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WEEKLY - WEDNESDAYS

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1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH

8:45AM HOLY COMMUNION

3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH

6:30PM EVENSONG



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2ND SUNDAY OF MONTH

11:30AM HOLY COMMUNION CW

3RD SUNDAY OF MONTH

11:30AM MORNING PRAYER BCP

4TH SUNDAY OF MONTH

11:30 HOLY COMMUNION BCP

5TH SUNDAY OF MONTH

11.30AM HOLY COMMUNION BCP



St Nicholas' Church, Burton-in-Wirral
Local Community Event

GARDENERS' **QUESTION TIME**

Saturday 13 July 2:00pm

St Nicholas' Church



Based on the ever popular **B B C** radio series
with Burton's own panel of local gardening experts

Tickets £10

Including refreshments of tea, coffee and cakes
Questions to Linda Jones or place them in the box
at the back of church

lindajones5748@hotmail.com

All proceeds in aid of St Nicholas' Church



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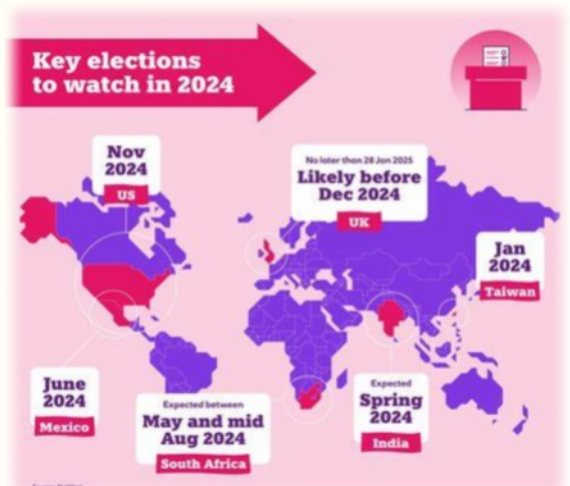
REVD JOHN COYNE

By the time most of you read this article, the General Election or its aftermath will probably be in full swing. I hope that you made your voice count because the health of society matters. It is self-evident that politics and public discourse matter; to vote is, therefore, understood as our duty in a democracy.



I know that it is easy to be disillusioned. When asked what would happen at the election, someone in my wider family said, 'There will be a change of government but nothing will change.' This would, he said, be down to a lack of fiscal opportunity.

His comment seemed to illustrate a general lack of confidence in the political realities which shape our public life. What does our vote achieve? Does anything ever really change? Isn't it just easier to stay beneath the parapet and not engage with the huge issues which will shape our world in the coming decades? Yet international cooperation, ecology, technology, economics, social care, education and values are just some of the areas which need constant attention, both for the sake of the present generation as well as for those who will follow us. Surely it matters that we stand up and engage with such matters as best as we are able?



Politicians are our elected representatives, but we shouldn't assume we can leave everything down to them. I have always believed that, along with others in our society, members of the Church should be absolutely involved in the big issues of life.

It was Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South African Bishop and theologian, who penned the words:

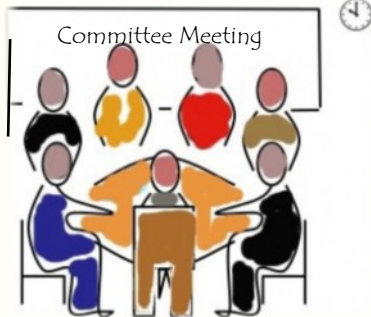
'When people say that religion and politics don't mix, I wonder which Bible they are reading.'



We are all required to invest, not only in national and local political debate but also in supporting the communities in which we live. At local level it matters that we participate in debating and working through issues which shape our community wellbeing.

Hats off to thank those who faithfully serve our community groups, via

- involvement in village halls
- local societies
- care groups
- schools
- local churches



All these institutions are dependent on volunteers, sometimes supporting employees who are under pressure and need help: our help; my help; and yours.

So, assuming that you voted and that you consider participation in your local community to be vitally important, is there anything that you can do right now to stand up and be counted? It matters.



