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July/August 2019





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9.00am Morning Prayer

Monday, Tuesday, Thurs, Saturday

11.00am Wednesday Eucharist

6.30pm Eucharist 1st Friday of each month

9.00am **Breakfast Church** –

Saturday 6th July and Saturday 3rd August

From the Editorial Team

We hope you enjoy this packed edition of our magazine. So much has happened and so much is planned for the weeks ahead we shall soon be having to issue the magazine in two volumes!

We have some wonderful photos of the successful visit to Uganda. Sincere thanks to all who supported this, it looks as though a very happy time was had by all, despite the rain. We are delighted the team was able to watch THE match, nice one!

Our Scouts and the Brownies celebrated their 90th birthdays. Congratulations to them and thanks to all the leaders and volunteers who have been with them over the years. Hurrah for volunteers!!



And now we have mentioned it, volunteers are needed to help make the Summer Fair on July 13th go with a swing. Names to the Parish Office please.



The following day, July 14th, sees the popular Pet Service in church at 12.00. Perhaps we should award a prize for the most unusual pet!!

There are sure to be some exotic blooms on display in the gardens taking part in the open gardens scheme on July 7th, details on page 2.

Congratulations to St Peter's Church which has been awarded a Silver Eco Award, details on page 6.

Another 'well done', this time to Nathan and Poppy who celebrated the first year of their priesthood and to Anne who celebrated her 25th Anniversary of Ordination. Love and blessings to them.

Enjoy the summer!!

Best wishes,

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 September 2019 edition of the magazine is **Friday 9th August 2019**. Contributions to alisonwhiffing@aol.com*

Dear Friends,

A former Irish Prime Minister once had this as his re-election slogan – “A lot done! A lot more to do!”

That neatly sums up our recent work trip to Uganda. A lot was done as you will read on page 22, but the time was also used to discuss with the school, the church and the Women’s Project what they saw as important for their future development and self-sustainability. These crystallised into chicken projects (one for the school and the other for the women), the renovation and extension of the very basic teachers’ accommodation (2 rooms instead of a single room and renewing the corrugated roof); completion of the Church’s Eden Project to provide an income from rent; guttering and a water butt for the women’s building; and fencing around the site. Kalule is expanding with houses being built right up to the boundary thus creating a security problem.

These projects will be the main thrust of our fund-raising in the years ahead.

Our aim has always been to make the project self-sustaining and we believe that assisting the three constituent elements of the project in this way will help achieve this aim and help them gain more confidence in their future as they work together.

Please come along to the **Uganda Team Report Back Session** on Wednesday 3rd July at 7.30pm in the Church.

We came home to the news that St Peter’s has qualified for a **Silver Eco Church Award**.

Well done to our Eco Committee!

The award is a reminder that ecology as well as theology is part of the Christian faith. In the Creed we say that we believe in God the Father, “maker of heaven and earth.” Christianity is an incarnational religion – Jesus became human and lived on earth, the sacraments use water, bread and wine. In the parable of Genesis God appoints humans as stewards/managers of all that he has created. As such we are responsible for managing and looking after God’s world – something we haven’t always done very well. We have plundered rather than conserved the earth’s resources, too often living with no thought for the future and the kind of world future generations will inherit. We are at the tipping point for future sustainability.

Although we cannot, as individuals and a church, solve all the needs of the world, we can light a candle of hope in some parts – as we are doing in Uganda – so as individuals and as a church we must do what we can to cut



down waste and conserve the earth's diminishing resources. Every little helps!

Your Eco committee is now focussed on going for Gold!

Last month I celebrated the 25th anniversary of my ordination and thank you for the presents from the parish and the cards to mark the occasion. It is great to mark the milestone even if it is small fry compared with some of the clergy who worship in St Peter's!

This magazine covers July and August. I hope the summer months will be a time of refreshment and relaxation for you. In St Peter's we can say, "A lot has been done," in the past year especially the installation of a new and more economical heating system and the repainting of the church. There's still "A lot more to be done!" But we will leave all that for September.



Thank you to our Churchwardens – Paul & Steve - who being in posts of responsibility do so with such care, energy and compassion. Thank you so much for all that you do for our parish especially when there is a major project either at home or abroad. It was great to have them both with us in Uganda.

Not every Vicar can say she stood on the equator with her Curate and Churchwardens!

We are blessed to have all three.

Wishing you all a happy and enjoyable summer.

Anne

ECO CHURCH AWARD

Great news - we have been presented with the Silver Eco Church Award for St Peter's Church, Formby.

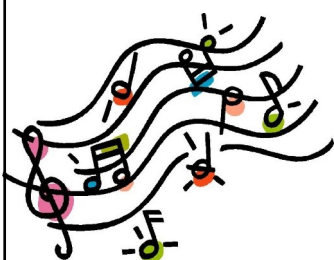
Well done to the Eco Committee and all involved in making our church and community more environmentally friendly.

There are five categories in the Eco Church Award – Worship & Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community & Global, Lifestyle.

We achieved Gold in two and Silver in the others. Plans for the future include having a volunteer team to look at better use of the Conservation area (behind the Parish Hall) – if you would be interested please let the Clergy know.

For more information on Eco Church

www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk



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Choir On Tour

Each summer the Liverpool Cathedral choir has a summer break and other choirs are invited to sing in their place.



