



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,

In June 1994 I was preparing to be commissioned as an evangelist in the Church Army at Sheffield Cathedral, and in June 2002 I was preparing to be ordained in Liverpool Cathedral. When we get to the month of June, I reflect upon both those life-changing events in my life.

In 1994, I would often walk with friends to Woolworths in Sheffield for a 'Super 7' fry-up. These days, I'm more likely to meet clergy friends at Hartley's for breakfast, usually smoked salmon and scrambled egg on granary toast. In 1994, I would listen to Oasis and watch Four Weddings and a Funeral. Today, I listen to the Radio 4 Today programme and go to the cinema with the family to watch The Avengers, Age of Ultron.

In 2002, I would wait for the internet to connect so that I could send a rare email. Today, I reply to emails throughout the day on my mobile phone. In 2002, I would listen to CDs, but today I can listen to any music I like via the computer, tablet, or phone.

We all experience tremendous change throughout our lives. Some change may seem to be good, while some change may seem to be bad.

In both parishes, we are fortunate to have an Shared Ministry Team (SMT) and Parochial Church Council (PCC) who are able to be creative in reflecting and discussing how we develop as a church. We are fortunate to maintain both traditional and modern forms of worship and ministry within the benefice. It's important to hold on to what is good, while responding to the changes in life and society. Neither the political or commercial world would stand still and ignore the change which surrounds us, neither should the church.



Throughout our lives, we need to face change knowing that our Christian faith is an anchor. We are held in Christ's unchanging presence, by a God who is faithful to us. We are anchored in his presence, so that we may face the challenges which this changing world brings.

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. Deuteronomy 7:9

Andrew

A prayer for Pentecost



Glorious Trinity


Make your presence known in this place
through our worship our prayer
the reading of your Word

Father, Son, Holy Spirit
within whose unity lies all that is you
perfect love, justice, peace and power

As we gather here today, your body,
your church throughout this world
fill our outstretched hearts
with your spirit, encircle us with your love.

Make yourself known to us in new ways
exciting ways, challenging ways
Empower us, Inspire us
Glorious Trinity

Services in June

	St Michael, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
7th June <i>Trinity 1</i> Green Genesis 3:8-15 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Bill Matins 10.30am Rachel Hall Service 4.00pm Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Andrew Holy Communion
14th June <i>Trinity 2</i> Green Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 Mark 4:26-34	8.15am Judith Holy Communion 10.30am Judith Holy Communion	8.00am Andrew Holy Communion 10.45am Andrew Family Service 12noon Andrew Burial of ashes
21st June <i>Trinity 3</i> Green 1 Samuel 17:32-49 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Church & School Family Service The service will be at St Michael's School. There will be no 10.30am service in church. 4.00pm Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Mark Morning Prayer

28th June <i>Trinity 4</i> Green 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Sylvia D Holy Communion
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Church and School Family Service

On Sunday 21st June at 10.30am, there will be no service in St Michael's Church but at St Michael's School on Delph Park Avenue. The theme will be 'Father's Day' and a special gift will be given to all the men. During the service there will be a puppet show. Please come along, the service is for all ages.

Worship and Learning

Sunday 7th June: Crowd puller

Mark 3.20-35: Summary

- * Jesus continues to draw the crowds in Galilee.
- * Jesus confronts the fear and rumours that abound.
- * Jesus tells the parable of the strong man meeting his match.
- * Jesus redefines family as those who do the will of God.

A personal prayer

God, help me in my weakness and renew my strength each day. Amen.

Sunday 14th June: Parable teller

Mark 4.26-34: Summary

- * Jesus continues to draw the crowds.
- * He tells two kingdom parables about patience and hope.
- * Jesus' teaching is received by those who 'can hear'.

A personal prayer

God of the small,
help me to do the little things that make a difference. Amen.

Sunday 21th June: Storm calmer

Mark 4.35-41: Summary

- * After teaching the crowds, Jesus and the disciples cross Lake Galilee.
- * Jesus is asleep while the boat is swamped in a storm.
- * The disciples wake him; he calms the storm and questions their faith
- * They wonder who he is.

