

**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



If I were ever a guest on *Desert Island Discs*, Johnny Cash would be singing at least one of my choices. The voice of Johnny Cash has been with me throughout my life and from a young age, I remember the words to 'Walk the Line' and the 'Ghost Rider in the Sky'.

'Ring of Fire' and 'the Boy Named Sue' always put a smile on my face whenever I heard them. And so you will understand how excited I was when I heard that the Johnny Cash Roadshow was coming to the Liverpool Empire! I quickly booked two tickets and then told Jo....who was thrilled(?)! We had a wonderful time. I sang along, I clapped my hands and I jumped to my feet when the brass section played the introduction to 'Ring of Fire!' It was great!

Those of you who have seen the biopic film, 'Walk the line' will know that Johnny Cash was flawed and at times, a tormented person. Despite his talent and success, Johnny Cash was human like each one of us, and made his fair share of mistakes. He would often visit prisons to entertain the inmates, following the time *he* had spent in prison. When Johnny Cash played his concerts at St Quentin prison, he did not see the past sins of his audience but their humanity and need for friendship and care. Johnny Cash was able to empathize with the inmates and his experiences- both good and bad- contributed to him being who he was. In that respect, Johnny Cash was no different to anyone of us.

St Paul writes in Romans 3:23, '*For we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*' Lent being a season of penance, reminds us of our failings before God. But God sees us as a parent sees their child. He is

*aware of our failings, but he loves us. He created us by his love, to love, and be loved.*

This month we will celebrate Mothering Sunday, a day when, as a church, we reflect upon the maternal qualities of the church. As members of the church body, let us look upon one another as God looks at us: being aware of one another's flaws whilst also seeing the good qualities we all have. Not seeing past sins, but our common need for friendship and care.


The Christian fellowship we experience in Aughton and Bickerstaffe should be within an affirming community where we all thrive in the love of God and one another, building one another up. Remembering that we were created by love, to love, and be loved.

*'This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.'*

*1 John 4:9-11*

**Andrew**

## Services in March

	St Michael's, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
<b>1st March</b> <b>Lent 2</b> Purple Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16 Rom. 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion  10.30am Bill Matins 10.30am Hall Service  4pm Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Andrew Holy Communion
<b>8th March</b> <b>Lent 3</b> Purple Exod. 20:1-17 1 Cor. 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	8.15am Judith Holy Communion  10.30am Judith Holy Communion	8am Andrew Holy Communion  10.45am Andrew Holy Communion 12pm Baptism
<b>15th March</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b> Purple Exod. 2:1-10 2 Cor. 1:3-7 Luke 2:33-35	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion  10.30am Andrew Parade Service  4pm Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Mark Mothering Sunday Thanksgiving
<b>22nd March</b> <b>Lent 5</b> Purple Jer. 31:31-34 Heb. 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion  10.30am Mike S Baptisms	10.45am Andrew First Communion
<b>29th March</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> Red Psalm 118:1-2, 19-24 Mark 11:1-11	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion  10.30am Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Reg A Palm Sunday Service

## 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 March at 1pm;
- St Michael's Hall, on Wednesday 11th March at 11am (with soup lunch), and 25th March.
- Holy Communion at Bickerstaffe School will take place on Friday 27th March at 2.40pm. Everyone welcome.

### Youth Group

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 27th March and 24th April.

### Pizza and Praise, Rainford



The young people of Aughton and Bickerstaffe have been invited to All Saints, Rainford for 'Pizza and Praise' on Sunday 8th March 5pm-6.30pm. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of church so that we can help Rev Janet to order the correct number of pizzas!

## **Mothering Sunday (15th March)**



Please invite family and friends to the Mothering Sunday Services at Aughton and Bickerstaffe. At both services, flowers will be distributed to the ladies.

## **Men's Breakfast**



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

## **Book Club**

Next meeting is scheduled for 18th March at the Derby Arms. We will be discussing the book from our last meeting which was 'The Mission Song'. All welcome!

