

**Bible verse and prayer for 2015**

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?  
And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?  
And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?  
And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?  
As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

*Romans 10:14-15 New Revised Standard Version*

God of Mission,  
Who alone brings growth to your Church.  
Send your Holy Spirit to bring  
Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions,  
Faith to our lives,  
Hope to our communities,  
And love to our hearts.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

*Going for Growth Prayer, Diocese of Blackburn*

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## Letter from Andrew Housley

Dear Friends,



I wonder how many of you remember a Liverpoolian band in the eighties called 'The Farm'? I remember going to see them in concert at the Royal Court in the mid-eighties. One of their most memorable songs was 'All together now!' The song was about the Christmas truce on the western front in 1914 and the need for peace and reconciliation. For those of us approaching our mid-forties, 'All together now' may raise a smile whenever we hear it. For those of us from Liverpool, the song is a part of our cultural heritage and reminds us how we thought about ourselves during the days of our youth.

The theme of peace and reconciliation is fundamental to our identity as Christians and also as a church. Exchanging 'the peace' during services demonstrates that we are through grace, at peace with one another. As we look to Christ, we believe that he won our peace with God when he died on the cross. Peace and reconciliation should not be sung about and then forgotten, it needs to be a part of our identity and how we think about ourselves as Christians.

Lent is once again upon us: a time when we prepare to give up chocolate or alcohol. I often encourage people not to give something up but take something on. This Lent, I would like to encourage everyone to reflect upon the theme of peace and reconciliation. Peace and reconciliation is always work in progress, because it is often so much easier to live with an old argument or painful memory.

I hope the following prayer will help each one of us during our lenten journey. Please read it, reflect upon it, and allow the Holy Spirit to challenge us so that peace and reconciliation becomes more a part of who we are.

**God** of compassion,

You sent Jesus to proclaim a time of mercy  
reaching out to those who had no voice,  
releasing those trapped by their own shame,  
and welcoming those scorned by society.

**Make** us ambassadors of reconciliation.

Open our ears that we may listen with respect and understanding.  
Touch our lips that we may speak your words of peace and forgiveness.  
Warm our hearts  
that we may bring wholeness to the broken-hearted  
and dissolve the barriers of division.

**Guide** the work of your Church

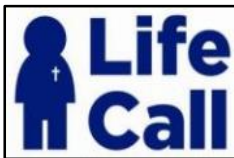
and renew us with the Spirit of your love.

Help us and all people shape a world where all will have a place,  
where the flames of hatred are quenched,  
and where all can grow together as one.

**Forgive**, restore and strengthen us  
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Andrew**


### **LifeCall - Reader Taster Session**



*Liverpool Cathedral Tuesday 10th February from 2.00pm*  
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## Services in February

	St Michael Aughton	Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe
<b>1st February</b> <i>Epiphany 4</i> White Deut 18:15-20 Rev 12:1-5a Mark 1:21-28	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion  10.30am Bill Matins 10.30am Hall Service  4pm Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Andrew Holy Communion
<b>8th February</b> <i>2nd Sunday before Lent</i> White Prov 8:1, 22-31 Col 1:15-20 John 1:1-14	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion  10.30am Sylvia Holy Communion	10.45am Andrew Family Service with baptism
<b>15th February</b> <i>Sunday before Lent</i> Green 2 Kings 2:1-12 2 Cor 4:3-6	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion  10.30am Andrew Parade Service  4pm Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Mark Morning Prayer
<b>22nd February</b> <i>Lent 1</i> Purple Gen 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion  10.30am Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Judith Holy Communion

## 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*

- The service of Holy Communion at Stockley Crescent will be on 3rd February at 1pm;
- St Michael's Hall, on Wednesday 11th February at 11am (with soup lunch), and 25th February.
- Holy Communion at Bickerstaffe School will take place on Friday 27th February at 2.40pm. Everyone welcome.

