

**Bible verse and prayer for 2017**

And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Isaiah 30:21

A prayer for God's guidance

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we ask you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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Letter from Andrew Housley

Dear friends,



Happy New Year! 2017 will bring both new joys as well as new challenges, as does every new year. Some of us may look back and reminisce about what we have left behind while others will look with enthusiasm towards what pleasures

they are yet to enjoy. Some of us may look back and be relieved that the past is the past, while others may look with fear to what the new year may bring. However we are feeling at the threshold of this new year, we are encouraged to look towards God and put our trust in him.

The verse I have chosen for 2017 is:

And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Isaiah 30:21


God knows us like no one else. He knows our tendency to live our life indifferent to his presence, until something happens and we feel a need for His comfort and strength. We are no different to the people of Judah who lived 500 BC, to whom these words first addressed.

When Isaiah spoke these words, he may have been thinking of a shepherd who in those days, would follow his flock of sheep and call individual sheep back if they went the wrong way. Isaiah seems to believe that God is not so much directing us from the front, but guiding us from the back. We can choose to listen to his guidance or we can choose to go our own way.

Whatever we look towards in 2017, let us listen to God's guidance and choose to go in the way He directs us in. God first knew us and first loved us. Whatever joys or challenges we face, let us face them with Him.

Andrew

Services in January

	St Michael Aughton	Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe
1st January <i>The naming of Jesus</i> White Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Martin Morning Prayer	10.45am Andrew Holy Communion
8th January <i>The Baptism of Christ</i> White Isaiah 42.1-9; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.11-17	8.15am Martin Holy Communion 10.30am Martin Family Communion	10.45am Andrew Family Service with Baptism
15th January <i>Epiphany 2</i> White Isaiah 49.1-7; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Parade 4pm Martin Evening Prayer	10.45am Mark Morning Praise

22nd January <i>Epiphany 3</i> White Isaiah 9.1-4; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23	8.15am Martin Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Baptism	10.45am Martin Holy Communion
29th January <i>Epiphany 4</i> White Micah 6.1-8; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31; Matthew 5.1-12	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Family Communion	10.45am Martin Holy Communion (BCP)

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1st January: Discovery. Matthew 2:1-12

- The wise men visit Mary, Joseph and the young Jesus some two years after his birth.
- God's activity is centred not at the focus of human activity in Jerusalem but in Bethlehem a place easily overlooked.
- The wise men's journey, worship and gifts express their understanding of and devotion to the infant king.

A personal prayer

Lord, the wise men had a star to follow.

I don't always find it easy to follow you.

Teach me to see the signs you have especially for me:

in your Word, in your world,

in your wonders, in your work. Amen.

8th January: Encounters. Matthew 3:11-17

- John the Baptist is uncertain about the appropriateness of baptising Jesus.
- Jesus' response is cryptic, but his actions show his solidarity with sinful humanity.
- Jesus, already identified as Son of David, is acclaimed Son of God.

A personal prayer

John wasn't sure who Jesus was.

Lord, we aren't always sure who you are.

But we thank you that

through your word,

through your Spirit,

and through your people,

we grow in knowledge and love for you. Amen.

15th January: What are you looking for? John 1:29-42

- John the Baptist identifies Jesus as 'the Lamb of God', and the one who 'baptises with the Holy Spirit'.
- When two people try to find out more about Jesus, he invites them to 'come and see'.
- These first two disciples believe they have found the Messiah, and bring others to Jesus.

A personal prayer

Lord, I know there are times
when I am not willing or able to take time out with you.
Help me to make space for you in my life –
not by pushing everything else closer together,
but by truly putting you first where you belong,
and letting everything else fall into place around you.
Amen.

22nd January: The promise of the Kingdom. Matthew 4:12-23

- In Jesus, the light of the kingdom of heaven has come close to those whose lives are darkened by suffering.
- Jesus calls people to repentance, to turn away from darkness and towards the light.
- The disciples' response to Jesus' call is immediate.

A personal prayer

Lord, I have to admit that sometimes, when the way is hard,
I do get discouraged and I find it hard to trust.
As the fishermen left their nets,
trusted and followed,
help me to do the same.
Amen.

