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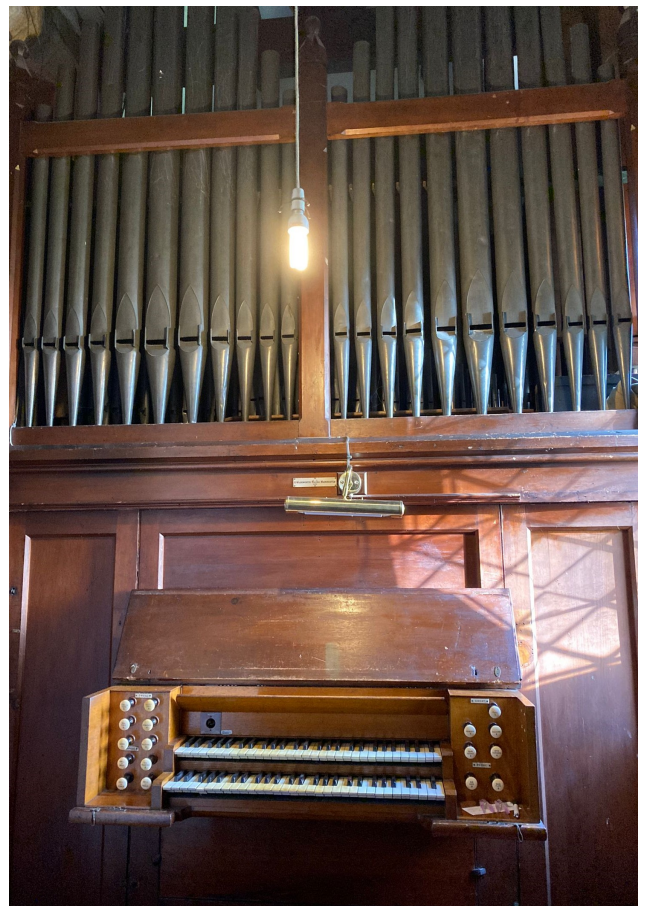
The magazine for the parishes of

St. Peter's

Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon



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St. Leonard's

Warmingham

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." *Isaiah 41:10*

Keep Safe - Keep Well
February 2022

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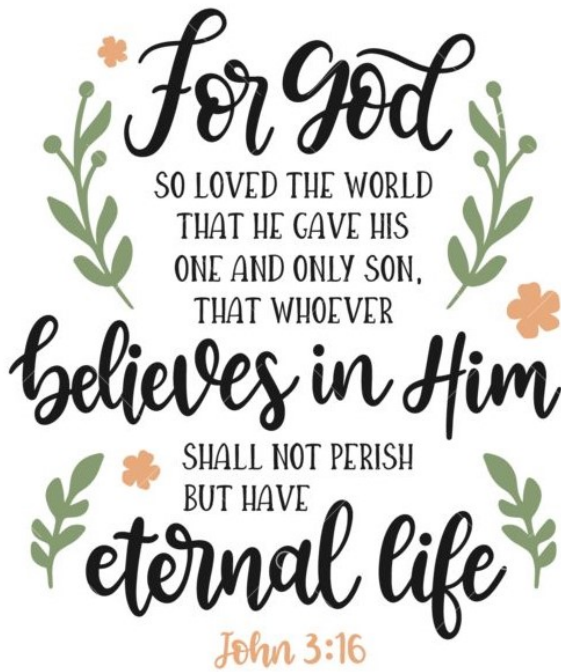


Parish Safeguarding Officer: Vacancies

Both St Leonard's and St Peter's are looking for a new Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Briefly, The Parish Safeguarding Officer is the key link between the Diocese and the Parish concerning safeguarding matters. She/he will have an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults, and will seek to ensure the implementation of the safeguarding policy.

For any safeguarding issues, please contact your Churchwardens.



God So Loved the World

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the nature of true love.

'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

(John 3:16)

This month, as we mark St Valentines' Day, we focus on the importance of love. In understanding the way God loves us, this verse shows us how we should love others. *God's love is unconditional:* God demonstrated His

unconditional love for us by sending His Son into this world, to show us how we should love others, especially when it is undeserved! *'There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less.'* (Philip Yancey).

God's love is sacrificial: God's love is not selfish or self-seeking, but selfless and self-sacrificial, putting the needs of others first. This is demonstrated by the cross, which is the supreme demonstration of God's love. He died for our sins to give us access to God's love, which is made real in our lives by the Holy Spirit.

God's love is forgiving: According to the film *Love Story*, 'Love means never having to say you're sorry.' Yet Jesus' love for us enables us to forgive others, as we find His forgiveness through the gift of eternal life, available to all who put their trust in Him.

In this World Cup Year, we remember Bobby Moore describing the terror of receiving the World Cup from the Queen in 1966: *"I noticed that the Queen was wearing some beautiful white gloves. I looked down at my hands and they were completely covered with mud!"*

Although we approach God with dirty and spoilt lives, because of His love, we can shake hands with a holy God and share that love with others.

From our December Registers



Baptisms

We welcome you into the Lord's family

St Peter's	12th	Harriet Scott
	19th	Evangeline Davies
St Leonard's	19th	Ivy Thornhill



Weddings

No weddings this month



Funerals

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted"

St. Peter's	22nd	Rod Cash
	23rd	Denise Bramall

A Prayer at Candlemas

Dear Lord God,

February can be a difficult, cold month, and this year there is much to be concerned about, with the pandemic still affecting our lives in so many ways. But thank you, Lord, that February can also be a month of wonderful signs of hope.

Help us, when we look down, to see the snowdrops – sometimes known as Candlemas Bells – and other bulbs pushing through the dark earth, showing the promise of Spring and brighter days ahead.

