

**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.

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## Letter from Andrew Housley

Dear Friends,




Occasionally we order a pizza from Dominoes, usually to celebrate a good report or exam result. Although the pizza will be delivered from Ormskirk, the ingredients could come from further afield. Below is a list of pizza ingredients and the possible country, from which they are imported:

Flour from North America  
Tomatoes from Italy  
Tuna fish from Mauritius  
Pineapples from Kenya  
Peppers from a greenhouse in Holland  
Mushrooms from the UK  
Black pepper from India  
Mozzarella cheese from Italy

No longer is food seasonal. We are used to getting any food whatever the season due to our ability to trade with the world and transport fresh ingredients. To feed our demand, we often import food from countries that struggle to grow enough food for their own population. When we consider how much food is wasted, and how in Europe there is often a surplus of food, it raises questions about the fairness of the system.

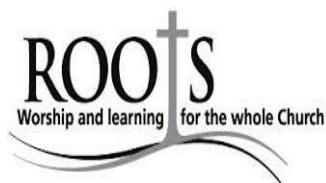
Harvest is an opportunity to give thanks to God for what we so often take for granted. It is also an opportunity to pray for those less fortunate than ourselves, and to look for opportunities to work for a fairer world.

**Andrew**

	<p><b>St Michael, Aughton</b></p>	<p><b>Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe</b></p>
<p>6th October Trinity 16 Green Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10</p>	<p>8.15am Andrew Holy Communion</p> <p>10.30am Andrew Harvest Celebration</p> <p>4pm Andrew Holy Communion</p>	<p>10.45am Judith Holy Communion</p>
<p>13th October Trinity 17 Green 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19</p>	<p>8.15am Andrew Holy Communion</p> <p>10.30am Judith Family Communion</p> <p>4pm Christchurch Evening Service</p>	<p>10.45am Andrew Harvest Celebration</p>

20th October Trinity 18 Green Genesis 32.22-31; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; Luke 18.1-8	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion  10.30am Andrew Morning Prayer  4pm Andrew Holy Communion	10.45am Mark Morning Praise
27th October Last Sunday after Trinity Green Jeremiah 14.7-10,19-22; 2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18; Luke 18.9-14	8.15am Judith Holy Communion  10.30am Sylvia Holy Communion  4pm Christchurch Evening Service	10.45am Judith Holy Communion

## Worship & Learning



### 6th October: Just get on with it!

*Luke 17.5-10*

When the disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, Jesus reminds them that if they have even a tiny amount of faith they can achieve

extraordinary things. Then he says that they are simply being invited to fulfil the task given to them.

### *A personal prayer*

I often wish life was more exciting, Lord. If I had faith that really made a difference, it would be – and then I would feel I had enough faith. So, like the disciples, I wish you would increase my faith. Help me to see that what I have is already enough. You don't look for miracles from me, but service. And as my faith is worked out in the service of others, so it will grow – quietly, slowly. Amen.

### **13th October: With no agenda**

*Luke 17.11-19*

Jesus is approached by ten men with leprosy who ask for mercy. Jesus sends them to the priests, and on the way, they are healed. But only one returns to give thanks to God. Even though he is not a Jew but a Samaritan, Jesus commends his faith.

#### ***A personal prayer***

Lord, let unconditional love be my only agenda. I reach out for the good of my sister or brother, not for anything I may gain from helping them, or even any benefit I may win for your church. Lord, let my mercy and compassion reflect the pure and simple nature of yours. Amen.

### **20th October: What are you fighting for?**

*Luke 18.1-8*

Jesus tells a striking and challenging parable in which a widow pesters a judge until he issues a judgement in her favour. Jesus suggests that if an unjust judge would reward persistence, how much more will God respond to the needs of his faithful!

#### ***A personal prayer***

Grant me a voice for justice, Lord, and the courage to use it. May it be persistent and heard above the clamour of the world, not for my own sake, Lord, but for those whose voices are drowned out, and those whose courage falters in the face of life's unfairness. Amen.

