

St Elphin's Chronicle



October 2018



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

Wednesday 3rd October

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 7th October, 19th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Duke of Lancaster's Regimental Service

6.30pm Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 10th October

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th October, 20th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 17th October

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st October, 21st Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

12.30pm Holy Baptism

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 24th October

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th October, 22nd Sunday after Trinity

(Clocks go back)

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 31st October

10.00am 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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During the summer I purchased a five-year-old van, with the intention of converting it into a luxury campervan complete with Loo and shower. I estimate that this will take approximately a year to complete and that posed the question? Where do I store it, do I keep it on road or do I park it in the car park at the back of the house. Either way it is going to be very visible to neighbours. Being self-conscious of this fact, I determined that the first job to do, would be to make the exterior more pleasing to the eye, making it look more like a campervan than a builders van.

So I set to it, cleaning and polishing the exterior, and up to now, I have spent what seems to be an eternity choosing which graphics to apply to the sides of the van, as well as deciding which windows would be most suitable to fit. Whilst the exterior is looking better and more presentable the interior is still looking somewhat like a builders van, but out of sight out of mind, right!

Maybe this is a metaphor for my life, for our lives, when we first gave our lives to Christ we were perhaps conscious of our exterior, of how our lives look to others and it is only with the passage of time that we start looking at the interior of our lives.

Perhaps some are going through the phase where everything needs to be stripped out of the van before the rebuilding can begin, this can often be a painful experience. Others might be at the phase where some of the van is cleaned out and you've cobbled a bed and kitchen together, so at least you can use the campervan at the weekends but you're not really content with it, still others maybe at the phase where you just have the final touches to complete.

No matter what phase you find yourselves in, take comfort in that God will never leave you or forsake you and he will finish the work in you that he has started.

With every blessing.

Stewart

The Revd Stewart McTaggart



A Big Thank YOU to everyone who sponsored me, supported my cream tea's and had a go in the "guess my finish time" sweepstake. I'm pleased to say I completed the Great North Run in 2 hours, 47 minutes and 47 seconds.

It was a great day, made even better by your generosity, raising over £1,400 including gift aid for Save The Children.

Much appreciated and thanks so much

Karen xx

Confirmation 2018



Our Confirmation Service this year is on Sunday 18th November at the 10.30am Eucharist. The new Bishop of Warrington, the Right Reverend Beverley Mason will preside and all are welcome.

If you are considering being confirmed please complete one of the yellow application forms to be found at the back of church and return it to Revd Stewart as soon as possible.

St Elphin's Community Centre Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Centre on Monday 29th October 2018 at 7.30p.m. The Centre is Available for all residents of Howley and Fairfield and all user groups. All are welcome to attend.



St Elphin's Choir

St Elphin's Choir has a proud tradition within the life of the church and are looking to swell their ranks.

Please contact Nigel for further details

Dedication of new Hangings for Pulpit & Lectern

This took place on Sunday 23rd September at the Parish Eucharist. We were pleased that Jan And her husband together with Derek's sister were able to join us on that morning.



Pause for Thought...with Norma Fox

One of my favourite childhood memories was being taken to the circus. Full of excitement we watched the animals in the ring and we laughed at the silliness of the clowns with their funny painted faces, we enjoyed all the various acts, but the one that held my attention was the man on the high wire. A straight and narrow path, if ever there was one! The skill seems to lie in confidence and balance. As he walked the wire, he corrected the ever present tendency to overbalance by gently shifting his centre of gravity towards the other side. It was a continual compensation, a living with tension, without overbalancing in any direction. It also needs a sensitive feel for the wire underfoot.

As Christians we need a similar balance and it's not easy to find. In my quest, I have been reading two books. One, 'The Way of the Heart' describes the spirituality of the early Desert Fathers that came from long solitude and deep meditation. It emphasises the importance of being, not doing. For me, it underlines our present lack of time in our busy world for prayer. The second book is Michel Quoists 'With Open Heart'. He's an activist. 'God', writes Quoist, 'isn't going to ask, What did you dream? What did you think? What did you plan? What did you preach? He's going to ask 'What did you do?'

So it's not enough to be, you've got to do! And we all know the lack of time for that! The easiest thing may be to stop reading and thinking and just to react to circumstances. Some do. But when you go a bit deeper things start to get clearer.

The desert solitude wasn't a cop-out from the world but a recognition of the need to have something good to offer the world – real insight, a deep awareness of God's loving nature – experiences which are found in the quiet, with God. Quoist starts at the other end of the same line and reminds me that personal Christian experience has to be turned into action. You can't keep love under glass like a specimen butterfly impaled on a pin of piety.

There's a balance needed but, being a balance, it's delicate and we tend to overweight things one way or another depending on

temperament. Some rush around doing, some quietly being and we all wish the others were different!

