

# The Magazine

Of St Nicholas' Church, Burton-in-Wirral

*Growing and thriving with God in our community*

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# From our Vicar

Rev. Cathy Helm

We have seen so much anger on the news over the last few months..... the anger of the Palestinians, the anger of the Israelis, the anger that breaks out into riots and protests, anger against economic hardships.

Is all anger destructive or at times is it necessary? Does anger allow people with no other means to highlight the injustice of what would otherwise be brushed aside or overlooked?

How do we cope with anger? Do you find that getting angry often catches you off guard? It can be a comment, a look or situation that suddenly makes your blood boil and before you know it, you've said something in haste! The kind of anger we see in the demonstrations and riots can come from years of fear and oppression, but can also be fuelled by the crowd. Anger is unpredictable, not easy to control and can be dangerous.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus takes a command from the Old Testament '*you shall not kill*' and looks at what it means in day to day life. He goes inside the Law to the motives and attitudes that shape the action.

*'You have heard it said.....do not commit murder.....I tell you anyone who is angry with his brother or sister will be subject to judgement.....'*[Matthew 5:21- 26]

He wants his listeners to consider that 'to kill' is in

reality the extreme case of a much more common failing. When we nurse and cherish anger and resentment, when we speak with scorn or contempt of a neighbour or colleague, when we think of another person as a mere 'low life,...this is what Jesus says, is the stuff that murder is made of.

There's a saying that people who fly into a rage always make a bad landing.

The attitude which is controlled by anger whether in an individual's heart or in the prejudice and collective memory of a community, this kind of outlook lowers the boundaries of self control. It blinds the heart to responsibility for mutual concern and protection.

Jesus speaks clearly about the importance of settling quarrels. Within our culture we're not always very good at managing conflict and anger. Many small tribal communities, who live with each other all the time, have to have processes in place to work disagreements and anger out. We live much more individual lives, we can walk away, not speak to someone for years.

If anger and resentment are allowed to take hold and fester, they reduce the capacity to give and receive love in the present. A clenched fist cannot receive the hand of friendship.

I remember being told from an early age the words



from Ephesians 4: 26 *'Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.'*

It's not always practically possible or even wise to talk things through until the dust has been allowed to settle... but the implication is clear... don't let it continue.

Every time we let anger smoulder inside we become a little less fully human. Jesus is very specific in his commands... *be reconciled and make friends...* so easy to say!

Jesus refused to go the way of anger, instead he took it all upon himself on the cross. Because of the cross and resurrection..... reconciliation is no longer an ideal to strive for.... but a possibility through Jesus living in us.

Cathy

### Holy Communion Soup & Sandwich

Monday 1st September at 11.30am

Monday 6th October at 11.30am

*An informal Holy Communion service for all who find it hard to get up to the church building, followed by a soup and sandwich lunch in the **Glasshouse** at Burton Manor.*

*If you're interested in coming please contact:*

*Vicar: 353 0453*

Basil Keys: 336 4933

Jen Williams: 328 1006



### Celebration of Flowers 27 - 28th June

Thank you to all involved in this year's celebration of flowers. The church looked beautiful and smelled amazing!

It was so good to have so many of the community and church groups involved:

Puddington Society / Burton Residents' Association / Burton Manor Garden's Volunteers / Bishop Wilson School / GVH represented by the Badminton Ladies / Mothers' Union / The Hardy Perennials / The Music group and singers / The Gatehouse Club

The children's groups:

Little Stars / All Stars / TBY

As well as our local garden centres:

Gordale Garden Centre / Dovecote Nurseries / Station House Nursery

It is so encouraging to have such a wealth of talent within our small community.

**Thank you.**

## Interview Darren Jones

As a new school year beckons, we talk to Bishop Wilson CE Primary School head Darren Jones about preparations for this term and those nerve-racking first steps for this year's reception pupils.

It's a moment most parents dread - dropping their child off for their very first day at school. While we put on a brave face to bolster their spirits, in reality we're deeply emotional and anxious about what the day will bring for them and how they'll cope.

Waving off your child on their first day of school is never easy, even if you've done it all before. And one parent who knows just how it feels is Bishop Wilson headteacher Darren Jones, whose own son started reception at another school last September. Like those parents whose children are starting Bishop Wilson, he too did a walk-around of his son's new school and duly attended the parents' information evening. But he was still just as worried for his little boy as any other parent when the big day arrived.

"It was quite strange being on the other side of the fence, but it was nice to be a parent for a change," he said.

"I can really appreciate and understand where parents are coming from when their children first

start school as I've been through it all myself. The questions that I get asked are the questions I would want to know the answer to as a parent."

