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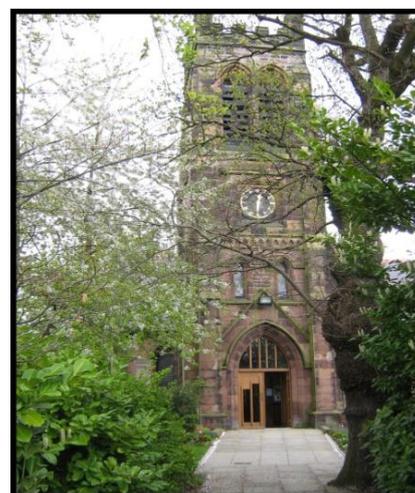
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Margaret*



A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

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MINISTRY MESSAGE

This month sees the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In those seventy years the Queen has seen 14 different Prime Ministers from Winston Churchill to Boris Johnson. She has assented to 4000 acts of parliament. She has hosted 112 state visits. She is patron of more than 500 charities. She has hosted more than 1.5 million people at garden parties and approximately a third of the population have either seen her or met her in person. From unexpectedly being crowned at just 25, Queen Elizabeth has had an extraordinary life even by Royal standards!

The Queen is of course also head of the Church of England and in recent years has spoken often of her own Christian faith. Her Christmas messages are one of the occasions when we get personal insight into her own life and faith. A theme which resonates through much of the Queen's published speeches is that of service. In 2008 she said "I hope that, like me, you will be comforted by the example of Jesus of Nazareth, who, often in circumstances of great adversity, managed to live an outgoing, unselfish and sacrificial life.. He makes it clear that genuine human happiness and satisfaction lie more in giving than receiving; more in serving than being served. This, deliberately, has echoes of Jesus' words "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

This brings us to the heart of the good news we celebrate in this Easter season. We celebrate how God in Jesus empties himself, comes alongside us, to be with us. Jesus climactically serves us most fully in his death by "giving his life for many" and in rising from the dead to glorious life.

The Queen beautifully and powerfully reflected on this good news of Easter in her message from 2020, during the pandemic in lockdown. In it she said:

"This year, Easter will be different for many of us... But Easter isn't cancelled; indeed, we need Easter as much as ever. The discovery of the risen Christ on the first Easter Day gave his followers new hope and fresh purpose, and we can all take heart from this. We know that Coronavirus will not overcome us. As dark as death can be — particularly for those suffering with grief — light and life are greater. May the living flame of the Easter hope be a steady guide as we face the future."

Easter isn't cancelled! Easter is and can never be cancelled – Christ is Risen! As those who carry that hope within us, we are called to share it, to walk it and to live it out in service. Just as Jesus became a servant for us, living out the costly way of the cross, so he calls us individually and as a church to follow him in that same way.

We are entering what is now, and what will be for increasing numbers in our communities, a time of significant hardship with soaring cost of living and people struggling to make ends meet. It may seem indulgent to some to celebrate a Queen's Jubilee in all this. However, I think the Queen's focus on faith in Christ and service to others remain vital points of focus for all of us in difficult days.

Our churches are called to be places of service to others. In these days of declining church attendances and seeming indifference to the gospel it is easy to be discouraged. It is easy for us as churches to look inwards, to focus on our own survival. Yet as soon as we do, we lose ourselves and forget our calling. Our task is to remain focussed on Christ and serving his Kingdom in Hunt's Cross and Halewood. There is much to encourage us. There are many signs of the Kingdom in our communities, signs of the gospel doing its work.

May we all, as we celebrate this Jubilee and as we face the challenges that lie ahead in church and the world be reminded of and inspired by the Queen's faith in Jesus, "who came not to be served, but to serve" and to give ourselves to following Him.

Adam Grey

Olive Harrison and friends organised and delivered a lovely three course meal in the rear garden of their beautiful new bungalow, all in aid of the victims of the Ukraine war. What a great day, a lovely meal in a beautiful setting. A particular mention must be made of Olive and Tom's grandchildren Henry, Heidi and Olivia, who worked tirelessly throughout the day, serving those who attended.

A wonderful total of £1,250 was raised.



JUNE SERVICES

- Thursday 2nd June: 9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
- Sunday 5th June: ***Pentecost (Acts 2: 1-21, John 14: 8-17)***
10.30 am St Mary Morning Worship: Garry Critchley
11.00 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
6.30 pm St Nicholas Evening Worship: Matthew Hargreaves
11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship: Carol Burke
- Thursday 9th June: 9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
- Sunday 12th June: ***Trinity (Romans 5: 1-5, John 16: 12-15)***
10.30 am St Mary Holy Communion: Graham Amey
11.00 am St Nicholas GMJC/Parade: Andy & Jen Radford
12.15 & 1.00 pm Baptisms: Andy Radford
6.30 pm No service
11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship: Adam Grey
- Thursday 16th June: 9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
- Sunday 19th June: ***Proper 1/Trinity 1 (Galatians 3: 23-29, Luke 8: 26-39)***
10.30 am St Mary: Morning Worship: Matthew Hargreaves
11.00 am St Nicholas Morning Worship: Carol Burke
6.30 pm St Nicholas Evening Worship: Matthew Hargreaves
11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship: Andy Radford
- Thursday 23rd June: 9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
- Sunday 26th June: ***Proper 8/Trinity 2 (Galatians 5: 1 & 13-25, Luke 9: 51-62)***
10.30 am St Mary: GMJC: Matthew Hargreaves & Mike Sutcliffe
11.00 am St Nicholas Morning Worship: Adam Grey
6.30 pm Evening Worship: Matthew Hargreaves
11.00 am St Hilda: Holy Communion: Andy Radford
- Thursday 30th June: 9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford

PARISH WALK – APRIL 2022

Today, Saturday 30th April 2022, Penni Conlon took her charges on a lovely walk around Hale.

