



# The Parish Magazine

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### ***By the time this article is published***

we will know the outcome of the EU Referendum. However, at the time of writing the media is still bombarding us with information, claims and counter claims, all hoping to influence our decision. ***I wonder how you make your mind up about important issues in life?***

So far the media has presented us with in-depth analysis, sound bites, and even a programme called 'Dave versus Boris'. Is it really possible that such a vitally important issue to the life of our country can be reduced to 'Dave and Boris'?

Is it possible to make up your mind by asking what friends or family think, to be guided by the statistics, to decide based upon the most persuasive personality? Or do you choose on the basis of not liking one of the main personalities. Do you take time to look at the wide variety of facts and projections, or go with a gut feeling? Whatever process you use to decide, when the cross is put on the ballot slip, a decision is made. So, how do we come to decisions about life and death, about faith and belief, about purpose and direction? Do we use the same processes?

When Jesus called his followers to '***Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind...***' he expected those who chose to follow him to do so with their minds fully engaged. Going to church does not mean you have to leave your mental faculties and suspend all disbelief at the door! It is important that as Christians, as followers of Jesus we use our minds to engage deeply with important matters of life and death.



It is a choice to make, whether to believe or not that Jesus was who he said he was, to believe or not that he died and rose again, to choose whether or not to live out our life choices in the light of what the Bible teaches - which will also involve minds engaged, to look at the facts, to listen to the experience of others, to listen to God himself, to read, question and engage .

All of this is what Jesus' disciples did - they questioned and listened and made up their minds to follow him.

The Bible does tell us that Jesus himself made a conscious decision to '***make himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, he humbled himself and made himself obedient, even to death on a cross***', so that we might choose to love him in return - to choose life in all its fullness.

It reminds me of an old chorus - ***I have decided to follow Jesus***. It's a decision that I have never regretted.

It's not always been easy, but a choice I would encourage everyone to take seriously.

Cathy

## CHURCH MATTERS

On Saturday 18 June Mark Turner, Curate of St Nicholas' Church, Burton and St Michael's Church, Shotwick was ordained Priest at a ceremony at Chester Cathedral. Despite having recently undergone surgery, Mark was allowed out of hospital for three hours in order to take part in the ceremony. Also, on Sunday 19 June, Mark was able to attend church to celebrate Holy Communion at the 10.00am service.

We all wish Mark a speedy and full recovery and look forward to him returning to church duties in the near future.



### Christian Aid Week

A very big **'thank you'** to everyone who donated to Christian Aid during the week.

Special **'thank you'** to all who walked the lanes in Burton and Puddington with envelopes, knocking on doors collecting money.

We collected £1461 which was amazing! Thank you again.

*Janey Griffiths*



A **Flower Festival** was held in the church over the weekend of 10-13 June and included displays of flowers in just about every corner of the building. The event included a display of hundreds of knitted and crocheted flowers which adorned the pillars and some of the handrails.

A very big **'thank you'** to **Wendy Hussey** and to everyone who worked so hard. The occasion was a wonderful success and raised much needed donations towards our church finances.

As part of the Flower Festival **Linda Jones** also kindly organised a **Coffee Morning** in church on 13 June which was well attended and raised a further £200!

### Praying for One Another



We would like to include on the weekly pew sheets the names of people who, for whatever reason, would like to be remembered in our prayers. Someone's name will only be included with their permission and we will pray for them in the services and keep them in our own prayers.

*If you would like a prayer please either email or ring Cathy Helm.*

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## YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS



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

### Ready, Steady, Go-Karts

The children in the Craft Club at Bishop Wilson Primary School in Burton have had a busy half-term designing and building 4 Go-Karts.

One of the Go-Karts was raffled at the Summer Fete, another at the Queen's Birthday Celebrations and the remaining two will be used on our Go-Kart race track.



### GAMES NIGHT

**Saturday  
10 September**

**7.00pm - In church.**

Come and join us for an evening of fun and games for all ages!

Everything from Buckaroo to Scrabble, Top Trumps to Connect 4

**Refreshments  
provided.**



# Brownies

## RAINBOWS COMING TO BURTON!

We have a very successful Brownie unit in Burton and we would love to open a Rainbow Unit for the younger girls.

Rainbows is for girls aged five to seven and is a stepping stone into Brownies. Rainbows is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things and having fun.

Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, trying out cooking and playing games.



Rainbows is all about learning by doing. We follow a programme called the Rainbow Jigsaw, through which they can take part in lots of different activities with girls their own age.

The Rainbow Jigsaw has four areas:

### Look Learn Laugh Love

For a Rainbow Unit to open, we will also need adult help, so if you can spare an hour a week do get in touch - come and be part of all the fun!

If your daughter is interested in joining Brownies, please also contact Sheena in order that the new joining list can be updated.

