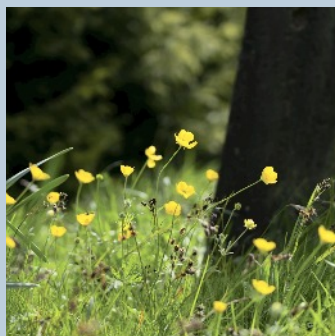


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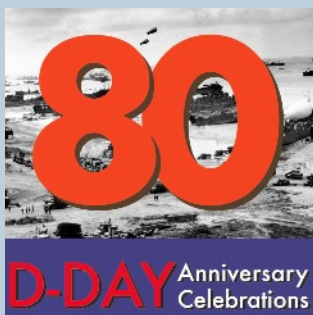
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Community news

Congratulations to **Emily Latham** and **Michael James** who were married at St Boniface on 11 May.



Congratulations to **Natasha (Tash) Lester** and **Nathan Page** who were married at St Boniface on 18 May.



Tash has been a **Girl Guide** leader in Bunbury since she was very young alongside Jo Lester, her mum. They have been kind enough to share photos of both their weddings with their Guides' guards of honour (next column).

Bunbury Gardening Club Visit to the Nag's Head, Haughton, on Wednesday 17 July at 6:30pm. New members are always welcome. Please contact Margaret Bourne on 01829 260944 or email: mjbourne249@tiscali.co.uk. See news and events by joining Bunbury Gardening Facebook group.



Bunbury WI meets on the second Thursday of the month at Bunbury Playing Fields Pavilion at 7:30pm. New members and guests are warmly welcomed to our meetings. At our June meeting, members enjoyed a talk from Caroline Eames: "Forensic Science — Fact not Fiction". On 11 July we will welcome Chris Griffiths, team leader, North East Wales Search & Rescue. Our August meeting will be a members only Pimms & Puddings Social. For further information contact Lynda Davies 01829 260084.

St Jude's are holding an afternoon tea at Tiresford by kind permission of Ms S Posnett on Sunday 7 July at 2:00pm. Tickets are £20.00 each available from Mrs Heather Lightfoot 01829 732611.

Decibellas will be holding their summer concert at St Boniface on 13 July at 7:30pm. Tickets are available from Stitch, High Sreet, Tarporley or www.decibellas.co.uk/boxoffice. See page 9 for more details.

Rain or Shine Theatre Company is bringing an outdoor performance of The Importance of Being Earnest to the Bunbury Cricket Club on Sunday 7 July at 4:00pm. Tickets available on 03306 600541 or www.bit.ly/Ernest-Bunbury. See page 11 for more details.

A word from the editor

Village Day was a huge success. Thank you to all those who wore blue shirts on the day and worked so hard and to all the organisations that supported the event.

A huge thank you to Carolyn Johnson who has been organising the distribution of the Link for many years and has worked tirelessly and conscientiously to make sure everything works every month. She will be moving to Tarporley and is handing over the mantle to Elsa Williams. Thanks must also go to Sue Watson and Alison Dentith who also make up the bundles of Links every month. There is a large team of volunteers who deliver the Link to whom we are extremely grateful. Many many thanks.

Jill Robey has been posting the Link to those who have moved away from Bunbury and requested a copy for many years. At some point she too will be moving. Thank you Jill, I know the recipients have been very grateful. I will be taking on this task.

Mike Rogers, who has been writing an article in the Link over the years, has decided it's time for a rest. It's not easy trying to think of a topic to write about every month. In an email he said: "It's been a huge privilege to be able to write in the Link with no particular axe to grind." Thank you to Mike for all his words of wisdom.

Reverend Canon John Bowers. We are sad to report the death of Canon John Bowers who was Vicar at St Boniface in the 1990s. Many of you will have ridden tandem as he hared round the village. In his retirement he fund raised for charity on his bike until last year at almost 92. Our thoughts are with his children Angela, Ruth and Chris. His funeral will be at 12:00pm on Tuesday 18 June at St Bridget's Church in West Kirby. We will have a full obituary in the next edition.