Thankfully, Bishop Wilson has a very successful transition process in place to ease the journey from pre-school to primary school and reassure both parents and pupils' concerns. One such initiative is the 'buddying' system whereby an older child already at the school pairs up with a new starter to become their official mentor. The scheme is very popular with pupils, and parents have been equally as supportive, saying it really helps smooth their child's transition into full-time school.

"I believe in developing the children academically to reach their full potential but the social side of development is just as important too," said Mr Jones, who also has a three-year-old daughter.

"As a school, we're very good at nurturing the children which is one of the benefits of a small village school. We're an extended family and we really get to know the children.

"The buddying system gives older children the responsibility of helping and caring for their new friend. It's something they really love doing. The children in our school are very kind and caring and look after each other. The buddying system is really positive and works very well."

## Year 6 Leavers' Service

### Year 6 Services

On the 8th of July year 6 went to Chester Cathedral for their Leavers' Service. They sung a number of different songs about being with friends and making everything fun. The service was based on the tale of the Good Samaritan. Each school created a banner to represent love and helping each other which they took with them to display at the front of the cathedral. On the 16th of July, the year 6 children from Bishop Wilson went to church for the year 6 Leavers' Service. It was an emotional time but they got through it and collected the bibles donated by the trustees without any tears.

**Written By: Year 6**

All of the preparations for the new school year take place during the summer term, which makes it very busy. A new curriculum launches this term and all staff at Bishop Wilson have already attended training courses in numeracy and literacy to get ready for the changes. There are also school end-of-year reports to compile, new starters to welcome and the school leaver's performance to rehearse and organise.

The business of class structures is also finalised long before the children break up for the summer holidays. Teachers have been designated their new classes and the children have had an opportunity to meet them during two transition sessions. Similarly, those children due to start the school have also had a chance to come in and meet their teachers during a morning and afternoon induction session.

"We make sure everybody has a little programme of transition," said Mr Jones. "Year 6 children who are leaving, for instance, have a transition programme to help prepare them for the move to high school."

For Mr Jones, the new term signifies the start of his fourth year at the helm of Bishop Wilson. Prior to this, he was deputy head of Parkgate Primary School for six years and before that, a class teacher at Dee Point Primary School in Chester for nine years.

What is he looking forward to most this year and beyond?

"As the new academic year begins I'm really looking forward to getting to know all our new children and their families who are beginning their school journey at Bishop Wilson.

"This year we are also looking forward to our visit from 'Pop Uk', when musicians will be coming into school to teach the children lots of new songs with accompanying actions. This will culminate in a music concert in church which will be a fantastic opportunity for the school community to gather together and share in this wonderful experience."

# War Story

As part of our First World War centenary activities, local resident Tony Winney gives an insight into his early experiences of war.

As a child, Thomas Anthony Winney was given a very graphic introduction to war. His father, the late Thomas Winney Senior, was gassed while serving with the Royal Horse Artillery in France. He never opened up much about his experiences but the debilitating effects of his injury were all too apparent to his young son while growing up and he understood first-hand the terrible suffering war inflicted on those around him.

"My father was badly injured in the First World War and all my life was spent in the knowledge of war because he was severely gassed," said the 88-year-old, who now lives in Ness.

"As far as my father's career was concerned, that was cut drastically short as he never really recovered his health and that was a much bigger tragedy.

"My father would never talk about it. I have little detail about what happened. He was the manager of a dairy before the war and just tried to live as best and as comfortable as he could after the war because he was so badly injured. When people are gassed their breathing is affected permanently and their mobility is severely restricted. I grew up watching him suffer."

The memory of his father's deteriorating ill health, which led to his premature death at the age of 54, stirs strong feelings. As the nation marks the First World War centenary, Tony feels more recognition is needed for those soldiers who suffer debilitating and life-limiting injuries from war, both past and present, as well as those who never return.

"In my view, very little is said about the wounded, like my father, who suffered many years of pain and deprivation. I feel that they never really receive the same recognition and life is and was very hard for them," he said.

"I grieve for the dead but there were many thousands of soldiers who came back limbless, gassed or with some other disability and injury and I'd like them to be respected and honoured in the same way. These soldiers gave their lives for their country but spend many, many years living with the consequences."

Tony was born in North London in 1926. He was a teenager when war broke out for the second time and can remember the chaos and disruption of living, at times, amidst almost daily bombings.

"As far as any preparation was concerned in terms of air raid shelters my father would have none of it. We all stayed in London and we all stayed in our home," he said.

"Bombings were happening all around us. All the schools were evacuated but I remained and carried on my education at weekends at a Polytechnic."

