

**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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Letter from Andrew Housley

Dear friends,

In recent weeks I have re-discovered the BBC World Service, listening to it in the car as well as when I'm working at my desk. I have always enjoyed current affairs and regularly watch Newsnight and Question Time, and so the World Service provides me with a constant stream of news. The most recent news has been quite downbeat: Ukraine Civil War; Islamic State; Ebola virus; Oscar Pretorius' trial, and not forgetting the Scottish referendum. Some people have told me that they don't want to watch or listen to the news because they find it so depressing. This is understandable, but we need to respond to the world's problems by praying for peace.

At the Men's Breakfast in October, our speaker was from the Christian charity, Open Door. Marion spoke about the need for us to support the persecuted church in prayer. After she spoke, we were able to give her a cheque for £200 so that Open Door can continue to support Christians in areas of the world where their life is threatened because of their faith in Christ. In the two thousand years of Christian history, Christians have been persecuted for their faith and in recent months we've been made more aware of Christians being killed by religious extremists in Syria and Iraq. While listening to the radio today, I heard the news of Asia Bibi, a Christian Pakistani 50-year-old mother of five, who has been sentenced to hanging because she argued with a Muslim woman over a pot of water. We need to pray for Asia Bibi and that there will be an increase in understanding and respect between Muslims and Christians in Pakistan.

Throughout history, conflict has arisen and wars have been fought when individuals have focused on the differences between people, rather

than finding common ground and building upon what unites. One hundred years since the outbreak of World War One, we can say that we have learned little about what needs to be done to maintain peace. The problem seems to be us. Each of us can be responsible for using words or being involved in actions that can divide rather than unite. At a recent clergy retreat I attended, I read the following poem.

FATHER, Mother, and Me
Sister and Auntie say
All the people like us are We,
And every one else is They.
And They live over the sea,
While We live over the way,
But - would you believe it? - They look upon We
As only a sort of They !

All good people agree,
And all good people say,
All nice people, like Us, are We
And every one else is They:
But if you cross over the sea,
Instead of over the way,
You may end by (think of it!) looking on We
As only a sort of They !

From 'We and they' by Rudyard Kipling

Rudyard Kipling spent much of his life in India and so probably thought of the Indians he met as 'They'. In his poem, Kipling compares two peoples and speaks of their differences, but then finishes by writing that 'We' are a sort of 'They'. Today, there is no need to travel to a different continent in order to meet a different culture, like Kipling did. Britain has become a wonderfully diverse society within which our children and

grandchildren will have friends and colleagues from different ethnic groups. We have a responsibility to teach our children that we are all made in the image of God and called to see Christ in one another.

In respect of those who have been victims of war, let us commit ourselves to re-learning the message within the Parable of the Good Samaritan so that we start to see 'They' as 'We'.

'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' Galatians 3:28

Andrew

Praying together for Christians facing persecution



O Lord God,
your Son Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In his resurrection
he restores life and peace in all creation.
Comfort, we pray, all victims of intolerance
and those oppressed by their fellow humans.
Remember in your kingdom those who have died.
Lead the oppressors towards compassion
and give hope to the suffering.
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benefice News

Holy Communion in the Community



The Holy Communion Services in Stockley Crescent, St Michael's Hall and Bickerstaffe School are a wonderful opportunity for outreach. Please invite friends!!

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

1 Corinthians 11:26

- St Michael's Hall, Wednesdays at 11am on 12th November (with soup lunch) and then 26th November.
- The service of Holy Communion at Stockley Crescent will be on Tuesday 4th November at 1pm.
- Holy Communion at Bickerstaffe School will take place on Friday 28th November at 2.40pm. Everyone welcome.

Pathfinder Group and Youth Club

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



The youth group will meet on 16th November, 30th November, and 14th December.

Book Club

The next meeting will be held on 19th November, 8.00pm at the Derby Arms pub, Aughton.

We have chosen to read Shakespeare's play "King John". In the shadow of Shakespeare's second tetralogy of history plays lies this neglected masterpiece. The play is cursed with the egregious reputation of being Shakespeare's great artistic failure. Never has a work so remarkable been so consistently underrated. With its vigorous plot, immortal verse, and subtle combination of Tudor and Machiavellian theories on kingship, King John is worthy of rediscovery.

Steve Hall

Remembrance Sunday



This year, Remembrance Sunday has a special significance as we remember 100 years since the outbreak of World War One. During the service will remember all those who lost their lives in war, while also praying for those currently caught up in conflict.

