

The Magazine

Of St Nicholas' Church, Burton-in-Wirral

Growing and thriving with God in our community

July & August 2013



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Website: www.burtonchurch.org.uk

From our Vicar

Rev. Cathy Helm

I was really shocked a few weeks ago when preparing for the Christian Aid week, to discover that *nearly half of food produced worldwide never actually makes it to someone's plate!* Where does it all go? How can food be wasted so readily when so many go to bed hungry? Are we really so blasé about the mountains of food that go to waste every year just in our country alone? The 'Love food, hate waste' was a national campaign rolled out in 2007 and it has apparently made a significant difference to household waste, but to be honest I'd never heard of it and I thought I was quite environmentally minded!

Most of us here know some of the stark figures of how 6% of the world population own 59% of the wealth and that 50% suffer in some way from malnutrition.

We know the facts but how does that translate in the everyday decisions that we make?

A mother was preparing pancakes for her 2 sons Kevin 5 and Ryan aged 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their Mum saw it as an opportunity to teach them a moral lesson and said

'If Jesus were sitting here, he would say...let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said *'Ryan, you can be Jesus.'*

How often do the decisions we make each day regarding our shopping habits and ability to waste food put us alongside Kevin! It's someone else's problem as long as I get my pancake!

George McLeod wrote

'The great problem of our modern world is how to share bread.'

As I write this the G8 summit is taking place in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland decisions concerning trade and distribution of food stocks made there will have effects on the ability of the maize grower in Malawi to be able to get a fair price for his harvest at market and then to be able to feed his family for the year. How can the Malawian farmer make his cause known unless those who have the power and ability to speak on his behalf put a voice to the concerns of the small farmers as well as the large players?

Christian groups such as Christian Aid and Tear fund both have campaigns we can support to keep this disparity and unnecessary waste in the news. The Big IF highlights that *if* we work together we can ensure all have enough to eat. Bill Gates spoke at the London event last weekend, urging the G8 to take action on global hunger: *'providing developing countries with the means to feed their people is a vital part of lifting these communities out of the cycle of hunger and poverty.'* Tear fund work in over

50 of the world's poorest countries to help the people there provide for themselves.

But what difference can we make? Are we really fulfilling Christ's command to 'love our neighbour as ourselves' if we allow so many to go to bed hungry?

Faith is not something to be bolted on as an added extra when it suits us but it is to be lived; it's a verb not a noun. We can make a difference in our choices in the shops, in our wise stewardship of the resources we have been blessed with and not wasting food and resource. Supporting the Wirral food bank is helping those neighbours not far away from where we live to ensure they don't go to bed hungry. Thank you to all those people who continue to bring in gifts of food to the box in the church porch. Your donations really do make a difference.

But we also can add our voices to those who have the power to make a difference where policies are made and decisions have far reaching implications to whether a farmer in Malawi really does get a fair price for his crops.

www.christianaid.org.uk

www.tearfund.org

Cathy



Repair of the steps and paths leading up to church

We have already obtained the approval from the Diocesan Advisory Committee and we have posted the details of the faculty application on our notice boards for the requisite time. We anticipate receipt of the faculty shortly and we anticipate that work will start, depending of course on the weather, late July and into August. The work on the steps should take 2 - 3 weeks and the path resurfacing 2 - 3 days.

The steps will be not be usable for the duration of the work and the entrance and path from The Rake will need to be used to access the church, the churchyard and the woods.

St Nicholas PCC

What is the PCC?

PCC stands for Parochial Church Council and is the locality level of governance in the Church of England responsible for the management and running of the Church's affairs within the Parish, which in our case represents the two villages of Burton and Puddington. The Church Representation Rules under the Synodical Government Measure 1969 cover the composition and structure of a PCC according to the number of church members on the Electoral Roll and the Incumbent (Vicar) is the chair of the PCC.

For Burton, we had 192 members on the new electoral roll reported to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April and this entitles us to have 12 elected members on the board with one third elected each year by rotation for a 3 year term. The other members entitled to be on the PCC include licensed readers, Deanery Synod Representatives (in our case 3 representatives), two churchwardens and the Vicar as the Chair.

