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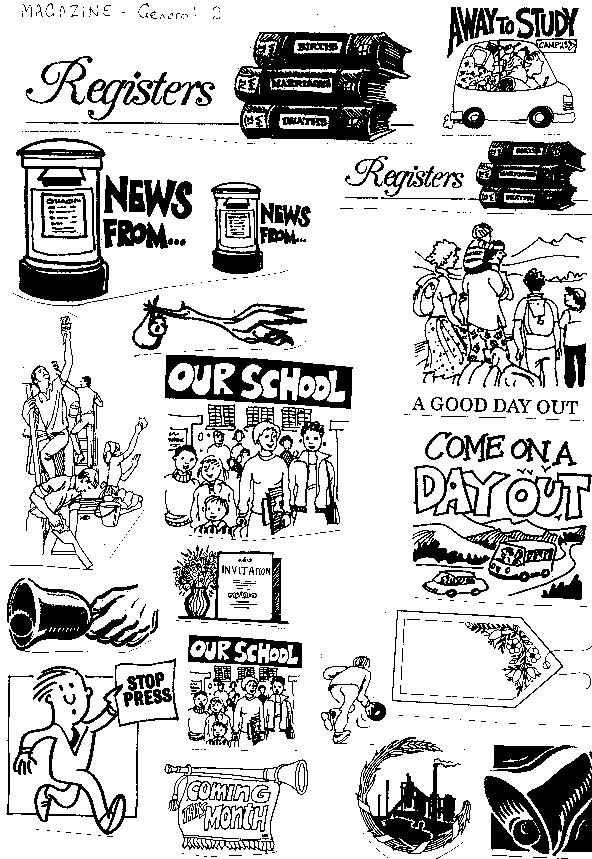
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School News



The autumn term is usually the longest term in the school year and lots has happened already in the first half term. Starting with the visit by Ofsted inspectors, the verdict of whom we hope will be available soon after the holiday ends, there has been a variety of exciting things going on.

The Harvest Festival service proved to be a great success, led by children from Year 1 and Year 4. There was plenty to think about and some wonderful singing. The children were then invited to come to the Sunday morning service where they not only sang but led a thanksgiving and prayers and read both scriptural readings. We were delighted with the turnout and would like to thank school and church families for supporting this year’s appeal the Warrington Foodbank. Out thanks to Asda who baked a traditional harvest loaf and to Mrs Walsh who arranged and collected it.

Our Reception children have settled remarkably quickly and show great promise. They attended worship in church within a couple of weeks of term and came in as though they’d been doing it all their lives. The Tuesday morning sessions have again proved popular and give the children a concrete link with church on a regular basis. Tuesday worship will return to school until next spring.

There have been trips out, too. The Reception children did an Autumn Walk in mid-October and were very excited all day. The football team beat Bewsey Lodge 4-2 away in pretty awful conditions thanks to some excellent teamwork. Year 1 and 2 children took part in a Mini-Olympics at Warrington Collegiate and some of the older junior children took part in their very own triathlon at the Orford hub.

The first termly parents’ evening took place this month and the support of parents was again good. No doubt there were many anxious children at home waiting to hear what ‘Miss’ had to say about them!

And on the last day of this half-term, children came in odd-socks to show their support for Street Kids, raising £153.80. In the afternoon, parents and Reception children came for afternoon tea in the Hall and sang a song about autumn – a lovely way to finish the term.

From the Vicar:

These last few days have seen a significant drop in temperature, heralding the onset of winter. A number of major events are taking place this month, some of which could affect the lives of people around the world.

The most significant, I imagine, is the election of a new President of the United States. Given the position the USA holds in world politics, the leader of that country has unbelievable power and needs to exercise it with wisdom and caution. This is even more important at a time when Russia is ‘flexing its muscles’ and emerging nations are becoming important economic forces in the world.

The lead-up to the election has not been a pretty sight, nor has it done much to elevate the role of democracy around the world, especially in those places where there is currently no democracy. Had other candidates been selected, it might have been different, but there are no guarantees. Politics around the world have changed in the past couple of years, a fact we witnessed in the *Brexit* referendum earlier this year.

Those who stand for office, wherever they may be, walk a very fine line between standing up for what they believe to be right and what they know will win votes. It’s no good being a person of immense integrity if the electorate want something quite different. But how far do you go to keep people on board, especially when you find it difficult to support that particular policy?

On Remembrance Day, we catch a glimpse of people who made the supreme sacrifice for what they believed to be right. Many of those killed in action who we remember on the 13th joined up to make this a better world for their children and for future generations.

Hidden behind the ceremonies that will take place up and down the country are individual men and women who may have gone to war full of misgivings for their own safety but willing to give everything they had for a just cause. These are the same ideals that give members of our armed forces the resolve to take part in actions around the world today. They do it because they believe it is right.

In the saints and martyrs of the Church, we see the same selfless courage and integrity as in those who fought (and still fight) for their country. The saints and martyrs have put their lives on the line for what they believe in, fully aware that there could be a cost for so doing. We commemorate the many, often nameless and unrecognised, on the day we call All Saints Day (1st November, though we will celebrate All Saints on 30th October).

To do anything well requires a degree of commitment and, at times, a level of commitment. It applies to those who sign up to join the forces, and it applies to us who try to follow our Lord in our daily lives.

We are fortunate to live in a country where our faith doesn’t put our lives at risk, but there are many people in our world today where that is as true as it ever was. We need to hold them regularly in prayer.

It has crossed my mind on more than one occasion to wonder whether this lack of challenge has made us lukewarm to our faith. If it was a case of being prepared to give everything rather than renounce our faith, would we be willing to make that commitment? I suppose some would while others would find it difficult. But looking at it from a slightly different point of view, how much are we prepared to put into the practice of our faith?

Do we give it the time we should?

What sacrifices are we willing to make to be followers of Jesus?

Are we prepared to support one another in our quest to be true disciples and followers of the Lord?

Occasionally we are privileged to come across someone who has been faithful to their beliefs and have set before us an example of Godly living. Those that I have met, and there have been a few over the years, were generally people who, it seemed, hardly gave it a second thought. They got on with ‘normal, everyday lives’ rooted in Jesus, yet you knew without anyone ever saying a word that these were special people who had committed themselves to the service of Christ. It wasn’t so much about what they did, but about who they were.

These are the people we commemorate on All Souls’ Day – the people who have humbly and quietly helped us on our spiritual journeys – and who we try to imitate today. They are the heroes of the faith; the ones who lived lives worthy of their calling.

Michael Raynor

What’s on in November...

