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THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

On 7 September 1920, in strictest secrecy, four unidentified British bodies were exhumed from temporary battlefield cemeteries at Ypres, Arras, the Asine and the Somme. None of the soldiers who did the digging were told why. The bodies were taken by field ambulance to GHQ at St-Pol-sur-Ternoise. There the bodies were draped with the Union Flag. Sentries were posted and Brigadier-General Wyatt and Colonel Gell selected one body at random. A French honour guard was selected, who stood by the coffin overnight.

In the morning of the 8 September a specially designed coffin made of oak from the grounds of Hampton Court was brought and the 'Unknown Warrior' placed inside. On top was placed a Crusader's sword and a shield on which was inscribed **'A British Warrior who fell in the Great War 1914-1918 for King and Country'**.

On the 9 November the 'Unknown Warrior' was taken by horse drawn carriage through guards of honour and the sound of tolling bells and bugle calls to the quayside. There it was saluted by Marechal Foch and loaded onto HMS Verdun bound for Dover. The coffin stood on the deck covered in wreaths and surrounded by a French Honour Guard.

On arrival at Dover the 'Unknown Warrior' was greeted with a 19 gun salute, normally only reserved for field marshals. He then travelled by special train to Victoria station London. He stayed there overnight and on the morning of the 11 November he was taken to Westminster Abbey.



The idea of the 'Unknown Soldier' was thought of by a padre called David Railton who had served at the front during the Great War and it was the Union Flag he used as an altar cloth at the front that had been draped over the coffin. The intention was that all relatives of the 517,773 combatants whose bodies had not been identified could very well be their lost Husband, Father, Brother or Son.

On the morning of 11 November 1920 - the second anniversary of the armistice that ended World War One - the body of the 'Unknown Warrior' was drawn in a procession to the Cenotaph. This new war memorial on Whitehall, designed by Edwin Lutyens, was then unveiled by King George V.

At 11 o'clock there was a two-minute silence, and the body was then taken to Westminster Abbey where it was buried at the west end of the nave. To the surprise of the organisers, in the week after the burial over a million people visited the abbey, and the site is now one of the most visited war graves in the world. The text inscribed on the tomb is taken from the Bible (2 Chronicles 24:16): **'They buried him among the kings, because he had done good toward God and toward his house'**.

THE VICAR WRITES



I don't always have the best memory but Autumn time with its colours and abundance of apples [more apple pie

again!] has its own way of reminding us to be thankful for both the harvest of the land and sea, but also for all those who have risked so much for our freedoms.

On 4 August 1918 King George V, the Queen's grandfather, met to pray with members of the Houses of Parliament as part of a National Day of Prayer. One hundred days later, the war ended on 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. Since August this year, as part of the 'One Hundred Days of Prayer', Christians across the country have been joining together to pray for peace in a world which is still so torn apart by violence.

Sadly war has been a feature of human history since records began. World War 1 was supposed to be 'the war to end all wars.....'. I found the statistic that since 3600 BC the world has only known 292 years of peace. There have been 14,351 wars since then and as the book I found this in was published 13 years ago... that figure is still increasing!

What shines through the darkness of statistics like this are the stories of courage and the example of those who are willing to bring the light of Christ into seemingly hopeless situations.

Rev. Cathy Helm



It is in hearing these stories that we can remember them with thankful hearts, but also to strengthen our resolve to work and to pray for peace for future generations.

“ *Love one another as Jesus first loved us. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.* ”



Since 1918, this quotation from John 15: verses 12 & 13 began to appear on war memorials, commemorating those who had died. Many had indeed given their lives in battle in the hope that others might be saved.

A century on, these verses can be reclaimed so that we too might be able to live out Jesus' words... but in peace, rather than in war. That instead of dying in battle for others, we might live our lives in service that emulates Christ's life. Our call is to live a life of love, loving one another as Christ first loved us and to pray for lasting peace.

As part of our involvement in acts of Remembrance many of us are joining in with the 100 days of prayer. We will also be showing the film 'War Horse' in church on Friday 9 November at 7.00pm and we will have a silhouette from 'There But Not There' on display.



