



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,

Throughout the Gospels we read about Jesus' response to the suffering he saw in people's lives and his deep compassion. As the son of our loving God, Jesus' compassion can not be switched on or off because it is integral to his very nature. In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians 1:3-7 we read,

*'3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 5 For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. 6 If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. 7 And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.'*

Jesus' compassion for each of us grows from his deep empathy for us in our sufferings. Given that we are the body of Christ on earth, our empathy leads to compassion, and our desire to help people motivates our pastoral ministry. Leaving our politics aside, we can't help but be moved by the plight of millions of refugees turning towards Europe, not forgetting those in refugee camps, and Syrian Christians in hiding, fearing for their lives.

In a recent Churches Together in Ormskirk fraternal, the church leaders discussed how we can collectively make a response. We hope to connect

with a church in Europe which is working with refugees. I will give more information about the project when I get it.

This month we are celebrating our Harvest Thanksgiving which is an opportunity to thank God for all he has blessed us with, while showing support to those who need a little help. Let us continue to share Jesus' compassion for those who suffer and with him, develop our desire to help.

Andrew


## Prayer Time



We beseech thee, Master,  
to be our helper and protector.  
Save the afflicted among us;  
have mercy on the lowly;  
raise up the fallen;  
appear to the needy;  
heal the ungodly;  
restore the wanderers of thy people;  
feed the hungry; ransom our prisoners;  
raise up the sick; comfort the faint-hearted.

(Clement of Rome, 1st Century)

## Services in October

	<b>St Michael, Aughton</b>	<b>Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe</b>
<b>4th October</b> <i>Trinity 18</i> Green Genesis 2.18-24; Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion  10.30am Martin Harvest Thanksgiving  4.00pm Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Andrew Holy Communion
<b>11th October</b> <i>Trinity 19</i> Green Amos 5.6-7,10-15; Hebrews 4.12-16; Mark 10.17-31	8.15am Martin Holy Communion  10.30am Martin Holy Communion	8am Andrew Holy Communion  10.45am Andrew/Judith Harvest Thanksgiving
<b>18th October</b> <i>Trinity 20</i> Green Isaiah 53.4-12; Hebrews 5.1-10; Mark 10.35-45	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion  10.30am Andrew Parish Praise  4.00pm Martin Holy Communion	10.45am Martin/Mark Morning Prayer
<b>25th October</b> <i>Bible Sunday</i> Green Isaiah 55:1-11 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 John 5.36b-47	8.15am Martin Holy Communion  10.30am Sylvia Holy Communion	10.45am Martin Holy Communion

## **Worship and Learning**

### **4th October: The ideal and the real**

#### **Mark 10.2-16: Summary**

- \* Some Pharisees test Jesus on the teaching about divorce.
- \* Jesus honours the ideal of marriage and the equality of both partners.
- \* Belonging to the kingdom of God involves child-like acceptance.

#### **A personal prayer**

Lord, life is not always the way I thought it would be;  
not always the way I planned it.  
Things have happened along the way,  
and I've had to deal with them,  
adjust somehow, and carry on.  
I haven't always got it right.  
You hold out to me, Lord,  
a vision of how things should be,  
and it doesn't fit with what is.  
I struggle with this, Lord.  
Help me to do the best I can;  
to make the best of it all, the best that I possibly can.  
Amen.

### **11th October: A challenging perspective**

#### **Mark 10.17-31: Summary**

- \* A rich man asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life.
- \* Jesus challenges him to sell all his possessions.
- \* A ridiculous image is used as an illustration.
- \* Following Jesus involves sacrifice.

### **A personal prayer**

I sometimes think I live my life in a bubble;  
I float along, thinking I am doing all right.  
I live by the rules of man and God,  
and I am quite pleased with myself.  
Teach me what I need to know, Lord,  
even if it means bursting my bubble.  
Amen.

### **18th October: Service and suffering**

#### **Mark 10.35-45: Summary**

- \* Disciples James and John ask for a position of importance.
- \* Jesus hints at his cup of suffering.
- \* Humility and service are more important than greatness.

