

St Elphin's Chronicle



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St Elphin's Church Services

August 2019

Sunday 4th August, 7th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am All-Age Eucharist

12.30pm Holy Baptism

4.00pm Together@4 Service (St Elphin's Community Centre)

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 7th August

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th August, 8th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 14th August

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th August, 9th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

12.30pm Holy Baptism

4.00pm Together@4 Service (St Elphin's Community Centre)

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 21st August,

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th August, 10th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 28th August

10.00am Holy Communion

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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St Elphin's: <http://www.warringtonparishchurch.org>

Diocesan Website: <http://www.liverpool.anglican.org>

Cathedral Website: <http://www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk>



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This last month has been somewhat sad in the life of St Elphins. Firstly, Paul and Karen's final farewell service and then seeing the Pickford's removal van pulling out of the Rectory drive. Yet we have much to celebrate.

Paul and Karen's ministry, over the last six years, has had a huge impact on St Elphins, the congregation and those in the wider Community and Deanery.

St Elphins has undergone two building projects, the reordering of the Dais and Nave Altar as well as replacing the inner North Doors with modern glass ones.

Perhaps, Paul's greatest impact is not to be found in the building, but rather in the spiritual temperature of those who attend St Elphins. Paul has consistently preached on discipleship and the need to use the gifts that God has given us to reach those around us. He has nurtured us and encouraged us to be all that God has called us to be.

As we celebrate Paul and Karen's ministry and grieve their loss, we must remember to thank God for the blessing that they have been, as well as look towards what will be. During the interregnum we have a wonderful opportunity to pray and to seek Gods will for the future of St Elphins and also to pray for the right person to become the next Rector of St Elphins. To this end, there will be the day of prayer held at St Elphins in the near future, so do please keep your eye on the notice sheet for further information.

With my love and prayers.

Stewart

The Revd Stewart McTaggart.



St John's Court

The next services of Holy Communion at St John's Court will be on Tuesday 6th August at 11.30am.

Please note there will not be a service in September.

All are welcome.



Please use this prayer as the Church seeks to appoint a new Rector.

Faithful God, you guide your people and raise up leaders in every generation. We seek the person you are calling to be the next Rector of Warrington and St Elphins. By your Spirit, give to all those involved in the appointment good counsel, holy insight and sound judgement. Keep the person you are calling under the shadow of your wing, and teach us all to trust in the guidance, which is yours alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Advance Notice

There will be a parish trip to see Peter Pan at Liverpool Empire on December 28th. Tickets will be about £11.00. More details to follow.



Tuesday 13th & 20th August

2019 - 10.00 – 12.00am

St Elphin's Community Centre

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For all children up to 11 years

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(places limited)

Leaving

(Several people asked if Karen's leaving poem could be published in the magazine)

It's been no secret
Over these last six years
That I've struggled to settle
Whilst living here
So far from my family
Especially my kids
And the pulls on my heartstrings
Often left me in bits
Though you've all been supportive
At times it's been tough
With an ache in my heart
I've struggled to budge
And I'd like to say sorry
Before we depart
If I've let you down
Though I've always tried hard
To give of my best
The best way I can
But I've found it much harder
Than I had first planned
Sometimes just surviving
Was all I could do
And the way I've succeeded
Is all down to you
Your hugs and your smiles
And encouraging words
Have blessed my life greatly
During happy times shared
For your love and support
I give thanks and praise
You've been my rays of sunshine
Through some very tough days
And there has been much
To be thankful for
During our time here in Warrington
As we answered God's call



We've gained a Church family
Who we've grown to love
And now it's time to leave
We'll miss you so much

But we'll take you all with us
Held close to our hearts
Remembering each person
Who's played a great part
In blessing our lives
Whilst we've been here
In their own special way
Through the laughter and tears

We'll miss St Elphin's
With its very tall steeple
A magnificent building
Much loved by the people

Who share God's love
In their own special way
Making this Church
Such a welcoming place

So thanks once again
For all you have done
And make sure you miss us!
Once we have gone

For we'll miss your support
Your friendship and hugs
And the best gift of all
The gift of your love

Our hope and prayer
Now it's time to leave
Is you'll extend that same love
To whoever succeeds

In building God's Kingdom
Over the forthcoming years
As God calls the next person
To be Rector Here.



