



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 12th October, a number of people gathered at the statue of Edith Cavell in St Martin's Place, London while memorial services were held in her memory in both Norwich Cathedral and the Anglican Pro-Cathedral in Brussels. It had been 100 years since the British Red Cross nurse had been executed by a German firing squad. Cut into the stone of the statue in London are the last words she said to the Anglican chaplain who visited her before her execution, "They have all been very kind to me here. But this I would say, standing as I do in view of God and eternity, I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards any one."

Edith Cavell had been nursing for the Red Cross in Belgium since 1907. At the outbreak of war, she chose to stay and continue her work and is remembered for nursing soldiers from both sides of the conflict. In 1915 she was arrested by the German authorities for smuggling British soldiers in her care across the border into Holland and, despite international protests, she was executed on 12th October 1915.

As we watch and read about both old and new conflicts, we can be sure that there are Edith Cavell's caring for men, women and children caught up in war. The most dreadful situations can inspire people to perform acts of kindness and courage for others.

As we meet for our own act of remembrance on Sunday 8th November, we remember those who lost their lives in conflict; we remember those who are currently engaged in conflict; and we remember those who are performing acts of sacrificial kindness in areas of conflict.


God of compassion,
as we recall the fearless courage
of your servant Edith Cavell,
give us a heart to serve and to care
even for those who abuse and despise us.
Remove from us all fear, hatred, and bitterness,
and give us that life-giving love
that loves to the uttermost
and seeks the good of all,
through Jesus Christ who came
to seek and to save the lost. Amen.

Prayer Time



We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves,
shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.
We sense its passing in rain that dampens,
winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.
Creator God, who brings forth
both green shoot and hoar frost,
sunrise and sunset,
we bring our thanks
for seeds that have grown,
harvests gathered,
storehouses filled,
mouths fed.
And, as your good earth rests
through winter's cold embrace,
we look forward to its re-awakening
when kissed by Spring's first touch.

Services in November

	St Michael, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
1st November <i>All Saints Day</i> White Deuteronomy 6.1-9; Hebrews 9.11-14; Mark 12.28-34	8.15am Andrew 10.30am Bill. Matins 10.30am Hall Service 4.00pm Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Andrew Holy Communion
8th November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> Green 1 Kings 17.8-16; Hebrews 9.24-28; Mark 12.38-44	8.15am Martin Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Service of Remembrance 6.30pm Andrew Commemoration of the Departed	10.45am Martin Service of Remembrance
15th November <i>2nd Sunday before Advent</i> Green Daniel 12.1-3; Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25; Mark 13.1-8	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Martin Holy Communion 4.00pm Martin Holy Communion	10.45am Andrew/Mark Morning Praise
22nd November <i>Christ the King</i> White Daniel 7.9-10,13-14; Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37	8.15am Martin Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Baptisms	10.45am Martin Holy Communion

29th November <i>Advent Sunday</i> Purple Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-36	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Bill/Margaret All age Advent Service 6.30pm Martin Benefice Advent Service at Holy Trinity	10.45am Andrew Family Service with Baptism 6.30pm Martin Benefice Advent Service at Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe.
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Worship and Learning

1st November: The greatest commandments

Mark 12.28-34: Summary

- * A Jewish teacher asks Jesus about the most important of Moses' commandments.
- * He takes Jesus' answer to mean that love for God and neighbour is more important than Temple worship.
- * Jesus commends him for his wisdom.

A personal prayer

Help me today, Lord,
to pause and remember you.
Sometimes my life feels so busy.
Give me reminders of your presence
and help me to notice them.
Each moment when I cease one task,
and turn to begin another,
may I stop for a moment and lift my heart to you.
In your precious name.
Amen.

7th November: Exceeding expectation

Mark 12.38-44: Summary

- * Jesus accuses those who teach the law of Moses of abusing their privileged position.
- * He condemns them for their greed.
- * He accuses the Temple authorities of taking advantage of the poor instead of caring for them.

A personal prayer

Change my heart, O God, today.

Transform the patterns of my thoughts
so that I reflect your will in all I say and do.

Shake out my apathy;
sweep away any bitterness, cruelty and greed.

Change my heart, O God, today.

In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.

15th November: Resilience

Mark 13.1-8: Summary

- * Jesus warns his disciples against trusting in the security of the Temple.
- * He cautions against leaders with empty promises.
- * When the world is falling apart around them, he offers hope to those who trust him.

A personal prayer

Saviour, today is full of possibilities –

I do not yet know what these will be.

Whether I encounter peace or struggle,
help me to look to you.