**Sunday 6th The Third Sunday before Advent**

**November 10.00am Sung Eucharist**

**12 noon Holy Baptism**

**6.00pm Commemoration of All Souls Requiem**

Tuesday 8th 7.30pm Deanery Synod meeting at St Barnabas

Thursday 10th 10.30am Eucharist with Year 6 in church

5.00pm Full Governing Body meeting in school

8.00pm Thursday Ladies' Club meets at the vicarage

Saturday 12th 1.00pm Wedding of Alex Rowley and Kellie Ann Griffiths

**Sunday 13th The Second Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)**

**10.00am Sung Eucharist** including Act of Remembrance

Tuesday 15th 8.00pm PCC meeting in church meeting room

Thursday 17th 10.30am Eucharist with Year 5 in church

Saturday 19th 9.30am Setting up the Hall for the Fair

**1.00pm Christmas Fair opens**

**Sunday 20th The Sunday next before Advent**

**10.00am Sung Eucharist**

Tuesday 22nd 3.00pm Messy Church in school – come and join the fun

Thursday 24th 10.30am Eucharist with Year 4 in church

7.00pm Accent Music concert in church

NB. Thursday Ladies' Club meeting to be confirmed – please check with Jenny

**Sunday 27th St Andrew, Apostle and Patron**

**10.00am Festival Sung Eucharist**

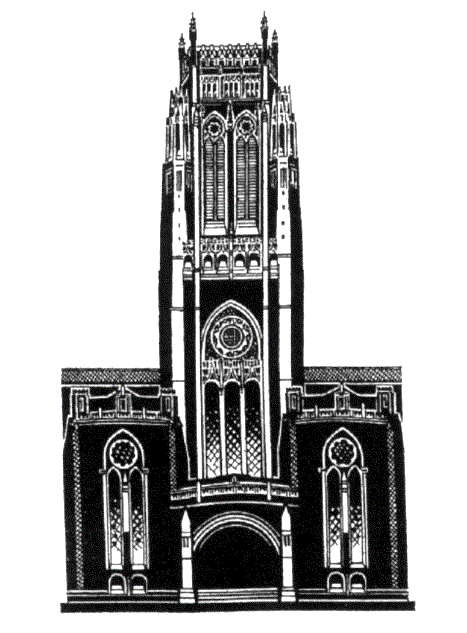
Wednesday 30th 9.15am School service for St Andrew – led by Year 2 and 3. All welcome and you support appreciated.

**Sunday 4th The Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 10.00am Sung Eucharist**

Thursday 8th 6.00pm Christingle Service in church

There are regular weekly celebrations of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) on Wednesday evening at 7.00pm and Thursday morning at 10.30am. Celebrations on Saint’s Days are published on the Sunday sheet. All are welcome.

At the cathedral:

On Sunday 27th November, Advent Sunday, the cathedral is hosting a candlelit service called ***From Darkness to Light***celebrating the light which Christ brings into the world. It begins at 5.30pm.

On Monday 28th at 7.30pm, *Embracing Hope* is a service aimed at those whose lives have been affected by serious illness or have lost children.

The Christmas season begins in earnest with the Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Choir’s *Ceremony of Carols* on Saturday 3rd December at 12.30pm and the lighting of the tree and blessing of the crib the next day, Sunday 4th at 3pm. There are then carols services on many of the days leading up to Christmas, including the Sancta Lucia Festival of light Service on Saturday 10th at 6pm. There are services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and details of all the services can be found on their website <http://www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/108/section.aspx?page=1>

On Boxing Day at 11.15am, Ian Tracey will give a Festive Boxing Day organ recital, full of seasonal favourites.

Who’s on in November …

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| 2016 | sides-people | reader | intercessor | offertory |
| 6 Nov  3 Adv. | M. Greatorex  H. Smythe | W. Reddish | N. Lee | A. Gorman  M. Parker |
| All Souls – 6pm | Volunteers please | J. Raynor | Fr Michael  J. Raynor | From  congregation |
| 13 Nov  2 Adv | I. Appleton  M. Harrington | W. McKinnon | D. Kirk | B. Boscoe  B. Glover |
| 20 Nov  Xt King | J. Devereux  M. Ellison | W. Forster | F. Greatorex | J. Blyth  L. Giblin |
| 27 Nov  St A | L. Giblin  F. Greatorex | School | School | School |
| 4 Dec  Adv 2 | B. Boscoe  B. Glover | B. Boscoe | K. Rowan | I. Appleton  M. Harrington |

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| **2016** | **Tea Rota** | **Counting collections** |
| 6 Nov | B. Boscoe / B. Glover | B. Boscoe / B. Glover |
| 13 Nov | M. Ellison / volunteer | I. Appleton / M. Ellison |
| 20 Nov | F. Greatorex / L. Giblin | V. Carter / J. Raynor |
| 27 Nov | M. Harrington / L. Manfredi | B. Boscoe / B. Glover |
| 4 Dec | B. Boscoe / B. Glover | --- |

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| **2016** | **Read on Weds Eve** | **Hall Cleaning** |
| 6 Nov | Fr Michael (9 Nov) | Fr Michael |
| 13 Nov | N. Lee (16 Nov) | C. Worrall |
| 20 Nov | D. Kirk (23 Nov) | Fr Michael |
| 27 Nov | Fr Michael (30 Nov) | J. Devereux |
| 4 Dec | N. Lee (6 Dec) | C. Worrall |

Please check the rota. If you cannot take your turn, please arrange a swap and write it clearly on the copy of the rota on the notice board in church. This will save any anxiety before services. Thank you.

**Christingle and the Children’s Society**

St Andrew’s have been holding Christingle services for a very long time and it seems we’re not alone. In the past two years, 11,071 Christingle services were held up and down the country, according to the latest news from the Children’s Society. This could be a conservative estimate, especially if churches have held Christingles to raise awareness rather than cash.

In that same period, £2.4 million has been raised which equates to helping 52,000 children.

Like many charities, they want to eradicate the sources of the problems children often face and have become much more focused on issues around growing up, especially the ones that are most difficult to speak about and which often cause the greatest harm. They have produced a number of hard-hitting reports designed to improve the lives of many more children than the official number and these improvements will continue to benefit young people for decades to come.

In May of this year, the Society launched new resources for church-based youth workers to help them address often unspoken issues around identity, mental health, healthy relationships and online safety. They are working with schools to help children living in difficult circumstances be heard and to help us all understand what it is to grow up in poverty.

There is a programme to identify and support young carers who are often hidden from the public spotlight yet do a tremendous amount of good work, sometimes to their own detriment. It is called the Young Carers in Schools Programme.

Our Christingle will take place on Thursday 8th December at 6pm. Come along and support this valuable work among children and young people.

**Parish Holiday 2017**

We are pleased to announce that there will be a parish holiday next year. Hazel has booked The Royal in Scarborough for 22nd – 26th May. The cost (for two people sharing) is £239. It will include coach travel, probably two excursions and half-board. More details will be available at the beginning of December but If you would like to know more, or would like to provisionally book a place, please have a word with Hazel Smythe.

Vocations, vocations, vocations…

Every fingerprint is unique; each one of us is unique – and God’s call to each of us is every bit as unique and special. In fact, the bible tells us that each of us is shaped by God’s purpose for us. He knows us and he calls us. He calls every Christian to serve Him in different ministries, at different times of life and in different places.

