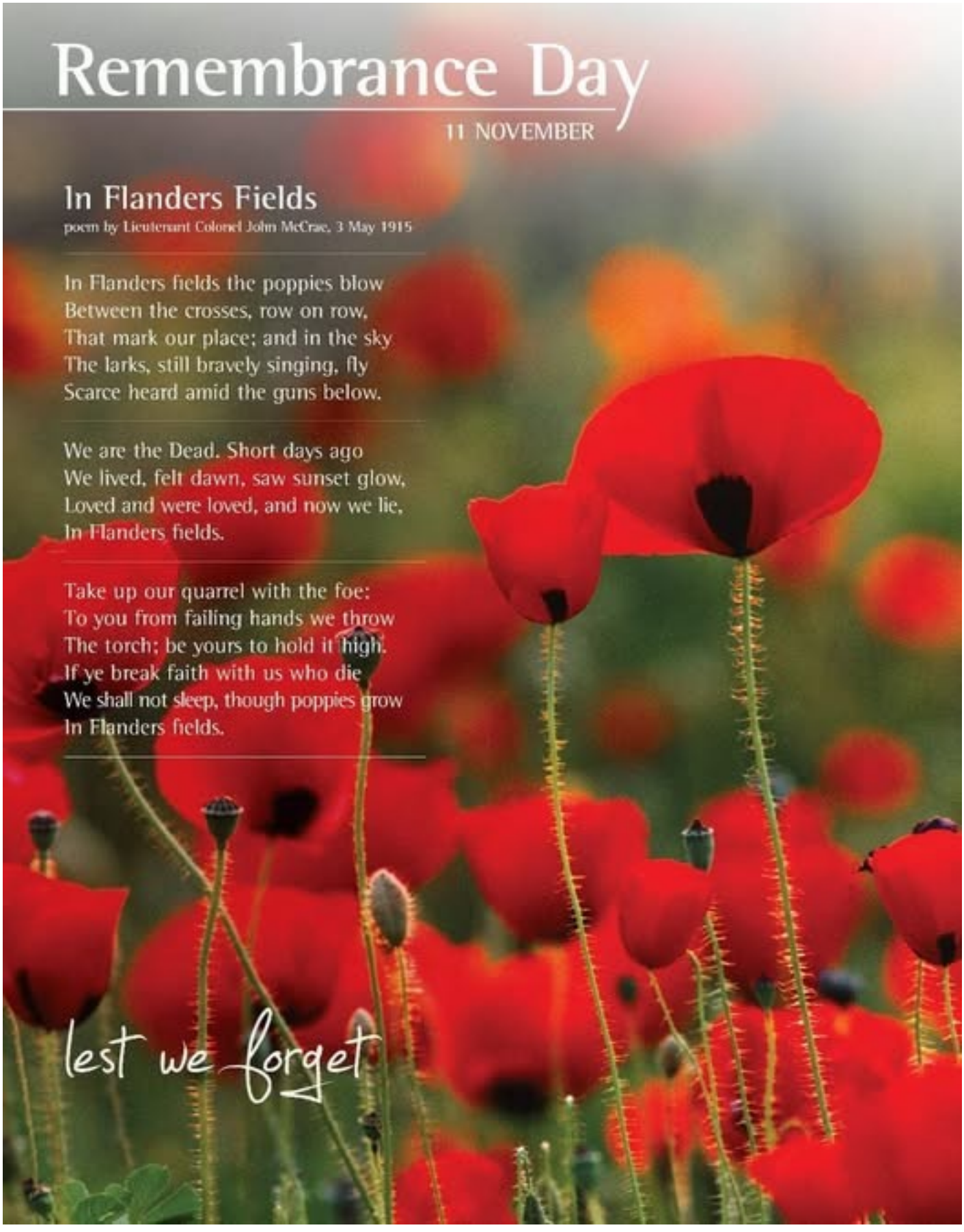
St Peter's Church Magazine
November 2026



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

Diary Dates November 2026



Sunday 1st All Saints' Day
8.30am Eucharist (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
12noon Service of Baptism for Oakley Hatch
6.30pm Gabriel Fauré: Requiem Mass





Monday 2nd
10.30am Bacon Barms and Banter in the Bier House
2.00pm Eucharist in Halcyon House
7.30pm Study Series - Grabbed by the Collar – Jane Morgan – in the Bier House

Tuesday 3rd
10.00am Bible Study with Ken Ward at 40 Southport Road ***every Tuesday***
11.00am Eucharist in Woodlands Care Home
4.00pm Junior Choir in the Song Room ***every Tuesday in term time***



Wednesday 4th
9.30am Refugee Welcome Day in the Parish Hall
11.00am Eucharist *followed by refreshments* – ***every Wednesday***
7.30pm Bible Study *with Ted Woods* in the Bier House



Thursday 5th
2.00pm Mothers' Union meets in the Bier House

Friday 6th
9.30am Little Fishes Pre-school Group in the Parish Hall ***every Friday in term time***
12noon Funeral Service for Helen Duerden

Saturday 7th
9.00am Breakfast Church in the Bier House
10.30am Saturday Crew *all things crafty* in the Bier House



