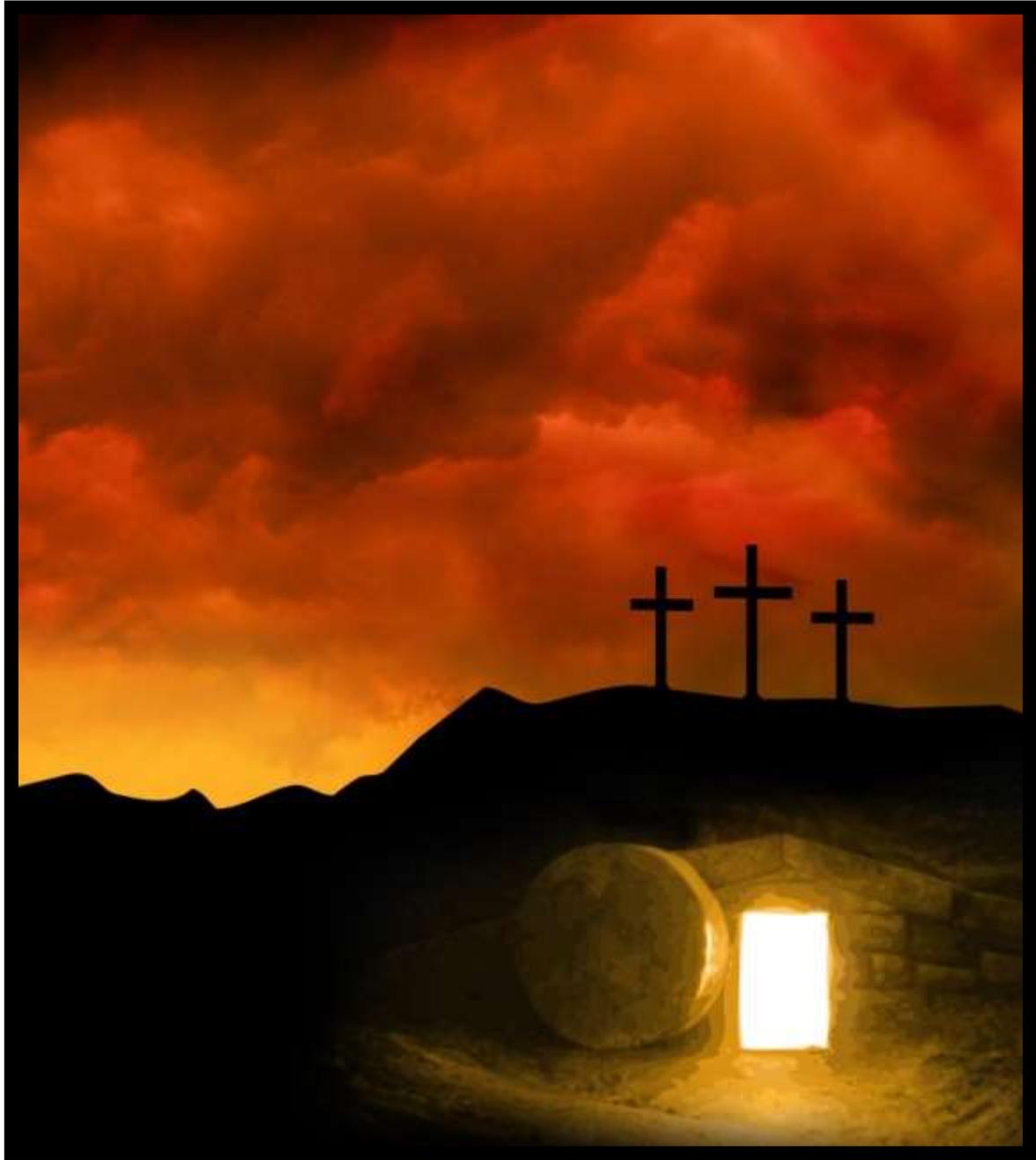


St Elphin's Chronicle



April 2018



Warrington Parish Church, St Elphin's Church Services for April 2018

Easter Sunday 1st April

8:30 am Holy Communion
10:30 am Sung Eucharist
6:30 pm Evensong

Wednesday 4th April

10:00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th April, 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Holy Communion
10:30 am Sung Eucharist
6:30 pm Evensong

