

# St Elphin's Chronicle



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# St Elphin's Church Services January 2020

## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January – The Epiphany**

- 8.30am Holy Communion
  - 10.30am Sung Eucharist
  - 12.30pm Holy Baptism
  - 4.00pm Stewart's Final Service – all welcome
- Please note there will be no 6.30pm evensong**

## **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

- 10.00am Holy Communion

## **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January – The Baptism of Christ**

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Sung Eucharist
- 6.30pm Evensong

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

- 10.00am Holy Communion

## **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Second Sunday of Epiphany**

- 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

- 10.00am Holy Communion

## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Third Sunday of Epiphany**

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Sung Eucharist
- 6.30pm Evensong

## **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

- 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)

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

**For all enquiries during the interregnum  
please contact Arnold Wright**

Reader	Mr L Marsh 14 Queens Avenue WA1 3BP	
Reader Emeritus	Mr R Whitticombe 3 Franklin Close WA5 8QL	01925-564408
Church Wardens	Mr A Wright 5 Kinsale Drive Locking Stumps WA3 6LX	01925-821048
	Miss K J Hayes 8 Charlton Street WA4 1LX	01925-656790
Organist and Choirmaster	Nigel Kirk	

### **Websites:**

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

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

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*Jeremiah 29:11.*

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”.*

As I reflect upon my time here at St Elphins, I am amazed at how quickly you have all become as family to me. You have welcomed me into your community and now St Elphins and Warrington feel like home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your prayers and support especially through some very tough personal situations and through Paul’s study leave and the last six months of the interregnum.

I have taken great delight in seeing individual growth within all of you and I can also see growth within myself. I have learnt so much especially after Paul’s leaving.

Whilst there is much excitement about my move to Southport, there is also great sadness to be leaving you, but we must remember the words of Jeremiah that God has plans to prosper us and I truly believe that for St Elphins. God will lead you from strength to strength and will bless your faithfulness.

I would like to finish with a poem by Darcey that was read out by her in my last Collective Worship in St Elphin’s School.....

I think this expresses some of the Love I have felt from all of you.

Blessings

*Stewart*

*Reverend Stewart where do I start?*

*First of all you make us grin from ear to ear, it will make us very sad that you won’t be here.*

*We all hope the best for you!*

*You will always light our day even if you’re not here, this has been the best year.*

*We all know your next parish will be very proud of you, even though we will all be blue.*

*Just remember God is always by your side, in school and outside of school, we hope to see you one more time.*

*Goodbye our fellow friend.*

## St John's Court

The next service of Holy Communion at St John's Court will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 11.30am.

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.

## Reverend Stewart McTaggart

Stewart's last service at St Elphin's will be on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 4.00pm. This will be followed by Cheese and Wine – for catering purposes we would be grateful if you could sign the sheet at the back of church if you will be joining us.

Stewart's Installation as Priest in Charge of Southport Emmanuel and Assistant Curate of the North Meols Team will take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 3.00pm – the church have asked for numbers so please sign the list at the back of church if you will be attending.

**Please note: there will be no Evensong at St Elphins**



Norma Fox wishes to thank everyone  
for their prayers, cards and best  
wishes during her operation.

She is now recovering.

Thank you.

## **Thank You**

A big thank you to all who volunteered to act as stewards at the many special services and awards evenings in November and December. It was very much appreciated.

*Arnold and Kathryn*

## **Another Thank You**

For the many generous donations given for the Christmas flowers.

Also to the people who gave their time to decorate the church and prepare for our Christingle Service. Your help was appreciated.

*Sylvia*



## **St Elphin's Ladies Group**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm**

Pot Luck Supper and Planning Meeting in St Elphins Community Centre

A very pleasant evening on 10<sup>th</sup> December was spent at the Waterside Inn by the Men's Group. The empty plates being testament to the fact some really good food was served up for us by very pleasant staff.

There was lots of discussion, reminiscing and friendly banter ensuring a super evening was enjoyed by all. It was particularly good to be joined by our much loved and appreciated friend Chris Waddleton.

Thanks are due to Jimmy Waddington, ably assisted by Albert Froggatt, for their good work arranging and organising such a successful event."





