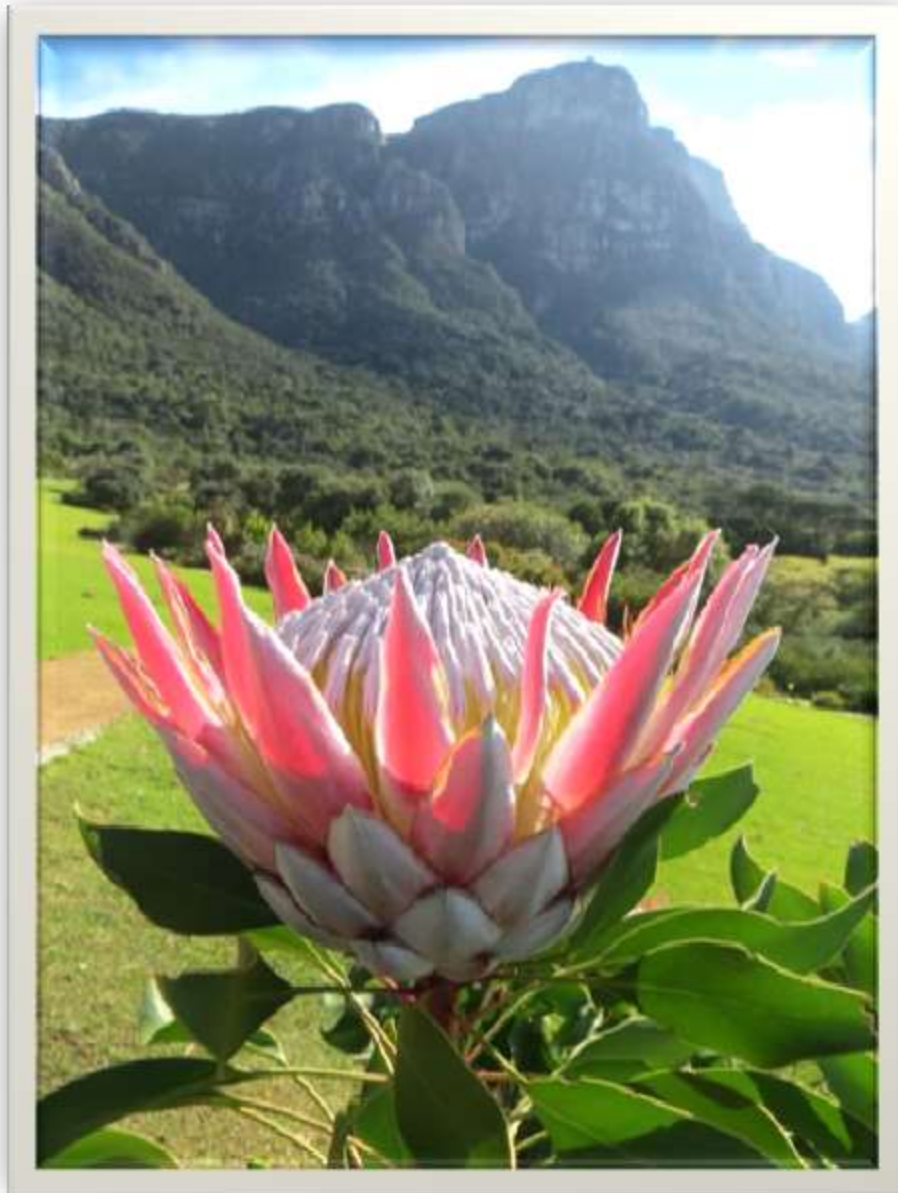


St Elphin's Chronicle



March 2018



Warrington Parish Church, St Elphin's Church Services for March 2018

Sunday 4th March, the Third Sunday of Lent

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

Wednesday 7th March

10:00 am Holy Communion
7:30 pm Holy Communion & Lent Address

Sunday 11th March, Mothering Sunday/the Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Wednesday 14th March

10:00 am Holy Communion
7:30 pm Holy Communion & Lent Address.

Sunday 18th March, the Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Wednesday 21st March

10:00 am Holy Communion
7:30 pm Holy Communion & Lent Address.