Our annual church Remembrance service begins at 10.15 am on Sunday 11 November. We will be joined by our local uniformed groups of Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts who will also be taking part in the service.

'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.' What will that look like for you and for me?

cathy

REMEMBRANCE 2018

'There But Not There'

As a church we are also joining the '**There But Not There**' act of Remembrance as the silhouette of a soldier will be placed in church at the beginning of November as a visual reminder of the fallen.

The project aims to commemorate, to educate and to bring healing to the many veterans who still suffer as the result of subsequent wars and military action. As we join this act of Remembrance, let us also join the call to continue to pray for all who work for lasting peace and reconciliation.

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Amidst the troubles of this world, we pray that your inner peace will be present in all those who believe in you.

We pray that those currently living in strife will experience peace and seek comfort in the confident hope you inspire for the future.

Amen

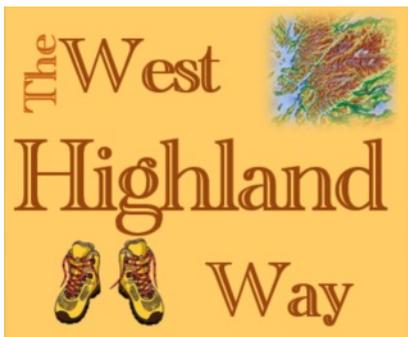
Friday 9 November

'FILM NIGHT'

7.00pm in Church



Everyone Welcome



THE TALE OF A LONG DISTANT WALKER

By Linda Jones

An article in the June/July issue of the Parish Magazine described the plans for improvements to the vestry to make it an efficient and usable room. A space that would be well insulated, with its own independent heating system, which could be used for small meetings and provide a comfortable place for the children at Sunday school, as well as improved kitchen facilities. As a church member and 'helper' at various events I knew that these improvements were very much needed.

*Earlier this year my friend Helen and I decided we would attempt to walk the **West Highland Way** in Scotland and I had the idea of making this a sponsored walk to raise funds for the refurbishment of the vestry. This would be the first long distance walk that either of us had attempted. It was possibly a little foolhardy to choose this walk to begin with - one of 96 miles - but some years previously on holiday at Loch Lomond I had walked a very short distance of the Way and always planned to return.*

The West Highland Way was the first officially designated long distance route in Scotland. It begins in the central lowlands and carries on up to the highlands passing through a variety of beautiful landscapes.

From its pastoral introduction through woods and farmland, the Way takes you



northwards from Milngavie to the beauty of Loch Lomond, following the length of its wooded eastern shore. Beyond this is the subtle transformation to the highlands as you enter the glens, where rugged mountains dominate the landscape.

Moving northwards on ancient tracks used by soldiers and drovers the Way becomes more serious as it takes on the bleak and more remote expanse of Rannoch Moor skirting the entrance to Glencoe and climbing over the Devil's staircase, the highest point on the trail at 1805 ft.

The final stage of the journey is a steep climb out of Kinlochleven which affords glorious views over Loch Leven to the mountains of Glencoe.

The way passes through a series of conifer plantations with the



occasional glimpse of Ben Nevis before the final descent through the forest tracks of Glen Nevis and on to Fort William which was our final destination.

Our journey began at Milngavie on 25 July. The first three days were sunny and warm but on the third evening in Rowardennan there was torrential rain and thunderstorms lasting for several hours. The next day, previously dried up waterfalls and streams were transformed into raging torrents which made crossing the many burns on the Way rather tricky. From then on the weather was largely cloudy and cool, much easier for walking, although we often arrived at our destination soaked through.



Over £2,000 raised so far!

Whatever the weather the landscape never lost its appeal. We never tired of the beauty of Loch Lomond, walking through the glens surrounded by mountains and the bleakness of Rannoch Moor and Glencoe all the more beautiful and mysterious in low cloud.

We encountered many friendly people along the way from all corners of the globe and all with the same aim of enjoying 96 miles of stunningly beautiful countryside.

With grateful thanks to everyone who sponsored me on my walk in aid of the Vestry Improvement Fund.

