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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. If you would like to be added to the email list please send an email to **stpetersformby@gmail.com**. This is a way to help us keep in touch. Email addresses will be used only by St Peter's.

From the Editorial Team

The silence which fell over the battlefields of Europe at 11 o' clock on the eleventh of November 1918 must have been deafening; perhaps for the first time they may have heard a bird sing there. The silence we practice on the 11th is our way of standing alongside those soldiers. This edition of the magazine looks at the Great War and some of its consequences.

The monthly articles from Rod and Ted will return next month.

A reminder for all those who are thinking of going on the visit to Uganda 2019 to let the Vicar know by 26th November.

Well done to Liz and Matt Foggin for raising £2,600 for the Formby Befriending Scheme by a long distance bike ride, in fact, a very long distance bike ride.

Don't forget that you can send Christmas greetings via the magazine by contacting the office or Sue Jacques 879643.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed 'Voices from the Churchyard.' Thank you Ted and everybody who took part. It was a huge success.

Finally Fauré's Requiem will be performed by a full St Peter's Choir on 18th November at 6.30pm in Church.

With best wishes from

The Editorial Team

*Please note the deadline for the double December 2018/January 2019 edition of the magazine is **Friday 9th November 2018.** Contributions to alisonwhiffing@aol.com*



Dear Friends,

It is impossible to go through life and not know some rules.



Whether it is our favourite sport or game there are rules; we get points if we ignore the rules of the road; there are rules to keep us safe at a swimming pool; rules about planning permission to build and I am sure we all grew up with some house rules! There are rules about nearly everything. Some rules we like obeying and others we don't! Some rules make sense and others we might think are a bit daft! But rules are a part of our everyday lives and so often we don't even notice them.

Bishop Paul has introduced a **Diocesan Rule of Life** highlighting the importance of following a rule of life as disciples of Jesus. In Liverpool Diocese we are asking God for a bigger church to make a bigger difference; more people knowing Jesus, more justice in the world.

Bishop Paul has spoken about “the inner journey and the outer journey of faith – that is, the life of prayer and study of scripture which forms us inwardly, and the life of proclamation and service which forms us outwardly. To live such a life is to be a disciple – one who learns from Jesus in the power of the Spirit, one who comes through Jesus to the Father, one who becomes an ambassador of the Kingdom of God, speaking of Jesus, serving and being present to those on the edge of things.”

Bishop Paul says -

“In taking the inner journey we are called by God to be close to Jesus in our hearts. In taking the outer journey we are sent by God to be close to Jesus in the world.

In the inner journey we are called by God to pray, and to read scripture, and to learn from one another.

In the outer journey we are sent by God to tell our friends about Jesus, and to serve those in need, and to give our lives, our time and talents and money, back to the God who has given us everything.”

Some simple words form our Diocesan Rule of Life.

Called to pray, read and learn. Sent to tell, serve and give.

As disciples we are connected in every part of our journey. Connected and called to pray, read and learn. Connected and sent to tell, serve and give.

Bishop Paul has given us a challenge not only to take on this Rule of Life for ourselves as individuals but also as a worshipping community in St

Peter's. How are we applying this Rule to our life as a parish? We need to consider what it looks like for us to be called to pray, read and learn, and to be sent to tell, serve and give.

We are in many ways already living this Rule of Life but it should help us to focus. I don't know how many of you have been on one of those courses that have been created for some (of us!) who get a bit forgetful about the Rules of the Road – confession is good for the soul! I have only done one course – honest! But such times help us to re-focus on what is important and to make sure we have a balance in the way we live our lives. The Diocesan Rule of Life will help us to do this as individuals and as a parish.

As a mark of our commitment, Bishop Paul asks that whenever we say the Lord's Prayer, alone, in church or school, we begin by thinking to ourselves,

"As a disciple of Jesus in the Diocese of Liverpool I pray...". Then the journey will have begun. There is intention on our behalf to begin a journey.



So the question is are we prepared to say yes to the Diocesan Rule of Life as individuals and as a parish? Over the coming months I will look more closely at how our focus can sharpen as we are –

Called to pray, read and learn. Sent to tell, serve and give.

In a...



Responding to '**learn**' as part of the Rule of Life I would like to draw your attention to our new series '**The Unfamiliar in a Nutshell**' – more details on page 6.

To '**serve**' is an area of our ministry that we have been actively developing as a parish over the last few years. If a personal response to 'serve' is to be part of the team returning to Uganda in May 2019 please let myself and Ted know by 26th November.

Lastly, thank you to the team that presented **Voices from the Churchyard** – the script writers, actors, stewards and refreshments team were all brilliant. And thank you to everyone who came along. This comment summed it up "I expected to learn something but not to be entertained as well – I thoroughly enjoyed it". This production followed 'Formby Folk 2017' so who knows what is being dreamt up! Just look out if you are picking apples!! (You had to be there to understand!)

What a wonderful witness when the Christian community come together and have fun together. A very important part of our community life.

Anne

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

The beginning of November is a specific time of remembrance. A time to remember all those that we have known in our own lives; those who have loved us, encouraged us, inspired us, and whose lives still enrich our own.

Our annual service for those who have been bereaved will be held at 6.30pm on Sunday 4th November. We will be remembering all those whose funeral was connected with St Peter's over the past year. But we will also add further names of loved ones whom you want to remember and whose funeral was not in St Peter's. For many this is a comforting service and a tangible way of remembering those who have died. This is a simple service of prayers, readings and hymns. As we take time to remember, candles may be lit in memory of loved ones.

There will be refreshments after the service and everyone is very welcome.

A New Series for Everyone – 'The Unfamiliar in a Nutshell'

We can all name the familiar books of the Bible – Matthew, Mark, Luke & John for example – but how about some of the other 62?

We will have a series of talks on three unfamiliar books of the New Testament – **each book in a nutshell with a cup of coffee!**

We will look at the following questions –

Why is the book in the bible; who was it written for; what can it teach us today?