Wednesday 11th April

10:00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 15th April, 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Holy Communion
10:30 am Sung Eucharist
12:30 pm Holy Baptism
6:30 pm Evensong

Wednesday 18th April

10:00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd April, 4th Sunday of Easter/St George's Day

8:30 am Holy Communion
10:30 am Sung Eucharist
12:15 pm ANZAC Day Remembrance Service at Warrington Cemetery
2:00 pm Warrington Scouts—St George's Day Parade
6:30 pm Evensong

Wednesday 25th April

10:00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 29th April, 5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Holy Communion
10:30 am Sung Eucharist
6:30 pm Evensong

Worship in the Parish

Sundays:

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist

12.30pm Holy Baptism (1st & 3rd only)

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesdays:

10.00am Holy Communion

Saints' Days and other Holy Days

7.30pm Holy Communion (unless stated otherwise)

Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily in Church at 8.00am and 5.00pm respectively Monday, Tuesday (Evening Prayer only), Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, (*unless stated otherwise on the weekly notice sheet or in the magazine*).

A Loop System is in operation in the Church to assist hearing aid users. Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' position for it to be effective.

There are large print copies of the Hymn Book and the Communion Service. Please ask the Church Wardens or Sidespeople if you would like a copy.

Special Services are announced through Church Notices, the Parish Magazine and the Website as necessary.

Holy Communion is taken regularly to the Sick and Housebound by our Clergy and Team of Licensed Eucharistic Ministers. Please inform the Clergy when parishioners are ill, either at home or in hospital.

The Parish Staff

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What are you worth...?

Many people in the world today have little self-worth. Perhaps they've heard repeatedly throughout their lives that their useless or worthless. So what are we actually worth?

Well, physically our bodies are made up on average of:

- Enough fat to make 7 bars of soap
- Enough iron to make 1 medium sized nail
- Enough phosphorus to make 4000 matches
- Enough sulphur to rid 1 dog of fleas
- Enough sugar to make 7 cups of tea
- Enough magnesium for 1 dose of salts

So how much do you think all this adds up to? Well, about £15.00 give or take! Not much is it?

We live in a world where the message seems to be the more money, better looks, greater job and bigger house you have, the more important you are and the more you are worth.

Christians believe that God puts an even greater value on us than that - and it doesn't matter what we look like, or what we are good at or what we own. Christians believe that God values each and every one of us so much that he was prepared to sacrifice his own Son so that we could have a friendship with him.

The Gospel is utterly realistic. Neither Jesus nor anyone else makes any pretence that life is going to be easy. There is pain, there is suffering, and some of it comes purely and simply as a result of faith in God. For some Christians, greater numbers of them than we will ever know, the cost of their faith in God is painful and terrible injustice, persecution and hatred.

In the face of all this, Jesus' words are insistent, '*Do not be afraid, take heart, never forget that God loves you.*' And as Christians, we must never forget what happened after the crucifixion and death of Jesus – the glorious and miraculous Resurrection!

It is very hard, but perhaps it is only when we can learn to abandon ourselves completely to the love of God and when we can accept both suffering and joy as gifts from God, even as signs of his love for us, that we too can be freed from fear to live full lives as children of God and as people of the Resurrection.

Let us take courage, then, and abandon ourselves to God's overwhelming, outrageous and extravagant love, that puts no price cap on our value or worth and welcomes us into the joy of the Resurrection life where everything, including us, is made new.

