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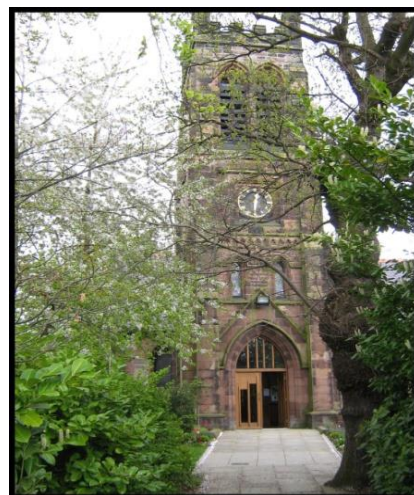
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Margaret*



O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Benedict of Nursia c.550)

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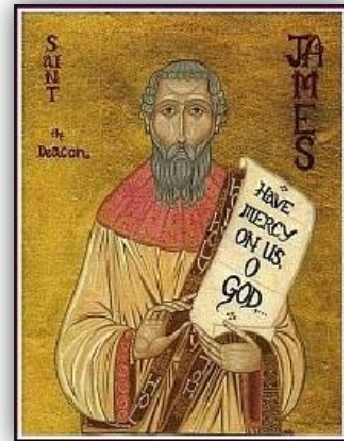
Change ... I wonder what you think of change. We are in the season of **change** currently. **Autumn** brings a change in weather and most excitedly, a change in



colour. Autumn is only a short season, but it has a big impact on walks and drives as we often see a bright autumnal sun and red, brown, orange leaves creating a wonderful carpet. Other changes are more unsettling. How much change has there been in Westminster over the past few weeks? In the

words of many on Twitter, three month old babies have had two Monarchs, three Prime Ministers, how many Chancellors (?) and let's not start on the number of Cabinet re-shuffles! Many are asking if **more change** is needed but for that we will have to wait and see! Who know by the time this Ministry Message is published!

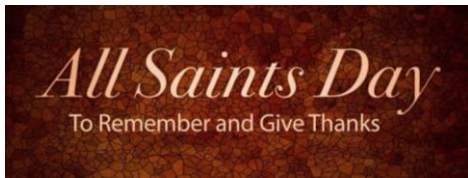
Change and challenge are two themes we seem to have to deal with in life more often than less. As we approach November these themes are also key. I wonder **how do you cope when change or challenge comes your way?** Have you heard of a man called **James the Deacon**? You are forgiven if you haven't! I came across James the Deacon by accident whilst preparing for our last HCC Meeting. James lived through a big time of change whilst ministering in Northumbria in 633AD. Yes, a very long time ago, but his story gives us a good response to the challenges of life. James' King (Edwin) who was a recent Christian convert died in battle. With the worry of what would happen with the King dead, his colleague and 'boss' the Archbishop of York (Paulinus) fled, along with the King's widow to Kent and left one solitary Deacon, to face the wrath of Mercia: that Deacon was James. James had a big decision to make but chose to risk everything and continue his role preaching the Gospel and helping the poor, living Gospel values. This decision was so risky for James especially facing the dangers a pagan Mercian ruler and many times he risked his own life. He wasn't part of a monastic order or had a protection squad, he was a lone worker for God. Why did James remain flying the flag for Christ? In all the changes he decided **staying** and holding firm was the right cause of action, **keeping the faith** because his faith was constant, God with Him (us), in his (our) very neighbourhood even when all others had left. For James, Godly service to his neighbours was key.



Time progressed; the pagan ruler of Mercia died. After around ten years of fighting the good fight on his own, a 'mission' returned to Northumbria to 'introduce' Christ to the area once again. When they arrived, they were shocked to find Christianity still evident in the area ... why ... because of the actions of one man who would not stop following his heart that beat in line with the heart of God. Once Christianity became authorised James spent his time teaching music, developing sung worship within churches, and is described by Bede as a man '**with honour and integrity**'. What a great description ... **how much do we long and pray for men and women of 'honour and integrity' to lead our nation?**

I was inspired by James the Deacon because despite the difficulties he was facing and the epic change in his locality, he did not run but faced the change with strength because of his faith. He stood up and stood front to ensure his neighbours continued to grow in faith and knew Kingdom values. I had never heard of James, but he is remembered each year on 11th October, the date of our last HCC meeting. I found his actions to be an inspiration to begin our meeting, as we discussed items linked to us functioning as Churches in interregnum and well as recognising that all Christians currently minister and live in a country with change and challenge in bucket loads.

