



The World Peace Prayer

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.

Bible verse and prayer for 2016

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:1-2

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Letter from Andrew Housley

Dear Friends,

In July, Jo and I travelled to Oxford to support a friend who was being made Archdeacon of Buckingham. It was a wonderful occasion in the beautiful surroundings of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. Christ Church Cathedral is very different to our own Liverpool Cathedral. It is on the site of what was originally St Frideswide's Priory and then developed to be both a cathedral and college during the reign of Henry VIII. As you would expect, the staff of the cathedral are very proud of their cathedral. Throughout the year, it is a place for both reflection and worship for those who visit it.



Whenever I travel, I always like to find a church to wander around. I like to sit quietly and say a few prayers. If I have a few cents or pennies in my pocket, I will light a candle and buy a church magazine. I feel that in some way I am supporting the Christian community within the town or village I have visited.

As Christians, we are a part of a wonderfully diverse and international community. We are related by our common faith in Christ and by the same Holy Spirit, we are led in our prayers, worship and mission.


We can often too easily focus upon what makes us different from other people, but the Christian gospel is about focusing upon the God who unites us in his kingdom.

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

Throughout the summer, let us pray for those in the places we visit. And, whenever we read of conflict or division, let us pray for reconciliation and a deeper sense of what unites us.

Andrew

Services in August

	St Michael, Aughton	Holy Trinity, Bickerstaffe
7th August <i>Trinity 11</i> Green Genesis 15.1-6; Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16; Luke 12.32-40	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Hall Service 10.30am Jeff Matins	10.45am Andrew Holy Communion
14th August <i>Trinity 12</i> Green Jeremiah 23.23-29; Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2; Luke 12.49-56	8.15am Mike S Holy Communion 10.30am Sarah Holy Communion	10.45am Martin Family Service
21st August <i>Trinity 13</i> Green Isaiah 58.9b-14; Hebrews 12.18-29; Luke 13.10-17	8.15am Martin 10.30am Martin Morning Prayer 4pm Martin Holy Communion	10.45am Mark Morning Praise

28th August <i>Trinity 14</i> Green Proverbs 25.6-7; Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16; Luke 14.1,7-14	8.15am Andrew Holy Communion 10.30am Andrew Family Communion	10.45am Martin Holy Communion
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Worship & Learning

Did you know that many more resources from *ROOTS for Churches Ltd* are on our website each week, including Bible Notes, reflections, and prayers for both children and older people. Please visit www.aughtonstmichael.org.uk and click on the Bible icon.

7th August: Your Father's good pleasure

Luke 12.32-40: Summary

- * Jesus tells the disciples that it is the Father's good pleasure to give them the kingdom.
- * By giving away their earthly possessions, they will gain treasure in heaven.
- * They are to remain vigilant, waiting for the master's knock.

A personal prayer

God comes to us in places where we least expect
to be surprised by grace:

God of surprises,

show me how to see you when my thoughts lie elsewhere.

God comes to us in the faces of those we least expect,
to show us what it means to love and be loved:

God of surprises,
show me how to recognise you in those I meet.
God comes to us at times when we least expect
to find encouragement and renewal:
God of surprises,
show me how to know you when my emotions are overtaken.
God comes in the unexpected:
may I always be ready and waiting.
Amen.

14th August: Bringing fire

Luke 12.49-56: Summary

- * Jesus warns that he will bring fire to the earth.
- * His message will cause division.
- * The crowds are urged to read the signs of the times.

A personal prayer

The peace of God be with me,
peace through struggle,
peace through doubt,
peace through despair,
peace through conflict.
God's peace always be with me.
Amen.

21th August: Delighting in the sabbath

Luke 13.10-17: Summary

- * Jesus cures a crippled woman.
- * The synagogue leader is indignant because Jesus heals on the sabbath.
- * Everyone else rejoices at Jesus' demonstration of sabbath freedom.

A personal prayer based on Luke 13.10-17

This prayer should be read slowly and meditatively.

