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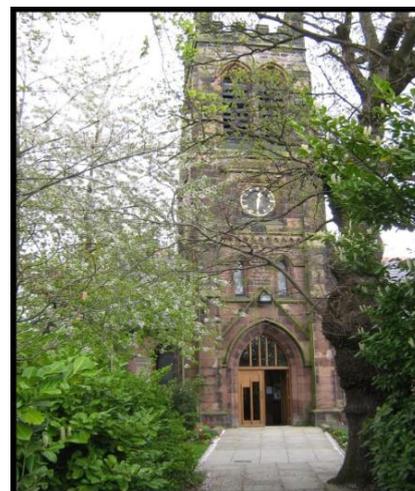
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Please feel free to send me any articles that may be of interest to our readers. Email address above. Margaret



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

As I write this message I feel quite refreshed from some time away on holiday, and time at a Christian conference. We all need space and time to get away from it all, a holiday or a sabbath rest. Indeed good rest and Holy days are commanded in scripture, where we set aside work to recharge our batteries and return in a better frame of mind and soul, to face our daily challenges. In fact in the Bible there is a lot of wisdom for life, and something which I try to discover and apply to my life. For that reason I set myself the task of regularly reading the Bible from cover to cover. Some time ago I was reading through Titus 3 and found some practical wisdom which challenged me. In just the opening two verses we are given some great ways to grow in faith. It contains seven separate instructions on how 'believers' should live. Just the word 'believer' should get us thinking on how we describe ourselves.

Titus 3

Do What Is Good

Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good. 2 They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarrelling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.

Perhaps take time out to pray and ask God to show you what he wants you specifically to take on board. Of course we need at first to accept that the Bible is God's word and is authoritative in guiding and directing our lives.

When I was reading it a couple of months ago, I felt reminded to be careful what I say about others - 'They must not slander anyone' but felt even more challenged to 'be gentle'. It's always a challenge to be better at loving others, and one way I can express this love is by being gentle. It reminds me of St Paul's famous definition of love in that it is 'patient and kind..' (1 Corinthians 13). While I was at the New Wine Christian conference we were reminded a lot of how God is gentle, patient and kind towards us. In our recent experiences of lockdown and rebuilding the church, there is a sense that we are fragile. In one talk we were likened to the injured man on the side of the road to Jericho. God is our Good Samaritan who tends to our wounds and needs, and supplies all we need to get us back up on our feet. I was so glad to hear these words, because so often we can be implored to 'suck it up' and just 'get on with the job'. Of course we do need to find inner strength to face our storms and struggles, but it is always best doing this knowing that the Lord cares for us as a mother cares for her children. He knows, understands and cares. He lifts us up when we fall and carries us through our most difficult times. Will you allow Jesus to minister to your 'wounds'?

So today my prayer is that all the believers in Halewood may reflect the patience, kindness and gentleness of God. First of all to each other and then to those outside of the church. Let's think of ways that we can demonstrate this in the coming days as we seek to obey God's instructions to us through his word. A simple way in which I can do this is in how I speak to people but also by giving people time to listen to them also.

