

Holy Trinity, Bickerstfaffe July 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,

On the 18th June, Europe remembered the bi-centenary of the battle of Waterloo. Napoleon is remembered by the British as a repressive autocrat, by the military as a great tactician, and by the French as a hero who led them from revolution to being a nation of equality. Napoleon is remembered as being the father of the modern French nation. The French legal system and well as the education system were founded upon Napoleons vision for France. His defeat at Waterloo did not bring his legacy to the French to an end.

Each nation remember their heroes, whose legacies live on in the national conscience. The USA have Washington, Russia have Lenin, Italy have Garibaldi, the UK have many but Churchill is greatly remembered. Each of those mentioned have had their strengths as well as their weaknesses, including Napoleon.



Throughout Jesus' ministry, his disciples were trying to work out who he was. They followed him in the hope that he would be the anointed one, sent by God. It seems that their confidence in him grew following his Ascension and then by the event of Pentecost. Each one of us may share their initial doubts, but also their confidence made possible by the Holy Spirit as we experience our own Pentecost.

We live in a society where there is much confusion about who Jesus is. There is general indifference towards Christianity. As we face these attitudes, we need to remember that it is only by the Holy Spirit that people can recognize Christ, as it says in 1 Corinthians 12:3;

'Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.'

In all we do, we need to ask that the Holy Spirit will work in people's lives so that they may see Jesus, know him and experience him as the founder of their faith.



Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people,
And grant us:
A new vision for your glory
A new faithfulness to your word,
A new consecration to your service,
That your love may grow among us,
And your Kingdom come.

Diocese of Bunbury: Australia

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Services in July

	St Michael Aughton	Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe
5th July	8.15am Andrew	10.45am Andrew
Trinity 5	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
Green	10.30am Bill	
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	Matins	
2 Corinthians 12:2-10	10.30am Margaret	
Mark 6:1-13	Hall Service	
	4.00pm Andrew	
	Holy Communion	
12th July	8.15am Judith	8.00am Andrew
Trinity 6	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
Green		
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	10.30am Judith	10.45am Andrew
Ephesians 1:3-14	Holy Communion	Family Service
Mark 6:14-29		Walking Day and
		Sunday School Prize
		giving
19th July	8.15am Andrew	10.45am Mark
Trinity 7	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer
Green		
2 Samuel 7:1-14a	10.30am Andrew	
Ephesians 2:11-22	First Communion	
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56		
	4.00pm Andrew	
	Holy Communion	
26th July	8.15am Andrew	10.45am Sylvia D
Trinity 4	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
Green		
2 Samuel 11:1-15	10.30am Andrew	
2 Kings 4:42-44	Baptism	
John 6:1-21		

Worship and Learning

Sunday 5th July: Rejection and mission

Mark 6.1-13: Summary

- * Jesus teaches in the synagogue in his home town and is rejected.
- * He sends out the twelve disciples in pairs with instructions to travel light.
- * They proclaim repentance and heal the sick.

A personal prayer

Lord, sometimes I feel as if the whole world has rejected me; as if I don't belong to any group or any fellowship and that even you don't hear or answer my prayer. Help me to shake off the dust of that untruth, and anoint me with your gifts of hope and healing, that I may know your presence and your companionship, day by day. I pray in the name of Jesus, who overcame rejection, and was faithful to the end. Amen.

Sunday 12th July: A dark tale

Mark 6.14-29: Summary

- * Jesus' reputation is growing but his identity is still not clear.
- * King Herod fears that Jesus is John raised from the dead.
- * Mark tells the story of John's execution.

A personal prayer

Reflect on how Jesus might have felt, hearing of John's death, and knowing that he too, if he kept true to his calling of challenging the authorities, would face death. Thank God for his courage, and entrust to him anything that you are holding back from doing because there might be tough consequences. At the end of your prayer time say: To you, God of truth, I entrust my prayers. Amen.

Sunday 19th July: The compassionate shepherd

Mark 30-34,53-56: Summary

- * The apostles meet up with Jesus and share their experiences of mission.
- * Jesus recognises their need for care.
- * Jesus travels widely around the region showing compassion, healing many people.

A personal prayer

Lord Jesus, my good shepherd and friend, as you have cared for me, so may I care for others; as you have walked with me, so may I walk with others; as you have shown me goodness and mercy, so may I show others the same and share in your ministry of compassion and healing. For your name's sake. Amen.

