

"...on this rock I will build my church"

Matthew 16:18

June 202 I

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Hair today... gone tomorrow?

One of the wonderful things about seeing people over the last few weeks has been clocking when they've had their post-lockdown haircuts – some people have already had a few, they have definitely made up for lost time! Personally, I got so enraged with my hair irritating my neck that I persuaded long-suffering Carl to cut it back in March. My hairdresser was not impressed.

It's interesting to reflect on the biblical view of hair and haircuts: it may surprise you to know that there is quite a lot in there.

One of the most famous passages about hair is the story of Samson and Delilah. Samson's strength was so great because his hair had never been cut: when he was shaved the Philistines were finally able to imprison him (Judges 16).

The reason that Samson had never had his hair cut was that he was a Nazirite, someone who had made strict vows to God about what they ate and drank, as well as promising to never shave their hair. Other Nazirites in the bible include Samuel and John the Baptist. These figures can be seen as pursuing purity and holiness, they have given up worldly pleasures in order to focus on serving God.

However, St Paul writes quite negatively about long hair on men, whilst saying that women's hair is "her glory... given to her for a covering" (1 Corinthians 11. 15). In a similar vein, and rather beautifully, the book of Proverbs says "Grey hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life" (Proverbs 16. 31).

1 Peter 3 encourages women not to braid their hair, but to "let the adornment be the inner self" – to focus on beautifying our minds, kindness and prayer, rather than worrying too much about what is on the outside. For many Christians today this is the point of reflecting on our appearances; it is fine to want to look presentable but we are called to focus more on how we love God and people, and how this love is put into word and action.

Roald Dahl doesn't mention hair in this wonderful passage from *The Twits* but he may well have done if he had been writing in 2021: "A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly. You can have a wonky nose and a crooked mouth and a double chin and stick-out teeth, but if you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."

Revd Catherine Cleghorn, Vicar

Registers & Information on Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

We are following Covid-19 guidance from the Church of England and the government in all our church services at the moment. Please check current laws yourself as well before planning to come to church, and please do get in touch if you have any questions.



Baptisms can now be held as private services with up to 30 people attending. This number will hopefully increase when restrictions are relaxed in June. We have quite a few bookings for the summer already, so please do get in touch ASAP if you would like to



Weddings can go ahead, but with only 30 people in attendance. This number will hopefully increase when restrictions are relaxed in June.



Funerals can be held in church, from May 17th the number attending is the "covid-secure" limit of the building. For St Peter's that is 30, for St Leonard's that is 45. This number will hopefully increase when restrictions are relaxed in June.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted"

Saturday Church



Saturday Church is held usually once a month in Warmingham Village Hall from 9.45am with craft, stories, songs and worship for families of all ages. You are warmly invited to come along and join us on:

Saturday 12th June from 9.45am to 10.30am

At Warmingham Village Hall



We will continue looking at the Bible in Eleven Objects:

Object Number 10: A Blindfold

Theme: The Road to Damascus: From persecutor to apostle

Due to coronavirus regulations, we must limit the event to 45 minutes, so we will start at 9.45 promptly with arrivals from 9.30am

We will sit at small tables in family groups/bubbles. Face coverings should be worn by those over 11 years of age. We will need to note your contact details.

We will have table activities and worship: story, prayers, listen to songs.

Please let us know if you are coming along by emailing helan.isherwood@sky.com or ring Helan on 01606 841711.

Future Saturday dates: In Warmingham Village Hall: 10th July

St Leonard's Pet Service

Sunday 6th June at 2.30pm in the Church Grounds



All pets are welcome for a blessing! Please bring animals on leads or in suitable containers. You are also welcome to come dressed as an animal or bring a photo of your animal if they can't come to church.

Book Sale

Wednesday 14th July 2021 from 11am onwards

A sale of second-hand books in aid of St Leonard's Church Tower Fund will be held in the garden at Cecilia Royston's:

7 Southey Close, Ettiley Heath, CW11 3ZL (please park on Thornbrook Way)





Raffle

Warmingham Wakes Service

On Sunday 2nd May Jess Price was crowned as Warmingham Wakes Queen by Mrs Kate Appleby.