As we approach November, the month begins with **All Saints Day**, a day to remember ALL saints who have touched our lives in a positive way. **Who have you been blessed to know, maybe a rock in times of change or challenge?** When we lose someone in life it is often only then that we truly realise what



an impact they had in our lives and part of our grief is being thankful for them as we come to terms with their absence.

Have you known a James, someone who kept the faith with you even when times were tough? Have you met a James who used their skills to enhance your life? Music, cooking, driving, listening? If we turn the question around, **are we a**

James to others we know? Do we have the patience when times are hard to step up and step front and be the rock someone needs? Does our faith come from our heart and drive our hands and feet to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our friends or a stranger in need? Will someone thank God for your presence in their life by a simple act of love or gratitude?

Further into November we stand silent on **Remembrance Day** on the 11th and then commemorate the sacrifice of those involved in conflict two days later Remembrance Sunday. Men, women, and children all



played their part, stepping up and stepping front at a horrific time of change and challenge to defend the rights of others across Europe and soon within Africa and the East. From acts that began in central Europe, the world stood up against the spread of evil, not once but twice and then again in more modern conflict. Why did people do this? Just as James remained and stood up in his locality to ensure **hope** remained, nations and

individuals were stirred to **bring hope to the persecuted** and destroy the works of evil. Apathy was lost and a united new hope for the future was revived.

On 20th November we remember **Christ the King**, the King of Peace and King of Kings, Jesus, God with us, who is the way to eternal life. Then dare I say, 27th November leads us into **Advent** as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the light in the darkness who came to live in our very neighbourhood, the reason why we can know God. Advent is also a time to remember the second coming of Jesus, a time in the future when heaven and earth become one and Revelation begins.



In times of change and challenge, as we progress through November, what (or who) will be our rock and anchor? **Faith** is the rock that never changes because as scripture says, **"Jesus is the same, yesterday and today and forever"**. How will we respond to the challenge you or others face? Will we be remembered like James the Deacon, maybe as a modern day Saint to a person we know or come across, or like someone who

contributed in a little or big way during their person or a national / global conflict. **Can you help in a small way** by adding a few tins to a Foodbank, can you assist with a Warm Hub as people struggle with the affordability of gas / electricity or have you already assisted with new Ukrainian friends settling in our City and Borough? Jesus asked of his followers, paraphrased in a familiar Assembly song: 'When I needed a neighbour, were you there?' and in James we read: **"²⁷ Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in**

their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.” What a mantra to have as we live our lives, facing our challenges, and standing side by side with others to weather theirs in **FAITH**.

This November, let us enjoy the environmental changes of the season but also look to the ‘little people’ who make a big difference in our lives, thank them for the difference they make, and let us remember those who are no longer with us with a smile on our face because of a grateful heart, for the joy they gave or their actions that brought freedom to us or others. Let us also be mindful to ensure our own actions represent the Kingdom we are part of and the King we serve.

Hebrews 6 talks of certainty in times of change and challenge... a perfect way to close this Ministry Message:

*“When people make promises, they guarantee them by appeal to some authority above them so that if there is any question that they’ll make good on the promise, the authority will back them up. When God wanted to guarantee his promises, he gave his word, a rock-solid guarantee—**God can’t break his word. And because his word cannot change, the promise is likewise unchangeable.**”*

*We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to **grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go.** It’s an unbreakable spiritual lifeline, reaching past all appearances right to the very presence of God where Jesus, running on ahead of us, has taken up his permanent post as high priest for us....”*

How great will it be to have **your name remembered** just like James the Deacon because you stood strong alongside your neighbour, maybe when others ran ‘to Kent’ or hear those immortal words from heaven: **“Well done, good and faithful servant.”** **Let’s make November a month to remember** so you can enter Advent ready and prepared to worship Immanuel and welcome His Majesty.