Each talk will begin at 7.30pm and will be held in the Bier House.

Tuesday 6th November – 1 & 2 Timothy with Ted Woods

Tuesday 13th November – 1 & 2 Peter with Anne Taylor

Tuesday 20th November – Philemon with Alison Woodhouse

Please do come along as we learn together.

Bishop Paul wishes to invite all parishes to join him at

Liverpool Cathedral on Saturday 17th November, 3pm for the

**Installation and Welcome Service
of
Rt Revd Beverley Mason
as the Bishop of Warrington**

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With the recent news on the use of personal data to influence voter behaviour, you may think that this is a new phenomena. However in 1987 I led a team that collected, analysed and used constituents' personal information and concerns to help win the key marginal seats - learn how this was achieved in a pre-digital era.

**Speaker – Andrew Greenyer,
Raise the Roof Marketing & Churchwarden**

Wednesday 5th December at 8pm in the Bier House

All Welcome
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A friendly light-hearted group singing favourites from our past, no special skills required. Coffee and cake included! Open to all. Carers and those living with memory loss especially welcome. For further information please contact the Parish Office on 01704 871171 or stpetersformby@gmail.com. Website: stpetersformby.co.uk

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE



"New Beginnings" for those planning to get married in St Peter's or St Luke's. It is a relaxed group where couples can support each other; where the church can offer advice about the practical things concerned with a wedding; and where we can look together at some of the key things which make for a successful marriage.

Sunday 18th November: Session 4: 4-6pm in St Luke's Meeting Room
Marriage myth busting

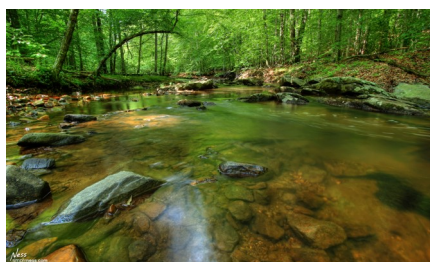
More information from Sally Nicol, New Beginnings Co-Ordinator Tel 877655



If interested, the full details are at www.liverpool.anglican.org/parishgivingscheme or contact St Peter's Stewardship Team who will be happy to discuss the scheme.

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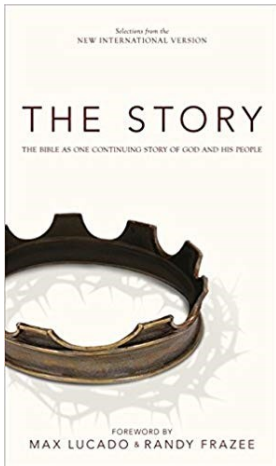
Formby Quiet Time 1st Friday of the month 10.00am to 12 noon
Bier House, St Peter's Church, Green Lane, Formby L37 7DL



Quiet Time is based on the Quaker tradition of silent worship. The meetings are open to everyone, of faith or no faith, who would like to come and share half an hour of peace and reflection with refreshments provided afterwards.

Sue Jacques

CHURCH LIBRARY



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It also reads like small chapters of novel, introducing new and old readers to the rich stories embedded within the larger narrative of scripture.

These are stories of God and humanity that cover the whole range of human perspectives and provide us with inspiration.

It is great for those who have forgotten some of the stories, and those who want to familiarise themselves with a book that grounds our faith, encourages us, and allows us to reflect on our own Christian story as well.

Well recommended to read regularly or to increase your familiarity with a fascinating and essential book.

Revd Nathan Thorpe



Breakfast Church

Join us at Breakfast Church on **Saturday 3rd November**

at 9am in the Bier House.

30 minute service

followed by toast & chat.

You will be very welcome.



Children start in church (10am) and then move to the Bier House for lots of fun. An adult comes with the child and can join in with the activities.

All children are welcome though it is designed for the younger age group (up to Year 2).

FISHY CLUB

This Club is our after-school bible club for children in Years 4 to 6 in primary school. We meet in the Parish Hall, Paradise Lane, immediately after school on a Wednesday, finishing at 4.15pm. Children in Trinity St Peter's School will be collected by a leader after school. Come and join in the fun.

Dates 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th November



HOTDOG CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Sunday 4th November

A short service in Church for children & young people at 12noon followed by hotdogs in the Bier House.

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for the environment –
win, win, win!

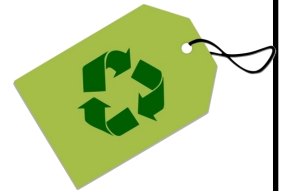
Our diocesan prayer

Loving Father,
by your grace we long to see
more people knowing Jesus,
and more justice in your world.
Help us to live as your disciples in the
power of the Spirit
and to work to your praise and glory.
Amen.



Recycle the Sherry!!

One way of recycling and helping Parish organisations!
If you have any unopened bottles of sherry, boxes of
shortbread or biscuits that you would like to pass on, we
would be delighted to have them. Along with chocolates, bottles of fizz
etc. All can be used for parish events, raffles etc.



Donations can be left in the Parish Office or given to the clergy.
(Please check sell by/best before dates of your contributions).

Primetime

*There will be no meeting in November because we are going
to see Calendar Girls.*

*The next meeting will be
Wednesday 19th December
in the Bier House
for the Christmas do!*

Details to follow in the next magazine.



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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Great Pilgrimage to Ypres 8th August 2018



In August the Royal British Legion hosted Great Pilgrimage 90 at the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium. It commemorated the “Last Hundred Days Campaign” which heralded the Allies advance and ended the First World War. The title “GP90” remembered the event 90 years ago to the day since a pilgrimage of 10 000 widows, survivors and Legion members took place in 1928.



On 8th August 2018 a procession of 1130 standards and 1130 wreath bearers laid wreaths at the Menin Gate in Ypres including a service of commemoration. Ken Ward went as standard bearer and Bernie Prescott of Formby Parish Council represented the community and carried the wreath.

A poem “We Remember” by Josie Dodd of Formby High School was attached to the Formby Wreath. It was an incredibly moving occasion altogether.