## Church Finances latest update

Please find attached latest details of the monthly income and expenditure available to meet general running costs.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
January	4,774	7,619
February	4,042	6,457
March	10,807	7,812
April	9,368	8,028
May	5,807	9,054
June	9,279	8,997
July	9,230	7,397
August	4,523	7,587
Sept	10,857	8,121
Oct	6,185	6,619
Nov	7,657	7,525
Total	£82,530	£85,216

Wedding Deposits: £5,000 March, £1,158 June, £1,896 July, £1082 August, £1,322 in November the expenditure for which 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. £3,842 of the balance held in the general account are wedding deposits for future dates. £2,296 held in the general account is currently owed to the Diocese as part of the interregnum arrangements.

Tax reclaim from inland revenue April £3853, July £1943, Oct £1,676. 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.

£4078 from Autumn Fayre in September income, £1,303 in November from Christmas Fayre.

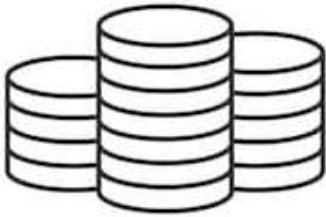
Expenditure over income currently circa £2,700 in 2019.

*Wendy Bailey, PCC Treasurer*



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*Parish Giving Scheme*

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*giftaid it*

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

## 2019 Fundraising

The totals raised from our fundraising events during the year were:

Summer Fayre	478.15
Autumn Fayre	4078.60
Christmas Fayre	642.95
Grand Raffle	660.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£5,859.70</b>

Many thanks to everyone who supported these events. We are looking at dates for 2020 – if anyone would like to help or has any fundraising ideas please do let us know.



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



The results of the December draw are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mr & Mrs P Brookes	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Helen Billinge
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hilda Peacock	4 <sup>th</sup>	Olive Johnson

**£127.50 went to church funds**

The next draw will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January and payments must be made by Sunday 19<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*



# 'Together@4'

## St. Elphin's

First and Third Sunday's Starting at 4pm in the Community Centre on St. Katherines Way.

**Here in the Parish of Warrington we are a growing church, built on God's transforming word, who worship God with passion, intimacy and expectation.**

We serve the people in this place, especially those seeking answers, through worship and prayer, and we communicate the goodness of Jesus with compassion and generosity.

The '**Together@4**' services take place on the first and third Sunday's (unless otherwise communicated) all are welcome, so why not put the date in your diary and why not bring your friends.

The service will also run on the following dates:

- **5th January 2020 – Rev Stuart's last service in the main Church**
- 19th January 2020
- 2nd February 2020
- 16th February 2020

Some great worship music to checkout if you have time:

- How Great is Our God – by Chris Tomlin
- This I Believe (the Creed) – by Hillsong
- Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Arms) – by Chris Tomlin
- 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) - Matt Redman

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**Our theme for 2020 is 'Building Hope and Confidence'**

If you are interested please see Wendy Bailey – local branch leader and vice president for Liverpool Diocese.

Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading. Lord, as we start a new year, we put our faith in you for all that lies ahead. We pray for all Mothers' Union members throughout the world. May they approach the coming year with joy and faith in our Lord, who holds the future in his hands. Loving Lord, our faith is in you; we trust in your plans for a future where we will bear eternal fruit as we follow your commands. May we always be a source of blessing to the world you have called us to serve.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th January 7.30pm at 25 Audre Close and will be a members only planning meeting. If anyone needs transport please let Wendy know.

A reminder to all members that subs are due by end of January please see Margaret Sefton for details.

## **Baptisms in January**

- 5<sup>th</sup>** Margaret Dolan and Sandra Kirk  
**19<sup>th</sup>** Wendy Bailey and Margaret Sefton

## **Tea / Coffee in January**

- 5<sup>th</sup>** David  
**12<sup>th</sup>** Ann & Anne  
**19<sup>th</sup>** David  
**26<sup>th</sup>** Chris & Barbara

There will be no cake sale in January.

New tea /coffee list in the kitchen from January, if you are able to help please put your name on the list.