Having met at the Centre, as usual, the core group went on to Dobbies for the typical Bacon Butty, before meeting others at Hale Park. We had our daughter's dog, Freddie, with us so we skipped the Dobbies bit.

It was a lovely day, with the recent winds changed from east to a much warmer west and we were soon heading through Hale, with Freddie a bit confused having 12 dog walkers instead of the normal 1 or 2.



It is a beautiful stretch of road, going back towards Speke and we enjoyed admiring the expensive properties and lovely thatched roofs. A quick turn to the left and now back towards the river, with Freddie off the lead and enjoying himself.

Along the coastline we went, with many steps up and down, and we soon had the lighthouse within sight. That's where we stopped and we had logs and sandstone rocks warmly waiting for our arrival. Freddie, having been rather anti-social, soon became very friendly as walkers brought sandwiches and other goodies from their butty boxes. As we sat there, Graham Elliott and I discussed, with some sadness, how our lighthouse needed a fresh coat of paint.

Freddie, being a Lhasa Apso, which is a non-sporting dog – breed originating in Tibet, and not built for endurance - headed with us back towards the car park as everyone else completed the walk

along the coastline and through the beautiful farmland. We covered 4 miles, so I would add a further 1 ½ miles for the rest. A great day, with nothing not to like.



SMILE AND RAISE MONEY!

Tom Beesley has registered our charity, Halewood Ecumenical Partnership, with Amazon Smile. If you pick us as your chosen charity, every time you shop on Amazon they will make a donation to us. It doesn't cost you, the customer, anything. So, if you haven't already chosen a charity or would like to change your charity just click on the link next time you shop at Amazon or when you are invited on the website to pick a charity. Just search for Halewood Ecumenical Partnership. Thanks everyone! Alison



Halewood Uni-Wise

We will be up and running with our school uniform swap and giveaway scheme again this summer. We are planning to be open every Saturday from 10.00 am - 12 midday from 9 July -20 August at St Nicholas' Centre. So, before you buy any items of school uniform for next year, do come along and see what is available. We will also be taking donations of good clean, pre loved items of uniform for all our local schools. Further information nearer the time. This is open to anyone. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

HALEWOOD UNI-WISE

Reduce Reuse Recycle uniform exchange

Halewood Uni-Wise is a partnership between St Nicholas' and St Mary's Churches and Halewood Town Council.

Dates we will be open this year: Every Saturday from 9 July-20 August 10am-12pm

Venue St Nicholas' Centre, Church Road, L26 6LA

Open to everyone for collection of free preloved items of school uniform for Halewood Schools and for donations of uniform items in good, clean condition

This is an opportunity for anyone with school age children (nursery, primary or secondary) to pick up good, clean, nearly new and some new, items of uniform. We will also be asking for donations of uniform items (washed and ironed please) nearer the time.

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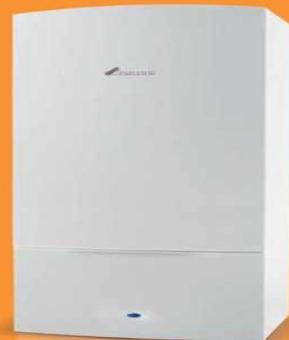
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Church history 1989 - Present Day

In **1939**, James Eccles wrote 'The History of Halewood' commemorating 100 years since the building of St Nicholas Church, Halewood.

1989: Rev Jeremy Tyndall was the minister who had been in residence since 1987. The 21st of June that year marked the 150th anniversary of the opening of St Nicholas Church, when a special service was held, commemorative pottery was commissioned and other events to mark the occasion took place. The previous incumbent, Canon Owen Eva, had written a history commemorating those 50 years, called 'Riding the Changes' which was to be available that year and the Church School held exhibitions. In the old Church School, which was then the Church Hall, a concert was held by the Bentley Operatic Society.

1992: Andy Heber, Church Social Worker based at Church House, had started a Christian listening service at James McColl House in Kempton Road in order to help people who had suffered bereavement or other losses. In 1992 Andy did a presentation in St Nicholas Church about the Acorn listening charity and its aims. Members of the congregation then came forward to volunteer and were subsequently trained by Acorn to facilitate a more flexible listening service with more listeners.

1994: Knowsley Council had a Children's home built on what had been Church land, next door to the Church. By 1994, policy had changed and the home announced its closure. The idea that the former home could become the new Church Centre came to fruition in July 1995, when the new Church Centre was officially opened by the Bishop of Warrington. Bids to own the Centre had had to be submitted and a team of three (Reverend Tyndall, Methodist Bill Royden and Anglican Tom Beesley) was set up to tender against a property developer. After the sale and before the actual opening, valuable work was done by volunteer members of the congregations of both St Mary and St Nicholas to provide living accommodation for 5 families, the rent from which would help towards running costs, paying a mortgage etc. The main hall became the Church Hall with subsidiary rooms off and a large kitchen. There was also storage room, space for a vestry and two offices, one for the Church secretary and one for Listening Ear, which was now growing in size by training more listeners. Everyone helped with the joinery and decoration involved in such a mammoth task. Members of the congregation of both Churches contributed on a regular basis to help pay off the 25 year mortgage involved.

1995: Official opening of the Church Centre by the Bishop of Warrington. Reverend Jeremy Tyndall left Halewood Parish to go to Canada. St Nicholas remained in interregnum for nearly three years. Listening Ear had now outgrown their small office and listening room and took over one of the 4 bedroom flats adjacent to the new Church Centre where they have remained to this day.