People came from all over the world including Hong Kong and Brazil. The Falklands standard was carried by their standard bearer whose parents live in Formby!

The event was preceded by two days of pilgrimage to battlefield sites and memorials around Ypres and the Somme. The itinerary was very carefully planned and involved 60 coaches. These visits were also very moving, particularly the dugouts and trenches at the Paschendaele Museum and the Tyne Cot Cemetery containing 11 000 graves. I managed to find the names on the Thiepval Memorial of five of the eight men on St Peter’s WW1 Cross.

The other three are commemorated in other cemeteries as well as on our cross. It was an amazing event and I consider myself proud and very fortunate along with Bernie to represent Formby at this incredible pilgrimage.

Ken Ward



'We Remember'

We remember them in little things
Poppies in summer, the first bird in spring.
The night's first star that burned too bright
Fallen too soon to survive the fight.

But do we not think it is strange
How, although we think times have changed,
It has always been that, in the end,
War does nothing but tear friend from friend.

An unmarked grave, a plain white cross
Is all we have left of so many of the lost
Think of all they lost, all they left
Replaced with the crushing end they had to find.

And in battles won and battles lost
Let us not forget the cost
And toll that war takes on us all
As it strikes down those who once stood so tall.

We remember them so we don't forget
Their bravery, sacrifice and loss, and yet
We have not learnt from their pain
and others rise and fall again.

Josie Dodd, Year 9, Formby High School

A prayer for peacemakers

History can inspire or trap.
Walls can protect or divide.
Words can encourage or inflame.
Power can free or destroy.
Touch can comfort or violate.
Peace can be shared or withheld.
Gracious God, on this day,
when we remember past and present conflicts,
we pray for the divided peoples of the world,
that leaders, governments and each one of us
may use our resources,
our opportunities and our lives
in the service of reconciliation,
for the sake of future generations
and to the glory of your name.
Amen.



1918 – 2018

Remembrance Day this month reminds us that it is 100 years since an armistice ended the ghastly slaughter of young men that we call the First World War. From August 1914 the men at the front were all volunteers. But in 1916 the government introduced the conscription of all single men between the ages of 18 and 41.



My father, Frank Lee, was 19 that year and was in the 44th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps. He was posted latterly to Egypt, survived the war, but he was badly damaged. He would never talk about it. Nor could he ever hold down a full-time job. He was a “jobbing builder”. The quality of his work was excellent, but between jobs he would sit in long periods of silence, and my mother said my sister and I were not to disturb him. Many men suffered like this.



My wife Janet’s father, Charles East, was a member of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (RNVR) before 1914, so was called up for active service within a few weeks. These men thought it was just a great adventure, and they would all be home for Christmas. But In France their train was diverted. When it came to a stop they were in enemy territory. The train driver was a traitor and all those RNVR men were taken prisoner.

My father-in-law was a prisoner for four years, first in Germany, then (probably by an agreement through the Red Cross) latterly in neutral Holland. On the whole they were well treated. In 1918 these prisoners were brought back to England and billeted in tents on the east coast. It was a bitter winter. There was a flu epidemic, and a considerable number died from the flu. Charles survived.

Imagine the dismay of men like Frank and Charles when, during the 1930s, when I was growing up, and less than 20 years after 1918, it seemed there would be another war. The Second World War began in 1939 and went on for six years. My father, predictably, would not allow us to talk about this war. He acted as though it did not exist. He forbade us to carry gas masks, which meant I was excluded from school for a time. Before we mock his attitude, we need to give an intelligent reply to the pacifist’s question: *“Why cannot humanity, capable of remarkable scientific progress, find a better way of resolving international disputes than by using terrifying weapons to kill and destroy armies and civilians on a massive scale?”*

So in 2018, we remember the millions of (mainly) young people whose names are recorded on war memorials all over the world. Remember too those whose lives were permanently damaged as a result of the experience of war. We also thank God for the Royal British Legion (founded 1921) and other agencies whose members care for the victims of war.



Canon RAYMOND J. LEE
(National Service RAF 1948-50)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) honours the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First and Second World Wars, and ensures they will never be forgotten.

The CWGC owes its existence to the vision and determination of one man - Sir Fabian Ware. Neither a soldier nor a politician, Ware was nevertheless well placed to respond to the public's reaction to the enormous losses in the war.

Ware was born at Clifton, Bristol on 17 June 1869 and attended the Universities of London and Paris. In 1899 he started writing articles for the Morning Post. He became the representative of the Education Committee of the Royal British Commission at the Exposition Universelle of 1900 subsequently being appointed as Director of Education on the Transvaal Legislative Council under Viscount Milner. Returning to Britain in 1905, he was appointed as editor of the Morning Post.



When the First World War started in August 1914 Ware attempted to join the British Army but was rejected because he was too old, and so with the assistance of Lord Milner, he obtained command of a mobile ambulance unit provided by the British Red Cross Society. He was soon struck by the lack of an official mechanism for marking and recording the graves of those killed. He set about changing this by founding an organisation to do this, and in 1915 both he and his organisation were transferred from the Red Cross to the Army. By October 1915, the new Graves Registration Commission had over 31,000 graves registered, and 50,000 by May 1916.

As the war continued, Ware became concerned about the fate of the graves after the war. With the help of Edward, Prince of Wales, in 1917, he submitted a memorandum on the subject to the Imperial War Conference. On 21 May 1917, the Imperial War Graves Commission was created by a Royal Charter, with the Prince of Wales as its President and Ware as its Vice-Chairman, a role that Ware held until his retirement in 1948.

Since its establishment by Royal Charter, the Commission has constructed 2,500 war cemeteries and plots, erected headstones over graves and, where the remains are missing, inscribed the names of the dead on permanent memorials located at military and civil sites in more than 150 countries and territories.

St Peter's has a plaque on the wall outside the church advising that there are several war graves in the cemetery.