Andy Radford

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

- Sunday 4th September: ***Proper 18/Trinity 12 (Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33)***
10.30 am St Mary Morning Worship: Garry Critchley
11.00 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
3.00 pm Elm Hall Drive: Rev David Goodwin (Circuit Superintendent) –
Welcome Service
11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship: Alan Kennedy
- Thursday 8th September: 9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
- Sunday 11th September: ***Proper 19/Trinity 12 (1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10)***
10.30 am St Mary Holy Communion & Baptism: Colin Critchley
11.00 am St Nicholas GMJC Parade (Commissioning): : Andy Radford
12.15 & 1.00 pm Baptisms: Andy Radford
6.30 pm St Nicholas Evening Worship: Matthew Hargreaves
11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship: Adam Grey (TBC)
- Thursday 15th September: 9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
- Sunday 18th September: ***Proper 20/Trinity 13 (1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13)***
10.30 am St Mary Morning Worship & Baptism :Andy Radford & Jen
Leading
11.00 am St Nicholas Morning Worship: Matthew Hargreaves
6.30 pm St Nicholas Holy Communion: Stephen Gough
11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship: George Perara
- Thursday 22nd September: 9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
- Sunday 25th September: ***Proper 21/Trinity 14 (1 Timothy 1 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31)***
10.30 am St Mary GMJC Commissioning: Matthew Hargreaves & Mike
Sutcliffe
11.00 am St Nicholas Morning Worship: Alan Kennedy
6.30 pm St Nicholas Evening Worship: Matthew Hargreaves
11.00 am St Hilda Holy Communion: Andy Radford
- Thursday 29th September: 9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford
- Sunday 2nd October: ***Proper 22/Trinity 15 (2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10)***
10.30 am St Mary Morning Worship: Adam Grey (TBC)
11.00 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Katy Canty
6.30 pm St Nicholas Evening Worship: Garry Critchley
11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship & Baptism: Andy Radford
- Thursday 6th October: 9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford

PARISH WALK – JUNE 2022

On Saturday 25th June we embarked on a church walk around the local parks in Woolton and Allerton, first meeting at the Centre then the Strawberry Field café for our usual hearty snack.

The group then assembled at the Pub in The Park, Allerton Hall and walked in glorious sunshine through the parkland and onto Woolton Road, heading to Camp Hill. (Woolton Woods site)

We had Jean Beck walking with us, who was born in Aberystwyth, so she was delighted to join our photo shoot at the top of Camp Hill, with the Welsh mountains as a backdrop in the distance.

We left Woolton Woods towards the village, ending up on Church Road, walking towards Reynolds Park. We stopped briefly at St Peter's graveyard where we took some photos of Eleanor Rigby's grave, immortalised by the Beatles in song.



Once in Reynolds Park we settled down in their lovely enclosed garden and had a well-deserved break. From there Penni took us down a mystery path, running from Church Road, past the Woolton Quarry site, to Quarry Street. Once there we failed to notice the incoming clouds and during a comfort break at Tesco's it poured down. Some of us headed back towards our cars, with the majority heading off to finish at the Allerton Tower Park. A lovely walk, some 5 miles plus, with a summer break now coming up.



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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



The New Pandemic Institute in Liverpool

Liverpool is to headquarter the new Pandemic Institute, committed to helping the world prevent, prepare, and respond more effectively to pandemics.

Launched on September 13th 2021, the Pandemic Institute is a medical, academic and civic partnership between the University of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool City Council, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and Knowledge Quarter Liverpool (KQ Liverpool).

The partners have an unrivalled breadth of world-leading clinical, academic, public health and data-driven expertise, all co-located on one campus. The Institute will have significant global reach with collaborations and hubs located across the world.

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Liverpool has pioneered innovative approaches including a whole city community testing pilot which cut transmission rates by a fifth, as well as hosting large-scale pilot events on behalf of the Government that provided evidence of how to safely reopen important sectors of the economy – developing Liverpool's reputation as a leader in pandemic management and resilience.

Initially funded by a £10 million gift from Innova Medical Group, a global health innovator and the world's largest provider of rapid antigen tests, the Pandemic Institute will be headquartered in The Spine, at Paddington Village. The Spine is soon to be designated one of the world's healthiest buildings and the newest addition to KQ Liverpool's impressive Health and Life Science campus.

The Pandemic Institute will offer world-leading clinical and research expertise across all stages of the pandemic lifecycle. It will have global reach, working across the world to deliver new science and build preparedness for future pandemics. The outputs of its work will be rapidly translated into tangible policy, solutions and activity, ensuring real world impact for governments, businesses and individuals across the globe. The overall aim is to accelerate the global response to pandemics, unify global intelligence and increase the reach and impact of pandemic research.

