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THE VICAR WRITES



Have you ever got to the point where you realise that it's not the window cleaner's fault that

you can't see out of the windows - it's that the inside needs a good clean!

We are very good at polishing our outside, our public persona, our public face but how much attention and time do we give to our inside; and I don't mean taking probiotic yogurts!

Our 'soul', the part of us that keeps mind and body together, the bit we search when faced with a challenge, the essential part of us that can rejoice in a piece of music or amazing view, that can be lifted by kindness or wrung out and exhausted so that the joy has long gone - do we take time to look after that part of our lives?

Do we just hope that an annual holiday or a few days out will refresh and renew the parts that keep us whole?

Spending all our energies on the outside, 'what we do' and neglecting 'who we are becoming' on the inside will leave us unfulfilled, incomplete and exhausted.

What did Jesus do to replenish his soul?



Dallas Willard, a writer and a theologian remarked:



The most important thing in your life is not what you do; it's who you become. That's what you'll take with you to eternity.



He had a close circle of friends with whom he shared everything. He went to corporate worship regularly at the synagogue, he fed his mind with Scripture, he enjoyed God's creation, he took long walks, he welcomed children and hugged and blessed them and he enjoyed a party and a good meal with friends.

In his book 'Soul Keeping' John Ortberg writes that:

'our wills rejoice in striving, our bodies were made to know the exhilaration of challenge, our minds get stretched when they must focus but the soul craves rest. The soul was made to rest in God the way a tree rests in soil.'

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One of the most overlooked Commandments is that of Sabbath Rest. Notice that the need to refresh and renew your soul is not listed as just a good idea, but a Commandment. Resting, taking time out is not just good for the body but for the soul too.

The psalmist in Psalm 23 says that our job is not to heal our soul, but to make space so that healing can come *'He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul.'*

Where are your green pastures?
Where are your still waters?

Taking time out to be quiet can be scary, we can almost become addicted to being busy and noisy. The French writer Blaise Pascal wrote centuries ago, *'I have discovered that all the unhappiness of men arises from one single fact; that they are unable to stay quietly in their own room.'*

We have six days to stretch ourselves and engage with all the excitement and challenges of the world around us. On the Sabbath we can take care of *'the seed of eternity planted in the soul'* ... and allow God to do some inside window cleaning.

Cathy



To help those who wish to know their Bibles better, especially the more difficult bits, in September we started **The Bible Book Club** based upon the resources from the **Bible Society** beginning with the Book of Ruth from the Old Testament.



The idea is that we each read an agreed book of the Bible individually or even listen to a podcast of it (various apps are available online). The background resources will be available at the back of church to help people appreciate the context of the book being studied. It won't always be a whole book as most of them are too long.

Two parallel **Book Club** meetings are running each month. Anyone can come along and talk about what they've read and share in the discussion and questions. For those who would just like to do this at home, the questions are on the resource sheet. Whichever way you choose to do it the resources are there to help us all engage with and learn more about some amazing people in the Bible and of God's ongoing story.

The **Book Club** will be meeting on 11 October and 8 November at 2.00pm (venue to be confirmed) **or** on 17 October and 14 November at 8.00pm at The Vicarage.

Ref: biblesociety.org.uk/biblebookclub

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Remembrance Poppy is an artificial flower used since 1921 to commemorate military personnel who died in war. Inspired by the World War 1 poem *'In Flanders Fields'* its opening lines refer to the many poppies that were the first flowers to grow on the churned-up earth of soldiers' graves. The poem is written from the point of view of the dead soldiers who call upon the living to continue the conflict. Poppies worn on Remembrance Day started as a fund-raiser for children orphaned by war, and were first worn as lapel pins in the USA.

The tradition began when an American Moira Michael, read the poem *'In Flanders Fields'* and was so greatly impressed that she decided always to wear a poppy to keep the faith.

