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Magazine**

**May 2019**

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## Regular Church Services

### Sundays

- 8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
  - 10.00am Parish Eucharist (Coffee afterwards)
  - 6.30pm Choral Evensong
- Service of Wholeness at 6.30pm - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### Weekdays

- 9.00am Morning Prayer  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
- 11.00am Wednesday Eucharist
- 6.30pm Eucharist 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month
- 9.00am **Breakfast Church** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month

# From the Editorial Team

There is an appeal for volunteers to help at the Garden Party on 13<sup>th</sup> July. Sometime off, you may think, but the weeks are flying past; so do consider if you could help in any way.

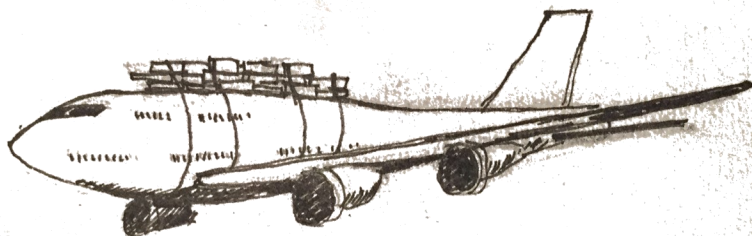
An exceptional example of volunteering has been provided by Margaret Dalley and Brenda Mercer who volunteered to clean the church brasses over 45 years ago and are only now laying down their Brasso and dusters. To say 'thank you' seems very inadequate in face of such laudable service but we do express our gratitude to them and the amazing commitment they have shown.

Our thanks, too, to Revd Poppy and all who played a part in the success of the mission team. It took a huge amount of planning but despite the somewhat uncooperative weather the venture proved very worthwhile. Read more on page 7 of the magazine.

Please look out for information about Christian Aid Week in the church bulletin. More volunteers would make the street collections a less onerous task for the good folk who have already put their names down for the task. This year the week is from 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May.

The visit to Uganda takes place this month. We all wish those who are travelling good luck and look forward to their feedback. Here's to success in all the projects; may it be a very happy and fulfilling visit for the school and for the helpers.

We hear that the mountain of suitcases in the Vicarage garage is a positive danger to life. One small movement could result in damage to life and limb!



*"The PCC thanks everyone who donated their suitcases for Uganda"*

The Editorial Team wishes all our readers and those going on holiday, a lovely Maytime. Please remember that we welcome any reports of the unusual or far-flung places visited.

**The Editorial Team**

The magazine is an important means of outreach and keeps everyone informed and in touch with the life of St Peter's Church. The magazine is free, though it would be appreciated if you would like to give a donation towards production costs. If you would like a magazine delivered to your home, please contact the Parish Office.

*Please note the deadline for the June 2019 edition of the magazine is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019. Contributions to [alisonwhiffing@aol.com](mailto:alisonwhiffing@aol.com)*



## *Dear Friends,*

Although no lives were lost in the devastating fire that engulfed Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, yet the outpouring of grief at its destruction has been remarkable.

As The Times put it in an editorial, “some buildings embody a powerful feeling of shared identity,” even in a secular country like France.

And even though “the church” is people, there’s no denying the emotion and identity people feel about a church building, especially if its existence is threatened.

Even though our own St Peter’s in its present form doesn’t go back as far as Notre Dame, the old St Peter’s pre-dates Notre Dame, going back to Viking times. So, St Peter’s, whether in its existing or pre-existing building, has been an important part of the fabric of people’s lives and Formby’s history for many centuries.

Churches as buildings are important. In a sense, they are a symbol of what we believe about God. But they are also places where over many years people have worshipped and prayed and celebrated the milestones of life, birth, marriage and death, and as such they need to be maintained and kept in good repair.

And that is what our PCC has been doing for St Peter’s. Roof repairs were completed 5 years ago, new lighting has been installed and the next two projects, to be completed over the summer months, are a new heating system and re-painting the church.

We have a gem of a church in St Peter’s. It has a wonderfully prayerful atmosphere and it has a special place in people’s hearts and lives. And for that we give thanks.

As I watched the TV footage of Notre Dame’s disaster, there was one piece which showed the nave strewn with smoking roof timbers. Beyond the smoke and the darkness you could make out the cross standing behind the high altar. And I felt that there were two ways of looking at that scene. One, a feeling of hopelessness and horror at such destruction, or two, seeing the cross as a sign of hope rising above the devastation all around it.



As I write this letter we are travelling through Holy Week to Good Friday and the seeming horror and hopelessness of Jesus being crucified. Yet that wasn't the end, because on Easter day the cross was empty and so was the tomb and Jesus had risen.

The darkness of Good Friday was dispelled by the dawn of Easter day.

