All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

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Welcome letter from the Vicar

What's your next adventure?

I am writing this introduction as the heat of late June and early July gives way to torrential rain and wind. That must be the cue for the school summer holidays to begin!

But it is quite possible that by the time you are reading this edition of The Magazine, you are noticing that the days are getting a little bit shorter, that the swifts are gathering ready to begin their long migration to



Africa, and the hedges are wreathed in spiders' webs and berries.

There is a sense of the year gradually turning, and new adventures await, not just for those migratory birds.

For some students and their teachers, this adventure will be heralded by receiving exam results. Moving on to new schools, college or university may be the next step. Growing independence, trying out new skills and hobbies can be exciting new ventures.

Or perhaps there are new jobs or a change in role to anticipate. The commencement of retirement is a new adventure. Sometimes our circumstances can change so that the way before us is a rather perilous one, or one where we don't even know where we are headed, especially where our health is concerned.

Even if the only change we notice is that of the seasons around us, we can enjoy the adventure of experiencing new colours and scents; the changing scenes viewed from our own windows.

Rather than look on these things with anxiety or weariness, we can be secure in the knowledge that all our days, and all our goings out and comings in are held in God's love. God adventures with us — as we hear in the lines from Sydney Carter's hymn,

"One more step along the world I go":

"And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you."

What's your next adventure?

Love and God's blessings



Notes on the PCC meetings held on 13th June and 11th July

In the June meeting we discussed resuming sharing the Common Cup. This was in response to a query raised at May's Annual Meeting. We have continued to remain in our seats during the distribution of Holy Communion since Covid restrictions. The Vicar has dipped the wafer into the wine and we have received both the bread and the wine together. The advice from The Church of England is that we should be moving back to receiving the bread and wine separately and sharing the Common Cup. The pace of adopting this advice is varied: in Lichfield Diocese churches must move back to the Common Cup. Chester is taking a more pragmatic approach; at a recent service in the cathedral Vicky was offered an intincted wafer.

Individuals taking the wafer and intincting for themselves is not allowed as it has the potential to spread infection.

If we were to re-introduce the Common Cup then those who did not wish to share the Cup would only be able to receive the wafer.

We need to distinguish between:

- Coming up to the Communion rail versus staying in the pews and the officiant bringing Communion to the pews and
- Sharing the Common Cup versus continuing to receive a wafer intincted by the officiant.

There are positive aspects of all ways forward. The current practice is inclusive. People who find access to the communion rail challenging are not treated differently from others. Some people like the current personal engagement of having the intincted wafer put into their hand. People who only want to receive a blessing can feel more included and at ease. It is difficult to avoid crowding and close contact when going up to the altar to take Communion. Some people are very uncomfortable with this prospect.

It was agreed that any potential changes would need to be shared and aired with the congregation. In the July meeting it was decided that this consultation would continue and no decisions would be taken until more people had had the chance to express their opinion.

A paper, written by the Vicar, summarising the Vision Celebration held in Chester Cathedral on 20th May 2023 was circulated in advance of the June meeting.

We need to look at our own Vision Statement and Vicky is keen to set up a small group to do this, involving both PCC members and members of the congregation. We have already given some thought to our vision, and now need to give it more practical focus. Many people are away at the moment and this will be taken forward when more people are around.

In June we heard that our investments are tied to Stocks and Shares, not current interest rates. The Treasurer reported that the income from the investments for the first half of the year is £9,680. It is paid quarterly and the second payment was 25% up on the first, which was good news.

In July we considered the health of our church. Vicky commented that it should not just be measured in terms of number of attendees or financial donations. We should make an active choice to consult people in the parish, both within and beyond the church community. The results of this consultation could be ploughed into sharpening our vision. How can we engage with new families moving in to our parish, especially in Thornton Hough and Raby Mere? The website and mail drops can help to publicise events but we also need to have conversations and to listen to each other. We need to focus on where God is taking us now, not just look back to the past.

A discussion then followed on Harvest and other festive opportunities. Harvest week is from 17th September to 24th September, concluding with the Harvest Lunch on 24th September. The idea of adopting a window sill was well received last year. It was suggested that this year it might be used to reflect people and places that are connected to the parish, such as the school, hospitality, farming, sport, the care homes, Toybox and ACF.

Instead of a Christmas Fair it was decided to hold an Autumn Fair on Saturday 4th November.

Following the success of last year's mail drop it was decided to repeat this again at the end of August. It can be used to publicise the Harvest celebrations and other special services, the Autumn Fair, ACF and the coffee mornings, and Toybox. This would be followed by the Christmas card in late November which would give the dates of the Advent and Christmas services.

When reporting on the finances the Treasurer told us that he has completed the Parish Returns for Finance, and the energy footprint return, as required by the Diocese. The reports that were generated by the Parish Returns System have been shared with the churchwardens and the Vicar. Our church is not very efficient in its use of energy- we lie at the bottom end for net CO_2 and emissions per square metre, though this is much better when the size of the building and the pattern of usage are taken into account.

Our Ricoh photocopier has reached the end of its life and the manufacturer has proposed a new lease, on a new machine, which is a little cheaper and has a slightly lower copy charge. It is very encouraging that some expenditure can actually go down! After comparison with other offers the PCC decided to renew the lease with Ricoh.

Our Safeguarding Advisor, Linda Arch has reported at both meetings. Members of the PCC have continued to complete their required training modules and no safeguarding concerns have been reported to her.

There is a large hole in the drive and the PCC heard that we have received quotes to repair this. After consultation with the architect we are now in a position to go ahead with the repair. A leak in one of the toilets in the Parish Hall has been fixed.

Graham Seagrave, our Health and Safety Officer has been looking at the risk assessments that we have in place, and in particular what we do in case of fire. He has also observed a session of Toybox. He enjoyed himself and was complimentary about the signage and the way the session was conducted, putting the risk assessment into practice.