We were very fortunate to be able to hold a service in church on Sunday 2nd May to crown our Wakes Queen – Jessica Price. Unfortunately due to the pandemic we were unable to hold our Annual Wakes day last year and also this year but as churches are now open we decided to go ahead and crown our Wakes Queen in the hope that maybe later in the year Jessica will be able to attend some village fetes and represent Warmingham or she will be able to attend our "special" services at St Leonards.

Mrs Kate Appleby, Headteacher at Warmingham Primary School, crowned Jessica and read out some lovely comments from other teachers at Warmingham Primary School where Jessica had attended.

Jessica looked lovely sitting at the front of a beautifully decorated church with her retinue Rachel Walker, Dani Kew, Emily Beech, Frankie Beech and Oliver Price. Frankie rang the bell loudly as they processed down the aisle.

Amanda Richardson arranged the Spring Raffle to help raise funds and we had 31 prizes kindly donated by EDF and Flowers on the Cobbles and in double quick time the names of the winners were read out at the end of the service. A grand sum of £966.00 was raised. Thank you Amanda.

We all wish Jessica well in her year as Warmingham Wakes Queen and hope that she has an enjoyable time throughout 2021.



29th June: St Peter & St Paul

The two most famous apostles are remembered this month, for they share a feast day.



St Peter (d. c. 64AD), originally called Simon, was a married fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee. He met Jesus through his brother, Andrew. Jesus gave him the name of Cephas (Peter) which means rock. Peter is always named first in the list of apostles. He was one of the three apostles who were privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the Agony in the Garden.

When Peter made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus recognised it as being the result of a revelation from the Father. He in turn told Peter that he would be the rock on which His Church would be built, that the 'gates of hell' would never prevail against it. Peter and the apostles would have the power of 'binding and loosing', but Peter would be personally given 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus also forewarned Peter of his betrayal and subsequent strengthening of the other apostles. After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Peter before the other apostles, and later entrusted him with the mission to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ's flock.

Peter played a big part in the early Church, and he is mentioned many times in the Book of Acts, where in the early chapters he organised the choice of Judas' successor, preached with stirring authority at Pentecost; and was the very first apostle to work a miracle. Peter went on to defend the apostles' right to teach at the Sanhedrin, and to condemn Ananias and Sapphira. It was Peter who first realised that Christianity was also for the Gentiles, after his meeting with Cornelius. Later he took a prominent part in the council at Jerusalem and went on to clash with St Paul at Antioch for hesitating about eating with Gentiles.

Early tradition links Peter with an apostolate and martyrdom at Rome. The New Testament does not tell us either way, but Peter being in Rome would make sense, especially as Peter's first epistle refers to 'Babylon', which was usually identified with Rome. Peter's presence in Rome is mentioned by early church fathers such as Clement of Rome and Irenaeus. Tradition also tells us that Peter suffered under Nero and was crucified head-downwards. There is no conclusive proof either way that St Peter's relics are at the Vatican, but it is significant that Rome is the only city that ever claimed to be Peter's place of death.

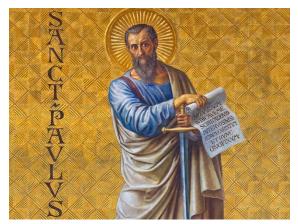
St Peter was a major influence on Mark when writing his gospel, and the First Epistle of Peter was very probably his. (Many scholars believe that the Second Epistle was written at a later date.)

From very early times Peter was invoked by Christians as a universal saint. He was the heavenly door-keeper, the patron of the Church and the papacy, a saint both powerful and accessible.