With every blessing this Easter

Paul

The Revd Canon Paul Wilson

Rector and Area Dean of Warrington

Bishop of Warrington's Easter Message 2018



Retirement is a strange thing to think about. You find yourself conflicted. On the one hand a chapter of your life and, in my case, ministry is closing. One where you hope you have contributed to the bringing of a glimpse of God's kingdom into the world. On the other hand you see a slightly less certain future mapped out. I am looking forward to retirement but wonder about what exactly that holds.

I guess that is what change does. It excites and unsettles us in pretty much equal measure. I am very conscious of this in my own life. But I am equally conscious of this in the life of our diocese. Many churches, many individuals are seeing change around them or happening to them and that can be difficult. Many are trying to grapple with a desire to serve our communities and be a church that reaches more people in order to demonstrate the love that we know we receive from knowing Jesus. Other worry about the many conflicting pressures that they see as they try to be church. We see many ideas and attempts to be part of church that can build and grow for the future and we wonder how they will work and will there be space for us in this new future.

That's perfectly natural and understandable. But we get it wrong if we let it overwhelm us. That way we become trapped, imprisoned and can often be consumed with rage trying to hold onto the status quo as if it were a security blanket. That is destructive.

But the Easter story shows how we can be rooted in our past story while embracing what feels like an uncertain future. The Easter message is about

hope. It is about the realisation that Jesus brings our fears and anxieties into one place and defeats them. It is when Jesus brought the entire history and future of God's people together in his death and resurrection. The promise of eternal life, of the coming of God's kingdom which flows from his sacrificial act brings immense joy to all.

Of course at the time the disciples didn't instantly see that. They would have seen themselves staring at a future without their leader, their immediate source of inspiration. Scared and insecure they would have been unsure of the future. But surely the example of Jesus encouraging them to step out of the boat and face their fears will have given them strength. As we know, through the power of the spirit, they did step out into uncertainty. And we know how that transformed the world.

I don't claim such magnificence for myself nor do I make too many grand claims for the change we face in our churches and our lives. But I know we can all face that change because the Easter story shows us how something that seems so devastating is part of God's great and victorious plan.

St John's Court

The next service of Holy Communion at St John's Court will be on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 11.30am.

All are welcome.



Quiz Night

In St Elphin's Community Centre

Friday 4th May 2018

at 8.00pm

Tables of 4

£4.00 each including refreshments

Bring your own drink



Church Opening 2018

Church will be open to visitors again this year on Wednesdays and Saturdays from May 2nd to September 28th. If you have helped in the past and are willing to do so again please let Chris Bean or myself know. If you haven't helped before and would like to do so please have a word with Chris or myself and we will explain what is involved. We need at least three people per session. Once we have an idea of who is willing to help we will send out forms to you so you can give details of your availability. Please do try to offer to help. We have to be open to the public for a minimum of 240 hours a year, in addition to regular worship hours, to fulfil our obligation to Historic England who gave us a generous grant towards work on the Spire some years ago. Also, people are most appreciative of our beautiful historic church and the welcome they get....just take a peep at our Visitors Book.

Annual Parish Meeting

Please note the date – Monday 23rd April at 7.30pm in Church followed by Cheese and Wine.

A Thank You

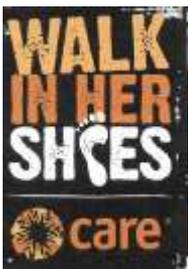
Thank you to all the people for the lovely cards, gifts and messages on the occasion of my birthday in February. God Bless you all.

Olive

Warrington Y-Project

You are probably all aware by now that Karen Wilson completed her 1 million steps challenge (and in fact increased it by another 250,000). So if you sponsored her and haven't yet paid up can you please do so as soon as possible. Thank You.

Walk in her Shoes



In April Dianne Rothwell is supporting the 'Walk in her Shoes' Appeal. (not nearly as challenging as Karen's I've only got to do 10,000 steps a day for one week!!) but it's all in a good cause to show support for the thousands of women and girls, all over the world, who have no choice but to walk many miles every day to fetch water for their families, water that is often dirty.