A report on the Deanery Synod meeting on 24th May at All Saints' Church, Ellesmere Port, led by Zarah Rhodes of Faiths4Change on the topic of the Eco Church, was circulated at the beginning of the PCC meeting in June. Although there are challenges achieving net zero carbon there is a lot that we can do. One of the local churches has achieved the A Rocha Eco Church Gold Award and Vicky suggested that some of us could go and speak to the Vicar about what they have been doing. What good practice is out there that could inspire us?

Finally we heard from Helen Tankard, our Electoral Roll Officer, that there are still 99 people on the Electoral Roll. If you would like to be on the Electoral Roll please speak to Helen.

Sue Stinson PCC Secretary



A Church Fellowship for Everybody

On Wednesday 14th June a small group of ACF members welcomed Helen Parkinson from Sunlight Bees to come and talk to us about beekeeping.

Helen originally worked as a Clinical Lead at Wirral Hospice St John's but took early retirement due to ill health. She now follows her passion in bee keeping and formed Sunlight Bees. She



visits schools and organisations to educate many people over a wide range of ages in bees and beekeeping.

Helen got into beekeeping when she worked in Africa and has become involved in a bee project in Tanzania where she raised the money to supply 100 beehives particularly for women. She continues to fund raise for the Friends of Masasi and Newala and it is to this charity that ACF and members donated.

Helen took us on a whistle stop tour of a beehive and although she couldn't bring a beehive in with her as it was too heavy, she was able to show us

individual parts of the hive as examples throughout her talk. We also saw examples of brood frames that the queen had laid eggs in and honey frames that are plastic sheets with cells stamped out which starts the bees off so they can produce their own hexagonal cells in wax to contain the honey. Once they are filled with honey they will be capped. Beekeepers only take excess honey so enough is left in the hive allowing the bees to survive the winter.



She has eighteen beehives with a queen in each

hive. There is one queen per hive and she can live for up to 3 years. Each queen is marked on the back of the head – the colour depending on the year she was born: red for 2023, white for 2022 and blue for 2021

If the colony has a queen that is a good layer, then the bees in the hive will be docile. However sometimes you can get a grumpy queen; this is liked by bee farmers as these bees will produce lots of honey to keep the queen happy. The queen will only leave the hive as a virgin queen to mate, or as an experienced queen in a swarm. It is swarming season at the moment and the bees will only swarm if there is not enough food. They don't usually swarm very far and will

land on a fruit tree or a fence for example. They will stay for up to 48 hours and then move on. They are not menacing in the swarm if left alone but can become so if you get too near or make a noise (honey bees don't like noise).

The queen can lay up to 2000 eggs per day on brood frames which live in the bottom of the hive and she can choose whether she lays drones (boys) or worker bees (girls). There can be anything up to 75,000 bees in a hive. The queen can lay up to 15 daughters but needs to get rid of 13 by dispatching or putting them into baby hives, so only 2 are left behind; the beekeeper can tell which are viable or not. The two queens hatch on the same day and they pipe a high-pitched sound to find each other, then they fight to the death: the strongest one wins. She will then be fattened up and will come out of hive after about five days to mate with drones before returning to hive. If she doesn't return to the hive then the beekeeper will have to purchase a new queen online!

The worker bees do all the work such as foraging, feeding the young, producing honey/wax, and looking after the queen. The drones do very little except guarding the hive and will mate with the virgin queen from another hive.

The queen is the only bee that can sting and not die. The workers can sting but they die straight away as the sting is attached to their heart.

A smoker is used to produce smoke from burnt twigs, lavender, pine cones or

pine needles etc when a beekeeper needs to inspect the hive. Bees have a good sense of smell and will be aware of the beekeeper's approaching. When bees sense danger they release an alarm pheromone that alerts other bees to be ready to attack. The smoke interferes with their sense of smell and makes them believe that the hive is on fire. They gorge on honey and with a full abdomen they are more docile: like you and I after a Sunday roast dinner! The smoke doesn't harm the bees, but allows for inspection of the hive to make sure it is healthy and there is no disease.



To look for diseases within the hive Helen will take up to thirty bees from based in the gut. Diseases undetected could wipe out the whole hive.

the hive and then freeze them. They can then be crushed and checked for any disease under the microscope. This is necessary as most diseases are

Products produced by Sunlight Bees include: honey, honey marmalade, firelighters from used wax and balms for humans and dogs to aid relaxation.

There were plenty of questions at the end of the talk so I'm sure Helen was ready for a cuppa.



Thank you to everyone who supported ACF by coming along to our Strawberry Summer Tea on Wednesday 12th July in the Parish Hall. A good time was had by all and there was plenty of chatter whilst enjoying strawberry scones and home-made cake.

Vicky said a few words to start off the event and informed us that strawberries are not mentioned anywhere in the Bible. Fortunately for us strawberries are available locally and we were able to enjoy strawberry scones as shown complete with strawberry jam and clotted cream!



I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped out to make this event such a success from Sue Stinson's wonderful posters, Vicky's advertising and ticket sales, to the scone and cake bakers, everyone who helped to set up the hall beforehand, to those who buttered scones, made tea and coffee and kept us all hydrat-

ed and last but not least to the army of helpers who cleared up afterwards. Thank you each and every one of you. Any money left over from the ticket sales will be donated to the Wirral Foodbank. There are also additional photos taken during the afternoon, so see if you can spot yourself indulging.

Forthcoming ACF events

No meetings in August

Fellowship meeting at 2.15pm in Parish Hall

September 13th Charles Thompson Mission with Bernard Frost

ACF coffee morning at 10.30am in Parish Hall

Wednesday 27 September

Admission 50p. Tea/coffee and biscuits. Raffle. Sales Table with cakes, shepherd's pies and greetings cards.

Everybody is welcome

Helen Tankard

Do you have an interesting story you could share with everybody? Have you done anything which would appeal to our readers?