6pm onwards **Scouts Charity Firework & Bonfire Party,** The Paddock, Cricket Path

Sunday 8th Remembrance Sunday
8.30am Eucharist (CW)
10.00am All Age Parade Service
3.00pm Community Remembrance Service in Holy Trinity Church
6.30pm Service of Wholeness





Monday 9th
11.00am A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Judy Holroyd in church.
7.30pm Time Out - Men, Beer & Topics in the Bier House



Wednesday 11th
2.00pm WOW service for pre-school children in church



Thursday 12th
2.00pm Singing's Good for the Brain in the Parish Hall



Friday 13th
2.00pm Bible Study *with Peter Paine* in the Bier House

Sunday 15th The 2nd Sunday before Advent
8.30am Eucharist (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday Club *followed by refreshments*
6.00pm Teenage Meet Up in the Bier House
6.30pm Choral Evensong

November 2026 - continued

Wednesday 18th
7.30pm Primetime Ladies Group in the Old School Room
7.30pm Bible Study *with Ted Woods* in the Bier House

Thursday 19th
2.00pm Fellowship of Wholeness in the Bier House
2.00pm Singalong Thursday in the Parish Hall

Saturday 21st
10.00am Retreat Morning - Quiet Time with God in the Bier House

Sunday 22nd Christ The King
8.30am Eucharist (CW)
10.00am Parish Eucharist, Baptism for Daisy Jones & Sunday Club *followed by refreshments*
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 29th Advent Sunday
8.30am Eucharist (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist *followed by refreshments*
12noon Children's Hotdog Service
6.30pm Advent Carol Service *followed by refreshments*

Monday 30th
7.30pm Time Out - Men, Beer & Topics in the Bier House













For further details please refer to our website:
www.stpetersformby.co.uk

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 6th December at 6.30pm Bereavement Service
10th to 13th December Christmas Tree Festival
Sunday 20th December 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight



St Peter's has a contactless payment machine for donations.



*The deadline for the **December 2026/January 2027** double edition of the magazine is **Friday 6th November 2026.***
Please send contributions to magazine@stpetersformby.co.uk

Dear Friends,



Last year we dedicated the white cross in front of the church to replace the one whose wood had become rotten. As you know the cross is an exact replica of the one erected to honour of those who had died at the Advanced Dressing Station Cemetery at Ginchy, in France.

Standing in such a prominent position it serves to remind us of the bravery of those who served and the horror of the war in which they fought. I often see people stop and reflect on it.

Another reminder of the horror of war in Formby is the story that in 1917 the soldier/poet, Siegfrid Sassoon, threw the ribbon of his military cross into the sea off Formby beach. It was an act of frustration and despair at the great loss of life he witnessed and experienced on the Western Front.

He was a brave soldier. His Military Cross citation records how "he remained for one and half hours under rifle and bomb fire collecting and bringing in our wounded."

But the "ugly truth of the trenches", together with the death in action of his brother and a great friend turned him against war.

The 1st World War was to be the "war to end all wars." Sadly, that has not been the case, and wars with the same "ugly truth of trenches" continue, as does the obliteration of cities and the toll of innocent casualties.

Remembrance Sunday will be on 8th November. At our services we will recall the huge sacrifices made in war in the cause of justice. We will give thanks for all who served and continue to serve in the armed forces and we will pray for peace and the cessation of all violence in our world.

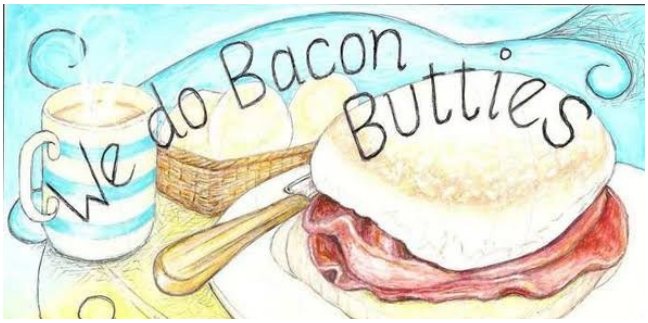
Lambeth Conferences – the 10 yearly meetings of Anglican bishops – have consistently condemned war as a method of settling disputes. The ideal and the real worlds are often hard to reconcile. As Martin Luther King Jr said, "Wars are poor chisels for carving out a peaceful tomorrow!"

On Remembrance Sunday we will have our usual service at 10am when we are joined by all our uniformed groups. It is always a delight to have all the groups in church for our Parade Services and we thank all the leaders for the incredible work that they do to give the young people such a formative and enjoyable experience.

Sefton 4good
helping local causes

Singing For Fun has gone from strength to strength since it began once a month in 2019 then moving to three Thursdays each month in 2022. It is appreciated by all who gather for a singalong, refreshments and friendship. The volunteers have been awarded a Sefton Citizens4Good Award for all that they do to make Singing for Fun possible.

We also have **Bacon Barns & Banter** on the first Monday of each month which also started 2022. Another lovely gathering when people come together for bacon barns and chat. Both of these groups were started and led by Vicky Hall.