### **27th October: It's not a competition**

*Luke 18.9-14*

Jesus tells a parable about a Pharisee and a tax-collector that would have shocked his audience. He suggests that a tax-collector who

humbles himself is made right with God, rather than a righteous Pharisee.

*A personal prayer*

Forgive me for boosting my ego at the expense of someone else, Lord.  
Help me to be honest about the attributes and achievements to which I  
can lay claim, for the sake of my self-confidence and worth;  
but to do it without putting other people down.  
Let me build bridges rather than barriers, and as you are merciful to me,  
so may I be to my fellow sinners. Amen.

## **Smile Time: A special poem for seasoned citizens**

A row on bottles on my shelf caused me to analyse myself.  
One yellow pill I have to pop goes to me heart so it won't stop.

A little white one that I take goes to my hands so they won't shake.  
The blue ones that I use a lot tell me I'm happy when I'm not.

The purple pill goes to my brain and tells me that I have no pain.  
The capsules tell me not to wheeze or cough or choke or even sneeze.

The red ones, smallest of them all, go to my blood so I won't fall.  
The orange ones, very big and bright prevent my leg cramps in the  
night.

Such an array of brilliant pills helping to cure all kinds of ills.  
But what I'd really like to know... is what tells each one just where to  
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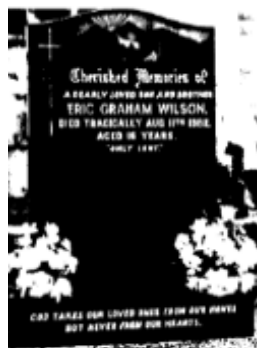
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## **Benefice News**

### **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 9th, 23rd, 30th October at 11am (soup lunch following the service on the 11th)
- ❖ Four Lane Ends Mission 2nd October at 11am (soup lunch following the service)
- ❖ Bickerstaffe School 18th October at 9am

### **Confirmation**

This year's Confirmation service will now be at St Michael's Church, Augton 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.

### **Men's Breakfast**

The next breakfast will be Saturday 23rd November 9am at Bickerstaffe School. If you would be 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.

### **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

If you haven't attended an Advent group before, you will be very welcome! The course book will be £4.99 (please pass on to Andrew). If you would like to join a group, then please sign up and pay your £4.99 no later than Sunday 17th November.

*Bickerstaffe Hall Tuesday's from 7.30pm:*

November 26th, December 3rd, 10th, 17th, then January 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

*St Michael's Hall (back room) Wednesday's from 7.30pm*

November 27th, December 4rd, 11th, 18th, then January 8th, 15th, 22st, 29th.

## **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.

## **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**

3rd October	Deanery Synod
13th October	Harvest Thanksgiving
10th November	Remembrance Service
11th November	Acts of Remembrance from 10.30am.
23rd November	Men's Breakfast
30th November	Christmas Fair and Christmas Tree Festival
6th December	Christinge making in school from 1.15pm
8th December	Christingle
12th January	Star Wars Service

### **Churchyard tidy**

Many thanks to everyone who helped to tidy the churchyard recently. It looks really good and your hard work is very much appreciated.

### **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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### **Christmas Fir with Christmas Tree Festival**



This year the Christmas Fair will run alongside a Christmas Tree Festival in the church on Saturday 30th November from 12pm – 2pm. If you would like to run a stall or activity, please speak to Irene or Hilary. If you are a member of a church or community group and would like to provide a Christmas Tree for the Festival, please speak to Andrew. The Christmas

Tree Festival will be a wonderful opportunity to advertise all the wonderful activities on offer within the Bickerstaffe Community.

### **Posada**

'Posada' in Spanish means lodging. It is used as a title for a Mexican tradition of dramatizing the nativity story. In recent years, churches have used the term for a way to involve a community in getting ready for Christmas. In Bickerstaffe, starting in Advent, models of Mary and Joseph will be taken from home to home within the parish and then be

brought back to church for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. If you would like to host Mary and Joseph, there will be a form to sign.

## Parish Register

### Funerals

On 19th September the funeral service took place for **Richard Henry Storey** aged 66 late of Rockhaven St. Helens Road, Ormskirk followed by burial at Ormskirk Parish Church.

