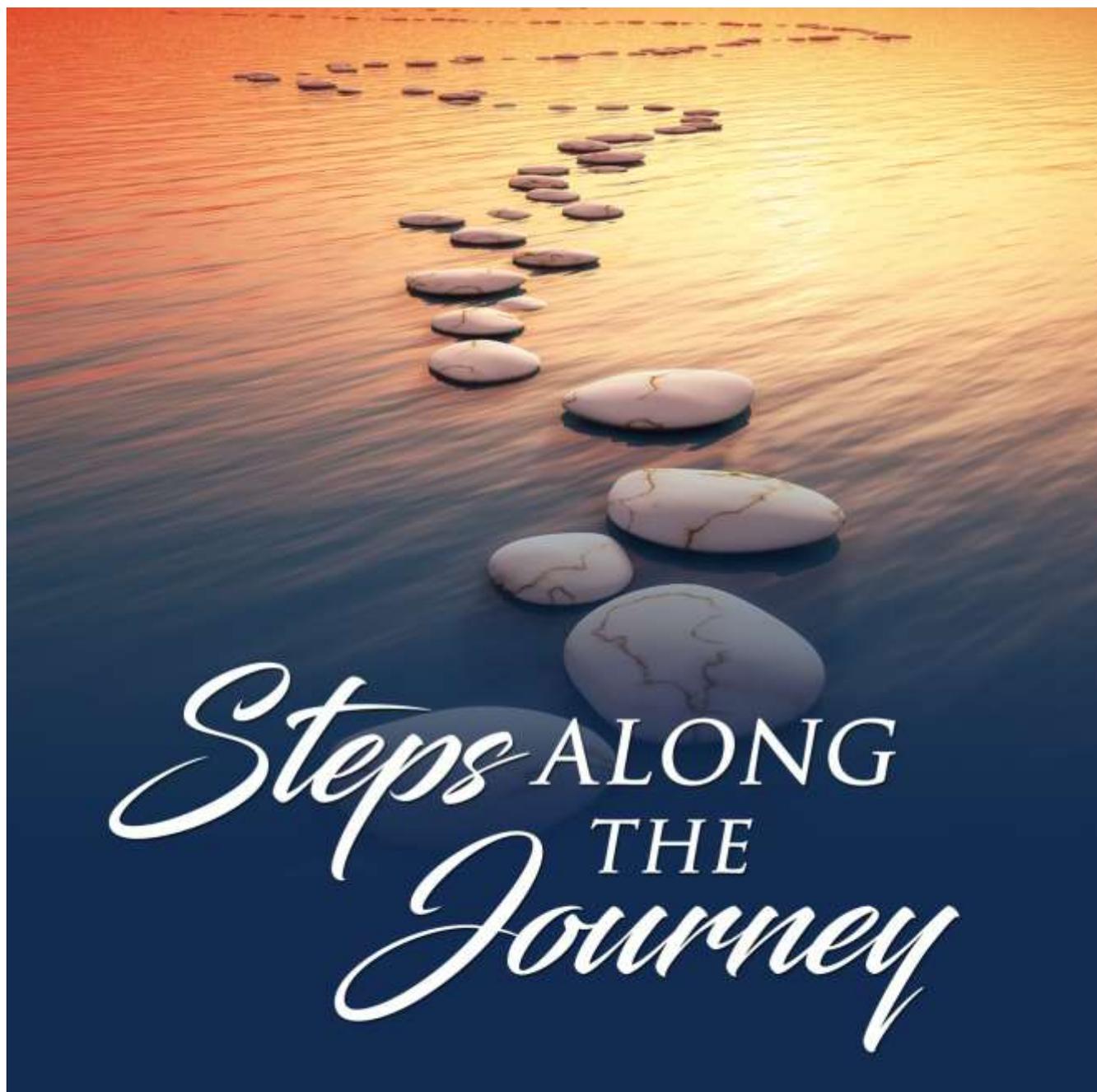


# St Elphin's Chronicle



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# Warrington Parish Church, St Elphin's Church Services June 2019

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8:30 am	Holy Communion (said)
10:30 am	All-Age Holy Communion (sung)
12:30 pm	Holy Baptism
6:30 pm	Evensong

## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

10:00 am	Holy Communion (said)
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## Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June

7:30 pm	D-Day 75th Anniversary Commemoration
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## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, Pentecost Sunday

8:30 am	Holy Communion (said)
11:00 am	Civic Service ( <i>all are welcome</i> )
6:30 pm	Holy Communion (sung)

## Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

10:00 am	Holy Communion (said)
7:30 pm	Mothers' Union Deanery Festival Holy Communion

## Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June

7:00 pm	Warrington & Vale Royal College Awards
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## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, Trinity Sunday / Father's Day

8:30 am	Holy Communion (said)
10:30 am	Holy Communion (sung)
6:30 pm	Evensong

## Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

10:00 am	Holy Communion (said)
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## Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, Corpus Christi

7:30 pm	Holy Communion (said)
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## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8:30 am	Holy Communion (said)
10:30 am	Holy Communion (sung)
6:30 pm	Evensong

## Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

6:00 pm	Children's University Awards
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## Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

10:00 am	Holy Communion (said)
6:00 pm	Children's University Awards

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8:30 am	Holy Communion (said)
10:30 am	Holy Communion (sung)
6:30 pm	Farewell Songs of Praise ( <i>Farewell Service for Rector Paul Wilson</i> )

# **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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Cathedral Website: <http://www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk>



**[www.facebook.com/warringtonparishchurch](http://www.facebook.com/warringtonparishchurch)**

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.