Tony, who is now a grandfather of two, left school and started working for Unilever in London at the age of 14. His most vivid memories of the war are travelling in and out of the city for work while air raids were happening all around him.

"I remember one day having to walk to work when Ludgate Hill was bombed with fireman battling to keep the flames from reaching St Paul's and having to climb over all the hose pipes as they were trying to put the flames out. You carried on as normal as possible and you got used to it. At 16, I joined the Unilever House Fire Service and witnessed some direct activity.

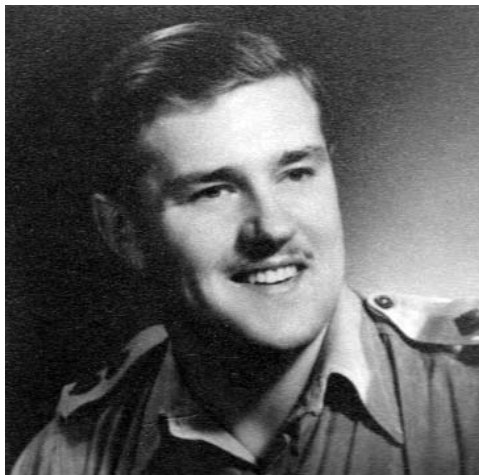
"With aircraft raids, you would hear the humming of an aircraft coming towards you, you waited until you heard the whistle of the bomb dropping and just hoped it would miss you. With the Flying Bomb, one waited for the engine to cut out and then fall to the ground. Eventually one did and destroyed our house. The whole area was destroyed and subsequently rebuilt after the war."

At that stage, Tony was in the Army himself initially serving with the Essex Regiment. The war ended a year after he signed up and he was later posted to the West Indies to help repatriate their troops. His Army career lasted five years before he

joined the reserves and embarked on a new career within the chemical side of Unilever, which later saw him appointed Secretary General of the European Oleochemical Association.

"Despite my age, I still remain on the regular Army list of reserve officers as they never took me off. Let's just say, if they called me up now I think they might have a few difficulties using my facilities!" he said

"War is horrible and should never be embraced or justified but when faced with such terrible circumstances people do come together. Strangely, I have many happy memories of that camaraderie and the kind of community spirit we would all love in our lives today but I also feel society is unfortunately lacking that now. We could all benefit from the kind of friendly, indomitable spirit we shared during the war-torn years."



## Food bank

We will be continuing to collect for the Food bank throughout the year and there will be a plastic box in the porch for the weekend to collect additional donations.

### Items which are asked for are:

Tinned Tomatoes | Tinned fish  
Tinned sponge puddings | Tinned fruit  
Tea bags | Coffee | Tinned soup  
Breakfast cereal | Pasta sauce | Biscuits  
Sugar | Tinned vegetables  
Tinned meat | Pasta/noodles/rice  
Instant mash | potatoes  
Orange juice [cartons]  
Milk [UHT/powdered]  
Tinned rice pudding | Sanitary wear

We still continue to support the Charles Thompson Mission both financially and also through the gifts we receive at the Crib service on Christmas Eve.

## Reginald Hough

On behalf of Reg's extended family I would like to thank everybody who attended his funeral on Thursday 31st July 2014 and those who took part in the service. Also a very big thank you to the Gladstone Village Hall who produced marvellous refreshments including the ladies who baked cakes. Thank you to everyone who helped Reg over the last year and a half by cooking meals, looking after his garden and visiting him in hospital, and St, Johns Hospice and many other acts of kindness. A very big thank you to you all.

## Ruth Chesworth.



*Harvest 'Songs of Praise'*

*7.30pm Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in St Nicholas Church*

*Featuring:*

*Hadlow Green singers*

*Bishop Wilson School choir*

*St Nicholas' Handbell ringers*



## *Christmas Tree Festival*

*To celebrate St Nicholas' day on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> this year we are holding a Christmas Tree Festival in church.*

*There will be 30 trees purchased and if you would like to sponsor a tree for £30 as a family, a business, as a group or organisation*

*please reserve your tree by contacting*

*Maureen Liddel on 336 3070 by 19<sup>th</sup> September.*



# Belgian refugees in Burton Village during World War 1

Belgian refugees have a prominent mention in current remembrance tributes and Burton, along with countless villages, communities and towns, played its part.

A refugee Belgian family was housed in Burton in the half timbered cottage between Church House (the gable ended house behind the telephone box) and The Gallery.

I was too young when told this story to enquire about the name or size of this family. The Gladstones made this cottage available. It had not been occupied as a dwelling in their time, having been used as a carpenter's workshop and stores during the rebuilding of the Manor, the New Vicarage, the Village Hall, and four pairs of 'model cottages' all built before 1911.