Sunday 26th July: Building community

John 6.1-21: Summary

- * Jesus attracts a crowd of five thousand who follow him because of the healings they've witnessed.
- * He feeds them with five loaves and two fish.
- * Jesus reveals himself to his disciples by saying, 'It is I.'

A personal prayer

Lord, help me to be more like Andrew and notice the gifts of others. Help me to be more like the boy, willing to share all I have. Help me to be more like the crowd, longing to hear your words, that I might be more like you. 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 7th July at 1pm;
- St Michael's Hall, on Wednesday 8th July at 11am (with soup lunch), and 22nd July, then 12th August and 26th August.

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!

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.

Confirmation

If you are Y9 plus or an adult and would like to be confirmed then please speak to Andrew. A Confirmation Class will start in September. The Confirmation Service this year will be at the Cathedral on Monday 16th November 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.

Aughton Music Camp (with public performances)



The music camp will meet at St Michael's Church Hall, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th July.

The camp is filled with fun singing and outdoor activities for children 6-12 years plus their parents! The music will be led by Folkus Pocus, who are

professional music teachers. The cost is £25 per child. For more information please contact Paul Coggon or Charlotte Chappell on 01695 422079 or <u>paulandcharlotte6874@gmail.com</u>.

On the Thursday evening at 6pm, there will be a concert in the Church hall, and on the Friday at 3pm there will be a service in the church. All welcome!

Benefice Rounders and Picnic



On Sunday 12th July from 12pm, there will be a games of Rounders on the Parish field opposite Bickerstaffe Church. Everyone welcome, bring a picnic. (Chairs and marquee provided!)

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.

Prayer Time

Prayer candles at Liverpool Cathedral

If you can't get to the Cathedral personally, but would dearly love to light a candle and say a prayer for someone you love for any reason, the Cathedral staff would be delighted to arrange to do this for free on your behalf.

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

Please contact Tina Morris, Fundraising Manager via e-mail tina.morris@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk, telephone 0151 702 7226, or write to Liverpool Cathedral Foundation, 'Light a Candle', St James' House, 20 St James' Road Liverpool, L1 7BY.

Source: www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/worship



Yours, Lord is the Glory

in everything I see; a country scene, mountain stream, sunrise, sunset, rain and snow. Yours, Lord is the Glory wherever I might go

Yours, Lord is the Glory in everything I hear; a roaring sea, bumblebee, laughter, loving, a tender poem. Yours, Lord is the Glory wherever I might go

Yours, Lord is the Glory in everything I feel; a special place, warm embrace, accepted, helped to become whole

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Bless those who, with a word

or hug, can bring a smile onto the face of someone who is struggling with life a simple, inexpensive but infinitely precious gift from one heart to another.

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Bless the hands that bring wholeness to lives blighted by sickness.

Bless the saints who in sad and desperate places bring a sense of hopefulness.

Bless the Christians facing daily opposition showing a faithful witness.

Bless the generosity of the rich and powerful for the gift of thoughtfulness.

Bless the peacemakers working in conditions that are often hazardous.

Bless the politicians whether good or bad for decisions affecting all of us.

Bless our words and actions as we carry your light into places shrouded in darkness.

Bless your children whoever they might be with the warmth of your love and grace.

Holy Trinity Dates & News

Dates for your diary

2nd July Shared Ministry Team meeting.

4th July Men's Breakfast at Bickerstaffe School. Speaker

Mike Litherland

6th July Mission fundraiser at Piri Piri Restaurant.

10th July We will meet at 6.30pm on the Parish Fields to

set up for the Summer Fair. All welcome!

11th July Summer Fair 2pm.

12th July Walking Day and Sunday School Prize Giving.

13th July School Treat Day.

14th July PCC

23rd & 24th July Aughton Music Camp.

31st July – 2nd Aug Bickerstock.

1st September Church Wardens' meeting at the Rectory 7.30pm

3rd September SMT. 8th September PCC.

11th September Cantique in concert at St Michael's Church from

7.30pm.

13th September Pool Party.

25th September Wigan Ukulele Band.

26th September Men's Breakfast at St Michael's.