## **‘A great and wonderful journey...’**

They say that ‘*Time flies when you’re having fun!*’ and, unbelievably, the 19<sup>th</sup> May was the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my induction and installation as Rector of Warrington. Where have those years gone?

Often, we’re not always able to see the whole journey and make out the landscape from where we are. It’s when we take the time to stop, look around us and look back and remember that we can focus on the distance travelled, the important steps taken, the experiences gained, and the friendships made.

For all of us we’ve travelled a huge distance together in those 6 years. Together, we’ve made some major and minor changes, in our worship, in our church building and also in ourselves, with many sharing with me of their feelings of moving closer to God, a deeper spirituality and prayer life, an awakening understanding of discipleship and really enjoying being a part of the welcoming, nurturing and loving St Elphin’s family.

For Karen, Matthew and I, it’s been something of a huge journey too, and especially as we prepare ourselves to move east to Epworth in North Lincolnshire in July, where the next weeks will be spent letting go and saying goodbye to many dear friends and colleagues.

For all of us the last few weeks through Lent, Holy Week and Easter have been a time to listen, observe, reflect and pray, as together we attempt to discern where God may be leading His Church here in this place, what the future will hold for you all and seeking to find where God is calling you afresh to be His presence and touch the lives of those whom He is calling to belong here. I still continue to believe and trust that God will provide all that is needed to continue His work here and touch hearts, souls and lives with His transforming love and that God’s love, grace and strength will continue to sustain you throughout all of that inevitable change.

Change can be exciting, exhilarating and energy-giving, but it can also bring great anxiety, grief and sadness at what may be lost in the process. I am aware that as our church here faces change, then anxiety, grief and sadness may be part of that journey as we may need to ‘let go’ of certain things and take up others, ensuring that Christ’s Great

Commission before His Ascension (*Ascension Day 30<sup>th</sup> May*) is lived out in our lives as present day disciples; “*Go and make disciples of all nations...*”

In the recent Lent addresses, we considered together the kind of things we need to take with us on our journey – what we need to let go of and take off, and what we need to put on – particularly the powerful and protective Armour of God.

I believe that we must prepare ourselves for change, change in our church, in our own discipleship and in the lives of those whom God is calling to belong to His body here at St. Elphin’s, including whoever God is calling to lead here as the next Rector. I trust that you will continue to pray about discerning God’s plan and purpose, those steps along the journey, during these exciting, and sometimes anxious, times in order that His will is done, and that by remaining close to God and following His way, you will not allow the anxiety, grief or sadness to overwhelm you.

With every blessing this June.

*Paul*

Rector of Warrington, St Elphin’s

## **Warrington Walking Day –Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 afterward in the Churchyard or in the Church if wet.

Volunteers are required to act as stewards with the procession; all churches will provide their own.

Please speak to the Churchwardens if you are able to act as stewards.

Contributions towards the cost of the band will be appreciated.

# Annual Parochial Church Meeting Address 2019

I wonder if any of these events and dates are familiar to you?

- **21 January:** Barack Obama inaugurated for his second term as US president.
- **23 January:** David Cameron announces that the Conservative manifesto will promise an in-out referendum on EU membership by 2017.
- **4 February:** A skeleton thought to be that of King Richard III is discovered under a Leicester car park. Subsequent tests eventually establish it to be the case.
- **14 February:** Oscar Pistorius is charged with murder.
- **13 March:** Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, from Argentina, is elected as the new Pope. He will be named Pope Francis.
- **8 April:** Margaret Thatcher dies aged 87 following a stroke.
- **8 May:** Sir Alex Ferguson retires as Manchester United manager.
- **1 July:** Mark Carney takes over as Governor of the Bank of England.
- **7 July:** Andy Murray defeats Novak Djokovic to become the first British man to win Wimbledon since 1936.
- **22 July:** Prince George of Cambridge is born to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.
- **5 December:** Nelson Mandela, South Africa's ex-president, dies, aged 95.

Does anyone know in which year these events occurred? – **2013** – 6 years ago.

Another significant date for me in that year was 19<sup>th</sup> May – my first Sunday and Installation as Rector of Warrington. It seems like a lifetime away - and in some respects it is – and also it feels like yesterday. Where has that time gone?

It was just over 6½ years ago when the Bishop of Warrington, Richard Blackburn, and the Archdeacon of Warrington, Peter Bradley, contacted me and asked me to consider the role of Rector of Warrington as my next post, having been Vicar of Hatfield for almost 12 years and Area Dean for almost 3.