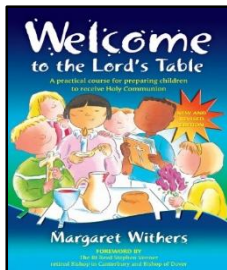
### Youth Group: An important update!

The Youth Club has moved slots! We now meet on the Final Friday of the month at St Michael's Hall 5pm – 6.30pm. Baked potatoes will be served! Subs £1.50. We will meet on 30th January and 27th February.

### Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be at Bickerstaffe School at 9am on Saturday 21st March. New members welcome!

## Welcome to the Lord's Table



At a Passover meal, the youngest child asks “what is so special about a night like this?” the host of the meal will answer by telling the guests about the time Israel was led from slavery to the promised land. Holy Communion evolved from the Passover meal and reminds us that we were saved from the slavery of sin to benefit from new life in Christ.

The Welcome to the Lord's Table course is for children in Y4+ who would like to learn more about the Christian faith and join with the church family in the special act of worship and remembrance by taking Holy Communion. Any children from St Michael's wanting to join the course this year please speak to Margaret Ellams. Any children from Bickerstaffe, please speak to Andrew.

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party

There will be a pancake party including quiz, for all ages at Four Lane End's Mission, Skelmersdale Road, Bickerstaffe on 17th February at 6pm. All welcome!

## Lent 2015



Lent is a season of preparation and penance as we approach Easter. People often give up a luxury as a form of penitence. This year why not take something on, rather than give something up? During Lent, there will be the usual Lent Groups and Lent reflections followed by breakfast. If you haven't attended a group or reflection before, they why not give it a go?

Andrew

## **Ash Wednesday**

There will be a Communion service with ashing to mark the beginning of Lent on 18th February at 7.30pm at St Michael's Church.

## **Lent Groups**

This year, the Lent groups will follow the course '*Praise Him - songs of praise in the New Testament*'.

We are used to singing hymns of praise when we go to church, but often we miss the hymns and poems that are there in the New Testament. This course will explore five different Songs of Praise from the New Testament, looking at what they tell us about God and Jesus but also reflecting on what they tell us about us and our faith.

The five sessions are: 1. Gratitude (Ephesians 1.3-14); 2. Image of God (Colossians 1.15-20); 3. Humility (Philippians 2.5-11); 4. New birth (1 Peter 1.3-12); and 5. Word made flesh (John 1.1-14).

The venues and times of the groups are:

- Tuesday at 7.30pm (Feb 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th)  
Bickerstaffe Hall, Hall Road, Bickerstaffe
- Wednesday at 7.30pm (Feb 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th)  
The Rectory, Church Lane, Aughton
- Friday at 2pm (27th Feb, March 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th)  
Alms House Bungalows, Off St Michael's Park, Aughton

Please feel free to come and join any group within the benefice – everyone is welcome! Course books cost £3.49 each and we are going to order a copy on behalf of everyone who signs up by 15th February. If you happen to miss the book order deadline, don't panic because individuals can order the book directly from the publisher's website, [www.yorkcourses.co.uk](http://www.yorkcourses.co.uk).



## Wednesday morning Lent reflections



There will be Lent reflections at Bickerstaffe Church at 8am followed by breakfast at Bickerstaffe School. The reflections are intended for all ages and this year, our reflections will be based upon the Lord's Prayer. Below are the dates and the themes:

25th February	Our Father
4th March	Thy Will Be Done
11th March	Our Daily Bread
18th March	As We Forgive
25th March	In Heaven

## Holy Trinity Dates & News

### Dates for your diary

1st February	Gift Day.
8th February	Family Service with Baptism.
17th February	Pancake Party.
27th March	Easter Bingo at the Mission.

### Gift Day

Holy Trinity's Gift Day is on Sunday 1st February. The increasing costs of running Holy Trinity Church is not matched by an increasing income, and so we would like to invite members of the church and community to give a one off gift in appreciation for the friendship and ministry they receive from Holy Trinity Church. Gift Aid envelopes will be available nearer the time. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## **2015 Calendar of Events**

Leaflets have been produced to advertise the services and events at Bickerstaffe Church during 2015. Please take a couple and pass them on to friends or neighbours.