However, this does not mean that we always know for sure just what we are called to do in and with our life.

Sometimes confusing, sometimes scary but often persistent – God’s call can be hard for us to understand, hard to know, hard to discern. That's where LifeCall comes in! LifeCall is a diocesan initiative designed to help people find their true calling, whether it be to ordained ministry or any one of a wide variety of ministries.

LifeCall events will help you find your unique calling to fulfil God's will and purpose for you and to make the mark that only you can make the date next year to avoid clashing with other similar events across the town. Further information about LifeCall can be found on the diocesan website at <http://liverpool.anglican.org/LifeCall> . If you don’t have access to the internet, please have a word with Fr Michael.

There was a time when an individual’s call was just that – individual, but these days, the Church recognises that some people may not be aware of their calling while it is quite obvious to other people. To put it simply, if you see potential in someone else, why not have a word with them? God speaks in different ways to each one of us and for some, that means other people speaking on God’s behalf. Isn’t that what the prophets did?

Nowadays, there are many different areas of ministry. For some ministries, the Church sets age limits but for many other ministries, it’s never too late. As baptised Christians, we share a common task to spread the good news of the love of God to everyone. It isn’t the sole preserve of the vicar!

**Church and School events this month**

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped last month when the Reception children came to the Hall to sing and we had the chance to meet their parents.

We look forward to welcoming different junior classes to the Thursday morning Eucharist in church this month. We alternate between school (the first half term) and church. It works best when there is a good number of church people in church on these occasions so that the children feel they are part of something bigger than just school. Details and dates in “What’s on in November” page.

We are particularly looking forward to Tuesday 22nd November when we hold our termly Messy Church. The theme this time will be music as it is St Cecilia’s Day – the patron saint of music. The activities will be prepared in advance but we need lots of help so that everyone has a chance to try them. Please arrive just before 3pm.

Don’t forget the Christingle service will take place on Thursday 8th December at 6pm in church.

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A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday to spend the day hiking in the wilderness. Rounding a sharp bend in the trail, he collided with a bear and was sent tumbling down a steep grade. He landed on a rock and broke both legs.  
      With the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, the preacher prayed, "O Lord, I'm so sorry for skipping services today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish—make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me!"  
      At that very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to his knees, clasped his paws together, and began to pray aloud at the preacher's feet: "For what we are about to receive…"

MC900439967[1]**Christmas Fair**

All is now set for a ‘cracking good’ Fair. The date has been set – it’s **Saturday 19th November** and the doors open at 1pm.

Starting at 1pm has been a popular move and has helped us draw in new supporters. The new menu in the kitchen has also played a part, with pies complementing the seasonal fayre on offer. With your help, there will be freshly baked cakes too.

There will be some of the most popular stalls – gifts, the bottle tombola and prize tombola, the Grand Draw, children’s books and toys – and there will be **Santa’s Workshop**, an exciting place to help Santa get ready for Christmas! In the specially constructed workshop, children (and adults) will be able to make a variety of items to take home ready for the festivities. We hope that Santa’s little helpers will spread the word this year.

More than anything, we need to **publicise the Fair**. There will be glossy posters available. Please take one or more, especially if you can pursausde someone to display it in a shop or club. Invite everyone you know and meet between now and the Fair. They are much more likely to respond to a personal invitation. Make a point of telling them that you’ll meet them you’ll see them on the day.

**Sales of Grand Draw tickets** have started and it is hoped that everyone willtake some to sell. With a bumper first prize of £100, we hope it will attract a lot of interest. But we need to ensure that we sell lots of tickets – and that means every one of us. It’s also a good way of advertising the Fair as well as bringing in some cash before the doors open.

**There are a few things we would still appreciate**: bottles for the bottle tombola, prizes for the prize tombola (and maybe a couple more for the Grand Draw) and a few more offers of £5 towards the first prize (with thanks to those who have already promised). In the next week or so, we’ll be asking people to look after stalls, but please don’t wait to be asked. **Volunteers are worth their weight in gold!**

**News from the 33rd**

Scout Groups, like many other organisations, have to hold an Annual General Meeting of members. It’s a chance to celebrate achievements and good practice and to plan for the future.

Our Scout Group, the 33rd Warrington West, held their AGM last month at Rylands Club. Holding the meeting in a convivial setting, and following it with a party, ensured a good attendance.

Aaron as Group Scout Leader addressed everyone, starting with some of the activities of the past year. Earlier in 2016, the Cub Movement celebrated its centenary with a number of activities both locally and nationally. This year, the 33rd is 32 years old and has swelled its ranks significantly. Given that many organisations are shrinking in support, this is a real encouragement for leaders and members alike.

2016 saw the first summer camp for some time. Scouts went for a full week; cubs for the weekend and beavers for the day on the Saturday. Aaron expressed his thanks to all the leaders who took part. He also reported that a number of new leaders had been invested and assumed new roles over the last year.

The Group is now looking forward to Chamboree 2018, an international jamboree held once every four years at Tatton Park. It is attended by around 5,000 scouts from around the world. The Group is planning a major round of fund-raising to ensure that every member of the Group is able to attend. The aim is to reduce the £200 fee by half.

Following the death of Ann Moran twelve months ago, the Group has been fund-raising for Macmillan Cancer Care. The plan was to sell a thousand donated teddies and the total received to date is more than double the target. Before the AGM, the total raised was £700 which included a special memorial evening for Ann laid on by her family which raised £300. At that event, over seventy white helium balloons were released to coincide with the time of Ann’s death – a moving moment. Another member was due to have her head shaved after the Meeting.

Aaron concluded by announcing the committee for the next twelve months before handing over to section leaders who presented awards and badges before turning up the music and letting the party begin!

**Deanery news**

Congratulations to Fr Stephen Boyd who is to be inducted as rector of ST Mary West Derby (Liverpool) and St James West Derby on Sunday 6th November at 4.00pm.

