

# St Elphin's Chronicle



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# **Warrington Parish Church, St Elphin's Church Services for February 2019**

## **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am All-Age Eucharist

12.30pm Baptisms

6.30pm Evensong

## **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00am Holy Communion

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent**

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

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

6.30pm Evensong

## **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00am Holy Communion

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

12.30pm Baptisms

6.30pm Evensong

## **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00am Holy Communion

## **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

## **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00am Holy Communion

# **Worship in the Parish**

## **Sundays:**

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist

12.30pm Holy Baptism (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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## **Websites:**

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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Please do visit and 'Like' our Facebook page so you can keep up to date with events and services in our church and 'share' this with others whom you connect with on social media.

One of the saints whom we remember in February is St Valentine on the fourteenth which is reputed to be the day on which birds and other animals choose their partners.

The day itself is now regarded as the one on which lovers express their feelings towards each other and many cards and tokens are sent and received by those for whom Valentine's Day is a special one, and on which they can express their love.

The writer C S Lewis in his book '*The Four Loves*' suggests that there are four types of love

- Storge - Affection Love
- Phileo – Friendship Love
- Eros – Romantic Love and
- Agape – Divine Love.

Storge he describes as the most humble of the loves as he feels it is the love of enjoying something or someone for example an epic Play or Film.

Phileo is, Lewis says, the least needed of the loves and is the least jealous of all the loves, and rises out of the great friendship of sharing a common interest or hobby.

Eros is the love that creates the hottest of fires in our emotions. It can be described as Romantic or Erotic Love and is the feeling we have when we are in love with another person. The path of being in love is the culmination of a journey of falling in love, an emotion which we find difficult to control.

Agape, Lewis claims, is the highest and most unselfish of the loves as described in ICorinthians 13. In the King James version of the Bible Agape is called Charity.

We as Christians experience all of these loves but the one which we practice most is Agape which is not a natural emotion as in it, and through it, we are called to practice loving even the unlovable and repulsive and ask nothing in return. It is the one that asks us to take the greatest chances and can cause us to experience the most loss.

Lewis gives Agape a poetic image of suffering: to love at all, he says, is to be vulnerable, because if we love anything or anyone our hearts will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If we do not wish to suffer heartache we must give our hearts to no one, and lock it in the casket of our own selfishness so it will never be changed.

However we are human and with God's help and guidance we can steer the path through life and share all our love with and for others.

God Bless you all

Love

*Ray*

## **St John's Court**

The next service of Holy Communion at St John's Court will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am.

All are welcome.



## **St Elphin's Men's Group**

The Men's Group will meet in the Ring 'O' Bells pub on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm.

All men are welcome to join us for a relaxed drink and a chat.

## **Christingle 2018**

As promised last month we can now publish the total amount raised at the service.

It was £1038.70 and had been sent off to the Children's Society.

A wonderful result!



## St Elphin's Ladies Group

### **Future Dates:**

#### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

An evening with Jenny Raynor

#### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

An Irish Folk Evening with George Lomax

We will not be meeting during Lent instead we will join in the Lent Services in Church.

#### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

An evening with Joyce Roe – topic to be confirmed

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.