Moira Michael worked for the YMCA and in 1918 she hosted a meeting of YMCA secretaries from other countries. She was presented with a small gift of money to thank her for her hospitality and she said she would spend it on poppies. She told them the story of the poem and her decision to always wear a red poppy. This began the tradition of wearing a poppy in remembrance.

The idea was then taken up by Madame E. Guérin of France who decided to sell handmade poppies around Armistice Day to raise money for poor children in the war-torn areas of Europe.



*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
Though poppies grow,
in Flanders fields.*

In 1921, Field-Marshal Earl Haig, the former Commander-in-Chief of the British Armies in France and Belgium and the principal founder of the British Legion, was so impressed by Madame Guérin's fundraising idea that he gave approval for the the Legion to start the British Poppy Day Appeal to raise money for poor and disabled veterans.

THE GOSPEL WRITERS

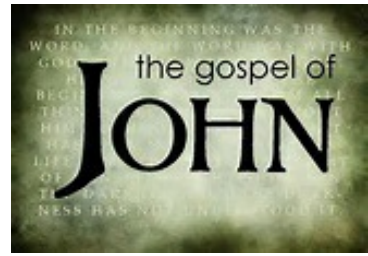
St John - This is the last of four articles that look at the writers behind the four gospels in the New Testament.

Scholars are divided about whether or not the writer of the Fourth Gospel knew of the Synoptic Gospels and, perhaps, especially that written by Mark.

Whether or not John was aware of any other gospels, his gospel is markedly different from all of the other three - both in structure and in content.

The Fourth Gospel was probably written in Ephesus, the capital of the Roman province of Asia, towards the end of the first century by the disciple John, the son of Zebedee. There is a clear link in the gospel with the disciple, John, who is identified in it as 'the beloved disciple' just as there appears to be a link in Mark's Gospel with the disciple, Peter. However, it is doubtful whether John the fisherman would have had the ability to write in such a learned manner. This is reinforced by the story in Acts 4 of the account of Peter and John before the Council where the disciples are described in verse 13 as, 'uneducated, ordinary men.' John, the disciple, may well have had the same influence over the gospel as we think Peter had over the gospel of Mark.

Certainly, the gospel betrays an intimate knowledge of Palestinian geography and culture which the writer clearly gained from someone familiar with that region.



While Mark started his gospel with the story of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist and Matthew and Luke with stories of Jesus' birth, John harkens back to the beginning of time with his introduction. His prologue begins with the same opening words as the book of Genesis; 'In the beginning...' as he proceeds to identify Jesus Christ with the 'Word', the 'Logos' in the original Greek. Because John never returns to this idea again in his gospel, some scholars feel the prologue may have been written earlier than the gospel itself and may even have been an early Christian hymn. Its form is certainly beautifully poetic.

John's Gospel is full of contrasts as between light and darkness, life or death, truth or falsehood, heaven above and the earth below.

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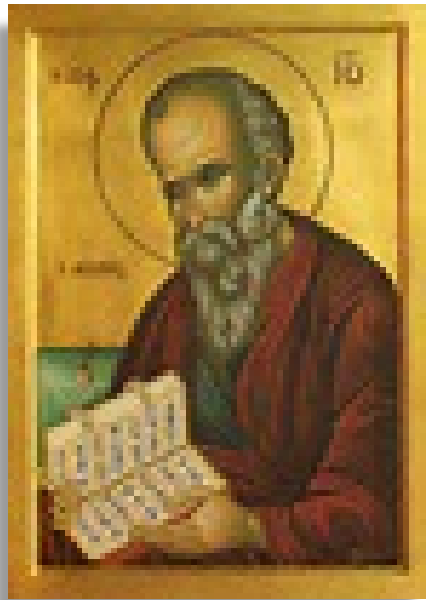
In John's Gospel miracles are called, 'signs' but, while in the other gospels they herald the Kingdom of God, in John they validate Jesus as the Son of God. John does not include any exorcisms (the driving out of demons) or the healing of leprosy in his miracles but he alone tells the story of the changing of the water into wine at the wedding in Cana. Like Matthew's Gospel, John's Gospel was written at a time when there was fierce conflict between the Christian Church and the 'Synagogue'. However, while the other gospels always talk specifically of the 'Scribes and Pharisees' opposing Jesus, John often uses the general term, 'Jews' instead. (John 9:22)



It is generally agreed that the Fourth Gospel is one of the most important books ever written. Its influence in the Christian Church is probably incalculable.