John <''))><

Church Services

St Nicholas' Church July

Sundays

- 7 8:45 Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)
- 10.00 All Age Worship
- 14 10:00 Morning Worship
- 21 10:00 Communion for All
6:30 pm Evensong/BCP
Holy Communion
- 28 10:00 Morning Worship

Wednesdays

- 10:15 Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)

August

Sundays

- 4 8:45 Holy Communion
(Traditional Service)
- 10.00 All Age Worship
- 11 10:00 Morning Worship
- 18 10:00 Communion for All
6:30 pm Evensong/BCP
Holy Communion
- 25 10:00 Morning Worship

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FROM THE
PARISH
REGISTERS

Burton

Wedding

11 May

*Heather Amy Reed &
Jonathan David Goodrick*

Funerals

19 June

Valerie Bradbury

Interment of Ashes

29 May

*Jennifer May Dodman &
Keith Dodman*



Thank You

To everyone who helped make the Christian Aid annual fund raising appeal such a success in Burton.

During the course of the week individual donations together with the coffee morning on 16 May raised a total of **£1,239**.

The support that Christian Aid receives from you all is very much appreciated.

Janey Griffiths

Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty



3.3m

people benefited from our interventions

275

projects were implemented globally

£90.6m

was raised throughout this year



The end of another amazing year . . .

There have been so many wonderful things to celebrate that there are too many to mention here. Our fabulous children have continually made us proud with all they have done. We are grateful to every member of our school community for their contributions to the life of our school and especially our Executive Headteacher Mrs. Davies who has completed her first year with our Federation.

Recently, Eagles class joined together with children from Christchurch CE Primary to go on a residential trip to York. Even the staff had an amazing time visiting York Minster and, possibly most of all, the chocolate museum. We managed to complete our sports day at the first attempt. Prayers were answered and it didn't rain.

Well done to the children for a fantastic afternoon of fun, effort and determination. Each and every child was a star!

The Open the Book team visited again this term and told the story of Jesus feeding the 5000.

Some of the pupils are thespians in the making!

Kingfishers' class visited Friends of Burton

Manor Gardens on a beautiful sunny afternoon

and had a fantastic time looking at the

differences between all the flowers. They were

amazed at how many differences they found and made some very detailed drawings to take back to school.

The class is now collecting empty ink cartridges to support the work at the gardens and have made posters to let everyone know. If you have any empty ink cartridges, we would be happy to receive them and pass them on.

A fabulous Teddy Bears' Picnic took place on Saturday 15 June. There were lots of Forest School and outdoor activities along with a picnic and a great time was had by the teddy bears and their children.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with what we are doing! [Click Here](#)

Suzanne Roberts

Head of School



School Diary of Events

School Open Morning

Tuesday 9 July 9.30am to 11:00am

Summer Fair

Friday 19 July 3:15pm to 5:00pm

Leavers service

23 July - 2:30pm in Church



Hampstons Well

Burton

Early Summer at the Well Garden

Despite the heavy rain during late Spring and early Summer, the small group of Friends' volunteers have continued to keep working at the Well Garden when the weather and volunteer availability allowed. Visitors to the Well Garden continue to share their support and appreciation for the access to this public space, describing it as an 'oasis of calm and tranquillity' in which to spend a few moments of quiet meditation.

The advertised Poetry Picnic in May was a great success. Led by Wirral based poets, Judith Railton and Emlyn Jones, a number of creative folk visited the Well Garden and St Nicholas' Church before enjoying an informal picnic lunch at the walled garden at Burton Manor.



Drawing inspiration from the sights and sounds of nature, local history, myths and legends, those present shared their reflections, poems and stories.

At the Poetry Picnic a musical interlude from folk musician, Cliff Carr, was enjoyed by all and following the success of the evening it is hoped that similar events can be arranged in the future.

Could you help the Friends of Hampstons Well?