Linda Jones



CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS

The GOOD NEWS is that after much discussion, reviews by the PCC and careful and sympathetic design by Steve Quicke - our church architect - the PCC now has a costed proposal for a brighter, more useful, and better heated vestry. And it's been approved by the powers that be in the diocese!

What will the remodelled room be used for?

1. A cosy space for the small children's and teenagers' groups to meet,
2. Back-up space for the events in church that are becoming an important part of our fund-raising and community events,
3. A hygienic and efficient 'pantry' for refreshments at services and events,
4. A better and more pleasant space for all the present uses such as flower arranging, small meetings, preparation for services, minor admin work, and so on.

Why the changes?

The vestry was built late in the Victorian era as a changing room for clergy and choir, and its uses have just grown in haphazard ways, so that is now part office, part former toilet (with the partitioning to suit), part pantry, part meeting space, part storage space, etc. The result – a jumble that doesn't do any of those jobs very well!

It is also rather gloomy, cold in winter, and impractical to heat properly midweek because it relies on the main church heating that takes many hours and a lot of fuel oil to warm up.

What will change?

The building will look the same from outside, but will be radically different inside. The most obvious differences will be bright lighting, light colours, opened out central space, and a modern 'pantry' along the wall that backs onto the church. The 'pantry' will have worktops, a fridge, and a well-located sink with hot water

on tap, as well as a water boiler to suit the need for large numbers of teas and coffees.

What will it look like?

Come and see the display of the plans, and talk to members of the building committee; *after the Sunday services on 7 October, and again at the Coffee Morning in church on 8 October.*

How will it be paid for?

Almost a third of the money needed has already been raised through sponsorship, significant donations and pledges to kick start the scheme, and through a contribution from the Friends of St Nicholas' Church.

And if I want to help to make it happen?

All donations, large or small, will help to get us there. A 'My Donate' website (which has no admin charges) is being set up, so that you can donate on line.

Or you can donate via the Friends of St. Nicholas' Church, or direct to the PCC (making clear that it is for the Vestry works). However you choose to donate, please 'Gift Aid' it if you can – another 25% then comes in for free from the government.

When will it happen?

Very soon, we hope. When the funds are close enough to what's needed, the 'Start Button' will be pressed. The work will take about six weeks to complete.





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invitation

*Please join us with friends for
this special evening celebrating
fine wines tempting food and good
company*

Wine Tasting & Gourmet Dinner

Saturday 13 October 2018

7.00pm

Gladstone Village Hall



TABLE D'HOTE PRIX FIXE

Wine Tasting &
Three-Course
Gourmet Dinner
£30 pp

Wine Tasting Only
£12 pp

Ticket Only Event

Limited to 60 Guests – Apply to:

Robin Cowan ☎ 306 4587

Ron Currow ☎ 336 8210

Cathy Helm ☎ 07971 890 827

John & Gill Miles ☎ 336 4972

Friends of St Nicholas' Church

Proceeds in aid of the maintenance and preservation of St Nicholas' Church & its ancient churchyard

BISHOP WILSON SCHOOL



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

The Key Stage 2 children at Bishop Wilson CE Primary School in Burton put on a wonderful end of year performance of 'Pirates of the Curry Beanz' - this is the plot (as described by one of our Y6 children):

" Jack and Lisa - a right pair of rascals - live with their hard-working, exhausted single mother, Pearl. A gang of dodgy pirates turn up at the family's inn causing mayhem. They steal something intriguing that Uncle Deadeye gave Jack and Lisa; along with Pearl. So the race is on. Can Jack and Lisa find Pearl? Will the pirates get to the island where all your dreams will come true and find the treasure?"



The Robins Class at Bishop Wilson CE Primary School, which comprises YR & Y1 children, enjoyed an end of year treat when they visited Greenacres Farm Park. Everyone had the opportunity of feeding baby goats, and petting the animals in pets corner.

A fun traction engine ride finished off a super day out.



*I will remember the deeds of the Lord: Yes,
I will remember your miracles of long ago.
I will consider all your works and meditate
on all your mighty deeds.*
Ps.77 11-12.

PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for memories
of past joys and times of laughter;
for remembered achievements
and happy occasions.

Thank you that our memories are
enhanced by your loving presence.

