

# **Ministry Message from Jen Radford**

## **St Hilda's, Hunt's Cross through Covid-19 20/5/21**

I asked Colin if he had any particular requests for the message this time and he said it'd be good to hear how things have been through Covid-19 at St Hilda's and how services have happened. Firstly, I should say that as a reader serving alongside my husband Andy, the Team Vicar I am super grateful to God for the opportunity.

Through the course of this Covid year, as my reader training came to an end and I was licensed, I found I had more time to serve God in my local community at St Hilda's. In January I began a small part-time role as Parish Coordinator for the PCC here, fulfilling God's call further and supporting Andy particularly with developing the mission and ministry in this area of Hunts Cross and Halewood. So, I'm again hugely blessed and grateful to God to be able to share with you about ministry here and some of our hopes for the future.



St Hilda's Online services have occurred every Sunday since soon after Easter 2020, when we switched from the single team YouTube recorded service to two Zoom services. We were concerned about those not able, comfortable or confident about accessing Zoom services and so Andy created a paper version which was emailed out. He printed hard copies too which he and our daughter Ella, who's a sporty 17yr old, took out to those without email each week. Andy also spent time supporting various congregants via telephone, enabling some to access Zoom via their devices. Our original Zoom service took place at 11am for around an hour where we enjoyed a mixture of styles incorporating elements from each of the Platform 1 and Platform 2 services, and prayers and readings by volunteers from both congregations. Since the beginning of lockdown many of St Hilda's congregation have kept in touch with one another via the Church WhatsApp group, created from a group I'd set up with the leaders of platform 2. We have shared photos, jokes, encouragements, prayer requests, news and support with one another, a fantastic way to get to know each other better. Andy also created an admin-only WhatsApp group to deliver a short thought for the day video throughout the week, encouraging many. He facilitated a number of 24-hour prayer marathons, as a church and across the team, where we were lifting up members of our congregation or their family and friends through difficult times.

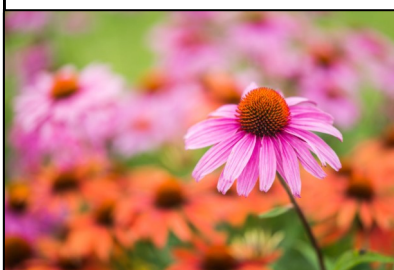
We became increasingly aware that our single Zoom service was not so suitable for our children and young people, who rarely attended. So, at the beginning of October St Hilda's began a dedicated 'Platform 2' Zoom service at 4pm which continued until last Sunday. These Zooms included sharing news, prayers, contemporary worship,

action songs, a bible reading and talk, craft, video clips, games and quizzes. Many of our children and young people have participated and contributed at different times since then, ably cheered on by the Platform 2 leadership team.

St Hilda's church has pulled together throughout this time in a variety of ways. We've phoned, messaged and connected with each other safely since the first lockdown and baked cakes for each other and the soldiers who manned the test centre we hosted in the church building. The daughter of one congregant has regularly run a Zoom bingo session. This year we've added a mid-week Zoom 'cuppa' opportunity where we discovered there are a number of gifted knitters in church. The knitting team produced large numbers of 'hens' which we put cream eggs in for Easter and most recently lots of 'doves' to gift to families for Pentecost. Last summer two parishioners led Zoom aerobics sessions, we've had Zoom quizzes, a game show, a pancake party and Zoom Easter garden building. We were also able to deliver bags of little goodies to folks' doors at Christmas and Easter to keep in touch. A number of St Hilda's folk have enjoyed engaging with Wednesday evening Team Night Prayer and also the Team Lent Course which Andy and I ran based on Bishop Steve Croft's book, 'Experiencing God's Love'. So many folks have kindly shared their time and talents generously throughout the year.

Just before I began preparing this message, I noticed that an orchid I received from a kind parishioner, in full bloom not so long before the first lockdown, had begun to regrow a number of buds. I've been giving it a very small drink once a week for an extensive period of time. I realise I'd become so used to watering a fruitless plant that I'd forgotten to look for signs of new life. You'll notice (see above) the picture of it now, as I complete this article. It's absolutely blooming gorgeous! It's been more than worth my small efforts and reminds me of the great outcomes which God can produce when we all choose to faithfully remain in relationship with him, doing the small things he's given us to do. My prayer for St Hilda's – and all our churches as I recently prayer-walked the Team's buildings in the rain, admiring the lush green spaces between – is that we emerge from lockdown noticeably 'blooming' somehow. Wouldn't it be amazing if more folk in our communities were able to see and experience '... the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God' (Isaiah 35:2b) through us or with us, after such a trying time?

We've got lots of forthcoming plans and hopes as a church family now. This weekend we are set to hold two garden afternoon tea parties for Christian Aid and try the first live Platform 2 service at 4pm in the hall. For July we're planning a church barbeque to celebrate local community heroes and in September we intend to open St Hilda's as an all-age 'Place of Welcome' on Wednesday afternoons. There are lots of other ideas floating around too, so watch this space and if you'd be so kind, add your prayers to ours. Thanks so much for reading. Jen x



**Plant and Seedlings Swap and Giveaway**  
**Saturday 5 June 10.30-12.00**  
**Veg, Flowers and other Plants**

## Resource for Knowsley

Whilst closed for Covid, the website is available. There is lots of information on ARK. Search for 'ARCHIVES.KNOWSLEY.GOV.UK' to find the history of Knowsleys townships eg Halewood, Prescot etc. It's well worth a visit! *After all, YOU'RE PAYING For it!*



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Tom Beesley has today registered our charity Halewood Ecumenical Partnership with Amazon Smile. If you pick us as your chosen charity, everytime you shop on Amazon they will make a donation to us. It doesn't cost you, the customer, anything.