Matthew



NOVEMBER SERVICES

Thursday 3 rd November:	9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
Sunday 6 th November:	<i>3 before Advent (2 Thessalonians 2.1-5 & 13-17, Luke 20.27-38)</i> 10.30 am St Mary Morning Worship/Baptism: Colin Critchley 11.00 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy & Jen Radford 6.30 pm St Nicholas Commemoration Service: Andy Radford 11.00 am St Hilda Holy Communion: Katy Canty
Thursday 10 th November:	9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
Sunday 13 th November:	<i>Remembrance Sunday/2 before Advent (2 Thess. 3.6-13, Luke 21.5-19)</i> 10.30 am St Mary Holy Communion/Remembrance: Bill Forster 10.45 am St Nicholas GMJC Parade/Remembrance: Andy Radford 12.15 pm Baptisms: Andy Radford 6.30 pm No service 11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship/Remembrance: Graham Milford 6.30 pm St Hilda Commemoration Service: Andy Radford
Thursday 17 th November:	9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
Sunday 20 th November:	<i>Christ the King (Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23.33-43)</i> 10.30 am St Mary Morning Worship: Matthew Hargreaves 11.00 am St Nicholas Morning Worship: Carol Burke 5.00 pm St Nicholas Confirmation Service: Bishop Geoff/Rev David Goowin/Rev Clement Matarirano 11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship: Colin Critchley
Thursday 24 th November:	9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
Sunday 27 th November:	<i>Advent Sunday (Romans 3.11-14, Matthew 24.36-44)</i> 10.30 am St Mary GMJC: Matthew Hargreaves & Mike Sutcliffe 11.00 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Graham Amey 6.30 pm St Nicholas Evening Worship: Matthew Hargreaves 11.00 am St Hilda Holy Communion: Andy & Jen Radford
Thursday 1 st December:	9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford

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Thanks everyone! Alison



A RECENT VISIT TO SHREWSBURY

A recent visit to Shrewsbury, and the need for a tourist map, meant a visit to Shrewsbury Library and the discovery of this wonderful art work.

The bench was inspired by the life and works of Wilfred Owen. It was created as part of the Wilfred Owen 100 celebrations. The commemorative bench was a collaborative work involving Shrewsbury Heritage, Shropshire Archives, Shropshire Arts Service and Shrewsbury Library.

Inspiration was provided by a poet for Art and Design students from the Shrewsbury Colleges Group to submit their designs. The winner was Olivia Goddard-Cockaday. The art work uses an obscured picture of Owen and another soldier, their minds drifting in the fog of war, along with words from Wilfred Owen's poems, including Anthem for Doomed Youth.



HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST NICHOLAS & ST MARY'S





Thanks Gill and Colin.

Christmas Workshop October 2022

Over 30 people took packs of 5 Christmas Cards (4 shown below), some working remotely, but most attending at St Mary's Church. From the feedback everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, including the refreshments when we had completed the first 3 cards, and some have already booked and paid for the next workshop which will be on Saturday 15th April (after Easter Sunday). We made £340 for St. Mary's. Thanks to all who participated.



Thanks Linda.

Part two of the article on the Pilgrimage is attached separately.

HALEWOOD WARM HUBS

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The Arncliffe Sports & Community
Arncliffe Road
12pm - 2pm

TUESDAY

Halewood Youth Centre (Boyzee)
Lichfield Road
12pm - 2pm

WEDNESDAY

St Marks Parish Centre
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1pm - 3.30pm

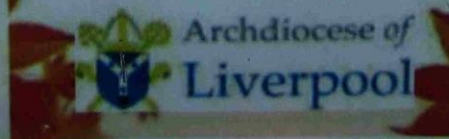
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Men's Events

Andy has shared the following details about this men's event taking place in November:

Aigburth Cricket Club for Curry and inspired talk. Friday 18th November with popular and inspirational speaker Carl Beech. More information to follow.

Prayers

If you would like us to include someone in prayers on a Sunday morning and/or evening, there is a book at the back of each church to which you can add names. Please ask the duty warden/steward .