Its strength, perhaps, lies in the way it can speak to us on so many levels whether we are scholars or ordinary men, women and children seeking the truth of, 'the Word made flesh'.



Purpose: To explore not only what Jesus said and did, but who he really was and what that means.

Key verses: 3: 16 – 17

"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that all who believe in him will never die but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them."

15 minute overview:
Chapters 1, 3-3, 8, 11, 13, 15-16, 19-20

VISIT TO LICHFIELD

St Nicholas' Church has strong historic links with Lichfield and St John's Hospital.

St John's Lichfield, set in the cathedral city of Lichfield, is one of many historic almshouses to be found in cities, towns and villages around Britain. Nationally, almshouses provide sheltered accommodation for more than 35,000 people. And today St John's draws on its rich inheritance from the past to cater for the needs of modern society.

On Saturday 2 September thirty or so church members enjoyed a beautiful day visiting Lichfield Cathedral and St John's Hospital. They were welcomed at St. John's by The Venerable George Frost and The Master of St. John's, Revd. Helen Barton.

After refreshments and a guided tour of the Hospital and the historic Chapel the party spent the afternoon visiting Lichfield and the wonderful parks as well as the magnificent Cathedral and grounds dating back to 700 AD.



Without doubt the highlight of the day was Evensong at the Cathedral.

The sound of the organ and choir were extraordinary and will undoubtedly remain in people's memories for many years.





FROM THE REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

29 July
Rachel Dunbar
and David Annetts

26 August
Lydia Zacharias
and Peter Williams



FUNERALS

25 July
Bryan Jones

10 August
Donald Hulse

30 August
Pauline Wright

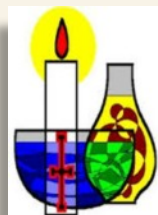
5 September
Margaret 'Peggy' Boddy

15 September
Patricia Henshaw



BAPTISMS

30 July
Harry Morgan &
Rhys Morgan



Thank You

A sincere thank you to every one who sent
flowers, left messages and offered sympathy
recently on the death of my dear husband.

Eleanor Braceland

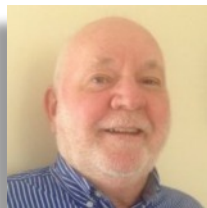
BISHOP WILSON SCHOOL



Bishop Wilson Church of England Primary
"The joy of The Lord is your strength" Nehemiah 8:10

Ron Curnow

*Chair of Governing
Body*



At the start of another school year it is appropriate to bring everyone up to date regarding our Church school.

*The school is delighted with the successes achieved in the last academic year. The OFSTED inspection report classified the school as **'Good'** with outstanding comments and the SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools) report showed the school as **'Outstanding'**.*

Our Headteacher Darren Jones will be leaving us at the end of December to head up St. Peter's (Church of England) Primary School in Heswall. This is a well-deserved promotion and he will take with him our best wishes and gratitude for all he has done during his headship over the last six years.

I'm also pleased to report that Suzanne Roberts our outstanding Deputy Headteacher will be stepping up into the breach as acting Headteacher in January 2018.

We are currently seeking to strengthen our School Governing body. If you are interested in becoming a School Governor please contact either me or Cathy Helm for more information.

Also, we are very much hoping to recruit a number of adult volunteers to help supervise the children during lunch periods thereby





enabling them to access all outdoor play areas. So if you have a little spare time in the week and you enjoy the company of children, why not apply to join in (I'm told it keeps you young!).

