

St Elphin's Chronicle



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Warrington Parish Church, St Elphin's Church Services May 2019

Sunday 5th May, the 3rd 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 8th May

10:00 am Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 12th May, the 4th Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Holy Communion (said)
10:30 am Holy Communion (sung)
4.00 pm Together@4 (St Elphins Community Centre)
6:30 pm Evensong

Wednesday 15th May

10:00 am Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 19th May, the 5th Sunday of Easter

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

Monday 20th May

7:30 pm Archdeacon's Visitation Service

Wednesday 22nd May

10:00 am Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 26th May, the 6th Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Holy Communion (said)
10:30 am Holy Communion (sung)
4.00 pm Together@4 (St Elphins Community Centre)
6:30 pm Evensong

Wednesday 29th May

10:00 am Holy Communion (said)

Thursday 30th May, Ascension Day

7:30 pm 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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Cathedral Website: <http://www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk>



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I spent some time wondering what to put on the cover of the magazine this time round. After considering several options I stumbled on this picture of a Monarch butterfly. I chose it because for many, the arrival of butterflies symbolises the start of summer and it looks so colourful, and it reminds me that things can be both fragile and strong at the same time. I also chose this particular photo because it was feeding on a plant from which to draw strength which resonates with the theme of Healing and Wholeness, which I am reflecting on this summer.

There are many stories about how butterflies got their name. Some say it comes from the butter-yellow colour of some of our commonest species, others that it originates from the old English words for 'beat' and 'wing', and yet my favourite name for these enigmatic creatures is the ancient Greek, which is 'psyche' meaning 'soul'.

I hope you agree with me, that for such a small and delicate creature they do exhibit a whole lot of soul, but they are not always as fragile as they seem. Some butterflies cross seas in great migrations, live through the harshest of winters by lying dormant beneath the bark of rotting trees or frighten off the most vicious of predators with flamboyant scare tactics.

I recently found out that North American 'Monarch' butterflies, which weigh .5 of a gram, migrate from all over North America down to their winter home in Mexico. They get there in spite of not having been there before, as the cycle takes three generations to complete. It may be as far as 2,500 miles, and they may fly to heights of up to 10,000 feet (You will possibly be amazed that they have been observed at this altitude by pilots of commercial flights). The average speed is a mere 19 miles an hour, but they arrive at their destination in the end.

I don't know about you, but I feel I have chosen not just something beautiful, not even something that is in some sense fragile and strong simultaneously, but also something simply amazing!

As humans we are even more amazing. We too may be very fragile, but in Christ we can be both fragile and strong. Like the butterfly on the flower, from Jesus we can draw strength. We will complete our own 'migration' through life to arrive at our destination, our place of rest in Christ. But the journey for us is not always easy; for us as for the butterflies there are hazards.

Healing may sometimes be God's gift to us or to others. Wholeness may be a gift for us, not necessarily in ways we might have chosen ourselves, but in Christ, complete it we will, so that we can stand complete in him. Which reminds me of Colossians 2:10 (NLT) 'So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority'.

I hope you find plenty to inspire you this summer, and as a church community that is going to go through some changes remember that just like the life of a butterfly change is not necessarily a bad thing, sometimes it can be very transformational, beautiful, exciting and liberating.

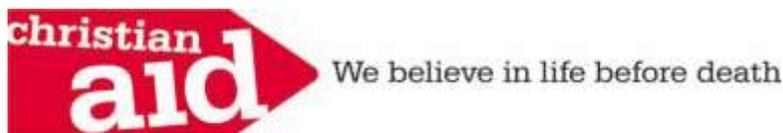
Lee Marsh

Licenced Lay Minister (Reader)

St John's Court

The next services of Holy Communion at St John's Court will be on Tuesday 7th and Tuesday 28th May at 11.30am.

All are welcome.



We raised £192 in our recent bucket appeal. Many thanks to all who made a donation.

Christian Aid week runs from the 12th to 18th May and donation envelopes are available from the back of Church.

Margaret Sefton

Lent Appeal 2019



toilet twinning

Many thanks to everyone who took part in our toilet twinning Lent Appeal.

We haven't quite reached our £300 target to twin 5 toilets so that the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides can receive their Toilet Twinning Community Badge so if you haven't already returned your donation box could you please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Dianne

Church Opening 2019

Church will be open to visitors again this year on Wednesdays and Saturdays from May 2nd to September 28th.

If you have helped in the past and are willing to do so again please let Chris Bean or myself know. If you haven't helped before and would like to do so please have a word with Chris or myself and we will explain what is involved. We need at least three people per session. Once we have an idea of who is willing to help we will send out forms to you so you can give details of your availability. Please do try to offer to help.

We have to be open to the public for a minimum of 240 hours a year, in addition to regular worship hours, to fulfil our obligation to Historic England who gave us a generous grant towards work on the Spire some years ago. Also, people are most appreciative of our beautiful historic church and the welcome they get....just take a peep at our Visitors Book.

