

St Elphin's Chronicle



February 2018



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

Sunday 4th February, the 2nd Sunday before Lent

8:30 am Holy Communion
10:30 am All-Age Eucharist
12:30 pm Holy Baptism
6:30 pm Evensong

Wednesday 7th February

10:00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th February, the Sunday next before Lent

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

Wednesday 14th February, Ash Wednesday

10:00 am Holy Communion & Ashes
7:30 pm Holy Communion & Ashes & Lenten Address

Sunday 18th February, 1st Sunday of Lent

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

Wednesday 21st February

10:00 am Holy Communion
7:30 pm Holy Communion & Lenten Address

Sunday 25th February, 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Holy Communion
10:30 am Sung Eucharist
11:45 am Pieter's Hill Parade and Service (Palmyra Square)
6:30 pm Evensong

Wednesday 28th February

10:00 am Holy Communion
7:30 pm Holy Communion & Lenten Address

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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Examination time!

The older we get the more important it is to pay attention to our health. There are many people who brush aside the odd twinge or pain, only to regret later not having done something about it sooner.

If that's true physically, it's all the more important spiritually. Many of us brush aside the need to put right the things that are wrong in our spiritual life and then find ourselves far from where we really wanted to be. These are the times when we experience complacency, disillusionment or lack of energy which sap our spiritual energy, resulting in God's love not being shared with those who need it.

During the 40 days of Lent, which begins this year on 14th February – Ash Wednesday – we will be encouraged to join millions of Christians throughout the world in a time of self examination. Now this doesn't, of course, mean that we should spend this time beating ourselves up about all that is wrong in our spiritual lives, God doesn't ask us to become negatively self-critical, but that we take time to still ourselves and be aware of his gentle and powerful presence in our lives. Only by being aware of God's closeness are we then able to draw on his strength and wisdom.

Often we try to exist as if everything is down to us and that we've got to summon up that energy from within ourselves. But the liberating truth is that when we are still enough to be able to hear and see God at work in our lives, we can then allow ourselves to be encouraged, energised, nourished and empowered by him.

When we are physically ill we turn to the professionals for help. We seek their advice and receive their treatments. We can't find the 'cure' for physical illness from within ourselves. The 'cure' for all of our spiritual ills lie, not in ourselves, but from the One who is able to give us the health and wholeness we're looking for. All we need to do is to admit our need – he will do the rest.

So this Lent, consider not so much about what you will 'give up', but how you will enable times of stillness to rest in God and his love for you.

Wishing you a blessed and holy Lent,

Paul

*The Revd Canon Paul Wilson
Rector and Area Dean of Warrington*

St John's Court

The next services of Holy Communion at St John's Court will be on Tuesday 6th February and Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 11.30am.

All are welcome.



Christingle 2017

Our annual Christingle Service took place as usual on Christmas Eve and was a wonderful occasion. The church was filled with over 500 children and adults and was a fitting start to the Christmas celebrations.

Thank you to all who helped with the preparations and acted as stewards on the day. Their hard work was well rewarded. Thanks also, to all who attended and gave donations as we raised £954.50 for the Children's society and their work with young people.

Thank you once again.

Sylvia Wright



St Elphin's Ladies Group

Future Dates:

February 7th

Revd Stuart McTaggart on Life in Africa followed by Cheese & Wine

February 14th – March 31st

Lent Services in Church

April 4th

George Pilkington – Feed our Birds

May 2nd

All Ladies are welcome to join us for any of our meetings at 7.30pm in St Elphins Community Centre.



St Elphin's 50/50 Club



The results of the January draw are as follows:

1st Anita Taylor 2nd Cate Madden
3rd Christopher Billinge 4th Nancy Jones

£127.50 went to church funds

The next draw will take place on Sunday 25th February 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.

Geoff

Quiz Night

In St Elphin's Community Centre

Friday 16th March 2018

at 8.00pm

Tables of 4

£4.00 each including refreshments

Bring your own drink



Operation Christmas Child

We have received the following letter following our Shoebox Appeal:



Dear Friends

Thank you for your donation to Operation Christmas Child. We are most encouraged to receive your gift towards this year's campaign.

Some memories will forever be etched into my mind and in truth, I never want to forget them. One of those is the first Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift I ever gave out. In December 1992, I visited a Children's hospital in Zagreb, Croatia. Too many of the young boys and girls there were victims of the war that broke apart the former Yugoslavia.

I gave a box to a twelve year old boy. He opened it and on the very top of the box, was a small stuffed animal. He smiled – something I would expect from any child upon seeing the treasures inside. But I quickly noticed a doctor and nurse standing in the corner, both began to cry. They called me over and told me this boy's story.

Warring soldiers had come to his house three months before. They marched out this young boy's family and executed his parents in front of him. He was found alone and brought to the hospital in Zagreb. For the first time in three months, the medical team saw him smile.