Please contact Sheena via email at [sheena.chalmers@talktalk.net](mailto:sheena.chalmers@talktalk.net)

## YOUNG WORSHIPPERS ROUND UP

### ALL STARS



**A Sunday School Programme for primary school age children held in church during Morning Worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 10:00am.**

*“I like going to All Stars because we do lots of fun things including water play, colouring, art and going outside to play games. I like it at All Stars because it’s fun. We go to All Stars to learn about God and Jesus, about being a Christian and about our faith. I like my friends there. All Stars is the place where we can understand what the leader is saying about the bible”* **Sam (age 6)**

### TBY

**A youth group for young people in years 7 to 10 which meets on a Sunday evening at the Vicarage.**



*“TBY is an amazing youth group! It helps us to get in touch with God and build our faith in a practical and fun way. We do so many activities, like when we toasted crumpets and marshmallows (not together!) on a small fire, when we were learning about the holy fire.*

*It’s an opportunity to make new friends and learn more about God in a nice, laid back environment. We also do lots of fun activities – like bowling and going to the cinema to watch a film. We also have food – which is a good thing!”* **Molly (age 11)**

### Little Stars

**Little Stars is a pre-school group within Church providing play and the seeds of worship for children 0 to 5 year olds.**



We meet at Church every Monday during term time from 1.00pm – 3.00pm. It’s also time for parents and carers to talk, share experiences and have a well- earned cup of tea!

The children have a range of toys to play with to support imaginative, creative and physical play. There is also what we call “special time” – this is where the children have an opportunity to hear bible stories and explore Jesus’ life and teaching.

We then try to do a craft activity to help our understanding of the stories. In the past we have decorated a coat of many colours for Joseph, made advent calendars, potted seeds to show Jesus’ love growing – and most recently made flowers for the church flower festival. We also light a candle as part of our praise and there is a lot of excitement when it’s time to blow it out at the end of the session!

We have some children who come each week and others who come on an ad-hoc basis. It’s a relaxed, welcoming group and we welcome anyone who has the responsibility for the care of children under 5 to come and join us!.

### MESSY CHURCH



**Messy Church is a fun and interactive way for children of all ages to learn about the Bible stories through games, craft and story time. Plus, a two course meal for young and old is included!**

The next Messy Church is Saturday 2 July at Gladstone Village Hall, Burton starting at 4:00pm until 6:00pm. The theme is “Jesus teaches us to pray”

Messy Church has a summer break but will re-start on Saturday 24 September at Gladstone Village Hall at 4:00pm.

If you and your child or children would like to come along, or if you would like to help with the organisation, food or clearing up, please come and join the fun – getting messy is optional!

## CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### PASTORAL CARE INITIATIVE

A pastoral care coordinating group has been created within the parish. Members of this small team are already involved in providing support to others and aim to arrange for people who are sick (at home, or in hospital or care homes etc) or who are on their own, or possibly housebound in their own home, to be visited, if they so wish.

We rely on friends and relatives to tell us where there is a need. However, we are also aware that some people prefer their privacy and may not wish to be visited.

If you are aware of instances where there may be a need please contact Ruth Chesworth in confidence.

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## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptism

5 June  
James Edward Beddard



### Weddings

29 May  
Melanie Thomas and Michael Raynor



25 June  
Patricia Thomas and Michael Maloney

### Funerals

11 May Kathleen Cottrell  
10 June Walter Stewart



## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

### A Busy Calendar of Events...

Mothering Sunday saw us distributing 100 posies to the children in church to give to their mothers and other ladies. We enacted the *Prodigal Son* with readings that illustrated the undying parental love of a father to his wayward son.

At the Deanery Festival in March we welcomed the new Deanery Leader Ann Elliot and our new Diocesan President Vivien Ley.

The Lenten Meditation was led by the Mothers' Union Diocesan Chaplain who entertained us with readings and singing.

In April we looked ahead to the Spring with Linda Jones demonstrating the art of planting in suitable containers.

To celebrate 140 years of Mothers' Union, the Diocesan Festival at St George's Church Stockport in May was led by *Bishop Libby Lane*.



Our annual outing this year was a visit to St Deiniol's Library in Hawarden and a guided tour of the church with interesting stories of Prime Minister Gladstone.

Our '*Wave of Prayer*' is celebrated annually and this year in May was very ably led by Ruth Chesworth. As we prayed for each 'link' around the world, we lit a candle to remember them.

Our last meeting was a Fund Raising Day on **15 June** with a visit to Burton Manor Glass House with a strawberry tea.

