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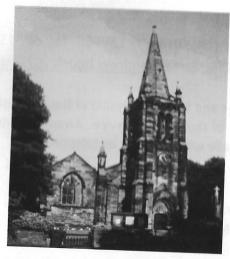
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Bible verse and prayer for 2014

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.

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Letter from Andrew Housley

Dear Friends,



I was a late convert to caravanning, but I am hooked! I have been a caravaner for fou years, and whenever I meet anothe caravaner I can happily chat away for hour about our shared passion. I love the freedom of caravan holidays and the ability to take m

home comforts on holiday. I like chatting to people at the communa sinks about new caravan gizmos. I especially like watching the children play football late into the evening and playing cards and board game before we go to sleep. I can't imagine why anyone wouldn't want caravan! Some may worry about towing or long road journeys, but we have discovered a 'game' to make the journey seem shorter, 'spot the caravan and guess its berth'!

I have no doubt that we all have an interest we enjoy chatting about and when we have the opportunity to chat about our interests we are never short of something to say. Indeed, the recent referendum is Scotland was fuelled with much passion. Politicians and citizens from the four corners of Britain had an opinion on the subject, but those living in Scotland expressed more than an opinion, they argued with passion

Christian mission is not about expressing an opinion, it is about sharing our passion for what we believe is both true and of benefit for the who world. The early church wouldn't have had the impact it had if it was for them opening their lives to the Holy Spirit so that they could shart the passion of Christ with the world.

Much, for which we give thanks to God! Let us find opportunities to chat the our friends and family about the God who gives us so much and invite them to come along and join us in our thanksgiving.

195:1-6 - O Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; Let us shout invitally to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksalving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is a used God, And a great King above all gods, In whose hand are the depths of the earth; The peaks of the mountains are His also. The sea is this for it was He who made it; And His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Andrew

The New Holy Trinity Website



Why not spend a few minutes looking at the new Holy Trinity website? Please visit www.holytrinitybickerstaffe.co.uk. Our webmaster, Edward McCarthy, can be contacted via mobile 07971 299 606 or by e-mail westlancsedward@btinternet.com.

Hanefice News

Haly 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!!

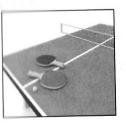
"For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

1 Corinthians 11:26

- St Michael's Hall, Wednesdays at 11am on 8th October (with sour lunch) and then 22nd October and 29th October.
- The service of Holy Communion at Stockley Crescent will be or Tuesday 7th October at 1pm.
- Holy Communion at Bickerstaffe School will take place on Friday
 24th October 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 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 12th October, 26th October, 16th November, 30th November, and 14th December.

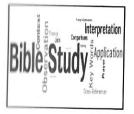
Book Club

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

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.

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.

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 during the service, please phone Christine on 424457 or, if you allow Holy Trinity, then please add names to a list at the back of church.

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.

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, 'want you!'

The four sessions are entitled: Session (1) A Crying Voice; Session (2) A Other Voice; Session (3) A Dying Voice; Session (4) A Rising Voice. If yo would like to join a group, please sign up at the back of church.

"I am the Lord who heals you"

An evening with Martin Cavender and Alison Morgan of ReSource

St Paul's Church, Skelmersdale Church Road, WN8 8ND

Wednesday 15th October 2014 at 7.30 pm

With worship, teaching and prayer
Admission free

Martin Cavender is the Director of ReSource. Alison Morgan is a well known author and speaker. Martin and Alison work, with other members of the ReSource team, all over the country, bringing support and encouragement to local churches and regional groupings.





ReSource is an Anglican charity which works for the renewal of people and churches for mission in the power of the Holy Spirit: www.resource.arm.net

Come and find out more about what God is doing among his people today!

Liverpool Cathedral: Supper with the Scriptures - New Series



The series is held in the Lecture Theatre every week on Monday nights between 6.30pm and 7.30p from 6th October until 8th December. This popul and engaging series of biblical teaching opens to

the scriptures in a thought provoking way. Each session, led I members of the Clergy, provides high quality teaching and stimulat interesting debate on a particular biblical book. In this first session Dear Pete Wilcox examines the second book of Peter.

This session covers the same material explored in Sunday's morning Breakfast with the Bible session. People are free to choose between the Sunday morning and Monday evening sessions.

