

## Barthomley WI Events and News

It was very exciting news to hear that the Village Hall is soon to open, albeit with the expected health and safety precautions.

That meant that we could begin to plan for our first Meeting since Lockdown.

At our Committee Meeting we were very conscious that some members may feel a little nervous about beginning to mix with larger groups of people if they have not begun to do so. After much discussion regarding social distancing and food preparation we decided that it may be more relaxing if our first meeting was an out-door social event, to take place in August. As usual Chris Bailey immediately offered the use of her own beautiful garden, which of course offers the perfect setting. It will be an excellent way to celebrate (belatedly), our 95th birthday which was last year. It is also another way of celebrating everyone's birthday held in Lockdown! Of course, we will be celebrating in true WI style with cake, and a fizzy drink served in a tall, long stemmed glass - oozing bubbles!

Invitations to events are also beginning to arrive from our own Cheshire Federation, these include a "Golf Day", Arts and Craft Events and even the Annual Darts Competition, I think we'd better get practising! Let's all hope that everybody's events are able to go ahead soon.

So, if you hear singing in August coming from the middle of Barthomley, don't worry I'm sure we will be finished by midnight...



## From the Rectory

Throughout its history St Bertoline's always had an Incumbent with the title of Rector. Incumbent-Rector means the same thing. The List in church which starts the Year 1303 is entitled Rectors of St Bertoline's Barthomley. But then some years ago after the days of Revd. Oliver Horrocks the Living was suspended.

From then on there has been Priest in Charge. This change, not unusual these days in parishes, could have been for a number of reasons, for example pastoral care arrangements – possible reorganisation maybe finance, various reasons. In essence it allows flexibility at the Bishop's discretion. But a Priest in Charge like a Rector or Vicar is still responsible for everything a Rector or Vicar does – all services day to day running etc of a parish. Rector or Vicar these days means the same thing.

I was Licensed as Priest in Charge by the Bishop of Birkenhead on the 28th July last year and since have carried out all responsibilities as required as Parish Priest.

However, on the 11th March this year I received the following by email from the Archdeacon :-

**“At the Macclesfield Archidiaconal Mission and Pastoral Committee this morning the committee considered the suspension of presentation at Barthomley. We can see no reason why it should be suspended going forward and therefore have decided to let the suspension lapse.**

**That means at some point in the near future you will need to be instituted as Vicar of Barthomley by the Bishop rather than Priest in Charge.**

**I hope that you and the parish will see this as a vote of confidence in the ministry of the parish and acknowledgment of the work you have done”**

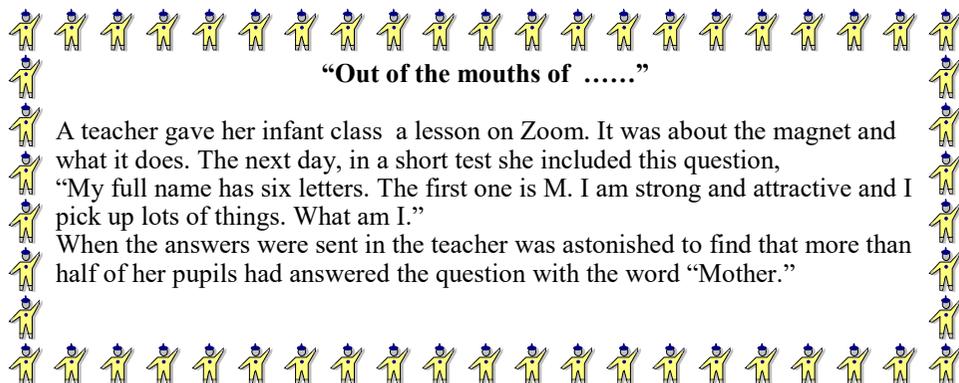
I replied by saying “Nice Surprise-Good for the Parish”. And that is what I believe this to be more than anything “Good for the Parish.” What is being restored is the traditional historic title of Incumbent/Rector of St Bertoline's.

For this to happen the parish has to go into Vacancy (Please read the Notice on the inner main door of the church). This does not affect anything but is a legal requirement which comes into effect from now 1st July. In the not too distant future we should hear about what happens next which will involve being Instituted by the Bishop.

I hope I have explained this clearly enough it can sound a bit confusing church legalities.. In simple terms Priest in Charge changes to Incumbent /Rector which gives more stability long term to the parish.

I have had Titles in the past but its my work which means more than a title. BUT it is good for the Parish and that is very important – for what it means for the Parish and what we do as God's faithful people.

Every Blessing      Rev Peter



**“Out of the mouths of .....”**

A teacher gave her infant class a lesson on Zoom. It was about the magnet and what it does. The next day, in a short test she included this question,

“My full name has six letters. The first one is M. I am strong and attractive and I pick up lots of things. What am I.”

When the answers were sent in the teacher was astonished to find that more than half of her pupils had answered the question with the word “Mother.”

## News from Englesea Brook



We have finally reopened and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Chapel and Museum! Our new opening hours are 11am-3pm Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 2-4pm on Sundays. New for 2021:

Re:Boot - a self-guided trail of the site for adults and an interactive one for children following the footsteps of local hero, Hugh Bourne.

Re:Member - an exhibition of Primitive Methodist objects from the Englesea Brook team

Re:Connect - A Prayer space to share your joys and concerns

And Coming Soon (July 2021): a new exhibition exploring the Black History of the Primitive Methodist movement.

Do drop in and say Hello!



## July and August

So many of us have now had our second Covid jabs and really think that with better weather and our local spacious surroundings it is time to resume a more normal way of life. Be careful and mindful of others but start to participate in shared activities.

On Sunday 25th July, 3pm – 5pm there is a STRAWBERRY TEA in the Rectory Garden, tickets £5 available from Rev Peter Ennion, Len Griffin or Chris Bailey. ( See advert for full details)

On Sunday 1st August the Archdeacon of Macclesfield, The Ven . Ian Bishop is joining us at the 10.30am church service. It would be great if there was an excellent turnout so that we can thank him for appointing Rev Peter.

Barthomley WI is going to reconvene with a GARDEN MEETING on Tuesday 3rd August then back to the Village Hall in September. New members are always welcome, contact Val Isom 01270 873277

Chris Richards does a sterling job producing the Parish News. It is a PARISH NEWS so if anyone wishes to contribute an article your submissions would be most welcome. Thank you to all those who distribute the Parish News, some of whom have done so for over 20 years and thank you to recent volunteers who have come forward.

Weddings have recommenced, still with restrictions but we do thank the bridal couples for being so patient; it must have been a nightmare rearranging their special day amid all the uncertainties but we wish all of them every future happiness.

St Bertoline's Church is very much open for business.

Christine Bailey Churchwarden

### Found in a Church in Cornwall

Give me a good digestion, Lord  
And always something to digest.

Give me a healthy body, Lord  
With sense to keep it at its best.

Give me a healthy mind. O Lord  
To keep the good and pure in sight  
Which seeing wrong is not appalled  
But finds a way to set it right.

*(Continued from the Cornish church)*

Give me a mind that is not bored  
That does not whimper, whine or sigh.

Don't ley me worry over much  
About that fussy thing called "I"

Give me a sense of humour, Lord  
Give me the grace to see a joke  
To get some happiness from life  
And pass it on to other folk.