Alive today and forever, Jesus stands with us in all our trials and troubles. His cross, a sign of hope visible through the dark clouds that can sometimes engulf us and fill us with despair.



# UGANDA

It is now only a few weeks until the team fly to Uganda for this year's visit to St Peter's Church, School and Women's Project in Kalule. This year there are 18 in the team who all now have their vaccinations and visas. It is great that both Trinity St Peter's and Formby High are involved in the project and there has been great work collecting and creating everything that we will pack up and take with us. Not only is there great excitement from our own Team but there is building anticipation from those in Kalule.



We have been in discussion with the Head Teacher, Evelyn, regarding what playground equipment the school would like us to install. We plan to provide metal equipment to replace the wooden climbing frames that need replacing every year due to rotting. In her recent message she finished by saying "we are so grateful for you making us your friends and we are eagerly awaiting for you in May and I have already informed the pupils so they are waiting for you with much vigour."

So the excitement is building! Thank you to everyone who has provided all kinds of items from wool to sports equipment to suitcases for the trip it will all be much appreciated. Please keep the Team and the people of Kalule in your prayers and there will be a full report when the Team get back.

## *Special Services in May*

We are hosting the annual **Christian Aid Service** in St Peter's on 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May marks the **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women** to the Priesthood in Liverpool Diocese. As one of the twenty-eight women ordained that day we are delighted that Canon Alison Woodhouse will preside at the 11am Eucharist in St Peter's.



The **Archdeacon's Visitation Service** is in on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church, Blundellsands. It is hoped that all those who serve on the Sides Rota will attend along with the Churchwardens.

**Ascension Day** is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May and we join with the other Anglican churches in Formby to worship together. The service will be at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church, Altcar.

*Anne*

A big thank you to Margaret Dalley and Brenda Mercer who have been cleaning brasses at St Peter's for over 45 years! They feel it is time to hand over the Brasso so we are looking for volunteers to join the brass cleaning team.



**Please contact Monica Jones 873703**

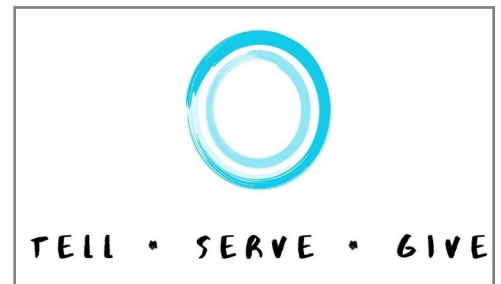
A vibrant, colorful poster for a Summer Garden Party. The background is orange. It features several large, stylized flowers in various colors: pink, yellow, red, purple, and blue. There are also two cartoon bees, one flying and one sitting on a flower. The text is centered and reads: "Summer Garden Party", "Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July", "from 1.30pm to 4.00pm", and "If you would like to help please contact any member of the Social Committee or Shena Edwards on 870840." There is a small cluster of yellow flowers in the bottom right corner.

**Summer  
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from 1.30pm to 4.00pm  
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please contact any  
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## ***Tell, Serve, Give Mission***

In early March, twenty or so Bishops descended upon Liverpool Diocese to take part in the *Tell, Serve, Give Mission*.



Each Bishop brought a team of people from their area who were enthusiastic and hard working, ready to help the local churches in their mission events. Each Bishop was posted to a deanery, and we here in Sefton North hosted Bishop Pete from Sheffield. He was accompanied by a team of 6; Chris, John, Jane, Jakki, Hazel and Sophie.

They arrived at the Cathedral for a commissioning service, and then came to St Stephen's Hightown for Evening Prayer with tea and scones. We prayed together, asking that God would equip us all for what was to come... and then it began! The mission was underway, and what followed was an action-packed few days of events, chatter and excellent food and drink.

Between us, the churches in Sefton North put together a creative and varied programme which kept the team very busy - and well fed! Over the weekend, there were three ladies nights, two men's events, two school visits, Messy Church, Craftivism, a toddler group, a youth group and a humans vs zombies night. Added to that, there was Heavenly Food, bacon butties, a visit to Storyhouse, two coffee mornings, a brewery tour and a beach clean - which the Archbishop himself attended! There were, of course, many opportunities for prayer, from Blessings to Go in Maghull to prayer time for the team every day. On Sunday, many churches were visited by members of the team and we finished with lunch together before they went back over the Pennines to Sheffield.

The team felt that the mission was a huge success, with a full and dynamic programme which they could really get stuck into. They were never bored and had many conversations with people who wouldn't say that they went to church. This was wonderful because it meant that the people in our churches felt they could invite friends who aren't religious, and that these people were up for a chat when they came. It gave us all, not just the team, the opportunity to tell our stories and share our faith with others.