Along with the very successful management of our 'Breakfast' and 'After School' clubs, S4YC Ltd (Out of School Clubs) is now managing and operating the Bishop Wilson Pre-School for a full five days per week (7.45am to 6.00pm) 50 weeks of the year.

Finally, I am delighted to report that in order to maximise the usage of Bishop Wilson School's fantastic facilities and location, S4YC offer a full Holiday Club during school holidays. During the recent summer holidays the scheme attracted an average of over 30 children each day to enjoy a variety of activities.

The school will be holding an 'OPEN DAY' for new pupils on Wednesday 25 October.

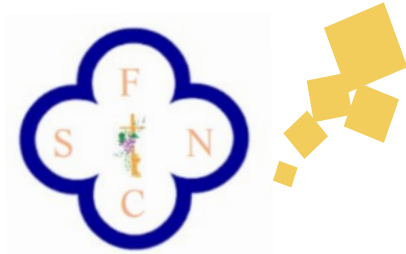
Please contact the school for further information contact:

School ☎ 0151 336 3396

Cathy Helm ☎ 07471 890 827

Ron Curnow ☎ 07710 294 932

'THE FRIENDS'



It's hard to believe that in December the *Friends of St. Nicholas' Church* will have been going for nearly a year.

The good news is that since inception our members have open-heartedly provided donations ranging from the generous to the spectacularly generous. By the end of our first year '*The Friends*' will have donated significantly towards the upkeep and preservation of the church building and the churchyard in 2017.



We are truly grateful to everyone who has contributed and we hope to build on this fantastic result.



Members have sung along lustily with us at our Musical Evening of local talent, nobly forced pies and pints down their throats on the Vicarage lawn, turned up to hear an organ



Ancient Historic Church

Recital, gone on outings ...as well as generously writing out cheques in support of FSNC.

There are of course too many people to thank individually who gave of their time and money to help the cause, so please accept a collective 'thank you very much!'.

We have a very big favour to ask those of you who made a one-off donation last year – please would you generously consider making your membership of the Friends of St Nicholas' Church an annual subscription by completing a standing order form? We know that austerity still continues and that there are many calls on your monies. We do not take your support for granted and hope that you have enjoyed the events of the first year that we have organised on your behalf.

As ever, if you have any suggestions or feedback, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of our committee members.

Our next event is a wine tasting evening in Gladstone Village Hall on Saturday 28 October with Tom Innes of Fingal Rock Wines, Monmouth www.pinotnoir.co.uk – see the details opposite.

For £12.00 you will join Tom Innes for a highly entertaining and informative talk with time to taste and compare a variety of stunning wines. Better still why not stay for the talk, the wine tasting and a three-course gourmet dinner?



For £30 you will enjoy the wine tasting and a three-course gourmet meal to be held after the wine tasting. As you might expect, tickets are limited and are selling fast.



We hope very much that through the continued goodwill and support of all our FSNC members, we can have a great second year too!

Robin Cowan

Chairman
Friends of St Nicholas' Church

Autumn Wine Tasting Evening & Dinner



**Saturday
28**

October

**Gladstone
Hall**

7.00pm

**Wine Tasting
Plus 3 Course Dinner
£30 pp**

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**Wine Tasting Only
£12 pp**

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Ticket Only Event

**Contact
Robin Cowan ☎ 306 4587**



In September our local MU branch held its annual fundraising event in the Gladstone Village Hall as a Murder Mystery 'who dunnit' performed by the Phoenix Players.

Personally, I was hugely privileged to attend my third Mothers' Union Pilgrimage to Cardiff in July. The title of the Pilgrimage was 'Land of Song'. It was organised by Canon Chris Humphries our Mothers' Union Chaplain and Mrs V. Ley our Diocesan President. Twenty nine of us from the Diocese stayed at St. Michael's Theological College which serves the Anglican and Methodist Churches in partnership with Cardiff University.