29th January: The merciful Kingdom. Matthew 5:1-12

- Jesus draws huge crowds to listen to him.
- He declares God's blessing on those who are suffering.
- He promises honour and reward to those who remain faithful.

A personal prayer

Thank you, Lord, for all the blessings I receive from you.
Forgive me for the times I let them slip by without even noticing.
Help me to tune into your wonderful love and care,
growing closer to you with every passing day.
Amen.

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 Tuesday 10th January 1pm with carols and mince pies
- St Michael's Church Hall 11th January (with soup lunch), 25th January at 11am
- Bickerstaffe School 27th January at 2.40pm

Men's Breakfast



The next breakfast will be Saturday 28th January at St Michael's Hall. If you would be able to help with the cooking, please speak to Andrew. 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

If you plan to sort through your children's wardrobes, 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 the Skelmersdale Food Bank remains as important as ever during the Christmas holiday when there are no free school meals available to needy families. Non-perishable **food items** are therefore very much appreciated. Please leave any items at the back of church. Thank you so much in advance.

Fusion Youth Events for young people aged 11+

The group aims...

1. To bring together teenagers (11-18 years old) from all churches in Ormskirk & surrounding areas for encouragement, fun & friendship;
2. To give opportunities for young people to invite friends to join in;
3. To encourage and give opportunities for Youth Leaders whose numbers are small;
4. To periodically introduce meaningful Christian input.

Friday 13th January Film Night at Christ Church

Friday 10th February Night walk at St Michaels

Friday 10th March Film Night at Christ Church (possible holiday)

Sunday 16th April CURIOUS at CLM

Saturday 13th May Manley Mere (Andrew Lea/OCF)

Curious?

Curious? is a contemporary youth service for young people. It meets on fourth Sunday of each month at Cottage Lane Mission at 6.30pm. It is a wonderful opportunity for the young people from the Ormskirk area to meet in friendship and also to grow in their faith.

Candlemas

Bill Glennon will be leading a Candlemas service at St Michael's on Sunday 5th February at 4pm. There will be more details in the February magazine.

Lent course

Returning Home: Christian Faith in Encounter with Other Faiths.

The 2017 Lent resource explores how Christian faith has been deepened and enriched by encounters with people of different religions. This is not a resource that necessarily emphasizes common ground or that is about dialogue but how Christian faith has burned brightly following an encounter with the religious other.

The theologian John Cobb described his deep encounter with Buddhism in terms of a journey to another land and culture: the newness, sometimes strangeness of the other, can be an enriching experience. However when we return to the familiar, home is viewed with different eyes and a deeper, perhaps more profound, appreciation. This is why we have called this resource "Returning Home".

Christians who have lived alongside, and worked with, people of other faiths, often express their surprise and appreciation that their own Christian faith has been enriched by these encounters. How is this the case? Sometimes a practice such as fasting by Muslims in Ramadan has led Christians to think again about the ancient Christian practice of fasting, or the understanding of a concept such as suffering in an Indic faith has prompted Christians to interrogate Christian understanding of redemptive suffering.

You will find familiar Lenten themes in this material but with, what we hope, is a different approach. You can expect to find the following themes.

- Week 1: Temptation
- Week 2: Remembrance of God's name
- Week 3: Fasting
- Week 4: Suffering and Attachment
- Week 5: The Crucified Jew
- Week 6: The Encounter with ourselves

Please visit www.ctbi.org.uk for further information about the course content. The Lent groups will begin the week beginning 6th March. Sign-up sheets with times and venues of groups will be at the back of church from late January.

Holy Trinity Dates & News

Dates for your diary

- 10th January Parochial Church Council
- 28th January Men's Breakfast
- 5th February Gift Day
- 8th February Friends of HTB coffee morning from 10am
- 9th February Shared Ministry Team (Chair: Jon; Worship: Paul)
- 4th March Auberge Evening

Visiting Parishioners

If you know if anyone who would appreciate a home visit please contact the Vicar or Church Wardens, details in the church magazine or online www.holytrinitybickerstaffe.co.uk/contact.