1997: Reverend Alan Jewell was appointed from St Helens where he had been a curate.

2000: It was being recognized that St Nicholas needed updating. The stained glass windows were gradually fading and the whole Church needed restoration. A committee was set up which was initially, (at the suggestion of Mr Les Richardson, Junior Church Leader) called the Fungus Fund! At that first meeting it was mentioned that Canon Eva had thought that some of the stained glass windows were by William Morris and Co, so members took a trip to the Liverpool City Library to access the definitive book by A E Seward who had compiled a history by visiting all those Churches listed in the Morris and Co catalogue. It was discovered that out of the 21 stained glass windows in the Church, 17 were designed by the pre Raphaelite Edward Burne-Jones of Morris and Co of which the three in the sanctuary were unique. The restoration was projected to cost £355,000. Jan Fleming, the Church Bursar, and Tom Beesley started seeking for grants and a fundraising committee was also set up. Grants were successful from Veolia, Ibstock Cory, Biffa and Awards for All. The fundraising group held community events in the new Church Centre each month, most of which were well attended, and a considerable amount was raised by quizzes, murder nights, wine tasting, race nights, film nights, barn dances, mulled wine and mince pie evenings, musical events, make up parties, bingo nights and sponsorships (such as Reverend Jewell abseiling down the Church tower and a pram push with the Reverend as the baby).

2001: Listening Ear acquired funding for four of their experienced listeners to undertake a 3 year counselling course leading to a diploma. It had been recognized that the listening service did not always meet the needs of clients.

2003: Tarbock had held their own Sunday morning service since 1938. This now ended as numbers had dwindled.

Phase1 of the building project. A company called Design Lights came to remove the first window to be restored. The stained glass had suffered over the years due to the fumes from oil lamps. The company deconstructed the windows pane by pane on a light board, some of the facial features of which had disappeared altogether. The grant of £50,000 covered the restoration of 14 windows and the specialist cleaning of the others. The unique large window in the north transept had had a protective Perspex cover adhering to it and this was also removed. Listening Ear started a project for children called Butterflies. It was specifically aimed at loss to begin with using the "Winston's Wish" model and people from that organization came up to Liverpool to train those who volunteered to listen to children.

2004: Phase two of the restoration of the Church began. This comprised the major part of the building work: re-ordering the Church including the re-siting of the nave to a central aisle, installation of a toilet and redesigning the rear of the Church, creating a closed porch with disabled access, complete internal decoration, new heating, lighting, carpet, chairs and pews. While this restoration work was carried out the services took place in the new Church Centre which was now used extensively by groups and organisations. Brownies, Guides, a toddler group, lunch club, drama group, Mothers Union, Church Meetings, Listening Ear training and various craft groups all met there. Vestry hour took place each Thursday evening for people to book weddings and Christenings.

2006: A grant from Awards for All enabled the graveyard to be plotted and recorded. The popularity of the internet meant that people were more easily able to research their family history and the parish office was receiving requests for information about family graves and no one knew where they were. According to the 1939 history of Halewood, the graves were numbered at one stage but there was no record. So the job was taken on to find out where the graves were, who was in them and how they had been numbered all those years ago; also to make out a definitive list so that future queries could be answered more easily and a grave pinpointed. Part of the remit was to research some of the older graves in order to learn via the internet site, *Ancestry*, the history of some of those buried within. This research was to be shared with local schools and a graveyard trail brochure produced.

2009: Phase two of the building work on St Nicholas was almost completed and more money had been raised by inviting the congregation to sponsor one of the new pews or chairs whereby a brass plaque would be attached for posterity, naming the donor or donors. One of the last restoration tasks undertaken was to restore to its former glory, the Fleur de Lis over the Sanctuary. Tom Beesley, who had trained as a signwriter, undertook this task, admiring as he did so the skill of the original artist.

2012: Fundraising was to continue for Phase 3 to replace and re-site the Church bells. Because of the weight of the bells which were at the top of the tower, which was built on to the Church in 1883, ringing had now caused damage and a pinnacle had fallen off. Ringing had to stop and the last ring took place on Christmas Day 2009. This project included replacing the existing bells for a lighter set and re-siting them below the clock mechanism which also had to be moved. A steering group was established, comprised of Church members and ringers in order to raise the approximate cost of £220,000. This was chaired by Alison Shacklady, one of our Readers, whose determination drove the project throughout. The sum was raised from grants from various bodies including English Heritage and the All Churches Trust, donations and fundraising. A lot of the practical work was undertaken by members of the Merseyside Restoration Group, the old heavy ring of 8 bells being replaced by a lighter set of 6, which came from the Royal Eijsbouts Foundry in the Netherlands, the company which made the 2012 Olympics bell. Funds were raised by bringing the community together to enjoy: a table sale, barn dance, bag packing, recycling (with bacon butties), bells books and candles sale, male voice choir, Thornton's chocolate evening, a pudding event, sponsorships, selling themed tea towels and mugs. Such was the determination of the Rector and the community to raise funds, that a "naked charity calendar" for 2013 was produced featuring male members of the community along the lines of the notorious WI Calendar!

2013: The Bells dedication service took place on 13th July. The old bells, plus fixtures and fittings, were purchased from us by St Stephen's Church, Barborne, Worcestershire who had a tower but no ring of bells. Funds raised more than covered the cost and some of the remainder was used to pay for the repair of the flagpole.