St Peter's Choir and Director of Music will be singing in the cathedral on Sunday 11th August at the 10.30am Choral Eucharist and 3pm Evensong. Everyone has permission to support them at one or both services!

There will be no evening service in St Peter's on that day.



Rule of Life

SENT TO GIVE

In his book “Arabian Sands”, an account of his travels among the Bedu (Bedouin) nomadic people of what is now Saudi Arabia, Wilfrid Thesiger tells this story:

Two days later an old man came into our camp. He was limping, and even by Bedu standards he looked poor...(My companions) pressed forward to greet him: “Long life to you, uncle. Welcome – welcome a hundred times.”

I wondered at the warmth of their greetings. The old man lowered himself upon the rug they had spread for him... while they hurried to blow up the fire and to make coffee. I thought, “He looks a proper old beggar. I bet he asks for something”.

Bin Kabina said to me: “He is of the tribe of the Bait Imani, and famous”. I asked, “What for?” and he answered, “His generosity”. I said, “I should not have thought he owned anything to be generous with”, and bin Kabina said, “He hasn’t now. He hasn’t got a single camel”.

I asked: “What happened to his camels? Did raiders take them, or did they die of disease?” and bin Kabina answered, “No. His generosity ruined him. No one ever came to his tents but he killed a camel to feed them. By God, he is generous!” I could hear the envy in his voice.

The capacity to give without reserve is not common. How much more difficult is it to be a person of generosity in a culture where giving is not valued. A generous lifestyle is profoundly counter-cultural and gospel-centred, in the spirit of Jesus.

It is important not to avoid the reality of the call to be generous, nor the call to establish a culture in the Church where generosity is valued. We are sent to give. It does us good to give since it detaches us from an addiction to “our” time or talents or money. And it does the world good if we give these things, in the service of the common good.



Bishop Paul Bayes www.ruleoflife.org.uk

Called to pray, read and learn.

Sent to tell, serve and GIVE.

Curate's Adventure in the Cathedral

Every year, curates are expected to have a week in a different context - to experience a different style of ministry. In June I was on placement at Liverpool Cathedral. It turns out that this was a good week; as alongside normal services, they had the Gaia exhibition, school leaver's services and a national choir concert. So plenty to keep me out of mischief! Below is my week to show you its varied life!



Monday - met with Dean Sue, Canon Myles, Vice-Dean & Precentor and Clare, the Dean's PA. Attended the 12:05 Eucharist and Cathedral Chapter meeting (cathedral version of a PCC). Then put on my cassock and spoke to visitors visiting the exhibition. At 7pm attended the annual Micah lecture given by Rev Dr Angus Ritchie on 'Populism and the Politics of Jesus.'

Tuesday - 8:30 Morning Prayer, then a cross-departmental diary meeting. Prayed with visitors. 12:05 Eucharist – gave a homily for St Barnabas' Day. At the school leaver's services I sat with my Dad and his church school - which included performances from our own John Ryan, and the Mission Impossible theme played on the organ. I then did another floor shift for the exhibition. Finishing the day with Evensong.

Wednesday - Morning Prayer. More floor shift (getting some use out of my cassock) and talking to volunteers and visitors. Talked to the vergers on their break. Joined our school for their leaver's service, and had lunch with Anne to catch up. Floor chaplaincy until youth choir rehearsals. Met Stephen and Dan, who run this increasingly successful youth choir.

Thursday - Morning Prayer, then Canon Bob Lewis invited me to a meeting of the David Sheppard 10th Anniversary Trust that provides small funds to help those who are in need of a second chance; joined by David & Grace Sheppard's daughter, Jenny. Mid-day Eucharist, then had lunch with volunteer, Pat Downey. Met Jenny Moran who heads up the volunteer department. Floor chaplaincy, then led Evening Prayer. Then an excellent concert by The Cathedral Choristers of Britain - attended by HRH Duchess of Gloucester and John Rutter and a number of St Peter's folk!

Friday - Attended the Francis Nielson Trust lunchtime concert series and more floor chaplaincy.

Trinity Sunday - 8:30 BCP Communion and Deacon at 10:30 Eucharist. Due to this, I missed the café-style Zone 2 service below stairs. 3pm Merseyside Celebrates Service and I then packed up and went on holiday at 5:30!

It was a varied and interesting week. Liverpool Cathedral itself is a space renowned for its creativity and flexibility. I spoke to the events' and verger's team about the challenges of mixing liturgical worship, concert staging and corporate dinners for up to 800 people. I also discussed this challenge from another angle with Canon Myles.

My duties were happily geared towards my strengths - i.e. talk to people, find out who they are, what they did and what the cathedral was like. Despite a very busy week, all the staff and volunteers I spoke to were extraordinarily generous with their time.

While there are undeniably big operational and logistical challenges involved in managing such a busy space, there is a real sense of camaraderie and efficiency between paid staff and volunteers that make the Cathedral an attractive space that speaks of God.

An enjoyable week; and another perspective on church life.

Nathan



World War I in Formby Walk

On Tuesday 6th August there will be an opportunity to join a group of members of Formby Civic Society on a "World War I in Formby Walk".

It will be led by Tony Pawson and John Phillips, authors of "A Community in Wartime: Formby 1914-1918" and also by local author and friend of St Peter's Church, Joan Rimmer.