We need the following:

- Volunteers to help with the maintenance and restoration work. Supervised Volunteer Drop-in working sessions are on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Thursday of the month 10:30am until noon.
- Volunteers to join the committee, to help generate ideas on how to take the work of the Friends forward. It is the 50th anniversary of the Dedication of the Well next year, so it would be a great help to have some more people on board to help to prepare for this.
- Donations of funds, however small, would be most welcome. This will help the Friends to purchase building materials and cover administrative costs (email details below if you would like bank details).
- Donations of plants and shrubs (only native woodland varieties) for planting or selling, pre-loved garden tools, items for raffle prizes/selling, e.g. books, bric-a-brac etc.

Visit our Facebook Page Friends of Hampstons Well (Burton) or for enquiries and more information please email:

friendsofhampstonswellburton@gmail.com

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Find out more: [**Click Here**](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 17 July at 2:00pm

Garden Afternoon at 'Hafod'

Wednesday 18 September 2:00pm

In the Pavilion of the Sports and
Social Club.

Birds of Burton Wetlands

Talk by RSPB



Please let us know in good time if you require transport to any of the meetings.

For more information

Ann Rudd, 0151 336 1513

Pastoral Care Group



The village communities of Burton, Puddington and Shotwick have always cared for one another. Friends and neighbours help out each other, very often, without waiting to be asked. They provide support when and where it is needed to make sure people are safe and secure. Many village residents routinely carry out visits to people known to them who may be isolated in their own homes or in hospital or in care homes or who are simply in need of a bit of extra support.

Alongside these essential acts of kindness the church has always played its part. And to reinforce this ethos, St Nicholas' Church, through its clergy, lay readers and other church members, has extended access to pastoral care support to anyone within the local community, particularly when they find that it is not possible to provide the support themselves to someone in need.

The Pastoral Care Group comprises the Vicar and the Lay Readers' team who will always endeavour to respond to people's needs. The aim of this approach is to ensure that anyone who needs to be supported is not overlooked.

If you become aware of anyone who would benefit from being visited who may be alone or unwell, please contact the local Pastoral Care Coordinator, John Church, in total confidence, who will ensure that suitable action is taken and a visit by the Vicar or by one of the Lay readers is arranged. John's contact details are:

[**john_sue44@hotmail.co.uk**](mailto:john_sue44@hotmail.co.uk)

0151 336 2228 or 07703 199 132

The Gladstone Village Hall Solar Project Going Green



At the end of 2022, Gladstone Village Hall (GVH) embarked on a detailed energy audit. The report, which arrived in mid-2023, made lots of valuable recommendations to reduce GVH energy costs, lower our carbon footprint and become more (financially and environmentally) sustainable.

The major recommendation was that GVH was well located and had the roof space for the installation of a solar electricity system. However, the costs of this would have been prohibitive, and to alleviate this,

Dr John Nuttall spearheaded an application to the FCC Communities Foundation (<https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/>) for the major part of the cost. Earlier this year, we learned that this bid had been successful, and the Solar Project could get underway. The installation took place in early June.



There are two systems, each with about 20 panels, installed on the Hall and the Pavilion. Each system will generate over 6,000 kWh of electricity per annum, about twice the consumption of a typical home in the UK. Each system will be backed up by a 13.5 kWh battery, which in the summer will allow us to store excess solar energy and use it overnight for free! In the winter, we may be able to charge the battery overnight at off-peak rates to reduce the demand at peak rate electricity times.

Microgeneration of electricity is a low cost, low infrastructure solution to reducing the country's carbon footprint. We hope the visibility of the GVH Solar Project will stimulate interest across Burton and Puddington.

St Michael's Church

Shotwick

News



On 4 May 4 we held our Countryside Classroom Spring Celebration in and around church for local primary school children.

About 15 children and 70 older 'children' enjoyed the chance to try out bell ringing, metal detecting, identifying moths and birds, organ playing, and eating.

On 30 May we had a visit from 20 Trefoil Guild adult girl guides from Chester and 10 National Trust visitors. We received wonderful feedback from all - they heard about the history of Shotwick Village and they all had a tour of the church tower.

On 8 June we had 70 visitors, including the whole of Shotwick Village, for a Ruby Wedding celebration.

A fish and chip van and an ice cream station were laid on as well as a disco. The Village gave Chris and Jacquie Walker a customised tapestry made by local artist Ruth Brickland.