Help needed with Children's Work at St Mary's

A message from Katie Cardwell

So, reopening after lock down, the numbers at St Mary's Junior Church have more than tripled which, of course, is an answer to prayer: however, we are struggling with the small number of helpers that we have. If you are able to go onto the rota to help with this please contact Katie on katiemc84@googlemail.com

A Message from Mike Sutcliffe

We need some help because we are struggling to run the after-school clubs, as we need at least another adult (as well as myself). We have 3 clubs at the moment:

JAM Club is a club for children in years 1, 2, and 3 and we're currently making our way through the New Testament. It takes place on Wednesdays from 15:30-16:30.

Boss Club is a club for children in years 4, 5, and 6 that takes place on Thursdays from 18:00-19:00.

Next Level is a club for secondary school children that takes place on Thursdays from 19:30-20:30.

If anyone is available during these times and might be able to offer some assistance that would be amazing.

You can contact Mike on natasia.circuitchildren@gmail.com

It is fantastic news that our children's work is really taking off again but we need people to help with all of this if that is to continue.

Knowsley Winter Warm Knitting Project

This year, as in previous years, we are knitting and crocheting items for the Knowsley Winter Warm Project: hats; scarves; neck warmers; fingerless mittens; shawls; knee blankets etc. This year these will be needed more than ever with the rising costs of fuel. We have simple patterns and a budget for wool. So if you are not already knitting for this and would like to be involved please contact Alison who will provide wool and whatever else you need.

SHINING LIGHTS





Just a bit of fun!

At a recent choir practice a definition was sought for the musical term 'syncopation'. The choirmaster defined this as a 'rapid movement between bars'. Some of the choir agreed to try it out after choir practice.

The magazine reported that at a recent choir concert, two members of the choir sang a duet – 'The Lord Knows Why'. Thanks are due to the vicar's wife who laboured all evening on the piano which as usual fell upon her.

Also

"Our vicar's sermons always have a happy ending. The moment they've ended everyone feels happy."



We are delighted to announce the next Bishop of Liverpool

Next Bishop of Liverpool to be The Right Reverend Doctor John Perumbalath

Downing Street has announced that the Ninth Bishop of Liverpool is to be the Right Reverend Doctor John Perumbalath. Bishop John will join us from the Diocese of Chelmsford where he has served as Bishop of Bradwell since 2018. He follows Bishop Paul Bayes who retired in February 2022.

Bishop John comes from the ancient Christian community in Kerala, South India, and was ordained into the Church of North India in 1994. He moved to the UK in 2001 taking up position in the Diocese of Rochester. Bishop John then served as Archdeacon of Barking before becoming the Bishop of Bradwell in 2018.

Amongst other roles, Bishop John is the Chair of Churches Refugee Network of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. He is the Church of England's Lead Bishop on Churches Together in Britain and Ireland relations and a trustee of CTBI. He chairs Christians Aware, an educational charity, and serves on the Anglican Communion-wide Advisory Group of USPG, an Anglican mission society. The Bishop lectures widely on faith and social engagement and in Biblical theology.

Bishop John demonstrates the influence of the evangelical, Anglo-Catholic and Oriental Orthodox traditions that shaped his theology and contributed to his formation and follows a Benedictine framework of spirituality. He has served in catholic and evangelical parishes and has been known as a unifying leader in situations of conflict.

Bishop John is married with one adult daughter. He is a keen walker and enjoys reading poetry and novels from various parts of the world.

Bishop John says "I am delighted and humbled to have received this call to be the next Bishop of Liverpool. I have come to love Liverpool through my numerous visits when my daughter was in university here for six years. I look forward to becoming part of the vibrant and diverse communities served by the Diocese of Liverpool.

We have many challenges ahead of us both in the church and society. A pandemic has shattered human confidence and a cost-of-living crisis is staring at our face. Anxiety, fear, and anger take many forms in such a context.

As a follower of Christ coming to lead a diocese that aspires to be a bigger church to make a bigger difference, I want to proclaim and live out a message of hope, peace, and justice. I pray that I will lead a church that is faithful in offering our communities the hope that we have in God, serving the communities by working together well and in partnership with others.

The good news in Jesus Christ breaks all barriers and boundaries and is always welcoming and inclusive. I am excited about leading God's people out to proclaim this good news in words and deeds in a new context and to love and care for those I serve".

Welcoming the appointment Bishop Bev, The Bishop of Warrington, said "Bishop John is an excellent appointment to our diocese and his wisdom and grace will help guide us as we continue to seek to be fit for mission asking God for a bigger church to make a bigger difference. I look forward to welcoming him and Jessy and working alongside him in our diocese."