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Thanks everyone Alison



**From: Andy Radford** Bingo at 3pm (Every Thursday )

Hi Alison - I am forwarding you the details of a weekly bingo event Diane Richardson is doing. This is in case you can think of anyone who might like to join in. They are very friendly. Diane & Evelyn invite you to a ZOOM meeting.

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## **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 always willing to take on new volunteers, so why not call in one Saturday between 10.30am and 12.30pm for

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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.

There are adult and children's versions and more can be ordered from

## **TIAN AID LENT - COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS 2020**

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## My Farming Week — Olly Harrison, Tarbock

Most people at St Nicholas Church will have met Church Warden farmer Tom & wife Olive Harrison at Christmas Carols in Tarbock. Their son, Olly, is well known for his NHS charity fund-raising — the fields of Sunflowers and the Christmas Tractors with their lights., which attracted thousands of people. Search for Ollys Blog, Tarbock — Farming Week to read about a farmers life.

## TRADECRAFT CATALOGUE AVAILABLE

Penni Conlon has been in touch to say that the new Traidcraft Autumn /Winter Catalogue is now available. It includes Cards and other Christmas items

If you would like Penni to drop one off for you please email her on colonpj@btinternet.com



## **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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## **Working with the children and young people in the parish**

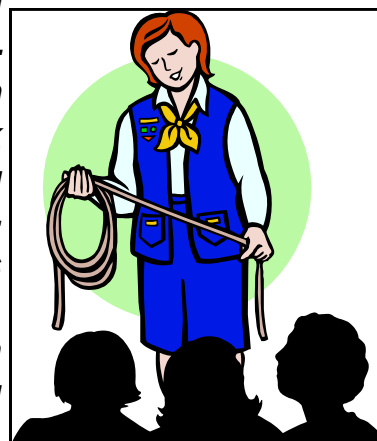
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## Natasia needs some new Jam Club leaders

Hello Alison

Could you send out a request for some new JAM club leaders?

I would like to re start the club week beginning of June 7th but need more leaders due to the previous leaders either being in a vulnerable category or moving on as their child is now in secondary school.

I am seeking people who are willing to be DBS checked, available 3 - 4:30pm on a Wednesday evening. This does not have to be every Wednesday and ideally there would be enough support for me to be able to create a rota!

If anyone is interested or would like to know more please get in touch with

[natasia.circuitchildren@gmail.com](mailto:natasia.circuitchildren@gmail.com) or 07867489463

God bless and many thanks

Natasia Bullock x

Children's Worker

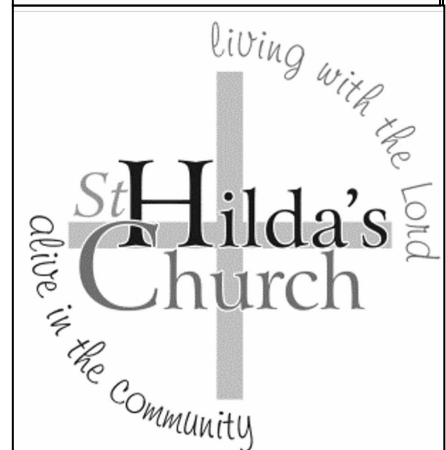
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"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' Matthew 19:14



### SOME THINGS to CELEBRATE on JUNE 1st!

Tue, June 1	Global Day of Parents -	International
Tue, June 1	Statehood Day	United states (Kentucky, Tennessee) Local Observance
Tue, June 1	President's Day	Palau Public Holiday
Tue, June 1	Independence Day	Samoa Public Holiday
Tue, June 1	Children's Day	Multiple Multiple Types
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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Natasia is in need of some extra volunteers on a Tuesday to support the work at Yew Tree Primary School. We are in need of someone to support the church craft lunch club which is every Tuesday 12:30-1pm and also be an extra adult during the Drama after every Tuesday

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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.

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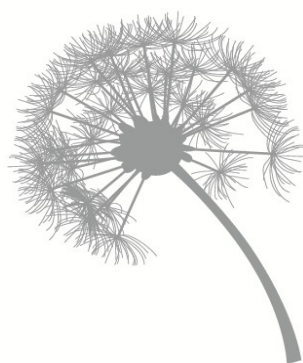
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# **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16th MAY**

from Tracy Woodsford

Hi everyone,

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“ Christian Aid Week.

We are not doing a house to house collection for the second year running.

However, it is possible to give directly to Christian Aid on line at [christianaid.org.uk](http://christianaid.org.uk).

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

We will be sending a donation from the Fairtrade Stall so if anyone is unable to donate on line I will be happy to forward their donation for them.

If you are able to support this worthwhile cause please do so.

