

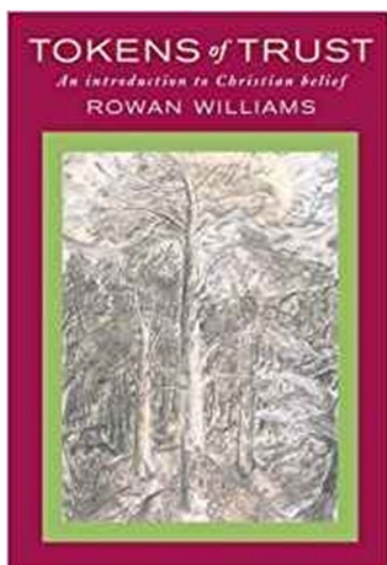
St Peter's Church Magazine
September 2018



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.

CHURCH LIBRARY

The season that falls over our summer at St Peter's is called Ordinary Time. It is a long season which encompasses the time after Pentecost to Advent.



However, this lengthy season does provide an opportunity to take your time over a book. One book recommended in particular is Tokens of Trust by Rowan Williams.

In this book, Rowan Williams explores two of the three standard creeds that we say together every Sunday.

It is written in a lucid and conversational style and Williams uses snippets from poets, philosophers, and contemporary events to dig deep into the relevance of the creeds. With a pastoral eye, he gently pushes us to explore our faith as spoken every week, in a book clearly set-out with pictures for reflection. A book to linger over and come back to.

Other recommendations for this long season include:

The Road Well-Travelled - David Winter. An excellent short work on the significance, and helpfulness, of certain elements of traditional forms of spirituality.

Surprised by Hope by Tom Wright. A bit longer, a bit more taxing, but worth the effort. It explores clearly Christian ideas around resurrection, and is elucidating about other big themes such as life after death, and the renewal of earth and heaven.

If you would like to borrow a book or DVD, please write your name in the register provided. The library is situated in the Bier House.

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

Welcome back - to a fine display of sunflowers on the front cover. There have been some impressive blooms around Formby, even if the grass wasn't any greener on the other side of the fence, thanks to the prolonged drought.

It doesn't really feel as though we've had a month off as work started on this edition in July in order to accommodate the holiday schedules of the various members of the team.

Volunteering is a regular theme in our magazine and this month we have a rich assortment of roles waiting to be filled:

- acting as Verger at Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals (page 9)
- occasional assistance with residents of Halcyon House (page 11)
- St Peter's Christian Aid Week organiser (page 15)
- helping with the work of the Formby Befriending Scheme (page 18)
- leadership of St Peter's Mother's Union (page 26)

Maybe one of these roles is just what you are seeking to fill a little of that spare time with which you are so richly blessed!

September is, of course, a month for some special services:

- RAF 100/Battle of Britain service with 611 Squadron (Woodvale) on Sunday 9th September
- Harvest on Sunday 30th September with Rt Revd Paul Colton, Bishop of Cork.

Last, but by no means least, a warm welcome to Gordon Macleod as he begins his placement with us here at St Peter's.

The Editorial Team

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

*Please note the deadline for the October 2018 edition of the magazine is **Friday 7th September 2018.***
Contributions to alisonwhiffing@aol.com please.

Dear Friends,

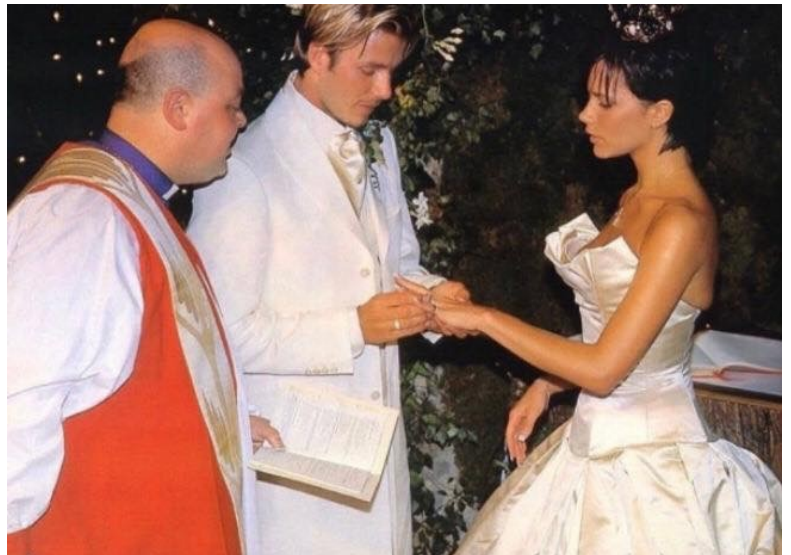
I hope you have all had a relaxing and fun summer and are now getting ready for a new season of activities!

It won't be long before the schools are back and those who don't rely on school holidays go away!

But I am hoping that by the end of September you will all be back for **Harvest Thanksgiving** on Sunday 30th September. This year our special preacher will be The Right Reverend Dr. Paul Colton who is the Bishop of Cork. Yes from the sunny south coast of Ireland! Paul and I served on Connor Youth Council together many years ago. Connor was my home diocese in Northern Ireland and Paul served as a curate in my hometown of Lisburn. We have been friends ever since and Ted & I look forward to welcoming Paul and his wife Susan to be with us here in St Peter's.