Organ Playing



Metal Detecting



Ruby Wedding

Tales From ^{Wirral} foodbank



It's June at the foodbank and the country is in the run up to a general election. But not much is changing at the foodbank. Inflation is slowing, but food prices are still higher, as are rents. Energy prices have fallen, which is some relief. We still see record numbers of clients – about the same as we have for the past year, but we're serving 50% more people than 2 years ago. The picture is the same around the country.

Trussell Trust and the Jacob Rowntree Foundation have been running a campaign called Guarantee Our Essentials to call for Universal Credit to be made enough to cover the essentials in life – food, shelter, energy, which it currently does not. They are asking us to write to our new MP to ask them to advocate for changes to Universal Credit to ensure that our social security system can support any one of us when we need help and protect us from going without (and needing a foodbank to survive). It's easy to do – go to <https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-involved/campaigns/guarantee-our-essentials/> and click on Email your MP today.

Food donations can be made at many supermarkets.

Wirral Foodbank is looking for:

- custard
- pasta sauce
- tinned potatoes
- tinned meat
- tinned fruit

West Cheshire Foodbank is looking for:

- instant mash
- VHT juice
- tinned fruit
- tinned meat/meat meals
- toiletries (deodorants)

Both foodbanks also accept monetary donations which they use to bulk buy food as needed and to provide other services to foodbank clients. Regular donations especially help with financial planning.

<https://wirral.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

<https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

Thank you for caring enough to help provide this support for our neighbours. It is greatly needed and appreciated by the foodbank's clients, volunteers and staff.

Ian Birch, Volunteer, Wirral Foodbank

To volunteer or donate just [Click Here](#)

Burton Mere Wetlands



The weather hasn't been what we might have expected for Spring, the rain has just not let up! This has had a great impact on the wildlife and sightings of butterflies, damselflies and dragonflies have been particularly scarce. At least some of the usual suspects of our wildflowers like the Marsh Orchids, Bee Orchids and a slightly more unusual, Pyramidal Orchid have been seen out on the reserve and directly from our main Visitor Centre.



Bee Orchid

Other insects that have been photographed by our enthusiastic visitors are: Short-winged Conehead Nymphs, Roesel's Bush Cricket and the star invertebrate the fabulous Woundwort Shieldbug.



J Rogers

Short-Winged Conehead Nymph

We have had almost 200 Bar-tailed Godwits seen mostly from Border Hide. The main scrape has been good with a handful appearing with the Black-tailed Godwits for comparison. Equally interesting and not common for us have been three Sanderling, Knot, then a little more expected Little Stint, Little-ringed Plover and early returning Spotted Redshank.

The Marsh Harriers have been wonderful to still see carrying out food passes from the hard-working males to females sitting on nests. Hopefully not long now until we see some fledging from the Reedbed.

We had multiple sightings of Kingfisher passing low over the water in front of the Visitor Centre, which is really unusual for this time of year. We can only hope they are nesting nearby.



Sam Riley

Kingfisher



Moth & Butterfly Event



Mersey Ferries



RSPB Bird Watching Cruise



When you're onsite visiting our beautiful reserve, you might have worked up an appetite. If so, the café's new quiche is a hot topic and has been flying out the door!

Family activities on offer are the Seasonal Quiz Trail and our Summer Backpack Hire are back for the kids. Don't forget the Wildplay Area for a picnic and some woodland exploration.

As always, we have our Kiosk shop with our retail offer of free delivery if you spend over £15 with us, and profits coming back to your local reserve.

The first of our much anticipated "Wildlife Wander" events returned this Summer on 27 June, with Richard one of our highly experienced guides who has over 10 years with the RSPB and a lifetime of passion and knowledge to share with you. Another is scheduled for July. The end of July sees our collaboration event with Butterfly Conservation with a Moth and Butterfly event.

Then August and September we hope to do more Wader Walks as they have been popular.

