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St Elphin's Church Services

September 2019

Sunday 1st September, 11th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

12.30pm Holy Baptism

4.00pm Farewell Service for The Venerable Roger Preece,
Archdeacon of Warrington

Wednesday 4th September

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th September, 12th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 11th September

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 15th September, 13th 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 18th September

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd September, 14th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 25th September

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 29th September, 15th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm 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

Acting Rector	Reverend Stewart McTaggart stewartmctaggartis@hotmail.com	07540-344870
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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>



www.facebook.com/warringtonparishchurch

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Walsingham, Norfolk

Over the last 5-6 years around the Celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary which is the 15 August, Gill and I, together with some other people from St Elphin's, have spent a Pilgrimage weekend in Walsingham at the Shrine dedicated to the Mother of our Lord, known as the England's Nazareth.

This is always for us a special place where we can relax, reflect and take time to recharge our batteries, in the company of a large number of pilgrims from all over the country and indeed the world.

The Shrine was founded in 1061 following a vision of the Blessed Virgin by Lady Richeldis, who prayed that a replica of the Holy House at Nazareth be built in England, in honour of the mystery of the Incarnation. The original Shrine was destroyed in 1538 by King Henry VIII, but restored in 1938 and modernised and updated several times since.

Since that date it has been visited by thousands of Pilgrims who have flocked there even after its destruction in the 16th century. Now a days the same is true as the Pilgrims from many denominations come regularly to worship and give thanks to God for such a Holy and Blessed place.

There is in the village a Church dedicated to St Mary and where the majority of the visitors to the Shrine go for a Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) each Sunday morning. There is a Roman Catholic Shrine about a mile away known as the Slipper Chapel as people used to walk barefooted to that place. There is a Greek Orthodox Chapel too. All the denominations share in regular services together especially on the Feast of the Blessed Virgin when there is a candlelit procession through the village terminating at the Shrine itself, with hundreds of people singing 'Ave Maria'.

In these days of materialism, unbelief and indifference to Christianity, the value of such a Shrine cannot be underestimated. Walsingham boldly witnesses to the truth of the Incarnation, to the indispensable part our Lord's Mother plays in God's plan for our salvation, to the reality of the life beyond the grave.

I am sure that many more people will become pilgrims to England's Nazareth and catch there the joy the Holy Family knew, and continue to know, in the Holy House.

God Bless you all

Ray

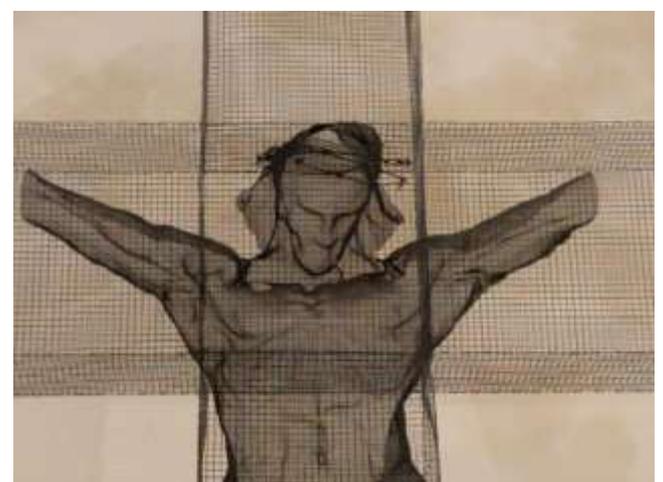
Reader Emeritus



St Mary's Church



Shrine Chapel



Holy House

Barn Chapel Sculpture

St John's Court

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

Please note there will not be a service in September.

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.

Harvest Sunday, September 29th

We will be decorating the church on Saturday 28th September. Gifts of fruit and other produce are welcome and can be brought to the Church on the Saturday morning.

On Monday 30th September we hope to distribute harvest parcels to the sick and housebound. Helpers and transport are needed to take out the parcels from 1.30pm.

Produce will also be donated to the Foodbank. Services will be at the usual times.



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.

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 provision

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
Total	£53,108	£55,364

£5,000 of the March and £1,158 of the June 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.

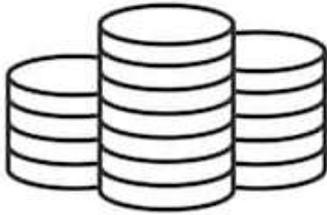
April income includes a £3853 tax reclaim and July's figures include £1943 from the Inland Revenue. Please remember if you pay tax and give your details to Dianne Rothwell the church can reclaim the tax you have paid with no additional cost to you.

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

He gives rain upon the earth and sends waters upon the fields Job 5 v 10

Rain, rain, go away, come back another day! A childish rhyme we would sing when the weather prevented us from outdoor play.

I'm sure there are many adults that have in frustration thought these same words as they prepare to travel to their holiday destinations.

Torrential rain, electric storms can be devastating as we have witnessed in the media this last month, in all parts of the world. People having to be rescued, whole villages being washed away and lives lost. Rain at it's very worst.