2014: Our Rector, Reverend Alan Jewell, left Halewood to take up a new position in Chester Diocese. As the existing Garden of Remembrance in the graveyard was almost full, it was proposed to find a new area to be consecrated.

2015: Reverend Frank Cain was appointed Rector from Chester diocese in October.

2017: Reverend Frank Cain left St Nicholas in January for an appointment in Walton. Interim Minister Richard Gedge was temporarily appointed in January. In March St Mary's Church celebrated not only their 50th Anniversary but also the fact that they were the second longest running Local Ecumenical Partnership. The service was led by Dr Sheryl Anderson, Chair of the Methodist District and Rev Paul Bayes, Bishop of Liverpool, preached the sermon. The service was attended by former clergy, members of the Methodist Circuit and past and present friends. Jane Durham, team vicar, introduced the service.

On 22nd May a terrorist exploded a suicide bomb at the Manchester Arena as it was emptying after a concert. Many young people were killed or badly injured. Megan Hurley, a local girl who had attended Halewood Academy, was one of those killed. On 30th June a memorial service was held for her which was attended by over 800 people, many of whom stood outside St Nicholas where the service was relayed. It was simultaneously broadcast on Radio Merseyside. The service was presided over by Reverend Richard Gedge and Reverend Jane Durham, team minister.

The first peal on the new set of bells at St Nicholas was rung on Saturday 11th November for 2 hours 39 minutes (6-0-1 in B) 5040 plain Bob minor. First peal : 5 rung by a team of 6 all of whom learned at this tower on the original set of 8 bells.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission contacted the Church regarding our war graves. Nine graves were identified from both world wars and a brochure prepared by Ken Allen with a potted history of each person buried in St Nicholas graveyard with photographs of each gravestone. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission provided a plaque to be placed at the entrance to the Church.

Two regular fundraising events ceased to be this year: the Church Garden Fete had been a regular event for many years, raising money for both the Church and Church school on whose grounds it took place. It was held on the last Saturday in June which hadn't always promised good weather and volunteers had often battled the elements to provide a good day for all. Local farmer Tom Harrison had played an integral part with his tractor and trailer to transfer equipment from pillar to post. The work involved setting up the tents, gazebos and stalls the night before and then taking them all down again after the fete had closed and was hard work and the people involved were getting older. Coordinating the event was time consuming too and although younger members of the community had become involved, with the pressures of work these days it was agreed that it was no longer viable. The annual Christmas Fair had taken place in the Church Centre since shortly after it opened. Stalls by the Brownies and Guides, book stalls and games, a raffle and tombola and afternoon tea were all popular. The highlight of this event was Father Christmas (Bob Hatchard) in his grotto. Like the Garden Fete, this popular event was set up the day before, to prepare the grotto and stalls and then it all had to be taken down and put away at the end of the day. Sadly the same people were involved and as a result it went the same way as the garden fete.

2018: The Garden of Remembrance was now very near capacity. It had been hoped to use The Copse area near the old Rectory for the new area. A faculty was obtained but it proved to be too complicated to use the Copse so instead an area adjacent to the houses on Court Avenue was identified. Lee Dunning was able to get a team of volunteers from Jaguar Land Rover to clear and prepare the space. The "lads" from JLR worked tirelessly despite some pretty awful weather conditions and funding was received from Knowsley Council's Environmental Fund which contributed to the costs of materials.

2019: Reverend Martyn Woodford from Adelaide, Australia was appointed as Rector in January. On Thursday 8th April the tenor bell was tolled at St Nicholas for 7 minutes at 7 pm to support the citizens of Paris after the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral (joining the national ringing).

2020: On 14th February the bells at St Nicholas were rung by the Liverpool University Ringers. 5040 changes of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

March 2020 will remain in everyone's mind as the start of the global pandemic. It was Covid 19, a Coronavirus and the first strain to hit us was the Delta variant which could be deadly. Things would never be the same again. In January there were warnings from China where it first appeared, and by March we were all in lockdown, able to only go out once a day for an hour to exercise and food shop. By law, under the lockdown, Churches had to close although graveside funerals, (with just 15 people allowed) burials and burial of ashes were allowed. Church closed in March 2020 and didn't reopen until September 2020 with restrictions in place. Masks had to be worn.

When we reopened numbers were limited and a booking system was put in place by Tracy Woodford for those wishing to attend a service. Strict rules were in operation for weddings and funerals (numbers for which were still limited by law). Church was to close again in November 2020, when the Delta variant of the virus again became widespread, and did not open again until after Easter the following year, on 18th April 2021. The NHS continued to be overwhelmed especially in ITU with people unable to breathe. The news reported the number of dead each evening. Boris Johnson, the prime minister, issued regular bulletins on TV. People were encouraged to help the more vulnerable. Nowhere was open, Church services and other meetings were held on zoom, people were isolated and had to work from home (including school children and university students) and the usually bustling city streets were deserted. The Government provided a furlough payment and loans to tide workers over. Fortunately a vaccine was invented by scientists, both here in England but also in America and mass vaccinations took place. Most people had 3 or 4 shots but some objected and refused the vaccine thinking it a conspiracy. The pandemic would continue for 2 years.

2021: On Saturday 10th April the tenor bell at St Nicholas was tolled at noon in thanksgiving for the life of the Duke of Edinburgh. It was tolled again on Saturday 17th April for his funeral which took place at Windsor. Because of the pandemic the Queen was masked and left to sit alone during the service. On 18th April church opened once again, with restrictions.