As part of our **ecochurch** journey at **St Boniface** we are seeking to improve the natural quality of our churchyard. Please see page 5 for more details of our plans and get in touch if you would like to be part of the team caring for our beautiful church garden. Email Kay Carson at parishadmin@stbonifacebunbury.org



The outgoing Rose Queen and her entourage at Village Day 2024



Here I am! I stand at the door and knock

One of the greatest British painters of the Victorian era was the Pre-Raphaelite artist Holman Hunt. His most famous work is the English icon, "Light of the World", painted in the garden of the Oxford University Press in the 1850s and owned by the OUP printer whose widow donated it to Keble College where it now hangs. It was based on the depiction of Jesus in John's Revelation, where Jesus says to the Church of Laodicea, "Behold I stand at the door and knock".

Hunt portrays Jesus as beautiful, robed in splendour, standing outside a door, in a tangled garden, holding a lantern, wanting to come in. Hunt stated that he purposely did not paint a handle on the outside of the door, for only the individual inside can open the door of their heart. Jesus will never impose himself. He wants to be welcomed.

It is said the elderly Holman Hunt was upset when Keble College began charging people to see it, so he began another larger version, which was installed in St Paul's Cathedral in 1908 during a special service which included the reading from the Book of Revelation, "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me".

Many years later the painting went to be cleaned from all the grime seeping into the cathedral from traffic around St Paul's. When the restorer removed the frame and the moulding, there in script at the bottom, painted by the artist Hunt and to be seen by the Lord alone, was this prayer: "Forgive me Lord Jesus that I kept you waiting so long".

Jesus is amazing. He stands at the door of our lives, and knocks, and knocks for he desires to come in and be with us. Let's not keep him waiting, but open the door of our minds, our hearts, our lives and say, "Please Jesus, come in!"

Image from Wikipedia



The copy deadline for the August-September double issue is Friday 12 July. The magazine should be delivered from Saturday 27 July. Please send notices to parishlinkeditor@stbonifacebunbury.org

Mike Rogers

Seven



Avid readers of the Bible will know that in it, the number seven (or multiples of it) figures extensively. There are in fact around 590 uses of it spread across the Old and the New Testaments.

Some see the number seven as the foundation of God's word; it derives much of its meaning from being tied directly to the creation narrative and it is seen as symbolising completeness and perfection.

And beyond the Bible, the number seven is important in both near Eastern and Israelite culture and literature, again being used to express the notion of completeness.

Armed with this knowledge, we can start to make sense of the pervasive appearance of the patterns of seven that appear in the Bible and in Christianity itself. To name but a few, there are seven Sacraments, seven Deadly Sins, seven Penitential Psalms, seven Words from the Cross, seven Virtues and for some, seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Moreover, Jesus sent out 70 disciples and he urged Peter to forgive, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

If you add to this the fact that we are in the seventh month of the year, that this is the 70th column I have penned for The Link, and that this month marks the seventh year since I began writing these pieces, then you end up with an amazing succession or coincidences of sevens, or multiples thereof. And to cap it all, the deadline for this month's issue of The Link was 7 June!

But I want to focus not so much on the number itself, but more on the notion of completeness engendered by its use or its occurrence, for this might explain why I feel now is the time for me to stop writing this column.

What I have produced over the years has in no way been perfect, but such a conflation of sevens (and that's not including the fact that I shall be 77 later this year, a little more than my allotted three score years and ten – two more multiples of seven) does lead me towards a sense of completion and conclusion.

That being the case, I believe that it is right for me to say 'Goodbye' from these pages. I do so with heartfelt thanks; thanks to those who have been kind enough to say they have enjoyed an article, thanks to my wife Margaret for proof reading each submission and thanks to God for giving me the opportunity to speak to you in this way.

I'll leave you with some words borrowed from the colourful Irish comedian, satirist and actor, Dave Allen. As you may remember, he always used them to end his enormously popular show and strangely, they number but seven!

"Goodnight; may your God go with you."

