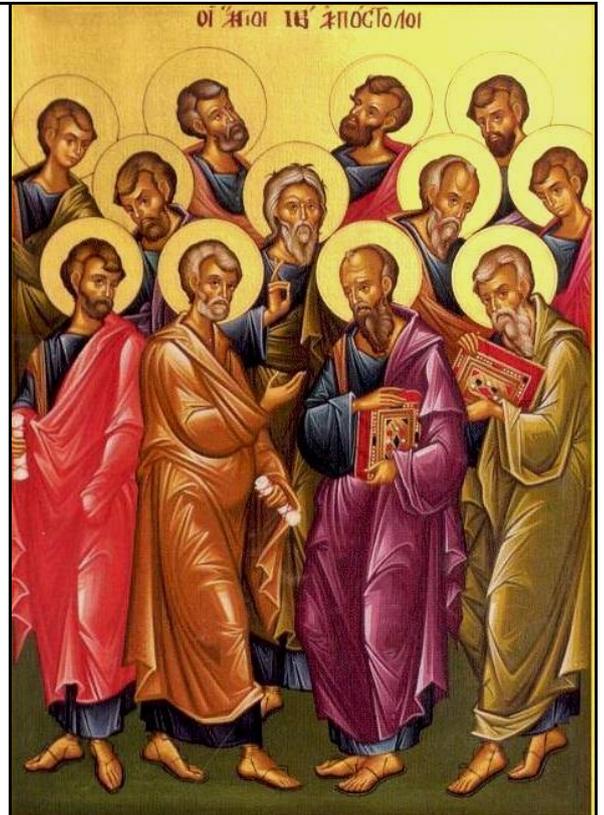


## Ministry Message

So our 'Lockdown Life' continues and the novelty (if ever there was one) has, I suspect, for most of us well and truly worn off. Initially it was an opportunity to do all those jobs which we'd never quite got around to doing and so after the first few weeks I, for one, had clean and tidy cupboards and wardrobes, an immaculate garage and loft, filing drawers that I could actually fit things in and garden fences and rusty radiators painted. I'd watched a few good plays and musicals on YouTube and IPlayer and I'd read some of the books on my bookshelves that I'd always meant to get around to reading but as the weeks have gone on it's been more and more difficult to find things that 'need' doing, although I must admit I haven't yet got around to the planned clear out and deletion of old emails from the computer.



Those of you who have been joining our Sunday morning Zoom church services will know that we have started reading our way, a chapter a week, through the Acts of the Apostles, which is one of my favourite books in the Bible as there is so much going on in it, as Luke, the author, unfolds the stories of what happened after Jesus' resurrection, ascension, and the miraculous happenings of Pentecost.

We read about their HR issues, first in finding a replacement for Judas to bring the number of the 'core group' back up to twelve and then the creation of new roles to cover some of the administrative work leaving the apostles free to get on with the work of evangelism and creating new disciples.

We read of the challenges they faced from outside, in the shape of the Jewish authorities and from within, with complaints about how resources were being allocated to support different groups within the membership

We read about their struggles to work out their policies towards new members who come from a non Jewish background.

And then we read about the 'new kids on the block' as new converts like Paul, Timothy, Barnabas and Luke himself take up the story travelling far and wide to spread the Good News.

The book of Acts is a non stop roller coaster of stories of the early church developing, growing and working out its mission.

Jesus told his Disciples to

'Go then to all people everywhere and make them my disciples: baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and teach them to obey everything I have

commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age' (Matthew 28:19)  
He gave them clear instructions about what they were to do but not about how they were to do it. That was something they had to work out for themselves, guided by the Holy Spirit and surprise, surprise they didn't always agree about it and in Acts, Luke records these struggles and disagreements. So life in the early church wasn't always plain sailing just as it isn't now.

Sometimes we struggle to work out our own personal faith. Sometimes we think our churches have got it wrong. Sometimes we disagree with others within our own church and their vision and approach to things. But perhaps the Acts of the Apostles and the stories recorded there by Luke can show us that we aren't alone in this and how right from the very early days of the church and throughout the centuries ever since Christians have struggled with these things. But what Acts also shows us is that by talking, by listening to each other; by praying and by being guided by the Spirit we have a better chance of resolving any differences and moving forward than we do by becoming entrenched in our own views and refusing to accept other points of view.