No pre-booking is required, simply turn up and join in. Admission to the car park and all the sessions is FREE. For more information contact Cla Kerrigan: clare.kerrigan@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk tel. 0151 702 722

Holy Trinity Dates & News

Churchyard maintenance

The mowing of the churchyard is now under way and to enable us pay for this a suggested donation of at least £10 per grave from the families involved is requested. Cheques should be made payable to Ho Trinity P.C.C. and given or sent to the Treasurer.

Please note that the Churchyard regulations produced by the Liverpo Diocese, are on display in the church noticeboard.

Hilary Rosbotham, Hon. Treasur

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Churchyard tidy



A massive 'thank you' to all those who spared a few hours in September to tidy the churchyard. Amazingly, the tractor loader was filled to capacity about ten times with the garden waste. This just goes to prove how much effort was given by all

involved. It is much appreciated, and looks marvelous. Thank you Glyn & Audrey, Sheila P, Hilary, Irene, Barbara, Steve & Jean, Freda, Jo & Gregory, Norma and Merrick.

Andrew

The Harvest Project



This year's Harvest Project will be in support of the charity, Compassion UK.

Compassion is an international Christian child development and child advocacy ministry.

Partnering with local churches, they are committed to the spiritual, economic, social and physical development of children living in extreme poverty in 26 countries, enabling them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults. More information can be found on their website www.compassionuk.org.

During the Harvest Service on **Sunday 12th October** there will be a presentation of their work, following by a thanksgiving offering for their work.

Shared Ministry Team Questionnaire: We really need your views!

Thank you to those who completed a questionnaire. If you have not yet completed one, it is not too late!

Andrew

Dates for your diary

1st October Benefice Meeting at 7.30pm.
5th October Baptism of Orla Grace Hughes.

6th October Meal at Piri Piri Restaurant, Ormskirk. 7 for 7.30pm

8th October Good Book Club at St Michael's Hall.

12th October Harvest Thanksgiving.

15th October Shared Ministry Team meeting 7.30pm.

26th October Bible Sunday with guest speaker from Gideons.

19th November Shared Ministry Team meeting 7.30pm.

19th November Book Club at the Derby Arms pub from 8pm.

29th November Christmas Fair.

6th December Christmas shopping trip to Preston.

Bible Sunday



Sunday 26th October is Bible Sunday. At the 10.45a service that day, our preacher will be Down Westerman from the Gideons. There will be retiring collection in support of their excellent wor

Christmas Fair



This year's Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 29 November. If you would like to run a stall then plea speak to Sheila Prentice.

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 Hodgso

Bingo Time



Many thanks to all who supported the Binger man on the 12th of September. I am pleased to reput that £430 was raised for Church funds.

Irene McCarthy

Cantique Choir Concert



Many thanks to everyone who attended the reconcert, and to the people that helped on the night We raised £156.80 for Church funds and a good time was had by all.

Meal in aid of the Four Lane Ends Mission



We are having a night out on October 6th at the Piri Piri restaurant (Railway Road, Ormskirk) meeting at 7pm for 7.30pm. If you have not been before Piri is a family run restaurant which serves authorite Portuguese food, and they pride themselves on their friendly service. We hope to have the upstairs area

to ourselves, so a great night of fun and fellowship is envisaged!

The cost is £12 each for two courses, including a £2 raffle ticket. Funda will be raised for the Mission, but really it is for our enjoyment and something a little different! Please add your names to the sign-up sheet which is located in Church, so we can keep in touch with the restaurant. We hope you are able to join us.

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5th October Trinity 16 Green	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Sylvia Holy Communium	
Isalah 5:1-7 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	10.30am Andrew Harvest Thanksgiving with Civic Service	1pm Baptism	
	6.30pm Andrew Holy Communion		
12th October Trinity 17 Green	8.15am Judith Holy Communion	8am Andrew Holy Communion	
Isalah 25:1-9 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	10.30am Judith Holy Communion	10.45am Andrew Harvest Thanksgiving	
19th October Trinity 18 Green	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Mark Morning Prayer	
Isaiah 45:1-7 1 Thess 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	10.30am Andrew Parade Service	Service Servic	
	6.30am Jeff Evening Prayer		
26th October <i>Bible Sunday</i> Green	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Andrew / The Gideons Holy Communion	
Lev 19:1-2, 15-18 1 Thess 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-end	10.30am Judith/ The Gideons Holy Communion	noi, communion	

Frayer Time: Prayers for Peace



For when two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew

18:20.