There is also a 75th anniversary service on Sunday 9th May at 6.30 pm - Co-hosted by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland that you can sign up to online if you are interested in doing so.

Penni Conlon “



BBC

D-DAY Tuesday 6th June 1944

**A D-Day veteran, 95, parachutes into Normandy once more.**

**D-Day veteran, 95, parachutes into France to mark Anniversary**

A 95-year-old D-Day veteran joined many paratroopers as they re-enacted the first airborne drop on to northern France

75 years ago. Thousands of troops dropped in to Nazi-occupied Normandy in June 1944, ahead of the assault on the beaches. About 20 Dakota aircraft flew from Duxford, Cambridgeshire, to France, with veterans Harry Read, 95, from Bournemouth, and John Hutton, 94, from Stirling, Scotland, among the troops. The pair jumped in tandem with members of the Army's Parachute Regiment display team, the Red Devils, and were greeted with applause as they landed in the fields.



# In memory of Councillor Allan Harvey

The 'opening' of the bench (in Grace Park) in memory of Allan was at 3pm Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Joanne was there to prepare the bench with gold and green ribbon.

Colin Critchley, who knew Allan for nearly 50 years had been invited to talk and shared some of his memories. He began by identifying some of the people who will benefit from the bench such as shoppers on their way home, dog walkers needing a rest and those just wanting to sit and reflect who might meet other people and make new friends. Colin had also borrowed a book of Blessings for over 300 occasions but hadn't found one that covered park benches. Instead he read us a poem that Allan would have loved and which certainly amused those listening.

Joanne and Michelle cut the ribbon and just about everyone had a chance to sit on the bench after Joanne had thanked everyone who had helped ensure the bench was installed.

The plaque dedicating the bench reads

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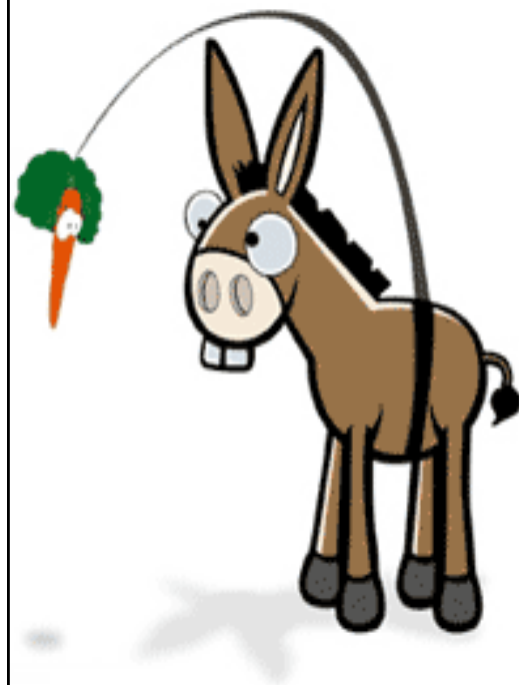
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Rev Martyn at St Nicholas has used ZOOM Cloud to send Video/Audio of Sunday service. You can use ZOOM to talk to your friends & relatives for free.

'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.

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# **PEACE DOVES AT LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL**

**A huge art installation has finally been unveiled at Liverpool Cathedral.**

**Peace Doves is a mass participation art installation, created by renowned sculptor and artist Peter Walker.**

**It features around 18,000 paper doves suspended on 15.5 miles of ribbon from the roof of the Cathedral, accompanied by a soundscape from composer David Harper. It was originally scheduled to open last May but was postponed in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.**



**Before lockdown, visitors to**

**the cathedral, along with local school children and community groups were invited to write messages of peace, hope and love onto thousands of paper doves.**

**The installation is breathtaking - the doves are illuminated by atmospheric, ever-changing lighting while David Harper's score manages to create a peaceful and moving ambience.**

**The Dean of Liverpool, The Very Revd Dr Sue Jones, said: "I have been reading some of the prayers and messages written on the doves from people, both young and old, they are incredibly moving.**

**"From people paying tribute to those they have lost, to those wishing for better times and, of course, many wishing for peace.**

**"I hope that people will visit the installation and appreciate its beauty. I hope that people will come and stand, sit or lie under installation and look up at the doves and experience a sense of serenity and peace.**

**"As a cathedral, we offer this space and this installation for you to reflect on the difficult times we have all been living through and we pray it will give comfort and joy."**

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**Peter Walker added: "This is the first artwork to be shown since the Cathedral re-opened and it has been created by the hands of the local community.**

**"Thousands of children have participated in this project, writing messages of peace, hope and love onto the doves and I think that's a really important thing to be doing at this time."**

**As well as Peace Doves, visitors to the cathedral will also be able to**

**view the return of the popular Angel Wings moving light projection, created by Luxmuralis.**

Visitors can take photos and videos in front of the shoulder height, angel wings that pulsate and change colour to a curated soundtrack. Peace Doves was created by sculptor and artist Peter Walker (Image: PA)

Another new, interactive art installation also going on display is Peace to Ourselves.