In England there were important dedications to Peter from early times: monasteries such as Canterbury, Glastonbury, Malmesbury, Peterborough, Lindisfarne, Whitby, Wearmouth, and especially Westminster. Cathedrals were named after him, too: York, Lichfield, Worcester and Selsey. In all, it has been calculated that 1,129 pre-Reformation churches were dedicated to St Peter, and another 283 to SS Peter and Paul together.

Images of Peter are innumerable, but his portraiture remains curiously the same: a man with a square face, a bald or tonsured head, and a short square, curly beard. Not surprisingly, his chief emblem is a set of keys, sometimes along with a ship or fish.

Like Peter, Paul (d. c. 65) also started life with another name: Saul. This great apostle to the Gentiles was a Jew born in Tarsus and brought up by Gamaliel as a Pharisee. So keen was he to defend the God of his fathers that he became a persecutor of Christianity, and even took part in the stoning of Stephen. He hunted Christians down and imprisoned them, and it



was while on his way to persecute more Christians in Damascus that he was suddenly given his vision of Christ.

It was the decisive moment of Paul's life – Paul suddenly realised that Jesus was truly the Messiah, and the Son of God, and that He was calling Paul to bring the Christian faith to the Gentiles. Paul was then healed of his temporary blindness, baptised, and retired to Arabia for about three years of prayer and solitude, before returning to Damascus. From then on Paul seems to have lived a life full of hazard and hardship. He made many Jewish enemies, who stoned him, and wanted to kill him. Nevertheless, Paul made three great missionary journeys, first to Cyprus, then to Asia Minor and eastern Greece, and lastly to Ephesus, where he wrote 1 Corinthians, then to Macedonia and Achaia, where he wrote Romans, before returning to Jerusalem.

After stonings, beatings and imprisonment in Jerusalem he was sent to Rome for trial as a Roman citizen. On the way he was shipwrecked at Malta; when he finally reached Rome he was put under house-arrest for two years, during which time he wrote the four 'captivity' epistles. Later Paul may have revisited Ephesus and even have reached Spain. Tradition tells he was eventually martyred at Rome during the persecution of Nero, being beheaded (as a Roman citizen) at Tre Fontane and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands. The belief that Peter and Paul died on the same day was caused by their sharing the same feast day.

Paul was not only a tireless missionary, but a great thinker. His epistles played a major part in the later development of Christian theology. Paul's key ideas include that Redemption is only through faith in Christ, who abrogated the old Law and began the era of the Spirit; that Christ is not just the Messiah, but the eternal, pre-existent Son of God, exalted after the Resurrection to God's right-hand; that the Church is the (mystical) body of Christ; that the believers live in Christ and will eventually be transformed by the final resurrection.

It is difficult to overemphasise the influence of Paul on Christian thought and history: he had a major effect on Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Luther, Calvin and others. In art, Paul is depicted as small in stature, bald and bandy-legged, with a long face, long nose and eyebrows meeting over deep-set eyes. His usual emblems are a sword and a book. In England he was never as popular as St Peter, and ancient English churches dedicated to him alone number only 43.

The history of the relics of Peter and Paul is not very clear. Tradition says that Peter was buried at the Vatican and Paul on the Ostian Way under his basilica. Certainly, both apostles were venerated from very early times both in the Liturgy and in private prayers, as testified by Greek and Latin graffiti in the catacombs of the early 3rd century. St Peter's Calendar of Services, Readings, Readers and...

Date and	Times and	Readings and	Readings and
Day	Services	Readers for the	Readers for
		10.45am services	Evensongs
Sunday	9am BCP HC	Genesis 3. 8-15	Jeremiah 6. 16-21
6 th June	10.45am Family	Gillian Booth	Stuart Moss
1 st after	Communion		Romans 9. 1-13
Trinity	7pm Evensong	Mark 3. 20-end	Alison Bate
Sunday	9am BCP HC	Ezekiel 17. 22-end	Jeremiah 7. 1-16
13 th June	10.45am HC	Alan Culshaw	John Edge
2 nd after	7pm Evensong		Romans 9. 14-26
Trinity		Mark 4. 26-34	Chris Ward
Sunday	9am BCP HC	Job 38. 1-11	Jeremiah 10. 1-16
20 th June	10.45am HC	Ron Gallimore	Alison Bate
3 rd after	7pm Evensong		Romans 11. 25-end
Trinity		Mark 4. 35-end	Ted Bermingham
Sunday	10.45am HC	Acts 12. 1-11	Ezekiel 34. 11-16
27 th June	7pm Evensong	Chris Ward	Chris Parkes
St Peter &	and HC		John 21. 15-22
St Paul		Matthew 16. 13-19	Sandra Parkes

