodlands Care Home Eucharist



Wednesday 4th

- 10.00am Refugee Welcome Day in the Parish Hall
- 11.00am Eucharist in church **every Wednesday**

Thursday 5th

- 2.00pm Mother's Union with guest speaker Revd Peter Paine
- 6.30pm Churchyard Tidy Up



Friday 6th

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

Saturday 7th

- 9.00am Breakfast Church in the Bier House
- 10.30am Saturday Crew *all things crafty* in the Bier House



Sunday 8th 15th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am Eucharist (CW)
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist
- 12noon Family Fun Day in the Parish Hall including Little Fishes
Welcome Back Party
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong



Tuesday 10th

- 4.30pm Junior Choir rehearsal in the Choir Room – each Tuesday

Wednesday 11th

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

Thursday 12th

- 2pm start Singing For Fun in the Parish Hall



Friday 13th

- 9.30am Little Fishes Pre-school Group in the Parish Hall **every Friday**

Sunday 15th 16th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am Eucharist (BCP)
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong



Wednesday 18th

7.30pm Primetime in the Old School Room



Thursday 19th

2.00pm start Singing's Good for the Brain in the Parish Hall

Saturday 21st

10.00am Quiet Time with God in the Bier House



Sunday 22nd 17th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Eucharist (CW)

10.00am Parish Eucharist

12noon Children's Hotdog Service

6.30pm Choral Evensong



Tuesday 24th

7.30pm Timeout out Men, Beer and Topics in the Bier House
(Please note Tuesday instead of Monday this month only!)



Wednesday 25th

2.00pm WOW service for pre school children in church

7.30pm Bible Study with Ted Woods, Old School Room (Parish Hall)

Thursday 26th Scarecrow Shindig begins – Church and Coffee Shop open today



Thursday 26th Church and Coffee shop open today

2.00pm Singalong Thursday in the Parish Hall

Friday 27th & Saturday 28th Harvest Festival – Church and Coffee Shop open today



Friday 27th

2.00pm Bible Study with Peter Paine in the OSR (Parish Hall)

Sunday 29th Harvest Thanksgiving

8.30am Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Parish Eucharist and All Age Parade Service - preacher
The Rt Revd Adrian Wilkinson, Bishop of Cashel & Ossory

2.30pm Harvest Relaxed Service for Older People

6.30pm Harvest Community Service - preacher The Rt Revd Adrian Wilkinson, Bishop of Cashel & Ossory

Murder Mystery - two performances - Saturday 12th October
Pet Service - Sunday 13th October – 12noon
Autumn Series of Talks - 7th, 14th & 21st October – see notice
Quiet Time with God Morning - Saturday 26th October
Christmas Tree Festival - 11th to 15th December

Dear Friends,

I hope you have managed to have a restful and relaxing August because September marks a new year of mission and ministry in St Peter's.

Two exciting items of news –

JUNIOR CHOIR

A New Junior Choir – in conjunction with Liverpool Cathedral there will be a junior choir starting in St Peter's in September. The cathedral music department offers and runs music programmes in local primary schools, including Trinity St Peter's, and from this children have the opportunity to join a choir. The choir will be directed by Finlay Gordon, who is the Choral Outreach Lead at the Cathedral. While the children will be from several different parishes, they will gradually become involved with some of our services.

We congratulate our Reader, Matt Parkes, as he has been accepted for training for the ordained ministry. He has been one of our Readers since he and his wife, Sorel, moved back to Liverpool two years ago. Matt will continue working in the Royal Mail as the three year course is part-time. He will be on placements during his training, but in between them he will be back with us in St Peter's.

A fun-filled September lies ahead -



The month kicks off with a **Children's Fun Day** on Sunday 8th September at 12 noon behind the Parish Hall. This is the beginning of the new year for our Little Fishes Group, Sunday Club and Hotdog Services. The monthly children's service was the Hotdog Service until Covid when it became the Haribo service. It is time to go back to serving hotdogs after the service hence the name change!

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

St Peter's Coffee Shop will be open for the duration of the Scarecrow Shindig, and all who visit will be given the chance to eat amazing cake while voting for their favourite scarecrow.



Scarecrows are welcome from individuals, groups, schools and businesses. We look forward to an interesting variety of scarecrows!