### **Before the service starts...**



Could I encourage members of the church to respect a period of 5 minutes reflection before the church service starts. During that time, Vera will play the organ or a CD will play. There is plenty of time for chat following the service in the north aisle!

### **Meeting for Sides people**

Visitors to Holy Trinity often remark on how friendly a church we are. The Sides People are often the first to welcome people, and their ministry is very much appreciated. There will be a meeting for Sides People following the service on 1st March, when we discuss how we develop this important ministry.

### **Christmas Flowers in the Churchyard**

So that we can maintain our Churchyard, could Christmas flowers please be removed by the end of January. Thank you.

Andrew

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## Prayer Time

### Christian Aid: Prayer points for the Ebola outbreak

- Pray that the millions being targeted with potentially life-saving advice would be receptive and that it would prevent them contracting Ebola.
- Pray for the medical teams across the nine districts receiving disposable gloves, powdered and liquid chlorine for disinfection. Pray that they might be prevented from contracting Ebola.
- Pray for the 900 community health volunteers conducting door-to-door awareness raising and training 9,000 more volunteers. Pray that through their work others would be prevented from contracting Ebola.
- Pray that the widespread fear and distrust about the disease and its causes would be dispersed and that through reassurance and support many would be prevented from contracting Ebola.
- Pray for Christian Aid partners in Sierra Leone: the Methodist Church of Sierra Leone (MCSL), Network of people living with HIV, the SEND foundation, Rehabilitation and Development Agency (RADA) and Network Movement for Justice and Development (NMJD). Give thanks for their witness. Pray for courage and hope for them as they reach out to communities in 10 of the country's 14 districts, pray that through their work many would be prevented from contracting Ebola.
- Pray for all those putting themselves at risk to treat patients. Pray for those who are the patients, for their recovery and cure or for a dignified and peaceful passing for those who do succumb to this disease.
- Pray that the international community would make resources rapidly available to respond to the challenge of Ebola. **Amen.**

These prayers first appeared on the Christian Aid website in 2014, and are reproduced with its permission.

## **Prayers for Paris**

Compassionate God and Father of all,  
we are horrified at violence  
in so many parts of the world.  
It seems that none are safe, and some are terrified.

Hold back the hands that kill and maim;  
turn around the hearts that hate.  
Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace -  
peace that passes our understanding  
but changes lives,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## **Shared Ministry Team**

The Shared Ministry Team was licensed on 11th January for a period of five years. It was wonderful to welcome Archdeacon Peter Bradley as well as Dr Adrian Ball, who led our training. It was also lovely to have Margaret Ellams and Jeff Smith from St Michael's SMT, who led the prayers.

The tasks which we have agreed to work towards are below:

1. Develop and support parish members and also those in the community so they may grow in their Christian faith and relationship with God;
2. We will explore other forms of inclusive worship including those that reach out to specific groups;
3. Develop our support to those who come to the church for baptisms, funerals and weddings.

The more specific tasks for the year ahead are as follows:

1. Develop mentor system to keep in touch with those who come to church for baptisms, weddings or new parishioners;
2. Review options to develop wider range of services, which will enable the church to grow in faith;
3. Develop new forms of worship and ministry for young families and children.

The SMT is accountable to the PCC, as we work together towards developing the ministry of the church in Bickerstaffe. As part of the first task we are planning the following action:

Review ways of making the church more welcoming, including working with sidesmen/women and reviewing the physical layout of the church with the PCC.

To review the physical layout of the church, Jonathon Rawlinson is asking for a group made up of both PCC members and also congregational members to meet to discuss the practical issues related to being more welcoming to all people including young families and those with additional access needs. If you would like to join the group, please speak to Jonathon or Andrew.

