

We Commit to Worship, Share and Care

Parish Secretary

Over the past 12 years Ms Vivien Bailey has been the Parish Secretary, however she will be retiring at the end of March this year.

Vivien's job has grown from when she started with Rev David Attwood in 1998 from doing a little administration for him and the church to running the Halls as well as a lot of the Church administration and paperwork. We are thankful for all she has done over this period.

As a result of Vivien leaving, we will need to fill the position of Parish Secretary and Hall Manager. The Churchwardens, Treasurer and I are in the process of putting together a job description and working hours. Due to the financial constraints with the parish finances, we are hoping to offer a 3 hour working day from 9.30 to 12.30 Monday to Friday.

The person to be employed will need to be computer literate and be willing to put their hand to many varied tasks. If any of you would like to consider this position, please speak to Dot Fairclough, Brenda Maddox or me.

The position of Parish Secretary is vital to the life of any parish as it is quite often the first contact that people have with the church. You will be dealing with enquiries for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals – doing the weekly leaflets and rotas - Hall duties will include bookings, book-keeping, and general duties of running the halls. It is a varied job but one which is very rewarding.

I would encourage us all to pray about this position that we will find the right person that God has prepared for us.

There will be a time in March when we will publicly thank Vivien for all she has done over her time here. Please pray for her as well as she prepares for her retirement!

Rev Wayne Lautenbach

THE TRAIDCRAFT TABLE is at the back of church each Sunday.

Parish Contacts

The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 12.30 pm

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The Parish of Prenton
The Congregation of St Stephen & St Alban

Today's Services for 2nd before Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.15am	Morning Worship & Parade
11.00am	Parish Communion
6.30pm	Taizé Service

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you
and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings

8.00am & 11.00am	Rev 4 (p1169)	Luke 8:22-25 (p979)
9.15am	Psalm 46 (p547)	Luke 8:22-25 (p979)
6.30pm	Matt 6: 25-34 (p918)	

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. **Rev 4: 11**

Gift Aid If you are donating any money to the church, no matter how small the amount, and you pay standard rate income tax, please complete a form. This means we can claim back tax on your donation. E.g. money for flowers.



Sick If anyone knows that a member of the congregation is ill or in hospital, please contact the Parish Office.

The Second Sunday before Lent

Traditionally on the Second Sunday before Lent the Church celebrates God's creation. We give thanks for its breath-taking grandeur, its intricate design and its abundant life – all signs of a wise and loving Creator. This earth is God's gift to us, the 'home' which we share with all living creatures, and which we look after as God's stewards, 'in his image' – as the Bible, and as today's Collect, define human nature.

“Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children;”

The challenge of this is far reaching as it addresses the issue of how we view ALL of God's creation, whether we like it or not. Weather, food, animals, creepy things and people! The hymn 'All things bright and beautiful' comes to mind as I think of this – words which we sing - but do act on them?

This is the challenge that lies before us today – to discern God's action in all of His creation and by the way we lives and interact with each other.

Blessings

Wayne Lautenbach

Daily Bible Readings for Morning Prayer

Monday 8 th	Psalm 30	2 Timothy 4.1-8
Tuesday 9 th	Psalm 36	2 Timothy 4.9-end
Wednesday 10 th	Psalm 34	Titus 1
Thursday 11 th	Psalm 37	Titus 2
Friday 12 th	Psalm 31	Titus 3
Saturday 13 th	Psalm 42	Philemon

Diary.

- Mon -Fri** 8.30-9.00am **Morning Prayer** in the Ladychapel
Tues 9th 8.00pm Standing Committee?
Wed 3rd 10.30am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Morning

Sunday 14th February Next before Lent

9.15am	Morning Worship & Communion	Ex 34: 29-35	Luke 9:28-36
11.00am	Parish Communion	Ex 34: 29-35	Luke 9:28-36
12.45pm	Baptism		
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Ex 3: 1-6	John 12:27-36a

For Our Prayers:-

The Parish:

We pray this week for the people of :- **Vicarage Close and Tower Road**

Those On Our Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick, including: Doris Griffiths; Ivan Thomason;
Fay White; Dorothy Cheesley; Elizabeth Lautenbach; Karen Hughes;
Jade; Rita Lee.

Please pray for the young daughter of Debbie Bayley, churchwarden of St Oswald Bidston, who was tragically killed in a car accident.

Prayer for 7th from St Stephen's Prayer Diary...

The preaching, teaching and worship of the Church We pray that God would inspire all those who preach and teach in our church with his Holy Spirit. We pray that God would build us up in truth, faith, love and understanding.

From Chester Diocese Cycle of Prayer

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Notices:-

Treasure Island Panto 2010

Please hurry if you haven't bought tickets yet. They are available from the Parish Office Tel 608 3638 and Brenda Maddox 608 8326. Adults: £5.00 Children: £3.00. Performances: Thursday, Friday, & Saturday **25th, 26th & 27th February** at 7.30pm. Raffle. Proceeds to the new heating in the Barrett Hall.

Panto Raffle We would be grateful for any donations of gifts for this. Please contact Brenda or Evelyn. Thank you.

Please join us in the church halls on **Saturday 20th February** for :-

'FUN for FUNDRAISING'

from 10.30-1.00pm for refreshments, stalls, children's room, raffle, lunch..
Donations of cakes (especially home-made) welcome.

Christian Cancer Support Group for those recently diagnosed, or are undergoing treatment for cancer. There is an opportunity for sharing and fellowship at 'Redacre' 24 Abbey Rd, West Kirby. The next meeting is on **Fri 12th Feb.** @ 3pm when Olwen Bell will speak on Marie Curie Nursing within the community.
Contact Pat Bell 638 6370 or The Sisters of Jesus Way 625 8775 for more details.

Forward Notices.

Wed 17th “ Ash Wednesday
Mon 22nd Feb—Sun 7th March **Fairtrade Fortnight**