We are sure that many of you do have interesting stories or photographs to share with our readers. Please send them in to us so that we can keep our magazine interesting and enjoyable to read. We have had some wonderful and supportive feedback from some of our readers which really keeps us stimulated but we do need fresh ideas and articles to maintain our standards.

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Morning Prayer at All Saints'

Why not join Vicky for a Morning Prayer service in church on

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

at 9.15am.It is a very peaceful way of starting the day.

Advance Notice All Saints' Church Thornton Hough 2024 Calendar

Full Details in our next Magazine



Will your photo be on the front cover of our calendar for 2024?

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All Saints' Church Thornton Hough
2024 Parish Calendar

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THE LOUNGE & TERRACE MENU

Light Bites | Small Plates

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Club Sandwich - bacon, tomato, chicken, crispy lettuce, mayonnaire, on toasted Steak ciabatta - caramelised onion, mustard mayonnaise ci-rookee £13

Roses gammon & cheese wrap - served with salad £12.80

Breaded chicken goujous wrap - chilli mayounniar £13.80

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Sides

Seasonal vegetables (gf)(a) £5

Garden salad (gB(n/ng) £4.50

Chunky chips (g0(v)(rg) £5

Skinny fries (gf)(v)(vg) £4.50

Creamed mash (gWe) £5

Cajum fries (gf)(e)(ag) £5

Onion rings (v) £5

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Dessert

Summer pudding - closed cream £9

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- 1. What is the oldest form of transportation?
- 2. When did people start using horses as transport?
- 3. Who invented the first car in 1886?
- 4. When was the first air transport invented?
- 5. In which country was the compass invented?
- 6. What form of transport is synonymous with Jesus?
- 7. Who flew the first motor driven aeroplane?
- 8. What is the common name for a high wheeler?
- 9. In which American city does Route 66 start?
- 10. What is a "black top" in transportation?
- 11. Which bicycle company is named after a street in Nottingham?
- 12. Which airport has the code MEL?
- 13. Who uses a Police Box for their transportation?
- 14. What was the name of David Hasselhoff's car?
- 15. What does the letters PT stand for in the name Segway PT?
- 16. What titular transport is linked to the names—George, James, Percy and Emily?
- 17. What is the popular name for the Japanese train called The Shinkansen?
- 18. Who invented diesel fuel in 1892?

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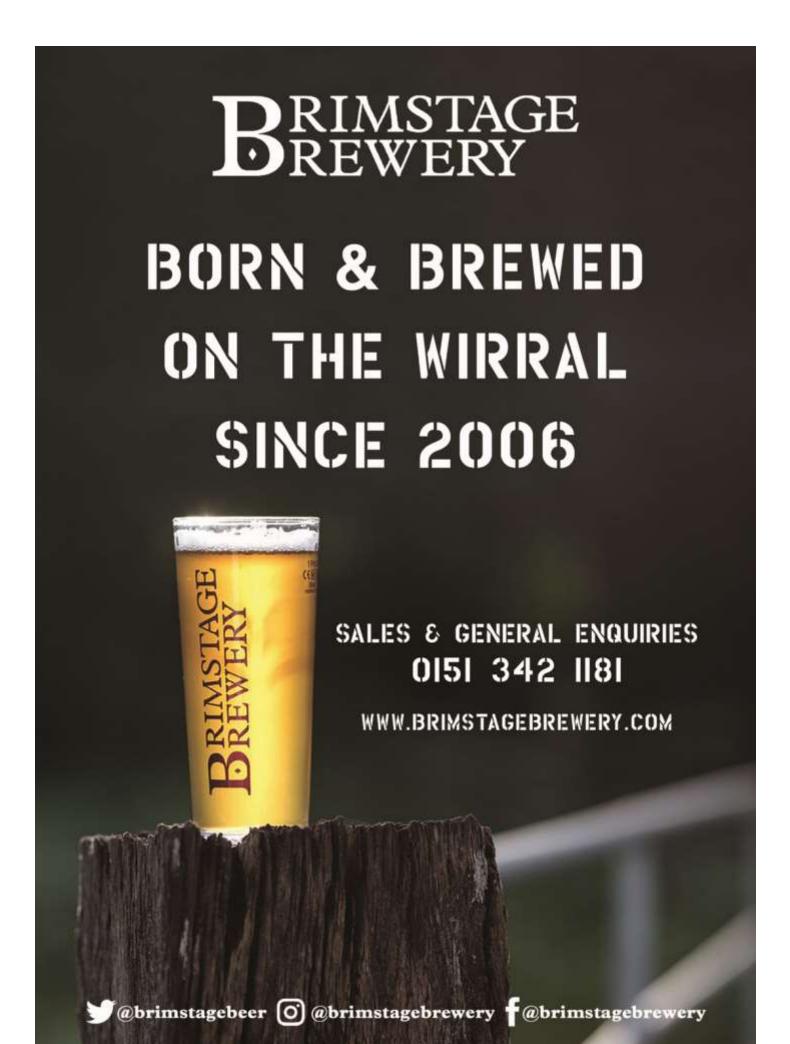












Harvest Festival Week

Sunday 17th September to Sunday 24th September and a Harvest Lunch at noon on 24th September

Lunch Tickets £5

Please book in advance.

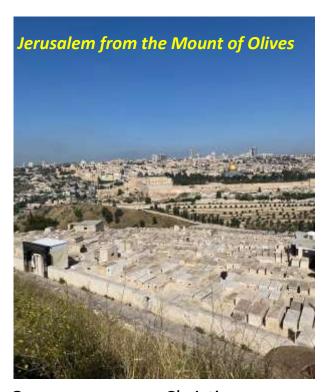
. All Welcome

Donations of food and other items received during Harvest week will be given to the Wirral Foodbank. A list of specific items for the foodbank will be published nearer the time. Please bring these to church during the Harvest Celebration Week.

It is hoped that the window ledges will once again be decorated by people adopting a window ledge with a local theme e.g. School, Toybox, Sport, WI, ACF, hospitality, care homes and farming.