So once we've finally run out of Lockdown jobs, or maybe even before that, why not spend a bit of time looking at Acts and seeing what those stories might be able to teach us. Those early disciples might not have had tidy lofts and garages but it's thanks to them and the way in which they faced the challenges that faced them that we are part of the church we have today

Alison

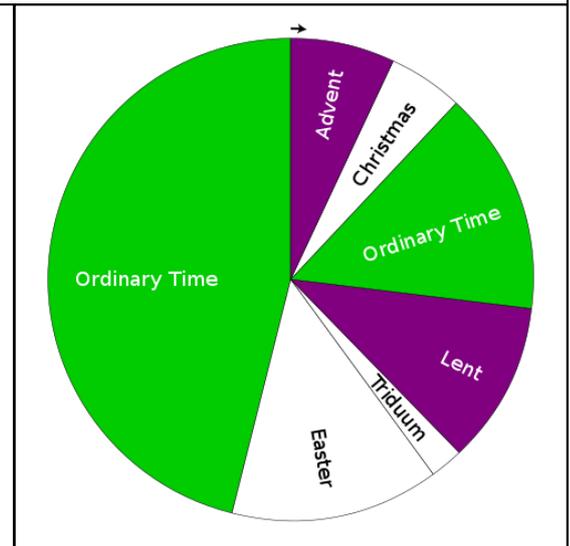
## **TRUE COLOURS?**

**Have you ever wondered about the various colours we use on the altar coverings in the church?**

**These colours are properly called the "liturgical colours". Appropriate colours are suggested in the prayer book [next to the Collect for the Day] but they are not absolutely mandatory. Tradition and local custom can be followed, We in St Mary's try to follow the guidance as best we are able and if we can.**

**There are four principle colours: white; red; purple and green.**

**WHITE: this is the colour for festal periods from Christmas Day to the presentation; from Easter Day to Pentecost Eve; for Trinity; for Festivals of Our Lord and the Virgin Mary; for All Saints' Day and for the festivals of saints not venerated as**



**martyrs - for which red is appropriate. White would also be appropriate for the church's festival of dedication and for Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday. It is used for marriages, baptisms, confirmations and ordinations - though some prefer red for these. White may be used for funerals and should be when the deceased is a child. If a church is fortunate to have two sets of white, the better set is kept for the great festivals where the prayer book suggests "white or gold".**

**RED: is used during Holy Week with the exception of Maundy Thursday's communion; at Pentecost; and may be used between All Saints' Day and the first Sunday of Advent. It is also used for saints' festivals where the saint is venerated as a martyr. Red is also considered appropriate where the service focuses on the Gift of the Holy Spirit so will be suitable for baptisms, confirmations and ordination where the local tradition is not to use white. Although red is the colour for Holy Week, most churches remove all coloured hangings for Good Friday and Easter Eve.**

**PURPLE: this can vary from true "roman" purple to violet to blue and is the colour for Advent and from Ash Wednesday until the day before Palm Sunday. It is the colour recommended for funerals – though white is often used and black is traditional in some churches.**

**GREEN: is used from the day after the Presentation until Shrove Tuesday; and from the day after Pentecost until the eve of All Saint's Day, except where another colour is provided for. It can also be used rather than red between All Saints' Day and the First Sunday in Advent.**

**There are two other possible arrays: the "Lent Array" is sometimes suggested. This is plain, unbleached linen. When a church has such a set, it should only be used from Ash Wednesday to the day before Palm Sunday.**

**Some churches also use a rose colour. If it is available, then it is for the third Sunday of Advent and the fourth Sunday of Lent.**

***Taken from St Marys Church, Wavertree Magazine (December 2004)***

## Saturday Coffee@St Mary's

It's nearly six years ago since the new shopping centre opened in Halewood and members at the St Mary's felt that this was a great opportunity to reach out to our local community. As our building is used during the week for the nursery for under fives and the care centre for the elderly, the best time available was Saturdays. We decided to open the building up and invite local people to join us for nominally priced coffee and cakes. We were immediately successful and the offer was soon extended to include bacon