We are so grateful for the hard work of everyone involved. On reflection, it seems that from *Tell, Serve, Give* many people were excited about mission and are asking when more events can take place. Please do be praying about how the deanery, and your church, can reach out into the community and show God's love even more. The most important thing to remember is that the mission didn't end when Team Sheffield went home, it just got started!

***Revd Poppy Thorpe, Deanery Advocate***



# ***To Ask***

A senior manager of a large operational organisation told his executives, 'There is no better fertilizer than the farmer's footsteps.' This was to encourage them to see the advantage of continually walking through and getting to know the work area they were responsible for. It also encouraged staff to feel their employers would know something about their work. This idea of knowing the area and people belonging to it is part of the old custom of 'Beating the Bounds.' Many institutions until the 1960's did this, Colonels walked the barracks, prison governors their establishment, factory managers their works. It was built into the management tasks, an annual requirement to beat the boundaries, now, of course, this will be done by a drone!

Parish priests had the annual responsibility of beating the bounds. This would often be done with choir boys, perhaps in their choral robes carrying branches, children were taken so that they could learn where the parish boundaries were.

This was not the only ceremony the church carried out in May. There is also Rogation Sunday. This is a service traditionally used to bless the crops and seek a full harvest. Rogation is derived from Latin and means, "asking." We rejoice when the harvest is gathered but the use of the traditional rogation service has fallen away; yet right up to the 1960's the rogation service would be held in the open air, often in a farm yard, or in the barn if wet.

It was an event. Clerical robes are not made to stay in place in high winds. Often the vicar and choir would be seen coming out of the farmer's house looking like a fleet of wind-swept ships and so the lessons were read by the local policeman who was used to making his voice heard. Holding on to the music while pedalling the portable organ required one of the choir holding on to the sheets; there was no loud speaker system. Misbehaviour by younger members of the choir was at a minimum as there was enough distraction to entertain them. What do you do when one of the ladies hats starts cartwheeling to the pig sty?

For those who earned their livelihood from the land this service was very important. By May the shoots of the crops were showing but the uncertainty and the need for a balance between rain and sunshine required the blessing of the church. Now so many of us are living in urban areas and enjoy the provision of all types of food all year, produce which was formerly only available in season, makes us forget the how the process begins. The church does have a part to play in the provision of food. Not just in foodbanks but in ensuring that the time is given to seeing all the seasons are properly recognised and blessed.

**Rod Jacques**

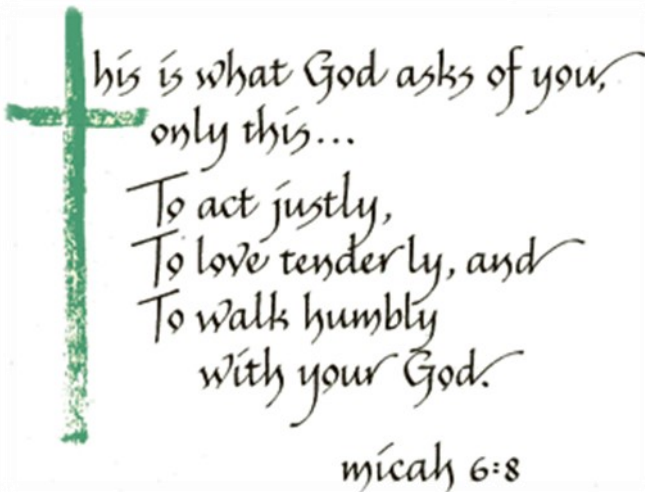
## The Archdeacon's Visitation Service

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 at 7.30pm

In St Nicholas' Church, Bridge Road, Blundellsands L23 6SA

The annual Visitation is a service where the Archdeacon formally commissions Churchwardens and Sidespeople for the coming year.

### The Micah Lecture 2019: 'Populism and the Politics of Jesus'



Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 7.15pm

Lady Chapel, Liverpool Cathedral

Speaker -

Revd Canon Dr Angus Richie,  
Director of the Ecumenical Centre  
for Theology and Community in East  
London.

[www.liverpool.anglican.org](http://www.liverpool.anglican.org)

### ECO TIP - No More Wet wipes



Millions of us have grabbed a wet wipe to clean our hands, faces, worktops, children, and almost everything else at some point. What harm can it do, we might think – they're only little squares of wet tissue. Aren't they?

But now people are realising that wet wipes contain plastic, and aren't so harmless after all. Wet wipes are often advertised as "flushable", implying they're environmentally friendly. However, they're actually causing a large number of problems.

Wet wipes are often partly made of polyester, a form of plastic that doesn't biodegrade like a tissue. Wet Wipes remain in waterways for a long time and make up 93% of the material that forms sewer blockages.