Visitors will be asked to place a button inside the shape of a giant dove and take a

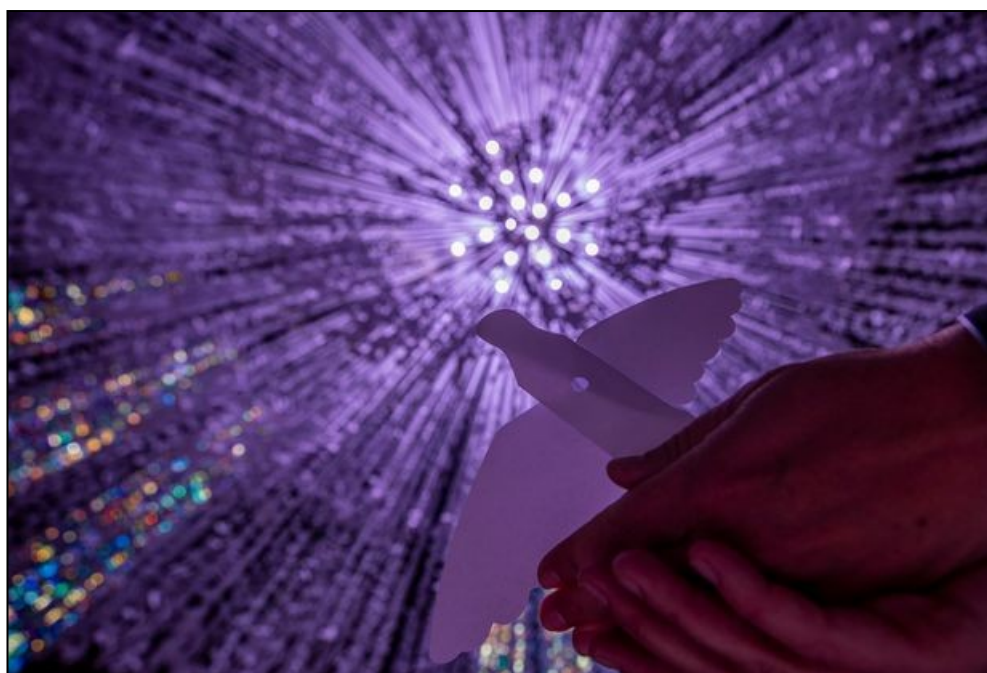
moment to contemplate the past year and remember those who have lost their lives. The installation officially opens on Friday, May 20 and will also feature as part of Liverpool's LightNight event that evening.

**It will run until August 31 2021,** with a series of special events, including talks, music, storytelling for children, yoga and the chance to dine under the doves.

There are also a series of Quiet Hours for those who might find crowds daunting, for example, someone who has an autism spectrum condition or sensory processing differences.

Due to COVID regulations, bookings must be made in advance to view the installation.. Further slots will be released later this month. Visit Liverpool Cathedral's website for updates and a full listing of all the special events.

*Taken from the LIVERPOOL ECHO*



## **Plant and Seedlings Swap and Giveaway**

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## Church Fundraiser- Scented Candles for sale

Now I know how much everyone has missed having a bit of retail therapy, so to help you out whilst you wait for the Roadmap to get to the 'reopen the shops' stage.....

We have some gorgeous scented candles for sale to help raise funds for our churches

The candles are in a tin and I have attached some photographs to give you an idea of what they look like. We have two fra-

grances: Citrus, lime and mandarin;

Mandarin leaf and oud and before you ask-

Oud is an expensive middle Eastern perfume described as warm, smoky and sweet....

Anyway they both smell lovely and Kate Cooper and I have tested them. These are our reviews:

Both varieties fill the room with fragrance very quickly. The candles are long lasting and burn well and evenly, not just burning down in the centre.

They will make ideal presents for Mothering Sunday, Easter, birthdays or other occasions or just to treat yourself. Go on, you know you deserve it. The candles are £8 each and all

the proceeds will go to church funds

If you'd like to order any please email me

and I'll sort out collection/delivery and

Payment. Thanks everyone

**Alison**

*Ps please feel free to share this with others*





# Volunteers Needed.

Male or female volunteers are welcome to join the

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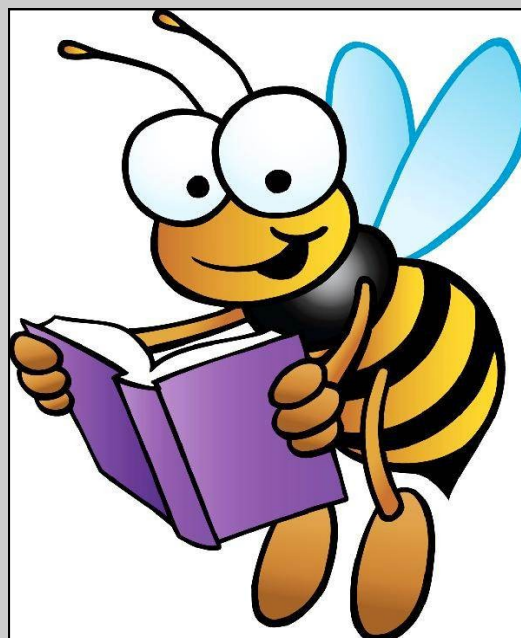
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## **Children celebrate Cancelled Christmas Panto at school in May .**