There will be a sponsor form at the back of Church after Easter if you can sponsor her via justgiving.com/DianneRothwell.

Pause for Thought...with Norma Fox

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always

1 Chronicles 16:11

My friends four year old son is full of questions, and chatters constantly. I love talking with him, but he's developed an unfortunate habit of talking to me even when his back is turned. I often find myself saying 'I can't hear you – please look at me when you're talking.'

Sometimes I think God wants to say the same thing to us – not because He can't hear us, but because we tend to talk to Him without really 'looking' at Him. We pray, but we remain caught up in our own questions and focused on ourselves, forgetting the character of the One we're praying to. Like my friends son, we ask questions without paying attention to the person we're talking to.

Many of our concerns are best addressed by reminding ourselves of who God is and what He has done. By simply refocusing, we find comfort in what we know of His character: that He is loving, forgiving, sovereign, graceful.

The psalmist believed we ought to seek God's face continually (Ps 105 v4). When David appointed leaders for worship and prayer, he encouraged the people to praise God's character and to tell stories of His past faithfulness (1 Chronicles 16 : 8-27).

When we turn our eyes towards the beautiful face of God, we can find strength and comfort that sustains us even in the midst of unanswered questions.

Seeking the face of God can strengthen our faith.

Lord, let the light of Your face shine upon us that we may be a light to lighten the lives of others leading them to see you through the eyes of faith and love.

Remembering The Great War

My name is Jonathan Madden and two months ago I had the brilliant opportunity to visit France and research those in my Family/ Local Area who bravely died fighting for our country in World War One.

I was selected to represent my school as part of the national commemorations of the Great War. I visited several memorials to conduct my research, including The Thiepval Memorial and the Sunken Hill Memorial (where men from our local area fought during the early days of the Somme). I even had the chance to lay a wreath at the Menin Gate during the daily memorial for those who died in Ypres.

Personally, my experience in France has brought into prospect just how lives, life and the world was affect by war and how the repercussions of conflict (to this day) can affect the world and the people who live in it. But most importantly even after a staggering 100 years we should patriotically pay respect to those who died so we could be here today.

Jonathan Madden

*Student Ambassador for Microsoft
Senior Head of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors
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Sandymoor School, Runcorn*