The PCC members are elected by members on the electoral roll, whilst the churchwardens are elected by the people that live within the parish and not just church members. Churchwardens are elected annually at a Parishioners meeting that usually precedes the Annual Parochial

Church Meeting. The other church officers including the Treasurer, Secretary and Electoral Roll Officer are appointed each year at the first meeting of the new PCC.

In terms of proper maintenance of the church buildings, the PCC also appoint a Church Architect, who for Burton is Stephen Quicke who lives in The Rake. Every five years the building has to have its Quinquennial Inspection by the church architect who produces a detailed report on the condition of the church buildings and also reports on what remedial work needs to be done. This report is produced for the Diocese and the PCC and provides additional assurance to the PCC beyond the routine maintenance that is carried out under the direction of the churchwardens.

The governance in the Church of England provides an effective balance between managing the affairs of the church and the buildings at a local level and necessary safeguards to protect the heritage of the buildings for future generations. This is why major changes that impact on the buildings and grounds are subject to the Church's planning permissions under the faculty system. This is why we had to apply for a faculty for the new sound system and the

Bible Trivia

reconstruction of the church steps, resurfacing of the paths and the installation of a new handrail on the path from The Rake.

The names of all the PCC members are on the Porch notice board and in April we re-elected Byan Blakeman and Ron Curnow and welcomed Ruth Abbott (Deanery Synod Representative) and Derek Booth as new members of the PCC. We also have two vacancies to be filled and if anyone is interested please contact one of the officers because we are able to co-opt members when necessary and appropriate until the next elections in 2014.

I hope this explanation is of value.

John Church

PCC Secretary

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

A. Ruthless.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. What was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.

Q. Who is the greatest baby sitter mentioned in the Bible?

A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. Joshua, son of Nun.

Pen Portraits

of Ann Warr and Dwenna Georges

Following the retirement of Ruth Chesworth, the Verger Duties have been split with Ann Warr taking responsibility for all church services, Dwenna Georges opening and closing church each day and Sue Church maintaining stocks of housekeeping items at church. Whilst most of you already know Sue Church, the following pen portraits may help people to know Ann Warr and Dwenna Georges better.

Pen Portrait of Ann Warr

Many of you will have heard that when Ruth stepped down as Verger, Ann kindly agreed to take over the Verger duties associated with preparing for church services, weddings and funerals etc. and for those who may not know who she is here is a pen portrait and photo.

Ann has only a small family, but they are all very dear. Recently moved to Cambridge, her son Antony, Sara and the two boys keep in regular contact, and when Ann is missing from her duties she will probably be with them. A daughter and two older grandchildren are nearby and keep in regular contact. Ann feels very privileged and happy when they often seek her company.

Brought up in Wirral, Ann attended church from a very young age, and she performed the part of



Little Matchgirl with the church drama society, when she was only five years old. Working for the BBC from the age of nine, Ann continued with the Corporation intermittently for fifty years. A short period in repertory was a very happy and memorable period of her life. Professionally a teacher/lecturer, Ann has worked with children from the age of three to mature adults. Retiring for the first time from a position as head of A level and Inservice Drama at a performing arts college in Liverpool, she was later invited to join the examiners panel for Trinity and Guildhall Schools of music and drama. This incredible job, has taken her to many countries all over the world, from New Zealand to Asian countries, to Africa.

In her travels Ann has always loved to see the fauna of the country. Escapades have made her get up at four in the morning to see a duck-billed platypus, and cuddle a koala. She travelled to watch the albatross and the tiny blue penguins. She has wonderful memories when she was near enough to a whale and to have touched it, and then there are the elephants. Once she was in Zimbabwe, when her party had to run from an elephant, but the opposite experience was when she watched the procession of the elephants in Sri Lanka, so magnificent and spectacular. A visit

The Oriel Singers

to an animal rescue centre, found her playing with young lions and hyenas, and she was offered a lion cub to take home!