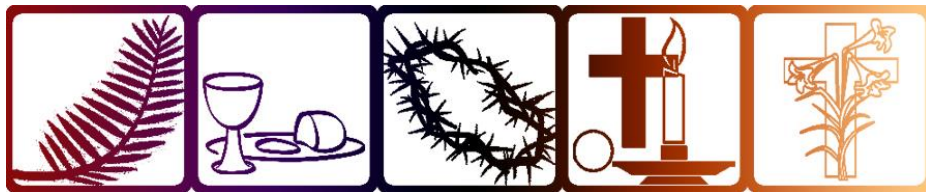
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## **Wednesday morning Lent reflections**



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 Week and Easter 2015**

### ***Monday 30th March – Wednesday 1st April***

Holy Communion in St Michael's Church Hall from 11am.

### ***Maundy Thursday***

Symbolic Passover meal followed by the stripping of the altar at both churches from 7pm.

### ***Good Friday***

Good Friday liturgy at St Michael's from 10am

Hot Cross Bun Service at Holy Trinity from 10am

Prayers around the cross at Holy Trinity from 2pm

### ***Easter Sunday***

Sunrise Service at St Michael's from 5am followed by Hot Cross Buns.

Early Celebration at Mossock Hall from 7pm followed by hot drinks in the clubhouse.

There will be an Easter Bonnet Parade (for all ages) during the 10.30am celebration at Aughton and at the 10.45am celebration at Bickerstaffe. Following the services there will be an egg hunt for the children.



## Holy Trinity Dates & News

### Dates for your diary

Lent reflections      February 25th and March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th.

1st March	Meeting for Sides People.
3rd March	Primrose Cottage Cake & Coffee Morning.
5th March	SMT from 7.30pm
8th March	Baptism following the 10.45am service
8th March	Pizza & Praise at Rainford.
10th March	PCC
21st March	Men's Breakfast, 9am at Bickerstaffe CoE Primary
22nd March	First Communion
26th March	Easter Experience in church followed by School Communion in Church
27th March	Easter Bingo at the Mission.
15th April	Attic Sale at Four Lane Ends Mission
30th April	AGM
13th July	School Treat Day
11th July	Summer Fair 2pm
12th July	Walking Day and Sunday School Prize Giving

### 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.

### Gift Day

Thank you to everyone who gave a special gift to the church at our gift day in February. The increasing costs of church life continue to be a challenge and so your extra support is very much appreciated.

### **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. Many thanks.

Andrew

### **Fund raising coffee morning**



On Tuesday 3 March from 10am until 12 noon there will be a homemade cake stall and a raffle at Primrose Cottage, 4 Hall Lane. Admission is £1 and all proceeds are for Holy Trinity Church. Donations of cakes etc. would be much appreciated. All welcome. Please bring your friends and neighbours!

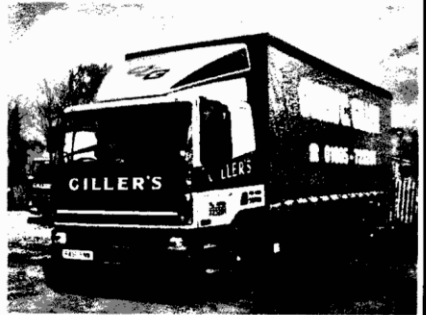
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## Prayer Time



# Liverpool Mission March 2015



**God of our towns and cities,**  
God of our streets and roads,  
You see the problems in our communities  
And unlock opportunities for good.  
We ask for your guidance as we speak  
And act according to your will,  
So that your hope may be seen in us;  
So that your love might flow from us;  
So that your light might shine through us. Amen



**Lord of our places of work,**  
Lord of our colleges and schools.  
You are concerned for our colleagues  
And compassionate for our co-workers.  
We ask for your blessings on our peers  
And peace and prosperity for our region,  
So that your hope may be seen in us;  
So that your love might flow from us;  
So that your light might shine through us. Amen



**King of our places of leisure and rest,**  
King of the park, and the pub.  
You are with us in our times of fun  
And with us in our times of rest.  
We ask for your blessings on our friends  
And for your joy and peace in our lives,  
So that your hope may be seen in us;  
So that your love might flow from us;  
So that your light might shine through us. Amen

## **A prayer for peace in our world**



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

[www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship](http://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship)

## **'Through the day' with The Church Army**



The Church Army enable visitors to pray throughout  
the day using their simple web pages.  
Why not visit [www.churcharmy.org.uk](http://www.churcharmy.org.uk) to find out  
more about this excellent free resource.