Midsummer Praise

A big 'thank you' to those who organized the Midsummer Praise in June. It was a wonderful evening of worship! I hope it was the first of many more to come.



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Bickerstock Songs of Praise

As in recent years, Martin Adams will lead the Bickerstock Songs of Praise on Sunday 2nd August at 10.45am. During the service, musicians from the Bickerstock Festival will take part. If you would like to offer your musical talents at the service, please contact either Martin or myself.

Please remember to invite friends and family, to what is always a wonderful service of both traditional and modern worship.

Churchyard work party



Thank you to everyone who was able to give their time to tidying the churchyard on Saturday 27th June, and to those who kindly provided the refreshments. Your efforts are appreciated!

The maintenance of the church yard is ongoing. Last year the church spent £790 on cutting the grass.

Andrew

Churchyard Maintenance

The churchyard has been mown for the first time this year and, in order to enable us to afford the future monthly mowings for 2015, a suggested donation of a minimum of £10 per grave would help us to have the churchyard mown for the next four months. Please make cheques payable to Holy Trinity PCC and pass them to me. Thank you.

Hilary A Rosbotham, Hon Treasurer

Church Fundraising Event



Advanced notice! On 25th September there will be an evening of entertainment with Wigan Ukulele Band. Further details next month.

Bickerstaffe Social Fund Committee

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.

Please note: If anybody under pension age would like to go on the trip the cost is £15 for adults and £12 for children. Please ring Sheila Prentice on 01695 727613. Thank you.

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.

Wise words

Success is failure that tried one more time.



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

Parish Registers



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

Funeral and Burial

The funeral and burial of the late **Mrs. Hilda Schofield** was held on Monday 8th June. Mrs Schofield was formally of Skelmersdale Road and was aged 81.

The funeral for the late **Mr Des Ditchfield** was held on Tuesday 23rd June, followed by his burial in the churchyard. Des resided in Liverpool Road.

Burial of Ashes

The service of thanksgiving for **Mrs Diane Wilkinson** was held in Brentwood on 8th June, and her ashes were interred at Holy Trinity on Sunday 15th June.

Financial News

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GENERAL FUND				
Income	£	Expenses	£	
Free Will Offering	896.25	Quota	2160.84	
Plate	192.75	Heating Service	702	
Donations	750	Electrical Repairs	576	
		Vicar's Expenses	189.09	
Deficit	1788.93			
	3627.93		3627.93	
Bank Statements				
Balance 30.4.15	18,744.24			
Balance 31.5.15	10,281.31			

Fiancial Statement May 15

CASH ACCOUNT				
Income		Expenses		
Nepal Appeal	130	Napal Appeal	130	
In mem. J Gardiner	40	Sylvia Draper	5	
Fees	445			
	615		135	
Balance 30.4.15	-574.11			
Balance 31.5.15	-44.11			

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Leprosy Mission News



Feet First: The Leprosy Mission England and Wales has won UK Aid Match Funding for its pioneering Feet First project in Mozambique. For **three months only**, the British Government

will match every pound raised, so if you were thinking of sending a gift, please consider making your donation between 1 June and 31 August, when it will be matched pound for pound. Feet First will work with 4,000 ultra-poor people including those with people with feet disabled by leprosy

Leprosy Services: Inspired by the love of Jesus, Leprosy Mission England and Wales runs projects in 11 countries across Asia and Africa, and seeks to demonstrate his message of love and compassion to people affected by leprosy. It is part of a global family working in 26 countries around the world, bringing treatment for leprosy through specialist hospitals and clinics, providing multidrug therapy to cure the disease, surgery to restore the use of damaged limbs and enable eyes to blink again. Rehabilitation, including physiotherapy, enabling people to walk, clothe, and feed themselves, helps to restore their dignity and live healthy lives with education, vocational training, housing and sanitation.

Napal Earthquake: One of the Leprosy Mission hospitals (Anandaban Hospital) is located close to the epicentre of the earthquake in Napal and has suffered severe damage. Staff accommodation has been destroyed. Without homes, doctors and nurses are camping out in the open so that they can remain at the hospital caring for the many patients who desperately need help. Thankfully, none of the staff or leprosy patients have been hurt. But the need here is great. You could give online at www.leprosymission.org.uk or by post to The Leprosy Mission England & Wales, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5GZ.