Andrew

### **Bickerstaffe Football Club Celebrations**



The BFC Celebration Dinner will be held on Friday 17th April 2015 at Skelmersdale AFC social club. Dinner tickets are £30 each and can be purchased via myself, (Alan Fairclough tel 07871 775 554) or via Mike Woods, our Club Secretary (tel. 07759 124 967).

Alan Fairclough, Bickerstaffe Football Club

## **BENEFICE FAMILY WEEKEND**



**Cloverley Hall, Shropshire, 4th – 6th September 2015**  
**[www.cloverleyhall.org](http://www.cloverleyhall.org)**

As in previous years, this weekend is open to everyone in our Congregation. Our guest speaker is Rev Janet Heighton from All Saints, Rainford. Registration forms are now available at the back of church and need to be completed by 31st April. Please return them to Irene McCarthy, Brian DeVonald, or Janet Glennon with a £10 deposit per guest. The full price is Adults £95 and Children £45.

## **Events at the Four Lane Ends Mission**

### **Easter Bingo**



Our Easter Bingo night will be on Friday 27th March from 7.30pm at Four Lane Ends Mission. Please pay on the door and kindly bring your own drinks and glasses. Refreshments are included!

### **Attic Sale**

The next attic sale is on Saturday 15th April at Four Lane Ends Mission. Table hire is £5 – please contact Mrs Sheila Prentice on 01695 727613 for further information.

Open 8.30am - 2pm for sellers and doors open to all from 10am – 2pm. Admission 50p including tea/coffee and biscuits.

### **The Four Lane Ends Mission Shop: Requires items to sell**

Please would you consider donating good quality bric a brac, books etc. to help with this fundraising? Please note we cannot accept clothing. Kindly contact Mrs. Sheila Prentice on 01695 727613. Thank you.

## **Church Flowers**

### **The 'Flower Fund'**



It is always a pleasure to see fresh flowers displayed so beautifully each Sunday, especially at key festivals including Easter, Harvest, and Christmas. As a church, we are really grateful to all those who kindly offer their time, talent, and/or money for the flowers. If you would like to donate towards this lovely ministry in time for the Easter displays, please mark your envelope 'Flower Fund' and pass it in during February. Thank you!

### **2015 Flower Rota**

The full Church Flower Rota is now on display in the Church Porch. Please check and note your allocated dates. Thank you.

Sheila Beeby

1st February	Mrs Sheila Beeby
8th February	Mrs Brenda Phillipson
15th February	Mrs Rene Forster
22nd February	Mrs Freda Brownbill
1st March	Miss Hilda Rawsthorne
8th March	Mrs Audrey Moorey



## Liverpool Cathedral News

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

26th Jan	Wk 1: Philemon	Dean Pete Wilcox
2nd Feb	Wk 2: Haggai	Canon Myles Davies
9th Feb	Wk 3: Daniel	Reverend Tim Watson
16th Feb	Wk 4: 1 & 2 Timothy	Canon Paul Rattigan
23rd Feb	Wk 5: Nahum	Canon Paul Rattigan

**No pre-booking is required, simply turn up and join in. Admission to the car park and all the sessions is FREE**

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## News from Bickerstaffe Church of England School



We hope that the beginning of 2015 has started well for you! 'Hope' was our Christian value for the month of January, and we have talked about the hope that God gave us when he gave us his son. We also thought about our own hopes and aspirations, and each child wrote their 'Hopes for the Future'. These will be the final documents to be sealed in our 'Time Capsule' to mark the school's 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I wonder what the children will all be doing in 30 years when it is opened! How many will have achieved their childhood ambitions?

In the January magazine, I wrote about Dipok Babu Roy, a 7 year old boy from Bangladesh who Bickerstaffe School and Holy Trinity Church have together sponsored. We collectively raised £350 through the Harvest Appeal, enough to sponsor him for 1 year. We hope however that we can continue to sponsor him until he is 19 years old!

