

# St Elphin's Chronicle

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# Warrington Parish Church, St Elphin's Church Services for March 2019

## **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, the Sunday next before Lent**

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 10.30am All-Age Eucharist
- 12.30pm Baptisms
- 4.00pm Together@4 Service (St Elphin's Community Centre)
- 6.30pm Evensong

## **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Ash Wednesday**

- 10.00am Holy Communion & Ashes
- 7.30pm Holy Communion & Ashes

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Sung Eucharist
- 4.00pm 'Bishops & Bubbles' *closing service for the Bishops in Mission 'Tell, Serve, Give'*

## **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 7.30pm Holy Communion & Lent Address '*Called to a journey*'

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Sung Eucharist
- 12.30pm Baptisms
- 4.00pm Together@4 Service (St Elphin's Community Centre)
- 6.30pm Evensong

## **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 7.30pm Holy Communion & Lent Address '*A Personal journey*'

## **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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

## **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 7.30pm Holy Communion & Lent Address '*Equipped for the journey*'

## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March, Mothering Sunday**

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Sung Eucharist
- 4.00pm Together@4 Service (St Elphin's Community Centre)
- 6.30pm Evensong

## **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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## **Websites:**

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

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

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



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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.

With Lent just around the corner, it's worth reminding ourselves that Lent is all about centring our lives on the One who carried a cross and laid down His life for each one of us. Jesus invites us to take up our cross on a daily basis, which means saying 'no' to self and 'yes' to Him.

Whether we achieve this by giving up something for the six weeks of Lent is entirely our choice, but we do need to be careful to avoid the tokenism which simply trusts that in going without for a short period of time, we will automatically be drawn closer to God. Jesus went without food entirely, for 40 days in the desert, and having overcome all the temptations that the devil could throw at him, he returned "in the power of the (Holy) Spirit." Luke 4.14.

If we are to be effective as Christians, we also need to live in the power of the Spirit. The discipline of Lent offers us the opportunity to focus more clearly and to draw more deeply on the things of the Spirit. In light of Bishop Paul's Rule of Life, I hope that you will feel able to give more time to pray, read and study God's Word. This may not be easy to achieve; it may involve giving up some activity to devote that time to God.

This may well prove more effective in the long term than giving up something like chocolate for the forty days of Lent! Whatever we decide to do, or not to do, may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us help us all to see with a clarity we have never seen before, what it is that Jesus has done for us through his willingness to carry that cross and lay down his life.

This is the greatest mystery the world has ever encountered - a mystery we have the rest of our lives, and then the whole of eternity, to fathom and rejoice in. May you have a truly Spirit-filled Lent.

With my love and prayers.

*Stewart*

The Revd Stewart McTaggart (curate)

During the Wednesdays in Lent at 7:30 pm Holy Communion and Sermon Series by the Rector 'Discipleship – The Journey of Faith'

13 <sup>th</sup> March	1 'Called to a journey'
20 <sup>th</sup> March	2 'A personal journey'
27 <sup>th</sup> March	3 'Equipped for the journey'
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	4 'A journey of discovery'
10 <sup>th</sup> April	5 'Completing the journey'
17 <sup>th</sup> April	6 'The God who journeys with us'

## **St John's Court**

The next service of Holy Communion at St John's Court will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am.

All are welcome.



## *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Evening*

in St Elphin's Community Centre

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**at 7.00pm**

Quiz, Bring & Buy and Raffle

Adults £5.00, Children £2.00

Bring your own drink



## Lent Appeal 2019



# toilet twinning

As mentioned in last month's magazine, this year for our Lent Appeal we are supporting Toilet Twinning.

Collecting boxes are now available at the back of church and should be returned to Church by Easter Sunday please.

As part of our fundraising the Brownies have a toilet themed quiz at £1.00 a go, these will be available soon and should be returned by Palm Sunday so the winners can be announced on Easter Sunday.



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



The results of the February draw are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sylvia Heywood	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ron Glover
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sandra Kirk	4 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Dolan

**£127.50 went to church funds**

The next draw will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March and payments must be made by Sunday 17<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*

# Bishop & Bubbles

Come and join us for a  
Service of Celebration and a  
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Sunday 10th March 4pm  
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## Planned Giving Envelopes – 2019/2020

The envelopes for 2019-2020 will be available in church from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March for those who wish to remain in the Scheme.

However you will have seen from the article by Wendy, our treasurer, in last month's issue that there is an alternative method of giving called the Parish Giving Scheme now available.

If you wish to take part in the new scheme you may no longer need an envelope so I will need to know so that I can update the records.

Full details of the new scheme are explained in the article which is printed again below.

Thank you for all that you give.

Arnold Wright, Churchwarden.