## HARDY PERENNIALS

Ladies' Lunch Dates 2016



Monday - 11 July

Monday - 22 August

Monday - 26 September

Monday - 31 October

Monday - 12 December



Pollard's Inn, Willaston

12.30pm for 1.00pm

☎ Vivienne 336 7435

☎ Linda 336 5017



### Holy Communion Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Burton Sports & Social Club

Monday 4 July at 11:30am

Monday 1 August at 11:30am

Although primarily aimed at those who have difficulty accessing the Church building, all are welcome to attend.

#### Contact

Basil Keys ☎ 936 1403 or

Jen Williams ☎ 328 1006

## Poetry

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### *Dust If You Must*

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better  
To paint a picture or write a letter,  
Bake a cake or plant a seed,  
Ponder the difference between want and need.

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,  
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb,  
Music to hear and books to read,  
Friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there,  
With the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair,  
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain.  
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,  
Old age will come and it's not kind.  
And when you go - and go you must -  
You, yourself, will make more dust.

*Rosie Milligan*

### START THE WEEK IN PRAYER

Monday morning at 9.00 am in church is a quiet time at the beginning of each week when we meet to pray for the needs of our church, our local community, our country and the world.

*You do not need to pray aloud; many who attend choose to pray silently.*

# CHURCH DIARY



## July

- 3 Sixth Sunday after Trinity  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Worship  
6:30 pm Evensong
- 6 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 10 Seventh Sunday after Trinity  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 13 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 17 Eighth Sunday after Trinity  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Communion
- 20 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 24 Ninth Sunday after Trinity  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 27 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 31 Tenth Sunday after Trinity  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship

## August

- 3 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 7 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Worship  
6:30 pm Evensong
- 10 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 14 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 17 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 21 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Family Communion
- 24 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 28 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity  
8:45 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 31 10:15 am Holy Communion



## **HYMN STORIES**

### **Amazing Grace**

**John Newton (1725 - 1807)**

*Amazing grace!  
How sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch; like me!  
I once was lost,  
But now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.*

*Tw'as grace that taught  
My heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did  
That grace appear,  
The hour I first believed!*

*The Lord hath promised  
Good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield  
And portion be,  
As long as life endures.*

*When we've been there  
Ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days  
To sing God's praise,  
Than when we first begun*

John Newton was born in Wapping, London, in 1725, the son of Elizabeth and John Newton Sr.

At age eleven he first went to sea with his father. Newton sailed six voyages before his father retired in 1742. Subsequently Newton signed on with a merchant ship sailing to the Mediterranean Sea.

In 1743, while going to visit friends, he was captured and pressed into the naval service by the Royal Navy. He became a midshipman aboard HMS Harwich. At one point he tried to desert and was punished in front of the crew of 350. Stripped to the waist and tied to the grating, he received a flogging of eight dozen lashes and was reduced to the rank of a common seaman.

Following that disgrace and humiliation, he transferred to a slave ship bound for West Africa. When they reached Sierra Leone he was left by the crew with an abusive slave trader. Luckily Newton was rescued by a sea captain who had been asked to search for him. During the voyage home Newton had a spiritual conversion.

In 1755 he was appointed as tide surveyor (a tax collector) of the Port of Liverpool. In his spare time, he studied Greek, Hebrew, and Syriac, preparing for serious religious study. He became well known as an evangelical lay minister.

On 17 June 1764 John Newton finally became a Priest at Olney in Buckinghamshire. His preaching was so popular that the congregation added a gallery to the church.

William Cowper, the poet, also lived in Olney. He worshipped in Newton's church, and collaborated with him on a volume of hymns; it was published as *Olney Hymns* in 1779 which included '*Amazing Grace*'.

## COMMUNITY

### Puddington Village Celebrates Queen's 90th Birthday



On the afternoon of 12 June, while celebrations were taking place on The Mall in London (with tickets costing £150 a piece), Puddington's own Street Party was taking place with tickets priced at just £8!

Over a hundred Village residents, together with family members and friends from far and wide gathered on the 'Street' adjacent to the Village Green to enjoy an afternoon of celebration. The whole area was decorated with bunting, flags, balloons and coloured awnings. The 'Street' scene and Village Green were set out with tables and chairs and the jazz band 'Malcolm ad Friends' provided light entertainment.

**Organiser and Chair of the Puddington Society, Hazel Huxley said,**

*"It was a marvellous opportunity for people of Puddington and our neighbouring village of Burton to come together to enjoy a lovely afternoon in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday".*

But the afternoon didn't just end with the Street Party because, as part of the celebrations, a new tree was planted on the Village Green to commemorate the occasion. Two of Puddington's own residents who had also achieved a life span of 90 years or more performed the ceremony.

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### BURTON VILLAGE FAIR IS A RIGHT ROYAL EVENT!

Burton Village Fair once again proved to be an enormous success – and even the rain didn't stop the fun!

The theme was "a royal fete", to tie in with the Queen's Official birthday weekend – and a royal family photo booth proved a great hit!

