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Christ Church Aughton Parish Newsletter

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Vicar's Viewpoint . . .

'Indiscriminate hospitality'

“Be inventive in hospitality.”

Romans 12:13

CAFÉ Vista, on the first floor of our Ministry Centre, has been a great success. Since opening in November 2010 it has grown from strength to strength.

Through this, we aim to serve our community and beyond by offering a safe place to meet, a place of welcome to everyone, whoever they may be.

In particular through ease of access, to those who have disabilities.

Café Vista is staffed by volunteers in five teams, each with a leader. About 50 in one way or other help over the five days Café Vista is open and not all by any means are members of our church. We thank God for their dedication and commitment.

In fact, such has been the success of Café Vista that this month we seek to support our volunteers by extending and refitting the kitchen to provide them with more space and better resources.

This work will be starting soon. We had hoped at the beginning of this month but our contractor has had problems. This means Café Vista opens on

Tuesday, 5 September and we will keep you informed of when it is closed for refitting.

Practising such hospitality is one of the key ministries of the New

Testament. Christians were known for their indiscriminate hospitality.

So as the apostle Paul concludes his letter to the church in Rome, he adds:

“Be sure to welcome our friend Phoebe in the way of the Master, with all the generous hospitality we Christians are famous for.” (Romans 16:1f)

Where does this ministry of generosity come from?

Very simply, from Jesus himself. In fact, his ministry of hospitality was highly contentious. So we read in the Gospels: “And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying of Jesus, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’” (Luke 15:2)

However, it is above all at the cross where Jesus opens his arms to welcome us into the love and friendship of God. Whoever we are and whatever we may have done we are welcome, such is the grace of God.

So the risen Christ calls us to himself – which means for us, a complete about-face in order to trust him.

And as the prodigal himself found, we find an overwhelming welcome from our heavenly Father.

Ros Moughtin



The CAP student money course

Tuesday, 5 September: 6.30-9.00pm

THIS provides simple, sound advice to help young people take control of their finances during their time as students.

Open to anyone going into Year 12/leaving year 13 for university or college.

We encourage parents to attend so they can understand the advice given and encourage their student to maintain good principles of money management.

There are limited places on this course which takes place in the Ministry Centre.

Contact the church office for a place.

'Songs of Praise'

MEMBERS of our Luncheon Club will be taking part in this 'Songs of Praise' on **Sunday, 24 September at 6.30pm**. Some of the 60 or so members will be choosing their favourite hymns, often with special memories or particular stories.

The service follows an afternoon tea from 4.30pm in the Ministry Centre.

We thank all those volunteers who support the ministry of the Luncheon Club ~ from preparing and cooking meals, serving and clearing and our volunteer drivers.

The eternal God is our refuge

ERNIE Price, who died this summer, was a remarkable person, ever pushing out and seeking new ways to bless others in the name of Jesus. Secure in Christ, he lived for others especially those in need.

His background in the Boys Brigade at St Leonard's Bootle led him to found the marching band, first at Cottage Lane Mission and then at Christ Church.

In fact, Ernie devoted 50 years to working with youth organisations ~ Church Lads Brigade at St Philip's Litherland and St Michael's, Aughton, Boys Brigade at St

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Sunday, 3 September

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Holy Communion
6.30pm: Evening Prayer

Wednesday, 6 September

2.00pm: Holy Communion in the Ministry Centre

Sunday, 10 September

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Parade Service
6.30pm: Evening Prayer

Sunday, 17 September

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Family service with Thanksgiving
6.30pm: Evening Worship

Sunday, 24 September

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Family Service
6.30pm: 'Songs of Praise'

Sunday, 1 October

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Holy Communion
Preacher: Jeremy Thomas, vicar of St Thomas', Ashton-in-Makerfield
6.30pm: Evening Worship

Wednesday, 4 October

2.00pm: Holy Communion

Leonard's Bootle and United Reformed Methodist Ormskirk and finally junior youth club leader at Cottage Lane Mission.

He also formed the Ormskirk West End FC Junior football club.

Always active in the local community Ernie was a founder member of the Ormskirk Abbeyfield Society and along with his wife Jean opened up their house to provide respite care for vulnerable adults.

Along with Jean a formidable partnership he was very much a family man with five sons, thirteen grand children and six great grand children.

Aughton Christ Church School

... *an outstanding church school, official.*

ALL church schools are regularly inspected to assess how they are doing as church schools. In July our school received such an inspection, known as SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools).

The Inspector, Mr Stephen Burrow, concluded that "the distinctiveness and effectiveness of Aughton Christ Church CE Primary School as a Church of England school are outstanding."

Moreover, he observed that the strong, mutually supportive bond between the school and church has led to the achievement of Part One of the 'Church School Partnership Award'.

