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June's transformation!

Sunday 12th June was for June the highlight of her journey to ordination and finally her priesting, a special day not just for her but for Eric her husband and the rest of the family. This means that June can now celebrate Holy Communion, pronounce the absolution, 'your sins are forgiven,' and fully conduct a wedding. [She can now listen to private confessions, see June for more details!!]

This does not mean June will be leaving us, June now continues her training both at Christ Church and Holy Trinity as a curate, while at the same time working in Notre Dame Catholic College teaching RE. Here in the college June is already recognized in this changing role.

June became a Christian as a young girl, a member of St Cuthbert's Church [a church which closed and



Bishop James congratulates June on her special day.

became part of Christ Church]. Over the years June has faithfully lived out her Christian calling in many different ways, being a youth leader in church and a member of the choir. For a time she was administrator at Christ Church, then began her training as an RE teacher and now begins the next stage as an

ordained minister in the Church of England. We look forward to her continued ministry among us. June said, "I feel so privileged and happy to be ordained priest last Sunday in the Cathedral and so supported by parishes, friends and family. I pray that God will give me the strength and wisdom to best serve everyone."



The Bishop, Kelvin and other priests 'laying hands' on June as she is ordained priest.

World Challenge Expedition to Bolivia

I go to Bolivia on the 18th July with ten other students, two teachers and a World Challenge supervisor. The expedition lasts for four and a half weeks. This includes a main trek, acclimatisation, a rest and relaxation period and the project phase.

After getting a train down to London and staying over at the Brunel College Campus, the team will fly to Miami and then on down to La Paz. The flight to Miami is about eight or nine hours, with a connecting flight nine hours after this, lasting about four hours.

While in Bolivia we will be working in an orphanage both through maintenance work and with the children. This is the part of the expedition I am most looking forward to. Here the team will be completely out of their comfort zones and will be able to have a

out of their comfort zones and will be able to have a 'hands on' experience in a developing country.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me in the build up to this expedition, without the church's support I would not be able to go.

Thank you to everyone who has or is praying for me. And, lastly, I ask that anyone who is praying



please pray for the whole team, for good health, for good weather, for good fellowship and mostly for good memories.

*Thank you once again!
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My Faith Journey ~ by Margaret Bolton

Have you ever wondered if there is Life After Death?

Well, that was the question that I was asking myself back in 1978 as I stood at my brother's grave side, he was only 46 years old.

At the time I hadn't been inside a church for some 17 years or so, but for some unknown reason I knew that this was the place to go to find the answer to my question. I have since thanked God that I didn't do what lots of people do, and that is go to see a spiritualist for answers.



My first visit back to church was quite a shock, it was what is called a 'family service,' and I had never seen anything like it in a church before. The children from the Sunday School were up at the front singing songs, the congregation were joining in, even with the silly 'actions'. Everyone really looked like they were enjoying the service.... I can tell you, that this was quite different from my previous experience of church, which quite honestly,

I found quite boring. I continued going to this church over the next two years, strange things started happening to me. I had been baptised as a baby, confirmed at 18, lived in England - so therefore thought of myself as a 'Christian,' but the young Vicar who we had was contradicting that. He kept talking about the need for a 'Personal Relationship with Jesus' to be a Christian. That we were **not born Christians**, no matter what country we lived in! Every person at some time in their life had to make the **choice** to become one by **believing** and **receiving** Jesus Christ into their life. (John 1 vs 12 & 13)

This involved a word called 'REPENTANCE', being truly sorry for all the things that we have done wrong - big, small or in-between, things that had offended God. I admit that I never thought, 'Well, I'm okay, I haven't murdered, or robbed anyone', because I had to be honest with myself and knew there were things in my past that God would not be pleased about. At this stage I knew that I had become a 'church goer' but not a Christian, and there is a massive difference. But, I wanted to become a Christian.

In June 1980, I went to see my Vicar to tell him that I wanted to be a Christian, he asked me what had brought me to this decision, I told him that I thought God had been speaking to me through the sermons that I had heard in church. He and his wife prayed with me and that's the day that I became a Born Again Christian, filled with the Spirit of God. (Read John's Gospel chapter 3 verses 1-8 It is one of my favourite scriptures.)

Going back to my initial question - 'Is there life after death?' Well, I found the answer to that when I started to read the Bible where in John's Gospel chapter 3 verse 16 it says - ***'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have ETERNAL LIFE....*** And that's a promise from God.

If anyone would like to ask me anything about this, my Faith Journey, then give me a ring - 263-2518.

Maybe in a later edition of Walton Breck News, I'll share with you what that journey has been like over the past 30+ years.

Free Children's Holiday Club at Christ Church
1st - 5th August - 10am - 12.30pm



**Come and join our Agents
on their
Secret Mission**
For Ages 5-11

Surprises and Smiles!



I am writing in the middle of a week of big smiles for us Doraghs. Both Nick and Harry were given awards for work in English at the school prize giving and I have just

discovered that I have been awarded a distinction for the Graduate Diploma that I have completed this year. We have put in some hard work and are all delighted to be rewarded for it.

