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Please accept our apologies for the lack of articles in this month's magazine. Unfortunately Colin West is in Whiston hospital following a car accident and has been unable to write about all his research which is what provides most of the usual content. He is grateful for all the prayers and messages received.

Hopefully normal service will be resumed next month but contributions from readers would be welcome!

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Ministry message

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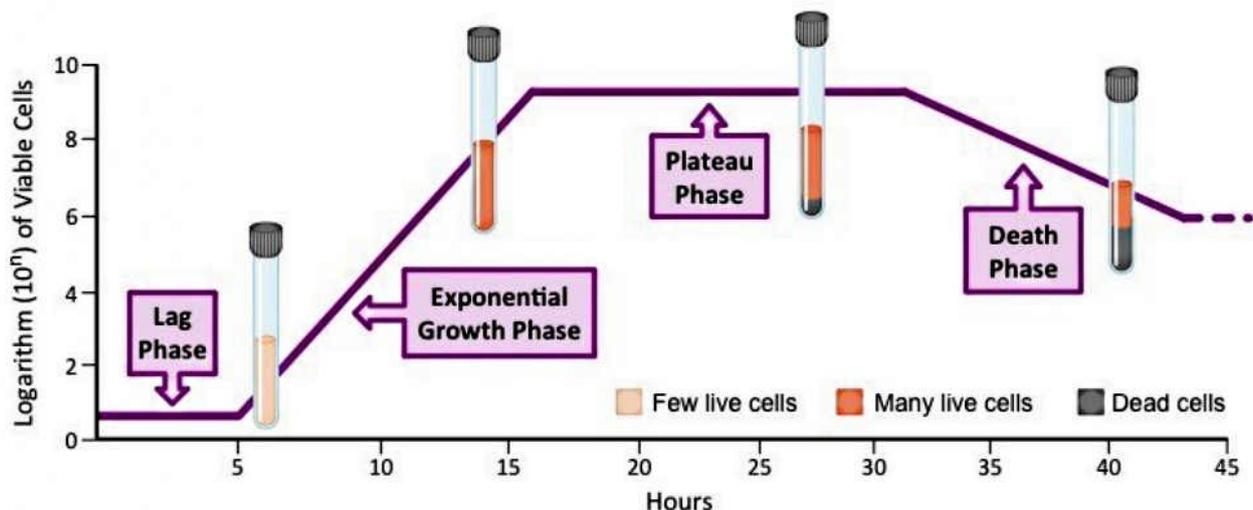
The Nation's Climate Sunday service was held on the 5th September, but churches can hold their own service at any date up to the 1st November. The timing is deliberate because the UN Climate Conference, COP26, begins on 1st November in Glasgow. Our Team Service will address the issues on the last Sunday in October.

It's obvious from news reports and weather forecasts that climate change does exist with the evidence being the increased frequency of extreme weather events and related disasters.

The Climate Sunday initiative calls on all local churches in the UK to hold a service and encourage us as the congregation to make a commitment to take more action to address climate change in our church and community. As well as practical action we need to let our politicians know that plans made during COP26 should help deliver a cleaner, greener and fairer future.

In effect we need to be better stewards of planet earth.

In biology students are taught about the sigmoid growth curve that illustrates how the population of microbes changes over time. They are in a test tube with a finite amount of space and food for the population. We are on a planet that has similar constraints.



In the lag phase the population remains constant even though there are more resources than needed.

Then in the exponential growth phase the population explodes as the organisms make the most of the available resources. There is still plenty to go round.

The plateau phase is an equilibrium where birth, death and resources are balanced and the population remains constant.

Finally comes the self explanatory death phase. Resources are depleted, space for growth is restricted and the death rate far exceeds the formation of new microbes. The population plummets as it cannot be supported by the available resources.

This is why we need to be better stewards of planet earth to ensure we can maintain the equilibrium between resources and demands that the population makes.

If we reduce the amount of CO₂ we produce we can reduce the rate of the temperature increase, but it's so much more than that alone. We need to actively remove CO₂ as well through replanting rather than deforestation. We need to move away from fossil fuels which took millions of years to form in the earth but only a few hundred years for us to use up.

If you want key information about climate change then BBC iPlayer will provide access to the BBC documentary with Sir David Attenborough *Climate Change—The Facts*.

We may be considerably more complex than microbes but all living things require food, water and space/ shelter. If the 'death' phase doesn't convince you that we need to rethink our behaviour to ensure the earth thrives for everyone then remember that one of the best survivors on the planet is the cockroach. They can apparently survive being gassed with cyanide. Do we want our legacy to be 'the planet of the cockroaches'?