Ware died on 28 April 1949 and his grave has a CWGC-style headstone and is maintained by the Commission. There are also memorial tablets to him in the Warrior's Chapel at Westminster Abbey and in Gloucester Cathedral.

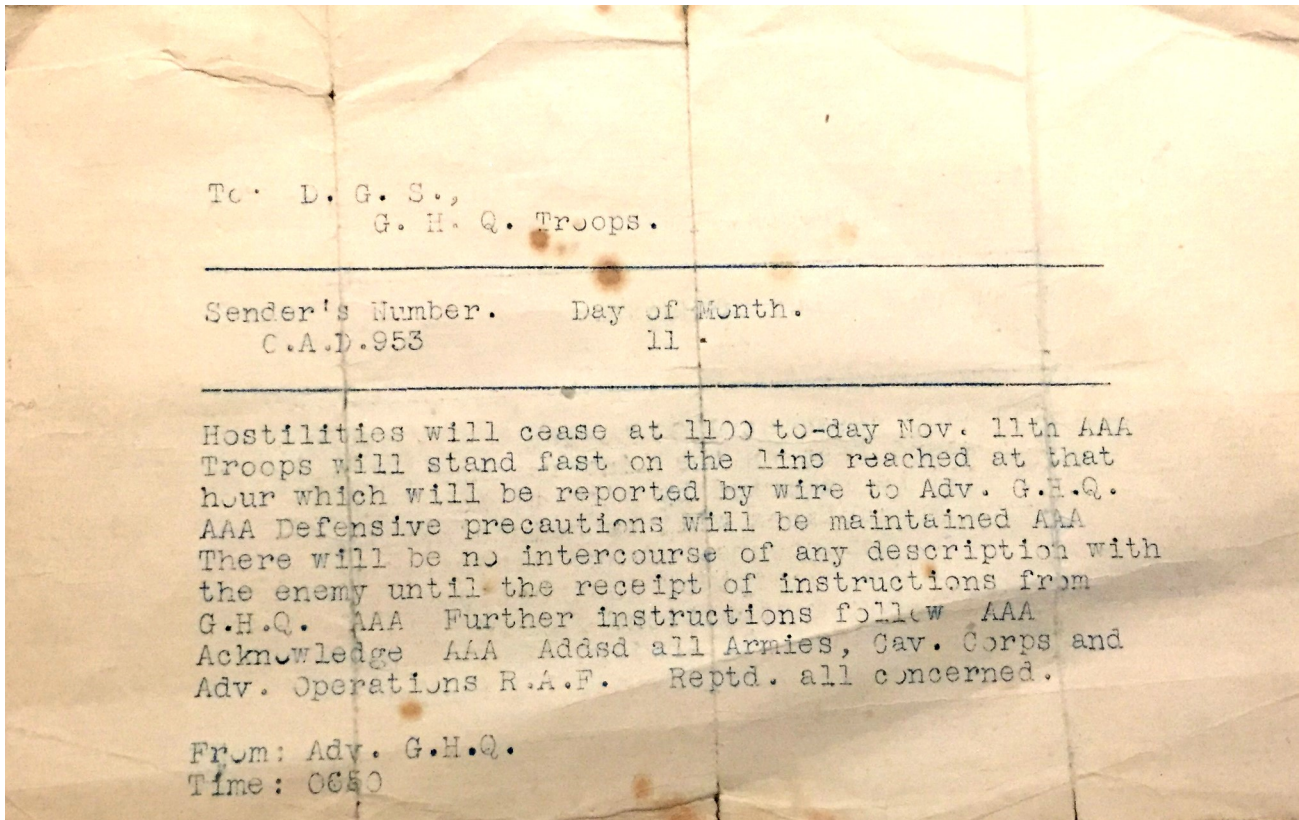
Peter Ware

PEACE AT LAST



My grandfather, Fred, served throughout the Great War, both in Mesopotamia and the Western Front. He rarely spoke about his experiences. Before he died, he gave my mother a piece of paper which she, in old age, handed on to my husband saying it was now for him to keep. The note, illustrated, was sent to those on the front line stating the fighting had to stop and giving the conditions to be observed. Fred had held onto a copy. Goodness only knows what his reaction must have been other than utter relief.

Sue Jacques



Merry Christmas Everyone

Don't panic, don't panic!!

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



There has been a suggestion that to raise funds for the Ugandan appeal people might like to express their Christmas greetings via the magazine for a donation of £5. This would be very eco-friendly, saving paper and transport, and of course saving the cost of a stamp. The school in Kalule would benefit by a considerable sum from such encouragement and support.

Please place the money in an envelope with your name printed clearly on the outside, hand the envelope into the Parish Office, to Sue Jacques, 41 Heatherways, or leave in the marked container in the porch as you come into church. Your editorial team will print a suitable Yuletide greeting and your names will be added to the December magazine.

Sue Jacques Tel. 879643

Questions a Vicar Gets Asked!!

Nathan & I get asked lots of different questions and I thought if one person has asked, others would be interested in the answer. We will include some in the magazine over the next couple of months. So do please ask if you are puzzling over something.

Anne



Question – ‘What is a Crucifer & an Acolyte?’

Asked after we had thanked Ollie O’Donnell for his long service as a crucifer and previously as an acolyte.

A crucifer or cross-bearer is a person appointed to carry the church's processional cross, at the beginning and end of the service and also during the reading of the Gospel.

The term "crucifer" comes from the Latin *crux* (cross) and *ferre* (to bear, carry). It literally means "cross-bearer." The crucifer can be any age but needs to be tall enough to handle the processional cross. Use of the term "crucifer" is most common in Anglican churches.

In Anglican churches altar servers are often called acolytes and can be any age (although usually no younger than ten).

An acolyte assists in worship by holding candles or "torches" in the procession, assisting the priest at the altar, receiving the offering plates and being involved in the Gospel Procession. The crucifer and acolytes wear a cassock-alb and a hood of the liturgical colour.