More big smiles as we prepare to go and help at a street children's home in Madagascar for a few weeks over the summer where Nick will be looking after the little ones, Harry will be teaching bike maintenance whilst Phil and I do a Bible class for the workers. God surprised us by pulling the strings for this trip as we met Caroline, who runs the project, at a friend's BBQ as she was looking for someone who speaks French and has experience working with street kids. I don't know who was most surprised by our offer to go, Caroline or us!

We look forward to Madagascar, to growing our Bristol friendships more and to being back somewhere in Liverpool this time next year. I will be doing an MA before we are back and ask for your prayers for all of us, that the smiles would still be there when the work is hard and the disruption of another move approaches.



On 17th March 2011 we welcomed Bishop Richard to re-license Eileen as Reader for both Christ Church and Holy Trinity.

We look forward to her ministry amongst us.

Debt Centre ~ Six Months On

The Debt Advice Centre at Christ Church Walton Breck has now been open for 6 months.

We have had a steady flow of people coming to us for help and advice and we have already helped one person become debt free.

We hope that the number of callers to the Centre will continue to increase over time. However, this will mean that the number of volunteers will also need to increase.

So if you:-

- Would like to help people who are struggling with debt
- Can spare some time on a Thursday
- Would be willing to participate in initial and ongoing training
- Can work as part of a team

Then please speak to Helen Purcell or Linda Parle or you can ring Helen on 264 8006 or email cc.wb@live.com

Welcome to Liverpool

Can a bible study reduce the killing of elderly women? Can it bring food to the hungry? Yes it can! And it does. Come and hear the real life stories from communities in Uganda.

Simon Peter leads a denomination of churches that are starting to mobilise their communities to discover their potential to work themselves out of poverty. Through bible study and other activities the church is at the centre of communities discovering what they already have rather than focusing on what others can do for them.

This empowering, sustainable and long term approach has witnessed incredible God-breathed transformation.

At the end of July we welcome Pastor Simon Peter to Liverpool. Since 1995 Simon has served as the General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of God Uganda (PAG). This is the group of churches we have agreed to partner over three years. Under his



leadership, the denomination has grown to more than 4,500 local congregations. Simon's passion for mission has had a huge impact on their churches, and he

plays a crucial role as one of the key voices among Ugandan Christian leaders today.

On the Saturday 30th July Simon will have a tour around Anfield before having lunch with us. We will have the opportunity to hear him preach at Christ Church on Sunday 31st July at 11am.

'Didn't they do well?'

Below are some comments made by the Moorlands Bible College Team about their visit.

From Sue:

Liverpool was amazing. I always knew Liverpoolians particularly and people up North had a good sense of humour but I didn't realise how warm hearted they were. I felt so accepted and loved so quickly it was amazing. When I got home people were asking 'How did you find Liverpool then?' with a tone that said, 'We knew you wouldn't like it.' When I finished raving they said 'Oh I didn't realise it was like that.'

I think I enjoyed this Mission more than the others because usually we are given all the jobs that no-one in the Church

really wants to do, the cold door knocking and such. We end up doing them on our own and we don't get to form relationships with people in the church or those who attend the various groups run by the church. This time it was different. We came in and you got us working with you, shoulder to shoulder. We felt we gave you a boost and you gave us a boost with your knowledge and experience. I think the diverse range of activities you have going are excellent from Mums and Tots, Schools work to Pub Quiz and 'Scouse'..

You are reaching so many people at where they are. You are going out..... not expecting them all to come in and that was so refreshing.

For me the highlight was 'Scouse in the House', there has been so much hard work put into building the relationships between the folk and the staff, it is so evident. I told folk back here it really was an example of seeing the love of Jesus oozing out through people to others. I felt very

privileged to have seen it, to be reminded that's what it is all about, mirroring Jesus to others. If I had seen nothing else Liverpool would have been worth it for me on that alone.

From Hayden:

We just want to thank Holy Trinity, Christ Church and St George's for the hospitality and commitment to God's work in Anfield. It was a pleasure for us to travel from Bournemouth to work with church leaders and members to make a difference and encourage you to keep going in the work that you are already doing and maybe grow passion to start some new things.

Throughout the week we led school assemblies and lessons and loved seeing the

connections in the students that we spoke to within the activities that we did. We were also able, when time and weather permitted, to aid a local residential home in working on their garden. This was a good hands-on project that we were able to work on throughout the week.



Garden work done by students at Pine Lodge

On Saturday morning we were also able to get practical when we went litter picking in the parish of St George's. Thghere a group of us went picking in the park and were joined by a couple a young guys who wanted to assist us and then challen-ged us to a game of football, which, with the athletic people we had with us, we could not refuse. It was great to see the passion of not just the church but the local people to make Anfield a better place for everyone and we were very excited to be part of this week with you all and to share life with you.

Thank you very much!

Moorland Bible College Team



Liam receives his Queen's Badge Congratulations