Sunday 25th March, Palm Sunday (**Clocks forward one hour*)

8:30 am Holy Communion
10:15 am Liturgy of Palms—beginning in St Elphin's
Community Centre
10:30 am Sung Eucharist
6:30 pm Evensong

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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Dear Friends

One of the delights which Gill and I enjoy doing is visiting Garden Centres and looking at plants, and choosing suitable varieties to plant in our garden at home. We are always amazed at the variety and choice of colours, shapes and sizes of those in the garden centres.

On our recent holiday to Cape Town, South Africa we again visited several Garden Centres but also visited one of our favourite Botanical Gardens, Kirstenbosch which is one of the National Garden Centres of the country. Again we enjoyed strolling through the grounds and admiring the many plants some of which we have in the United Kingdom, but in the warmth of climate grew outdoors instead of indoors. They were often much bigger than we normally see here at home.

As we strolled through the gardens enjoying the plants, colours and scent from them, we headed towards an area known as the Boardwalk. This is a treetop walk which weaves through the huge variety of trees giving a birds' eye view of the trees as well as magnificent views of the nearby mountains. As we walked along this treetop bridge I marvelled at the wondrous plants and views, which shows just how much we as mere humans have to be thankful to our Lord for his wonderful creation, especially in the superb variety of plants.

There are many references throughout the Gospels to plants and their uses for us as humans, and we can, whenever we read these references, remember all the wonderful and glorious variety of plants which grow throughout the world. As we look forward to these last few weeks of Lent and the Glorious Easter message of God's Redeeming Death and Resurrection let us also thank Him for all the beautiful plants we have the pleasure to view.

God Bless you all

Ray



St Elphin's 50/50 Club



The results of the February draw are as follows:

1st Michelle Butterworth 2nd Thelma Walsh
3rd Cate Madden 4th Nancy Jones

£127.50 went to church funds

The next draw will take place on Sunday 25th March and payments must be made by Sunday 18th 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

Planned Giving Envelopes

The envelopes for 2018-2019 will be available in Church on 18th March for those already in the Scheme. The envelopes help the Treasurer prepare her budget, so if you wish to join the Scheme and need more information about Gift Aiding your contribution please speak to Arnold Wright, Wendy Bailey or Dianne Rothwell.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the scheme during the last 12 months.

Please pray about your giving and if you are able to, increase it.

Our Parish Share has again increased by £922 for 2018.

Holy Week Services

Tuesday 27th March

7:30 pm The Way of the Cross

Wednesday 28th March

10:00 am Holy Communion

7:30 pm Holy Communion

(informal/contemporary/Taize-style)

Maundy Thursday 29th March

7:30 pm The 'Passover Meal' Service

Good Friday 30th March

2:00 pm The Journey to the Cross

Holy Saturday 31st March

7:30 pm Service of Light & Vigil

Easter Sunday 1st April

8:30 am Holy Communion

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

6:30 pm Evensong

Revision of Church Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll has to be revised in preparation for the Annual Church Meeting which is to be held on Monday 23rd April 2018. The Roll will be open for revision from Sunday 18th March to Monday the 2nd April 2018.

If you are a member of the congregation at St Elphins and are not on the Roll please fill in a form and return it to Arnold Wright or the Rector. A copy of the present roll is available in Church for inspection.

Please note the AGM of the Church is on Monday 23rd April at 7.30 pm in Church.

St John's Court

The next service of Holy Communion at St John's Court will be on Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 11.30am.

All are welcome.



Foundation School Governors, St Elphin's School

The PCC are seeking applications for two Foundation Governors at St Elphins CE Primary School to serve on the Governing Body.

If you would like to consider this rewarding and fulfilling role in supporting the Christian education of our children, then please contact the Rector or a Churchwarden for further details.

Quiz Night

In St Elphin's Community Centre

Friday 16th March 2018

at 8.00pm

Tables of 4

£4.00 each including refreshments

Bring your own drink



Lent Appeal

Instead of supporting WaterAid this Lent we are supporting two other charities – ‘The Y-Project / Room at the Inn’ and the ‘Walk in her Shoes’ Appeal.

If you can help with any loose change please pick up a box from the back of Church and return it by Easter Sunday – all proceeds will be split 50/50 between the two charities.



Karen Wilson is doing 1 Million Steps during Lent in aid of the Y-Project / Room at the Inn Appeal and she can be sponsored via the sponsor form at the back of Church or if you would like to donate via justgiving please ask Karen for the link.