### **A personal prayer**

It's not easy being your disciple, Lord:  
not many today see you as I do,  
exalted, honoured, triumphant;  
not many see your Church that way.  
It's hardly a status symbol to be a Christian, Lord.  
But that's not what it's about, is it?  
You came to serve, and in that serving, you suffered.  
Forgive me for complaining when people scoff,  
and teach me how to serve  
so that people will see through me, to you.  
Amen.

## **25th October: Mercy on the margins**

### **Mark 10.46-52: Summary**

- \* Blind Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus and asks for mercy.
- \* He is ordered by the crowd to be quiet.
- \* Bartimaeus responds to Jesus' call.
- \* He is healed by Jesus and follows him.

### **A personal prayer**

Lord Jesus, sometimes I don't know how to pray.

Mainly, I'm concerned to ask for what I want;

a list of things I think I need.

But you know best what I need.

I make my trifling confessions,

nothing much, an unkind word, a good deed left undone,

but I only scratch the surface of my deep wretchedness.

Lord, come, meet me in my need.

I call out to you, simply: 'Have mercy!'

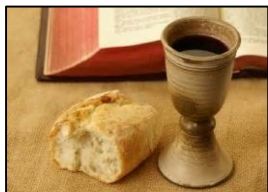
Amen.



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## **Benefice News**

### **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

- \* Stockley Crescent 6th October at 1pm;
- \* St Michael's Hall 14th (with soup), 28th October at 11am;
- \* Bickerstaffe School 24th October 2.40pm.

### **Book Club**

At our last meeting, we reviewed the book 'Ove' by Fredrik Backman - it was brilliant and comes highly recommended.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18th November at the Derby Arms. The book will be 'Dark Eden' by Chris Beckett:

"After 163 years and six generations of incestuous inbreeding, the Family is riddled with deformity and feeble-mindedness. Your culture is a infantile stew of half-remembered fact and devolved ritual that stifles innovation and punishes independent thought. You are John Redlantern. You will break the laws of Eden, shatter the Family and change history." A social science fiction, an Eden that is far from paradise.

'... a superior piece of theologically nuanced science fiction... I for one would relish reading a sequel' —Guardian

### **Men's Breakfast**

A reminder that the next breakfast will be on Saturday 14th November 9am at St Michael's Church Hall and the speaker will be Neil Rees from Cottage Lane Mission. 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.

### Charity Collections

We would be grateful to receive good quality **children's clothes** and other school items such as football boots, and goggles, which will be donated to Litherland Moss School.

We continue to collect **men's clothes** for Bootle Salvation Army, and non-perishable **food items** for the Skelmersdale Food Bank. Please leave any items at the back of church. Thank you so much!

### Commemoration of the departed



On Sunday 8th November at 6.30pm, the annual Commemoration of the departed will be held at St Michael's Church. The names of those who have had a funeral at St Michael's and Holy Trinity will be read out during the service. If you would like a loved one's name to be remembered then please add their name to a list at the back of both churches.

### Warrington Archdeaconry Family Fun Day at Liverpool Cathedral



WACATTACK 2015 will take place on Saturday 31st October between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm in and around the Cathedral. WACATTACK returns for a family fun day with parishioners from across the Warrington Archdeaconry. Our theme this year is 'The Challenge of Change.' In 2009, our theme was 'God at Work'. This will be a day which will enable us to:

- Celebrate the life of the Archdeaconry – family fun and fellowship.
- Commit ourselves to the challenges and changes that lie ahead.
- Worship together with an Archdeaconry Eucharist with Bishop Richard as our preacher

- Say farewell to Archdeacon Peter and Pat as Peter retires as Archdeacon.

The day will include activities such as a Climbing Wall, Caving Experience, Brass Band, Birds of Prey, Crafts, Farmer's Market and much more. The day is an opportunity for all of us to look at and share, what has changed in our parishes, churches, schools, families and our faith since WACATTACK 2009 as well as committing ourselves to those challenges and changes that lie ahead.

