



March 2014

We are not put on this earth to see through one another, but to see one another through

Peter de Vries



Pupils congratulate their teacher Helen Brockley on her marriage to Stephen Moxley

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Ash Wednesday - 5 March

Praise Evening at Tarporley Baptist & Methodist Church - Friday 28 March

Mothering Sunday - 30 March

Palm Sunday - 13 April

Good Friday - 18 April (look out for the outdoor service outside Tilly's!)

Easter Day - 20 April

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Community news

Por favor, salve a data!

Bunbury Village Day will be on Saturday 21 June

With a Brazilian theme in celebration of the FIFA World Cup, we can promise an exciting day including Capoeira (a traditional Brazilian dance display) alongside the more familiar attractions you know and love. We'll reveal further details as we get closer to June, but for now please "salve a data" - save the date!

Congratulations to Helen Brockley and Stephen Moxley on their wedding on 15 February.



Following on last year's success - there will be a Pancake Party at Tilly's on Shrove Tuesday 4 March from 5-6pm. All welcome. Bring your own pan! Proceeds to Save the Family.



The Women's World Day of Prayer 2014 will be on Friday 7 March at 2.30pm at St Boniface. The theme is 'Streams in the Desert' and has been prepared by the women of Egypt. The preacher will be Mrs Flora Nell Duke.

Bunbury WI will have a talk by Lynn Scott on the Benefits of Exercise in

Later Life on 13 March at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Bunbury Mill visitor centre will once again host an evening of folk music on Saturday 15 March - judging by last year's sell-out, tickets will be like gold dust, so snap them up if you get the chance. Tickets are available from Ken Broster on 733244.

Bunbury Gardening Club is hosting a Cheese and Wine Evening, with a talk by John Bebbington on vegetables on March 18 at 8pm in the village hall. Tickets £6 on the night - bring your own wine

St Jude's Easter Fair - a brand new venture - will be held on Saturday 29 March 2-4pm. With children very much in mind, there will be all sorts of exciting games, Easter face painting, egg decorating and eating!

The next Praise Evening will be on Friday 28 March at 7pm and will be at Tarporley Baptist and Methodist church.

On Fridays, from 10.30am until 12pm at Tilly's, there will be 'coffee and cake' for anyone of ripening years - no need to be a church goer. All are very welcome and coffee will be at the discounted rate of £1 per cup with a discount on cakes! Looking forward to seeing you! If you need transport please contact Amber Middlemiss on 01829 733244 or email midrook@btinternet.com

The **copy deadline** for the April issue of the Link is Friday 14 March. The magazine should be in church for delivery on Friday 28 March.

A note from the editor

It has always struck me as a shame that so much effort goes into wedding dresses which, so admired on the day, are then cast into the back of a wardrobe.

I was determined to reuse my dress many times and my mother and I designed it so that the sleeves could be removed and it could be used as an evening dress. With its full length circular skirt and new emerald sash, it was a delight until I took to the dance floor. Not only my partner, but every passing dancer, pinned me to the floor by the generous hem. Sadly, my dress has been consigned to the back of a wardrobe ever since

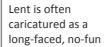
I wonder if readers of the Link have wedding dress stories of their own, which we could print? Perhaps you wore a dress handed down the family, or made it into a christening robe?

Our prayers for March

We pray for all who are ill especially Kath Collinge, Carol Hooper, Betty Clauson, Hilda Elsworth and Robert **Baxter** and for those who are mourning a loved one, especially the families of David Green, Brian Rosier and Madge Woodward.

TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar



season. But Lent is really about saying no to some things so we can say yes to others. At the outset of his ministry Jesus was tempted by Satan to say yes to a number of temptations. But Jesus said no to these temptations, and instead headed into the towns and villages to say yes to long days and nights of healing, teaching, feeding, and caring for people.

