

Link

For the parishes of Bunbury & Tilstone Fearnall



October
2013

The secret of a happy life is to keep doing something new Steve Jamison



**St Boniface
Harvest Festival
Sunday 29 September
at 10.30am**
followed by Harvest Lunch
Last year's was a resounding
success, enjoyed by all.
Do come and join us!



St Jude's enjoyed a bumper Harvest this year.

The Harvest supper was enjoyed by many, with good food and fun had by all. The Harvest service was taken by the Bishop of Birkenhead who brought apples from his garden, some late summer sunshine, and God's blessings to all who were gathered.

Celebration Praise



Saturday 12 October at 7pm

Join the musicians and choirs of
St Boniface and Tarporley Chapel
in an informal evening of song
and praise

Refreshments will be served
Free of charge

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Community news

Congratulations to former Bunbury resident, **Andy Wilgose** on his marriage to **Lauren Kropp**. Now resident in Melbourne, Australia, the wedding took place on the island of Bali.



Congratulations to **Simon and Amy Wilgose** (also in Australia) on the birth of their second son, **Jack James**, brother to Benjamin.

We welcome **Elliot Andrew Carliot**, son of **Ian and Kathleen** (pictured right), brother to Sophie, baptised at St Boniface on 25 August, and **Harriet Sophie Russell**, daughter of **Claire and Alan**, baptised on Sunday 28 July.



We also welcome **Alexander Edward Marsden**, son of **Amy and George**, baptised

on 24 July in front of all his school friends at a special service.

Well done **Harry Parr**, aged 9, who decided to raise money for the NSPCC. Completing an 11-mile bike ride along the Camel Trail, he has raised £176 so far. Thank you to all who supported him.



Johnson Building Contractors is celebrating 25 years in business - your mum and your community are proud of you!

Congratulations to **Nick Sanders**, who started his training to become a licensed reader in Bunbury, and will be licensed as a Reader within his new parish of Mellor on 19 October in Chester Cathedral.

The **Village Chippy** has celebrated its 10th birthday. Andy and Sharon thank their family, friends and staff - and most importantly their loyal customers.



The **Parish Plan Committee** reports that several people have expressed an interest in volunteering. A public meeting is planned later this year, at which volunteers will be asked to help deliver the actions in the Plan. Sponsorship will be sought to publish the plan; anyone who can help with this please contact Andrew Thomson on 261805.

Congratulations to former youth worker **Laura Warrington**

and her husband **Luke** (pictured),



who are working in Papua New Guinea and are expecting their first baby in February.

Work has begun on the **new school building** at Bunbury Primary School. It is expected to be completed by the end of this term.



If your child is due to start primary school in September 2014, come to the **'Bob our Builder'** open afternoon at Bunbury Primary School on 5 November at 1-2.15pm.

Calveley Church Harvest Festival is on Sunday 6 October at 6.30pm; Holy Communion with St Boniface choir. There will be refreshments after the service.

'A Chocolate Treat' is Charles Hardy's theme (of the Old Fire Station Chocolate Shop, Tarporley) on 10 October for **Bunbury WI** at 7.30pm in Bunbury Pavilion.

The Bunbury Gardening Club meeting on 15 October features "Plants for Dry Places", a talk by Peter Cunnington, at 8pm in the village hall back room.

The team that brought you the legendary Tarporley School Quiz is organising another **Oktoberfest** in Bunbury village hall on **Saturday 19 October**. An evening of Bavarian-themed Oompah music courtesy of the Klaus Encounters band, 2-course meal and traditional beerkeller entertainment, all for £10. Tickets from Lucy Munro on 260487. Profits to Bunbury Mill.

The **copy deadline** for the November issue of the Link is **Friday 11 October**. The magazine should be in church for delivery on **Friday 25 October**.

Comings and Goings A note from the editor

It hardly seems it, but Tim, Beth, Rose and Poppy have been here just over a year. They have settled in brilliantly to both village life and Tim's busy job as vicar of our three churches. Tim set out to 'find out the hopes and dreams of the people of Bunbury, Tilstone Fearnall and Calveley for the churches and villages in which they live, work and worship'. Some of those dreams evidently included soaking the vicar at the fete!