Church diary for July

Wednesday 3 July	10:00am BCP Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 7 July	8:00am BCP Communion 9:30am Morning Worship 10:30am Holy Communion and Forest Church 11:30am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude St Boniface Calveley
Wednesday 10 July	10:00am BCP Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 14 July	09:30am BCP Communion 10:30am Annual Outdoor Pet Service	St Jude Bunbury Cricket Club
Tuesday 16 July	2:30pm & 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer	St Boniface
Wednesday 17 July	10:00am BCP Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 21 July	9:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Third Sunday Brunch 6:00pm Evensong	St Jude St Boniface St Boniface
Wednesday 24 July	10:00am BCP Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 28 July	9:30 Morning Worship 10:30 Morning Worship	St Jude St Boniface
Wednesday 31 July	10:00am BCP Communion	St Boniface

Our prayers

This month we share the prayer Members of Parliament are invited to say at the start of their day in the House of Commons.

"Lord, God of righteousness and truth, grant to our King and his government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. Amen."

Caring for our churchyard

As part of our ecochurch journey we are exploring ways to enhance the natural quality of our churchyard. We invited the charity Caring for God's Acre to advise us. Andrea Gilpin, Ecologist and Communications Manager for the charity kindly agreed to write this article for us and took the photo

St. Boniface churchyard is one of the oldest enclosed pieces of land in the area, making it a truly special place for both wildlife and people. I work for Caring for God's Acre — a charity which supports groups in managing the natural, built, and social heritage of churchyards and cemeteries. Visiting a churchyard as lovely as this is always a joy!

I was invited to meet Rev. Tim Hayward and key members of the management team for a tour of the churchyard. A quick glance at the turf soon revealed that St Boniface, like many ancient churchyards, is rich in wildflowers. The grassland within many churchyards has remained relatively undisturbed, growing and reseeding naturally for hundreds, if not thousands, of years. It would have been scythed for hay and grazed by animals during this time. The hay would have been given to the vicar as part of his stipend! Unlike meadow areas in the wider countryside, it would not have been treated with fertilisers, pesticides, or ploughed. A benefit of this unchanged management is the rich diversity of grasses, flowers, fungi, and animals.

This old flowery grassland was once widespread in the UK but is now rare. Since the 1940s, over 97% has vanished. However, as most churchyards pre-date the 1940s, this special grassland is still found within their boundaries.

The plan for 2024 is to allow some small areas of the churchyard to grow longer for about 12 weeks over the summer so the flowers can bloom as they would have hundreds of years ago; providing food and shelter for invertebrates while still looking attractive and cared for. Seeds from these flowers can be collected and used to enrich other areas.

Moving on from species-rich grassland, during my visit I spotted anthills, amazing lichens, birds, and beautiful memorials — perhaps topics for another newsletter!

Visit www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk to find out more.

Andrea Gilpin



Gardener's July diary

I am sure all you keen readers out there have noticed the abundance of new flowers in the garden — I have. Several peonies, one of my favourite plants, are in flower and I would plant even more if I had the room. Prudent gardeners will have supported the plants long ago. When they have finished flowering dead head them, just remove the flower head but cut no further down as they need to feed from the plant during the summer.

The irises have also flowered and I am tidying them up too. If they have been in the same spot for more than three years they will need to be thinned out then replant the strongest tubers.

Camellias have also finished flowering and if like mine it has begun to outgrow its allotted space, now is the time to prune it — not the whole bush at once but parts of it at a time, especially if you want it to flower next year.

I am sure we are all hearing the sound of lawnmowers. We all desire an immaculate lawn, however, it is not just

about mowing. It is important to get rid of the moss and weeds with a feed and weed product, available in all garden centres. Follow the instructions and you will have a lawn the envy of your neighbours. Remember do not cut the grass too short — having an immaculate area is great but if you have the space leave a small area uncut to encourage grasses and wild flowers to grow, which will encourage bees which we need to pollinate our plants and fruits.