**By Kate Lally Liverpool Echo**

A Merseyside high school has celebrated Christmas almost five months late due to the covid. Elves and Santa have been

spotted in the corridors of Formby High School this month, with some sneak peek images teased on social media. New starters in Year 7 usually start their year with rehearsals for a Christmas panto, to help them make new friends, learn

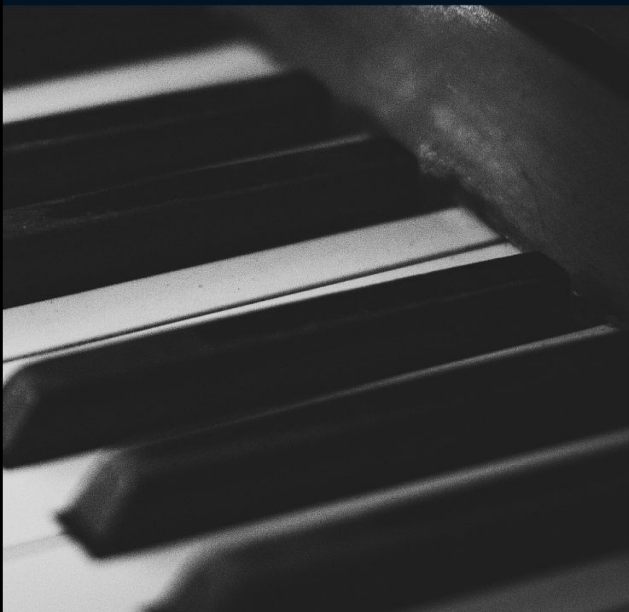
new skills and build confidence. Because of the pandemic, restrictions, and various lockdowns, this couldn't happen in time for the festive season. Children continued with digital rehearsals, and the production team adapted their delivery by posting choreography videos, songs and film clips. Bedrooms became stages, singing was a challenge with time delays, but all 55 pupils turned up to rehearse and connect. This month, the students performed the show, fully costumed in fur and tinsel, in front of a film crew from North Star Digital. The local community rallied to the show's support with costumes, set and props. "The students were thrilled the show reaching its grand finale and get their performance. We could not be prouder of our hard working students who have stuck together to see this project through to completion, aided by a diligent production crew and parent volunteers.



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2021 date 23 May

Related to Pentecost, Whit Monday, Whit Tuesday, Whit Friday, Trinity Sunday

Whitsun (also Whitsunday or Whit Sunday) is the name used in Britain and Northern Ireland, and throughout the world among Catholic, Anglicans and Methodists, for the Christian High Holy Day of Pentecost. It is the seventh Sunday after Easter, which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples (Acts 2).



In the North West of England, church and chapel parades called whit walks still take place at this time. Typically, the parades include brass bands and choirs; girls attending are dressed in white. Traditionally, Whit fairs (sometimes called Whitsun ales) took place. Other customs, such as Morris dancing, were associated with Whitsun.

Pentecost was so-called to signify the outpouring of the wisdom of the Holy Ghost on Christ's disciples. As the first holiday of the summer, Whitsun was one of the favourite times in the traditional calendar, and Whit Sunday, or the following week, was a time for celebration. This took the form of fêtes, fairs, pageants and parades, with Whitsun ales and Morris dancing in the south of England and Whit walks, Club Days and wakes in the north. Whit Monday was officially recognised as a bank holiday in the UK in 1871, but lost this status in 1972 when the fixed Spring Bank Holiday was created.

1485: Malory's *Le Morte D'Arthur* has the Knights of the Round Table witness a divine vision of the Holy Grail on a Whitsunday, prompting their quest to find its true location. The Second World War film *Went the Day Well?* (1942) depicts the fictional takeover of an English village by Nazi soldiers over Whitsun weekend.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia





## **Reopening Halewood church buildings**

Thank you all for your patience and continuing support of our churches during this last year. With the vaccine roll-out happening and lockdown measures starting to ease soon, we will be opening St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's again from April 11th, but with restrictions on numbers as distancing still needs to be maintained. Andy will be sending out info regarding St. Hilda's once an opening strategy is in place for them. We are looking forward to the summer when we hope to be able to worship together back in our buildings with no restrictions on numbers, when we will be able to sing together and share in communion again. What a wonderful day that will be!

For the time being, with everyone's safety in mind, certain measures will still be in place:

Face masks/ coverings must be worn

Everyone will need to clean their hands on the way in

Everyone will need to leave name and contact details

Physical distancing will be maintained (families can sit together)

The church will need to be cleared of people directly after the service

Because of physical distancing, seating will be limited, therefore we are looking to invite people each week on a rota system so that everyone who would like to meet in the building has the chance to do so. Depending on the response, you may only receive an invitation every few weeks. We will continue with our Zoom services on Sundays and Wednesday evenings as well so that as many people as possible have the chance to join in with worship each week.

To help with the logistics, if you would like to be on the rota to meet in the church building, please let us know which service you wish to attend and how many people from your family would like to come.

**IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU BY 20th March WE WILL ASSUME THAT YOU DO NOT WANT TO GO ON THE ROTA TO MEET IN THE CHURCH BUILDING.**

Please pick one option so that as many people as possible are able to be involved. Thank you.

