

***ST PETER'S
CHURCH MAGAZINE
APRIL 2019***



UGANDA – TOGETHER WE CAN

26th May – 5th June 2019



The excitement is rising for our trip to Uganda at the end of May. There is great activity in both Trinity St Peter's School and Formby High as the young people get involved in the project.

There will be letters written and mosaics created to give to the children in Kalule and we will bring back similar items to build up relationships between the schools. There will also be collections of stationery, tie-dye t-shirts and books donated.

We thank those who organised the recent fund raising events – the quiz and a bridge afternoon – both were very well supported and raised amazing amounts for the project.

We now have a list of the work that needs to be done – from painting to poultry training, from arts and crafts to advice on self-sustainable projects, from playground equipment to classroom assistance.

Last year we were overwhelmed and encouraged by the support that parishioners gave in so many ways, both by prayer and practical donations. Again, each member of the group will have 30kg baggage allowance – 10kg for personal items and 20kg items to bring to the project.

Thank you to all who have already donated wool, toiletries and suitcases (we now have enough suitcases). Here is a list of the items that we would like to bring:-



Wool & knitting needles – knitting classes really took off last year.

Craft items & material – the women sell what they make to pay for their children's school fees

T-shirts (good as new all ages)

Sports equipment – this proved a great success and was very popular.

Stationery – pens, felt-tipped and biro, pencils, rulers, maths sets etc

Face Clothes, Toothbrushes & toothpaste (small tubes)

Fluffy toys – small ones, please – like the ones you (or your children!) get with Happy Meals in Macdonalds!

Children's Books – paperback.

If you have any of these spare we would like to bring them with us.

Items can be left in the Church porch, Office or the Vicarage by Sunday 12th May.



Photo from a very enjoyable Bridge Afternoon that raised £1,200 for the Uganda Project.

Thank you to John & Sue Smith, the Social Committee and all who played, donated prizes and baked cakes.

From the Editorial Team

Last call to join the new Electoral Roll! The closing date is Sunday 7th April. It's your opportunity to be involved in the democratic process of the Parish, and your passport to becoming a Sidesperson (welcomer) or standing for election to the Parochial Church Council.

If you haven't yet seen the mural in the Bier House, do find the time to pop in – it's well worth the visit!

As ever at St Peter's, there's a rich programme of Lenten events and services, leading up to the Churches Together Walk of Witness and Passion Play in the grounds of Formby Pool.

And then it's Easter Sunday, celebrating the rising of Christ from the dead and the empty tomb.

Χριστός ἀνέστη

Christ is risen!

Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη

He is risen indeed!

Happy Easter to all our readers

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 May 2019 edition of the magazine is **Friday 5th April 2019**. Contributions to alisonwhiffing@aol.com*

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**](mailto:stpetersformby@gmail.com). This is a way to help us keep in touch.

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

Dear Friends,

During a recent visit to Ripon Cathedral (see From the Back Pew!), I was looking up at the east window which, as in many cathedrals, is very impressive. But the window suddenly made me a little uneasy. I couldn't help noticing how Jesus was depicted - with white skin, very blond hair and blue eyes!

Although we have no contemporary picture of Jesus, that image couldn't have been right. It made me wonder what did Jesus really look like and why we have insisted he look like US?

Which led me to an article written by Joan E Taylor, Professor of Christian Origins and Second Temple Judaism at King's College, London. She has recently written a book "What Did Jesus Look Like?"

She writes, "Everyone knows how to recognize Jesus. He is portrayed in art, film and literature in much the same way....somewhat European with nut-brown hair (sometimes blond) and light brown or blue eyes...and his clothes look newly washed. But", she goes on to say, "the Jesus we recognise so easily is the result of cultural history."

From her research she concludes that "Judeans of (Jesus') time were closest biologically to Iraqi Jews of the contemporary world...with thick dark-brown to black hair, deep brown eyes and olive-brown skin. Jesus would have been a man of Middle Eastern appearance."

Would Jesus be the sort of person who would be a target for racist white supremacists today? With the rise of racism and anti-Semitism today, would Jesus, the founder of our faith, be welcome in parts of this and other European countries? Or, like many others, would he be treated with suspicion because of his colour, race and religion, for after all, he was born and remained a Jew?

What made the moment even more poignant was that it was 15th March when I was standing looking at the cathedral window as the news was unfolding about the atrocity that had occurred in New Zealand. We have all been shocked at the murder of innocent people as they were praying in two mosques in Christchurch. People like US who want to worship and should have been able to do so in peace. The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Jacinda Ardern, has warned that the problem is not particular to New Zealand but is a global one, and one of which we all should be aware and work and guard against.