And then, help us to look up, to see the light of Jesus, Your revelation to all the world, in that baby who grew and died and rose again to offer salvation, hope and life to all who put their trust in Him.

Thank you, Father, for Jesus and that, because of Him, nothing – no pandemic, no circumstance – can ever separate us from You.

Thank you for Your Holy Spirit, living in all who trust in You, giving us strength for each new day of this and every month.

In Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

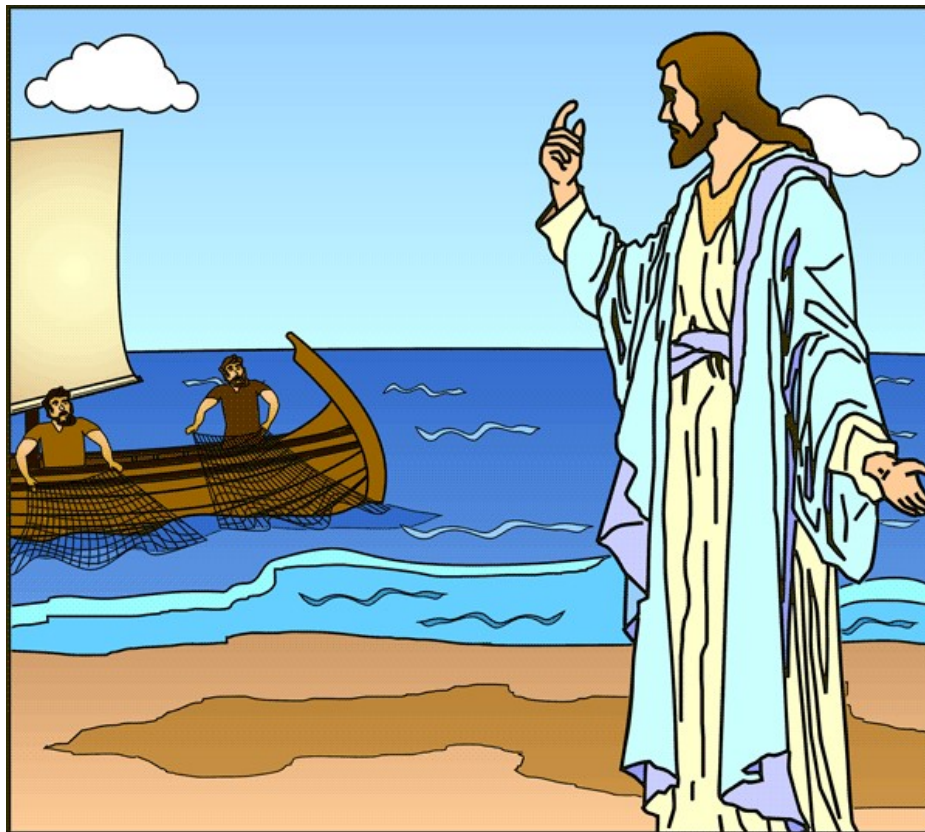
Saturday Church

Next Saturday Church
Saturday 12th February,
9.30am to 11.00am
in Warmingham Village Hall



Saturday Church is usually held once a month in Warmingham Village Hall from 9.30am with craft, stories, songs and worship for families of all ages. You are warmly invited to come along and join us.

Theme: Disciples of Jesus



All families are welcome. Arrive from 9.30am for 9.45am start. Try to let us know if you are coming but you can just come along. For more information contact Helan by emailing helan.isherwood@sky.com or ring on 01606 841711

Future Saturday Church dates for 2022:

12th March, 9th April, 14th May, 11th June, 9th July
to be held in Warmingham Village Hall



**Photos from St Leonard's
Annual Christmas Lunch
Sunday 12th December 2021**



Forthcoming Events at St Leonard's



Friday 11th February Curry Evening

You are invited to a Community Curry Evening,
Friday 11th February in Warmingham Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm
Tickets: £20 adults / £15 children
Contact Janet Furber for details and bookings on 01270 526393 or
Mike Sant on 01270 762819

St Leonard's Home Group

This month's meeting is planned for **Monday 21st February** at 2pm at the home of Helan Isherwood.

Contact Helan on 01606 841711 for further details.

The Great Warmingham Family



Friday 4th March Warmingham Village Hall
7.15pm for 7.30pm start

We are holding a family Duck Drive in the Village Hall on the evening of Friday 4th March at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. There will be prizes for the winners and losers and there will be snacks and drinks to buy during the evening. There will be a raffle (kindly donated by Edf Energy) to raise monies for the May Queen 2022 and retinue dresses etc. All family groups and all ages welcome. Please come along and join in the fabulous family fun. Pay on the door - Adults £2 / Children £1.



Saturday 5th March
Pancake Morning
Warmingham Village Hall

In aid of St Leonard's Church
From 9.30am to 12noon.
Pancake, coffee, tea or juice £2.50
Books/ jigsaws etc stall
Children's activities

St Leonard's Lent Course

I am planning to lead a Lent Study on Monday evenings in the meeting room at Warmingham Village Hall from 7.30pm to 9pm

Dates for Lent Course:

Mondays: 7th March, 14th March, 21st March, 28th March, 4th April.

Please let me know if you are interested: Helan on 01606 841711 or helan. isherwood@sky.com

Advance Notice **Warmingham Wakes**

We are planning to hold Warmingham Wakes this year on **Saturday 7th May** on the Church field from 2pm.
Save the date and watch out for further details.

Wakes Queen and Attendants

Details of applications for Wakes Queen and her attendants can be found on St Leonard's, Warmingham Church website and Facebook page.