WALK BESIDE US - A prayer for the care of creation

Walk beside us, Lord, in the cool of the day,
in the garden you have created as our common home.
Walk beside us, Lord, as the cries of the forest pierce the dawn,
and flames rip through our common home.
Grant us courage, Lord, as we walk beside all those
who struggle to protect our common home.
Grant us hope, Lord, and the vision to walk dark paths
in the light of a single sunbeam.
Grant us grace, Lord, to put the flourishing of all people
and the wonder of your creation at the heart of all we do,
as we strive to be the guardians of our common home.

This is from the CAFOD magazine, Side by Side

This prayer is from Christian Aid and was written by Katrina Rowland in 2017

You spoke into the silence
Light suffusing darkness.
You spoke into the silence
Blowing clean life giving air into the space
You spoke into the silence
Warmth and cold infusing the air
You spoke into the silence
Solid ground formed out of gushing water.
You spoke voice carrying over the sound
People, plants and animals came to life.
You spoke each creation balanced against the next so life would be abundant and sustainable.
You saw everything you had made and declared it to be very good.
You spoke choosing to give us humans stewardship over all that You had made.
We speak and act
Darkness of pollution limits light levels and damages the air we breathe.
We speak and act
Ground poisoned, burnt, stripped bare.
We speak and act
Spoiling, limiting, destroying quality of life and life itself.
We speak and act
Without hearing Your call over the noise of the world to be good stewards.
You speak. You create. You want us to be stewards of Your creation.
We come to You to re-learn how to care for the earth and people you have made.
Amen.

It's a beautiful world!



St Albans Cathedral's black Jesus is a 'bold statement'

IMAGE SOURCE, LORNA MAY WADSWORTH

The Last Supper showing a black Jesus has been installed in a cathedral in what campaigners described as a "bold statement". St Albans for Black Lives Matter said the cathedral's use of the print had "brought about a countywide conversation".

The print has been placed at the Altar of the Persecuted in the North Transept of St Albans Cathedral. The church said it was in "support of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement". The original artwork, painted in 2010, had previously been shot while on display at a church in Gloucestershire.

The artist used a Jamaican-born model for the basis of her interpretation of Leonardo da Vinci's 15th Century work, and said she wanted "to make people question the Western myth that [Jesus Christ] had fair hair and blue eyes". The Very Reverend Dr Jeffrey John, dean of the cathedral, said: "Our faith teaches that we are all made equally in the image of God, and that God is a God of justice."

The cathedral said the 8ft 8in-high (2.6m) picture was part of a prayer installation to mark its reopening, and called on people to "look with fresh eyes at something you think you know".

In a statement, the cathedral said: "We stand with the Black Lives Matter movement to be allies for change, building a strong, just and fair community where the dignity of every human being is honoured and celebrated, where black voices are heard, and where black lives matter." The installation has provoked debate on the cathedral's Facebook page, with one poster saying: "Why do we have to be all about colour? If Jesus was from Jerusalem he would've probably looked darker, but he taught us to love everyone, that's my belief anyway." Others had a different view, with another poster saying: "I think this is a very welcome initiative.

Thank you for it - it is needed."



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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.

AUTUMN/ WINTER TRAIDCRAFT CATALOGUE!

Penni Conlon has been in touch to say that the new Traidcraft Catalogue for is now available. If you would like Penni to drop one off for you please email her on colonpj@btinternet.com

Alison



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 :

colinwest9@gmail.com



Working with the children and young people in the parish

Would you like to work with the children and young people in our parish? As a parish we are able to offer a variety of activities for children and young people from birth to 21 years old. These take place 6 days a week (in term time) and are held at both churches. We rely on volunteers to run the groups each week. All volunteers need to obtain a DBS Disclosure and attend a parish SAFEGUARDING course at least once every 5 years. Here in Halewood we are very fortunate that we have 92 people who have completed our SAFEGUARDING procedures and have been authorised by HCC to work with the children and young people. However, there is always a need for more leaders and helpers for all of our groups. If you are interested in becoming a leader/helper at any of our groups, or you are already involved with a group but would like to become involved with another group, then please speak to Gill McIver (U18's Co-ordinator).

If you would like more information about any of the groups, there are folders containing leaflets about each one. There is a folder at each church and also one at St Nicholas' Centre. Please ask the Wardens, Stewards or the Sides people, or speak to Gill McIver. Thank you.