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, tweeted his profound sympathy for the victims, praying for the healing of people and reminding everyone that Jesus calls US to welcome strangers and love our neighbour, however different from US WE think they may be.

But actually they are people like US. As the New Zealand Prime Minister said this is “one of New Zealand’s darkest days” and that the victims had chosen to make New Zealand their home. “They are US,” she said. “The person who has perpetuated this violence against US is not.”

Jesus so often got into conflict with the religious and political authorities because he refused to work from the idea that there is a THEM and US. For Jesus we are all US and the sooner we treat people regardless of ethnicity, gender, religion, sexuality as US the safer and better place our community will be. But it has not been helped by generations trying to make Jesus look like themselves.

While helping with their Faith badge I was asked recently by one of the Cubs – ‘Why is it called Good Friday if Jesus died?’ Well, that dreadful day has been called Good Friday because it led to the Resurrection of Jesus, his victory over death and sin and the celebration of Easter, the very pinnacle of Christian celebrations. We need to hold onto the hope that our faith gives us. With Jesus, hope can be found in the darkest places. With Jesus, hope is found when we reach out to each other as US. Let us journey through Holy Week and then celebrate all that Easter promises US of the joy and hope our faith declares for each one of US together.

May you all have a blessed, meaningful and hope-filled Easter.

Anne



Congratulations to Caroline Collins as she is commissioned as Diocesan President of the Mothers’ Union.

#RuleOfLife

CALLED TO LEARN

Learning begins in listening, but it doesn't end there. Significant teaching – then question it, engage in dialogue, put your point of view, bring your own insights, have your questions answered and ask new ones. **Have a conversation.**

THE GOSPELS ARE FULL OF DIALOGUE. The disciples share their own thoughts and reflections in response to the words of Jesus, and Jesus gives them time and space to share. “Lord, how many times...?”, “Never, Lord!”, “Lord, tell my brother...” – these and many others become openings for Jesus to teach in conversation, and his followers to learn by listening, speaking and listening again.

RESEARCH FOR THE NATIONAL CHURCH made it clear that if a church provided opportunities for this listening-speaking-listening rhythm then people grew in faith. Churches that grew in numbers were almost always providing these opportunities.

Many of our parish churches have a network of small groups, set up for discussion, bible study or friendship. For others the regular organisations of the Church – for example the Mothers' Union branch – provides the same. In schools, dialogue and conversation is central to the teaching process. In chaplaincies, the opportunity to ask questions and to hear opinions is greatly valued. All these moments are to be treasured and developed, as we become a community of learning.



LISTEN – SPEAK – LISTEN. If you are already doing this, simply continue, knowing that tens of thousands of others across our Diocese are doing the same in all their different ways. If you're not, why not begin? Talk with your friends and with the lay and ordained leaders of your community about the best way to start.



And when you meet your friends to learn, begin your meeting by saying quietly in your heart or aloud: “As disciples together in the Diocese of Liverpool and around the world, we learn from our God who loves us and who gives us one another...”

Bishop Paul Bayes www.ruleoflife.org.uk



GOOD FRIDAY

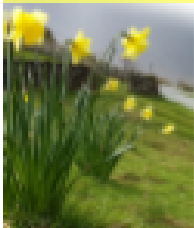
Walk of Witness
& **PASSION PLAY**

Friday 19th April

11 a.m. Chapel Lane

11.20 a.m. Formby Pool Gardens

Everyone Welcome



Join us in celebrating Easter
and why not wear something
with **Purple for lent** or
Yellow for Easter ?



LENT STUDY COURSE 2019

"Living Differently to Make a Difference"

Based on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5: v 1 - 12)

Wednesday 3rd April

Living for the World, Nathan Thorpe & Pete Hawkins

7.30pm in the Bier House

All Welcome

Kindness and the Kindertransport

In early March this year a service of dedication took place. It brought together a young child from Prague, an Englishman, the Quakers, trains and the Methodist Church at Croston. When Hitler entered Czechoslovakia the Jewish community was immediately threatened by the pogroms of the Nazi Third Reich. The dedication was to recognise the kindness of Norman and Merci Cardwell who decided to help a child called Olga who came to this country for protection.