Key:

BCP = Book of Common Prayer, a traditional language service HC = Holy Communion

Mablins Lane Community Primary School are looking for a new governor, and they would very much welcome enquiries from someone in the church community. Please contact The Chair of Governors, Kathryn Stringer if you are interested: chair@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

If you would like to be added to any rota, please speak to Revd Catherine or the churchwardens – we would love to hear from you!

...Other Rotas for June

Date and Day	Sidespersons	Cleaning	Altar Flowers
Sunday 6 th June	Mr P Smith	Mr and Mrs Peake	Mrs D Britcliffe
1 st after Trinity	Mrs S Parkes		
Sunday 13 th June	Mr R Hodson	Mrs Bergin	Mrs J Christensen
2 nd after Trinity	Mr M Vernon		
Sunday 20 th June	Mr P Smith	Mr & Mrs Gallimore	Mrs N Darlington
3 rd after Trinity	Mr J Edge		
Sunday 27 th June	Mr P Smith	Mrs Harvey & Mrs Simcock	Mrs P Davies
St Peter & St Paul	Mrs S Parkes		

St Peter's Community Hall, Minshull Vernon

For hall bookings please contact Miriam: Email: mvchall@yahoo.com Tel: 07778 873951



St Peter's Community Hall has a small and beautifully formed committee of people who look after it.

If you might be interested in joining this committee, please contact Revd Catherine using the details on the contacts page.

St Leonard's Calendar of Services and Rotas for June

Date and Day	Times and Services	Sidespersons	Altar flowers and brasses	Cleaning
Sunday 6 th June 1 st after Trinity	2.30pm Pet Service	Mrs L Crank	Mrs J. Furber	Amanda, Bev and Helen
Saturday 12 th June		9.45am Saturda	ay Church – <i>see p.5</i>	
Sunday 13 th June 2 nd after Trinity	11.30am BCP Morning Prayer	Mr A Crank	Mrs B. Beech	
Sunday 20th June 3 rd after Trinity	11.30am Holy Communion	Mr S Moss	Mrs B. Beech	
Sunday 27 th June St Peter & St Paul	9am BCP Holy Communion		Mrs J. Sant	



Warmingham Village Hall

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St Peter's Book of Remembrance

June

- 1st Wilfred Edge (1989)
- 2nd Maurice Lea Sherwin (2004)
- 5th Malcolm Gary Mason (1991)
- 6th Michael John Tams (1996)
- John William Maddock (1917), Florence Anne Fleet (1962),
 Arthur William Edge (1985), Eunice Wilson (2007), Valerie Mary
 Keen (2013)
- 8th Lawrence Hough (1992), Elizabeth Mary Fleet (2001), Patricia (Pat) Evanson (2020)
- 9th Robert James Douglas Keith Chalmers (Priest) (1923), Beryl Boliver (2014)
- 10th Samuel Forster (1938)
- 12th Doreen Patricia Chesters (2002)
- 17th Ronald Bramall (1986), Philip Rossiter (1998), Ruth Stockton (2005)
- 20th Edith Jones (1962)
- 22nd John Newton (1910)
- 23rd Thomas Lea Sherwin (1984), Olive Whitehead (2016)
- 27th James Turnbull (1995), Patricia Birchall (1998), Reginald Geldart (2003)
- 28th Phyllis Morrey (2004), Brenda Chipman (2014)
- 29th Ronald Rimmer (1998), James Curzon Powell (2002)
- 30th Sheila Mavis Horne (2018), Alexander MacGregor McDonald (2018)