Former Link editor Jo Mason is off to spend some time with her family in the US. Bravely, she will continue to design the Link long-distance. John will also continue many of his church activities and will be a regular visitor. We look forward to regular 'Letters from America' in the Link - and seeing them back soon.

Our prayers for October

We pray for all who are ill, especially **Arthur Cowap, Hilda Elsworth and Betty Clauson** and for those who are mourning a loved one especially the family of **Graham Ashton**.

TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar



Six degrees of separation is the theory that everyone and everything is six or fewer steps away from any other person in the world.

In a world of 6.6 billion people, it does seem hard to believe. Yet, researchers at Microsoft recently announced that the theory was right - nearly. By studying billions of electronic messages, they worked out that any two strangers are, on average, distanced by precisely 6.6 degrees of separation.

Throughout the year, we welcome a good number of folk from all over the world, all with some sort of connection and affection and reason to visit our churches and chapels, who often leave behind kind messages of support in our visitors books.

Recently, a historian from Canada was able to find out a great deal more about her family tree, after her research brought her to St Boniface. Thanks to John Elsworth, our own historian, she retraced her roots back another hundred years.

Six degrees of separation

At the beginning of term, the Dean of St Boniface Cathedral Bunbury, Western Australia, was on holiday in the UK and paid us a visit. It was lovely to see him bowled over by the picture-postcard nature of the church, school and village. In contrast, the other Bunbury is the second largest city in Western Australia with over 100,000 residents.

Canon Chris Samuels (former Rector of Tarporley) also came to St Jude's to share his experience of visiting Palestine, and the Bishop of Birkenhead preached at our Harvest service. Despite our different ministries and contexts, we all discovered, in some small way, we had a good deal in common.

At this time of Harvest, we give thanks to God for our small world and common ground, and celebrate our communion and connection with one another, no matter how far apart we may be.

Congratulations to our summer wedding couples!



Vian Bromage and Gemma Wood, married on 1 August, **David Graham and Aimee Thompson**, married on 2 August, **Ashley Latham and Christine Simpson**, married on 10 August (pictured left), **Rhys Morgan and Cassie Carpenter**, married on 24 August, **Richard Donovan**



and **Laura Pennington**, married on 23 August (pictured right), **Melissa Mottershaw and David Dawson**, married on 25 August (pictured left), **Jonathan Cannock and Nicola Edwards**, married on 14 September.



Golden Wedding renewal of vows



Congratulations to **Allan and Olive Craven**, who celebrated their golden wedding by retaking their vows at St Boniface on 14 September. Married at St Boniface on the same date in 1963 on a beautiful sunny day, 50 years later the sun streamed in once again.

"We found the vows we originally made in 1963 and Tim made us feel very special. The whole thing was deeply moving," commented Olive. Olive was born in Bunbury, and Allan was a local postman for 50 years.



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Riding and striding for the church

Well done to the **Revd Tim, Liz and Andy Morton and John**

Mason for taking part in the sponsored 'Ride & Stride' to raise money for the Historic Cheshire Churches Preservation Trust. They raised over £500, half of which will go towards our three churches.





Eric Wallington
Reader Emeritus
Thought of the month

Sometimes we come across an advertising campaign referred to as a 'teaser'. It's an advert that surprises you so much at first sight that you feel compelled to read it again carefully to discover what it's really all about.

It may well be something like, 'I am my cousin who first introduced me to canoeing'. The campaign seeks to make the point that our personalities, who and what we are, can often be formed to some extent by the influence that other people have on us. And, of course, that is so true. People we meet, our friends and our relatives, can very often affect our ideas - as can TV programmes and books. If we're somewhat wise, we discriminate between these different influences and push aside those that could harm us. Yet in our characters inevitably there is always something we learnt or copied from our parents or siblings, our teachers and our friends.

