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The magazine for the parishes of

St. Peter's

Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon



&



St. Leonard's

Warmingham

"Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." ~ Ephesians 4:32

Keep Safe - Keep Well

March 2022

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Parish Safeguarding Officer: Vacancies

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

The Parish Safeguarding Officer is the key link between the diocese and the parish/s, concerning safeguarding matters.

It is a positive leadership role supporting and providing direction to the parish in good safeguarding practice.

They will have an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults and will seek to ensure the implementation of safeguarding policy and practice.

The role can be taken by one person, or the role shared.

Training and ongoing support is provided by the diocese.

If you would like more information or discuss the role please contact: -

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Dear All

I was delighted to be asked to contribute to your parish newsletter. I recognise what a difficult time it has been for us all through the pandemic, but I am also aware that the last couple of years have raised some really difficult matters in your Churches and sadness and disagreement have too often been to the fore.



My sincere hope is that 2022 and beyond will see Leighton and Warmingham become places of peace and joy that leads to church growth, as you work together to build God's kingdom.

It is inevitably a time of change as the search for your new parish priest continues. It will be vital to welcome the new priest and to seek a really good relationship in order to meet the challenges a post covid world brings to the Church.

That starts with each of us as individuals. The prayer of St Francis says it well:

'Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon'

In the season of Lent we are often called to look at our own spiritual lives and to stand honestly before God and to re-commit ourselves to the call to holiness. Jesus said, 'Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.' The inevitable inference is always that if you aren't a peacemaker then how can you be called a child of God? It's always worth just stopping and looking up to God and looking in at our own lives and recognising in the words used each Ash Wednesday as the ash is placed on the forehead of the penitent, 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ'. I hope that you will find time to do that. But those words also encourage us to look out and forward in the call to faithfulness.

What does that look like in Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon and Warmingham? Where are the needs and opportunities in the parishes? As the expansion of Crewe continues apace and changes the nature of the parish of Leighton in particular but Warmingham as well, what does that mean for your parish ministry? Can you adapt to a new world and minister to a diverse community? All these are huge questions to be faced in the next few years and will take courage and prayer to even face the challenging conversations.

You will have my support and prayers as you journey on and my encouragement to look up to God, look inwardly to your own faith and look out to a world in need.



Ven Ian Bishop
Archdeacon of Macclesfield

From our January Registers



Baptisms

We welcome you into the Lord's family

St. Peter's

16th Louie Michael Blundell

St. Leonard's

16th Lily Rae Morning

20th Alice Cecily Kathryn Auckland



Weddings



Funerals

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

Saturday Church

Next Saturday Church

12th March

9.30am to 11am

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: Peter



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:

9th April, 14th May, 11th June, 9th July - to be held in the Village Hall.

Forthcoming Events at St Leonard's

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 - **This event is cancelled**

St. Leonard's Lent Course

We are meeting on Monday evenings in the meeting room in the Village Hall from 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

Dates for Lent Course:

Mondays: 7th March, 14th March, 21st March, 28th March
4th April, 11th April

Theme: Rediscovering who we are as God's people

In the **Lent with New Daylight** booklet, Sally Welch suggests that we use Lent as a time for renewing our relationship with God and this booklet of daily readings and weekly discussions can help us to do this.

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

St. Leonard's Home Group

This month's meeting is planned for **Monday 28th March** at 2pm at the home of Barbara Whittaker.

Contact Helan on 01606 841711 for further details.

Advance Notice: Warmingham Wakes

The Wakes will be held on the Church field from 1.30pm on **Saturday 7th May**. We are looking for donations for stalls:

white elephant, raffle, tombola, jigsaws, books and on the day – cakes.

Contact Amanda Richardson on 07771 782390 for further details.



**Warmingham
Wakes**
Saturday 7th May,
1.30pm - 4pm
St. Leonard's Church

As in previous years the church will be open on Wakes Day and the church will be decorated for the occasion. The theme this year will be the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



**St. Leonard's Annual Parochial
Church Meeting**
Sunday 24th April

St. Leonard's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Sunday 24th April** in Church at 10.00am (after the 9.00am Holy Communion). This will be followed by a PCC meeting.

PCC members wanted:

Do you feel you could serve on the PCC at St. Leonard's and help support the work of the church?

