

St Elphin's Chronicle



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St Elphin's Church Services

October 2019

Sunday 6th October, 16th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Sung Eucharist
- 12.30pm Regimental Service
- 6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 9th October

- 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th October, 17th Sunday after Trinity

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

Tuesday 17th October

- 7.00pm Wave of Light Service (Baby Bereavement Service)

Wednesday 16th October

- 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 20th October, 18th Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday 23rd October

- 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th October, 19th Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday 30th 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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|-----------------------------|--|--------------|
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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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For many of us September brought with it a return to the regular and familiar routines of work and daily life. After the summer and the more temporary patterns associated with the school holiday season, the serious business of deadlines and daily duties come back to the fore.

September is also a time of changing seasons; it can also be a month to take stock of our own lives as we enter a month of new beginnings. It's a new academic term, maybe you have a son or daughter beginning a new school, or leaving home to start at University, or a little one starting school for the first time? Maybe you are beginning a new job or embarking on a change of career? Change is all part of life's pattern, meeting new challenges and building new relationships. For Christians, this experience is ever present as God calls us into new and exciting ventures, gently, encouraging and equipping us so that we might also encourage and walk alongside others.

The tradition of Harvest Festival still presents itself as one of the occasions to gather in our churches. The time-honoured traditions of decorating our churches for a service of thanksgiving is still a good one. So too is the gathering to share food and celebrate together. As I write the weather is proving to be good for getting the grain collected and the straw baled which is good news for the farmers.

In an age where regular Sunday attendance is perhaps not what it was in previous generations, harvest still provides a contact point and one where invitation and welcome have a genuine purpose and meaning. Many of the traditional harvest hymns make the link between the annual harvest of crops and the spiritual harvest of seeing lives transformed and individuals gathered into God's kingdom. Mission has at its heart the hope of harvest, that is, seeing the bountiful goodness of God impacting our everyday lives. Unlike the harvest that is annual, there is a constant call to every generation... the call is to Follow Jesus. Maybe this Harvest tide we will be able to inspire a whole new generation to follow Christ.

With every blessing.

Stewart

The Revd Stewart McTaggart

St John's Court

The next service of Holy Communion at St John's Court will be on Tuesday 1st October 11.30am.

All are welcome.



Please use this prayer as the Church seeks to appoint a new Rector.

Faithful God, you guide your people and raise up leaders in every generation. We seek the person you are calling to be the next Rector of Warrington and St Elphins. By your Spirit, give to all those involved in the appointment good counsel, holy insight and sound judgement. Keep the person you are calling under the shadow of your wing, and teach us all to trust in the guidance, which is yours alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confirmation 2019

Our Confirmation this year is on Sunday 3rd November at 3.00 pm. The Bishop of Warrington, the Right Reverend Beverley Mason will officiate at the Service.

If you would like to be confirmed this year please complete the green application form at the back of church and return to Rev. Stewart or the Churchwardens as soon as possible.

Advance Notice

There will be a parish trip to see Peter Pan at Liverpool Empire on December 28th. Tickets will be about £11.00. More details to follow.

Thank You

The PCC have received a thank you letter from Paul and Karen Wilson, a copy of which is at the back of church.

Join us for the Global Wave of Light Service



Baby Loss Awareness Week finishes each year on October 15th with the global 'Wave of Light'.

We invite you to join us in Church on October 15th at 7.00pm

October 15th is also recognised across the world as the International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

We would like to invite you to join with other families across the world and take part in the global 'Wave of Light'. Simply light a candle at 7.00pm local time and leave it burning for at least 1 hour to join in remembering all babies that have died too soon. This can be done individually or in a group, at home or in a communal space. Wherever you do this, you will be joining a global 'Wave of Light' in memory of all the babies who lit up our lives for such a short time.

This year we're also inviting you to join a digital Wave of Light at 7.00pm local time on October 15th. To be part of this take a photo of your candle and post it to Facebook or Twitter using [#WaveOfLight](#) at 7pm local time.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets for the Christmas Raffle will shortly be available in church. This year we have decided not to go for pre-printed books as last year they cost more than the first two prizes added together!!

Please do take as many packs as you can to sell to your friends and neighbours. Tickets need to be returned to church by 17th November at the latest please.

This year as well as the usual cash prizes the rest will consist of various hampers. A list of items required will appear at the back of church – if you are able to donate one please sign the list.

Thank you

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
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.

| Month | Income | Expenditure |
|--------------|----------------|--------------------|
| January | £4,774 | £7,619 |
| February | £4,042 | £6,457 |
| March | £10,807 | £7,812 |
| April | £9,368 | £7,340 |
| May | £5,808 | £8,960 |
| June | £9,279 | £8,740 |
| July | £9,230 | £7,397 |
| August | £4,523 | £7,587 |
| Total | £57,831 | £60,951 |

Wedding Deposits: £5,000 March, £1,158 June, £1,896 July, £1082 August, the expenditure for which 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. £5,128 of the balance held in the general account are wedding deposits for future dates.