## sandwiches

and toasted teacakes. We have a regular clientele both from our churches and the community as well as occasional visitors. We are staffed completely by volunteers from both our churches and the community, who do approximately one duty per month. However, we are willing to take on new volunteers, so why not call in one Saturday between 10.30am and 12.30pm for

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## St Nicholas Club

The club meets each month on Mondays from 1.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. at St Nicholas Centre, Church Road. The aim of the club is to be a platform for people wishing to get into painting watercolours or to encourage those

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## Painting

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## CHRIS-BLESS-

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The idea is to do

something positive in Lent rather than "giving something up". The focus for this year is Climate Change which is an important subject for all of us.

The leaflets include daily reflections and prayers as well as suggestions for raising some money for Christian Aid to help those in the world less fortunate than us.

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## QUOTE of the MONTH

I hear and I forget. I see and I remember.

I do and I understand. Confucius (551-479 BC)

## NOTABLE CHURCHES : ARTICLES WANTED!

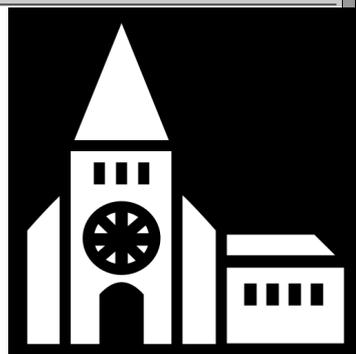
Whilst travelling around on holiday or perhaps funerals or weddings, I have often been impressed by interesting churches. And so, I have often included articles on those churches.

The annual pilgrimage to churches (and cakeshops) has featured for the last few years with the history and architecture of them.

Liverpool has many interesting churches eg the Iron Church at St Michaels and obviously our two cathedrals.

If on your travel, you come across one that impresses you, or has an interesting story, then why not take some pictures, write some words and SEND IT to the MAGAZINE via my Email :

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**Please pop in to any of the sessions to see how we can help.  
For more info please contact Sue 0151 482 6089 or 07731789794 or  
email [sue.torpey@big-help.info](mailto:sue.torpey@big-help.info)**

## JAM Club Scissors

The big box with lots of children's scissors in it has been missing since well before Christmas. If you have any idea what might have happened to it, could you please let Elaine or Pam know, as it's very difficult to do craft with the children without scissors.

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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ter school club

3:15-4:15pm. Please contact

Natasia if you could offer some help, even if not every Tuesday.

**SOME WEBSITES/APPs to INSTRUCT and EDUCATE DURING ISOLATION!**

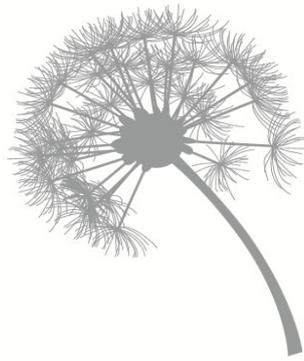
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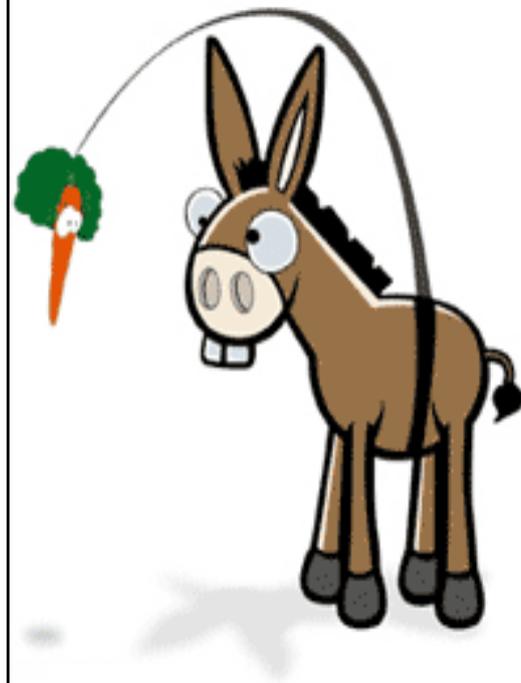
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'Liverpool Diocesan Bulletin' gives info on the cathedral, schools, events etc. [www.Roydenhistory.co.uk](http://www.Roydenhistory.co.uk) is a gateway to St Nicholas' history. [www.HalewoodParish.org](http://www.HalewoodParish.org) gives access to the weekly Parish Notes.