The Archbishop of York, the Most Reverend Stephen Cottrell, added: "It is a huge joy to be welcoming John Perumbalath as the next Bishop of Liverpool. John is a person of huge vision and integrity, a biblical scholar, a champion for justice, a loving pastor, and a humble and good-humoured disciple of Jesus Christ.

"Strengthened by his care and leadership, the Liverpool diocese will continue to be a bigger church striving to make a bigger difference. Building on the courageous example of previous Bishops of Liverpool, John will be a new and compelling voice for the Christian faith in the Liverpool diocese, across the north and in the life of our nation."

The Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani said: "Bishop John has made a hugely significant contribution to the life of our Diocese as Bishop of Bradwell and before that as Archdeacon of Barking. I have very much enjoyed getting to know him and serving alongside him since I became Bishop of Chelmsford.

"His leadership in the life of the wider church has also been highly valued during his time in our diocese, particularly as a member of the College of Bishops and more recently the House of Bishops, and as Chair of the Churches Refugee Network for Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, and during the period in which he served as Chair of the Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns.

"His appointment is good news for the Diocese of Liverpool and the Church of England, and I offer John my warm congratulations. But, of course, we will miss him in Chelmsford Diocese and particularly on the Bishop's Leadership Team and in the parishes and the worshipping communities of the Bradwell Episcopal Area. We will be praying for him and for his wife as he prepares for this next step in his ministry."

Bishop John is expected to be installed in Liverpool Cathedral in a special service early next year. Until that time Bishop Bev, the Bishop of Warrington, will remain as Acting Bishop of Liverpool.

Enthusiastic welcome for the next Bishop of Liverpool

The cheering, enthusiastic pupils from the Beacon CE School, Everton set a day of welcome for Bishop John Perumbalath as we announced he was to be the Ninth Bishop of Liverpool. In media interviews following the announcement, Bishop John set out a vision of compassion challenging us all to build communities and urging the government to show more humanity stating "I think many of our politicians don't probably understand how ordinary people live".



We welcome announcement of energy grants for parishes

The Diocese of Liverpool has welcomed the announcement of the Energy Costs Grant from the Church of England. The grant, which will be distributed by dioceses, is intended to support PCCs with the cost of heating. We will make sure our full share of this grant is transferred to parishes as soon as possible and are working out the fairest system for this distribution. We will write to parish treasurers early next week with the full details.

Archdeacon Simon Fisher commented "We are grateful for the help the energy support grant brings to parishes and our determination to target it to those in greatest need. This will not solve all the challenges we face and we will continue to work with the national church on further support. However, we hope that this will provide some support with the challenge of energy costs."

You can find hints and tips on saving energy costs on the Church of England website.



Vacancy- Parish Administrator

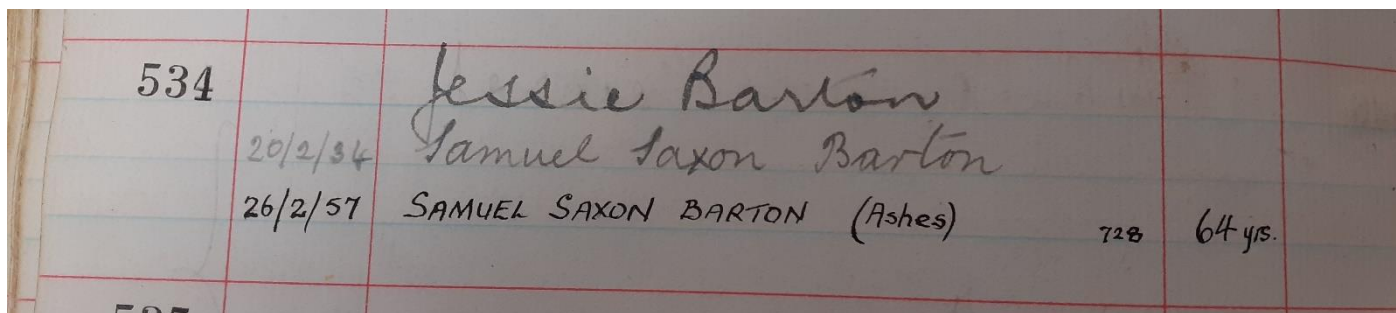
St Nicholas' and St Mary's Churches Halewood (Halewood Local Ecumenical Partnership) are looking to appoint a part time (20 hours a week) Parish Administrator to be responsible for the smooth running of the Parish Office based in the St Nicholas' Centre, Halewood.