This leads up to our **Harvest Thanksgiving** services on Sunday 29th – 8.30am Eucharist (BCP), 10am Parade Eucharist (followed by bacon barns), 2.30pm Relaxed Service for Older People (followed by tea & cake) and 6.30pm the Community Traditional Harvest Service (followed by wine & fruit pies). It does sound like we are eating our way through Harvest Sunday!!

There are Harvest Cards which we need delivered to every house in the parish so if you can help let Caroline in our Parish Office know. And please do spread the word about the Scarecrow Shindig and all our services.



This year's special Harvest preacher is The Rt Revd Adrian Wilkinson, Bishop of Cashel & Ossory, in the Church of Ireland. Adrian and his wife, Jacqui, are very good friends of mine. Adrian and I were in the same year in theological college and Jacqui and I were very involved in children's ministry. I look forward to welcoming them to St Peter's and I know you will enjoy having them with us.

So as we prepare to celebrate the Harvest safely gathered in we pray also for an abundance of God's love to be planted in our community that we may truly be the parish God wants us to be, bringing forth the fruits of the spirit of joy, peace and love.

Anne



Quiet Time with God

'Be still and know that I am God'

Our next Quiet Time with God is
Saturday 21st September 10am – 12 midday
in the Bier House



If you enjoyed the parish retreat then come along, it's very similar. Our mornings run along something like this:

10.00 - 10.15	Welcome, refreshments, introductions, explain format & Opening Prayer
10.15-10.45	Input followed by personal quiet time
10.45-11.00	Reflection
11.00-11.30	Input followed by personal quiet time
11.30-11.45	Reflection & Sharing (optional)
11.45-12.00	Drawing threads together & Closing prayer

It's an opportunity to take a break from your usual routine to relax and reflect with a time of prayer and worship, some input to stimulate your reflection, quietness, and enjoyment of the presence of God.

Church will be open and there are the grounds if you want to be outside. Look forward to seeing you,

Revd Jane Morgan

Dates for your diary:

Quiet Time with God	Saturday 26 th October 10-12
Parish Retreat	Saturday 30 th November 10-1pm led by Revd Sue Calveley 'Leading us into Advent' St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Blundell Ave, Formby L37 1PH.

Details to follow.



What is Second-Hand September?



Second Hand September is a moment for all of us to come together to choose a more planet-friendly way to shop.

There was a time when what we wore meant something. It said something about us and our community. But what does it mean today? A throwaway culture? Planet-wrecking waste?

This September, take a stance against the impact of fast fashion by shopping second-hand.

Why Second-Hand September?

Fashion has become one of the most polluting industries on the planet. It's fuelling climate change. Whilst the people who have done the least to cause the climate crisis are being pushed further into poverty.

There's mass-pollution from the production and transportation of clothes. A throwaway culture that leaves millions of clothes in landfill every year. And precious resources like water are being used up. So, by recirculating our clothes – buying, wearing and donating second hand – we can help to reduce the demand. And this can help to reduce the damage to our planet.

Plus, by shopping in charity shops, you're investing in the vital work that they raise money to support.

CURATE'S CORNER

A few thoughts on two months as Deacon.

“Why were you dressed as a Nun last week, but this week you’re dressed as a Priest?”

Good question! This was put to me by a member of one of our weekly groups... let me explain, as it is potentially a common thought....



You may have noticed that I often choose to wear a full banded clerical collar which buttons at the back. This decision comes from my understanding that the collar signifies a more ‘high Anglican’ or indeed traditional Anglican persuasion. It is also a common choice for Episcopal and Lutheran Ministers. For some female religious orders, the white band is indeed part of signifying their dress and commitment to their convent and community.

For me, wearing the full clerical collar is symbolic and a reminder of my ordination and there is something in actively and prayerfully fastening the collar around my neck which is much like a wedding ring.

The more common ‘tab’ collar is one that is most convenient and rightly so – especially in the hot weather it is certainly more practical and comfortable to wear. I do understand the confusion of seeing this interchanged day by day!

Two months in and I am still adjusting to Deacon life – the clerical visibility and the weekly rhythm of St Peters and community.

A highlight for me has definitely been the Parish summer fair, the enthusiasm and teamwork involved in the day was remarkable and it was fantastic to be introduced to so many people connected with St Peter’s, although it is a skill in remembering names (please accept my continued apologies!).

These past two months have brought about extremely sharp emotions for all of us in Merseyside. The community spirit which has been shown is reflective of the love we continue to hold for one another, especially at the times which are difficult and there are no words.

