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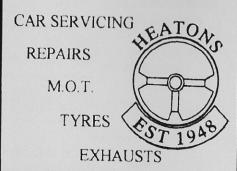
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Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe September 2014



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,



As many of you will know, the caravan was left at home this year and we flew to Crete for a couple of weeks.

We wanted to experience a different type of holiday, and we had a lovely time in the blistering summer sun. Nevertheless, we

agreed we missed certain aspects of a normal Housley caravan holiday! It was nice to have our breakfast and evening meal prepared for us, after which we could laze on the terrace and admire the sunset, while playing rummy and sipping an extra-large Metaxa 5 star brandy. Astonishingly, there came a point when we longed to do something useful and maybe wash our own pots and pans in the open air while discussing the weather with fellow caravanners! However, these 'concerns' were short-lived, and it was lovely to spend a couple of weeks relaxing in a different way from normal, and being spoilt by Cretian hospitality.

Whenever I've visited continental countries, I've always noticed that being a waiter or a barman is a highly respected profession, and rightly so. Whenever we visit a café, bar, or hotel the waiter or barman influences whether or not we return. There is nothing worse than experiencing poor service. Conversely, a waiter who makes a customer feel special in the way they serve them, is an asset to any business. They add value in the way they care for those they serve.

Likewise, a church which cares for her parishioners adds value to individual lives as well as to the community. One of the first words to describe Christian leaders was Deacon, from the Greek word diákonos,

ich means servant. Jesus' ministry was a ministry of service. He monstrated to us how we should care for one another.

September the church groups restart, but in the busyness of church, let us remember the vocation which we all share in being servants one another. While looking for opportunities to serve one another, us continue to pray for those in need of our support. Below is a yer which you may find helpful.

Andrew

ar Father,

ess (name the person or persons) in whatever it is that You know e/she/they) may be needing this day.

d may their life be full of Your Peace, Presence and Power they may have a closer relationship with You.

lesus Christ's name and in the power of the Holy Spirit I pray.

e New Holy Trinity Website



Why not spend a few minutes looking at the new Holy Trinity website? Please visit www.holytrinitybickerstaffe.co.uk. Many thanks to our webmaster, Edward McCarthy, for all his hard work.

Andrew

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. <u>Please invite friends</u>!!

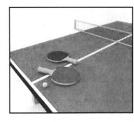
"For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

1 Corinthians 11:26

- St Michael's Hall, Wednesdays at 11am on 10th September (with soup lunch) and 24th September.
- The service of Holy Communion at Stockley Crescent will resume from the summer break on Tuesday 2nd September at 1pm.
- Holy Communion at Bickerstaffe School will take place on Friday 26th September 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 14th September, 28th September, 12th October, 26th October, 16th November, 30th November, and 14th December.

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!

's Breakfast



The next breakfast will be held 9am at St Michael's hall on Saturday 27th September. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church so we can plan the catering. Thank you.

speaker will be Andrew Gail from the Christian charity Open Doors. In Doors exists to strengthen the church to be the church in the most ile places.



In over 50 countries, Open Doors is supplying Bibles, training church leaders, delivering Scripture-based literacy programmes, and supporting Christians who suffer for their faith. In the UK and

nd Open Doors strives to raise awareness of global persecution, illising prayer, support and action among Christians. More rmation about Open Doors can be found on their website v.opendoorsuk.org. Following the breakfast, there will also be a ection for their work.

'St Michael's and All Angels: Choral Evensong

There will be a Choral Evensong at St Michael's Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 28th September to celebrate the feast of St Michael and All Angels. Members of both St Michael's and Holy Trinity are invited to join the choir, which Martin Adams will rehearse and direct. You don't have to be a member of either choir to join the choir for this service.

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.

Diocese of Liverpool Autumn Courses



The Diocese is running another series of theological courses, starting with 'The light of faith in an age of fragments: An evening course at Southport College'.

All meetings start at 7.30pm with refreshments served from 7.00pm. £15 (£12 concessions) for all three sessions including refreshments. Course Led by Canon Dr. Rod Garner.

Tuesday 16th Sept: Pioneers of Faith: Abraham, Israel, Christ.

Tuesday 23rd Sept: An Illusory Light? Faith under fire in an age of nothing.

Tuesday 30th Sept: Faith, the Church and the Common Good.

Please visit <u>www.liverpool.anglican.org/userfiles/Files/Event</u> for further information on this course, and the others in the series.

dren'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

ss School. Your donations really do make a difference to local ilies experiencing great need. Thank you.

ly Trinity Dates & News

irchyard maintenance

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

ase note that the Churchyard regulations produced by the Liverpool ocese, are on display in the church noticeboard.