### **Benefice Advent Course 'Making Room'**



There will be sign up sheets at the back of church for this year's Advent Groups. Please feel free to join any group held within the Benefice.

The course books are £3.49 each and the deadline for signing up for a book is Sunday 15th November, after which time books can be purchased individually from the website [www.yorkcourses.co.uk](http://www.yorkcourses.co.uk). Information about the course is below.

#### **Making Room**

'For many of us life is full of things to do, people to see, responsibilities and chores. We can sometimes feel there's not enough time or space in our lives for the people and things that really matter. Maybe we even find it difficult to find or make space for God? Revd David Gamble uses New Testament stories to help us consider why and how we make room for what's really does matter.'

Session 1 'Making room for the newcomer'; Session 2 'Making room for the stranger'; Session 3 'Making room for what really matters', and Session 4 'Making room for God'.

## Musical Events

### Cantique in Concert at St Michael's Church



The concert has been moved to the **new date** of Friday 16th October at 7.30pm. £5 per ticket, in aid of the friends of St Michael's. Tickets can be obtained from Pam Pilkington, 422203, Jean Parker, 422269, Ann Barnes, 421387 or Janet Entwistle after the 10.30am Service.



### Joint Benefice Church Family Weekend 2016

We are returning to Cloverley Hall for the weekend of 13th – 15th May. Booking forms are now available in church to be returned with a deposit by 31st October.

It is an ideal opportunity to spend some time worshipping and meeting together as a Christian family or relaxing in beautiful surroundings getting to know each other better.

This is an invitation to all members of both Church congregations to join us at Cloverley Hall.

Janet Glennon

**Dates for your diary**

11th October	Harvest Thanksgiving.
16th October	Quiz Night with Hot Pot Supper.
5th November	Shared Ministry Team.
14th November	Men's breakfast, 9am at St Michael's Hall.
16th November	Confirmation in the Cathedral.
28th November	Christmas Fair at Four Lane Ends Mission.

**Harvest Project**

In partnership with Bickerstaffe School, this year's harvest project is the '90kg rice challenge' which is an appeal run by the JTS fair trade organization and Oxfam. The project supports rice farmers in Malawi and during the Harvest Service on Sunday 11th October, we will learn more about their work and we will have a collection for the project. If you would like to know more, please follow the link: <http://jts.co.uk/files/90kgChallengePack-light.pdf>

**Friends of Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe**

Like many churches throughout the country, Holy Trinity is facing rising costs as well as needing to raise new funds to maintain the church building and churchyard. We will soon receive a quinquennial report on the building, which will highlight work which needs to be done. We also need to raise funds to complete the extension to the churchyard, which has been put on pause as we raised funds for the new heating system.

To help us meet these challenges, we are developing a new fundraising initiative called the *Friends of Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe*. The terms of the new group will be as follows:

*The Friends of Holy Trinity* will be a sub group of the PCC and work with the Vicar, Church Wardens and PCC towards the following objectives.

- To help towards the cost of the preservation of the fabric of the church;
- To help with the cost of repairs;
- To help towards the cost of the replacement of major items;
- To raise funds for the above purposes;
- To help with the maintenance costs and upkeep of the churchyard.

Funds raised will be held in a designated fund within the PCC accounts and will be spent on the above.

The annual cost of joining the friends of Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe will be £20 per year and there will be an annual event organized for the members of the group. Within the month, membership forms will be produced. If you are interested in joining the group, please speak to Andrew or the Wardens. Thank you.

Andrew

## **Smile Time**

A little boy was sent by his mother to the corner shop to buy some washing-up liquid. By the time he got there he'd forgotten the name of it. He said to the shopkeeper 'Please can I have some of that stuff that God uses.' The shopkeeper was mystified and asked for more details.