Andrew

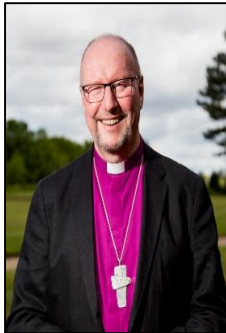
Commemoration of the Departed Service



On Sunday 9th November at 6.30pm, there will be a service at St Michael's to remember those who have passed away. Invitations will be sent to those who have had services arranged by St Michael's and Holy Trinity during the past twelve months.

If you would like a name added to the list to be read out during the service, please phone Christine on 424457 or, if you attend Holy Trinity, then please add names to a list at the back of church.

Installation of the Right Rev'd Paul Bayes, 8th Bishop of Liverpool.



We have five tickets for the installation service on 15th November at 3pm in the Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church and the first five names pulled out of the hat will get a ticket.

Please pray for Bishop Paul, his wife Kate, and their family as they begin their ministry in Liverpool.

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Churches Together in Ormskirk: Forthcoming events



For further details about any of the Churches Together events, please email Mark Hudson at contactus@bickerstaffe-stables.com. Thank you.

1st November
29th November

Men's Breakfast at Christchurch Ministry Centre.
Ecumenical Service at Edge Hill Health Building at 7.30pm. During the service there will be a sermon about the Persecuted Church.

3rd December

Men's Supper £10. The speaker will be magician, John Archer.

Men's Breakfast



The next Men's Breakfast meeting will be held on Saturday 22nd November in Bickerstaffe School from 9am. The speaker is yet to be confirmed, but a hearty breakfast and great company is guaranteed. Please sign up at the back of church so we can plan the catering. Thank you.

Advent Groups



During Advent, there will be Advent groups meeting within the Benefice reflecting upon the course; '*JESUS: the voice that makes us turn*', published by York Courses, price £3.49.

It is a four-part course, reflecting on Jesus' many voices:

- *A Crying Voice* homes in on the baby's cry at Bethlehem, announcing that God was in town;
 - *An Other Voice* focuses on the strangeness of Christ, whose command stilled the storm and forgave sins and raised the dead;
 - *A Dying Voice* sees new depths for living in Jesus' familiar words from the cross;
 - *A Rising Voice* examines the immense quality which made downhearted disciples turn and fire the world with their faith.
- Four different voices that will make us turn in our tracks and say to Christ, 'I want you!'

There are three groups located across the Benefice. Please feel free to *join any group* and kindly sign-up using the form at the back of church.

Tuesdays at 7.30pm (25th Nov, 2nd, 9th, 16th Dec)

Bickerstaffe Hall, Hall Road, Bickerstaffe

Wednesdays at 7.30pm (26th Nov, 3rd, 9th, 16th Dec)

The Rectory, 10 Church Lane, Aughton

Fridays at 2pm (28th Nov, 5th, 12th, 19th Dec)

3 Alms House Bungalows, Off St Michael's Park, Aughton

Andrew

Smile Time: Apologies to John Betjeman - just blame the vicar!

Janet Smith from St Michael's church, has recorded this true tale in the style of poet John Betjeman.



The faithful ladies came to clean
with dusters poised and noses keen
How very strange and very queer
we could have sworn that we smelled beer
To get the trouble over quicker
we will blame it on the vicar

He is the sort of person who
has nothing very much to do
but go to meetings, and he thinks
they go much better with some drinks

In church he checked a wedding planned
but dropped a bottle from his hand
The chancel steps is where it fell
(we thought we recognised the smell)
Of course the precious bottle broke
the vicar is a careless bloke

The steps recovered with some care
the bottle, though, went everywhere
We will need a glass detector
he really is a clumsy rector

But if the smell should last or linger
we'll blame it on the 'Bishop's Finger'

Janet Smith

Holy Trinity Dates & News

Dates for your diary

11th November	PCC at 7.30pm
16th November	Baptism at 1pm.
19th November	Shared Ministry Team meeting 7.30pm.
19th November	Book Club at the Derby Arms pub from 8pm.
22nd November	Men's Breakfast, 9am at Bickerstaffe Primary School.
25th November	Advent group starts in Bickerstaffe Hall at 7.30pm
26th November	Advent group starts in the Rectory at 7.30pm.
28th November	Advent group starts at the Aughton Alms Houses at 2pm.
29th November	Bickerstaffe Christmas Fair.
5th December	Bickerstaffe School Christmas Fair from 3.30pm.
6th December	Christmas shopping trip to Preston.
12th December	Christmas Bingo
20th December	Bickerstaffe Church Christmas Party

Christmas Fair



The Christmas Fair this year is on Saturday 29th November from 2pm. There will be the usual stalls including; cake stall, pound stall, tombola, grand raffle, book stall, Santa's Grotto and much more. Please come and support us and bring friends and family.