His main conclusions were:

- The strong, purposeful Christian leadership of the headteacher, supported by committed staff and governors, ensures that pupils maximise both their personal and academic achievement.
- Relationships are exceptional and promote a shared deeply embedded Christian ethos that underpins all the school does. Pupils are highly valued and nurtured as unique individuals in a caring Christian environment.
- Collective worship and religious education contribute significantly to the promotion of distinctive Christian values and significantly enhance pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- Being part of the church family makes a significant contribution to the school's Christian character and the spiritual development of all members of the whole community.
- Christian symbols and vibrant and stimulating displays of pupils' work create a very positive, welcoming and supportive atmosphere for everyone involved with the school.

He suggested that the school develops extra ways of sharing the Christian values taught in school with parents and carers and involving them more in feedback related to this, so as to further improve evaluation of the school's Christian character.

In his report Mr Burrow noted:

The school, through its distinctive Christian character, is outstanding at meeting the needs of all learners.

The distinctive Christian character, underpinned by Christian values, is central to the ethos and vision of the school. This impacts on the daily lives of everyone. Strong, mutually nurturing and supportive relationships, rooted in the teaching of Jesus, are evident in every part of school life.

Pupils feel safe, happy, valued and well cared for and have excellent adult role models. They are polite, courteous and respectful of all adults and of each other, displaying excellent behaviour. The curriculum is rich and varied, providing a wide range of experiences. As a result, pupils' achievement is outstanding with outcomes above the national average at the end of Key Stage 2.

The high profile of RE and collective worship contributes greatly to pupils' enjoyment of school. Vibrant and stimulating displays lift the spirit.

One pupil explained that prayer allows them, 'To be in touch with God' and added, 'He is in our hearts.' The way pupils are taught about other world faiths, in relation to Christianity, very effectively promotes pupils' acceptance of and respect for the views and beliefs of others.

The vicar and curate have a high profile in school, giving practical and prayerful support, which is valued and appreciated by the whole school family.

'Knit and Knatter' - please note

'Knit & Knatter' September meeting is on **Monday, 25th** as usual; but starting from **27 October** will then be on the fourth **FRIDAY**, each month ... not on a Monday.

'Girlie Night In

AFTER our summer break this will resume on **Friday, 15 September 7:45-10.00pm** in the Ministry Centre.

We welcome back those girlies who have been before and those coming for the first time. 'Girlie Night In' is an informal, social evening for ladies over 18 and a great way to meet new people.

We host, beauty, film, food nights. There is no charge to attend, people provide their own drinks. We provide the venue, theme and nibbles. So if you haven't joined us yet, feel free to come along in September.

For more information contact **Sarah O'Donoghue 07847 931323**.

Our 50th Alpha

... starts next month

SINCE we started our first Alpha course in 1997 well over 700 people have taken part in this ten week opportunity of exploring the Christian faith.

Everyone who takes part is encouraged to ask the big questions of life in a secure and welcoming environment. And no question is out of bounds.

Each evening begins with a meal in Café Vista followed by a short video. We then break up into small groups. However, if you just want to sit there and listen, that's fine ~ there is no pressure to participate.

All kinds of people do Alpha. From regular church members to those who would never dream of going to church.

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Church Office

THIS is open Monday to Friday 9.00am-1.00pm in the Ministry Centre

For any information, including requests for baptism and thanksgiving services, weddings, funerals and room bookings, call in or phone **424 530**, or e: **ChristChurchAughton@gmail.com**.

month with a special launch meeting serving wine and canapés, in the Ministry Centre on **Thursday, 5 October** at 8.00 pm.

You can simply turn up but it helps with catering if you can let the church office know beforehand.

A Tower with a view . . .

OUR church, along with the tower, will be open on **Saturday 23 September** between **12.00 noon and 4.00pm**. Come and join us to celebrate 150 years of Christ Church

- Visit our exhibition of archives
- bring along your own Christ Church memorabilia to display
- From 11am children can follow a special gingerbread trail
- Have your picture taken with our very own gingerbread man
- Storytelling for children from 12 noon with our gingerbread lady.
- Listen to musical performances
- Display of registers and magazines from 150 years ago
- Refreshments served
- An opportunity to climb 105 steps to the top of the tower.

Please note. Trips up the tower are weather permitting and are by timed ticket only which will be allocated on the day.

From the Registers WEDDING

1 July: BRIAN CHRISTOPHER VARLEY and **KATHRYN ANNE HEYES**.

FUNERALS

17 July: ERNEST GEORGE PRICE, of The Fountains, Ormskirk

8 August: DOREEN MAY LLOYD, of Rosecroft Close

10 August: FLORENCE HILDA GLADYS SLADE, of Silver Birch residential home

11 August: JEAN PLATT, of High Wray residential home