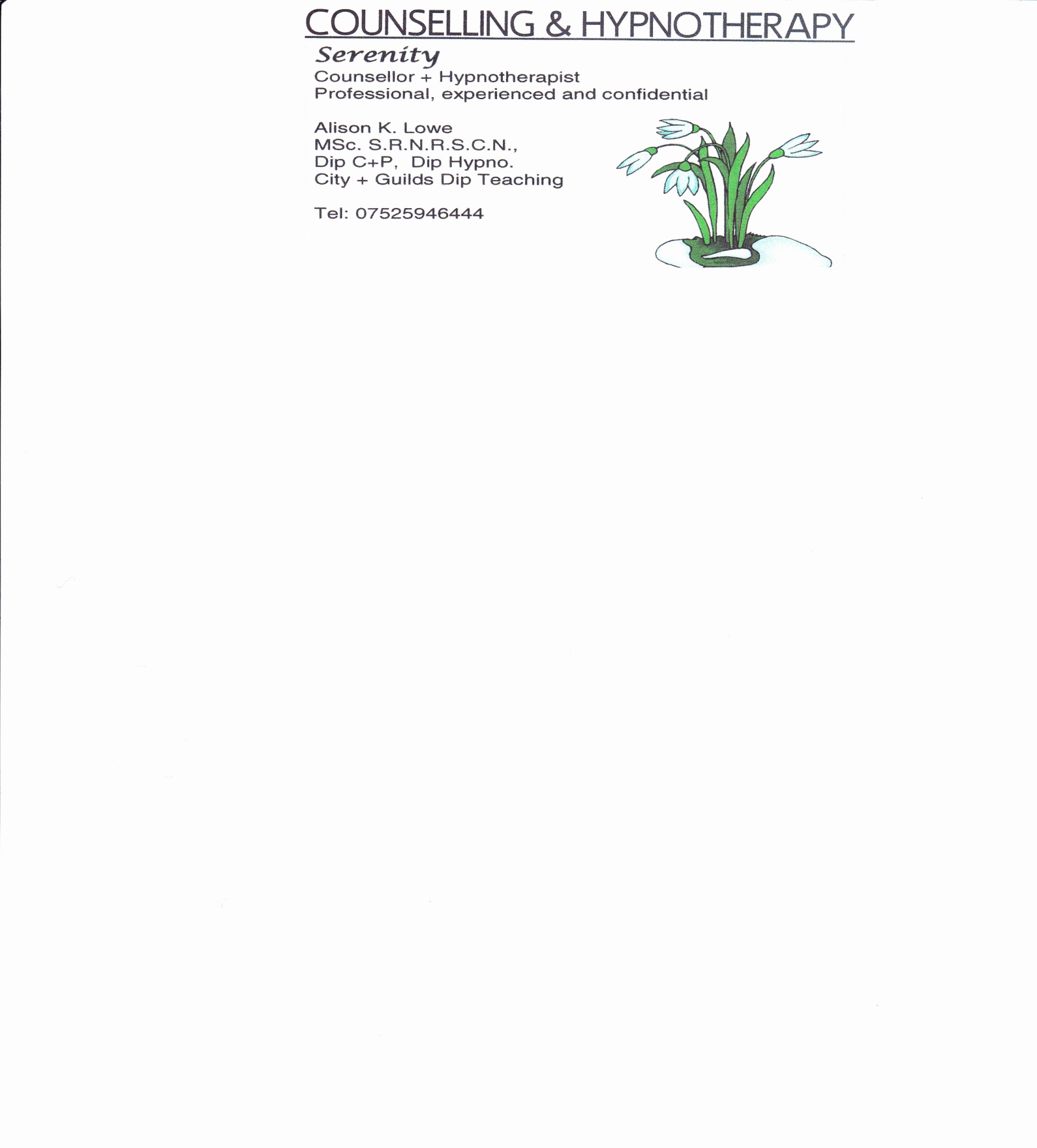
There has been a strong link between Warrington Deanery and West Derby. Roger Wikely moved from the Church of the Ascension at Woolston to be Rector of West Derby some time ago and more recently, Mark Coleman was appointed to west Derby having formerly been Curate at St Elphin’s Church.

Stephen has served faithfully at St Margaret and All Hallows for the past seven years and at St James Hood Manor before that. He has also been Area Dean of Warrington, serving the needs of the wider church this side of the River Mersey. We wish him and Cathryn well at the start of this new ministry.

The Rev Paul Wilson, Rector of St Elphin’s, has just been appointed as Area Dean of Warrington following Fr Stephen’s move to West Derby. He will continue as Rector of St Elphin’s while undertaking this new responsibility.

News of the rebuilding project at St Paul’s Penketh is that demolition of the old building is just starting. It seems there was some delay in disconnecting the main electricity supply but now that has been done, work will start very soon.

The plan is to rebuild the church (originally a timber frame building that had seen the best of its useful life) with an all-purpose church with community facilities.



[](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Will_Aid)**Will Aid November 2016**

Started in 1988, Will Aid Week offers professionally written wills with the full fee going to selected charities.

It was Band Aid and Live Aid that first promoted the idea which has now spread across the country. The idea is simple. You make an appointment to visit a local solicitor who will guide you through the process. When the will is ready, you sign it and make a donation (£95 is suggested for a single will and £150 for a pair of ‘mirror wills’)

[](http://willaid.org.uk/will-aid-charities/sciaf)[](http://willaid.org.uk/will-aid-charities/age-uk)[](http://willaid.org.uk/will-aid-charities/sightsavers)[](http://willaid.org.uk/will-aid-charities/actionaid)[](http://willaid.org.uk/will-aid-charities/british-red-cross)[](http://willaid.org.uk/will-aid-charities/nspcc)Nine different charities benefit from the proceeds of Will Aid; some are UK based while others serve overseas.

[](http://willaid.org.uk/will-aid-charities/trocaire)[](http://willaid.org.uk/will-aid-charities/save-children)[](http://willaid.org.uk/will-aid-charities/christian-aid)

When making a will, please spare a thought for your church. Major charities often receive legacies and you will see them advertising in the papers and on television. One or two raise almost half their income in this way.

So why not the church that you attend week by week and have been a part of, often for many years. Churches are like families and play an important part in your life. This is a way of giving back something that will help future generations in a way that has helped you.

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| Remembrance Day  Our annual act of remembrance will take place on Sunday 13th November as part of the 10 o’clock Sung Eucharist. As in previous years, tha aim is to have the silence at 11 o’clock and will include the words of the citation and the hymn *O valiant hearts*. |  |

St Andrew’s Day

We will celebrate our Patronal Festival on Sunday 27th November with a Sung Festival Eucharist at 10.00am. This year we will be joined by children from school who will take part in the service.

On Wednesday 30th, there will be a school led worship at 9.15am and our usual Wedneday evening eucharist for St Andrew’s Day at 7.00pm

Accent Music Hub concert

The next concert will be held on Thursday 24th November starting at 7pm. Tickets are normally £4 payable at the door. Previous concerts have included a wide range of talents from beginners to national youth band members and are always good value.

Parish Christmas card

This is advance notice to say that we will again be producing a Christmas card for members of St Andrew’s to greet one another. You might like to decide whether you will include Christmas greetings of your own and the words you’d like to use. More details in December’s *Green Spire*.

Setting up for the Fair

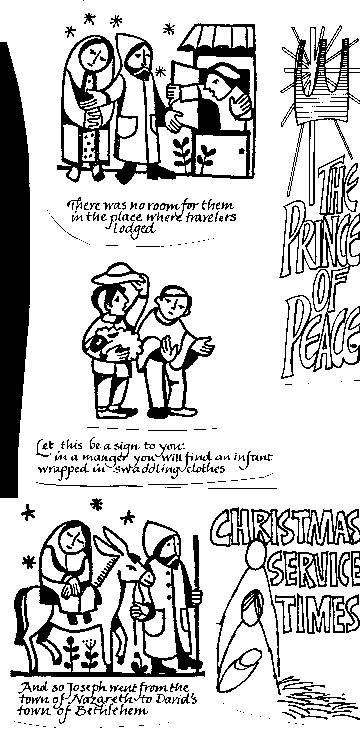
As in recent years. We intend setting up for the Christmas Fair on Saturday morning. The Hall will be open from 9.30am and tables will have been set up in readiness for stall holders and helpers.