Paul does have the dubious claim to fame of being the one who conducted the marriage ceremony for David & Victoria Beckham! The Beckhams were married in Luttrellstown Castle outside Dublin and in Paul's previous parish.

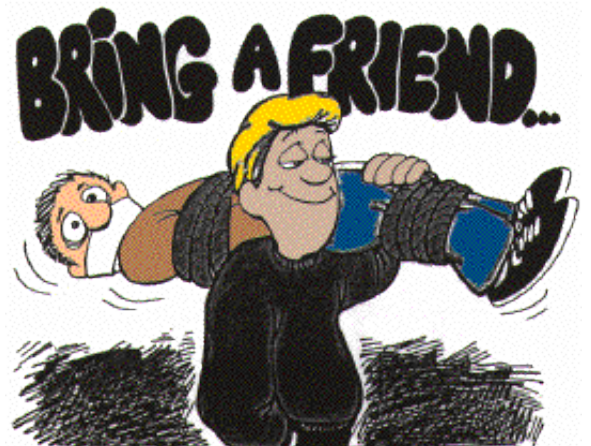
He is a Man Utd fan so was very pleased to agree—but we won't hold that against him as he has also met the Pope!



Paul's wife Susan's aunt was a midwife in Southport, so a small world.

The Bishop will be preaching at the 10am All-Age Parade Service and at the 6.30pm Community Harvest Thanksgiving Service. As part of our celebrations there will be bacon butties in the morning and wine & fruit pies in the evening. I do encourage you to **BRING A FRIEND** to the Harvest Services. The church always looks great and it is a wonderful time to offer an invitation to a friend or neighbour to join us and they will be very welcome.

The **seasonal blue envelopes** for Harvest this year will be for the Uganda Partnership Project. I would also encourage everybody to bring an item to church for the **FOODBANK**. The children come to church with a Foodbank item but it would be great if we all did to give the Foodbank a real and needed boost.



The **Harvest Cards** will be delivered again to all the houses in our parish and your help will be appreciated. If you can deliver in your area please let Sonia & Caroline in the Parish Office know they will be delighted to hear from you. These cards are also a great way of encouraging new people to join us and will be advertising the **VOICES FROM THE GRAVEYARD** (see page 7).

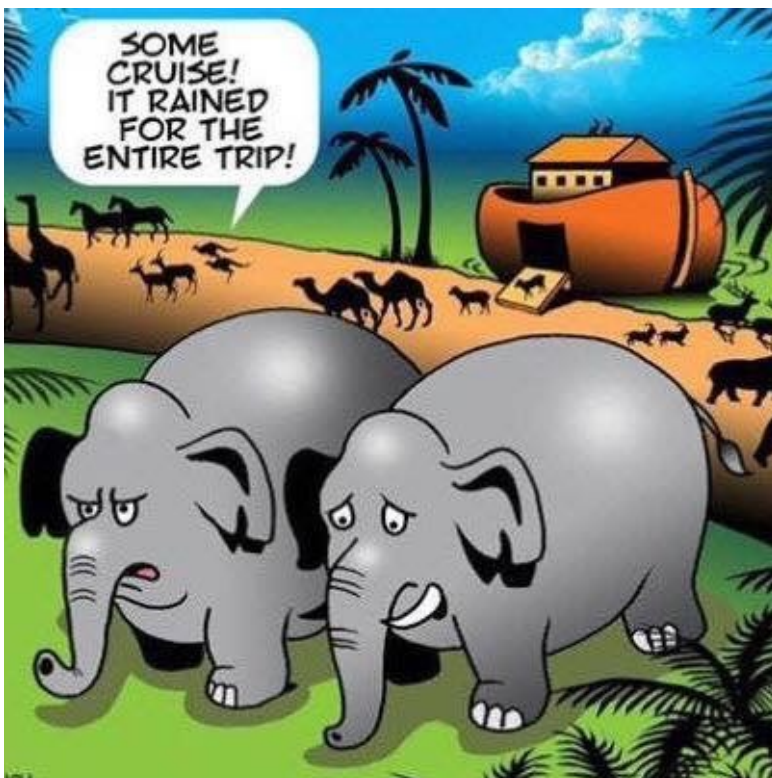
**ROYAL
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100 YEARS**

During September we will also be welcoming Gordon MacLeod who will be with us on a four month placement. Gordon is studying part-time with All Saints College and will be ordained in 2020. We hope Gordon enjoys his time with us. Gordon is originally from Scotland and as you can all imagine Nathan is already trying to work out a few jokes along the lines of—a Scot, an Englishman and a Irish(woman) walk into a bar or should it be a church!!

Please help Gordon settle in with us and make him welcome as we are an important part of his journey of preparation for ordination.

On Sunday 9th September we will be welcoming the officers and cadets of 611 Woodvale Squadron Air Training Corp to the 10am Eucharist. This is an annual visit to Commemorate the Battle of Britain but this year is also the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Air Force. It is an opportunity to give thanks for all those who have served in the RAF.