A personal prayer

God of all, when I feel life is just too much, help me to trust in you.
Amen.

Sunday 28th June: Rule breaker

Mark 5.21-43: Summary

- * Back in Israel, Jairus, a religious leader, asks Jesus to heal his daughter.
- * While Jesus is on his way, a sick woman dares to touch his cloak; meanwhile Jairus' daughter dies.
- * Taboos are broken and both women are healed.

A personal prayer

Loving God, give me the courage to ask you for what I need,
and the faith to receive it. Amen.



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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 9th June at 1pm;
- St Michael's Hall, on Wednesday 10th June at 11am (with soup lunch), and 24th June
- Holy Communion at Bickerstaffe School will take place on Friday 26th June at 2.40pm. Everyone welcome.

Book Club

The next Book Club will meet at the Derby Arms on 15th July at 8pm, when we will discuss 'Wyrd Sisters' by Terry Pratchett. Everyone welcome!

Things like crowns had a troublesome effect on clever folks; it was best to leave all the reigning to the kind of people whose eyebrows met in the middle. Three witches gathered on a lonely heath. A king cruelly murdered, his throne usurped by his ambitious cousin. A child heir and the crown of the kingdom, both missing..... even Granny Weatherwax found that meddling in royal politics was a lot more complicated than certain playwrights would have you believe, particularly when the blood on your hands just won't wash off and you're facing a future with knives in it...

"One of the perennial joys of modern fiction" (Mail on Sunday)

Men's Breakfast



The next Men's Breakfast will be at Bickerstaffe School at 9am on Saturday 4th July £3.50. New members welcome!

If you have good quality men's clothes, then please bring them to be taken to the Salvation Army in Bootle. Thank you.

Midsummer Praise

On Friday 19th June at 7pm there will be an informal praise service at Bickerstaffe Church. All welcome.

Sunday School leaders' evening with Bishop Paul

Bishop Paul has invited Sunday School leaders from Ormskirk Deanery to an evening at Melling Tithebarn on 4th June at 7.30pm.

Benefice Pool Party



This year's Pool Party for the children who attend the Sunday groups, will be on Sunday 13th September at Meadows in Maghull. We have use of the pool between 3.15pm – 4.15pm and then the function room for a bring-and-share supper following the swim. Please email a list of children to Andrew. Thank you.

Charity Collections

We are still collecting non-perishable **food** for the Skelmersdale Food Bank, **men's clothes** for Bootle Salvation Army, and **children's clothes** for Litherland Moss School. Please leave any items at the back of church. Thank you for your ongoing support.



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Prayer Time



Prayer of Sir Francis Drake

Disturb us, Lord,
when we are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

Holy Trinity Dates & News

Dates for your diary

7th June	Sidespeople's Meeting
19th June	Mid-Summer Praise 7pm.
25th June	Afternoon Tea at Four Lane Ends Mission.
2nd July	Shared Ministry Team meeting.
4th July	Men's Breakfast at Bickerstaffe School.
6 July	Mission fundraiser at Piri Piri Restaurant.
13th July	School Treat Day.
11th July	Summer Fair 2pm.
12th July	Walking Day and Sunday School Prize Giving.
23rd & 24th July	Aughton Music Camp

Sidespeople Meeting

There will be a meeting for all the sides people following the 10.45am service on Sunday 7th June so we can run short training events on how to set up for Holy Communion, switch on the PA system and 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

Rogation Sunday

A 'thank you' to our wonderful hosts



A big 'thank you' to Merrick, Norma, Mark and Wendy for lending us their farm so we could celebrate Rogation. Many thanks to all who contributed to the service, and to everyone for providing such a delicious 'bring and share' afternoon tea. Thanks must be offered to the catering team, for making the spread look so lovely and serving the refreshments to us all. Once again, it was a super occasion and even the weather was kind!

Andrew

Rogation Sunday – A lovely afternoon

Our Rogation service was held in good weather at Bickerstaffe Hall farm by kind invitation of Merrick and Norma. After a short service conducted in the field behind the Hall, we adjourned to the barn where about 50 parishioners and visitors enjoyed a bring and share afternoon tea. Many thanks to all concerned for a most pleasant afternoon.

