



# July and August 2024

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## Services for July 2024

7th	11am	<i>Leader:</i>	Rev Eileen Heaney
	<b>St Marks</b>	<i>Preacher:</i>	Rev Canon Ross Moughtin
	Holy Communion	<i>Bible reading:</i>	Mrs Cynthia Kilpatrick      Mark 6:1-13
		<i>Prayers:</i>	Mrs Wen Dixon
		<i>Welcomers</i>	Mrs Cynthia Kilpatrick <i>and</i> Mr Bill Melia

14 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<i>Leader:</i>	The Team
	<b>St Marks</b>	<i>Preacher:</i>	
	Uganda All Age Worship Service	<i>Bible reading:</i>	
		<i>Prayers:</i>	Mr Stuart Ashcroft
		<i>Welcomers:</i>	Mrs Wen Dixon, Mr Cliff Davies,

21 <sup>st</sup>	11am	<i>Leader:</i>	Rev Eileen Heaney
	<b>St Marks</b>	<i>Preacher:</i>	Mr John Forshaw
	Baptism	<i>Bible reading:</i>	Mr John Cooper      Mark 6:30-34, 53 to end
		<i>Prayers:</i>	Rev Stephen Foster
		<i>Welcomers:</i>	Mr John Cooper and Mrs Dawn Cooper

28 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<i>Leader:</i>	Mr John Forshaw
	<b>St Marks</b>	<i>Preacher:</i>	Ven David Garnett
	Holy Communion	<i>Bible reading:</i>	Mr Peter Smith      John 6:1-21
		<i>Prayers:</i>	Mrs Christine Nicholson
		<i>Welcomers</i>	Mr Peter Smith <i>and</i> Mrs Jenny Smith

## Services for August 2024

4 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<i>Leader:</i>	Mrs Wen Dixon
	<b>St Marks</b>	<i>Preacher:</i>	Rev Stephen Foster
	All Age	<i>Bible reading:</i>	Mr Max Jones <span style="float: right;">John 6:24-35</span>
	Worship	<i>Prayers:</i>	Ms Jules Emmett
		<i>Welcomers</i>	Mrs Mary Jones <i>and</i> Mr Max Jones

11 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<i>Leader:</i>	Rev Eileen Heaney
	<b>St Marks</b>	<i>Preacher:</i>	Rev Eileen Heaney
	Baptism	<i>Bible reading:</i>	Mr Mike Baldwin <span style="float: right;">John 6:35 &amp; 41-51</span>
		<i>Prayers:</i>	Mrs Wen Dixon
		<i>Welcomers:</i>	Mrs Wen Dixon, Mr Cliff Davies, Ms Jules Emmett

18 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<i>Leader:</i>	Mr John Forshaw
	<b>St Marks</b>	<i>Preacher:</i>	Ven David Garnett
	Holy	<i>Bible reading:</i>	Mr Roger Hodge <span style="float: right;">John 6: 51-58</span>
	Communion	<i>Prayers:</i>	Mrs Wen Dixon
		<i>Welcomers:</i>	Mr Cliff Davies <i>and</i> Mr Bill Melia

25 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<i>Leader:</i>	Rev Canon Ross Moughtin
	<b>St Marks</b>	<i>Preacher:</i>	Ven David Garnett
	Holy	<i>Bible reading:</i>	Mr John Cooper <span style="float: right;">John 6: 56-69</span>
	Communion	<i>Prayers:</i>	Mrs Christine Nicholson
		<i>Welcomers</i>	Mr John Cooper <i>and</i> Mrs Dawn Cooper

Dear Friends

Going to Uganda has really re awakened my heart to the needs of women not just here in our country but all around the world, we only need to watch the news to see how they struggle. But what is amazing is that also all around the world women are helping women just where they are, with actions that we hardly hear about.



While in Uganda I was asked to speak to a women's ministry group attached to the church situated in the grounds of the school. A couple of these women gave testimonies that would break your heart, but the hope was that in the sadness of their lives they were being taught and supported by the other women in their group. They in turn are planning to go to other women in their communities to help them.