We remember with compassion
all whose memories are painful;
whether through sickness,

bereavement, disaster or deprivation.

Keep them in your love, Lord Christ.

In your mercy, allow the memory
of our yesterday to turn the
past into a ministry of
spiritual growth for the future.

Amen

LOOKING BACK

In the midst of a glorious summer six of our members joined Pensby MU (our Prayer Partners) for their annual tea party. A short service was followed by a quiz and a delicious feast of good things. It was such a happy occasion. We were made so welcome and enjoyed the opportunity to meet with members from another Branch.

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, 17 October: 2.00pm
Burton Sports & Social Club

**'Cruising in Northern Waters'. Norway,
Iceland, Greenland and Faroe Islands'**

Ruth Chesworth (Sports & Social Pavilion)

Saturday, 17 November: - 9.30am
St. John's, Hartford

Diocesan Council Meeting.

Wednesday, 21 November: 2.00pm
Burton Sports & Social Club

**Members' Afternoon. Beetle Drive &
Christmas Planning**



*Hardy Perennials is a lunchtime meeting
for ladies who live largely independently.*

*Along with friends, male or female, 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 lunch dates are:

Monday - 29 October

Monday - 10 December



*If you normally attend Hardy
Perennials lunches and would like
to bring a friend, please feel free to do so.*

Booking essential - 12.30pm for 1.00pm

☎ Vivienne 336 7435

☎ Linda 336 5017

WILFRED OWEN

War Poet

This edition of the parish magazine, in tribute to the centenary of the end of World War 1, is featuring the poetry of Wilfred Owen, who has a strong connection to the region.

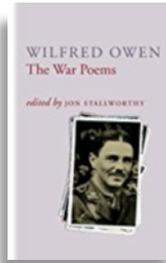
There is a museum and gallery dedicated to him in Birkenhead, which also provides a map of the various places within the region that Wilfred Owen either lived in or visited.

The Birkenhead Years

Wilfred Edward Salter Owen was born to Tom and Susan Owen in Oswestry, on 18 March 1893. In early 1900 they moved to the Wirral when Tom was appointed Station Master at Woodside in Birkenhead. The 1901 Census shows them at their first home at Elm Grove, Higher Tranmere. Later they lived nearby at 14 Wilmer Road and at 51 Milton Road.

Wilfred attended The Birkenhead Institute School in Whetstone Lane from 15 January 1901 as Pupil Number 102. He was genuinely happy and fulfilled in Birkenhead. He enjoyed school life, and his teachers said of him that he was *“obsessed with the necessity to equip himself scholastically”*, and that he was *“a very favourite pupil indeed”*.

He was proud of his school. He read widely and was already fascinated by the expressive possibilities of poetry.



The Owens were actively involved in the community during their time in Birkenhead. The area was clearly a significant influence on the life of the young poet. They continued to live in Birkenhead until Wilfred was 13 years old, when his father took up work in Shrewsbury.

When the First World War broke out, Wilfred was working as a tutor to a family in France, where he saw some of the soldiers wounded in the conflict. In September 1915, Wilfred returned to the UK and joined The Artists Rifles Officers' Training Corps. After various training sessions, he was commissioned into The Manchester Regiment on 4 June 1916.

Wilfred suffered shell-shock in August 1917, then came the now famous meeting at Craiglockhart Hospital in Edinburgh with the poet Siegfried Sassoon, who was to be so instrumental in making Wilfred into the iconic figure he was to become.

Poems written by Owen include 'Greater Love', 'Anthem for a Doomed Youth', 'Strange Meeting' and 'Arms and the Boy'.

His most famous poem is 'Dulce et Decorum Est' or, to give the phrase in full: *Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori*, Latin for 'it is sweet and fitting to die for one's country' (*patria* is from where we derive our word 'patriotic'). The phrase originated in the Roman poet Horace, but in 'Dulce et Decorum Est', Wilfred Owen rejects this idea. For Owen, who had experienced the horrors of trench warfare and a gas attack, there was nothing sweet, and nothing fitting, about giving one's life for one's country.

Focusing in particular on one moment in the First World War, when Owen and his platoon are attacked with poison gas, 'Dulce et Decorum Est' is a studied analysis of suffering and perhaps the most famous anti-war poem ever written.

