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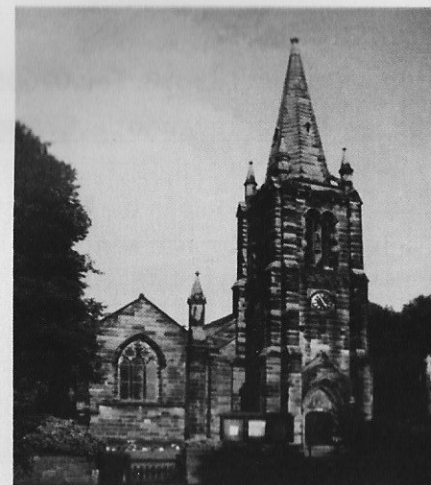
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Bible verse and prayer for 2014

May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

Gracious God,
you have called us
to be the Church of Jesus Christ.
Keep us one in faith and service;
breaking bread together
and telling the good news to the world;
that all may believe you are love,
turn to your ways, and live to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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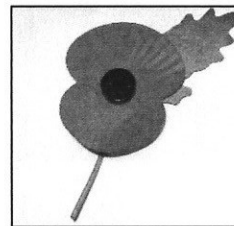
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Letter from Andrew Housley

Dear Friends,



On the eve of Britain declaring war on Germany on 4th August 1914, the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Edward Grey, stood at his window watching the gas street lamps being put out. Following weeks of intense diplomacy, he resigned himself to say, "The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our life-time." The powers of Europe lined up against one another and what followed was worse than anyone could have expected. The Anglican Padre and trench poet Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, known as Woodbine Willy, wrote the moving poem 'When the Lamps are Going Out' which collects images of those dark days.

There's a soul in the Eternal,
Standing stiff before the King.
There's a little English maiden
Sorrowing.
There's a proud and tearless woman,
Seeing pictures in the fire.
There's a broken battered body
On the wire.

In remembrance of those who lost their lives, let us remember in prayer those currently engaged in warfare.

Continue

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God,
 your saving power among all peoples.
 Renew your Church in holiness
 and help us to serve you with joy.
 Guide the leaders of all nations,
 that justice may prevail throughout the world.
 Let not the needy be forgotten,
 nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
 Make us instruments of your peace
 and let your glory be over all the earth.
 Amen

Andrew

Did you know....

The Royal British Legion is working with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to keep alive the memory of those who fell in the First World War, for future generations.

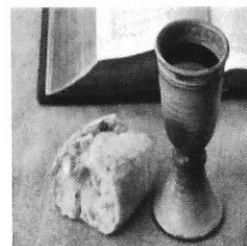
By going online and visiting www.everymanremembered.org, people can remember the sacrifice made by an individual and view a little information about them. It is also possible to search for specific people, or search using other filters such as regiments, or by date.

Once you have made your decision on who you wish to remember, the site will enable you to commemorate them with a personal dedication and, if you make a donation to The Royal British Legion, you will receive a special commemorative certificate.

We will remember them.

Benefice News

Holy Communion in the Community



The Holy Communion Services in Stockley Cresce
 St Michael's Hall and Bickerstaffe School are
 wonderful opportunity for outreach. Please inv
friends!!

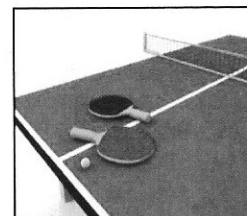
"For whenever you eat this bread and drink this c
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

1 Corinthians 11:

- St Michael's Hall, Wednesdays at 11am on 13th August (with so
 lunch) and 27th August.
- The service of Holy Communion at Stockley Crescent will resu
 from the summer break on Tuesday 2nd September at 1pm.

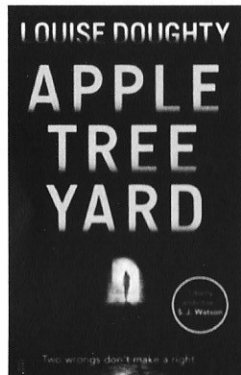
Pathfinder Group and Youth Club

The Youth Club is for those of school Year 6+ and meets at St Michael
 Hall between 6.30pm – 8pm. The Pathfinder Group meets at 6pm
 half an hour before the Youth Club starts at 6.30pm.