The verses I opened were from **Johns Gospel Chapter 19:25-27**

**<sup>25</sup> Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," <sup>27</sup> and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.**

As I looked around, I saw women who mother others just like Mary the mother of Jesus, women who need others just like Mary Magdalene and women who support others just like Mary wife of Clopas. And all these women in turn who mother the church.

Ladies I wonder who are you at this moment?

As we know, we move from one to the other throughout our life.

So what can we do to support each other,? On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June Rev'd Ross opened the word from Mark 4:30-34. Part of the scripture said this:

**'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth. <sup>2</sup> Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.'**

The needs of the world overwhelm us but what if we could focus our ministry being there for each other and seeing where God leads us.

I would love us to be like a mustard seed in Gods kingdom, women coming together to support women, growing into something that would reach out to others. I wonder if you would pray for this to be so.

So why not come along to our Marians Breakfast we will be holding it every 2<sup>nd</sup> month **This month we will meet at 9.30am until 11.00am on Saturday morning 20<sup>th</sup> July at St Marks Parish Hall** to be with other ladies to relax and enjoy each others company and to see where God takes us, and who knows maybe it will encourage the menfolk as well.

May I also wish you a blessed summer, as we take a months break, lets pray the weather cheers up. Keep up to date with our website and Facebook page [stmarkschurchscarisbrick](http://stmarkschurchscarisbrick)

**God Bless**

**Love Eileen**

**Could you join us in our prayer for St Marks Church**



God of Mission who alone brings growth to your church  
Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning  
Joy to our worship, wisdom to our actions  
And Power to our witness  
Help our churches to grow in numbers  
and spiritual commitment to you and our local community  
through Jesus Christ Our Lord

**Amen**

*Lord God, Your Kingdom grows from the smallest seeds.  
Nurture the seeds of love in our hearts, that we may grow in  
the ways of your kingdom;  
For you reign as King for ever.*

*Amen*



Rev. Canon Ross Moughtin's blog

## Getting involved, the antidote to apathy

Hi Folks!

Lots happening at the moment.

The General Election, of course: just three weeks to go. Also the French elections provides continuous copy for our incredulous media. Then Taylor is just down the A59, filling Anfield for three consecutive nights while **Swifties** overwhelm the city.

The Olympics, of course, are about to loom out of the mist while this evening the Euro's kick off in Munich to Gaelic acclaim.

However, if the truth be told I'm not overwhelmed with excitement.

Sadly the General Election campaign is becoming a **Vote for us and get a free microwave** campaign. And when it comes to Taylor Swift I am firmly in the category with Judge James Pickles who at the height of Beatlemania wonderfully asked: "Who are the Beatles?"

The Olympics, of course, I will enjoy – as long as Team GB wins medals. And then the Euros: Will I be able to cope? My heart has been broken so many times. Do I have the willpower to put myself through the wringer once again?

Which finally brings me, after six paragraphs, to the presence of apathy in our culture. **A-**, which is the negative prefix in Greek, and **pathos** which means emotion. That is, **Not-feeling**, Not wanting to get involved.

Mind you, as a vicar and also chair of the Governing Body I soon learned that people only attend Annual General Meetings when things, as they see it, are going pear-shaped. When things are going well, no one turns up apart from those who have to.

Sadly the temptation is to encourage apathy in order to ensure a quiet life. No one likes being held to account by the awkward squad. And yet as athlete Chris Long points out: "For all the evils in the world, I think apathy is one of the most dangerous."

There was an excellent article on Apathy in Wednesday's **Times: Apathy in the UK isn't so bad for democracy**, by James Marriott. His argument? "Don't look down on the less well informed: our electoral system wouldn't work without them."

He makes the point that we are overwhelmed with information. I can well remember the time – I'm sure you can - when to know the news, you had to wait. Either for the morning paper to arrive or for the next BBC news bulletin. Even worse when you were abroad on holiday, reading yesterday's news from an overpriced newspaper.

Nowadays we are overwhelmed with information, news, gossip, fake-news and rumour. Which strangely doesn't help but simply bolster our prejudices as we choose our sources and inhabit our own echo chamber.