So it is all go as all the groups begin to start back for a new season. Thank you to the leaders of our uniformed groups, Sunday Club, Fishy Club and Little Fishes for their time, enthusiasm and dedication. So many people in so many different ways make us a thriving worshipping community and the nurture of our young people is crucial part.



There will be a short children's service on Sunday 9th September at 12noon and this will be followed by a **Hotdog Party** at the Parish Hall. We warmly invite all those who have brought children for baptism, who are new to the parish or have been attending Little Fishes or Sunday Club (which starts again on 16th).

So however you spent the summer months and whatever the weather let us look forward together as we serve God and our community together. *Anne*



Confirmation

For those who would like to be confirmed this year preparation will begin in September. This year the preparation for young people (Year 6 & older) will be jointly run with Holy Trinity Church. Nathan & Poppy will be leading the group and would be pleased to hear from those interested. Once they have a group a suitable meeting time will be arranged. The Deanery Confirmation Service will be on Sunday 4th November at 3pm. Separate adult preparation will be arranged - please contact the Vicar.

If interested in the group for young people contact -
Rev Nathan Thorpe 461841 nathanthorpe1@hotmail.co.uk

VOICES FROM THE CHURCHYARD!

A walk through St Peter's Churchyard

For many people, churchyards can be fascinating places to visit. Have you ever walked through St Peter's churchyard, looked at the names on the headstones and wondered about the lives of the people whose names are recorded there?

Well, the group who organised 'Formby Folk' last year, has been looking into the lives of some of those buried in our churchyard and has found some interesting and amusing stories to tell about several of our 'residents.'

Their stories will be told by 'themselves' during a walk through the churchyard at the beginning of October when we will meet Ellen Charters who lived in (what is still known as) Spanker's Cottage; the mother of the famous author, Beryl Bainbridge; Freshfield Stationmaster, John Weatherall, who will tell us about the plans for Formby-by-the-Sea, Christopher D'Aeth, the Oxford student explorer who lost his life on an expedition, and many others. Along with the stories there will be poems and songs.

There is a poem by Linda Ellis which is called "The Dash". In it she writes about a eulogy she heard at a funeral.

*I read of a man who stood to speak
at a funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on the tombstone
from the beginning to the end.
He noted that first came the date of birth -
and spoke of the following date with tears.
But said that what mattered most of all
was the dash in between the years.*

Voices from the Churchyard will be take place on **Friday 5th October at 7.30pm, and on Saturday 6th October at 3pm and 7pm.** Meet at the main door of the church. You may need to bring a torch for the evening performances. There will be refreshments in the Bier House and all donations will go to **Uganda - Together We Can.**

You will meet some little-known characters of the past St Peter's played by some well-known characters from St Peter's today!



What is it? Or ‘The limits of language.’

Some years ago I took an early walk in Hyde Park and found myself at 7am standing next to the Albert Memorial. There it stood with Albert gleaming in gold leaf surrounded by carvings of the great men of our nation. There were also the four corners of the world each showing the benefit of the British Empire.



As I stood there a young man came up and stood next to me and looked at the monument. After a few moments he turned to me and asked in a foreign accent “What is this?” I must admit I was stumped, and eventually said “It’s a monument to Queen Victoria’s husband”. He grunted and left me.

This challenge of trying to explain complex concepts and ideas resembled the sketches in Monty Python’s Flying Circus. They attempted to hold a competition to see who could explain the theory of relativity in four sentences or recount Gibbon’s ‘Decline and Fall’ in three minutes. How can you describe the thinking behind the Albert Memorial in three sentences?

Explanation is limited by the limits of language. On this occasion I was not so much limited in language but time and whether the young man would have understood the use of my language. During the middle of the 20th Century language became the basis for understanding the nature of being. It was said if you could not speak about it then it did not exist. The idea of concepts which did not have a direct reference within language and logic was dismissed. This was not just scientists arguing that all matter should be reduced to scientific experiments. It went further, insisting that concepts of ideas and possibly even morals can have no meaning without the necessary words. This approach to using language in this way has been used to say you cannot have beliefs. Much of this has now been subsumed into post-modern thinking with its negative limitations indicating we cannot have a stable and objective view of life.

But we can express ourselves to show a stable and regular way forward, the use of words has a meaning which can convey truth. We live at present in a world which is beginning to see arguments of facts we do not like as fake news. Universities are deciding which truths you can discuss

and if presented with an unacceptable argument the speaker is told he or she has a bad attitude. The way language is used can hurt, for example the judges of art and craft TV programmes can destroy someone's confidence in a few sentences. Language should recognise how others use language and not assume there is just one way to express an idea. For the most part the church recognises this, but it is necessary to check how others receive information.

Silence was the subject of a book which looked at the silence used in religion. This covered the contemplative and prayerful approach but also spoke of silence being enforced to cover unacceptable facts. Overall the limits of language are understood by the church and are allowed for. Alison Woodhouse, in a recent talk on prayer, spoke of silence and our allowing it to be present.' "The Cloud of Unknowing" is a medieval work which sees silence as a way of understanding.

We should ensure our prayers and lessons allow others to feel not threatened by obscure terms but drawn into an understanding of faith. There will be someone sitting in a Christian sanctuary who will find no need for language.

Rod Jacques

Would You Like To Help at Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals?