Kathryn

Church Finances

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 - which at this time of year is approx. £1,000 per month

Insurance - again 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.

| Month | Income | Expenditure |
|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| January | £4,774 | £7,619 |
| February | £4,042 | £6,457 |
| March | £10,807 | £7,812 |
| Total | £19,623 | £21,888 |

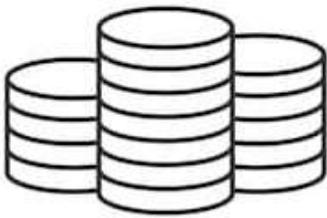
£5,000 of the March income are wedding deposits, the expenditure for these will occur when the wedding takes place. Only a small portion of wedding receipts are available to the church the rest are payable to Organist, choir, and Diocese depending what the couple have paid for. Depositing these early has solved an immediate cash flow problem but not the overall issue that we are continuing to spend more monthly than we receive in income.

Wendy Bailey
PCC Treasurer



Your Church needs Funds

Four simple ways to donate



Cash on Plate



Offering
Envelopes

Weekly Envelope Scheme

Please speak to Arnold Wright if you would like a box of envelopes

Bank Transfer



Please speak to Wendy Bailey for our bank details



Parish Giving Scheme

Please ask Wendy Bailey for more information or a starter pack

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Please speak to Dianne Rothwell if you are able to gift aid your donation

Fundraising Events 2019

In order to boost our Church finances we now have the following fundraising dates booked on the Church diary:

Summer Craft Fayre in Church

Saturday 15th June, 11.00am – 4.00pm

Autumn Craft Fayre in Church

Saturday 21st September, 11.00am – 4.00pm

Christmas Fayre and Grand Raffle in Church

Saturday 23rd November, 1.00 – 4.00pm

We already have two external stalls booked in so if you know of anyone who would be interested in hiring a table for any or all of the above events please let me know.

We are always looking for new ideas for stalls and also volunteers to man them. If anyone would like to help we'd love to hear from you.

Dianne



St Elphin's Ladies Group

Future Dates:

Wednesday 1st May

Games Evening

Wednesday 15th May

An evening with Joyce Roe – topic to be confirmed

Wednesday 5th June

Kath Turpin – Lives of Narrowboat Families

Wednesday 19th 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.

Pause for Thought...with Norma Fox

Be strong, and let your heart take courage:

Wait for the Lord.

Psalm 27 : 14

You've heard it said many times 'Take heart, it will all turn out in the end' 'Take heart it's not as bad as you think'. Usually when you hear these words 'take heart' someone is trying to make you feel better about something that has gotten you down. Maybe it's a tough circumstance to endure, a hurtful moment in a relationship, or a disappointment you have to face. The person speaking means well, but the 'take heart' they offer you doesn't really offer you much to hold on to. Their offer of hope when examined doesn't really give you any concrete reason to be hopeful.

Psalm 27 ends with 'take heart' but this 'take heart' offers a very different hope. What makes this 'take heart' different is that it's a call to wait on the Lord. It isn't about trying to change emotions, rather it's an invitation to rest in the one place where rest can really be found – in the Lord. The Lord is the definition of love. Scripture says something amazing about the love of God, it says 'God is love', God is the essence, the source, the ultimate definition of love, and that is true love. I can take heart because my life is held in the hands of the One who is the essence of love.

God is the source of all wisdom, all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ. As believers in Jesus Christ, we know that true wisdom is not gained by experience, education or research but by relationship when you come to Christ. You can take heart because the One who holds you defines everything that wisdom is about.

God is in absolute control over the whole world.

What He wills happens. His kingdom will be established. He won't lose any of the children He has chosen as His own. When I'm in difficulty I turn to Him for He is the One who is in absolute control of every circumstance. Now that's a reason for taking heart.

The more I meditate on the glory of God the more my faith grows, the more my faith grows the more I respond to life with hope and courage.

As you consider yourself as one of God's children, you have reason to take heart no matter what you are facing. Your Father in heaven knows what's best for you.

The Commission on the Status of Women brought more than 9,000 representatives from civil society organizations to the United Nations over the course of two weeks in March 2019. This year's theme was "social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls." This is a broad theme which touches upon many issues of importance to Mothers' Union and its global membership. Representing Mothers' Union, many women from around the world gathered to observe the opening ceremony of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) in New York, marking the start of their time together.

Mary and June from Mothers' Union joined delegates from across the Anglican Communion and Women's organisations who were attending CSW from around the world – each bringing their own experiences of Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. They are passionate about bringing positive change to their communities and being a part of the dialogue to urge their governments for better rights for girls and women across their life course.

Thank you, Lord, that as we grow in faith so we grow in commitment to those you call us to serve. May we serve with the love of Christ and bring comfort that comes from God. May we share burdens through the power of Christ and bring strength that comes from God. May we view others through the eyes of Christ and show compassion that comes from God. May we respond with the forbearance of Christ, and show grace that comes from God. May our faith in Christ be lived out in commitment to serve our neighbour. Amen

Our next meeting is on 8th May in St Elphin's Community Centre at 7.30pm. Our speaker for the evening is Margaret Emsley who will be talking about Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. All are welcome to join us for this meeting.