Olga waited for two hours on London's Liverpool Station. Due to train delays she was the last of a large group of Czech children to be collected. They had left their homes the day before, the last of the Kindertransport to leave Prague. It was 30th June 1939. Richard Winton had organised two trains, Olga's mother insisted that her daughter was on the first; the train scheduled for September never ran. War had already broken out and in a few months Olga's remaining family would be murdered at Auschwitz; only one aunt survived, she had made it to the safety of the USA.

After her long wait on the station Olga was met by Norman Cardwell, headmaster of the Methodist School in Croston. He and his wife, Merci, had agreed to sponsor a child. They were sent two photographs and selected a little girl. They also were expected to pay £50 (about £2,000 now) for a bond to ensure that the child did not become a cost to the UK. The Cardwells could not afford such an amount so Olga was sponsored by the Quakers.

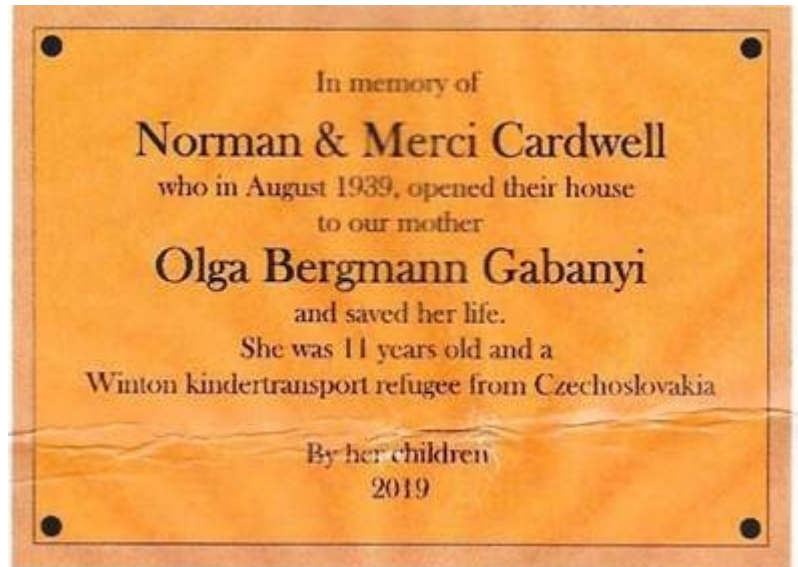
Olga spent the years from 1939 to 1947 in Croston. She learned English quickly, she attended the local school and Methodist church, she had a happy and fulfilling life. From the local school the Czech children went to a boarding school near Llandudno which was so dilapidated that they were moved eventually to another house at Llanwrtyd Wells in mid-Wales. In 1947 Olga joined her aunt in America; she eventually became a successful business woman, married and raised her family. Over the years she visited and maintained her friendships in Lancashire and made her son Richard promise that he would come to Croston to thank the Cardwell family and the village for the care and love they had shown her when she lived among them.

And so it was that a year after Olga's death, at Trinity Methodist Church Croston, that Richard, his wife and family, school friend (including one from the same Kindertransport), clergy, villagers and a representative from the Czech Consulate in Manchester, gathered to celebrate a remarkable life and to give thanks for good people who had opened their hearts and homes to a little girl.

Richard dedicated a plaque in memory of the Cardwells.

Richard was asked if he wanted the service to include anything in particular, he asked if we could please sing the National Anthem as a sign of the love and gratitude Olga and her family felt for the people of Britain.

Rod Jacques



Electoral Roll – 2019

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, a new Electoral Roll must be compiled before this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Anyone wishing to be on the new Electoral Roll **must** complete a new application form by **7th April 2019**.

Why be on the Electoral Roll?

- To vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- To be an elected member of the Parochial Church Council
- To serve on the Sides Rota

Application forms are available in Church or from the Parish Office; completed forms should be placed in the box-file on the cabinet adjacent to the lectern or returned to the Parish Office.

David Manning-Fox (Electoral Roll Officer)

Go and tell the news this Easter

How we react to events is important. Today when something happens the reaction is almost instant. Messages flash around the world. Comments and opinions are formed and promoted extremely quickly. Debates are held and the meaning of what has happened is digested. In fact many times it feels the reaction is more important than the event.



The reaction to the news that Jesus was no longer in the tomb can be instructional for us all. As ever with the scriptures there are varied accounts, but there are some clear reactions.

One reaction, the understandable reaction of fear, led the first witnesses to want to avoid telling anyone what they saw “as they were afraid.” Other reactions show the early witnesses running to tell the others what had happened. You see Mary offering worship to the gardener Jesus, you see the reaction of Thomas who understandably wishes to see more evidence before he can reach a conclusion on the death and resurrection of Jesus. We get the sense of a growing understanding that there has been a world-changing event and that others need to know about it.