Supplied by Ken Bickerstaff

Smile Time

A Time to plant ...



A few weeks ago, our congregation listened to the Vicar's talk on bedding plants and planting seeds (the moral being If you're in a hole, stop digging!) so I thought it may be of interest to read about the experience of a vicar in a nearby parish.

One day the curate had been working in the vicarage garden and was telling the vicar what he'd been doing. 'I've planted lots of flowers in the big border so it should be nice and colourful when they all come up.' 'Sounds like you've been busy,' said the vicar.

'And I've planted potatoes in the vegetable patch in the back garden, but I was wondering if I should feed them.' 'I wouldn't bother,' said the vicar, 'just go over them with the heavy roller.' 'What for?' asked curate. 'So they'll come up already mashed!'

Sheila Beeby

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Saint Swithin's Day: 15th July

Saint Swithin, born 800AD, was a Saxon Bishop of Winchester Cathedral. Legend says that in 862 as he lay on his deathbed he asked that he be buried humbly, without great ritual, just outside the door of the Cathedral so that people would walk across his grave and where rain could fall upon it.

Some hundred years later, on 15th July 971, Monks decided that Swithin's remains be dug up and moved to a more fitting shrine inside the Cathedral. However, the removal was accompanied by a violent rain storm that lasted 40 days and nights which, legend says, indicated the Saint's displeasure at being moved. This is probably the origin of the traditional rhyme:

Saint Swithin's Day if thou dost rain For forty days it will remain Saint Swithin's Day if thou be fair For forty days 'twill rain na mair

Sheila Beeby

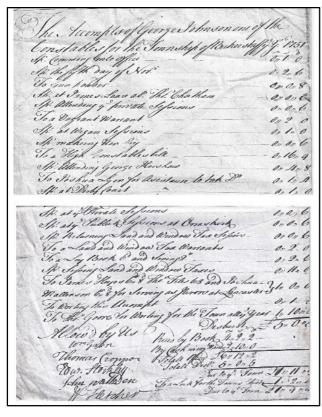
Lord, take my lips and speak through them; Take my mind and think through it; Take my heart and set it on fire

W.H. Aitken.

'Georgian Times' By Owen Taylor

An insight into what life was like in 18th century Bickerstaffe can be gleaned from the old "Constables' Accounts". The Township employed two Constables, nominated by the Lord of the Manor and sworn in by the Justices of the Peace.

Their duties were varied and wide, from making "Privy Searches", for deserters, to issuing "Removal Orders" on undesirables. People could also be arrested for "Profaning the Sabbath".



Private searches usually referred to the Sailors who had absconded from duty, whilst their ships docked were Liverpool. Removal Orders generally applied to vagrants who had no means of support and were a drain on Parish funds, unmarried girls too, especially those bearing children, were rounded up and sent back to where they came from.

Photo-copy of the original accounts of Constable George Johnson, 1751

On the other hand, Constables allowed considerable sums for the "relief" of disbanded and wounded soldiers. Furthermore, they spent six shillings each year for a bonfire on "Powder Plot Day", November 5th. Money was also paid to "Window-Peepers", an epithet given to Informers who were employed to spy on house-holders, making sure they paid their "Window-Tax" dues.

The unpopular tax was collected annually on March 25th at two shillings per year for ordinary cottage owners. Houses with ten windows or more were taxed at 6d per window, costing dearly owners with palatial homes.

By the mid-18th century, people started blocking up windows. Many examples of this ploy can still be seen in the present day. Some historians are of the opinion that the phrase, "Daylight Robbery", originated during this period.



Blocked-up windows at the Barracks, Liverpool Road.

Eventually, Parliament realised how loathsome the "Window-Tax" was regarded throughout the country and so repealed it, in 1851.

In 1772, a school salary of £7.7s.2 ½ d, was paid to an un-named teacher, probably employed at the "Quaker School", Little-House on Liverpool

Road. Some very curious, large amounts of money were paid at Wigan to the County Treasurer. Sixty Pounds was handed over for men to serve in the Navy, in 1797. Also this year, expenses of seven Shillings, was paid to Henry Ashcroft for going to Liverpool regarding the hiring of Navy Men. Another interesting entry for December 1795 reads, "Paid my charge for going to Wigan, to give several men, notice for the Drill, who serve in the Supplementary Militia for Bickerstaffe". The bill for this service was £39.12s.6d.