Professor Matthew Baylis, Director of the Pandemic Institute and Chair of Veterinary Epidemiology at the University of Liverpool, said: "The Pandemic Institute has the potential to help revolutionise how the world responds to pandemics.



“Uniquely, it will take a holistic view, from looking at future threats through to the response of communities and the healthcare system as well as treatments such as medicines and vaccines.

“Liverpool is perfectly placed to be the home for the Pandemic Institute – building on the foundations laid so far in the city, and its significant contributions in this field, Liverpool is a global city with expertise in many fields relevant to pandemics, including medical, tropical and veterinary research.

“We appreciate Innova’s support of the Pandemic Institute, and recognise the impact and significance of their generous gift for the city of Liverpool and wider global community.”

Daniel Elliott, CEO and President of Innova Medical Group, said: “Innova is committed to improving pandemic outcomes globally and we were attracted to Liverpool after being impressed by the unparalleled amount of large-scale pilot research programmes and the guidance on global public health policy that Liverpool provided during the Covid-19 pandemic.

“We are passionate about supporting organisations that will make a difference and it is clear now that pandemics are the biggest threat to the health of the world’s population, and that is why we are excited to support Liverpool’s partners with the Pandemic Institute, which has the potential to save lives and improve health outcomes for communities across the globe.”

REASONS WHY LIVERPOOL:

Liverpool is unique within the Higher Education ecosystem globally, in hosting medical, veterinary, public health, tropical medicine and behavioural science schools and institutes. Liverpool has an unrivalled breadth of world-leading clinical and academic expertise in the domains required to deliver an end-to-end response to the challenge of both the current and future pandemics, all co-located on one campus.

Liverpool has been at the centre of global pandemic research and science for many years. It boasts a unique ecosystem available to support the work of the Pandemic Institute. Furthermore, Liverpool is home to the world’s brightest minds in infectious diseases, more than providing the expertise and capability required.

Liverpool is a national leader in genomic sequencing, the crucial first step to understanding a pathogen and developing vaccines and treatments.

Liverpool hosts one of only five High Consequences Infectious Disease Units in the UK.

A world leader in COVID-19 testing, with Liverpool the first city globally to undertake city-wide smart asymptomatic COVID-19 testing pilot.

A sample of the anticipated year one outputs from the Pandemic Institute include:

Public health intelligence labs set up Category 3 GCP laboratories available.

Expansion and further development of on continent teams including in South East Asia, Africa and South America.

Physical space for open innovation in pathogen genomics operational.

Expanded clinical trial capacity building on the Agile model.

In-field genomic sequencing in final stages of testing and development.

More information about the Pandemic Institute can be found at <https://www.thepandemicinstitute.org>

“The UK monkeypox outbreak appears to be plateauing due to the altered behaviour of those at risk, @UKHSA testing and vaccination of those at risk.” It was a pleasure to talk to @MishalHusain @BBCr4today about #monkeypox @ThePandemicInst research

Friends of Friendless Churches - Finding hidden gems in Wales

On a recent visit to North Wales, I came across, for the first time, an organisation called the Friends of Friendless Churches <https://friendsoffriendlesschurches.org.uk/> From our annual Halewood and Friends' pilgrimages I was familiar with the Churches Conservation Trust but this was a new one on me. Set up in 1957, the Friends of Friendless Churches works to save redundant churches from demolition, decay and unsympathetic conversion. They look after over 60 churches across England and Wales. They receive no funding in England and a small grant in Wales, which perhaps explains why there are a number of their 'looked after' churches in the Principality. The churches they care for are no longer used for regular worship although occasional services may be held there and in some cases their churchyards are still open for burials.

The churches are not always easy to find, being located in out of the way places, up narrow tracks and even across ploughed fields and how they manage to get a modern hearse and funeral cortege to some of them took a bit of a leap of the imagination but they obviously did as we spotted quite a few recent burials in some of the churchyards we visited.