Operation Christmas Child is about so many things – certainly, one of the greatest things is that each and every gift brings hope. A reminder that the child who receives the gift is loved by all of us and by a loving God. Your kindness is a living testimony that there will forever be hope.

Thank you. You bless us and you bless the children we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Campbell".

Dr Sean Campbell
Executive Director



Following on from our December projects we are continuing to support the Y Project in their support of the homeless during the winter months.

If you can help by donating any of the following please leave them in the box at the back of church:

Soap, flannel, hand gel sanitiser, tissues, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, cereal bars, socks, gloves, hats and scarves.

Pause for Thought...with Norma Fox

There's an Asian legend which told of a man who wanted to give up. Nothing was going his way at all, it seemed, so he went into the forest to explain to God why he'd had enough.

God listened, then told the man about the time, before the forest, when he had planted the first fern and bamboo seeds. After a year, the fern sprouted, but there was no sign of the bamboo. He didn't give up.

After another year the fern had spread, but the bamboo couldn't be seen. He still didn't give up. In the third and fourth years the ferns covered swathes of ground. The bamboo still hadn't made an appearance. However, even then God didn't give up.

In the fifth year the bamboo broke the surface – and grew a total of one hundred feet in six months! During the lean years the bamboo had worked hard, putting down strong roots, so when its time came to grow, nothing would stop it.

I hope the man who wanted to give up had a change of heart.

At some time or another we've all had these negative feelings, it's not easy but we must keep on working at a change. Each one of us is created to fill a unique place on earth in a special way. Keep this in mind and you'll be able to do all things with courage and confidence.

I'd like to pass on to you these little-known words of wisdom as spoken by Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States from 1861 – 1865: 'You do have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was.'

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
Strength for the day
And light for the way,
Grace for the trails,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

(words from Annie Johnson Flint)

Would you like some company?

Why not pop in to St Elphin's Church any
Wednesday between 10.30 am and noon

(starting 17th January)

for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Ask...

If you could ask **God**
One question,
What would it be **?**

What's it all about:

- Ask questions about life, faith or GOD
- Why am I here?
- What is the point of life?
- Does life matter?
- Is there a God?

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For more information, or to book contact:

Rev Stewart McTaggart on 07540 344 870



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**Mothers' Union make a Mother's Day appeal for Mothering Sunday
Gifts that help mothers bloom, families flourish and communities thrive**

We hope you like this year's range of truly inspiring and empowering Make a Mother's Day gifts.

Each one helps mothers move from life on the margins right to the heart of their families and communities. Whether that's through enabling a mother to learn to read, become a budding entrepreneur or learn new skills that help her improve her home.

This Mothering Sunday, what better way to celebrate your mum than by helping mothers around the world to be at the heart of positive change!

When you buy one of our gifts, we'll send you a card featuring native flowers from a country we work in* to give to your mum – so she won't be without flowers this 11th March. You can also order a card in memory of your mother as a wonderful tribute to a lost loved one.

***Your donation will be distributed across all areas of Mothers' Union's work, wherever the need is greatest.**

There are leaflets at the back of church or to donate online please visit <http://www.makeamothersday.org/>

Jesus, we thank you that you grew up in a family here on earth, and experienced the special joys that family life can bring. We pray for your blessing on all family relationships today. Lord, we thank you for Mothers Union initiatives across the world which enable people to value and nurture their relationships with their family and beyond. We pray for those who facilitate these programmes, that they may have wisdom and strength in all they do. Let us take a moment today to reflect honestly on our own relationships. Let us thank God for those which are strong and ask for help and guidance where they are faltering.

As our next scheduled meeting falls on Ash Wednesday so members are encouraged to attend the 7.30pm service in church after which there will be the opportunity for a cup of tea and a biscuit.

St Elphin's Toddlers group starts on 27th February. If anyone has any toys or other items which would be suitable for the group. Can you please either bring them to church or let Wendy or Karen know so they can be collected.
Thank you

Advance notice

Saturday 10th March – afternoon tea at 25 Audre Close from 2.00 – 4.00pm

Baptisms

- 4th Feb - Margaret & Sandra
18th Feb - Wendy & Margaret

Tea / Coffee

- 4th Feb - David & Kerrie
11th Feb - Julie & Linda
18th Feb - David & Kerrie
25th Feb - Julie & Ellie