During the following years children of that time referred to this house as 'The Belgian's House'. It was a derelict slate roofed shell in the 1940s.

All became part of 'Old Timbers' as it was named when Mr Tom Harker bought a pair of un-named cottages in 1956 and restored them into one house.

Later the name Church House came into being when the earlier history of the village was discovered.

**John Roe.** August 7th 2014



# Burton Parish war dead

Can anyone help? We would like the children of the Parish to understand more about those who died for us in both World Wars. Listed below are the names of those who are remembered within the Church Remembrance Service in November and what we have been able to find out:-

## World War One

**George Ainsworth:** Sergeant in Gordon Highlanders

**Samuel Bartley:** Private in Manchester Regiment.

Died 11th June 1917 in Flanders aged 19

**Donald Bell:** Private in Cheshire Regiment. Died

19th September 1917 in Mesopotamia

**Hugh Bell:** Private in Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders

**Thomas Bell:** Private in Cheshire Regiment

**Joseph Buckle:** Private in Pembroke Yeomanry

**William Crofts:** Private in Cheshire Regiment. Died

5th November 1916 in Flanders aged 21

**Thomas Frearson:** Private in Cheshire Regiment.

Died 4th July 1916 in Flanders

**Thomas Holmes:** Lance Bombardier in Royal Garrison Artillery. Died 24th April 1918 in Flanders aged 40

**Joseph Hughes:** Private in Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Died 21st September 1918 in Flanders aged 37. His parents lived in Rake Cottage in Burton.

**Frank Medlicott:** Private in Cheshire Regiment. Died 1st August 1918

**Alphonso Mellor:** Sergeant in Cheshire Regiment.

Died 3rd October 1916 in Flanders

**Harry H Mellor:** Corporal in Royal Engineers. Died 4th March 1919. Buried in the grounds of St Nicholas Church, Burton

**George Palin:** Private in Manchester Regiment. Died 9th July 1916 in Flanders aged 22.

## World War Two

**William Biggs DFM:** Pilot Officer in Royal Air Force. Died 7th September 1943 aged 22. Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal for Courage and Valour

**George Capstick:** Fourth Engineer Officer in Merchant Navy. Died 28th November 1942 aged 25

**Kenneth Fowden:** Private in Cheshire Regiment. Died 28th May 1940 in the French and Belgium Campaign

**Arthur Thomas Reginald Fernyhough:** Aircraftman, First Class in Royal Air Force. Died 8th May 1941 aged 28

**William Howard:** Boy First Class in Royal Navy. Died 10th December 1941 aged 17 on HMS Repulse

**Geoffrey Hughes:**

**Edward S Jones:**

**James E O'Connell:** Private in Parachute Regiment AAC, 13th Battalion South Lancashire Regiment.

Died 3rd January 1945 in the Western Europe Campaign and is buried in Belgium. Aged 27.

**William H Pollard:** Second Lieutenant in Royal Engineers. Died 21st January 1944 in India aged 36  
**Arthur LL Williams DFC:** Squadron Leader (Pilot) in Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve in 83rd Squadron. Died 28th August 1944 aged 30. Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for Courage and Valour  
**Raymond E Williams:** Captain in Kings (Liverpool) Regiment. Died 23rd April 1943 in Burma.

# Hymn stories

John Monsell

*Fight the good fight with all thy might;  
Christ is thy Strength and Christ thy Right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.*

John Samuel Bewly Monsell, born in Ireland in 1811, was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, graduating in 1832. His first post was as curate of Templemore, Derry (1834-1836), and, after holding a number of ecclesiastical positions, including vicar of Egham, Surrey, he became rector of St Nicholas's Church, Guildford, in 1870, and Chaplain to Queen Victoria (1870-1875).

He was a prolific poet and hymn writer, publishing eleven volumes of poetry and approximately three hundred hymns. His books included *Hymns and Miscellaneous Poems* (1837) and *Litany Hymns* (1870), but he is best remembered for the hymn *Fight the good fight with all thy might* which first appeared in 1863. Only this and three of his other hymns are still sung today.

Despite the first line, this hymn is not a Christian battle-song in the style of *Onward Christian Soldiers* or *Soldiers of Christ arise*. Rather, it is a call to faithfulness. Each of the verses is based on a verse from the Epistles. The first echoes 1 Timothy 6:12, "*Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life.*" The second, with its athletic connotation, follows Hebrews 12:1, "*Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*"

Run the straight race through God's good grace,  
*Lift up thine eyes and seek His face;  
Life with its way before us lies,  
Christ is the Path and Christ the Prize.*

The third verse is from 1 Peter 5:7, "*Cast all anxiety on him, for he cares for you*"; and the fourth from Colossians 3:11, "*Christ is all, and is in all.*"

Monsell believed that hymns should be enthusiastically sung and full of joy. He wrote: "*We are too distant and reserved in our praises.*" In 1875, whilst supervising the rebuilding of St. Nicholas Church, Guildford, he slipped and fell from the roof, and died shortly afterwards from his injuries.