By God’s grace, it has and continues to be a joy to jump straight into Parish life and ministry and it is such a privilege to serve here. Particularly in observing and learning from Anne’s wisdom and professionalism.

Revd Lilly

Safeguarding: It's Every Parishioner's Business

Faith communities such as ours at St Peters warmly welcome all people into the life of the church. Jesus commands us to "love one another." In practice this means caring for everyone, treating each other with dignity, thoughtfulness, compassion and love. We see and hear this each week over coffee in the Bier House as people talk to each other, express concern for the sick, celebrate special occasions, worry about absent friends and offer lifts home when needed. Our Christian love for one another also needs to extend to protecting those who are vulnerable to harm, abuse and neglect.

As you are maybe aware over recent years faith communities of all dominations have faced allegations of abuse within their communities and, in some cases, high profile media attention and court cases. Sadly, the Church of England is no exception to this. It is recognised that people who may cause harm to vulnerable children and adults target voluntary organisations, charities and faith groups. As a result, considerable work is being undertaken at the direction of the House of Bishops to develop a consistent, robust safeguarding plan that promotes and maintains a healthy safeguarding culture at national, diocesan and parish level. The safeguarding statement from the House of Bishops document Promoting a Safer Church 2017 says:

"The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of the whole church. Everyone who participates in the life of the church has a role to play in promoting a safer church for all."

To achieve this the National Safeguarding Standards have been established. These will be used to check what is expected in safeguarding at national, diocesan and parish levels. The standards include a commitment to support the victims and survivors of abuse, respond well to any allegations of abuse and a recognition that safeguarding training and awareness will promote a safer church environment.

Training is mandatory for some such as the clergy, the PCC, leaders of groups for children or vulnerable adults. Safeguarding awareness is recommended for many other roles such as sides people, the coffee teams and gardeners to name a few.

Over the next few months, there will be further opportunities to learn of the progress being made towards the Church of England national safeguarding plan and how the parish will be absorbing the plan in to church life. For example, you might get asked to consider completing the awareness training.

The church is unique; it is open to all people regardless of background and personal history. We only know what people share with each other about their personal lives and backgrounds. This means there may be amongst us people who are victims and/or survivors of neglect and abuse. It is recognised that a focus on safeguarding may cause distress and it may feel uncomfortable if the matter is discussed in church. There is support available from many organisations; the details are available in the Bier House and the magazine.

Jesus didn't shy away from the messiness of life; he mixed with criminals and the ostracised of society. We are reminded at the Eucharist that the invitation to receive comes from God alone; so, we recognise God calls all those who repent; whatever their sins maybe. It may seem distasteful to talk about the possibility of abusers in faith communities but it something we must acknowledge:

"We will take care to identify where a person may present a risk to others and offer support to them whilst taking steps to mitigate such risks." Promoting a Safer Church 2017.

We can't eliminate risk completely in any aspect of life but we can reduce it; the best ways to protect our church, our wider family and community are:

For safeguarding awareness to be an integral part of church life.

To recognise when you are concerned about something you've witnessed or heard and then seeking advice quickly.

In St Peters advice is available from Dave Johnson, the Parish Safeguarding Officer, ☎ 07751 056726 or the clergy.

Safeguarding one another from harm does not detract from the joy, certainty, reassurance and fun of a life in Christ: it enhances it.

Judy Brown





MURDER MYSTERY MEAL

Would you like to play being a detective and solve a who-dun-it murder mystery?

Then put **Saturday 12th October** in your diary now!

Actors from St Peter's and from the Little Theatre, Formby, will present a short murder mystery play written by Simon James of the Little Theatre.

This will be followed by a 2-course meal during which there will opportunities to question the members of the cast in order to find the murderer. The culprit will only be revealed at the end of the last course.

There will two presentations – at lunch time from 12.30pm – 3.00pm,
and from 7.00pm – 10.00pm.

The event will take place in the Parish Hall.

Book Now! shenaedwards@btinternet.com

Just a thought.....

Sadly the number of churches where the bells are rung regularly on a Sunday morning is in decline.



Yet how often do we think about this when Church bells ring to tell the community something special is happening. It may be on Sunday morning when a band of ringers ring for 30 minutes before a service, or a sidesperson tolling just one bell to tell you to hurry along as worship is about to begin. Then there is the Sanctus Bell, the bell that tolls to tell the congregation and the outsider that the bread and wine, the climax of the service, are consecrated. You may also hear the joyful peel of the bells as a newly-wedded couple step out of the church door to start their new life within the community or it may be the steady toll of respect as a coffin is carried out of church.