'I alone cannot change the world,  
but I can cast a stone across the waters  
to make many ripples'

*Mother Teresa*

Just before the Christmas break Dipok sent us a message, saying: thank you for 'changing his life!' Together, we have given him hope for a brighter future; but our sponsorship will not just affect his life, it will also affect those around him, making many 'ripples' and we hope that he in turn will change the lives of those around him in his community, and possibly even in his country, in the future!

The children and staff of Bickerstaffe School have made a commitment to Dipok and his future, we will continue to fund raise, and hopefully sponsor him over the next 12 years. To help us do this we have received 2 pledges from different members of our community, each agreeing to sponsor Dipok in a particular month that is special to them. If anyone else would like to make a similar pledge to sponsor him we would love to hear from you, please ring school on 01695 722957 and ask for further details. The communication received from Dipok and Compassion UK can be seen within this magazine.

Thank you to those who also support our numerous money raising ventures to benefit the pupils of Bickerstaffe School: your support is greatly appreciated through: battery recycling; the collecting of vouchers and tokens from cereal packets and supermarkets, and the 'Clothing Bank' located in the school grounds. At the close of the year, new playground equipment funded by the Parents, Teachers and Friends of Bickerstaffe School was installed, and this is proving very popular with the children!

We are all looking forward to an exciting term ahead, and what the New Year will bring. 'Book Week' and the 'Easter Experience', to name but two events, but more about those in the forthcoming months.

Best Wishes from

**Jeanne Hall and Bickerstaffe School**



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## Compassion UK: Introducing Dipok



**As Mrs Hall explained in the article printed above, we are proud to sponsor Dipok. Please do pray for him regularly.**

**My full name is  
Dipok Babu Roy**

**I like to be called  
Dipok**

**My birthday is  
29 April 2007**

**Dipok asks that we pray ...**

- For his family and friends
- For his school work
- For his relationship with Jesus

Dipok lives under the care of his parents. His home duties include gardening/farming and cleaning. There are two children in the family.

For fun Dipok likes playing football, playing marbles and running. He attends Sunday school and church regularly. He attends school where his performance is average. Your prayerful love and support will help him to receive the assistance he needs to grow and develop.

Dipok lives on the plains of Bhatpara, home to approximately 5,000 residents. Typical houses are constructed of dirt floors, mud walls and tin roofs. The regional diet consists of rice, potatoes and goat. A common health problem in this area is malnutrition.

Most adults in Bhatpara work as day labourers and earn the equivalent of \$30 per month. This community needs electricity, adult literacy programs, tuition assistance, employment opportunities and increased incomes.

Our sponsorship allows the staff of Bhatpara Child Sponsorship Program to provide Dipok with Bible teaching, nutrition supplements, medical treatment, hygiene and health education, games, special celebrations, picnics, tuition, uniforms, shoes and school attendance support. The centre staff will also provide meetings and child care education for Dipok's parents.

## **Bickerstaffe Windmill by Owen Taylor**

The devolvment of Sir Edward Stanley, fifth Baronet of Bickerstaffe, to the Earldom of Derby in 1736, had a marked effect on the agricultural community. With more resources at hand, the eleventh Earl embarked on a policy of modernisation.

Many ancient landmarks began to disappear including the old wooden Post Mill at Mill Moor. This was first mentioned in a Duchy of Lancs, 'Inquisition and Post Mortem of 1478', when Hamlet Atherton held the 'Estate of Bickerstaffe', which comprised one thousand acres of land, also meadow, pasture, wood and furze (gorse), one hundred messuages (houses) and Windmill.

There was trouble in 1649, when Sir Thomas Stanley, the second Baronet, took some of his tenants to the Lancaster Palatine Court of Chancery, alleging they refused to grind their corn at his mill. The tenants, who were mostly loyalist Yeoman, were protesting against the Squires involvement with the Parliamentarians.