Vicky has decided it is time to hand over the reins and we thank her for all her time and enthusiasm leading these groups. We also thank the volunteers of both groups who are continuing the good work led by Gill Warr. New people are always very welcome to drop into either group and you will find a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Last month the teenage group took part in the Archbishop of York's Tour focusing on the Lord's Prayer. Lilly has written about the experience but just to say the lads were amazing and we were very proud of each of them.



It is difficult to believe that by the end of this month it will be Advent! But there is lots happening before then, so we look forward to a busy month in the life of St Peter's.

Anne



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.

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Education in Uganda: Access is Important, but Quality Matters Too



"All children need access to education, but they also need to receive an education of good quality." UNESCO

At the end of 2025, the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) published the results of its Baseline Education Census, providing a snapshot of the state of education across the country. Having taken on the role of Treasurer of the Uganda Project at the beginning of 2026, and having spent my working life in education, I found the report fascinating. It gave me a much greater understanding of the educational environment experienced by the children we support.
Public primary schools such as Kalule C/U Primary School face challenges vastly different from those I encountered during my time as a primary school headteacher in England.
The census collected information from primary schools across Uganda and revealed that only 12,557 (28.8%) were public schools, with the remainder privately owned. Girls account for 50.3% of all primary school pupils.
The figures also highlight some significant differences between public and private education. In public primary schools, there is an average of 48 pupils for every teacher, compared with a much lower ratio of 24:1 in private schools. Similarly, public schools have around 50 pupils per classroom, more than twice the ratio in private schools. Such overcrowding inevitably makes it more difficult for teachers to give individual pupils the attention they need.

School sanitation: A sobering picture

Another section of the report examines sanitation facilities in schools. The pupil-to-toilet ratio in public schools is more than twice that in private schools and significantly exceeds the recommended national standard of one toilet for every 40 pupils. The result is considerable congestion, particularly at busy times of the school day.
The report describes the diverse types of toilet provision, ranging from traditional pit latrines to waterborne toilets. I read this section with a mixture of horror and interest. Unblocking school toilets and mopping wet floors were never originally part of my job description as a headteacher in England! Yet, when the caretaker was unavailable, who else was expected to do it?
It brought home to me how much we can take for granted in our own schools and how challenging the daily realities of school life can be for teachers and pupils in Uganda.

Why do so many children leave school?

One of the most concerning findings in the UBOS report relates to pupil retention. Of the 1.7 million children who begin Primary 1, only 739,204 go on to complete Primary 7. This represents fewer than half of those who start their primary education.

Although tuition is free under Uganda's Universal Primary Education programme, attending school still brings costs that many families struggle to meet. Parents may have to pay for school uniforms, examinations, textbooks, and writing materials. They are also often expected to contribute towards school lunches or provide food for their children to take to school.



For families living in poverty, these expenses can be an insurmountable burden. In poorer communities, some children spend their school day hungry, making concentration and learning much more difficult.

In rural areas, children may also be withdrawn from school to help with farm work or to care for younger brothers and sisters. Overcrowded classrooms, teacher shortages, and limited opportunities for individual support create further obstacles to learning.

These are sobering challenges. They remind us that providing access to education is only the beginning. Children also need the right conditions, resources, and encouragement to help them learn and fulfil their potential.

Education offers children the opportunity to develop their abilities, widen their horizons and build a more secure future. But, as the UBOS report makes clear, children cannot make the most of that opportunity without adequate facilities, sufficient teaching support, and the basic resources they need to learn.

As members and supporters of the Uganda Project, we may not be able to solve all the challenges facing education in Uganda. However, by supporting children in their schooling, we can help remove some of the barriers that stand between them and a better future.

As a parish we are presently supporting 20 pupils and paying for two teachers.

Mike Warr, Treasurer of the Uganda Project



Our Christmas Greetings Wall
Will Be Back in the
December Magazine
Your donations help Support
UGANDA CHILD SPONSORSHIP
(and save cards and stamps!)
£5 per greeting - contact
✉ office@stpetersformby.co.uk
To save your space

Our Christmas Tree Festival will soon be on its way



The festival will open on Thursday 10th December for one week and the trees will stay up until Saturday 2nd January. Our Coffee Shop in the Bier House will be open from 10.30 – 4.30 pm on Thursday – Saturday and 12.00 – 4.30pm on Sunday.

As usual, Father Christmas will be here in his grotto for 3 afternoons from 3.00pm – 5.00pm with booking slots available online in November.

Trees will be displayed around the church, with groups decorating a tree using whatever they feel represents their charity. 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 the trees and donating towards their cost, we would be very grateful. The sponsorships will be for the trees in general and not for specific trees; the names of all our sponsors will be displayed in church. 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.

If anybody is available to help either in the coffee shop, as a steward in church, help manning the grotto or to make cakes, please let Shena know (sign-up sheets will be available in church nearer the date). Please spread the word and encourage as many people as possible to pay us a visit.

Thank you, Shena Edwards



The Formby Dementia Action Group are giving a free dementia awareness talk on ***Saturday 7th November between 11am and 12 noon in the Community Rooms at Formby Fire Station, Church Road, Formby.***

The purpose of the talk is to allay fears that people may have in finding out more about the illness together with providing really useful information which people often describe as being a 'light bulb moment.'