Throughout the narrative God seems to be speaking to the witnesses saying go and tell. In Mark’s telling of the story a young man was explicitly giving that very message.

At the beginning of Lent we were encouraged to go, tell. To **Tell** the communities we are called to in our diocese how Jesus has changed our lives. To **Serve** them with Christ’s love in whatever way we can. To **Give** them our time to show them a glimpse of God’s love. That’s one half of our Rule of Life. The first half is to do with our discipleship journey whereby we are called to Pray, Read, Learn, giving us the spiritual confidence to be able to tell our stories and make Christ known. Our mission to Tell, Serve, Give saw many events in every corner of our diocese enabling us to talk to thousands about our faith.

But it doesn’t stop there. This Easter we are given the climax of the greatest story ever told. The story that changed our lives as it has changed the shape of the world. Now can we use this story, and our own story, to keep going to tell people about how Jesus loves us, them and the whole world. That’s our challenge. Who will you go and tell the Easter story to?

With my prayers and blessings to you all this Easter Time,

Bishop Beverley , **Bishop of Warrington.**

St Aidan

On St Patrick's Day we were reminded by Revd Ted of the place that Patrick had in the conversion of our land. Patrick, however, was but one of several Celtic saints who brought the Gospel to our Island, and one for whom I have a special affection is St Aidan, apostle to the North.

I trained for the Ministry at St Aidan's College, Birkenhead, as did several hundred other clergy during its lifetime. St Aidan's was unique within the Church of England in that it recruited mainly from four North Western Dioceses, Liverpool, Chester, Manchester and Blackburn and most of the students, though not all, returned to the North West and until recently there were three old boys living in Formby, one in each of the Anglican Churches! The vision of St Aidan was to evangelise the North, a vision shared by the founders of our Alma Mater and although it is many years since the college in Birkenhead closed, its name has been resurrected in the theological centre based nearby at Liverpool Cathedral and known as the "St Aidan's Centre."



St Aidan, who died in AD 651, founded his mission on the island of Lindisfarne where a statue of the saint is erected. He made long journeys into the North of the Country strengthening the fledging Christian communities and founding many missionary centres. The Christian practises taught by Aidan were those of the Celtic church and he educated a group of twelve English boys to be future ecclesiastical leaders of their people, among them St Chad. His asceticism and gentleness won rapid success and the fact that the Christian Church is here today is mainly because of his vision and work.

Over the 150 years that St Aidan's College existed the students that trained there sought to ensure that his vision was continued by preaching the Gospel, not only in the North but in many parts of the World.

Chris Quine

A.P.C.M.— 28th April after the 10am service

After Easter signals the time for the parish to hold the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which is basically our A.G.M. Often people don't come along to this meeting because they think they might get a job or it is boring. But this is a really good opportunity to hear how things are going overall in the parish, the plans for the future, to receive the financial report for the past year, to elect members onto the P.C.C. for a three year term and the Churchwardens for the coming year. But don't let elections put you off attending – no one is press-ganged into anything!

The AGM is important because it's an exercise in democracy in the church. The parish is not about 'them'; rather it's about 'us.' Everyone has a say in the life of the parish. So do consider coming along and I promise you will be home for your lunch!

Anne Taylor



Primetime

**Next Primetime meeting is on
Wednesday 24th April 7.30-9.30pm**



£2 contribution per meeting suggested towards costs.

The March meeting was great fun with a very definite Irish theme!

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



The Ven. Mike McGurk is the Archdeacon of Liverpool and was appointed in September 2017.

Mike has an interesting background. Born in Leigh, Lancashire, he spent many of his formative years in Co Mayo, Ireland. After school, he joined an enclosed religious order and upon leaving the monastery started work in social/probation work.

He spent many years involved in a house church and then a Pentecostal church before being called into the Church of England where he was ordained.

He served his curacy in a council estate in Haughton, and was then Rector of Christ Church, Harpurhey in Manchester before being appointed as Archdeacon of Liverpool.

He will talk to us about his life journey and about the challenges facing churches in inner-city Liverpool.

Date: Monday 1st April @ 8.00pm in The Bier House

Advance Notice: May meeting 21st May.

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.

The Bier House Mural

I hope by now everyone has seen the new mural in the Bier House.

It is a fabulous addition which is being enjoyed by all ages.

We have had a huge number of wonderful comments, not least by the children for whom it was first planned.