## **LOCUSTS in PAKISTAN**

Chickens in Pakistan have been feasting on captured locusts under an initiative to combat swarms of the insects that are threatening food supplies in the impoverished country.

Prime Minister Imran Khan has endorsed plans to expand a pilot project in the breadbasket province of Punjab, where villagers earned cash by gathering locusts that were then dried.

Farmers are struggling as the worst locust invasion in 25 years wipes out entire harvests in Pakistan's agricultural heartlands, leaving people scrambling for income.

Muhammad Khurshid from Pakistan's food ministry and biotechnologist Johar Ali set up the programme, drawing on efforts in war-ravaged Yemen, where authorities have encouraged people to eat the protein-rich locusts amid famine. The pair chose Punjab's Okara district, where farmers had not used any pesticides that would make locusts unsuitable for consumption.

"We first had to learn, and then teach the locals how to catch the locusts. Nets are useless against them," Khurshid told the AFP news agency. At night, locusts cluster on trees and plants, making them easy to scoop up as they lie motionless in the cooler temperatures until the sun begins to rise. For a reward of 20 rupees (12 cents) per kilogramme (roughly two pounds) of locusts, locals worked all night to collect them.

One farmer who lost all her crops to the insects said she and her son earned 1,600 rupees (\$10) during a single locust-gathering outing, helping to offset the financial damage.

Organisers struggled at first to convince farmers to join the hunt but, by the third night, word had spread, and hundreds joined in - turning up with their own bags to stuff full.

With 20 tonnes of captured locusts, authorities ran out of money to pay the collectors and the programme was paused.

The ministry, which recently announced the results of February's pilot, is now preparing to expand the project to other locations.

The harvested locusts went to Hi-Tech Feeds - Pakistan's largest animal-feed producer - which substituted 10 percent of the soybean in its chicken food with the insects.

"There was no issue with the feed, the locusts have a good potential for use in poultry feed," general manager Muhammad Athar said, after trying the modified product on 500 broiler hens. While the project is not a solution to the devastation inflicted on crops, it can provide hard-hit farmers with a fresh revenue stream and relieve pressure on authorities struggling to distribute locust-beating pesticides.

## **LOCUSTS in AFRICA**

Locust swarms have gnawed their way through crops across East Africa, the Arabian Peninsula, and parts of India this year, and experts fear their numbers will explode as monsoon rains arrive this month. The crisis is so severe that the government has declared a nation-





## **How a church in Speke has changed so it could continue serving its community during lockdown** from [liverpool.anglican.org](http://liverpool.anglican.org)

In this week's Bigger Difference article, we find out how a church in Speke has changed so it could continue serving its community during lockdown. Angela Jones and Rev Phil Saltmarsh explain how their church was able to adapt because of the journey they'd ventured on before. After St. Aidan's Church fell into a state of disrepair and with its congregation number dwindling to a dozen or so, a decision was made with its sister church All Saints, to close the building. Now based in a repurposed Chemist Shop and called St. Aidan's at The Place To Be Angela Jones a volunteer elaborates,



“Our first stop for a while was at our local Primary School who were happy to rent their hall out to us for an hour or two on a Sunday morning whilst we used their annexe on a Thursday morning for our Coffee Morning.

“We decided that if our local community was not coming to us then we would make ourselves more accessible to them. “Our old St. Aidan's building had very high windows, so our new shopfront windows were deliberately left fairly clear so that our community could see us and would not feel too awkward about joining us.”

Their aim was ‘TO KNOW JESUS AND TO MAKE HIS NAME KNOWN’. Changing their name to St. Aidan's at The Place To Be, they opened as a café church in 2010. Angela said, “We live in a deprived area of Liverpool which has drug/alcohol and some mental health issues.”

Before the pandemic struck, alongside a café the church ran regular activities during the week such as ‘Crafty Café’ where a group would sit and craft - card making, knitting. During ‘Memory Box’ items concealed in small boxes reveal something from maybe the 50s or 60s. Angela says the contents were a talking point to their older folk, adding “All food and drinks were sold at very affordable prices. Community and church volunteers work alongside each other which on the whole has worked quite well.