In 1757, a new three storey, ground-sailor windmill was built and continued in use until the early 20th century. A steam engine was introduced by tenant Ann Smith in the 1860s, this enterprising lady also ran a local Coal Business. Wind and Steam worked in conjunction with each other until the sails were removed in 1885.



Bickerstaffe Mill in 1871 with a dome-shaped roof and sails.

Within the next 10 years, the dome-shaped cap that housed the wind-shaft, along with the secondary set of small-vanes, which regulated the main sail direction, was dismantled and replaced by a slated, cone-shaped roof.

By 1900, steam too, became redundant and was superseded with a powerful, twin fly-wheeled, four-stroke, internal combustion engine.

Being no longer necessary, the old buildings and adjacent boiler house, with its square shaped chimney, were subsequently demolished.



The Mill in 1907, showing the new cone-shaped, slate roof and sails removed.

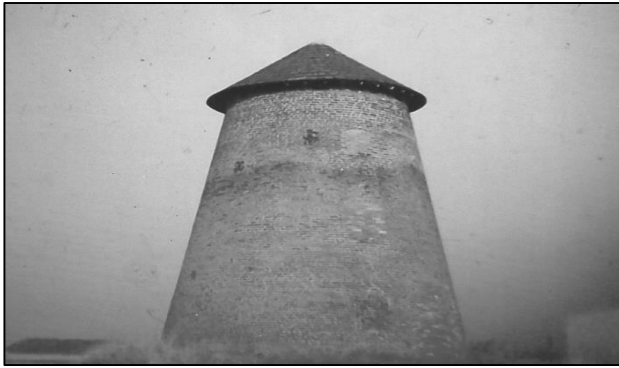
Miller, John Bate, held the tenancy until grinding corn ended here in the early 1920s. A servant girl, in his employment, used to collect eggs in the mill's basement, a convenient habitat, where poultry could feed on the corn that filtered through the floor-boards.

Many stories surrounded the old Mill's existence, none more so than one that tells of a fatal accident, occurring during the management of John Gardiner in the 1850s. A workman, entering the south door was caught by his jacket in one of the sails and was catapulted into the road at Mill Brow (Church Road).

During the next four decades the mill was used for the storage of farm implements, until being sold by Public Auction in 1972.

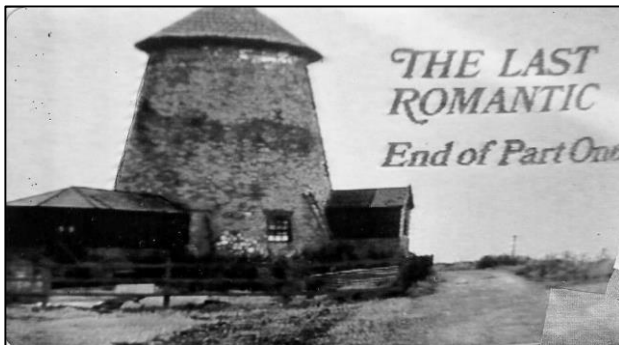
At that time, the top floor was still intact, displaying the central hole, where the drive-shaft was positioned. Also, on a wooden window-lintel, was carved, 1757, the date the mill was built.

The mill's working life had one more surprise. In 1978, a TV company hired the old building as a central location for an entertaining love-story, entitled, 'The Last Romantic', starring popular actors of that era.



The Mill in 1973.

At night-fall, the set was attended by crowds of local children, accompanied by their parents, all kept at a safe distance from cameras and TV action. Two wooden, shed-like, structures were attached to the mill and a fire engine was engaged in a raining scene. Everyone present enjoyed this once in a lifetime experience.



Photographed during TV Programme break in 1978.

NB. Bickerstaffe Mill was white-washed, both inside and outside, throughout its operational service.