**Eddie Newall**

# Diary of Events

September 2014

## Church Services

- 3rd 10.15am Holy Communion
- 7th 12th Sunday after Trinity  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Worship  
6:30 pm Evensong
- 10th 10.15 am Holy Communion
- 14th 13th Sunday after Trinity  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 17th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 21st 14th Sunday after Trinity  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Communion
- 24th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 28th 15th Sunday after Trinity  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship

## Mothers Union Programme

Bible Studies Group on Wednesday 3rd  
September after Holy Communion service

## House Groups:

### Christian Living:

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

### Home Group:

10th and 24th

## From the Registers:

### Baptisms:

29th June: Evan Alexander Llewellyn Hodge  
Olivia Woodward

13th July: Olivia Hope Baird

### Weddings:

28th June: Nicholas Raine & Alison Banks

19th July: Mark Pniewski & Katherine  
Griffiths

17th August: Alan Mahon & Danielle Nuttall

## Little Stars



Praise and play-time for  
babies, toddlers and  
preschool children with  
their parents or carers.

"Pop in, drop in, bring a friend."

**Mondays 1pm - 2:30pm**  
St Nicholas Church  
Burton

## All Stars

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

# Diary of Events

October 2014

## Mothers Union Programme

Bible Studies Group on Wednesday 1st  
October after Holy Communion Service

## House Groups:

## Christian Living:

## Study Group:

## Home Group:

8th and 22nd

## First Week of November 2014

2nd 4th Sunday before Advent  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Worship & Baptism  
6:30 pm Evensong  
5th 10:15 am Holy Communion  
9th Remembrance Sunday  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:15 am Remembrance Service and  
Parade

## Church Services

1st 10:15 am Holy Communion  
5th Harvest Festival  
16th Sunday after Trinity  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Worship & Parade  
6:30 pm Evensong  
8th 10:15 am Holy Communion  
12th 17th Sunday after Trinity  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship  
15th 10:15 am Holy Communion  
19th 18th Sunday after Trinity  
8.45 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Family Communion  
22nd 10:15 am Holy Communion  
26th Last Sunday after Trinity  
8.45 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Morning Worship  
3.00pm Service of Thanksgiving &  
Remembrance  
29th 10.15am Holy Communion

# Mothers' Union

Throughout the year, we have visited our friends in other Mothers' Union groups. These are very pleasant occasions. One such event was our invitation to St Thomas' Church in Ellesmere Port where we were entertained by Revd. Jenny Gillies who explained the 'modern wedding service.' A most unlikely couple was chosen from our audience to represent the bride and groom adding a touch of comedy to the very entertaining and light-hearted talk. We were treated to a tasty tea which everyone seemed to enjoy.

At our monthly meeting in July some friends from the Neston branch joined us for a jewellery display given by Mrs Alice Lamborn who designs and makes jewellery from real gemstones. It was a colourful display giving us some ideas for gifts for friends, daughters' and granddaughters and maybe a treat for ourselves.

It was decided not to have an August meeting due to most people enjoying the warm summer holiday, however, at the September meeting we are looking forward to putting one of our group 'on the spot' in the form of an interview through the medium of the popular radio programme 'Desert Island Discs.' Who knows what will be revealed? I'm looking forward to discovering her life story! Are you? Unmissable!!

An extra event which should be interesting will be held on Wednesday September 10th at 2pm at Neston Parish Church, to which our branch has been invited. There will be a video explaining the history of this very historic church. This comes highly recommended. Those of you who may need

transport should ring me to arrange this.

Val Dawson has arranged to move the Bible Study to the first Wednesday each month which coincides with the Communion service which our members usually attend.

Sadly we must say 'Goodbye' to Diana Appleton who leaves Burton this month to be nearer to her family. We wish you the very best for the future Diana and we hope that you will be happy in your new surroundings. We will miss your lively contribution to our group and also your homemade marmalade!

Anne Parsons has kindly produced two or three illustrations commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War. Among the men who joined up were many young men who were keen to fight for our freedom, even though they were under the required age for fighting [my own father being one of them]. According to historians the role of women changed forever as they replaced the men's work force in agriculture and industry. Here also began the movement of 'equal rights for women.'