The youth group will meet on 14th Septemb
 28th September, 12th October, 26th October, 1
 November, 30th November, and 14th Novembe

Book Club

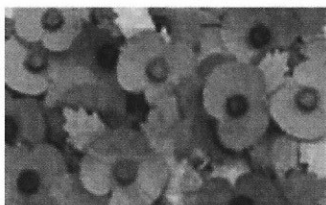


The next meeting is scheduled for 17th September from 8pm at the Derby Arms Pub. The book is "Apple Tree Yard" by Louise Doughty. Part psychological thriller and part courtroom drama, Apple Tree Yard is a dark, smart, and undeniably sexy page turner. With her trademark intelligence, award-winning author Louise Doughty weaves an intricate tale of adultery, murder, sex and deception that will keep readers in suspense until the very end!

Good Book Club

The first Good Book Club will be at St Michael's Hall on Wednesday 8th October at 8pm, when we'll discuss *1 Samuel*. Please read the First book of Samuel before we meet and bring drink and nibbles.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.



Commemoration Service for the outbreak of World War One

There will be a service in remembrance of the outbreak of World War One at Ormskirk Parish Church on Monday 4th August at 7.30pm.

Holy Trinity Dates & News

Dates for your diary

4th August	Service of remembrance for the start of WW
	Ormskirk Parish Church, 7.30pm.
30th August	Wedding.

Looking ahead...

7th September	Baptism after the 10.45am service.
12th September	Bingo at Four Lane Ends Mission
14th September	Youth Group.
17th September	Book Club from 8pm in the Derby Arms.
19th September	Wedding.
19th September	Cantique Choir Concert 7.30pm.
8th October	Good Book Club at St Michael's Hall.

Bingo Time



A fun evening of bingo can be assured on 12th September at Four Lane Ends Mission! Eyes Do at 7.30pm. All welcome! Proceeds are in aid of Church Funds.

Irene McCar


An Evening with Cantique Choir



A lovely evening is promised when, on Friday 12th September at 7.30pm in Church, Cantique will perform.

Tickets are £5 including a glass of wine or soft drink and nibbles. The proceeds are in aid of Holy Trinity Church. Please bring friends and neighbours.

Services in August

	St Michael, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
3rd August Trinity 7 Green Gen. 32:22-31 Rom. 9:1-5 Matt. 14:13-21	8.15am Mike S Holy Communion 10.30am Bill Matins 10.30am Chris Hall Service 6.30pm Mike S Holy Communion	10.45am Martin Bickerstock Songs of Praise
10th August Trinity 8 Green Gen. 37:1-4, 12-28 Rom. 10:5-15 Matt. 14:22-33	8.15am Judith Holy Communion 10.30am Judith Holy Communion	10.45am Colin Family Service
17th August Trinity 9 Green Gen 45:1-15 Rom. 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matt. 15:21-28	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Morning Prayer 6.30pm Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Mark Morning Prayer

24th August St Bartholomew Red Isaiah 43:8-13 Acts 5:12-16 Luke 22:24-30	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am John Williams Holy Communion
31st August Trinity 11 Green Exodus 3:1-15 Romans 12:9-end Matthew 16:21-end	8.15am Judith Holy Communion 10.30am Judith Holy Communion	10.45am Andrew Holy Communion BCP 12pm Burial of Ashes of Kenneth Mercer

Summer Fair: Thank you for all your help!

On behalf of the Summer Fair Committee, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the day go so well. Thanks to everyone who provided items for sale, to all those who set up and staffed the stalls and displays, and to everyone who volunteered their time for the Fair.

