

St Elphin's Chronicle



July 2017



Warrington Parish Church, St Elphin's Church Services for July 2017

Sunday 2nd July, the 3rd Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday 5th July

10:00 am	Holy Communion
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Sunday 9th July, the 4th Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday 12th July

10:00 am	Holy Communion
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Sunday 16th July, the 5th Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday 19th July

10:00 am	Holy Communion
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Sunday 23rd July, the 6th Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday 26th July

10:00 am	Holy Communion
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Sunday 30th July, the 7th Sunday after Trinity

8:30 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Sung Eucharist
6:30 pm	Town Centre Anglican Churches Cluster Service of Commemoration on the 100th Anniversary of Passchendale

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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And God said...

When you finally meet with God face to face, what do you think he'll say to you?

What do you fear that he may accuse you and judge you on? - The things you should have done and chose not to? The things you knew only too well you shouldn't have done and did anyway? Do you think that he may have some harsh words about not caring enough for the poor, the sick, the lonely? Do you worry that he may ask why you didn't bring more people to him, why you didn't do your bit in growing his Church, why you didn't get more involved?

Do you cringe thinking about what only you and he knows and how it will all be laid out right in front of you and for you to give account of how you've spent your life?

Alternatively, do you hope that he may say "Well done! I'm so proud of all that you've achieved, the many people you have helped in strengthening their faith and the courageous decisions you've taken on my behalf"?

Or that he might say "Come in, sit down, relax and rest – you deserve it now after all those years of working so hard"?

What I think God will say to each one of us is this: "Did you enjoy that?"

We have only one life and one opportunity. Let us make the most of it and enjoy it whilst we can, then when God asks us that question, we can answer with a beaming smile and say "Yes. Thank you for that precious gift!"

With every blessing this July,

Paul

The Revd Canon Paul Wilson

Rector of Warrington

Area Dean of Warrington

St John's Court

The next services of Holy Communion at St John's Court will be on Tuesday 4th July at 11.30am.

All are welcome.



Birch Court Nursing Home

The next service will be Thursday 13th July at 11.00am, if anyone is free to join the Rector you will be most welcome.

Gift Aid

Please do remember that if you are a UK Tax payer, you can Gift Aid all your church giving and we are able to claim back from the Government any tax you have paid on that amount at no cost to yourself.

Every £1.00 you donate is worth £1.25 to Church. If you haven't filled a Gift Aid Declaration in please see Dianne Rothwell of a Churchwarden for details about how your generous giving can be even more generous.

Thank you

Autumn Fayre 2017 – Saturday 16th September

I know it's only July but the Autumn Fayre will soon creep up on us and will be here before we know it!!

It would be really helpful if previous stall holders could let me know if they are willing to have a stall again this year.

We're always open to new ideas and helpers so if anyone would like to help please speak to Dianne or Gill as soon as possible please

Thank you

Church Opening 2017

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The church will be open to visitors from:

3rd May to 27th September 2017

Wednesdays: 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Saturdays: 9.30am to 3.00pm

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St Elphin's Ladies Group

Future Dates:

Saturday July 15th - Howley Carnival

We would be grateful to receive prizes for our Tombola Stall and also second hand DVD's or CD's for the Ladies Group Stall at the Carnival – please leave any donations at the back of Church clearly marked 'Ladies Group'

July 19th

First Aid Tips with Sue Burke

August 2nd

Proposed visit to Great Budworth Ice Cream Farm

August 16th

Pot Luck Supper and Autumn Fayre Planning Meeting

September 6th

Michelle Wareham – Better Nutrition for Life

September 20th

Games Evening

October 4th

Patti Bradshaw from the Shannon Bradshaw Trust

November 1st

Revd Stuart McTaggart on Life in Africa

December 6th

Christmas Meal

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

Pause for Thought...with Norma Fox

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage:

Wait for the Lord!

Psalms 27:14

For years I just didn't get the biblical concept of waiting. Waiting seemed a meaningless drag, forced upon us by the fact that someone else is in charge of the narrative that is our lives. We hope, we dream, and we wait. We cry, we plead, and we wait. We run, we work and we wait. We minister, we serve and we wait. We study and we wait. Sometimes we wait, we wait and we wait. Such is life in the middle of God's great, big redemptive story. So with gritted teeth and emotions that fall short of joy, we resolve ourselves to the fact that we'll have to wait. God is God and we are not; so what can we do? We wait.

I guess my concept of waiting was along the lines of what I experience in the doctors waiting room. My appointment has been scheduled for 10.00am but I know that I won't be seen until 10.45am. I'm already uptight at the time I'll waste, sitting in that waiting room with nothing to do and a sign above that read 'No cell phones please'!

So I look for some way to make the mind-numbing minutes go by, glancing at my watch every few minutes, picking up a magazine that I wouldn't normally read.

But waiting on God isn't like this at all. Waiting on God isn't about suspension of meaning and purpose, it's part of the meaning and purpose that God has brought into my life. Waiting on God isn't to be viewed as an obstruction in the way of the plan. Waiting is an essential part of the plan. For the Christian waiting isn't simply about what we will receive at the end of the wait. No, waiting is much more purposeful, efficient, and practical. Waiting is fundamentally about what we will become as we wait.