One of the befriended churches well worth a visit is St Cynhaearn's Church in Ynyscynhaearn (and no, I can't pronounce either of those wonderful Welsh names!). Situated not far from Criccieth, close to Blackrock Sands, the building dates from the twelfth century and there was probably a place of worship on the site as early as the seventh century. The church served as the parish church for the area until 1908.

Inside there is an amazing three decker pulpit which would easily have put the preacher more than six feet above contradiction and would also have put him directly opposite the raised seating in the north transept, where the local gentry would have been seated. No nodding off in the sermons there then.

As well as an interesting interior the churchyard is also the last resting place of a couple of famous local residents. It did

take us a while to find them as, a bit like our own churchyard in Halewood, the graves don't always follow a logical pattern.



The first of these belonged to a gentleman rejoicing in the name of John Ystumllyn who was better known locally as Jack Black (or Black Jack). Jack was brought over to Britain on a slave ship in the early 1700s. Of African descent, he was reputedly captured in the West Indies, and was just a child when he reached Gwynedd, to become a servant of the Wynne family.

It was fashionable at the time to have a black servant, and historians of the day claim he was one of the first black men to live in Wales. He was baptised as John Ystumllyn, and became a talented gardener who was held in high esteem by the community. "John was a very honest man, and was respected by the gentry and common people alike," writes Alltud Eifion in his 1888 book about him. "He was considered by the old folk as a very moral man; he told a neighbour, when he was on his death bed, that his main regret was that he played the crwth (fiddle) on Sundays." He married Margaret Griffith of Trawsfynydd, had seven children and owned his own small holding called Nhyrra. The inscription on his tombstone dating from 1791 reads 'I was born in the Indies – and then in Wales I was christened; Here in this dark, cold place I lie under a grey slate.'" (only in Welsh)



The second grave belongs to David Owen a local blind poet, composer and harpist. David died at the age of only 29 and is also known as "Dafydd y Garreg Wen" or David of the White Rock, as he came from Garreg Wen (White Rock) Farm. Owen wrote a tune called Dafydd y Garreg Wen, allegedly on his deathbed, after calling for his harp. His tombstone, which did take a bit of finding, has a harp engraved on the top of it. Much to my friend Jan's amusement, I decided I would honour David's burial place by singing as much as I could remember of 'Dafydd y Garreg Wen' as we had sung it with our school choir and it is a very beautiful piece. Jan reckoned that far from being honoured at my rendition, poor David was probably spinning like a top six feet below ground, as I was singing it in English rather than the Welsh in which it was written. Ah well, one tries one's best.

Anyway, if you are in the area I would recommend a visit to St Cynhaearn's and to any of the other churches looked after by the Friends of Friendless Churches. I'm certainly looking forward to visiting a few more. *Alison Shacklady*





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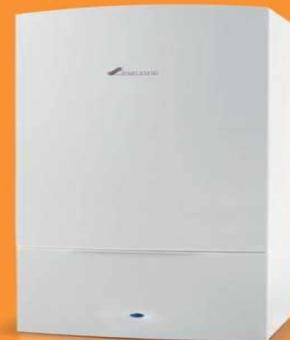
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AMAZING WORKS OF ART IN COURT FARM WOODS



Court Farm Woods - at the end of Court Avenue

A grant has been awarded for volunteer participation activities and health and well being events in Court Farm Woods - we invite suggestions from local residents for activities – all will be considered - please respond to the Facebook site - m.facebook.com/CourtFarmWoods/community/

Upcoming activities -

A. Yoga for Beginners , with Lisa - every Wednesday from 17 August to 28 September , 10.00 - 11.00 a.m. No experience or equipment necessary.

B. Mamma Fit - Mum Social - each Thursday from 18 August to 29 September , 1.00 - 2.30 p.m.
mums and kids together.



Durham Cathedral revisited

Some years ago we made Durham the base for the annual pilgrimage and had a great time following in the footsteps of Aidan, Bede and Cuthbert, amongst others.