Let there be peace on earth.

And let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth.

And let it begin in my heart.

Let there be miracles on earth.

And let them begin with my faith.

Let there be a future.

And let it begin with my action – now.

Author unknown.

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good me to do nothing.

Edmund Burke.

The way many times asked myself whether there can be more potent advantes of peace upon earth through the years to come than this manufacture of silent witnesses to the desolation of war.

George V, 1922

'School Memories' by Owen Taylor

How interesting to learn the pupils of Bickerstaffe C. of E. School have participated in the burying of a Time-Capsule, that will stay underground for the next thirty years, to coincide with the school's bi-centenary in 2044.

Imagine if Victorian pupils had carried out similar experiment. What would have been revealed? Probably, the first observations would be the small size of the original school, then only consisting of two rooms, one of which had a separation screen. The long brick edifice, on the North side, hitherto, the senior boy's classroom, was erected in 1884, due to the expanding population of the Township. During construction, a break from routine ensued, when classes were transferred to Bickerstaffe Hall barn for lessons.

Perhaps, one of the biggest changes from a century ago, is the 'Broad Lancashire' dialect, commonplace in village areas. Today's generation would be at a loss, wondering what their Fore-fathers were talking about! (e.g 'Wheer's bin?' – 'Where have you been?'- 'I outn't'- 'I should not have' – 'Morn't' – 'Must not'.)

Another noticeable curiosity existed in the infants classroom, where half of the floor space consisted of steps, along which, long wooden desks were placed, with simple bare forms to sit on. Known as the gallery, they remained in use until the outbreak of the Second World War, c.1939 (the sloping outline of the steps is still visible).

Hygiene standards too, were well below par. In those far off days, only primitive, earth-lavatories and tin wash-basins existed. There were improvements in 1903, but it would still seem unsatisfactory in today's society. It must be remembered that connection to the main sewerage plant only commenced in 1962.

Early documentation exhibits a grant by Edward Geoffrey, 14th Earl of Derby, of land in Bickerstaffe, for a school, with an architectural-pla and Heraldic Seal, dated 3rd February, 1844. Also registered with the same date and seal, are the 'Assignment of Fees'. After a directive was issued by the Government, both were deposited by Revd. Watts, at the Lancashire Record Office in Preston, on 3rd July 1941, for safekeeping during the war.

BICKERSTAFFE MATIONAL SCHOOLS GIVE NOTICE

That the Scale of Payments in these Schools will hereafter be as follows, in every case to be paid in advance at the beginning of each quarter:

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Bickerstaffe, June, 1859.

Fees were charged for Education until 1902. At this time in 1859, Agricultural Workers were paid 15 shillings per week (75p)

The stone, used in construction of the school, was quarried from Barro Nook Delph and most likely for the two teachers, houses were erect at the edge of the playground.



Bickerstaffe School 1908

Directories record twelve Head Teachers, up to the 150th Anniversary in 1994. The first mentioned were Stover Marshall Laken (Master) and Martha Weeks (Mistress). In 1854, Jacob Davenport was engaged as Master, he lived in Bickerstaffe.

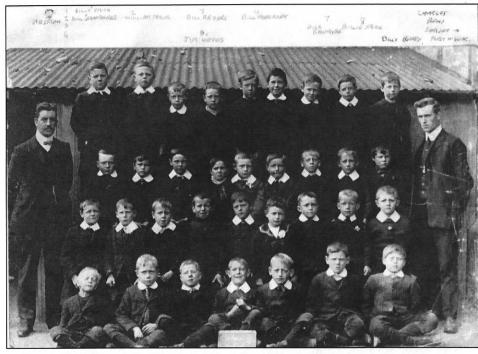
There were many happenings in the next period, from 1869, when for the first time, an 'Infant Teacher', named Margaret Melrose, was installed. Teaching beside her was, Elizabeth Whitfield, Girl's Mistress and Boy's Headmaster, Robert Wilkinson. He was disliked by pupils, so much so, they organised a gang to stand up against him and after the School Governor's became aware of the severity of the punishment he handed out, they dismissed him forthwith.