As Christians, as disciples of Jesus, we need to break free of our algorithms and face up to facts we find uncomfortable. It's not a bad discipline to read newspapers with a different world view than our own, something that I personally find difficult.

But there's wider picture here regarding how we think and find our place in the world.

Fundamentally, Christians do not fear suffering, even our hearts being broken again. I remember thinking 46 years ago, just days after my ordination, thinking that if I was going to thrive in ministry, I would need to handle disappointment. The following day few people turned up for our Saturday workshop.

So how do we handle disappointment?

Knowing that God seems to prefer to work through our failure and weaknesses, such as the apostle Paul's thorn in the flesh (whatever that was): 'But (the Lord) said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.' (2 Corinthians 12:9).

So we do not fear coming last (unless it is the Ormskirk Parkrun) nor being laughed at nor disparaged. "Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy name." This refusal to be intimidated gives us a resolve and resilience to get stuck in.

I know it was over two centuries ago but I am still in awe of the persistence of William Wilberforce who presented a bill in the House of Commons for the abolition of the slave trade every year from 1789 to 1807 until he succeeded. That's political courage in the name of Christ.

Moreover, as Christians we reject selfishness. Me-first soon becomes Only-me. We get involved because we realise the importance of community, and here Christians have a strong track record, be it in running foodbanks or caring for neighbours.

Last week you may have noticed was the **Big Help Out**, to encourage people to volunteer, to get involved. The reality is that many of our voluntary societies were

started by Christians to meet a particular need while it is well documented that Christians are more likely to volunteer, to get involved.

So what's God saying to you? The chances are that when you think "Someone should do something about that!" God is challenging you to do it.

Or there again, you can stay at home and watch Netflix.

You can read this blog at <https://rossmoughtin.wixsite.com> where you can subscribe to future mailing

### Chair-based movement / exercise



**St Mark's Parish Hall each Tuesday\_morning 10am**

**For around 40 – 45 minutes, followed by a cup of tea.**

**Open to everyone. Any level of fitness.**

### Our verse for 2024

**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.**

*Romans 8:28*

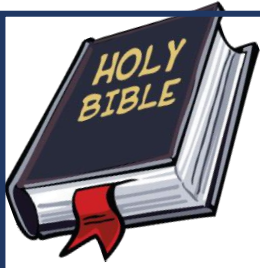


The **deadline** for including anything in the **September** magazine is **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024**



Contact [pamluscombe@yahoo.com](mailto:pamluscombe@yahoo.com) or phone 077196111





## **Bible Fellowship Group - SEEKERS**

For those who have recently started on their journey with God, or those who have had a life-long relationship with their Maker through church.

**This is an opportunity to develop your faith by turning to God's word.**

On **alternate** Tuesdays of each month at 2:30pm.

Led by Rev Stephen Foster

**Bescar Lane Methodist Church** (*until further notice*)

*Future meetings are 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> July and 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> August*

## **ST. MARK'S PENSIONER'S LUNCHEON CLUB**



We are a friendly group of ladies and gentlemen who meet in the Parish Hall, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, for a meal and friendship.

The doors open at 11am for tea, coffee and biscuits to greet friends.

At noon, we serve a 3 course freshly cooked meal of soup, main course and dessert with a cold drink. Tea and coffee are available afterwards.

**The total cost is £4 per meeting.**

In normal years we also enjoy a half day trip out with afternoon tea provided.

In December, we have a Christmas party.

**New members will be very welcome.**

If you would like any more information on joining us, please contact  
ANN LILLY on 01704 541855(evening)

## CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Here at St Mark's we are blessed in that previous generations have provided us with a financial cushion which means that although our offerings fall well short of our necessary expenditure we can continue to function, maintain and improve our Church.

Nevertheless, it is now up to us as God's people to recognise that we have a responsibility to use our time, talents and finances in His service to ensure that there continues to be a Christian witness in our community.

Scripture says ' We should set aside an amount each week according to our income' (Corinthians 16 V2) to be used in His service.