We concluded with a visit to Durham Cathedral where we were amazed by their flower festival and a chance to view the Lindisfarne Gospels.

This summer I had to do a day trip to Durham to collect a passport from the Durham passport office with Gill Chambers (my son and her daughter are married). Amazingly the journey was unaffected by strikes, train cancellations and the worst thing that happened was no drinks trolley was available!

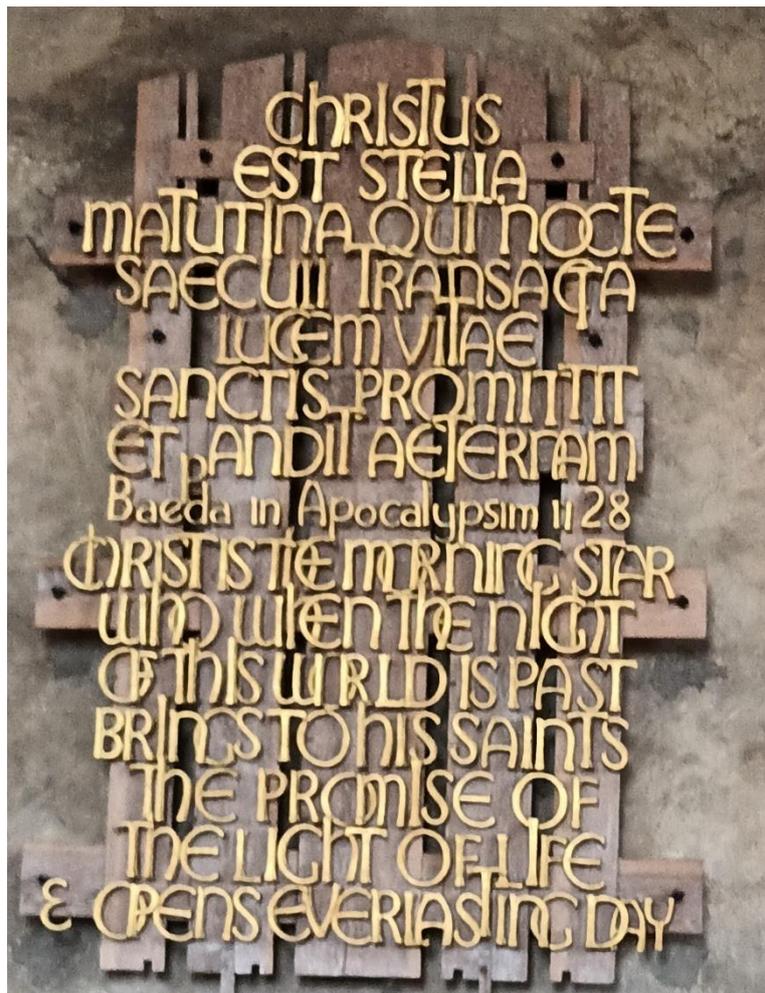
We arrived in Durham around midday, had lunch, then went for a walk along the river which allowed us to have some great views of the cathedral. Our route took us around the back of the cathedral and we just had to pop in so we could have coffee and cake (we can recommend the St Cuthbert's slice) and shop for souvenirs!



This year the cathedral had an interesting exhibition of blown glass titled 'The Life of St Bede' illustrating moments from the life and times of the Venerable Bede and St Cuthbert as described in Bede's writings. The exhibition is part of a major project called 'Glass Exchange'. The work exhibited has been done by established artists who do not usually work in glass but who have collaborated with skilled glass artists. The work was commissioned by Monster Chetwynd and the pieces on display in Durham Cathedral are by one of the commissioned artists, Katie Peterson.



Hopefully our pilgrimage to Hertfordshire and St Albans will provide some interesting stories to share with you...it's been a while since we had the pilgrimage instalments!