That doesn't ignore the fact that we are all different and we have almost always choice about what we become. But it does emphasise the importance of our network of relationships.

John Taylor, in his book 'The Go-Between God', suggests that the Holy Spirit is involved in all our relationships and mediates in our friendships. The Spirit helps, of course, to repair damaged relationships, and equally inspires us to forgive those who may have wounded us in some way. The Spirit can, of course, help us to build a strong network of loving relationships which in turn influence us for good.

This surely means that the most important person in our personal network of relationships is our Heavenly Father. That's where prayer surely comes in - both for ourselves and for others.

Church diary for October

Wednesday 2 October	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 20 October	8.00am Holy Communion 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Family Worship	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley
Sunday 6 October	8.00am Holy Communion 9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Worship 6.30pm Harvest Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley	Wednesday 23 October	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 9 October	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 27 October	9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Sunday 13 October	9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion 4.30pm Evensong	St Jude's St Boniface St Boniface	Wednesday 30 October	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 16 October	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 3 November	8.00am Holy Communion 9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley



Pat Edgley Ellis
Reader
Let Nothing Be Lost

Gathering up windfall apples, cutting out the wormy bits and cooking a beautiful smooth puree for the freezer is a task not often done these days.

But there is something very satisfying about rescuing what would have been thrown away. We are too quick to reject anything less than perfect, yet that is not Jesus' way. He said, "I have not lost one of these you gave me".

Jesus always saw the best in everyone and used the most unpromising people to carry out his work.

No matter who we are, when we turn to Jesus, acknowledging our faults, we have our sins, our "wormy bits" cut out, we are

rescued, and what is left will be renewed and turned into something different and special.

Lord, you see the best in every one.

Make me like an apple tree

Planted in the orchard of your Kingdom,

That I may bear good fruit in season.

Cut out all my "wormy bits"

And forgive all my past offences,

So that I may be filled with your Holy Spirit

And my life a space in which you can work in the world,

So that everything I do

May be the fruit of your life in me.

Give us Two Minutes... Jenny Brooks



Jenny Brooks was born and grew up in Winsford, where she lived until 1997 when she married Richard. She moved to Hill Top Farm in Darnhall and together they run a small dairy farm. Next year they plan to move to Tiverton (Tarpoley, not Devon) and start a new venture.

If you had a motto, what would it be?

Keep trying you will get there eventually.

It's a celebrity beer call. Whom would you like to invite?

As a great Formula 1 fan it would have to be Lewis Hamilton.

What would you call your autobiography?

A Long and Winding Road.

What was your first job?

My first job was as a Telephonist/Receptionist.

What would you change about Bunbury, if you could?

Not living in the village, I am not qualified to say what I'd change. As for the friends I have made since joining the choir in 1981, I wouldn't change a thing.

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

My best book would be 'Pride & Prejudice'

What is your biggest regret?

Wasting time worrying about things that don't really matter.

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

It would be to see Richard happy with his new venture.

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

I must be the only person in this country who has never played Monopoly or eaten a Chinese takeaway.

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

I would like to embrace the changes we are making and move into our pretty little cottage. I would also hope to attend more courses on floristry - and hopefully make a good job of becoming PCC Secretary.

What is your favourite place and why?

Manorbier in Pembrokeshire - it is a beautiful, tucked-away, coastal bay. It is so peaceful and just about the best place to de-stress.

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

My ideal weekend would actually be just having one (as I work seven days a week) free from clock-watching and not having to work. I would go to Manorbier and do absolutely nothing.

The Well goes in search of Alex Sanders



Alex Sanders, now vicar of St Thomas', Mellor is a former member of the Women at the Well house group, in Bunbury, so they recently went to visit her and were entertained to a fabulous lunch. Mellor is in the Peak District at the furthest extremity of our diocese - you can see Manchester Diocese from the vicarage! That is nothing, compared with the view from the church, next door, which is a veritable panorama. Both are set on the top of a very high hill and were on a

medieval trade route. It can be very windy in the winter and Alex vividly recalled funerals where her robes nearly caused her to sail off into the valley below!

