



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



Since January, both churches have celebrated the lives of much loved members of our churches. The sadness of our loss is matched by the Easter hope of new life in Christ. This Easter, let us renew our confidence in our Saviour, who defeated death so that we may know life in God's Kingdom. Mindful of our loved ones, let us join in one voice on Easter Sunday as we proclaim, **'He is risen indeed. Alleluia.'**

Below is a copy of a story, which was given to me early in my ministry. I have always found it helpful, I hope you do too.

Andrew

Waterbugs and Dragonflies by Doris Stickney

Down below the surface of a quiet pond lived a little colony of water bugs. They were a happy colony, living far away from the sun. For many months they were very busy, scurrying over the soft mud on the bottom of the pond. They did notice that every once in awhile one of their colony seemed to lose interest in going about. Clinging to the stem of a pond lily it gradually moved out of sight and was seen no more.

"Look!" said one of the water bugs to another. "One of our colony is climbing up the lily stalk. Where do you think she is going?" Up, up, up it slowly went....Even as they watched, the water bug disappeared from sight. Its friends waited and waited but it didn't return...

"That's funny!" said one water bug to another. "Wasn't she happy here?" asked a second... "Where do you suppose she went?" wondered a third. No

one had an answer. They were greatly puzzled. Finally one of the water bugs, a leader in the colony, gathered its friends together. "I have an idea. The next one of us who climbs up the lily stalk must promise to come back and tell us where he or she went and why."

"We promise", they said solemnly.

One spring day, not long after, the very water bug who had suggested the plan found himself climbing up the lily stalk. Up, up, up, he went. Before he knew what was happening, he had broken through the surface of the water and fallen onto the broad, green lily pad above.

When he awoke, he looked about with surprise. He couldn't believe what he saw. A startling change had come to his old body. His movement revealed four silver wings and a long tail. Even as he struggled, he felt an impulse to move his wings...The warmth of the sun soon dried the moisture from the new body. He moved his wings again and suddenly found himself up above the water. He had become a dragonfly!!

Swooping and dipping in great curves, he flew through the air. He felt exhilarated in the new atmosphere. By and by the new dragonfly lighted happily on a lily pad to rest. Then it was that he chanced to look below to the bottom of the pond. Why, he was right above his old friends, the water bugs! There they were scurrying around, just as he had been doing some time before.

The dragonfly remembered the promise: "The next one of us who climbs up the lily stalk will come back and tell where he or she went and why." Without thinking, the dragonfly darted down. Suddenly he hit the surface of the water and bounced away. Now that he was a dragonfly, he could no longer go into the water...

"I can't return!" he said in dismay. "At least, I tried. But I can't keep my promise. Even if I could go back, not one of the water bugs would know me in my new body. I guess I'll just have to wait until they become dragonflies too. Then they'll understand what has happened to me, and where I went." And the dragonfly winged off happily into its wonderful new world of sun and air.....

Bishop Paul's Easter Message



Don't you hate knowing the end of a film before you have had the chance to see it for yourself? Having the clever twist, the final act, the big reveal known to us can change the way we approach and perceive the story. But of course that's how we see the Easter story today. As the drama of Holy Week unfolds; as we see the storm gather around Jesus. We witness the biased and corrupt trial proceedings. We are horrified by the cruel and brutal punishment being meted out. And yet at all times in the back of our minds we have the knowledge of the resurrection.

This is one story that is enhanced by the knowledge of the final twist. For to only have part of the picture, an incomplete story, means we are left in a state of fear and paralysis. The liberating knowledge that God can conquer all things that transforms the story, gives us all the strength and encouragement to tackle what we face in our lives.

In the immediate aftermath of Jesus' death the disciples themselves had no idea how the story would end. They were disillusioned and confused, running scared and in disarray. But the knowledge of the resurrection and power of the Holy Spirit enabled them to form themselves into a group equipped and empowered to spread the Gospel throughout the known world – to turn that world upside down.

There are many times in each of our lives when we might wish we knew the end of a particular story or of a situation we're facing. When we could have the certainty that the decisions we will make will be right, just and see our work crowned with glory. But sadly so often we can feel

in the Saturday shadow of the cross, looking back to defeat rather than forward towards hope.

Sadder still is the large numbers we encounter who have no idea that hope is even possible - who haven't heard what God can do. Who haven't experienced his life enhancing life transforming love. It is to them we, as a church wanting to make a bigger difference, are reaching.