### *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Evening*

in St Elphin's Community Centre

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019**



**at 7.00pm**

Quiz, Bring & Buy and Raffle

Adults £5.00, Children £2.00

Bring your own drink



## Lent Appeal 2019



# toilet twinning

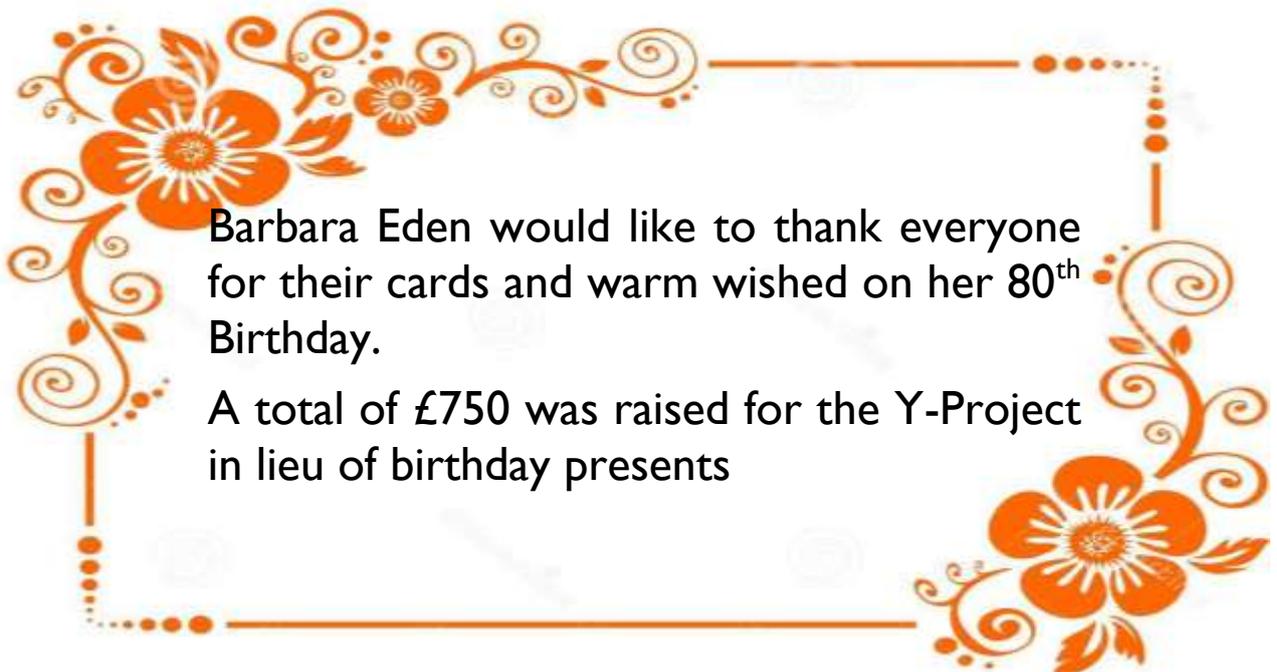
This year for our Lent Appeal we are supporting Toilet Twinning.

Did you know that:-

- 2.3 billion people don't have somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the toilet.
- The lack of a loo makes women and girls a target for sexual attack as they go to the toilet in the open, late at night.
- Almost 1,000 children die every day from preventable diseases linked to dirty water and unsafe toilets.
- 663 million people live without safe water.
- Children worldwide miss 443 million school days each year because of dirty water and poor sanitation.
- Every year, women and girls spend 97 billion hours finding a place to go.

The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are also joining in our Lent Appeal to work towards the Toilet Twinning Community Badge which the toilet twinning organisation have introduced to encourage young people to help their counterparts in other countries.

Collecting boxes will be available at the back of church shortly and there will also be a range of other fund raising activities.



Barbara Eden would like to thank everyone for their cards and warm wished on her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

A total of £750 was raised for the Y-Project in lieu of birthday presents

## Parish Finances

Do you struggle finding change on a Sunday morning? Do you know how much it costs to keep the church open?



The Parish Giving Scheme is a new, free way to help you plan your giving and where appropriate, do so tax efficiently. Whether you currently give by Standing Order, envelope or open plate you can easily make the switch to this secure and efficient Direct Debit system.

Used by the majority of dioceses, this is tried, tested and highly recommended for its reliability and ease of use, the Parish Giving Scheme can help you manage your giving in a stress-free way.

How does the Scheme work? You give your regular donations to your church by Direct Debit on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis on the 1st of the month.

Your full gift and any associated Gift Aid is automatically credited to your church the same month.

You can choose to inflation proof your gift which will make a huge difference to your church's finances.

You can change or cancel the amount at any time by a simple phone call, so you can confirm the amount that you give before your account is debited.

Warrington Parish Church has joined this scheme so if you are interested in joining either this scheme, our current Standing Order or Envelope Schemes please speak to Churchwardens Arnold Wright or Kathryn Hayes or Treasurer Wendy Bailey.

### **Gift Aid**

Whichever way you donate to church, if you are able to gift aid your donation and haven't completed a gift aid declaration or aren't sure if you've done so please speak to Dianne Rothwell. If you no longer pay tax but have in the past please let Dianne know so she can amend our records.

## Pause for Thought...with Norma Fox

*Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light*

*Like a little candle shining in the night*

*(opening lines of childrens hymn)*

How the dark days of winter seem to hang about, some days it hardly gets light, and even now in February the cold of winter refuses to budge.

Christmas was wonderful with all its celebrations, there was the brightness of the angels with the shepherds, the shining light of the star that led the Magi to the stable, and the bright lights on our Christmas trees!

Light is such an important feature in our lives allowing us to see and work better, it lifts our mood, light brings joy, darkness despair.

Many of us would have received candles as gifts, decorated ones, perfumed candles and candles in beautiful containers, all gifts of light for pleasure.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February the church celebrates 'Candlemas'. In the Middle Ages it used to be an important festival. It commemorates the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and people gathered in their churches for the blessing of the candles and tapers which were to be used during the year. The lighted candles were then carried in procession round the church for it was believed that they would give protection against evil!

Snowdrops are still known as Candlemas bells and an old rhyme reads:

The snowdrop in purest white array  
First rears her head on Candlemas Day  
If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,  
Winter will have another flight;  
But if Candlemas Day be clouds and rain,  
Winter is gone and will not come again.