Help me to stand firm in you today
knowing that whatever happens,
whatever turns my life will take,
you do not change
and your love is constant.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

22nd November: Reimagining power

John 18.33-37: Summary

- * Jesus stands before Pilate on the way to his execution.
- * They discuss the different sources of power and authority.
- * Jesus claims that his power flows from God, not human rulers.

A personal prayer

Lord Jesus, help me to take the time
to consider your words of truth,
and to follow you with a faithful heart.
You know all about my doubt and confusion,
you see my weaknesses and you also see my strengths.
Strengthen me and guide me; increase my faith in you.
In your name I ask this.
Amen.

29th November: Keeping hope alive

Luke 21.25-36: Summary

- * Jesus draws on Daniel's vision of heaven to offer hope to those who are distressed.
- * He uses the parable of the fig tree to appeal for alertness in the face of distractions.
- * He invites people to trust in him and his words when their world is falling apart.

A personal prayer

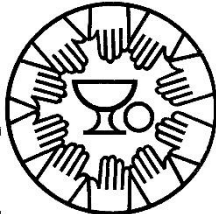
Gracious God,
you know the thoughts of my mind
and the treasures of my heart.
You understand my fears
and you are gentle with the secret hopes that I cherish.
Help me to entrust to you those things that trouble me
and those things I long for, so that,
as I journey through Advent towards the Christmas stable,
there may be purpose in my steps and courage in my soul.
I ask this in Jesus' name.
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 3rd November at 1pm;
- * St Michael's Hall 11th (with soup £2), 25th November at 11am;
- * Bickerstaffe School 27th November 2.40pm.

Harvest Project

We have fair trade rice to sell in support of Malawi rice farmers. 1kg bags are for sale at church, £3 per bag. Please follow the link to learn more about this year's Harvest Project.
<http://jts.co.uk/files/90kgChallengePack-light.pdf>

Armistice Day

On 11th November at 11am, the children from Bickerstaffe School will join the church for a short act of remembrance at the war memorial. I would like to encourage members of the community to join us for this special time.

Advent Sunday

Martin is putting together a special service for the evening of Advent Sunday, 6.30pm. Please support what will be a special time of worship.

Book Club

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."

Men's Breakfast

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!

Charity Collections

We are still collecting good quality **children's clothes** and other school items which will be donated to Litherland Moss School. **Men's clothes** are being forwarded for distribution by the Bootle Salvation Army, and non-perishable **food items** are more than welcome 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.

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. 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'.

- ❖ 111 Church Road, Bickerstaffe, Tuesdays at 1.00 pm
24th November, 1st, 8th, & 15th December
- ❖ Bickerstaffe Hall, Hall Lane, Bickerstaffe, Tuesdays at 7.30 pm
24th November, 1st, 8th, & 15th December
- ❖ The Rectory, Church Lane, Aughton, Wednesdays at 7.30 pm
25th November 2nd, 9th, & 16th December
- ❖ 3 Almshouse Bungalows, Aughton, Fridays 1.30 pm
27th November, 4th, 11th, 18th December



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

Holy Trinity Dates & News

Dates for your diary

5th November	Shared Ministry Team.
10th November	PCC 7.30pm.
11th November	Armistice Day Remembrance, 11am.
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.
29th November	Baptism of Bentley John Ratcliffe & Cassie Ann Harrison, 10.45am.
29th November	Advent Service 6.30pm.
14th December	Christingle 10.45am.
21st December	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30pm.
24th December	Crib Service 4pm.

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



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Income	£	Expenses	£
Free Will Offering	692.90	Quota	2160.84
Plate	415.10	VIC Council tax	1294.62
Fees	2,259.00	VIC Water rate	203.4
Ukulele Evening	520.00	VIC Expenses	208.35
Standing Orders	395.00		
Interest	117.82		
	<u>4,399.82</u>		<u>3867.21</u>
Credit	532.61		

Bank Statements

Balance 30.7.15	12,640.37
Income	<u>4,399.82</u>
	17,040.19
Expenditure	<u>3,867.21</u>
Balance 31.9.15	<u><u>13,172.98</u></u>

CASH ACCOUNT			
Income 1/1/2015-31/9/2015		Expenses	
Coffee morning	35.00	Electricity	873.86
Foreign charity	130.00	Water	138.64
In lieu of flowers	1,255.60	Foreign charity	130.00
Sundries	34.00	Vicar's expenses	128.80
Donation	10.00	Music	138.00
		Printing etc	221.13
	<u>1,464.60</u>		<u>1,630.43</u>
Income	1,464.60		
Expenditure	<u>1,630.43</u>		
Debit Balance 31/8/2015	<u><u>-165.83</u></u>		