The drought of 1995 sparked archaeological interest around the church and various digs have produced a Roman brooch and artefacts from 500BC to Victorian times. There is possibly the remains of a medieval round house and a Roman signal post.

Alex told us that it was a very busy parish with lots of activities and a great deal of music and many musicians. She showed us the parish centre (the old primary school), which was enormous. We thought they wouldn't notice if we towed a few rooms back to Bunbury.



Fete 2013 - and the sun shone down



The sun shone and the opportunity to soak the vicar proved irresistible at this year's Beeston Castle Fete!

With a steady flow of visitors throughout the day, the field was full of people sunbathing or enjoying the dog show, falconry and circus show (the chance for old and young to try their hand at circus feats!). The traditional fete stands were well supported; Tim, our vicar, nobly agreed to being soaked with water as part of his addition to the entertainment.

The winner of the balloon race launched on Village Day was announced at Beeston Castle Fete. Congratulations to **Jenny Brooks**, who bought the winning balloon and wins £50. Of the 20 or so tickets returned, most were found in middle and eastern England, but two had ventured across the North Sea, one to Den Horn in the Netherlands and other, the winner, to Wilster in Germany, 800 miles from here. When combined with the bingo night and balloon race, a total of £7,700 was raised for the church. Thank you, not only to those who helped us in setting up and on the day, but to those of you who came with your families, friends (and pets!)- it made for such a happy day!



Bunbury Gardening Show blossoms



On the last Saturday of August, Bunbury Gardening Club staged their annual show. Gardening is rarely a precise or predictable science for a variety of reasons, not least

the weather, but the roses on display were wonderfully fragrant, while the courgette class (there must be a glut in

someone's garden) only managed one entry. The standard was exceptional - especially the sweet peas. The displays in the village hall with everything from vegetables, flower arrangements and fruits to cookery, crafts and photography were superb.

Some visitors even started planning their entries for next year while enjoying the tea and home-made cakes!



Reconciliation - where there is will, is there always a way?



Following our article on intolerance (Link, July 2013), reader Claire Egan wished to contribute her thoughts on this challenging topic.

Whether it's renewed conflict between Muslim, Christian and Jewish factions in the Middle East, or doctrinal differences between Roman Catholics, Anglicans and the Free Churches (and within these Christian denominations themselves), religious differences can often seem difficult to reconcile.

In an old Indian folk tale, four blind men sitting together sense that something has crept up and joined them. The first man, arms outstretched, hits something flat, "It's a wall", he says. The second feels about in front of him and finds a smooth, stick-like thing. He argues: "No, you're wrong, it's a spear". The third man tries to help. "Don't be ridiculous" he says as he touches something that he takes to be a piece of old rope. The fourth man joins in and wraps his arms around something so big that his fingers are barely touching one another, saying "It's

a tree trunk, I'm telling you, definitely a tree trunk!". Suddenly laughter fills the air and the four men hear a little boy giggle, "You're all wrong - you're actually all holding different parts of an elephant - its side, tusk, tail and leg - and you're being really silly".

The story provides a good analogy for our different religious doctrines. This is not to trivialise the differences between deeply-held beliefs, or to reduce them to metaphor - (in fact, in the story, each of the men has grasped an element of the truth), but it does strike a cautionary note. Firstly, from our limited human vantage points, we can only hope to feel our way toward a small aspect of what God is. Even where there seems to be outright contradiction between beliefs, this doesn't mean that one is necessarily "more true", but reflects our inadequate grasp of something beyond our capacity to fully understand. Secondly, we are all prone to misinterpretation and sometimes in the midst of heated debate, listening to a more objective voice from outside can be helpful.

The Welsh poet R.S. Thomas used another animal analogy in his poem "The White Tiger". For him, God is like a tiger "with a body too huge and majestic for the cage in which it had been put" (an image which bears resemblance to the more recent book and Film "Life of Pi").

The message is simple: God cannot be tamed. No matter how complete - even beautiful - our belief system seems to us, we don't have it all wrapped up.