Karen and I had never been to Warrington, so didn't really know much about the area. Therefore, following a couple of telephone conversations we arranged to meet with Arnold and Kathryn and the Archdeacon here to have a look around.

It was a really grey, cold and wintry day on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2013 when we made the long journey over the Pennines. However, that greyness and coldness soon thawed with the wonderful and warm welcome we received. We looked around the Rectory and Church and hairs stood up on the backs of our necks when we came into this wonderful place of worship.

Karen and I both thought that we would be happy here but, more importantly, felt that God was calling us here.

When asked recently by some of the children at St Elphin's Primary School why I chose to come to Warrington as Rector, I replied that God had chosen Warrington for me. And I still believe that to this day, 6 years later, that God chose us and called us here to Warrington.

And during those 6 years, (*apart from the inevitable challenging moment or two!*), we have been happy at St Elphin's, being a part of this community and being loved and nurtured by the wonderful people of this church.

And I'm able to say with all sincerity, that as an incumbent with over 20 years of ministerial experience, I've never known such wonderful support, encouragement, loyalty (especially from our Churchwardens) and genuine love and kindness in a congregation. So, thank you for that.

And, as a church together, we have achieved many great things:

The first thing I appreciated about my first sight of Warrington was this wonderful building.

A wonderful space in which to worship, a place that has the history of hundreds of years and hundreds of thousands of souls soaked into its very stones, and a place that means so much to so many different people. A place which is a recognisable landmark on the Warrington skyline. It's always wonderful to see the spire from a distance when returning home.

It has been a real and genuine pleasure to have been part of so many different building projects, repairs and improvements to this glorious place of worship;

- the new welcoming and visible entrance doors and accessible ramped floor,
- the reordering of the choir area with a raised carpeted dais, nave altar and more space at the front of the nave with the removal of some pews, which has made such a difference to our Eucharists and school events and concerts,
- the red pew runners bringing colour, warmth (and a little bit more comfort!) as well as covering the decades of scuffs and scratches,
- the upgraded lighting system with led bulbs making it much brighter and more cost efficient, (*there have been many comments from people returning to St. Elphin's after a time away who have said how much brighter, warmer and more colourful they think the church is now*).

Each Rector has left his mark on this building in some way over the decades and changed and altered different parts of the interior to avoid it becoming a museum to the past, but remaining a living, thriving and appropriate place of worship.

And when some people muttered and grumbled that we'd never be able to do these things, that we'd never have the money or see the projects through because they were too difficult, we knew that, because we had held these things in prayer and had confidence in God's grace in honouring our faith and trust in him, we would see these things completed, because we were doing them for the right reasons and in the right way, to enable his Church to grow and create a safe, welcoming and effective space for worship.

Another important part of being committed to and belonging to a church, of playing our part well and enabling the church to continue growing, is providing the resources to do that.

As, I mentioned in my address last year, this next few years will provide many challenges and opportunities for this church and for Warrington Deanery with changes to Parish Share arrangements.

Unfortunately, there are some who still believe in the myth that some central Church of England bank, the Government, or the Town Hall from Council Tax receipts pay for everything in church; that it's like education, roads or the NHS, and funded centrally. All of which would be wonderful, but sadly not true! The costs associated with keeping a church like ours open each week for the important things of God are immense, are often concerning and are the full responsibility of the congregation.

The PCC will be providing regular updates in the monthly Parish Magazine about income and expenditure, so we can all see the real costs of keeping our doors open – in the hope and trust that the people in our congregation will commit to supporting those needs realistically – otherwise our carefully stewarded reserves for important repair, restoration and maintenance projects as well as mission will be depleted – and quickly, and we will then have nothing left in the coffers.

There are many ways in which it is possible to give generously and graciously to the church where we belong. If you have any questions and when you are ready change your giving amount, please do speak to Wendy Bailey our Treasurer, who diligently ensures that our accounts are kept in good order and that we are able to pay all of our substantial bills each month. And by giving in grace, we will enable our church to continue growing.

And in enabling the Church to grow we have worked hard together in nurturing the confidence and ability of people who God had called to work in particular areas of the church here. We are so fortunate here at St Elphin's to be involved in discerning God's calling of people to various kinds of ministry, equipping and encouraging them through training and development and then giving them the opportunities to exercise that ministry – to enable his Church to grow.

We are fortunate to have been entrusted with the training of a curate and have seen Stewart grow in his ministry. We have seen Lee licensed as a Church of

England Reader and look forward to seeing him continue to flourish and grow in ministry. We've seen others offer themselves in assisting in worship as crucifers, altar servers, readers of the Bible, leaders of intercessions and helping in numerous other ways. We've seen people offer their time and services regularly to help with sweeping, cleaning, polishing and repairing, in handing out service books, in welcoming visitors to Sunday services, baptisms, weddings or funerals, and in providing refreshments at various events.