We have ceased to use numbered envelopes. There were very few people using them and in addition a person's taxable situation can easily change.

The best way to ensure regular giving is by setting up Standing Orders at the bank, our bank details are at the end of this article or if preferred I have the forms that can be handed into your bank.

The next best way is to use the Gift Aid envelopes which are in the pews or I can supply you with a number of them. Full details only need to be used at the first time of using after that just a name will do.

Loose offerings on the collection plate are very much respected and required but there is a limit (£8000) over which we cannot claim a Gift Aid rebate.

It is now possible to give digitally, thank you Stuart, by using the Sum Up modem at the rear of Church and the QR codes located on the back of each pew.

If you are a taxpayer it is preferable to use the QR codes as we can then claim Gift Aid. We pay a commission of about 2% when using both digital methods which brings us back to using Standing Orders where possible.

Our bank details are Parochial Church Council of St Marks  
Sort Code 16-32-10 Account Number 13460435

Thank you

John and Dawn Cooper (treasurer



**SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL**  
**2024 SCARECROW COMPETITION**  
**THEME: SUPERHEROES**



**COME ON EVERYBODY - TIME TO LET OUT ALL  
THAT CREATIVE TALENT & HAVE A BIT OF FUN!!**

**COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL SCARISBRICK RESIDENTS**  
**JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY/SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>/28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024**  
**PRESENTATION OF TROPHY AND CERTIFICATES WILL BE AT**  
**THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

Please see our website: [www.scarisbrickparish.gov.uk](http://www.scarisbrickparish.gov.uk)

for further details and an entry form.

## Parish Magazine subscription

The annual subscription of £8 for the 10 issues was due in **February**

DONATIONS for EMAIL DELIVERY of the MAGAZINE.

Please use either the collection box at the back of the church  
for your donation, or pay St.Marks direct into the bank.

BACs direct :

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Please put "Magazine" in the reference box  
for our treasurer *Janet Hinton*

## Digital Giving is here...

### Did you know?

We now accept Gifts and Donations  
via **Give A Little** and **Sumup**

It's really easy via your mobile...  
Just scan one of the **QR codes**  
dotted around the church and  
follow the on-screen instructions.

The QR codes look like this >>>  
**Why not give it a go now!**



Don't forget, however you Gift or Donate... *giftaid it*

**Gift Aid allows us to claim an extra £2.50 for every £10 you donate**

You can download or view this magazine on our website.

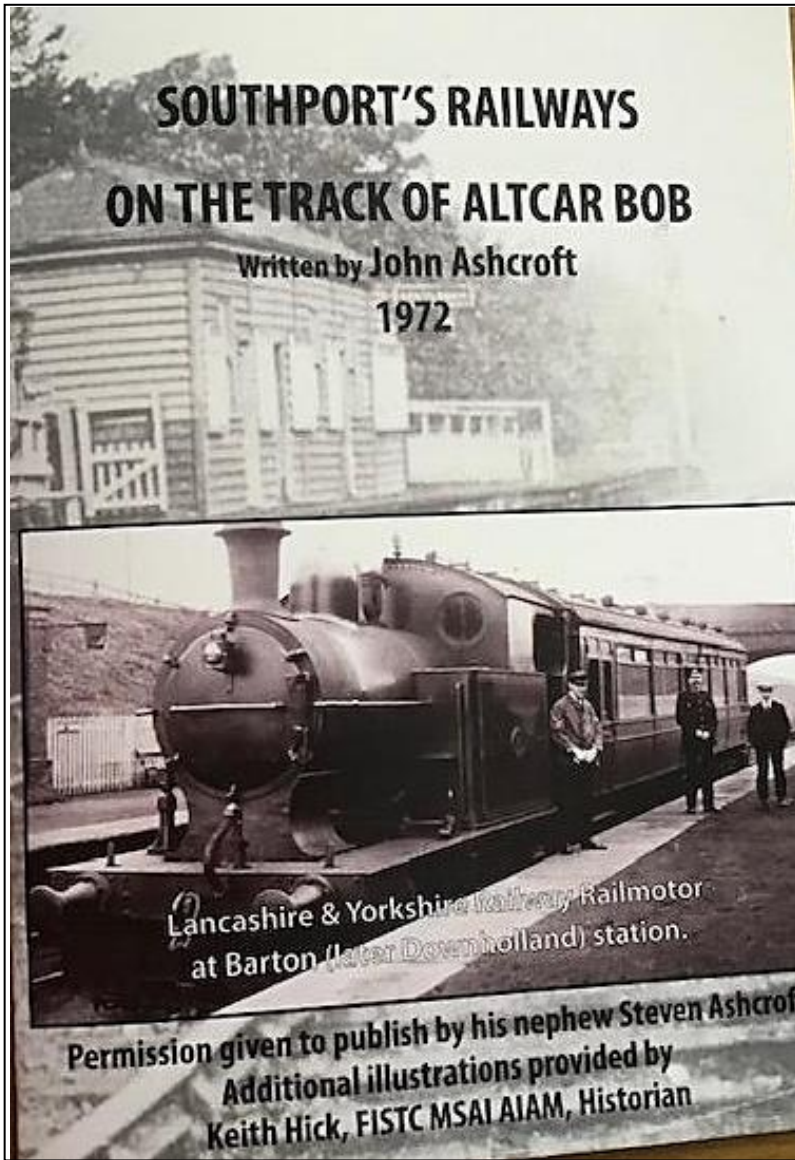
St Mark's website is at [www.stmarks-scarisbrick.co.uk](http://www.stmarks-scarisbrick.co.uk)