We have a terrific team of vergers who help at these services. Without this team it would be very difficult for these services to run smoothly.

But we could do with a few more to help as vergers.

Would you be interested in joining a rota to help at these special services?

Full training guaranteed! You can join all three rotas or just one or two.

All help will be very much appreciated.

Please let the Vicar, Curate or the Parish Office know you are interested.

The new Bishop of Warrington, Ven Beverley Mason



'Beverley comes from a military family. After leaving school, she worked in the financial sector, first at Merrill Lynch in Düsseldorf, then London, and then for a US stockbrokers. During a gap year in 1994, she came to faith whilst backpacking through Africa. She returned to the UK and became a humanitarian aid worker for Aid to Russian Christians and then Humanity at Heart.

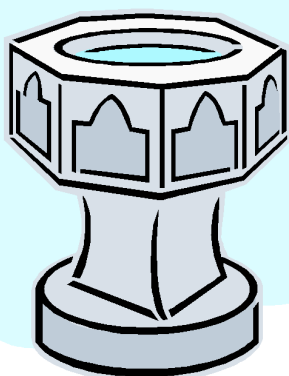
After studying Theology at Chichester University and training for ordination at Trinity College, Bristol, she was ordained deacon in 2001. She has served in the dioceses of Rochester, Southwark, Bradford, and has been the Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven in the diocese of Leeds since 2016. She comes to Liverpool with a love of extreme sports, Art, Dales Walking, rock concerts and her over-indulged Westie - St James the Less.'

Did you know?

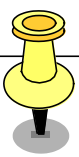
About once a month we have a Service of Baptism at 12noon. At this service we have a dedicated children's charity each year that we support through the collection.

Half of the collection is given to the children's charity and the other half helps support the children's ministry in St Peter's.

In the year from July 2017 to June 2018 we supported Sefton Children's Trust by raising £518-52. The Trust provides a programme of activities for families experiencing difficulties.



This coming year we have nominated Sefton Young Carers as the charity to be supported. Sefton Young Carers project provides support services to children and young people whose lives are affected by the impact of being involved in caring for a family member with a disability, chronic illness, mental health issue or problematic use of drugs or alcohol. There are currently more than 1,000 young carers living in Sefton.



Are You Interested in Volunteering?

St Peter's, working with Halcyon House, would welcome volunteers who would be willing to bring a resident to church or a hospital appointment occasionally.

To work to the highest aims of good practice it is important that all volunteers have a DBS and an interview arranged by Halcyon House.

Unfortunately a DBS is not transferable from other organisations. There is no charge for a DBS application for volunteers.

If you would be interested in volunteering please contact Revd Anne Taylor or Revd Nathan Thorpe.

Formby Quiet Time

1st Friday of the month 10:30am to 12 midday

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

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



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CONGRATULATIONS

Dr Mark Siddall was made Deacon in Bristol Cathedral on Saturday, 30th June - photographed with his father Archdeacon Arthur Siddall.

A happy and splendid occasion.

As Mark is ordained his father celebrates his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday 29th September.

There will be a special service in St Michael's Church, Whitewell, at 12noon.

Arthur will also celebrate at the 8am Eucharist in St Peter's Church on Sunday 30th September.

St Peter's in the Community Formby Point National Trust Volunteers

If you go down to the pinewoods, sand dunes or beach at Formby you might come across some familiar faces. The National Trust manages a large area of land there and relies heavily on an army of volunteers to help with the many tasks that need to be done, not only to welcome visitors, but also to protect the environment. As the National Trust puts it, this beautiful property is 'For Everyone, for Ever'.

What do we do? The tasks are endless, from helping to welcome our visitors and to control the queue of cars on busy days, to manning the information trailer and chatting to visitors about the site, its history and facilities.

We have lots of fun, fresh air and exercise and at the same time feel that we are learning more about our wonderful local area and also helping our visitors and our local community in a very worthwhile cause.

David & Glennis Poole



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

If you wish to donate to the food bank then the following are items that are in short supply :- long-life orange juice, coffee, long life milk, rice pudding, dried rice, tins of cold meat (corned beef, ham etc.), tins of tomatoes, cereal, tea and cook-in sauces.

Donations of toiletries are also welcome including soap, shampoo, toothpaste, personal hygiene products, and nappies.

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

St Peter's support is very much appreciated by the volunteers and staff (to the best of my knowledge there is only one paid employee) at the Southport food bank, all of whom do sterling work.

Best wishes,

Glyn Jones



Primetime

Our next meeting will be on

Wednesday 19th September at 7.30pm

The Old School Room, Paradise Lane

A talk by Vicky Hall on

‘Shoebboxes - not just for Christmas or children!’

All welcome, bring a friend.

For further details call Sonia, Elaine or

Ali on 833781 / 874635 / 879976





THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported Christian Aid in May through donations, collections and pounding the streets. St Peters raised £1,424.07.

As a village we raised £6,320.18 with an expectation of further Gift Aid contributions. This was a wonderful effort to help a charity which works with the poorest in our world to alleviate poverty and injustice.

THE MIRACLE OF PEAS

In Malawi the maize crops were failing. Farmers and their families were struggling. Pigeon peas, a type of pulse which can withstand dry spells and harsh conditions, were producing strong healthy crops.