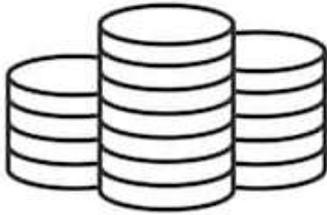
Tax reclaim from the inland revenue: April £3853, July £1943. Please remember if you pay tax and give your details to Dianne Rothwell the church can reclaim the tax you have paid with no additional cost to you.

Wendy Bailey, PCC Treasurer



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

Pause for Thought...with Norma Fox

I wonder what goes through your mind when you read the papers, turn on the television or become involved in conversations about Brexit?

If like me the feeling of frustration, confusion, anger at broken promises and lies that slip easily from the tongue, then I'm not alone!

I lose heart at the back-biting between Members of Parliament locked in its own perceived ideas of a way forward and that of the EU who are just as stubborn in response. There seems to me no compromise towards a conclusion where both parties come to an agreement with dignity and respect for the wellbeing of all. What a mess we are in, and now there's talk of elections.

Election campaigns are fought mainly on television these days, and at times it's hard to tell whether a programme is a political speech or an advertisement for a new type of analgesic – something to take the pain away. The overwhelming emphasis is on ourselves. The major political parties produce manifestos which are, as I'm sure they are in most countries, materialistic and selfish. How much this party will reduce income tax, and how much more money will appear in the wage packet. Each group seducing us into expecting more than is possible, and persuading us that happiness is coin shaped!

I was wondering about the effects of a political manifesto that began: *'Except a grain of what falls to the ground and dies...'* It would raise many eyebrows, but few votes, yet it is a lesson we and the government should learn. We as a country and amongst ourselves expect too much from each other.

Flanney O'Connor an American writer who died after years of chronic illness wrote *'To expect too much is to have a sentimental view of life, and this is a softness that ends in bitterness'*. And I add 'and greedy' to 'sentimental'.

It is the superficial expectations we have of other people which are so easily disappointed and which lead us to despair. We expect others to contribute to our plans and assumptions, to our wellbeing. We define the terms, set the standards and judge the results, and when it all falls apart say 'Oh they are just impossible to work with'.

Whether it's myself, or you, or the country we need to learn again the art of listening with open minds and hearts and make changes in our thinking, not of 'What do I expect' but 'What can I give'.

I detect an unconscious arrogance in those who give themselves in service who feel then they have a right to make demands on others.

Giving promotes receiving and God loves and blesses those who listen, love and respect each other.



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



The results of the September draw are as follows:

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 st | Albert Froggatt | 2 nd | Beryl Delooze |
| 3 rd | Ron Glover | 4 th | Margaret Sefton |

£127.50 went to church funds

The next draw will take place on Sunday 27th October and payments must be made by Sunday 20th 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

St Elphin's Community Centre Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Centre on Monday the 21st October 2019 at 7.30p.m. The Centre is available for all residents of Howley and Fairfield.

All are welcome to attend.

Hundreds of Mothers' Union members from across Britain and Ireland joined together in Portsmouth for the 2019 General Meeting. Sheran Harper shared some of her experiences of the first nine months of being the first overseas Worldwide President of Mothers' Union, including a visit to a prison in Wales, where members are providing a play area for children visiting their parents, so they have a welcome distraction, if needed, during the three-hour visitation period. She also talked about areas around the world, where Mothers' Union has been working closely with communities to build resilience, and help recovery from natural disasters. She told how in Madagascar, in the Diocese of Mahajanga, communities have decided to address the issue of environmental preservation and have cultivated a plant called Vetiver, which is a fast-growing grass that preserves the soil during the rainy season. After the Vetiver is uprooted, trees that fertilise the soil and store water in their trunks are planted, as they also provide great barriers when the cyclones hit.

The guest speaker for the afternoon was the Reverend Barry Hill, himself a proud Mothers' Union member! Barry spoke to delegates on evangelism, discipleship and how to work well with clergy. Sharing specific stories of the "mini-revolutions of mission" Mothers' Union are making across the country in areas like gender-based violence, education, exploitation and prison work, he encouraged the gathering "not to settle for a smaller, easier vision of the difference Mothers' Union are called to make in the Kingdom of God." He continued, "Whilst Mothers' Unions are often known for being excellent at hospitality, we know cuppas and cakes are only a tiny part of the bigger calling. Most of our country know a committed Christian, most don't know a vicar. Mothers' Union members are brilliantly placed to share faith and make a practical Kingdom-of-God-difference Monday to Saturday."

Heavenly Father, we thank you for Mothers' Union's transformational work in communities throughout the world. This enables people to overcome poverty by realising and using the assets they have to flourish and thrive. Let us prayerfully reflect on the riches we enjoy, in contrast to the poverty so many endure. May our gratitude spur us to challenge the status quo that allows such inequality.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th October 7.30pm at St Elphin's Community Centre. Unfortunately, our planned speaker has had to cancel due to ill health. As a result, we will have a quiet evening based on the quiet morning held in Sept. All welcome to join us for this meeting

Thursday 17th October Diocesan Quiet day at Bishop's lodge. More details next month.