* The application form is also printed near the back of this magazine. *

Contact Amanda Richardson on 07771 782390 for further details.

Website: <http://www.warminghamchurch.weebly.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StLeonardschurchwarmingham/>

The results will be announced at The Family Duck Drive on Friday 4th March in the Village Hall.





Work has begun on improvements to our church rental property in Church Minshull. The PCC approved the demolition of the old garage, which was in an extremely poor

state of repair, and agreed to build a new garage further back from the road, using the old “Cheshire” bricks and the blue roof tiles from the original. Approval from the planners at Cheshire East Council for a “Certificate of Lawful Development” took a long while to achieve but is now in place. The result, when the project is completed by Mick Mellor in the Spring, will provide the property with a much-needed upgrade with better vehicular access, so that drivers will no longer have to reverse out onto a busy road. It is anticipated that the expenditure incurred will add value to our investment and prove the vision of the PCC was correct.

Those of you living in more urban areas will recognise the blessings of pavements, street lighting and connection to the main sewer; services that those who live in the country can only dream about. In rural areas, homeowners have always had to provide their own sewage treatment facility, and some ancient systems are now in a state of poor repair. In a move to address this problem, more draconian rules were introduced by the Government on 1st January 2015, regarding discharges into watercourses; it has enormous on-going implications for rural homeowners, especially if you ever decide to sell your property.

Furthermore, in the rental sector, like our Church Minshull property, Energy Performance Certificates (EPC) are compulsory, and these too have been targeted by the Government, as needing improvement, as they continue to set higher and higher Climate Change targets. By 2025, all newly let rental properties must achieve band C, and all existing lettings must hit the same target by 2028. There are going to be some costly upgrades needed to achieve this higher target. It is estimated that the average expenditure on home improvements needed to move a property up from band D to band C is £12,500 and analysis by Rightmove suggests that 1.7 million properties will never be able to reach this target.

This just highlights the fact, that investing in property never finishes after you obtain the key! Best of luck.

John

Introducing Anonymouse



Hello there, my name is Anonymouse - I live up near the organ in St Peter's Church. I moved in after storm Arwen blew my home away. I must say I thought it would be a quiet place to live but just recently there has been an awful lot going on.

It started not long after I'd moved in when one of the Sunday services was interrupted by Santa, elves and a beautiful children's choir. Being a mouse and quite small and nimble I ran up the pulpit and watched from there.

It was all very entertaining and from what I could judge, you humans absolutely loved it.

I feel a bit sorry for you all. I've heard about this Covid pandemic and how it has put many constraints on your lives. It does make me sad to see you all in church wearing masks and not being able to be as close as you would like to be. However from what I've seen in my short time living here you are really doing the best you can and I'm enjoying watching your comings and goings.

The services over Christmas were lovely. I especially enjoyed the Carol service, followed by shortbread and sherry. I'm partial to a piece of shortbread and there were a few crumbs I managed to find once you'd all left. The services during the Christmas period itself were taken by different vicars and were all very joyous and interesting.

There have been two funerals recently, which were both well attended. I take my hat off to the churchwardens who managed to allow the families to have full and heartfelt services for their loved ones, within the boundaries of the Covid rules.

I have seen some funny things too. Recently a group from the choir accompanied by Patrick the churchwarden came to take down the Christmas tree and decorations. I will miss that pretty tree, I've had fun running up and down it. I must say I'm definitely more nimble than the lady with the dodgy knees who seemed quite unsteady standing on a chair removing bows and lights. Also the man with the achy back and sore fingers was a worry when he was up the ladder removing the star and getting the tree down. It was funny from where I was watching but I think that elf and safety bod needs to keep an eye on this lot.

Following choir practice this week, an Epiphany party was held in the vestry, oops meeting (there WAS cheese, so as per Downing Street rules, it was definitely a meeting). I think I heard them singing Happy Birthday and there was cake, no candles but sparklers, which were fun, especially as I missed out on Bonfire night this year. I was a bit miffed when a hoover was brought out to get rid of crumbs. Come on folks, I could help with that!!!

There have been comings and goings all through the Christmas season. Ladies putting beautiful flower arrangements throughout the church. Others cleaning and hoovering, people bobbing in to check on things and set up for services. For such a little church you really are a great bunch for joining together and keeping things going. I think I'm going to be very happy in my new home.

Keep a look out for me as I may pop up in church from time to time during a service. However I am a mouse and for some reason I'm aware not everyone will like me being around. So I will generally keep a low profile. I will though keep an eye on what's going on in the church and report back soon.

All the best `til the next time.

Anonymous xxxxxx

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Serendipity or What A Small World

On New Year's Day I entertained three nurses from Malawi for lunch.

How did this come about?

About thirty years ago, my daughter Susan was a student at Birmingham University and through the Student Christian Union she went to Malawi for three weeks one summer. For some of the time she stayed with the Reverend Auster Kalilombe, an Anglican priest, and his wife Juliette. She was made very welcome and as a family we kept up a correspondence with Auster for some time after Susan's visit. The church I was



attending in Lees, Oldham sent out books and other gifts to support Auster's church in Malawi. We heard that Auster and Juliette's first born daughter would be named Mphatso Susan after my daughter.

In recent times the correspondence and emails have become less frequent. Then just before Christmas I received an email from Auster to say his daughter was now a qualified nurse and midwife in Malawi and was coming to London to work in the NHS. Next I receive an email to say she was coming to Crewe to do some studying and take an exam that is required to work in the UK. So Mphatso Susan arrived the week before Christmas to study at Apollo Buckingham Health Science Campus and stay in a hall of residence on Crewe Green Road. She was required to isolate for a week, so it was after Christmas when I contacted her. She had a colleague, Haggai, who had travelled with her and another colleague, Nancy, who had arrived in Crewe in November and so the three nurses came for lunch on New Year's Day.