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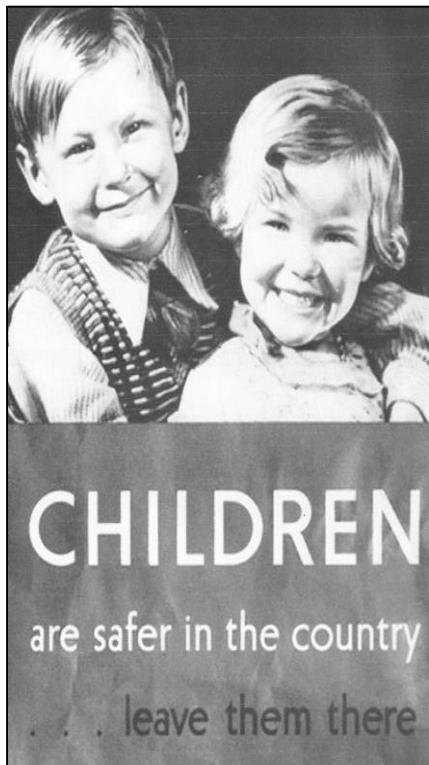
‘Bickerstaffe Evacuees’ By Owen Taylor

A smiling Premier Chamberlain stepped off the aeroplane after returning from Munich in September 1938, waving a piece of paper, which held a ‘so called’ Peace Treaty, signed by the German Chancellor. Thankfully, the majority of Parliament realised this was nothing more than a ‘Pie In The Sky’ agreement and that war with this despot was inevitable. So, instead of sitting back, every department was immediately placed on a war-footing.

On top of the agenda was the distribution of forty eight million gas-masks. Delivery began in March 1939 and soon afterwards, schools were visited by specially trained inspectors, showing the correct fitting procedure. Another safety measure was the installation of gas-detectors, a simply made device consisting of a flat, square shaped piece of plywood, painted with a green coloured chemical that turned pink if a gas attack occurred.

A few days before war was declared, when the whole country was in a high state of tension, the National Government decided to bring in the well prepared scheme, ‘Operation Pied Piper’. This scheme oversaw the total evacuation of inner cities, thought to be exposed from enemy attack. In the first two months 95,000 children and vulnerable women, were evacuated from Merseyside. Obviously, rural areas were the favoured destination, accepting the fair share. In Bickerstaffe, the Parish Council, School Managers and Church Council, led by Revd. B. Watts, met at the schoolrooms to give guidance and support to everyone affected by the formidable situation. Provisional numbers from Liverpool Corporation was around the 100 mark, the majority being of school-age, along with a few mothers and their children.

The committee’s next task was to contact all car owners and inform them to be in the school-yard, before noon, on Sunday September 10th,



A Wartime Evacuation Poster

1939 (it must be remembered, there were only around 20 car owners in the Parish at that time). The School Managers reported that two female teachers would accompany the evacuees and the older boys' classroom would be brought into use for the new arrivals.

In the preceding week, parishioners were contacted and asked how many evacuees they could accommodate and in most cases, couples with no children took in one or two. Large farmhouses and detached properties were also chosen as ideal residences and in most cases, the newcomers were welcomed with open arms. The Revd. Watts, with his gentle, persuasive manner, was probably the king-pin of this successful outcome.

As the big day arrived and the evacuees alighted from their transport, all dutifully combed and labelled, each carrying a gas-mask and carrier bag. Some looked bewildered, while others were exited at the prospect of a new, different life. A lot of helpers were on hand to greet and marshal the youngsters to the correct vehicle and onto their new abode. Nearly all the children came from Old Swan or Stoneycroft, Liverpool 13. Some were pupils from St Anne Primary C of E School, Prescott Road. At first, the decision was made to separate evacuees from the local children at play-times, but seemingly no-one liked this idea and within



Evacuees leaving Liverpool

weeks, the system was dropped and all pupils, each with their different backgrounds, began the process of integration. From the outset, the evacuees were taught by their own teachers, who were fairly young, fashionable and had a modern outlook on life, quite the opposite of the austerity that the local pupils were accustomed to. One of these teachers caused rather a stir, after being seen frequenting Stanley Gate Inn, during her lunch hour, an unconventional pastime in those days.

By Christmastide, a small percentage of the evacuees had returned home, some couldn't adjust to the isolated country lifestyle, with no water toilets, or integral bathrooms, while others, particularly the young, were homesick and missed the love of their parents. One evacuee, a girl named June, was asked by the Headmistress, Miss Stockley, 'What part of Bickerstaffe do you live in?' she replied, 'Four Laying Hens'.



