

The Magazine

Of St Nicholas' Church, Burton-in-Wirral

Growing and thriving with God in our community

May & June 2015



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From our Vicar

Rev. Cathy Helm

I met someone in a queue today talking about their holiday in the summer taking the family abroad and he hadn't yet decided whether to take his mobile to keep up to date with his work emails. It brought to mind a wise word I'd seen on poster outside a church.

'If you're too busy to relax, you're too busy.'

In a world which runs on 24/7 time we have lost sight of the fact that God who created the world, took time to rest. He rested the seventh day. Right from the beginning of time the need to rest was woven into the rhythm of life. Those who work the land recognise the benefits of laying land aside, as fallow, to enable the land to rest, renew and refresh. The principal of taking one day out a week from our normal routine and business makes us function so much better for the other six days. The fourth commandment is there to remind us of our need to rest, to take a *Sabbath rest*.

Exodus 20: 8 *'Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.'*

It is designed to allow God to replenish and refocus our hearts and minds, to calm the constant noise, to slow down the hurry, to allow us to reflect, to enjoy the moment.



This child's picture sums it up nicely.

Whilst we know the theory, too often it's difficult to achieve in practice. Could we possibly consider one day a week without technology, no mobile, emails or even TV? Perhaps half a day would be a triumph!

However, Sabbath rest isn't about what we don't do, but about purposefully wanting to prioritise some space with God, to allow Him to renew and refresh us, to worship Him and to help us keep the other six days holy too.

Within the church clergy are encouraged to take their one day a week off, two consecutive days once a month and every seven years within our Diocese you can take a Sabbatical for three months. Having been ordained now for 10 years this June, I'm now able to take a Sabbatical from July 6th to October 2nd for a time of rest, renewal and retreat. My plans are to spend time with my family, to read, to go to the Keswick convention, to walk St Cuthbert's way from Melrose to Lindesfarne and of course to rest.

All the church services are covered for those three months and the wardens will be delighted to receive as much help and support as you can give in my absence. I'm looking forward to it as much for what I'm hoping the different experiences will bring to my future ministry here and I'm aiming to be back in October fully renewed, refreshed and rested!

Cathy



APOLOGY FROM THE EDITOR

Apologies to all those who found our mistake in the last issue - rest assured we now know the difference between astrology and astronomy! We hope no offence was caused and I am blaming it on a "senior moment" - sadly becoming far more frequent these days!

However, this did get us to thinking about "bloopers" in other Parish Magazines and we thought we'd share a few of our favourites with you:

- *Miss Charlene Mason sang "I shall not pass this way again", giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.*
- *Remember in prayer the many who are sick in our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.*

- *Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm in the Church Hall. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.*
- *Harvest Supper: prayer and medication to follow*
- *The Harvest Lunch will be gin at 12.15*
- *Church Pledge Slogan - "I upped my Pledge - Up Yours!"*

And our particular favourite

- *We are pleased to note that there has been a change of mind by the Housing Department regarding the name for the new Housing Complex for the Elderly. "St Peter's Close" did seem somewhat inappropriate.*

Enjoy this issue of our Parish Magazine, and if you have any events or articles that you would like us to publish, please do not hesitate to send them in.

Sarah Curnow

"Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase"
Martin Luther King JNR

A Thank You

and Background to Save the Family



Save the Family

Keeping Families Together

Our Mission Statement

To provide a safe, supported community for homeless and troubled families where safeguarding is paramount.

To keep families together and help them create a positive future.

Who we are

Save the Family provides residential accommodation and support for Troubled Families that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and who have multiple and complex needs. We are based outside Chester at Cotton Hall Farm, Cotton Edmunds with 32 self-contained residential units, a community hall, sports hall, training kitchen and a well-equipped Children's Centre, including a Sensory Room. Almost half of our families are referred from within the Cheshire West and Chester area and others come from The Wirral, Merseyside, Warrington, Manchester and beyond.