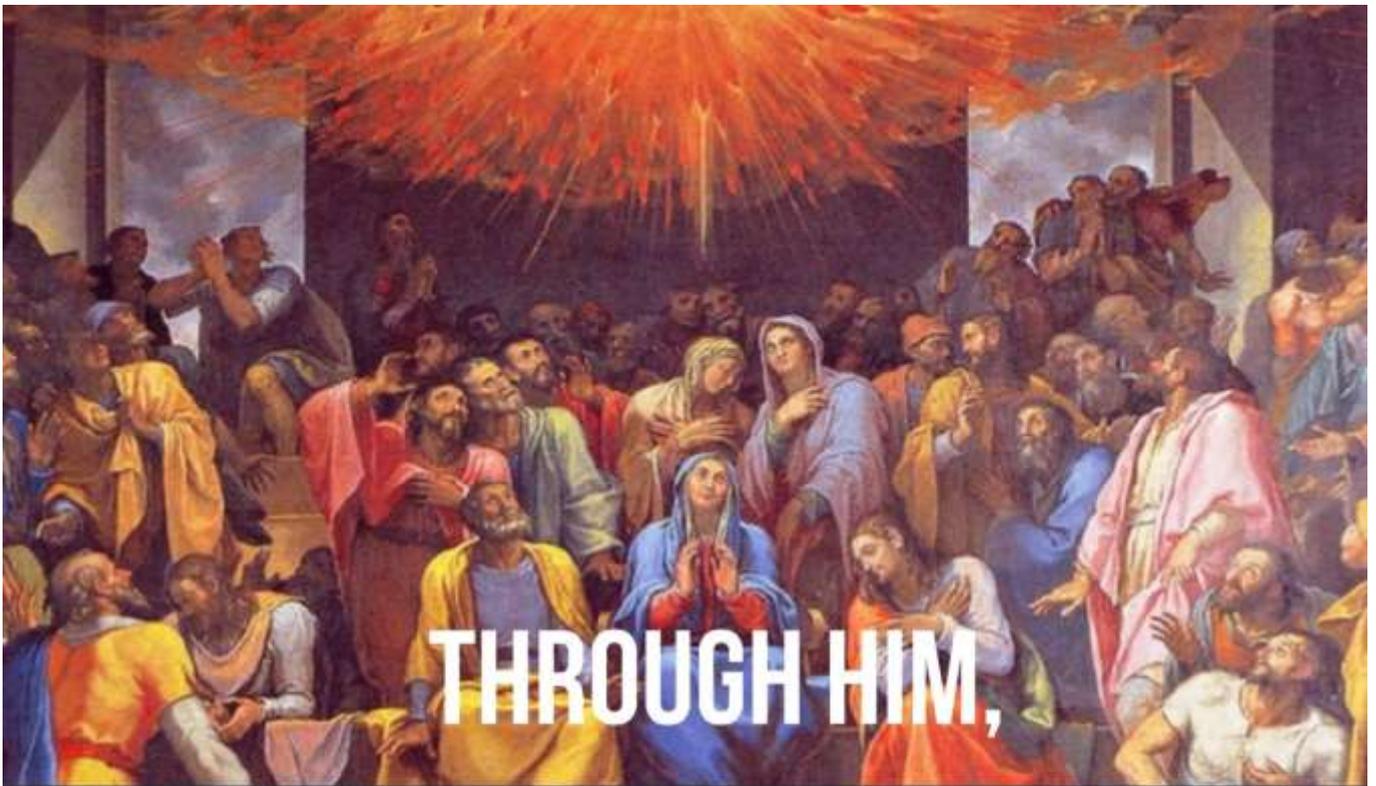
Thiepval Memorial

France



Menin Gate, Ypres

Belgium



**THROUGH HIM,
WITH HIM, IN HIM:
THE LIFE OF PRAYER**

20 MAY — 'LORD TEACH US TO PRAY' — ST ELPHIN'S, 6.30PM

**23 MAY — 'HALLOWED BE THY NAME': DAILY PRAYER — SMILE CENTRE,
7 PM**

**30 MAY — 'FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES': THE JESUS PRAYER —
SMILE CENTRE, 7 PM**

**6 JUNE — 'RANSOMED, HEALED, RESTORED, FORGIVEN': PRAYER AND
HEALING — SMILE CENTRE, 7PM**

**14 JUNE - 'FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY':
THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT — SMILE CENTRE, 7 PM**

**26 JUNE — 'FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN': THE NEXT STEPS IN
DISCIPLESHIP — SMILE CENTRE, 7 PM.**

St Elphin's Mothers Union programme 2018

11 th April	Lady Day	Service and buffet	Community Centre - Deanery Event
9 th May	Margaret Emsley	Living in Africa	Community Centre
13 th June	Meal out		Branch only
11 th July	Deanery Fundraiser	11.00am	Cinnamon Brow
8 th Aug	Bob's 80 th Birthday	Mary Sumner Service / Party	Community Centre / Branch only
12 th Sept	Sharon Collins		Community Centre
10 th Oct	Lee Marsh	Journey of Faith – Lay Reader	Community Centre
11 th Nov	Review & Elections	Planning for 2019	Community Centre
12 th Dec	Christmas Meeting		Community Centre

Advance Notice

Afternoon Tea in Church, 16th June 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Deanery Events