The Harvest Project: Compassion UK

A couple of years ago, both Holy Trinity Church and Bickerstaffe School raised funds to support a child living in Bangladesh through the charity Compassion UK. His name is Dipok. More information can be found on the website www.compassionuk.org. If you would like to contribute to this important work, please contact either Mrs Hall at Bickerstaffe School or pass your donation to Stan. Thank you.

Bickerstaffe Carol Singers



Congratulations to the Bickerstaffe Carol Singers, who raised a super £50 for Rainbow House by singing to shoppers at Booths Supermarket.

Andrew

Christmas Decorations

Many thanks to Giltrees for donating the beautiful Christmas Trees, which looked magnificent. Many thanks to everyone who contributed in whatever way, to the dressing of the church over Christmas. It is a wonderful ministry and it is much appreciated.

Andrew

Rhoda Critchley's Art Exhibition

Many thanks to Tom and his Family for all their hard work preparing and running the recent art exhibition, and for raising such a magnificent amount for the church. Andrew and Merrick are working with the family to ensure the funds will be put to great use in honour of Rhoda.

Andrew Housley & Merrick Rimmer

Children's Fun Sheets

Children's Fun Sheets and crayons are available at the back of church, plus fun bags. If you see any children in the service, please make sure they have a sheet and a bag.

Remembrance



Many thanks to everyone for supporting the Remembrance services both on Friday 11th November and Sunday 13th November.

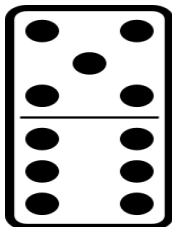
The Bickerstaffe School pupils and teachers gathered by the War Memorial for the Friday service, after which I was very honoured to be asked to open the new Peace Garden at the school on behalf of the Royal British Legion. This special garden has been well created for quiet, peace, and reflection in the coming years.

The Sunday Service was also well represented by various organization of the Parish after Parading from the football club car park. Well done to Standard bearers, and all who laid wreaths and tributes. Below is a list of the amounts collected in the Parish for the Poppy Appeal:

£260.49 Gladys Gardiner; £103.49 Linda Weaver; £125.36 F.L.E. Garage; £65.26 School; £142.24p Costa Coffee; £44.94 Sandpiper; and £38.84p NFU, making the total £780.62. Many thanks to all the collectors and to everyone who contributed.

Bill Gardiner

Dominoes Evening



The Four Lane Ends Mission Management Team invite you to a Domino drive on Friday 10th February at 7.30pm in the Mission. £5 and please Bring own drinks and nibbles.

Auberge Evening

Bon Appétit



Renee Forster will be hosting an Auberge Evening in aid of the Friends of Holy Trinity on Saturday 4th March at 7pm. It will be an evening of good food and wine! Places are limited to a max of 16 and is open to everyone, not just church members. There will be further details in the February magazine, but you'll need to get in quickly!

Churchyard extension

Merrick has worked hard this year, managing the extension to the churchyard. Merrick's hard work will benefit Bickerstaffe parishioners for many years to come and so a BIG thank you to him for all his work. If you would like to give towards the cost of the work then please pass your donation to the Wardens or the Treasurer.

Magazine Subscription Time

From 1st January 2017 the cost of the magazine will be 50p per month or £6 per year. The total cost for mailing the magazine is £16 per year, which includes second class postage and envelopes. Stan Barnes

Used Postage Stamps

Thank you to everyone who collects used postage stamps for me throughout the year. These are put to good use by charity organisations and can be left in the box at the back of Church. Please remember to save your Christmas card stamps. *Thank you very much.* Fred Tyrer

Finance News

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the 11 months ended 30 November 2016