If we all work together, it is quite possible to be ready for the opening at 1pm. We would particularly value help in setting up the grotto and someone willing to put up some Christmas decorations to make the Hall feel festive.

**Posada**

Coming from the Spanish word that means ‘lodging’, Posada has been adopted by the Church Army to remind us of the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem and their search for somewhere to stay overnight.

Hospitality was, and probably still is, an important concept for Jewish people. At a time when there were many travellers and no hotels, villagers were expected to put up travellers passing through their village overnight. What’s more, they would treat them as ‘special guests’ often feeding them with the best they had.

So when Mary and Joseph made their visit to Bethlehem to register in the census, they would have had to stop at least one night somewhere *en route* and a now anonymous family would have welcomed them into their home.

Starting on St Andrew’s Day at the school service, children will have the opportunity to take home a posada – a box containing crib figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey, together with a stable. There’s also a simple sheet with ideas to remember that epic journey and a very straightforward book retelling the Christmas story.

In this way, families can once again offer the holy family overnight accommodation and welcome them into their lives. The posada will be brought into church for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

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Does catching up with your envelopes after a holiday or absence seem like hard work?

If so, why not let your bank do the work? There is a growing number of people at St Andrew’s who have set up a standing order with their bank so that their giving is automatically transferred to the church account once a month (although a weekly transfer is possible too). You still retain control – you choose the date each month to make the transfer and you can change the amount at any time if you wish. If you want to stop the payments, then that too is easily done.

In the next few weeks, Lynne Giblin will be preparing boxes of giving envelopes for 2017. If you would like to move over to a standing order, please let Lynne know, preferably before the end of November. If you’d like to know more about the advantages of a regular standing order, please ask Lynne or Fr Michael. Thank you.

St Andrew’s Charity Shop

every Wednesday

from 10.00am to 3.00pm in the Hall

Drop-in for tea and toast.

Carer’s advice desk most Wednesdays

Advent

begins on Sunday 27th November. Traditionally, Christians use the time up to Christmas as a time for reflection, prayer and preparation. Unfortunately, it often catches us ‘unawares’ and the moment is lost. Have you thought what you would like to do this year?

**Who’s who in the Church of England**

Being part of a local church like St Andrew’s, we don’t always realise that we are part of a much bigger family than those who meet week by week in or building.

Starting at the top, the Church of England is just that – it covers ever square inch of the country so that nobody is left out. It is first divided into two Provinces – Canterbury and York, each with it’s own archbishop. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the spiritual head of the whole Church of england and the Archbishop of York is the next most senior person in the C of E.

The Provinces are divided up into dioceses – there are 43 in total, of which 12 are in York and the rest in Canterbury. The dioceses are rather like counties and often follow county boundaries.

Responsibility for leading a diocese lies with the diocesan bishop. In our case, that is Bishop Paul, the Bishop of Liverpool. Different dioceses are supported in different ways. Some are divided up and responsibility given to a particular bishop but here in Liverpool, Bishop Paul is responsible to the whle diocese and supported by a sufffragan bishop (an assistant), the Bishop of Liverpool. Bishop Paul is assisted by a number of assistant bishops, some of whom are retired.

Our diocese is divided into four archdeaconries and we are part of the Warrington and Widnes Archdeaconry. Our archdeacon is Fr Roger Preece.

Deaneries were originally a grouping of ten churches under the care of the Rural Dean (in our diocese, we call them Area Deans, being a largely urban diocese). The bishop appoints an Area Dean who provides pastoral oversight and support for the parishes in his or her care.

Parishes are normally led by an incumbent, appointed by the patorn who is often also the bishop. In some cases, wealthy landowners gave the land and building and in return retained the right to appoint the incumbent personally.

Once a year, the parish elects church wardens and members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) who have legal responsibilites for the church and its worship.

The incumbent (vicar) fulfils a number of roles. He or she baptizes and marries, often take funerals and leads Sunday and midweek worship. If there is a church school, they often lead woorship and some teach. *However*, it is the people in the pews that make the church and the church wouldn’t exist without you!

**Laughter and fun for child refugees in Greece**

Life for adult refugees in Greece is difficult – many fled war or persecution, risked treacherous journeys, and now live in squalid refugee camps – but imagine what life must be like for child refugees.

Of the 60,000 refugees and asylum seekers currently stranded in Greece, around 40 per cent are children – and caring for these children is a priority of USPG and our partners.

Recently, with the population in the camps stabilising, Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS) have been set up to provide children with protection, education and an opportunity to play. In mainland Greece we are supporting the CFS work of Lighthouse Relief and on the island of Samos we are working with Medical Intervention (MedIn).

Rebecca Boardman, USPG Refugee Response Facilitator in Athens, explained: ‘The spaces are colourful, vibrant and fun. Psychologists and social workers run creative therapy sessions, while volunteers organise games and activities.

‘There are no schools in the refugee camps, but in these spaces the children are able to learn in an engaging and supportive environment, and they’re helped to cope with the trauma they have experienced.’

In a refugee camp on Samos, amid the tension, fear and uncertainty, a MedIn social worker told Rebecca: ‘Every day children have the opportunity to draw, to play, to create and, most importantly, to laugh. ‘Children learn basic English and essential hygiene practices like washing their hands and brushing their teeth. They have fun together and are excited to learn. It is like they have created a new world, a better world, even if it’s just in a tent.’ Church brings fun and laughter to child refugees in Greece

Photo: (USPG /Leah Gordon)

**Snippets from the Church Times**

A report due to be published on 10 November will express the need for laity to be treated as equal to clergy if the Church is to grow. In particular, it will say that clergy and lay people should be seen as “equal in worth and status, complementary in gifting and vocation, mutually accountable in discipleship and equal partners in mission” if the Church is to flourish. It also calls for the laity to be equipped to follow Jesus in every sphere of life in ways that demonstrate the Gospel.” The report is part of the Archbishop’s Renewal and Reform Agenda.

Also part of the Renewal and reform (R&R) Agenda is a new focus on the church on estates. Having seen a rapid decline over the past twenty years. The Bishop of Burnley, working on behalf of General Synod, welcomed a new enthusiasm for ‘estate ministry’ but wanted to see ‘some action’ as the Church looks for new and stimulating ways of addressing the problem which, he says, will take some years to turn around.