The talk is free and will be given by Liz Foggin, one of the members of the Formby Dementia Action Group.
Anyone can attend by just turning up, but if you wish to find out more information in advance of the talk, please telephone Liz on 01704 870404.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

FORMBY

Lest We Forget

FORMBY SERVICES

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

FORMBY WAR MEMORIAL 10:45AM
BY FORMBY PARISH COUNCIL

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

FORMBY CIVIC SERVICE

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH 3.00PM

PARADE 4.00PM

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2026

FORMBY WAR MEMORIAL 10:45 AM

OUR LADY'S CHURCH
POLISH WAR GRAVES 12:00 MIDDAY

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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.

Dementia friendly church

JUNIOR CHOIR SEFTON

A free choir for children aged 6-11 led by music staff of Liverpool Cathedral.
Rehearsals take place at St Peter's on Tuesdays at 4pm-5pm (in the Song Room).

Junior Choir Sefton extra events:

Tuesday 1st December ***Singing at Halcyon House Care Home***

Monday 7th December ***Ring Out the Bells Christmas Concert*** *at Liverpool Cathedral*

Saturday 13th December Junior Choir Sefton's ***Big Christmas Tour!***

Singing at St Peter's Parade Service, pizza lunch followed by the afternoon service at Liverpool Cathedral

New members very welcome *Contact stephen.mannings@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk*





St Peter's Toy Sale

Have a clear out of your unloved toys before Christmas.
Come and sell them with us.
Pick up some preloved toys for presents.
Save money and support our recycle and reuse ethos.




£10 per table
Parish Hall, Paradise Lane
Saturday 21st November
10.00am

Book a table by contacting
Parish Office on
☎ 01704 871171
✉ office@stpetersformby.co.uk




LITTLE FISHES

Drop in playgroup For babies and toddlers

9.30am Play
10.30am Snacktime!
10.45 Storytime and Singing
Suggested Donation £2

St Peter's Parish Hall
Fridays during term time
9.30am - 11.15am



6th, 13th, 20th & 27th November

We warmly invite parents, grandparents and guardians to join us with their babies and toddlers for a joyful morning of play, friendship and community.

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.



Wednesday 11th November at 2pm

CHILDREN'S DIARY DATES

Children start in Church at the 10.00am service 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 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.



Dates:

Sunday 8th Parade Service
Sunday 15th and 22nd Sunday Club
Sunday 29th Hot Dog Service

Service of Wholeness at 6.30pm

Date for Your Diary

Sunday 8th November



November Bible Readings



1st – All Saints' Day - The 4th Sunday Before Advent
Revelation 7:9-17 / 1 John 3:1-3 / Matthew 5:1-12

8th – Remembrance Sunday - The 3rd Sunday Before Advent
Amos 5:18-24 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Matthew 25:1-13

15th – The 2nd Sunday Before Advent
Zephaniah 1, 7, 12-18 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 / Matthew 25:14-30

22nd – Christ the King / Sunday next before Advent
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 / Ephesians 1:15-23 / Matthew 25:31-46

29th – 1st Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64:1-9 / 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 / Mark 13:24-37

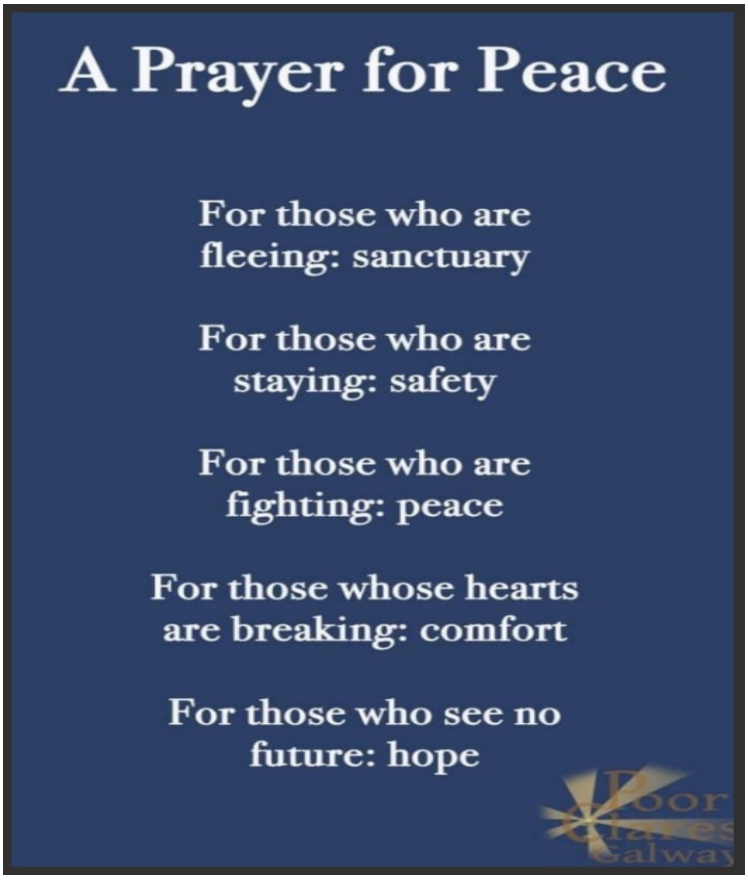
30th – St Andrew the Apostle
Isaiah 52:7-10 / Romans 10:12-18 / Matthew 4:18-22



Children in Church



We love to have children in Church but we don't want them to be bored and we want to make it as easy as possible for children and parents to attend services. There are boxes with books, toys etc., for the children, at the back of church.
There are also activity bags.
Please do help yourself or ask the welcome team for help.
The Bier House is open during services where you will find a box of toys, a toilet and the service is also relayed onto a screen.
During refreshments after the service there is juice and biscuits for the children.