It took time to find the right person who could create the right scene. We very much appreciate the skill of the artist Ursula Hurst. She has a business called Art Daze and her website is www.artdaze.co.uk.

We also thank the anonymous donor who, as soon as she saw it, insisted on paying for the work.





**Opening Friday 26th April and
then
Friday, Saturday &
Bank Holiday Mondays**

**St Luke's Meeting Room, Formby L37 2DF
11:00am - 4:00pm**

Tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes, sandwiches

CHURCH LIBRARY

Trevor Dennis – The Easter Stories

Reverend Canon Trevor Dennis, former Dean of Chester Cathedral, led a retreat day last year led. Anne and I were there, slightly unsure about how the day would unfold.

We left inspired, stimulated and motivated. In my mind, Dennis' imaginative re-telling of the relationship between God, Adam & Eve in the garden of Eden has given me food for thought since; and I have recommended his work to another friend who does a lot of his Christian thinking through story-writing. As if this gift of imagination were not enough, Dennis also spent 12 years prior to arriving at Chester Cathedral teaching Old Testament Studies at Salisbury & Well's Theological College.

I was intrigued to find another of his books, *The Easter Stories*, in our parish library. The volume picks its way through the gospel stories that mark this central celebration of the Christian faith. Dennis starts with the Temple veil torn in two, through the first witnesses to the resurrection in each gospel, Jesus' invitation to breakfast on Lake Galilee, and the commissioning of his disciples. The final tale of Jesus' conversation with St Peter after his denial is emotive; the book ends with a poem written by the author about God's hospitality and love shown in Christ.

These imaginative explorations, grounded in scripture, poetry and accessible scholarship, are both food for thought and spurs to action for anyone looking to rediscover the power of the resurrection.

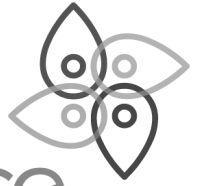
Revd Nathan Thorpe

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**St Peter's Church,
Green Lane, Formby
HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2019
14th – 21st April**



**Services to help us
reflect
on the death and
resurrection of Jesus**

This is an invitation to join us for any, or all, of our Holy Week and Easter Services which are listed on the opposite page.

St Peter's is an inclusive church and welcomes all who wish to worship with us.

We welcome those who attend regularly and those who haven't been to church for a while, or indeed, those who want to come for the first time.

Easter is a time to remember and to rejoice in God's love. So we invite you to journey with us in Holy Week leading to the joy of Easter Day.

You will be very welcome.

Revd Anne Taylor, Vicar

Revd Nathan Thorpe, Curate



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or visit our website:

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Palm Sunday

- 8.00am Eucharist (BCP)
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist –preacher Revd Canon Alison Woodhouse
- 2.30pm A Relaxed Easter Service - *30 minute service for older people*
- 6.30pm A Reflective Service to mark the start of Holy Week
– *readings, reflections & music.*

Monday 15th

- 10.00am Eucharist
- 8.00pm Evening Service & Reflection ‘**The Journalist & Courage**’

Tuesday 16th

- 10.00am Eucharist
- 8.00pm Evening Service & Reflection ‘**The Poet & Doubt**’



Wednesday 17th

- 11.00am Eucharist
- 8.00pm Evening Service & Reflection ‘**The Bishop & Forgiveness**’

Maundy Thursday

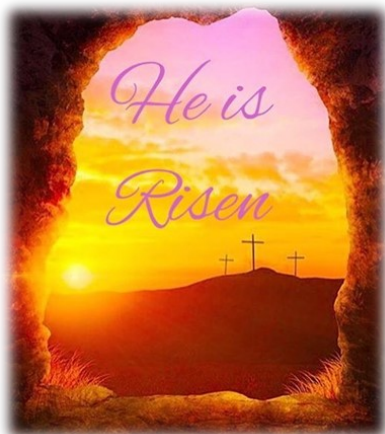
- 10.00am Eucharist
- 8.00pm Eucharist & Reflection ‘**The Soldier & Thirst**’
followed by Vigil of Prayer



Good Friday

- 9.45 am Tea & toast in the Bier House prior to the Walk
- 10.15am Walk of Witness from the Bier House to the Village
- 11.00am Passion Play (Formby Pool grounds)
- 2.00pm An Hour By the Cross in St Peter’s Church

The Church will be open Monday to Thursday from 9.30am to 12noon for personal prayer & reflection.