A few years ago we did a story about a Hospital Ship called AFRICA MERCY which dispensed free medicines and treatment around Africa.

And now here's another wonderful charity called ORBIS International which gives free medicines and surgery for eye problems in many countries....which includes a hospital in a Jet aeroplane called 'The FLYING EYE Hospital.

Orbis UK is an affiliate of Orbis International, an international charity working to make eye care available everywhere, for everyone, so no one has to experience the consequences of avoidable blindness.

Our mission is to use our amazing network of partners, supporters, staff and sector leading volunteers to empower local communities with the skills and resources necessary to fight blindness on their own. We work alongside eye teams in communities to provide training and guidance to leave a long-term eye care legacy that will restore vision for generations to come.

We build our networks on trust and commitment and seek to collaborate with corporate partners, fellow NGOs and local hospitals. We have made a promise to local eye teams to always strive for excellent, sustainable results that will suit our local partners' needs.

At Orbis we care deeply for the communities we serve. Whether they're in Ethiopia, Vietnam or Peru, our vision is to transform the lives of individuals, families and communities by helping lift them from the grip of blindness.

With the help of our amazing partners and supporters we've been a pioneer in the prevention and treatment of blindness for 40 years.

We have long-term projects around the world across countries including India, Bangladesh, Nepal, China, Vietnam, Ethiopia, South Africa, Ghana, Zambia, Cameroon, Peru, Mongolia and Indonesia. With the support of our partners we have trained hundreds of thousands of doctors, nurses, biomedical engineers and eye care workers over the past four decades. As a result we have positively impacted the lives of millions of men, women and children enabling them to see the world clearly and reach their full potential.

Impact In 2021 3.6 MILLION eye screenings and examinations conducted

MORE THAN 51,000 trainings for eye care professionals delivered

73 PROJECTS across 13 countries

We work where the need for eye care is greatest and where we can do the most good, working closely with governments and health ministries.

We strive for excellence in everything we do, from our world leading volunteers to our state-of-the-art Flying Eye Hospital and only the best training and practices will be passed on.

OUR HISTORY

Orbis UK is an affiliate of Orbis International, a global charity that brings people together to fight avoidable blindness.



Orbis is fortunate to have dedicated board members who are committed to helping us fulfill our mission.

Orbis UK are committed to equality, diversity and inclusion (ED&I) in the workplace and throughout our organisation. People are at the heart of who we are and what we do, so we believe in embedding policies and procedures that foster an equitable and inclusive environment for our staff, expert volunteers, and the people we support.

Orbis depends on caring individuals, companies and foundations to help treat and train eye care teams around the world. To find out more about the funds we raise and how we spend your money, please look at our annual reports below.

CORPORATE PARTNERS

We are incredibly grateful to our corporate partners for their amazing support. Their contributions range from major multi-year cash grants to critically needed gifts in kind.

FedEx Flying Eye Hospital and partners

At Orbis we look to attract inspiring and motivated people to help fight blindness in communities around the world. Experience is vital to any application but over and above this we are looking for individuals who share our values.

At Orbis, everything we do is guided by our vision to transform lives through the prevention and treatment of blindness.



We have high standards for how we achieve this. Here you will find information on how we keep people safe, our financial accountability and our involvement in the International Aid Transparency Initiative.

Funding from governments and other institutional donors plays an essential role in delivering Orbis projects that address blindness and visual impairment around the world.

ORBIS UK AMBASSADORS

We're very lucky to have some amazing individuals as our Ambassadors, from volunteers on our projects to business leaders, from ex-pilots to journalists.

Thanks, Colin!

Knowsley Urban Sketchers - 15 new workshops from August 2022 to April 2023

We are thrilled to announce that the Friends of Kirkby Gallery & Prescott Museum have been awarded funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to run a new series of workshops.

In our Knowsley Urban Sketchers sessions, we invite people to come along to come to different locations across the borough and capture them on paper, with a professional artist leading the group.