We are looking for new members to join the Parochial Church Council. Please contact Janet Furber, PCC Secretary, if you are interested.

Tel: 01270 526393.

Warmingham Parish Council - Litter Pick



Meet at the Village Hall, **Sunday 13th March**, 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



If you didn't receive a Valentine from a human being, enjoy this one from nature. Spring is nearly here.

Plough Sunday

Our Plough Sunday service this year was held on 13th February, when we asked for God's blessing on our farmers, the plough, and surprisingly a milk churn as well! Many thanks to Andrew Hollinshead and his team for bringing the plough into church, it looked stunning!



Isobel Burnley kindly led the service and, after a conversation with her brother-in-law, told us of the importance of this service in days gone by, when one plough would serve the whole of the village. It was genuinely nice to see a few friends from St. Leonard's join us for the service, and the supper that followed in the Hall. Special thanks must go to Phyllis Darlington and Ellen Humphrey and all their helpers for providing and organising such delicious food. Turning the Hall around so quickly from a children's party in the afternoon, in readiness for the Plough Supper, also relied on some special helpers too, so thanks again to those who came early and stepped into the breach.

The evening culminated with the usual draw to cover costs, and thanks to the generosity of those who donated prizes and bought tickets, a surplus of £100 was achieved. An incredibly happy and successful night was had by all.

Ruth

Update on our new Vicar

Progress to find our new Vicar is on track. All the various, but necessary PCC meetings and paperwork have been completed and the Archdeacon, Ian Bishop is confident that the appointment process should be concluded by early Summer.

Let us hope and pray that he is correct.

Building Work Report on 1 Wades Green Cottage



Mick Mellor is making excellent progress on the new garage at 1 Wades Green Cottage, Church Minshull. Inevitably with any building project, there are always several unexpected spanners thrown into the works, but we have successfully overcome the initial drainage problems and the garage is taking shape nicely.

We have re-used all the old "Cheshire" bricks in the new garage, with the shortfall supplied from the Wimboldsley store, and they have blended in very well. As I write, the lintels have gone in above the doors and windows, and the wall plate should be in-situ soon, leaving only the roof and new flagging to complete.

Our tenant Mrs Denton has supplied copious cups of tea, despite suffering with Covid, and now that her oil tank has been moved to its new position, is looking forward to enjoying her garden without any of the previous trip hazards.

John

Introducing Anonmouse



January is often thought of as that quiet time after Christmas. However, in this church there have been lots of comings and goings.

People came in to tend the flowers and clean the church - which is lovely, I like living in this clean and beautifully kept place. Having said that though, recently there has been an invasion of very unpleasant flies, ugh they really weren't nice! So, the lovely lady who plays the organ found a man to come in and get rid of them, I kept my head down whilst he used his fumigation equipment. Thank you.

The problem seems to have gone now, fingers crossed they won't come back.

On January 16th the service was followed by the christening of a little lad called Louie. I have to say I was very impressed with him. He didn't make a fuss when anointed with Holy oil and bathed in water from the font. I learnt a new fact. Did you know the Holy oil is blessed on Maundy Thursday by the Bishop of Chester and then distributed to the parishes to be used during the year. We nearly had a hiccup at this christening as the St. Peter's oil seems to have been tidied away so well no-one could find it. Thank goodness Vicar Jane had some of her own to use, so the day was saved and nobody in the Christening party was any the wiser.

Talking of parties, there was another small get together after choir practice to celebrate Organist Ruth's birthday. I'm too polite to ask which one but was very pleased to see both cheese and cake being set out. Yum.

There has been lots of talk about a new vicar and how he or she should be chosen. I didn't meet the previous vicar but for what it's worth I just hope the new one will be kind, friendly and like the fact they have a resident mouse in church.

I realised the other night that someone doesn't like mice. I've seen him setting up mouse traps. He isn't very good at it and makes lots of noise, which alerted me to where they are positioned. I will be avoiding those areas ha ha ha.

My ears pricked up the other day when I heard discussion about the "Plough Service" apparently afterwards there will be cheese, nibbles and wine ... count me in. You won't need to sweep up, leave it for me, I love a bit of crumbly Cheshire, just saying!