I grow a few vegetables. Tomatoes require daily watering and a regular feed — make sure you stake them. Tie the main stem to the stakes and remove the lower stems once the plant is in flower. Take out the growth at the joint between the main stem and the branch or before you know it you will have branches which you cannot control. Enjoy the summer!

Your gardening correspondent, Keith

Bunbury School news



Science Week 2024

I can't quite believe we are nearly at the end of the school year for Bunbury. As I look back on this half term I am amazed once again by all the fantastic things we have continued to achieve as a school and provide for the children of Bunbury so that they develop a true love for learning.

During the week of 3 June, the children at Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary took part in our whole school science week. All 196 children in school enjoyed participating in a range of different activities linked to science and technology and involving time.

Through the week the parents from all classes were invited into school during the afternoon to work on a number of different science related time based activities. The children enjoyed the opportunity to investigate and explore, and it was great to see all the children and adults challenging themselves and enjoying working together on the different tasks.

We also enjoyed our KS1 and KS2 sports day events. This year we worked with the KS2 children on both track and field events. In a break from our normal routine the children were kept active throughout the event with a series of field events which they rotated around before

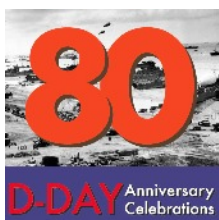
ending up with a final relay race. Competing in their house teams with children from different classes, the children worked together supporting and cheering each other on.

As I look to the final few weeks of the summer term I know that as a school there are a number of further exciting opportunities once again on the horizon for our pupils. I look forward to being able to share these with you in the near future.

Nic Badger
Principal



D-Day 80th Anniversary Commemoration



On Thursday 6 June the Bunbury and District Branch of the Royal British Legion together with other members of the village gathered in the churchyard to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Standing next to a soldier silhouette, Rev Tim, together with Rev Mike Rogers, led a short service during which the Last Post and Reveille was played by Ted Fowles and a wreath was laid.

The church bells were rung before and after the service as part of a national ringing event to commemorate the D-Day 80th anniversary. The bell ringers (pictured right) included one of our new ringers, John Davenport, who was a young child on the day of the D-Day landings.



Sky notes for July

The Northern Lights adorn Bunbury skies

In Sky Notes for March I wrote about the Northern Lights, also known as the aurora borealis, and how we might have a chance of seeing them in the next few months. These are a stunning natural phenomenon caused by the interaction between charged particles from the Sun and the Earth's magnetic field and atmosphere. Well, we didn't have too long to wait as the aurora graced our skies on the evening of Friday 10 May, into the early hours of Saturday morning. Normally confined to the polar regions, this auroral storm was visible all the way down to the Canary Islands and the Caribbean.

Bunbury had a front row seat with the display becoming visible at dusk. Around 11:00pm, as the sky darkened, green "curtains" were visible in the north. Then, as the display increased in intensity, pink and purple streamers appeared in the south and a pink arc nearly overhead. I took the accompanying pictures using my iPhone and a three second exposure. I hope you were able to see it.

So why was this auroral display so striking? Well, the intensity and visibility of aurorae are influenced by solar activity. Periods of high solar activity, such as we are currently experiencing, leads to a lot of sunspots and solar flares, which are active magnetic regions on the Sun. Occasionally the Sun ejects some of its gas into space, an event known as a coronal mass ejection, from these active regions. If this material heads directly towards Earth it leads to vibrant and widespread aurorae.

In the days preceding the aurora, a humongous sunspot was seen on the Sun. This was one of the largest on record. Like all sunspots it was dark, yet there were some associated bright flares. It's this activity that resulted in the coronal mass ejection.

Once they arrived at Earth, the charged particles collide with gas molecules in the upper atmosphere, predominantly oxygen and nitrogen. These collisions transfer energy to the atmospheric gases.