## ~Down Our Way~

### Have you heard of Altcar Bob?

Altcar Bob was a “steam railmotor- a tiny tank engine with single coach

attached.....a nimble, compact vehicle which never needed turning and could nip along smartly between frequent halts to pick up passengers for whom the conventional trains would have wasted time and effort, coal and money.”



Villagers would catch the train at the various ‘halts’, there were no platforms, you simply stood by the track!

This little book has been written by John Ashcroft and produced by Les Rynehart, curator of The Museum of Rural Lancashire.

Full of fascinating information, a map of the local rail network and several photographs, it is available to buy at £3.

All proceeds will go to charity.

**To purchase your copy, contact Les on 07702 527872**



### Around our Church Building.

Have you noticed the scaffolding and wondered what is happening?

It is being used so that the rotting window frames at the end of the church can be replaced.

It will also give access to inspect the bell and its housing with a view to removal or restoration.



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## Bescar Lane Church Coffee Morning Every Thursday morning

*NB: This will continue until further notice*

**All ages welcome..**

Cakes, biscuits, tea and coffee are on offer.

The Post Office will also be open at this time, until further notice.

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*(Ladies also welcome)*

## The Men's Group

Come along for a pint, a chat and a snack

We meet on the last Wednesday of the month

7pm – 9pm at Master McGraths.

(men and ladies welcome)

*Easy to remember: It is the **LAST WEDNESDAY** of the month.*





*Limitless at St Marks started with a bang! Aimed at our year sixes with the help of some of last year's leavers, our first meeting was an opportunity to chat about what to expect at High School. A party vibe with Pizza, Garlic bread (it's the future) and loads of sweets on the menu we waited to see who would show at 7pm.*

*We weren't disappointed: we had a full turnout and the evening kicked off with "spud" a tame version of dodge ball. The pizzas arrived and we all got stuck in, more games and then a girls verses boys footie match on the field, which although very competitive ended without any major injuries (thank you Lord).*

*The evening ended with suitable music thanks to the wonders of playlists and Bluetooth (Not a new dental disease).*

*Next week we head over to sunny Southport to join with our Limitless brothers and sisters @ Lakeside Church Youth Club. Report to follow:*

### ***Monday 17<sup>th</sup>***

*Southport lived up to its name and it was indeed sunny which gave us the opportunity to spend time outside for the first time this year, playing volley ball which felt right being so close to the beach. It soon morphed into the national game and eventually became a mixture of the two, the miracle was, given the proximity of the pitch to the Marine Lake that the ball actually stayed out, although it did end up on the church roof. Our youngsters preferred a spectatorial role watching events from the comfort of the café overlooking the lake, staying close enough to the tuck shop to "fill their boots".*

*Once again we had a good turnout and the general consensus was that we should come again.....watch this space.*

*If you feel called to help in our youth club please get in touch with me. I want to put a team together to cater for the numbers that will come..... John*

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Dear Friends,

We do hope you are doing well and send our love from here as always.