We would like to especially thank Anne Owen for opening the Fair, Rose Queen Faith Currie, Mike Litherland for being our PA, and of course, Jon Ashburner for setting up and managing the sound system for us. I would like to give a special mention to the amazing Wiggle Ukulele Band, who played fantastically well and wouldn't take any payment! What a lovely bunch of people!! Thank you everyone!

Sue Keen
 Summer Fair Committee

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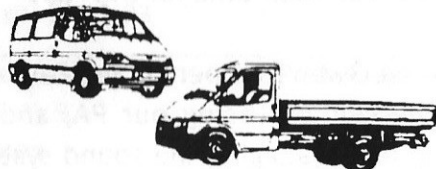
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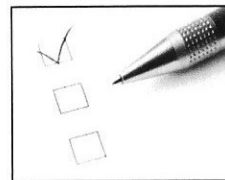
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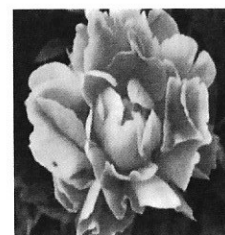


This questionnaire asks a number of questions about Bickerstaffe Holy Trinity Church and your involvement in the life of the Church. The purpose is to find out the views of those who are already members of the congregation and regularly attend

Church, and others who may not be as involved. The responses will be collated and will inform the work of the Shared Ministry Team in building a sustainable and vibrant Church for the future. Copies are available at the back of church, or by e-mailing jashburner@btinternet.com. Please return your questionnaires by 8th August. Many thanks.

Ann Ashburner
Shared Ministry Team

Flower Rota



3rd August Mrs Linda Weaver
11th August Mrs Barbara Fairclough
17th August Vacant
24th August Mrs Audrey Banks
31st August Mrs Irene McCarthy

If you have any queries, please contact Irene McCarthy. Thanks.

Recycling printer cartridges

Do you have any used printer cartridges you no longer require? I have found somewhere that recycles them in aid of a horse welfare charity that cares for neglected and abused horses in the UK and abroad. If you leave a small box at the back of the church, would you please be kind enough to pop the cartridges in it and I will send them on (sorry, no Epsom or laser cartridges). Thank you in anticipation.

Jennifer B...

Prayer Time



Lord God, all wise, all merciful
 hear us as we pray for those who
 bear the responsibility of leadership
 among the nations of the world.
 Give them in all their deliberations
 wisdom to know your will,
 regard for your laws and
 respect for human rights;
 that they may seek to lead all people
 in the paths of truth, freedom and peace,
 for the glory of your name,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Frank Colquhoun (adapted) †



Jesus, Son of God,
 Let your love shine through our eyes,
 your Spirit inspire our words,
 your wisdom fill our minds,
 your mercy control our hands,
 your will capture our hearts,
 your joy pervade our being;
 until we are changed into your likeness
 from glory to glory.

Michael Perry †

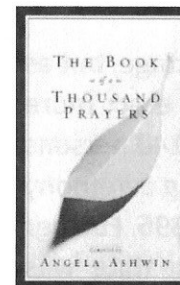
We thank you, our Father

For those whose work sustains our nation,
 And this community in which we live;
 For all who create the wealth by which we trade,
 For those who grow and provide our food,
 Or who in industry, commerce and transport
 bring it to our homes.

We thank you for those who, day and night,
 maintain the public services; for the police,
 for those who respond to emergencies,
 and for all whose work is in
 health or healing or social care.

Teach us to remember that all our lives depend
 Upon the work of many minds and hands;
 And we pray that we may live thankfully
 And in unity as members of one human family;
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Timothy Dudley-Smith



† Source: *'The Book of a Thousand Prayers'* compiled by
 Angela Ashwin. ISBN 978-0-310-24872-9 approximately
 £10 (paperback).

This is an excellent compendium of prayers that is bound
 to be used and enjoyed time and time again. I would
 therefore like to recommend it to everyone, no matter
 what stage they are at in their prayer life.