2022: In January Reverend Woodford left us to return to a parish in Adelaide, Australia. On 24th February the rules regarding the pandemic were relaxed and people encouraged to go back to work. Masks were no longer compulsory and those with Omicron, the latest, less lethal strain of the Corona virus, did not have to isolate as it was deemed no more lethal than the common cold or flu. Borders to other countries opened and people started to book holidays once more. Over 150,000 people had died and the virus was still with us. **2022:** Reverend Woodford had wanted internet access for the Church so that services could be streamed to those unable to attend. Joe Barlow took on this project when Reverend Woodford left the parish and was successful in obtaining a grant. The internet was installed, via the internet at the Church Centre using an unobtrusive dish and antenna, and the first service to be streamed took place on Thursday 24th March.

Pam Beesley March 2022

Rainbows 35th Birthday day trip to Waddow Hall Lancashire

At 8:30am on 7th May 8 Rainbows and 2 Leaders from 202nd Liverpool Rainbows met at St Margaret's school in Aigburth to head off to Waddow hall in Lancashire for a 35th Birthday activity day. A total of 240 Rainbows would be there to join in with a variety of activities.



After a long journey there we finally arrived at 10:30am and headed to our first activity which was Bush craft. The Rainbows learnt how to use a flint stick to make a fire. Some of them found this difficult but in true Rainbow style they all had a go and then they toasted some Marshmallows which definitely went down well.

The next activity was giant games and also a last Olivia doll (Rainbow mascot) in the shop it was time for a group photo. Getting 240 impossible task.



In the afternoon the Rainbows made a bee making a chocolate wormery and chocolate finale before heading back for the coach. We happy but tired Rainbows.

planting a sunflower seed and playing some trip to the shop. One of my Rainbows got the which she was very pleased about. After lunch Rainbows to all look at the camera is an

fridge magnet, suncatcher and then enjoyed crispy cakes. After this it was time for the arrived back in Liverpool at 7:30pm with 8

All the girls had a great time and to quote one of the Rainbows "it was a 10/10 day". *Becky Conlon*



HALEWOOD CULTUREFEST EVENTS

Date	Event	Venue	Time	Further Information
Friday 24 June	Bat Walk	Environmental Centre Okell Drive	9.00 pm	Free Please wear suitable clothing
Friday 24 June	Film Night 'Encanto'	St Nicholas' Centre	6.30 pm	Tickets free
Saturday 25 June	Plant Swap and Giveaway event	St Mary's Church Car Park	10.30 am - 12.00 midday	Free entry
Saturday 25 June	All Age Football Fun Day	Leathers Lane	10.30 am - 2.30 pm	Contact George Vaughan 10georgev@tiscali.co.uk or any of the Leathers Lane Football organisers
Saturday 25 June	Barn Dance	Hollies Hall	7.30 pm	Entry free
Sunday 26 June	Singalong Songs and Scones with Memory Lane Singers Including an introduction to 'Back in the Day' Event	Arncliffe Memory Lane Garden	2.00 pm	Tickets free
Monday 27 June	Afternoon Tea with Talk by Fiona Martin Behind the Scenes of Theatre and TV	St Nicholas' Centre	2.00 - 4.30 pm	Tickets free
Monday 27 June	Halewood History and Heritage Talk by Historian Mike Royden	St Mary's Church	7.30 pm	Tickets free
Tuesday 28 June	Art Workshop Stone Painting led by Ken Allen	St Nicholas' Centre	2.00 pm	Cost £5 (limited numbers)
Tuesday 28 June	Mayor's XI v Patron's XI Cricket Match	Halewood Academy	6.30 pm	Players welcome, contact alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com
Wednesday 29 June	Pub Quiz Night	St Mark's Parish Centre	7.30 pm	Free To enter a team (6 players) contact Alison Shacklady Alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com or Mal.owen@btinternet.com
Thursday 30 June	Liverpool Male Voice Choir	Hollies Hall	7.30 pm	Tickets free
Friday 1 & Saturday 2 July	Art and Craft Exhibition (Including Back in the Day Event on Friday)	St Mary's Centre and Church	10.00 am - 3.00 pm	Entry free
Friday 1 July	Card Making Workshop Led by Linda West	St Mary's Church	2.00 - 3.00 pm	Tickets £2.00 (limited numbers)
Saturday 2 July	Flower Arranging Workshop	St Mary's Church	1.00 – 3.00 pm	Tickets £5.00 (limited numbers and children must be accompanied by an adult)
Saturday 2 July	Give my Regards to Broadway	Hollies Hall	7.00 pm (Buffet served at 7.15 pm)	An evening of music with Opera Viva plus Buffet Ticket prices £10.00
Sunday 3 July	The Yarn by Rob Brannen Imaginarium production	St Nicholas' Church Grounds	2.00 pm	Information and tickets from https://www.imaginariumtheatre.co.uk
Sunday 3 July	Closing Service	Hollies Field	5.30 pm	

Also keep an eye open for our knitted Owl and Pussycat pillarbox toppers and scenes around Halewood and the Owl and Pussycat Sculpture Trail right across Knowsley from 20 June to 4 September including four in Halewood <https://www.cultureknowsley.co.uk/>

**Film Night
Encanto**

Friday 24th June 6.30 pm

St Nicholas' Centre

Tickets free

Contact Alison Shacklady alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com or 07909652442,
or any member of the CultureFest steering group.



Bat Walk around Halewood Triangle

Friday 24 June 2022 at 9.00 pm

Meet at Halewood Environmental Centre, Okell Drive

(Please wear suitable clothing and footwear)

Booking advisable: 0151 488 6151

ALL AGE FOOTBALL FUN DAY

**Saturday 25 June 10.30 am – 2.30 pm. Contact George Vaughan
10georgev@tiscali.co.uk or any of the Leathers Lane Football
organisers or follow this link:
<https://halewoodtownjfc.co.uk/culturefest22>**



Plant Swap and Giveaway



Saturday 25th June 10.30 am – 12 midday

**Bring along any plants or seeds you would like to swap or just come
and collect things**

All free of charge!