We aim to connect people with where they live, work and travel to/from through the artistic, storytelling and educational value of on-location storytelling. Exploring a different range of outdoor venues, each session will feature a short talk that brings the location's heritage alive.

The sessions will run 10am - 3pm in two sections: drawing on location in the morning then breaking for lunch, then coming together for the 'throwdown' and group critique/discussion in the afternoon.

The first of our workshops will be led by the following artists:

Tuesday 23 August: Julia Midgley, School Lane, Knowsley Village

Wednesday 24 August: Julia Midgley, Stocks and The Pasture, Cronton

Wednesday 31 August: Anthony Ratcliffe, Carr Lane Woods, Prescott

Thursday 1 September: Anthony Ratcliffe, Mill Dam Park, Kirkby

Wednesday 14 September: Pam Sullivan, Bowring Park & Court Hey Park, Huyton

Thursday 15 September: Tony O'Connell, Kirkby Industrial Estate (coach from The Kirkby Centre)

Wednesday 12 October: Pam Sullivan, St Martin's Church, Southdene, Kirkby

Thursday 13 October: Tony O'Connell, Halewood Park, Halewood

Wednesday 19 October: Gill Cowley, Quarry Green Heights, Kirkby

Tuesday 1 November: Gill Cowley, Glovers Brow and Mill Lane, Kirkby

The sessions are free. All you need to bring are your own drawing materials, lunch and drinks.

Please ensure that you wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the location and weather.

If you would like to attend any of the Knowsley Urban Sketchers sessions, please email tina.ball@knowsley.gov.uk or call 0151 443 4936 with your details so that we can add you to the register and contact you nearer the time with more information.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell to deliver Archbishop Blanch Lecture

Tuesday, November 22nd 7.00 pm
Liverpool Hope University

The Archbishop of York, the Most Revd Stephen Cottrell, will deliver the 25th Archbishop Blanch Lecture. His theme 'Opening the Scriptures' explores what this means in an increasingly secular culture and why it still matters for Christian discipleship. As a prolific author and a national leader with a pastoral heart for the mission of the Church, Archbishop Stephen will challenge and encourage us in this vital task.

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.

A Great Man FORGOTTEN : THOMAS BRASSEY (1805-1870)

Thomas Brassey - the world's greatest railway engineer?

Thomas Brassey was an English civil engineering contractor and manufacturer of building materials who was responsible for building much of the world's railways in the 19th century.



He started his career at the age of 16, in 1821. By 1847, he had built about one-third of the railways in Britain, and by the time of his death in 1870 he had built one in every twenty miles of railway in the world. This included three-quarters of the lines in France, major lines in many other European countries and in Canada, Australia, South America and India. He also built the structures associated with those railways, including docks, bridges, viaducts, stations, tunnels, and drainage works. He had brickworks, steelworks, locomotive factories....

Born near Chester, he started work on projects in Cheshire following his apprenticeship. He soon moved into railway projects after a meeting with George Stephenson. In 1835 he submitted a tender for building the Penkridge viaduct, which still carries the West Coast Main Line to this day.

This started a worldwide career, working with the other great engineers of his time, and leaving a lasting legacy to his day.

There is a Bust of Thomas in Chester Cathedral....and that's about it!!

TELFORD had a town named after him!!

Taken from Wikipedia

Thanks Colin!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING

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.

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 clemeh.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!

Donations of Raffle prizes required

The Boyzee in Halewood runs lots of activities and events supporting local children and families. Following a recent incident their much loved and much used minibus was destroyed in a fire. They are holding an event on 10 September to start raising funds for a replacement. The event will include raffles and a tombola. If anyone has any items which could be used as prizes, please pass them to Alison (after next week's pilgrimage) and they will be passed on to the group Thanks

Halewood Uni-Wise

Thanks to everyone who donated and collected items from this year's Halewood Uni-Wise and also a huge thank you to all those who volunteered to help with sorting, packing, displaying items and helping visitors to find what they wanted. A great church and community joint effort !