In every parish and every community in our diocese that sense of hope can be offered in the work we do – pastoral care, feeding the poor, speaking about the way our society should be led and should be shaped. What these things have in common is hope. Hope for the poor, hope for the lonely, hope for the vulnerable, hope for the scared.

We are empowered to make that difference because we know the story. We know it ends with the promise of the Spirit and the hope of eternal life. We can be difference-makers because we are part of the story. And we know how it ends.

+Paul

Step Forward... and consider ministry in the Church of England




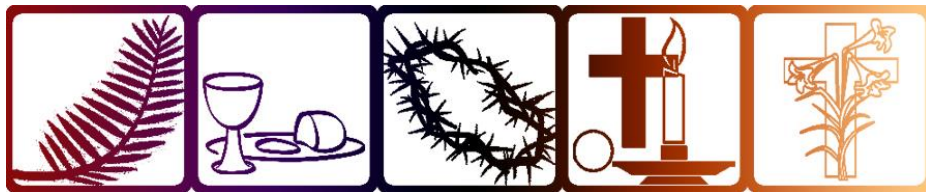
“Serving God is one of the best things you can do with your life and there are many ways to carry out this calling. If you are a Christian aged between 18 and 30, might God be encouraging you to consider ordained ministry in the Church of England?”

Dr. John Sentamu, Archbishop of York

Why not visit www.stepforwardanglican.org.uk or watch the ‘Called to Lead’ video on www.archbishopofyork.org/articles.php/3209/called-to-lead, or speak to Andrew.

Services in April

	St Michael's, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
2nd April Maundy Thursday	7pm Andrew Symbolic Passover Meal followed by the stripping of the altar	7pm Judith Symbolic Passover Meal followed by the stripping of the altar
3rd April Good Friday	10am Bill Good Friday liturgy	10am Andrew Hot Cross Bun Service 2pm Andrew & Jo Taize prayers around the cross
5th April Easter Sunday White Isaiah 25:6-9 Acts 10:34-43 Mark 16:1-8	5.30am Andrew The Service of Light 8.15am Judith Holy Communion 10.30am Judith Family Communion	7.00am Andrew Early Service at Mossock Hall 10.45am Andrew Family Communion
12th April Easter 2 White Acts 4:32-35 John 20:19-end	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Judith Holy Communion	10.45am Andrew Family Service with Baptisms
19th April Easter 3 White Acts 3:12-19 Luke 24:36b-48	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Parade Service 4pm Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Mark Morning Prayer
26th April Easter 4 White Acts 4:5-12 John 10:11-18	8.15am Andrew 10.30am Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Judith Holy Communion



Holy Week and Easter

Monday 30th – 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

Good Friday Walk of Witness

The Churches Together in Ormskirk lead an annual Good Friday Service at the Clock Tower at 12noon followed by Hot Cross Buns in New church House, next to the Parish Church. St Michael's and Christchurch are meeting in the Ministry Centre car park at 11.30am so that we can walk to the service together. We are hoping to join with St Anne's en-route, as they carry the cross.

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at St Michael's from 5.30am 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 an egg hunt for the children.

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 14th April at 1pm;
- St Michael's Hall, on Wednesday 8th April at 11am (with soup lunch), and 22nd and 29th April.
- Holy Communion at Bickerstaffe School will take place on Friday 24th April 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. The next meeting be on 24th April.

Men's Breakfast



The next Men's Breakfast will be at St Michael's Church Hall at 9am on Saturday 16th May and costs just £3.50 for a hearty feast. New members welcome!

Archdeacon's Visitation

The Archdeacon's Visitation will be at All Saints, Rainford on Wednesday 13th May at 7.30pm. Wardens and Sidespeople need to attend so they can be sworn in.

Rogation Sunday

There will be a Rogation Service at Hall Farm on Sunday 10th May at 3pm. Following the service, there will be refreshments served in the barn.

Ascension Day Communion

There will be a Holy Communion at St Michael's at 7.30pm on Ascension Day, Thursday 14th May. All welcome.

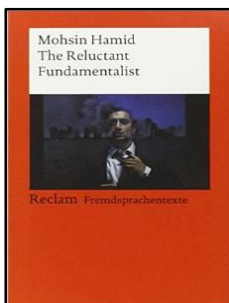
Andrew

Book Club

Next time we are reading the 'Reluctant Fundamentalist' by Mohsin Hamid and the date for the meeting is 20th May from 8pm at the Derby Arms pub (Prescot Road) as ever. All welcome!