We are also extremely fortunate that we have such a dedicated, faithful and experienced Ministry Team here. People called and equipped by God to minister in his name and continue to grow his Church through leading services and offering pastoral care to people in our parish.

We said farewell to one of our Readers, Geoff, as he and Ann moved to make a home in France, and we continue to give thanks for the continued ministry of Ray and will soon have the opportunity to say farewell to him as he steps down from active Reader ministry and becomes Reader Emeritus at the end of July.

We also have a dedicated Churchwarden's Team, doing many, many important things on our behalf quietly in the background, ensuring that our church is well governed and managed – all those things that happen as if by magic or by the 'church fairies'! And many of the tasks that they do can be carried out by very capable individuals who would be willing to offer a few hours each week or month, relieving them from the many responsibilities and tasks they hold on our behalf. So, please do consider offering yourself if you can, and try to ease their burden?

And in enabling the Church to grow, we have seen so many people come to faith or have had their faith deepened in some way. People who were once on the outside looking in at what Christianity was all about, to knowing for themselves what it means to follow Christ.

One of the most moving and wonderful parts of ordained Christian ministry for me is seeing people come to faith and grow in that faith, becoming disciples. That's what it's all about. That's why we do what we do and what we're about. And to have had just a small part in that journey as someone grows in their faith is so rewarding.

And these things, of building with stone, wood and glass, or building with faith, hope and trust, take time, commitment, hard work and lots of prayer. They don't happen all by themselves. They happen because many people have said 'Yes' to God's call upon their time and their lives. This building remains here, in good repair and open for worship because people said 'Yes'. People's lives are being touched by God's love because those people said "Yes". People are responding to God's call to them to serve and to build the church by saying 'Yes'.

And saying 'Yes' to God will continue to be crucially important in this next stage of the journey for St Elphin's Church, continuing to work together in building the church and building up the church. Much has been achieved, but there is still much to do, (as there always will be). We can be justly pleased and proud of all of the things and the people that God has blessed us with, because we took the step of faith and said 'Yes'.

I said earlier that I believed that God chose Warrington for me, not that I chose Warrington for myself. I continue to believe that there was a reason why God called me here, to ministry in this place. I believe that reason was change and growth. Change and growth, not only in this church, not only in this community, not only in this Deanery, not only in the faith and service of the people of this church, but change and growth also in myself. I have experienced so much, learned so much and grown so much during my time here, thanks to many of you. Your faith in me has helped during those challenging and difficult times.

And in the same way in which I believe that God chose Warrington for me, I believe that he has also chosen Epworth for me too. It's difficult to explain, difficult to express why Epworth feels right at this time when many expected me to move on to some more senior position – but it does - because it is of God. And I believe that God has the same reason in mind – change and growth. The people of the Epworth Group of Churches are wanting to grow, and God knows that. And God knows that I need to continue to grow too. Who knows what will follow Epworth or where God will call me next? But, that's for God to work out and for me to continue to be obedient, trusting and faithful. He's not deserted me or let me down so far, so I shall continue to say 'Yes' to his call, knowing that he, too, will be faithful to me.

So, thank you for 6 wonderful years, for supporting and loving Karen and me, for your encouragement and for your prayers. I shall continue to remember this place and its people with great fondness and affection and ask that you continue to pray for me, as I will you, particularly during your time of discernment for whoever will become the next Rector of Warrington – a privileged responsibility.

So, thank you. And please remember to remain faithful and fruitful and keep saying 'Yes' to God.

The Revd Canon Paul Wilson

Rector of Warrington

## **St Elphin's Church Grounds**

One thing our Rector, Paul, has sought to during his time in Warrington is to ensure our lovely church retained its reputation as a welcoming church. There is plenty of evidence Paul has succeeded in this objective. Not least being the improvements to the north entrance and inner glass doors. St. Elphin's is certainly a church we can all feel very proud to be part of and we are very grateful for the contribution Paul has made in this respect.

Before entering our church however you first have to pass through the church grounds and this is where the welcome actually begins. The large grounds are now designated 'Quiet Space' and managed by Warrington Borough Council. There is a designated footpath through the grounds and hence general public access to the whole area. WBC have recently completed the first phase of improvements to the paved footpath. Hopefully, when funding permits, the whole north side area will be upgraded. There are currently national and media initiatives underway designed to reduce litter and plastic waste. Unfortunately our church grounds are not exempt and we get litter and plastic bottles regularly dropped within the church grounds. One of my responsibilities as a Deputy Church Warden is to co-ordinate actions to keep the church grounds litter free. WBC have been very supportive in the removal of larger volumes of litter and I and others try to keep on top of the smaller amounts which appear. If anyone becomes aware of any new items we are not aware of they can always inform me. However if it's safe to do so then there's nothing to prevent anyone supporting us by moving minor items of litter and thereby supporting our initiative to be a welcoming church and one we can truly be proud to be part of.