But rain can be gentle and refreshing, life giving and a blessing from God. Without it nothing can survive!

I hadn't intended spending the afternoon indoors, but the downpour was so heavy that my plans to work in the garden were completely washed away. However an hour among my books did provide some rather consoling thoughts:

'Rain! Whose soft architectural hands have power to cut stones and chisel to shapes of grandeur the very mountains.' *Henry Ward Beecher*

'Water is the most expressive element in nature. It responds to every mood from tranquillity to turbulence.' *Walter J Phillips*

'How beautiful is the rain! After the dust and the heat in the broad and fiery street, in the narrow lane. How beautiful is the rain!'

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

So my afternoon did have a silver lining after all!





St Elphin's 50/50 Club



The results of the August draw are as follows:

1st Mrs P Rowson 2nd Janet Cliffe

3rd Gill Whitticombe 4th Ron Glover

£127.50 went to church funds

The next draw will take place on Sunday 22nd September and payments must be made by Sunday 15th 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 Ladies Group

Future Dates:

4th September

Games Evening

18th September

Pot luck Supper

October 2nd

Joyce Rowe – A trip to Romania

October 16th

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.

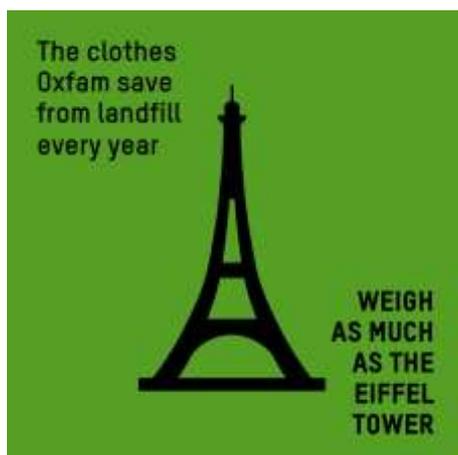


#SecondHandSeptember

Help people and the planet - pledge to say no to new clothes for 30 days

Every week 11 million items of clothing end up in landfill. Throwaway fashion is putting increasing pressure on our planet and its people - it's unsustainable. Now there's something you can do to help. Join Second Hand September and pledge to say no to new clothes for 30 days.

Did you know that:



For more information or to take the Pledge visit:

<https://www.oxfamapps.org.uk/secondhandseptember/>

Quiz Night



In St Elphin's Community Centre

Friday 27th September 2019

at 8.00pm

Tables of 4



£4.00 each including refreshments

Bring your own drink



At the July PCC meeting it was agreed that we would register the parish with A Rocha UK to become an Eco Church.

This is an award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth.

Their vision is for churches of all denominations to care for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully.

The actions we take can count towards a prestigious Eco Church Award at Bronze, Silver or Gold level.

We completed their online survey which is designed to equip churches how to express their care for God's world in worship and teaching; in how you look after their buildings and land; in how you engage with their local community and in global campaigns, and in the personal lifestyles of their congregation.

I'm pleased to say that we have been awarded our Bronze Eco Church Award and we are now working towards our Silver Award



Across the world in 2017, Mothers' Union members, acting as volunteers in their local communities, touched the lives of over 750,000 people in 84 countries. They did this as part of their personal commitment to show their faith in action, by reaching out to do what is needed, however small, wherever it is needed, often reaching communities which others struggle to reach. They do this in their own time, using their own resources.

In addition, funds raised centrally enable training, support and guidance for larger-scale projects which address needs identified in a number of different countries. The common thread of these larger projects is that Mothers' Union members work with fellow members in their communities, in order to help them to help themselves – often, as in Uganda, enabling them to 'soar like Eagles out of poverty'. These projects, funded by individual members and partner donors, support over 100,000 people each year.

In a number of countries, the work of members is supported and nurtured by a very small number of professional workers, known as 'Community Development Coordinators'

Local projects are necessarily diverse, because they respond directly to local needs, and more can be found out about them on the country pages. However, there are some common themes.

We pray for women and girls across the world who have been denied access to education. Also, for all whose education has been interrupted because of conflict or other adverse circumstances. We give thanks for the Mothers' Union Literacy and Financial Education Programme, which is the source of transformation for so many lives across the world. We pray for ongoing provision to enable this to flourish – that more individuals and families may benefit. Lord God, look upon all teachers. Help them to share their knowledge with patience and to encourage eager minds. Give them the discernment to know how to reach out to those who find learning a struggle.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 11th September** 7.30pm at St Elphin's Community Centre when our speaker will be Gary Hughes. All welcome to join us for this meeting

Saturday 14th September 10.00am – 12.00noon St Lathom Chapel Ormskirk, Warrington Archdeaconry Quiet Day please let Wendy know if you wish to attend and require transport

Forward Look

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 September

- 1st - Sandra Kirk & Margaret Dolan
- 15th - Barbara Barrett & Mary Egerton

Tea / Coffee in September

- 1st - Julie & Linda
- 8th - David & Kerrie
- 15th - Wendy & Margaret
- 22nd - Julie & Linda
- 29th - Anne & (volunteer required)

The next cake sale will be on 22nd September. Donations welcome. Please support this by buying some cakes.