The group will meet at the Civic War Memorial and walk gently to St Peter's where they will expect to arrive at midday and have some light refreshments. At 1pm. they will start again, looking at the wooden cross in the church grounds, the Cricket Club grounds and return to Chapel Lane by a different route and aiming to reach there by 2 pm. On the way, the group will look at buildings used for different purposes in wartime as well as houses which once were the homes of some of the Formby people mentioned in the book.

Anyone who would prefer to undertake only half of the walk could either join up or leave after the stop at St Peter's, after a cuppa and a biscuit, of course.

The walk has been designed for FCS members as part of their Summer Programme 2019, but is open to anyone wishing to take part – particularly members of the congregation at St Peter's Church.



Friday, Saturday & Bank Holiday Mondays
St Luke's Meeting Room, Formby L37 2DF

11:00am - 4:00pm

Tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes, sandwiches

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.



PARISHGIVINGScheme

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.

Mike Fletcher 07808 310834
or email:
stewardshipstpeter@gmail.com



Primetime

Wednesday 17th July
Meal out at The Pheasant

and

Wednesday 21st August
Summer Refreshments at
Elaine's House

*All ladies welcome, especially if
joining us for the first time.*

For further details call
Sonia, Elaine or Ali
on 833781 / 874635 / 879976

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

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 1st September, 4-6pm St Luke's Meeting Room

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

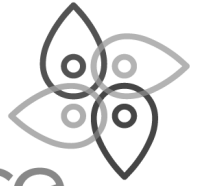
EMAIL DIRECTORY We have a parish email directory which is used once or twice a month to send out dates for the month and also when a special event is coming up. If you would like to be added to the email list please send an email to ***office@stpetersformby.co.uk***. This is a way to help us keep in touch.

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

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Plant donations for the Summer Fair on Saturday 13th July

Any plants will be gratefully received, indoor or outdoor varieties, big or small! Please drop off at the vestry door on any Sunday near that date. Or at 6, Meldreth Close L37 2YY if more convenient.

Contact details: Fiona Martin 01704 643614

We also need

- ♦ bottles (unopened and in date please)
- ♦ small gifts
- ♦ empty clean plastic bottles, any size



Please leave in the Church Porch or the Parish Office.

We're also looking for volunteers to help for an hour on the day.

Please contact Shena for more information on 01704 870840.

WHAT'S IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY?

The library now has a selection of DVD's as well as books for adults & children.
If you borrow a book or DVD please write your name in the book provided. The Library is situated in the Bier House.

Bishop Paul's Summer Reading Challenge

Join Bishop Paul in this year's Summer Challenge reading the book of Jonah. Sign up to the Rule of Life and receive weekly content to support and encourage you.

Bishop Paul says, "We'll be reading the book of Jonah together. With its picturesque story-language and its humour, Jonah can seem like a lightweight book – 'When you're down in the mouth, think of Jonah; he came out all right!' But in fact those four brief chapters consider issues of huge importance - human identity, the church's mission in a fallen world, and much more."

His recommends the commentary, 'Journeying with Jonah: the struggle to find yourself' by Denis McBride. (Available in our Parish Library).

*To sign up for a weekly reflection and challenge from Bishop Paul go to **www.ruleoflife.org.uk** to sign up and receive weekly emails. The first email will be sent on Monday 22nd July.*





Members taking a stroll
from the canal boat.

The Deanery Festival held at St Philip's, Litherland, on 15th May was an inspiring occasion. All the branches of the Deanery came together, with a splendid display of banners. The address was given by the Vicar, Revd Alan Finch.

On 25th May a number of our members attended the annual garden party given by Deanery President Beverley Boden at her home in Blundellsands. Due to the weather this took place more indoors than in the garden but was a happy event enjoyed by all.

On 6th June we embarked on the L'eau t-Cuisine for a cruise from The Mill Hotel on the Shropshire Union Canal. We enjoyed an excellent lunch gliding along the water and being lifted up and down the locks. Thank you to Anne for driving the mini-bus the day after returning from Uganda!

We look forward to the Strawberry Tea and Bring-and-Buy in the Bier House on Thursday 4th July at 2.00 pm. Admission £2.00. Please support the Bring-and-Buy on which we depend for income. At this meeting we will resume contributions to our three projects. The specific item for collection for Refugees will be **Toothbrushes**. The yellow bucket for collecting spare cash for holidays for deprived children and the collection box for books, magazines and woollen items for Seamen will also be there.

We will be delivering these to the Seamen's Mission on 11th July.

On Tuesday 20th August at 2.00 pm Beverley Boden is giving her garden party for the Mothers' Union in her garden at 40 Spinney Crescent, Blundellsands, to which all members are invited.

The autumn season opens on Thursday 5th September at 2.00 pm in the Bier House when Ken Ward will talk on the Royal British Legion or the Battle of Ypres in the First World War.

Until then, we wish you all a very happy summer,

Herbert and Jean

1st Formby (St Peter's) Brownies

The first Brownie unit at St Peter's was registered on 15th May 1929 under the name of 43rd Southport pack, as Formby was then within Southport Division. In December 1942 Formby became a Division in its own right and St Peter's was the first unit to be registered, hence 1st Formby Brownies - (and Guides too).