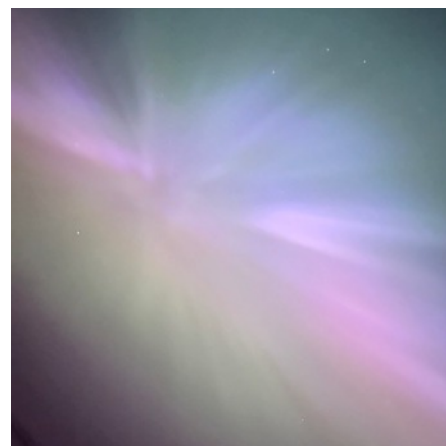
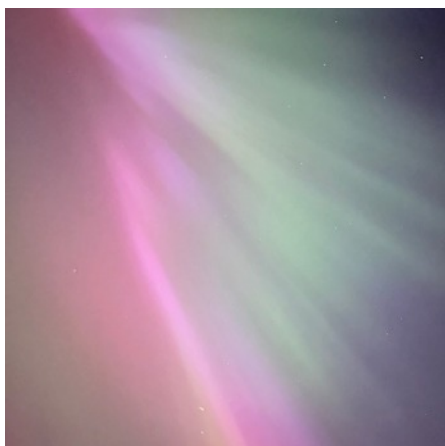
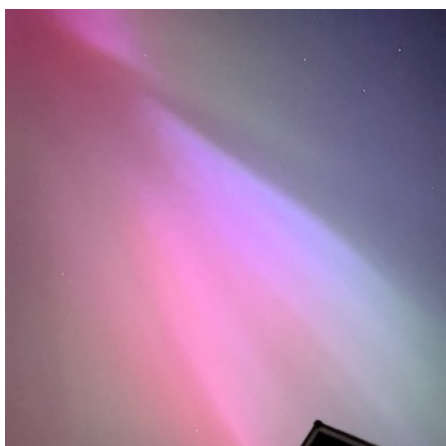
The excited atmospheric gases release this energy in the form of light when they return to their normal (unexcited) state. The specific colours produced depend on the type of gas and the altitude at which the collisions occur. Oxygen at higher altitudes can produce red and green aurorae, while nitrogen can produce purples, pinks and blues.

At the moment we are heading to the maximum of the Sun's eleven-year activity cycle, so we stand a good chance of seeing more aurorae. The website Aurora Watch hosted by Lancaster University at: <https://aurorawatch.lancs.ac.uk> is worth keeping an eye on. This presents a graph which is normally green, occasionally amber, but if it turns red, then we might be in with a chance of seeing an aurora. You can also sign up for aurora alerts to be sent to your smartphone. Another website worth consulting is Space Weather: <https://spaceweather.com/>. This gives current information of the Sun's activity and prospects of seeing aurorae.

Clear skies!



Huge sunspot on 9 May, the day before the aurora (image by Nick James, BAA)



Bunbury Stargazer

Bunbury Medical Practice

July news

Staff Update

We have said goodbye to registrars Dr Ruth Pollard and Dr Tehmina Rashid, who have both recently and successfully completed their training and time with us. We have been joined by and welcome, Dr Uche Monanu. In dispensary, we have a new, additional prescription clerk, Helen.

Medical advice for the summer

At the point of writing this article in early June, we live in the hope of better weather to come!

Staying hydrated in the summer heat

The human body is 60% water, so it is important to stay hydrated. The NHS advises drinking at least 6-8 glasses of fluid daily as a minimum. The amount we need to increase our water intake by will vary and can depend on factors including how much time is being spent in the sun and the level of physical activity.

Generally, experts recommend drinking two to four litres of water during hot weather; it is also important to spread this throughout the day to avoid drinking excessive amounts in one go.

Try to avoid fizzy drinks as they can contain sugars. Water is best, but fruit teas and sugar-free juices are also acceptable. Limit alcohol and caffeine. The elderly, young children and babies are more at risk of dehydration. Signs of dehydration include feeling thirsty, a dry mouth, dark-coloured urine or passing urine less frequently.

Hay fever

During hay fever season, our nurses regularly receive advice requests regarding a patient's symptoms. Although miserable, hay fever can be well managed by seeking advice in the first instance from staff at your local chemist. There are many over-the-counter treatments available, including Fexofenadine which used to be a prescription-only medication, but which can now be bought at chemists.