When it comes to cleaning, avoid multi-purpose cleaning wipes for your home surfaces and opt for liquid cleaning products and a reusable cloth. And why not go re-usable for baby care instead? Use washable cloth baby wipes, keeping the comfort of a wipe but ditching the wasteful result.

[www.greenanglicans.org](http://www.greenanglicans.org)

## Dementia – A Different Type of Journey

A little while ago, I read with interest the article in this magazine from 'Martha' recalling her experience of knowing someone living with dementia. Her recollections were typically true of times gone by, but now as we especially think of Dementia in May, I realise just how far we have come in our understanding, knowledge and care regarding dementia.

In recent years, there has been a lot of positive work done raising awareness of dementia, through the excellent Dementia Friends campaign. Closer to home, the Formby Dementia Action Group has also raised awareness of dementia. Several churches, including St Peter's, have been part of this group.

For the past two years, I have been training with the Contented Dementia Trust. It is now over 11 years since the ground breaking work of the Contented Dementia Trust really hit the headlines with the book Contented Dementia, written by psychologist Oliver James, which quickly became a Sunday Times Bestseller and gained many excellent reviews. Since then the Trust has supported countless families, health professionals and carers.

The unique dementia management method developed by the Contented Dementia Trust is called SPECAL. It can be learned and used by anyone involved in the care of a person with dementia. Use of the SPECAL method can bring about immediate and sustainable improvements in the quality of life of the person with dementia and for everyone involved in their care. I have found it both humbling and exciting to meet families who have used SPECAL. Their dementia journeys have been extremely positive and uplifting.

My dementia journey began, like many, with the care of a loved one and I really wish I had known then, what I know now. But looking ahead, the future is certainly far more positive. Please make time this month to pray for everyone who lives with dementia, the people who love and care for them. And the people dedicated to research in this field.

## Vicky Hall

**Due to the May Bank Holiday,**

**Singing for Fun will be the second Monday of the month,**

**and not the first as usual.**

**2-3.30pm in The Bier House,**

**St Peter's Church, Green Lane, Formby**



**Please join us for an afternoon of singing and refreshments.**

**Everyone welcome, especially those with memory loss.**

**St Peter's Parish Office 01704 871171**



We welcome guests at all our meetings. If you are thinking about joining the MU, please contact Herbert (tel. 873367)

A number of members attended the commissioning on 23<sup>rd</sup> March of Caroline Collins as Diocesan President by the Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Revd Paul Bayes. At this service the Bishop and Mrs Bayes were enrolled as MU members. Afterwards we enjoyed tea and cakes in St James' House.

At the branch meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April Keith Thomas from Sefton Church spoke about the history of the church, founded in the 11<sup>th</sup> century by the Molyneux family who lived in Sefton until they moved to Croxteth in the late 17<sup>th</sup> Century at about the time when they became Earls of Sefton and the church became Protestant. Keith showed slides of the church's many wonderful monuments, brasses and artefacts and told stories of the people to whose lives they related.

The next branch meeting is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 2.00 pm in the Bier House when Gordon McLeod, who was attached to St Peter's in 2018 as part of his preparation for ordination, will talk on "My training at St Peter's."

This year the Deanery Festival will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00 pm at St Phillip's, Litherland. All are welcome to attend.

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00 pm Deanery President Beverley Boden has invited us to the Garden Party to be held in aid of the Children's Society in her garden at 40 Spinney Crescent, Blundellsands.

Then on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June we set sail at 12.00 noon from the Mill Hotel, Chester, for our lunch cruise on the Shropshire Union Canal. There is still space available so if you would like to come please book with Tricia at the next meeting.  
*(£25.00, plus £5.00 if travelling by minibus, £10 deposit payable on booking.)*

We continue with our three branch projects. The specific items we will be collecting for refugees at the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> May will be toothbrushes; we have collected these before but are now starting a fresh cycle. The yellow bucket will be there to receive cash for 'away from it all' holidays for disadvantaged children and we will also be collecting woollens, reading material, etc. for seamen.



***Herbert and Jean***



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## The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:44-53



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**Primetime** in the Bier House  
(note change of venue this month)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 7.30-9.30pm**

*£2 contribution per meeting suggested towards costs.*

*We will be planting with Alison. All ladies welcome, especially if joining us for the first time.*

*For further details call*

*Sonia, Elaine or Ali on 833781 / 874635 / 879976*



# TIMEOUT

**MEN, BEER & TOPICAL ISSUES**

**Date: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May @ 8.00pm**

**Place: The Bier House**



Speaker: Dr Tim Andrews on his work as a pathologist and the questions of organ donation, 100,000 genomes project, diseases related to lifestyle and the ethical issues presented by the cost of treating these.