Whether the bells ring out above the clamour of a busy city or carry across a lonely fell in North Cumbria where only a herdsman and his flock hear it the bells tell people prayer is being offered and God is praised.

Jill Andrews

Reflection on Harvest

WILL WE BEAR FRUIT THIS HARVEST TIDE?

A sideways look at how we could....

*AS LONG AS THE EARTH ENDURES, SEED TIME AND HARVEST WILL NEVER CEASE...*and then he made the rainbow. Genesis 8:22.

THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW. When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless. Matthew 9:35-38.

IN THE WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION, BUT TAKE HEART, I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD. Jesus' encouragement from John 16:33.

Three Bible quotations to interpret into our own time.

Mother Earth, Gaia, is struggling, weather systems are failing and migration is the only alternative to starvation.

Three consequences we have to embrace, but how?

In a recent sermon, Lilly highlighted how much Jesus did with five loaves and two fishes. It was a deliberate teaching example for the disciples and should still be for us...when something so little, offered through faith, can become sufficient to the task.

Revd Jane has The Fair Trade emblem on her stole.

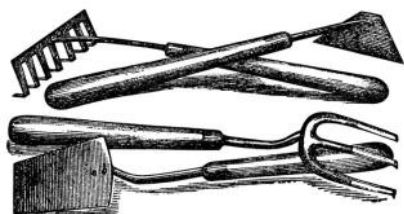
Revd Bev has introduced the charity TWAM to the Fixers and Fettleers of her previous parish, as a Harvest Offering with a difference.

I try to buy Organic and High Welfare produce whenever possible.

Three small contributions to a large and challenging reality.

Fairtrade will give the farmers involved a liveable return on their produce. One Vanilla-pod farmer explained; the with Fair Trade he could afford medicine for both his daughters, whereas before he had to choose between them.

TWAM stands for Tools With A Mission.



Empowering people with tools that create livelihoods and transform lives. "It is a Christian Charity that collects unwanted, useable tools, refurbishes them into trade tool kits and sends them to the developing world." Last year they sent 50 containers.

As part of our Harvest this year, I thought it would be a good idea to ask everyone to search their garages and sheds for unused tools and implements, that could fit these criteria?

My husband John, and I, will collect any donations left in the church porch, throughout September, and transport them to the nearest drop off point at the end of the month.

There is more information and inspiration, on line at **TWAM uk**.

<https://www.twam.uk>

Buying Organic and High welfare, is an expensive option that not everyone can afford, or anyone can afford all of the time. But like the two above examples doing something in however small a capacity, will have positive results, farmers will be better enabled to practice their industry and vocation in harmony with nature and its current scientific understanding. Increased demand will come to the notice of retailers and supermarkets, more produce will be needed and organic methods will become more widely practised, but only if we do something, however insignificant it might feel.

Making hard choices, wasting less, recycling more are all small contributions we can all try out. Our efforts, like this, offered to God, and through God, this Harvest time, can add to the celebration on Sunday 29th September.

A celebration of produce, fruit and flowers that will be given to Compassion Acts (the Trussell Trust).

Another aspect of small actions making a big difference.

Take Heart and have a good and fruitful Harvest!

Toni Ashcroft



Calling all Fettleers, Fixers and Gardeners!

TOOLS WITH A MISSION needs your help!

As a contribution to Future Harvests,

PLEASE COULD YOU SEARCH your sheds and garages for UNUSED BUT USEABLE tools and implements?

Any tools surplus to your requirements can be left in the church porch throughout September. We will collect daily, to transfer them to the local collection point, at the end of the month. Further details and inspiration can be found at **TWAM UK**.

Very many thanks, **Toni Ashcroft**.



Morning Prayer

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



Wednesday Eucharist

There is a Eucharist every Wednesday at 11am throughout the year.



A SERVICE OF WHOLENESS at 6.30 pm
Dates: Sundays 1st September, 6th October and 10th November

Flowers at Liverpool Cathedral

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

The cathedral flower team had a busy few days in July, adorning the cathedral in the lead-up to the Centenary Celebrations on Sunday, 21st July. Whilst we were arranging the flowers on the Friday, we had the joy of hearing a quarter peal rung by the bell ringers – all 4 hours of it! The Great George was then tolled 100 times over the weekend, too.