But for the real balance we need the help that holding on to Jesus gives. It takes practice, particularly to lose the self-consciousness; but the time comes when balance seems natural, we can forget it and get on with walking the wire.

Lord, I can step out slowly at first,
then quicker,
Knowing that your safety net of love
spreads out beneath me,
catching me when I fall,
bouncing me back to where I belong
With you



St Elphin's 50/50 Club



The results of the September draw are as follows:

1st Albert Froggatt

2nd Margaret Sefton

3rd Sandra Kirk

4th Catherine Madden

£130.00 went to church funds

The next draw will take place on Sunday 21st October and payments must be made by Sunday 14th 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

Advance Notices

Afternoon Tea
to Commemorate the end of The Great War
in Church

Wednesday 7th November 2.00 – 4.00pm

Admission £5.00

All Welcome

Tickets available from Margaret, Gill or Dianne

Patriotic Dress Optional!!



Grand Raffle

Tickets are now available

The draw will take place in Church
on Saturday 17th November at 1.30pm

during our Christmas Fayre

11.00am - 3.00pm

(Please note change of time)

Christmas Fayre 2018

The Christmas Fayre will take place in Church on Saturday 17th November between 11.00 and 3.00pm.

Posters and flyers will shortly be available at the back of church and if you are able to take any to advertise the event please do so.

Items for the stalls are always welcome and can be left at the back of Church.

We would be grateful to receive donations for the following stalls:

Bottle Tombola	Bottles for the Ladies Group Tombola
Cake Stall	Home-made cakes for Wendy & Barbara
Chocolate Tombola	Sweets and Chocolates for Karen
Gift Stall	Donations of gifts will be most welcome

We can always use more help to man stalls on the day. If you feel able to do so please speak to Dianne or Gill.

We have noticed over the last few years that attendance at our annual fundraising has dropped so this year there will be a couple of external stall holders to see if we can attract a wider audience – one face painter and one jewellery stall – please do encourage as many of your friends to come and join us on the day.

Harvest to Advent Appeal

This year we have decided to support two charities between now and Christmas – Samaritan's Purse and the Y-Project.

Please do take a look at our display at the back of church which has examples of how you can help.

Shoebboxes need to be back in church by Sunday 11th November and donations for the Y-Project by Sunday 9th December.

Thank you

More than 2,000 Mothers' Union members from across Kenya met in August for their three yearly Provincial conference at Kabarak University in the country's Rift Valley. The conference was officially opened by the Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

The theme this year comes from Micah 6 vs 8, "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." The aim of the conference was to re-energise members' faithful service to the marginalised. To thank members for their tireless service, to enjoy fellowship together and renew their faith in God.

Brenda Wandera, Mothers' Union President of Mumias Diocese, attended with many of her fellow members from across the diocese. She said, "First and foremost, the conference is spiritually uplifting. It feels nice to just sit and listen to the Word of God and listen to His voice. I feel spiritually nourished."

Sessions included, Bible studies, encouraging entrepreneurship and savings and credits for self-reliance, Family life, Forgiveness and Reconciliation, raising awareness of gender-based violence and child marriage, caring for orphans and abandoned children. "All of the sessions were centred on the well-being of the family and the church. We are being equipped to spread Godly influence in our communities," said Brenda.

Mothers' Union's Chief Executive, Bev Julien, was also at the conference, she said, "The atmosphere was vibrant, and the commitment to members' faith in action is stunning. They are recognising that they themselves are best placed to solve the challenges in their own society and want to move away from a culture of dependency to owning problems and finding solutions themselves."

Brenda is keen to take back all that she and her fellow members have learnt to empower those who were unable to attend. She also plans to organise a similar conference in her diocese. "I hope to have a

strong team of mothers who meet regularly, pray and deliberate on how to demonstrate Gods' love to his people through supporting those who have met with adversity, in particularly the sick, orphans and widows," she said.

We step forward this day with Christ as our guide. Where he leads we will follow; where he pauses we will wait. We journey with fellow believers, united together as pilgrims of God. Let us pray for those who are finding it hard to continue their journey of faith; whether because of external pressures and challenges, or inner conflict and doubt. We praise our loving Lord whose word is a lamp for our feet, and a light on our path as we journey along the narrow road which leads to life in the here and now and onwards for eternity.

Our next branch meeting is Wednesday 10th October 7.30pm in St Elphin's Community centre when Lee Marsh will be telling us about his experiences on his journey to ministry. All are welcome to join us for this meeting.