“We have had cookery courses in The Place To Be from STEC which Mark Ord has organised. The Citizens Advice Bureaux held a surgery weekly for those who needed their expertise until they were closed down. “Our local Community Police used to pop in for a chat and a cuppa. John would help any in need of help using a laptop. FareShare bags were sold for £2.50 and foodbank bags were available for those who needed free of charge. We would normally give out about a dozen a week.”

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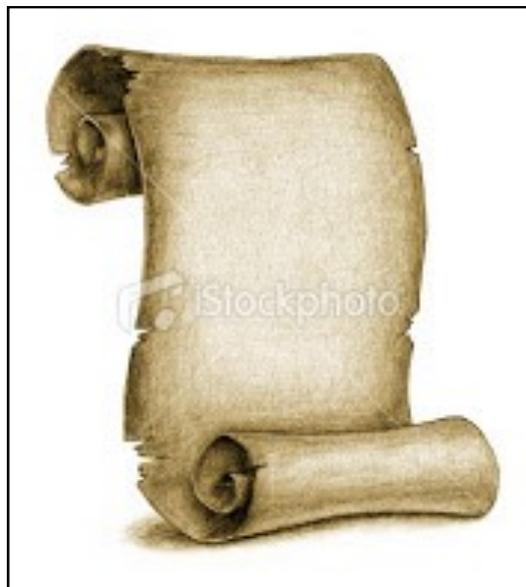
from St Marys Church (Wavertree) Mag 2004?.

To me you're a name on the Prayer List.  
I may never have seen your face  
But we're joined in these moments of quiet  
By faith in God's wonderful Grace.

You may be in need of his healing  
or yet peace of mind that you seek  
Whatever your need, God be with you  
His power reaches out when you're weak

Many are using this Prayer List  
we're his family, we really do care.  
We uphold your name in our hearts now  
We're releasing god's power through prayer.

Whatever you face, He is with you,  
Though there's so much we can't understand  
By faith we are linked at this moment  
Through prayer I am holding your hand.



## CORONAVIRUS and the VIRTUAL CHURCH

The advent of coronavirus has forced all Churches (and most other buildings) to be closed because people have to practise 'Social Distancing' ie to keep 2 metres distance between them and other people. Many people, particularly OAPs, are urged to 'Stay at Home' for upto 12 weeks. Hence, Rev Martyn Woodsford has invoked Technology to continue services from home, using the ZOOM app on laptops, tablets and smartphones. Zoom allows Martyn to create a 'Waiting Room' on his screen and to view up to 100 homes simultaneously. The congregation can see Martyn on their screens. Though initially there were some hiccups when some were unable to logon -- our first attempt failed and the second had vision but no sound! However, Martyn announced at Easter that he had 69 homes on screen! Nicola Hutton and family kindly provided the music for the hymns.

Martyn presented Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Sunday Services. Using Emails, Martyn (and Alison) communicate the service materials and also some extra materials such as worksheets, colouring sheets etc and also the Church Magazine (as a PDF).

In parallel, Rev Andrew Radford (based at St Hildas) has put a YOUTUBE service system in place for St Hildas parishoners -- information via email.

## **Africa is again the world's epicenter of modern-day slavery By Abdi Latif Dahir**

**Africa just recorded the highest rate of modern-day enslavement in the world.**

**Armed conflict, state-sponsored forced labor, and forced marriages were the main causes behind the estimated 9.2 million Africans who live in servitude without the choice to do so, according to the 2018 Global Slavery Index. And**

**despite these practices being widespread, slavery has remained a largely invisible is-**

**sue, in part, because it disproportionately affects the most marginalized members of society, such as minorities, women, and children.**