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Email addresses will be used only by St Peter's.



#RuleOfLife

## SENT TO TELL

As a student, as I was standing at the bus stop with my friend Tony, we had a ringside view of a traffic accident – nothing serious. We gave our names to the drivers, and later received witness- statement forms to complete.

Afterwards, we compared notes and found our accounts differed substantially. Neither of us thought this a problem. We were witnesses.

**Being a witness is not stressful.** All you do is say what you've seen and heard, as it seems to you. If others have a different perspective, so be it. In the Bible the experience is the same. 1 John begins: "We announce to you what existed from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have seen and our hands handled, about the word of life."

**If you choose to be a disciple then you are sent by God to be a witness.** More people will know Jesus, as you witness to him. They don't need to be impressed or persuaded. It is the Holy Spirit who impresses and persuades people; who convicts of sin and assures forgiveness; who converts people to Christ.



**Some worry that they'd better have all the answers ready before they dare admit to being a Christian.** Good luck with that. The simplest questions can't be answered snappily and glibly. If a six-year-old asks "why did my granny have to die?" or a sixty-year-old asks "Why are people suffering if God is good?" then the mystery of experience opens up. The response can be as simple as "I don't know. Life's a mystery to me too. But what I do know is that God is real, and God's love makes a difference to me." Be ready with an explanation. Be sent to tell, be honest, and bring a friend to meet God and God's people.

**Bishop Paul Bayes**  
[www.ruleoflife.org.uk](http://www.ruleoflife.org.uk)





# Give life this Christian Aid Week

The Christian Aid Service this year will be on

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in St Peter's Church.**

Christian Aid envelopes will be available in church.

If you would be willing to deliver envelopes to local houses please let Carol Paine know (there will be no need to collect them from the houses this year).

[www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.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.



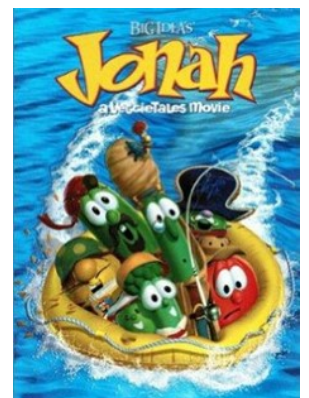
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 4-6pm** The Bier House at St Peter’s

More information from Sally Nicol,  
New Beginnings Co-Ordinator 01704 877655



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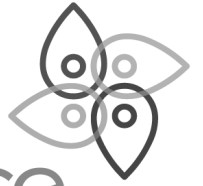
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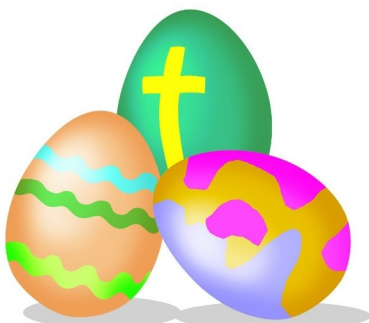
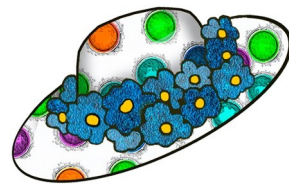
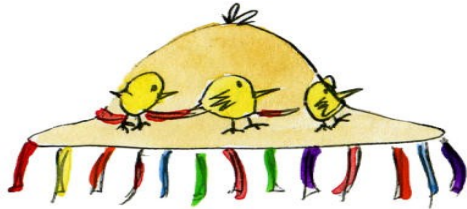
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**Nathan telling the  
Easter story at  
the WOW  
Service.**

**Great excitement  
as the children  
wait for the  
Easter bonnet  
parade.**







**Easter Weekend**



The St Peter's actors involved in the Passion Play - a prisoner, a priest & Barabbas (Ken, John & Ted)



Sunday Club  
Easter Egg Hunt





# Stress



It started last month on a Monday. At about 2pm when the boy next door came to see if I had the phone number of an electrician as all their electrics had gone off. So had mine when I came to look and the new plug-in telephones did not work either. Fortunately I had an old fashioned phone on which I was able to report the trouble to the Electricity Board. They said it would be fixed in a couple of hours.

I looked out my candles and matches. Then, just in case, I made a sandwich for my tea, as I did not think that the power would be restored before I had to make my dinner, in the dark. ( It was before the hour went on.) The street lights were off too, so even with the blinds open there was little to see.

Eventually four vans arrived and a digger began to dig up the footpath with a bright ark light shining and the men began to dig. With no T.V. or radio and not enough light to read by, I sat in the dark and watched the "floor show" unfolding outside my house. A good neighbour took pity on me and brought me a flask full of hot water from her gas kettle for me to make a hot drink with. I thanked her profusely and forthwith made a hot whisky and went to bed.