Christian Aid and its partner The Nandolo Farmers Association of Malawi are now providing expertise and training to 10,000 farmers. They helping them form cooperatives through which they get up to three times the amount per kilo for their crop than when they were selling peas, as individuals, to the middle men. Pigeon peas are a good cash crop so this is benefitting the farmers and their families by providing them with a rich source of protein as well as enabling the families to afford medicines and other essentials.

WOMEN MEAN BUSINESS

As a woman in Ethiopia Aster suffered most. Farming, cooking, collecting firewood-life was a constant struggle. But no matter how hard she worked, she could never save enough money to support her family. Aster didn't have the freedom to make her own decisions because of the imbalance of power at home.

However, she refused to be beaten by poverty so she came together with women in her village to set up their own shop powered by the sun. With training from Christian Aid's partners Aster and her sisters have turned this shop into a thriving business selling fresh water, soap and providing mobile phone charging.

Aster is now a proud business woman. She can pay for medical care, school uniforms and exercise books for her children. Her husband is full of respect.

These are just two of the many projects which your money has helped to support.

Carol Paine



After nearly 30 years, I have decided to stop being Christian Aid Week organiser. Of course, this means that St Peter's is looking for a replacement.

The organiser distributes the materials about one month ahead of Christian Aid Week (held in May) to the volunteer collectors. Following the conclusion of the week, the organiser collects the envelopes from said collectors and takes them to be counted. After the count, the money is taken to the Post Office to be banked. A couple of forms are filled in and returned to the Treasurer.

I am willing to help with this process for the first year to ensure a smooth transition.

I do hope someone out there will be willing to take on this important task. If you think you can help, please contact me and we can have a chat. Christian Aid is a great organisation and the money we raise each year is put to good use around the world. Please give this plea your serious consideration.

Paul McHenry

Evening Hot Pot

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See our website at

<http://formbybefriendingscheme.org.uk/>



Chocoholic's Delight

Our roving reporter spotted this novel font in Norwich Cathedral. It comprises two copper vessels salvaged from a local chocolate factory. How blessed is that?

PARISH NEWS

The wedding of
Chris & Pippa D'Arcy-Burt
(daughter of Angela
Thackray)
at St David's Church,
Nefyn, North Wales
on 7th July 2018.



Wedding Blessing

21st July
Warren &
Sayuri Evison

Appeal for Shoe Boxes & Greeting Cards - urgent need for empty shoe-boxes please (ladies sizes). Please leave them in the porch or church office and I will collect them. Also any used greetings cards you don't mind 'recycling' could you leave them in the box in the porch please? They will be used to make gift tags which we hope to sell to raise money to SEND the Christmas shoeboxes. Many thanks, Vicky Hall

Registers Baptisms and Weddings From the Church



Sunday 8th July
Alexander Robert Kirkby,
son of Scott & Natasha

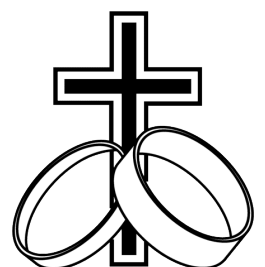
Sunday 8th July
Alexander John McLoughlin,
son of John & Vicky and Great-
Grandson of Wilf Bushell



29th July
Jessica Mary Eccles,
daughter of Diane & John



5th August
Bobby Michael Rooney,
son of Kayley & Graham



19th August

Rose Erin Peers-Williams,
daughter of Dion & Gillian



7th July

Ray Corish & Carolyn Parry



28th July

Jack Osborne & Sian Williams

6th July

Adam Baker & Shona Stanley



Scouts Formby



The 5th and 9th Formby's friends from DPSG Weilburg arrived at Tawd Vale, for the 40th Anniversary camp.



Closing ceremony Flags down at the end of a great week camping at Tawd Vale for the 5th & 9th Formby and their guests DPSG Weilburg.



Looking Ahead

My son's friend died suddenly. He was a young widower, living with his gundog Jess. He was almost self-supporting as he had a large garden in which he spent long hours growing his own vegetables and soft fruit. He and Jess walked the fields and mountains and forests of Galloway shooting the odd duck, rabbit, hare and pheasant for the pot. His wife had died young and they had no children, but he continued to live alone and he bothered no one. He was a lovely lad.

One morning in early May he and Jess set off on one of their long walks, taking a picnic and bottle of water for them both. He sat on a wall to eat his picnic, keeled over and died. A passing cyclist saw this happen and dialled 999, but Jess would not let anyone near Jeff's body, so they called on my son to collect Jess and find the address of his next of kin. They needed to find his car too, which he had left in a lay-by eleven miles away. All his family lived in the Midlands so had to be called upon to identify Jeff and to see to the house and dog and to make arrangements for the funeral.

On the way home from the funeral in Stoke-on-Trent, my son called to see me and to tell me how it all had gone. He told me that it had been so easy for the family, as Jeff had made all the arrangements himself and had pre-paid for it long ago. He had chosen the hymns and readings and had everything as he wanted it.

"What a good idea," I thought after they had gone back home to Dumfries and Galloway. It is a long way for them to come here for me, so why don't I do it myself, as I want it and save them a lot of hassle?