My involvement with Brownies started shortly after my family moved to Formby in 1978 when I read an article in the Formby Times appealing for new leaders for the 14th Formby (St Peter's) unit. What better way to get involved in a new area? Two of us responded, neither with any previous experience; we helped the current leader and learned the ropes. Two months later she announced that her family were moving abroad so Janet Corry and I were suddenly the leaders trying to stay one step ahead of the Brownies! A year or so later Janet's husband's job took them down to Swindon but I had heard that someone local was looking to come back into Guiding. I was introduced to Monica Jones and so began a partnership that lasted for over 15 years and a friendship to this day.



Leaders Mon & Shirley, Kate McHenry in the foreground



Shirley on Brownie camp, October 1988

There were close links with the 1st Formby Brownies and both packs were full and had waiting lists for many years. We remember fondly the monthly parade services held at 11.30 in Norman Carter's time and organised by each uniformed unit in turn. In the nineties numbers started dropping away and it was decided to combine the 2 units and it was clearly right that the 1st Formby name should be the one going forward.

In 1996 both Mon and I decided it was time to find new leaders for the unit and we handed over the reins to 2 previous Brownies, Debbie Johnson (she now sings in the choir) and Sally Aspinwall (her mum is a Sunday Club leader).

Since then leaders have changed and the unit is now in the very capable hands of Caroline and Rachel Speakman, Diane Skellern and Jan Dorrity, with my daughter Caroline itching to get back into it!

Over the years many things have changed, notably the uniform - modern, practical and with a variety of choices. (Mon and I were in the day of brown dresses and bobble hats!). The programme is kept under constant review at Girlguiding UK and responds to the changes girls expect and need. But the defining ethos remains the same - providing a girls' only space to develop qualities of friendship, consideration and respect for each other and to grow into helpful, skilful and mature young women - and having a lot of fun doing it! The current leaders have Pack Holiday licences which enable them to take the girls away on holidays, usually to Sefton County's own holiday house in Shirdley Hill. I was lucky to be invited to visit on their last holiday and so enjoyed reliving my time there.



I know I can speak for the leaders in thanking the Educational Trust for so generously supporting them and enabling them to provide the girls with unforgettable memories.

Shirley Potter



Brownies at a typical Church Parade photo outside St Peter's Church





St Peter's Scouts 90th Anniversary



It was purely by chance that I discovered that St Peter's Scouts had originally started in 1929 when reading an online article about the history of Scouts in Southport. After further research and correspondence with the Heritage Department at Gillwell (Scouts HQ in London) I have managed to piece together the following history of Scouts at St Peter's.

The first registration for Scouts at St Peter's was as the 37th Southport (4th Formby) on 24th July 1929. The Group was led by the GSM (Group Scout Master) Robert McGregor of 3, Cheapside Formby. The Troop opened with 20 Scouts and the SM (Scout Master) was a James Tyrer of Southport Road. The Troop met in the Parish Hall also known as the Victoria Hall. The reason for the dual name was that Formby was still part of Southport and District Scouts which at that time also included Ormskirk and what is now Skelmersdale, but didn't include Crosby. The popularity of Scouting was on the increase at the time due to the World Scout Jamboree that was held in Arrowe Park, Birkenhead. However the records with Imperial Scout Headquarters show the Group had closed in 1931 at the time of the Scout Census.

The second registration for the 4th Formby is 25th March 1938 there are no details of the closure of this group, but would assume during the Second World War. There is now no Southport name as by this point Formby had split off from Southport in 1934 being strong enough to go it alone supporting 8 groups in the District. The GSM (and SM) was Morace Lamb of Stanley Road, with two ASM's (Assistant Scout Masters) Roy Freyer and Leslie Gavigan both of Ravenmeols Lane. The Troop opened with 23 Scouts. This incarnation of the group again met at the Parish Hall, now the Victoria Hall but unlike the first Group which was classed as open, this was a 'controlled' group which had the permission and support of the Parish and the 'incumbent' (Vicar) Revd H.P Bardsley who signed the registration document.

The third registration for the 4th Formby is the 4th April 1949, again there is no information of the closure, but they did not appear on the 1955 District list. The Group was now "sponsored" by St Peter's and was still supported by the Revd Canon H.P Bardsley, probably reflecting the changing times of the early post war years the Troop opened with just 8 Scouts, the S.M being W. Burt of Alderson Crescent, there being no GSM at the time. The District was merged back into Southport during 1955, as

only the 1st, 6th & 8th Formby still existed although the latter two were Cubs only and connected to boarding schools in Formby. This was before the large expansion of Formby during the 1960's which increased the population considerably, and led once again to the expansion of Scouting in the town.

Formby split from Southport again on the 30th May 1977 although the District had been renamed Sefton North following the 1974 reorganisation, the Groups being renumbered again, or dropping their 'XX' Southport Group number at the time. Unfortunately this all occurred just before the current St Peter's Scout Group was reformed on the 22nd September 1977 so it took the next available number becoming the 9th Formby. It was again Sponsored by the Church but as an open group, and signed off by Revd Kevin Eastell. The GSL being Michael Hammond of Alexandra Road Great Crosby, the CSL (Akela) was Susan Sanderson and her husband Norman being ASL (Assistant Scout Leader) while the SL (Scout Leader) was Robert Mitchell. The Group opened with 12 Cubs and 5 Air Scouts, the Troop being an Air Scout Troop so slightly different from the other Troops in the District and easily identifiable by their blue shirts and berets.