Collection	16606.02	DBF Quota	24959.88
Donations & Gift day	5761.00	Fees assigned	1141.00
Fees	4353.00	Vicars expenses	685.01
Fund raising events	4425.41	Water & electric	1047.59
In lieu of flowers	1927.00	Organ Maintenance	349.00
Dividends & Interest	389.22	Insurance & Council tax	6210.09
Gift aid tax refund	4843.61	Maintenance	3799.28
C'yard maintenance	1180.00	Printing	273.96
Church Magazine	45.84	Web fees	60.19
Friends of Bickerstaffe	1525.00	Sundries	70.10
Churchyard extension	2901.46	Maintenance churchyard	1040.00
Grant	640.00	Churchyard extension	8470.00
Total Income	<u>44597.56</u>		
Deficit year to date	<u>3508.54</u>		
	<u>48106.10</u>	Total expenditure	<u>48106.10</u>

Fund Raising Events

Coffee morning -March	510.00
Attic sale FLE	58.40
Ukele Band	538.00
Park Praise	153.65
Summer Fayre	1202.30
Photo exhibition	35.00
Bickerstock	546.30
Hot pot lunch	22.00
Christmas fair	1067.00
School treat tea money	292.60
Total Income	4425.25

The Christmas fair raised £1067. Many thanks to everyone involved. In the January 2017 issue of the magazine the accounts will show the results for the 12 months Stan Barnes

Prayer Time

Prayer Request



Please pray for little ***Olivia Phillips'*** family as they mourn her sad loss, particularly her parents Lou and Jon, Barbara and all the family.

We continue to give thanks for the work of the NHS, and for all generous organ donors and their families.



You gave your all to the world

in the bleakness of that stable.

Love was born that day

Pure love

Undiluted

Poured out for all

who call on Your name

Such Grace

Undeserved

deserves a response

in the life that we lead.

Forgive our ingratitude

for all you have done,

draw us to your Word,

give us a new song to sing,

that will resonate throughout this world.

And begin with us today. Amen

Prayer for peace in Syria

How long oh Lord? How long? We have been crying to you for peace in Syria; for an end to killing and despair, an end to hostilities on all sides. We thank you for the current cessation of hostilities and pray it may turn into a long lasting peace.

We cry to you for humanitarian aid to reach those most in need. We beseech you for the rebuilding of ruined homes, businesses and communities.

We long for the repairing of the breach and the restoration of streets where your children may dwell in harmony.

We cry out that justice, truth and love may prevail for all the people of Syria. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Let Your goodness Lord appear to us,
that we made in your image, conform ourselves to it.
In our own strength we cannot imitate Your majesty,
power, and wonder nor is it fitting for us to try.
But Your mercy reaches from the heavens
through the clouds to the earth below.
You have come to us as a small child,
but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts,
the gift of eternal love
Caress us with Your tiny hands,
embrace us with Your tiny arms
and pierce our hearts
with Your soft, sweet cries.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux 1090-115

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Community News

Coffee Morning in aid of Alder Hey Children's Hospital



On Saturday 7th January, there will be a coffee morning from 10am – 12noon at Rainford All Saints Parish Hall in aid of Alder Hey. Please do come and enjoy the raffle, tombola, cakes stall and vegetables stall, refreshments and bacon butties. Entrance is 50p and everyone is most welcome!

Pamela Rigby

Bickerstaffe Community Connections.



Divine Days' Westhead Connections is a friendly social group designed especially for you.

We look forward to welcoming you to join us at regular social afternoons at the Mission, with other local older people who come to enjoy a few happy hours out and about in a relaxed atmosphere sharing light refreshments and friendly company with others. Come for a cuppa and a good old chat, or perhaps enjoy reviving past hobbies and interests with us.

Enjoy using the wide range of table top activities waiting for you, in comfortable surroundings. There are dominoes, draughts, try a game of boccia (a bit like indoor bowls), chess, mikado, playing cards, games, puzzles, adult colouring books, clay modelling, painting, knitting, jigsaws, storytelling and reminiscence books, local history books, maps and artefacts from the 1930's to present day, with nice music and much more!

First session at Four Lane Ends Mission at 1.30pm-3.30pm. Cost £2 per session. Please call 07971 299606 or email edward@divinedays.co.uk if you have any questions.