Jo Horwood

Missions Galore: Part 2 by Owen Taylor

One of the sturdiest missions built in the neighbourhood lies on the boundary of Bickerstaffe and Ormskirk at Scarth Hill. The last services were held in the mid-1970s but in its heyday, it commanded large congregations. An item from the Parish Magazine of 1897 reads, 'Church Army Captains, Tatham, Bennett and Pearson, have conducted services recently and all were well attended, especially those in the evenings, when the room was frequently crowded.' Also, a preserved Sunday Timetable from the same period shows, 'Morning Service at 10.30am, Children's Sunday School at 2pm, Bible Class for Men at 3pm, Evening Service at 7pm – with a Bible Class for Women on Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm.'



Interior of Scarth Hill Mission in 1955

It appears that meetings were originally held in a nearby cottage, but as congregations became larger, it was deemed necessary to erect more suitable premises. The Mission was built to accommodate 140 persons and was funded by Thomas Hutton of Ormskirk. The opening ceremony was conducted by Dr. J.C Ryle, Bishop of Liverpool, in July 1896. Further improvements were carried out in 1904, when extra seating was installed for another 40 communicants.



Scarth Hill Mission photographed in 1964

The ancient bell was a gift from Rainford Clergy after their chapel was demolished in 1878. In all, it had been tolling to the parishioners of Rainford and then Bickerstaffe for over 400 years. Unfortunately, it was stolen in 1982, seven years after the Mission closed.

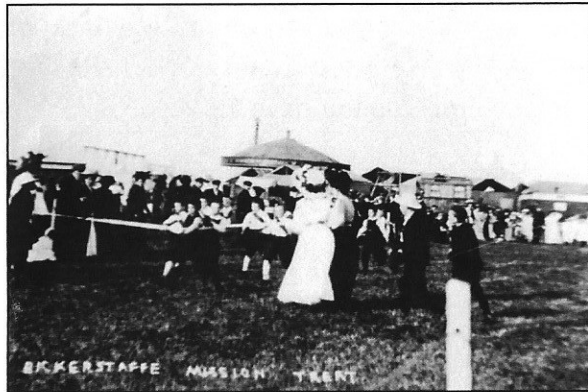
A plea from the mining community about the lack of recreational facilities in their locality prompted Councillor S.T. Rosbotham to erect the Mission Rooms at Four Lane Ends in 1904.



Bowler-hatted S.T. Rosbotham with friends
on the opening day of Four Lane Ends Mission – 1904.

The opening ceremony was performed by W.L. Hutton, whose father had financed the building of Scarth Hill Mission. The address was given by the Bickerstaffe Vicar, Revd. W. Wright, who said, 'The Mission would unite both religious and recreational elements'. Now miners could attend services in their working clothes: some were on the bread-line and didn't own a suit.

In the early days, local people stepped in to conduct services including John Latham and Peter Hunt, whose framed photograph is still retained there. Others remembered Sunday School teachers, Maggie Bimpson and Ada Latham, not forgetting long time Organist, Esther Jones, from Skelmersdale. The list of functions held throughout the years are almost too numerous to name. Seemingly, Edwardians were impressed by educational 'Slide Shows', and then children's entertainment was introduced. How many remember 'Stick in the Bucket'?



Four Lane Ends Mission Treat - 1908

Jumble sales and car boot sales followed, with Whist, domino drives and bingo sessions. Furthermore, it became convenient for the Women's Institute, Mother's Union, and Parish Council meetings. Also, at election time, the Mission is converted to a 'Voting Booth'.

Various receptions and parties still take place, with the Luncheon Club ongoing, every Thursday. What a marvellous accomplishment after more than a century in operation. Without doubt, this formidable success has been achieved through the dedication and devotion of local people from every generation.

Acknowledgements:

Eileen Schofield, Parish Magazine 1897, Ormskirk Advertiser, History of Rainford, Martin Rigby.

Parish Register



Burial of Ashes

The ashes of the late **Geoffrey Short**, aged 47, were interred on July 6th.