***Donations for the Nepal disaster fund raised the wonderful sum of £61.
Thank you all so much.***

Sheila Beeby

Churchyard work party

On Saturday 27th June from 10am, we will meet to tidy the churchyard. If anyone would like to join us, then please do and bring tools that would help.

The maintenance of the church yard is ongoing. Last year the church spent £790 on cutting the grass. If anyone would like to contribute towards the cost, then please pass on your contribution to Hilary, Stan or the Vicar. Thank you.

Bickerstaffe Social Fund Committee

Pensioners' Social Fund Afternoon Tea with a bring-and-buy sale



This lovely event will be on Thursday 25th June at Four Lane Ends Mission from 2-4 pm with Tea served at 3 pm. £3.50 per person. All welcome! A sign-up sheet is in Church for catering purposes.

Llandudno Outing

This will take place on Thursday 20th August and invitations will be sent out at the beginning of July. However, please contact Julie Hodgson, tel. 01695 550794 if you know of someone that might be eligible and hasn't been on a trip before. Thanks.

Four Lane Ends Mission Management Team News

On Monday 6th July we will meet at 7pm for 7:30pm for a fund-raising evening at Piri Piri restaurant, Railway Road Ormskirk. The price will be £12 for a two course meal including raffle ticket. A menu and sign up list is in Church and everyone is more than welcome.

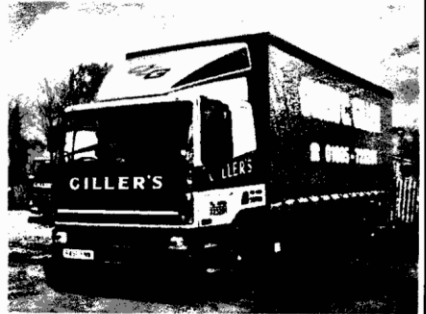
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Financial News

Financial Statement Jan 2015 - Mar 2015

Income

FWO	2,401.70
Plate	785.66
Donations & Gift Day	1,764.00
Gift Aid Direct Credit	1,210.00
Interest CCLA	360.64
Fees	1,461.00
Coffee Morning	450.00

8,433.00

Deficit

3,172.49

11,605.49

Expenditure

Quota	6,482.52
Insurance	2,179.49
C Tax 14/15	1,465.83
Electricity	368.72
Synod	10.00
Printing	180.93
Music	138.00
Tree Felling	780.00

11,605.49

Financial Statement April 2015

Income

FWO	821.00
Plate	377.00
Standing Orders	350.00
Sundries	34.00

1,582.00

Deficit

2,363.41

3,945.41

Expenditure

Quota	2,160.84
Insurance	730.11
E.ON Electricity	229.12
UU Waste Water	123.34
Heating Service	702.00

3,945.41

Monthly Worship Rota 2015

	1st Sunday Holy Communion	2nd Sunday Family Service	3rd Sunday Morning Prayer	4th Sunday Holy Communion	5th Sunday HC or MP
Leader	Vicar	Vicar / S Hall / P Wilcox / J Ashburner	M Hudson	Vicar	Vicar / Reader
1st Reading	B Gardiner	Sunday Club	M Rimmer	L Rawlinson	B Morris
2nd Reading	H Rosbotham	Sunday Club	N Rimmer	J Hall	
Prayers	P Wilcox	Sunday Club	W Hudson	S Hall	P Wilcox
Chalices (2 required)	F Brownbill B Gardiner J Banks	n/a	n/a	S Beeby J Rawlinson J Hall	
Sides People	Mike Clarke Mary Clarke	L Rawlinson C Fisher	J Banks B Bell	M Rimmer N Rimmer	H Rosbotham I McCarthy E McCarthy

Additional Readers: S Beeby; I McCarthy; G Gardiner.

Additional Sides People: J Rawlinson; J Hodgson; S Prentice; F Brownbill; A Speed, B Morris.