Infants Class 1928

The next long serving Headmaster was John Gilbert, he, along with Catherine Gregson, Girl's Mistress and Eliza Shacklady, Infants Mistress, were first recorded as teachers in 1882. Headmaster Gilbert was a puritanical type of gentleman, although a strict disciplinarian, he was also very fair. He liked pupils to touch their caps whenever he met them, inside, or outside, school. Mr Gilbert was also an accomplished organist and choirmaster and his photograph is preserved in the Vestry at Bickerstaffe Church. In his final years as Headmaster, he witnessed the abolishment of fee-paying. In 1902, the 'Education Act' made State education compulsory and free.

Following on from Headmaster Gilbert, was Headmaster W. Irlam, who taught the senior boys for 34 years, until he retired in 1937. He was noted for his frequent use of the cane.



Class of 1908, with Headmaster Irlam (far left) and Teacher Charles Band, who used to send letters from the trenches when serving in the Great War.

Big changes arrived in 1938, when, for the first time, mixed classes were introduced. Miss Stockley was appointed Head Teacher, she had a more modern approach and made learning interesting and although strict, most children did well under her guidance.



Miss Mary Stockley (Later Mrs Berry)

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Owen Tay

News from Bickerstaffe Church of England Primary School



It is good to be back after a very enjoyable a memorable holiday. In our Collective Worship have been talking about: 'Team Bickerstaffe' a what it means to be a good member of our team.

We have also talked about: 'Koinonia', with love being at the centre our community; this is particularly important within our Church School as we search for personal meaning as a member of God's family. It our intention that the children themselves will be very pro-active

promoting 'Our School Expectations – Respect for Ourselves, Respect for Others, and Respect for the World', and that they will look at ways in which we can continue to strengthen our understanding of Christian values and the importance of the Olympic values 'Respect', 'Friendship', 'Equality', 'Determination', 'Courage', 'Excellence' and 'Inspiration'.

It has been amazing to see how well our new children have settled into school life. The 'Gruffallo Class (our Reception children) are now staying all day. Their class is always an exciting place to be, take a look at @BickerstaffeCE on 'Twitter' to see the fun learning taking place in this class and across the whole school.

'Keep Reading.....'

This is an important message for all of our children. In school we promote the importance of reading, and try to encourage the habit of regular reading through our 'I Enjoy Reading' incentive scheme, whereby children can earn themselves books and book tokens. This year we want to award even more children for regular reading at home.

Does it make a difference? The answer is definitely, yes! We had improved reading levels across **all** year groups last year; and Sats for Year 6 in reading, with 100% attaining Level 4+ was **well above** the national average of 85%.

Very high standards with above national average results were also seen in Mathematics and Science at every level. 'Well done our Year 6 Leavers' of Summer 2014!' and 'Well done our teachers!'

It has also been a delight to hear about the achievements of past pupils in their recent exams - "Congratulations and Best Wishes to You All!" We hope that all our leavers (no matter how old they are) still feel welcome and visit us. Our new Year 6 however, have lost no time in ably

stepping up to fill the void. I am sure that they too, will have a v successful year.

Having said 'Goodbye!' to Mrs Hackett & Mr Ballard at the end of I year, we have been joined by two new teachers, Miss O'Kane and Grice, both of whom we welcome to our school and the wiccommunity. And, we would like to congratulate Mrs Hodgson on appointment as our Site Supervisor following the retirement of N Percival. Mrs Hodgson did a fabulous job during the summer with deep clean, making the school sparkle for our return.

The beginning of the school year is always an exciting one; the childrefurned looking immaculate in their new school uniforms and with I smiles as they greeted one another; and the teachers were all refresh and buzzing with new ideas to make learning fun and enjoyable. To weeks later (as a write this) we are still feeling excited about the yeahead, and it promises to be a good one, but more about that nemonth.

Our 'Open Day & Evening' is on Wednesday 8th October. School is op for visitors from 9.30am until 5:00pm, so come along and see us. parents with children of pre-school age are welcome to come and s for themselves what we have to offer, so again please spread the wor There will be leaflets at the back of church, please feel free to take the and distribute them as you wish.

Best wishes, Jeanne Hall and Bickerstaffe School



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Skelmersdale Foodbank



The Skelmersdale 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 or snack bar.

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

Flower Rota



5th October Mrs Norma Rimmer 12th October Harvest Festival

Helpers and donations welcome!

19th October The Harvest flowers remain.