Saying No

During Lent we are called to say no to any habit that comes between God and ourselves. It might be the habit of vicious gossip, of jealousy of others' accomplishments, or of consistently seeing the worst in people and judging others to maintain our own sense of superiority. It might be the tendency to see our spiritual lives as limited to a prayer here or there, or one hour of worship on Sundays, or the habit of facing life's challenges without factoring the presence of God into the equation.



Learning to say "no", in order to say "yes"!

Saying Yes

Just as there are lots of things we may need to say no to during Lent, so there are many opportunities to say yes. I will see the good points of a troublesome family member. I will show more affection to my spouse. I will keep in better touch with my extended family. I will improve my understanding of issues of justice for the poor. I will participate in a ministry of care in my community. I will take an interest in those who are lonely or vulnerable.

A few years ago I remember visiting a church during Lent and there was a large cross between the pulpit and altar, similar to the one we have at St Boniface. Across the face of that cross one word had been emblazoned. It was the word "Yes." The kind of Lent Jesus desires for us will enable us to say "no" to that which would slow our steps, and empower us to say "yes" to that which would fill our hearts and our actions with love for him and others.

School choir performs at a special gig



Undeterred by a rather wet day, Bunbury School Choir, barely back from singing at Young Voices, added a very special touch to Class One teacher, Miss Brockley's wedding. Later, they took great delight in throwing confetti at the new Mr and Mrs Moxley (see cover picture).

Annual church meetings

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in St Boniface on Sunday 23 March at 11:30am, and in St Jude's on Tuesday 8 April at 7pm. For the election of Parochial representatives of the laity:

- To the Deanery Synod
- To the Parochial Church Council

For the appointment of Sidesmen and the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

- (a) A Report on changes in the roll since the annual parochial church meeting;
- (b) An Annual Report of the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
- (c) The Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending on the 31 December immediately preceding the meeting audited or independently examined;
- (d) A Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;
- (e) A Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod; and other matters of parochial or general Church interest.



Eric Wallington Reader Emeritus Thought of the month

The American Constitution suggests that our objective in life is the pursuit of happiness.

But we can easily go 'off-target' and finish up being, somewhat miserable rather than happy; and, of course, money doesn't seem to make those who have it in abundance necessarily happier than those with very limited funds.

So Lent, which begins this month, gives us a season to get fully 'back on target'. In former days it would seem that the store cupboards were filled up when the harvest was gathered in and the contents of the cupboards were devoured throughout the winter months. But by springtime the cupboard was almost bare, and so our ancestors had

to live frugally and yet work hard in the fields until the first of the new season's crops were harvested.

This period, when the days were lengthening, was called in old English 'lencten' (which gives us our word 'Lent') and the fasting was forced upon people by the pattern of agriculture. Later the Church took it over as a form of spiritual self-discipline but Lent

reminds us that true happiness comes, not from the size of our bank balance, but so much more from knowing that God loves us, whatever our bank balance. True happiness comes also from

loving and serving God. And, of course, it comes very much from caring for others for His sake. Yes, the period of Lent has a lot to offer us.

Church diary for March

Sunday 2 March	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley	Sunday 23 March	9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion (followed by APCM)	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday	10.00am Holy Communion - with ashing 7.00pm Holy Communion - with ashing	St Boniface St Jude's	Wednesday 26 March Sunday 30 March Mothering Sunday	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
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Wednesday 12 March	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 2	40.00	C. D. '.
Sunday 16 March	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship	St Boniface St Jude's	April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
	10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Choral Matins	St Boniface Calveley	Sunday 6 April	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's
Wednesday 19 March	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface		10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface Calveley



Pat Edgley Ellis

Reader

Snakes and Shamrocks

March is a month rich in Patron Saints; St David of Wales on the first and St. Patrick of Ireland on the seventeenth.

Patrick has become a cult figure in the USA, where the fountains of New York run green and the streets throng with Guinness drinkers and leprechauns.

Patrick is reported as doing two good things. As he strove to convert the fifth century Irish to Christianity, it is said he banished snakes from the land, and he also attempted to explain the Trinity using the three part leaf of the shamrock to show God as Three in One. He is believed to have written that great prayer, St. Patrick's Breastplate. Here is a modern translation of part of it.