Sunday 9:30am at St. Mary's

Sunday 6:30pm at St. Nicholas

Thursday 9:15am at St. Nicholas

Please reply to:      3 Rectory Drive, Halewood, L26 6LJ  
                                 or email [tracywoodsford@gmail.com](mailto:tracywoodsford@gmail.com)  
                                 or text info to 07340 700 989 (don't forget to tell me who you are!)



# WHAT A WEEK!

Well a week and a bit.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May our neighbour, six houses down at the bottom of our garden, came to tell us that a tree had fallen on the railway embankment and was threatening to fall on our 'shed'.

After phoning Network Rail's emergency number Andy rang and arranged to visit and inspect the same. It was very serious and Andy left to report it. Naively I expressed a wish that it be dealt with from the railway end rather than coming through our house and garden.

The reality was that over two days Monday and Wednesday we had seven tree surgeons park in our road and drive and bring masses of equipment through the house (our only access to the garden) whilst we carried on planting up pond iris, stag's horn shrubs etc. in preparation for our 'PLANT SALE' on Saturday.

At a time when we are being encouraged to plant trees to save our planet, we discovered that a very large oak tree had uprooted and fallen on another oak and silver birch. We had sycamore in the mix; the result of a previous owner's enthusiastic planting at the bottom of our garden in the short time they owned it.

It took a great deal of discussion by the tree surgeons, involving us in the decisions, to cut the trees free without damaging our property.

We were blessed with lovely dry sunny weather on these days.

Sadly, this didn't last and by Friday we were faced with torrential rain.

The plan was to move the 100 or so plants up the garden towards the house and as Dorothy Critchley (same name, no relation) and myself sat writing labels it seemed it would not stop. We had to take the bull by the horns and start to move them getting drenched in the process. It all seemed a bit surreal and I wondered whether people would turn out at 10 a.m. the next morning.

22<sup>nd</sup> May: Up at the crack of dawn to move everything to the front of the house and set up refreshments in garage, I barely had time to express my doubts and fears when they were there "The A Team". Enthusiastic plant lovers; Jean Beck raffle tickets in hand, Colin



*kettle boiling offering tea and coffee and biscuits; seats out as rain gradually disappeared and surprise! surprise! A glamorous masked lady parked opposite and helped her mum Sheila Bersin out of her car for her first social visit since lockdown.*

*In fact, for all of us, it seemed to be our first "coming out" experience and it was awesome. So much conversation and sharing of photos of gardens.*

*We are so glad that we were not allowed to use the back garden for our fundraising event as this resulted, for us, in a very creative use of a very limited space which we loved.*



*We want to thank what was a select group for their generosity of spirit as well as funds. They had all gone by lunch time and we were left with £227. Thank you so much. Jean and Colin Critchley*



### Royal British Legion: Prince Charles marks charity's 100th birthday

The Prince of Wales has paid tribute to the "life-changing and often life-saving support" the Royal British Legion (RBL) provides to the Armed Forces, in a video message honouring the charity's 100th birthday. Prince Charles said the RBL provided a "constant and reassuring presence"

and an "unending commitment".

The RBL was formed exactly 100 years ago at 09:00 BST on Saturday 15th May 2021.

Wreathes will be laid at the Cenotaph in London and other parts of the UK.

Prince Charles said he had the "utmost admiration" for the RBL's ability to rally support for the Armed Forces and help grieving families.

"There are few organisations which hold a place at the heart of society in the way the RBL does," he said. "For 100 years, the RBL has been a constant, through the annual Poppy Appeal, leading the nation in remembrance, and providing a life-long commitment to every veteran and their families."

He offered his "sincere and heartfelt gratitude" to those who helped build the charity.

"Those who have served have an organisation that provides life-changing and often life-saving support, an organisation that speaks up on their behalf and an organisation that ensures their sacrifices shall never be forgotten," he added.

## Halewood Parish Regular Activities

<u>DAY</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>St Nicholas' Centre</b>	<b>Junior Church</b>	<b>11.00-12.00</b>
	<b>WI Hall Bailey's Lane</b>	<b>Drama Group</b>	<b>19.00-21.00</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>St Nicholas' Centre</b>	<b>Rainbows</b>	<b>18.00-19.00</b>
		<b>Bible Studio Group (Alternate weeks)</b>	<b>13.30-15.00</b>
	<b>St Nicholas Centre</b>	<b>Painting Club</b>	<b>13.00</b>
			<b>-15.30</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>St Nicholas' Cen-</b>	<b>tre</b>	<b>CATERPIL -</b>
<b>LARS</b>	<b>09.15—11.00</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> H'wd</b>
<b>Brownies</b>	<b>17.00 -</b>	<b>18.30</b>	<b>Guides /</b>
<b>Rangers</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>-20.30</b>	<b>100% Boss</b>
<b>Club</b>	<b>S t</b>	<b>Mary's</b>	<b>(Alternate</b>
<b>weeks)</b>	<b>17.30</b>	<b>-19.00</b>	<b>Next Level</b>
		<b>18.45-19.45</b>	<b>(Alternate weeks)</b>
	<b>Scout Hut</b>	<b>Beavers</b>	<b>18.00-19.30</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>St Nicholas' Centre</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> H'wood Brownies</b>	<b>17.30-19.00</b>
	<b>St Nicholas' Church</b>	<b>Drama Group</b>	<b>19.15-19.00</b>
	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Bell Ring Practice.</b>	<b>20.00-21.00</b>
	<b>St Nicholas' Church</b>	<b>Jam Club</b>	<b>15.30-17.00</b>
	<b>Scout Hut</b>	<b>Knit &amp; Sew</b>	<b>10am-12</b>
		<b>Cubs</b>	<b>18.00-20.00</b>
<b>THURS</b>	<b>St Nicholas' Centre</b>	<b>Coffee Shop</b>	<b>10.00-12.00</b>
		<b>Mothers' Union</b>	<b>13.30-15.30</b>
		<b>(1<sup>st</sup> of the month)</b>	
		<b>Vestry Hour</b>	<b>19.00-19.45</b>