In St Peter’s we really appreciate the time that those who serve, as either a crucifer or an acolyte, give as they enhance our services. If anyone would like to serve in either role please do let John Medley, Shena Edwards or the clergy know.

Annual Carol Service
on Thursday 29th November 2018
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

at St Brides Church, Fleet Street, London

Elizabeth’s Legacy of Hope supports child amputees in less developed countries and provides them with prosthetic limbs, life-saving surgery and access to education. A time to raise awareness of our work and an opportunity to thank our supporters. www.elizabethslegacyofhope.org

This year the PCC voted to support Elizabeth’s Legacy of Hope as one of its overseas charities.

ELIZABETH’S LEGACY OF
HOPE



A special thank you to those who made our Harvest Thanksgiving so memorable.

Thank you to the Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Sunday Club & Little Fishes and TSP for their window displays; Simon Price for the abundance of fruit which found very grateful homes including Clumber Lodge Children's Home and the Mission to Seafarers; for all the donations for the Foodbank; to those who delivered Harvest cards; for the food and drink after both services.

And thank you to Bishop Paul Colton for two inspiring and entertaining talks and his infectious enthusiasm.



VOICES FROM THE CHURCHYARD!



Your kind donations raised £595 for the Uganda Project **Ted Woods**



The branch annual church service was held on 4th October in St. Peter's. The service was led by Revd Anne, and we renewed our commitment to the MU. In her address Anne spoke about St. Francis of Assisi and how God called him to a life in Assisi very different from the one he had planned for himself as a Knight.

Herbert Blundell was commissioned as Branch Leader and welcomed by members.

In the Bier House following the service Herbert presented Eleanor Gibson with a copy of *Unlocking the Bible*, a commentary on every book in the Bible, and a large print version of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, in thanks for the dedicated service she has given as Leader. She remains a member of the Committee.



Our next branch meeting is on Thursday 1st November at 2.00pm in the Bier House when Nick Philpott will talk on *Mr. Bradshaw comes to Southport*, a history of the Liverpool to Southport railway line, which has run along its present route for over 150 years.

On Thursday, 6th December, we will hold our agape Christmas lunch at 1.00pm in the Church Hall, Paradise Lane. *Please note time and venue.*

Please note that the meeting scheduled in the handbook for Thursday, 3rd January 2019, has been changed to 10th January. The speaker will be Revd. Peter Paine who will talk about travels he has led in Eastern Europe.

Reminder: our three projects for 2018-19 are -

- collection of toiletries for male refugees
- collection of knitted items, scarves, caps, woolly toys, etc. for Seafarers
- loose cash for holidays for disadvantaged children.

Please bring contributions to branch meetings in the Bier House.

As always, we welcome visitors and prospective new members at all our meetings. For more information, ring Herbert on 873367.



Herbert and Jean



It was a Brilliant weekend for the 9th Formby Scouts at the Chariot Race at Bispham Hall Campsite.

Having entered 3 teams The 'A' Team came away as winners and also ran the fastest Scout Lap of the course at 7.37 minutes which is an outstanding achievement!

The 'B' Team while not finishing in the Top 3 (subject to confirmation) finished in the Top 5. A great result for a young team, the ones to watch in next years race!



Thank you to the Educational Trust for generously funding the Scouts new chariots.



Harvest Time

Last time I saw the surgeon about my wonky knee he told the nurse that they had the wrong file as the age was wrong. I told him that it was right, I was that age. He could not believe it and asked me what did I put my age and well-being (apart from my wonky joints) down to.

I looked at his young face and thought, "he never heard of poverty and food rationing." I told him that in the 1930's the majority of people were poor, therefore we had to eat plain, wholesome, natural food, and that during the War food was very scarce, but what we did have was the right stuff and we were healthy. Also, we had to walk or cycle everywhere as petrol was also rationed and only emergency vehicles were allowed it. Horses drew the produce carts round the streets with bread, vegetables, milk and coal so there was plenty of good manure to be got outside your door. We all had to dig up the lawns and plant food, and there were no chemicals in the old manure. Now it is filled with antibiotics, as is the meat we eat. We survived without junk food as there wasn't any, and preservatives were not added to food to give it a longer shelf life. Jams were preserved with sugar and chutneys with vinegar.

The Harvest Festival at church was fantastic, but so different from the ones we had long ago. All the food on display was locally grown and distributed to the poor of the parish (and there were plenty of those). The village baker made a huge harvest sheaf which was propped up against the altar and was surrounded by apples, cabbages, leeks, beetroot and potatoes; there were no tins.

But, we have to move with the times. People are too busy with other things to grow their own food, but even a few seeds sown in a tub can provide lettuces, runner beans, carrots, tomatoes and lots more fruit and vegetables, and all it needs is a drop of water now and then and it is chemical free.

We would be in a mess without many of the drugs that scientists have discovered, but "everything in moderation."

The surgeon was fascinated with my tales of Wartime and how we had to scavenge from the hedgerows and fields. He could not believe a world without crisps and even told me to get a bag and eat them as my blood pressure was low!

How far we have advanced in the last century, but Harvest is still the same. We rely on it at the proper season for our food and sustenance.

When God reaps His harvest of souls, I hope He can find a space in His garden for mine.

Martha.



Archdeacon Arthur Siddall recently celebrated his

50th anniversary

of Ordination to the Priesthood.

Arthur celebrated at the early Eucharist in St Peter's, assisted by his son, Mark.

Cycle Ride raises over £2,600 for Formby Befriending Scheme

A mammoth bike ride by local solicitor Liz Foggin and her husband Matt has raised over £2,600 for the Formby Befriending Scheme. They took part in the annual Deloitte Ride across Britain, cycling 980 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats in just 9 days, averaging 108 miles per day.



Liz says "It was really hard, but an absolutely amazing experience. The group consisted of 860 cyclists and a support crew of 170. The camaraderie and experience was incredible. "Between the 860 riders we have collectively raised over a million pounds for various charities. We chose a small local one, the Formby Befriending Scheme."