Celebrating the Resurrection Easter Day

- 8.00am Eucharist (BCP)
- 10.00am Easter Eucharist
followed by children’s Easter Egg Hunt
- 6.30pm Evensong



The Mission Team from Sheffield



Anne with Archbishop John Sentamu at the beach clean.



On Sunday 10th March we welcomed our visiting preacher, Bishop Pete Wilcox, who had been in the Deanery with a Mission Team from Sheffield.

Beer, BBQ & a Bishop!



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Formby Quiet Time

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

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

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St Michael's Church, Altcar, with spring flowers carpeting the churchyard, was the setting for the World Day of Prayer service on 1st March attended by a number of our members, some taking part in the choir. This year the focus was on Slovenia, a country that came into existence in 1991, having formerly been part of Communist Yugoslavia. Built around the theme of 'Come to the Feast -Everything is Ready', and featuring the experience of four women of different ages and backgrounds, this was a thought-provoking and inspiring service.

The first branch meeting of the MU year was held in the Bier House on Thursday, 7th March, when Caroline Collins was the speaker, inspiring us with her vision for the future of MU.

Caroline will be commissioned as Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union in Liverpool Cathedral at 3.00 pm on Saturday, 23rd March. The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Revd Paul Bayes, and Mrs Bayes will also be enrolled as Members. All are invited to this service.

The next branch meeting will be on Thursday, 4th April, at 2.00 pm in the Bier House when Keith Thomas will talk on the history of Sefton Church. The specific items we will be collecting for refugees are **flannels and sponges**. As usual, we will also be collecting cash in the yellow bucket for holidays for disadvantaged children and woollens and reading material for seamen.

The speaker on 3rd May is Gordon MacLeod who will talk on his "Training at St Peter's."

If you wish to join the lunch cruise on the Chester Canal on 6th June, the cost is £25 with a deposit of £10 payable on booking. Please make cheques payable to 'St Peter's Mothers' Union' and hand to Meryl, who is Acting Treasurer in the absence of Tricia.

It is some time ahead, but please note that on Saturday, 29th November, there will be a diocesan MU day in the Cathedral, with meetings and lunch.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter,



Herbert and Jean



“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” These words are from Mary Oliver's poem, The Summer Day.

If we try to live it to the full every day and do what is right by all, then that is a positive plan.

Every day is really a challenge, for when we wake up, we never know what the day will bring. Some days are happy and wonderful, while others are rotten, and we easily end up being miserable and depressed by the time it is over. Always think that, when things go wrong, tomorrow is another day and it can only be better! I say a little prayer each morning before getting out of bed which goes like this: -

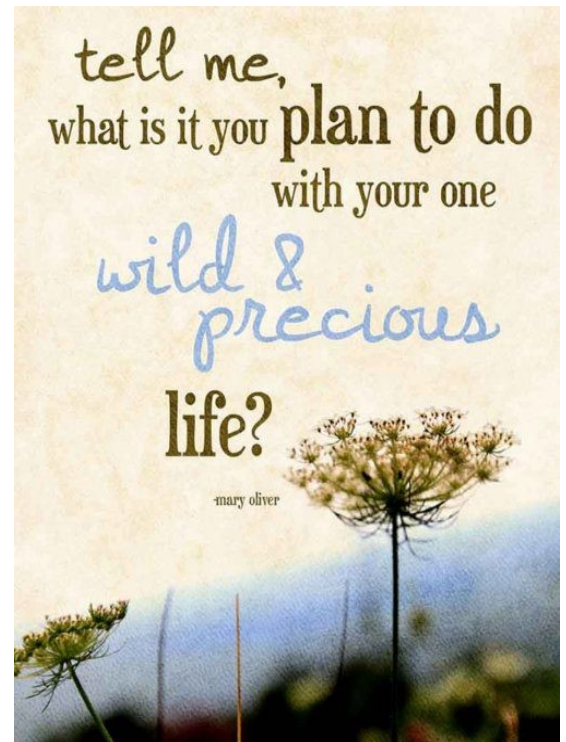
"Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that You and I together can't deal with." If the day goes wrong then I try to make it better, but if it is a good day, then I thank God for it.

Is life wild? It is certainly precious. Ask the people who have lost a dear one to knife crime or a motor accident and they will tell you how precious the loved one was. On the wild side, I have been there, done that and survived. In Belfast, during the Troubles, I did many fool-hardy things and went into areas that I should not have, so it could be a bit of "Wild" I suppose, but as each day was a gift it had to be lived to the full and enjoyed as much as possible. It was a way to cope with the stress and strain.