I arise today In power and might. I call upon the Trinity With faith in the threeness And trust in the oneness Of the great world's Maker.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ in my headway, Christ in my wake, Christ alow and Christ aloft, Christ at my right hand, Christ on my left, Christ with me waking, Walking and sleeping. Christ in every heart thinks on me, Christ in every tongue speaks to me, Christ in every eye beholding, Christ in every listening ear.

Attributed to St. Patrick (c 390 -460)

Give us Two Minutes... Dave Murton



Dave Murton is one of six children and was brought up in Egerton Green, near Cholmondeley. He attended Bickerton Primary School and Malpas Secondary School. He has been married to Mandy for 32 years and has two children. Christopher works in their business. David and Mandy have been running D and M Auto Services for ten years. They have lived in

Spurstow for 17 years. Dave enjoys watching most sports and in his spare time enjoys walking Jarvis, their cocker spaniel, and socialising at the Dysart Arms.

If you had a motto, what would it be?

Expect the unexpected.

What would you call your autobiography?

There's a nut loose between the steering wheel and seat.

It's a celebrity beer call - who would you like to invite?

Bill Shankley, Steven Gerrard and Jamie Carragher, just to sit and talk about their experiences.

What was your first job?

A paper round in Bulkeley. It took forever!!!

What would you change about Bunbury, if you could?

Thoughtless parking in the village.

What is the best book you've read to date?

The last one, I just enjoy reading.

What is your biggest regret?

Not getting a dog until I was in my 50s, they are such lifechangers for the better.

If you were granted one wish, what would it be?

That my Dad had lived longer, after his retirement, so he could have enjoyed the fruits of his hard work.

What is the one thing that people would be surprised to learn about you?

I was 12lbs 7oz when I was born.

What would you like to achieve most over the next 12 months?

To be healthy and happy and keep the business moving forward.

What is your favourite place and why?

Cornwall. It is such a lovely place to switch off and relax.

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

In Cornwall with my family and Jarvis running in and out of the sea chasing his ball.

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

And that was only the first song...



Excitement in Bunbury School's 40 strong choir was reaching fever pitch! They were off to Young Voices at Manchester's Phones 4 You Arena (MEN Arena, as it was known), along with about 7,000 other primary school children from around the North West. In their

second year of participating, anticipation was strong. Family and friends were supporting in the audience and the atmosphere among all the choirs was electric. The repertoire ranged from a modern interpretation of the *Hallelujah Chorus* to ELOs *Mr Blue Sky*. Not only were there lyrics to learn, there were dance moves to perform. A lot to do in three short months, with a Christmas concert dropped in between and everything to be learned off by heart. But, as is the way in Bunbury, the children exceeded demands, performed perfectly and it was all huge fun. What an experience!

We give our thanks to Mrs Stockman, Miss Brockley, Mrs Crotty and Miss Cork for their sterling work and encouragement... and to the parents who endured weeks of helping their children to be word-perfect. The children not only had a great time, they were magnificent.

Roll on next year... and more glorious music.

Where did your Shoebox go? Destination: Belarus



180,000 gift-filled boxes blessed children in Belarus in 2013.

Dressed in their best clothes, the children waited for the arrival of Operation Christmas Child. In the Educational Centre in Kobrin, **UK** distribution team member Mary told the story

of a little girl who was rigid with cerebral palsy and had her head down on the table, not wanting to interact with anyone, or even look at the box in front of her.

Mary says, "I opened the box for her and on the top was a fluffy penguin. I gently stroked her cheek with the soft fur and slowly she started to smile and relax. The teacher said the little girl liked music and as I looked in her box there was a tambourine. I shook it gently and as I did so she began to sit up, smile and take an interest in the box to such an extent that the teacher was amazed. How great that her box contained just what she needed." Our local partners said, "All children in Belarus cannot wait for

Christmas. Everyone wants to get a drop of joy and light at home, especially children with no parents. Jana, who lives with a foster family, was so happy to receive a giftbox and to realise that unknown people care about her and they brought huge joy to her. Jana had dreamed about having a doll for many years - and now, she keeps a doll in her hands."