"It's immensely heart-warming to know that what we have raised will help them continue to improve the quality of life for local residents in their advancing years. We also want to say a big thank you to all of the people who have sponsored us."

If anyone would like to contribute, their donation page is still open at

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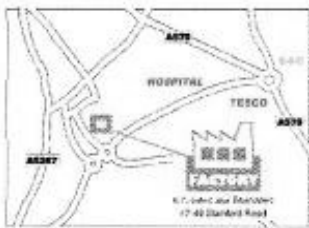
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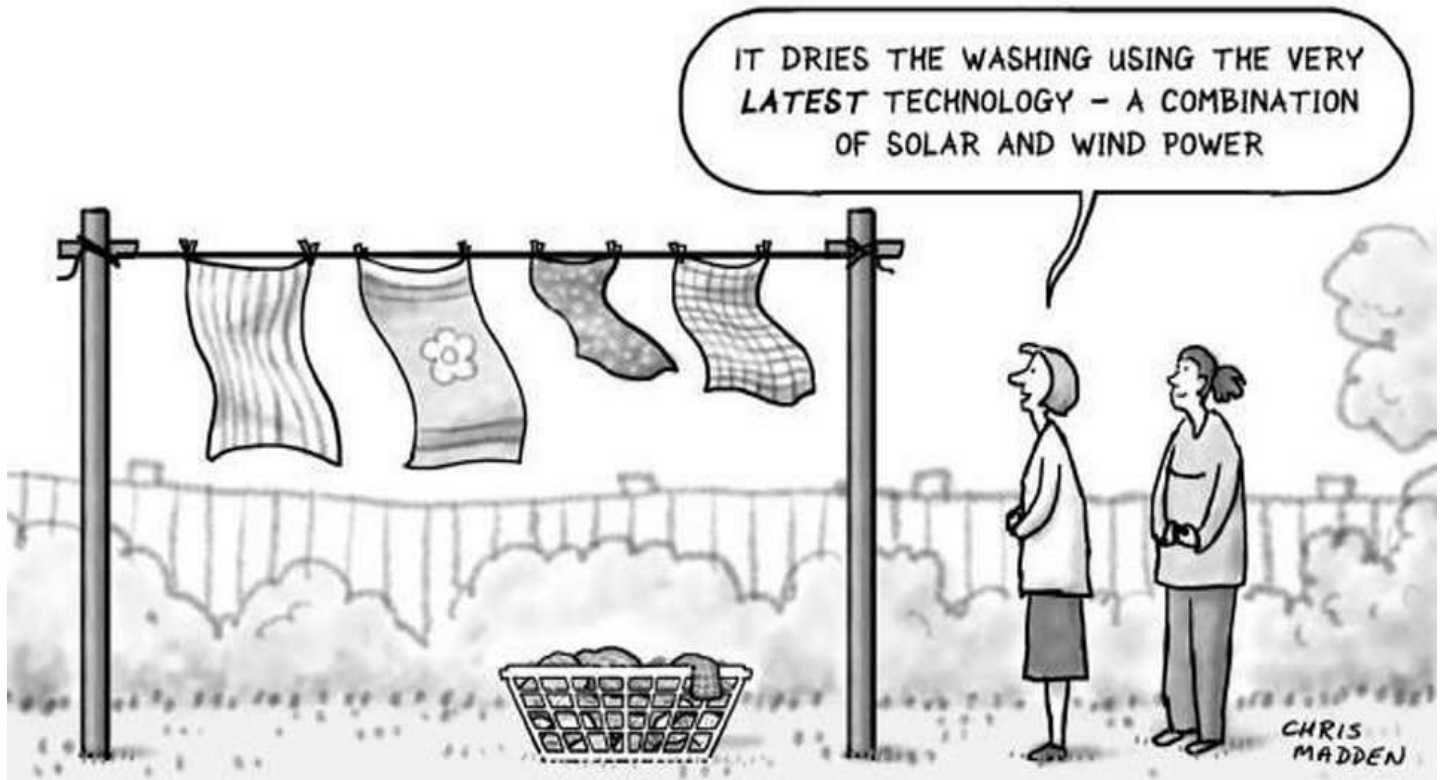
Curate's Bad Joke Corner.....

Why did the golfer change his pants? Because he got a hole in one!

What did the mother Buffalo say when her boy left for college? Bye Son!

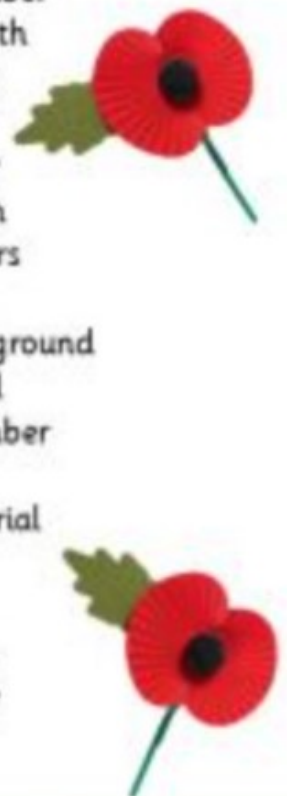
What do you call a magician's dog? A labracadabador!

Keep groaning!