We're really going to miss Karen's poems.

Church Finances latest update

Over several years many people have left money and given donations to help with maintaining the fabric of St Elphin's parish church. This money is gratefully received and has allowed us to build up a pot of money to keep the church in good order. These funds are restricted for maintenance of the building and cannot be used to meet monthly outgoings. These regularly outgoing include:

Parish Share - which pays for our clergy, monthly salaries, training and pension provision

Gas / Electricity

Insurance - almost £1,000 per month

General / water rates and maintenance on clergy housing

Secretarial and other administrative expenses including printing

Other expenses relating to parish business

I intend to provide brief details of the monthly income and expenditure in the magazine but if anyone would like more details please see me.

Month	Income	Expenditure
January	£4,774	£7,619
February	£4,042	£6,457
March	£10,807	£7,812
April	£ 9,368	£7,340
May	£ 5,808	£ 8,960
June	£ 9,279	£ 8,740
Total	£44,078	£47,710

£5,000 of the March and £1,158 of the June income are wedding deposits, the expenditure for these will occur when the wedding takes place. Only a small portion of wedding receipts are available to the church the rest are payable to Organist, choir, and Diocese depending what the couple have paid for.

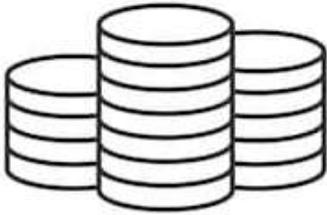
April income includes £3853 tax reclaim from the inland revenue. Please remember if you pay tax and give your details to Dianne Rothwell the church can reclaim the tax you have paid with no additional cost to you.

Wendy Bailey, PCC Treasurer



Your Church needs Funds

Four simple ways to donate



Cash on Plate



Offering
Envelopes

Weekly Envelope Scheme

Please speak to Arnold Wright if you would like a box of envelopes

Bank Transfer



Please speak to Wendy Bailey for our bank details



Parish Giving Scheme

Please ask Wendy Bailey for more information or a starter pack

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Please speak to Dianne Rothwell if you are able to gift aid your donation

Pause for Thought...with Norma Fox

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

(words from the Lord's prayer)

I've been reading the story of the Prodigal Son yet again. It's so full of insight into human character, and deep understanding of the way people behave. On this reading, it was the elder brother who got my sympathy. Just read the story in Luke 15, and concentrate on verses 25-32.

There's the elder brother, out on the farm. On his way back home he hears the celebrations and, when he learns it's for his wild brother's return, he gets angry. I have the feeling that I would have done too. He was taken so much for granted. Treated with no more consideration than the farm machinery. No one even bothered to send a message to him to say his brother was back. No warning about the welcome home party. He had to ask a servant.

'I've worked hard for you', he reproaches his father, 'I've always been available, never been a nuisance, always helped, but when have you ever acknowledged it?' 'Son', says the father, trying to paper over the cracks, 'you are always with me, everything I have is yours'. That's just the point. Because he was always there, the elder son was taken for granted. If 'everything I have is yours' it would have been helpful if he had been consulted, and asked to help with the party; and asked for his agreement to liquidate more assets – if that's how you describe the fatted calf!

These little human details give me a warning about taking people for granted. If you appreciate someone, make sure they know. If you value the work they do, tell them. If someone is always available, always willing to share in what goes on, acknowledge it. It's far better to do it now, than try to comfort hurt feelings later. Love should never be assumed, people need to know it and feel it.

Don't misunderstand. I'm not trying to devalue the story. I know its main point is about the breadth of God's forgiveness, and forgiveness is far more important than anything else. To us humans it's a hard thing to do, we can say we forgive, but do we put the hurt from our minds

completely, do we truly trust again with all our heart. True forgiveness wipes the slate clean and allows us to start afresh.