## Church Rota

### Church Cleaning Rota

4th October	Team 4	B Fairclough, B Winstanley
11th October	Team 5	F Brownbill, S Prentice
18th October	Team 6	M Clarke, V Heyes
25th October	Team 1	E Short, B Bell, F Brownbill
1st November	Team 2	I McCarthy, S Kenny
8th November	Team 3	A Banks, G Banks, N Rimmer

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 Rotas

7th October	Mrs Norma Rimmer
14th October	Harvest Festival - helpers/donations most welcome
21st October	Flowers remain
28th October	Rev Keith Leiper
4th November	Mrs Suzanne Marsh
11th November	Vacant



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## **'Bickerstaffe Roots' By Owen Taylor**

Although Bickerstaffe is not entered in the Domesday Survey of 1086, the Community's name came into existence soon after this date.

The earliest record is found in the King's Pipe Roll, c.1150, which states, "Of Alan son of Bernolf of Thanage, in Byckerstath 5 shillings" (a tenure of land held by a Thane).

From 1180 to 1208 we find references to Bickerstaffe in many ancient documents, such as the 'Testa de Nevill' and the 'Scarisbrick Charters', but the main source of early information appears in the record books of the Monastic House of Cockersand Abbey.

An interesting entry in the Chartulary (their book of accounts), states that Adam de Bickerstad gave the "Abbot of Cockersand" three and a half acres of his land, c.1200.



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It was quite a common obsession for medieval Lords of Manors to give small parcels of land to the Abbots, hoping thereby to gain favour in the afterlife.

But for the writings of the erstwhile Monks, much of the parish's early history would have been lost. The "Chartulary" describes many countryside names, now extinct. For example, a grant of land was made to the Canons in 1200 A.D, by Esward, son of Robert de Bickerstath, which was situated on both sides of the road, between the two lakes of Wildmere Ford and Witlache and then to Orpelles unto the Cross.

The Monks must have journeyed to the neighbourhood, a distance of 50 miles from the Lune Estuary where they lived.

A later item reads, 'Whereas contention had been removed from Ralf de Bickerstath and the Abbot in 1302 A.D, respecting a portion of moss-land between Cunsough and the Crosses towards the North of the ancient Cross standing near Simonswood', thought by some Historians to be situated near Newton's Bridge.

If the Cross was ancient in 1302, it probably was of Anglo-Saxon origin. The first mention of a settlement is recorded in the "Episcopal Register" of 1379, when Nicholas de Atherton, (a son-in-law of the Bickerstath's) was granted a licence by the Bishop of Lichfield for an Oratory to be added to his Manor House. Later, this part of the house was referred to as the Bickerstaffe Chapel.

The Hearth Tax Returns of 1666, assessed the Manor House for 11 hearths, quite a substantial building for this era. Most of the original transactions were written in Latin and were transcribed into English by the Cheetham Society, in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century.



*Still Preserved are relics from Bickerstaffe's ancient Monor House.  
Probably the oldest manmade objects in the Parish.*

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## **Social Events**

### **The Friends of Bickerstaffe Church: Auberge at The Anchorage**

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



The next meeting of the Women's Institute is on Monday 28th October at 7.30pm at The Mission. Mrs. Jenny Ashcroft is coming to demonstrate One Stroke Painting. Painted cards that Jenny has made will be on sale on this evening.

Do join us to enjoy an interesting and enjoyable evening. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

For information please contact Margaret Fairclough on 01695 729161.

Margaret Fairclough

### **The Mothers' Union**



On September 18th our guest speaker was Mrs Maggie Teachen, Headteacher of Bickerstaffe Primary School.

Mrs Teachen is very fond of travel and in her career in the Navy she went all over the world. After a time of being a Nurse and later having her daughter, she then decided to teach. In August a VW camper van called Angus was purchased and visits to Wales and Anglesey have already taken place.

Next month we have our Harvest service starting at one o'clock with a Ploughman's lunch.

Irene McCarthy

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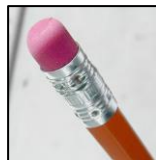
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