Well Sunday 23rd January was a great day. The congregation was the biggest I've witnessed on an ordinary Sunday. The singing was really joyful and everyone seemed a lot more cheerful than they have for a while. Maybe it's hearing Covid numbers are dropping or the feeling Spring and new beginnings are on the horizon, I'm not sure but long may it continue.

Well I thought February would be a quiet month but definitely not. We've had the usual mix of vicars taking the services, some excellent sermons and great hymn singing. The accession service was lovely, beginning the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations for the Queen. I must apologise to Ruth, the squeaky note you may have heard, was down to me being in an organ pipe, sorry.

The weekend of 12th and 13th was very busy. I was watching a lady decorate the church on the Saturday in readiness for the plough service on the Sunday. I thought it would be fun to follow her to the hall, well it was like a different place. Someone had decorated it for a wedding reception later. The room was stunning, a red and white theme, with beautiful flowers and candles on the tables which had been laid up for 100 guests. I investigated the kitchen where the food was all laid out, there were all sorts of mouth watering Greek dishes, including Moussaka and my favourite Feta cheese. I decided to hide in a corner and wait to help clear up any crumbs later.



I stayed in the hall and was glad I did as on the Sunday there were more gastronomic delights for me. It started with the tea and coffee after the morning service, yummy party food from a children's birthday party in the afternoon and then a wonderful cheese and biscuit spread after the plough service.

I'm very impressed with how this hall is used and how everyone pulls together to make it all happen.

During the children's party I was not pleased to see a balloon man making lots of little grey balloon mice! How dare he, I'm the resident church mouse here at St. Peter's.



The recent storms have been a bit scary, this old church creaks quite a lot when it's windy but I take solace in the ceiling, which, if you've not looked up, resembles a boat. I feel very safe when I'm up there.

I hope you've all stayed safe during the storms. I remembered the story of Jesus calming the storm and stayed calm and peaceful up there in my safe place.

Take care and stay safe, 'til the next time lots of love Anonymouse. Xx



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St. Leonard's – Calendar of Services / Rotas

Date	Times & services	Sides-persons	Altar Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning, once in the month
Sunday 6th March The 1st Sunday of Lent	11.30am Morning Service	Mrs L Crank	No flowers in Lent	Amanda, Bev & Helen
Saturday 12th March	9.30am Saturday Church in the Village Hall			
Sunday 13th March The 2nd Sunday of Lent	11.30am Morning Prayer	Mr A Crank	No flowers in Lent	
Sunday 20th March The 3rd Sunday of Lent	11.30am Holy Communion	Mr S Moss	No flowers in Lent	
Sunday 27th March The 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	11.30am Mothering Sunday Family Service		No flowers in Lent	

Join us at St. Leonard's on
Sunday 27th March
at 11.30am to celebrate
Mothering Sunday



Warmingham Wakes

Saturday 7th May,
1.30pm - 4pm
St. Leonard's Church

St. Peter's March Calendar of Services

Date	Times and Services	Readings and Readers 10.45am	Readings and Readers 7pm
Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday	7.00pm HC with Imposition of Ashes		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 <i>Alison Bate</i> Luke 4.1-13	No Evensong
Sunday 13th March The 2nd Sunday of Lent	9.30am HC 10.45am HC 7pm Evensong	Philippians 3.17-4.1 <i>Alan Culshaw</i> Luke 13.31-end	Jeremiah 22.1-9, 13-17 <i>Stuart Moss</i> Luke 14.27-33 <i>Ted Bermingham</i>
Sunday 20th March The 3rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am HC 10.45am HC	1 Corinthians 10.1-13 <i>Gilly Booth</i> Luke 13.1-9	No Evensong
Sunday 27th March The 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	No 9.30am 10.45am HC 7pm Evensong	2 Corinthians 5.16-21 <i>John Edge</i> Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32	Isaiah 40.27-41.13 <i>Sandra Parkes</i> 2 Timothy 4.1-18 <i>Chris Parkes</i>
Sunday 3rd April The 5th Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)	9.30am HC 10.45am HC	Philippians 3.4b-14 <i>Stuart Moss</i> John 12.1-8	No Evensong