Their English is excellent as primary and secondary education is in English in Malawi. They had attended St Michael and All Angels, Crewe Green on Christmas Day and had been made most welcome – a much smaller congregation than what they are used to in Malawi where there may be 100 to 300 at church services. Nancy has passed the exam and is now working as a Staff Nurse at a hospital in Carlisle. Mphatso and Haggai, after their exams, will be travelling to the Isle of Man to work at Noble's Hospital there. So a small world, isn't it?

Helan

Plough Service at St Leonard's

“May God speed the plough”

The annual Plough Service was held at St Leonard's Church on Sunday 9th January. A service for which the ploughshare is brought into church and farmers ask for God to bless the plough which is the foundation of the farmers' work and a symbol of their labour. Sharon Mayer who is Chaplain for the Agricultural Chaplaincy in Cheshire came along to join the Warmingham farmers and congregation. Sharon farms in Toft near Knutsford and works within the chaplaincy to help and support farmers, farming families and retired farmers. As a farmer, she acknowledged that we are living in particularly difficult times and farmers are having to cope with escalating costs, the effects of coronavirus and further challenges from a number of directions. As a result we have to learn to live in a new ways.



In her address, Sharon reflected on the bible reading from Deuteronomy 28 verses 1-8 which asks God's people to be faithful and obedient to God's ways and God will give blessings on their work, their fields and crops; reward their labours with fruitfulness and good productivity. God wants to share in growth and reproduction, in the farming and cultivation of the land, in rearing cattle and sheep – these things are deeply close to God's heart. Sharon pointed out that stewarding of the land and its resources are vital and the government needs to take notice of and support home produced goods. Those of us who are not farmers can play our part by thinking carefully about what we buy and where it comes from.

We honour God by blessing the plough and those who work on the land.

Warmingham Parish Council - Litter Pick



Meet at the Village Hall: **Sunday 13th March 2022, 10am-12noon**

Everyone welcome. Equipment provided

Please help us to keep Warmingham Village a clean and safe place for everyone to enjoy.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Robert Newton on 07717 780020 or email: newton8bu@btinternet.com

St. Leonard's – Calendar of Services / Rotas

Date	Times & services	Sides-persons	Altar Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning, once in the month
Sunday 6th February Accession Day/ The 4th Sunday before Lent	11.30am Morning Service	Mrs S Richardson	Mrs C Morgan	Sarah, Kate & Helen
Saturday 12th February	9.30am Saturday Church in the Village Hall			
Sunday 13th February The 3rd Sunday before Lent	11.30am Morning Prayer	Mr K Newton	Mrs J Buckley	
Sunday 20th February The 2nd Sunday before Lent	11.30am Holy Communion	Ms N Archer	Mrs J Buckley	
Sunday 27th February The Sunday next before Lent	9.00am Holy Communion		No flowers during Lent	

Warmingham Village Hall

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Please contact the bookings secretary on 07483 906104

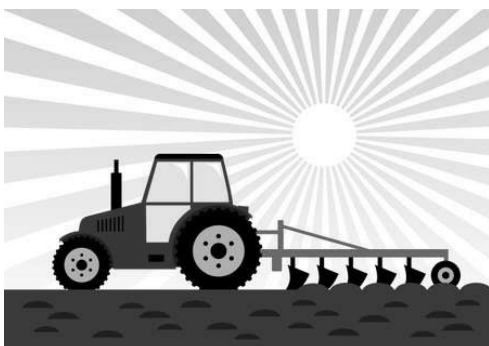
or visit our website for more information:

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St Peter's February Calendar of Services

Date	Times and Services	Readings and Readers 10.45am	Readings and Readers 7pm
Sunday 6th February Accession Day/ The 4th Sunday before Lent	9.30am HC 10.45am HC	1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Ruth Edge Luke 5.1-11	No Evensong
Sunday 13th February The 3rd Sunday before Lent	9.30am HC 10.45am HC 7pm Plough Service	1 Corinthians 15.12-20 Chris Ward Luke 6.17-26	Plough Service: Deuteronomy 28. 1-6, 8 Luke 9.57-62 John 6.1-14
Sunday 20th February The 2nd Sunday before Lent	9.30am HC 10.45am HC	Revelation ch.4 Gilly Booth Luke 8.22-25	No Evensong
Sunday 27th February The Sunday next before Lent	No 9.30am 10.45am HC 7pm Evensong	2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2 Alan Culshaw Luke 9.28-43a	Exodus 3.1-6 Alison Bate John 12.27-36a Stuart Moss
Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday			Joel 2.12-17 Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21
Sunday 6th March The 1st Sunday of Lent	9.30am HC 10.45am HC	Romans 10.8b-13 Alison Bate Luke 4.1-13	No Evensong



Sunday 13th February
Plough Service, 7pm
followed by a light supper and raffle
in the hall.