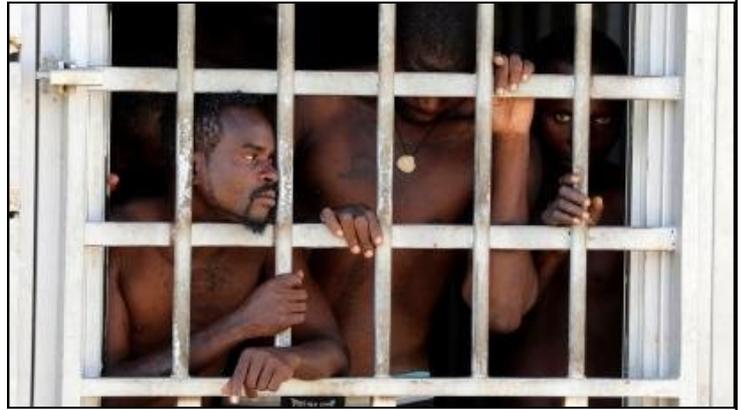
**Slavery was especially prevalent in Eritrea and Mauritania, where slavery has even been, at times, an institutionalized practice. In Eritrea, for instance, the one-party state of president Isaias Afwerki has overseen a notorious national conscription service accused of drafting citizens for an indefinite period, contributing to the wave of refugees fleeing the country. Workers that have claimed that they were forced to work in the nation's first modern mine are also currently suing the Vancouver-based mining company Nevsun that owns a majority stake in the mine.**

**The situation is more acute in Mauritania, which has the title of the world's last country to abolish slavery. For centuries, members of the black Haratin group were caught in a cycle of servitude, with the slave status being inherited. Reports have also shown the existence of government collusion with slave owners who intimidate servants who break free from their masters. A January landmark ruling from the African Union stated Mauritania wasn't doing enough to prosecute and jail the perpetrators of slavery.**

**In recent years, serfdom in the continent has attracted global attention after videos showed "slave markets" in Libya where African migrants were being auctioned off in car parks, garages, and as well as public squares. Migration to Libya has also put Nigerian women in the crossfire, with many being sucked into Italy's dangerous world of sex trafficking. During the World Cup games in Russia, anti-slavery group Alternativa said sex traffickers were also planning to exploit Russia's lax visa rules for the soccer fanfare to pimp Nigerian women.**

**The study, conducted in collaboration with Walk Free Foundation and the International Labor Organization, also notes how consumers all over the world are getting products that at some stage were touched by the hands of modern-day slaves. This was especially the case with the G20 nations, who have strong laws and systems against servitude, but who collectively import \$354 billion worth of at-risk products annually.**

**As previous reports have shown, cases of slavery still persist lower down the supply chain in commodity-producing nations like the DR Congo and Cote D'Ivoire. *Taken from the Quartz Daily Brief.***



# Volunteers Needed.

Male or female volunteers are welcome to join the 'Coffee Shop' rota at Nicholas' St Cen-



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## Exploring

We currently

explore how God's

lives. If you are interested in

exploring your faith in a small informal group then please contact Vanessa Harrison on [ness.harrison@gmail.com](mailto:ness.harrison@gmail.com)

## Faith Groups.

Currently have three groups meeting on a weekly basis where we the bible and discuss word applies to our own



### A SHORT POEM by William Wordsworth

My heart leaps up when I behold  
A rainbow in the sky:  
So was it when my life began;  
So is it now I am a man;

Or let me die!  
The child is father to the man;  
And I could wish my days to be  
Bound each to each by natural piety.

### Funerals at St Nicholas' church 2020

(funeral services in church suspended from 25 March)

13 March	Iris Ethel Calverley	Age 89	Funeral
24 March	Alan Williams Gowland	Age 57	Funeral
23 April	William James Hannah	Age 85	Graveside funeral and burial



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## The Lockdown Afternoon Tea

from Kathryn Griffin

With many of our events cancelled and the giving for the church reduced, we needed to come up with different ways of raising much needed funds for St Nicholas' and St Mary's. After the virtual afternoon tea went so well earlier on in the year I had the idea of doing a delivery service for something similar. As usual I grabbed Liz Simon and Vanessa Bevan, not sure I really ask them if they will help with these ideas I have, but they always jump on-board and a plan came into action. A delivery of afternoon tea - we would all do a cake / scone each and then make the sandwiches on the day. The poster was designed by Liz and out it went on Jethro and through the Halewood CofE school what's app groups. I thought we would be lucky to get a dozen orders .....