Hilary Rosbotham, Hon. Treasurer

urchyard tidy



Thank you to members of the church and community who recently met to tidy the churchyard. The next date for a churchyard tidy is on Saturday 13th September from 10am. All help appreciated.

special thank you to members of the church who work in the urchyard throughout the year, especially Billy and Gladys who aintain the front of the churchyard and also Merrick and Norma who cently vanished the gates and church door.

Bickerstock

Many thanks to Gladys and her team who contributed the cakes and helped with the tea stall this year. The amount raised was £871.00 which will be donated towards the roof appeal. Also, thank you to the Bickerstock Committee for allowing us to have the tea stall to raise funds for the church.

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

tes for your diary

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n September Baptism after the 10.45am service. September

PCC at 7.30pm.

Bingo at Four Lane Ends Mission.

Youth Group at St Michael's Church Hall.

Book Club from 8pm in the Derby Arms.

Wedding.

Cantique Choir Concert 7.30pm.

Shared Ministry Team meeting 7.30pm.

Men's Breakfast at St Michael's Hall.

Choral Evensong at St Michael's Church.

Youth Group at St Michael's Hall.

Good Book Club at St Michael's Hall.

Shared Ministry Team meeting 7.30pm.

Shared Ministry Team meeting 7.30pm.

Christmas Fair.

ngo Time



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

Irene McCarthy

An Evening with Cantique Choir



A lovely evening is promised when, on Friday 19th 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. It would be wonderful if you would sign the list at the back of church so we can plan the catering. Thank you!

Liverpool Cathedral: Light a candle



It is an ancient Christian custom to light a candle as a symbol of prayer. The light burning in the darkness is a reminder of the presence of Christ with us - the light of truth in the world.

However, if you can't get to the Cathedral personally, but would dearly love to light a candle and say a brief prayer for someone you love or care about for whatever reason, the staff and volunteers at the Cathedral would be delighted to arrange to do this for free on your behalf.

Visit www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/worship for further information. If you are not online, please do contact Tina Morris for help.

Tina Morris, Fundraising Manager, Liverpool Cathedral Foundation 'Light a Candle', St James' House, 20 St James' Road Liverpool, L1 7BY, telephone 0151 702 7226.

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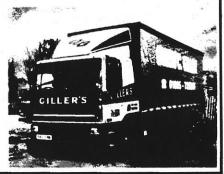
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	St Michael	Holy Trinity
	Aughton	Bickerstaffe
7th September	8.15am Andrew	10.45am Andrew
Trinity 12	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
Green	a same make	
Exodus 12:1-14	10.30am Sylvia	12pm Baptisms
Romans 13:8-14	Matins	
Matthew 18:15-20	10.30am Chris	
	Hall Service	
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	6.30pm Andrew	
	Holy Communion	
14th September	8.15am Mike S	8am Andrew
Holy Cross Day	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
Red		*
Numbers 21:4-9	10.30am Andrew	10.45am Jon A
Philippians 2:6-11	Family Communion at St	Family Service
John 3:13-17	Michael's School,	
	followed School Fair	
21st September	8.15am Judith	10.45am Mark
St Matthew	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer
Red		
Proverbs 3:13-18	10.30am Judith	
2 Corinthians 4:1-6	Parade Service	
Matthew 9:9-13		
Waterier or a	6.30pm Judith	
D. D.	Holy Communion	100
28th September	8.15am Andrew	10.45am Judith
Trinity 15	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
St Michael & All Angels		
White	10.30am Andrew	6.30pm Andrew
Genesis 28:10-17	Baptism	Choral Evensong at St
Revelations 12:7-12		Michael's Aughton
John 1: 47-end	6.30pm Andrew	
Joint 1. 47-Cita		
	Choral Evensong	

ayer Time



I knelt to pray when day was done. And prayed, "O Lord, bless everyone, lift from each saddened heart the pain, and let the sick be well again". And then I woke, another day, and carelessly went on my way.

The whole day long I did not try to wipe a tear from any eye. I did not try to share the load of any brother on the road. I did not even go to see the sick man just next door to me.

Yet once again when day was done, I prayed, "O Lord, bless everyone." But as I prayed, into my ear, there came a voice that whispered clear. "Pause now, my son, before you pray; who have you tried to bless today?"

God's sweetest blessings always go by hands that serve Him, here below. And then I hid my face and cried, "Forgive me God, I have not tried. Let me live another day, and I will live the way I pray."

> Author unknown. Supplied by Betty Critchley.

Holidays



Thank you, Father for the rhythm of rest and Sabbath at the heart of creation. Bless those who are on holiday now; May they be refreshed and re-created, And come home with new vision, Energy and commitment.