So this year the Group can legitimately celebrate 90 years since St Peters Scouts first started and with healthy numbers in all sections the current Group continues to thrive. It would be interesting if anyone has any pictures of the original Scout Group or knowledge of it, so we can flesh the history out a bit more.



Mark Sheil

Cub Scout Leader (Acting)
Assistant Scout Leader, 9th Formby



Photos of the New Neckerchiefs and the gift Tristan Callow received for designing the badge.

UGANDA 2019

Having left St Peter's at 5pm on Sunday 26th May, our group of 18 arrived in Entebbe Airport at 2pm the following day. Uganda is 2 hours ahead of GMT. Having retrieved not only personal bags but also the 18 large suitcases of your donations for the project, we were met by Revd Sheilagh Williamson and Richard Igbo (our man on the ground). Travel tiredness soon disappeared as, all excited to be in Uganda, we headed off on the Guest House bus to Luweero where we were staying – via a shopping mall to change our money into Ugandan shillings (10,000UGX = £1) and become instant millionaires!

We were welcomed at the school in Kalule next morning with singing and waving, and after reunions with teachers from the old hands and introductions for the new hands we set to work. Teachers to the classrooms, knitters and crafty people to the Women's Project, planners to assess future projects and the rest to painting. We had been asked to paint the outside of the school, the inside of the remaining classrooms from last year, the principal's office and the inside of the Women's building. All were completed on time! Even Bishop Eridard and his wife Jane tried their hand at painting when he came to visit us and switch on the lights in the school.



We had hired the Guesthouse bus to transport us to and from the school – 20 minutes away from the Guest House. While we missed the excitement and close interaction with the locals in the crowded minibus taxis, it did keep us all together and no one got lost!

After dinner in the Guest House we would retire to a large open meeting hall in the grounds to review each day's work and to plan for the next – over a few Nile beers! Knowing we were from Liverpool the Guest House organised a big screen for the Champions League final on Saturday night when a few more Nile beers were had!

Days were busy as the team engaged with crafts, planning, painting or carpentry, and played with the children during break time. A highlight was the arrival and installation of colourful playground equipment. We looked at possible sites for the two chicken projects – one for the women and one for the school. The buildings would be built by a local contractor, and we agreed to help set up the initial phase which could then be expanded as each group agreed to re-invest 50% of the profits into the project.

Another request was to renovate and extend the teachers' accommodation block - in reality, a row of 5 bare single rooms in poor repair with a leaking corrugated roof. Our hope is to double the width to make double rooms, install electricity and replace the roof. This will improve security on the site and the (very basic) accommodation will attract better teachers and so improve the school.

Last year we helped the church's Eden project – a hostel to accommodate pupils from a nearby vocational college – and it is nearing completion but needs a further cash injection to complete the plastering and roof the latrines before it can be let. The rent will be used by the church for educational grants, running the church and assisting orphans' education. They hope to accommodate up to 60 boys in 3 tier bunks!

New skills were shared with the women to help them raise money for their families and pay for schooling. Shena had sold a lot of their goods since our last visit and there was great excitement as the money they raised was returned to each individual. Clothes we brought out were auctioned to raise funds for the Women's Project as they operate a savings and loan scheme for their members.



It wasn't all work. Apart from a sports day on the Saturday for the children of the locality, we had a visit to the Equator and a cultural show in Kampala, and experienced Ugandan hospitality in the house of Sheilagh's friend, Elizabeth. Suffice it to say, that a good time was had by all!

This is just a flavour of a very successful visit. Much more will be shared in our **Report Back Session on Wednesday 3rd July at 7.30pm in the Church.**

Ted Woods



I'm not normally the weepy type but the sight of the children on the play equipment made me cry! Many (if not all) of those children will never have been on a swing or a slide. A huge thank you to the team and the backing group in Formby who made it happen. What a difference you are making!

Sheilagh Williamson



Returning again this year I feel very privileged and it was wonderful to see the friendships and bonds from last year continue to grow and be strengthened. To me this picture depicts that 'together we can!'

Donna Grayson





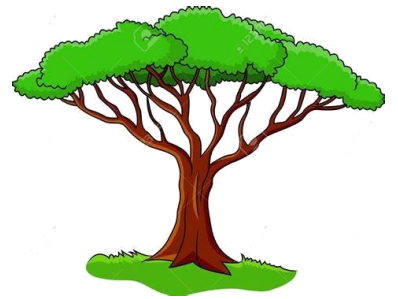
Catherine was so excited to put her uniform on. She taught me a lot about what's important in life.

Jennine Hill



So many to choose from but I'll go for this as a favourite photo - the paint won't last as long as the memories, even if they are silly ones...

Stephen Tysome



Spot the small child. My fave.

Stephen Shelton

These girls were so talented at braiding my hair! It was so nice to spend time with them and see how much fun it can be to share skills.

The kindness of their wanting to give something back has definitely taught me a lot!