The photographs of local interest to us shows the Prime Minister's wife, Maude Gladstone, "doing her bit" as a nurse and soldiers pictured at Burton Manor where family members of the Gladstone family lived.

Regards

**Josie Isaacs**



To wish you all, Joy & Peace in the coming year. May we every one man, woman & child in our Parish join in one or all of the services tomorrow in Church or Chapel (or if really prevented, at home) and so each one help by praying for the Righteous Peace for which we all long & which will come by Prayer.

Your friend

**Maud Gladstone.**

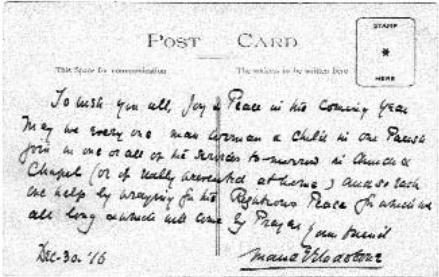
Dec. 30. '16.



Soldiers from the convalescent home in Parkgate - on the terrace at Burton Manor



Mrs Maud Gladstone was a part-time nurse during WW1



# Showtime and Harvest Festivals

Showtime was quickly upon us. It was a battle against various bugs with the sweet peas which was disappointing as they had such a good start. However, they managed a First and Second prize at the flowers shows. The roses have been wonderful and gained a First prize for the Hybrid Tea Roses. The gladiola [Africa] also gained a Second prize. All in all, a pretty dismal show! The Nicotiana have been wonderful and their perfume on a summer evening is a complete joy. The larger border in the back garden remains a wilderness but now the shows are over, maybe it can be tackled!

Soon it will be time for the various spring bulbs to be sorted and planted out. The tubs and planters have been lovely. The Zonal Pelargoniums have been lovely and at the end of the flowering season will be cut back and planted in pots and stored for winter. The largest Rowan still does not have berries but the smaller sapling has a mass of red berries already. There are three Buddleia davidii and these have been wonderful with masses of bees and the most beautiful butterflies feeding on them. As soon as the flower heads die off they are trimmed off. The golden fields of corn and subsequent bales look stunning on a sunny day with the blue sky in the

## Internal works in St. Nicholas

**Thank you** for bearing with us as the internal works were carried out. A huge **thank you** to Mike Davies who ensured that all the work was carried out in the main in under three weeks! Amazing.

It was wonderful to see the church full of flowers for the Celebration of Flowers and the new chairs in the Massey chapel and raised carpeted floor. It's been good to put the new projector and screen to use in the 10 am service and the Commemoration of WW1 Evensong service. The glass doors and re-ordered porch area looks so much more spacious and it's now easier to find information needed.

**Thank you** to all who donated the money to enable this to happen, it really has made a big difference to how we can use the church. We have already benefitted for both weddings and a funeral at being able to seat more people in a way in which now everyone is involved in the service.

**Cathy**

background. The birds seem to have deserted the garden to date apart from the tame robin who comes for his food each morning. The buzzards can still be seen soaring on the thermals and one very unwelcome visitor is the large crow who pecks noisily at the new patio window.

**Flori Bunda**

**Sept/Oct 2014**



## CH64 in numbers

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|--------|--|------|--|
| 750 BC | In the Iron Age a hill fort was built on the sandstone outcrop Burton Point. Burton means the settlement by the fort and probably dates from Anglo-Saxon times     | 1762 | John Wesley preached in a small chapel house in Parkgate Road, Neston  |
| 1470   | Barn End and Church House in Burton Village and built about now  | 1765 | Emma Lyon was born, tradition says in Swan Cottage in Ness. Daughter of a blacksmith she became Lady Hamilton and famously, Mistress of Lord Nelson                    |
| 1538   | The Parish Register starts   | 1791 | Denhall Quay, Ness is built and used to send coal to North Wales, Ireland and the Isle of Man  |
| 1663   | Bishop Wilson is born in Burton - named Thomas Wilson he became Bishop of Sodor and Man and set up a free school in the Parish                                     | 1870 | Work is completed on St Nicholas Church, Burton  |
| 1663   | The Quakers were buried outside the Church yard in Burton Woods  | 1898 | Arthur Kilpin Bulley had Mickle Brow built in Ness. He established Ness Gardens. His daughter Lois bequeathed the house and Gardens to University of Liverpool in 1948 |
| 1711   | The date stone on St Nicholas House, Burton  | 1903 | Henry Neville Gladstone, son of the Prime Minister, purchased Burton Manor from the Congreve family.   |
| 1721   | Burton Parish Church is dedicated to St. Nicholas, Patron Saint of Sailors, was rebuilt  | 1904 | Henry Neville Gladstone had the Vicarage built, and the road was named Vicarage Lane   |
| 1728   | George III grants a Royal Charter for a weekly market to be held in Neston   | 1918 | Both William La Touche Congreve and Christopher Bushell were awarded the Victoria Cross. The Congreve hatchment is displayed within Burton Church.                     |
| 1730   | The Parish Free school is re-named after its founder, Bishop Wilson  | 1979 | The RSPB purchased 5000 acres of the Dee Salt Marsh.   |
| 1740   | A regular ferry starts running between Parkgate and Flint. Handel disembarked in Parkgate after conducting the first performance of his Messiah in Dublin in 1742. |      |  |
| 1755   | Bishop Wilson dies   |      |  |
| 1759   | Ness Colliery opened (now the bottom of Marshlands Road)   |      |  |