Our visits included St. Fagans (National Museum of History), St Cadoc's Church, Llancarfan, an open bus ride around Cardiff, St Woolos Cathedral, Newport, Llandaff Cathedral and the Cathedral Choir in concert which was excellent, St Mary's Church and the Abergavenny Millennium Tapestry.

Our evening prayer meetings were based on Col. 3 verses 12-17. 'sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God'.

On 9 August four MU members attended a very enjoyable Deanery Tea Party held in Mollington Village Hall.

NEXT MEETING DATES

18 October

Rev. Jackie Bellfield "A Minister's Musing".

15 November

Making Christmas Wreaths and Garlands.

18 November

Diocesan Council Meeting, Hartford.

28 November

Deanery Committee Meeting,
St. Michael's, Little Neston.

We are always pleased to welcome new people and visitors to our meetings which are held in the Burton Sports Pavilion behind the Gladstone Village Hall.

Ruth Chesworth



Hardy Perennials are a group of ladies who live largely independently. Along with friends they meet most months at Pollard's Inn in Willaston for lunch (two courses plus coffee for £13) and to share each other's company. Next meetings are:

*Monday - 30 October
Monday - 11 December*

*Pollards Inn, Willaston
12.30pm for 1.00pm*

☎ Vivienne 336 7435

☎ Linda 336 5017

WOMEN & MINISTRY



In September the centenary of the ordination of the first woman in a UK denomination was celebrated. In September 1917 **Constance Coltman** was ordained in the United Reformed Church. She is considered to be the brave forerunner by those who advocate women in ordained ministry. Constance was raised in the Presbyterian church and read history at Oxford. Realising she couldn't be ordained in her native church, she applied to Mansfield College, Oxford to study alongside the men training for ordination. The Principal at the time wasn't sure, but accepted her application. In September 1917 she was ordained in the Congregational Union of England and Wales (later to become the URC) and got married the next day. Both she and her husband entered a job share living on one stipend.

Constance didn't just pursue her own calling to ordained ministry but opened the door for others to follow. Although the Congregational church was the first to ordain a female minister, other denominations had already given women the opportunity to lead, preach

and to administer the sacraments. In the Quaker Church women were allowed to preach and prophesy as early as 1656. After committing the crime of preaching publicly against the established church Mary Howgill was imprisoned!



Constance Coltman

From its foundation in 1878 by William and Catherine Booth, the Salvation Army has a tradition of raising up female leaders.

John Wesley originally gave authority for two women to preach but after his death in 1791 women were banned from preaching to a mixed congregation until 1910. In 1974 the first Methodist ordination of a woman took place.

By 1993 Kathleen Richards had been elected as the first president of the Methodist Conference.

Women are now able to be ordained in all three orders within the Anglican Church - Deacon, Priest and Bishop.

Chester Diocese was the first diocese in the country to appoint a female Bishop when Libby Lane was appointed in January 2015.

COMMUNITY



GLADSTONE VILLAGE HALL

The Christmas Fayre at Gladstone Hall on Saturday 2 December is already attracting a lot of interest from a wide variety of local crafts people.

Says organiser Connie Draper:

“There promises to be a bigger than ever opportunity for local people to pick up some last minute gifts – ranging from handmade jewellery to tempting fudge, gorgeous cakes and Burton’s own award winning beer!”

Local Artist Pat Waller will be displaying several paintings of local scenes – and will be taking commissions on the day – so she is the person to see if you would like your property captured on canvas and beautifully framed.

**For more information or to exhibit at the Fayre please contact:
Connie Draper ☎ 226 3679**

**The Puddington Society
Autumn Evening**

Ploughman’s Supper

**Friday 20 October
Gladstone Village Hall**

Cathy Roberts

Liverpool Author, Poet & Storyteller

**‘My Life on a Tug Boat
& Other Tall Tales’**



***A Selection of Fine Cheeses
Delicious Reds &
Crisp White Wines
& Soft Drinks***

***Crusty Bread & Pâté
Pickles & Fruit
Raffle & Table Prizes***

Only £7.50 per Person

***To reserve places please pay
Hazel Huxley***

***or any committee member (cash
or cheque) as soon as possible
and no later than
Monday 16 October.***

Hazel Huxley ☎ 336 2288

Friends & Family Welcome

WHISPER IT...