Dwenna Georges

My name is Dwenna Georges and I have Lived in Mudhouse Lane for 10 years. I am one of the church bell ringers and I have taken on the responsibility of unlocking and locking the Church following Ruth's retirement.

You will not be able to set your clock by me as opening and closing time will depend on my own schedule. Essentially I aim to have the Church open between 10am and 5pm but this may vary with the seasons and can be earlier or later.

Should anyone have a specific need for the Church to open at a certain time perhaps they would check that this is possible and I will do my best to meet the request. I can be contacted on 0151 336 6151.



What a treat we had on Friday 12th June, at our Church, when "The Oriel Singers" from Liverpool entertained us with a variety of music from different periods.

The concert started with Faure's Cantique Jean Racine and Mozart's Ave Verum plus pieces by Stravinsky, Brukner and others. After the interval and refreshments we settled down to more delightful singing. Some Madrigals, Gershwin ending up with Simon and Garfunkel's Bridge Over Troubled Water.

The conductor introduced each piece making it interesting as well as humorous.

The choir were well trained and their annunciation and dynamics were excellent.

I hope that the choir will return again in the future.

Janet Stephens

A Correct Assumption?

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy road. Suddenly, the lights turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, by stopping, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the crossroads, dropping her mobile and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, ranting and cursing at the guy in front of you. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker on your car, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper

sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the rear door and Naturally... I assumed you had stolen the car."

We love flowers in our churchyard

We appreciate the care and attention that people put into maintaining the graves of their loved ones. However, many of the containers that have been used to hold plants and flowers have become cracked and broken. Diocesan regulations do not permit the use of ceramic, glass or plastic containers on graves for this reason. Any such containers have therefore been removed. We welcome flowers and plants in our churchyard, and request that you use metal or stone containers for them.

A full list of the regulations can be found in the churchyard.

We hope and pray that the place where you rest your loved one is a suitable memorial to their life and a space for your recollections and memories.

Churchwardens on behalf of the P.C.C.

Show-time

Despite the slow start most seedlings caught up and developed into healthy plants. Then there was an explosion of colour, but how odd to have Tulips, Clematis, Rhododendrons and Camellias all in bloom together. Self-seeded Welsh Poppies have appeared in many parts of the garden, but once they have ceased flowering will be removed. The Geum, Mrs Bradshaw, which was planted last year has now come into full bloom. The sweet peas are growing non well, but have not reached the height at which back-breaking effort is needed to tie them up - 105 plants on single cordons! The Dahlias and Gladioli have been planted on the allotment and to my surprise two of last year's Dahlias which were left in the ground have survived. Lily-of-the Valley is a lovely delicate flower which gives such lovely perfume, but needs to be kept under control and hence the reason why they are planted in tubs. The many tubs of Violas look wonderful and of course are very useful to press. Most of the flowers I grow are either good for pressing or provide many vases of cut flowers for the house. The Pelargoniums survived the winter as these were cut down and re-potted and kept indoors. They have now again been re-potted and are currently in various parts of the garden.

Many birds still frequent the garden feeders including the Greater Spotted Woodpecker. The Robin took her brood into the greenhouse which made watering a hazard until they vacated same. Oscar the baby toad has also left the greenhouse for pastures new.

Flori Bunda

July & August 2013

Burton and Puddington Community Horticultural and Produce Show

have the show this year on Saturday September 7th 2013 and I hope you are all able to make this date and have the usual banter with your neighbours.

Further information will be put on Gladstone Village Hall notice board at a later date.