A Visit to the Holy Land

In May of this year, I was privileged to go on an 11-day McCabe Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with my sister. It was an incredibly fascinating experience both historically and spiritually and one I will never forget. The sights, sounds and tastes of this Middle Eastern country were a treat for the senses from start to finish. Even the EasyJet journey from Manchester to Tel Aviv was unique as many pilgrims sat amongst ultra-orthodox Jews - all heading towards Israel but for such differing reasons.





Our group was a Christian group mainly from the North West, 19 of us to be exact, led by the Rev Mo Surrey and her husband. Many were Manchester City supporters so there was plenty to celebrate along the way! We were an eclectic mix but we all had one thing in common - we were there to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Jerusalem was our first stop and we visited so many sites including the Mount of Olives and the Palm Sunday route to Gethsemane, the Garden Tomb and the Western Wall. The walk along the Via Dolorosa (in the 38 degrees heat!) was particularly special as we experienced the path Jesus took to the cross. This was probably not the exact route (and of course it looks very different from how it looked 2,000 years ago) but simply knowing that Jesus 'undoubtedly' walked within that same area was enough to create a connection. We stopped at various points along the way and openly sang hymns or someone would do a Bible reading. A highlight was our group singing 'How Great Thou Art' in the church of St Anne. The acoustics were phenomenal. I think this sharing of our faith amongst the crowds was one of the things that moved me the most.

The fact that nobody batted an eye and many pilgrims were doing the same was incredibly uplifting. It felt natural and real.

I bought a fridge magnet that read 'Pray for Peace in Jerusalem' and having walked around the various Arab and Jewish streets, I could see why there is so much tension and unrest there. Even within the Jewish people there was division, with the ultra-orthodox Jews living separately from other Jews.

Family and friends, back home, sent concerned messages as the BBC reported rockets being fired at Jerusalem during our stay. We saw and heard nothing but I sensed our pilgrim guide, Kavork (an Armenian Christian), kept his ear to the ground during our stay.

We then headed up to Galilee to experience areas where Jesus conducted a lot of his ministry, including Capernaum, and we even headed up to the Golan Heights and gazed out at Syria and Lebanon in the distance. The Golan Heights, an area of conflict in the recent past, really is the land of milk and honey and is in



The Sea of Galilee

fact a national park with woodland walks and cascading waters. I think the



The Wadi Qelt in the Judean Desert

temperature reached 42 degrees when we visited the 1st century village of Nazareth and a highlight for me was swimming in the sea of Galilee afterwards! We also took communion on the shore of the lake and the peace and tranquillity was beautiful.

There is so much more to mention but perhaps my lasting impression of this incredibly fascinating land was the Judean desert. I'd been given a book 'In the Steps of Jesus' written by Peter Walker, by my sister for Christmas. I was flicking through it one night and a photograph of the Judean desert jumped out at me. I remember thinking: this is where Jesus could have been. It hasn't

changed much in 2,000 years... I want to go and see it. It was the catalyst I needed to book my place with my sister and experience it for myself.

What has happened since has changed my whole perception of everything! What has happened since is Him.



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Watch your Speed!

A new group of Speed Watch volunteers has been set up in Thornton Hough with the aim of promoting local safety and encouraging motorists to observe speed limits.

The group is working in conjunction with Merseyside Road Safety Partnership. The group of volunteers are currently under training, and some can be seen in the picture on a recent training exercise in the village, at the bottom of Smithy Hill.

Once trained and vetted, the group will be issued with a speed detector and whilst monitoring traffic speed in the village, those motorists logged at over 35 mph in the 30 mph zone will be recorded and their details passed to Merseyside Police, who will contact the motorist to encourage them to observe the indicated limits speed in the village



The Thornton Hough volunteers will join the other 11 groups in the Wirral, who will have the same aim. Already this year the Merseyside Road Safety Partnership have collated a total of 638 instances in the Wirral in the first five months of this year, and the number of repeat offenders and letters has been reduced to 10, so the Partnership believe the scheme is working. This is in addition to the 2355 speed offences recorded by Merseyside Police camera vehicles.

You will see more of the volunteers in the coming months, so please give them your support with a wave.

POETRY CORNER The Call George Herbert



The Light of the World by William Holman Hunt

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth Death

Come, my Light, my Feast, my strength: Such a Light, as shows a Feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love

This is by special request from the All Saints' Thornton Hough choir, who sing these words many times, and wonder what they are supposed to mean.

George Herbert (1593-1633) was one of a group of poets nick-named "metaphysical" by the 18th century critic Dr Samuel Johnson. They include Andrew Marvell and John Donne, all writing around the time of Shakespeare (1564-1616) who also had his "metaphysical" moments, especially in his early works. It means poetry which uses wit, wordplay and intellect as well as, or instead of, heartfelt emotion and passion.

Many of George Herberts's poems are now well-known hymns: Antiphon I Let all the World in every Corner sing, The Elixir: Teach me God and King in all things Thee to see, The God of Love my Shepherd is. They were all published after his death in a collection called The Temple. There are 164 of them, and they make a series of reflections on aspects of religion, and man's relationship with God.

The Call is number 86 in the series, after The British Church, which praises the Protestant church for being "Neither too mean nor too gay" unlike other denominations. It is followed by one of his most famous poems The Collar, which starts "I struck the board, and cried "No more!" and ends "I heard one calling "Child" and I replied "My Lord," in which anger (choler) is a pun on the idea of religion as an unwelcome restraint, like a collar on the neck of a dog (George Herbert became an ordained priest.)

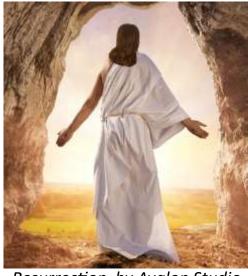
John Wesley, older brother of the great Methodist hymn writer Charles, edited not only his brother's hymns but also Herbert's poem to make it fit the tune he wanted. It is slightly easier to follow in this form.