In March we had the joy of welcoming a new member to Revive: A 7-year old full of energy and curiosity. Also a 13-year-old teenager arrived at Reaviva, escaping from an environment of abuse and neglect.

In May we were privileged to have an inspiring visit from Andrew, a representative of CMS. His presence not only filled us with gratitude but also provided a valuable opportunity to share our work and the values that guide us.

Also in May, we welcomed Stéphane, one of our supporters, and a sponsor of one of the children at Reaviva. His visit was a touching reminder of the positive impact that every act of solidarity can have on the lives of those we support. We thank Stéphane for his continued support and commitment.

Additionally, we carried out a meaningful initiative in partnership with the NGO Sou Grato, dedicated to supporting people experiencing homelessness. Together, we organized a self-care morning, as well as painting and singing workshops.

To conclude the month of May, we celebrated I.V.'s 10th birthday with a delightful party!



**Community Market:** We're starting to see exciting changes and deeper relationships opening up. Prayers for this would be much appreciated.



**FOSTER FAMILIES:** In May, we celebrated World Foster Care Day and were invited to speak to the employees at Patteo Shopping Centre. We have started the 6th training course for new foster families. Currently, there are 4 registered families and 2 under evaluation. We ask for prayers for two sisters who were in the process of bonding with a couple interested in adoption. However, this connection did not succeed. We pray that justice guides them to a new family who is open to adopting the sisters.

We were recently given a donation of 30 prams from the local shopping centre. Prayers for continued partnerships with supermarkets and bakeries also much appreciated as week on week, we never know what we will have - but consistently see God's provision.

We are grateful for what God has been doing through our work, and pray for His continued sustenance.

Please do share the work of Revive with your friends and family. We rely on the kindness and generosity of people like you to do the work that we do, and your prayer and provision is most appreciated.

**Every Blessing,**

**The Revive Team**

*ReVive International is a UK Charity No 114901*



A date for your Diary:

**Summer Afternoon Tea**



**Due to unforeseen circumstances this has  
had to be postponed.  
Watch out for future dates.**

If you would like to be involved please let Pam or Cynthia know: all help will be gratefully received. We need sandwich and cake makers or tea brewers especially. Any other ideas will be welcomed.

*Pam and Cynthia*

## FLOWERS ROTA 2024

<b>July</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>	<b>Oct</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Flowers
	14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>		13 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Flowers
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs S Tatlock		20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs S Tatlock		27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>
<b>August</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs D Cooper	<b>Nov</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs D Cooper		10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Wreaths
	18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>		17 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Wreaths
	25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>		24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>
<b>Sept</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs K Griffiths	<b>Dec</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs H Pitman
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs K Griffiths		8 <sup>th</sup>	Rev'd Eileen Heaney
	15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>		15 <sup>th</sup>	Rev'd Eileen Heaney
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>		22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Flowers
	29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>		29 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Flowers

If you have a special date you would like to remember with Church Flowers, please let Mrs Mary Jones, our Flower Secretary, know. telephone 01704 840538



## Art and Craft Group



Parish Hall St Mark's

If you would like to come to an Art and Craft group; beginner, doodler or expert all welcome, contact Pam Luscombe or Wen Dixon in church or 07719611149

Free of charge, bring your own materials,  
(although there are a few resources in the store cupboard)  
some tuition/ guidance is available if needed.