Live Steaming 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.

We are live streaming Sunday 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

WEDDINGS

Hello there, we are Keighley Racheal and Su, part of the new wedding team for Halewood parish weddings.

Our role is to invite any new and existing couples wanting to get married at St Nicholas, St Mary's or St Hilda's into the church community. We are very approachable, and are here to help with all your wedding queries. We are here to answer any questions you have about getting married at our churches, our banns procedures and even vow renewals. We want to make sure your booking runs as smoothly as possible, so we are heavily involved with couples to make their special day run smoothly as possible.



We hope to build new and lasting relationships with our wedding couples and fully welcome them and their families into our church.

We are excited to be taking on this new role and are looking forward to meeting you all. You can catch us in church Sunday mornings, reach us on our email address (halewoodparishweddings@hotmail.com) or come along to meet us at our Vestry times 7.00 pm-7.45 pm, every 3rd Thursday of the month. Please see the church website for dates of our vestry meetings.

Kind Regards

Keighley McLinden
Wedding Secretary
St Nicholas' Centre

Vestry Dates

Baptism Bookings

Thursday 8 September 7-7.45pm St Nicholas' Centre

Secondary Faith School Application Forms

Wednesday 14 September 7pm St Nicholas' **Church**

NB It seems that if you are applying for St Hilda's C of E Secondary school you will need to forward the 'Confirmation of Christian Worship Form' to Andy for him to complete and return direct to the school, however there are no further details yet available on the school's website, so we will update this information as appropriate.

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

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 planning to run a preparation course for adults. Dates for this are 26th September, 3rd October, 10th October, 17th October, 31st October, 7th November, 14th November. The course will be 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.

Men's Events

Andy has shared the following details about two men's events taking place over the next few months:

1. Prayer and a Pint - join with men from across South Liverpool to pray and praise and then go to the Bear and Staff in Gateacre. Meet at St Hilda's church at 7.30pm on Friday 2 September, we should be at the pub between 8.15 - 8.30pm.
2. Aigburth Cricket Club for curry and inspired talk - Friday 18th November with popular and inspirational speaker Carl Beech. More information to follow.

Sunflowers at Water Lane

Lots of Sunflowers on display at Water Lane again this year, every day 12-6pm. Ollie Harrison isn't calling it a maze this year as the flowers haven't grown tall enough because of the weather, however visitors are still most welcome to come and see the sunflowers, bring a picnic and enjoy the flowers and the sunshine.

Donations this year for Ollie's Ukrainian fund

Look out for a report from our intrepid
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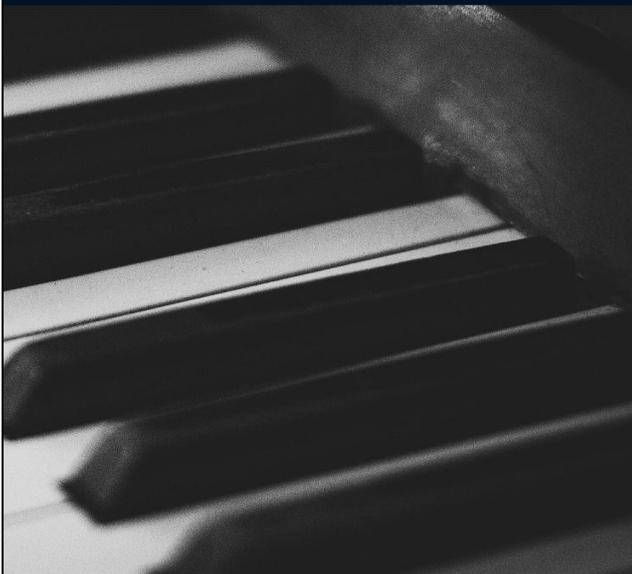
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