In October 1917, Wilfred Owen wrote to his mother from Craiglockhart Hospital: 'Here is a gas poem, done yesterday'.

Wilfred Owen was killed in the early hours of 4 November 1918 on the Oise-Sambre-canal bank. – one week before the Armistice. He is buried in the churchyard at Ors.

A special screening of the concert film of the Wilfred Owen Musical 'Bullets and Daffodils' will be shown on Friday 19 October at 7.30pm at the West Kirby Arts Centre.

Dulce et Decorum Est

*Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed
through sludge,
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs,
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.
Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots,
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame; all blind;
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots
Of gas-shells dropping softly behind.*

*Gas! Gas! Quick, boys!—An ecstasy of fumbling
Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time,
But someone still was yelling out and stumbling
And flound'ring like a man in fire or lime.—
Dim through the misty panes and thick green light,
As under a green sea, I saw him drowning.*

*In all my dreams before my helpless sight,
He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning.*

*If in some smothering dreams, you too could pace
Behind the wagon that we flung him in,
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,
His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin;
If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,
Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud
Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues,—
My friend, you would not tell with such high zest
To children ardent for some desperate glory,
The old Lie. Dulce et decorum est
Pro patria mori.*

Wilfred Owen

Church Services

October

- 7 19th Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Sunday
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Harvest Evensong
- 10 10.15 am Holy Communion
- 14 20th Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
and Baptism
- 17 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 21 21st Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion
- 24 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 28 Last Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
3:00 pm Thanksgiving and
Remembrance Service
- 31 10:15 am Holy Communion



October

Diary Dates

- 1st
Holy Communion & Lunch
- 5th
Harvest Supper
- 8th
Coffee Morning in Church
- 13th
FSNC Wine Tasting & Dinner
- 14th
Shotwick Harvest Festival
- 17th
Bible Book Club
Mothers' Union Meeting
- 25th
Café Chat - Parkgate
- 29th
Hardy Perennials Lunch
- 31st
Light Party

November

Diary Dates

5th

Holy Communion & Lunch

9th

Film Night - War Horse

10th

WW 1 Armistice Dinner at
St Michael's Shotwick

11th

Remembrance Sunday Services

17th

Messy Church

17th

Mothers' Union - Hartford

21st

Mother's Union Meeting

21st

Bible Book Club

29th

Café Chat - Parkgate

Church Services

November

- 4 4th Sunday before Advent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong
- 7 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 11 3rd Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Sunday
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:15 am Remembrance
Service and Parade
- 14 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 18 2nd Sunday before Advent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion
- 21 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 25 Sunday next before Advent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 28 10:15 am Holy Communion

December

- 2 Advent Sunday
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong with
Bishop Peter



Bishop Peter

AWESOME AUTUMN ON THE DEE ESTUARY

Now that the long, hot summer has drawn to a close, we can reflect on our best ever breeding season on the reserve; one of our main targets at Burton is to attract as many nesting pairs of three types of wading bird; lapwing, redshank and avocet. The first two are in serious need of conservation help, whilst the third are a welcome recent addition to our varied wildlife on the Dee.

This year, more than 200 pairs of these three birds successfully nested on the rich wet grassland we have created, and between them fledged over 225 chicks. In addition, 69 little egret and 27 grey heron pairs nested in the treetops of Gorse Covert woodland adjacent to the wetlands, and we celebrated the first ever successful marsh harrier nest on the Dee, just up the road at Neston Reedbed.

A successful summer of 'Badgerwatch' events gave dozens of visitors the chance to watch the badgers that thrive on the reserve foraging under floodlights. Whilst these have finished for this year, we still have the more exclusive opportunity of hiring our special badger watching hide available into the autumn, for an up close and personal experience with these curious creatures.

Whilst some people lament the passing of summer, the Dee Estuary enters arguably its most exciting time of year due to the arrival of vast flocks of birds returning from their Arctic breeding grounds. At the time of writing, we already have the first trickle of pink-footed geese arriving, plus good counts of teal and pintail ducks. The autumn colours, as leaves turn from green to gold, red and brown, are not to be missed.