...Other Rotas for February

Date	Sidespersons	Cleaning	Altar Flowers
6th February Accession Day/ The 4th Sunday before Lent	Robert Hodson	Margaret Harvey and Valerie Simcock	Alison Bate
Sunday 13th February The 3rd Sunday before Lent	Patrick Smith Andrew Hollinshead	Phyllis Darlington, Ruth Edge and Dorothy Riley	Gilly Booth
Sunday 20th February The 2nd Sunday before Lent	Patrick Smith	Audrey Bergin	Joan Christenson
Sunday 27th February The Sunday next before Lent	Dorothy Riley Sandra Parkes	Margaret Harvey and Valerie Simcock	Nicola N Darlington
Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday	John Edge		
Sunday 6th March The 1st Sunday of Lent	Robert Hodson	Phyllis Darlington, Ruth Edge and Dorothy Riley	No altar flowers during Lent



St Peter's PCC Meeting
Monday 7th
February, 7pm
 in the Community Hall

Carols at the Royal Albert Hall

I decided to have a Christmas treat this year and booked a weekend away with a local coach company staying in London. The highlight of the weekend was a matinee performance of Carols at the Royal Albert



Hall. Also travelling on the coach was Susan Moss from St Leonard's Church with her daughter, Claire.

We had excellent seats on the first tier so we could admire the beautiful Christmas decorations. To my surprise people who were in the boxes came armed with Christmas decorations and it was quite amusing watching them trim their box with the hope of being the "best dressed box".

There were two choirs, the Royal Choral Society and the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain and soloist Zara McFarlane. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra provided the musical accompaniment joined, on several occasions, with the trumpeters of the British Imperial Military Band. The compère was Greg Beardsell who made sure the audience sang in all the correct places!

The choirs were fantastic and the young chorister who sang the first verse of Once in Royal David's City reduced me to tears it was so beautiful. The concert was a collection of traditional carols that we all know and love together with other Christmas musical pieces. There was a world premiere performance of a piece of modern Christmas music by composer Sally Beamish and lyricist Peter Thomson. The audience was encouraged to stand and sing for some of the carols, a little challenging whilst wearing a mask!!! During Silent Night we were asked to turn our phone torches on and wave them – what a magical sight. During the orchestral piece, Sleigh Ride, the audience, choirs and even the orchestra did the Mexican Wave! Another fun piece was the Twelve Days of Christmas with each section of the audience given a verse to sing. We had to stand when it was our turn to sing which proved rather challenging as we were seated on swivel chairs so you had to check which way the seat was pointing before sitting down! The afternoon finished on a high with everyone up singing and dancing to All I Want For Christmas Is You.

We were also given some free time in Windsor, Knightsbridge and Covent Garden for a little retail therapy so all in all a fantastic weekend.

One final note – apologies to St Peter’s Choir for missing our Carol Service and the one at St Leonard’s... what a naughty chorister am I!! Irene



The Little Drummer Boy

During the Carol Service at St Peter’s this Christmas the choir sang “The Little Drummer Boy”. There is no mention of a drummer boy in Scripture, but that does not stop the carol having a significant message. What follows is an extract from The Church Times in December 2021.

Christian engagement with the story of Christmas has been augmented by a lively imagination and a vast hinterland of legend. The Little Drummer Boy has quickly secured his place in people’s affections. He appears originally in a song written in 1941 by Katherine Kennicott Davis, an American songwriter. This was made popular when it was first issued as a recording in 1951 by the Trapp Family Singers (who themselves were popularised in the film *The Sound of Music*), and the song featured at the top of the Christmas music charts in different versions for many years afterwards.

Today “The Little Drummer Boy” has joined the list of favourite Christmas carols. The song draws on an old and pleasing Czech story. After the wise men had visited, it recounts, they left their gifts and departed. Only then do Mary and Joseph become aware of a small figure crying in the corner of the stable. It is a little drummer boy, part of the entourage, who has been left behind. Mary invites him to play for the infant Jesus, who rewards him with a smile. For some, this may be pure schmaltz. For others, the most humble of gifts sincerely given are part of what makes Christmas truly Christmas.

The story of the drummer boy, who was left behind by the magi, can draw our attention to the importance that the Bible places on music in the worship of God. Music - the talent of the human being to weave the sounds of an instrument or voice into a form of beauty expressed by harmony, pattern or rhythm - is deeply evocative of human emotions and of our deepest spiritual impulses. God invites us to use our minds, our imaginations, and our senses, to build on the world of nature, and create new things that speak of beauty, meaning, or mystery. Let us pause to reflect on the wonderful ability of humanity to enrich creation through the arts, and let us thank God for whatever gifts of self expression or talent that he has given to us by way of hobby, craft, or industry.

Alteration to St Peter's Flower rota

Thank you to everyone on the Flower rota who arrange altar flowers at St Peter's. Several ladies on the Flower rota have expressed a wish to arrange flowers on a fortnightly basis and it does seem like a good idea. This would mean your name 'coming round' less often. It would work as follows – if it was your turn to arrange flowers on the



altar (and in the two small vases on the sill by the war memorial) for Sunday, 9th May your flowers would stay in place for Sunday, 16th May as well. BUT, it would mean that you will need to pop into church during the second week of your turn on the rota to check the flowers have water, removing any dead flowers. We can try out this new Flower rota during the next year to experiment if it is working successfully. If you were on holiday during the second week of your rota, maybe a friend could pop into church on your behalf to check the flowers have water. Basically it means you would arrange altar flowers on a fortnightly basis. The new fortnightly Flower rota commences after Easter and I will be preparing it very soon.

The Flower rota is printed in the Church Window magazine and a copy is also displayed on the notice board inside the church porch. To arrange flowers on the altar, you will need to borrow a choir vestry key to gain access into church. Please `phone Alison - 07756 475534 or Chris Ward (Churchwarden – 01270 668703) regarding vestry key.