'Well,' said the boy, 'I think it's called *Innus* - because we say in church, Oh God, make clean our hearts with in us.' '



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## Financial Statement August 2015

### GENERAL FUND

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>£</b>
Free Will Offering	£821.10	Quota	2160.84
Plate	£411.79		
2 1/2% Consols R'dmd	£560.11		
Fees	£924.00		
Summer Fair	£300.00		
Standing Orders	£370.00		
	<u>£3,387.00</u>		<u>2160.84</u>
Credit	£1,226.16		

### Bank Statements

Balance 30.6.15	11,414.21
Income	<u>3,387.00</u>
	14,801.21
Expenditure	<u>2,160.84</u>
Balance 31.8.15	<u><u>12,640.37</u></u>

### CASH ACCOUNT

<b>Income 1/1/2015-31/8/2015</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Coffee morning	£35.00	Electricity	£824.71
Foreign charity	£130.00	Water	£138.64
In lieu of flowers	£1,170.00	Foreign charity	£130.00
		Vicar's	
Sundries	£34.00	expenses	£128.80
		Music	£138.00
		Printing etc	£221.13
	<u>£1,369.00</u>		<u>£1,581.28</u>
Income	£1,369.00		
Expenditure	<u>£1,581.28</u>		
Debit Balance 31/8/2015	<u><u>-£212.28</u></u>		



## From the Registers

### Baptism

On 13th September we welcomed Noah Elliot Lloyd and Darcy Sophia Lloyd, children of Christopher and Emma.

### Funeral Services

The funeral for the late **Jean Ditchfield** aged 85, of Liverpool Road was held in church on 24th August.

The funeral service for the late **Sophie Lois Fitzpatrick** aged 24, of Liverpool Road, was held on 8th September.

On 9th September, the funeral was held in church for the late **Leslie White**, aged 88 and formally of Stockley Crescent.

The funeral service for the late **John Stockley Woods** aged 85, of Highfield House, Coal Pit Lane was held on 11th September.

The funeral service for the late **Hazel Dean** was held on 17th September. Mrs Dean was aged 86 and was from The Fountains, Green Lane, Ormskirk.

***Please continue to pray for the family and friends of all those mentioned above. Thank you.***

### Beatrice Cook

Joan and Hazel wish to thank everyone for the love and support received during the recent sad loss of their beloved mum. Thank you also for the sympathy cards and kind donations in memory of Beattie, and to all who attended the funeral service. It was wonderful that so many people joined us at the mission to celebrate mum's life, it was just how she would have wanted it to be. God bless.

## Church Fundraising

### Quiz night with Hotpot Supper



We are already looking forward to an evening of fun and fellowship on Friday 16th October at 7.30pm in the Mission, when we will enjoy a quiz night and a lovely Bickerstaffe Hotpot Supper.

To book your place, please contact Sheila Prentice (tel. 01695 727613) by October 2nd, or add your name/s on list held in Church by the same date. Teams of up to six people please and tickets are £7 each. All welcome. Thank you.

## Community Fundraising News

### Rainbow House Charity Bingo Evening



On Monday 19th October, there will be a charity bingo night in aid of The Legacy Rainbow House. Doors open 7.15pm for 8pm at Stanley Institute, 1 Liverpool Road North, Burscough L40 5TN. Free entry, complementary tea and coffee, cake sale and raffle on the night. Please do join us!

Linda Weaver

### 'The Mayoress With MS'

A reminder that Jean Almond's book will be published soon, priced £4.95 and all profits will be donated to the St. Helens MS branch. Please phone 01744 736518 or e-mail [misteralmond@yahoo.com](mailto:misteralmond@yahoo.com) (this is the corrected e-mail address) to purchase your copy. Thank you!

Geoff Almond

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## Church Yard Tidy



A big 'thank you' to the wonderful team of volunteers who helped to tidy the churchyard in September, and to Merick for the use of his tractor so we could dispose of the waste. Many people quietly garden throughout the year, but it is always fun to gather together every so often. This is an ongoing task, so new volunteers are always very welcome.

## News from Bickerstaffe Church of England School



On our first day back it was lovely to see smiling faces and to catch up on all the children's news. Trips to: Spain, Majorca, and France; camping in: Wales and near Pendle Hill; LegoLand, and much, much more!