Steve Hall

The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid. 200pp



Shortlisted by Man Booker in 2007. The novel uses the technique of a frame story, which takes place during the course of a single evening in an outdoor Lahore cafe, where a bearded Pakistani man called Changez (the Urdu name for Ghengis) tells a nervous American stranger about his love affair with an American woman and his eventual abandonment of America.

Benefice Family Weekends Away: An important update



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

The September 2015 weekend has been cancelled due to a lack of response. Apologies to those looking forward to September. There are financial penalties if we cancel past the six months deadline.

2016 Weekend Away: Dates for your diary!

Booking will begin after the summer holidays for the 2016 Benefice weekend in May 13th - 15th.

Janet Glennon

Holy Trinity Dates & News

Dates for your diary

24th April	Youth Group.
25th April *	Attic Sale at Four Lane Ends Mission. *this is the correct date!
28th April	Annual General Meeting.
10th May	Rogation Sunday.
13th May	Archdeacon's Visitation.
14th May	Ascension Day Communion (at St Michael's).
16th May	Men's Breakfast.
20th May	Book Club.
19th June	Mid-Summer Praise 7pm.
13th July	School Treat Day.
11th July	Summer Fair 2pm.
12th July	Walking Day and Sunday School Prize Giving.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM this year will be held in the North Aisle on Tuesday 28th April at 7.30pm. Could all group leaders write their reports.

Sidespeople

The role of the sidepeople is invaluable. They are the first people parishioners meet when they enter the church. At a recent meeting, the Rector, Wardens and Sidespeople met and discussed and completed a list duties of the sidespeople, which was then taken to the PCC.

Following the archdeacons visitation, we will run short training events on how to set up for Holy Communion, switch on the PA system and also switch on the heating system.

- 1 Arrive 30 minutes before the service starts
- 2 Welcome parishioners and visitors to the church
- 3 Assist the Warden's with the safe and smooth running of the service
- 4 Hand out hymn books or service sheets
- 5 Take the collection
- 6 Guide people to the communion rail and help those who may struggle with the chancel step
- 7 Following the service, tidy the hymn books or service sheets away
- 8 Count and record the collection
- 9 Hand fun bags to children who sit in the pews
- 10 Set up for HC including checking the colours are correct
- 11 Switch on PA system and heating if necessary
- 12 Place accessibility ramp to the main door step
- 13 Spread sand on the path, when path is frosty
- 14 Be available to guide people to Holy Communion

General Election Hustings

The General Election Hustings will be on Tuesday 14th April 2015 at 7pm in Ormskirk Civic Hall. This is an opportunity to see the candidates for West Lancashire in discussion and also an opportunity for you to ask them any questions.

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!

Thank you!

A big thank you to Norma and Merrick, who once again opened up their home for a coffee morning. This year they raised £460 for church funds!

Andrew

Fund raising coffee morning



As usual, we all enjoyed a very happy and relaxed morning on Tuesday 3 March, with all the usual chatter.

A very big Thank You to everyone who attended and who contributed, in any way at all, to help to raise £460 for Church Funds. Thank you all so much.

Norma Rimmer

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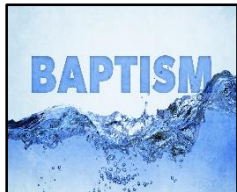
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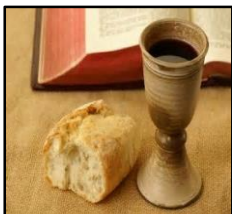
Please continue to pray for all the families below. Thank you.

Baptism



On March 8th, we welcomed Jaxon Reeve Phillips son of Garry and Katharine.

Welcome to the Lord's Table



On Sunday the 22nd March, Bailey Olverson, Erin Martin, and Olivia O'Brien received Holy Communion after completing a ten week course. The church joined their family and godparents in promising to continue to support them as they grow in church membership and faith. Please continue to pray them, as well as the other children at Bickerstaffe School.

Funeral Service



On March 12th, the funeral was held for the late George Cross (formally of Mossock Hall), aged 95.

Ashes interred



On February 20th, the ashes of the late Beth Berry (formally of Bickerstaffe) were interred.

Events at the Four Lane Ends Mission

Attic Sale

The next attic sale is on **Saturday 25th April** (please note this is the correct date) 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.

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 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).