A Reflection for the Feast of Christ the King, the final Sunday of the Church's year.



"No politics in the pulpit." Who says so? Politicians of course! They invariably strive to keep spiritual insight and especially hints of Divine judgement, at arm's length: "To your prayers, priest; leave the politics to us." How familiar is that bit of departmentalism. It is often - though not always - right to keep party politics out of the pulpit.

But politics proper and the issues that gather around politics should rumble and even thunder wherever the gospel of Jesus is properly proclaimed.

The Old Testament prophets rumbled and indeed thundered about issues of justice, about a priority to be given to the lost, the least and the lonely, to the hungry and the prisoner. (I write in the wake of a botched execution in the USA, reigniting old arguments about capital punishment, and a new series by Jimmy McGovern set in a young offenders' institution). Recently one of our liturgical experts pointed out that for the first time in a thousand years the Eucharistic Lectionary includes readings from the prophet Amos!

Our Lord's great teaching on the Kingdom of God sustains and develops the prophetic theme. The significant theme is not as prominent as it ought to be in modern day proclamations. A festival of Christ the King redresses the balance and offers a platform for speaking of Divine Justice and of a bias in the Gospels towards the poor and disadvantaged. Some may remember a book by a former Bishop of Liverpool, David Sheppard, Bias to the Poor. The Body of Christ has a basic duty to offer a sharp critique of society, of what goes on or does not go on in the Parliament of the land and in local Council chambers of the nation. (A genuine argument for an Established Church perhaps, at a time when many, even from within, are calling for its disestablishment).

In the Gospel passage set for this day from Matthew 25, the story of the sheep and goats, capital letters shout aloud the importance of Watchfulness, of Noticing, of Seeing. It is natural for us to think in terms of "us and them," but it is also dangerous, as political situations around the world constantly remind us. Perhaps what this story reminds us, above all, is that sorting out the righteous from the wicked is a job for the divine ruler, not for us. Meanwhile, there is every reason to make sure that we belong to the flock that follows Christ, that recognises his voice and sees his face in the hungry, the homeless and the prisoners.

Revd Paul Ormrod



Quiet Time with God

Christ the King & Preparing for Advent

Saturday 21st November 10am – 12 noon

We meet in the Bier House, beginning with coffee and tea.

Our quiet times give us the opportunity to spend time with God, to be with others, to pray and to reflect, and be quiet in the busyness of our lives, making time in our lives to just 'be.' Using a range of material such as art, music, scripture, poems and quietness you are invited to take time to stop and pause, away from life's distractions and spend time in God's presence.



All are welcome. Do come and join us.

Reverend Jane Morgan



Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119: 105



St Peter's Teenagers: A Faith to Be Proud Of!



Since November 2025, our group of young crucifers, scouts and vergers has been meeting monthly at St Peter's.

It has been a real joy to see the group grow, develop and support one another in faith and friendship.

At the beginning of October, the group was invited to contribute a reflection on the needs of young people as part of the Archbishop of York's Faith in the North tour, exploring the words of the Lord's Prayer.

In preparation, we spent time reflecting on the words "Give us this day our daily bread," thinking about what young people need, the challenges they face in society, and how the Church can offer a sense of belonging, stability and an anchor in their lives.

The lads articulated their faith and the wider needs of young people with real thoughtfulness and confidence. St Peter's teenagers were the only young people invited to give a presentation, sharing their reflections in the main body of Liverpool Cathedral, in front of senior diocesan staff and a congregation of approximately 300 people!



During the evening, they also met and spoke with Bishop Ruth, Interim Bishop of Liverpool, and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, who were wonderfully encouraging about their faith and their emerging vocations within the Church.

We rounded off a memorable evening with a trip to McDonald's, kindly funded by St Peter's Educational Trust as a little thank you! The lads did us incredibly proud and it continues to be a real joy to see their confidence develop. A huge well done to them all, and thank you to everyone who continues to encourage and support our young people at St Peter's!

Revd Lilly

Liverpool Seafarers - the important stuff

In my first article I wrote about the context of the work of the Centre, but the care and pastoral side is the real work.

First let me state what may be obvious and say that life on board a cargo ship is NOT the same as on a cruise ship as a paying passenger. Painted plate steel everywhere, they often smell strongly of the cargo, or fuel oil or both. They can be very hot inside due to engines etc. and obviously cold, wet and dangerous outside.