Becky Grayson





So nice to see so many happy and excited kids. Unfortunately the picture doesn't provide the accompanying sound affects. Pity about the old guy!!
Steve Edwards

Networking - or should that be knitworking. It was good to see the Headteacher and a member of staff come into the Women's Project to learn to knit and get to know the ladies. **Tricia Barrett**



My favourite photograph is the baby that picked up his sisters knitting and started to wrap wool around the needle. (The youngest member of the knitting group).
Lorraine Cookson



This is my choice of favourite photo. It was designed by a parishioner who did not go to Uganda, but was delighted to be involved. It was erected by the members of the team and, like our relationship with Kalule Primary School, it is bright and colourful.

The picture also shows the gable end with rotten fascia boards and this illustrates that there is more to do before we leave.
Paul McHenry



Hope and happiness cost nothing but are worth everything.
Pete Hawkins



We all need a helping hand in life.
James Hawkins





One of the hopes of the school is that we will renovate the teacher's accommodation. At the end of this building is where the school chicken project will be sited. Great hope for the future.

Ted Woods

This is my favourite photo! After giving the nursery children their bags and T-shirt's these two put their arms around me and hugged me for about 10 minutes before I had to leave the class. It is just a reminder for me of how much these children appreciate everything we did for them!



Ella Giles



I wonder what others felt as we set off: hope, concern, excitement, even fear? I'm still coming to terms with my feelings on return but know that the team worked so hard to try and make life a little bit better for the people we sought to help - well done all.

Mike Fletcher

This is my favourite photo because this little girl was one of my last goodbyes when leaving Kalule last year. This year, she was my first hello. She came straight up to me and took me by the hand, taking me back to her nursery classroom. It was a reminder that even after a whole year, the team were still held in the hearts of these wonderful people, as they always will be in ours. It was as though we had never left and we were meeting up with old friends.

Sam Morris



This photo captures the fondness between old friends. Sheilagh continues to be an inspiration of what can grow as we invest in friendships.

Nathan Thorpe

My favourite picture! ...and that's from a blue nose!

Karyn Hannaway





**HOLIDAY
AT HOME
18th – 31st August 2019**

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Formby Befriending Scheme and Formby Luncheon Club, in association with Churches Together, are once again offering a 'Holiday at Home' for older people during the last 2 weeks in August. Last year, we had a wonderful time, with many people enjoying several social outings over the fortnight and we are confident that this year's holiday experience won't disappoint!

The programme will be available from 1st July onwards from Churches, Formby Luncheon Club, Formby Library and several other venues around Formby and Hightown, and booking will start immediately. In order to keep a record of the overall numbers attending, we would prefer people to book for all events. Please do so as early as possible and at least 7 days in advance of anything you would like to attend.

Last year, some of the events were booked out and many reached their maximum capacity, so please don't miss out. If you would like to join any of the activities on offer, there will be space to make a note of these in the back pages of the programme and then you can easily book them with Fiona at the Luncheon Club during July. Transport will once again be available for those who need assistance, and for certain events, but it is essential that this is pre-booked. Please read the guidelines on the inside front cover and check the booking arrangements on the back page of the Programme.

There will be more details about the individual events on the Luncheon Club Noticeboard, at the corner of Brows Lane and Rosemary Lane, from July onwards. These will also be posted on the Formby Befriending Scheme Facebook page.

Our sincere thanks go to all those who are hosting a special event for Holiday at Home 2019. We look forward to another great holiday experience!

Jean (Formby Luncheon Club) and Winnie (Formby Befriending Scheme).

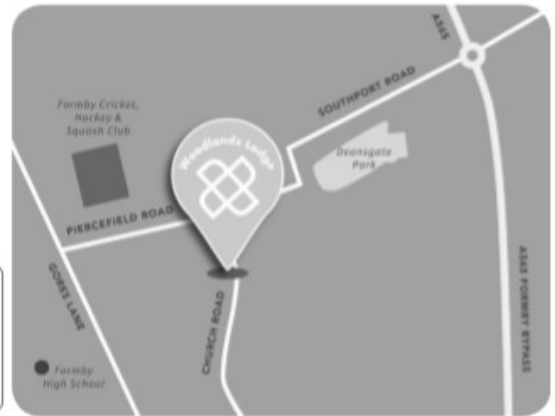


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Last laugh.

A heart-warming story

When a husband and wife who worked for a circus went to an adoption agency, the social workers raised doubts about their suitability.