We are also still collecting toiletries to support the homeless via the Y-Project and these can be left at the back of Church.



In April Dianne Rothwell is supporting the ‘Walk in her Shoes’ Appeal.

Every day thousands of women and girls, all over the world, have no choice but to walk many miles to fetch water for their families, water that is often dirty.

Their daily routine deprives them of the chance to have an education, a job, and traps them in a cycle of poverty.

Money raised during the appeal can help build wells and water pumps closer to rural communities so that women and girls don’t have to spend their days walking for water, and can plan for a better future.

There will be a sponsor form at the back of Church after Easter of you can sponsor her via [justgiving.com/Dianne Rothwell](https://www.justgiving.com/DianneRothwell).

India

Through their programmes and activities, the Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS), part of the global Mothers' Union family, is committed to working to address gender inequality in India.

In South India, there is a special outreach dealing with Dalit and Adivasi issues through the Thalithakumi programme and through the Church's Fund for Child Rights, both of which the WFCS is very much involved in. The prevalence of girl child labour is high in some parts of the country where girls are forced to work in the fields. The Thalithakumi programme aims to provide them with new opportunities such as literacy classes which can be taken at night. The Church in South India is also active in advocacy around this issue and organises consultations, workshops and study groups on issues related to livelihood, cultural, economical, political and theological concerns of Dalits and Adivasis in India today.

Human trafficking is a serious problem in India with an estimated three million women each year falling prey to trafficking, 40 per cent of whom are minors (2009 Trafficking in Persons Report). WFCS in Mumbai responded to this problem by organising a training event to empower women to fight against trafficking. This event aimed to bring attention to the global issue of human and sex trafficking whilst highlighting the need for more action in India.

WFCS heard the story of Shenaz at the training. Shenaz is 13 years old and an orphan. She trusted a relative who promised to educate her but instead sold her to a brothel in Calcutta. She remembers the brothel keeper slashing her back with a knife, giving her a scar that she still bears. Thankfully, Shenaz is now enrolled in tailoring classes and trying to lead an independent life. Sadly Shenaz's story is not an isolated case, many girls are just as vulnerable to trafficking. Educating the girls most vulnerable to trafficking is a crucial initiative that the WFCS have caught hold of, and they are now running an awareness programme to help girls to recognise the danger.

We give thanks for all the love received in our homes, and pray for those who have mothered and cherished us. We thank God for our Mothers' Union family who have given so much love to so many – locally, nationally and globally. Loving Lord, give all carers the courage to be people of hope. Enable them to show respect and empathy to those in need and to extend the hand of friendship, just as you do.

The Advance notice last month of an afternoon tea at 25 Audre Close on Saturday 10th March will need to be postponed.

As our next scheduled meeting falls during Lent members are encouraged to attend the 7.30pm service in church after which there will be the opportunity for a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Baptisms

4th Mar - Margaret & Sandra

18th Mar - Wendy & Margaret

Tea / Coffee

4th Mar - Julie & Linda

11th Mar - David & Kerrie

18th Mar - Julie & Elle

25th Mar - Julie & Linda

Wendy Bailey (on behalf of the branch)

Pause for Thought...with Norma Fox

Set your mind on God's Kingdom and his justice before everything else.... so do not be anxious about tomorrow, tomorrow will look after itself.

Matthew 6 33:34 NEB

Joseph Mallard William Turner was one of Britain's master painters. He had to be something special, with a name like that, don't you think? In earlier days people most admired his large, highly finished oil paintings. Today tastes are different and many people prefer his small water colours.

I believe there is a book of his water colours of Venice, painted around 1819-1840 of which many have never been published before. I am told they are breath-taking. Full of light and atmosphere, and colour. But when you look carefully, the pictures surprise you. Many of them are a simple running together of colour, blue-greys soft reds, pale yellows.

Turner painted them wet letting the colours flow into each other. There are few clear edges, or defined shapes. Then, when the paint was dry, Turner would take a little stronger colour on his brush or pen. With a few crisp, confident strokes, the blur became a picture, the background colours given meaning and definition.

It doesn't happen by accident. A good water colour I'm told, and these are better than 'good' is planned right from the start. The earlier, less defined, areas are all part of the process.