No stabilisers to keep the ship level in bad weather. Daylight is at a premium unless you work on the bridge. Heavy watertight doors to open and close, trip hazards and dangers everywhere. Limited and expensive Wi-Fi on board and months away from very young families. You must get on with your fellow crew members as there is no-one else to talk to. Whilst the master is in charge of the ship, the ship's cook is the most "important" person as food is probably the main highlight of everyone's day. I would not do their job for the money they are paid.

When a ship first arrives in port, we do a ship's visit to introduce ourselves and explain what we do. Our primary service is transport from the berth out of the port with the minibus. They cannot walk across the port, far too dangerous. We offer UK SIM cards so that they don't have to use expensive roaming data, and we can lend them Wi-Fi routers for communal use. We can take them into city or to the Centre and change currency. We ask about the welfare of the crew (need for a doctor/dentist/medication) and try to assess the mood of the ship. Sounds easy until you realise that for many their first/second language is not English and my Urdu, Mandarin, Filipino are, well……

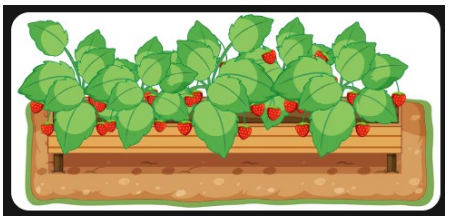
The ship can then call us and ask for what they want. We come to the ship and the crews get in the minibus. Two things strike me. First, the fragrance; they have really made an effort to clean up, dress nicely and have liberally doused themselves in Lynx or whatever is "cool." Second is their politeness and good humour. I keep being called sir, despite my prominent name tag. If Liverpool centre is their choice we agree a pick-up time from outside Moorfields station. If to the Seafarers' Centre they can enjoy the comfortable surroundings and the bar. Some really like Karaoke! The staff at the Centre make a point of ensuring that all is well with each crew member as best we can. Recently a crew member was in badly injured in Liverpool Bay and was airlifted to The Royal with crush injuries. The Centre was notified and we made sure that he was looked after over many weeks while he underwent multiple operations to repair his leg.

Every Wednesday I work there is different and important for the crews on the ships.

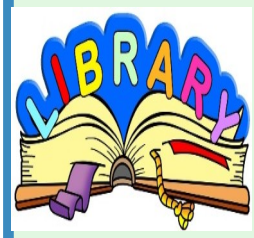
Mark Andrews

ECO CHURCH

APPEAL for empty ice cream tubs (for recycling coffee granules) in the Bier House.

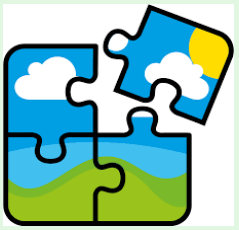


Please help yourself to the strawberry plants in the troughs outside the Bier House.



St Peter's Church Community Library

We have a library in the Church Porch with lots of interesting books and jigsaws. Borrow a book or swap with another. We ask that books are in good condition. *Please no magaz*ines.



Chill with a jigsaw. Jigsaws need to have the pieces in a bag and be complete (very frustrating if a piece is missing!).

The Church Porch is open each day from 10am to 4pm.

Recycled Gifts!

Eco Tip

We are collecting any unused gifts throughout the year that you want to find a new home. They will be used for the Gift Stall at our various events and also for raffle prizes. Anything that is still new and unused like candles, toiletries, small games, chocolate, wine!

Please leave in the church porch or the Parish Office. Thank you



ECO Church

As part of our Eco Church work, we are now a bra recycling station of clean, unwanted bras!

This will be in place in the **Parish Hall, Paradise Lane,** until 30th November. (Breast Cancer Awareness Month).

Thank you to all who have donated so far.

This is a reminder that you have until 30th November to use the Bra Bank station.

Mothers' UNION

October began with a burst of MU activity when we met to hear about David Holroyd's long association with Organ playing. It was a very interesting and informative presentation from David helping us to realise how very fortunate we are to have someone with his sensitivity and commitment, as well as accomplishment, to enhance our worship.

We then had our Sunday morning worship focussing on the Mothers' Union. Many positive comments were made, after the Service which we very much hope might be translated in to new members as we do need more people to Join Us and Join In – our theme this year.

5th November's meeting will be My Life in Ministry – From Liverpool to Salisbury and Back. I cannot promise any fireworks but you will be able to enjoy some very old photographs of me!

Monthly meetings take place, at 2pm, in the Bier House on the first Thursday in the month and all are welcome.

Revd Jayne



Sunday 4th October - we had a special service giving thanks for 150 years of the Mothers' Union. During the service Revd Jayne Tyrer was enrolled as our new Branch leader and members renewed their promises.

We were also delighted that Jayne preached a very encouraging and informative sermon.

The next Breakfast Church will be at 9am in the Bier House on Saturday 7th November

Join us for a short service (about 20 mins) using material from the Iona Community. We meet in the Bier House and you will be made very welcome. The service is followed by tea, coffee, toast, and crumpets etc.

Steve & Shena Edwards

breakfast church



CONGRATULATIONS to Revd Jane Morgan, the new Dean of Women's Ministry



The Diocese of Liverpool has appointed Revd Jane Morgan as its new Dean of Women's Ministry. Jane said she was "thrilled" to have been offered the role by The Rt Revd Ruth Worsley, Interim Bishop of Liverpool, and feels blessed to have been called to serve women across the Diocese. As Dean of Women's Ministry, Jane will work to promote gender equality and advocate for women in ordained ministry, helping them to flourish in their roles.