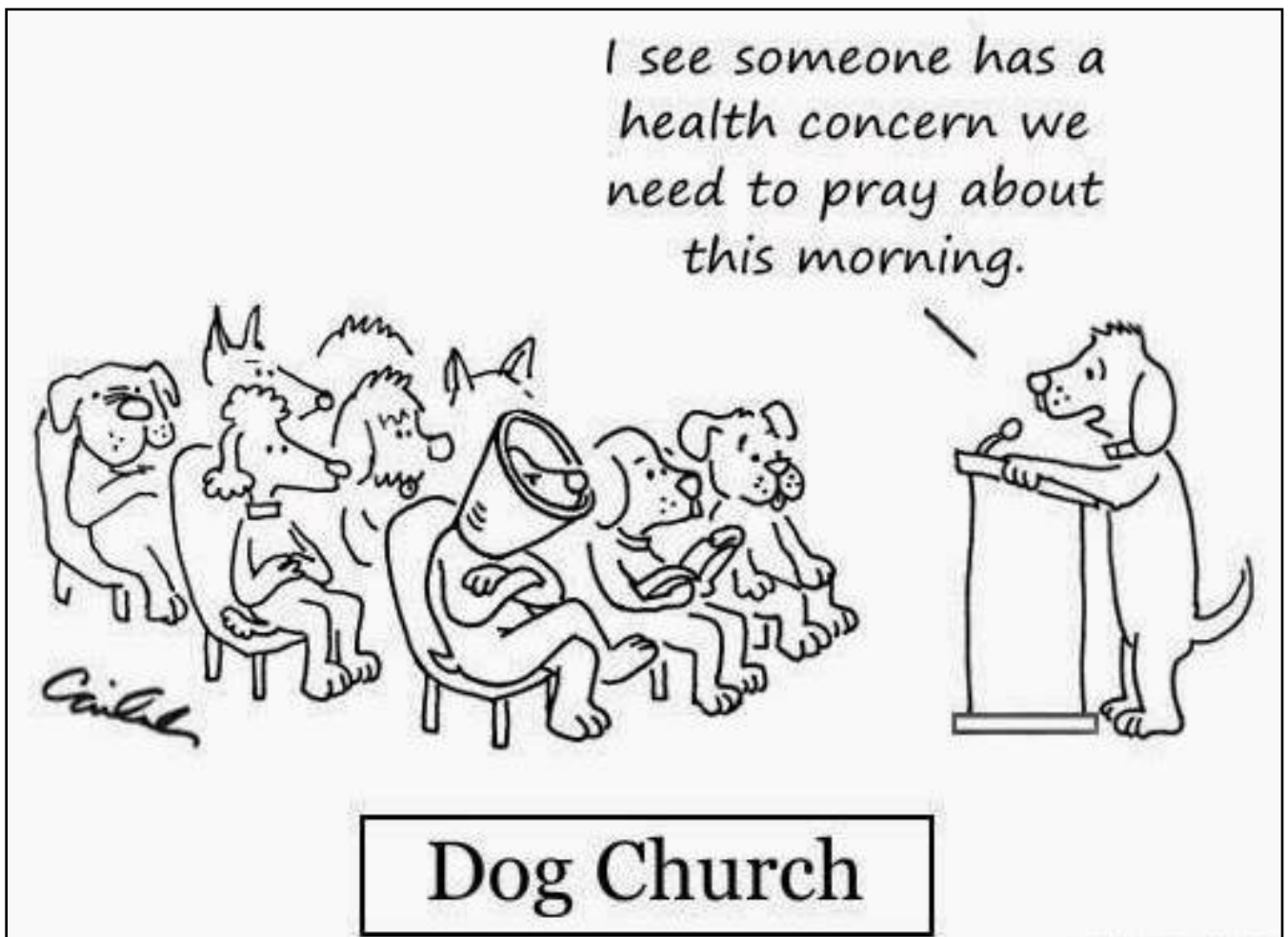
The couple then produced photos of their 50-foot motor home, which was clean and well maintained and equipped with a beautiful nursery.

The social workers then raised concerns about the education and extraneous influences of circus life a child would receive while in the couple's care. "We've arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects, along with French, Mandarin and computer skills."

Then the social workers again expressed concern about a child being raised in a circus environment. "Our nanny will be a certified expert in pediatric care, welfare, and diet."

Finally, the social workers, satisfied at last, asked: "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

"It doesn't really matter - as long as the kid fits in the cannon."



Curate's Bad Joke Corner.....

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

You know those people using bibles on their phones? They are using phony bibles.

What do you call batman skipping church? Christian Bale.

Where in the Bible is the first tennis match mentioned? When Joseph served in the Pharaoh's court.

After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' the Sunday school teacher asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, a child answered, 'Thou shall not kill..'

Keep groaning!



Medical Prognosis on Brexit

At the UK General Medical Council, physicians were unable to reach a consensus on Brexit - should it take place?

- The **Allergists** were in favour of scratching it, but the **Dermatologists** advised not to make any rash moves.
- The **Gastroenterologists** had sort of a gut feeling about it, but the **Neurologists** thought the Brexiters had a lot of nerve.
- Meanwhile, **Obstetricians** felt certain everyone was labouring under a misconception, while the **Ophthalmologists** considered the idea short-sighted.
- **Pathologists** yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Paediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!"
- The **Psychiatrists** thought the whole idea was madness, while the **Radiologists** could see right through it.
- **Surgeons** decided to wash their hands of the whole thing and the **Internists** claimed it would indeed be a bitter pill to swallow.
- The **Plastic Surgeons** opined that May's proposal would "put a whole new face on the matter."
- The **Podiatrists** thought it was a step forward, but the **Urologists** were put off at the whole idea.
- **Anaesthetists** thought it was all a gas, and those lofty **Cardiologists** didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end, the **Proctologists** won out, leaving the entire decision up to the **Politicians** in Parliament.

The Clown

Just because you fool around,
doesn't mean you're just a clown.
doesn't mean you're feeling great
doesn't mean you don't feel hate.

You show a grin, you look the part
but what is really in your heart?
is it laughter? is it joy?
or is your face a big decoy?