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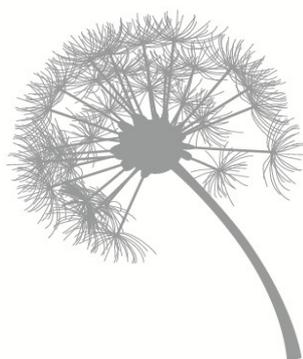
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PAINTING CLUB REOPENS!

The painting club has opened up again but we are meeting until further notice at the WI hall, Baileys Lane.

The St Nicholas Painting Club has re-started after the covid lockdown and we would welcome any new members.

Maybe you would like to try painting for the first time or you are an existing painter who wants to share an afternoon with other artists, all are welcome.

If you are a beginner then some tuition and advice would be available but I have to stress I am not a teacher, just a painter who can pass on some advice and knowhow. We are a very friendly group of people who would make any new members welcome.

We meet on a Monday afternoon at 1pm until 3.30pm. If you need any more information please contact me on 07815 306502 Ken Allen



Natasia needs some new Jam Club leaders

I 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 or 07867489463 God bless and many thanks

Natasia Bullock Children's Worker
Liverpool South Methodist Church
Elm Hall Drive Methodist Church
Elm Hall Drive L18 1LF

"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



Important Information about Church Re-opening

Halewood

Following the government announcement lifting social distancing guidelines, we will start our re-opening process at St. Mary's and St. Nicholas' from September 5th, when people will be free to come to church without booking beforehand.

We are aware that the lifting of restrictions will not be happy news for everyone. Some of you will be feeling anxious about gathering again. We want to look after each other and help everyone to feel comfortable in attending church, and so the following safety measures will be in place:

- we strongly advise that everyone continues to wear a mask unless you have a medical exemption
- hand sanitiser will still be available at the door.
- we encourage people to sit with an empty seat between their family/bubble and the next person/group, and avoid shaking hands etc.
- Services will continue to be short and people are encouraged to catch up with each other outside, to limit the amount of time we are gathered together inside
- for track and trace we will still have a QR code by the door, and those who wish to leave their details can do so, although it will not be compulsory.

Please be thoughtful about how you interact with other people and respect the person on the receiving end - some may still want to keep a good distance and that's okay!

Services will take place as follows:

Sunday 10:30am St. Mary's

Sunday 10:30am and 6:30pm St. Nicholas'

Wednesday 8pm Zoom

Thursday 9:15am St. Nicholas'

The Zoom service on Sunday will be suspended at the end of August. We know this will be a disappointment for some people, but we are hoping to install wifi in St. Nicholas' as soon as possible so that we can offer a Zoom service for those unable to attend in the future and will keep you posted about that.

Thank you for your patience as we work out how we slowly roll out through this transition time and reintroduce a more normal service as safely as we can. Please pray for us as the team works out the safest way to administer communion in the future and how and when we can restart our creche and Sunday School.

If you would like to volunteer for working with our children, especially creche and junior church at St. Nick's; or serving refreshments after services or at coffee shop on a Thursday or Saturday, please let Tracy know (respond to this email, or 07340700989, or 01514873316)

If you would like to do readings, prayers, or volunteer as a sides-person, especially for the 6:30pm service, contact Alison (alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com)

(Subject to approval by HCC of the updated risk assessments)

St. Hilda's

At St Hilda's we will continue with the careful reopening of the Church. We will broadly remain the same as we have been, but with the option of allowing a few more people in, without compromising social distancing. So we will have quiet singing behind masks and allow up to 40 people in the service, not including welcomers and leaders. We will continue to ask people to use hand gel, and for people to wear masks, except for those who are exempt.

Job Vacancy for Christian Aid Co-ordinator

Penni Conlon has let us know that she is stepping down as the Christian Aid Co-ordinator for the parish. Penni has done a brilliant job over a number of years organising the annual envelope collections in Christian Aid week and other one off collections for international events and natural disasters. We are very grateful to Penni for all her work during this time.