Come, O my Way, my Truth, my Life! A Way that gives us Breath, A Truth that ends its Followers' Strife, A Life that conquers Death!

Come, O my Light, my Feast, my Strength!
A Light that shews a Feast;
A Feast that still improves by Length,
A Strength that makes the Guest!

In John 14 Jesus tells his disciples he is going to prepare a place for them with His Father and they should follow him. Thomas asks how they can be expected to follow if they don't know where He is going, or the way there, and Jesus replies "I am the way, and the truth and the life".

Come, O my Joy, my Love, my Heart!
A Joy that none can move;
A Love that none can ever part,
A Heart that joys in Love!



Resurrection by Avalon Studio

Herbert takes three sets of words, a trinity of trinities, and weaves them into an intricate tapestry of references to the Bible and his own works. The **Way** of Christ does not constrict like a collar, but allows you to be yourself, to breathe. The **Truth** reconciles: it ends the misunderstandings and lies which cause conflict. Christ's resurrection conquers fear of death. Jesus is the **Light** of the World, and He shows us to the **Feast**, which is the metaphor for heavenly bliss, where all are nourished and more than satisfied, a feast which gets better (mends) the longer it lasts. In his "Love bade me welcome" Herbert is ashamed to be the **guest** of Love, but Love, the power (strength) of God, has created him and "So I did sit and eat".



Celebration in Heaven by Fra Angelico

What Wesley's simplification does though is destroy the poetical ambiguity of who is doing the calling. I like it to be Jesus at the start but the reader at the end

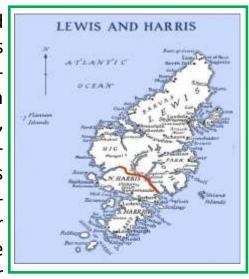
Caroline Lancelyn Green

Lord of The Isles

The time for Summer holidays has arrived and no doubt people are thinking of their forthcoming trips. Not necessarily to far-away islands, but maybe a little closer to home – to The Outer Hebrides perhaps?

The title 'Lord of The Isle', historically belonged to Scottish nobility and has roots that date back to the middle-ages . but it might also refer to William Lever, the 1st Lord Leverhulme, who bought the islands of Lewis and Harris in 1918 and 1919. Situated at the north-west extremity of the British Isles, William apparently even considered moving to the islands after he and his wife Elizabeth visited Stornoway on a round-Scotland cruise in 1884. However, for the next thirty five years he concentrated on developing and managing Lever Brothers' global business. In 1911 William was made a baronet. In 1913, Elizabeth, by then Lady Lever, passed away, and in 1917 William became Baron Leverhulme of Bolton-le-Moors, combining his name with his late wife's maiden name in her honour.

The Islands of Lewis and Harris are actually joined together but are quite different in character. Lewis is relatively flat. Harris is mountainous and divided into the North and South Islands by two tidal inlets. In 1918 the opportunity to buy Lewis presented itself, and in May that year William became the new owner. Over three hundred and sixty miles from his home in Thornton Hough as the crow flies, and considerably further by rail and sea, one might wonder if Lady Lever had still been alive would she have condoned such an ambitious venture? Just a year



later he bought North and South Harris and so he became the owner of the whole island which occupies an area of just over 1,200 square miles.

Although initially he claimed that he was going to take life a little easier and had no schemes in mind, William very soon began making plans to develop and improve the islands' major activities of farming, tweed production, and in particular the fishing industry. Lying close to the rich fishing grounds of the



North Atlantic, his ambition was to turn the capital Stornoway into 'The Hull of the North'. Previously preserved with salt in barrels, he built new facilities for refrigerating, canning, and smoking the huge herring catches that that were being landed in Stornoway. Overlooking the harbour, William made Lews Castle his home whenever he or his family were staying on the island.

New roads, even this bridge over a deep gorge, were built at his own cost. Houses were provided for the employees, and he invested vast sums of his own money in the whole island, but his ideas ran into fierce opposition from some of the local people. By 1923 he was ready to give up. Abandoning his plans for Lewis and leaving Stornoway and



surrounding area in trust for the local people, he concentrated his attention on Harris, whose occupants were more amenable to his proposals. He moved his home from Lews Castle to Borve Lodge in South Harris, which lies opposite the island of Taransay, and he relocated the centre of his fishing industry to the southern village of Obbe, which was later renamed Leverburgh in his honour. Once again extensive facilities were created to support the expanding fishing industry. But with his death in 1925 all work stopped immediately, the whole project was abandoned, and the shops on the mainland established to sell the island's catches under the once well-known MacFisheries brand were eventually absorbed into the Unilever organisation.



On the islands, unlike Thornton Hough and Wirral, little evidence remains today of his ambitious plans to improve the lot of the inhabitants. Apart from Stornoway, the harbour, and the surrounding area, all the land was eventually sold. Lews Castle, used for many years as a college, has now been turned into a museum, wedding venue, and rather attractive holiday apartments. Lady Lever Park which surrounds the castle is home to the Stornoway Golf Club. The houses that were built are all in private ownership.

The 'Bridge to Nowhere' is still there on the footpath leading to the north of the island. In Leverburgh the fish processing buildings have long gone, part of the Leverhulme Memorial School is apparently being re-purposed as a community centre, and the nearby harbour he had constructed for his fishing fleet now serves as a terminal for the roll-on car ferry to the nearby islands of North and South Uist – weather permitting!

..... and the title William was granted in 1922 as 'Viscount Leverhulme of the Western Isles in the Counties of Inverness and Ross and Cromarty' became extinct in 2000 with the death of his grandson, the 3rd Viscount Leverhulme.

But the islands are still beautiful and well worth the effort of taking the long trip it takes to get there.

the WI

Thornton Hough WI

We are pleased to say that the defibrillator outside the WI hall has a new battery which means it's now good for another 5 years of easy access emergency service.