It was something the elder son would have to face up to in forgiving both his brother and his father, but it might have come easier if he'd been drawn earlier into the circle of appreciative love.

Loving Father, I pray that I will never exploit others and have the grace to forgive and be forgiven.



**St Elphin's
50/50 Club**



The results of the July draw are as follows:

1st Christopher Billinge

2nd Martin Butterworth

3rd Arnold Wright

4th Barbara Eden

£127.50 went to church funds

The next draw will take place on Sunday 25th August and payments must be made by Sunday 18th to be included in the draw.

Any payments made after that date will be assumed to be for the following month. Any cheques should be made payable to 'St Elphin's 50/50 Club'.

New members are always welcome.

The more members we get the higher the prize money and also the more we receive for church funds.

Janet

Our Christian faith is at the heart of our charity, and our prayer and worship is central to our work. We believe that prayer can be transformational and can make a huge difference to lives on an individual and community basis.

Mothers' Union worldwide work in partnership with churches to serve God in local communities, and to support clergy with our faith and worship resources - as well as with practical help such as supporting baptismal families. We have a network of diocesan chaplains supporting the faith of our members as well as acting as a link between the Church and Mothers' Union. Our Central Chaplain supports both members and staff as well as being our advocate within the wider Church.

We are one of the Anglican Mission Agencies and our members play a vital role within the Anglican Communion, as our Patron The Most Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury says "Mothers' Union is the heart and love of the Church".

On 9th August we remember our founder Mary Sumner with her special prayer.

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen

August Events

Saturday 10th August 12.00noon – 2.00pm St Paul's Fazakerley Diocesan Mary Sumner event. Anyone wishing to attend and requiring transport please see Wendy Bailey

Wednesday 14th August 7.30pm St Elphin's Community Centre. Deanery Mary Sumner service with buffet supper all welcome

Forward Look

Saturday 14th September 10.00am – 12.00 noon St Lathom Chapel Ormskirk, Warrington Archdeaconry Quiet Day please let Wendy know by end August if you wish to attend and require transport

Thursday 24th October 7.30pm Church of Resurrection Cinnamon Brow Warrington Deanery joint event (please note change of date) Father Dave Heywood will be talking about refugees in Warrington. Please put the date in your diary transport will be arranged if required. All welcome.

Baptisms in August

4th Ann & Anne

Tea / Coffee Rota for July

4th Wendy & Alan

11th David & Kerrie

18th Julie & Linda

25th Wendy & Barbara

The next cake sale will be on 11th August. Donations welcome. Please support this by buying some cakes.



St Elphin's Ladies Group

Future Dates:

Wednesday 7th August

To be advised

Wednesday 21st August

The Good Old Days with Bob Birbeck

All Ladies are welcome to join us for any of our meetings at 7.30pm in St Elphins Community Centre. The cost is £4.00 which includes tea/coffee and a raffle.

Autumn Craft Fayre

Saturday 21st September, 11.00am – 3.00pm

If anyone would like to help run a stall, help in any way or know of someone who would like to have a stall at either of these events please have a word with either Gill or Dianne.

We would also be grateful for donations of the following:

Cake Stall	Homemade cakes for Wendy
Chocolate Tombola	Sweets and Chocolates for the Tombola
Gift Stall	Donations for the Gift Stall
Bottle Tombola	Bottles for the Tombola (alcohol preferred!!)
Book Stall	Good quality books, CD's and DVD's
Toy Stall	New or good quality second hand toys

Any donations will be gratefully received and can be left at the back of Church clearly labelled. Thank you.

Flyers and posters will shortly be available in church – please take as many as you can to advertise the event.

Date for your Diary

Christmas Fayre & Grand Raffle

Saturday November 23rd

12.00 – 3.00pm

it'll soon be here!!