Someone appeared before Jesus in their need,
while someone else complained that this was not the thing to do:
there's always a better time and place for such things.

One stood alone before God...me!

I stood before God in my need,
but I didn't feel it was the done thing...who am I?

There has got to be a better time and place...
Besides, others' needs are greater than mine.

And you? You noticed...and responded,
you notice...and respond to my cries –
now is the time and this is the place.

Thank you, God!

Amen.

28th August: People watching

Luke 14.1,7-14: Summary

- * Jesus is watched closely as he eats with others on the sabbath.
- * He advises his fellow guests to choose the lowest places at the table.
- * He tells his host to invite guests who can't repay the hospitality.

A personal prayer based on Luke 14.7-14

Loving God, I offer to you those times
when I have been put squarely in my place, and been made to feel
small...

when I have tried to find my place, and been too conscious of my own
self-importance...

I offer to you those times

when you have taken me in your arms and loved me...

when you have whispered in my ear and called me yours....
Help me when I fall short and need your support,
lead me where you want me to go,
so that I find myself in you and you in me.
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: Tuesday 2nd August at 1.00pm.

St Michael's Hall: Wednesday 10th, 24th, 31st August at 11am.

Men's Breakfast

The next breakfast will be Saturday 24th September at St Michael's Hall. If you would be able to help with the cooking, please speak to Andrew. New members welcome!

Charity Collections

If you plan to sort through your children's wardrobes over the summer, 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 school break 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 for your ongoing support.

Confirmation



The Confirmation Service this year will be at St Michael's on Sunday 2nd October at 4pm. Confirmation groups will start early September for those in Year 9 and also an adult group. Please speak to Andrew if you would like to be confirmed.

Fusion Youth Events for the 11plus



The aims of the Fusion Youth Events are:

To bring together teenagers (11-18 years old) from all churches in Ormskirk & surrounding areas for encouragement, fun & friendship; to give opportunities for young people to invite friends to join in; to encourage and give opportunities for Youth

Leaders whose numbers are small; and to periodically introduce meaningful Christian input.

Friday 9th September Laser Quest St Helens

Sunday 23rd October Worship event – CURIOUS

Sunday 13th November Ten Pin Bowling Southport
Friday 9th December Youth Club Night Christmas party event.

Book Club

The next Book Club will be in the Derby Arms, Wednesday 21st September at 8pm. The book to be discussed will be Birdsong by Sebastian Faulkes.

Choral Evensong

On Sunday 25th September at 4pm, the choirs of both Aughton and Bickerstaffe will once again unite to lead us in Choral Evensong to celebrate St Michael and All Angels. The Ven. Jennifer McKenzie, Archdeacon of Wigan and West Lancashire, will preach the sermon.

Holy Trinity Dates & News

Dates for your diary

8th September	Shared Ministry Team meeting.
10th September	Church yard working part from 10am
18th September	Men's Service at St Paul's, Skelmersdale.
25th September	Choral Evensong at St Michael's.
9th October	Harvest lunch at Four Lane Ends Mission 1pm

Bickerstaffe Summer Fair with Royal Celebration

A big 'thank you' to all those who supported the Summer Fair, by providing stalls, activities or attending. It was a wonderful day. A special thank you to Ann Ashburner for providing such a wonderful Royal Exhibition.

Church Yard Work Party

The annual church yard work party will meet on Saturday 10th September from 10am. All members of the church and community are welcome to help in tidying the church yard. Please bring your own tools.

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.

Date for your diary



We will enjoy a Harvest Lunch on Sunday 9th October at 1pm at The Four Lane Ends Mission. Hot pot and apple pie will be served (£8 each) and a sign-up list will be available in due course.

Parish Registers

Please continue to pray for the families mentioned below. Thank you.

Baptism



On July 3rd we welcomed **Samuel Edward Spencer**, son of Richard and Abigail of County Kildare.