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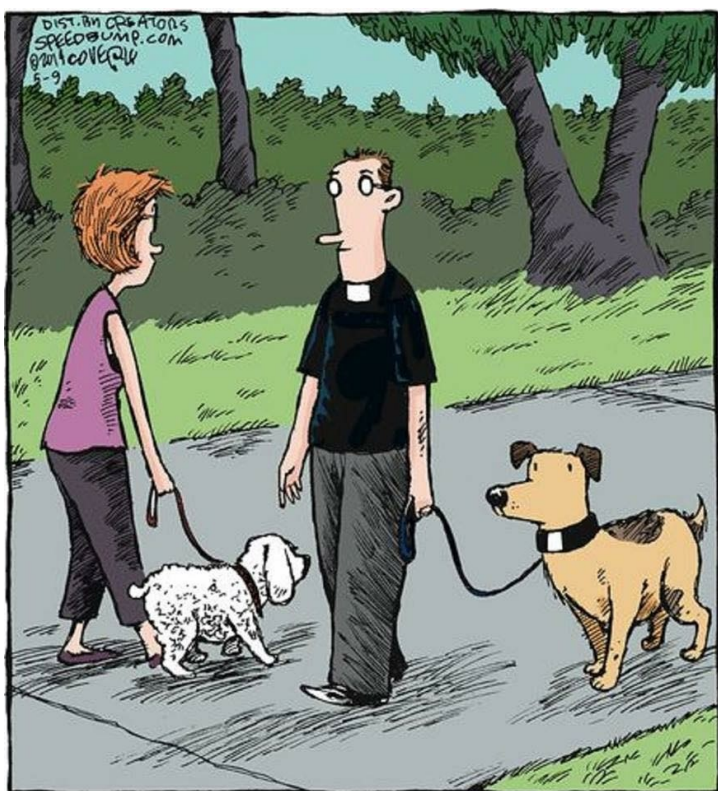


- I just spent 15 minutes searching for my phone in my car, using my phone as a flashlight.
- A police recruit was asked in the entrance exam: "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He said: "Call for backup."
- I want to grow my own food but I can't find bacon seeds.

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Derek had always secretly admired the Pope!

A MYSTERY SOLVED – THE DEATH OF CHRISTOPHER D’AETH

For some years I had wondered how Christopher John D’Aeth came to be buried at St Peter’s.



His grave is at the far side of the second section of graves on the left when walking away from church towards the Garden of Remembrance. The inscription states that he died, aged 21 years on Akpatok Island, Baffin Strait on 15th September 1931. I wondered who was Christopher? What befell him in such a remote location at such an early age? How did he come to be buried at St Peter’s, thousands of miles from where he perished?

Having an interest in the history of exploration in polar regions, I found out some of his story a few years ago. Our recent presentation of “Voices From The Churchyard” led me to research further into his life and death. Young Gabriel gave an excellent account of Christopher’s tale, repeated here for those who missed it.

Christopher John D’Aeth was born in Liverpool on May 2nd 1910 to Frederic and Margaret. His father was a founding lecturer in the new Department of Social Work at Liverpool University. The family lived for some years at 65 Hope Street, overlooking what at that time was the building-site of the Anglican Cathedral. At some stage the D’Aeths moved out to Formby, to live in the house named Linden Field, on College Avenue. Christopher was a boarder at Rugby School, before going up to Oxford University in 1928. He was an undergraduate at Balliol College, studying Chemistry. An active young man, he rowed for his college, and became a member of the University of Oxford Exploration Club.

He took the first part of his Finals in the summer of 1931. He had also become Secretary of the Exploration Club, and had largely been responsible for proposing and organising the summer expedition, which that year was to survey the uninhabited island known as Akpotek. This is situated beyond Labrador in the Hudson Strait, in the sub-arctic. Its name is derived from Akpat, an Inuit name for the Guillemot, which inhabits the rocky cliff edges. At one time there had been an Inuit settlement which was abandoned years before, amidst tales of starvation and cannibalism.

The expedition consisted of 10 young men, mostly undergraduates, but with a Naval Lieutenant who was navigator and meteorologist, and a Surveyor from the Royal Engineers. The group was led by a recognised polar explorer, Hugh J. Clutterbuck. The purpose of the trip was to survey the extent of the island, detail its geology, and record animal and botanical wildlife, as well as climatic information. A weather window of about five weeks was envisaged before the early arctic winter set in.

The group set sail from Liverpool, by regular steamer, on July 28th, bound for St John’s, Newfoundland. Here they transferred to the expedition’s boat of 100 tons known as The Young Harp, and left to sail northwards along the Labrador coast on 5th August. After various engine problems, the boat sailed into Ungava Bay on 16th. The mists parted and outline of Akpatok Island finally hove into view. What a bleak sight met their eyes! Sheer limestone cliffs rose up to 600 feet in height with little vegetation or sign of life, apart from the Guillemot colonies. They circumnavigated the island to determine its size, and look for likely landing places. Akpatok was only half the expected size from old charts, at about 20 miles by 10 miles. The cliffs were broken in places by deep ravines, and eventually a landing spot was found at a cove on the lower south-west corner of the island.

The expedition named this location Harp Cove, and decided that this was the best location for a camp, and within a day they had unloaded the Young Harp using small fishing dories, and set up their camp of a larger mess-tent and four smaller sleeping tents. The ship sailed away, with instructions to take off the party around 20th September. Each member of the expedition had his speciality – Christopher D’Aeth was the ornithologist of the group. All took it in turns to carry out cooking duties, and the group settled into a routine.

With just five weeks to survey the island, they set to work in pairs, hiking across the interior with theodolites and small bivvy tents, spending a couple of days at a time away from the main base. Other scientific work was carried out, and the project progressed well. The weather was kind, warm and calm for the first three weeks or so, but deteriorated once 10th September was reached.

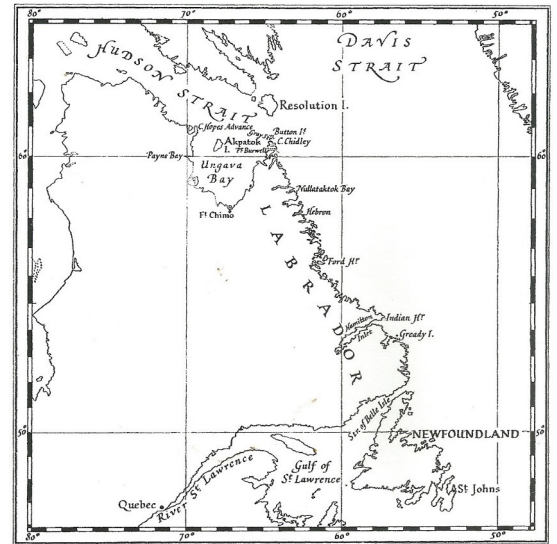
On 14th September, Christopher D’Aeth and a man named Polunin established camp six miles to the north of the base to complete the survey of the north coast, expecting to return in a couple of days. However, at 7.30 the next morning Polunin staggered into the main camp, exhausted, and with his boots in ribbons. In a snow-storm, he and D’Aeth had missed their tent after a surveying trek further north. Christopher had fallen into a ravine, was slightly injured, but the compass was lost in the dark. The pair staggered on, but after some hours D’Aeth became too exhausted to continue. Polunin waited until dawn, then made his way as quickly as he could to the main base. He led back a search-party, but the time they found Christopher, he was still alive, but delirious. He soon lost consciousness, and died whilst being carried back to the base camp.