Candlemas with the days lengthening was regarded as the turning point of winter and the prospect of Spring days to follow.

What is the turning point in our lives?

Christ is our Light. His love shines in our darkness and our lantern of faith burns strongly to capture and warm the hearts of others, drawing them to His everlasting light.

*In this world of darkness;  
So we must shine,  
You in your small corner,  
And I in mine.*

*(concluding lines of childrens hymn)*

## Letter from Civray

A belated Happy New Year to everyone and hope you all had a good Christmas.

We would like to say thank you for all the kind wishes for our send-off from St Elphin's. It was lovely to have so many people stay after our final service, to see all the comments on the farewell card, and to share the lovely "au revoir" cake with you all. Thank you, too, for your generosity in the farewell gift we received.

Christmas was a little unusual. As our French house was empty the first thing we had to do was go and buy a bed and some other furniture so that we could sit and eat in a civilised manner and sleep somewhere other than on the floor. We couldn't have a traditional Christmas meal as there was no cooker until all our belongings are shipped over from England but, not deterred, we took our slow cooker with us and enjoyed some lovely veal as our special treat for Christmas Day. We did have with us a Christmas pudding and a Christmas cake so some traditions were maintained!

The town of Civray (which lies in the Charente valley) is quite small but the essentials are there – butcher, baker, banks, etc and they have two markets each week. What's more, Ann's found a brocante in the town! (For anyone who doesn't know, a brocante is an antiques/second hand Aladdin's cave – think "Bargain Hunt"! ) It's always best at French markets to go to those stalls with queues; they're usually the best. The only drawback is the time it can take to do the shopping! It took us nearly two hours to buy some meat, some bread and some cheese on Christmas Eve!

There is a small Anglican community in the area and we were able to go to a Carols and Eucharist service on Christmas morning in a small village about five miles from our new home. It was a bit like St Elphin's only not so well behaved. We almost missed the announcement of the hymn after the peace was shared because everyone was still milling around and chatting; the organist had to turn up the volume to gain everyone's attention. We were made very welcome though and the service was lovely with a good sermon.

We now have the pleasure of setting up our new home. It will take some time before we are finished but it's quite an enjoyable experience (mostly). We're having fun trying to understand all the official documents but we are starting to get to grips with French.

Keep reading the magazine for more tales from Civray.

Love from Ann and Geoff.

Mothers' Union is a Christian organisation that has been supporting families worldwide for over 140 years. Started by our founder Mary Sumner in 1876 in her local parish in Winchester, we have flourished into an international charity with over 4 million members in 84 countries. As a Christian membership charity, we aim to demonstrate our faith in action through the transformation of communities worldwide. Our members work at grassroots level around the world bringing hope and practical support to millions of people every year through our parenting, literacy and community development programmes and as part of the volunteer base of local churches.

At a central level we have, through the years, campaigned at local, national and international levels to bring about real change for family life, women's and girls' rights and the protection of children. At the heart of what we do is prayer and our members come together every day at midday to focus prayers for their communities, fellow members and for those in need. We believe that the power of prayer is transformational and supports our work around the world.

Despite our name we are an inclusive organisation and we are very proud to have a growing number of men who have joined us. As we continue to work in an ever-challenging world, why not join us in our journey and be a part of something life-changing? For more information please see Wendy Bailey St Elphin's branch leader.

### **Mothers' Union Prayer**

Loving Lord, We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love, through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world in Jesus' name. Amen

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February in St Elphin's community centre 7.30pm when our speaker will be Dr Peter Kurer who will be coming to talk to us about 'What the Quakers did for the Jews of Nazi Europe'. All are welcome to join us for this meeting.

## **Future Dates for your diary**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Afternoon tea and Lady Day service at the Community House, Nora Street cost £3 with any proceeds going to Mothers Union projects locally and worldwide. Numbers limited so please see Wendy Bailey for a ticket.

## **Dates for future meetings:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TBC		Community Centre
13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lent Service		Church
10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Lent Service		Church
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Margaret Emsley		Community Centre
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Deanery Festival	Deanery Festival	St Elphin's Church
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Branch Meal		TBC
14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Mary Sumner Day	Mary Sumner Service	Community Centre
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Gary Hughes		Community Centre
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Anne Houghton		Community Centre
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Chris Waddleton		Community Centre
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Meeting		Community Centre

## **Baptisms in February**

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Margaret Dolan & Sandra Kirk

**17<sup>th</sup>** Margaret Gurney & Wendy Bailey

## **Tea / Coffee Rota for February**

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Barbara & Wendy

**10<sup>th</sup>** David & Kerrie

**17<sup>th</sup>** Julie & Linda

**24<sup>th</sup>** David & Kerrie



## St Elphin's 50/50 Club



The results of the January draw are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Margaret Dolan	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thelma Walsh
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beryl Delooze	4 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Bean

**£127.50 went to church funds**

The next draw will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February and payments must be made by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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*

## **40 days – 40 items Lent Challenge**

Do you usually give up (or take on) something during Lent?