At 2am. my bedside phone rang to tell me that the power was restored! I then had to get up and switch on all the electrical appliances that I had turned off in case of a power surge when it was restored. The central heating boiler was a nightmare, but I got it working eventually, as the house was like a fridge by this time with no heat for over eleven hours.

Next morning I got up to find that my kettle had blown a fuse and before I could make my early cuppa I had to find fuses, a screwdriver and mend the kettle.

On Wednesday I went shopping and when I stopped the car at the chemist's shop it would not start again. I was without it for a couple of days until a new battery was fixed and it was checked over for any other faults.

By now I was beginning to think that there was a jinx on me, but this week when the central heating boiler broke down I nearly lost the plot. What is going on?

The engineer came out and fixed the boiler. He had not been gone long when it went again. Back he came and replaced about four parts and announced it mended. I thanked him profusely and gave him a handsome tip. During the sleepless night whilst making tea, I noticed that it had gone again.

I give up! I am looking after my son's dog and even that made a puddle on my lounge carpet, so this house definitely needs exorcising!

I shall go away on a fortnight's holiday tomorrow and leave the chaos behind me to be faced on my return. If anyone knows one, I need a resident plumber/electrician/handyman, and I am not joking!

If I had no sense of humour I would be in an asylum by now, but not only have I a sense of humour, I have faith. I know that I will laugh about it all one day, for, as my friend told me, pray about it and all will be well.

*Martha.*



## ***St Columba***

When I left Formby in 1998 I returned to the “Land of my fathers”, that is the Isle of Man, and was instituted into the living of St Columba, Kirk Arbory. While there I discovered that in 1706 an ancestor of mine, John Quine, was baptised in that parish and I was able to trace the place of his burial. Each weekend nearest to St Columba’s feast day, 9<sup>th</sup> June, the village of Ballabeg (Manx for little place) held a fair *La Colum Killya* to commemorate the saint and that is why I have a particular affection for him.



St Columba (521-597) came from a noble Irish family and after training founded several churches and monasteries in Ireland. However about 563 he felt called to travel across the Irish Sea and established himself with a group of companions on the Isle of Iona off the west coast of Scotland. From that base he, and his companions, spread the Christian Gospel across Scotland planting churches and monasteries. Among the many people who were converted to the faith were Brude, King of the Picts, and the Gaelic kingdom of Dal Riada. Like so many Celtic saints his influence is still felt across our Islands to this day and wherever there is a Scottish community there is sure to be a church dedicated to him including some within Merseyside.

## ***Chris Quine***

Prayer of the Venerable Bede - on the wall above his tomb in Durham Cathedral.

Christ is the morning star  
who when the night of this world is past  
brings to his saints the promise  
of the light of life  
and opens everlasting day.

Rod Jacques

Thanks to all of you that support the essential work of the food bank, the need for which is as great as ever.

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Donations can be left in the box in the church porch.



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Sue Jacques

## Church Flowers

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

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

The occasion would also be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

Please contact the Parish Office on 871171 for more details.



***Thank you to everyone who has already given donations towards the weekly flowers.***



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### The Hand of God

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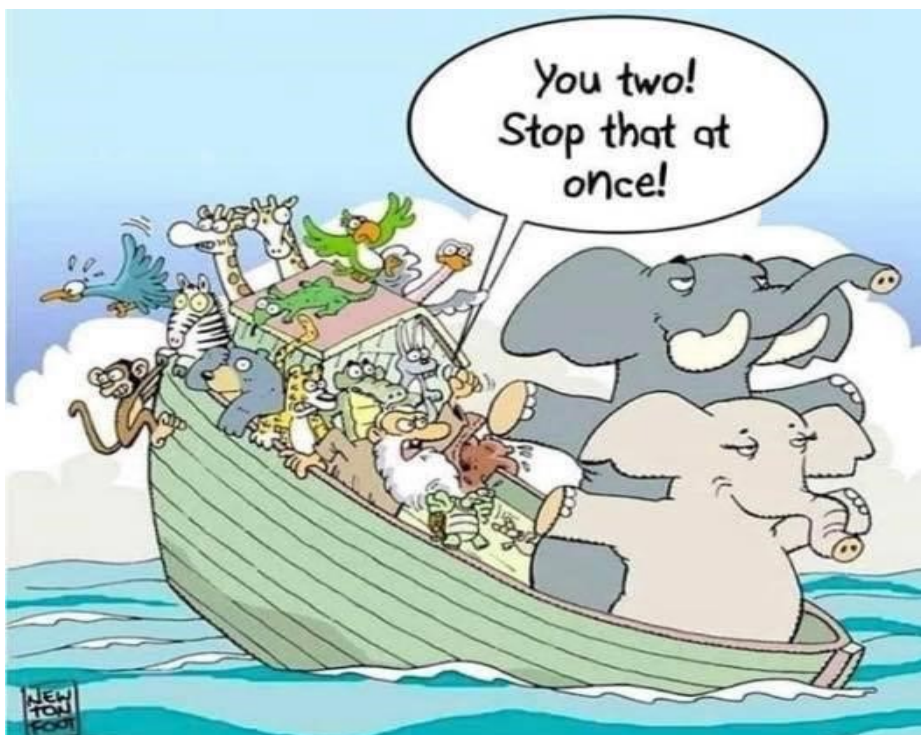
It had been snowing all night and everything was beautiful.

