

The eternal verities



These magnificent colourful altar frontals were created by pupils at our day school. They are inspired by the eternal and unchangeable verities of Christianity...love, courage, truthfulness, forgiveness, hope and also what are so important to us all...shelter, food, family, health, friends and teachers...and more love.

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Read all about our Superstar Alex on page five

50 years ago this month

Two faithful members of our congregation, Sarah Warburton and Beattie Walker, died during November 1975,

Sarah was a founder member of our Mothers' Union while Beattie was a keen member of the MU and also a chorister.

Beattie's youngest son Edward was our reserve organist at that time and only missed worship when he was away at university. Today he is a faithful member of the congregation at All Saints, having made a massive contribution to our church over many years.

Our Christmas Fair held in the day school and the event was opened by our organist Charles Currie. More than £250 was raised.

Charles was blind from birth and lived in the Orford area of Warrington and so a team of volunteers would bring him to church for each service and also provide him with lunch or dinner.

Two of the volunteers were Albert and Bertha Haughton who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Our priest's board is dedicated in their memory.

In his parish magazine notes Charles recorded his special appreciation of two of our Sunday School pupils, John and Robert Shaw, who were altar boys and rarely missed a service, They would go on to become Sunday School teachers.

Our vicar's half sister, Gillian, had just qualified as a doctor of medicine and she set out for Nepal, linking up with Cranston Hughes, our parishioner who was working among the orphans of that country, his work being financed by our parishioners' donations.

Sarah is our new Archbishop

History was made last month when the Rt Rev Dame Sarah Mullally was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury designate. She will be the first female to fill the role in 1,600 years.



Sarah preferred to become a nurse rather than a doctor and served at the Westminster, St Thomas's and Royal Marsden hospitals as a ward sister before taking up several key NHS leadership positions in the London area, eventually becoming the chief nursing officer for England.

She was ordained a deacon in 2001, a priest a year later and served her curacy in Battersea. Five years later she was appointed team rector at St Nicholas, Sutton.

Sarah and Rachel Treweek were the first women to be consecrated bishops at Canterbury Cathedral and Sarah became the first woman to lead an ordination service. Sarah was invited to become the Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in 2015.

In December 2017 she was appointed Bishop of London and sits on the Lords Spiritual benches in the House of Lords. She will be installed at Canterbury in March. Rev Pat Gray, who came to us as curate in 2004 and conducted so many services for us, has renewed her Permission to Officiate and is looking forward to the next three years of her ministry.



Fit for Mission

Members of our Parochial Church Council have voted in favour of our church joining the "engage" stage of the Fit for Mission initiative being rolled out across the diocese. All but one member voted "yes" but there are major problems to be addressed and one voted "yes" but there are minor problems to be fixed. Concerns include financial arrangements, designated clergy for each parish within the "super parish" to be created, particularly regarding services and the rites of passage, the make-up of a PCC representing all of the churches in the deanery and the fear that smaller parishes could be treated less favourably than the larger ones. Our friends at Glazebury All Saints have also voted in favour of joining the scheme.

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Diary dates for November

Services

- 2 Shared Holy Communion at All Saints 10.30, Bishop Ruth to preach and preside. Holy Baptism of Elijah Ratcliffe 2.0 Rev Arthur Cooper to officiate. All Souls service 5.30
- 6 Service and lunch 12.0
- 9 Holy Communion 9.30 Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial 10.50
- 16 Holy Communion 9.30 Second Sunday before Advent
- 23 Holy Communion 9.30 Christ the King
- 30 Holy Communion 9.30 Advent Sunday



Readers

- 2 SHARED: Ephesians 1 11-end, Luke 6 20-31
- 9 ROY: Romans 8 31-end, John 15 9-17
- 16 RAINFORDS: 2 Thessalonians 3 6-13, Luke 21 5-19
- 23 MARGARET: Colossians 1 1-20, Luke 23 33-43
- 30 ROY: Isaiah 2 1-5. Matthew 24 36-44