I don't want miserable hymns, I like those with a good foot-tapping beat and a good cheery tune.

I went back through my long life, thinking of the hymns that had meant a lot to me at different times. There were those at my wedding, my College hymn, hymns my musical family used to love to sing in harmony, as we were all in the choir, and the hymn tunes are the best. We had our own choir practice before setting off for church every Sunday.

So. when my time comes, I hope you will all sing out cheerfully, not tearfully to those hymns I have chosen..... but not yet!

If everyone made provisions to help their families all through life, it would be a much happier world to live in.

Martha

Rotarians' 980 Mile Cycle Ride to raise funds for Formby Befriending Scheme

In September, my husband Matt and myself are cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats. We will be cycling 980 miles; climbing 52,009 feet (Everest is only 29,030 feet from sea level) in just nine days. Are we mad? Probably - but it's not supposed to be easy, otherwise everyone would do it.

We are doing the ride through Deloitte's annual "Ride Across Britain". It is an organised event with 800 cyclists taking part. It takes place between 8th to 16th September. We have purchased our places directly so every single penny we raise will go straight to the Formby Befriending Scheme in providing companionship and support to older people in Formby.

We would be delighted if you would like to sponsor our ride and have set up a donation page at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/> (Search for Liz Foggin or Formby Befriending Scheme).

Alternatively you can call Liz directly at Autumn Years Law on 01704 870404 for more information about the ride and to get more information about the Formby Befriending Scheme on 07437 479417.



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With summer nearing its end we hope you feel refreshed and reinvigorated.

At the Strawberry Tea on 5th July we enjoyed delicious scones with strawberries and cream. This was followed by a successful bring-and-buy. Thank you to all who contributed.

On 21st August a number of members attended Beverley's Deanery get-together garden party at her home in Blundellsands.

The autumn season opens on Thursday, 6th September, at 2.00 pm in the Bier House, with a speaker from Rainbow House, Ormskirk, which specialises in helping people with disabilities. This should be an interesting meeting, and we look forward to members meeting up again. This will be followed by a committee meeting.

The annual St Peter's MU church service will be held at 2.00 pm on Thursday, 4th October, in St Peter's Church.

As most of you know, our Branch Leader, Eleanor, suffered a heart attack at the end of June. The good news is that she is making an excellent recovery. However, she feels unable to continue as Leader. If you would like to consider undertaking this role, or to nominate someone who would, please contact Eleanor (874112) or Jean (874091) before 6th September.

Our very best wishes go to Eleanor for her recovery.

As the autumn season begins, we remind you that we welcome visitors at all our meetings and that membership of the Mothers' Union is open to everyone, men and women. If you would like to join, or seek further information, please contact Eleanor or Jean, as above.

Eleanor and Jean



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Sunday 16th Sept: Session 3: 4-6pm in St Peter's Bier House

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



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Curate's Bad Joke Corner.....

The first computer dates back to Adam and Eve. It was an Apple with limited memory. Just one byte, then everything crashed.

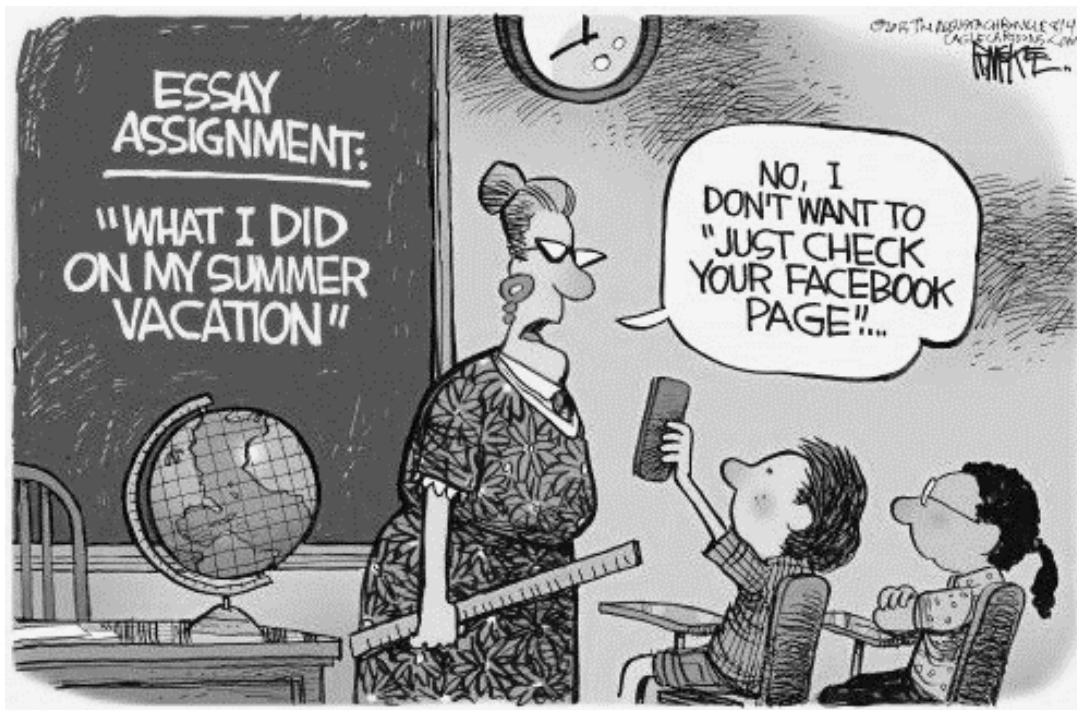
I saw an ad for burial plots, and thought to myself this is the last thing I need.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.