Smile Time



Wise words

Sometimes we are too fast at pointing the finger
and too slow at lending a hand.

Seen on a church noticeboard

Life without God is like a blunt pencil -
No point.



Summer Fair on Saturday 11th July

We are all looking forward to the Bickerstaffe Summer Fair from 2pm to 4pm on 11th July! Please bring your family and friends to this great event.

Please note that helpers are required on the Friday evening from 6.30pm in order to put up marquees etc. Any helpers willing to pack away and tidy up after the event would also be appreciated. Thank you.

Sue Kenny

Father's Day Celebration - 21st June

Father's Day is a festival to honour our fathers and remember everything they have done for us.

It is a world-wide celebration although the date and style differs from country to country but one thing that remains noticeably the same is the spirit of the occasion. Everybody takes time to think about their fathers and tell them how much they are appreciated.

The celebration is also a time when we can think of granddads, fathers-in-law, adoptive fathers, step-fathers, uncles and others who are as caring and protective as a father.

A father is someone you can look up to no matter how tall you get.

Parish Registers

On Sunday 12th April, we welcomed **Harley Jade Wooldridge**, SON of Ian and Natalie, and **Michael James Nolan**, son of Andrew and Carolyn.

Community News

Information Technology for Senior Citizens: An IT Project by the Parish Council



Can you use a computer, lap-top or tablet? If the answer is “no”, and you would like to, help is at hand....

The Parish Council has secured funding for some laptops and Ipads for use by senior citizens, and has volunteers ready to help you get online. The training sessions are free, and are open to all senior citizens of the parish. You don't need to have any previous expertise, and complete beginners are very welcome!

The kind of things you could learn include how to shop online; how to keep in touch with family and friends through Facebook; email or Skype; how to do online banking; and how to surf the web, etc.

If you are you a pensioner of the parish and would be interested in learning more about how to use technology, please give your name and contact number to the Clerk*, and details will be sent to you in due course. Remember, complete beginners are very welcome.

The sessions will be held at Stockley Crescent Meeting Room, and the Parish Council are just waiting now for the broadband connection to be installed there by WLBC. WLBC have also said that for a small charge, residents of Stockley Crescent will be able to use this broadband connection in their homes in the near future.

If you have any questions, or would like to register interest in the course, please ring Jackie on 07715156744 or speak to any of the councillors.

Jackie Smith

Bickerstaffe Colliery Cycle Trails: Community Open Day

20th June 11am to 3.00pm



Do you remember the spoil heap of the old Bickerstaffe colliery? It has now been totally transformed into new and exciting mountain bike trails with a footpath around the edge to enable both cyclists and pedestrians to enjoy this picturesque woodland setting.

To celebrate the 1st anniversary of the opening of the trails, Bickerstaffe Parish Council is holding a Community Open Day, to which all members of the parish are especially invited to come along and see the amazing facility which has been created in our Parish.

There will be displays of mountain bike riding and the opportunity for youngsters to bring their bikes along to have a mountain bike masterclass! The day will be a chance for the community to get together, have a look at the trails, take a walk along the new footpath, and much more.

If coming by car, you can park at the Parish Field car park by the football clubhouse, and walk down the public footpath beyond the Church (to the left of the church as you face it). The trails are signposted from there. Once you reach the trails, walk along the wooded area towards Rainford Road, and enter at the signposted point - please do not use the cyclists' entrance prior to this which does not pick up the footpath, and it is where cyclists emerge at speed. Please stick to the footpath and do not trespass onto surrounding farmland – there will be signs up to direct you.

The Trails can also be accessed via the entrance opposite Quattro's Restaurant. If parking in the lay-bys on Rainford Road, please be

considerate and do not block the restaurant or farm entrances which are in constant use. There are detailed maps showing the correct route on Bickerstaffe Cycle Trails Facebook page.

Please note that this is an outdoor woodland venue, suitable footwear for the uneven ground, and outdoor gear in case of inclement weather are recommended and that we are unable to provide toilets and seating facilities on the site.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to see the Trails and enjoy the footpath, and we look forward to seeing there.