God is using the wait to do in and through me exactly what He promised. Through the wait He is changing me. By means of the wait He is altering the fabric of my thoughts and desires. Through

the wait He is causing me to see and experience new things about Him and his kingdom. And all this sharpens me, enabling me to be a more useful person in His redemptive hands.

Waiting on God is restorative, it is one of the ways God uses to remake us into what we were designed to be. Yet I don't like to wait, and I struggle to wait well.

How about you?

The next time God calls you to wait, don't let your mind slip back to the 'doctors waiting room'. Picture in your mind the nimble and skilled fingers of a potter, who is putting pressure on the clay right where it's needed so that it will take on the beauty that is its potential. And with this in mind, give thanks for the very moment that once would have driven you crazy.

God's timing is always right – wait patiently for Him.



St Elphin's 50/50 Club



The results of the June draw are as follows:

1st Eva Price

2nd Helen Billinge

3rd Michelle Bayman

4th Arnold Wright

£135.00 went to church funds

The next draw will take place on Sunday 23rd July and payments must be made by Sunday 16th 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

37th Howley Carnival

Saturday 15^h July at 2.00pm
in Howley Park

To be opened by Sue Blythe
Compere Zippi Lee

Usual Stalls and Entertainment
including Morris Dancers, Birds of Prey
St Elphin's School Choir, Gymnastic Display

Crowning of Carnival Queen, Princess & Rosebud

Please come along and support this event

A Visit to Buckingham Palace

In April this year Arnold received a letter from the Lord Chamberlain informing him that he was invited to the Queen's Garden Party on Thursday 1st June. He was allowed one guest.

Surprise and then excitement were our first feelings.

We sent off the relevant information and were found to be acceptable so plans had to be made for travelling to London, finding a suitable hotel and deciding what to wear. Arrangements were made with help of friends and the big day came around.

It was a very hot sunny day and we booked a taxi to the Palace in time for the opening. The very knowledgeable taxi driver took us to the Hyde Park entrance and we joined the queue of people waiting to go in.

At exactly 2.30pm the gate was opened and our identification was checked. (All correct Madam) we walked through the Gardens, (I didn't realise how big they were) until we reached the lawns at the rear of the palace where the event was to take place. Marquees where teas would be served were grouped around the lawns with chairs and table to sit and eat. Two Military bands played throughout the afternoon.

Later, Ushers in top hats formed us into lines ready for the Queen and other members of the Royal Family to walk through and meet selected guests. We weren't in that category.

At 4.00pm the two bands played the National Anthem and the Queen arrived. She walked slowly along the columns smiling and acknowledging the crowds.

It all ended at 6.00pm when we left by the front entrance and joined the queue for a taxi back to our hotel.

A really wonderful day.

Sylvia Wright





Iraq

With over 3000 members and 500 active volunteers, Mothers' Union in Baghdad is the largest single Mothers' Union group in the world. Members are made up of many denominations of women coming together as Christians, to be the hands of Christ in the local community.

Christians suffered enormous persecution following the fall of Saddam Hussain's regime, and hundreds of thousands of Christians fled to neighbouring countries to escape violence. Christians now make up around only 5 per cent of the population, and mainly live in Baghdad or in the northern cities of Kirkuk, Irbil and Mosul – once a major Mesopotamian trading hub known as Nineveh in the Bible.

Violence and civil unrest are never far away in Baghdad, which has led to many frightening years. However, Mothers' Union leader, Nawal, feels that this very uncertainty has led them to a closer relationship with God. Through the difficult times, building a community that has hope has been critical. As life slowly – very slowly – becomes more peaceful in the city, members are seeing answers to prayers.

Together they have built a nursery school centre alongside the church, where children from the local community enjoy activities and are safe. The Church has established a health clinic with a dentist, pharmacist and laboratory and medical staff drawn from all sections of the community. The clinic provides free medical treatment to over 2,000 patients a month. Mothers' Union and the Church also continue to provide food relief to hundreds of local families, an outreach which was particularly vital when women were too afraid to go to the markets, as they were frequently bombed.

Mothers' Union Iraq members come together every Sunday, after the main morning worship, or on a Saturday, and often groups meet in the evening for prayer too. The prayer ministry of Mothers' Union here is vital. The prayer life has ensured they have God's protection with them, shares Nawal.

For more details on the work of Mothers Union worldwide please visit www.motherunion.org or speak to Wendy Bailey branch leader.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 12th July a meal at the Horseshoe Pub in Croft, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Can anyone wishing to attend this please ensure they have let Wendy know what they want to eat by 9th July.

Future dates and speakers:

9 th August	Rev P Wilson	Mary Sumner Day service
13 th September	Karen Wilson	Faith in Action
11 th October	Annual Review & Sylvia Wright	Visit to the Royal Garden Party
8 th November	Wendy Bailey & Mary Egerton	China – Trip of a lifetime
13 th December	Christmas Meeting	

Baptisms in July

- 2nd - Wendy & Mary
- 16th - Ann & Beryl

Tea / Coffee in July

- 2nd - Ann & Anne
- 9th - David & Kerrie
- 16th - Linda & Julie
- 23rd - Wendy & Barbara
- 30th - Barbara & Chris

New Tea / Coffee list in kitchen. If anyone would like to help with Baptisms or Tea/ Coffee, please see Wendy Bailey.