Prayers

Prayer for those caught up in tragedy or disaster

Lord of all compassion

We pray for all of those caught up in the midst of tragedy or disaster.

For those who have lost life and those working to save life

For those who are worried for people they love

For those who will see their loved ones no longer

Lord Have Mercy.

For those in need of the peace that passes all understanding

For all who turn to you in the midst of turmoil

For those who cry out to you in fear and in love

Lord Have Mercy.

For those in confusion and those in despair

For those whose tears are yet to dry

For those in need of your unending love

Lord Have Mercy

Amen.

<https://churchofengland.org/prayer-worship>

A Prayer of St Jerome (347-420)

O Lord, you have given us your word

for a light to shine upon our path;

grant us so to meditate on that word,

and follow its teaching,

that we may find in it the light

that shines more and more until the perfect day.



A Prayer of St Benedict (480-547)

Gracious and holy Father,
please give me:
intellect to understand you;
reason to discern you;
diligence to seek you;
wisdom to find you;
a spirit to know you;
a heart to meditate upon you;
ears to hear you;
eyes to see you;
a tongue to proclaim you;
a way of life pleasing to you;
patience to wait for you;
and perseverance to look for you.



Lord of life

We pray for all who bring your word of life
As a light to those in darkness
For those who bring your word of peace
To those enslaved by fear
For those who bring your word of love
To those in need of comfort
Lord of love and Lord of peace
Lord of resurrection life
Be known
Through our lives
and through your power
Christ the Lord is risen to-day.

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News from Bickerstaffe Church of England School

The Small School with the BIG Heart!



This term the children have been busy **fundraising** for those less fortunate than themselves. An 'Ebola Crisis Cake Sale' organised by the 'Worship Wonders Team', raised £39.98; £114 was raised for the Jospice, and 'Red Nose Day' raised £173.00 for Comic Relief – I am sure you will agree this is a fantastic achievement for our small school.

Lent Breakfasts

An amazing 29 children have attended the short service in church, and then together with parents, teachers and members of the community had breakfast afterwards in the school hall. We hope you saw the photographs on Twitter, but you really had to be there to experience the talks from Rev. Andrew on the 'Lord's Prayer'; and smell the toast, croissants and coffee back in school.

'Tales from the Legends of King Arthur'

We were all enthralled by this performance when actors visited school. We saw Arthur pull the sword from the stone; visited Avalon & Camelot; saw Merlin, the Knights from the Round Table, the beautiful Nimue, the Lady of the Lake, and the wicked Morgan and her son Mordred. And, good triumphed over evil!

'Myths & Legends' & 'Traditional Stories'

Were the themes for our '**Book Week**' this year, and what an exciting week we had. Tony Wilson visited school and was inspirational as a storyteller; and during the writing workshops he teased out of children amazing adjectives and descriptive phrases, bringing their stories to life. We also had a 'Red Carpet' event with children moving down the centre of the hall in character, as well as in their costumes. It was a wonderful spectacle and we did see some great acting. There were competitions

to write a 'Letter to a Publisher' about a favourite book, and to take photographs of children and their families reading in unusual places. The important message throughout being - Keep Reading!

'Elite Runner Visit'



The children really enjoyed the visit from James Tartt, an elite runner whose Personal Best for the mile in 2013 was: 4:09.48! James has competed for Southport and Waterloo Athletics Club since he was ten years old, and has followed his dream to be a world class athlete, as well as qualifying as an architect. James led the warm-up and encouraged our runners around the cross-country course, and the 400m run at the close of the session. He was very impressed with the determination and enthusiasm on display, and said that he will try to come back again to help them improve on their PBs.

Our runners demonstrated their determination and courage once again when they competed in the **Composite Relay** at Ormskirk School. The event is for Year 3 – Year 6 children (7 – 11yrs) however we had Year 1 & Year 2 children (5 -7yr olds) who stepped up to the mark. We came away with bronze medals for both Girls and Boys Teams. Well done to all our competitors!

Finally, I would like to thank Bickerstaffe Education Trust for their financial support in ensuring that we can deliver an after school club. This is such a vital service to offer parents, particularly given our geographical location.

