

St Elphin's Chronicle



June 2017



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

Sunday 4th June, —Pentecost

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

Wednesday 7th June

10:00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th June, Trinity Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion
11:00 am Mayor's Civic Service
6:30 pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 14th June

10:00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th June, the 1st Sunday after Trinity (Father's Day)

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

Wednesday 21st June

10:00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th June, the 2nd Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday 28th June

10:00 am 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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Do you regularly get the opportunity to stay at the top five star hotels whenever you travel? Do you take two or three world cruises each year? Do you own a Rolls and a Bentley? Do you have more than three houses worth over a million each? If not, then you're not one of the 'select few' who do. Many of us have to make do with 'run-of-the-mill' or plain ordinary, or just do without these kind of things altogether.

The people of the Old Testament thought much the same about their faith and about the Spirit of God – that he could only be approached by the 'select few'. And receiving some kind of spiritual gift from God – well that was strictly reserved for the biblical heavyweights; Gideon, Samuel, Isaiah, Ezekiel and others, wasn't it?.

And yet this goes against what God so desperately desires for us; that we should have a loving, personal relationship with him, and that we should be able to accept the spiritual gifts he gives to us to use in his name to make this world a better, more wholesome place for all.

This is what occurred on that day of Pentecost, and which we will celebrate together on Sunday 4th June this year, the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to 'ordinary' people and not just to a select few.

The same is true today for us in the fact that God isn't remote and detached, but is real, living and much closer than we think.

And the same is also true that the gift of the Holy Spirit can be given to, and received by, us 'ordinary' folk; encouraging, teaching, leading, guiding, empowering and provoking us in our journey of faith.

And in receiving that gift from God, we do then become the 'select few', the select few who will go out in to the world and help to build the Church of God. And that's a gift far more precious than a year's stay at the Hilton, a dozen cruises, a fleet of Rolls Royces and Bentleys or a handful of mansions any day!

This year, at Pentecost, I pray that we will again open our hearts to the living presence of God's Holy Spirit and become one of the millions of the 'select few'.

With every blessing,

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.



Warrington Walking Day – Friday 30th June **The Town's Annual Witness of Christian Faith**

We meet as usual in the Churchyard of St Elphin's and leave for the Town Hall at **9.25am**.

We leave the Town Hall at 10.25am.

If you are able please join us and support the Walk. There will be a short service afterwards in the Churchyard or in Church if wet.

Volunteers are required to help steward the procession; all churches have to provide their own.

Please speak to the Churchwardens if you can help.

Contributions towards the cost of the band will be appreciated.

Stewart's First Eucharist

Following Stewart's first Sunday of Presiding at the 6.30pm Eucharist on 11th June there will be a Cheese and Wine Reception in Church.

All are welcome but we would be grateful if you could please sign the list at the back of Church so we know how many to expect. Cash donations towards the costs would be gratefully received by Dianne or Gill.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The Brownies would like to thank all those who donated their Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers.

We will be using them in projects to learn about healthy eating and how to cook healthy food.



Pause for Thought...with Norma Fox

*Why do we live our life span
Frittering our time away/
Why not stop and then take stock
Of what we do with each new day?*

(verse from Kathleen Gillum's poem)

My thought for this month came as I was sitting peacefully in my garden at the end of a lovely sunny day when the words I had recently read, written by the Venerable Bede of Jarrow popped into my head: 'Life is a beautiful and strange winged creature that appears at the window, flies quickly through the banquet hall and is gone.'

These thoughts from many centuries ago by the biographer of St Cuthbert remind us that we should make the most of every precious day.

Sounds like hard work if we want to get it right but if we start each day with prayer we will receive the guidance we need. Prayer gives us the foundation on which to build our lives, it allows God's love to flow freely through us shining in all our dark corners. We are encouraged to take all things to God in prayer, but I'm also reminded that towards the end of his life; writer and university professor C S Lewis, who was a successful man by any standards, asked 'If God had answered all the silly prayers I have prayed in my life, where would I be now?'

Most of us have prayed and at times have not received the answer we were hoping for. But remember, God is the author of our lives – and won't let our momentary desires deflect Him from writing our happy ever after.

'Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me.' (psalm 66 : 20)

It's not how much you do each day, but how much love you put into the doing that matters and therefore makes the most of every precious day

Church Opening 2017

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The church will be open to visitors from:

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St Elphin's Ladies Group

Future Dates:

June 7th

Proposed Fish and Chip Supper, names to Margaret as soon as possible please.

June 21st

Carole Codd, Registrar

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.

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Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14th June 7.30pm in St Elphin's Community Centre, when our speaker will be Father Chris Waddleton, who will be talking about Faith in Action. All are welcome to join us at this meeting.

Future dates and speakers:

12 th July	Meal	
9 th August	Rev P Wilson	Mary Sumner Day service
13 th September	Karen Wilson	Faith in Action

Tea / Coffee in June

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

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

Wendy Bailey (on behalf of the branch)



**MEMBERS ARE THE ROOTS OF MOTHERS' UNION,
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Quiz Night

In St Elphin's Community Centre



Friday 2nd June 2017

at 8.00pm

Tables of 4



£3.50 each including refreshments

Bring your own drink



Poppy Walk 2017

I am taking part in the Liverpool 10km walk in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal on Saturday 1st July. I am walking to remember all those who died in the Battle of Passchendaele in 1917.