The post involves a range of clerical and administrative functions related to both Churches and the residential and business accommodation provided at the Church Centres. For further details about this interesting and varied post please visit the parish website www.halewoodparish.org where you will find all the job details or email halewoodparish@btconnect.com

Closing date for applications Friday 11 November 2022

Samuel Saxon Barton

We had a visit in church recently from two ladies who were looking for the grave of Samuel Saxon Barton. I checked in our burial records (see entry below). The Samuel Barton they were interested in was the most recent burial, which is of his ashes, but his father who had the same name is also buried there. The only person commemorated on the stone, though, is Jessie Barton. The ladies informed us that Mr Barton was a founder of the Richard III society, and Pam Beesley has now confirmed this and has found the following article: The Society is celebrating an anniversary in 2024 and the ladies wondered if the church could be involved in this - so watch this space! *Kate*



A SMALL BEGINNING: ORIGINS OF THE RICHARD III SOCIETY

by John Saunders

Perhaps inevitably, the events following the discovery of Richard III's remains in Leicester have rather overshadowed the 90th anniversary of the historical society founded in his name. This article seeks to remedy this and explain particularly to newer members how and why the Richard III Society began.

To do that we need to go back to 1924: during this year the first Labour government in Britain came to power in February under Ramsey MacDonald and lasted until the autumn, when the Conservatives led by Stanley Baldwin, returned to office. In the wider world Lenin died in Moscow, Calvin Coolidge was re-elected President of the United States and the summer Olympics were held in Paris. A more unusual event, hardly noticed at the time, took place in England during the late summer; a society was formed for an English king who had been dead for 439 years.

It all began in the village of Northwood at The Gate House, home of the Bacon family. The property straddled two counties and stood on Pinner Hill. The house itself was firmly in Hertfordshire but part of the garden lay in Middlesex; the Post Office deemed it all in the latter. The house had been built in 1919 on land that once formed a part of the Pinner Estate. The encroaching Metropolitan Line had not yet lost the area to suburbia, it was still rural Middlesex, still recognisable as Betjeman's 'lost Elysium'.

The Bacon family had recently moved south from their native north-west after the head of the family, Sewell Bacon, retired from running his Liverpool based business. On a day towards the end of August they were entertaining some friends visiting Liverpool. It was a balmy English summer's evening and after a hearty meal the Bacons and their guests sat out on the veranda to enjoy after

dinner drinks and good conversation. Their guests were Samuel Saxon Barton and Dr Philip Nelson, who were both enthusiastic amateur antiquarians with a particular interest in late medieval history.

The Bacons' youngest son, the 17 year old Patrick, was sitting out in the evening air with his parents and their guests; he was on his summer holidays from school in Rugby. Many years later he recalled the atmosphere of the evening's conversation: 'I was listening enthralled because the subject into which they tore with zest and knowledge was King Richard III.' Patrick himself loved history – it was the only subject that came alive for him at school, and here he was witnessing a passionate debate about the most controversial monarch in English history. Both Barton and Nelson firmly held to the revisionist view of the king, believing that the last Plantagenet had been harshly and unfairly dealt with by history. In the heat of the discussion the suggestion was made that they form a society to promote the revisionist cause and encourage research into the life and times of King Richard. There seems little doubt that it was Saxon Barton who uttered the genesis words 'Let's form a society'. In a letter he wrote many years later he quite specifically refers to himself as the one who 'started off to form this Society'. The idea met with an enthusiastic response: it was decided that Barton would be secretary, Nelson the treasurer, and the young Patrick Bacon the first member. They called themselves 'The Fellowship of the White Boar', and so it began.