What we do

With the help of key agencies and our partners, our charity strives to address the issues of:

- homelessness - our families are provided accommodation for the whole family.
- family breakdown - the whole family is supported and encouraged to repair bridges and relationships with wider members, as appropriate.
- domestic abuse - our families are in a supported environment, with safeguarding and general safety paramount. We offer support and training sessions in how to deal with abuse, by providing a link to relevant agencies and partners
- alcohol & substance misuse - our families are mentored by staff, volunteers and peers to prevent relapse.
- debt - Support to deal with debt is of paramount importance to our mentoring approach and we advocate discussions with partners such as "Christians Against Poverty".
- mental health - our mentors will provide a strong link to the agencies supporting those individuals with mental health issues.
- child protection - our families receive support from our mentors, particularly in their relationships with integrated early support and social services
- poor parenting - our parents receive support from both our mentors and specialist agencies, to develop their parenting skills, ensuring that they and their children can practically learn and demonstrate these skills, whilst on-site.



Our challenge

Our homeless families are below the radar of published statistics, with complex multiple issues, often due to family breakdown and domestic abuse where children are at risk of being taken into care. Our service provision whilst extremely effective and much needed is costly and expensive to maintain. We are not funded by government and general fundraising is key to our survival to be able to continue our work at a time when we know that family breakdown is increasing and is more difficult to address with the most vulnerable homeless families.

We should like to thank all at St Nicholas' Church Burton for your valuable financial support from Outward Giving and your generous gifts at Harvest time.

New Parish Telephone Number

Please note that there is now a new telephone number for all parish business and I can receive both texts and phone calls on this new number.

07471 890 827

The old number will still be usable until the end of May to make the transition run more smoothly but please delete the old number and use the new one.

Many thanks

Revd Cathy Helm

A Curate for the Parish

I am delighted to be able to announce that on July 5th Mark Turner will be ordained in Chester Cathedral at 10am and will be then licensed to be curate in both the parishes of St. Nicholas and St. Michael's.

Mark will be a MSE curate, that is, a Minister in Secular Employment. In other words, Mark is also a full time teacher in Woodchurch C. of E. Academy and will be able to be in the parishes for Sundays and for some limited times during the week.

Mark is married to Sarah and they have a six year old son called James. They live locally in Neston.

This is a first for both parishes and we are delighted that Mark, Sarah and James will be coming to be part of both our church families and for Mark to train in two parishes which will offer excellent opportunities for him.

In order for as many as would like to be at the Cathedral for Mark's ordination on Sunday July 5th , there is to be no service at St Michael's that morning and just one joint service for both churches at 10am in St Nicholas' Church. This will be a Family Communion service.

Please keep Mark, Sarah and James in your prayers as they prepare to join us and as Mark completes his course prior to ordination.

Cathy

Planting Time

After a struggle the daffodils exploded into a riot of yellow. Helebores of various colours and all the lovely spring flowering bulbs completed the palette of colour. Then came the rain and gales so many of these lovely flowers filled many vases to bring some cheer on a rainy day. The sweet peas were very slow to germinate and some not at all. However, they are growing on and when four true leaves are formed the growing tip will be pinched out to promote stronger growth. After "hardening off" outside they should be planted on 9th May but all depends on the plants and the weather.

There are masses of seeds either germinating or awaiting "pricking out" in the greenhouse so many hours are spent there. Sea of Pink and Cutflower mix, Aster, Stock and Pansies are some of the varieties chosen. Again Dahlias were slow to sprout and these will not be planted out until late May/early June.

The various pots and containers will be made ready to plant up with annuals. The camellia Lady Macon for the first time in years has actually bloomed this year (pale pink).

A few Blackbirds have appeared together with only two Blue Tits, Jenny Wren and a pair of Robins. On one occasion a pair of partridge were spotted. Lovely bumble bees are also regular visitors.

Flori Bunda

May/June 2015



Gardeners Question Time

Friday 12th June 2015 at 7.30pm

Please come along and put your questions to our panel of local experts who are ready to assist in solving your horticultural problems.

Questions in advance please to either Dwenna Georges (Tel: 336 6151) or Linda Jones (336 5017). Alternatively you can post your questions in the Gardeners' Question Time box at the back of Church.

Please submit your questions by Friday 5th June.



Burton Cricket Club Needs You!!!

Burton Cricket Club are looking for new members - all ages and abilities.

If you are interested please contact Kev Jackson on 07739 437510.

The season started on Thursday 26th April. Friendlies are played most Thursday evenings, longer format games and on Sunday and League fixtures on a Tuesday/Wednesday evening.