## **Readers and Prayer Rota for January**

	<b><u>8.30am</u></b>	<b><u>10.30am</u></b>	<b><u>10.30am</u></b>	<b><u>6.30pm</u></b>
	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Prayers</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Reader</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Dianne R	Gill W	Arnold W	4.00pm Service
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	Sue Burke	Thelma Walsh	Joanne Marsh	Barbara Eden
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Lee Marsh	Barbara Eden	Margaret G	SW / AW
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Dianne R	Janet Cliffe	Chris Bean	Barbara Eden

## **Communicants and Collections**

<b>Week ending</b>		<b>Collections</b>
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	84	615.25
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	74	901.70
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	92	600.30
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	97	799.30

## **Donations:**

### **General Fund**

Christmas Donation from Hilda Peacock	20.00
In lieu of Christmas Cards from Sandra Kirk	10.00
In memory of Eleanor Whitticombe, born 16 <sup>th</sup> January 1920	100.00
A Christmas gift from Bob with Best Wishes to all	100.00
In lieu of Christmas Cards from Margaret Dolan	10.00

### **Fabric Fund**

In memory of Samuel and Ethel Sheldon from Sam and Barbara Sheldon	25.00
In memory of John Taylor from:-	
Barb Whaley	5.00
Albert and Ruth Froggatt	10.00
Margaret Sefton	10.00
Arnold and Sylvia Wright	10.00
In memory of Edna Daintith as the New Year starts from Jean	50.00
Birthday memories of Rhoda Banner. 9 <sup>th</sup> January from sister Audrey	20.00

### **Flower Fund**

For Christmas Flowers from Hilda Daniels	10.00
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## Parish Registers

### Holy Baptism

#### 1<sup>st</sup> December

Bonnie Rae MacDonald

Maisie Jayne Forsyth

#### 15<sup>th</sup> December

Ariah Lily Carol Haughton



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

### Holy Matrimony in December

7<sup>th</sup> Barry Alan Showell Styles and Kailey Ashurst



*Those Whom God Hath Joined Together  
Let No Man Put Asunder*

### Christian Burial & Cremation in December

9 <sup>th</sup>	William Cragg	Age 81
12 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Scott	Age 91
19 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Acton	Age 85
27 <sup>th</sup>	Denis Duxbury	Age 87



*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 – Smile Centre, Sandy Lane

**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 – Nora Street Community House

**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 Church Wardens

### **Holy Matrimony and Banns**

Arrangements to be made with the Church Wardens

### **Funerals**

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

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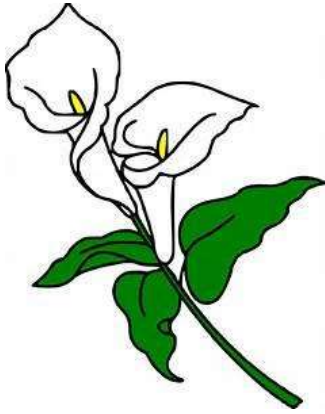


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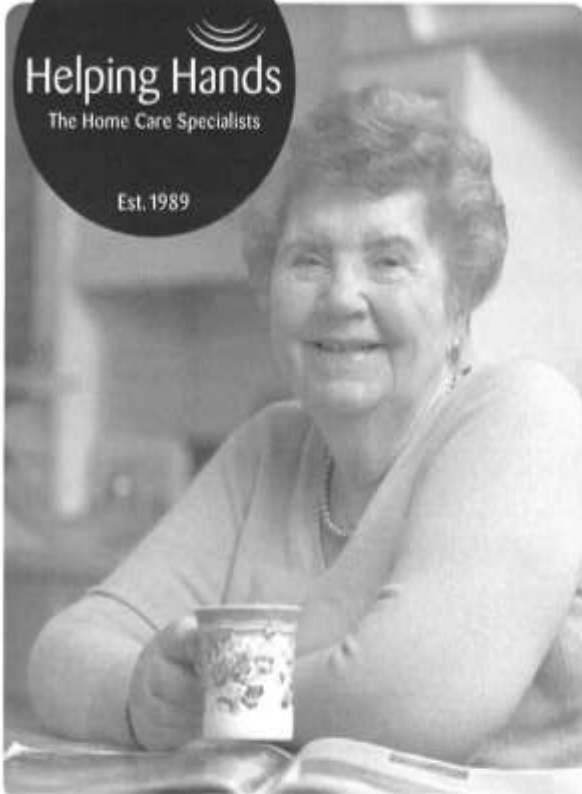
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