Redshank



Avocet



Lapwing



Sunset Over the Estuary



Kingfisher



Pink Footed Goose



October is a prime time for wader migration, with a variety of ‘shanks’, stints and sandpipers to be found around Burton Mere Wetlands. The earlier sunsets mean it’s much easier to enjoy the spectacle of hundreds of egrets flying in to their night-time roost around the Mere, and hopefully our usual small starling murmuration will develop through the coming weeks.

Kingfishers again become increasingly visible as vegetation is cut back and they make the most of the swelling fish numbers in the pools, and the sightings of birds of prey including the rare hen harrier will become ever more frequent and spectacular as they hunt the growing flocks.

By November, the numbers of pink-footed geese on the reserve will be nearing their peak which was over 10,000 last year, treating us to their musical ‘wink-wink’ calls as they make their daily movements around the estuary.

Although there are no exceptional 10 metre tides this autumn, we have a ‘Tidewatch’ event at Parkgate Donkey Stand on Tuesday 9 October to showcase the biggest tide of the month, followed by a ‘Raptorwatch’ at Parkgate Old Baths on Sunday 14 October with a focus on the great bird of prey variety including the hen harriers that roost overnight on the marsh nearby.

We are also a key partner in the fourth Wirral Wader Festival taking place at Hoylake and West Kirby on the weekend of 27 and 28 October, celebrating the vast mixed flocks of wading birds that gather on the North Wirral shore through the winter months and encouraging people to help protect them.

For further details on any of the reserve activity and events please get in touch:

 rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands

 0151 353 2720

From the Registers

Weddings

30 August - Tara Knight
& Jason Furmedge



1 September - Michelle Smith
& Nicholas Such

8 September - Claire Edmondson
& Mark Price

Baptisms

26 August - Alice Sarah Elizabeth
Hughes

2 September - Toby Lloyd
& Eva Lloyd

Funerals

20 July - Narelle Portia Jones

26 July - Faith Pillifent

20 August - Margaret Bebbington

29 August - Ernest Campbell



Vivienne Joyce Ramsell

The death was recently announced of Vivienne Ramsell, previously of Elm Farm in Burton. Vivienne was an active church member during her time in Burton and latterly continued to support St Nicholas' Church once she moved to be nearer her family.



Thank you for all your recent donations which, as always are so very much appreciated. Our recent delivery to Wirral Foodbank from the people of Burton, Puddington and the surrounding area amounted to well over 50kgs.

The foodbank's shopping list currently shows the following items that are urgently needed right now.

PACKET SOUP

FRUIT SQUASH

SOAP POWDER TABLETS

SUGAR

Please leave any donations of goods in the porch at St Nicholas' Church.

Looking ahead, any Christmas food donations need to be sent to the Foodbank no later than 27 November in order that it can be sent to the relevant food collection points in time. Christmas Food donated in December may not be distributed in time

Thank You

WIRRAL FOODBANK
**EMERGENCY FOOD
FOR LOCAL PEOPLE
IN CRISIS**

FLORI BUNDA

AUTUMN SHADES



A wonderful season of colourful berries and stunning leaves. There was a mixture of failures and successes in the wonderful summer months. Amongst the 'Sea of Pink' mixture were Zinnias. Apparently they love the hot dry weather so their many flowers filled the vases.

The sweet peas on the other hand were a failure. They only grew to a height of about four feet and their blooms were certainly not show standard! Roses, on the other hand, were wonderful.

Gladiola failed to bloom – the reason being that I failed to plant the corms deep enough. The Nicotiana were lovely and their perfume so wonderful to enjoy when sitting out in the garden in the evening.

The Lacecap hydrangea in the front garden was lovely



but others in the rear garden either did not bloom or the floret heads were about two inches.

A container of pansies died despite receiving plenty of water. With the heat wave continuing throughout summer two containers were filled with begonias and those continued to look stunning.

The asters (Duchess Mix) and dahlias are in full bloom and are reminders of autumn. The dahlias should continue blooming until the first frosts and when the leaves blacken they will be cut down and a thick layer of grass cuttings applied.