Christmas Shopping Day in Preston

Please put 6 December in your diary, if you fancy a lovely day shopping in Preston. Further details to follow.

Julie Hodgson.

December Bingo



There will be another evening of bingo and fun on 12th December from 7.30pm in the Mission. Please bring your own drinks.

Churchyard Clean up in August

A big 'thank you' to members of the community who met in August to clear the paths at the back of the church and who also cleared the rubbish from behind the wall. Thanks to Paul, Tricia, Graeme, Trisha, Jackie, Ria, Charlotte and Eden.

Advent Songs of Praise

On Advent Sunday, 30th November, there will be an Advent Sunday Songs of Praise. Advent is the season when we look towards the Christ returning and bringing his justice to the world. Please invite friends and family to what will be a wonderful service of worship.

Harvest thanks

A huge thank you to all involved in decorating the church for Harvest, and also to those who kindly provided the flowers and vegetables. The church looked beautiful!

Welcome to the Lord's Table

The next 'Welcome to the Lord's Table' course will begin in January and will meet in Bickerstaffe School. The course is for children in Year 4 who want to receive Holy Communion before their Confirmation, which will be in Year 9. If you have any questions, then please speak to Andrew.

Andrew

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Services in November

	<p>St Michael Aughton</p>	<p>Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe</p>
<p>2nd November <i>4th before Advent</i> Green Micah 3:5-end 1 Thess. 2:9-13 Matt 24:1-14</p>	<p>8.15am Holy Communion Andrew</p> <p>10.30am Matins Bill 10.30am Hall Service Graham</p> <p>4pm Holy Communion Andrew</p>	<p>10.45am Holy Communion Andrew</p>
<p>9th November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> Red Amos 5:18-24 1 Thess 4:13-end Matt 25:1-13</p>	<p>8.15am Holy Communion Judith</p> <p>10.30am Remembrance Service with Parade Judith</p> <p>6.30pm Commemoration of the departed Andrew</p>	<p>8am Holy Communion Andrew</p> <p>10.45am Remembrance Service Andrew</p>
<p>16th November <i>2nd before Advent</i> Green Zeph 1:7; 12-end 1 Thess 5:1-11 Matt 25:14-30</p>	<p>8.15am Holy Communion Andrew</p> <p>10.30am Holy Communion Andrew</p> <p>4pm Holy Communion Andrew</p>	<p>10.45am Morning Prayer Mark</p> <p>1pm Service of Baptism Andrew</p>

23rd November <i>Christ the King</i> Red Ezek 34:11-16; 20-24 Eph 1:15-end Matt 25:31-end	8.15am Holy Communion Andrew 10.30am Service of Baptism Andrew	10.45am Holy Communion Terry Jones
30th November <i>Advent Sunday</i> Purple Isa 64:1-9 1 Cor1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37	8.15am Holy Communion Andrew 10.30am Advent Carol Service Bill/Margaret 4pm Holy Communion Andrew	10.45am Advent Carol Service Andrew

Armistice Day

As in previous years, the children from Bickerstaffe School will meet at the war memorial on 11th November at 11am for an act of remembrance. Please join us.

Prayer Time



Grant, O Lord,
for the sake of those whose lives were lost in war,
and for the sake of generations to come,
that the nations of the world
may learn your way of peace;
And that all may have
A chance to enjoy the life you have given them,
Free from war, tyranny, and oppression.

Roger Tomes

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Remembrance

We *will* remember them

Remember Them

On all the oceans, white caps flow
You do not see crosses, row on row.
But those who sleep beneath the sea,
Rest in Peace
For your country's free.

In gratitude and to the memory of all Seafarers, Merchants, and Royal Navy of the Allied Countries who sacrificed their lives during the First and Second World Wars.
May Brook*

* May's Father went down with his ship in February, 1944.

At the cenotaph



In a couple of weeks, it will be Remembrance Sunday. I always find it a very moving service, and then around the cenotaph listening to the names of all the young men who lost their lives so we could have a good life, as we do.

Some of you will know that I was very close to Miss Woods, who was one of my teachers at Bickerstaffe C of E School when I went 1947-1953.