Flowers are usually placed in church either on a Friday or a Saturday before the Sunday services. However, please check if there is a wedding due to take place on the Friday or Saturday when it is your turn on the rota. If there is a wedding due to take place on the same weekend as your turn for altar flowers, it is advisable to use neutral shades for altar flowers and in the small vases, i.e. cream or white flowers in order to blend in with the bride's colour scheme. Please use the two brass altar vases for your flowers and the two small brass vases on the sill by the war memorial (near organ). The brass vases will require polishing first with brasso (which you will find in the sink unit in the choir vestry). If there are flowers on the altar that are too good to be thrown away, please incorporate them with yours or place them in a vase by the memorial book in the chancel. All dead flowers and foliage should be placed in the green wheelie bins situated in the churchyard.

If anyone wishes to join the flower rota, please speak to Alison.
Thank you once again.

Alison

St. Paul's Pantry

Hightown, Crewe. CW1 3BY Tel: 01270 586186

We want to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all of you who have collected and donated food. An amazing 3888.12 kg of food was donated in December! This is a tremendous total, and we are so grateful as the pantry has become **very** short of several food items.

In December St Paul's Pantry has provided 358 people with crisis food parcels which represents 126 households.

We are aware that many of you may be thinking of collecting food donations. We would really appreciate it if you could get any food items to us ASAP. Please remember that ordinary long life food items are still really the main priority, and we are currently continuously short of items such as UHT milk, jam and long-life cakes/puddings.

Please note that a new member of staff has taken over as the foodbank coordinator at St Paul's Centre. His name is Colin Reilly so if you have any enquiries this member of staff will be your contact from now on.

Many thanks for your continued support, we really appreciate it. *Colin Reilly*



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News from Warmingham CE Primary School



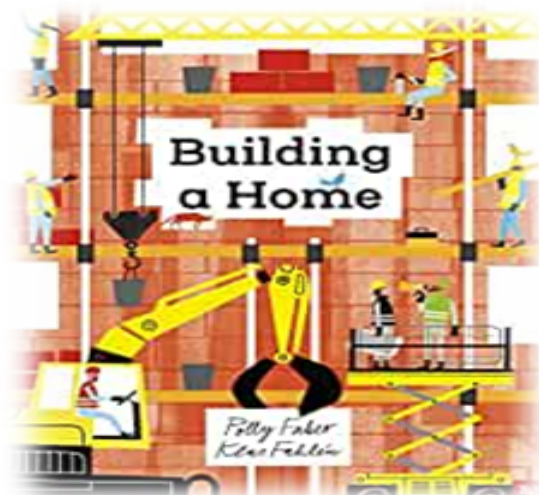
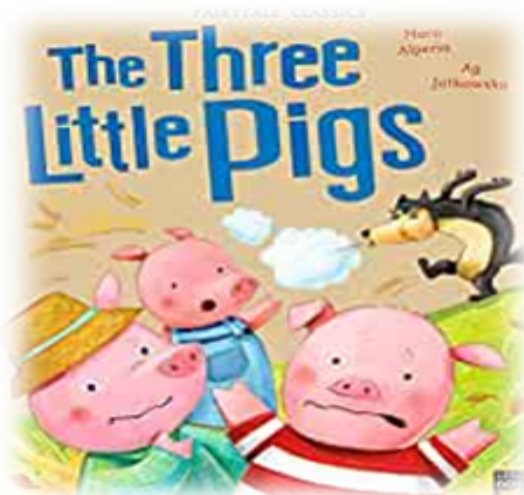
This term our study themes are based on Peter Goes' Timeline book about science and technology. The 'Timeline' book is our umbrella text which all the study themes stem from. Each class will also have their key quality texts which will be the driving force behind the children's work. Although, we will be teaching elements of every subject area, science and design technology will be the main subject areas for this term.

Otters - Spring Term started with a BANG!

We made our wonderful human machine on our WOW starter day. Following this Otters' Class set to work as inventors to design their own ideas for what could help them in school. They all worked collaboratively and made the most fantastic robot to help them when it is tidy up time. Who needs a sticker or house point and many more wonderful things.

Moving forwards for the term ahead our primary focus will be buildings. As Design Technologists, we will be looking at a wide variety of buildings around the world and comparing their size, structure, strength and design and seeing what we can build even better! We will look at key buildings such as homes, schools and churches and how they have changed over the years. As Artists, we will be drawing and designing using an attention to detail through a range of mediums such as paint, chalk and charcoal.

We will initially be looking at the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and their building designs as our key text before moving on to the wonderful book 'Building a Home' These books will also support our written work and our math work as we explore size and shape.



Hedgehogs

What is an invention? Can I invent and create something new?

We have begun our Study Theme with a bang! After creating a 'marvellous machine' to help with their learning, the children have become enthused to become inventors of the future.

Hedgehogs have already designed their individual inventions and will be making prototypes with a recycling theme. We already have: personal assistant robots, mind-reading machines and even a lunch-time dress in the making! Our next Design Technology challenge will be to combine our love of music to design and create musical instruments. As Artists we have been inspired by Michael Lang and are busy showing our interpretations of his 'Mechanical art' drawing on our current Mathematical learning of Geometry.

As Writers we have become poets, learning how to write Kenning poems about inventions and will be meeting the poet Mark Grist. This is just the beginning of a very innovative and creative term. As Albert Einstein said, "Creativity is intelligence having fun."

Squirrels

This term our theme is 'A History of Inventions'. We will be exploring inventions from the Vikings with a specific focus towards the Viking Longboats. We will aim to evaluate and develop the Vikings design so we can create our own Longboats, which are effective in water and look attractive. The children will be using their imagination and innovation to produce a final product, which will include an electrical component. I am sure the children will thrive at the prospect of being mini inventors!

Badgers

This term, our study focus is STEM and electrical mechanisms. Our spectacular starter included a whole-school learning machine dance, and then a two-week design project where the children created and will sell their re-used and eco-friendly inventions. Badgers Class will be learning how to build a circuit, and will be using lights and motors in science. We will then use our scientific skills to design, build and improve robots. We hope to host a Robot Wars event, planned by the class, at the end of this term to celebrate their learning.