Jackie Smith

Aughton Community Together: 'The Hobnob Club'



Aughton Community Together are starting a regular coffee morning for chat, tea and coffee. The next meetings will be on 10th and 24th June at Aughton Village Hall from 11am – 12.15pm. If you require further information or need transport, please contact Judith on 01695 424176.

Diocesan Event

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.

‘When Bickerstaffe hit the road’ by *Sheila Beeby*



Reading our vicar's enthusiastic comments on the "joys of caravanning" brought to mind the fun and laughter we shared when Bickerstaffe had its very own Caravan Club.

In the 1970s when Mr Brian Marshall was head teacher at our school and I was the secretary of the Parent Teacher Association, we realised that many of our school families owned caravans. I was asked to organise a weekend away, and so the "Bickerstaffe PTA Caravan Club" was born, with about a dozen very enthusiastic families including 26 children.

Fitting in with my family's hobby of vintage steam rallying, it seemed a good idea that our first club outing was to attend the Morecambe Bay steam rally at Stodday, near Lancaster. In those days, organisers hadn't cottoned on to the fact that having touring caravans on site was a good source of income and it took some persuading to allow our club to be sited on the field - it's now BIG business.

This venue proved most successful as dads enjoyed the old exhibits and mums had markets stalls to wander round. Children simply had a good time as in those days, it was safe for them to freely roam. In between these activities we visited Glasson Dock and a haunted house for afternoon tea, and fitted in a village walk (where some of us were returned to the site by tractor and trailer!) - and all for the huge sum of £5 for the weekend.

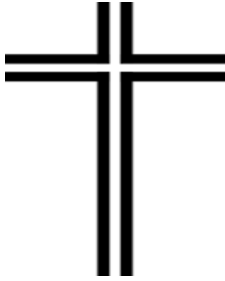
This was the first of many such weekend outings for our caravanners over the next few years. We travelled to Howarth, Yorkshire where we ended up axle-deep in mud on a farm field! But the rain didn't dampen our enjoyment as the farmer gave us the use of his barn shop for our

evening entertainment of a film show, wine tasting, darts and dominoes. In Cheshire we stayed on a friend's farm near Chester, where we walked the 2 miles round the historic walls (and visited the shops!) before returning for our evening's fun. Here we also visited the village church of St Oswald and had a demonstration of bell ringing by yours truly (ringing the same bell as in my teens) followed by an athletic crawl up the spiral stone steps to the top of the bell tower. On another occasion, we stayed at Pickmere, near Knutsford, with the owner opening up the lake for us to enjoy a sail. Another weekend was to "Marbury Merry Days" (near Whitchurch) to share their centenary gala with parades and river pageant. At a vintage rally near Wrexham, North Wales some of us attended Sunday morning church with the whole service conducted in Welsh - but the singing was lovely! Here their 10 choir members outnumbered the congregation until we arrived.

We all have happy memories of these weekends away: visiting village churches, family walks, barbeques, bring and share lunches and suppers. Games were laid on for the children in the evenings: treasure hunts, 'hang out the washing' making vegetable animals and a home-made hat competition, the results of which appeared in the Ormskirk Advertiser - fame indeed in those days! One competition was to design a badge for our caravan club - this design later being incorporated into the present school badge. Adults enjoyed quizzes, dominoes, a men's knobbly knees contest and who will ever forget John Mercer (junior) dressed in blonde wig, high heels, satin evening dress, jewels and make-up as Anthea Redfern to my Bruce Forsyth as we all took part in the Generation Game. *(John, what a good thing that Facebook hadn't been invented!)*

A truly good time was had by one and all - and it's pleasing to see how many of our children now own caravans to share similar fun-times with their young families,

Sheila Beeby



SUMMER PRAISE NIGHT



Friday 19th June 7 pm
Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe

*An evening of Praise and Worship led by
Gospel Choir.*

*Special performances by members of
'The Big Sunday Club'*

Strawberry Cream Tea

All Welcome



News from Bickerstaffe Church of England School



Stories from Islamic and Middle Eastern traditions.