The early years of the Fellowship are not easy to chronicle. There were no formal structures, minutes, membership records or publications. They were never more than a small circle of friends and acquaintances and did not actively seek a wider membership base. New members were more the result of serendipity than strategy. Saxon Barton, as secretary, was undoubtedly the lynchpin. However, they were a group of strong individuals, talented in their own fields, and what they did achieve with limited resources is worthy of record. They undertook research and engaged in public debate about King Richard, particularly during the early 1930s, when the contents of the urn in Westminster Abbey were examined and Mancini's account of events in 1483 were published. In 1934 the Fellowship were instigators of the memorial window to King Richard and his family in Middleham church, which remains one of the most poignant memorials to the king. With the advent of war in 1939 their activities declined and it wasn't until the 1950s, when Isolde Wigram made contact with Barton, that the Fellowship was revived and relaunched as the Richard III Society. But that's another story. For now, here's a little more about the lives of those first three members.

Our founder was born Samuel Saxon Barton in 1892 in the city of Liverpool, the son of Samuel and Jessie Barton. He was educated at schools in Liverpool and at Edinburgh University and trained as a surgeon, specialising in obstetrics and gynaecology. His reputation was established through work at various hospitals in the north-west of England and north Wales. During the First World War he served in the Royal Navy as a surgeon-lieutenant. A posting aboard HMS Dwarf saw Barton serve off the Cameroons and west coast of Africa. During this time he gained an expertise in tropical medicine and later acted as an adviser in this field to the Liverpool office of the Ministry of Pensions. He was awarded the OBE for his wartime service.

Barton was a man of many and varied interests. He was a gifted artist, having been trained by the celebrated Liverpool artist, James A Watts. His paintings were exhibited annually at the Cambrian Academy and the Liver Sketching Club. He also wrote verse, publishing three volumes in his lifetime. Physically he was similar to G K Chesterton, with an extrovert character to match. Patrick Bacon in later years recalled that 'he had Rabelaisian in the extreme. Perhaps he fooled some people into thinking that he was an arrogant exhibitionist – however, his scholarship was deep and true and he embellished it with a Shavian gusto and passion. He was a fighter who loved to be involved.' Saxon Barton died in 1957 as a result of a car accident and is buried in Halewood near Liverpool.

Philip Nelson was born in 1872 into a Liverpool ship-owning family. He was educated at schools in Birkenhead and thereafter studied medicine in Liverpool, London and Vienna. A potentially promising career in consultancy practice was cut short by injury to his right arm. Patrick Bacon recalled that he had 'a smile like an apologetic angel and a wit that burnished with every sentence.' He was an enthusiastic collector in many fields and had a deep interest in numismatics. His collection included alabasters, historical curiosities and numerous Greek and Roman marbles. Amongst his curios could be found a ring that once belonged to Warwick the Kingmaker and a hair from the head of James I.

Nelson was a recognised expert on cathedral and church windows and his book *Ancient Painted Glass in England 1170-1500* was for many years the definitive work on the subject. His expertise in other fields extended to Saxon archaeology and Chaucerian studies. His friendship with Saxon Barton was developed through their mutual membership of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire. They were both active members, at various times holding the offices of honorary secretary and vice-president.

Nelson died early in 1953 at the age of 81. His obituary notes with feeling that 'physically and intellectually he was cast in the heroic mould, and few who had the privilege of his friendship failed to be aware of a character that was noble and yet entirely humble.'

Patrick Bacon was born in Lancashire in 1906 and educated at Rugby. He served in intelligence during the Second World War and thereafter pursued a successful career in advertising. Despite being signed up in 1924, Patrick could not recall having much direct involvement with the Fellowship, although he kept in close contact with Barton and Nelson. He did, however, visit the site of the battle of Bosworth during the 1930s and remained committed to the revisionist cause. It was a chance meeting with Isolde Wigram that brought him back into the fold, and when the Fellowship was formally relaunched in 1956 he became its first chairman. His background in advertising and public relations was very helpful to the Society during the formative years of the 1960s. He held the post until his retirement in 1971, when he was succeeded by Jeremy Potter. Following his retirement from the chair, Patrick was elected the Society's President, a post which had been vacant since Saxon Barton's death 14 years earlier. Patrick remained President until his own death in 1996, shortly after his 90th birthday.