Reg Hough

Diary of Events

July 2013

Church Services

- 3rd 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 7th 6th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship & Parade
6:30 pm Evensong
- 10th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 14th 7th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 17th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 21st 8th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion
- 24th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 28th 9th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 31st 10:15 am Holy Communion

Mothers Union Programme

- 17th 2.00 pm Steve Binns: "The Titanic"

House Groups:

Christian Living:

7:30 pm Wednesdays in term time
(Contact Dee Foster 0151 336 2336)

Study Group:

8:00 pm Wednesday ??????? at Danes Court
(0151 336 5446)

From the Registers:

Baptisms:

2nd June Sophia Christine Lloyd
Gregory Frederick Ellison

Weddings:

11th May Matthew Thomas & Jennifer Tomkinson

18th May Simon Hitchcock & Rachel Redmond

1st June Andrew Legg & Hannah Zacharias

Funerals:

16th May Nelly Mitchell

Diary of Events

August 2013

Mothers Union Programme

21st Outing to Dorothy Clive Gardens

House Groups:

No House Group Meetings in AUGUST

Church Services

- 4th 10th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong
- 7th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 11th 11th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Worship
- 14th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 18th 12th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion
- 21st 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 25th 13th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 28th 10:15 am Holy Communion

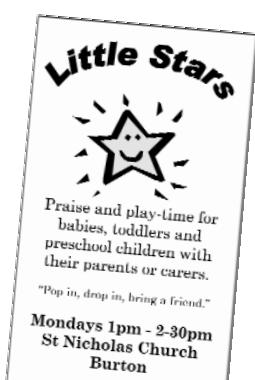
First Week of September 2013

1st 14th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong

4th 10:15 am Holy Communion

8th 15th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship

All Stars (Primary age children 5-11 Years) meet every 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday during 10:00 am Service.



Mothers' Union

After a most depressing long cold spring, summer is upon us at last, and as I write this, the sun is shining and we are enjoying a hot spell - what a treat!

At our April meeting, we enjoyed our lunch at Thornton Hall Hotel.

On 8th May a few of us attended Neston Parish Church to celebrate 100 years of Mothers' Union in Neston. This was a lively service with many guests from other branches, and it was led by Revd. Alan Dawson (Val Dawson's son) who is the newly appointed Vicar of Neston. The guest speaker was Bishop Peter, the Bishop of Chester. We were also treated to a tasty afternoon tea and many of us met up with friends from other branches. A good excuse for much happy chatter.

In May, the Diocesan Festival at Chester Cathedral was a joyous occasion with processions by the Clergy Diocesan Banner, Pennants, Macclesfield Deanery Banners, Chester Deanery Banners, both at the beginning and end of the service. The theme was "the seeds we sow", the emphasis being on the expansion of the Mothers' Union throughout the world and our traditional Harvest Hymns and prayers depicted this. Drama aptly entitled "Mothers" performed by Bishop's Blue Coat Church of England High

School was quite entertaining, and the Sermon was by the Dean of Chester, the very Revd. Professor Gordon McPhate.

The varied banners in procession were a sight to behold - all shapes and sizes and I would hazard a guess that ours is the largest and heaviest of all, albeit a beautiful design.

Last week we entertained invited guests and M.U. members to afternoon tea in Gladstone Village Hall. This was a very pleasant afternoon. Our guest speaker "Chester's Toast Master" - Mr Tim Holmes was extremely interesting in describing his career as "The Piano Tuner". Most of us were impressed by the long list of contents found in a piano, but for anyone seeking a career in this field it seems that piano tuning can be quite good since Tim confirmed that there are only three tuners within a wide area of Chester. Gill and Harold Aldridge were pleased to see everyone as they were able to come because they were "off duty" grandparents that day.

At this point, I would like to thank all f the ladies who helped make our fund raising a great success. Ann Rudd for jam; Anne Parsons for making jam, mouth watering apple pies and designer cakes; Pat Hulse for chutneys etc.; Janet Stephens and Freda Harding for special cakes; Hazel, Dee,

The Many Sided Word

Eleanor, Maureen (my sister) for sandwiches; Beverley and Dorothy for scones; Wendy for her delightful and original table decorations. Thanks to Linda Jones for a wonderful colourful plant stall handled by Dee and John.

My special thanks go to Hazel and Joan who organised the tea so efficiently, not least of all a big thank you to John Roe and Revd Geoffrey Parsons who moved furniture to set up at the start and clear at the end.

Val, our treasurer, and Betty, our raffle organiser, have confirmed that we made quite a "substantial" amount towards the worthy causes that the Mothers' Union support.