The Gruffalo's- our Reception pupils- have settled in amazingly well, and they were especially excited when they stayed for lunch for the first time. Spaghetti Bolognese and Curry were very well received!

We have also welcomed children and their parents to school in other year groups; as well as our new Class 2 teacher, Miss Wilson; and our new teaching assistant, Mrs Aisbitt, who will be mainly supporting children in the Infants.

### News from Before the holidays:

#### Year 6 children and their Sats results:

100% Level 5+ in Reading, Writing, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, and Mathematics was attained by **all** pupils in Year 6 at the end of the Summer term, with Level 6 Attainments in Writing and Mathematics. This was a tremendous achievement by pupils and dedicated teachers.

We were very proud of **all** the achievements of our pupils last year, and the 'Leavers' and Presentation of Awards Service' on the last day of term was testimony to this. 'Team Bickerstaffe' are looking forward to another successful year ahead!

We hope our leavers have had a fantastic start at High School. We would also like to say: "Congratulations and Best Wishes!" to our past pupils on their recent GCSE and A level results.

### **'What a Knight!' and Family BBQ**

This was a fantastic evening on the last Friday of term. The performances by children were incredible, and the outdoor theatre and BBQ were thoroughly enjoyed by all our families. The aim of the evening was to showcase the children's talents and entertain families. Judging by the response from children, parents and teachers, it did this and more! It became a celebration of the unique community that is 'Bickerstaffe School'. It was thanks to the hard work of our children, PTFA members and staff that the evening was such a success, and we would especially like to thank Catherine Ormesher, Janice Alty and Mike Litherland for their extensive work in organising the refreshments, and Jon Ashburner for providing the sound system.

In our September assemblies and Collective Worship we talked about: 'Koinonia', with love being at the centre of our community; and this is particularly important within our Church School, as we search for personal meaning as a member of God's family and look ahead to the future.

Our calendar for the year ahead is an exciting one, and on Wednesday 7th October, it will be our 'Open Day & Evening', from 9.30am until 5.00pm. All parents with children of pre-school age are welcome to come and see for themselves what we have to offer, so again please spread the word. There will be leaflets at the back of church, please feel free to take them and distribute them.

Best wishes

Jeanne Hall and Bickerstaffe School

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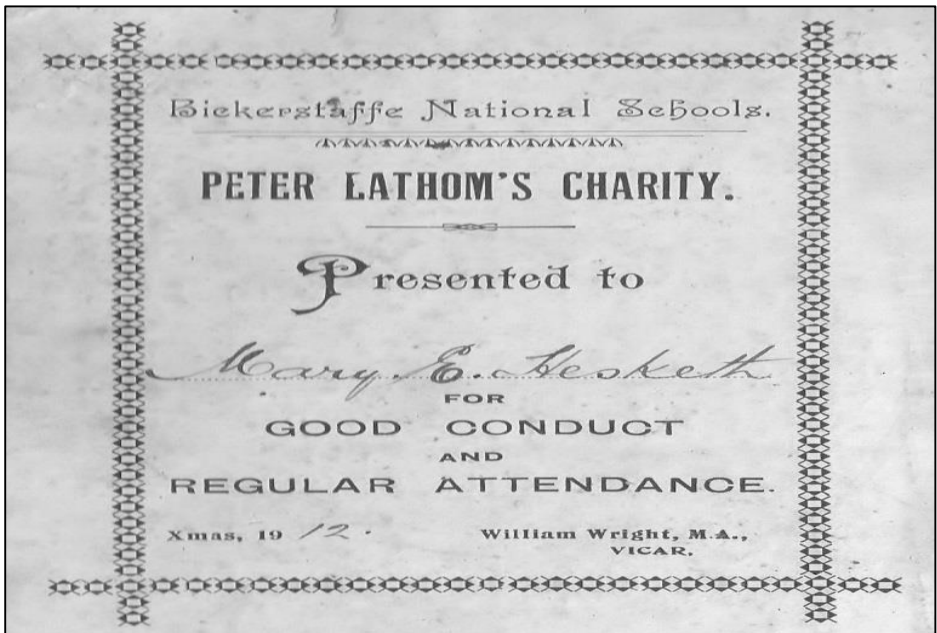
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## 'Peter Lathom's Charity' by Owen Taylor

Many generations of Bickerstaffe children have benefited from the benevolence of the 17th century Bispham Yeoman, Peter Lathom. The charity bearing his name was established by his Will on the 2nd April 1700 and since its inception, many thousands of pounds have been distributed to various deserving causes, mostly in South West Lancashire.