St Alban - the first British martyr

Persecution of Christians worldwide is rising fast, so it is worth remembering St Alban, the first British martyr. Alban was a Roman citizen living in England when the Roman emperor, Diocletian, began a fierce persecution. Soon Alban found a desperate priest on his doorstep, hunted by local soldiers. Alban gave the priest shelter, and within days was converted. When the soldiers arrived, Alban took the priest's place, refused to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods, and was condemned to death. Alban went to his execution on 22nd June 250AD with such serenity that one of the executioners was converted. He died on the site of the Hertfordshire town that now bears his name.

Alban	gods
martyr	condemned
persecution	death
Roman	execution
emperor	serenity
Diocletian	died
priest	site
converted	town
soldiers	name
sacrifice	doorstep

Wordsearch Words

Bishop Douglas Feaver, the notoriously outspoken former Bishop of Peterborough, was presiding at his first Diocesan Synod and a man at the back had been droning on and on for some length of time. Finally, a lady called out to protest that she could not hear what he was saying. Bishop Douglas replied: "You should thank God and sit down."

Wordsearch Grid



God's Care: A prayer by Fulbert of Chartres (c.970–1028)

How brief is our span of life compared with the time since You created the universe. How tiny we are compared with the enormity of Your universe. ...yet during every minute and every second of our lives You are present, within and around us. You give your whole and undivided attention to each and every one of us. Our concerns are Your concerns. And You are infinitely patient with our stupidity. I thank you with all my heart....

Ron Case's Funeral on the 14th May, followed by Cremation

Ron's funeral, held in the beautiful garden in Moston he had helped to cultivate, provided an opportunity for informal sharing of memories and tributes. His service to St Leonard's Church Warmingham was acknowledged, and deep gratitude for this expressed. We heard much of his love of football, and in particular the Liverpool team, from his elder brother Frank. This he has passed on to his son Michael, though not, we noted, to his daughter Jackie.

We all sensed a man of integrity, a true gentleman, someone who was understated.

Lynne spoke of Ron's love for her (and for him of course!). Ron was the true romantic – but his love was not just about flowers on a regular basis, but practical eg he did the housework! He had love for Jackie and Michael. He had love for his fellow man and woman. A connection was made with the two Bible readings. I Corinthians 13 taught us that love is the greatest, and we are all caught up in God's eternal love. Love does indeed speak of eternal things, we said – it aspires towards eternity. The story of the Good Samaritan spoke of caring and compassion – two big features of Ron's life.

Comments were made on Ron's love of the good things in the world. He had a love of nature and the beauty of the world and the wonders it holds. The garden in which we were sitting was evidence of that. But so were so many aspects of his life. We commented on his love of animals - in particular his dogs. He had a passion for Country music. He had a huge interest in cinema/films.

God has given us a wonderful world! Ron had gratitude in his heart and lived out that gratitude in his life.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory!



News from Warmingham Church of England Primary

We've had a wonderful two days in school using 'The greatest story ever told'. It focuses on eight concepts at the heart of Christianity that we need to understand. These concepts tell the 'big story' of the bible through the Old Testament – Creation, Fall, People of God to the New Testament - Incarnation, Gospel, Salvation and Kingdom of God. Each class focused on the concepts that they cover throughout their RE syllabus.

Otters – Creation and Incarnation Squirrels – Fall and Kingdom of God

Hedgehogs –Gospel and Salvation Badgers – People of God

The children worked collaboratively to understand the meaning of their concept, then created some wonderful artwork which was displayed in St Leonard's. They were then displayed in school for classes to use as they cover these areas during their RE lessons.