Tuesday 10th April, 7.30pm

Open meeting Cinnamon Brow – Edwardian Housekeeper

Thursday 12th April, 7.30pm – Open evening Christ Church Padgate – Looking at Warrington Town

Wednesday 11th July, 11.00am

Cinnamon Brow – Drop in Fundraiser

Thursday 12th July, 7.30pm

Christ Church Padgate – Deanery Festival & Social

Diocesan Events

Tuesday 6th November

Cathedral Day 10.30am

Thursday 6th December

Diocesan Carol Service St Paul's Fazakerley

We bring our heartfelt thanks and praise today for our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us in the supreme act of servanthood. Heavenly Father forgive us when we turn away from the path of servanthood and choose to follow our own selfish ways. Help us to model our lives on Christ, our perfect example of selflessness, that we may serve you wholeheartedly for the glory of your name. Lord, we thank you for our many members who mirror the example of Christ and faithfully serve in ways unseen in their communities; giving selflessly of their time and gifts to follow your command to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Baptisms in April

15th - Wendy & Margaret

Tea / Coffee Rota for April

1st - David & Kerrie

8th - David & Kerrie

15th - Julie & Linda

22nd - Wendy & Barbara

29th - Chris & Barbara

Wendy Bailey (on behalf of the branch)

Readers and Prayer Rota for April

	<u>8.30am</u>	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>6.30pm</u>
	Reader	Prayers	Reader	Reader
1 st	Dianne R	Gary H	Ann Dunn	Barbara E
8 th	Kathryn H	Gill W	Thelma W	GW / DR
15 th	Sue J	Ann Dunn	James Madden	AW / SW
22 nd	Dianne R	Gary H	Jan N	Barbara E
29 th	Kathryn H	Thelma W	Margaret G	SW / AW

Communicants and Collections

Week ending	Communicants	Collections
25 th February	114	762.10
4 th March	95	549.30
11 th March	120	649.60
18 th March	109	688.80

Donations:

Fabric Fund

Birthday and Anniversary memories of Lionel, 15th and 17th April. A dearly loved Husband, and Granddad from Irene and family 50.00

Loving memories of Mum, Florence Pennington on her Anniversary 11th April, from Irene and family 10.00

Treasured memories of Mum, Florence Pennington on her Anniversary, 11th April 10.00

Also Lionel our dear brother-in-law on his birthday and Anniversary from Freda, Allan and Family.

In memory of Eva Price, from Olive Burgess	10.00
Birthday memories of Jack Rothwell, 24 th March from Dianne	10.00
Birthday memories of Jean Rothwell, 1st April from Dianne	10.00
In memory of Marjorie Cresswell, 4 th April from Dianne	10.00
Birthday memories of Arthur Cresswell, 25 th April from Dianne	10.00
In memory of Ivy (16 th April) & Roy (23 rd April) Jones USA, also birthday memories of Ivy (23 rd April) from Dianne	20.00

General Fund

In memory of George Richard Barrett:

Janet Cliffe	20.00
Audrey & Bill	20.00
Doreen Sinclair	10.00
Olive Burgess	10.00
Annie Williamson	5.00
Joe & Enid Bate	10.00
John & Sheila Brooks	20.00
	95.00

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism in March

4th

Nell Pamela Astill

Mia Jean Griffiths



Holy Matrimony in March

31st Luke Rayson and Caren Johnston



Christian Burial & Cremation in March

2 nd	Colin Thomas Osborne	Age 77
16 th	Eva Price	Age 93
23 rd	Kenneth Fleming	Age 87
27 th	Lillian Mary Jones	Age 104



Lest we Forget - April 1918

13 th	Private George Roberts	Age 33
16 th	Rifleman Joseph Henry Gibbs	Age unknown
	Corporal Elijah Leslie	Age unknown
25 th	Private Frederick Hassall	Age 18
	Private Henry Howarth	Age unknown
	Private Stanley Hunt	Age 18
29 th	Lance Bombadier Alfred Houghton	Age 23

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.