Seemingly, most of the Constable's engaged in the enforcement of law, were from local farming families, their copper-plate handwriting, suggests they were well educated. One of the longest serving members was John Walkden, who built Walkden House Farm on Sineacre Lane. Another Constable frequently mentioned was William Goor, who built Wood End Farm in 1720. Two blocked-up windows existed here, until renovated by Farmer Ronald Taylor in the 1980s.



Wood End Farm, built 1720.

Acknowledgements: L.R.O Constable Accounts 1740-1795, Angela Chaderton, Susan Bonson.



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Margaret 01695 421548 or

June 01695 722778 for further

information.



NEW DINERS ARE WELCOME

Bickerstaffe Luncheon Club meet every alternate Thursday, at 12 noon in Four Lane Ends Mission.

For just £4 we enjoy a lovely hot cooked meal and pudding, followed by tea and a fun quiz. We usually end at 2.30pm.

If you would like to come along to boost our numbers and **enjoy a good meal and a laugh**, please ring Sheila Prentice on 727613.



Church cleaning rota



3rd July 10th July 17th July

17th July 24th July 31st July

7th August

Team 5 F Brownbill, S Prentice, M Prentice

Team 6 M Clarke, V Heyes, B Morris Team 1 E Short, B Bell, F Brownbill

Team 2 I McCarthy, M Johnson

Team 3 A Banks, G Banks, N Rimmer

Team 4 J Hodgson, B Winstanley

Flower Rota



5th July Mrs Ida Smith

12th July Mrs Marjorie Lomas

19th July Mrs Brenda Westby

26th July Mrs Rita Appleton

2nd August Mrs Linda Weaver

Please note the full rota is on display in the Church porch.

Bickerstaffe Mothers' Union News



Our June meeting was a visit to the Cathedral. Although it was a wet afternoon members enjoyed having a look around then they had the usual visit to the Restaurant where refreshments were taken.

Next month is Members' choice and Strawberry Tea.

Irene McCarthy

Liverpool Cathedral News

Twilight Tour with Bells in the Main Tower on 2nd July 17:30 - 22:30 Liverpool is beautiful during the day - but a night time vista of the city is a sight to behold. Add to that access to the highest and heaviest peal of bells in the world and you have a unique experience available on selected dates only.

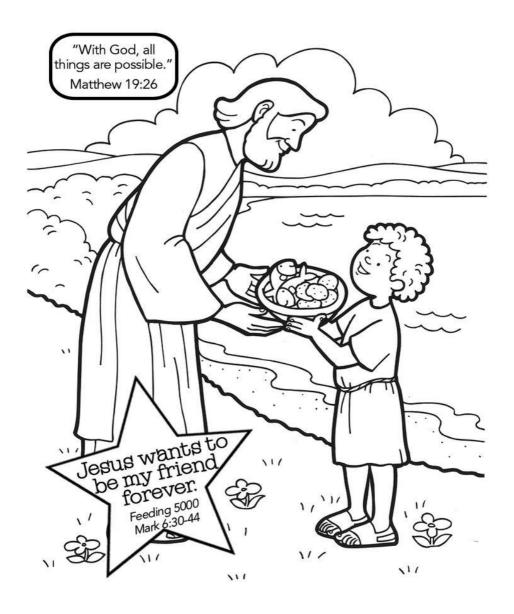
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Source: www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk

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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John and his son were sitting reading the newspapers.

'Here's an interesting story' said the boy, 'It says that a vicar on holiday in Japan was run over by a careless car driver and that the vicar forgave him on condition he reads the Bible every day for the next 12 months.'

John was not impressed, 'If it had been me,' he said, 'I'd rather he read the Highway Code!'

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Welcome to Floly Trinity Church Bickerstaffe

1st Sunday 10.45am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday 8^{am} Holy Communion

10.45am Family Service

3rd Sunday 10.45^{am} Morning Prayer

4th Sunday 10.45^{am} Holy Communion

5th Sunday 10.45^{am} Various Services

The Sunday Club for children meets during the morning services

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

Vicar: Reverend Andrew Housley
Diocese of Liverpool 01695 423204