155 orders later ! The response was overwhelming and not just for the afternoon tea but for the raffle tickets purchased and the donations given. We had so much help in the end to make it a success that these people need to be thanked.

*Our bakers ; my daughter Ella who made all 155 brownies, Ness who did the delicious lemon drizzles, Liz, Emma Walsh and Carol Lavercombe who made all the scones*

*Our delivery girls; they did arrive to a bit of mayhem on the day but all really enjoyed getting out and seeing people on their deliveries – Emma Walsh, Jane Maylor, Zoe Booth, Hilary Mason, Sonia McDiarmid and Lisa Charlton*

*Our generous donations ; Kate Cable who made a beautiful summer wreath (@athomewithmrsc), Louise Brigdale who made us some alcoholic raffle prizes, Dave & Karen Critchley who not only provided an amazing veg box from their online delivery service for the raffle, but also all the boxes for the afternoon teas which was fantastic (@lidsdelivery) Help on the day included Ness, Liz, Ella, I roped in my mum Maureen and Eva & Claire Madelosa. It was an early start but a really fun day getting all the orders ready. We came a bit unstuck when we had to do the dietary requirements so there was a hectic half an hour but we got there in the end and I think everyone was happy.*

At first we made £1200 which was fantastic but made me want to push it to £1500 so our final figure was £1590! The most as a team we have ever made in a single event so we are made up.



Although this is a fantastic amount the churches need more to keep running – with giving greatly reduced and the church and all buildings closed, this is just the start to help get is through this very surreal situation. So we have now set up a JustGiving page with a campaign to help support both churches. We have some great events linked to this already including Monica Sharma who is running 100k in July, a sponsored event linked to Halewood Church of England Primary school's sports day and a virtual bingo night (date to be confirmed).

It makes me very proud to be part of a community that pulls together when needed so let's keep going and supporting and getting through these strange times. As my husband said one call deliveries were done – well done – that is 155 people who are enjoying an afternoon tea in the sun (thanks to St Jude and Irene Bakers hot line). Some managed to meet up socially in their gardens with others and some even had virtual zoom afternoon teas with loved ones. A successful day all round and I think this may be one event we will do annually. If you would still like to donate and also see events coming up please do visit the link below. Kat

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/halewoodlep>

NB.

Monica Sharma has her own Just giving page so please support Monica if you are able to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/monica-sharma1> Thanks Alison

**OPEN GARDENS**  
**Week 7**



Ralph Richardson  
Bottle Brush plant



Christabel Hardman



Linda West

## Halewood Parish Regular Activities

<b>DAY</b>	<b><u>Venue</u></b>	<b><u>Organisation</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	St Nicholas' Centre	Junior Church	11.00-12.00
	WI Hall Bailey's Lane	Drama Group	19.00-21.00
<b>MONDAY</b>	St Nicholas' Centre	Rainbows	18.00-19.00
		Bible Studio Group (Alternate weeks)	13.30-15.00
<b>-15.30</b>	St Nicholas Centre	Painting Club	13.00
<b>TUESDAY</b>	St Nicholas' Cen-	tre	<b>CATERPIL-</b>
<b>LARS</b>	09.15—11.00		2 <sup>nd</sup> H'wd
<b>Brownies</b>	17.00 -	18.30	<b>G u i d e s /</b>
<b>Rangers</b>	19.00	-20.30	<b>100% Boss</b>
<b>Club</b>	St 17.30	Mary's -19.00	<b>(Alternate</b>
<b>weeks)</b>			<b>Next Level</b>
		18.45-19.45	<b>(Alternate weeks)</b>
	Scout Hut	Beavers	18.00-19.30
<b>WED</b>	St Nicholas' Centre	3 <sup>rd</sup> H'wood Brownies	17.30-19.00
		Drama Group	19.15-19.00
	St Nicholas' Church	Bell Ring Practice.	20.00-21.00
	St Mary's	Jam Club	15.30-17.00
	St Nicholas' Church	Knit & Sew	10am-12
	Scout Hut	Cubs	18.00-20.00
<b>THURS</b>	St Nicholas' Centre	Coffee Shop	10.00-12.00
		Mothers' Union (1 <sup>st</sup> of the month)	13.30-15.30
		Vestry Hour	19.00-19.45

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