Sadlers Wells Community Woodland news

Ernest Croley, chairman and one of the founding trustees of the Saddlers Wells Community Woodland (SWCW), has stepped down to concentrate on his role as the chairman of the Bunbury Watermill Trust. Special thanks are due to Ernest for all his work in setting up SWCT and his guiding role as chairman. The new chairman is Mike Bourne. Thanks also to Cllr Eric Lord, Bunbury Parish Council nominee on the trust, who has been replaced by Cllr Ron Pulford, and to Bob Price, who has retired from the trust. Peter Tonge and Andy Fairclough have been appointed as Trustees, and Dr Katherine Hutchinson (nominated by Spurstow Parish Council) and Alyson Thacker (Head of Bunbury Primary School) remain in position.

The pathway through the new part of the wood has been improved to provide a level surface. This work is ongoing so visitors may find parts of the pathway looking less natural than before. Once reseeded has taken place it should soon return to its natural state. The Trustees intend to plant another 500 bluebells to blossom next spring. Thinning out some trees planted in 2006 is planned; part of normal woodland management.

For readers new to Bunbury, the woods are situated at the end of Sadlers Wells (off School Lane). It can be accessed by a footpath leading from the A49 at Bunbury Heath, and consist of an ancient part of 3.25 acres that predates the Domesday Book and a new section of 2.12 acres. The two sections are divided by a small stream that is part of the infant River Goway. The wood is a valuable local amenity open to all. More information is on the website at www.sadlerswellswood.co.uk

St Jude's News

Summer has been and gone, as it does every year - the exception this year is that the sun came too! But October has its own charm, chief of which means we can now draw the curtains, light the fire, read a book or look at the television with a clear conscience, and not have to go into the garden to do battle with the weeds and grass, which never seem to stop growing. There are, however, other delights that we can enjoy at this time of the year (or not as the case may be).

On 30 November we have the Christmas Fair, one of our major fundraising events. If you have any idea how we can make lots of cash (legally, of course), we should be pleased to hear of them. The 'Bric-a-Brac' stall in particular would welcome items suitable for sale.

On 1 December at 4pm there will be Christingle service especially for younger families. This is new to St Jude's; a lovely way to start the countdown to Christmas, with candles, oranges and sweets for the children. Our Carol Service this year will be held on 8 December at 4pm. Organist Ann Badrock is happy to take hymn requests!

On the first Sunday in the month, our service is graced by the presence of the young (very young) people. In some respects it is the most enjoyable service of the month! It may not be the most spiritual but the children are most wonderful.

Sadly we must report the passing of Mrs Kathleen Davies, whose funeral took place recently. Kathleen was a long-time member of the WI. There is no doubt that Kathleen will be sorely missed, not only by the family but also by her many friends in the WI.

Jean Worrall - dedicated grandmother



Jean was one of three children, a war baby, born in Little Budworth, the family home - a small holding, which was subsidised by

her dad working on a farm. Jean went to school at Oakmere, walking across the fields and lanes every day. Jean left school and became a hairdresser, she worked at Northwich, and she loved her job. Creating beehives using hair lacquer, everything had to be just right. It was in Northwich that she met Michael when he delivered near the shop. And in 1967 they were married. They had three children, Simon, Joanne and Julia, but sadly Michael was diagnosed with Motor Neurone disease, and tragically died in 1988, after 21 years of marriage. Life was such a struggle for Jean. Throughout

her life Jean was touched by illness - her brother Donald and she would travel to Malpas to care for Mum. Although life was tough on Jean, she was very strong, and never complained, she just got on with things. She had a wicked sense of humour and liked a racy joke or text, mischief, gossip and giggling.

Jean had warmth, you could trust her and she was a good listener. She met Pete in 1992 whilst escorting disabled children and they rebuilt a family life together and devoted a lot of time to the grandchildren. Jean enjoyed the school plays and the nativities, the christenings, and trips to the ice cream farm, or the 50p shop, the school pick up, and the colouring and the baking. She especially loved Christmas, a full house with all the family together, with her at the centre.