Birth Month Reviews (BMRs)

A birth month review is offered to patients who have a chronic health condition such as diabetes, COPD, asthma and hypertension.

The initial 12 months of implementing these reviews has been a proven success and will continue. We would like to remind patients with a chronic illness that they can book their BMR with reception in advance of their birth month; they do not need to wait for an invitation from the surgery.

Some patients will require blood tests to be done prior to their BMR, others may require home blood pressure

readings to be done, or a urine sample to be brought to the appointment. Our receptionists will be able to advise patients when booking.

Phlebotomy appointments

We have noticed an increase in phlebotomy appointment requests and as a result, we are currently booking six weeks ahead. Phlebotomy clinics are run on a Monday and Thursday morning in the surgery.

As part of the Enhanced Access hours, phlebotomy appointments are now available on a Saturday morning; patients can call reception to book.

Alternatively, patients can take their blood form from their clinician to the Countess of Chester Hospital to have their bloods taken there; patients must make an appointment at the hospital in advance and the website address needed to do this is included on the blood form. If a hospital wants a patient to have blood tests done, then these should be done at the requesting hospital.

For latest practice information and updates, please see the practice website and/or our Facebook page.

Easy exercise class for the over 60s

As part of the ALIVE project, Pat Blackwood has organised this new, easy exercise class for those over 60 who have limited mobility.

The class is held in the Health Promotion room at Bunbury Medical Practice on a Thursday at 12:00pm and costs £5.00 per session.

As the class is proving very successful, please contact Pat Blackwood to check on availability (01829 261526).

**Thursdays at 12noon in Bunbury
Surgery £5 a session
No Booking required**



“Just one thing” for a healthier life

Our articles from Dr Michael Moseley’s Radio 4 podcasts have featured over the last few months in the Link. It was with great sadness that we learnt of his death. After discussion with Rev Tim we felt that we should print this article as his work is his legacy. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Reach out

A decades-long study started in the US in the 1930s followed the lives of 700 men from in and around Harvard. Although one of them was John F Kennedy, the majority led very ordinary lives. What it showed was that the best indicator for health and happiness was having satisfying social relationships; far more significant than success, money, fame, social class or IQ.

All social contacts help; they don’t have to be close friends or family, though these of course are great too. Simply reaching out to neighbours, perhaps by offering practical help or other kinds of support; chatting to people at the train station or the person who makes your coffee; making an effort to contact old friends; chatting to work colleagues; joining a hobby-related group; nodding or smiling at passers-by — it all counts. It seems that we are hard-wired to need to feel connected and part of a community, or several.

The exact mechanisms are unclear but we know that volunteering boosts endorphins and leads to better life satisfaction. It is best to meet or speak in person but if this is unavailable then reaching out via social media can be helpful too, although scrolling through other people’s Facebook or Instagram posts does not have the required effect! Touch is an important factor for many people; touching people we are close to releases oxytocin which gives us strong feelings of being connected and loved, though not everyone enjoys touch, so beware of imposing it on others. Many more studies have shown that loneliness adversely affects sleep, cardiovascular health, diabetes, mental well-being and life expectancy, whilst having a wide range of social contacts can positively affect all these things



and also boost your immune system and even your life expectancy.

Tai Chi Also known as Shadow Boxing, or Meditation in Movement

Tai Chi is an ancient form of martial art very popular in China and Hong Kong. Although the movements are slow and controlled compared to many forms of exercise, it has been shown to be as effective as a brisk walking in burning off visceral fat (central obesity) and better than brisk walking for lowering blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol. In California 100 volunteers did either Tai Chi classes or health education classes aimed at reducing stress, for 16 weeks, and after five weeks were all given a shingles vaccine. By the end of the study the immune responses mounted by the Tai Chi group were much higher than for the other group, and less bodily pain and better physical functioning, especially balance, was reported.