His grandmother commented, 'Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?'

'Yes,' replied Philip, 'God did it and he did it left handed.'

This confused his grandmother so she asked him, 'What makes you say God did this with his left hand?'

'Well,' said Philip, 'we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand.'



### HOTDOG CHILDREN'S SERVICE

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

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

**All welcome.**



## Curate's Bad Joke Corner.....

If you've been thinking about singing karaoke with a friend, just duet!

I'm an archaeologist and my life is in ruins.

They're finally making a movie called clocks. It's about time.

If life throws you melons, you might be dyslexic.

The tale of the haunted refrigerator was chilling.

**Keep groaning!**



There was no more dozing off after the vicar started serving the extra-strength coffee *before* the service

## Little Fishes Pre-school Group

Every Friday 9:15am - 11:30am in the Parish Hall, Paradise Lane.

Little Fishes is a group that extends a warm welcome to parents, grandparents and carers with children from birth to 3.

Contact Revd Nathan Thorpe at [nathanthorpe1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nathanthorpe1@hotmail.co.uk)

The dates are: **May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**



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).

**Sunday Club Date: May 5<sup>th</sup>**



## 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 – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Anne Taylor 872824 [revannetaylor@gmail.com](mailto:revannetaylor@gmail.com)

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – May 2019



Wed 1st	11.00am	Eucharist <i>followed by refreshments</i>	
	2.00pm	WOW service for pre-schoolers	
	3.15pm	Fishy Club in the Parish Hall	
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00pm	Mothers' Union in the Bier House	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am	Little Fishes in the Parish Hall	
	2.00pm	Bible Study Group <i>with Peter Paine</i> in Bier House	
	6.30pm	First Friday Eucharist	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Breakfast Church in the Bier House	
	10.00am	Saturday Crew in the Bier House	

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club	
	12noon	Service of Baptism	
	4.00pm	New Beginnings Marriage Course- Bier House	
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Bible Study <i>with Ken Ward</i> in Bier House	
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Eucharist <i>followed by refreshments</i>	
	3.15pm	Fishy Club in the Parish Hall	
	7.30pm	Bible Study <i>with Alison Woodhouse</i> in Bier House	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Little Fishes in the Parish Hall	

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	
	12 noon	Hot Dog Service for children	
	6.30pm	Christian Aid Service	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Singing for Fun in the Bier House	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Bible Study Group <i>with Ken Ward</i> in Bier House	
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Eucharist <i>followed by refreshments</i>	
	3.15pm	Fishy Club in the Parish Hall	
	7.30pm	Primetime <b>in the Bier House</b> <i>(note change of venue this month)</i>	
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Churches Together Meeting in Formby Elim	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Little Fishes in the Parish Hall	





## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

10.00am  
6.30pm

Tues 21<sup>st</sup>

10.00am  
8.00pm

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>

1.00am  
3.15pm  
7.30pm  
7.30pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

9.15am  
2.00pm

## The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

All-Age Parade Service & Baptism  
Service of Wholeness

Bible Study Group *with Ken Ward* in Bier House  
Timeout in the Bier House

Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

Fishy Club end of year party in the Parish Hall

Bible Study *with Alison Woodhouse* in Bier House

Archdeacon's Visitation Service

in St Nicholas' Church, Blundellsands

Little Fishes in the Parish Hall

Bible Study *with Peter Paine* in the Bier House

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

10.00am  
12 noon  
6.30pm

Tues 28<sup>th</sup>

10.00am

Wed 29<sup>th</sup>

11.00am

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>

2.00pm  
3.00pm  
7.30pm

## The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Parish Eucharist  
Service of Baptism  
Choral Evensong

Bible Study *with Ken Ward* in Bier House

Eucharist *followed by refreshments*

### Ascension Day

Halcyon House Eucharist

Woodlands Lodge Eucharist

Ascension Day Service

in St Michael's Church, Altcar

FISHY



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

## From the Church Registers



### Funerals

2<sup>nd</sup> April      Alan Dillon  
29<sup>th</sup> April     Audrey Dicker

### Interment of Ashes

8<sup>th</sup> April      Harry Graham  
10<sup>th</sup> April     Patricia Wilde