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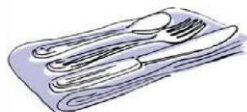


### NEW DINERS ARE WELCOME

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



30th January	Team 1	E Short, P Walton, B Bell
6th February	Team 2	I McCarthy, M Johnson
13th February	Team 3	A Banks, N Rimmer, H Rosbotham
20th February	Team 4	J Hodgson, B Winstanley
27th February	Team 5	F Brownbill, S Prentice, M Prentice
6th March	Team 6	V Heyes, B Morris

### **Bickerstaffe Mothers' Union News**



Our first meeting of the year was a service of Holy Communion presided by Rev Keith Leiper. Next month, our speaker will be Mrs Sue Watkinson, who will talk to us about U3A.

We look forward to a New Year and welcome new members. We will also visit the Cathedral and join Deanery events later in the year.

Irene McCarthy

### **Bickerstaffe Women's Institute**



The February meeting of the Bickerstaffe W.I. is a wonderful slide show entitled French Connections. The presenter, Gordon. G. Bartley ARPS will show slides of France - a country full of scenic wonder.

The presentation will suit every taste as it contrasts the traditional coastal towns with the hustle and bustle of Paris, or the tranquil beauty of wine producing areas like the Lot Valley with the magnificence of Mont Blanc and the French Alps.

This meeting is on Monday 23rd February 2015 and starts at 7.30pm at Four Lane Ends Mission. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Further details are available from me, telephone 01695 729 161.

Margaret Fairclough

### **Skelmersdale Foodbank**



We are still collecting for the Foodbank. We have been advised that they particularly need sugar, tinned potatoes or processed potatoes, although all items are put to great use and are much appreciated. The collection box is located at the back of church.

### **Children's clothes collection**

Thank you for your very kind donations to date. We have had an excellent response and your donations continue to help many needy families and children. Thank you.

### **Website & Twitter news**

Have you visited our new website [www.holytrinitybickerstaffe.co.uk](http://www.holytrinitybickerstaffe.co.uk) ? Here you will find a wealth of information about our church and community. Our webmaster Edward McCarthy, works tirelessly to ensure users are kept up to date and enjoy their virtual visit. It is also possible to view this magazine online too! For any Tweeters out there, our Twitter hashtag is @HolyTrinityBick.

### **Subscription Time**



Please would you pass your £5 subscription to Hilary Rosbotham at your earliest convenience? If you prefer to have your copy posted by Royal Mail, please ensure Audrey Banks (tel. 01695 727534) has your correct details and send £11 (which includes 12 issues and 2nd class postal delivery).

### **Editorial News**

The deadline for the February magazine is **15th February**. As always, please pass articles to myself or e-mail it to either [jo.housley@gmail.com](mailto:jo.housley@gmail.com) or [bickerstaffechurchmagazine@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bickerstaffechurchmagazine@yahoo.co.uk). I will do my best to publish articles when space and copyright allows. Thank you for all your support.

Jo Housley, Editor

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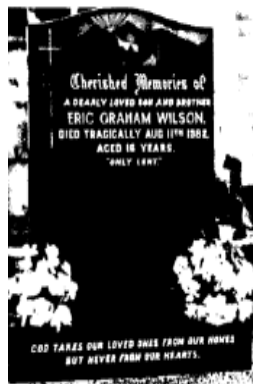
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it does not rejoice in wrongdoing,  
but rejoices in the truth.

It bears all things, believes all  
things, hopes all things,  
endures all things.

**Corinthians 13:4-8**

**NEW STANDING ORDER INSTRUCTION**

To .....Bank

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:

Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Yearly ☐

Amount details until further notice

Date and amount of first payment: 05 / \_\_\_\_ / 2015 £ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**4. Confirmation**

Customer Signature(s) .....

.....

Date.....



# *Welcome to Holy Trinity Church Bickerstaffe*

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday      10.45am Holy Communion**

 **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday      8am Holy Communion  
10.45am Family Service**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday      10.45am Morning Prayer**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday      10.45am Holy Communion**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday      10.45am Various Services**

**The Sunday Club for children  
meets during the morning services**

**Requests for Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals  
should be made to the Vicar**