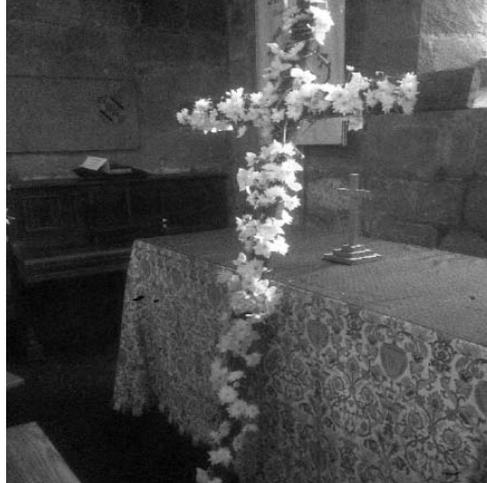
Good Friday Prayers

The Reverend Cathy conducted "an up-lifting spirit" Good Friday service remembering Jesus Passion at St. Michael's Church Shotwick, our twinned Church, in the most welcoming village. The Church had been thoughtfully updated for present day needs, utilizing the old timber from the past pews to incorporate units.

At the close of the service Cathy quickly changed her ministerial robes for outdoor clothes and wellies for the "Walk of Witness", carrying the Cross, leading her congregation. With ages ranging from 11 years to 84, across fields ankle deep in mud in Puddington Village and then Burton Church.

Steve Helm - on rear guard duty - shepherded the group without mishap home. Thank you Cathy and Steve.

Ann Hudson



Pictured is the floral cross that was carried - a visual reminder of the new life that Jesus' resurrection brings. Thanks to Bryan Blakeman for the photo.

Anyone considering Confirmation

You should contact Revd. Cathy Helm as soon as possible.

The service for Confirmation this year is on Sunday 28th June at 6.30pm with Bishop Keith Sinclair.



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
- Tinned vegetables | Tinned meat or Fish
- Pasta/noodles/rice | Instant mash
- Juice or Cordial | Milk [UHT/powdered]

Start the Week in Prayer

Monday 9a.m. in Church

Come and join us in a quiet time at the beginning of each week when we pray for the needs of our church, our community, our country and the world.

You do not need to pray aloud; many pray in silence.



Messy Church is a fun and interactive way for children of all ages to learn about the Bible stories. We have games, crafts and story time - plus a two course meal for young and old.

Messy Church is run by St Nicholas Church for the benefit of all children in the community - you do not have to be a regular church goer to attend!

If you would like to help in the kitchens or with the crafts please let us know - we always need more volunteers.



Holy Communion Soup & Sandwich

Monday 4th May at 11.30am

Monday 1st June 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

Come along and see - all ages welcome!

Our next Messy Church is Saturday 9th MAY at 4pm at Gladstone Village Hall, Burton. The theme is "HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY SOUL" and we hope to be doing sports and, weather permitting, a picnic for the children.

More details or to volunteer: Cathy 353 0453

COOK, GROW AND PHOTO SHOW

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 2015 AT 2PM AT GLADSTONE VILLAGE HALL, BURTON.

Application Forms available online: www.gladstonevillagehall.org.uk



1st Burton Scouts

It's been a momentous year at 1st Burton, seeing as it has a changing of the guard. Sincere thanks to Pete Walters, John Harm and Les Roberts, the previous Troop leaders, who have done so much for so long to make scouting in this area what it is today.

So, under the new leadership team of Nigel Jones, James Lusznik, Tim O'Donnell, Tom Hainey and with the very able assistance of Jack Mellor and Alfie Mayhew, we have had a very busy 12 months.

In June we were blessed with fantastic weather for the annual canoe camp at Tatton - a real highlight of the year. All 12 boys went along and had a great weekend with some fantastic tuition from the coaches, great camping and real comradeship all combining to make this a truly memorable occasion.

After a break over the Summer holidays we all returned rejuvenated and ready for a range of similar activities leading up to the annual Rest A While orienteering competition, which we hosted. This was a great day for all concerned with a massive turn out from the all the local troops. 1st Burton entered two teams, for many their first experience of navigating in the dark, who performed creditably and to the best of their abilities. Thank you to Pete Walters for organising this event - I suspect this would have been a step too far for the new leadership team!