Fifty years after a historic meeting between Archbishop Michael Ramsey and Pope Paul VI to inaugurate a new era for relations between the two Churches, Archbishop Justin Welby and Pope Francis met to recall the moment and recommit to closer practical collaboration and spiritual communion. The partnership between David Sheppard and Derek Warlock and the only ecumenical university in Europe (Hope) were fruits of that process.

A disabled cleric has just completed the journey from John o’ Groats to Land’s End, some 900 miles, in just 14 days. The trip included a broken wheel which cost him three days and included steep hills, gale force winds and spray thrown up by heavy lorries. Matt Martinson raised £16,000 towards a refurbishment of his church. He said, “The public along the way were absolutely brilliant… I am quite an independent person, but I realised that I do need to ask for help.”

In a quarter page advert, SPCK is commending a short video called *Prayers on the Move* to help busy commuters give prayer a go. There’s no reason why it should be restricted to commuters, though, and anyone with a smartphone or tablet could take part too. The web address is [www.prayersonthemove.com](http://www.prayersonthemove.com)

Several cathedrals, including our own, have started selling Fairtrade chocolate in their gift shops. Other visitor attractions such as Chester Zoo and the Tate Modern have so far shunned approaches by The Meaningful Chocolate company

to sell certified chocolate. Perhaps they will see the light and change soon!

**Christians on the Way to Unity**

*Travelling Together* is an international gathering to be held in Castel Gandolfo, in the hills just outside Rome. This five-day event, hosted by the Focolare Movement, is for Christians of all Churches, ages and vocations. It is a unique opportunity to experience a vibrant and living ecumenism with hundreds of other from all over the world.

The gathering will be held from 9 – 13 May 2017, marking the five hundredth anniversary of the Reformation. The anniversary has been described by the leaders of Churches Together in England as an opportunity “to hear different stories and build bridges of deeper understanding and respect”.

Enquiries and bookings at [ecumenism@focolare.org.uk](mailto:ecumenism@focolare.org.uk) Further details on the website [www.focolare.org/gb](http://www.focolare.org/gb) or from Norma Lee.

**Bishop designs Christmas coin**

Britain’s Royal Mint has produced the UK’s first-ever Christmas coin – and has turned to the Church in Wales’ Bishop of St Asaph, Gregory Cameron, for its design. Bishop Gregory, a former deputy secretary general of the Anglican Communion, designed the UK’s [last round-pound](http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2016/05/bishop-renders-four-beasts-unto-caesar.aspx), which was released in May.

The Royal Mint are issuing just 30,000 of the new £20 silver coins They have been produced for the collectors’ market and, while legal tender, are not designed to enter general circulation. People who [purchase the coin](http://bit.ly/2dObvGF) will also receive a specially designed booklet “with space to note down your favourite moments of 2016 and wishes for the coming year,” the Royal Mint say.

“Commemorative coins are generally treasured for their aesthetic and collectable value, or for their rarity,” they said. “Collectors appreciate the detailed hand-finished processes and expert skills used to make them.”

The design features the Magi’s visit to the holy family, bringing gifts in homage to Jesus.

Britain’s Royal Mint is changing the shape of the UK’s pound coin, replacing the round design with a new 12-sided coin. The Mint regularly changes the designs on its coins; and has released the last ever round pound – with a picture of four royal beasts, also designed by the Bishop of St Asaph.

Bishop Gregory is a keen amateur artist and coin collector. His design features four royal beasts from the constituent nations of the United Kingdom: the Welsh dragon, the English lion, the Scottish unicorn and a stag for Northern Ireland. The beasts surround the St Edward’s crown – the symbol of Britain’s monarchy.

Story by Gavin Drake for Anglican Communion News Service

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The vicar stepped into the pulpit, opened the folder his secretary had provided for his sermon notes and said, “Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. You’ll be glad to know that when I asked my secretary to type this sermon out for me, I asked her to eliminate anything that was dull or confusing. So, in conclusion...”

As I see it …by Church Mouse

“I've always been blessed, or cursed, some might say, with an insatiable curiosity,

a desire to find something out about a people and a place.

That's where it all begins.” *Michael Palin*

It’s been a while since we last visited the Charity Shop and being half-term, with lots of young mice under foot, we decided we’d have a look.

Mildred and I usually wander round the edges when we visit – it’s safer that way – but with the little ones, they tend to go this way and that, leaving us no choice but to take our lives in our paws and follow.

“Hey, Dad,” cried young Philly (you may remember the triplets were all named after our favourite cheeses: Philly after Philadelphia; Edie after Edam and Dolly after Dolcelatte). “What’s this then?” she shouted. It was a shiny piece of metal with a sort of hook that swivelled when you pulled on it.

“I’m not sure,” I replied, “Let’s ask Sid.”

Sid scratched his head and then remembered Joyce had once said it was a hook for hanging your handbag on the edge of the table when you went out for the evening. Philly was very impressed.

One of the others then spotted a painting of the Sydney Harbour Bridge – and it was almost life-size. It was certainly the biggest picture I’ve ever seen.

“Why don’t we post it to Angela and Frank,” piped up one of the little ones, “you know, Margaret’s daughter – they live in Australia”.

“Even better,” said a cheeky voice, “perhaps she could take it with her when she goes. Pop it in her hand luggage!” Millicent gave him one of her famous looks!

Just then, Granny Mouse woke up, smiling from ear to ear. “Do you remember that pair of size fourteen shoes? Grandpa said that if it ever rained in as it used to do and the Hall started to flood, we could all climb in like Noah and sail away to safety.”

By now, everyone was coming up with their favourite finds.

Millicent said, “Do you remember those ‘all-in-one’ dressing gowns that were all the rage? We had a few of them. Do you remember the white one that had black spots all over it and a cow’s head?”

“That’s nothing,” I said, “what about the one that was yellow with fawn patches like a giraffe? It even had a long neck.”

Granny Mouse suddenly remembered a very interesting old booklet she’d once found. It was called “Rules of the Hope of Ellel Tent – Branch of the Preston District of the Independent Order of Rechabites. The ‘Tent’ (a local branch) was instituted in 1912 and the Rule Book published in 1933. It was a sort of Friendly Society based in Salford.

“I think I’ve still got it somewhere,” she said, and dashed off to look through her things. “Here it is,” she cried.

We all gathered round to have a look. It seems it was a sickness scheme which included a funeral plan for its members.

“Look at that,” said Millicent, pointing to the Funeral Contribution Table. “You could only join if you were under fifty.”

“Yes,” Grandpa said, “you have to remember people didn’t live much after that in those days.”

“And the most you could insure for was £40. That would have bought a really posh funeral. Wouldn’t go far these days though,” said Millicent.

“Over the years, we’ve had some very strange kitchen implements in,” said Millicent – an expert in these matters. “Jenny calls them ‘drawbacks’ because you buy them thinking they’ll be useful and then they live at the back of the drawer, largely unused.”

“Do you remember that device for getting stones out of cherries?”

“And the one for getting Boy Scouts out of horses’ hooves?”