Studies in Hong Kong have shown that three hours Tai Chi classes a week for 12 weeks brought about significant, early improvements in cognitive functioning in older adults who were displaying mild cognitive impairment. It seems that the meditative aspect trains the brain, bringing about marked changes in both structure and function. Other extensive studies show that Tai Chi positively affects osteoarthritis, cardio-respiratory health and mental wellbeing, as well as balance and strength. Ideally one would join a class as it is easier to learn the meditative aspects and link them correctly to the movements, but if that is not an option then online videos can get you started. The BBC and the NHS both have videos available for this.

Liv Weller



Photo by Andrea Gilpin

Have you ever wondered...

David Kendrick continues his series on the history of the windows at St Boniface using his rich knowledge of church records and history with a little help from Wikipedia: the missing window and the lost reredos

Throughout the past 700 years Bunbury has seen many changes, but the ground 'footprint' of the magnificent church building constructed in the 1320s has changed very little except for the addition of the Ridley Chapel in 1527.

The original shape of our church building was symmetrical. Looking towards the Chancel there is a stained glass window at the east end of the north aisle, known today as the Lady Chapel Window. Then look across to the south



The missing window

aisle and you will see what is an identical window opening but this one is windowless. Instead it now frames the organ. Before the Ridley Chapel was added there would have been a glazed external window onto our ancient churchyard, although the actual design of the glass remains a mystery. Once the window was blocked by the Ridley Chapel it became an internal opening so the mullions and tracery were removed, the glazing grooves filled with mortar and the sill level lowered by about one metre to enable the installation of a mediaeval wrought-iron grill, that can still be seen today.

The sill itself was later used to also create something very special.

The term reredos in a church refers to a large altarpiece, a screen or a decoration in wood or stone placed behind the Altar. The reredos you see behind our altar in St Boniface today, dating from early 1920, is of carved oak and extends the whole length of the east wall of the sanctuary, but this is not the only reredos in the church.

Prior to the extensive reordering of the Nave in the 1860s the interior looked very different from what it is today and as can be seen from this very early photograph. There was once a series of parclose screens and small balconies, separating two internal private family chapels. One on the north side (the Davenport family) and one on the south side (the Spurstow family), in the two eastern most bays of the

two aisles. Each of these had their own ancient altars and reredos.

The reredos on the south side was created on the sill immediately beneath the mystery window on the actual stonework in front of where we now have the organ pipes. Sadly it has suffered the ravages of time and all that remains of what was once a stunning brightly coloured reredos is some very faint paintwork, almost invisible to the naked eye.

Although there are no early photographs of the reredos we are fortunate that several descriptions were recorded. In 1866 Rev W. Lowes wrote as follows: "In the south aisle is another altarpiece in the Spurstow Chantry enclosed by screenwork. It is nearly seven and a half feet wide but only eight inches high. It represents the Saviour rising from the tomb, with two Mary's, one at each side, with a service book and a bishop at each end, pronouncing the Benediction."

Then almost 100 years later Rev Maurice Ridgway describes the same painted reredos as now being: "somewhat indistinct, with the images barely visible, but of considerable interest. When it was first discovered in the nineteenth century, behind panelling which had preserved it from the whitewashers of the seventeenth to nineteenth centuries, the resurrection scene in the middle was clearly visible. The mitre, pallium and other vestments are quite distinct and each figure raises his hand in blessing and holds a crosier with the other."

His own research led him to believe that one of the images actually represented St Boniface and that the chantry was dedicated to St Catherine.

The organ, which was installed in 1895 by Peter Conacker of Huddersfield at a cost of £850, disguised the mystery window opening, and when the heating system was installed a radiator was carelessly put immediately in front



The family chapels at St Boniface

of the ancient reredos, accelerating its deterioration.

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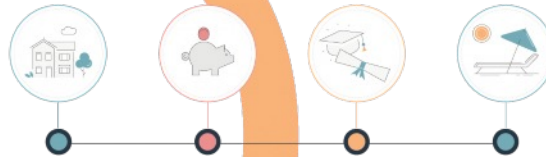
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