And, please remember that you can follow us on Twitter: @BickerstaffeCE

Best Wishes from

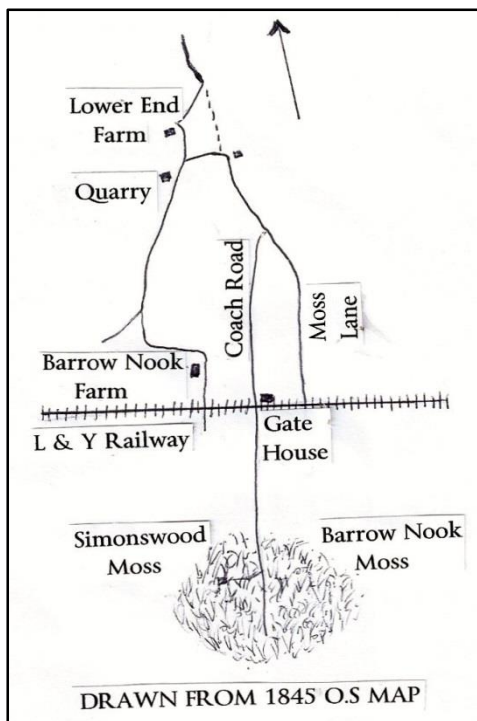
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'The Barrow Nook Story' by Owen Taylor

The hamlet of Barrow Nook has always displayed a certain detachment from the rest of the Parish. This perception probably stems back to the early Victorian era, when the entire locality only consisted of a few scattered farms and houses, all situated a mile or more further south than the present location.

It was only after news broke that Rainford Coal Proprietors were to open a colliery on the Bickerstaffe border, that local businessmen realised the main requirement for an eventual workforce would be new houses.



So, in the mid-1850s, builder Robert Swift purchased a four acre field from the Earl of Derby and built 23 houses, each complete with an outside lavatory and pig-cote and the majority having large gardens which was a top priority for vegetable growing country dwellers. The field was previously farmed by William Stockley of Lower End Farm, now known as Barrow Nook Farm.

Prior to this undertaking, ten houses had been individually built in Moss Lane, all constructed with stone hewn and excavated from the nearby

quarry. One bears the names of the former owners and reads, "John and Jane Rimmer, 1848".



Sineacre Lane, 1908 – Name changed to Barrow Nook Lane 1950s.
Showing Blacksmith's and Wheelwright's shop.



Village Water Pump – Moss Lane Corner with Sineacre Lane c.1908

The earliest reference to the existence of Barrow Nook was in the 'Exchequer and Lay Subsidy Rolls of 1336', when Alan de Barrow and Ric de Barrow, promised to subscribe three shillings and one shilling, to the stipend of the Priest of the Alter of Our Lady of Ormskirk. Other interesting names registered in the ancient rolls are Radulph de Bekystat, Ric del Mosok and Tom Stotfaldshagh.

Stotfoldshaw was once part of Bickerstaffe, but disappeared from records after the Reformation. It is thought to have been in the region of Royal Oak.

The next mention of Barrow Nook occurs in an Elizabethan Court record of 1566, when the Squire of Bickerstaffe, Peter Stanley, made a complaint against Richard Molineux of Sefton, who had claimed common rights in Barrow, within Bickerstaffe, on behalf of the tenants of Simonswood. At this period, both Barrow Nook Moss and Simonswood Moss were adjoined.

As the 20th Century progressed, new problems arose. The closure of Rainford Colliery in 1928 had a decided effect on the local economy, but on the other hand, there was more enthusiasm in the business sector, whose aim was for self-sufficiency in the neighbourhood. From that time, farmers could have a horse shod, drivers could fill their vehicles with petrol, and residents could have a coffin made or a funeral directed. Householders could buy supplies of anything from a needle to a block of salt. A pig-slaughterer was on hand and a barber too, coal could be purchased and not forgetting tasty, home-made bread. Gamblers could lay a bet on their favourite horse and a wheelwright kept the wagon-wheels turning. All in all, Barrow Nook was an ideal place to live.

By the 1950's, new houses started springing up, the large gardens proving to be a great asset. In the sixty years since, 27 have been built, bringing many new families to enjoy the uniqueness of the old Hamlet. N.B. Barrow Nook triangle, 'Sine'-Acre, hence Sineacre Lane.



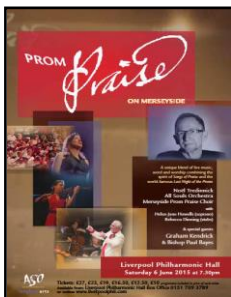
Barrow Nook – Photographed by Ronald Taylor

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Owen Taylor

Diocesan Events

Prom Praise at the Liverpool Philharmonic - Saturday 6 June 2015



Graham Kendrick coming to Merseyside and putting the Praise in the Prom Saturday 6 June 2015 (7.30pm) sees internationally-renowned worship leader, Graham Kendrick heading an exciting line-up of classical and contemporary musicians at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, joining the All Souls Orchestra for Prom Praise.