But much later in my life, we became very good and close friends and we had lovely daily chats. One day, Miss Woods told me of her younger brother John, who was in the First World War. John was killed in France aged 19 years old. In fact, I took over her poppy collection some thirty years ago.

I would also like to say thank you to everyone who organized the commemoration evening around the cenotaph on 4th August, one hundred years since the start of World War One. It was very memorable just watching the moon on its path and all of us with our own thoughts. Thank you.

Last year, we were on a cruise on Remembrance Day. Captain Angelo Vago conducted a service and I would like to share this poem by Don Crawford, which was the first reading.

Linda Weaver

Why Wear a Poppy. By Don Crawford.



"Please wear a poppy", the lady said,
And held one forth, but I shook my head.
Then I stopped and watched as she offered them there,
And her face was old and lined with care;

"But beneath the scars the years had made
There remained a smile that refused to fade.
A boy came whistling down the street,
Bouncing along on carefree feet.

"His smile was full of joy and fun,
"Lady" said he, "may I have one?"
When she pinned it on, he turned to say:
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"
The lady smiled in her wistful way,

And answered: "This is 'Remembrance Day'
And the poppy there is a symbol for
The gallant men who died in the war."
"And because they did, you and I are free
That's why we wear a poppy you see.
I had a boy about your size,
With golden hair and big blue eyes.

"He loved to play and jump and shout
Free as a bird, he would race about.
As the years went by, he learned and grew
And became a man - as you will too.

"He was fine and strong, with a boyish smile,
But he'd seemed with us such a little while
When war broke out and he went away.
I still remember his face that day.

"When he smiled at me and said goodbye.
'I'll be back soon, Mum, so please don't cry.'
But the war went on and he had to stay,
And all I could do was wait and pray.

"His letters told us of the awful fight,
(I can see it in my dreams at night),
With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire,
And the mines and the bullets, the bombs and the fire."

"That sure did sound like an awful fight,
But your son - did he come back alright?"
A tear rolled down each faded cheek;
She shook her head but didn't speak.

I slunk away in a sort of shame,
And if you were with me,
you'd have done the same;
For our thanks, in giving is oft delayed,
Though our freedom was bought
- and thousands paid!

And so, when we see a poppy worn,
Let us reflect on the burden borne
By those who gave their very all.
When asked to answer their country's call,
That we at home in peace might live.
Then wear a poppy!
- and give!

Remembering and the golden chain

This true story was told by Joe Whiston who came up from Kent to take over the "Top Shop" Post Office at Bickerstaffe in the 1980s/'90s, then he retired and returned to Kent.

Joe told the story of the father of his wife, Jean. Before being posted to serve in North Africa in World War Two, Private 4611373 Edward Handshaw of 1st Battalion Duke of Wellingtons Regiment, had been in France and bought his wife a gold cross and chain. He left for North Africa and on 24th December 1943, he was killed in Tunisia and buried in Massicault War Cemetery, some 20 miles SW of Tunis.

Some years later his widow- Jean's mum- remarried and wore the gold chain given to her by Edward. In the middle of the ceremony, the gold chain broke. It was later repaired and given to daughter Jean to wear at her marriage to Joe when, incredibly, the chain again broke during the wedding ceremony.

In June 1982, Joe and Jean paid a visit to the cemetery in Tunisia; the first time that any of the family had been out there to see Edward's grave. To their amazement they found the following inscription carved on his headstone:

*Remembrance is a golden chain
that binds us till we meet again*

The chain remained intact when Joe and Jean's daughter, Caren, wore it at her wedding.
Sheila Beeby

'Century of Remembrance' by Owen Taylor

For many years after the Armistice, the main topic of conversation centred on the First World War. Such names as Passchendaele, the Somme, Mons and Ypres, (known as 'wipers' by the soldiers) were places ingrained in the memories of local families, who had lost relatives those great battles. From 1914 to 1918, 136 men from Bickerstaffe, were enlisted or volunteered into the Armed Forces, the majority joining the 9th Kings Liverpool Regiment. Nearly a quarter of those gallant men were never to return.

Four servicemen who died in English hospitals were Private's William Harold Fyles, James Hesketh, William Peet, and John Brownbill. Before his enlistment Private Brownbill was employed as Parish Postman for 15 years. His military funeral was the first ever administered at Bickerstaffe Church.