The Parish Giving Scheme is a new, free way to help you plan your giving and where appropriate, do so tax efficiently. Whether you currently give by Standing Order, envelope or open plate you can easily make the switch to this secure and efficient Direct Debit system.

Used by the majority of dioceses, this is tried, tested and highly recommended for its reliability and ease of use, the Parish Giving Scheme can help you manage your giving in a stress-free way.

How does the Scheme work? You give your regular donations to your church by Direct Debit on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis on the 1st of the month.

Your full gift and any associated Gift Aid is automatically credited to your church the same month.

You can choose to inflation proof your gift which will make a huge difference to your church's finances.

You can change or cancel the amount at any time by a simple phone call, so you can confirm the amount that you give before your account is debited.

Warrington Parish Church has joined this scheme so if you are interested in joining either this scheme, our current Standing Order or Envelope Schemes please speak to Churchwardens Arnold Wright or Kathryn Hayes or Treasurer Wendy Bailey.

## **Electoral Roll 2019**

This is the year when the present Electoral Roll ceases to be in force and a new Roll has to be prepared in time for the Annual Church Meeting which is to be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

If you are a member of the worshipping congregation of St Elphins you should to be on the New Electoral Roll. This will entitle you to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting, be nominated to serve on the PCC and Deanery Synod and to be appointed a Sidesperson.

Also if you wish to be married at the Parish Church and live outside the parish you need to be on the Roll before the Banns of Marriage can be read. Application forms can be obtained from Arnold Wright from Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March and must be returned by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

You will also be given a copy of the Electoral Roll Privacy Notice.

**Please note the AGM of the church is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm in church.**

## **40 days – 40 items Lent Challenge**

Do you usually give up (or take on) something during Lent?

Lent is often a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It's a time of self-examination, reflection, and focus on one's relationship with God. Many people choose to give up something, or to volunteer and give of themselves in service to others, during these 40 days.

This year why not take the *40 days – 40 items challenge*. Each day of Lent remove one item from your house that you no longer wear or need and put it in a bin bag. At the end of the forty days donate the items to a charity shop of your choice.

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

*'Go forth and stand upon the mount before the Lord'*

*I Kings 19 v 11*

The road that runs past my house winding itself through the village passing the church, the local pub and the church school was once described as a quiet residential road, certainly not the major road it has become in the past few years since the building of the Express Way. Now it is heavy with traffic and at times difficult to cross. Cars speed by, some emitting noise that sounds like thumping tribal music. There is noise from clanging skips and heavy lorries not to mention the sirens of ambulances and fire engines! The noise is incredible. Oh for a little quietness, a little silence.

Pausing for thought it brought to mind the writer George Prochnik.

George Prochnik has always had a passion for silence. In his book 'In Pursuit of Silence: Listening for Meaning in a Noisy World', Prochnik leaves New York City and goes on a global quest to find those who value silence. He examines the sounds that bombard us each day – air conditioners, traffic, sirens and noisy neighbours – and researches the scientific effects of noise on our bodies. Prochnik says that there is a long association with noise and hearing loss and that studies show that noise can raise our blood pressure.

If we read in I Kings chapter 19 v 11 onwards the story of Elijah how he sought refuge in a cave away from all that troubled him and how an angel told him to go stand in the mountain and God would pass by. As Elijah waits to hear God speak to him there comes a great strong wind followed by a mighty earthquake and finally the roar of a great fire. But God's voice was not in any of these. After the fire ceased and in the following quietness Elijah heard the still small voice of God.

Prochnik learned while visiting a monastery that absolute silence doesn't exist, but quiet spaces are essential, because they 'can inject us with a fertile unknown: a space in which to focus and absorb experience.'

Take time out today to commit yourself to celebrating silence and becoming, in those moments conscious of greater things.

A day of silence can be a pilgrimage in itself.



# 'Together@4'

is St. Elphin's NEW service

Sunday's as listed, 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, worship and prayer, and we communicate the goodness of Jesus with compassion and generosity.



The next **'Together@4'** service will take place on **Sunday 3rd March 2019** 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:

- **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019**
- **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**We will be trialling a fortnightly service during March 2019 before committing to the scheme for April and beyond.**



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**Mothering Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

This Mothering Sunday say thank you to your mum, or another special person in your life, by giving them an ethical gift from Mothers' Union. Choose from a range of gifts, priced £6-£100, that help mothers all over the world move from life on the margins right to the heart of their families and communities. You will receive a card representing that gift for you to send to your own mum.