Autumn Fayre

Saturday 21st September
11.00am - 3.00pm
in St Elphin's Church

- Hand-made Goods
- Jewellery Stall
- Cake Stall
- Refreshments
- Tombola
- Gifts
- Hand-made Cards
- Church Souvenirs
- Raffle
- Face Painting
- Book Stall
- Jams & Preserves

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Readers and Prayer Rota for August

	<u>8.30am</u> Reader	<u>10.30am</u> Prayers	<u>10.30am</u> Reader	<u>6.30pm</u> Reader
4 th	Dianne R	Janet Cliffe	Margaret G	Barbara Eden
11 th	Susan J	Rev Stewart	Wendy B	SW / AW
18 th	Susan J	Barbara Eden	Chris Bean	Barbara Eden
25 th	Sue Burke	Wendy B	Barbara Eden	AW / SW

Communicants and Collections

Week ending		Collections
23 rd June	100	565.05
30 th June	77	622.45
7 th July	74	667.80
14 th July	80	886.60

Donations:

General Fund

Donations in memory of David Sefton, Church Plate	196.50
Donations in memory of David Sefton given to Margaret	125.00

Fabric Fund

In memory of Mum, Marian Lawrie, 30 th June; Aunt Iris Hicks, 5 th July and also Dad, William Lawrie on what would have been his 100 th Birthday, August 1 st , From Janet, Alan and Family	50.00
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Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

7th July

Violet Rigby

Mia Grace Shaw

Lenny Brough

21st July

Rowan Mark Alexander Hunt

Maloch Aaron Vicktor Hunt

Harriet Patricia Rigby

Lucas Nathan McFarlane

Bjorn Bernard Kenneth Hunt

Leo James Houghton



Holy Matrimony in July

13th Michael Paul Chadwick and Sara Elizabeth Malone

20th Jacob Lovatt and Danielle Aimee Vernon

Christian Burial & Cremation in July

5th George Wright

Age 74

11th John David Sefton

Age 73

11th Ernest Stringer

Age 90

15th Stanley Cork

Age 82



Social and Group Activities

Tuesday

7.30pm St Elphin's Church Choir Practice in Church

Wednesday

6.45pm St John's Brownies – Smile Centre, Sandy Lane

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

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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H. Endress

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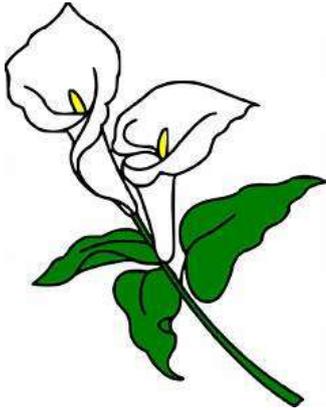


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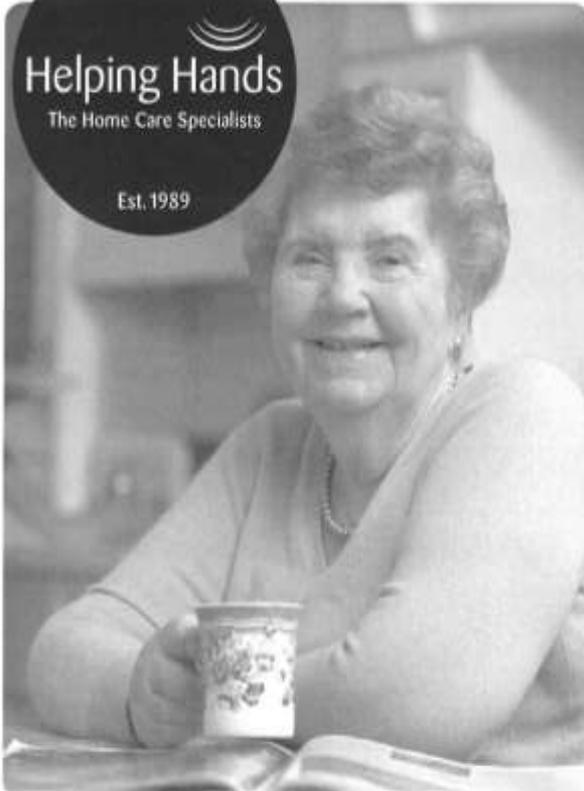
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