**POSTPONED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE  
- CORONAVIRUS**

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## **Ray Connor–Funeral eulogy- 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**By Colin Critchley**

50 years next year a young Anglican clergyman came to St Mary's. John Farnworth was a quiet unassuming man from Blackburn but he left a legacy because he was the driving force in starting a playgroup which evolved into the Nursery. One of his other legacies is a sermon he preached nearly fifty years ago. It has been formative for me. He was addressing the issue of Christian life- style and he used maritime imagery to paint the backcloth. He drew the contrast between a large ocean liner and a tug boat. The liner gets all the attention with its size, its glamour, its status. John said that there can be an expectation that the life of a Christian is to be modelled on that of a liner, obvious, somewhat flamboyant and striking. He then pointed out that without the tug the liner is going nowhere, he said that not many can be liners but the tugs are the lifeblood of the seas.



Ray had no aspirations to be a liner he didn't need to be he was a brilliant tug, despite a difficult start in life.

Ray was born and raised in the Dingle area of Liverpool, one of 10 children, 2 of whom died in infancy. His mother Edith died when Ray was 6 years old, and his father William (Billy) was in poor health. His father was not able to care for his children alone and the youngest, Eileen was only 6 weeks old. All the children were placed into the care of Fazakerley Cottage Homes, Longmoor Lane except for Eileen who was placed in the nursery unit in Olive Mount Hospital..

Later Billy remarried to Peggy who brought Eileen back home. They cared for her and each child who returned home on reaching 14 years to the care of their father and stepmother. Peggy and Billy had 2 daughters making the number of children up to 10. Ray remained in the Cottage Homes, where he was happy. until he was 14 but saw his father every weekend. Ray attended Barlows Lane School and Fazakerley secondary where he passed his school, certificate in all subjects. Billy died just before Ray went home permanently and he remained there for 3 years whilst an office boy in a Liverpool Firm of accountants.

He joined the Royal Army Pay Corps aged 17 a regular soldier because they got paid more than if you did National Service. He was stationed in Malaya during

the Malayan conflict attached to the Brigade of Gurkhas. He loved the time he was in the Army and that was where he learned all his bookkeeping skills.

He then came back to Liverpool and had various jobs and joined Cousins Confectioners as an assistant accountant when they had a bakery in the Dingle area and finally moved to their new bakery in Woodend Ave Speke. Val joined the firm later and worked in the Wages/Cash office from where their relationship developed, and they married in October 1963.

Their first married home was in Prescot in a flat over one of Cousins shops. They moved to Halewood in 1966. By then the family had grown to 4 and became 5 by 1967. That was their first contact with St Mary's when Kerry was baptized. Cousins closed down in 1981 and Ray was made redundant as he didn't want to move to Yorkshire with the rest of the company managers. He found a position with a firm of accountants who were independent accountants for Littlewoods Pools and the Moores family. Ray worked there for many years working on The Moores family Trust funds as well as Pool's winners.

Ray was a staunch Evertonian and followed the team from boyhood until his passing. He had a season ticket and went to every match as well as Wembley trips, mostly with his 3 children and Val's family who were all blues. There were a few who supported the other team.

For many years Ray was treasurer for St Mary's Church, St Mary's Day Centre and St Mary's Nursery. He was involved in the setting up of the Day Centre with Rev Alister Ross and Rev Paul Dear. He has been a member of St Mary's for well over 40 years and latterly was electoral roll officer.

My life and Ray's overlapped on a number of fronts, in particular concerning the Nursery. Ray's management of the finances was impeccable and on more than one occasion he took on the Inland Revenue and the Diocese on behalf of the Nursery. He visited the Inland Revenue in Widnes and managed to get a letter from them stating that neither the Church or staff would be pursued for unpaid tax and NI contributions provided accounts were produced and staff were paid under the PAYE arrangements. Ray made sure that accounts were regularly and properly produced! What a man, no limelight just solid, conscientious application of skills developed over years.

By nature Ray was a quiet introverted personality, somewhat shy until he got to know you. I found that our relationship blossomed around hearing aids of all things. We regularly compared the effectiveness of the models we were using. When leading a service I always used Ray as the barometer of sound level, his body language indicated whether the sound was right!