Warmingham Village News

February Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd	W.I. meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 8th	Walk 'n Talk	Northwich	10.30am
Friday 11th	Curry Evening	Village Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 12th	Saturday Church	Village Hall	9.30am

Warmingham & District W.I.

During January the monthly meeting, the Book group and the Craft group meetings were postponed. The Darts group continued to meet on Mondays at the Market Tavern in Sandbach and is in training for their first match which will now be on February 16th against Plumley W.I.

This month's W.I. meeting is on Wednesday 2nd February at 7.30pm in Warmingham Village Hall when Judy Popley will present "A Prospect of Arley". The monthly competitions this year mirror the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, so February's object is A Corgi Toy.

Meetings of Warmingham & District W.I. are usually held on the first Wednesday of every month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome and for further information please contact Caroline on 01270 526022.

Walk 'n Talk

A group of seven enjoyed a walk on Tuesday 11th January along the Wheelock Rail Trail and Salt Line Way to Malkin's Bank.

This month the walk is on Tuesday 8th February when we will follow the Saltscape Trail in Northwich. Meet on the Anderton Boat Lift car park at 10.30am.

For more information contact Helan on 01606 841711.

Items for Village News should be sent to helan.isherwood@sky.com

St Leonard's Church



You are invited to a
Community Curry Evening
Friday 11th February

Warmingham Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm

Tickets: £20 adults / £15 children

Contact Janet Furber for details and

bookings on 01270 526393 or

Mike Sant on 01270 762819

Rod Cash.

St Peter's 22nd December 2021. Age 76

Rod has played the organ for numerous services in St Peter's over the past nine years. The worship of the church was hugely enhanced by this contribution, and the parish stands in his debt. Prior to this he had played the organ in many other parish churches in the locations where his strategic procurement role in Shell took him. He was a trained organist – trained on the Cathedral organ in Chester no less. Rod put real feeling and sensitivity into his music.



He found the worshipping life and choral music of the Church – not least in St Peter's - the channel and expression of his faith.

The choir sang at Rod's funeral as a token of their gratitude. Rod's favourite hymn – Guide me O thou great Redeemer – was sung as a choir item.

These last three years – and few months especially – have been tough for Rod and his family as his health deteriorated. But the light of Rod's Christian faith and resilience, his composure, his acceptance of his terminal condition, his non-fear of death all shone brightly. His wife, Gill's, care for him 24/7 assisted by family members, and help from carers was another bright light.

Music was Rod's life and his tastes were wide. For example, as a guitarist he was successful as part of a group called The Associates – even on one famous occasion playing alongside the Silver Beatles, an early incarnation of the legendary Beatles.

But he was eclectic in life generally. His family might affectionately have nicknamed him "Rodney you Plonker" (think "Only Fools and Horses"), but he actually was extremely knowledgeable and intelligent. He not only could answer every quiz question. He could converse on every subject. He was a cricketer, footballer, philatelist. He even is credited by his wife as being a sort of Teddy Boy!

Rod was always impeccably turned out. Even when gardening in his pristine garden he would be wearing a pristine tie. Selections from his ninety-six Ties were worn by family members who were bearers.

We salute the perfect gentleman who was greatly loved by all, who wrapped his family in his more intimate love as they did in theirs. He goes on to play the big organ in the sky, if there is one, or perhaps a guitar might do, as the one thing he never learned to play was a harp.

But here on earth his music goes on, more subtly perhaps, within St Peter's as within all the other churches where worship has been inspired by his perfect touch.

May Rod rest in peace and rise in glory.

Denise Bramall.

St Peter's 23rd December 2021. Age 62

Denise was born in Crewe, the big sister to brothers Tony, Gary and Chris.

Denise has been fighting to stay alive to be with the family she loved, and who loved her. Early 2020 saw Denise being diagnosed with a particularly aggressive form of AML (Acute Myeloid Leukaemia) and the start of what we can only describe as a nightmare journey. She has persevered through several rounds of chemo, Covid, a stem cell transplant and treatment with trial drugs following relapse of the AML.



But Denise was accepting of the inevitable, and philosophically recognised that this dreadful disease attacks randomly and indiscriminately. She knew, as we all know, that she had done nothing to deserve this. On the contrary, she is one of those people least deserving of her plight. Her example in recent times has all been beyond awesome and a true inspiration to everyone.

And we have all admired Dave's stamina, determination and pure devotion to his wife.

After her marriage to Dave in 1983 she willingly embraced the farming life with all the rigours that entails. She came to be associated with the life of St Peter's, for which the church community thanks her.

She was noted for her great sense of loyalty, justice and fairness.

She was ready for a fight to achieve justice and recognition for son Dan who had been born with Cerebral Palsy. Denise introduced Dan to wheelchair racing. Ultimately he went on to compete in the World Championships in Doha and Paralympics in Rio. She also gave great support to son Andy as he trained to be a Vet. Andy's marriage to Leona in 2015 and Dan's marriage to Charlotte in 2017 gave great joy to Denise. She was immensely proud of all her boys had achieved.

In 2019 she was thrilled to become a Grandmother for the first time to Lexi whom she adored. The knowledge of a second grandchild on its way rallied Denise during the summer months and helped her continue to fight beyond the expectations of her doctors, though sadly she has now missed the birth – due early January.

She was a ray of sunshine who loved nothing more than entertaining or hosting her family and friends. A fabulous chef and cook, no one has ever left the Bramall household hungry! There was also the quiet solitary side to Denise.