# Progress Update on Save the Family

As readers will know I took over the full time role as Chief Executive of Save the Family on a part paid part voluntary basis to help keep costs as low as possible. This was why it was important for me to handover the magazine responsibilities to Sarah Curnow who kindly agreed to take on this important role in the Church.

Save the Family is a charity with a strong Christian heritage and values where our mission is to help keep families together when they become homeless often as result of domestic abuse. We are able to provide temporary self-contained accommodation to these families and we work hard to prevent the children being taken into the care system. Many of the families we assist are extremely vulnerable and come from many generations that have chaotic backgrounds. They mostly have low self-esteem and have had poor educational attainment. They are very needy for support and help with basic life skills.

Previously I joined as a trustee in June 2012 at a turbulent time for the charity and started to take over the leadership as an executive unpaid trustee in December last year. Government funding cuts have left the charity bereft of significant funds and we were forced to sublet our residential facilities in North Wales to focus our limited resources on Cotton Hall Farm that has 32 residential units

varying from 1 bedroom studios apartments to 3 bedroom units together with excellent communal facilities, a family children's centre and a fabulous well equipped sensory room.

We currently have 23 families on site represented by 24 adults and 34 children and we have plans to sublet 6 of our units to another organisation that helps young adults with learning difficulties. This means that the site will be virtually full and we now have a waiting list. When I took over the leadership we had only 9 families. I believe that I have been called by God to use my business skills and Christian values to develop a sustainable future for Save the Family in order to maintain our essential services at a time when they are needed most.

Save the Family depends heavily on charitable donations for its survival and appreciates the support from Burton's outward giving over recent years. This type of support from churches is very much appreciated and we are planning a special appeal to all churches in Cheshire to help us raise much needed additional funds.

Thank you for all the support I have received from the congregation at St Nicholas' Burton and particularly for all your prayers that have sustained me during what is a very difficult time for this charity.

**John Church**



## Our Younger Church Members

### The Burton Youth Safari Supper

On Sunday, we had the last TBY (The Burton Youth) before the summer break.

Dwena George, very kindly let us use her garden, in mudhouse lane, for our party.

First we played football then Danish long ball, it was great fun .

Then we had our dinner and chatted about what we were all doing in the summer holidays. We ate chicken , naan bread , salad , sausages and tomatoes stuffed with cream cheese ! Then we played some more Danish long ball and capture the flag .Then we had strawberries and ice-cream for dessert.

Finally, we said goodbye to everyone moving up to Youth Alpha.

It was a great way to spend the last TBY.

### Messy Church!

We had a Messy Picnic in the Vicarage garden just after school had broken up. It was lovely and sunny and the children did activities around the story of the Lost Sheep. We made sheep, we rolled sheep and we found the lost sheep after a long search around the garden which included them all getting wet! They also splatter painted a very messy sheep; see if you can find it in church. Thank you to everyone who helped.

### The Messy Team

## Burton Bonfire Night

**Saturday 1st November from 5.30pm / bonfire lit 6.30 / fireworks from 7**

Hot dogs - Full bar - Glow toys - Soup - Cake - Hot drink  
& NEW this year... 'Dance in the Dark!'

**Would you be able to help in any way at all however small?**

We need lots of volunteers to spread the load and help with bonfire building/taking entrance money on the night/car parking/helping as part of a team on stalls/tidying up afterwards.

**If you can help, please phone or email Ingrid on 07821550480**

**[ingridsturmey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ingridsturmey@hotmail.co.uk)**

# Bishop Wilson CofE Primary School News

## Year 6: thoughts about leaving Bishop Wilson Primary School.

When I go to high school, the things I will miss the most are having such a small school and staying in the same class room with the same teacher for each lesson.