The Beneficiaries have ranged from Cottage Hospitals to Friendly Societies. Gifts have also provided School Fees, Library Books and Education Prizes.



Certificate from a book presented at Bickerstaffe School in 1912

Of the man himself, little is known, moreover, how he amassed his fortune is also a mystery. Peter Latham's life was cast in very unsettled times, his kith and kin were known supporters of the Jacobean cause,

which consequently led to the sequestration of their Lancashire estates by the Parliamentary Commissioners in 1649. Having witnessed these arduous events and probably realising how much his relatives had suffered, he didn't overlook them in his Will. One cited, was Fr. Christopher Lathom, Priest in Charge of St. John R.C. Mission, who was bequeathed the sum of £40, a vast amount in those days.

Much of his wealth comprised of property and land which extended from Croston to Skelmersdale. From 1820 to 1830, test borings for coal under lands owned by the Charity proved very successful, pointing to a propitious future. Ultimately, leases were granted to the Proprietors of two companies, namely Crow Orchard and White Moss Collieries, in Skelmersdale.

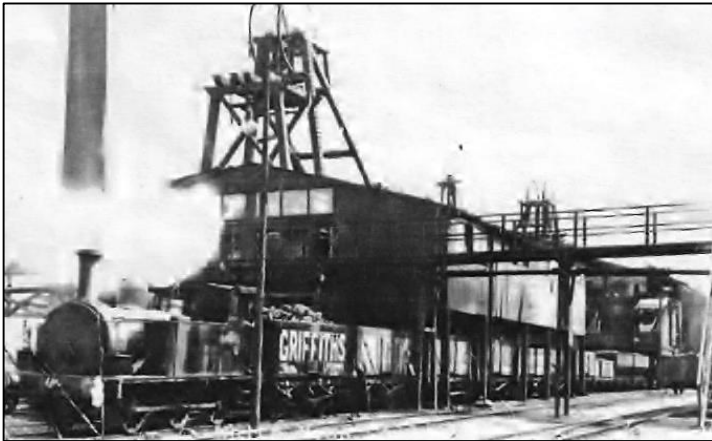


Crow Orchard Colliery

For the next 90 years or so, many thousands of tons were mined, until the main seams became exhausted. According to the records, Crow Orchard Colliery wound up in 1885 and White Moss Colliery followed suit in 1905. In consequence of the extra revenue generated from the



extraction of coal, the Charity's capital increased vastly, releasing additional investment income per annum.



White Moss Colliery

Two interesting entries indicate the charitable nature of this gentleman. He made a specific bequest that the sum of '£6 should be spent on the Poor Prisoners of Lancaster Castle'. In the other, the 'Township of Bickerstaffe' was given money to purchase linen to be distributed to 'poor housekeepers who have no parochial relief'.

Accounts for 1826, show 59 persons received this charity each Monday after May Day. His Will displays his distaste of officialdom. No public officer or Overseer of the Poor is to be employed in the distribution of the Charity. No doubt, Peter Lathom must have been an astute businessman to amass such a large estate in a short life-span. Seemingly he was well respected. Six of his eight Executors, were described as 'Gentleman'. He died in 1701, aged 50 years and unmarried.

Croston Church Registers record his death, but no tombstone exists to the Founder's memory.

N.B Crow Orchard Colliery reopened in 1949 until 1967, after being granted a licence.