Spring flowering bulbs, which were removed from containers will be planted in various borders and fresh bulbs purchased to fill some containers.

The birds continued to be fed during the hot dry spell. There were ten long tailed tits, great tits and blue tits, a nuthatch, gold and the green finches and of course no list would be complete without a family of robins!



Tasks to be getting on with this Autumn

- Rake up all the fallen leaves
- Divide congested clumps of perennials
- Plant spring flowering bulbs



Good gardening,

Flori Bunda

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Monday 8 October

10.00am to 12 Noon

St Nicholas' Church

*Any donations of cakes would be
much appreciated*

Café Chat

Held on the last Thursday of
the month from 8.00pm at

**The
Elephant
Lounge &
Bar**

in Parkgate



Next dates:

Thursday 25 October

Thursday 29 November

For more information contact:

Ruth Abbott: ☎ 342 5032

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE with *Soup & Sandwich Lunch*

Burton Sports & Social Club

Monday 1 October at 11.30am

Monday 5 November 11.30am



Contact

Basil Keys ☎ 936 1403

Jen Williams ☎ 328 1006



Wednesday 31 October

5.00pm to 7.00pm

'Light Party' in Church

An Alternative to Halloween

Saturday 17 November

4.00pm to 6.00pm

'The Pharisee' Luke 14 1-12

at Gladstone Village Hall

Children, Parents, Grandparents & Helpers

BIBLE BOOK CLUB



8.00pm at The
Vicarage

Wednesday 17 October

Wednesday 21 November

**Based on the resources of The
Bible Society.**

*Anyone can come along and join in
and learn more about the Bible and
its relevance today.*

Cathy Helm ☎ 07471 890 827

St MICHAEL'S CHURCH SHOTWICK



Sunday 14 October 3.00pm

'Harvest Festival'

Saturday 10 November 7.30pm

'WW 1 Armistices Commemoration Dinner'

The St Michael's Church Calendar is
now on sale - £5

DATA PRIVACY & GDPR General Data Protection Regulations

As many people will know, all organisations that hold personal information (email addresses, home addresses, telephone numbers etc.) are required to ensure that they have the consent of the person in order to maintain contact.

St Nicholas' Church is no different.



Anyone already on the Electoral Roll has effectively given their consent, others may be requested to provide formal consent to allow contact from the Church and they will receive a request in due course.

More information regarding the church's privacy policy can be found at: www.burtonchurch.org.uk

St Nicholas' Church Break-In!



On Sunday 9 September, between noon and 3.00pm, the Church Vestry was broken into and items stolen including a portable projector and two guitars. Serious damage was caused to the locked door in the Vestry. As a result security within the Church will be increased. **Did you see anything?**

LIBRARY

Cheshire West Mobile Library will be at the Car Park at Gladstone Village Hall from 11.30am to 12.25pm and on the Village Green in Puddington from 11.00am until 11.20am on the following dates:

5 October

26 October

16 November

7 December



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Burton & Puddington



In aid of

Charles Thompson Mission,
Birkenhead



Supported by St Nicholas' Church

*Local businesses have pledged to make a donation
per household that puts out a pumpkin.*

*A chance to support a worthy cause and create a
magical Autumn scene*



Saturday 3 November 5.00pm

Gladstone Village Hall



**Bonfire
Firework Display
Food Stalls
Bars
Fairground Rides**

Festive Bazaar



Sunday 18 November

11.00am to 4.00pm

Gladstone Village Hall

Christmas comes early with some fizz at the Bazaar when a special selection of Prosecco, delicious liquors and world-wide exclusive wines will be available.... time to stock up for Christmas!

20 Colourful Stalls

Local Crafts

Flowers

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Children's Gifts

Entrance is Free

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St Nicholas' Church

HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 5 October 7.00pm

Burton Sports & Social Club

'FISH & CHIPS SUPPER'



Quiz

Entertainment



(Bring Your Own Drinks)

Tickets £10

0151 336 5017

Light Party in Church

31 October 5.00pm to 7.00pm



Every 31 October parents face a number of questions about Halloween, such as, 'Should we allow our children to attend Halloween parties?', 'Should we answer the door and give out sweets?' or 'Should we allow our children to dress up and go out begging?'