Social and Group Activities

Tuesday

7.30pm St Elphin's Church Choir Practice in Church

Wednesday

6.45pm St John's Brownies – Scout HQ, Vale Owen Road

7.30pm St Elphin's Ladies Group (1st & 3rd only) meet in the St Elphin's Community Centre

7.30pm Mothers' Union – St Elphin's Community Centre (2nd only)

Thursday

5.15 – 6.15pm 9th Warrington Rainbows – St Elphins Community Centre

6.30pm St Elphin's Brownies – St Elphin's School

6.30pm St Elphin's Guides–St Elphin's Community Centre

7.30pm Men's Group (1st only)

Friday

6.30-7.30pm Beavers - (Boys/Girls aged 6 – 8)

6.30–8.00pm Cubs - (Boys/Girls aged 8 - 10)

6.45–9.00pm Scouts - (Boys/Girls aged 10 - 14)

At Howley Fairfield Neighbourhood Project, Fairfield Street. For more details contact Debbie (Group Scout Leader) on 07804 267310

All members of the Church and local community are welcome to come and join with us in these and any occasional activities which are announced in Church or advertised on the Church Notice Board.

School

St Elphin's (Fairfield) CE Primary School

Head Teacher:

Mrs Allison Bennett

 635143

Bookings:

made with the Head Teacher

St Elphin's Junior Church

Sundays at 10.30am in the Choir Vestry

Occasional Services

Holy Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays in the month at 12.30pm

Arrangements to be made with the Rector or Church Wardens

Holy Matrimony and Banns

Arrangements to be made with the Rector or Church Wardens

Funerals

Arrangements are usually made with the Rector by the Funeral Director who has been engaged.

The Church Wardens hold a surgery in Church on Saturdays from 10.00am to 11.00am for Applications for Baptism, Holy Matrimony and Banns.

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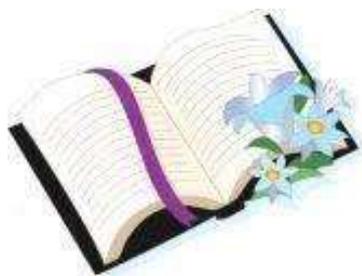
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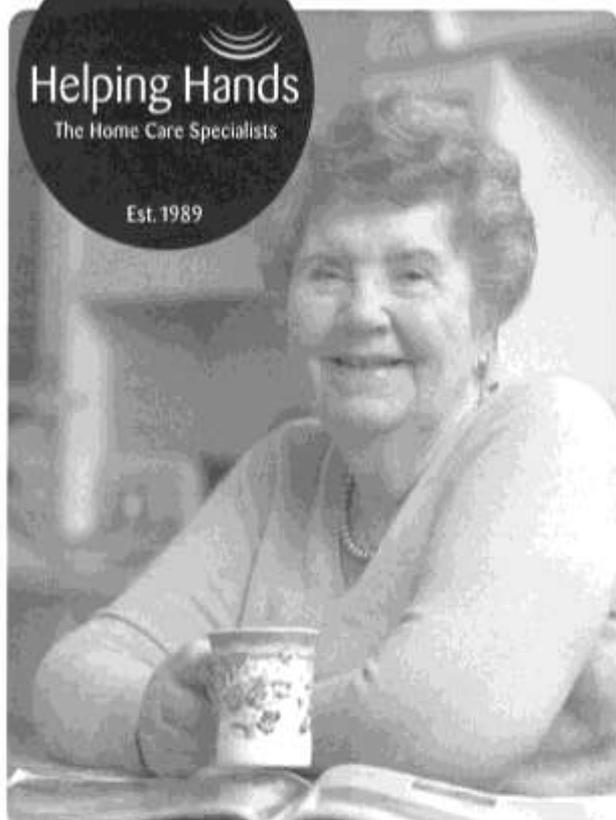
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