What sort of historical society did Saxon Barton envisage? There is no doubt he wanted one based on scholarly research, as he noted in a letter from the 1950s: 'In my view historical belief must be based on facts where possible and on honest conviction.' What would he think of the Society today? His widow, Dorothy Barton, survived him by many decades, dying shortly before her 100th birthday in 1996. In 1989 she attended the Society's Bosworth commemorations and wrote to me shortly afterwards and noted 'How delighted Saxon would be to know that the torch he lit so long ago is not only still burning brightly but is so much strengthened. Long may it continue.' Some 25 years later I rather suspect he would be even more delighted.

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Volunteers Needed - We have a small dedicated band of cleaners who clean at St Nicholas' Church every Thursday after our communion service. They would welcome some additional help from 10 am for around 30-40 minutes. All cleaning materials provided.

If you are able to help, even if it is on occasional weeks, please speak to Lesley Webb or Graham Elliott. Thanks

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 Hayley at clmeh.nh@hotmail.co.uk

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 from Community Foundation Merseyside, we have 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 are streaming Sunday and Thursday morning services live and it is also 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.

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“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

Confirmation 2022

Preparation sessions

Our Confirmation Service this year will take place on Sunday 20 November at St Nicholas' Church. A number of our young people have already completed their confirmation preparation course and we are running a preparation course for adults. The last dates for this are 7th November, 14th November. The course is held at St Hilda's at 7.30pm and is also open to others who have already been confirmed and who may want to explore their faith further or who are as yet unsure about confirmation.

Vestry Dates. 7-7.45 at the St Nicholas' Centre

Thursday 17 November - Baptism and Wedding enquiries (please note change of date)

Thursday 24 November – Hand in Supplementary Information Forms for Faith Primary School Applications (See further information below)

Applications for Faith Schools

Secondary Applications for 2024 and 2025

We will shortly be issuing a guidance note for parents planning to apply for places at Faith secondary schools in 2024 and 2025 but in the meantime please be aware that attendance at church services is important for successful applications, with expected attendance levels at least three weeks out of four throughout the year. Please use the QR codes available in St Nicholas', St Mary's and St Hilda's to record your attendance. For secondary school applications the child applying is also expected to attend church. (Please check school websites for further details)

Applications for Halewood C of E reception 2023 entry

If you are applying for a place under criteria 3-8 (Faith Based) of the school's admissions policy <https://www.halewoodcofe.co.uk/admissions-202324/>

Could you please bring your Supplementary Information Form along to Vestry at the St Nicholas' Centre between 7-7.45 on Thursday 24 November and hand it in.

In the meantime it would be helpful to know if you are planning to apply for a place on Faith based criteria so that we can start checking your attendance at church in advance.

Please email Alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com for St Nicholas' members and gillian.dover@gmail.com for St Mary's members

Warm Hub - St Nicholas' Centre

We are opening the St Nicholas' Centre once a week, as one of the Halewood Community 'Warm Hubs' over the winter months, for local residents to come in for a couple of hours and save a bit of money on heating their own homes. Tea Coffee and biscuits will be available. All welcome.



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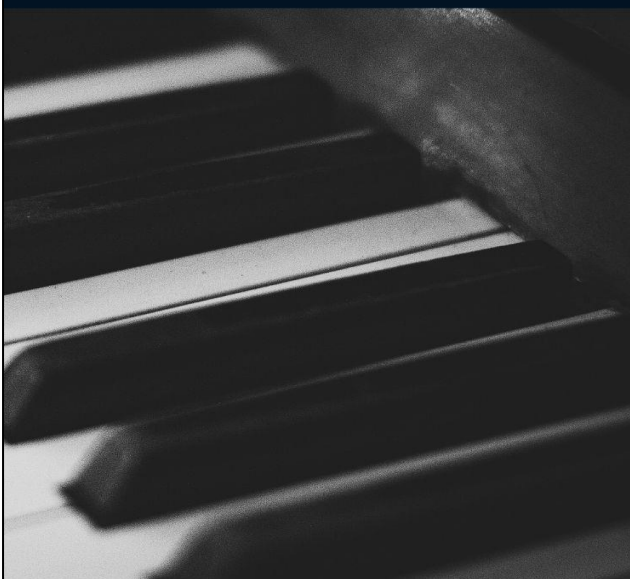
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