*Chris Bean*

## **Date for your diary**

**Howley Carnival, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

More details in next months magazine

## Church Finances latest update

Over several years many people have left money and given donations to help with maintaining the fabric of St Elphin's parish church. This money is gratefully received and has allowed us to build up a pot of money to keep the church in good order. These funds are restricted for maintenance of the building and cannot be used to meet monthly outgoings. These regularly outgoing include:

Parish Share - which pays for our clergy, monthly salaries, training and pension provision

Gas / Electricity

Insurance - almost £1,000 per month

General / water rates and maintenance on clergy housing

Secretarial and other administrative expenses including printing

Other expenses relating to parish business

I intend to provide brief details of the monthly income and expenditure in the magazine but if anyone would like more details please see me.

<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	£7,340
Total	£28,991	£29,228

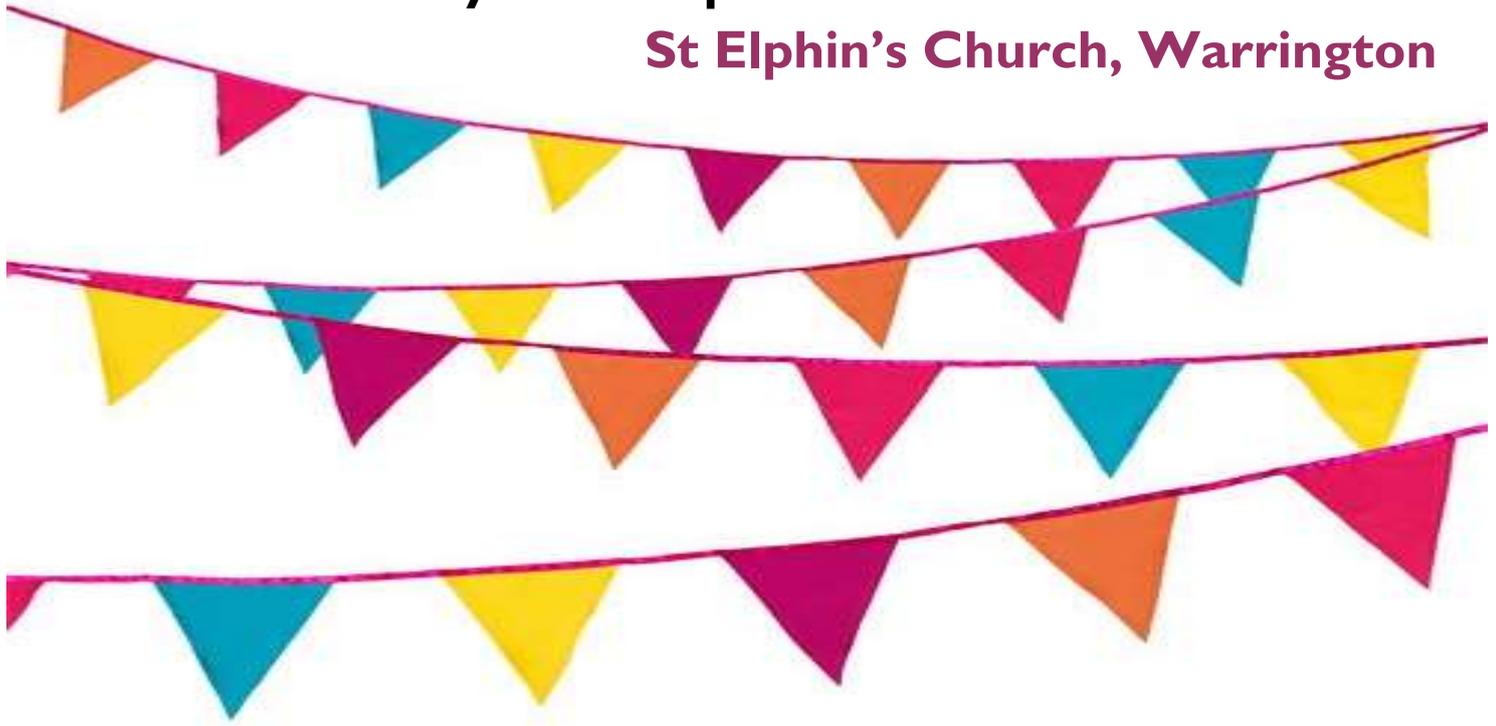
£5,000 of the March income are wedding deposits, the expenditure for these will occur when the wedding takes place. Only a small portion of wedding receipts are available to the church the rest are payable to Organist, choir, and Diocese depending what the couple have paid for.

April income includes £3853 tax reclaim from the inland revenue. 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.

*Wendy Bailey*  
PCC Treasurer

**Please encourage as many people as possible to attend  
our Summer Fayre to help boost our church finances**

**St Elphin's Church, Warrington**



*Summer Fayre*  
*Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June*  
*11.00am - 4.00pm*

- **Hand-made Goods**
- **Jewellery Stall**
- **Cake Stall**
- **Refreshments**
- **Games**
- **Tombolas**
- **Gifts**
- **Hand-made Cards**
- **Church Souvenirs**
- **Raffle**

*All Welcome*



## St Elphin's Ladies Group

### **Future Dates:**

#### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Kath Turpin – Lives of Narrow Boat Families

#### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

To be advised

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.