You can also give a gift in memory of a loved one. You can then receive an in-memory card, or you can ask for their name to be written in our book of remembrance in the Mothers' Union chapel. To buy your Make a Mother's Day gifts visit [www.makeamothersday.org](http://www.makeamothersday.org) or pick up a leaflet at the back of church

Heavenly Father, we rejoice with thanks for all those who have mothered us in our lives. We pray today for wisdom and insight for all who have taken on a mothering role in the lives of those, whether children and adults, who need this special care. We pray for all who suffer today, in mind, body or spirit; for those who have lost a motherly presence, and for those who have never known a mother's love. May they find consolation in God, the one in whom every family on earth finds its home. Amen

During Lent there are no usual Mothers Union meetings but members are encouraged to attend the weekly Lenten services in church.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Liverpool Cathedral 3.00pm Commissioning Service for new Trustee board. All welcome.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** - Afternoon Tea and Lady Day service at the Community House, Nora Street cost £3.00 with any proceeds going to Mothers Union projects locally and worldwide. Numbers limited so please see Wendy Bailey for a ticket. **Please note change of date**

**Date for your Diary**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April Bishop Beverley is giving a talk at Christ Church Padgate 7.30pm. All are invited attend.

## **Avon**

Wendy Bailey is again acting as a representative for Avon with all profits going to Mothers Union funds. If anyone has lost touch with their representative or would like to have a look at the brochure please see Wendy Bailey

## **Baptisms in March**

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Margaret Dolan & Sandra Kirk

**17<sup>th</sup>** Barbara Eden & Barbara Barrett

## **Tea / Coffee Rota for March**

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Chris & Barbara

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

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

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

**31<sup>st</sup>** Anne & Anne

## **Readers and Prayer Rota for March**

	<b><u>8.30am</u></b> <b>Reader</b>	<b><u>10.30am</u></b> <b>Prayers</b>	<b><u>10.30am</u></b> <b>Reader</b>	<b><u>6.30pm</u></b> <b>Reader</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Dianne R	All Age Service		Barbara E
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	Kathryn H	Barbara Eden	Margaret G	Bishops & Bubbles
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	Susan J	Janet Cliffe	James T	SW / AW
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	Dianne R	Thelma W	Janet N	Barbara E
<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	Sue Burke	Lee Marsh	Joanne M	AW / SW

## Communicants and Collections

<b>Week ending</b>	<b>Communicants</b>	<b>Collections</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> January	100	624.30
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	85	679.15
10 <sup>th</sup> February	90	611.50
17 <sup>th</sup> February	90	501.20

## Donations:

### General Fund

In memory of Eileen Lily Paget from David and Collette Paget	30.00
Birthday memories of John Rothwell, 24 <sup>th</sup> March from Dianne	10.00

## Parish Registers

### Holy Baptism

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Elle Banks

Callie Jane Grant



## Christian Burial & Cremation in February

7 <sup>th</sup>	Eileen Lily Paget	Age 82
25 <sup>th</sup>	Clarence Bailey	Age 99



# 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 – Scout HQ, Vale Owen Road

**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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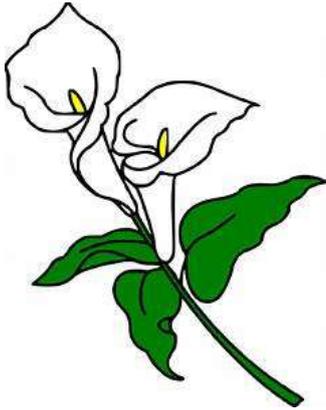


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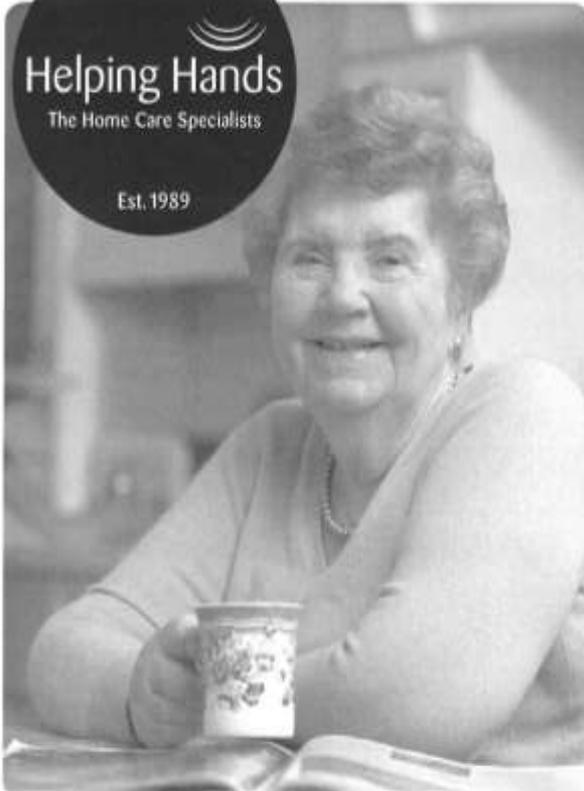
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