The lovely service of celebration on the Sunday afternoon was well-attended and those who were there were able to enjoy the magnificent singing from the combined cathedral choirs.

The team, which arranges the flowers for the weekly services, as well as for the big Christian festivals of Christmas and Easter, is made up of volunteers, most of whom are members of CEFAA (Church of England Flower Arrangers Association). Five of us from the main team are also privileged to do flowers, usually in the Lady Chapel, for weddings, too.

Without wishing to poach any current or would-be flower arrangers away from our parish flower team, if you would like to know more about what we do at the cathedral or are interested in perhaps joining the team, then please feel free to contact me. Please do not feel you have to be professionally trained as most of us are just amateurs who like arranging flowers in a beautiful setting!



Paschal Candle looking up to the High Altar



West Porch

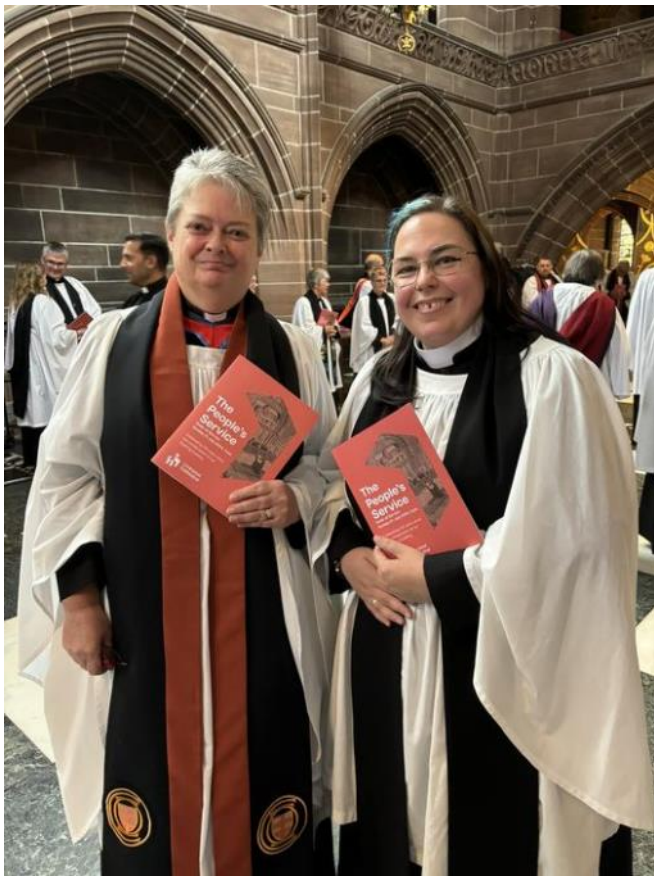


The High Altar

Jane Roberts



07860 847516



Revd Anne and Revd Lilly at Liverpool Cathedral for The People's Service Celebrating 100 years.



GIVE HELP DONATE FOOD

Our foodbank relies on your goodwill and support throughout the year. Local client need continues to be pressing and we are grateful to all of you for your continued loyal support which has enabled us to meet this need so far.

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

Our shopping list on the right shows the food items that we need right now.

**The Church Porch is open every day from 10am to 5pm for donations.
Thank you**

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

SAVOURY CRACKERS

PASTA SAUCE

TINNED MEAT E.G. CORNED BEEF, HAM

TINNED FRUIT

TINNED TOMATOES

INSTANT NOODLES

TOMATO SAUCE, BROWN SAUCE, MAYO

LOGLIFE JUICE AND CORDIAL

UHT MILK

'FREE FROM' ITEMS

JAM

COMPASSION
ACTS

Southport
foodbank



Our last meeting was in June when we enjoyed our Strawberry Tea and suddenly we are looking forward to meeting again after our Summer break. Where has the time gone?

Welcome back and I hope everyone has had an enjoyable time in spite of the weather. At the September meeting (on Thursday 5th) we were hoping to catch up with Revd Gordon MacLeod, but unfortunately Gordon has developed a heart condition and has retired from the ministry. We are sorry to hear of this and wish him and his family well in the future.

The Revd Peter Paine has kindly agreed to step into the breach, so we can look forward to one of his entertaining slide shows.

We then meet in October for our annual church service, when we have an opportunity to renew our vows.