**We will be meeting on alternate Tuesday afternoons from 1pm until 4pm  
next meetings 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August**

## **Marians Breakfast**

**New**

**Women's Breakfast Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**9.30-11.00am St Marks Parish Hall**

**What is Marians Breakfast? See Rev Eileen's Letter**



### **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY ANNUAL BOX OPENING.**

The annual box opening this July will be myself and Violet's final collection. We have been collecting money for the Children's society for over 20 years. As a thank you to all who have supported and contributed to this collection over the years you are invited for tea and cakes on Friday afternoon 26<sup>th</sup>. July at Drummersdale Crossing cottage.

Hopefully someone will take this role over to continue collecting for the Children's society which has helped and supported many vulnerable children over the years.

For more details

please contact Janet Hinton 889229

### **Parish Magazine distribution**

Thank you to Maureen Chapman who has been delivering the Parish magazine for about 18 years on the Southport Road area near St. Mark's Church.

Now looking for a volunteer to please take over this magazine round from Maureen. If you think you could help please contact

Janet Hinton 889229.



## The People's Centenary Service

21 July at 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Join us at Liverpool Cathedral to celebrate a special service for the 100th Anniversary of the Consecration of Liverpool Cathedral in 1924!

The Service is open to all, including the performance of a new anthem commissioned for the occasion by composer Will Todd.



Janet and Mike Hinton are opening their garden Drummersdale Crossing Cottage on Sunday 14th July for the NGS which gives all the proceeds to support various charities Macmillan, Marie Curie, Parkinson's etc.

Opening 11-5 Refreshments available. All are welcome.

Please follow NGS signs for car parking on Drummersdale Lane.

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Please will you pray for the following children who are going to be Baptised.

**Oliver John Singleton, William David Mather, Natalie Harrison**

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Please pray for **Rev Elliot Irton**, the new incumbent at St John the Baptist Church Burscough who was licenced on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

We pray God blesses his ministry

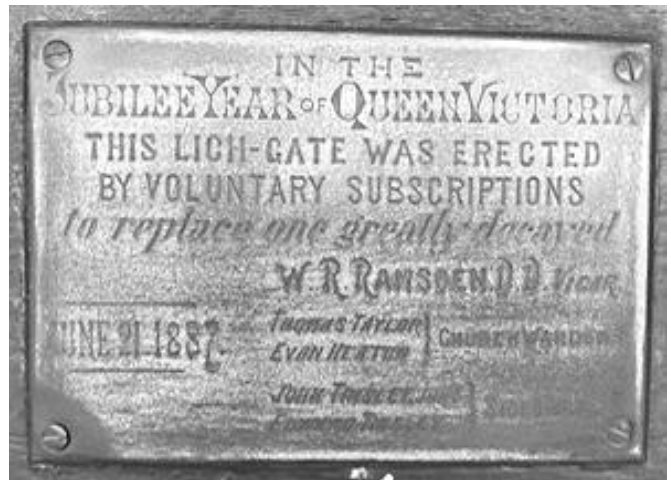
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**I wonder how many people have noticed the plaque on the lychgate?**

**Lych Gate** *(A definition From the Illustrated Dictionary of British Churches)*

A covered gate, usually at the entrance to a churchyard. The term lych evolved from the Saxon word for corpse, and the lych gate was traditionally a place where corpse bearers carried the body of a deceased person and laid it on a communal bier. The priest would then carry out the first part of a burial

ceremony under the shelter of the lych gate roof. Lych gates are usually of wood, and thus subject to decay. For that reason many are fairly modern reconstructions of much older timber covered gateways. They are traditionally roofed with wooden or clay tiles, or thatch.



*With thanks to John Cooper for carefully cleaning this up so we can admire it.*

### **Red Letter Box at The Lych Gate .**

Don't know if you have noticed but we have a red letter box at the Lych Gate. This will be for our post.

But what about you; would you like to post a prayer in that box too?

Maybe something is on your mind or you would just like to give thanks.

We meet every Thursday (besides Sunday) in church to pray.