**7.30 pm Saturday 25 June 2022
at Hollies Hall**

Recorded music with caller Jim Craig

Tickets Free and Nibbles provided

Contact Alison Shacklady alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com or 07909652442 or any member of the CultureFest steering group for tickets.

Singalong Songs and Scones



You are invited to a great afternoon of music and refreshments.

**Music provided by Memory Lane Singers
2.00 pm Sunday 26th June at
*The Memory Lane Garden
Arncliffe Centre, L 25 9PA
Admission free***

Tickets from alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com
or any member of the CultureFest committee

**Behind the Scenes of Theatre and TV: Talk and Afternoon Tea
Monday 27th June 2022**

2.00 - 4.30pm

At St Nicholas' Centre

Presented by Fiona Martin

Admission free

Tickets available from alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com
or any member of the CultureFest Steering Group



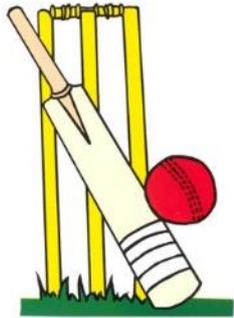
Halewood History and Heritage

An Illustrated Talk by Historian Mike Royden



Monday 27th June at 7.30 pm
At St Mary's Church
Entry free

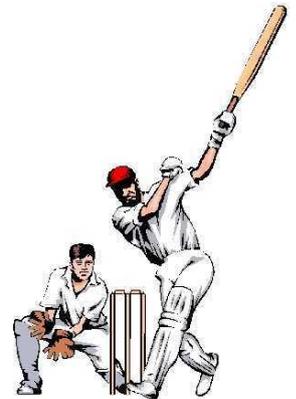
Tickets available from Alison Shacklady alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com
or any member of the CultureFest steering group



The Mayor's XI Versus The Patron's XI

**Annual Cricket Match for
'The Patron's Pot'**

**Tuesday 28 June at 6.30 pm at
Halewood Academy**



Pub Quiz Night

7.30 pm Wednesday 29th June 2022

St Mark's Social Club Halewood

Teams of up to six people - Free entry

Winners will be awarded the Fran Wyatt Trophy



Pub Quiz Team Entry Form

We would like to enter a team in the Halewood CultureFest Pub Quiz to be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 29th June 2022 at St Mark's Social Club, Fir Lane, Halewood L26 0UB

Our Team will be representing.....

Team Name.....

Signed..... Please print name.....

Date..... Contact telephone number.....

Email address.....

Please return completed forms to alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com or mal.owen@btinternet.com, or give them to a member of the Halewood CultureFest Steering Group by 13th June 2022.

For further details and an entry form contact Alison Shacklady 07909652442 alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com, Mal Owen mal.owen@btinternet.com or any member of the CultureFest Steering Group.

The Liverpool Male Voice Choir in Concert



Thursday 30th June 2022 at 7.30pm

Hollies Hall

Admission free

Bar Available, plus raffle

Contact Alison Shacklady alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com or 486 2415 or any member of the CultureFest steering group for tickets.

Card Making Workshop

Friday 1 July 2.00 -3.00 pm

St Mary's Church

Tickets £2.00

(Limited Numbers)

You will make two cards based on the theme of the owl and the pussy cat.

All materials will be provided.



Tickets available from Alison Shacklady alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com, Linda West lindawest01@gmail.com or any member of the CultureFest steering group

Flower Arranging Workshop



Saturday 2 July 1.00 – 3.00 pm

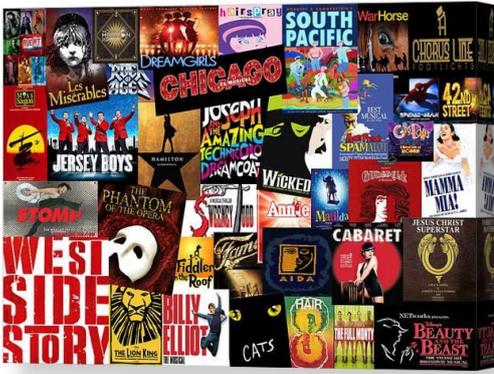
St Mary's Church

Tickets £5.00

(limited numbers and children-age 11+ must be accompanied by an adult)

Come along and learn some flower arranging tips including how to prepare flowers and using eco friendly options to arrange your flowers. Then you will have a chance to make your own arrangement. All materials will be provided.

Tickets available from Alison Shacklady alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com, Linda West lindawest01@gmail.com or any member of the CultureFest steering group.



Give my Regards to Broadway Featuring Opera Viva

7.30 pm Saturday 2 July

at Hollies Hall

An evening of music from Broadway Musicals Old and
New

Tickets £10.00 each including buffet

Bar available

Contact Alison Shacklady alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com or 07909652442

or any member of the CultureFest steering group for tickets.

Halewood Back in the Day Pop-up Community Archive

Friday 1 July, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm at
St Mary's Church and Centre, Leathers Lane,
Halewood L26 0TX

Knowsley Council, in partnership with Halewood
CultureFest, are holding an event for Halewood
residents to share their memories of the community.

Share your stories, photos and memories of events
and celebrations in Halewood to create an archive of
Halewood's cultural and community life, both past
and present.