Forward Look - Diocesan Events

Tuesday 6th Nov – Cathedral Day 10.30am

Thursday 6th Dec – Diocesan Carol Service St Paul's Fazakerley

Baptisms in October

20th Margaret Gurney & Barbara Eden

Tea / Coffee in October

7th Regimental Sunday

14th David & Kerrie

21st Julie & Linda

28th Julie & Elle



St Elphin's Ladies Group

Future Dates:

Wednesday 3rd October

Christmas Crafts with Mara

Wednesday 17th October

Planning Meeting

Wednesday 7th November – 2.00 – 4.00pm

Afternoon Tea in Church to commemorate the end of WWI, tickets will be available in October

Wednesday 21st November

Visit to Trebaron Garden Centre – names to Margaret as soon as possible please

Wednesday 5th December at 1.00pm

Christmas Lunch at Toby Carvery

Wednesday 19th December

Christmas Carols with Bob followed by mulled wine and mince pies – it's not just for ladies – all our welcome to join us and get into the Christmas spirit.

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.

Readers and Prayer Rota for October

	<u>8.30am</u> Reader	<u>10.30am</u> Prayers	<u>10.30am</u> Reader	<u>6.30pm</u> Reader
7 th	Sue Burke	Regimental	Service	Barbara E
14 th	Sue Jeffery	Gill W	Sylvia W	AW / SW
21 st	Kathryn H	Ann Dunn	James M	Barbara E
28 th	Dianne R	Gill W	Jonathan M	GW / DR

Communicants and Collections

Week ending	Communicants	Collections
26 th August	68	575.15
2 nd September	76	781.25
9 th September	72	593.30
16 th September	63	525.50
23 rd September	80	572.20

Donations:

Fabric Fund

In memory of Mrs Renee Turner died 27th August aged 88 years at Whiston Hospital after a long illness, From Fred 200.00

Praise the Lord for the blessings of another year, Norma Fox 10.00

Thanksgiving donation for the love and support received from Rector Paul and Revd Stewart and the congregation on the loss of Keith, loving husband, dad and grandad, Anita Taylor and Family 300.00

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

2nd

Grayson Jeffrey Charlton

Freddie James Brownlee

16th

Oliver Philip Dorrian

Dolly Lynn Lowry



Lucas Michael Barr

Henry James Brookes

Matilda Rae Gaskell

Patrick Arthur Lowry

Holy Matrimony in September

1st Richard Michael Clancy and Gemma Louise Lears

8th Mark Hurley and Sophie May Haddock

29th Simon James Green and Aimee Rebecca Wilson



Christian Burial & Cremation in September

6th Renee Turner

Age 88

19th Susan Collins

Age 71



Lest we Forget - October 1918

4th Private Herbert Kerfoot

Age 38

15th Private Joseph Thomas Phillips

Age 20

Private Charles Plumpton

Age unknown

25th Corporal James Pucill

Age 34

27th Sergeant William John Hibbert

Age 34

31st Private Henry Markham Beswick

Age 19

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.

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

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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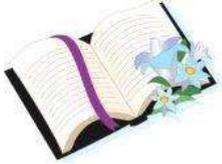
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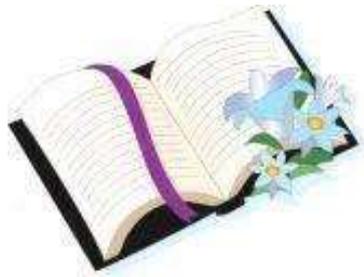
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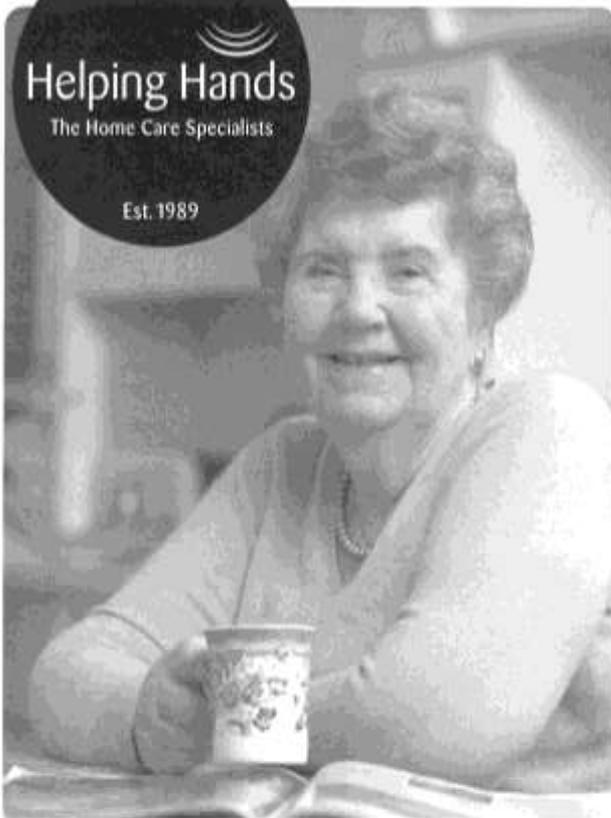
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5.30,7.30pm**

Friday's 9.30,11.30am

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