I'd tell you a chemistry joke but I know I wouldn't get a reaction.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

A bike in town keeps running me over it's a vicious cycle.



A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the Grocery Store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a couple of blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new vicar in town.

I'd like you to come to church on Sunday.

I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle.

"Awww, come on... You don't even know the way to the Post Office."



"But why do we have to plough the fields and scatter when we get everything from Tesco?"

The Vicar at Harvest Festival had arranged all the vegetables in front of the Altar. He asked the children if they could name them. The replies were potatoes, cabbage, carrots, broccoli, and swede. So he asked if they could use one word to cover them all.

A little boy held his hand up and replied "Gravy".

Harvest Wordsearch

R	Q	E	W	C	E	F	O	C	K	G	G	S	G
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Can you find these words in the word search?

HARVEST
FESTIVAL
CROP
CORN
WHEAT
VEGETABLES
FRUIT
FARMER
PRODUCE
BREAD
SEEDS
GARDEN
FIELD
PLOUGH

From the Back Pew

Ted Woods



Having just finished the two books I chose for holiday reading, I've realised that, although they were entertaining and informative, they were far from light and bright!

One was about the Reformation in England and the other was about the Spanish Inquisition! Well, you might remark, 'What did you expect?!' The book on the Reformation was called "Heretics and Believers" and what I did expect was to find thumb nail sketches of those involved, but what I got was an extremely detailed account, in some cases day by day accounts, of all that happened. I should have guessed it from the size of the book, but I bought it in a hurry and it had a sizeable discount!

The other book was the story of a Portuguese Jewish doctor who had to flee to South America to try and escape the tentacles of the Inquisition. He settled in Peru with his family. His son became a doctor also, but the commissioners of the Inquisition were everywhere, and they were both tracked down and arrested – just for being Jewish.

Both books describe in rather graphic detail the grotesque punishments meted out to, and endured by, those whose beliefs differed from those in authority. Hanging, drawing and quartering was common in England in the 16th century for those who owned a copy of the Bible in English or held unorthodox views about the Eucharist, whilst racking and burning alive was the punishment during the Inquisition for those who did not confess Roman Catholicism.

And it got me thinking: how do we deal with those of different faiths today?

True, we live in a very secular society, definitely post-Christian, where people, by and large, don't get excited about the finer points of religion. There are no headlines about differing theological views (except when it comes to sexuality) – rather a disinterested, bored yawn.

But people do get worked up about how we deal with and treat those of different faiths. Attitudes to Jews and Muslims have hardly been out of the headlines in recent weeks.

And that's when I began to reflect on the books I read, and was left with the question, 'Haven't we all got a right to have whatever beliefs that make sense to us – as long as they don't impinge on society or the law of the land in negative or destructive ways?'

In the Inquisition story, the main characters were doctors, dedicated to healing the sick of all classes and creeds, which they did selflessly and sacrificially. They practised their faith in private, affecting no one but themselves, and yet this resulted in their being hounded and cruelly persecuted.

Similarly, at the time of the Reformation, many held views about the Bible and the Eucharist that we now hold today, and yet ended up on the scaffolds before jeering and bloodthirsty crowds.

It wasn't that they *did* anything that was wrong, or threatened people's lives. It was their personally held beliefs that got them arrested and tortured.

A few years ago, as part of our Lent series we had a talk on Islam from Zia Chaudry. He presented the tenets of Islam in a cogent, enlightening and irenic way. As a person and as a barrister he has made a huge contribution to society and has been awarded a MBE for his work in interfaith relations. And yet people today feel threatened by Islam – because of its extreme and violent manifestations such as 9/11, the London bombings, the rise of Isis and numerous attacks on innocent citizens.

And it's in this regard that we need to make distinctions – between those whose beliefs are personal to them and who are not only law-abiding but make positive contributions to society and are not a threat, as against those whose extreme interpretation of their faith brooks no dialogue, disregards the law of the land and who feel justified in violently assaulting anything or anyone that stands in the way of their skewed and imbalanced world view.

And, to be fair, that has happened over the centuries on both sides of the religious and cultural divides.