### Lent Appeal 2019



## **toilet twinning**

Many thanks to everyone who took part in our toilet twinning Lent Appeal. We raised the fantastic sum of £400, the cheque has been sent off and we are just waiting to receive the community badges for the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

*Dianne*

### *Thank You*

Thank you to everyone for their prayers, good wishes and cards during my stay in hospital.

They are very much appreciated.

I hope to see you soon.

*Arnold*

## **Pause for Thought...with Norma Fox**

*Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.  
Psalm 27 : 11*

My friends dad was the guru of shortcuts. He lived on an endless quest for the shortest route to all of the places to which he regularly drove. Her mum used to kid her dad that most of his shortcuts were in fact 'long cuts'. In his search for the shortest distance to wherever, her dad would say again and again 'the shortest distance between two points is a straight line'.

The life to which God has called us is the ultimate straight line. This line starts with rebels and ends with people alive and reformed into the likeness of God's Son. The problem is that our living is seldom a straight line. We all take daily detours of thought and desire that move us off the straight path that God has placed us on by his grace. He has redeemed us from the jungle of our rebellion, foolishness and self focus and placed us on the narrow pathway of his Son. The trouble is that we all tend to be tricked into taking detours that get us off God's path and into trouble.

Our problem is twofold, first we get diverted because we are impatient. The trip to where God is taking us is not an event, it's a process, and the process isn't easy. God's road takes us through the heat of the sun, through storms and cold, through the dark of night, through loneliness and confusion. So we get tired and impatient and begin to convince ourselves that there is a better way, but there isn't!

There is no time when temptation is more powerful than when we are facing difficulty. This is exactly what the verse from psalm 27 : 11 recognises, we see pathways that appear easier and more comfortable but they only ever lead to danger. It's tempting to debate within ourselves why someone else has such an easy life when ours is so hard. Perhaps we give way to anger, impatience and irritations. These bad habits lead to bad attitudes. Your difficulty has deceived you into thinking that you have reason for wandering off God's straight path, and your attitudes and habits have placed you on the dangerous side-paths of the kingdom of self.

Stop right there, it's time to evaluate your relationship with the God who redeems you, who understands our weaknesses, who loves us and sets us right back on the straight path as people who are alive and reformed into the likeness of his Son.

How about praying, once again 'Teach me your way O Lord, and lead me on a level path'? Be strong and let your heart take courage.

# **Warrington Parish Church**

More than any other building it  
reflects the history of the town

The church will be open to visitors from:

**4<sup>th</sup> May to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Wednesdays: 2.00pm to 4.00pm**

**Saturdays: 9.30am to 3.00pm**

**Group visits by prior arrangement**

**Guides and Souvenirs available**

Contact number:

(01925) 656790

**Come and have a look around**

# Quiz Night



In St Elphin's Community Centre

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

at 8.00pm

Tables of 4



£4.00 each including refreshments

Bring your own drink



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



The results of the May draw are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Hilda Peacock	2 <sup>nd</sup>	David Sefton
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dianne Rothwell	4 <sup>th</sup>	Neil Walsh

**£127.50 went to church funds**

The next draw will take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and payments must be made by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> to be included in the draw.