**Holly**

When I go into high school, the things I will miss most are all the S4YC staff, all my friends and the staff who have help me.

**Tom P**

When I go to high school the things I will miss most are my friends, the teachers and having a small school.

**Ciara**

When I go to high school the things I will miss most are the staff and pupils, because I've known some of them for 7 years.

**Jack**

When I go to high school, the things I will miss most are my friends, the staff and the PE lessons.

**Tom W**

When I go to high school, the things I will miss are all my friends and knowing where every thing is.

**Alex**

When I go to high school, the things I will miss the most are all of my friends and the staff, I will also miss S4YC and all of my favourite subjects which are maths, ICT and P.E.

**William**

When I go to high school, the things I will miss most are the S4YC staff and my friends.

**Tilly**

What I will miss when I go to my high school is being in the oldest year, I will also miss my friends.

**Lawrie**

When I go to high school, the things I will miss most are all my friends, the staff and all the subjects they have taught me.

**Sophie**

When I go to high school, the things I will miss most are the P.E teacher Sam, the friends that are going to different schools and the year 5's.

**Declan**

When I go to high school, the things I will miss most are some of my friends and the teachers.

**Matty**

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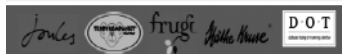
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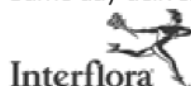


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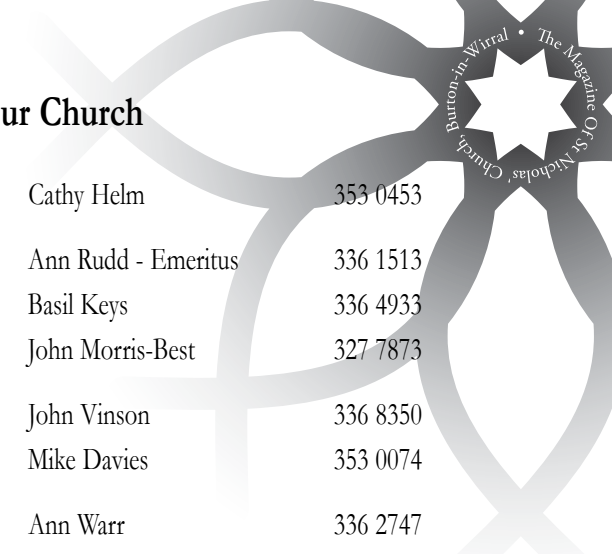
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# The Magazine

Of St Nicholas' Church, Burton-in-Wirral

*Growing and thriving with God in our community*

## Community Events

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### The Burton Society

The Burton Society is having its summer break. Our First Meeting next season is on  
**Thursday 2nd October**

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### Burton Village

Burton Village will be taking part in the world's biggest coffee morning for McMillan Nurses Cancer Research on Friday September 26th.

The event will take place in the Edwardian Glasshouse in Burton Manor Gardens from 10.30 until 1pm. All are welcome and more information can be obtained from  
Connie Draper on 336 3679 or Mary Walton on 353 8036.

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### RSPB Dee Estuary Nature Reserve, Burton

Telephone 353 8478 for more information or to book, or email [deestuary@rspb.org.uk](mailto:deestuary@rspb.org.uk)

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### Manor Gatehouse Club

A club for the retired or partially retired that welcomes new members and meets monthly with an invited speaker. Various interest groups include history, music, painting, literature, travel etc. All meetings are at 2.30 pm in Gladstone Village Hall. Future Speakers are:

**4th Sept** - "Life with the Sea Scouts" - A W Cioma

**2nd Oct** - "Unsung Heroes of the Great War" - Hilary Green

**6th Nov** - "Tiger Muffin Soaps" - Matthew Lepp

For information contact Rodney Lyon on 336 3128 or [www.manorgatehouse.info](http://www.manorgatehouse.info)

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### The Puddington Society Event Dates

**Friday 17th October** - Autumn Cheese and Wine evening at Gladstone Hall, 7.00pm - 10.00pm

**Saturday 20th December** - Carols on the Green, 6.00pm - 7.00pm

For more information call Hazel Huxley on 0151 336 2288 or email [puddingtonvillage@hotmail.com](mailto:puddingtonvillage@hotmail.com)

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### Burton Manor

To book any of the above events at Burton Manor please call the Friends of Burton Manor on 0151 345 1107 and leave a message on the answer machine or alternatively e-mail [burtonmanorgardens@gmail.com](mailto:burtonmanorgardens@gmail.com)

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### YOUR EVENT OR SOCIETY

If you have any events you would like included in the Community Noticeboard email: [saron@lineone.net](mailto:saron@lineone.net)