Angela Ashwin

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This week



God of work and rest and pleasure, grant that what we do this week may be for us an offering rather than a burden; and for those we serve, may it be the help they need.

A New Zealand Prayer Book

A prayer for peace in our world



Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God, your 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

hbishop calls for Prayers for the People of Mosul



The Archbishop of York, Dr. John Sentamu, published three prayers today for the people Mosul, highlighting the common suffering of both Christians and Muslims in Iraq. His prayers follow:

y God, your Holy family was driven into exile and many holy innocent is were massacred, we hold before you today the suffering people of sul. Amen

d in your loving arms, all those who have been caught up in this flict. We pray for those forced to flee their homes, all who have lost nds, family and possessions and who now face an uncertain future. ss our Christian brothers and sisters who have seen the destruction heir churches and communities and for our Muslim neighbours who re also experienced destruction and suffering. Amen

d, in this city where Christians and Muslims have lived together for 1400 years, we pray for healing, peace and restoration. Bring light of this present darkness and hope from despair that guided by your y Spirit, all your children may find a new way forward together based your love for us all. Amen.

more at: http://www.archbishopofyork.org

When I needed a neighbour....

I was on Facebook a couple of weeks ago and somebody had posted a video which was an experiment to evidence how so often, those with the least give the most. A guy was asking people in a café if they could spare some food as he was hungry. Nobody would give him anything even though it was clear they had plenty to spare.

The same guy went outside where a homeless man was tucking into a pizza he had kindly been given. The guy explained to the homeless man he was hungry, the homeless man immediately gave a slice of pizza to him and told him, 'hey, have a slice. I know how hard it can be.'

This three minute video reduced me to tears. It had quite an impact on me and made me ask myself if I do enough for those less fortunate? Sadly, the answer was no, I don't. This led me to contact the wonderful facility that is Southport Soup Kitchen. I contacted them via Facebook and email and discovered they are always in need of new volunteers. I am looking forward to my induction in September so I can work there a couple of Saturdays a month. It would be wonderful to see any fellow parishioners get involved too. I dropped some food off last week and was me with a very warm welcome. Below is some background and information about the soup kitchen. If anyone would be interested in helping, then please feel free to contact me on 07975 815 445.

Lisa Rigby Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe

Work with the homeless began 12 years ago in Southport with a couple of individuals providing food on a regular basis. Gradually this respite grew into the work that we do today at premises on London Street, Southport. Sefton Council have a statutory duty to provide night shelter for the homeless but it has long been official policy that there are no homeless people in Southport. While it is true that most of the people who use the Soup Kitchen are not

ally homeless, they often live a precarious existence sleeping on friend's nes on in very sub-standard accommodation. Just two weeks ago we ted 7 actual homeless people who live in a variety of places....in a tent in and dunes, in a shed on an allotment, and in a public toilet are a few of laces being used at the present.

le cross-section of people as well as the homeless use the Soup Kitchen – le trying to survive on a very low income, those affected by benefit cuts, ant workers. In the last year or so, we have begun to see families with g children and a wider age and gender range. The stereotype of old male os no longer applies.

erve hot food, usually stew, on Saturdays and Sundays from 11am until as well as sausage butties, cake and biscuits, fresh fruit if we have it, and nd coffee. Last year despite strong local opposition, we obtained planning ission to open on 5 days of the week. Currently we one on Wednesdays hursdays from 11am-2pm but serve a more restricted menu. This month e also opening on Tuesday mornings from 10-12 noon for a more relaxing calming session for those who need to re-charge their batteries. Life for can be very stressful living on a low income.....sadly, we are often the only dly face that they see in a week.

port Soup Kitchen is an independent organisation and is not affiliated to other church, charity, or organisation. We have no paid staff or agement. We do, however, enjoy a great deal of support from the localDespite this, it is a constant struggle to keep our stocks of food up to a that enables us to do all our work.

old induction meetings for new volunteers every two months. The next s in September. Volunteers must be over 18 years of age. We hold these ings so that volunteers can see that the work we do can be difficult at and it is hard both physically and emotionally. It is not for everyone and ope that you will be more informed before you decide if you would like to

Please pray for the work of Southport Soup Kitchen and the clients who desperately need them. Please would you also hold the volunteers and prospective volunteers in your prayers, especially Lisa? Thank you.

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



7th September 21st September 28th September Mrs Jeanne Hall 5th October 12th October

Mrs Violet Heyes 14th September Mrs Jenny Banks Mrs Brenda Winstanley Mrs Norma Rimmer Harvest Festival Helpers and donations welcome!

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

Revd. Nathanial Heywood' By Owen Taylor

ominent person who figured in the Post-Reformation period of rstaffe's history was the 'Nonconformist' Vicar of Ormskirk, anial Heywood.