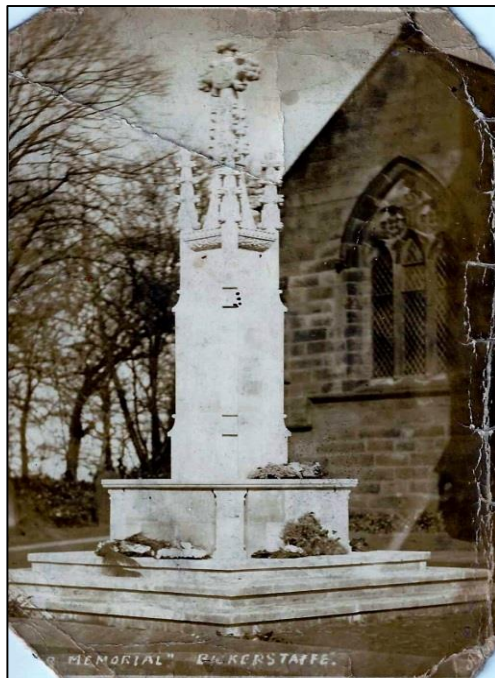
In 1920, a fund was set up which raised £512 for the erection of a War Memorial. Records show 402 parishioners donated different amounts varying from 1 Shilling to twenty Pounds. The builder was named Mr Griffiths, but his location was omitted.



Popular Postman on his round in Sineacre Lane, c.1910

Quite a number of collectors were ex-servicemen or members of their families. It was described in a Parish Magazine article by local vicar W. Wright, 'To do honour to the memory of those 29 servicemen, whose name are 'writ in stone' on the beautiful Gothic Cross'. The unveiling ceremony took place on the Monday of March 21st, 1921.

After a short service in Church, Edward George Villiers Stanley, the 17th Earl of Derby, addressed the large crowd of people who surrounded him saying that he, 'Felt honoured to come to Bickerstaffe on such an occasion, as they who had fallen were of Lancashire stock,' like himself and that his family had 'been connected with the Parish for many generations'. The memorial was dedicated by Archdeacon Spooner, after which a Firing Party from Seaforth Barracks fired three volleys. The service ended in profound silence, as the Last Post was sounded by a 'Bugler' from the Skelmersdale Prize Band.



Original Photograph of War Memorial in 1921

On the following Armistice Day, Private John Brownbill's son had the honour of laying the first wreath. Another memorial, a three foot wooden cross, still encrusted with the mud from Flanders fields, hung on the North Wall of the Church for over 35 years. It was taken from a grave of an unknown Soldier, and was replaced by a Head Stone. The cross was given to the Revd. B Watts in the early 1920s when on a visit to the War Graves. It is now displayed in the North Aisle.

N.B Since the 1990s 'The Great War' is now referred to as 'The First World War' or 'World War One'.

Acknowledgements:

Bickerstaffe Remembers – R Taylor; Parish Magazine;
Early Bickerstaffe 1983 – O Taylor; Parish Magazine 1921.

Owen Taylor

Pensioners' Party

Every year the Pensioners Social Committee work tirelessly to raise the funds to treat Bickerstaffe pensioners to either a day out, or a party. This year, we were privileged to enjoy a wonderful party at Rainford Church Hall on Saturday, 6th September.

We all enjoyed a delicious home make tea served with wine and copious cups of tea and coffee, a free raffle, packets of sweets and wonderful entertainment. This year we were also treated to the music and singing of the Wigan Ukulele Band. There was so much laughter, singing, and friendly banter. At the end of the evening, 85 happy party-goers, including the exhausted Pensioners Social Committee, retired happily to their beds!

On behalf of all the Bickerstaffe Pensioners and myself, a very big 'Thank You' to everyone who worked so hard to provide such a wonderful occasion.

Norma Rimmer

BENEFICE FAMILY WEEKEND



Cloverley Hall, Shropshire, 4th – 6th September 2015

Please pencil this date into your new diaries for 2015.

Booking forms will be available in the New Year when we have received the new costs for Cloverley Hall in 2015.

Janet Glennon

The gift of music



I read an article in my favourite magazine recently and thought I must share it with you. I have only taken out the relevant part or I would take up the whole magazine.

"Like a lot of churches, we've recently lost our full-time organist, and now the vicar has to look around for someone to play the organ every Sunday. In the daughter church in the parish there hasn't been an organist for a while; a sung service has gone to a said service with hymns, to a service without even any hymns. Singing is a vital part of our worship - it's why many of the newer churches dedicate a lot of worship time to it."