Lent is often a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It's a time of self-examination, reflection, and focus on one's relationship with God. Many people choose to give up something, or to volunteer and give of themselves in service to others, during these 40 days.

This year why not take the *40 days – 40 items challenge*. Each day of Lent remove one item from your house that you no longer wear or need and put it in a bin bag. At the end of the forty days donate the items to a charity shop of your choice.

## 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
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dianne R	All Age	Service	Barbara E
10 <sup>th</sup>	Susan J	Janet Cliffe	James T	SW / AW
17 <sup>th</sup>	Susan J	Barbara E	Sylvia W	Barbara E
24 <sup>th</sup>	Susan J	Janet Cliffe	Jan N	SW / AW

## Communicants and Collections

<b>Week ending</b>	<b>Communicants</b>	<b>Collections</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> December	128	721.25
30 <sup>th</sup> December	82	620.15
6 <sup>th</sup> January	89	689.95
13 <sup>th</sup> January	90	587.30
20 <sup>th</sup> January	101	891.30

## Donations:

### Fabric Fund

In Thanksgiving for grace received, from Norma Fox	10.00
Anonymous donation	50.00
Warburton - In loving memory of my wife Hilda on her birthday, Harry	50.00
In loving memory of my wife Kathleen Robinson from Bill and Family	100.00

## Parish Registers

### Holy Baptism

#### 6<sup>th</sup> January

Luna-Rae Rigby

Eva May Andrews

Samuel James Bryan

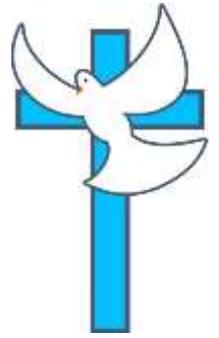
#### 20<sup>th</sup> January

Ella Rosemary Easton

Alfie Scott Jack Gill

Roy Henrik Hardie

Florence Hazel Parker



*Shine as lights in the world  
to the Glory of God the Father*

### Christian Burial & Cremation in January



9 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Clarke	Age 78
15 <sup>th</sup>	Kathleen Robinson	Age 74
30 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Margaret Crook	Age 84
31 <sup>st</sup>	David Callan	Age 79

*Rest Eternal grant unto them O Lord.  
And let light perpetual shine upon them.*

# Social and Group Activities

## Tuesday

**7.30pm** St Elphin's Church Choir Practice in Church

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## Wednesday

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

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

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

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## Thursday

**5.15 – 6.15pm** 9<sup>th</sup> 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

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## 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

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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**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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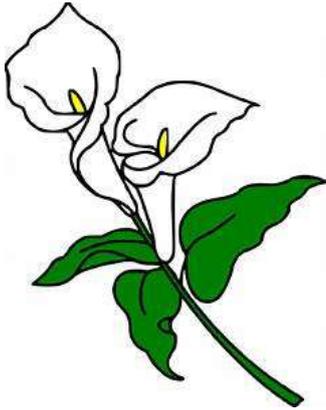


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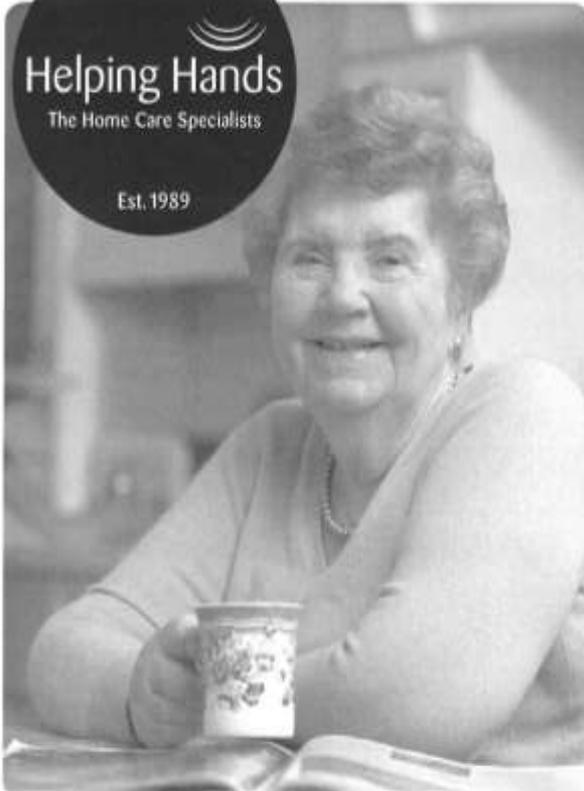
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