On a sunny day in April (yes, there was one!) children listened attentively to Alia Alzougbi, a storyteller who was also able to tell the children about her first-hand experience of the conflict in the Middle East. Her family escaped from Lebanon during the 1982 Israeli Invasion, then moved to Iraq and fled to Baghdad during the Gulf War. After moving to Jordan and then Syria, they settled back in Lebanon.

She used story to encourage children to explore their perceptions about racial differences, and the children asked some very thoughtful questions. Alia's work has seen her: win the 2011 'Best Storyteller' award by the Fringe report; nominated for a BAFTA Scotland; and appear on BBC Arabic Television and Radio, so this was a fantastic opportunity for our children to learn about a different culture and the traditions of the people who follow the teaching of Islam.

Science Fieldwork. Fieldwork was undertaken by Class 3 in 'Colliery Woods' this term. Good observational skills were in evidence, as they located and identified different plants and trees. There was also evidence that Bickerstaffe School had visited the woods in the past! Clumps of daffodils could be seen (although the flower heads had faded) and these were planted by school children under the direction of PC Woods many years ago.

SuperStars. Well done to all our competitors! They enjoyed the experience of taking part in a large event with children from different schools. Individually there were some 'star performances' at the different bases, and Reuben Warwick was awarded a 'Silver Medal' for achieving the second highest score overall in the 'Year 6 Boys' category.



Orienteering. It was cold and windy, but a great opportunity for team building, problem solving, and map reading when Class 4 spent the morning developing their orienteering skills.

Sats. As I write this article our Year 6 pupils are part way through 'Sats Week', the time of year when they strive to put down on paper all that they have learned during their time at Primary School; and achieve the best mark that they can in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling. We want our children to do the best that they can, and to 'Aim High in Life!' but these tests do not measure and celebrate just how special and unique every child is in the sight of God, their families and their teachers.

I would therefore like to share with you a letter written by teachers at Buckton Vale Primary School in Cheshire that we read to our Year 6 children:

'We know how hard you have worked, but there is something very important you must know:

'The SATs test does not assess all what makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you the way that we do and certainly not in the way your families do.

'They do not know that some of you speak two languages or that you love to sing or draw.

'They have not seen your natural talent for dancing or playing a musical instrument.' They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them; that your laughter can brighten the darkest day or that your face turns red when you feel shy.

'They do not know that you participate in sports, wonder about the future, or sometimes help your little brother or sister after school. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to be your very best.'

'The levels you will get from this test will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart.'

You are smart! So, remember that there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, YOU!'

'Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.'
(Aristotle)

Best Wishes from
Jeanne Hall and Bickerstaffe School



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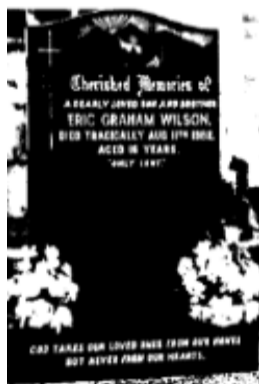
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‘Sir Samuel Thomas Rosbotham, MP’ by Owen Taylor

The proverbial expression, “Local Boy makes good”, describes the life of Sir Samuel Thomas Rosbotham, M.P, to the letter. Known as S.T. in the neighbourhood, he was a prominent figure for over 50 years. Sir Samuel Thomas was born at Stanley Farm, on Skelmersdale Road, Bickerstaffe, (opposite the Mission), in 1864 and was educated at Rainford and Ormskirk Grammar School.

His early interest in modern farming methods led him to establish a Threshing Machine Company and Carting business.

Motivated by the social problems of his time, he became involved in local Government, joining the West Lancashire R.D.C, and later accepting an appointment as a Parish Representative on the Ormskirk Board of Guardians. He had been a Churchwarden for six years when he topped the Poll in the first Parish Council elections in 1894 and was elected Chairman on no less than 15 occasions. Almost every document, official or otherwise, concerning the Church, Parish or Leisure Activities, throughout this period, carried his name or signature.