*Christmas comes
but once a year ...
and it can take some planning!*



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This year the St Nicholas' Church Christmas Tree Festival will be returning!

It will begin on Friday 1 December with the arrival of the trees and associated decorating. For those involved it will be a weekend guaranteed to get you in the Christmas spirit!

The theme this year will be '*Angels and Bells*' and will complement the *St. Nicholas Day* celebration.

To book your tree or for more information please call:
Maureen Liddel ☎ 336 3070 or
✉ cliddel@btinternet.com
Sarah Curnow ☎ 336 8210 or
✉ saron@lineone.net

Saturday 2 December is the start of the Christmas Tree Festival with *Christingle Carol Singing* at 4:00pm.

ST NICHOLAS' DAY

On Wednesday 6 December at 7.00pm in church we will be holding a screening of the film '*It's a Wonderful Life*' – surrounded by Christmas trees and with festive mince pies and mulled wine served at the interval – a night full of Christmas cheer! Please save the date!



CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT

The well-known *LIVERPOOL RENAISSANCE SINGERS* will be performing at St Nicholas' Church on Sunday 10 December at 7.00pm prior to their Christmas concert in the Lady Chapel of Liverpool Cathedral.

They will perform their Christmas Programme of Spanish Renaissance Music '*Mary's Rose*' with Mary, Joseph and the nativity at its heart.

An event not to be missed!

CAROL SERVICE IN CHURCH

Sunday 17 December is the date for our 7:00pm Carol Service and 4:00pm on Christmas Eve will be our traditional Carols around the Christmas tree.

CAROLS ON THE GREEN IN PUDDINGTON

Saturday 23 December at 6.00pm

CHILDREN'S BOOK AT BEDTIME

Our younger Church members are invited to come to the Christmas Book at Bedtime at 6.30pm on Friday 22 December. We come in our 'onesies' and we have a story and cookies and hot chocolate surrounded by the lit Christmas trees.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is for all ages from toddlers and young children as well as parents, grandparents and carers. It is packed with lots of fun activities that everyone can join in.



It normally takes place around tea time on a Saturday afternoon once a month. There is always time of worship and for people to get to know God better before everybody shares a meal together.

The next Messy Church events are:

Saturday 28 October

3.30pm to 5.30pm in Church for

'The Light Party'

Saturday 18 November

4.00pm to 6.00pm in Gladstone Village Hall

'Zachariah and Elizabeth'

Friday 22 December

6.30pm to 7.30pm in Church

'Christmas Book at Bedtime'



Everybody welcome... including any helpers!

For more details contact:

Cathy Helm ☎ 07471 890 827

BURTON PLAY AREA

Fundraising Update

By the time you read this our fate with One Family's Community Award will be known, but we haven't stopped fundraising.

We are four months into our latest appeal and we've almost reached half our £10,000* target.

The Liverpool Renaissance Singers Concert in July raised a pleasing £500 and we had a great evening to boot. The remaining money has been received, with great thanks, from some extremely generous donations and pledges. Do you have a fundraising idea or could you make a donation? If so, please contact:

John Nuttall ☎ 336 7178 or

Nicky Dorman ☎ 07731324630 or

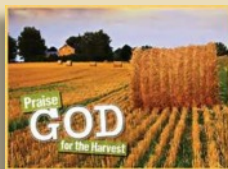
✉ playarea@gladstonevillagehall.org.

Also, keep your eyes peeled for another musical event in November. And, early next year, we're hoping to hold an **Auction of Promises**, so start thinking about what you could offer, from gardening duties or baking cakes, to singing at someone's wedding or a haircut...whatever your forte might be!