Warmingham Village News

Diary Dates for June

Wednesday 2 nd	W.I. Visit to Farm	4.45pm	Meet at Village Hall
Sunday 6 th	Pet Service	2.30pm	Church grounds
Tuesday 10 th	Walk 'n Talk	10.30am	Sandbach
Saturday 12 th	Saturday Church	9.45am	Village Hall

Warmingham & District W.I.

We are able to have an outdoor meeting in June and plan to visit Fields Farm by kind invitation of Jonathan Moss at 5pm. We meet in the Village Hall car park at 4.45pm.

We also have planned a group visit to Hill Farm, Mill Lane, Moston on Wednesday 16th June at 2pm. Chris and Richard House have opened their half acre garden on two weekends this year for the National Garden Scheme. They must be congratulated on their hard work in making such varied and interesting gardens and borders. Another local garden that has been opened for the National Garden Scheme is Ash Bank also on Mill Lane, Moston.

The W.I. is hoping to hold its July meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday July 7th.

Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of every month, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome and for further information please ring Helan Isherwood on 01606 841711 or Cynthia Beeden on 01270 766562.

Walk 'n Talk

Six of us enjoyed a walk last month in Middlewich along the Trent and Mersey canal and via Croxton Park, the River Wheelock and the River Dane to return along the canal. We enjoyed a lunch in the outside dining area at the Kinderton.

Although organised by Warmingham W.I. the walks are open to all.

The next walk is planned for Tuesday 8th June when we will meet in Sandbach at 10.30am. If you are interested in coming along please contact Helan Isherwood on 01606 841711.



Tel: 01270 253800 Mob: 07970 679674 info@utowpiacaravans.co.uk Knowledgeable Gardener wanted for a few hours a week to help with beautiful established garden and borders. Please call 07794 994329.



John Whittingham would like to thank everyone very warmly for all his birthday wishes and cards. Happy 90th Birthday John!

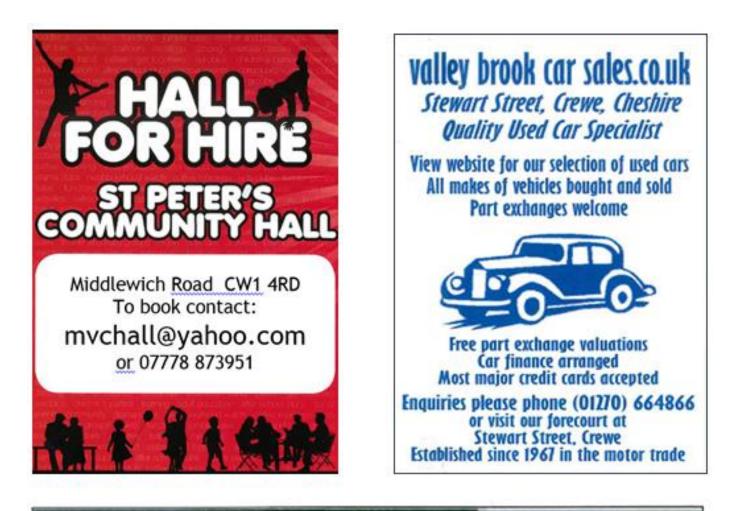
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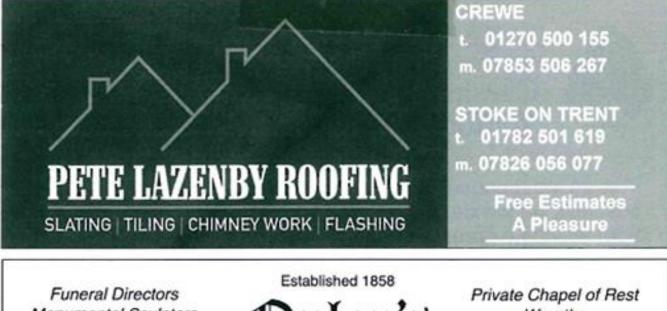
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Solution As the enthusiastic curate was preparing to move on to his first church as a vicar, a parishioner asked him what he thought had been his main contribution to the life of the church. He replied: "People here didn't know what sin was until I came."







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