During the First World War, he made appeals for recruits, on behalf of the South West Lancashire Regiment. At one meeting, on August 4th 1915, he indicated his forthrightness, when he said, “What has Bickerstaffe done for the War?” and “What Bickerstaffe has left undone.” He then disclosed, “In the Ormskirk end of the Parish, nearly every available man has joined up”, adding, “Let the other men of the village follow their example”.

After the Armistice, his popularity went from strength to strength and in 1929, he was adopted as Labour Candidate in the Ormskirk Parliamentary Division. The May result gave him a 2,589 majority over his opponent, Mr F N Blundell. In the serious financial crisis of 1931,

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'Alderman' Rosbotham, was one of many Labour M.P.'s who crossed the floor of the House, to join the Opposition ranks, thus causing the downfall of Ramsey MacDonald's Government.

Some staunch Labour voters were so infuriated by his defection that they protested, by wearing their jackets inside out, when he addressed a Public Meeting at Skelmersdale. There were jubilant scenes in

Ormskirk, when the 1931 election results were declared. S.T. (National Labour Party), was re-elected, with a massive 20,253 majority over the official Labour Candidate, Mr F.V King. During his second term of office, S.T. was instrumental in the legislation of the Bill, which led to the Agriculture and Fisheries Act. The greatest moment of his career came in 1933, when a Knighthood was conferred on him in the Honours List. After retirement, he moved to Southport. He died on the 12th March, 1950 and was interred at Bickerstaffe.

We are still reminded of his lasting legacies to the Parish today. Bickerstaffe Mission was built by S.T. in 1904 and the Church Bells were a gift in 1933.



Locals posing at Four Lane Ends Mission before renovation

Acknowledgments: Ormskirk Advertiser, Bickerstaffe Parish Magazine, Angela Chaderton.

CARD MAKING

AT FOUR LANE ENDS MISSION

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June 01695 722778 for further

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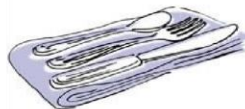


NEW DINERS ARE WELCOME

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



5th June	Team 1	E Short, B Bell, F Brownbill
12th June	Team 2	I McCarthy, M Johnson
19th June	Team 3	A Banks, G Banks, N Rimmer
26th June	Team 4	J Hodgson, B Winstanley
3rd July	Team 5	F Brownbill, S Prentice, M Prentice
10th July	Team 6	M Clarke, V Heyes, B Morris

Flower Rota



June 7th	Vacant
June 14th	Mrs Barbara Bell
June 21th	Miss Hilda Rawsthorne
June 28th	Mrs Kim O'Brian
July 5th	Mrs Ida Smith

Bickerstaffe Mothers' Union News



Our May meeting was a talk by Rev. Janet Heighton Vicar of Rainford. We also welcomed ten guests from the Aughton Ladies Fellowship Group.

It was lovely having Janet talk to us once more. Her talk was about her visit to the Bahamas three years ago. Her trip was a 'working' holiday when she met Children from the school. Next month we are going to the Cathedral. We welcome any Ladies to our meetings.

Irene McCarthy

Bickerstaffe Women's Institute



The next meeting is on Monday 22nd June at 7.30pm at Four Lane Ends Mission. The speaker is Miss Yvonne Pinder, who will tell us all about Pinny's Pots. Yvonne will demonstrate how she decorates terracotta plant pots using napkins to create colourful and artistic effects without the need to draw or paint. She will have some of her plant pots and a few other handmade items for sale on the night.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Further details are available from me, Margaret Fairclough, telephone 01695 729161.

Margaret Fairclough

Editorial News



The deadline for the July magazine is **Friday 19th June**. As always, please pass articles to myself or e-mail it to either jo.housley@gmail.com or bickerstaffechurchmagazine@yahoo.co.uk. I will do my best to publish articles when space and copyright allows. Thank you for all your support.


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Smile time



The Sunday school teacher asked the children to draw a picture of someone in the bible. She asked a little girl who she was going to draw.

"I'm going to draw God", the girl replied. The teacher paused, "But no one knows what God looks like," she said.

Without looking up from her drawing the girl replied, "They will in a minute!"

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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**