***£10,000 is the figure required for simply replacing the slide and climbing frame that we've lost already.....it is not the end!**

HYMN STORIES

We Plough the Fields & Scatter



V1

*We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's Almighty Hand:
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes, and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain*



**All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.**

V2

*He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey Him,
By Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, His children,
He gives our daily bread.*



Chorus

V3

*We thank Thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer
For all Thy love imparts,
And, what Thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.*



Chorus

*This very English of hymn,
traditionally sung at Harvest Festival,
was in fact written by a German poet –
and originally had 17 verses!*

*Matthius Claudius was a lapsed
Christian who, after a serious illness
in his twenties, returned to his
religion. In 1777 he began to write
poems reflecting his gratitude to God.
In 1782 he was asked to produce a
poem for publication and he chose
'Wir pflugen und wir streuen' based
on Psalm 144 and 17 verses long. It
became popular and was set to music
in 1800 by Johann A.P. Schulz, and
published in numerous German hymn
books. However, the verses were
reduced from seventeen to three, with
the hymn now starting at the third
verse.*

*In 1862 in England Jane Montgomery
Campbell, a daughter of a Church
Rector in London and fluent in the
German language, started to translate
a number of German hymns into
English including 'We Plough the
Fields and Scatter', retaining the
hymn's original focus on giving
thanks to God for the harvest.*

*She taught the hymn to the children of
a Church of England parish school in
London where her father was Rector.*

*The hymn is amongst the most
popular hymns sung in churches in
the UK*

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Monday 18 December

10.00am to 12 o'clock

*Please come along and support
this fund-raising event and enjoy excellent
coffee and cake!*

(donations of cake would be very welcome)

*For more information
Contact Linda Jones ☎ 336 5017*

CAFÉ CHAT

An informal and relaxed opportunity to chat with friends.

It's held on the last Thursday of the month at the

Elephant Lounge & Bar

at Parkgate,
meeting at 8.00pm.

Contact:
Ruth Abbott
☎ 0151 342 5032



HOLY COMMUNION & LUNCH

Burton Sports & Social Club

Monday 2 October at 11.30am

Monday 6 November at 11.30am

Monday 4 December at 11.30am

Contact

Basil Keys ☎ 936 1403 or

Jen Williams ☎ 328 1006



CHURCH CLEANING

St Nicholas' Church is looking for a few extra volunteers to help clean the church.

Currently we have six volunteer teams of three people. Each team takes on the weekly task for two specific months of the year. This way the duties are spread between the teams over the full year and are hopefully not too onerous.



So far these teams have done an amazing job and we are very grateful. However, several members of the three teams are no longer able to continue and it's too big a job for just the remaining helpers. But, with a few extra people spread out amongst the six teams, it would be quite manageable.

Could you, or even you and a friend volunteer to join a team and help maintain our beautiful church?

If you wish to volunteer, please contact

Beth Crossley ☎ 336 4770

Cathy Helm ☎ 07471 890 827

FLORI BUNDA

Autumn Tints & Colourful Berries

This is a season of wonderful colours – leaves, berries and golden fields.

Prior to all this was, of course, the Horticultural show. The sweet peas were lovely and gained a cup. The HT Roses were also successful as were all the wonderful dahlias, resulting in two further shared cups. All the hard work involved was certainly worth the effort.

The Dahlias are still in full bloom but the Gladioli were very slow to bloom. However, they are a stunning red (Africa). The Hydrangeas have also been stunning. Their florets can be so useful in floral decoration and for pressing.

The Eryngium are growing on strongly and the florets and stems are a wonderful shade of blue. The leaves on the cornus are turning into a dark crimson and berries have appeared on the two rowan saplings.

The Lavender border has been wonderful and a haven for bees. However, this has now had a thorough trim to promote new growth for next year



Lavender Border

Any tall roses and the Buddleia Davidii will all be cut down by one-third to prevent wind rock on the roots.