The team also visited a family with two young sons who lived in Imenin. Sitting on the couch in very poor surroundings the mother said through interpreters that this was her little boy's 4th birthday and this was his only gift. What a great example of God's perfect timing!!

The team sang Happy Birthday with the family and played with the children - bubbles are great for interacting with the children and many of our distribution teams take them in their luggage because they are not allowed in the shoeboxes. NB: Bubbles are not allowed in the shoeboxes, but many distribution teams take them to the country in their luggage because they are so popular with

Thank you for your kindness and for joining with us in 2013 to bless children around the world and show them they are loved. Please remember to pray for the child who has received your shoebox.



Love was in the air for YCs



Love was the theme of February's third Sunday service on 16 February, planned by Young Christians. Suki very ably opened the service by playing the guitar and singing Crash (by You, Me at Six). The service was led by a group

of seven young people, along with Tim and Abby. In planning, the young people thought about what love means to them and the different types of love that we have in our lives.

Hope, Jack and Charlotte performed a modern drama take on John the Baptist's followers realizing who Jesus is. The YCs helped the children in the congregation to design their own love heart and gift bags to give to someone they love. There was a quiz for the congregation with a range of questions about love and the history of Valentine's Day. Jenny hosted this and was assisted by Holly and Abby who handed out a length of wool for every correct answer. The group with the longest piece of wool knotted together at the end, won a prize. Jack, Tristan, Holly and Abby led us in our prayer focusing on love and where we see God's love in our lives. The music group

from Tarporley Methodist and Baptist Church played during the service and we sang some of the songs to be sung at the upcoming Praise Evening on March.

Readings and stories and reflections along the way brought out the message of God's love, shown through Creation and through God sending Jesus to redeem our sins. It was a lively and very interactive service, with deep meaning.

Bunbury Parish Council Public Meeting

A Parish Council public meeting took place at the Village Hall on Monday 10 February to discuss future housing development within the village. More than 200 residents attended; Cllr Michael Jones, Leader of Cheshire East Council, David Malcolm, Cheshire East Planning Officer and Cllr Jo Mundell, Parish Council Chair, made up the panel and responded to questions and statements from the floor.

The Village Design Statement was mentioned several times, with particular emphasis on the fact that village views and open spaces have a high amenity value and should be preserved. It was also said that our village attractions, the church, the Mill and the school, plus listed buildings and the views of them, must be protected. The conservation areas should also be preserved and cared for. These attractions brought visitors to the village, and they in turn helped to support the village economy.

Wyche Lane was the focus of several questions regarding the lack of pavements, narrow points where traffic was restricted and the potential for increased traffic if any planning permission were granted in that area. Residents said that it sometimes felt dangerous when walking with children along the lane. Similar views were expressed about the potential increase in traffic in School Lane created by new development. This was especially so during school dropping off and pick up times. The lack of car parking near to the village centre was also highlighted.

Many mentioned that most of the proposed developments would be built beyond the settlement boundary. Concern was voiced about green spaces and agricultural land being used, thereby altering the character of the village. The size of proposed developments was also criticised and fears expressed that the rate of building would not be staggered over a long

David Malcolm explained parts of the planning process and assured residents that any restrictions placed upon developers would be enforced by his department. Councillor Jones told the meeting that he would support the views of the residents and that he was just as concerned about the development plans as the residents. He intends to work with the Parish Council to scrutinise any planning applications in order that Bunbury should retain its village character and status. He said that when recent development was taken into account, it was likely that the total number of houses needed would be about 60.

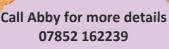
At the end of the meeting Councillor Ron Pulford reminded residents that they are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and that there is a period of time at the start of the meetings where they can express their views on development, or any other matter. He also said they should watch out for planning applications being submitted, by checking the Parish Council agenda on the Village Hall notice board.