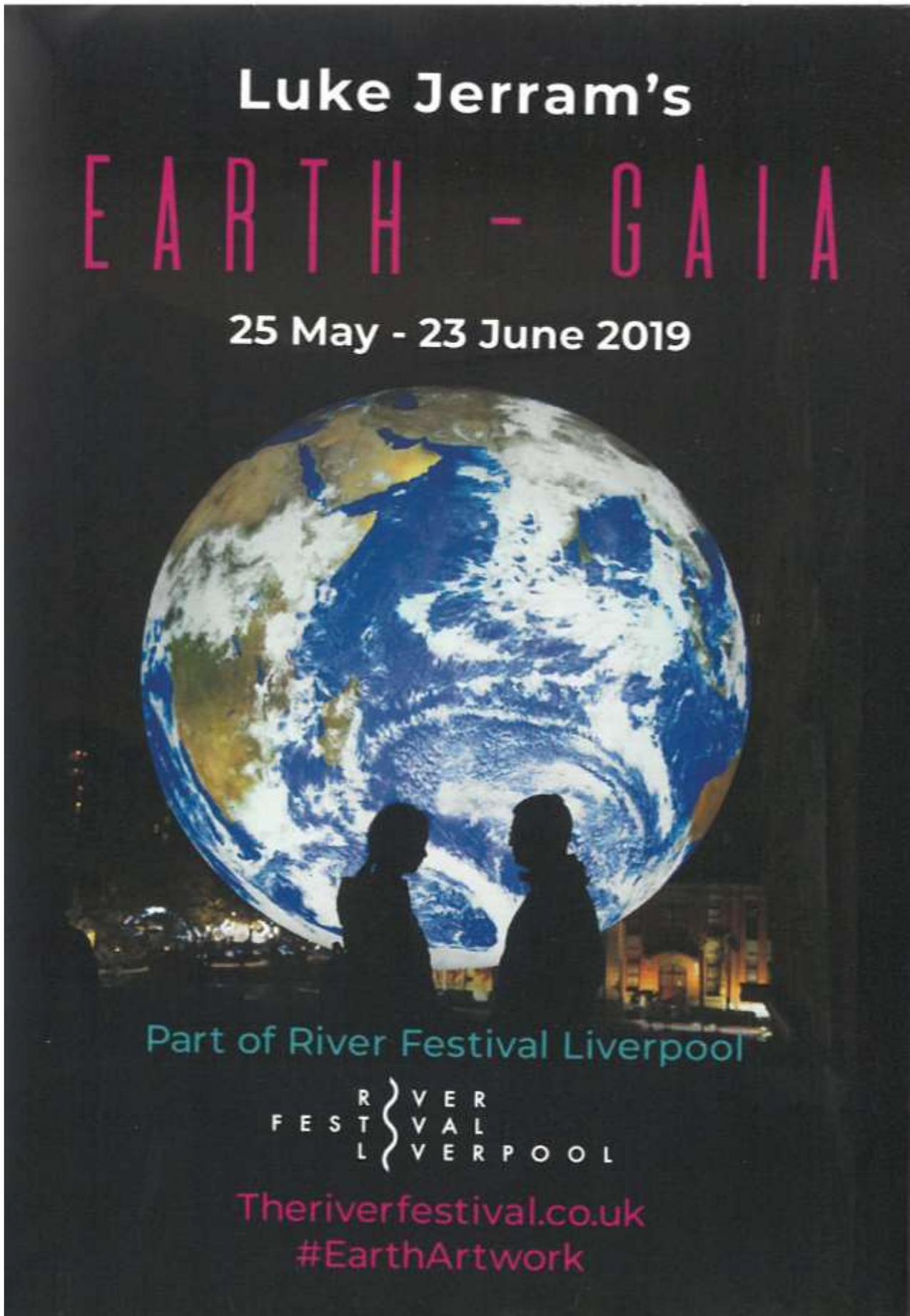
Any payments made after that date will be assumed to be for the following month. Any cheques should be made payable to 'St Elphin's 50/50 Club'.

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*

## What's on at the Cathedral



**Luke Jerram's**  
**EARTH - GAIA**  
25 May - 23 June 2019

Part of River Festival Liverpool

RIVER  
FESTIVAL  
LIVERPOOL

[Theriverfestival.co.uk](http://Theriverfestival.co.uk)  
#EarthArtwork

For viewing times see the Cathedral website at:  
[www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk)

## **Savings and Credit groups**

Traditionally a part of the Literacy and Financial Education programme, some provinces are now developing this aspect into a transformational Savings and Credit programme. The overall aim for countries using this programme is to break down the barriers and challenges faced by women when dealing with money and finances. It aims to raise their social and economic status, resulting in them having more of a say in their households, and helping to create women entrepreneurs.

The long-term changes that the programme achieves are:

- Participants increasing their incomes, starting small enterprises and becoming more independent
- Women being able to use their newly acquired budgeting and savings skills to improve their families' wellbeing as well as their community. As well as financial benefits, participants start to see cultural change and as a result, able to do more to support their communities and themselves
- Women being more financially literate and being able to start or develop income-generating activities
- The skills learnt and businesses formed stay within the communities and are passed on to family and other community members

Through the programme we have seen that women's statuses increase within their communities due to them becoming more financially independent and self-reliant. As well as the financial benefits, it is our goal that participants will start to see cultural change and as a result, they will be able to do more to support their communities and themselves.

Forgive us Lord, when we let you down. Empty us of all our wrong desires and fill us with the light of your Holy Spirit that your way may shine like a beacon throughout the world. With faith and joy we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit; the promise God fulfilled in our lives. Holy Spirit envision our lives with holy purpose; pour your words upon

us that we may speak the wonders of God. Come Holy Spirit. Fill our weak and empty lives with your strength. Flood our parched lives with streams of living water. Ignite our cold lives with the intensity of holy fire and send us out in the power to witness to the love of Christ.

The Warrington Mothers' Union **Deanery Festival** will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at St Elphin's. Our friend's from Padgate and Cinnamon Brow will be joining us for this special event. All members of the congregation are welcome to join us for this special service at which Caroline Collins Liverpool Mothers Union Diocesan President will be giving the address. The service will be followed by light refreshments.