A few members were able to join our Deanery President, Beverly, for the annual 'get-together' in her garden. It was an opportunity to meet friends from other churches and relax in pleasant surroundings.

We shall continue to collect for our three charities and as all the toiletries previously collected have been passed on we start in September with toothbrushes and then toothpaste in October.

Looking forward to seeing as many members as possible as our Autumn/ Winter programme begins.

With all good wishes

Herbert (873367)



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 3 groups, meeting at 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

Dates - every Tuesday with Ken Ward
at 40 Southport Road, Formby
Contact Ken Ward 01704 871927



Wednesday Bible Study Group at 7.30pm

The Bible Study evening run by Ted will start again on Wednesday 11th September at 7.30pm in the Bier House.

This year the theme will be "MEETING GOD IN MATTHEW'S GOSPEL"

Other dates for this year are:-

Wednesdays 25th September, 9th & 23rd October,
13th & 27th November.

Everyone welcome. No specialist knowledge required.

Contact Ted Woods 07899 429081



Friday Bible Study Group at 2pm

6th September in the Bier House, and 27th September in the OSR (Parish Hall)

Contact Peter Paine 07722 127791

Daily Prayer is an easy-to-use free app

to help you follow Morning, Evening and Night Prayer, wherever you are. The services are from Church of England Common Worship.

It is available as an app (with integrated audio) or as a podcast. For every day of the year, it presents the three services and includes Bible readings, psalms, canticles and seasonal variations.

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 –

- 1st Sept** Dobbs Drive, The Hamptons, Church Road
- 8th Sept** Church Close, Formby Gardens, Alderson Crescent
- 15th Sept** Whitehouse Lane, Whitehouse Avenue, The Green View
- 22nd Sept** Kenyons Lane, Bull Cop, Gardner Road
- 29th Sept** Shaw Crescent, Norris Way, Devon Farm Way



September Bible Readings

1st September – 14th Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 / James 1:17-27 / Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

8th September – 15th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 35:4-7a / James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17 / Mark 7:24-37

14th September – Holy Cross Day

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

15th September – 16th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 50:4-9a / James 3:1-12 / Mark 8:27-38

21st September – St Matthew Apostle and Evangelist

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

22nd September – 17th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 11:18-20 / James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a / Mark 9:30-37

29th September – St Michael and All Angels

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

29th September – Harvest Thanksgiving

Joel 2:21-27 / 1 Timothy 2:1-7 / Matthew 6:25-33



Saturday Crew Announcement

Julie Rowlandson, from International Aid Trust, is coming to talk to us at our "Crew" meeting on Saturday 7th September, about her recent visits abroad to impoverished regions of the world where our shoeboxes are gratefully received.

It is always good to witness, first hand, the joy and excitement shown by the recipients of our shoebox gifts.

Her presentations are always interesting and informative and all are welcome to join us from 10.30am to 12.30pm when refreshments will be served.

Thank you for your continued support.

Anne Scarrott

PS we still collect greetings cards to recycle into gift tags, spectacles and are in desperate need of shoeboxes to fill.

Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Little Fishes is a drop-in group that meets on a Friday morning in school term time from **9.30am - 11.15am** in St Peter's Parish Hall (opposite Trinity St Peter's School).

Parents, grandparents, guardians with pre-school age children are welcome for play, songs and stories, together with a light snack and drink.

9.30am Playtime

10.30am Snack break

10.45am Time for a story & a song

A space for children and carers to play and support each other. There is a voluntary donation of £1 per family to cover snacks.

Little Fishes dates

Welcome Back Party
Sunday 8th September
from 12noon



then Fridays
13th September
20th September
27th September

CHILDREN DIARY DATES



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

Date: Sunday 15th September

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.

Sunday 8th September –

Family Fun Day from 12 noon in the Parish Hall

Sunday 22nd September –

Hotdog Service from 12 noon

Sunday 29th September –

All Age Parade Service from 10am



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.

The next WOW service will be on Wednesday 25th September at 2pm

A free choir for children aged 6-11.
Led by music staff of Liverpool Cathedral.
**Rehearsals take place at St Peter's
Church, Formby.
Tuesdays at 4.30pm.**

JUNIOR
CHOIR
SEFTON



**Liverpool
Cathedral**

For information on joining please email
finlay.gordon@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk

Breakfast Church will be at 9am in the Bier House on Saturday 7th 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**



Primetime

Primetime Ladies Group will meet **on Wednesday
18th September at 7.30pm in the OSR, Parish Hall**



All welcome, especially if returning after an absence or joining us for the first
time. For more information please contact Sonia or Elaine, or the Parish
Office.