## **A "Make a Mother's Day" Prayer from The Mother's Union**



Dear God, we thank you for mothers.  
We thank you for all those who care for us  
in quiet, often unrecognised ways;  
we thank you for all those who care  
for others in patience and love.  
We are sorry for those times  
when we have failed to care for others  
and pray that you will teach us to care as you do  
and that you will hold all mothers and carers  
in the light of your presence  
and guide them to you. Amen

[www.makeamothersday.org](http://www.makeamothersday.org)

## A Children's Society prayer for children who are in need



Into your loving arms, loving God, we place those children in need today.

You see behind the front doors, and the headlines, and the fronts we can all create, to the reality that is so often hidden.

We pray for those children whose reality is difficult, for those who live in poverty, in turmoil, or in fear, and those who support them.

We pray for all the children and families supported by The Children's Society, through the different services and centres – for those in care, for refugee children, for young carers, for those who have run away from home, for those whose lives are affected by drugs or alcohol, for children living with disabilities, for traveller children and for those who live in danger of abuse.

We thank you, God, that these vulnerable children are known and named by you, we thank you that help is there for them through agencies like The Children's Society, and they are not invisible.

We pray that you will give those working with these children and families wisdom, insight, patience, professionalism and something more of your heart.

May lives be changed, the past redeemed and the future become one of hope. We make this prayer through Christ, **Amen**.

## Parish Registers

### Funerals



**Jesse Peet** aged 95, and formerly of Barrownook.

**James Gardiner** aged 77, from Heyescroft.

**George Dickinson Walton** aged 87, of Stockley Crescent.

### Baptism



On February 15th, we welcomed **Pippa Daisy Clancy**, daughter of Natalie and Graham from Liverpool Road.

**Please continue to pray for all the families mentioned above. Thank you.**

### A message of thanks from the Walton Family



Phyllis and the family of George Walton would like to express their heartfelt thanks to his many relatives, friends, and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, condolence cards, and donations to Bickerstaffe Church at this very sad time.

They would also like to say a special thank you to Reverend Andrew Housley for a beautiful service and kind words. A big thank you to all who attended the service. May God bless you all.

### **A message of thanks from the Gardiner Family**



We are completely overwhelmed by the generosity, support, and sympathy cards received in memory of Jimmy. Thank you so much to The Choir, congregation, and friends at Stockley Crescent and the Four Lane Ends Mission for providing the wonderful buffet in church, and to Irene and her helpers on the day. Thanks also, to Andrew and Keith for the lovely service. All this kindness is very much appreciated. Your generous donations raised over £400. Thank you.

Billy, Gladys, Gary, Sue, and Debra.

### **Community News**

#### **Bag packing in aid of Cystic Fibrosis**



Margaret Ellams from St Michael's is planning a 'bag pack' in aid of Cystic Fibrosis at Morrisons Supermarket in Ormskirk on 18th April from 9.30am. If you can spare an hour to help with this important fund raising, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Margaret on 01695 422050 or e-mail [mfellams@hotmail.com](mailto:mfellams@hotmail.com) so that time slots can be co-ordinated. Thank you.

#### **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.

## Church Flowers

### Flower rota during March



1st March	Miss Hilda Rawsthorne
8th March	Mrs Audrey Moorey
15th March	Mothering Sunday (donations/helpers please)
22nd March	Flowers remain
29th March	Mrs Joy Bradshaw
5th April	Easter Day

### Flower Fund

If you would like to contribute towards the Easter flowers, please mark your envelope 'Flower Fund' and pass it in. Thank you.

## 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.

## Liverpool Cathedral News

### Liverpool Cathedral Lent Lectures



Bishop Paul delivers this year's lent lectures on the theme of 'Good News: Where you live, work and play' and particularly the Good News that Jesus offers us in our lives today.