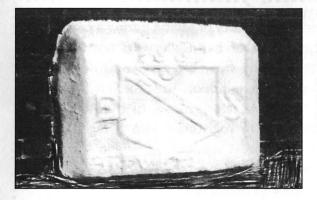
im and many of his contemporaries, problems arose after the 'Act niformity Bill' was passed by the Cavalier Parliament on May 24th. The new law imposed stringent terms and conditions on all sters holding office for the Church of England.

Revd. Nathanial Heywood was one of 66 clergy that would not pet the prescribed terms, so consequently along with other enters, lost their living and were ejected from preaching in the olished church. After non-compliance with the law, life became in harder for the Vicar, he suffered ill-health, only scratching a gre subsistence, travelling from village to village, throughout the abourhood, often seen riding very slowly on a small donkey, ching wherever he thought safe to do so. Fortunately, many resting events of his life were recorded by his brother, Oliver, Vicar olton. Below is a drawing of Revd. Oliver Heywood, brother of nanial.



Rev. O. Demvood.

The Revd. Oliver Heywood, kept a diary for forty years or more, which reveals lots of intriguing events during this turbulent era. An entry in October 1671, reads, 'Nathaniel fell into a malignant fever after a visit to Bickerstaffe Hall'. It is almost certain he contracted the disease from Sir Edward Stanley, 3rd Baronet, who died of sickness in December 1671.



A date stone from the original Bickerstaffe Hall, c.1667, depicting the Coat of Arms of Edward Stanley 3rd Baronet.



Cross Hall in Lathom was built by the Stanley family c.1550 and demolished in 1895. It was a similar design to the original Bickerstaffe Hall.

Eventually Parliament became more tolerant towards Nonconformists and in 1672, the 'Declaration of Indulgence' was passed, giving ministers in Heywood's position licences to preach, but with certain conditions attached. He was given permission to preach at the Chapel adjoined to Bickerstaffe Hall.

Lady Elizabeth Bosville Stanley, Sir Edward's widow, took a great interest in his teachings and helped him whenever she could. It now seemed everything would be unimpeachable for him and could engage in his mission without trouble. But this did not happen! In the winter of 1673,

evd. Heywood was arrested by a party of Militia during a service at Chapel. Lady Stanley came out of her Gallery to obstruct the ers, but was brushed aside. In the scramble, Heywood's coat was as he was dragged through the pulpit door. They forcibly took him ligan, but a large body of people, all devotees of the Reverend, and him, and a section of them registered into a legal bond, anteeing his appearance at the next sessions. At Wigan Assizes in uary 1674, he was charged with breaching the Five Mile Act. After Stanley's evidence, the case was dismissed.

anial Heywood died in 1671 aged 43 years. On the day of the ral, people of Ormskirk lined the streets to pay homage to this purable man. Lady Stanley, who was now in her 80's, gave hission for him to be buried in the Bickerstaffe Chapel in Ormskirk rch.

Bickerstaffe Hall Chapel was named 'Manor House Oratory' in early rds, circa 1350s.

nowledgements:

dbook of Ormskirk, George Lee; Diary of Revd. Oliver Heywood, J Sfall; Ormskirk Advertiser.

ity Tea Stall at Bickerstock



Many thanks to everyone who contributed the cakes, and to all the ladies for their help on the Trinity Tea stall. Also, thanks to the Bickerstock committee for allowing us to serve Teas at the Festival. The amount of £871 will go towards the Church Roof repair fund.

Gladys Gardiner

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 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



5th September Team 4 J Hodgso 12th September Team 5 F Brownk 19th September Team 6 V Heyes, 26th September Team 1 E Short, F 3rd October Team 2 I McCartl

10th October Team 3

J Hodgson, J Hislop, B Winstanley F Brownbill, S Prentice, M Prentice

V Heyes, R Critchley, B Morris

E Short, P Walton, B Bell I McCarthy, M Johnson

A Banks, N Rimmer, H Rosbotham

the Registers



Burial

The late Sylvia Ashcroft, aged 76 and formerly of Red House Farm, was buried on 31st July.

erstaffe Mothers' Union News



We had our Member's Choice meeting this month, where members have the opportunity to sing their favourite hymns. We had a varied selection and everyone sang heartily. Next month is the trip to Barton Grange, so we hope that the weather remains pleasant for us.

Irene McCarthy

torial News

ase note that the next deadline is the 21st September for the ober issue. As always, kindly pass articles to Jo Housley or e-mail it ither jo.housley@gmail.com or kerstaffechurchmagazine@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you! We will do our

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Smile Time: Why do brides wear white?

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, 'Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.' The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

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