Victorian Times By Owen Taylor

Victorian Bickerstaffe was a bustling industrious place. The main mode of transport was by Guv'ners Car or Pony and Trap, albeit very few working families could afford to travel this way. An amusing local newspaper report in 1895 mentions New Way Farmer, John Taylor, being fined 5 shillings (25p), for 'driving a horse drawn carriage in a reckless manner at the Stanley Gate cross-roads, whilst under the effect of intoxicating drink.'

After the two and a half mile Coach-road from Knowsley to the Earl of Derby's Bickerstaffe estate was constructed in the mid-19th Century, his Lordship and noble guests became a more familiar sight in the Parish. On one such visit his guest, The Prince of Teck, remarked that the new stone houses in Liverpool Road resembled 'barracks', an onlooker overheard him and so they have been called ever since.

The population expansion of the 19th Century gave rise to overcrowding, and a look at the 1871 Census reveals many large families. The Vicar, Reverend G.W. Wall had nine children and employed two servants. At Barrow Nook there were a number of two bedroom cottages with ten or more occupants, in most cases, children had to sleep head to toe!

Also recorded are the numerous Irish immigrant farm-workers who lived in 'Shants', small cottages attached to farm buildings. Low wages and long hours were normal, but even so, a few managed to save a little for their families back home. Some workers were required to set off to Liverpool Market at 3am, with only a stable-lamp dangling from the cart-shafts for lighting and recognition en-route, often returning as late as 7pm, frequently laden with foul smelling black muck, then a commonly used fertilizer (sewage).

It was said the horses knew which direction to take on their way home, perhaps as well, after stops at the Black Bull, Aintree and the Farmers Arms in Simonswood.



*The old Irish Shant
at Barrow Nook
Farm Home of
Dominick Rafferty
and Michael
McCann – 1871
and Kurt Fischer,
German Prisoner of
War – 1948-1952*



*John Ball (Saddler)
and his wife, with
pony and trap,
outside the
Farmers Arms,
Simonswood*

Coal-miners began at 5am, at that time, half of the local population were employed in the Coal Industry. The noise of clogs awakened many, when they strode off to work in the early hours. A popular pastime on winter

nights was 'clog-sparking', a game to see who could make the largest sparks by kicking curb-stones.



Mrs Smith, Water
Pump, Bickerstaffe
Delph, Sineacre
Lane

Each hamlet had a hand water-pump. These remained in use until 1907-12. At the end of Sineacre Lane, a natural spring occurred, water gushed out and was caught in a square, stone receptacle. After its closure, the outlet was piped to the brook at Newton's Bridge. A century later, some of the older generation still call it 'Spring Corner'.

In an effort to control vermin, each Monday after lessons, schoolboys were paid a penny a dozen for rats tails and a halfpenny a dozen for sparrow heads. These were sometimes retrieved from the earth-closets and presented again the following week by unscrupulous boys, for repeat payment!

Very few people went on holiday, even days out were rare events. However, in the late 1890s, a much welcomed rail-stop was installed on the former coal traffic line, that extended from Rainford Junction, via

Skelmersdale, to Ormskirk. It was known as Heyes Halt and located at the end of Coal Pit Lane.



Train at Heyes Halt, 1890's. Later nicknamed the 'Skem Jazzer'. The Guard would lower wooden steps for the passengers to board the train.

Acknowledgements: Ormskirk Advertiser Census 1871 Charlotte Roby William Taylor Ann Lawrenson Owen Taylor

Owen Taylor

News from Bickerstaffe CoE Primary School

'Runners-Up for the Community Award!'



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD
RUNNER-UP

We hope that you have noticed our new logo. This was awarded in recognition of the extensive work undertaken by all those within 'Team Bickerstaffe' who value the importance of Community, and strive hard to promote and celebrate it at every opportunity – a tremendous achievement!

Words cannot adequately describe the feelings of pride and joy that were experienced at the Educate Award Ceremony when we heard: our children perform, as part of the 'Super Choir' of 250 young people, accompanied by the Belvedere School Orchestra; and we received our award. Miss O'Kane said: 'I am so proud that I feel as if I might burst!' and she echoed the thoughts of all of us.

Our School Choir has been in great demand.....