Thursday 24th October 7.30pm Church of Resurrection Cinnamon Brow, Warrington Deanery joint event. Father Dave Heywood will be talking about refugees in Warrington. Please put the date in your diary transport will be arranged if required. All welcome.

Baptisms in October

20th - Wendy Bailey and Barbara Eden

Tea / Coffee in October

6th - Julie & Linda

13th - David & Julie

20th - Alan & Margaret

27th - Julie & David

The next cake sale will be on 27th October. Donations welcome. Please support this by buying some cakes .



St Elphin's Ladies Group

Future Dates:

October 2nd

Joyce Rowe – A trip to Romania

October 16th

To be advised

All Ladies are welcome to join us at 7.30pm in St Elphins Community Centre. The cost is £4.00 which includes tea/coffee and a raffle.



Date for your Diary
Christmas Fayre & Grand Raffle
Saturday November 23rd

11.00 – 3.00pm

it'll soon be here!!

Anyone interested in helping on or running
a stall please speak to Gill or Dianne



Shoe boxes are now available at the back of church.
Last year we sent 94 boxes so this year we are hoping to make it 100
Completed boxes need to be returned to church
by Sunday 10th November

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 |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 6 th | Susan J | Thelma W | Margaret G | Barbara Eden |
| 13 th | Sue Burke | Gill W | Chris Bean | SW / AW |
| 20 th | Dianne R | Lee Marsh | Sylvia W | Barbara Eden |
| 27 th | Dianne R | Barbara Eden | Margaret G | SW / AW |

Communicants and Collections

| Week ending | | Collections |
|----------------------------|----|--------------------|
| 25 th August | 72 | 538.20 |
| 1 st September | 73 | 824.00 |
| 8 th September | 69 | 516.50 |
| 15 th September | 80 | 1080.70 |

Donations:

General Fund

Thanksgiving for another year of blessings, Norma Fox 10.00

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

1st September

Sadie Elizabeth Catelani

Jace James Warburton

Florence Emily Coleman

Darcie Ann Lynn Warburton



15th September

Jacob Darren Bradley

Harper Grace Nicholson Wright

Isabella May Birchall

Rosie Jayne Doreen Sloane

22nd September

Tiwatope Gabriella Fajuyitan

Holy Matrimony in September

7th Michael Adam Johnson and Elloise Victoria Sorton

14th Phillip Roberts and Lauren Jane Berry



Christian Burial & Cremation in September

3rd Peter Bibby

Age 81

9th Janice Maria Cotterill

Age 61

10th Kevin Steven Ross

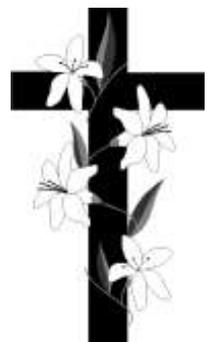
Age 58

26th Frederick Brookhouse

Age 77

30th Joan Brown

Age 94



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

St Elphin's (Fairfield) CE Primary School

Head Teacher:

Mrs Allison Bennett



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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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Regards from a very happy patient"

H. Endress

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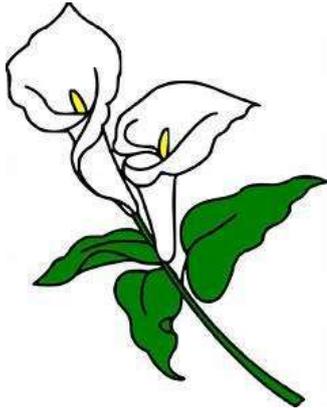


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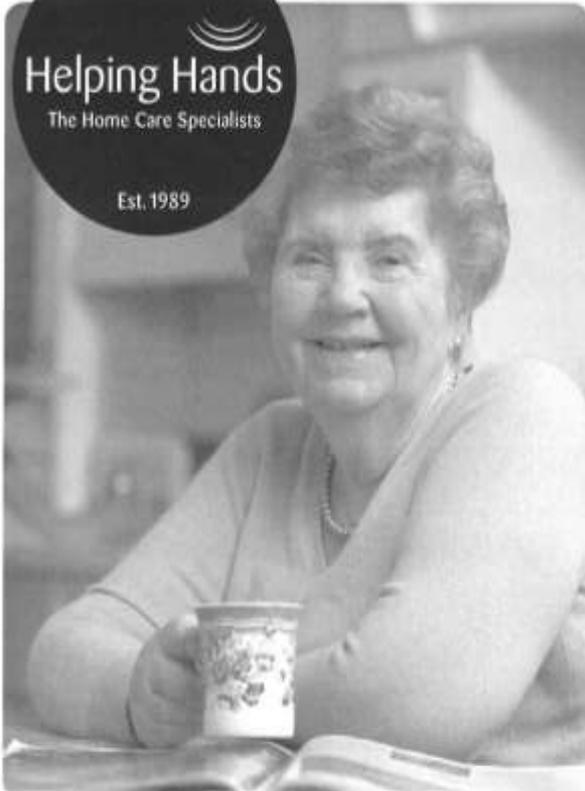
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