St. Peter's Church
Mothering Sunday Service
 Sunday 27th March
 at 10.45am
 followed by refreshments in the Hall

... Other Rotas for March

Date	Sidespersons	Cleaning	Altar Flowers
Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday	Sandra Parkes		
Sunday 6th March The 1st Sunday of Lent	Robert Hodson	Phyllis Darlington and Dorothy Riley	No flowers in Lent
Sunday 13th March The 2nd Sunday of Lent	Patrick Smith Andrew Hollinshead	Audrey Bergin	No flowers in Lent
Sunday 20th March The 3rd Sunday of Lent	Dorothy Riley	Margaret Harvey and Valerie Simcock	No flowers in Lent
Sunday 27th March The 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	John Edge Sandra Parkes	John and Ruth Edge	No flowers in Lent
Sunday 3rd April The 5th Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)		Phyllis Darlington and Dorothy Riley	No flowers in Lent



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We want to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all of you who have collected and donated food. An amazing 2149.63kg of food was donated in January! This is a tremendous total, and we are so grateful as the pantry has become **very** short of several food items.

In January St. Paul's Pantry provided 267 people with crisis food parcels which represents 105 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.



St. Peter's Children's Society Box Collection

Thank you very much for your donations this year. The final payment has been paid into the bank and the total raised from the 23 boxes opened is £441.51.

Many thanks to Patrick for bringing and returning the boxes. I have more collecting boxes available if anyone would like to have one at home, please give me a call, Margaret Davies 01270 214316.



Listen

My three-year-old was saying his nightly prayers in a very low voice. "I can't hear you," I finally whispered.

He said firmly, "Wasn't talking to you."

St. Peter's March Book of Remembrance

- 2nd Leslie Treweek (1990), Winifred Irving (1992)
3rd Connie Croft (2014), Jean Allman (2018)
4th Lucy Mary Knowles (1956)
5th Robert Douglas Newton (1974), Alec Stephen Gunn (1996)
6th Dr Swapan Kumar Mozumdar (2020)
7th Dorothy Darlington (1979), Stanley (Stan) Keery (2013)
8th Edwin Pattinson Akrigg (2017)
9th Doris Tomkinson (1993), Beryl Norton-Lloyd (1996),
Malcolm Bate (2011), Eileen Margaret Bolderson (2014)
10th Alice Edgley (1998), Wilfred Overall (2021)
12th Marjorie Ellen Tomkinson (2010)
14th Roy William Evans (2011)
15th Michael Barrett (1977), Keith Brammer (1982), Nancy Twiss (2019)
19th Nellie Brown (1965)
20th Olive Hough (1989), Trevor James Cope (2018)
23rd Harold Penkeyman (2002)
25th Jessie May Broad (1969), George Robert (Bob) Smith (1996),
Margaret Metcalfe (1997), Geoffrey Larkin (2005)
26th Richard Norman Howarth (2007)
27th George Bebbington Fairhurst (1917), Alan Parker (2015),
Cyril Chesters (2019)
29th Michael Ronald Callwood (2015), Alfred Bentley Johnson (1991)
30th Samuel Newton (1966), Franklin Sidney Twiss (2004)
31st Maureen Ann Prawl (2009), Muriel Hough (2014),
John Kinsey Astbury (2017)

A Prayer for our New Incumbent

Almighty God,
we thank you for your faithfulness and steadfast love,
and the hope to which you call us.
By the power of your Holy Spirit
guide your Church to seek first your Kingdom.
Inspire with your wisdom those involved in appointing
a new incumbent for this Benefice.
Lead and strengthen the priest you are calling to answer your call;
That they may be ready to serve you in this place,
and that we may be ready to receive them with joy.
For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Every church region in the country signs up to become an Eco Diocese

All forty-two dioceses in the Church of England have signed up to become an 'eco diocese' as part of their commitment to reach net zero carbon by 2030.

The Eco Dioceses scheme, developed by the charity A Rocha UK, sees churches and dioceses awarded bronze, silver, or gold status depending on actions taken to improve their environmental footprint.

The Church of England is seeking to reach 'net zero' carbon by 2030 to meet a target set by General Synod in 2020.