T 8th June, 1946
O-DAY, AS WE CELEBRATE VICTORY,
I send this personal message to you and
all other boys and girls at school. For
you have shared in the hardships and
dangers of a total war and you have
shared no less in the triumph of the
Allied Nations.

I know you will always feel proud to
belong to a country which was capable
of such supreme effort; proud, too, of
parents and elder brothers and sisters
who by their courage, endurance and
enterprise brought victory. May these
qualities be yours as you grow up and
join in the common effort to establish
among the nations of the world unity
and peace.

George R.I

King George VI Victory Message to the Children

Acknowledgments:

Richard Appleton, Alma Mercer, William Taylor, Liverpool Echo, Angela
Chaderton

Remembrance Day



*We owe a debt of gratitude that we can never pay
and this country WILL remember them on each
Remembrance Day*

Maria Cassee

This year has seen many concerts, exhibitions, parades, Memorial and Thanksgiving services to mark the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War 2. People up and down the country wear their poppy with pride and gratitude to our Armed Forces, past and present, and to acknowledge the wartime contribution of our civilian population.

Our Service of Remembrance is on 8th November, assembling on the parish field at 10.30am to parade to church. On Wednesday 11th November at 11am the children from our school will assemble at the church War Memorial to pay their respects. Please join us.

***ALL GAVE SOME
SOME GAVE ALL***

From the Registers

Funeral Services

On September 25th, the funeral of the late Mr Keith Moakes, aged 72 of Barrow Nook, was followed by cremation at St. Helens.

The funeral and burial of the late Molly Doherty, aged 89 and formally of Heyescroft, was held on October 16th.

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

Christmas Fair



Our wonderful Christmas Fair will be held on

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News from Bickerstaffe Church of England School



School has been a very busy place this first half-term: Year 5 children have undertaken a '**Bikeability**' course designed to ensure their safety when cycling on the roads. Starting with some basic cycle maintenance, the children practised road positioning and hand signals on the school playground before going out onto the local roads for some valuable, real-life experience. All the participants passed the course and are now safer and more confident as a result.



Also during September we were visited by coaches from **Everton FC** who spent the day with the children, working on their football skills and general fitness - everyone, including our Liverpool supporters, enjoyed a fabulous day.

At the beginning of October we held our **Open Day** when we welcomed new children and their families who are considering our school for 2016 and beyond. We are grateful to everyone who distributed the leaflets publicising this important event that helps to secure the future of our school.

Helping us to celebrate '**Black History Month**' in October, we welcomed Miso'shi, an artist who brings the culture and traditions of Africa alive through her exciting storytelling, and the playing of drums. All of this alongside Discos, Harry Potter night, Sports Clubs and Film Night means it really has been non-stop so far this term. We hope you follow everything at Twitter [@BickerstaffeCE](https://twitter.com/BickerstaffeCE) where you can see pictures of all the amazing things we do.

Our **Harvest Festival** Service was enjoyed by all our children and their families. Each year the school and church join in supporting a charity;

this year we are taking on the **90Kg Rice Challenge**. This is an appeal run by the JTS Fair Trade organisation and Oxfam. The project is in support of rice farmers in Malawi, and by selling 90Kg of rice we will be able to fund a child's education for a year. 1kg bags of brown or white rice are available to buy from school for £3 and come with a free recipe book – if you would like to participate in the Rice Challenge, please send your details and payment into school and we shall arrange delivery.



We also continue to support Dipok, a young boy living in Bangladesh, with a monthly sponsorship of £25 through the charity '**Compassion UK**'. This monthly donation ensures Dipok's Christian education until he is 19 years old. We are aware that this is a very big commitment, but we do pride ourselves on being 'a small school with a BIG HEART' and the children have been very keen to support Dipok. Individual members of the school and church community can also support Dipok with an annual donation of £25 – please talk to me or call into the school office if you would like to know more about this.

This year's Harvest parcels were distributed amongst the school and local community and we would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to the wonderful display in church.

Children will, as usual, attend a short '**Service of Remembrance**' at the War Memorial outside Holy Trinity Church on the 11th November at 10:45am, please join us if you can.

Best wishes

Jeanne Hall and Bickerstaffe School

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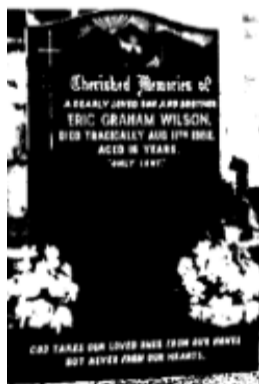
2nd November: **'The Development and History of Concorde'** with Gordon Bailey FRPS.