Ray was a family man and family holidays were always enjoyed by grandchildren every year, paid for by Grandad and Nan both at home and abroad. He loved Elvis Presley and country music and would listen to the same records over and over. Ray's financial wizardry was much appreciated by his family especially during their later life as each of them can manage their financial affairs and save and have no debt. Although he was careful with the family money, he was very generous and always made sure his family were well looked after. Family meant everything to him,



and he supported them all in everything they wished to do. He never tired in assisting them to make the best decisions. Like most fathers he would take them anywhere they wished to go and was always driving them around.

Val always felt loved and appreciated and he always put her welfare before his own. The day before he passed away, he reminded her to order her medication, he worried about how she would manage and put a lot of effort into making things as easy as possible in the event of his passing.

## **Halewood Uni-wise 2021 Help needed**

**Alison Shacklady Sat, 15 May**

You may remember that last year we worked together with Halewood Town Council to launch Halewood Uni-Wise a scheme aimed at recycling good quality, nearly new items of school uniform for all of our local schools. The scheme was open to anyone who wanted to make use of it. We are planning to open our Uni-Wise 'shop' again this year for people to pass on any good quality items of school uniform that their children have grown out of and/or to collect any items they need.

A letter will be going to local schools shortly to give them some early information about this and we will then provide further details when arrangements have been finalised

Details will also be posted on our Facebook page

***<https://www.facebook.com/halewooduniwise>***

Last year we were a bit limited by having to quarantine items and not being able to display them or allow people to try them on. Hopefully (Indian Variant permitting!!) things should be a little easier this year.

We had a number of great volunteers last year but as we are planning to be open for a longer period this year we are going to need more help

We are planning to open on the following Saturdays:

**3, 10, 17, 24, 31 July**

**7, 14, 21 August**

We will probably also open one Saturday at the end of June to start taking donations ahead of the official 'opening'. Some of these Saturdays will be at St Mary's

We would like to draw up a rota of people who would be willing to help on these Saturdays. Times are likely to be 10.30-1pm but you would be needed a little before that to help set up

If you are able to help can you let me know which weeks you could do and we can then set to work on our rota.

Thanks everyone **Alison**



## **Plant and Seedlings Swap and Giveaway**

**Saturday 5 June 10.30-12.00**

### **Veg, Flowers and other Plants**

A number of us have been planting and growing things over the recent months, so if you have any surplus plants or seedlings that you would like to pass on to others, we will be holding a plant and seedlings swap and giveaway event at St Mary's on Saturday 5 June.

If you have any plants or seedlings you would like to pass on to others, please bring them along.

You can also just come along and collect plants and seedlings even if you haven't got anything you want to swap or give-away.

If you are bringing plants along to pass on, please label them in some way so that people taking them have an idea of what they are, colour (if flowers) and an indication of height.

There will be no charge for any of the plants.

If you are bringing plants along, please be prepared to take away any which don't find new homes as we have nowhere to store and look after them



## **Eco Gardening?!**

I have seen so many ideas about what can be done with pallets that I really wanted to have a go...but first you need the pallets. Neighbours had work done and the workers were pleased to get rid of the pallets. It is not easy to deconstruct pallets with the sort of tools you have at home but I finally managed with a chisel, a mallet and a claw hammer. Then I had to nail on some of the reclaimed pieces to create my 'tubs'. A couple of coats of paint from the tin used to paint the shed trim (a third would be good but I couldn't wait!) I bought a roll of the weed suppressing membrane and sewed bags which were stapled to the inside of the structure and then filled with compost. Then I planted with geranium, mimulus and baby spider plants. Maybe not fully eco or perfectly done but I am very pleased with it.

Linda





# HALEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

## GARDENING COMPETITION 2021



### Competition Categories

**Best Kept Garden**

**Most Colourful Garden**

**Best Hanging Basket**

**Winner of each Category will receive £100**

**Overall Winner to receive the Inaugural  
"Norman Hogg Shield"  
to be retained for 1 year.**

**Closing date for entries Friday 9th July 2021**

**Judging to commence week beginning 12th July 2021**

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## GARDENING COMPETITION 2021



## ENTRY FORM

The Town Council is inviting applications from Halewood parish residents for the 2021 Gardening Competition.

All entry forms must be sent to the Town Council at:  
The Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre  
Arncliffe Road  
Halewood  
L25 9PA

Or e-mail your entry form to:  
Gerry.Allen@knowsley.gov.uk

By the **CLOSING DATE of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (Midday)**

Name of Entrant.....

Address of Garden.....Postcode.....

Contact Telephone Number .....Email address.....

Category entered (please tick) Best Kept Garden [ ]  
Most Colourful Garden [ ]  
Best Hanging Basket [ ]

I agree to abide by the rules of the competition set by Halewood Town Council, and acknowledge that the decision of the panel of judges, in each category is final.

Signed by Entrant (self nomination).....or Friend / Neighbour.....

### Rules of the Competition:

- Only front gardens will be considered for judging, from all types of properties within the Parish boundary.
- Judging will take place in the week commencing **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021**.
- All entrants give their permission for photographs to be used by the Town Council for publicity purposes.

### Prizes:

(subject to Town Council approval)

The prize winner in each category will receive £100 and the overall winner will receive the inaugural 'Norman Hogg Shield'.



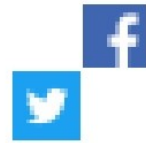
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