It was clear to see the pleasure that the children experienced in performing for the Senior Citizens at Stockley Crescent; and in return they were very much appreciated by those watching. Once again I would like to thank Miss O'Kane for her commitment and Mrs Aisbitt who accompanied the children on the keyboard.



Christingle Service - Class 4 made the Christingles, and the School choir sang beautifully. It was lovely to see so many of our families at the Service too.

The Peace Proms - This promises to be an incredible show on the 28 January at the Liverpool Echo Arena. Our children will join others to form a Choir of 2,000! Tickets are available if you check online.

'Busy, Busy Bethlehem!' and 'Jesus' Christmas Party!' The children were FAB-U-LOUS! We hope that you were able to attend one of the performances this year.

The **'Remembrance Service,'** held at the War Memorial outside Holy Trinity Church now seems such a long time ago, but it was a very special occasion, especially as **'The Peace Garden'** was officially opened by Mr Billy Gardiner of the British Legion immediately following the Service. It was a beautiful morning, and the school grounds looked stunning. Both the Running Track, which also serves as a path to the garden, and the

'Peace Garden' itself, are testimony to the hard work of the PTFA in raising funds, and to the support of Bickerstaffe Education Trust who provided a very generous financial contribution. These new assets are there for the benefit of all our children, and we would like to say a huge: 'Thank you!'

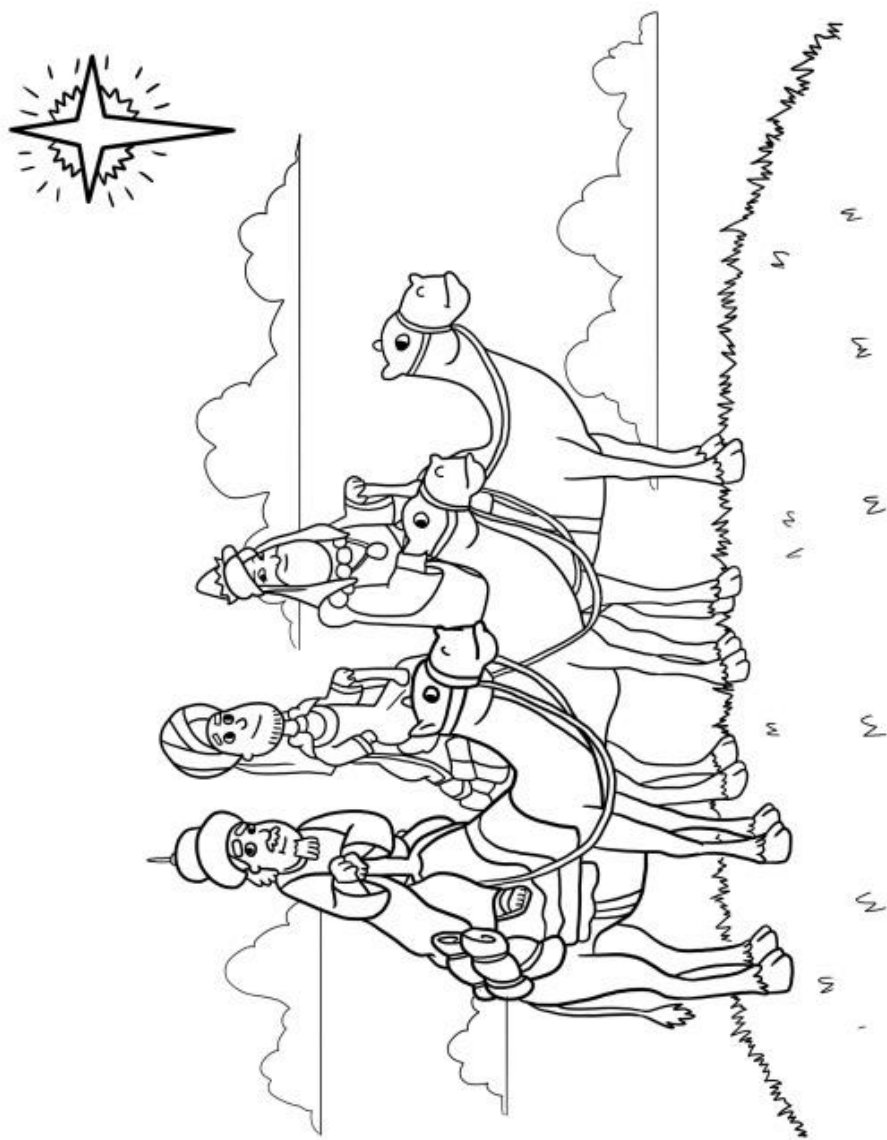
Move Publishing Ltd -This visit provided a fantastic opportunity for our Editorial Team. They learned greatly from the experience: using cutting edge technology to design a new 'Running Top', and the cover for the Christmas edition of the Juicy Word; they also took part in a workshop on photography. Thank you to all the team at 'Move Publishing Ltd, especially director Mrs Kim O'Brien for organising the visit for us.