Cleaning rota

- 2 SHEILA, VIRGINIA, IRENE C
- 9/16/23/30 TEMPORARILY VACANT

Coffee morning

Saturday November 22

Prayers

9,16,23
and 30:

ROY

Remembering Cliff



This lovely new bench has been installed facing our Garden of Rest. It is dedicated to the memory of our faithful parishioner Cliff Herridge who died last year and whose ashes were interred in the plot. It has been provided by his family and we express our grateful thanks to them. Doreen has not been well of late and she is in our thoughts and prayers.



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Publicising St Helen's

This is the leaflet that has been distributed around the parish, in the Community Hall and in the village shop in recent weeks.

It has been the initiative of Margaret Hornby whose painting of our lovely church has been used many times to publicise our presence in the community and also on the cover of this magazine. Enlarged copies have also been displayed.

Hopefully it will attract more villagers to join our services of worship.



HOLLINFARE ST. HELEN

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Superstar Alex!

Two weeks after his second birthday in September 2022, Alex Pinder was diagnosed with type one diabetes.

Realising something was amiss, his mum and dad, our parishioners Ryan and Rebecca (nee Rainford), rushed him from their home in Penketh to hospital where he was taken to a high dependency room and hooked up to machinery.

All very scary - but after 24 hours of fluid and insulin drips he was asking for food and his younger brother. He didn't flinch at the finger pricks or needle injections, he just smiled his way through it all. Three years on he is now on an insulin pump and sensor.

There are fewer finger pricks and injections thanks to a dexcom (which provides glucose readings every five minutes) but has to be renewed after 10 days, and a pod (to deliver insulin) every three.

Alex has just started school and helps his teachers to change sensors and pods and shows them how to do finger prick tests. And now the brave five-year-old has embarked on a 100km (62 miles) sponsored walk organised by Diabetes UK to raise money for much needed research and increase awareness of the condition. Midway way through his staged walk more than £1,360 has been pledged via his JustGiving page. Truly Alex is a Superstar!

Lest we forget...

Once again we will be remembering those from and with connections to our villages who gave their lives in conflicts when we gather around our war memorial on Sunday November 9 at 10.50am.

We will be paying tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the First World War ...

Lieutenant Edward Atherton, who was awarded the Military Cross and whose bravery is recorded on our altar prayer desk which was donated by his family. From that war we will also pray for the souls of Company Sergeant Major Ernest Aldridge, Private Richard George Aspey, Private Edward Barker, Private Fred Brooks, Private Joseph Buckley, Able Seaman Thomas Blundell, Private Ernest Castrey, Private Joseph Davies, Second Lieutenant William Bowker Farrington, Private Henry Johnson, Private Thomas Harrison, Sergeant George Alfred Low, Private John Madden, Rifleman Richard Partington, Private James Phoenix, Driver Thomas Rimmer, Private Giles Victor Rowles, Private Stanley Rogerson, Lance Corporal John Scott, Private Fred Yates, Private John Taylor and Second Lieutenant John Ramsay Younger.

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From the Second World War we will remember John Bridge who was awarded the George Cross, George Medal and bar, William Dean who took part in the "Great Escape" that inspired a Hollywood film, Private John Patrick Bierne, Able Seaman William Cawley, Sergeant Kenneth Edmonds, Captain Leslie Herbert Hilton, Flight Sergeant John Killen, James Herbert Newton, Signalman Harry Simpson, Private Ronald Southern, Radio Officer Frederick Raymond Stokes and John Victor Thomas.

We will also pay tribute to Fusilier Simon Annis, a former pupil of our day school, who was killed in Afghanistan.

And we will remember Clifford Herridge who died last year and who fought in Korean war and two of our vicars now no longer with us... Alex Booth and Bernard Clark, both of whom served in the Royal Air Force.