The question is, "What will you do with your life?" It is up to us. I have had my share of adventures, having been everywhere that I have wanted to go and seen everything I have wanted to see and have been as happy as I possibly could be. My religious Teacher Training College gave me the proper values by which to live and because of that I have always tried to live life to the best of my ability. I have had happiness, as there is always something to be happy about if you look for it. There is always someone you can help, and service, there is service to give to our family, friends and neighbours but mostly to God.

We can all be wild at times, happy, sad and lonely, but God is always at hand to help us to live that wild but precious life.

Enjoy it to the full.



Martha.

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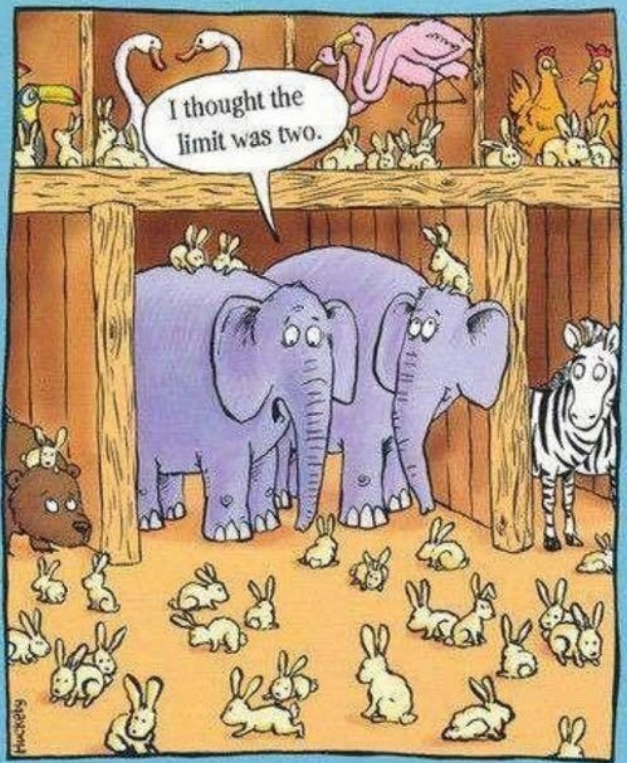
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 DARKNESS
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**Happiness can
be found even in
the darkest of
times.
If one only
remembers to
turn on the light.**

Albus Dumbledore,
from Harry Potter
by JK Rowling



**I've just eaten
50 kinder eggs!
Oh, I'm full of
surprises.**



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – April 2019



Monday 1 st	10.00am	Meditation in the Bier House
	2- 3.30pm	Singing for Fun in the Bier House
Tuesday 2 nd	10.00am	Bible Study Group <i>with Ken Ward</i> in the Bier House
Wed 3 rd	11.00am	Eucharist <i>followed by refreshments</i>
	2.00pm	WOW service for pre-schoolers
	3.10pm	Fishy Club in the Parish Hall
	7.30pm	Lent Study Series in the Bier House
Thursday 4 th	2.00pm	Mothers' Union in the Bier House
Friday 5 th	9.15-11.30	Little Fishes in the Parish Hall – break for Easter
	2.00pm	Bible Study Group <i>with Peter Paine</i> in the Bier House
	6.30pm	First Friday Eucharist
Saturday 6 th	9.00am	Breakfast Church in the Bier House
	10.00am	Saturday Crew in the Bier House
	2.00pm	Wedding of Jamie Craggs & Lauren Pennington



Sunday 7th		The 5th Sunday of Lent
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist & Baptism
	12noon	Service of Baptism
	6.30pm	The Cross of Christ – a service of music, readings & reflections.
Monday 8 th	10.00am	Meditation in the Bier House (There will be no group on 15 th or 22 nd April)
Tuesday 9 th	10.00am	Bible Study <i>with Ken Ward</i> in Bier House
Wed 10 th	11.00am	Eucharist followed by refreshments
	7.30pm	Bible Study <i>with Alison Woodhouse</i> in Bier House
Sunday 14th		Palm Sunday
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist – preacher Canon Alison Woodhouse
	2.30pm	Relaxed Easter Service for older people
	4.30pm	Wedding of David Hunter & Ashley Rule
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong

For all the details of the Holy Week Services
see the centre pages

HOLY WEEK



Sunday 21st

Easter Day

- 10.00am Parish Eucharist and Sunday Club
followed by Easter Egg Hunt
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong



Tuesday 23rd

- 10.00am Bible Study Group *with Ken Ward* in the Bier House

Wed 24th

- 7.00pm Primetime in the Old School Room, Parish Hall
- 7.30pm Bible Study *with Alison Woodhouse* in the Bier House