To book a slot, email erin.cluskey@knowsley.gov.uk



ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION 2022
FRIDAY 1 JULY AND
SATURDAY 2 JULY
OPEN 10 – 3 DAILY



This event is open to anyone, but entry forms must be submitted before Monday 13th June. Entry forms are available by emailing lindawest01@gmail.com.

EXHIBITS MUST BE DELIVERED ON THURSDAY 30TH JUNE TO:-
ST NICHOLAS CENTRE, CHURCH ROAD, BETWEEN 10.00-11.30AM OR ST MARY'S CHURCH (ENTRY FROM THE CAR PARK OFF HILLINGDEN AVE) BETWEEN 3-4.30PM.
EXHIBITS DELIVERED TO ST NICHOLAS MUST BE SECURELY PACKAGED FOR TRANSFER TO ST MARY'S CHURCH.
ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH THE EXHIBITOR'S NAME.
FRAMED PICTURES SHOULD BE STRUNG FOR HANGING.
UNFRAMED PICTURES SHOULD BE MOUNTED PREFERABLY WITH CREAD CARD.



EXHIBITS CAN BE COLLECTED FROM ST MARY'S AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE EXHIBITION ON SATURDAY 2ND JULY (BETWEEN 3.30-5.00 PM), OR ON SUNDAY 3RD JULY (BETWEEN 12 midday-1.00 PM AFTER THE MORNING SERVICE).

Free Entry
Refreshments available

The Yarn by Rob Brannen

Imaginarium production in the grounds of St Nicholas Church: 5.30 pm Sunday 3rd July

'The Yarn' is a part of the group's Outdoor Summer Tour.

Information and tickets from <https://www.imaginariumtheatre.co.uk>



Closing service on Sunday 3 July at 5.30 pm on the Hollies Field.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Celebrate Pentecost and the Platinum Jubilee with the Two Cathedrals service

5th June 3:00 pm at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

The traditional Pentecost service returns to Liverpool 40 years after Pope John Paul II made his historic visit to both cathedrals in 1982. Our ecumenical Pentecost celebrations also form part of our celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen.

The celebrations start with an act of worship on the steps of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Worship continues with an all-age family service at Liverpool Cathedral starting at 3:45 pm. Following this, we have the Big Picnic for the Platinum Jubilee. With big games and fun activities provided by [In Another Place](#), you're invited to bring a picnic and join in the fun. We will have food and refreshments available from the Welsford Bistro.

Order of the day

- 3:00 pm - Act of worship at foot of Metropolitan Cathedral
- 3:45 pm - All age worship at Liverpool Cathedral
- 4:00 pm - Big Picnic starts inside Liverpool Cathedral

Our Pentecost and Platinum Jubilee celebrations are made possible thanks to the kind support of 'The Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund'

How two churches in Fazakerley declared a climate emergency

St Paul's and Emmanuel are Bronze Eco Churches. The churches work as one in many ways including their commitment to climate action. They describe their journey and top tips. [Find out more on the Diocese website.](#)



Make Jesus 100 part of your Rule of Life

Book launch St Michaels Blundelsands

13th June 2022 7:30 pm (refreshments from 7:00 pm)

We spoke to Robin Gamble, Bishop's Advisor for Growth in the Diocese of Leeds about his new book 100 Jesus. Watch the interview on the Diocesan website and find out how it can help you with your rule of life. Next week we interview Rev Neil Short on how it can support growth in our church.

Getting ready for the Great Big Green Week and the Season of Creation

The Great Big Green Week is a nationwide celebration of action on climate change, taking place across the UK from the 24 September - 2 October 2022, which falls during the Church's Season of Creation, giving Christian groups the perfect opportunity to join in.

Come along to hear about: how your church, cathedral, school or group can take part, inspiring examples from 2021, what organising a GBGW event involves, how to register your event, what grants are available and how to apply, and how it fits with the Season of Creation.

GREAT GARDEN CLEAR UP AT ST MARY'S



THANK YOU JANE AND GEOFF BULLEN!



OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING

Junior Church at St Nicholas - volunteers urgently needed

Hayley McShane has taken over from Mary Carew as Leader of the Junior Church and urgently needs some more volunteer helpers to put on the rota. If you can help, please contact Monica at clemeh.nh@hotmail.co.uk

Volunteers needed please

We are now serving tea and coffee after our Sunday morning services at St Nicholas'. We could do with a few more volunteers to join the rota. You could join as a family group, with a friend or on your own and we will match you up with another volunteer.

Please contact Alison Shacklady alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com or Lesley Webb lwebb74@hotmail.com

Calling all former bellringers!

Although we welcome visiting ringers, it's important to keep our bells ringing on a regular basis and our current local band is now very low in numbers - we usually only get 4 ringers on a Sunday, and this includes ringers from other towers. So if you've been wondering what to do for a bit of exercise after lockdown, and you don't want our bells to fall silent, why not try learning to ring? To find out more, contact our Tower Captain Gill Moore on 0151 475 5455 or gillmoore19@hotmail.com.



Bible Study Groups in Halewood

Are you interested in discussing and learning more about our faith and the Bible we base our faith on? In September, Vanessa and Mark Harrison will be beginning Bible study groups using a variety of new materials (Tuesday or Wednesday evenings). If you are interested in joining us please contact Vanessa on 07758490302 or ness.harrison@gmail.com

Request from Mothers' Union

Mother's Union have been asked to donate items for refugees coming to the Liverpool area particularly for pregnant or new mothers. The items particularly requested are:

Large size sanitary towels; breastpads; nipple cream; nice smellies for mums; baby bath foam and similar items; nappies size 0-2; baby grows/baby clothes; small blankets. Also, craft items, eg wool and needles; large saucepans.