So we salute today a small lady in stature, but of huge principle, and with a massive heart of gold.

May Denise rest in peace and rise in glory.



Nancy Cooper (formerly Marshall)

Alison and Philip attended the funeral of Nancy (age 84) at the Heathfield Gospel Hall (on Heathfield Ave, Hightown) on 29th December. They represented St Peter's Minshull Vernon, but also St Peter's on Earle Street and Christ Church (now disused) in Crewe town centre.

She had been generous in the way she shared her skill on the organ to the benefit of many worshippers over so many years. Although at heart a "chapel" person, she supported Christian worship in the town, perhaps especially the CofE churches mentioned above.

Back in the early 1950's she went out for a while with a certain George Cooper, but George moved away and Nancy went on to marry Tom Marshall in 1955. They had a daughter Ruth and a son Daniel. Sometime after Tom's death, Nancy and George, who seemed the confirmed bachelor, were reunited by a minister who knew them both and they married! But this new fairy tale was not to last as George sadly died just five years later. (His funeral was at St Peter's Minshull Vernon in 2012, and he is buried in that churchyard.)

For many years Nancy worked as a receptionist in the Radiology Dept of the old Crewe Memorial Hospital.

Nancy's health has steadily declined over the past ten years. She has been housebound, even bed bound, for much of the time, and in and out of hospital. But despite all the pain and suffering she has been rock solid in

her Christian faith. She was known as a “Prayer Warrior”. To the carers who attended her four times a day, as to all who knew her, she bore faithful Christian witness. She was a committed student of the Scriptures. She was taking Bible correspondence courses up until very recently. The course required the submission of many written assignments.

Her daughter Ruth has been attending on her mother as only a faithful loving daughter can. Her devotion knew no bounds.

At Nancy’s funeral we sang two unmistakeable Gospel hymns: “O happy day that fixed my choice” and “When the Roll is Called up Yonder”. The service was taken by Mr Trevor Sparrow who asked everyone to take Nancy’s Christian life as their model. Her body was conveyed to and from the chapel by an immaculate horse-drawn hearse. Nancy loved horses! She is now interred with Tom Marshall in Crewe Cemetery.

May Nancy rest in peace and rise in glory.

St Peter’s February Book of Remembrance

- 4th Frank John Joseph Thomas (1987), Mary Ellen Corsbie (1990)
- 5th Frank Foster (1956), Vera Mary Riley (2007)
- 7th Stella Whiston (2002)
- 8th Elizabeth Alice Hobson (1984), Samuel Foster (1998)
- 9th Lilian Mary Riley (2012)
- 10th Margaret Lea Edge (2013)
- 12th Robert (Bob) Harding (2014), Claire Alison Gough (2019)
- 15th Richard Callwood (1997)
- 16th Doris Barbara Craven (1935), Anne Hulse (2004)
- 17th William Morrey (1917), Maggie Ollerhead (1995)
- 18th Edith Wood (2006), Richard Hollinshead (2020)
- 19th Frances Mason (2004)
- 21st Doreen Gray (2010) 22nd Gladys Bostock (1993)
- 23rd Elizabeth Jane Pollard (1997), William Henry Birchall (2005)
- 24th William Hodgson Coates (Priest) (1894), Philip Curzon Powell (1995), Jayne Alison Evans (2010), Keith James Wood (2012)
- 26th Frank Thomas (1976), Harry Gallimore (2011), Elfriede Peake (2015)
- 27th Violet Ollerhead (1969), Charles Newton (1880), Bessie Didsbury (1999), Thomas Craven (2014)
- 28th Mary Webster (1920), Roy Alfred de-la-Haye (2001), Kathleen Evans (2009)


Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Luke chapter 15 verses 11-32

Jesus spent his time teaching everyone who would listen, whatever they were. The Pharisees and Law teachers watched Jesus.

He is friendly with bad people, and even eats with them..




So Jesus told these stories:

If a man owns 100 sheep..



Imagine having that many sheep!

and he loses 1 of them...




How would you notice with that many sheep?

won't he leave the 99 in the field and look for the lost one?



When he finds it, he tells his friends to celebrate because he has found his lost sheep!



In the same way there is more celebration in heaven when one bad person repents..



than the 99 who don't need to repent.



Or what if a woman who has 10 small coins loses 1?



What's special about a small coin?

Won't she light a lamp, sweep her house, and search until she finds it?



That's what I'd do.

When she finds it she tells her friends to celebrate because she found the coin she had lost.



It was special to her.

In the same way, God's angels rejoice when a bad person repents.



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Warmingham Wakes

Application for

Rose Queen, Attendant, Rose Bud, Crown Bearer and Bell Ringer

Would you like to enter the Warmingham Wakes as the Queen, one of her Attendants, Rose Buds, Crown Bearer or Bell Ringer? If so, please provide a brief summary of which role you would like and why. (*Parents can fill this in on behalf of their child*).

It is important to mention that these roles are a big commitment, and if successful, you will be required to represent the village at other fetes during the summer calendar. If it still appeals to you, don't delay, apply today!

Age criteria of roles as follows...

Queen	(Age 11 – 16 years)
Attendants	(Age 7 – 10 years)
Rose Buds	(Age 4 – 6 years)
Crown Bearer / Bell Ringer	(Age 4 – 9 years)

... Good luck from the Wakes Committee.

Role: Please circle which one of the following roles you would like to do:

Queen	Attendant	Rose Bud
Crown Bearer	Bell Ringer	

Name:

Date of Birth:

Telephone number:.....

Address details:.....

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Please give a brief explanation on why you would like to carry out the above role:

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Please submit your application by **Friday 25th February** to:

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