Burial of ashes



Ronald Francis Oldfield	5.2.05
Dorothy Anne Oldfield	13.3.16
Mark Albert Oldfield	28.2.15
David Francis Oldfield	22.9.15

Finance News

Income & Expenditure Account For the six months ended 30 June 2016

Collection	9027.08	DBF Quota	13614.48
Donations & Gift day	3481.00	Vicars expenses	420.59
Fees	3496.00	Water & electric	875.59
Fund raising events	1250.05	Organ Maintenance	144.00
In lieu of flowers	1762.00	Insurance & Council tax	4651.76
Dividends & Interest	157.17	Maintenance	750.00
Gift aid tax refund	3659.29	Printing	223.96
Churchyard maintenance	335.00	Web fees	53.00
Church Magazine	-379.16	Sundries	100.10
Friends of Bickerstaffe	1505.00		
Total Income	24293.43	Total expenditure	20833.48
		Surplus year to date	3459.95

Gift aid tax refund is the amount owing at the end of June to be claimed from HMIT and includes £366.25 for the Friends of Bickerstaffe.

Churchyard maintenance excludes the cost of the new mower and the cost of the 1st cut.

Fund Raising Events

Coffee morning	510.00
Attic Sale	58.40
Ukulele evening	528.00
Park Praise	153.65
Total	1250.05

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‘My trip to Selma, Alabama USA’ by Abigail Morton-Wilcox

As part of my degree in History and American Studies, I have been studying abroad in America for the past academic year in Western New York at the University at Buffalo. During my time in Buffalo I applied to go on an alternative Spring break trip to Selma, Alabama. The trip involved volunteering with a non-profit organisation called Something New, formally the Freedom Foundation. Despite the inspiring history of Martin Luther King Jr. in the 1960s, Selma sadly remains an extremely segregated place. During the week I spent in Selma I worked with the Selma Community Church, a wonderful church that stands as a beacon of hope and love within the centre of a hopeless and segregated town.

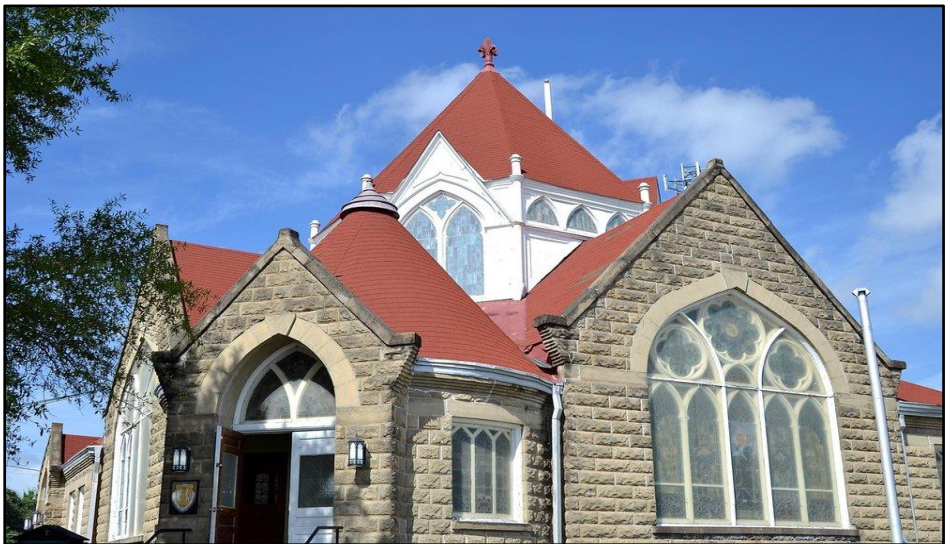
The focus of Something New was working with children of all races in order to create a safe and loving place for people to live. I volunteered at several local schools, helping to break down the barriers between the black and white communities which operated separately within Selma. This work involved helping young children in the classrooms, as well working on service projects such as a book sale to generate money for the schools which were in very poor, deprived areas.