Your inner fight is not on show,
your inner light is running low
you try and try - don't let them see
don't let them glimpse the 'real me'

You go back home, you shut the door,
turn off the lights, collapse on the floor
go into your shell and disappear
go into your shell that's full of fear.

The pressure's off, no-one's around
Now at last you can wear that frown.
Now at last you don't have to try
Now at last you can sit and cry.

Your body is tired,
Your brain is haunted
the house is a mess
but you're just too exhausted.

You can't move, you can't sit still,
you try to fight with all your will.
tomorrow this will go away,
tomorrow I'll go out and play.

You'll see your friends
you'll wear that grin
you'll show them
you're the clown again.



but, they can't see
and they don't know
the price of the struggle
the price of the 'show'.

Then they ask
'Why don't you work?
Why don't you use
the degrees you've earned?'

Why are you back at home
with your folks,
You can't be ill -
you make too many jokes.'

You want to scream.
You want to shout.
but your energy's gone,
you're just worn out.

You want to show them
the struggles you have,
the pain you feel,
why you're so sad.

but, it's hard to explain
why you can't get a job,
why you can't move out,
why you live like a slob.

It's hard to explain
what's wrong with your life,
and it's hard to explain
your depression and strife,

So you just carry on
and you just fool around,
you put on a show
and you act like a clown.

Barbara Smallwood

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Wedding 16th June

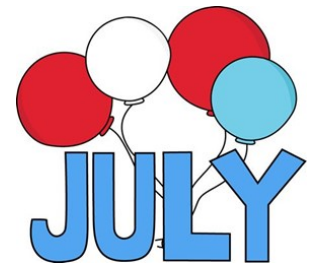
Matthew Bateson & Amy Warner



Kit and Marilyn Siddons-Smith will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 2nd August

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – July 2019



Monday 1st No Meditation - will resume in September
 2.00pm Singing For Fun in the Bier House
 Tuesday 2nd 10.00am Bible Study with Ken Ward in Bier House
 7.45pm Scout Group AGM & BBQ in the Parish Hall
 Wed 3rd 7.30pm Uganda Project Feedback Meeting in Church and Bier House
 Thurs 4th 2.00pm Mothers' Union Strawberry Tea in the Bier House
 Friday 5th 9.15am Little Fishes in the Parish Hall
 6.30pm First Friday Eucharist
 Sat 6th 9.00am Breakfast Church in the Bier House
 10.30am Saturday Craft Crew – all welcome



Sunday 7th The 3rd Sunday after Trinity
 10.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club
 6.30pm Choral Evensong
 Tuesday 9th 10.00am Bible Study Group with Ken Ward in Bier House
 Wed 10th 7.30pm Bible Study with Alison Woodhouse in Bier House
 Friday 12th 9.15am Little Fishes in the Parish Hall (close for the summer)
 Sat 13th 1.30pm Summer Garden Party at the Parish Hall



Sunday 14th The 4th Sunday after Trinity
 10.00am Parish Eucharist
 12 noon Pet Service in Church
 6.30pm Choral Evensong
 Tuesday 16th 10.00am Bible Study Group with Ken Ward in Bier House
 Wed 17th 2.00pm WOW pre-school service in Church
 7.30pm Primetime in the Old School Room
 Friday 19th 9.00am Anniversary of the Consecration of St Peter's Church (1747)
 Trinity St Peter's School Leavers Service in Church



Sunday 21st The 5th Sunday after Trinity
 10.00am Parish Eucharist and Baptism
 12 noon Service of Baptism
 6.30pm Service of Wholeness
 Tuesday 23rd 10.00am Bible Study with Ken Ward in Bier House
 Wed 24th 7.30pm Bible Study with Alison Woodhouse in the Bier House
 Thurs 25th 10.00am Refugee Welcome Day in the Parish Hall
 2.00pm Halcyon House Eucharist
 3.00pm Woodlands Lodge Eucharist
 Sat 27th 4.00pm Wedding: David Morgan & Amelia Dudley

Sunday 28th The 6th Sunday after Trinity
 10.00am Parish Eucharist
 6.30pm Choral Evensong
 Tuesday 30th 10.00am Bible Study with Ken Ward in Bier House



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – August 2019

Friday 2nd 6.30pm First Friday Eucharist
 Saturday 3rd 9.00am Breakfast Church
 12.30am Wedding: John McFadden & Amy Wilson

Sunday 4th **The 7th Sunday after Trinity**

10.00am Parish Eucharist
 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Wed 7th 7.30pm Bible Study with Alison Woodhouse in the Bier House

Sunday 11th **The 8th Sunday after Trinity**

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Choir on Tour – there will be no Evensong as the choir will be in the Cathedral. Do join them for 10.30 Choral Eucharist or 3pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 18th **The 9th Sunday after Trinity**

10.00am Parish Eucharist
 12 noon Service of Baptism
 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Wed 21st 7.30pm Bible Study with Alison Woodhouse in the Bier House
 7.30pm Primetime Sumer Refreshments at Elaine's House

Sunday 25th **The 10th Sunday after Trinity**

10.00am Parish Eucharist & Baptism
 12 noon Service of Baptism
 6.30pm Service of Wholeness

Thurs 29th 2.00pm Halcyon House Eucharist
 3.00pm Woodlands Lodge Eucharist

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Interment of Ashes

15th June Barbara Revell

22nd June Paul Bourhill

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