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Owen Taylor

## **Prayer Time**

Merciful God,  
We pray for all whose desperation leads them to the sea,  
to undertake perilous voyages,  
often following dangerous journeys over land:  
those escaping brutal wars,  
those fleeing religious persecution,  
those escaping climate disasters and economic ruin,  
those looking for hope in a hopeless situation.

May we look beyond our own fears and concerns  
to the needs of those who have nothing,  
risk everything  
and depend on the kindness of strangers.

May our hearts be opened,  
our leaders be challenged  
and our self-interest be called out,  
in Jesus' name. Amen

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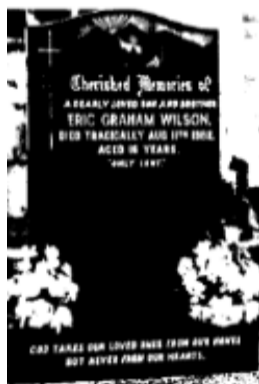
5th October **'The Hermit of Lathom.'**  
 Who was he? With Paula Keating.

19th October **'The Twenty Year  
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2nd November **'The Development and  
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Bickerstaffe Luncheon Club meet  
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followed by tea and a fun quiz.  
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boost our numbers and **enjoy a  
good meal and a laugh**, please  
ring Sheila Prentice on 727613.



### Church cleaning rota



2nd Oct	Team 6	M Clarke, V Heyes, B Morris
9th Oct	Team 1	E Short, B Bell, F Brownbill
16th Oct	Team 2	I McCarthy, M Johnson
23rd Oct	Team 3	A Banks, G Banks, N Rimmer
30th Oct	Team 4	J Hodgson, B Winstanley
6th Nov	Team 5	F Brownbill, S Prentice, M Prentice

### October Flower Rota



4th October	Mrs Norma Rimmer
11th October	<b>Harvest:</b> <i>Any helpers/donations welcome</i>
18th October	Flowers remain
25th October	Miss Hilda Rawsthorne
1st November	Rev. Keith Leiper

## **Bickerstaffe Mothers' Union News**



In September we went to Tarleton to what was Mr Webster's furniture shop. It now is a retail shop and we had the opportunity for retail therapy! Our October meeting will be the Harvest Hot Pot meeting on October 14th at 12 30.

Irene McCarthy

### **The Women's Institute**

#### **The WI celebrates 100 years**

On 16th September 1915 a small group of women started the first W.I in Anglesey. They encouraged women to keep the rural areas producing food. The W.I has enriched the life of women and made some excellent community efforts.

Today the W.I gives classes on several subjects including floral arrangements, photography, sewing, and astronomy to name a few. It is also possible to stay at Denman College. The W.I is the largest women's organisation in the country with members including Her Majesty the Queen the Princess Royal and the Countess of Wessex.

#### **Bickerstaffe WI**

At the October meeting of the Bickerstaffe W.I. we welcome back two more 'old' favourite speakers, husband and wife, Gordon and Anne Sharp who will present 'An Evening with Spellbound'. They will show some excellent films which they have made themselves. The topics include Documentary, Wildlife, Travel, Local Interest and Miscellaneous. Gordon will introduce each film with anecdotes and stories and really welcomes questions. This meeting will take place on Monday 26th October 2015 at 7.30 pm at Four Lane Ends Mission.

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

## The Optimist's Creed

*Promise yourself -*

*To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.*

*To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.*

*To make all your friends feel cherished and special.*

*To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.*

*To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.*

*To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.*

*To forget the mistakes of the past and to press on to the greater achievements of the future.*

*To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and treat every living creature with kindness.*

*To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.*

*To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.*

Author unknown. Supplied by Sheila Beeby

## Editorial News



The deadline for the July magazine is **Friday 16th October**. As always, please pass articles to myself or e-mail it to either [jo.housley@gmail.com](mailto:jo.housley@gmail.com) or [bickerstaffechurchmagazine@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bickerstaffechurchmagazine@yahoo.co.uk). I will do my best to publish articles when space and copyright allows. Thank you for all your support.


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### **Smile Time: A meal time prayer**

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mum say," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

# *Welcome to Holy Trinity Church Bickerstaffe*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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