26th October Rev Keith Leiper

2nd November Miss Hilda Rawsthorne

9th November Mrs Suzanne Marsh

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

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!

CARD MAKING AT FOUR LANE ENDS MISSION

Last Friday in the month,

6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Please call either

Margaret 01695 421548 or

June 01695 722778 for further

information.

NEW DINERS ARE WELCOME

Bickerstaffe Luncheon Club mee 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



3rd October	Team 2	l McCarthy, M Johnson
10th October	Team 3	A Banks, N Rimmer, H Rosbotham
17th October	Team 4	J Hodgson, B Winstanley
24th October	Team 5	F Brownbill, S Prentice, M Prentice

31st October Team 6 V Heyes, B Morris

7th November Team 1 E Short, P Walton, B Bell

From the Registers

Burial of Ashes

Ashes interred August 31st of the late *Kenneth Mercer*, formally of Ontario, Canada.

Baptism

On 7th September, we celebrated the baptism of *Rosie and Harry Leonard* with their parents Robert and Laura Owen, their family, and friends.

Marriages

On 30th August, Samantha Wilkinson and Ian Michael Dargan both of Bushey Lane Rainford, were married at Holy Trinity church.

On 19th September, Sarah Jan Leahy and David Hughes of Shevington, were married at Holy Trinity church.



Please would you pray for all these families? Thank you.

Bickerstaffe Mothers' Union News



On September 17th, we visited Barton Grange Garden Centre. Members enjoyed lunch and had a good opportunity for some 'retail therapy'!

Next month we are having a Harvest Lunch and on October 17th a Deanery Hot Pot is being hosted by Rainford Mother's Union.

Irene McCarthy

Liverpool Cathedral Events on 18th October

Why not make a day of it, and spoil yourself in the Cathedral refector the Cathedral café?

Free Concert - Doncaster Wheatsheaf Singers



The Cathedral is delighted to welcome the Donca Wheatsheaf Singers for a free, informal concerpart of their weekend tour in Liverpool where twill be singing in both Cathedrals in the city under directorship of Stephen Burnage. The concert will the place on Sat 18th Oct 2014 at 12.30pm under Dulverton Bridge.

Festival Evensong & 88th Anniversary Recital in the main Cathedra



The recital by Prof Ian Tracey will immediately fol Choral Evensong as it first did on 18th October 19 The concert will be from 3pm until 5.30pm but visit are requested to be seated by 2.50pm at the lat please, as the recital attracts very large numbers.

Programme:

Kyrie Gott, Heiliger Geist (BWV 671) Suite from 'Livre d'orgue' Stèle pour un enfant défunt (Triptych) Pièce pour Grand Orgue (1854) La Cathedrale Engloutie Scherzo 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' Invocations (Opus 35)

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Admission is by programme on the door at £5.00 and car parking is FR Enquiries to: lan.tracey@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk.

Smile Time: Nuns discussing drinks



Arthur was sitting outside his local pub one day, enjoying a quiet pint and generally feeling good about himself, when a nun suddenly appears at his table and starts decrying the evils of drink.

"You should be ashamed of yourself young man! Drinking is a Sin! Alcohol is the blood of the devil!" Now Arthur gets pretty annoyed about this, and goes on the offensive.

"How do *you* know, Sister?"

"My Mother Superior told me so"

"But have you ever had a drink yourself? How can you be sure that what you are saying is right?"

"Don't be ridiculous - of course I have never taken alcohol myself"

"Then let me buy you a drink - if you still believe afterwards that it is evil I will give up drink for life."

"How could I, a Nun, sit outside this public house drinking?!"

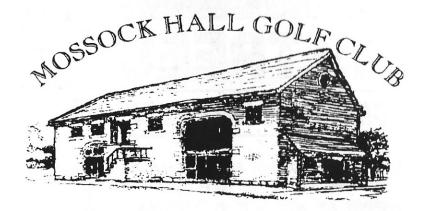
"I'll get the barman to put it in a teacup for you, them no-one will know" The Nun reluctantly agrees, so Arthur goes inside to the bar.

"Another pint for me, and a triple vodka on the rocks", then he lowers his voice and says to the barman "... and could you put the vodka in a teacup?"

"Oh no! It's not that drunken Nun again is it?"

Editorial News

Please note that the next deadline is the 26th October for the November 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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