The celebration of what we now know as Halloween dates back to before the time of Christ. In the Celtic countries the Druids set aside 31 October to honour Samhain, the lord of the dead. The Romans subsequently combined the festival with their own pagan festival honouring Pomona, the goddess of fruit and trees.

In 834 Pope Boniface IV moved the church feast of All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day) from May to November 1 to counter this growing pagan rite. Eventually abbreviated to Hallowe'en through the ages it has been seen as the end of the old year and the night before what was the new year [1 November] a time when evil spirits were said to run wild and needed appeasing. More recently, it has become a very commercial time to encourage children to dress up, trick or treat and have parties.

The Christian Church believes it is better to celebrate all that is good about what God has given to us in bringing the light and love of Christ into the world. Importantly on All Saints' Day we want to give thanks for the wonderful saints who have gone before us and we can do this without giving credence to things that bring fear and darkness. Not all aspects of Autumn celebrations are sinister. The Pumpkin Festival in Burton and Puddington, in aid of the Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead, is all in a good cause and young people from the church will be supporting it with their own pumpkins showing a positive 'smiley' face.

Over the last three years we have had great fun in church with craft, games and food, all reminding us of the good news of Jesus. We want our children to be able to rejoice in the wonderful light and love that Jesus brings to all who know and love him.

Come and join us for an evening of fun and games.



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11 NOVEMBER 2018

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8.45 AM HOLY COMMUNION
10.15 AM REMEMBRANCE
SERVICE AND PARADE



The Puddington Society
**Wings Over
Wirral**

By Colin Schroeder
Illustrated Talk
&

Ploughman's Supper

Friday 19 October 7.30 to 10.30pm
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COMMUNITY

Burton Village Advent Windows 2018

Following the success of 'Advent Windows 2016' St Nicholas' Church would like to help brighten up the dark December evenings once again.

'Advent Windows' involves just 23 homes in Burton Village decorating one of their windows (which must be visible to passers-by) with a Christmas theme and lighting it up throughout Advent.



If you would like to volunteer and are willing to take part in this community event, please contact Linda Jones,

 0151 336 5017

Bar Staff Required



In order to help meet the running costs of Gladstone Village Hall (GVH) and the Social Club, both venues are being hired out with increasing success. A bar has now been installed at GVH and Wedding Receptions are being held there.

The GVH and Social Club committees require a list of people to act as *Bar Staff* who could be called upon for such events. As the bar is part of each event Bar Staff will be paid £7 per hour.

For more information contact John Nuttall:

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- One of the first things you should do when you move house is to have any chimneys and flues swept, and instal a carbon monoxide detector. Don't put your life and the lives of your family in the hands of the previous owner's poor maintenance.
- Solid fuel chimneys should be swept annually at least. Depending on the amount of use, and the fuel burned, some chimneys need to be swept more often.
- There are four types of coal – lignite, sub-bituminous, bituminous and anthracite. In general, the coal type used for domestic fires is anthracite. Smokeless fuels are also produced from anthracite.
- Even if you live in an area which does not have smokeless restrictions, using a good quality smokeless fuel can save you money. Although more expensive than coal per sack, smokeless fuels burn hotter, and for longer, which makes them cheaper over time, as you need to put less on... and less often.
- Not all wood burns the same. Some cannot be used 'wet', others produce little heat. Amongst the very best wood to burn, whether still 'green' or dried out, is Ash.

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THE BURTON SOCIETY

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Thursday 4 October - *'The Seven Deadly Sins'*

Father Michael Burgess has a light hearted look at the temptations which surround us.

Thursday 1 November - *'A Bird's Eye View'*

Gavin Hunter shows a different view of the Wirral Peninsular.

Thursday 6 December - *'Village Christmas Show'*

A specially produced drama collection focused on Christmas with local players and music.

THE PUDDINGTON SOCIETY

The next event is Friday 19 October - *Ploughman's Supper Evening*

Illustrated Local History Talk by Colin Schroeder WW 1 and WW 2 - 'Wings over the Wirral'

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

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For more information ☎ 0151 345 1107 or email, burtonmanorgardens@gmail.com

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