Diocese of Liverpool

Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
September 2019



Bible verse for 2019

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Liverpool Diocesan Prayer

Loving Father, by your grace
we long to see more people knowing Jesus,
and more justice in your world.
Help us to live as your disciples
in the power of the Spirit
and to work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

50p

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Letter from Andrew Housley

Dear Friends,

For the past five years while caravanning on holiday in France, each morning I have cycled with friends to the village of Cöex for a coffee. The bar we go to is called Auberge du Parc. It was not the first café we visited, that was Le Bel Bar. The difference between the two bars was the quality of the service. The barman at Le Bel Bar is known by us as 'Mr Grumpy', and that is why we rarely have our coffee there. The barman at Auberge du Parc welcomes us back each year with great affection. This year he even gave us cakes for free!

Whenever I've visited continental countries, I've always noticed how being a waiter or a barman is a respected trade, and rightly so. Whenever we visit a café, bar or hotel, the waiter or barman influences whether or not we return. There is nothing worse than an experience of poor service. A waiter who makes a customer feel special in the way they serve them is an asset to any business. They add value in the way they care for those they serve.

Likewise, a church which cares for her parishioners adds value to individual lives as well as to the community. One of the first words to describe Christian leaders was Deacon, from the Greek word diákonos, which means servant. Jesus' ministry was a ministry of service. He demonstrated to us how we should care for one another.

In September the church groups restart. Within the busyness of church life, let us remember the vocation which we all share, is that of being servants to one another. While looking for opportunities to serve one another, let us continue to pray for those in need of our support. Let us also be watchful for visitors to our church.

Andrew

Services in September

	St Michael, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
1st September *Trinity 11* Green Jeremiah 2:4-13 Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16; Luke 14.1,7-14	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Bill Matins 10.30am Hall Service 4pm Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Andrew Holy Communion
8th September *Trinity 12* Green Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-33	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Judith Family Communion 4pm Christchurch Evening Service	10.45am Andrew Service of Baptism
15th September *Trinity 13* Green Exodus 32.7-14; 1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Civic Service with Parade 4pm Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Mark Morning Praise

22nd September *Trinity 14* Green Amos 8.4-7; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Service of Baptism 4pm Christchurch Evening Service	10.45am John Sephton Holy Communion
29th September *Michael and All Angels* White Genesis 28.10-17, Revelation 12.7-12, John 1.47-51	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Family Communion	10.45am Mark Hudson Morning Prayer

Worship & Learning

1st September: God's hospitality

Luke 14.1,7-14

While eating a meal with a leader of the Pharisees, Jesus notices guests who choose the places of honour. He tells a parable in which the host of a wedding banquet embarrasses some guests by asking them to move so that the places of honour can be given to those more deserving.

A personal prayer

As your bounty surrounds me in this harvest season,
so may my heart be bountiful to others, Lord.
May I be caring through sharing,
giving of what I have,
but mostly of what I am:
my life, a gift from you, a gift to others.
Amen.

8th September: One of the family

Philemon 1-21

Paul sends Onesimus, a runaway slave, back to his former master with an appeal that he is forgiven, freed, and welcomed into the family as a 'beloved brother'.

A personal prayer

How can I change the world, Lord?
The world overwhelms me.
I want to hide my face and shut it out.
But it has to begin with me, Father.
The change starts not with the world, but in my heart.
Give me a heart for the oppressed, Lord.
Grant me a passion for justice.
So may I help those who can't help themselves.
Amen.

15th September: Everyone matters

Luke 15.1-10

Jesus tells two parables that explore themes of loss: one about a shepherd going in search of his lost sheep, the other about a woman who cleans her house until she finds a lost coin.

A personal prayer

Help me not to mind my own business, Lord. My brother or sister's absence from our community is my business. Help me to notice those who have drifted away. Grant me the courage to risk going after them, and show me what I must do. Amen.