For more information or to donate contact Sheila Bersin on 486 7565

Sheila also says: If anyone could knit some "Teddies for Tragedy", it's a good way to use up the oddments of wool. Sheila has the pattern if anyone needs it. Very easy and colourful and it's only garter stitch with stocking stitch for the head. And doesn't take long!

Live Streaming of services on YouTube

Thanks to some grant funding we have now installed cameras in St Nicholas' to enable us to live stream services on YouTube. The YouTube channel is called St Nicholas St Mary's Halewood Team and the direct link is: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_QFMMV0MxaTa38ibdkzVag.

We will be streaming Sunday services live and it will also be available for you to watch later. You may wish to make use of this if you are unable to attend church in person for any reason.

We are live streaming Sunday and Thursday morning services. If you subscribe to our YouTube Channel (It's free) it will make it easier to access in future.



“We asked food bank managers and users across the UK, and these are all the things people say consistently – time and time again – they need, but they are not things people often think to buy,” says Hodson. “And they make such a difference.”

1. Toilet roll

This is self-explanatory, and always necessary. “One food bank is having to ration it to one roll per household,” says Hodson.

2. Sanitary towels and tampons

“We don’t have the data on how users of the food banks break down across gender lines,” says Hodson. “When someone comes to the food bank, they’ll often pick up for the whole household.” But she adds: “[Feminine hygiene products] are an awkward thing to say that you’re short of. If you’re at the point where you can’t afford food, chances are that you’re not going to be able to afford sanitary products either.”

“It’s really important, especially in terms of dignity, to be able to cope. We’ve heard some horrible reports from some of our food banks where women were [having to use newspaper and that sort of thing](#). Obviously, you have to be resourceful in these situations and people come up with all kinds of coping mechanisms, but we’d prefer they didn’t have to cope, and that they actually were able to have what everybody else has.”

3. Tin openers

“There are all kinds of people who don’t have these, especially women who’ve been relocated because of domestic abuse,” says Hodson.

And as food banks get a lot of tinned, non-perishable food, this is a handy thing to drop off at the collection point.

4. Nappies

Generally, food banks would prefer disposable nappies over cloth nappies. “The best thing people can do is call their local food bank and find out what they need,” says Hodson.

“We get parents with children of all ages. Some of the most stark cases are women who have literally just given birth and haven’t got anything, and are really struggling as well as being a new mum.”

5. Toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, deodorant)

You know how at Christmas, lots of people get packs of toiletries they don’t want, because it’s a bit of a standard present? Bring them along to your local food bank collection point. “If people don’t want them,” says Hodson, “it’d be amazing if they gave them to the food bank, because it’s the kind of thing that makes a massive difference.”

Shaving gels and foams are also welcome.

6. Baby food

Baby food is another item that many people don’t think to include on their list of donations to food banks, says Hodson. Well, now you know. *(taken from the Foodbank website)*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wedding bookings and Vestry Dates for weddings and baptisms

We now have a team of wedding secretaries (Rachel Mason, Keighley McLinden and Su O'Brien) who will be working with the wardens and clergy to look after wedding bookings and reading of banns, and they will also liaise generally with new and existing wedding couples. They can be contacted on a new dedicated email address: halewoodparishweddings@hotmail.com or at wedding vestries which will be held every third Thursday of the month from 7.00 - 7.45 pm at the St Nicholas' Centre. So the next wedding vestry will be held on **23rd June**. Keep a lookout in the parish magazine for an article introducing our wedding secretaries, so that you can recognise them if you see them in church!

Please note that we are fully booked for Baptisms up to and including July. From June, vestries for booking Baptisms to take place later in the year will be held on the first Thursday of the month starting on Thursday 9 June.

Vestry Dates

Thursday 9 June Baptisms

Thursday 23 June Weddings

Thursday 7 July Baptisms

Halewood and Friends' Pilgrimage 2022

Due to a cancellation there is a place on this year's pilgrimage – 30th August – 2nd September based in Hertfordshire. The pilgrimage includes visits to churches in the area, including St Alban's Cathedral. Contact alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com 07909652442 for further details.

Confirmation 2022

Our Halewood/Hunts Cross confirmation service this year will be on Sunday 20th November at 6.30 pm. Confirmation preparation for adults and young people (Year 6 and above) will begin shortly. A separate email about this will be sent out.

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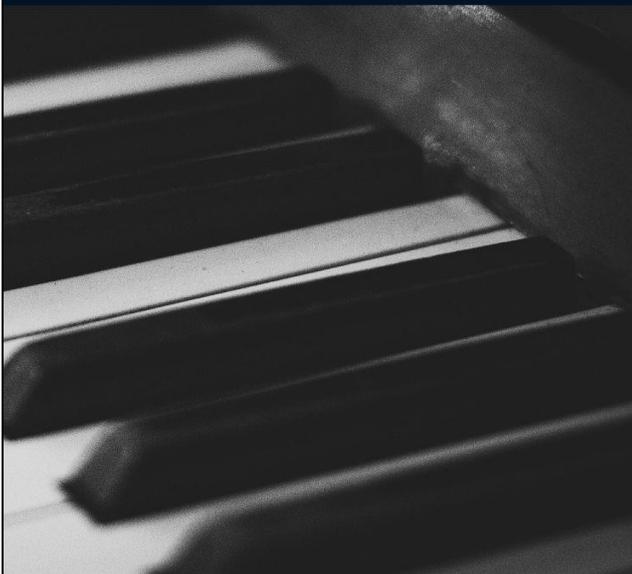
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