“What about that thing that looked like a giant ‘nit comb’. Someone said it was for holding onions while you slice between the prongs for ultra-fine slices! I bet that comes out every day.”

And there were those green rubber pouches for poaching individual eggs in. The only problem was making them stand up in the water once you’d cracked an egg into them.”

“Talking of cups, what about those lovely frilly, padded hammocks that come in pairs that we all stretch out and relax in when the weather’s hot?” said Grandpa. Millicent gave him ‘another famous look’ before hastily changing the subject!

**Churchmouse**

**Praying for the world-wide Church**

Prayer is central to Christian discipleship. At its best, prayer needs to be informed. It illuminates our prayer when we know for whom we are praying and what their situation is. Sunday by Sunday (and day by day), Anglicans around the world take it in turn to pray for one another, following a two-year cycle. In our worship in church, we join together with fellow Anglicans in praying for the people of those dioceses. Here are the Churches and dioceses that will be mentioned on the Sundays this month.

Last month, and again this month, some of the Churches we pray for are described as ‘extra-provincial to Canterbury’. It might be that the phrase is self-explanatory, but in case it doesn’t immediately say what it means, extra-provincial Anglican churches are a group of small, semi-independent church entities within the [Anglican Communion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglican_Communion). Unlike the larger member churches of the Communion, extra-provincial churches are not part of a province and are, in most cases, subject to the [oversight](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metropolitan_bishop) of the [Archbishop of Canterbury](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archbishop_of_Canterbury). There are currently six extra-provincial churches. In almost every case, these churches consist of just one [diocese](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diocese), although the Church of Ceylon is an exception, having two.

* The [Anglican Church of Bermuda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglican_Church_of_Bermuda), led by the [Bishop of Bermuda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bishop_of_Bermuda)
* The [Church of Ceylon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_Ceylon), [Sri Lanka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sri_Lanka), led by the [Bishop of Colombo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bishop_of_Colombo)
* The [Parish of the Falkland Islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parish_of_the_Falkland_Islands), led by the [Bishop of the Falkland Islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bishop_of_the_Falkland_Islands) (post currently held by the Archbishop of Canterbury himself)
* The [Lusitanian Catholic Apostolic Evangelical Church](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lusitanian_Catholic_Apostolic_Evangelical_Church) (Igreja Lusitana Católica Apostólica Evangélica) in [Portugal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portugal), led by the Bishop of the Lusitanian Church
* The [Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_Reformed_Episcopal_Church) (Iglesia Española Reformada Episcopal) in [Spain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain), led by the Bishop of the Spanish Reformed Church

Under a metropolitical Council:

* The [Episcopal Church of Cuba](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iglesia_Episcopal_de_Cuba), led by the Bishop of Cuba

**Sunday 6th November: The Lusitanian Church**

Lusitania is a region of northern Portugal on the border with Spain and is Portuguese speaking. It is one of three Old Catholic Churches that together celebrated fifty years of full communion, the others being the Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church and the Utrecht Union – Old Catholic Churches.

The American Episcopal Church organized the Lusitanian Church, Catholic Apostolic Evangelical in 1880. The Church consisted of Roman Catholic Priests who formed congregations in and around Lisbon using a translation of the 1662 English Prayer Book. A Lusitanian Bishop was consecrated in 1958 and in the early 1960s many Provinces of the Anglican Communion established full Communion with the Church in Portugal. Full integration occurred in 1980 when the Church became an extra-provincial diocese under the authority of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

During the week of prayer for Christian Unity, the Lusitanian Church (Anglican), the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches signed an agreement that “these Churches recognize the baptism as a basic bond of unity and hope that recognition is a step forward on the path of the visible unity of the one Body of Christ "so that the world may believe."

**Sunday 13th November: The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain**

Staying on the Iberian Peninsula with another extra-provincial region in the Anglican Communion, our prayers are asked for Anglicans in Spain. The Lusitanian Church has strong links with the Church in Brazil and the Episcopal Church of Spain had its roots in the Church in Mexico.

Under the leadership of a former Roman Catholic Priest, the Spanish Reformed Church was under the pastoral care of the Bishop of Mexico starting in 1880. In 1894, the Bishop of Meath consecrated the first Bishop and the Church of Ireland accepted metropolitan authority. The Church was fully integrated in 1980 as an extra-provincial diocese under the authority of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

One of the mediaeval pilgrimage routes, the Way of St James, finishes in Santiago which is located within the area under the care of the Church of Spain. Many pilgrims conclude their pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. According to the national secretary for the Bishop of Spain, “there are more Protestant pilgrims on the *Camino* than Catholics.” So now, the Iglesia Española Reformada Episcopal (Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain) is proposing to build an Anglican Centre in Santiago to enable Protestant pilgrims to share the Eucharist in the city. “Furthermore,” he says, “there are Anglican centres in Jerusalem and Rome, but none in third most holy site on earth: Santiago.”

The Roman Catholic cathedral of Compostela di Santiago ***Photo Credit: NeilsB / Wikimedia***

**Sunday 20th November: Falkland Islands**

[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:FAL-2016-Stanley,_Falkland_Islands%E2%80%93Christ_Church_Cathedral.jpg)The Parish of the Falkland Islands is an [extra-provincial church](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extra-provincial_Anglican_churches) in the [Anglican Communion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglican_Communion). In 1869, the "Diocese of the Falkland Isles" with jurisdiction over the rest of South America excepting British Guyana" was established.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parish_of_the_Falkland_Islands#cite_note-Milm-1) The name was due to a legal technicality: at that time there was no way an English bishop could be consecrated for areas outside the jurisdiction of the Crown.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parish_of_the_Falkland_Islands#cite_note-Milm-1) From the start, the bishop resided in Buenos Aires and had his administrative office there.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parish_of_the_Falkland_Islands#cite_note-Milm-1) From 1902 to 1973, the jurisdiction of the diocese was progressively reduced in area as more dioceses were established in South America and after the formation of the "Consejo Anglicano Sudamericano" in 1973 as a step towards the formation of a new province of the Anglican Communion the Parish became extra-provincial under the direct jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Until the war between Great Britain and Argentina in 1982, at the Archbishop´s request episcopal functions were performed by the Anglican Bishop of Argentina.

The Cathedral is built on the site of Holy Trinity Church, which was destroyed by the [peat slip](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Landslide) that destroyed part of [Stanley in 1886](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stanley,_Falkland_Islands#History).

The Cathedral is in possession of the [Garter banner](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Order_of_the_Garter) of [Edward Shackleton, Baron Shackleton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Shackleton,_Baron_Shackleton), which hung in [St. George's Chapel in Windsor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._George%27s_Chapel,_Windsor_Castle) during his lifetime.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christ_Church_Cathedral_(Falkland_Islands)#cite_note-1)

In the front of this church stands a [monument](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monument)—a [whalebone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whalebone) arch, made from the jaws of two [blue whales](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_whale). The monument was raised in 1933 to commemorate the centenary of the British rule in Falkland Islands.