22nd September: Dodgy dealings

Luke 16.1-13

Jesus tells one of his most challenging parables. A manager's dishonesty has been found out and, frightened for his future, he makes a series of dodgy deals with the master's clients. The disciples are invited to reflect on how best to live in the real world.

A personal prayer
I'm just one little person in a big world, Lord. I feel vulnerable and insecure. I need to fit in. Sometimes I do things I'm not proud of. Help me to be strong and not to compromise your teaching.
Amen.

29th September: Feasting and famised
Luke 16.19-31
Jesus tells a parable about an unnamed rich man and a poor man called Lazarus. In this life, one has all the comforts while the other has nothing; but in the afterlife, their fates are reversed. Jesus challenges his hearers not to neglect the demands of justice in this life.

A personal prayer
I'm not high and mighty, Lord. I'm not rich.
It doesn't occur to me to think myself privileged.
In fact, I often moan.
When I do that, it's because I have stopped looking around me.
Mired in self-interest, I see only my own world.
Help me to look beyond my bubble, Father.
Burst my bubble; open my eyes, make me aware.
And from awareness, awake action, I pray. Amen.

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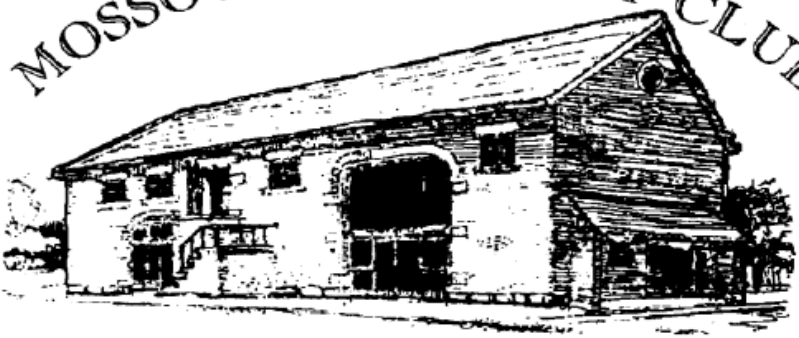
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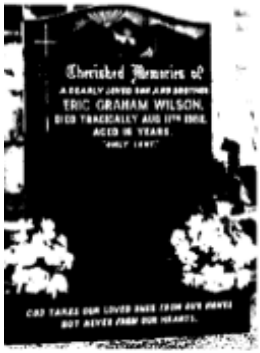
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Benefice News

Communion in the Community



The Holy Communion Services in St Michael's Hall, Bickerstaffe School, and Four Lane Ends Mission 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

- St Michael's Hall on 11th & 25th September at 11am (a soup lunch follows the service on the 11th)
- Four Lane Ends Mission on 4th September at 11am (a soup lunch follows the service)
- Bickerstaffe School on 27th September at 9am

Confirmation

This year's Confirmation service will be at Christchurch, Aughton on Sunday 27th October at 3pm. Starting in September, there will be two confirmation classes, one for adults and the other for young people in school year 9. If you would like to be Confirmed this year, then please speak to Andrew.

Book Club

The next book for discussion is "The Keeper of Lost Things" by Ruth Hogan. Meeting on Wednesday 18th September at the Derby Arms Pub from 8pm. All welcome!

Advent Groups
This year during Advent, we will be studying 'The Bible Course' which is produced by the Bible Society. It is an eight week course and is for those who are new to the Bible as well as for those who want to go deeper. The eight sessions cover the following.

- Introducing the Bible
- Creation & Covenant
- Exodus & Promised Land
- Judges & Kings
- Exile & Prophets
- Jesus & the Gospels
- Acts & the Church
- Revelation & Review

There will be more details in the October magazine. If you haven't attended an Advent group before, you will be very welcome!

Charity Collections
A reminder that we continue to collect good quality **children's clothes** and other school items such as football boots, and goggles, which will be donated to Litherland Moss School.