☎ **01704 871171** office@stpetersformby.co.uk

BEER & DISCUSSION MAINLY FOR MEN

Timeout is about getting together for a beer and chat in the Bier House and hearing about a
topic from an invited speaker. We've had plenty of informative discussions 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 usually meet on Monday evenings, but just to be different for our opening session (!),
we will meet on **Tuesday 24th September** to hear **Confessions of an Organist by David
Holroyd!**

Other dates and speakers :-

Monday 28th October:

Hugh Macauley on his role with Liverpool Football Club.

Monday 18th November:

Keith Elford on his time as a local magistrate.





We had a great fun day for all the family on Saturday 13th July, with games for children and dogs! Refreshments - hot dogs and Pimms.



And lots more!
Cake stall, plants, marmalades, jams, crafts, books, music; and we raised **£2,000** for church funds. Thanks to everyone who helped make a great day.



From the Church Register ~ Weddings

Saturday 20th July →
Sara Cruces & Paul Garcia



↑ Saturday 29th June
Matthew Liddell & Emily Bush



Saturday 24th August →
Debra Bradshaw & Leslie Heaps



From the Church Register ~ Baptisms

← Baptism 7th July
Rose Isabella Crockett,
daughter of Donna & Daniel



↑ Baptism 28th July
Alice Lauren Smeddles,
daughter of Rachel & Nicholas



← Baptism 21st July
Sebastian John Fenner Dawson,
son of Sarah & Iain



↑ Baptism 28th July
Fredi Anthony Ian Middleman,
son of Sarah & Mike



↑ Sunday 25th August
Arthur Peter Sloan, the son of
Ashleigh & Peter was baptised.



← Baptism 18th August
Jack Peter Macadie,
son of Daniel & Hilary.

From the Church Register Funerals

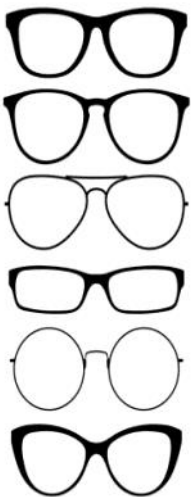


1 st July	Ann Swain
2 nd July	Les Holmes
8 th July	Gwyneth O'Hara
17 th July	Evelyn Swainston
25 th July	Thomas Middleton
29 th July	Pat Gibson

Garden of Remembrance



12 th July	Diane Skellern
29 th July	Valerie Draper
26 th August	William Sheil



Thanks to everyone who has donated their used glasses to this project by leaving them in the church porch. So far we have passed on 150 pairs of boxed and unboxed glasses to International Aid Trust for their Vision Mission project. These have been much appreciated. Please continue to pass your unneeded glasses in for others to benefit from.

Thanks again.

Sue Robertson

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This exhibition focuses on the responses of 15 African heritage people from across the Diocese to the contested monuments within the Cathedral.

The Cathedral Racial Justice Group would like to invite you to visit this exhibition in a local church.

We hope this exhibition will inform conversations about the stories we tell of our past, the ways we can work together for the reconciliation of relationships and the building of a better future for all people.



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Each Autumn we hold a short series of talks to help us explore our faith. This year our Parish Faith Committee has chosen to look at some difficult questions – how do we match God often portrayed as violent and exclusive in the Old Testament with the loving, inclusive Father of the New Testament, and what about miracles and who is the Holy Spirit?

Here is this year's programme:-

Monday 7 th October	God and the Old Testament	Revd Liz Shercliff
Monday 14 th October	The Holy Spirit	Revd Dr Rod Garner
Monday 21 st October	The Miracles of Jesus	Revd Mark Waters

Liz is an author and teaches Biblical Studies and Practical Theology.

Rod is also an author and was Vicar of Holy Trinity, Southport and Diocesan Theologian.

Mark is a spiritual director and retired vicar who teaches on prayer.

All meetings will be held in The Bier House at 7.30pm and will be followed by a short service of Compline.

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

A New Series of Helpful Prayers

**Loving God,
from birth to death, you hold us in your hand:
make us strong to bear each other's burdens
and humble to share our own,
that as one family
we may rest in your power
and trust in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



This prayer, from the Society of St Francis, acknowledges that all through our lives God is ever-present with his love and grace.