You may also want to join Mersey Ferries and RSPB on 31 August for another one of our Bird Watching & Wildlife Cruises

Opening Times

Nature reserve	9:00 am	-	8:00 pm
Shop	9:30 am	-	4:30 pm
Cafe	11:00 am	-	4:00 pm
Car park	9:00 am	-	8:00 pm

For full details of our events see events.rspb.org.uk/deeestuary and to keep up to date with our regular blogs see rspb.org.uk/burtonmerewetlands

If you're keen to get involved see our volunteer application site: <https://tinyurl.com/uukxwmxn> Alternatively call us on 0151 353 2720, or why not drop in – we're open every day!

Down the Garden

Path with Flori Bunda

Summer Time & Flower Shows

Flower seeds produced the best germination ever, filling masses of trays with seedlings.

Larkspur, in particular, produced two trays of seedlings. Of course, with



this flush of seedlings, space in the greenhouse was at a premium.

At last, the Sweet Peas are beginning to bud, a little late compared to previous seasons.

Gladioli are growing well, having been planted in the ground.

Some dahlias survived the winter. Two new dahlias were purchased and remain in pots, but flowering already, namely Petra's Wedding (white pompom) and Night Queen (dark crimson).

Agapanthus Alba is just coming into bud and are grown from seed to be transferred from pot to garden.



Russell Lupins (purple/white, pink/white and pure white) look lovely.



Purple and white hebes together with a red rose (Alec's Red - intense perfume) are looking lovely at the time of writing

Hopefully the many tubs and pots filled with annuals mix, scabiosa, cosmos and larkspur, will look wonderful if and when they bloom.

The borders in the rear garden and the shrubbery need a lot of attention.

However, our feathered friends are frequently seen and heard. Chaffinch, green/gold finches, blue/great tits, a very shy jay, great spotted woodpecker (three in all) and, of course, Robbie Robin with offspring.

Tasks to be getting on with:

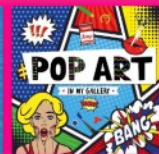
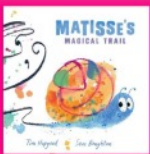
- Keep pots/tubs watered - sometimes even when it rains
- Weeding
- Dead head flowers

Above all . .

Enjoy your garden!



Flori Bunda



The Summer Reading Challenge is Coming!



The Summer Reading Challenge is back and once again we're challenging all primary-age children to get reading over the summer!

This year the theme is Marvellous Makers
Join in all the fun from Saturday 6 July

As usual we'll have loads of events and activities to keep you busy during the holidays, and we'll be announcing the full list soon.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/libraries>

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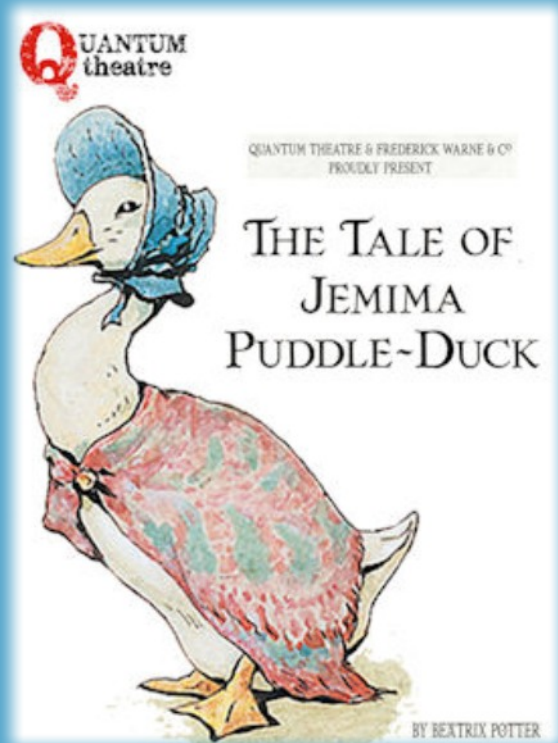
Friday 5 July - Friday 26 July - Friday 12 August

THE TALE OF JEMIMA PUDDLE-DUCK

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Performance 5:45pm



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The event will go ahead regardless of weather, except in extreme conditions where it is deemed unsafe or unfeasible to hold the event. We advise all visitors to wear suitable clothing and footwear for an outdoor event. You are welcome to bring picnic blankets, picnics and low back seating!

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