Following the Rest A While we sped towards Christmas and the Scout Post for which we were blessed with dry, albeit cold weather.

Moving into 2015, recent highlights saw the troop enjoy a fascinating lecture from the RNLI about the rescue work they undertake around our coasts, a route march to and tour of St Nicholas Church in Burton, a visit to Ellesmere Port Fire Station, a fish gutting and cooking masterclass, two practical navigation exercises and refreshers on the essential scouting skills such as ropework and gadget construction.

Over the year, we have attended four church parades at St Nicolas in Burton, with a particularly pleasing turn out on Remembrance Sunday.

I would like to pay tribute to everyone on the leadership team, past and present, for their time and effort over the last 12 months. A period of change can bring instability but I am pleased to say that there has been no upheaval, the scouts have continued to have a fantastic time and we look forward to the next 12 months with enthusiasm.

Nigel Jones

If you are interested in joining or helping with 1st Burton Scouts please contact Nigel Jones at nigeljones2008@live.co.uk

Not to be missed !!



BURTON FETE

Saturday 6th JUNE

(1pm till 5pm)

Dakota Flypast!

Centre Ring Entertainment...

Huge selection of games & stalls... Archery

Grand Draw fantastic prizes

Children's Fancy Dress... Hot Snacks...

Bar... Teas & cake... and soooo much more!!!!

Bring your dog for the...

Fun Dog Show

Can you help in any way, however small?

If so, PLEASE think of us and ring:

Ingrid on 336 4974 or Janet on 353 8860

We need your help in many ways: from setting up equipment the night before to putting everything away afterwards, baking a cake for the afternoon teas, running a stall, cooking a few burgers, Washing up and all manner of jobs but many hands make light work and it can be FUN.

WANTED: clean, good quality bric-a-brac, plants and seedlings, games, books, children's toys, cakes – (almost) anything you don't want! We can arrange collection.

To donate any of the following, please contact:

Bric a Brac	John Roe	336 4640
Bottle Tombola	Allan Trimble	336 3639
Bottle Tombola	Liz Carter	336 2304
Books	Jenny Trimble	336 3639
Cakes	Janet Greig	353 8860
Plants	Nila Bradshaw	336 2436

The Village Hall, Sports Pavilion & grounds are precious to our community. All funds raised go towards their upkeep. Your support can make all the difference. Please help make our Summer Fete successful – thank you.

For more information, please visit our website at www.gladstonevillagehall.org.uk

"There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done', and those to whom God says, 'All right then, have it your way'"

C.S. Lewis

Easter Fun

Easter Saturday saw the Vicarage Gardens full of children and laughter as the Vicar and her family welcomed families of all ages to join in an Easter Celebration.

Egg Rolling, an Easter Egg Hunt plus the decorating of the Easter Cross saw children of all ages enjoy the day!

Thank you to all who attended, made cakes and helped make the event as successful as it was.



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Diary of Events

May 2015

Church Services

- 3rd 5th Sunday of Easter
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong
- 6th 10.15 am Holy Communion
- 10th 6th Sunday of Easter
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship & Baptism
- 13th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 14th Ascension Day
- 17th 7th Sunday of Easter
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion
- 20th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 24th Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship & Baptism
- 27th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 31st Trinity Sunday
0:845 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship

Mothers Union Programme

12th 2:00 pm Diocesan Festival at Chester Cathedral during which Bishop Libby Lane (new Bishop of Stockport) will officiate).

20th 12.30 - lunch at venue tba

House Groups:

Christian Living:

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

Study Group:

8pm Wednesday 6th and 20th at Danes Court (0151 336 5446)

From the Registers:

Funerals:

9th Jan. Eileen Fairclough

11th Feb. Peter Ecclestone

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

June 2015

Mothers Union Programme

- 3rd Deanery Afternoon Tea at St. Thomas'
Ellesmere Port
- 17th 2:00pm "A Woman of Integrity - History
at its best" (Irene Hardisty) at the Sports
and Social Club
- 4th July AGM at Hartford Church Centre

House Groups:

Christian Living:

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

Study Group:

8pm Wednesday 3rd and 17th at Danes Court
(0151 336 5446) and 1st July

First Week of July 2015

- 1st 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 5th 5th Sunday after Trinity
NO 8.45 service
10:00 am Family Communion
13:00 pm Shared lunch at the Vicarage
18:30 pm Evensong

Church Services

- 3rd 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 7th 1st Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong
- 10th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 14th 2nd Sunday after Trinity
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 17th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 21st 3rd Sunday after Trinity
8.45 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Family Communion
- 24th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 28th 4th Sunday after Trinity
8.45 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Morning Worship
18:30 pm Confirmation Service



A Silent Prayer

Lord, please keep your arm around my shoulder
and your hand over my mouth.