Many spring flowering bulbs have been planted and of course some new varieties will also be purchased and either planted in the garden or in various pots and tubs.

Many birds have been visiting the garden – blue, great and long-tailed tits, gold finches, blackbirds, greater spotted woodpecker and the list would not be complete without Robbie Robin!



Greater Spotted
Woodpecker

Tasks to be getting on with:

- ❑ Clean and tidy the greenhouse
- ❑ Cut leaves off Dahlias
- ❑ When these turn black also cut the stems off and prepare the tubers for storage
- ❑ Enjoy the Autumn colours

Good Gardening

Flori Bunda

CHURCH DIARY

October

- 1 16th Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Sunday
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
and Parade
6:30 pm Harvest Evensong
- 4 10.15 am Holy Communion
- 8 17th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 11 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 15 18th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family
Communion
- 18 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 22 19th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 25 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 29 Last Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
3:00 pm Thanksgiving and
Remembrance Service

November

- 5 4th Sunday before Advent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong
- 8 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 12 3rd Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Sunday
8:45 am Holy Communion
**10:15 am Remembrance
Service and Parade**
- 15 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 19 2nd Sunday before Advent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family
Communion
- 22 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 26 Sunday next before Advent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 29 10:15 am Holy Communion

December

- 2 4:00pm Christingle Carols
- 3 Advent Sunday
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong

Advertisement Feature

One-to-One Computer Training

A new service has begun in the area to help adults learn and develop their computer skills. Often, those who are not familiar with the everyday use of computers in order to send emails, shop online or search out the best deals, can be left behind. That is why 'Wirral Key Computing' has developed a package of services designed to help people become more confident when it comes to the world of Information Technology and, for some, the mysteries of the World Wide Web.

'Wirral Key Computing' is based locally and offers one-to-one help and support training to adults, young and not so young, in their own home. Lucy, who runs 'Wirral Key Computing' said:

'Many people just require that extra bit of help to get them started or to help build their confidence'.

So if you think you might benefit from some extra help to build up your IT skills why not give Lucy a call on 07421 721 035

NEW CAFE OPENS IN PUDDINGTON



Situated in Chapel House Lane, Puddington

'Gift Cafe', is a charitable 'not for profit' organisation open Wednesday to Sunday 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Why not go along and enjoy a Barista style coffee or a speciality tea in a relaxing and clean environment with the satisfaction of knowing that your visit is helping charitable causes.

'Gift Cafe' also serves all kinds of lovely food including freshly prepared sandwiches, hot toasted paninis, soup, cake and of course ice cream.

So whether you're meeting up with friends, taking a lunch break or simply curious, go along and check out the facilities soon. The organisation running 'Gift Cafe' is dementia and family friendly and all its staff are trained Dementia Friends.

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
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COMMUNITY & SOCIETY INFORMATION

THE BURTON SOCIETY

Meetings at Gladstone Village Hall

Next meetings: Thursday 5 October - Virtual Tour of St George's Quarter, Liverpool

Thursday 2 November - 'Life & Times of a Busker' - Eric Newton

7 December - 'An Alternative Christmas' - Festive Evening

THE PUDDINGTON SOCIETY

Friday 20 October 7.00pm - Autumn Ploughmans Supper, Guest Speaker & AGM

For more information about events call Hazel Huxley on 0151 336 2288

BURTON AND NESTON HISTORY SOCIETY

Every second Thursday of each month at 8:00pm in the Gladstone Village Hall. For more information please contact Clive Edwards on 336 1190

BURTON WALKING GROUP

For more information please contact John Nuttall on 336 7178

BURTON BRIDGE CLUB

Burton Bridge Club meets every Monday evening at 7.15pm
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Experienced players most welcome for duplicate bridge.

For further information please contact Hazel Huxley 0151- 336- 2288.

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A club for the retired or partially retired that welcomes new members
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