In a series of connected yet stand alone lectures the Bishop will explore what it means to understand how we can be supported in our day to day lives by knowing more about Jesus and the Good News he offers.

Bishop Paul starts his lectures by talking to fellow Christians about how we can talk to our neighbours, work colleagues, family and friends about Jesus Christ. The following three lectures then speak in different ways of the presence of Jesus Christ in all of our lives – they are designed for Christians but also for people who are seeking God; feel free to invite friends and neighbours along!

Admission to the Cathedral, the lectures, and Car parking is free to all attendees. Each session starts at 19:30 – 21:00.

**2nd March     Good news for all – What is good evangelism today?**  
What is good evangelism? How can we share our faith with confidence in today's world?

**9th March     Good news where you live – homes and neighbourhoods full of love and peace.** What difference can the Gospel of Jesus make to the way we live as individuals, as families and as neighbours?

**16th March     Good news where you work: dignity and fulfilment in the workplace.** Is the message of Jesus truly relevant to ALL of our lives, including when we're at work? What would it look like to be an ambassador for God's values and God's Kingdom in the workplace?

**23rd March     Good news where you play: fun and leisure that lasts forever.** What makes life worth living? Can the Good News of Jesus give us fulfilling and wholesome lives when we're relaxing and enjoying leisure, sport and culture together?

## News from Bickerstaffe Church of England School



**Chess.** There was great concentration as our Chess team played against St. Thomas the Martyr in a 'friendly' this half-term. The final result was in favour of St. Thomas' however, we did win more games than ever before! I am sure one of the readers of this article will be a keen chess player themselves, and our

children would love to hear from you if you could spare them 30 minutes one lunchtime.

**Silver Award for Sports.** We were delighted to be presented with the Silver Award for school sport. We know just how important it is for our young people to incorporate exercise into their daily routine and to adopt a healthy life-style. The award recognises Bickerstaffe School's commitment to health and fitness; and it couldn't have arrived on a better day as 'Team Bickerstaffe' collectively clocked up 77 miles! The whole school ran or walked a mile at lunch time as part of our launch of:



**B2B (Bickerstaffe to Bangladesh).** B2B is a distance of 5,039 miles, and we aim to travel this in order to reach Dipok, our Compassion UK sponsored child. The journey has begun, and the children will learn about the different countries that they theoretically pass through as they go.

**Fire Safety Talks & the Fire Engine.** The children were excited to see the Fire-engine at school. Class 4 and Year 2 heard important messages about ways to keep themselves and their family safe; while the Gruffalo Class had a tour of the Fire-engine.



**A Walk Around Bickerstaffe.** Infant children really enjoyed their 'Field Trip' to explore the local area; they used their observational skills to: look at the types of buildings, the materials used, use of land, and seasonal changes along the way.

**Preparation for Communion.** Reverend Andrew has started the 'Preparation for Communion' classes with our children in Years 4 – 6. Please put *Sunday 22 March* in your diaries as this is when the children will take their First Communion.



**RSPB Big Bird Watch.** Over the last few weeks we have been taking part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch, as we have done over a number of years. The children built a 'hide' in the school grounds and took up their positions with binoculars to identify the different species.

**Holy Communion Service.** Please join us in school on Friday 27 February at 2:40pm when children, parents, and members of the community, take part in a wonderful service together.

Best Wishes from  
**Jeanne Hall and Bickerstaffe School**



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## **‘The Royal Oak Story’ by Owen Taylor**

Anyone travelling past the crossroads at Royal Oak would probably never realise the historical significance of the tiny hamlet. A pore over a modern map of the United Kingdom verifies its exclusiveness.

Seemingly, the first mention of it is recorded in the accounts of Thomas Meadow, High Constable of the Township of Bickerstaffe in 1759, when he paid sixpence (2.5p) to an informer after he gave warning of a meeting at Royal Oak. No doubt, this referred to the old Inn that was situated here, until it was demolished in 1905 and replaced by the present house and then, shop.