At our regular meeting in June Sue Thompson spoke about Victorian Millinery and Prostitution: a very illuminating talk on the poor wages and working conditions of Victorian Milliners and how they made 'ends meet'. Sue has offered a tour of Rock Park, Rock Ferry on the banks of the Mersey, where wealthy Victorian merchants had their summer villas. Val Peter has offered to organise this visit for us.

We celebrated 4th July with a fun evening that started with a sizzling barbecue: sausages, beefburgers, chicken burgers (including a vegetarian option) marinated chicken, a choice of salads, and to finish off a selection of cake! This was followed by line dancing led by callers Nick and Allison. It took a while to master the steps and the language - what on earth was a wall? Something to avoid walking into maybe, as well as not tripping over our own feet! A great night enjoyed by all, dancers and non-dancers, and the weather was kind to us. We were aching the next day but it was worth it!

Many of our ladies gave their time and effort to support the WI at the Cheshire Show. It was a very enjoyable event and despite the intermittent downpours the weather stayed mainly dry and sunny.

On Wednesday 19th July we had a guided tour of Flaybrick Cemetery kindly organised by Val Peter.

We have no evening meeting in August. However, we will be enjoying a Ploughman's Lunch on 9th August, 1.00pm at the WI Hall, cost £6.50 including a dessert, tea and coffee.

On the third Tuesday of each month at the WI Hall there is a Soup and Social lunch from 12.30 - 2.00pm. By popular request we returned to Soup and crusty bread on Tuesday 18th July which was enjoyed by all!

The Craft Group are making the most of their extra afternoon and meet on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of each month 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the WI Hall. The Book Club are now on their 16th Book: 'Grandmothers' by Sally Vickers.

The Gardening Group visited "Adswood", Townfield Lane, Mollington on Wednesday 12th July and "Rose Brae", Earle Drive Parkgate on Wednesday 26th July,

Our next evening meeting is at the WI Hall on Tuesday 6th September at 7.30pm when our speaker will be Pip Probert, on Garden Landscape and Design. Pip had a winning garden at Tatton Hall and we are looking forward to discovering her gardening secrets.

If you would like more information about Thornton Hough WI please contact us:

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Janet Gaywood



Our Vicar leading the afternoon service at The Royal Cheshire Show

Vicar on Tour Part 1!

Rev Vicky was invited to lead the afternoon service in the Church Tent at the Royal Cheshire County Show in June. Representatives from different rural churches and groups offered much-needed hot drinks and hospitality to visitors on what turned out to be a very wet day. Her talk and all the hymns were simultaneously delivered in British Sign Language, so that everyone could take part. It was a privilege to be part of such an event.

Vicar on Tour Part 2!



The Vicar then donned her fancy dress gear as The Knave of Hearts (and yes – she managed to keep hold of the tray of tarts throughout!) to join with a group of friends as characters from "Alice in Wonderland" in a 5-mile run along Otterspool Prom. This surreal event involved around 100 people participating in various forms of fun costumes and formed one leg of The Tour of Merseyside, a 7-day, 6-race, 52-mile festival of running. Some of the lead athletes were very speedy!

The Magazine

Thank you to all those who have contributed articles, photographs and ideas for this edition of *The Magazine*. Contributions for future editions of *The Magazine* are very welcome. Please contact any member of the editorial team with your ideas and articles. Articles may be submitted in any reasonable format and should not be subject to any copyright restrictions.

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September 13th 2023



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Cookery Corner

Butterkuchen (Butter Cake) - from Ann S-J

This recipe was given to me by my German mother-in-law when we got married. It is apparently one of her son's favourite cakes but one that I have singularly failed to master to her standards. May be you can do a better job......

Ingredients

200g butter and 200g sugar 500g SR flour and 2 eggs 250ml milk

Topping

Pinches of butter

75g sugar and 1 sachet vanilla sugar (approx. 8g) Flaked almonds (optional)

Cream the butter and sugar together, add the

eggs and beat. Fold in the flour and the milk. Spread over a baking tray to about half an inch deep. Dot the top of the cake with butter pushing it into the dough. Push one dot for every slice that will be cut from the bake.

Sprinkle the sugars over the top evenly and almonds if being used. Bake at 190°C for 20mins until the top is golden.

The topping can be replaced with plum halves pushed in, or apple pieces. Or if you are daring you could even do a half and half version!

SAUSAGE AND BEAN SUPPER - from Patsy Baker

10 good quality sausages cut into rough chunks

- 1 brown onion sliced, 3 garlic cloves
- 3 celery sticks chopped, 1 small leek chopped
- 2 tablespoons sweet paprika, ½ teaspoon fennel seeds
- 1 teaspoon mixed herbs, 2 400ml tins chopped tomatoes
- 1 tin butter beans, 1 red and 1 green pepper diced
- 1 glass red wine and an equal amount of chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon tomato purée



Gently fry the onion in a little oil. Fry sausage chunks till lightly coloured. Add the fennel and paprika. Then add garlic, celery and leek and tomato purée. Give it a stir and add the wine and chicken stock, herbs and tomatoes. Stir again and bring to the boil then simmer for 30 or 40 minutes. Stir in the butter beans and peppers. Simmer for another 10 minutes. Serve with pasta or crusty bread.

Sudoku Puzzle—can you fill in the missing numbers?

2	7	1				3		9
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5			6	9	3			
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			8	5		7	1	2

Puzzle Page

How many 3,4,5 letter words can you make from the word **TRAVEL**? To help you it is possible to make 25 - 3 letter words, 21 - 4 letter words, 12 - 5 letter words and 2 - 6 letter words.

Scrambled Town Names

Can you work out which towns have been mentioned? poor ville, teerex, illscare, cornyvet, cashband, magicbred, alechord, hugbrined, lostrib, slyairbus

Can you convert these letters into transportation words?