Forward look

The Mothers' Union Deanery Festival will take place on Wednesday 12th June at St Elphin's. Our friend's from Padgate and Cinnamon Brow will be joining us for this special event. If anyone is interested in joining the Mothers Union, I am considering having an enrolment. Please see Wendy Bailey if you are interested in becoming a member and would like to know more.

Baptisms in May

5th Margaret Dolan and Sandra Kirk

19th Barbara Eden and Wendy Bailey

Tea / Coffee Rota for May

5th Julie & Linda

12th Chris & Barbara

19th David & Kerrie

26th Ann & Anne

There is a new list up in the kitchen if can anyone who can help with tea / coffee please consider putting their name down, Thank you

Quiz Night



In St Elphin's Community Centre

Friday 7th 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 April draw are as follows:

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| 1 st | Paul Bailey | 2 nd | Anita Taylor |
| 3 rd | Les Johnson | 4 th | Michelle Butterworth |

£127.50 went to church funds

The next draw will take place on Sunday 26th May and payments must be made by Sunday 19^h 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

Readers and Prayer Rota for May

| | <u>8.30am</u> Reader | <u>10.30am</u> Prayers | <u>10.30am</u> Reader | <u>6.30pm</u> Reader |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5 th | Dianne R | All Age | Service | AW / SW |
| 12 th | Susan J | Janet Cliffe | Sylvia Wright | Barbara E |
| 19 th | Dianne R | Barbara Eden | Margaret G | Gillian W |
| 26 th | Susan J | Janet Cliffe | James T | AW / SW |

Donations:

General Fund

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| In loving memory of Cyril Bishop, a lifelong friend of our father Tom Wilkinson, from Frances Wilkinson, Lynne and Pat | 20.00 |
| In memory of Cyril Bishop, from Neil Walsh | 20.00 |
| In memory of Cyril Bishop, from Jean Daintith | 30.00 |
| In memory of Cyril Bishop from Irene Fryar | 10.00 |
| Happy memories of Cyril Bishop, from Mary Currie | 20.00 |
| In memory of Cyril Bishop, from Maria and John Corless | 5.00 |
| In memory of Cyril Bishop from Sylvia and Arnold Wright | 20.00 |
| In memory of Cyril Bishop from Dianne | 10.00 |
| In memory of Dorothy Pendleton from Dianne | 10.00 |
| Thanksgivings for Baptism of Lacey Helen Spencer | 20.00 |
| Legacy from the Will of Joyce Crook | 100.00 |

Boteler Chapel Fund

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| Anonymous donation | 50.00 |
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Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

7th April

Jade Joseph Preston

Evie Grace Niah Robinson

Lacey Helen Spencer

Jaxon John Roy Worrall



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

Holy Matrimony in April

27th Stephen Yarnold and Kelly Upton

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

Christian Burial & Cremation in April

11th Cyril Bishop Age 99

16th Colin Daintith Age 74

23rd Dorothy Pendleton Age 93



*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

Wednesday

6.45pm St John's Brownies – Smile Centre, Sandy Lane

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

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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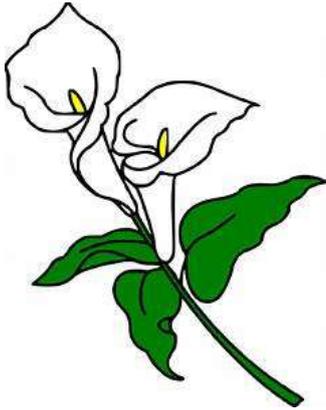


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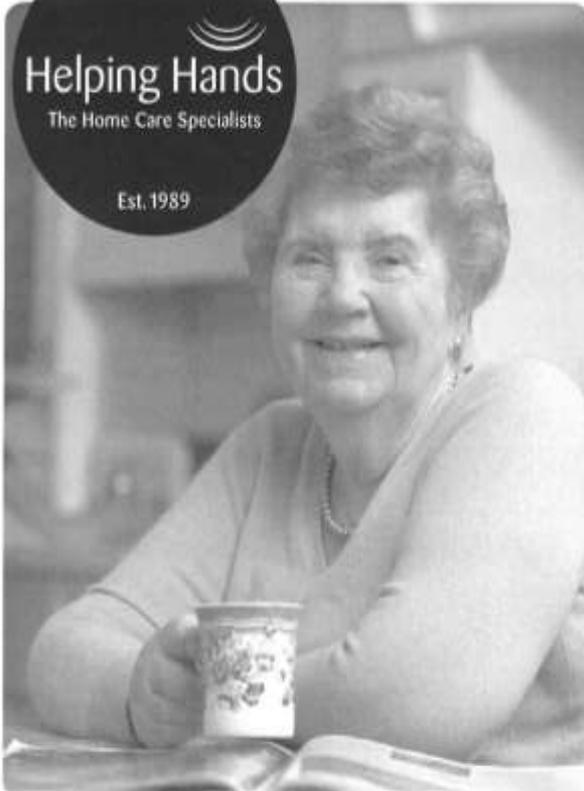
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