But it's not just God and me. As Christians we live and grow in community with others, and we are called to show God's care to others, especially those going through a difficult time.

'A problem shared is a problem halved.' Within the family of the church there are those who will help us in time of need.

Faith and action go hand in hand.

Foods of the Bible

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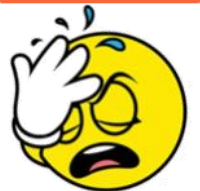
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From the Back Pew Ted Woods

“WHAT IS TRUTH?”

The question that Pontius Pilate asked Jesus two millennia ago was never as relevant as today – “What is Truth?”

In the wake of the horrific stabbings in Southport in July, there were riots and civil disturbances not only in Southport but all over the United Kingdom which were sparked, in the main, by people posting misinformation and lies. One of the first posts gave the perpetrator a false Muslim name, Ali-Al-Shakati, and stated that he was an immigrant who had arrived in a small boat. He was in fact born in Cardiff of Rwandan parents.



Even though the post was deleted later that day it had already sped around the internet and was re-tweeted by many right-wing platforms sparking multiple riots all over the country, even in Northern Ireland.

One disingenuous MP posted a video of himself asking whether “the truth is being withheld” about the Southport attacks and querying the police statement that it was a non-terror incident. But the way the question was asked was enough to sow seeds of doubt about whether the police were telling the truth. It was asked not to seek clarity but to stoke tension.

But it’s not just the Southport tragedy. Every day, all over the world, it’s becoming increasingly difficult to know “What is truth?”

We are bombarded by news and information. Which belong in the realm of conspiracy theories and which are true? The problem with conspiracy theories is that they contain a kernel of truth but are not the whole truth. In fact, they are very far from the truth.

Out walking with a friend and discussing this subject, he said, “I love walking through the countryside. I can say that that tree or mountain or lake is a fact. But I’m not sure when it comes to news.”

In George Orwell’s book, 1984, the Ministry of Truth was concerned with news media and propaganda. Its purpose was not to disseminate truth but to re-write history and to distort facts to fit party doctrine. On the front of its glittering white concrete building it stated “War is Peace, Freedom is Slavery, Ignorance is Strength.” Orwell rightly predicted an age when truth would be turned upside down and manipulated to sinister ends.

Today we are still at the mercy of misinformation and lies. The difference being that they spread almost instantly on social media.

It’s ironic that Donald Trump’s media platform is called “Truth Social.” It was set up in 2022 after he was banned from major sites such as Facebook and Twitter. Though now, Twitter or X, has, under Elon Musk, re-admitted Trump. Truth Social has 7 million followers but Trump has 89.6 followers on X – 10 million more than YouTube! We should be worried.

The Bible has a lot to say about truth. The 9th commandment states “You shall not bear false witness,” and this embraces all sorts of defamation and misrepresentation.

Truth is often spoken about by Jesus. He himself said that he is “the way, the truth and the life.” A former Archbishop of York, Stuart Blanch, has written that, for Jesus, truth is not just in opposition to lies but to falsehood at a deeper level, the kind of misinformation that we are subject to today.

Let me end with an old prayer, written by Bishop Westcott, who was bishop of Durham from 1890 – 1901.

“Almighty God, who has sent the Spirit of truth to guide us into all truth, Rule in our lives by your power that we may be truthful in word and deed and thought. Keep us with your gracious protection that no fear or hope may make us false in act or speech. Cast out from us whatever loves or makes a lie, and bring us all into the perfect freedom of your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

HOLIDAY AT HOME 2024

The Holiday at Home Team would like to express their sincere thanks for the support provided for Holiday at Home 2024 by Churches Together in Formby, Altcar and Hightown. Thank you for the use of your premises and thank you to the many volunteers who gave their time and energy, once again, to provide such a varied programme, along with delicious refreshments that were enjoyed by all.



Churches Together in
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This is the 5th year Holiday at Home has taken place in the Formby area and this has only been the case because of the unwavering support from our local churches. We had around 300 people this year attending 22 different events, mostly hosted on our church premises. An added bonus is that we know over £1,000 has been raised in donations for various charities, although we don't have the final total yet.



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A huge thank you, once again, to everyone who played their part in making Holiday at Home 2024 an enjoyable experience for those who attended.

From The Holiday at Home Team (Irene, Sheila, Valerie and Winnie)

*Thank you to Vicky Hall
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