AMEN



Meeting Dates

The Hardy Perennials are a group of ladies who, for whatever reason, live alone. They meet regularly for lunch and to share each other's company

Monday 8th June at 12.30pm

If you want to go along and haven't been before please call either Vivienne Blakeman on 015 336 7435 or Linda Jones on 336 5017

Christian Aid Week

11th - 17th May 2015

Please will you support this very worthwhile Charity. During the week 10th - 16th May we will be dropping off and collecting envelopes for donations throughout the Parish. We are hopeful to equal or better the very generous total that was contributed last year. Offers to help with this collection would be gratefully received.

Please contact Janey Griffiths on 1051 336 3621.

There will also be a Neston District Churches Together Service at St Mary and St Helen's in Neston on May 10th at 6.30pm. All welcome.



Burton Brownies are Continuing!

We are pleased to confirm that 1st Burton Brownies are continuing with the arrival of two new trainee Leaders. Brown Owl Brenda will be continuing within the Unit helped by Sarah Curnow and Emma Nuttall. Brownies meet every Tuesday in term time at Gladstone Village Hall from 6pm - 7.30pm.

If your daughter is interested in joining Burton Brownies please contact Sarah Curnow via email at saron@lineone.net



Although there is currently no Guides within the Burton Parish, our magazine editor Sarah Curnow has recently taken over as Leader of 1st Willaston Guides. It is hoped that eventually a Guide Unit will re-open within Burton with Sarah heading it up. If your daughter wishes to join Guides please contact Sarah Curnow via email at saron@lineone.net

Mothers' Union Report - March/April 2015

At our February meeting we were entertained by Penny Allen - her talk "The Mothers' Union in Simnel Cake" went down well - especially as the "one made earlier" was shared amongst the group!

The Burton and Puddington Mothers' Union was represented at the "Women's Day of Prayer" by Josie and Ruth - the theme being "Together in Prayer".

On Mothering Sunday at the morning services all the ladies present were given a posy by the children at Church. The posies had been made earlier by a team from our group - thank you all who helped.

The March meeting was held in Church as the annual "Lenten Meditation". Many thanks to Ann Rudd who led us through a very thoughtful and moving service. Thanks also to Alison Carter for the accompanying music.

On 15th April Jane Jones spoke to us on "Russia Today" which proved very interesting.

To join us phone anytime. My number is 0151 336 3635.

Josie Isaacs

As indicated in the diary of events The Mothers' Union bible studies group will now be held after Holy Communion on the first Wednesday of the month.

Thank you

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 12th May 2pm Diocesan Festival at Chester Cathedral Rt. Revd. Libby Lane Bishop of Stockport officiating Lynne Tembey, worldwide president, speaking

All Welcome

Yoga Classes at Burton Manor

Yoga with British Wheel of Yoga Teacher Lindsey Prosser are now commencing at Burton Manor Atelier Building every Monday morning at 10am - 11.30am (refreshment afterwards included). All ages and abilities are welcome and the cost is £6 per session.

Please contact Lindsey for more information on 07745 154618 or email

Lindsey.prosser@hotmail.com



Hymn Stories - "Abide With Me"

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears not bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) and his wife Ann were faithful pastors of a little fishing town in Devonshire England, for 23 years. Although Henry's health was compromised, he worked tirelessly ministering to his parish, taking care of his family, and writing poems and hymns.

In 1844, Henry was diagnosed with Tuberculosis. Over the next three years his physical condition deteriorated until finally on September 4, 1847, at the age of 54, he stood in the pulpit for the last time to deliver his farewell message.