We are so fortunate in this country to experience the finest Church Music in the world. The celebration service for the 60th Anniversary of the Queen's succession to the throne in Westminster Abbey confirmed this. As the mother of our nation our Queen sets a shining example of motherhood and I'm sure that the Mothers' Union would be proud to acknowledge this.

God bless Her Majesty!

Josie Isaacs

The answer to this puzzle is composed of 6 letters which, by rearrangement, form 6 totally different words.

Were worn by priests of high estate,
The letters change and then we state
That clockwork functions we achieve,
Then change again and you'll perceive
That now a fighter I've become;
Another change, (we're not yet done),
Some penalties I mitigate;
Then one more change, and, happier fate,
I speak of good deeds one has done;
For titles proud in vain you'll scan
I'm just an ordinary man.

BLESTIVAL

Diocese Youth Weekend (10th -12th May)

WHICH WAY??

10 of our young people descended on the Quinta Christian Centre along with another 60 from around the diocese for a full weekend of fun, friendship, sport, craft and worship. The teaching titled "Which Way" was based on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and challenged our young people to think about the choices they make in their lives. These important issues were explored in fun an interactive way with excellent speakers and new prayer ideas; the Blestival Band were brilliant! The teaching was then re-visited during the supposedly quiet "Dorm Time" as each dormitory settled down for the night (There was not much settling down achieved and even less actual sleep!!). Blestival is famous for its Messy Games and this year did not fail to deliver. An afternoon with flour, water, sawdust, jam etc. etc. added to the hilarity. The highlight for everyone however, was the presentation by the Melanesian Brothers and Sisters who spent the full day with us on the Saturday. I must say Bishop Keith's dancing has had a lasting impression on me.

The feedback from our group was superb and all are looking forward to going again next year. However next time I will be at the front of the queue!

Amanda



Theology as Explained by Children

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

Moses went to the top of Mt. Cyanide to get the 10 commandments.

The 7th commandment is "Thou shalt not admit adultery."

Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

The Epistles were the wives of the Apostles.

Paul preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

A Godly person should have only one wife. This is called monotony.

You are invited to a Strawberry Tea

at The Vicarage on

Sunday 14th July 3pm - 5pm



All donations go to

The Mango Tree Orphan support programme

Everyone welcome

Further details: Revd. Cathy Helm - 353 0453

Bishop Wilson CofE Primary School News

School Report

On Saturday 8th June, Emma Brookes the Rose Queen, led her attendants - the Year 6 pupils. The parade started at Burton Manor with Councillor Holbrook leading the procession and all the Year 6 students following behind in classic cars. Once they had reached the fete Emma Brookes was crowned and the fete was officially opened.

Bishop Wilson 'Singing Club' sang three songs for entertainment. Their first song was Wide Awake by Katy Perry, their second song was Troublemaker by Olly Murs and the final song sung was Valerie by Amy Winehouse. Both the performers and the audience had great fun!!



Overall everyone had an awesome day!

By Hannah Clegg and Emma Brookes
(Class 4)

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The Magazine

Of St Nicholas' Church, Burton-in-Wirral

Growing and thriving with God in our community

Community Events

The Burton Society

The Burton Society is having it's summer break.

Our first meeting next season is on Thursday 3rd October.

Christian Aid Week 12th – 18th May

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who assisted with this year's door to door collection.

Just over £1,100 was raised.

Burton and Puddington Sports & Social Club

Further details call Sec. Allan Trimble 336 3639

Gladstone Village Hall

Horticulture and Produce Show Saturday 7 September

Manor Gatehouse Club

A club for the retired or partially retired welcomes new members. A general meeting with a speaker is held each month and additionally there are groups for varied interests including history, music, painting, rambling, literature, natural history, travel etc. The general meetings are held at 2.30pm at The Gladstone Hall on the first Thursday of each month. <http://www.manorgatehouse.info>

NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions for the next issue will be 17 August 2013, please email your contributions to john_sue44@hotmail.co.uk

YOUR EVENT OR SOCIETY

If you have any events you would like included in the Community Noticeboard

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