### **Forward look**

**Diocesan Mary Sumner Event** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 12noon – 2pm  
St Paul's Fazakerley

**Warrington Archdeaconry Quiet Day** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am –  
12 noon at Lathom Chapel Ormskirk

**Warrington Deanery joint event** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm  
Church of Resurrection Cinnamon Brow

### **Baptisms in June**

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Wendy Bailey and Margaret Sefton

### **Tea / Coffee Rota for June**

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Julie & Linda

**9<sup>th</sup>** Mayor's Sunday

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

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Chris and Barbara

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

## Readers and Prayer Rota for June

	<u>8.30am</u> <b>Reader</b>	<u>10.30am</u> <b>Prayers</b>	<u>10.30am</u> <b>Reader</b>	<u>6.30pm</u> <b>Reader</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dianne R	All Age Service		Gillian W
9 <sup>th</sup>	Kathryn H	Civic Service		Eucharist
16 <sup>th</sup>	Susan J	Thelma W	Thelma W	Barbara E
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sue Burke	Janet Cliffe	Barbara E	tba
30 <sup>th</sup>	Susan J	Barbara Eden	Lee Marsh	Songs of Praise

## Communicants and Collections

<b>Week ending</b>	<b>Collections</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> March	775.90
31 <sup>st</sup> March	612.80
7 <sup>th</sup> April	687.90
14 <sup>th</sup> April	767.30
21 <sup>st</sup> April	1308.74
28 <sup>th</sup> April	526.00
5 <sup>th</sup> May	607.90
12 <sup>th</sup> May	639.75

## **Donations:**

### **General Fund**

Donation in memory of Bill Richardson, 13 <sup>th</sup> June, with love from June, Lynn, Mike, Emily & Laura	50.00
Donations in memory of Dorothy Pendleton	80.00
Donations received in memory of Cyril Bishop from:	
Fred Allen	20.00
Pauline Beckett	20.00
Barbara Boden and family	40.00
Dot & Len Bow	20.00
Ruth & Albert Froggatt	20.00
Dr Roger Hayward	20.00
Julie & Bill Holland	10.00
Bernice & Peter Rowell	20.00
Diana & David Knight	50.00
In memory of happy times spent with Cyril Bishop from Ray & Gill Whitticombe	20.00
Bishop: a dear and valued friend Cyril , may he rest in peace, from Harry Warburton	50.00

### **Fabric Fund**

In loving memory of Peter Lawrenson on his anniversary, 11 <sup>th</sup> May, from Cynthia and family	10.00
Cherished memories of Sydney Daniels, 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2014, a much loved and dearly missed Husband, Dad and Grandad	50.00

## Parish Registers

### Holy Baptism

5<sup>th</sup> May

Eli Michael Birchall

Marley James O'Brien

Hunter Luke Bradshaw

Mylan-Rose Quinn



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

### Holy Matrimony in May

4<sup>th</sup> Thomas Rustage & Megan Tempest

11<sup>th</sup> Ashley Thomas Jones and Linda Jane Griffiths

18<sup>th</sup> Peter Mather & Isabella Carson

18<sup>th</sup> Robert Walley & Nikki Cornelia



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

### Christian Burial & Cremation in May

13<sup>th</sup> Debra Dutton

Age 57

16<sup>th</sup> Stanley Green

Age 94

21<sup>st</sup> Edna Jobbins

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 – 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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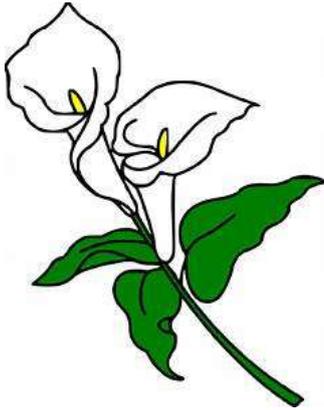


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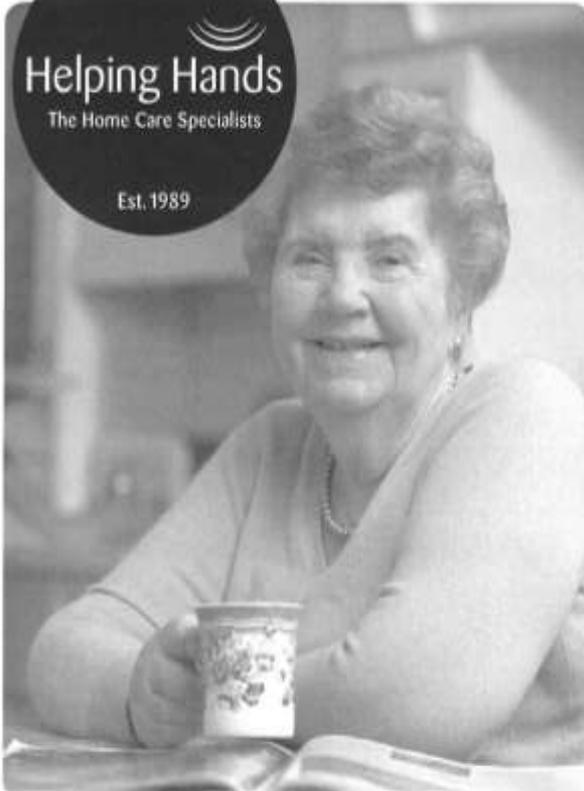
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