Another highlight of my trip was the non-violence training that the Church in Selma taught me, which was based on the works of Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, Mohandas Gandhi and other non-violent revolutionaries. The central principle behind the work at Selma was ‘stick with love’ a rather simple notion, but one which has the potential to transform our world into one where love replaces hate. It was inspiring and encouraging to see a group of Christians so passionately devoted to spreading love and embodying the life of Christ in their deeds and words. As the world increasingly appears to be a

depressing and corrupt place to live, it was refreshing to be reminded of the good in this world.

This experience encouraged me to be the change that I wish to see in the world and to plant seeds within the minds of children in order to see them reach their full potential, even in the most oppressive conditions. I would like to thank the Holy Trinity Education Trust for making my trip to Selma possible; I was blessed with an inspiring week with a wonderful group of people. Finally, in the words of Martin Luther King Jr.: 'Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace, and a soul generated by love.'

This is the link to Something New the non-profit organisation I worked with in Selma: <http://www.somethingnew.org>



Selma Community Church



My group from Buffalo on the famous Edmund Pettus Bridge, the bridge that Martin Luther King Jr. marched across during the Civil Rights Movement

Abigail Morton-Wilcox

Charity News

Murder Mystery Night



A Murder Mystery Night will be held on Friday 16th September in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

We will meet at 7.30pm for 8pm at Aughton Institute, Bold Lane L39 6SG. Ticket price £15 which includes a hot supper. For tickets contact Margaret Ellams via or mobile 07753 801345.

Margaret Ellams

Prayer Time



International unrest

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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For each step that I might take,
Be my guide, O Lord of life.
For each load that I might bear,
Be my strength, O Lord of life.
For each mountain I might face,
Be my power, O Lord of life.
For each river that might impede,
Be my safety, O Lord of life.
For each place where I might rest,
Be my peace, O Lord of life.
For each sunrise and sunset,
Be my joy, O Lord of life.

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Lord, we would grow with you,
 New shoots reaching out,
 Hands stretched upward
 Like leaves newly formed,
 Soaking up your light and warmth.
 Lord, we would grow with you.
 Lord, we would grow with you,
 In sunshine and rain,
 In darkness and light,
 In cold days and summer days,
 From Springtime to Winter.
 Lord, we would grow with you.
 Lord, we would grow with you,
 And bring forth fruit,
 That is pleasing to you,
 Fed by your living water,
 Giving sustenance to others.
 Lord, we would grow with you.

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2nd Sept	Team 6	M Clarke, V Heyes, B Morris
9th Sept	Team 1	E Short, B Bell, F Brownbill

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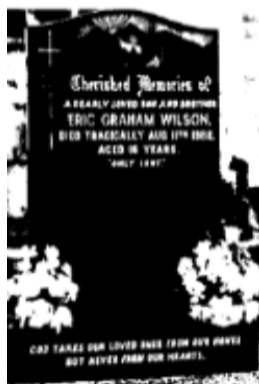
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The July meeting was our usual Strawberry Tea and Members' Choice. We were joined by our friends from St. Thomas' Melling. We also had a bring-and-buy sale and proceeds are going to go to the Mothers' Union Big Summer Appeal. Next month will be the 'Wave of Prayer' and in

September we will be visiting Golden Days Garden Centre at Standish. New Members are most welcome.

Irene McCarthy

Bickerstaffe Women's Institute



At our August meeting we welcome Mr. David Tomlinson, a retired baker from Warburton's bakery. His talk is entitled 'The Staff of Life'. He is coming to demonstrate the art of bread making.

Please join us on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm at Four Lane Ends Mission. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information contact Margaret Fairclough on 01695 729161.

A Blessing

*May the love of the Father,
the tenderness of the Son,
and the presence of the Spirit,
gladden your heart
and bring peace to your soul,
this day and all days, Amen.*

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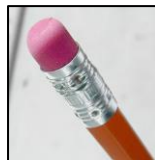
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Welcome to Holy Trinity Church Bickerstaffe

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

**The Sunday Club for children
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