Feedback from the Housing Developers Information Event is now available on the village website. Links to the feedback are on the home page (http://www.bunburyvillage.info/index.html).

Did you know about Toasties?

A regular meeting for young people aged 11-18 with





News from St Jude's

We would like to thank Bob Gardner for his many informative and amusing writings over several years of contributing "News from St Jude's" and to thank Ann Latham for taking up the baton.

St Jude's Easter Fair will be a brand new venture, on Saturday 29 March 2-4pm. With children very much in mind, there will be all sorts of exciting games, Easter face painting, egg decorating and eating!

On Ash Wednesday, 5 March at 7pm, there will be an Ashing Service at St Jude's, with the PCC service following at 7.30pm.

St Jude's is enjoying having Tim, Beth, Rose and Poppy coming, as a family, on the first Sunday of the month. This is a service for people of all ages, including children and teenagers, and is proving popular with families.

Last year's sell-out returns

Folk Music Night **At Bunbury Mill**



SATURDAY MARCH 15TH **DON'T MISS IT!**

Tickets £12 including hot pot supper

Tickets from Tillys, Bunbury Ken Broster 733244 or Lucy Munro 260487



Bunbury Mill

David Green - practical man who enjoyed a challenge

David Charles Green was born in Walthamstow in 1935, son of Charles and Florence and brother of June.

He had a lifelong interest in the army - visiting battle sites, such as the Zulu War battlefields in South Africa, and reading military books. He loved the outdoors and physical challenges. Before his National Service, he was a keen rower on the River Lea in East London. He enjoyed physical challenges, learning to water ski in South Africa, climbing Table Mountain and completed the London Marathon at nearly 50. He loved both foreign travel and tending his garden. His most notable achievement was, perhaps, joining the Parachute Regiment when he was in the Territorial Army. He gained a reputation as the man who would always jump out of the plane first. He also passed the selection process for the SAS but didn't enlist, as he wanted to get on with his

Initially he worked as an apprentice draughtsman in London, going to night school and eventually becoming a member of the Chartered Institute of Mechanical Engineers. He managed to achieve through evening classes what normally takes 3 years at university. He moved to Coventry Town Council and then to

Somerset County Council, marrying Barbara in 1963. The family spent seven years in South Africa where he headed up major building projects. Returning to England, he joined John Laing (construction) and headed up projects such as the UK's first micro-chip factory in Newport, S. Wales, the Toyota plant at Derby and, the redevelopment of Eaton Hall, home of the Duke of Westminster. From humble beginnings in Walthamstowe, he became an Associate Director of John Laing.

David and Barbara had three children, Chris, Sarah and, ten years later, Paul. On their return from South Africa they lived in Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, moving to Nantwich five years ago. When David's health deteriorated 18 months ago, he moved to Corbrook Court and Cedar Court care homes in Audlem. He was an immensely practical guy. Not only was he a qualified draughtsman but he was an extremely good craftsman. When Chris was young, he asked Santa for a wooden castle on Christmas Eve! David (secretly) laboured through the night to build the castle from scratch. He finished it at dawn on Christmas Day and treated himself to the cigar and brandy, left out for Santa, whilst watching the sun rise!

Rick Jones - passionate about his work

Patrick (Rick) David Jones was born in Nantwich in 1955, the second of five children. The family moved to Alpraham and Rick formed some of his earliest lifelong friendships, delighting in air rifles and fireworks. After starting at Tarporley School he became a more laid back teenager, with trademark dark curly hair. On leaving school Rick signed up as an apprentice fitter at Crewe Works, working on diesel locomotives and completing five years, obtaining his papers. He felt that the open air was calling and he joined the family firm specialising in land drainage, which became both career and passion. As a young man Rick enjoyed water skiing or canoeing; evening entertainment was pool or darts washed down with a liberal dose of beer, despite his allergy to alcohol. This tended to make him drowsy - he fell asleep on his first date with Hazel, at the cinema. Unimpressed, she left him there asleep. The romance was rekindled

married at St Jude's, starting 25 happy years. At work and round and about Rick suffered several serious injuries being crushed by a JCB and being knocked off his motorbike by a van driver. However, he pressed on, forming his own ground works

and lasted on and off for ten years before he proposed. They were

company when large scale drainage work came to an end. Drainage remained at the heart of what he did and his reputation grew and sustained him in work.