Wendy Bailey (on behalf of the branch)

Quiz Night

In St Elphin's Community Centre



Friday 21st July 2017

at 8.00pm

Tables of 4



£3.50 each including refreshments

Bring your own drink

St Elphins Brownies Pack Holiday

Readers and Prayer Rota for July

	<u>8.30am</u>	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>6.30pm</u>
	Reader	Prayers	Reader	Reader
2 nd	Susan Jeffrey		All Age	GW
9 th	Sue Burke	Janet Cliffe	Beryl Dell	AW/SW
16 th	Sue Burke	Ann Dunn	Chris Bean	DR/GW
23 rd	Kathryn H	Gill W	Jan Nicholson	AW/SW
30 th	Sue Jeffrey	Janet Cliffe	Joanne Marsh	Cluster Service

Communicants and Collections

Week ending	Communicants	Collections
21 st May	91	834.70
(Visitation)		293.70
28 th May	117	716.80
4 th June	87	694.20
11 th June	80	693.40
18 th June	109	812.60

Donations:

Fabric Fund

Birthday memories of Edith and John Massey, a loving Mum and Dad, Grandma and Grandad from Chris and Emma	40.00
In loving memory of my husband John's anniversary, from Margaret Madden	20.00
Precious memories of my beloved husband David from Barbara	30.00
In memory of Derek Cameron from Ruth and Albert Froggatt	20.00

In memory of Derek from Ron and Maynard	10.00
In memory of Derek Cameron from Irene	10.00
In memory of Derek from St Elphin's Choir	40.00
In memory of Derek Cameron from Arnold & Sylvia	20.00
In memory of Derek Cameron from Dianne	10.00

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism in June

4th June

Esmae Katy Paul

Coby William Jones

Tommie Mark Hamilton

25th June

Oscar Joseph Barnes

Leo Anthony Webb

Elouise Marcia Webb

Helen Louise Cosgrove

Isabella Rose Newell

Scarlett Mae Keller



Holy Matrimony in June

3rd Michael Carson Peter Greig and Gemma Burton

17th Trevor Lloyd Carter and Stephanie Sharon Cierniak



Christian Burial & Cremation in June



13 th	Derek Cameron	Age 84
15 th	Kenneth Forster	Age 76
16 th	Harry Brown	Age 95
21 st	Brian Anthony Hollington	Age 61
23 rd	Audrey Gatley	Age 90
28 th	William Richardson	Age 85
29 th	Anthony Craig Jennings	Age 32

Lest we Forget - July 1917

5 th	Private James Henry Burgess	Age 43
9 th	Sapper James McKeown	Age unknown
30 th	Guardsmen William Bridge	Age unknown

Killed during the Battle of Passchendaele

31 st	Rifleman Stanley Markham Davies	Age unknown
31 st	Lance Corporal Alfred Mercer	Age unknown
31 st	Private John William Mitchell	Age 35

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

Monday

7.30pm St Elphin's Church Choir Practice in Church

Tuesday

6.30pm 9th Warrington Rainbows – St Elphins Community Centre

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

6.30pm St Elphin's Brownies – St Elphin's School
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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Regards from a very happy patient"

H. Endress

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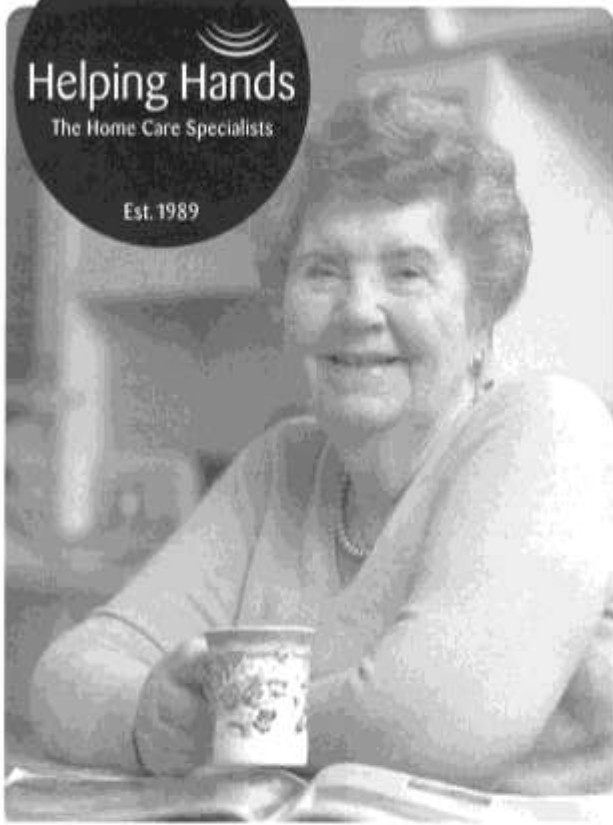
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