That same afternoon, after taking a walk on the beach, Henry retired to his room. He emerged about an hour later with a written copy of Abide With Me. He left soon after for a trip to Italy, to get away from the cold, damp coastal weather. While en-route to his destination, he mailed a revised copy of Abide With Me to his wife. A few days later while resting in a hotel on the French Riviera, Henry passed away.

Abide With Me was put to music by William H. Monk (1823-1889), and made its debut at Henry's memorial service. The music is known as "Eventide".

The hymn is popular within many Christian denominations. It was reported to have been a favorite of King George V, and of Mahatma Gandhi. It was sung at the weddings of King

George VI and of Queen Elizabeth II. Since 1927 the final two verses are sung before kick-off at every FA Cup Final. It was reported by survivors of the Titanic disaster that this was one of the tunes played by the Band as the boat was sinking.

The hymn is a prayer to God to remain present with the speaker throughout their life - in good times and bad and even unto death. The opening line is believed to allude to the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 24 verse 29: "Abide with us, for it is toward evening and the day is spent"



Burton Manor has a Brewery!

Britman Brewery - as small, traditional and local brewery - have recently set up within Burton Manor - and the local beer will be available at Burton Village Fete.

Their products are made at Burton Manor using only the finest home grown barley grain, whole hop flowers yeast and water - they are chemical free and vegan friendly.

They are included in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2015 and been approved by the sustainable restaurant association.

They can be contacted at The Stables, Atelier Studios, Burton Manor or by telephoning 07925 875 836

Burton Village Gardens Open for NGS

Sunday 28th June, 11am - 5pm, £5 (children free)

This year we have three gardens, interesting plant sales at each garden, and home-made teas in Gladstone Village Hall. All the gardens are wonderful in their own unique way. Come and enjoy them.

Charities supported include Marie Curie Cancer Care, Macmillan Cancer Support and Claire House Children's Hospice.



A Historic Occasion

You may need a microscope to find me but I was privileged to be able to go to York Minister on Monday January 26th for the consecration of Libby Lane as the Bishop of Stockport. It was such a wonderful occasion for so many reasons and to be able to go along to both the Consecration and then Installation at Chester Cathedral on Sunday 8th March did give you a real sense of history in the making. For Bishop Libby it was obviously a very significant day as she was consecrated by Archbishop John Sentamu as the suffragan Bishop of Stockport, still part of Chester Diocese. The atmosphere throughout the service was one not of triumphalism as some may have expected, but the sense of 'Libby being the right person for the job.' She was called by God many years ago and affirmed through her ordination and ministry by the Church on that freezing cold January morning as a servant of God, gender no longer being a deciding factor.

What took me by surprise was the joy and pride within the city of York itself that the first woman Bishop was to be consecrated there and not 'in the southern province!' Walking through York after the service several shopkeepers and people asked about the service. It was on tv screens in some shops as they wanted to see what was happening. One shop keeper said 'I'm not a religious person but I'm so

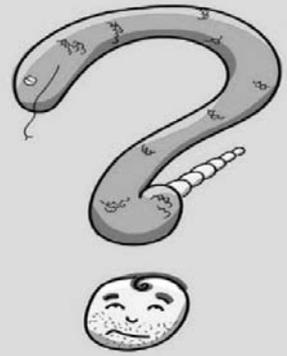
excited that a woman is at last to be Bishop....and it's happening here in York.'

About sixteen of us from St Nicholas church went to Chester Cathedral for Bishop Libby's installation as the Bishop of Stockport. Again a wonderful service, the joint choir was especially moving as they sang before the service began. There was a tangible sense of joy that Libby, who is known to many of within the diocese, was entering this new ministry.

May God give her the wisdom, the gifts, the discernment and the humour to carry out all the responsibilities of being a Bishop.

GAP Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you command and inspire your church to make disciples:
may our church become a joyful and vibrant community of welcome, worship and service, spreading hope to those around us and attracting others to the fire of your love; may your Spirit be at work through our Growth Action Planning, helping us to catch a vision for your church and to serve you faithfully, to your glory and honour. **Amen**



Garden Quiz

In honour of the "Gardeners Question Time" being held in Church on June 12th, we thought we would whet your appetite with a garden quiz - answers further on in the magazine (no cheating!)