At home, Rick and Hazel set about renovating the family home, a tribute to his skill and hard work. He was also a fantastic father to Joe and Eric.

Rick faced his illness with dignity and bravery, just getting on with it and setting up a wonderful family Christmas. A full church for his funeral was a suitable testimony to his wide ranging friendships.

Bunbury Parochial Charity Awards for 2013 announced

The Trustees of Bunbury Parochial Charities are pleased to report that over the year ending 31 December 2013 they have awarded grants amounting to a total of nearly £6,000 to three private individuals and five different organisations which provide help and assistance to residents of the parishes of Alpraham, Beeston, Burwardsley, Calveley, Haughton. Peckforton, Ridley, Spurstow, Tilstone Fearnall, Tiverton and Wardle.

The grants covered such things as a specialist bespoke chair for a disabled person, a contribution towards the cost of extra curricular activities for two young people who could not otherwise afford it, a contribution towards exercise equipment for Parkinson's sufferers at the Countess of Chester Hospital, a reception desk for the new outpatient department at Tarporley Hospital, a contribution towards a defibrillator based at the Nags Head Bunbury for the use of residents and visitors to Bunbury, a new youth project at St Boniface Church to involve children in the 11 to 16 age group and a toilet for the disabled at the new Alpraham & Calveley Reading Room when it is built.

The Trustees will be inviting private individuals and organisations to apply for further grants in June 2014 for consideration in December 2014 and notices will be placed in all local publications and notice boards at that time advising of the application process.

Journeying with Jesus throughout Lent

Journeying with Jesus is for those who want to follow in the footsteps of Jesus throughout the season of Lent. We begin our journey in the wilderness, and, with Jesus, face up to common temptations. We travel with Jesus to the top of a mountain, we walk with him along the road, we encounter a series of remarkable people Jesus attracts to himself, and finally sit with him at the table before accompanying him to the cross. But the journey doesn't end there. The great joy of Easter bursts into our lives as Christ joins us again on the road. But will we recognise him?

All are welcome to this series of short discussion groups, running every Tuesday throughout Lent. Each session will begin at 7:30pm and run for an hour, and you can come to one or two or all seven! The theme of each session and location is

Tuesday 11th March - In the wilderness - St Boniface

Tuesday 18th March - At the well - St Boniface

Tuesday 25th March - On the mountain - St Boniface

Tuesday 1st April - Along the road - Bunbury Methodist Chapel

Tuesday 8th April - At table - St Judes, Tilstone Fearnall

Tuesday 15th April - On the cross - Calveley Chapel

Tuesday 29th April - On the road again - St Boniface

Yummy apricot shortbread



Ingredients (makes 12 squares) 275g plain flour 150g polenta (maize flour) Half tsp salt 110g caster sugar 225g butter, at room temperature 2 eggs 1tsp vanilla essence 345g apricot jam

200g dried apricots, sliced into

smallish squares

Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350 °F/Gas mark 4. Line a 20 x 30 cm tin with foil and grease lightly. Mix together the flour, salt and polenta.

Mix in the lightly beaten eggs, sugar and butter.

Add the vanilla, mix until thoroughly mixed and clumps together.

Press two thirds of the mixture evenly into the tin and smooth with the back of a spoon. Spread the jam evenly over the mixture.

Sprinkle on the chopped apricots. Make small balls of the remaining mixture and distribute over surface. Bake in the centre of the oven for about 30 minutes. The shortbread should be cooked through, but only a few of the pieces of apricot should be scorched. Allow to cool, then slice into squares.

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