**Sunday 27th November: The Diocese of Kansas (VII, The Episcopal Church)**



The Episcopal Church is home to about 11,000 people in 44 congregations in cities and towns across eastern Kansas. Our congregations make up our diocese, and our diocese is part of the wider Episcopal Church, which in turn is part of a larger, global community of Christians in the Anglican Communion.

The 157th Annual Convention of the diocese was set for Oct. 28-29 at the Hilton Double Tree Hotel at the Airport in Wichita.

The plan included a joint gathering with delegates and clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas and separate business meetings for both dioceses. The conference wasn’t all hard work, with a variety of worship sessions in different styles and a joint banquet on the Tuesday evening.

The diocese works hard to engage with young people and Youth Tide is planned for November. Through the work of Campus Ministry, the diocese reaches out to students: “Together we teach and learn, cook and eat, laugh and cry, praying often as we seek to nurture and support one another.  All the while, we acknowledge that God’s grace and love often acts in ways beyond our wildest comprehension and sometimes even our powers of observation.”

**Father O’Flaherty Saves Our Soles**

##### The other Friday we went to The Royal Court theatre in Liverpool as we have done several times this year. Normally we catch the train to Lime Street and walk the couple of hundred yards to the theatre. This time mother came with us and we travelled by car parking in St John’s shopping centre car park at a cost of two pounds fifty pence for the evening. Often we have a lovely meal at our table by the stage’s edge; there is plenty of room and easy access.

##### This evening we had a table literally on the stage edge to watch a play written by Alan Stocks he normally acts in his plays and on this occasion he was lead playing a Roman Catholic priest. Father O’Flaherty has been a priest for as long as he can remember and that’s not really much he can remember anymore. He is a maverick who doesn’t play by the rules, which is O K if he were a New York cop.

##### The Bishop has had reports and wants him out. An envoy from the Bishop lands in his manse and that’s when the fun begins when O’Flaherty is interrogated and cannot answer simple theological questions. He is joined by a batty housekeeper and two nuns who have run away from the convent all four are lovable rogues who have been silly rather than sinners.

##### One of the nuns has mental problems when she believes that she is someone else and delivers some wonderful accurate and hilarious impersonations whilst in her trance condition. Both actresses are superb dances and their singing is worth the entrance money alone.

##### The play is yes a laugh at the established church, particularly which from Rome, yet it never spites Jesus. This is a good versus evil story, as its priestly narrator, having lost his way, questions, in a light hearted way, morals that the church faces.

##### Alan Stocks has written and along with his colleagues acted in a fantastically humorous play that yet had a sting in its tail. To the end the audience unknowingly became the congregation and united with the players in fight and hate for the actor who was identified as the devil. O’Flaherty had searched the devil’s wallet and found that he had a Manchester United season ticket, we were in Liverpool and the boo’s outweighed those that the Wire do to the ‘Pie Eaters’. I was inches from the actor playing the devil and he was so taken by the audience’s response he stepped back. It didn’t help that mother was stood up pointing her walking stick at him.

##### You may be disgusted that a play should be satirical of the church yet in the words of the Booker Prize winner; it is painfully funny and it is both painful and funny.

Think of this? This drunken daft priest with his nuns and housekeeper had united a couple of hundred people in the audience not only to join in responses to the “Lord be with you”, they renounced Satan......

David Crozier

**From the Registers**

**Holy Baptism:**

2nd October: Charlie-Jayden Brian Brotherton

Faith Amelia Lee

Bradley John Wilkinson

16th October: Carter James Sutcliffe

Tyler Ashley Anthony Sutcliffe

**Holy Matrimony:**

15th October: Jonathan James Harrison and Chloe Robinson

**Funerals:**

7th October: Margaret (Peggy) Brandwood

11th October: Dorothy (Dot) Jolley

14th October: Mary Eileen Dunbar

**Communicants and Collections:**

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| **2016** | **Sunday**  **Communicants** | **Midweek**  **Communicants** | **Loose**  **Collections £** | **Planned**  **Giving £** |
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We would like to thank everyone who has made a gift or donation to our various funds recently. Our special thanks go to:

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* Birthday memories of a dear Mum, Elsie Baird (15th October) with love from Robert and Susan
* In memory of a dear Dad, Bill Shaw, on his birthday (18th October) with love from Susan and Robert
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* In memory of David Roberts from Barbara Richards
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Bob was out for an evening with friends and had several very strong drinks. Although relaxed, he still had the common sense to know he was over the limit. He then did something he’d never done before – he took a taxi home. On the way home, there was a police road-block, but they waved the taxi past and Bob arrived home safely without incident. This was a real surprise, because he had never driven a taxi before; he didn’t know where he’d got it, and now that it’s in his garage he doesn’t know what to do with it.

**Prayer Intentions for November**

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| Tue | 1st | Sandy Lane West | Groups meeting in the Hall |
| Wed | 2nd | Bexhill Avenue | Haiti and the Caribbean |
| Thu | 3rd | Those living outside the parish | The Foodbank |
| Fri | 4th | Achilles Avenue | Church of the Resurrection |
| Sat | 5th | Kirkstone Avenue |  |
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| Sun | 6th | **The Third Sunday before Lent** | |
| Mon | 7th | Statham Avenue | Mersey Mission to Seafarers |
| Tue | 8th | Chiltern Road | Presidential Election in the USA |
| Wed | 9th | Honister Avenue | Our Cathedral |
| Thu | 10th | Swindale Avenue | Those with mental illnesses |
| Fri | 11th | Cooper Avenue | Church of the Ascension |
| Sat | 12th | Pentland Place | The Diocese of Akure in Nigeria |
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| Sun | 13th | **The Second Sunday before Lent (Remembrance Sunday)** | |
| Mon | 14th | Loweswater Close | Church Urban Fund projects |
| Tue | 15th | Mill Farm Close | Our Dance Class |
| Wed | 16th | Crawley Avenue | Members of the Armed Forces |
| Thu | 17th | Birch Avenue | Home Care staff working locally |
| Fri | 18th | Ullswater Avenue | St Ann, Orford |
| Sat | 19th | Cheviot Avenue | Our Area Dean |
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| Sun | 20th | **The Sunday next before Lent** | |
| Mon | 21st | Kendal Avenue | Guild of Church Braillists |
| Tue | 22nd | Oxenham Road | Our Messy Church meeting |
| Wed | 23rd | Long Lane | Beamont Collegiate Academy |
| Thu | 24th | Ennerdale Avenue | Social workers |
| Fri | 25th | Toll Bar Road | St Barnabas, Warrington |
| Sat | 26th | Brandwood Avenue | John, Archbishop of York |
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| Sun | 27th | **Advent Sunday** | |
| Mon | 28th | Poplars Avenue | Christian Aid |
| Tue | 29th | McKee Avenue | Our Scout Group |
| Wed | 30th | Appleby Road | The witness of this congregation |
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