Gift of **men's clothes** will be forwarded to Bootle Salvation Army, and the Skelmersdale **Food Bank** remains as important as ever, particularly in the school holidays when families need to find extra meals. Non-perishable food items are therefore very much appreciated. Please leave any items at the back of church. Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Men's Breakfast



The next breakfast will be on Saturday 14th September 9am at St Michael's Hall. If you are able to help with the cooking, please speak to Andrew. We especially need more volunteers to arrive early to set up (about 8am) and also stay behind to tidy up and mop the floor in the kitchen. 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.

Bickerstaffe News and Dates

Pastoral Visits

If you know of anyone who would like a pastoral visit, then please speak to Irene or Andrew.

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.

Dates for your diary and special services

8th September	Baptism Service
10th September	Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting
14th September	Men's Breakfast
3rd October	Deanery Synod
13th October	Harvest Thanksgiving
10th November	Remembrance Service
8th December	Christingle
12th January	Star Wars Service

Churchyard tidy

On Saturday 7th September from 10am we will meet to tidy the churchyard and to also remove old Christmas wreaths. Please bring tools and bin bags…the more the merrier!

Friends of Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe

If you need to renew your annual subscription, then please complete a renewal form, which you can pick up in church.

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Church Cleaning Rota

6th September	Team 6	M Clarke, V Heyes
13th September	Team 1	E Short, B Bell, F Brownbill
20th September	Team 2	I McCarthy, S Kenny
27th September	Team 3	A Banks, G Banks, N Rimmer
4th October	Team 4	B Fairclough, B Winstanley
11th October	Team 5	F Brownbill, S Prentice

If you can spare a little time to go on the rota and help keep our church beautifully clean, that would be wonderful. Please speak to a warden for further information. Thank you.

Flower Rota for September



1st September	Mrs Violet Heyes
8th September	Mrs Jenny Banks

Please see the notice board for the full list. Thank you. *Editor*.



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Parish Register

Funerals

The funeral service for **Cyril Henry Lomas** of Liverpool Road was held on July 3rd followed by Cremation at West Lancashire crematorium.

Clarence Eric Schofield of Skelmersdale Road had a funeral service on August 27th followed by interment in the Churchyard.

Wedding

The wedding of **John Lloyd Crosbie** and **Laura Rabbitte** took place on August 10th.

Community News

Bickerstaffe School

As the school year begins, please remember to pray for the school children including new starters and their families, Mrs Teachen and the whole staff team, and the Governors.

Ormskirk Fun Run

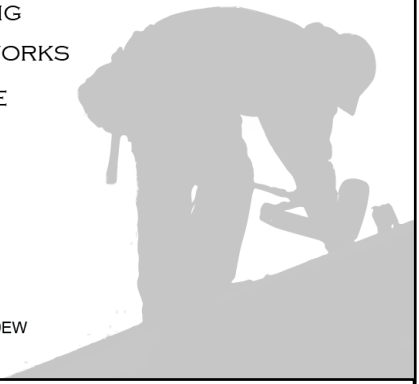


The 3k Fun Run in aid of Cystic Fibrosis will be held on 13th October at Edge Hill University. Jog, Walk, Pram push the 3km route and receive your medal. The Registration opens from 9.30am and the race starts at 10.30am. For further information, please visit https://bookitzone.com/CFOrmskirk3kFunRun/ Thank you.

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The Women's Institute

The next meeting of the Women's Institute is on Monday, September 23rd at 7.30pm at Four Lane Ends Mission. The speaker, Mr David Brown, will present a power point presentation entitled "In my Liverpool Home." This is based on the well-known song of the same title.

We are always happy to welcome visitors and new members. Do come and join us to enjoy an interesting and educational talk.

For more information please contact Margaret Fairclough on 01695 729161.

Margaret Fairclough

Social Events

The Friends of Bickerstaffe Church: Auberge at The Anchorage

Fancy a beautiful nine course meal that won't break the piggy bank? Gather up a group of fourteen friends, ring Renee on 01695 726161 and we fix a date. For the meal we suggest a minimum donation of £35 per person. Diners do not need to be churchgoers, what's not to like?

Mission Management Team '60s Dance



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