If anyone would like to sponsor me you will find my sponsor form at the back of church or alternatively you can sponsor me via www.justgiving.com/diannerothwell

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Birch Court Nursing Home

The next service will be Thursday 1st June at 11.00am, if anyone is free to join the Rector you will be most welcome.

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	<u>8.30am</u>	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>6.30pm</u>
	Reader	Prayers	Reader	Reader
4 th	Kathryn H	All Age		GW/DR
11 th	Kathryn H	Civic Service		Barbara E
15 th	Corpus Christi (7.30pm)			Sharon C
18 th	Dianne R	Ann Dunn	Margaret Gurney	DR/GW
25 th	Dianne R	Lee Marsh	Joanne Marsh	Barbara E

Communicants and Collections

Week ending	Communicants	Collections
23 rd April	113	788.15
30 th April	100	833.45
7 th May	88	849.70
14 th May	89	658.85

Donations:

Fabric Fund

Anniversary memories of Syd Daniels, a dearly loved Husband, Dad and Grandad, From Hilda and Family	50.00
In memory of Elsie Woodall from Pat A Taylor	30.00
Happy memories of Elsie from Mary, Sue and Sandra	20.00
Correction:- In memory of Edna Rudge, a good friend and neighbour of my Aunt, Eva Buist, from Lennie and Dorothy Bow	20.00



Parish Registers

Holy Baptism in April & May

30th April

Freya Rose Lowndes

Colby Mackay Dagnall

Harlow Nicole McMullen

Lisa Marie Newton

7th May

Primrose Lydia Brown

Amelia Rose Allen

Finley James Johnson

Megan Elizabeth Lea

9th May

Daisey Blyth

Lewis James Wilkinson

Abby Grace Wilkinson

Abbey Sophia Simpson

Chloe Rebecca Simpson

Sophie Simpson

21st May

Maisie Hall

Lilly Rose Percival

Oscar William Lake

Ivy Grace Warburton

Holy Matrimony in May

- 6th Mark Kennedy and Stephanie James
13th Colin (Tommy) Bird and Sharron Whitehouse
27th Christopher Jones and Emily Pickles



Christian Burial & Cremation in May

8 th	Kirk Peers	Age 33
9 th	Peter Bamber	Age 64
12 th	Jessica Louise Scatterson	Age 12
18 th	Elsie Woodall	Age 93
19 th	Leslie Morris	Age 88
25 th	Joseph Albert Dale	Age 76
	May Jones	Age 75
30 th	John Edward Tranter	Age 72



Lest we Forget - June 1917

2 nd	Private Thomas Travis Derbyshire	Age 20
13 th	Private William McElroy	Age 35
20 th	Private Fred Broadhurst	Age 25
26 th	Private Alan Brookes	Age 24

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

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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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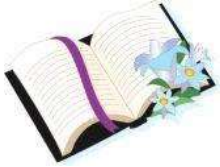
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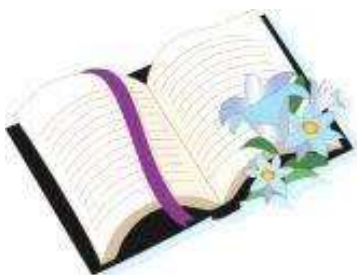
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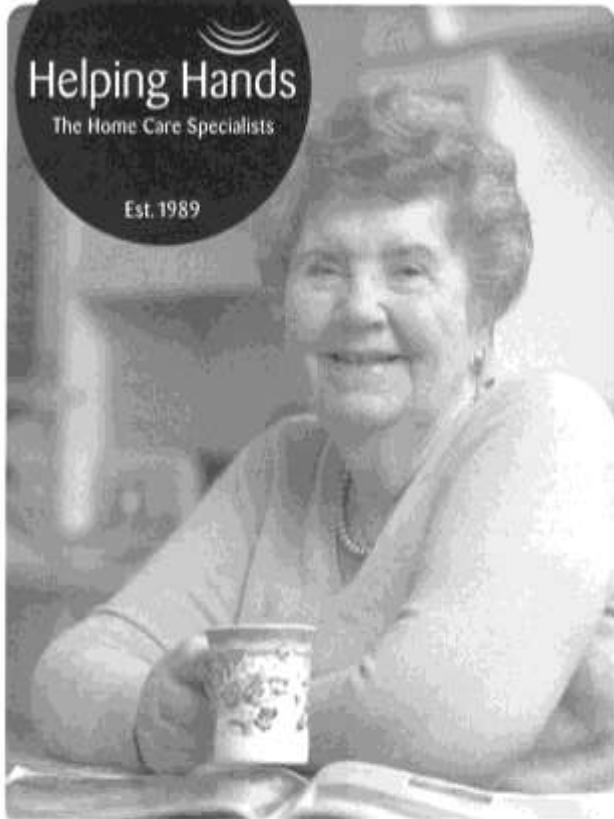


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