1. What is the popular name for the flowering houseplant *Impatiens Walleriana*?
2. Charles Darwin described this carnivorous plant "the most wonderful plant in the world". What is the name of this plant?
3. The love apple is the original name for what?
4. The Death Cap is the most poisonous variety of what?
5. What is the name given to the female reproductive organ of a flower?
6. A Kumquat is a small Japanese variety of what sort of fruit?
7. Why is reindeer Moss so called?
8. Harry Wheatcroft was a renowned breeder of what?
9. What is the name of the 3 leafed clover associated with St Patrick's day?
10. Which part of a tree can be used to make cork?
11. What is the largest and tallest tree in the world?
12. What general term is given to those trees whose leaves fall in autumn?
13. Which cereal must be grown in water?
14. Which grain is used to make semolina?
15. Which part of a flower becomes the fruit?
16. Which part of a flowering plant is often used to make oil?
17. What is the name given to the technique of clipping trees and hedges into ornamental shapes?
18. What is another name for the Rowan Tree?
19. What flower is named after the Botanist Dr Leonard Fuchs?
20. What do Yew, Laburnum Seeds & Mistletoe berries have in common?
21. What is the popular name for the *Antirrhinum*?
22. Which plant takes its name from the Italian phrase for Beautiful women?
23. Which liquid does a flower, to attract insects, produce?
24. How can you tell the age of a tree?

Answers on the next page

"When the solution is simple, God is answering"
Albert Einstein

Bishop Wilson CofE Primary School News

Bishop Wilson CE Primary School Mother's Day Service

On Thursday 12th March all the children from Bishop Wilson Church of England Primary School took part in an extremely special Mother's Day service at church.

During the service the children did lots of remarkable things to show their mums how much they are appreciated. To start with each child gave their mum a personal Mother's Day card which had been made in class. Class 1 presented their mums with very special paintings which showed how beautiful their mums are. Class 1's mums looked really proud as they were presented with their pictures. The children in Class 2 read aloud a Mother's Day poem describing how talented their mums are - some of the mums even cried as the poem was read out. Class 3 children did a presentation about how important their mums are to them and how they could help their mums. The children in Class 4 were the narrators for the Mother's Day service and they also read aloud the bible story 'The Feeding Of The Five Thousand'.

Everyone who attended the Mother's Day service had a lovely time and we are sure our mums were truly spoilt on Mother's Day!

Written by:

Daniel, Paddy, Max, Ieuan and Harvey (Class 4)

Coffee and Social Mornings and optional Book Swap

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Garden Quiz Answers

1. Busy Lizzie
2. Venus Flytrap
3. Tomato
4. Mushroom
5. Pistil
6. Orange
7. Staple winter food for Reindeers
8. Roses
9. Shamrock
10. Bark
11. California Redwood
12. Deciduous
13. Rice
14. Wheat
15. Ovary
16. Seed
17. Topiary
18. Mountain Ash
19. Fuchsia
20. They are poisonous
21. Snapdragon
22. Belladonna
23. Nectar
24. Number of rings

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Of St Nicholas' Church, Burton-in-Wirral

Growing and thriving with God in our community

Community Events

The Burton Society

The Burton Society is having its summer break. Our first meeting next season is on Thursday 1st October.

Gladstone Village Hall and Sports and Social Club Committee Meetings

11th May - 7.30pm in the upper meeting room at Gladstone Village Hall

RSPB Dee Estuary Nature Reserve, Burton

3rd May 1pm - 3pm: Weekend walkabout. Free (normal reserve entry charge applies for non-members)

10th May 10am - 2pm: Bluebells and Birdsong. £5 (RSPB members £4)

22nd May 10am - 1pm: Burton History Walk (including lunch at Burton Manor Café)
£9 (*RSPB members £7.50)

30th May 1pm - 3pm: Weekend Walkabout. Free (normal reserve entry charge applies for non-members)
For further information please telephone 353 8478, or email decestuary@rspb.org.uk

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 and the programme is:

No meeting in May

4th June - General Election Meeting

For information contact Rodney Lyon on **336 2128** or www.manorgatehouse.info

The Puddington Society Event Dates

1st May May Day Walk. Final details to be confirmed

21st June Mid Summer Supper on the Green

For more information call Hazel Huxley on 0151 336 2288 or email puddingtonvillage@hotmail.com

Burton and Neston History Society

Every second Thursday of each month at 8:00pm in 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 Manor

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