In the official report of the expedition from Clutterbuck to the Royal Geographical Society, apart from noting that D’Aeth was a very brave young man, there is no further mention of the tragedy. Such was the way of such matters in those days. The Young Harp appeared on 19th September, and the party swiftly embarked for their homeward journey.

Only thirty-one days after he died on this far-flung island the mortal remains of Christopher John D’Aeth were interred in St Peter’s churchyard on 16th October, presumably by our incumbent of the time, the Reverend H.P. Barsley, as recorded in the burials book. The journey from death to grave seems incredibly swift in this day and age. So ended the life of a talented young man, who may have offered much to society in coming years. It turned out he had passed his Part 1 Finals with flying colours, and had been awarded a Herbertson Prize.

So ends the sad and mysterious tale of how and why Christopher D’Aeth lies in our churchyard.

Nick Philpott



To see the full article please go to our website at www.stpetersformby.co.uk



From the Church Registers

Wedding
Saturday 6th October

Emma Martin & John Johnson



From the Church Registers

Funerals

5 th October	Revd Ken Miller
8 th October	Raymond Spedding
18 th October	Hilda Stamp
23 rd October	Jean Swain

Interment of Ashes

4 th October	Charles Nocton
15 th October	Joyce Trueman



We would like to include the announcement of births, engagements and special anniversaries etc. **so please let us know - alisonwhiffing@aol.com**

From the Church Registers - Baptism



Sunday 7th October
Lyana Eden Howard, daughter
of John & Fiona



Sunday 21st October
Eleanor Monica Moon,
daughter of Julian & Ruth



Sunday 21st October
Emma Lucy Hollyoak,
daughter of Thomas & Jane



Sunday 21st October
Bailey Dennis Michael Hinson,
son of Stephen & Stacey

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – November 2018



Thursday 1st	2.00pm	Mothers' Union in Bier House
Friday 2 nd	9.15-11.30	Little Fishes in the Parish Hall
	6.30pm	First Friday Eucharist
Saturday 3 rd	9.00am	Breakfast Church
	10.30-12	Saturday Crew in Bier House
	6.00pm	(Gates open) Scout Bonfire & Fireworks



Sunday 4th

All Saints Day

	12 noon	Hot Dog Children's Service
	3.00pm	Deanery Confirmation in St Giles, Aintree
	6.30pm	Bereavement Service
Monday 5 th	10.45am	Meditation in Bier House
	2- 3.30pm	Singing for Fun in Bier House
Tuesday 6 th	10.00am	Bible Study Group <i>with Ken Ward</i> (Bier House)
	7.30pm	'Unfamiliar Books of the Bible' Series (Bier House)
Weds 7 th	2.00pm	WOW Service
	3.15pm	Fishy Club
Friday 9 th	9.15-11.30	Little Fishes in the Parish Hall



Sunday 11th

Remembrance Sunday

	10.00am	All Age Parade Service
	3.00pm	Community Remembrance Service in Holy Trinity
	6.30pm	Service of Wholeness
Monday 12 th	10.45am	Meditation in Bier House
	7.30pm	PCC in the Bier House
Tuesday 13 th	10.00am	Bible Study with Ken Ward in the Church (please note change of venue)
	7.30pm	'Unfamiliar Books of the Bible' Series (Bier House)
Weds 14 th	3.15pm	Fishy Club
	7.30pm	Bible Study with Alison Woodhouse (Bier House)
Thurs 15 th	7.30pm	Bible Study Group with Michael Pitts (45 Freshfield Road)
Friday 16 th	9.15-11.30	Little Fishes in the Parish Hall



Sunday 18th

10.00am

The 2nd Sunday before Advent

Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club

6.30pm

Fauré's Requiem



Monday 19th

10.45am

Meditation in Bier House

Tuesday 20th

10.00am

Bible Study Group *with Ken Ward* (Bier House)

7.30pm

'Unfamiliar Books of the Bible' Series (Bier House)

Weds 21st

3.15pm

Fishy Club

Friday 23rd

9.15-11.30

Little Fishes in the Parish Hall

2.00pm

Bible Study with Peter Paine (Bier House)

Sunday 25th

10.00am

Christ the King – The Sunday Next Before Advent

Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club

12.00noon

Service of Baptism

Monday 26th

10.45am

Meditation in Bier House

Tuesday 27th

10.00am

Bible Study *with Ken Ward* (Bier House)

Weds 28th

3.15pm

Fishy Club

7.30pm

Bible Study *with Alison Woodhouse* (Bier House)

7.30pm

Primetime Theatre Trip to 'Calendar Girls'

Thursday 29th

2.00pm

Halcyon House Eucharist

3.00pm

Woodlands Lodge Eucharist

Friday 30th

9.30-11.30

Little Fishes in the Parish Hall

2.00pm

Bible Study with Peter Paine (Bier House)



Regular Church Services

Sundays

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.00am Parish Eucharist (Coffee afterwards)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Next Service of Wholeness - Sunday 11th November at 6.30pm

Weekdays

9.00am Morning Prayer

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

11.00am Wednesday Eucharist (Coffee afterwards)

6.30pm Eucharist 1st Friday of each month

9.00am **Breakfast Church** – 1st Saturday of each month



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