Royal Oak Inn demolished 1904 – Rare Photo

Local tradition affirms that an oak tree was planted nearby to commemorate the Restoration of the Monarchy in 1660. Indeed, much of the neighbourhood was closely involved in the Civil War. In June 1644, Prince Rupert marched his troops near to this route to raise the siege of Lathom House. During hostilities, most of the inhabitants supported the loyalist cause. Only 3 miles from there, Lieutenant Tom Mossock, son of the local Mossock family, was captured by Parliamentarian Forces.



Royal Oak Stores 1978 – with Shopkeeper Lily Lyon  
and Coal Merchant, William Taylor



Satirical poster, probably  
Royalist, boasting about the  
King's escape.

Significantly, when the Mossock family were granted a Coat of Arms, they chose three oak leaves to be on their shield.

The present oak tree standing at Boscobel is a descendant of the famous oak. Even in the 1660s, writer Thomas Blouht noted, 'Snuff boxes and tobacco-stoppers were being fashioned from wood taken from the tree'. Another writer William Stukeley, said in 1712, 'the tree was almost cut away by travellers', and he further mentioned a 'young thriving plant from one of its acorns was growing close to the side.' The present tree is encircled with a four foot high, iron fence.



Royal Oak Farm (note rare signpost adjacent to Oak Tree).

As the Boscobel escape story of Charles II became known, many people made excursions to see the famous oak and brought away acorns as souvenirs. His restoration to the throne on May 29th 1660 was celebrated by a public holiday, which finally developed into an annual event until its abolition in 1859. It was entitled 'Royal Oak Day' or 'Oak-Apple Day', depending on where a person lived.

It was the custom at Bickerstaffe School, for almost 100 years, to wear an oak leaf on Royal Oak Day. Pupils arrived at school armed with a stinging nettle and wearing a sprig of oak in their lapel. If any class-mate forgot their oak leaf, or were wearing a sprig with a reddish tint, they were deemed 'peevish' and were duly stung on the arms and legs with the nettles.

N.B. Boscobel House is located 40 miles north of Worcester.

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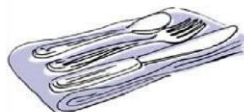


### NEW DINERS ARE WELCOME

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



6th March	Team 6	V Heyes, B Morris
13th March	Team 1	E Short, P Walton, B Bell, F Brownbill
20th March	Team 2	I McCarthy, M Johnson
27th March	Team 3	A Banks, G Banks, N Rimmer,
3rd April	Team 4	J Hodgson, B Winstanley
10th April	Team 5	F Brownbill, S Prentice, M Prentice

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



This month we were pleased to welcome Mrs Sue Watkinson from Aughton, who gave us a talk about U3A.

This organisation has been going for twelve years in Aughton and Ormskirk. Meetings are held in the Scout & Guide HQ Long Lane Aughton. There are too many events to list all of them here, but here are a few: aerobics; art; badminton; beer appreciation; drama; country dancing; cycling; bird watching; theatre group; jazz appreciation etc etc.....It sounds like a wonderful organisation with something for everyone.

Next month we are invited to an afternoon event at Rainford, when two visitors will be coming from Burma. Our next speaker is from the Bible Group. Do come along on March 18th to The Mission at 2.30pm and you will be most welcome.

Irene McCarthy

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



The March meeting of the Bickerstaffe W.I. is an amusing and entertaining talk entitled 'Betsy the Scullery Maid'. The speaker is Mrs. Joanne Halliwell, who will talk about the life of a servant in Victorian England.

This meeting is on Monday 23rd March 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**



If you are having a sort out over the February half term, please consider donating items to needy families in Litherland. Kindly leave items bagged/boxed at the back of church and we will ensure they are put to good use. Thank you once again, for your practical support.

### **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 Tweepers out there, our Twitter hashtag is @HolyTrinityBick.

### **Editorial News**

The deadline for the February magazine is **22nd March**. 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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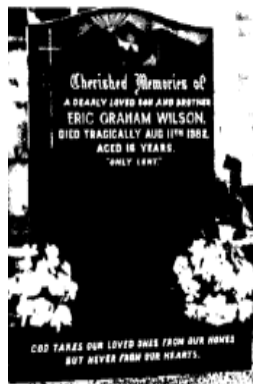
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Payment Ref: Gift Aid

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Customer Signature(s) .....

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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**