PROM PRAISE Merseyside starts at 7.30pm and tickets priced £10 - £27 are available from the Box Office at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall on 0151 709 3789 or www.liverpoolphil.com.



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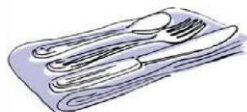


NEW DINERS ARE WELCOME

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



3rd April	Team 4	J Hodgson, B Winstanley
10th April	Team 5	F Brownbill, S Prentice, M Prentice
17th April	Team 6	V Heyes, B Morris
24th April	Team 1	E Short, P Walton, B Bell, F Brownbill
1st May	Team 2	I McCarthy, M Johnson
8th May	Team 3	A Banks, G Banks, N Rimmer,

Bickerstaffe Mothers' Union News



Our March meeting was very entertaining. The guest speaker was Kath Yates from the Bible Society she played her guitar and members assisted with the tambourine.

We sang several hymns then Kath gave a talk about what they did at the Bible Society meetings. Members were given a small Easter gift.

On March 24th we are going to a Deanery Afternoon Tea at Rainford, when we will have the opportunity to meet the Burmese visitors.

Irene McCarthy

Skelmersdale Foodbank



We are still collecting for the Foodbank. Demand is particularly high during the children's school holidays. 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. Thank you so much, once again.

Collecting clothes

The Men's Breakfast group recently agreed to support the Bootle Salvation Army **men's clothes** collection scheme. If you would like to send in good quality gents clothes, they would be put to excellent use. We are still collecting **children's clothes** for Litherland Moss Primary School, so anything a child is likely to need, such as PE pumps, pre-used football boots, school uniform, and leisure clothes etc., are all much needed and gratefully received. Please label your donations and place them at the back of church. Thanks for your support.

Bickerstaffe Women's Institute



The April meeting of the Bickerstaffe WI is entitled, 'The Pride Of Preston'. The Dick Kerr Ladies football team was formed in the First World War to raise money for wounded soldiers. These ladies progressed to be the most successful women's football team in the world. The presenter, Mrs Gail Newsham, accompanied by slides, will tell the true tale of Lancashire women at their very best. To find out more, come to the meeting on Monday 27th April at 7.30pm at the Four Lane Ends Mission.

The May meeting is on Monday 18th May. This is the third Monday of the month, not the usual fourth Monday because of the Whit Spring Bank Holiday. The speaker is Mrs Anne Sandwell whose talk is entitled 'Passionate About Patchwork'. She will tell us about the history of patchwork and how her interest started. Examples of her work will be on display.

If you like listening to an interesting speaker, and enjoy having a chat and a laugh, or a quiz, then the WI is for you. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Further details are available from me, Margaret Fairclough, tel. 01695 729161.

Margaret Fairclough

Editorial News



The deadline for the May magazine is **19th April**. As always, please pass articles to myself or e-mail it to either bickerstaffechurchmagazine@yahoo.co.uk or jo.housley@gmail.com. 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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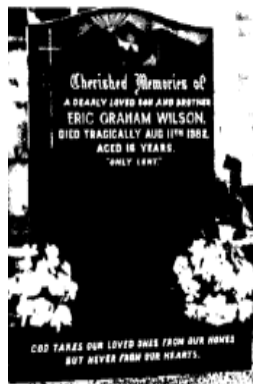
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**Happy Easter
To all our readers!**

We do hope you can join us,
as we celebrate Easter!



NEW STANDING ORDER INSTRUCTION

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Please set up the following Standing Order
and debit my/our account accordingly.

1. Account details

Account Name.....

Account number _____

Account holding branch Sort Code ____ - ____ - ____

2. Payee Details

Name of organisation: PCC Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe

Payment Ref: Gift Aid

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

3. About the Payment

How often are the payments to be made:

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)

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Date.....

Welcome to Holy Trinity Church Bickerstaffe

1st Sunday 10.45am Holy Communion

 **2nd Sunday 8am Holy Communion
10.45am Family Service**

3rd Sunday 10.45am Morning Prayer

4th Sunday 10.45am Holy Communion

5th 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**