There is a new tea / coffee rota in the kitchen, please add your name if you can help.

Autumn Craft Fayre

Saturday 21st September, 11.00am – 3.00pm

If anyone would like to help run a stall, help in any way or know of someone who would like to have a stall at either of these events please have a word with either Gill or Dianne.

We would also be grateful for donations of the following:

Cake Stall	Homemade cakes for Wendy
Chocolate Tombola	Sweets and Chocolates for the Tombola
Gift Stall	Donations for the Gift Stall
Bottle Tombola	Bottles for the Tombola (alcohol preferred!!)
Book Stall	Good quality books, CD's and DVD's
Toy Stall	New or good quality second hand toys

If anyone has apple trees and has apples eaters or bakers windfalls etc can they bring them into church marked for Wendy's attention. Also any empty jam jars would be welcome.

Any donations will be gratefully received and can be left at the back of Church clearly labelled. Thank you.

Flyers and posters are now available at the back of church – please take as many as you can to advertise the event.



Date for your Diary

Christmas Fayre & Grand Raffle

Saturday November 23rd

12.00 – 3.00pm

it'll soon be here!!

Autumn Fayre

Saturday 21st September
11.00am - 3.00pm
in St Elphin's Church

- Hand-made Goods
- Jewellery Stall
- Cake Stall
- Refreshments
- Tombola
- Gifts
- Hand-made Cards
- Church Souvenirs
- Raffle
- Face Painting
- Book Stall
- Jams & Preserves

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Saturdays: 9.30am to 3.00pm

Group visits by prior arrangement

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Readers and Prayer Rota for September

	<u>8.30am</u> Reader	<u>10.30am</u> Prayers	<u>10.30am</u> Reader	<u>6.30pm</u> Reader
1st	Susan J	Barbara Eden	Chris Bean	Barbara Eden
8th	Kathryn H	Gill W	Sylvia Wright	SW / AW
15th	Dianne R	Barbara Eden	Margaret G	Barbara Eden
22nd	Susan J	Barbara Eden	Thelma W	SW / AW
29th	Dianne R	Thelma W	Chris Bean	Barbara Eden

Communicants and Collections

Week ending		Collections
21 st July	79	648.85
28 th July	81	660.20
4 th August	85	769.60
11 th August	81	541.30
18 th August	80	527.00

Donations:

General Fund

Woolston Heritage Group - Thank you for a generous donation of £75 after their visit to the Church	75.00
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Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

4th August

Lindsay Michelle Molyneux

Scarlett Amelia Coco Barber

Gracie Louise Lane

Archie Robert Sinclair

Eva-Mae Mary Sinclair

Mollie Ada Thorneycroft



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

Holy Matrimony in August

3rd Simon Rowbotham and Paige Goodall

Warren Ayres and Jennifer Brierley

17th Aaron Jones and Kerry Ann McSorley



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

Christian Burial & Cremation in August

2nd William Arthur Buckley

Age 88



*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

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.

The Clergy are available at any time in cases of emergency.



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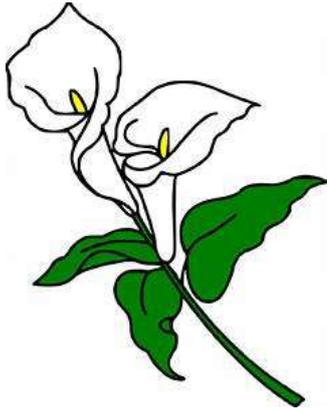


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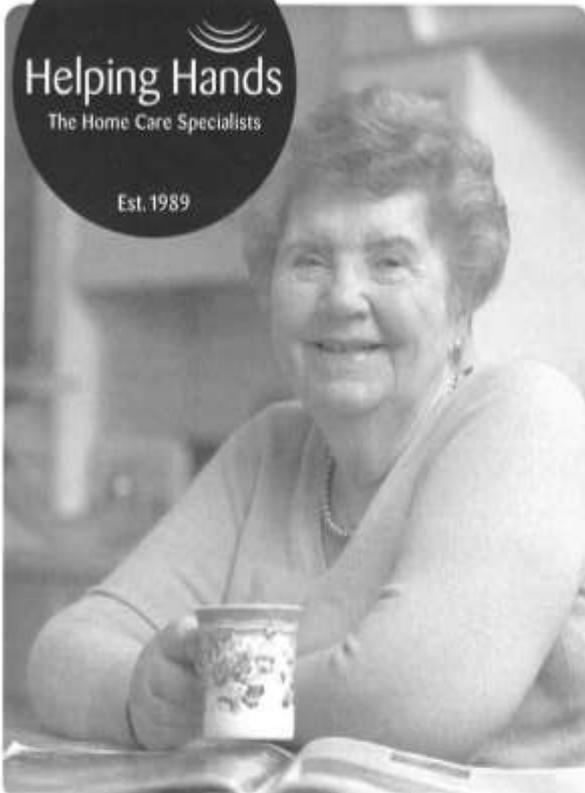
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