She will also support and connect lay women's ministry across the Diocese and engage with the national agenda through organisations including the National Association of Deans and Advisers in Women's Ministry (NADOWM) and Women and the Church (WATCH).

A key part of Jane's role will be creating opportunities for clergy women to come together, build community and share their experiences. She will work to establish a supportive network offering a safe space for ordained women to listen, encourage one another, access resources and identify appropriate support.

Bishop Ruth welcomes Jane: "I am delighted that Jane has agreed to take up this role. In her life before ordination she has a proven track record of supporting women in some of the most difficult experiences of life and in helping them grow into leadership. These strengths will help us as a diocese as we look to the flourishing of women in their ministries, both lay and ordained, in serving God and the Church."

Jane will also encourage women to take up representative roles within diocesan and national structures, promote Strategic Leadership Programmes and listen to the challenges women are facing across the Diocese.

Jane brings extensive experience to the role, having served in a variety of ordained ministry positions, including as a hospice chaplain, interim priest, parish priest and assistant priest. And now Assistant Priest at St Peter's, Formby.

Before ordination, Jane worked as a midwife, holding senior roles in education, research, safeguarding and management. Her career has focused strongly on advocacy and supporting women to use their voices.

New Deanery Appointment – Revd Beverley Smith



Congratulations to Revd Beverley Smith who has been appointed by Bishop Ruth as the Deanery Retirement Visitor.

Deanery Retirement Visitors provide pastoral care to the retired clergy, clergy widows and widowers and to their families.

Some retired clergy have PTO, some do not; some exercise an active retirement ministry, for others they are happy to support the local clergy and parish by their prayers and encouragement; some have exercised a long ministry in the diocese of Liverpool, others have retired here from another other diocese.

We pray for God's blessing for Bev in her new ministry. At least she doesn't have far to go to be in contact with the twelve retired clergy that call St Peter's home!

Anne, Vicar

From the Church Register ~ Funerals



2nd October	Meryl Petrie
5th October	Lynne Duncalf
12th October	William Hall
20th October	Judy Holroyd
23rd October	Ron Gore

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 –



1st	November	Paradise Lane, York Close, Kenton Close
8th	November	Old Lane, Little Brewery Lane, Brewery Lane
15th	November	West Lane, Stanley Road, Rimmers Avenue
22nd	November	St Anne's Road, St Anne's Path, St Anne's Close
29th	November	Massams Lane, Green Lane, The Paddock



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Is creativity under threat from AI?

"He gave skill to men that He might be glorified in his glorious works."

Sirach 38.6.

For a number of years, we hosted a hedgehog over the winter in our hedgehog house. Each autumn, after reading that hedgehogs particularly like oak leaves for their winter shelter, I took care to collect small branches which had blown off the local oak trees to put at the entrance of the shelter.



One spring I went to move the house to fresh soil but inside I found not a pile of leaves but a perfectly formed igloo of twigs and leaves roofed exquisitely with oak leaves each one laid with precision a roofer would have been proud of.

If God can endow a humble hedgehog with a gift to build such a perfect nest, then what gifts has He endowed us with as the pinnacle of His creation? For there is no doubt we, as creatures, are born to be creators. Watch a group of small children sitting at a table with coloured paper, suitable scissors and glue as they create pictures for their parents. Every week in Big Issue magazine there is a section labelled "Culture" which always features artwork like painting or pottery, stories and poetry made by those who are homeless. Expressing their feelings through art as a step towards rebuilding their lives and onward to a permanent home.

The writer of the book of Sirach (found in the Apocrypha and sometimes called the Wisdom of Jesus son of Sirach) talks at length about the importance of the craftsman saying 'without them (the craftsmen) a city cannot be established and men can neither sojourn nor live there.... But they keep stable the fabric of the world and their prayer is in the practice of their trade.'

We, like the hedgehog, are creatures, entrusted with gifts from our Creator to be used for the benefit of others as well as ourselves, whether practical to assist day-to-day living or through music, art or theatre to enrich our leisure.

However, as more and more people use AI as a short cut to homework or job applications, is there a danger that we shall lose our ability to reason, to use our imagination and find answers to problems? The same goes for using AI for design of houses or clothes will we lose the power to be creative and inventive? We have progressed from inventing the wheel to sending men to the moon through the creative thinking and practical action of individuals or groups of individuals. Is this in danger?

Jill Andrews

Primetime's Adventures in Liverpool

'It'll be an adventure, and adventures are best.'

We weren't expecting adventures when we organised Primetime's trip to Liverpool to see th and Juliet ballet. 21 ladies were booked on the trip and 21 were on the train at the allotted time. Hooray! An organiser's dream. All was going well for about 30 seconds at Formby station, until one had to get off to retrieve her phone and travel pass from her car at Freshfield station, eventually joining us at the theatre with 15 minutes to spare.