# From the Church Registers - Weddings and Baptisms

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Jamie Craggs & Lauren  
Pennington



**Wedding**  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
David Hunter & Ashley Rule

**Baptism**  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
Heidi Rose Hunter,  
daughter of David & Ashley







**Sunday  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**Mila Carol &  
Penelope Lorayne  
Wilson,  
twin daughters of  
Martin & Leah**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Henry Taylor Appleton,  
son of Joe & Catrin**



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Annabelle Lily Holloway,  
daughter of Lee & Christine**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Jack Antony Jameson,  
son of Richard & Kate**





# From the Back Pew Ted Woods

## NOT BEFORE TIME!

This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood in the Church of England and services of thanksgiving for their ministry have been held all over the Church of England. Liverpool will have its special service on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. We will have our own celebration as on that day at the 11am Eucharist Canon Alison Woodhouse will preside, marking the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her Ordination to the Priesthood.

The ordination of women to the priesthood was a long time coming! It was nearly a hundred years ago – in 1920 – that there was the first attempt to put women's ordination on the agenda for the Lambeth Conference – the 10-yearly meeting of all the bishops of the Anglican Communion.

But it wasn't until 1968 that the Lambeth Conference concluded that women could be ordained, and then it took another 24 years for the General Synod of the Church of England to vote, in 1992, to permit women to be ordained as priests. (The vote for women deacons had passed in 1985.)

The first women were ordained in Bristol Cathedral in March 1994.

The Church of England was rather late in the day ordaining women as priests. Hong Kong led the way in 1971. In fact, Bishop Ronald Hall had ordained a Chinese deacon, Florence Li Tim-Oi as a priest in 1944, which caused a lot of controversy in the Anglican Communion, and many would not recognise her priesthood. Then Canada followed in 1975, the Episcopal Church (USA) in 1976, Kenya and Ireland in 1990.

When passing legislation, both the Episcopal Church and the Church of Ireland included ordination to the episcopate as well as priesthood. The first woman bishop was consecrated in the USA in 1989 and in Ireland in 2013. Women bishops were only allowed in the Church of England from 2014 and Libby Lane was made a bishop (of Stockport) in the following year. Now diocesan bishop of Derby she recalls, "When I began training for ministry, women couldn't be ordained priests...but I did it anyway, because it was better to be faithful and perhaps frustrated than ignore God's call."

Before 1985 when women were permitted to be made deacons, those called to ministry had to fulfil their vocation as parish workers. Women had been allowed to become Readers during the 1<sup>st</sup> World War but this was still a lay post and mainly liturgical in function.

Speaking at a service to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women as priests, the Archbishop of Canterbury said, "In a sense, you want the ministry of women to



become unremarkable, just part of the normal fabric of the life of the church. (But) we need to recognise that we are not there yet.”

At present, women make up roughly one-third of all 11,000 serving clergy. There are 19 female bishops and, according to latest statistics, more women than men are going forward for training for ordination.

The road to women’s ordination has been a long, and at times, painful journey with many disappointments and dashed hopes. Even after ordination, many women priests have had to suffer hurtful words and actions. They have had to suffer refusals and rejections to recognise their priestly and episcopal status. In 2014, the Church issued “The Five Guiding Principles” which said, “The Church of England is now fully committed to all orders of ministry being open equally to all, without reference to gender. The Church of England also remains committed to ensuring that those who cannot receive the ministry of women priests or bishops are able to flourish.” But the document goes on to state that the Church of England “holds that all those whom it has duly ordained and appointed to office are true and lawful holders of the office which they occupy and therefore deserve due respect and canonical obedience.”

However, for the vast majority of people in the church, the ministry of women as priests and bishops has been an enormous enrichment of the church’s life. For the younger generations it is now normal.

As Bishop Barry Rogerson who, as Bishop of Bristol, ordained the first woman as a priest, said recently, “Over the last twenty five years, I have observed and received the ministry of women in parishes, but also in chaplaincies; hospitals and hospices, schools, universities and prisons and know what an innovative and positive contribution women priests have made.”

In the church, as in all venerable institutions, change takes time. It’s only been 100 years since the subject of women’s ordination was first mooted! That it happened 25 years ago is not before its time!

*The photo -*

*Celebrating the  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of Women  
Priests in  
Lambeth  
Palace in  
March 2019  
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Justin Welby.*



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