Ormskirk Foodbank



The Ormskirk Foodbank would particularly welcome the following items in order to help local families and individuals in crisis:

Milk (UHT or powdered); sugar (500g); fruit juice (carton); soup; pasta; sauces; tinned sponge pudding; tinned tomatoes; cereals; tinned rice pudding; tea bags / instant coffee; instant mash potato; rice / pasta; tinned meat or fish; tinned vegetables; tinned fruit; jam; biscuits; snack bar.

The collection box is located at the back of church. Thank you.

Liverpool Cathedral: Free summer holiday activities



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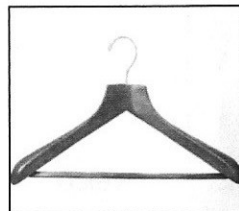
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Further details are available from Jackie Dean, telephone 0151 702 7210, or email education@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk.

Children's clothes collection



If you are having a 'clear out' of good quality children's clothes, school clothes, shoes, and other equipment such as football boots and swimming costumes, please consider passing them into the back of church for the community at Litherland Moss School. Your donations really do make a difference to local families experiencing great need. Thank you.

Your church needs you!

Please remember to complete and return your SMT questionnaire! Thank you.

Kindly turn to page 11 for further information!

CARD MAKING AT FOUR LANE ENDS MISSION

Last Friday in the month,

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June 01695 722778 for further

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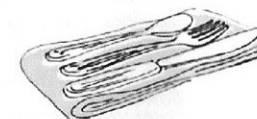


NEW DINERS ARE WELCOME

Bickerstaffe Luncheon Club n
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followed by tea and a fun qu
We usually end at 2.30pm.

If you would like to come alo
boost our numbers and enjo
good meal and a laugh, pleas
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Church Cleaning Rota



1st August	Team 5	F Brownbill, S Prentice, M Prentice
8th August	Team 6	V Heyes, R Critchley, B Morris
15th August	Team 1	E Short, P Walton, B Bell
22nd August	Team 2	I McCarthy, M Johnson
29th August	Team 3	A Banks, N Rimmer, H Rosbotham
5th September	Team 4	J Hodgson, J Hislop, B Winstanley

Bickerstaffe Mothers' Union News



The afternoon tea held in June raised £100, which has been sent to the Deanery. It was a very good effort, so many thanks, ladies (you know who you are!).

The meeting in July was our usual Strawberry Tea, when our friends from Melling joined us.

Looking ahead, we will have a 'Member's Choice' afternoon in August, and in September, there will be a trip to Barton Grange. New members are more than welcome at any meeting.

Irene McCarthy

Thank you for the lovely afternoon tea



Many thanks to everyone who helped or attended the afternoon tea on 26th June. Happily, £222.65 was raised for the Pensioner's party, which will be held in September.

Irene McCarthy

Editorial News

Please note that the next deadline is **the 24th August for the September issue**. As always, kindly pass articles to Jo Housley or e-mail it to either jo.housley@gmail.com or bickerstaffechurchmagazine@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you! We will do our best to publish articles when space allows.

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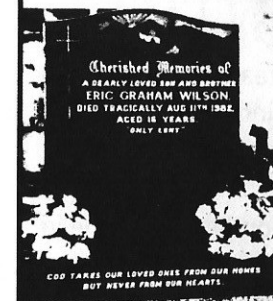
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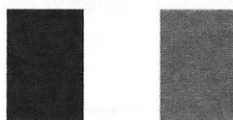
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Please pray for everyone on holiday, including the children and staff of Bickerstaffe CoE Primary School and Aughton St Michael CoE Primary School.

O Lord, bless our schools; that working together and playing together, we may learn to serve you and to serve one another. Amen.



NEW STANDING ORDER INSTRUCTION

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Please set up the following Standing Order and debit my/our account accordingly.

1. Account details

Account Name.....

Account number

Account holding branch Sort Code ____ - ____ - ____

2. Payee Details

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Payment Ref: Gift Aid

Sort Code: 20-80-33 Account Number: 50116599

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How often are the payments to be made:

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Amount details until further notice

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Date and amount of on-going payments: 5th Monthly £ _____

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Date.....