There are times when life seems undefined, ragged. Times when all we can do is get on with the routine, without any clear sense of direction or purpose. Then some event, some word, draws it all together. We see what it was leading up to, and it all makes sense. There was no need for worry. God paints in a few crisp strokes that give meaning to our lives.

It's not just the final strokes of the brush that are God's. The preparatory painting is his too. The colours laid down apparently at random are just as much part of the complete painting. He can and does produce the meticulous detail every time and the result is always masterly.

So, why should we be worried and anxious, uptight when our lives seem blurred and ragged at the edges? At times like this set your mind on God's faithfulness, his goodness and compassion, put yourself in his hands and be content to watch the colours ebb and flow, tracing out, in lines of love the purposes he has in mind for you from the beginning.

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Readers and Prayer Rota for March

	<u>8.30am</u> Reader	<u>10.30am</u> Prayers	<u>10.30am</u> Reader	<u>6.30pm</u> Reader
4 th	Sue B		All Age	Barbara E
11 th	Susan J	Janet C	James T	AW / SW
18 th	Dianne R	Ann D	James M	AW / SW
25 th	Kathryn H	Gill W	Thelma W	GW / DR

Communicants and Collections

Week ending	Communicants	Collections
28 th January	70	531.50
4 th February	93	783.90
11 th February	99	703.50
18 th February	121	646.85

Donations:

Fabric Fund

Anonymous	25.00
In memory of Keith Taylor, Plate in Church	250.40

General Fund

In memory of George Barratt – a share of Donations given at the funeral	325.00
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Parish Registers

Holy Baptism in February

4th

Matthew Ryan Berry

Elsie Reims Carty

18th

Ava Rollinson

Rosie April Roe

Brodie Christopher Peter Cliffe



Holy Matrimony in February

24th Michael Stephen Wilcock and
Elsbeth Susanne Wright



Christian Burial & Cremation in February

12th Keith Taylor Age 75

20th May Hilda Moyles Age 84

22nd George Richard Barratt Age 84

22nd Jacqueline Ann Cosgrove Age 59



Lest we Forget - March 1918

22nd 2nd Lieutenant Wilfred Howard Wadsworth Age 26

24th Private Tom Phair Age unknown

26th Lance Corporal Harry Higham Age 31

27th Gunner William Pendleton Age 29

27th Private John Warburton Age 22

Social and Group Activities

Tuesday

7.30pm St Elphin's Church Choir Practice in Church

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

5.15 – 6.15pm 9th 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

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.

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Mrs Allison Bennett

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made with the Head Teacher

St Elphin's Junior Church

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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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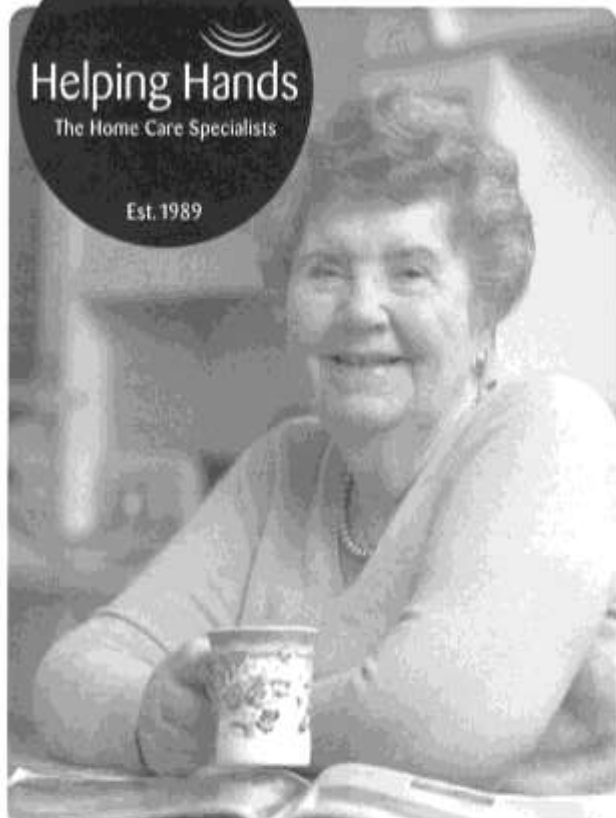
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