Bishop Wilson School choir even sang happy birthday to the Queen.

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### Memories of Our Local Villages

Do you have any memories of Burton or Puddington from your childhood that you would like to share? John Roe has sent us his memories of Acre Wood in Dunstan Lane, Burton.

*"Acre Wood was more commonly known by the locals in Burton as 'The Daily Mail House'.*

*This was because it had been a winner of The Mail's annual competition for design. It was built in the 1930s, and in more recent years, from around the 1950s onwards, it had been owned by the Dixons".*

Another house in Little Neston also won The Daily Mail Design Award.

Please forward any memories you have of the area in your childhood – maybe of the old Bishop Wilson School, shops that used to be in Burton or Puddington or events that have been celebrated.

We look forward to hearing from you.

# 11 to 14 JUNE A FESTIVAL WEEKEND IN PICTURES

## Puddington Village Street Party



## Burton Village Fete



St Nicholas' Church - Festival of Flowers



## NATURE NOTES

### And now it's Summertime!

The Rhododendrons have been wonderful and their lovely blooms filled many vases. The two Lilacs – Cornus and Lily of the Valley – were also lovely.

Only sixty Sweet Peas were ordered this year, and 57 seedlings were planted out.

The dahlias seem to have survived the winter and Natal has grown on to be a healthy plant. The Camellia Felice Harris was not flourishing in its pot, so has been transferred to the garden.

Ground elder is a huge problem in the large border and is gradually being pulled out by the roots.

The many pots and tubs have been planted with annual mix, and it is exciting waiting for them to flower. The Cosmos have grown on well and have been planted on the allotment to form part of a cut flower border, along with Dahlias and Gladioli. Three Eryngium (Sea Holly) plants are now in-situ in the front garden.

The first rose to bloom was "Buff Beauty", with the lovely pale apricot flowers. The next two months should be when the garden is at its best with a blaze of colour.



The birds have returned to the garden including the greater spotted woodpecker, blackbirds, blue and great tits, pied wagtail, goldfinch and unusually, three robins. Jenny Wren can only be seen occasionally.

### Tasks to be getting on with:

- Dead head annuals and perennials to promote further flowering
- Water tubs and hanging baskets regularly
- Remove faded roses - this helps to combat disease and promote new flowers
- Pick Sweet Peas and Dahlias for continual flowering
- Most Importantly – sit and relax in the garden, admire your efforts *and enjoy summer!*

### Flori Bunda

## PARISH FINANCES

The PCC met in June to consider ways in which the difficulties affecting our Church finances might be addressed in the light of the continuing shortfall in regular income compared with our ordinary expenditure.

It currently costs around £2,000 a week to fund ministry and support activity within the parish and our income is currently insufficient to meet these costs.

The situation has reached a critical stage. As church members who have attended services recently will be aware, the matter is occupying a great deal of time and prayer as we seek a resolution to our difficulties.

The meeting in June was attended by the Archdeacon of Chester Diocese, the Venerable Dr Michael Gilbertson. Various points were discussed and the meeting resolved to tackle the problem head on under a steering group headed by PCC Member and Trustee, Ron Curnow.

Amongst the options the steering group will consider are:

- **Increasing level of donations**
- **Seeking new church donors**
- **Electoral Roll donors**
- **Sharing ministry and costs**



***If you are able, please support your parish church with a regular donation from your bank account or by using the Gift Aid envelopes in church.***

*Standing order forms are available on the church website:*

*[www.burtonchurch.org.uk](http://www.burtonchurch.org.uk)*

*or from:*

*John Miles, Gift Aid Secretary*

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## CHARITY SUPPORT

As part of its commitment to corporate social responsibility the PCC of St Nicholas' Church, as well as individual church members, support a number of charitable causes both practically and as part of the church's Outward Giving Programme. This programme includes, but is not limited to, the following charitable organisations.



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Junior Tennis	336 5613
Junior Football	336 6158
Walking	336 7178
Snooker	336 3268
Bowls	336 2050
Art	353 8354
Membership	07826 417 047

## **COMMUNITY & SOCIETY INFORMATION**

### **THE BURTON SOCIETY**

As the Burton Society is having its summer break our first meeting next season will be on Thursday 6th October.

### **THE PUDDINGTON SOCIETY**

Thursday 20 October at 7.30pm - Cheese & Wine Evening and AGM  
Saturday 17 December at 6.00pm - Carols on the Green  
For more information about events call Hazel Huxley on 0151 336 2288  
or email [puddingtonvillage@hotmail.com](mailto:puddingtonvillage@hotmail.com)

### **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

### **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  
For information contact Rodney Lyon on 336 2128 or [www.manorgatehouse.info](http://www.manorgatehouse.info)

### **BURTON MANOR**

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

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