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1. GTLIHF	1.	9. CAONIATV	9.
2. DNITANOTESI	2.	10. CUERRYNC	10.
3. IAERVR	3.	11. SAEGNRPSE	11.
4. ALHIDOY	4.	12. LEAPN	12.
5. CEABH	5.	13. GNUAGALE	13.
6. PREATD	6.	14. IETCTK	14.
7. EESORSAV	7.	15. OBTA	15.
8. BSU	8.		

A Little humour

My wife told me to stop imitating a flamingo! I put my foot down!
I can't believe I got fired by the calendar factory - all I did was take a day off!
I always take life with a grain of salt.And a slice of lemon.And a shot of tequila!

The Italian Chapel at Camp 60 in the Orkneys

Orkney has a rich and diverse history, with another chapter potentially in the making following the agreement to explore alternative ways of governing the Islands. On a recent visit we were lucky to see both the ancient and more modern history in all its glory. The modern history largely stems around the involvement of the islands in both world wars. Scapa Flow forms a natural, protected deep water harbour that has been used to house the 'fleet' on both occasions. The Flow was not invulnerable when it came to protecting ships and it is that gap in defences that provided probably one of the most visited and least expected gems on a tiny island just off the coast of mainland Orkney.

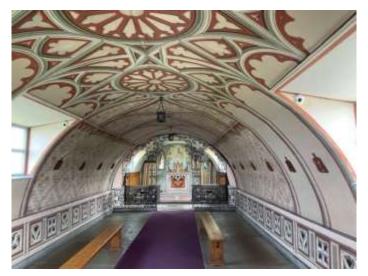
Following the penetration of the block ships by U47 that had been put in place in WW1 to protect Scapa Flow and the sinking of the Royal Oak with the loss of 833 lives, Churchill (then First Lord of the Admiralty) identified that the gaps between the eastern islands should be barricaded with barriers or causeways that would block access to Scapa Flow from the east. Construction of the Churchill barriers to protect anchorage for the fleet started in 1940 by 1300 Italian POWs who were brought to Orkney specifically to undertake this task.

A small group from camp 60 left behind a small chapel that is found on Lamb Holm, a tiny island that is joined to mainland Orkney by the first of the Churchill barriers.



We visited the Italian Chapel early on a Saturday morning when the islands were covered in a sea fret that made its situation even more magical. It is one of the most visited attractions on Orkney with good reason.

The Italian Chapel was built in 1943-44 by converting two Nissen huts. The work was undertaken largely by four of the POWs - they undertook the work to assuage their homesickness but also to show, first to themselves and then to world, that in spite of being trapped in a camp they could still find something inside that could be set free.





The building is in remarkable condition following restoration work several years ago. The walls are covered in plasterboard which was painted to resemble brickwork and carved stone to give the impression of tiles and stonework friezes. An altar, altar rail and holy water stoop were moulded in cement.

The alter has the most amazing painting of the Madonna and Child and lanterns are formed from bully beef tins and the bell and candlesticks were taken from the rods of a stair from an old block ship. They worked with whatever materials they could find.

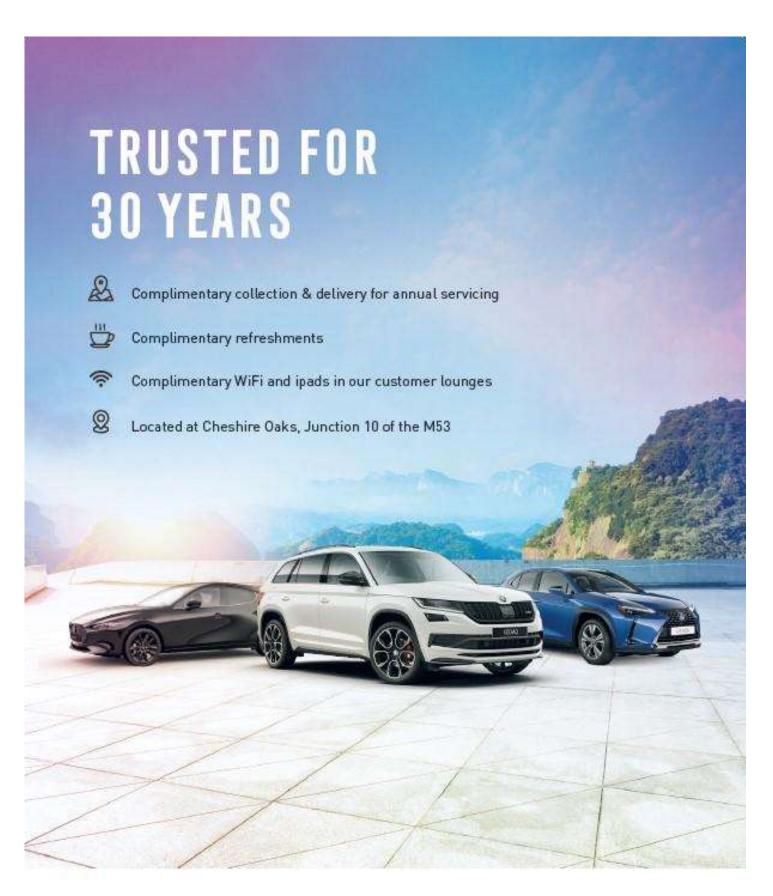
Chiocchetti stayed on for a few weeks after the Italians were repatriated to complete the work and came back again in 1960 to undertake restoration work. When he completed the restoration he wrote a letter to the Orcadians - "...my work at the chapel is finished....the chapel is yours to love and preserve. I take with me to Italy the remembrance of your kindness and wonderful hospitality and....the joy of seeing again the little chapel of Lamb Holm, where I, in leaving, leave a part of my heart."

Access to the Chapel is now managed - too many cruise ship visitors, damage and theft meant that controls had to be put in place. Whilst this is sad and unusual for Orkney, being able to visit without hordes of people makes this a special place and worth a visit if you have the chance.

To build something beautiful out of adversity is a remarkable feat.