Jean's humour held up right until the very end - she said, "I'll never pass away until I've had my hair done", causing the girls to do her hair and nails but not always to her liking. Her funeral was held at St Boniface in August.

Audrey Bettison - traditional grandmother (with an iPad)

A funeral service was held at St Boniface Church for Audrey Bettison known as Aud who died in July aged 79. She was a loving and supportive wife for over 50 years and an incredible mum, a second mum to many, very approachable and very kind. She was a strong woman, who was fiercely protective and loyal.

Aud had a bubbly sense of humour and was always laughing. Despite moving to Richmond retirement village in Nantwich she was very sharp, she loved her puzzles and word games, and was very keen on quizzes and general knowledge. She kept up to date with the latest technology having a desktop, a laptop, and an iPad on which she would surf the net and do face time her family and friends. However, Aud also loved her traditions eg. pork pies for breakfast on Christmas Day.

Family and friends were important to Aud. She doted on her parents, she phoned her sisters every weekend, she loved and adored her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She would save a pound weekly for each grandchild for a supplementary birthday present.

Gladys Neatherway - talented ballroom dancer



A memorial service led by Eric Wallington was held at St Boniface Church for Gladys who died aged 97 after a long and wonderful life. Eric first met Gladys and her husband Vic, a neighbour, 27 years earlier when he moved

into Nursery Lane. He remembers well their superb ballroom dancing skills and her generosity as a hostess. After Gladys moved to her retirement home at Richmond Village Eric continued to visit her and got to know her exceptional jigsaw skills and determination to finish them.

Gladys is survived by her three daughters, Judith, Margaret and Helen together with her grandchildren.

Tarporley students head to Uganda



After months of fund raising it was with great excitement, and more than a little apprehension, that I, together with Matt Magee, Alice Smith, Reyanna Hind and Tom Armitage from Tarporley High School & Sixth Form College set off from Crewe Station for the adventure of a lifetime to Uganda in East Africa, otherwise known as the 'Pearl of Africa'.

Our journey consisted of a four week trip with Camps International and a composite group of 16-18 year old students and staff from a number of UK schools. The group's main objectives were to: Complete a community based project, a trek on Mount Elgon (4321m), a conservation project at the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary, followed by land and River Nile safaris to Murchison Falls with stops at Jinja and Hairy Lemon Island and many other destinations too numerous to list.

As soon as we arrived and headed to our first destination we were embraced by the warmth of the people, bright colours, lush vegetation, the smiles, waves and calls from every direction of 'Hello, how are you?'; the beautiful countryside, the red earth and the madness of Kampala! It is difficult to express in a few

short paragraphs the amazing experiences we encountered everywhere we went. The welcome we received from the community, staff and children at the Sironko School in Budadiri was astounding. The school is in a rural location in the foothills of Mount Elgon and although there were no facilities, water or electricity, it was filled with dedicated staff and happy children who were eager for us to teach lessons, songs and take part in a number of football and netball matches. We achieved our goals to build and complete the classroom and, following a

challenging four day trek, reach the summit of the mountain - a huge achievement for many in the group. Another memorable occasion was the incredibly warm reception we received at the church service we attended, where we were treated as honoured guests and joyful singing rang out all around. Coupled with this, we were captivated by the wonderful vistas and sights and sounds that surrounded us daily and I will never forget the thrill of seeing wild animals in their natural habitat and the nightly view of the Milky Way in the clear starry African sky.



Uganda is extremely beautiful, verdant and unspoilt with often no running water, electricity or decent roads; people are very poor and live in basic homes made from wood and mud. Cooking takes place outside on open fires and there are none of the labour saving devices, services and luxuries we so easily take for granted. But, what I and the students have brought back with us is the knowledge that the important things in life are not our material possessions but our family and friends and the fact that simple acts of kindness and support can make such an enormous difference to the lives of others. The students from Tarporley were outstanding in every way and were a credit to the school, their families and themselves. Here's looking forward to our next trip - watch this space!

Tina Everton



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