Why not post a note and let us send a 'Knee mail' to God for you

*Rev Eileen.*





# St Mark's Walking Group

## 2024 Programme

Walk Programme .....All are Fridays at 10am prompt

<i>Date</i>	<i>Destination</i>	<i>Distance</i>	<i>Leader</i>
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sawley		
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Yarrow Country Park		Paul
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Glasson Dock		
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Scorton and Nicky Nook		Peter
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thurstaston		
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Daresbury: Lewis Carroll walk	10km. Flat	Peter

### ***What you can expect:***

Walkers meet at 10am prompt at St Mark's Parish Hall.\*

These walks will usually be led by either: Paul, Peter, Dawn and John  
Walks will be between **5 and 6 miles** but the difficulty depends on the terrain and the weather! Local wet weather in the days before the walk and tides for coastal walks can all have an impact. These walks are published walks and will not necessarily be "recce'd" by us beforehand.

**You will need full gear: boots, socks, weatherproofs, hat and refreshment.**

Journey is by private car so if any walker can drive and take passengers that helps.

If car park or toll charges are incurred the driver would appreciate the passengers chipping in!

The walk will usually finish at a coffee house or pub for fellowship.

For more information or to book a place contact either of us or email:

[stmarksscarisbrick@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksscarisbrick@gmail.com)

*\*We don't want to leave anyone behind so please let us know no later than the Wednesday before the walk so that we can finalise the arrangements*



## **The Perfect church**

If you should find the perfect church  
Without one fault or smear,  
For goodness sake don't join that church  
You'd spoil the atmosphere.

If you should find the perfect church  
Where all anxieties cease,  
Then pass it by, lest joining it,  
You spoil the masterpiece.

If you should find the perfect church,  
Then don't you ever dare

To tread upon such holy ground,  
You'd be a misfit there.

But since no perfect church exists,  
Made of perfect men,  
Let's cease on looking for that church,  
and love the church we're in.

Of course it's not the perfect church,  
That's simple to discern.

But you and I and all of us  
Could cause the tide to turn.

What fools we are to flee the past  
In that unfruitful search  
To find, at last, where problems loom  
God proudly builds his church.

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Sadly, these are death notices for people who have departed this earthly life into the care of our Heavenly Father.

We will remember them and offer prayers for their family.

**Ivy Marsden,**

**Arnold Rigby,**

**Allan Pickersgill**

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For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8:38-39*

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. *Psalms 34:18*

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## July 2024

Mon	1	
Tue	2	No chair Exercise today. Bible Study & Fellowship Bescar Lane 2:30pm
Wed	3	Prayers: church 10-11am
Thur	4	Bescar Lane Coffee morning 10-12. Pensioners Luncheon Club 11am <i>Happy Thursdays 7pm</i>
Fri	5	
Sat	6	
Sun	7	<b>11am</b> Holy Communion, Children's church.
Mon	8	
Tue	9	Chair based Exercise 10am Art and Craft Club 1pm-4pm Parish Hall
Wed	10	Prayers: church 10- 11am
Thur	11	Bescar Lane Coffee morning 10-12. <i>Happy Thursdays 7pm</i>
Fri	12	
Sat	13	
Sun	14	<b>11am</b> Uganda service All Age Worship
Mon	15	
Tue	16	Chair Exercise 10am Bible Study and Fellowship Bescar Lane 2:30pm
Wed	17	Prayers: church 10- 11am.
Thur	18	Bescar Lane Coffee morning 10-12. Pensioners Luncheon Club 11am <i>Happy Thursdays 7pm</i>
Fri	19	Walking Group 10am
Sat	20	Marian's Breakfast 9:30 – 11am (See Rev Eileens's Letter)
Sun	21	<b>11am</b> Baptism
Mon	22	
Tue	23	Chair based Exercise 10am Art and Craft Club 1pm-4pm Parish Hall
Wed	24	Prayers: church 10- 11am.
Thur	25	Bescar Lane Coffee morning 10-12 <i>Happy Thursdays 7pm</i>
Fri	26	
Sat	27	
Sun	28	<b>11am</b> Holy Communion, Children's church.
Mon	29	
Tue	30	Chair Exercise 10am Bible Study and Fellowship Bescar Lane 2:30pm
Wed	31	Prayers: church 10- 11am. McGraths Men's group 7pm



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## August 2024

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