16th November: Christina Clarke will talk about **Charles Rennie Mackintosh** and his twilight years.

30th November: Heather Davies will give a talk entitled, **'Counting culture, Lancashire's Hidden Heritage'**.

Meetings start at 7.30pm at Four Lane Ends Mission. All visitors welcome (£3). Further information from Mrs P Nanson, tel 01695 574364 and www.ormskirkehistoricalsociety.co.uk.

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CARD MAKING AT FOUR LANE ENDS MISSION

Last Friday in the month,

6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Please call either

Margaret 01695 421548 or

June 01695 722778 for further
information.

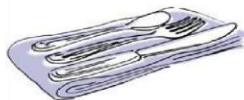


NEW DINERS ARE WELCOME

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



6th Nov	Team 5	F Brownbill, S Prentice, M Prentice
13th Nov	Team 6	M Clarke, V Heyes, B Morris
20th Nov	Team 1	E Short, B Bell, F Brownbill
27th Nov	Team 2	I McCarthy, M Johnson
4th Dec	Team 3	A Banks, G Banks, N Rimmer
11th Dec	Team 4	J Hodgson, B Winstanley

November Flower Rota



1st November	Rev. Keith Leiper
8th November	Mrs Suzanne Marsh
15th November	Mrs Rhoda Critchley
22nd November	Mrs Audrey Banks
29th November	Mrs Joan Girling
6th December	Mrs Barbara Bell

Liverpool Cathedral Musical Events



Please note that further information on these events is available via www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk.

Project Noel VI – Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols

Saturday 21st November 13:00-14:00

This annual free service is led by The Band of the Royal Corps of Signals. The free service will begin with a parade of standards and short Service of Remembrance. An open welcome is extended to all serving soldiers, veterans, and anyone else. Free parking for this service.

Carols by Moving Light (Service)

Saturday 28th November 19:30-20:30. A free event with free parking

From Darkness to Lights Worship

Sunday 29th November 17:30-18:30

A candlelit service for Advent Sunday, celebrating the light which Christ brings into the world. Choir and Clergy move in procession from 'darkness to light'.

Action for Children Carol Concert

Wednesday 2nd December- 19:00

A superb mix of traditional Christmas music and carols from Liverpool schools, choirs and bands.

'Celebrate a Liverpool Life'

Friday 4th December - 19:30

Hosted by Roger Phillips, performances from the Liverpool Philharmonic Choir, lauded operatic soloist Kathryn Rudge and a special performance

from St Mary's Preparatory School Show Choir. This is an excellent start to the Christmas season.

Two Cathedrals' Choirs performance of Handel's Messiah

Saturday 5th December - 19:30

Liverpool Cathedral and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral join together to sing Handel's great masterpiece with guest artists.

'The Coming of Christmas' HTF Carol Concert

Tuesday 8th December - 19:30

This fundraising event is presented by Frank Cottrell Boyce and will include performances from Organist Ian Tracey, Brendan Ball, the Maghull Wind Orchestra and Belvedere Junior Chamber Choir.

Smile Time

If you can start the day without caffeine
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can conquer tension without medical help
If you can relax without alcohol
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs
Then You Are Probably The Family Dog
And you thought I was going to get all spiritual!

Bickerstaffe Mothers' Union News



In October, we celebrated the Harvest Festival by having a special service and a Hot Pot Lunch followed by Apple Pie.

Next month our guest speaker will be the Rev. L. Moss and his talk is called 'Sanctuary'.

Irene McCarthy

Bickerstaffe WI



The next two meetings of the Bickerstaffe W.I are for members only. On Monday 23rd November 2015 is the Annual General Meeting which commences at 7.30pm. Members are asked if they would kindly donate one or more new toys which will be given to children of underprivileged families in the local area at Christmas.

On Monday 7th December the Christmas Party starts at 7.00pm with a buffet supper. The venue for both meetings is Four Land Ends Mission. Further details are available from me, Margaret Fairclough, telephone 01695 729161.

Editorial News



The deadline for the July magazine is **Friday 20th November**. 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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"Never lose an opportunity for seeing anything that is beautiful; For beauty is God's handwriting -- a wayside sacrament.

Welcome it in every fair face, in every fair sky, in every fair flower, And thank God for it as a cup of His blessing."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Welcome to Holy Trinity Church Bickerstaffe

1st Sunday 10.45am Holy Communion

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

3rd Sunday 10.45am Morning Prayer

4th Sunday 10.45am Holy Communion

5th Sunday 10.45am Various Services

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

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