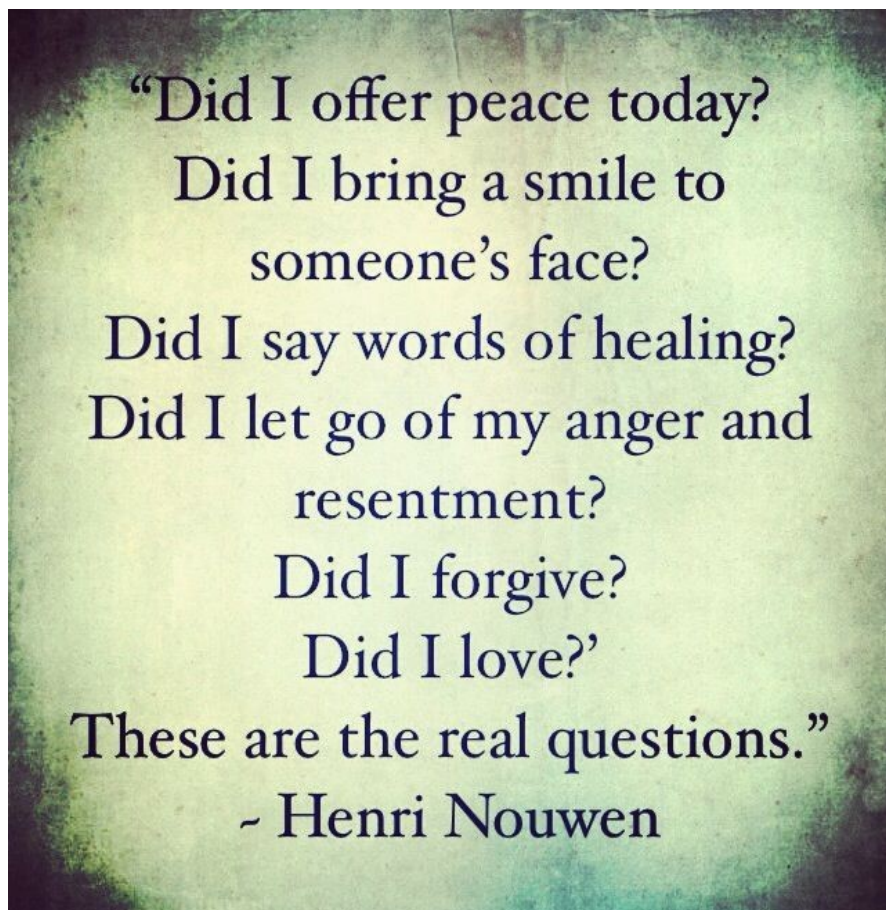
To give a personal example: I as a Protestant in Ireland in no way identified with the Protestant extremists and what they said and stood for in N. Ireland. Nor as an Irishman did I identify or condone in any way the propaganda and practices of the IRA. I hoped that sensible people would make that distinction.

So do we need to distinguish between those who, on the one hand, devoutly hold to religious beliefs different to ours and yet at the same time respect the law of the land and contribute positively to society, and those who, on the other hand, seek to impose their own unwanted and violent extreme views and destroy western democracy in order to replace it with their own authoritarian and undemocratic systems?

It happened in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Could it happen again?

Edmund Burke said, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is that good people do nothing", and W.B. Yeats once famously wrote, "The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity."



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1st 9.00am
 10.30-12

Breakfast Church
 Saturday Crew in Bier House



Sunday 2nd
 12 noon
 6.30pm

The 14th Sunday after Trinity
 Service of Baptism
 Service of Wholeness

Monday 3rd 10.45am
 2-3.30pm

Meditation in Bier House
 Singing for Fun in Bier House

Tuesday 4th 10.00am

Bible Study *with Ken Ward* in Bier House

Friday 7th 9.15-11.30
 6.30pm

Little Fishes in the Parish Hall
 First Friday Eucharist

Sunday 9th
 10.00am
 12noon

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Monday 10th 10.45am

Meditation in Bier House

Tuesday 11th 10.00am

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Weds 12th 7.30pm

Study *with Alison Woodhouse* in Bier House

Thursday 13th 7.30pm

PCC in Bier House

Friday 14th 9.15-11.30

Little Fishes in the Parish Hall

Saturday 15th 2.00pm

Garden Party hosted by the Bishop of Liverpool

Sunday 16th
 4.00pm

The 16th Sunday after Trinity

New Beginnings Marriage Course in the Bier House

Monday 17th 10.45am

Meditation in Bier House

Tuesday 18th 10.00am

Bible Study *with Ken* in Bier House

Weds 19th 7.30pm

Primetime in the OSR, Parish Hall

Friday 21st 9.30-11.30

Little Fishes in the Parish Hall

Saturday 22nd 7.30pm

St Peter's & Friends Choir Concert



Sunday 23rd
 Monday 24th 10.45am

The 17th Sunday after Trinity

Meditation in Bier House

Tuesday 25th 10.00am

Bible Study *with Ken* in Bier House

Weds 26th 2.00pm

WOW—Worship on Wednesdays pre-school service

 7.30pm

Bible Study *with Alison* in Bier House

Thursday 27th 2.00pm

Halcyon House Eucharist

 3.00pm

Woodlands Lodge Eucharist

Friday 28th 9.00am

Trinity St Peter's School Harvest Service

 9.30-11.30

Little Fishes in the Parish Hall



Sunday 30th
 10.00am
 6.30pm

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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

From the Church Registers

Funerals

- 9th July Tony Warner
10th July Anne Moore
30th July Sally Campion — Memorial Service to be held on
28th September at 1.30pm in St Peter's Church
6th August Janice Mahony
7th August William Caunt
9th August Eileen Woodward
16th August Charles Nocton

Interment of Ashes

- 11th July Charles (Bob) Fairburn
21st July Frank & June Maxfield
Stella Stewart
2nd August Joy Harman





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