(https://www.orkney.com/listings/the-italian-chapel)

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Following a suggestion from various readers, we have compiled the above list based on their recommendations. if you know of anybody else who would like to be included please inform any of the Editorial Team.

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Corresponding with other nationalities!

I have a sponsored child that I write to in Kenya. In my last letter I told her that in England we give children chocolate eggs at Easter.

She replied

"You said in England it is tradition to give children chocolate eggs at Easter. It is not happening the same here. We celebrate the Easter holidays with our friends of church where we attend a service where people ate the sacrament. They assume it is the body of Jesus Christ in remembrance of his death. How do you celebrate Easter at your place? Have a nice time with your family.

Best Wishes Yours Sharon Combe"

This shows how one needs to be careful of how we give information to those who have a different language, culture and traditions.

I hope that my reply to her afterwards convinced her that we are not a nation of heathens!

Heather Timms

Register of Baptism, Burials and Marriages for May — July 2023

BURIALS	Died	Age	Burial of Ashes
Florence Shirley OWENS	3/4/23	89	27/05/2023
James Alfred WILLIAMS	8/4/23	92	3/06/2023
Valerie TALBOT	16/3/23	80	9/07/2023

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

WEDDINGS

27/05/2023 Robert William JACKSON - Elinor Jane WEBSTER 8/07/2023 Stuart Andrew SYMMS - Jennifer Laura TAYLOR

Quiz Answers

1.	Walking	7.	Wright brothers	13.	Dr Who
2.	4000BC	8.	Penny Farthing	14.	Kitt

- 3. Karl Benz 9. Chicago 15. Personal Transporter
- 4. 1783 hot air balloon 10. Tarmac road surface 16. Thomas the Tank Engine
- 5. China 11. Raleigh 17. Bullet Train
 6. Donkey 12. Melbourne 18. Rudolph Diesel



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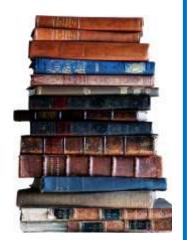
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July		
23	Sunday	Trinity 7
	10:30am	Holy Communion
26	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Coffee Morning
28	Friday	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
30	Sunday	Trinity 8
	10:30am	Holy Communion
August		
6	Sunday	Transfiguration of our Lord / Trinity 9
	8:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Holy Communion
9	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
13	Sunday	Trinity 10
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6:30pm	Choral Evensong
16	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
20	Sunday	Trinity 11
	8:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Holy Communion and Baptism
23	Wednesday	
	10:30am	Holy Communion
27	Sunday	Trinity 12
	10:30am	Holy Communion
28	Monday	
		Summer Bank Holiday

August 30 Wednesday **Holy Communion** 10:30am September Friday 1 7:00pm **Choir Practice** 3 Sunday Trinity 13 **Holy Communion** 8:00am **Holy Communion** 10:30am Wednesday 6 **Holy Communion** 10:30am 8 **Friday** 7:00pm Choir Practice Trinity 14 10 Sunday 10:30am **Holy Communion** 6:30pm **Choral Evensong** 11 Monday 10:00am **ToyBox** Tuesday 12 7:30pm **PCC Meeting** Wednesday 13 10:30am **Holy Communion** 2:15pm ACF: Charles Thompson Mission (Bernard Frost) **Thursday** 14 October/November magazine deadline Friday 15 Choir Practice 7:00pm 17 Sunday Trinity 15 Harvest week begins 8:00am **Holy Communion Holy Communion** 10:30am 20 Wednesday

Holy Communion

Choir Practice

10:30am

Friday

7:00pm

22

September

24 Sunday Harvest Thanksgiving / Trinity 16

10:30am Holy Communion

Noon Harvest Lunch

25 Monday

Harvest week ends

Wednesday

10:30am Coffee Morning

29 Friday

7:00pm Choir Practice

October

1 Sunday Trinity 17

8:00am Holy Communion 10:30am Holy Communion

4 Wednesday

10:30am Holy Communion



Toybox meets in the Parish Hall from 10am to 11:30am, usually on the second Monday of the month

Dates of meetings Autumn 2023

Monday 11th September Monday 9th October Monday 13th November Monday 11th December



Free play, craft, story, songs and refreshments

Babies and toddlers with their carers (mums, dads, grandparents etc)

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Sunday Bible Readings August - September

August		
6 th	The Transfiguration of our Lord	
	2 Peter 1:16-19	Luke 9:28-36
13 th	Tenth Sunday after Trinity	
	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
20 th	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	
	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:21-28
27 th	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	
	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
September		
3 rd	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	
	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
10 th	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	
	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
17 th	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	
	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
24 th	Harvest Festival	
	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	John 6:25-35
October		
1 st	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	
	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32

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Puzzle Answers

Words using the letters in Travel.

The number of words varies according to the dictionary used! These are our selection.

6 letters 2 words

travel, varlet

5 Letters 12 words

alert, alter, artel, avert, later, laver, ratel, ravel, taler, trave, valet, velar

4 Letters 21 words

aver, earl, late, lave, lear, leva, rale, rave, rate, real, tael, tale, tare, teal, tear, tela, vale, veal, vela, vera, vert

3 letters 25 words

ale, alt, are, art, ate, ave, ear, eat, era, eta, lav, lea, let, lev, rat, ret, rev, tae, tar, tav, tea, tel, var, vat, vet

Scrambled Town Names

Liverpool, Exeter, Carlisle, Coventry, Sandbach, Cambridge, Rochdale, Edinburgh, Bristol, Salisbury

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6. PREATD	6. DEPART				
7. EESORSAV	7. OVERSEAS				
8. BSU	8. BUS				
9. CAONIATV	9. VACATION				
10. CUERRYNC	10. CURRENCY				
11. SAEGNRPSE	11. PASSENGER				
12. LEAPN	12. PLANE				
13. GNUAGALE	13. LANGUAGE				
14. IETCTK	14. TICKET				
15. OBTA	15. BOAT				

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