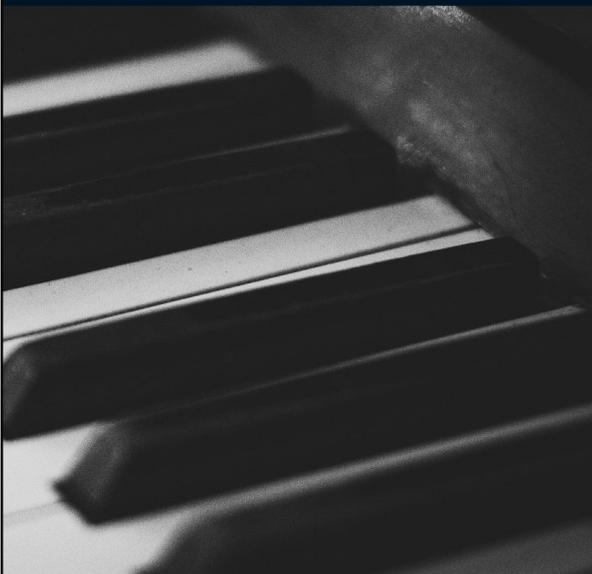
We will be looking for someone to replace Penni and she is currently drawing up a role description detailing what is involved.

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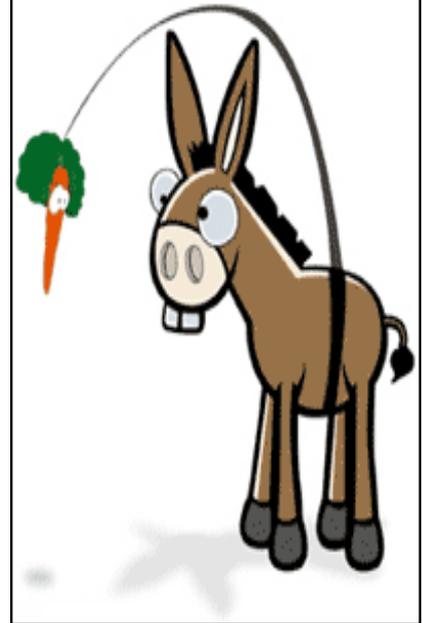
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**Rev Martyn at St Nicholas has used ZOOM Cloud to send Video/Audio of
Sunday service. You can use ZOOM to talk to your friends & relatives for
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**'Liverpool Diocesan Bulletin' gives info on the cathedral, 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.

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, Prescott etc. It's well worth a visit! *After all, YOU'RE PAYING For it!*



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Thanks everyone Alison

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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. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8893789982?>

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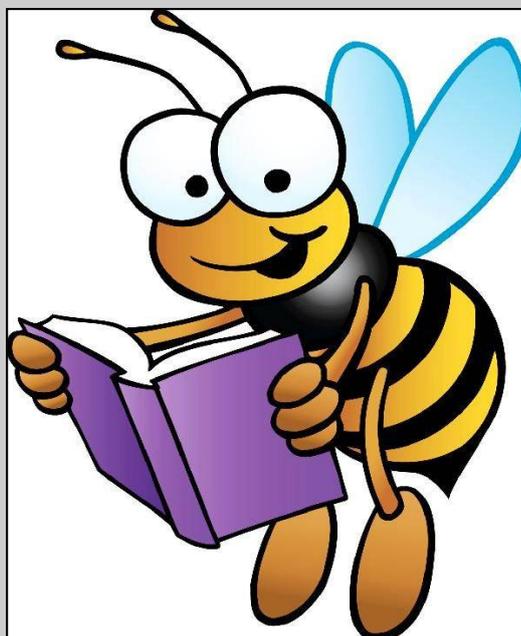
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Regular Meetings of Groups

Please contact groups for latest details as some have re-started from September

DAY	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Time</u>
SUNDAY	St Nicholas' Centre	Junior Church	11.00-12.00
	WI Hall Bailey's Lane	Drama Group	19.00-21.00
MONDAY	St Nicholas' Centre	Rainbows	18.00-19.00
		Bible Studio Group (Alternate weeks)	13.30-15.00
	St Nicholas Centre	Painting Club	13.00-15.30
TUESDAY	St Nicholas' Centre	CATERPILLARS	09.15—11.00
		2nd H'wd Brownies	17.00-18.30
		Guides/Rangers	19.00-20.30
	St Mary's	100% Boss Club (Alternate weeks)	17.30-19.00
		Next Level (Alternate weeks)	18.45-19.45
Scout Hut	Beavers	18.00-19.30	
WED	St Nicholas' Centre	3rd 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
THURS	St Nicholas' Centre	Coffee Shop	10.00-12.00
		Mothers' Union (1st of the month)	13.30-15.30
		Vestry Hour	19.00-19.45
	St Mary's	Stroke Club (2nd & 4th of Month)	19.30-21.45
		Scout Hut	Scouts
FRIDAY	St Nicholas' Centre	Vineyard Youth Club	19.30-21.30
SAT	St Mary's	Coffee Shop/Foodbank	10.30-14.00

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