After 3 hours of superb entertainment, we headed out of the theatre in glorious sunshine all chatting happily about what we had seen. Minutes later we were hit by a sudden burst of torrential horizontal rain, hail and a tornado like wind which blew everyone's umbrellas inside out and very nearly blew us all over too. We were drenched! Beckoned over by people already there, we managed to stagger to shelter in the St George's entrance to Lime St Station where people coming off the trains looked a little bemused to see so many wet and bedraggled people blocking their way out. Little did they know what they had missed. With a meal booked in town, we decided to splash our way down the hill through the streams and puddles, eventually realising that there was now beautiful blue sky above us and an incredible rainbow on display. 🌈

The hand dryer in the restaurant was used to dry clothes and dishevelled hair, with the kind aid of a helpful hairdresser who just happened to be there. We didn't quite dry out, so it was a pretty damp evening.

Were our adventures over? No, they were not! Half the party decided to head home, so headed for the station while the rest stayed a while longer. With hindsight the rest made a sensible decision. There was trouble on the trains. The advance party left their first train at Sandhills and their second at Blundellsands & Crosby. It was not a nice night to be marooned on a station platform. Lifts were requested, cars despatched from home and then, of course, 3 minutes later, along came a train for Formby. We finally made it home about the same time as the rear guard who had no problems at all.

The day was a little different from what we were expecting but we saw a fabulous ballet, had lots of fun and laughter, experienced the kindness of strangers in moments of adversity, made new friends and looked up to see the most stunning rainbow over Lime Street Station. Certainly one we will not forget!

Sonia and Elaine

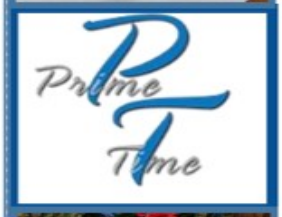












Our Primetime meeting is on Wednesday, 18th November, 7:30pm in the OSR.

We are preparing for our Church Christmas Tree. Please bring an unwanted soup spoon if you can.

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The next get-together will be on

Monday 9th November at 7.30pm in the Bier House.

Canon Mal Rogers, Vicar of Huyton, will tell us about The Triangle of Hope – three dioceses who were affected by the slave trade. These are Kumasi in Ghana, Virginia in the US and Liverpool.

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Next Timeout is **Monday 30th November** and the speaker is Alan Bell on 'Lives Along the Line' a social history of the Southport Railway.

Then there is no gathering in December.

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Bingo Group for the elderly which is held twice a week in the Parish Hall on Paradise Lane.

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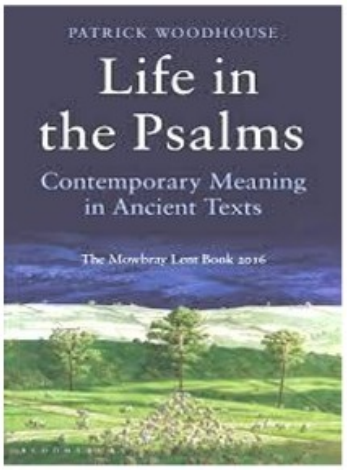
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Friday Bible Study Group at 11am to 12.30pm
Peter's bible study (please note new time)
13th November
Contact Peter Paine for details 07722 127791

The Friday Bible Study started a new session on 23rd October. We will be discussing some of the Psalms under the tuition of Patrick Woodhouse's book *Life in the Psalms: Contemporary Meaning in Ancient Texts.* We are each buying a copy of this paperback book so that we can all be prepared to introduce the discussion. It was the Archbishop's Lent Book in 2016, so there will be eight sessions in all focusing on each week's five Psalms. Anyone is very welcome to join us. We meet on a Friday in the Bier House from 2.00pm to 3.00pm and generally at fortnightly intervals. If you are interested please contact Peter, peterspaine@gmail.com.



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Beatitudes for Parents ~ Author unknown.

Blessed are the parents who make their peace with spilled milk and with mud, for such is the kingdom of childhood.
Blessed is the parent who engages not in the comparison of his child with others, for precious unto each is the rhythm of his own growth,
Blessed are the fathers and mothers who have learned laughter, for it is the music of the child's world.
Blessed and wise are those parents who understand the goodness of time, for they make not a sword that kills growth but a shield to protect.
Blessed and mature are they who without anger can say no; for comforting to the child is the security of firm decisions.
Blessed is the gift of consistency; for it is heart's-ease in childhood.
Blessed are they who accept the awkwardness of growth; for they are aware of the constant perilous choice between marred furnishing and damaged personalities.
Blessed are the teachable; for knowledge brings understanding and understanding brings love.
Blessed are the men and women who, in the midst of the unpromising mundane, give love; for they bestow the greatest of all gifts to each other, their children and in an ever-widening circle to their fellow men.

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- What do you call a clever firework? A real whiz-kid.
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ADULTS	CHILD	FAMILY
£5	£3	£15

FAMILY TICKETS ARE 2 ADULTS AND 2 CHILD

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE, SCAN QR CODE, OR ON THE GATE, CASH OR CARD ACCEPTED

THERE IS NO PARKING AVAILABLE AT THE CRICKET CLUB.
NO PERSONAL FIREWORKS OR SPARKLERS FOR SAFETY REASONS.