We hope that you all enjoy the latest copy of the **Juicy Word** over Christmas!

"Wishing you a Very Special Christmas and a Happy New Year."

From Jeanne Hall and Bickerstaffe School

Colouring Time: Epiphany



Bickerstaffe Mothers' Union



Our December meeting was our usual Carol service and tea. Members enjoyed the usual Christmas goodies and a good singing of carols. We collected Christmas items for the food bank. On 13th December some members visited St. Paul's for their Carol service. We meet again in January for our service of Holy Communion with Rev. N. K. Leiper. New members are most welcome.

Irene McCarthy

The Women's Institute



The first meeting in 2017 is on Monday 23rd January at 7.30pm at the Mission. Aided by a computer presentation, Mr Bill Huyton will talk to us about Ormskirk Area Hospitals in the Great War. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information please contact Margaret Fairclough on telephone 01695 729161.

Margaret Fairclough 01695 729161

Church Cleaning Rota

Could you spare a little time to help this important ministry? Please contact Irene McCarthy for further information. Thank you!

6th Jan Team 6 M Clarke, V Heyes, B Morris

13th Jan Team 1 E Short, B Bell, F Brownbill

20th Jan Team 2 I McCarthy, M Johnson

27th Jan Team 3 A Banks, G Banks, N Rimmer

3rd Feb Team 4 Barbara Fairclough, B Winstanley

10th Feb Team 5 F Brownbill, S Prentice, M Prentice

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17th January

8th January

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Smile Time

The children were lined up in a primary school hall at lunchtime. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A teacher quickly wrote a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

Did Noah fish?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

Friends of Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe

The Friends of Holy Trinity is a sub group of the Parochial Church Council 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.

If you joined the Friends of Holy Trinity last year, then it is time to renew your subscription. If you would like to become a new member then please complete the enrolment form.

The annual cost of joining the friends of Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe is £20 per year. You can give by completing the bankers order or sending a cheque to Hilary Rosbotham, the membership Secretary.

The Membership Secretary, Friends of Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe, Lyelake Farm, Lyelake Lane, Bickerstaffe, L39 0EY

We very much appreciate your ongoing support.

Friends of Holy Trinity Coffee Morning

Wednesday 8th February from 10am – 12pm in the North Aisle of the church. All welcome.

Enrolment Form

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I/We wish to join the Friends of Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe as Ordinary / Corporate members.

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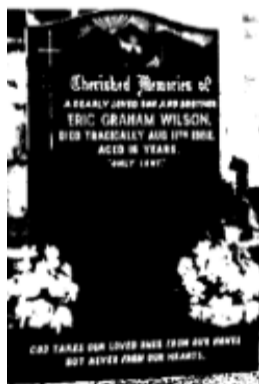
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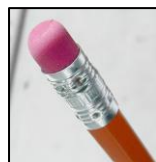
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Welcome to Holy Trinity Church Bickerstaffe

1st Sunday 10.45^{am} Holy Communion



**2nd Sunday 8^{am} Holy Communion
10.45^{am} Family Service**

3rd Sunday 10.45^{am} Morning Prayer

4th Sunday 10.45^{am} Holy Communion

5th Sunday 10.45^{am} Various Services

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