After reading this, I felt so sad for that church with no hymns, and thought how very lucky we are at Holy Trinity to have three, very talented people who continue to ensure that we can sing our hymns to music at our services.

I would therefore like each and every one of us to thank our Good Lord for Vera, Linda, and Stan and may his blessing be upon them now and always and may they continue to enhance our services with their playing for many, many, many years to come. Thank you.

Barbara Morris

Stamp Collections

Thank you to everyone who collects used postage stamps for me throughout the year. These are put to good use by charities. Please remember to save your Christmas card stamps which can be left in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

Fred Tyrer

Just Ask!



Good Morning - This is God.

I will be handling ALL your problems today. Please remember - I WILL NOT NEED YOUR HELP! If life happens to deliver a situation that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the **SFGTD** Box: (Something for God to do). It will be addressed in MY time - not yours. Once the matter is placed in the box, do not hold on to it.

Because I do not sleep nor slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest my child. If you need to contact me, remember - I am only a prayer away.

Supplied by Sheila Beeby

Church Magazines



If you visit other churches, please do bring home a copy of their magazine and pass it on to either Andrew or Jo Housley! Thank you!

Bible Reading Notes

There are many printed and electronic resources available to help Christians read the Bible regularly. If you would like a quick guide to the diverse range published by the Bible Reading Fellowship, why not visit www.biblereadingnotes.org.uk/pdfs/biblereadingnotes_sampler.pdf for a free overview. Once you have chosen, please consider ordering it from Southport Christian Bookshop, our local family-run store that really does need support from local Christians. The bookshop will happily post items directly to you. They can be contacted via tel. 01704 542226 and they are located at 3 Wesley Street, Southport PR8 1BN. Thank you.

CARD MAKING AT FOUR LANE ENDS MISSION

Last Friday in the month,

6.30pm to 8.30pm.

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Margaret 01695 421548 or

June 01695 722778 for further

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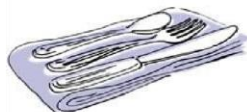


NEW DINERS ARE WELCOME

Bickerstaffe Luncheon Club meet every alternate Thursday, at 12 noon in Four Lane Ends Mission.

For just £4 we enjoy a lovely hot cooked meal and pudding, followed by tea and a fun quiz. We usually end at 2.30pm.

If you would like to come along to boost our numbers and **enjoy a good meal and a laugh**, please ring Sheila Prentice on 727613.



Church Cleaning Rota



7th November	Team 1	E Short, P Walton, B Bell
14th November	Team 2	I McCarthy, M Johnson
21st November	Team 3	A Banks, N Rimmer, H Rosbotham
28th November	Team 4	J Hodgson, B Winstanley
5th December	Team 5	F Brownbill, S Prentice, M Prentice
12th December	Team 6	V Heyes, B Morris

Bickerstaffe Mothers' Union News



Our October meeting was a Harvest Service and a Hot pot Lunch, which everyone enjoyed.

We are invited to Melling at 2pm on 12th November for an afternoon of fellowship. Our friend Judith Ball, is coming to give a talk at the Mission in November.

Irene McCarthy

Skelmersdale Foodbank



We are still collecting for the foodbank! Thank you for all your donations so far – all items are put to great use and are much appreciated. The collection box is located at the back of church. Thank you.

Children's clothes collection

If you are having a 'clear out' of good quality children's clothes over half term, 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.

Flower Rota



2nd November	Miss Hilda Rawsthorne
9th November	Mrs Suzanne Marsh
16th November	Mrs Rhoda Critchley
23rd November	Mrs Audrey Banks
30th November	Mrs Joan Girling
8th December	Mrs Barbara Bell

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

Smile Time: Three Hymns

One Sunday a pastor told his congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.

After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a big pile of bank notes in the offering plate. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

And there sat our Rosie all the way at the back, and she shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly, she made her way to the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and, in thanksgiving, asked her to pick out three hymns. Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the building and said, "I'll take him, and him, and him!"

Editorial News



Please note that the next deadline is the **23rd November** for the December 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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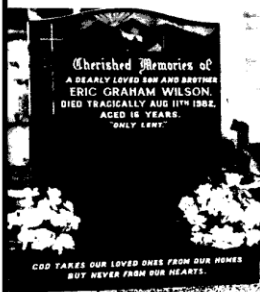
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a plan for each tomorrow;

a key for every problem;

a balm for every sorrow;



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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

Name of organisation: PCC Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe

Payment Ref: Gift Aid

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

3. About the Payment

How often are the payments to be made:

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Amount details until further notice

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