Graham Usher, the Bishop of Norwich and lead bishop for the environment, said:

"A Rocha UK's Eco Church and Diocese scheme is a great tool which enables local churches at every level of their climate justice journey to engage with environmental issues. As Christians, we must make real differences to our lives to care for God's creation and limit the impact of the climate emergency.

"The whole Church is currently looking at our proposed Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030 and I would encourage everyone to read it and engage with the survey so we can make the journey to net zero carbon together."



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Why is it that everyone can remember their childhood phone number, but can't remember the password they set up yesterday?

Warmingham Village News

March Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd	W.I. meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
Friday 4th	Duck Drive	Village Hall	7.15pm
Tuesday 8th	Walk 'n Talk	Middlewich	10.30am
Saturday 12th	Saturday Church	Village Hall	9.30am
Wednesday 16th	Wakes meeting	Church	7.30pm
Sunday 27th	Mothering Sunday		
	Family Service	Church	11.30am

Warmingham & District W.I

At the February meeting the W.I. members had a most interesting, illustrated talk from Judy Popley on "A Prospect of Arley". Judy showed slides of black and white photographs taken by Rowland who was the gardener at Arley Hall in the 1890s. These included photographs not only of the gardens but also of the gardeners posing in their waistcoats, smart trousers and bowler hats. There was also a photo of the maids in their smart pinafores, dressed to serve afternoon tea to the Arley Hall family who gathered in the black and white cottage after their afternoon stroll around the gardens. Judy compared these with colour photos of the gardens that had been taken in the 1990s.

On Wednesday 16th February the darts team were entertained by Plumley W.I. for a first-round match. Warmingham won by 3 games to 1 and so proceed to the Cheshire final to be held on 10th March.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 2nd March** at 7.30pm when the guest speaker is Graham Dodd on the topic of "A Crewe Factory Girl". This year the monthly competitions are on the theme of the Platinum Jubilee and for March it is "Headscarf for a Queen".

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

In February the walkers had a stroll round the Saltscape Trail and Trent and Mersey canal near the Anderton Boat Lift in Northwich followed by lunch at a local pub.



This month the walk is on **Tuesday 8th March** when we will meet for coffee at the Little Coffee Shop at the Big Lock in Middlewich at 10.30am then do a circular canal walk followed by a pub lunch.

For more information contact Helan on 01606 841711.

Warmingham Wakes Saturday 7th May

The next meeting of the Wakes Committee is **Wednesday 16th March** at St. Leonard's Church at 7.30pm.

If you would like to help at the Wakes either come along to the meeting or contact Amanda Richardson on 07771 782390.

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

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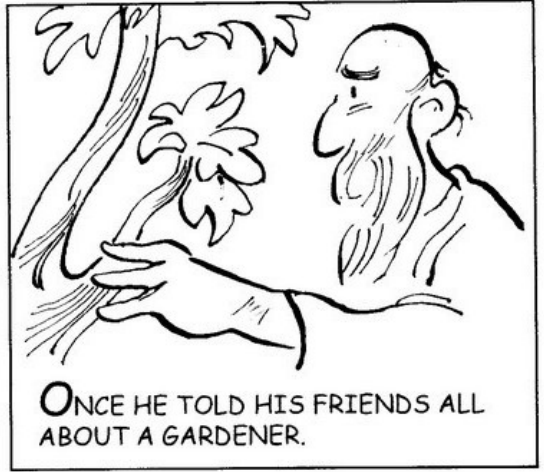
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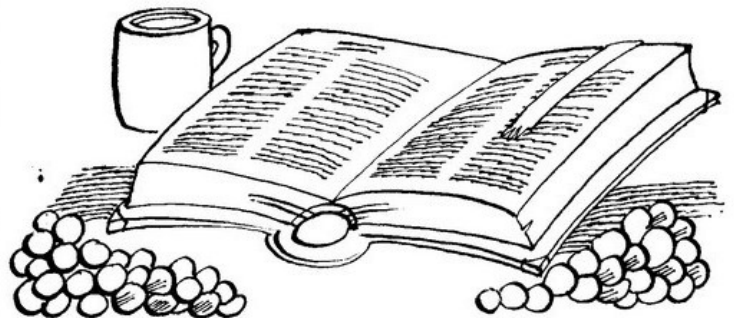


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