Thursday 25th

- 2.00pm Halcyon House Eucharist
- 3.00pm Woodlands Lodge Eucharist

Sunday 28th

The 2nd Sunday of Easter

- 10.00am Eucharist & Sunday Club
- 11.30am APCM in church
- 6.30pm Service of Wholeness



No Bible Study for Ken Ward's Group in Holy Week
 April's course will be "Jesus Rediscovered"

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

From the Church Registers



Funerals

- 18th March Jack Holroyd
- 20th March Jennifer Williams
- 29th March Sybil Moen

Interment of Ashes

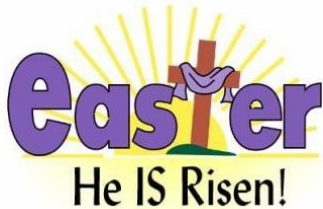
- 28th February Edward Mawdsley



Usually 1st Monday in Month
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A Relaxed Easter Service

Sunday 14th April 2019 at 2.30pm

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This Easter service, with familiar hymns & readings, will last 30 minutes and will be followed by refreshments.

The service is suitable for anyone who may find a morning service too long or too early for a relative or friend who lives in a Nursing Home.

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The Passion of Jesus

A PowerPoint presentation of the story of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus in the 16th C. windows of King's College Chapel in Cambridge with their Old Testament types will be shown in the **Bier House at St Peter's Church** on **Friday 5th April at 2.00pm**. Refreshments at the beginning.

Free event. Everyone most welcome. For further information please contact Peter Paine, peterspaine@gmail.com.

The picture shows the trial of Jesus before the High Priest.



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.



From the Church Registers

Wedding

8th March
Samuel Crick & Natalie Owen

Baptisms

17th March
Ethan Daniel Larne
son of Kayleigh & Michael

24th March
Bonnie Willow MacLeod
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From the Back Pew Ted Woods

ANOTHER ST PETER'S

Ripon Cathedral

On a recent trip, frustrated by not being admitted to Fountains Abbey – the site had been closed by the National Trust because of high winds, we ventured back to Ripon to find a dog-friendly coffee shop. Not easy in Ripon! After several refusals, we found a very dog-friendly café 'Wilfrid's' near the cathedral.

So, with body and soul restored by a tasty snack, we set off to explore the impressive cathedral, and were delighted to see it is dedicated to St Peter – as well as St Wilfred. However, half a loaf is better than none!



Ripon Cathedral can trace its foundation way back to the 7th century when Wilfred built a stone church dedicated to St Peter in Ripon and also founded a Benedictine monastery on the same site. St Wilfred was Bishop of Northumbria from 664 – 710.



In the late 12th century, the Archbishop of York, Roger de Pont L'Eveque set about building a magnificent church over Wilfred's crypt, and that was the start of the beautiful cathedral we see today, though over the next 400 years it underwent many repairs and additions, having suffered subsidence, earthquake and sacking from the Vikings.

Ripon's church was not a cathedral until the 19th century when Ripon was formed as the first new diocese in the Church of England since the Reformation. Up to that it had been a collegiate church. (A collegiate church has a college of canons, is a self-governing corporate body, but without its own bishop).

However, Ripon lost its independent status when in 2014 it was amalgamated with Wakefield and Bradford to form a new Diocese of Leeds.

The medieval choir stalls are said to have inspired Lewis Carroll to write Alice

in Wonderland. Carroll's father was a canon of the cathedral and one of the misericords (seats with wooden carvings) in the Mayor's Stall depicts a rabbit going down a rabbit hole.

The 70 wooden angels above the choir stalls are now being restored and repaired. The cathedral had a real 'fallen angel' when one of them separated from its moulding above the choir stalls. There is no record of one of the choristers having been hit, but they could have been!

Ripon was also a 'chartered sanctuary' allowing fugitives 30 days safety from arrest under the protection of the church authorities. There were strict rules about sanctuary: anyone seeking it had to confess their sins and give up their weapons.

The fugitive then had to decide whether to surrender and stand trial, or go into exile. Ripon's sanctuary area extended to at least a mile from the cathedral and sanctuary crosses were erected on the boundary.

The stump of one sanctuary cross remains today at Sharrow and is owned by the National Trust. It's the Trust's smallest property!

So, although Fountains Abbey will have to wait for another (calm) day, at least we found another notable church dedicated to St Peter!



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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 - 28th April 2019

Weekdays

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