St Elphin's Toddlers Group

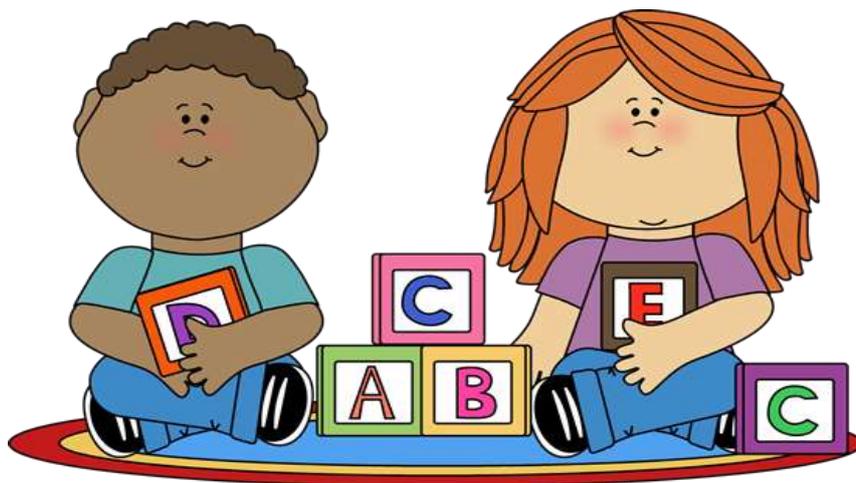
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Readers and Prayer Rota for February

	<u>8.30am</u> Reader	<u>10.30am</u> Prayers	<u>10.30am</u> Reader	<u>6.30pm</u> Reader
4 th	Dianne R	All	Age	SW/AW
11 th	Susan J	Janet Cliffe	Thelma W	BE
18 th	Kathryn H	Gill W	Gary H	GW
25 th	Dianne R	Ann Dunn	James T	SW/AW

Communicants and Collections

Week ending	Communicants	Collections
24 th December	94	589.75
25 th December	137	702.60
31 st December	75	597.65
7 th January	80	729.90
14 th January	80	504.60
21 st January	86	725.10

Donations:

Fabric Fund

Warburton In loving memory of my dear wife HILDA 500.00
who died on July 18th 2017 aged 95 years, from Harry

General Fund

Thank you donation from Fred and Renee Turner 30.00

Legacy

We are grateful to receive a legacy of £5000.00 from the Will of Derek Cameron for the benefit of the Marjorie Cameron Fund.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism in January

7th

Cobie Lucan Ashton Dunne-Molyneux

21st

Thomas Oliver Goodwin

Tommy George Preston



Holy Matrimony in January

6th Jason Jackson and Samantha Louise Savage



Christian Burial & Cremation in January

22nd Jennifer Emery

Age 73

30th "Tommy" Thomas Johnstone Lawrence

Age 77



Lest we Forget - February 1918

10th Private George Monks

Age unknown

26th Private Richard Cartwright

Age 20

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.

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Head Teacher:

Mrs Allison Bennett

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made with the Head Teacher

St Elphin's Junior Church

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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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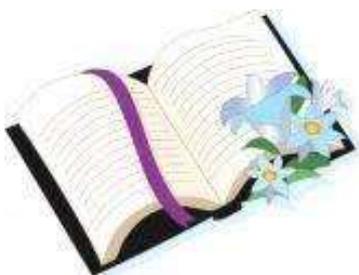
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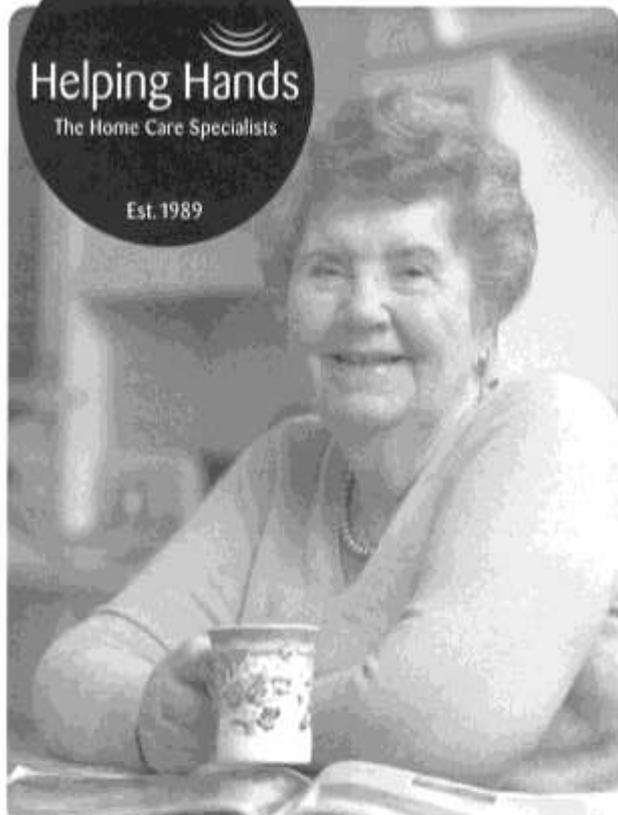
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