

## Alex ordained Deacon



At least twenty people from the St. Boniface congregation joined Alex Sanders' friends and family amongst the 1000s at Chester Cathedral to see her ordained Deacon at a joyful service on Sunday 5th July. One friend even travelled from the Falkland Islands, the family's former home.

The twenty-two candidates for ordination affirmed their determination to give themselves wholly to God's service, their acceptance of the Holy Scriptures and the doctrine of the Christian faith, that they will strive to make the love of Christ known through word and example, and a whole lot more. What a commitment! (See Alex's words on p7)

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Thanks to Dave Lawrence of Spurstow (back row 3rd from left we think!) for this photo that may bring back memories for some of our readers. This is the cast of a production by village teenagers around 1963 -we recognise some familiar faces. Was it a Young Christians' production? Can anyone tell us more about it?

## Community news

Congratulations to **Rosie** and **Steven Poulter** on the arrival on May 14th of **Lydia Laura**, granddaughter for **Laura and Carl Leeming**. Rosie and Steven were married at St Boniface in August 2007 and Rosie was disappointed not to be able to put their wedding photo in the Link. We hope to find room for it in the next issue, Rosie!



Welcome to **Sam Robert**, first baby for **Emma Roden** and **Phil Latham**, born on 9th June. Sam is still in hospital but doing well. Emma and Phil are planning their wedding for 28th November at St. Boniface. Bunbury children will know Sam's granny, their cook, **Kath Roden**.



Welcome to the following children recently baptised at St. Boniface: **Sophie Elizabeth**, daughter of **Peter and Elizabeth Hanslip** on 3rd May; **Joshua Steven**, son of **David and Victoria Aspinall** on 27th June and **Eoin and Caoimhe**, children of **Mark and Mandy Stein** who now live in Korea, on 3rd July.

Congratulations to **Andrew Williamson** and **Roxanne Hughes** who were married at St. Boniface on 27th June (picture below).



A very happy birthday to **Ann Bibby** (10th July) and **Mirja Crump** (9th August) who were both born in the same year a very long time ago.

Corrections to last month's D-Day article: **Johnny Walker** was demobbed from Crewe Hall and did not work there; and **Bill Corn** did not train with the Parachute Regiment. (The Link just can't get the staff!)



**Shirleen Whitehead** of Meadow House Park, Spurstow, her daughter **Kim** and friend **Jackie Barnard** from Walthamstow ran the Race for Life at Arley Hall on 5th July. They raised a magnificent £432 for Cancer Research, running in memory of family and friends (Two of the team are pictured above).

At their recent AGM the **Good Companions** elected the following officers: Chairman, **Carol Parry**, Treasurer, **Jim Walker** and Secretary, **Jill Johnson** and **Meg Fairweather**.

Their next production is "Dying to meet you", 5-7 November.

The deadline for material to be included in the **October Link** is 10th September.

## Gathering Moss Gig

Saturday 8th August  
Doors open 7.15pm  
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Local nurse **Annie Kaira**, who is returning for a holiday to her home country of Zambia, is appealing to Link readers for any unwanted adult or children's clothes, toys or household articles, including small items of furniture. She will be shipping a container in September and will then distribute donated goods to needy families. Please contact **Lucy Munro** if you can help. (260487).

We have just received thanks for the last donation to the **Smile Train** - £66 from loose change donated by Link readers. The charity reports that donations are down by 60%, so we are aiming to collect again before Christmas. Please start saving all that annoying small change again: between us we have already paid for three children to have life-changing surgery - let's help another.

## Church news

Youth Worker **Laura Warrington** launches "Toasties", the new youth group from September (see ad below).

This month please pray especially for **Rick** who is recovering well from surgery, also Phillip Young, Doug Taylor, Don and Jean Armstrong, Brenda Williams, Timothy Atkins, Alan Bosley, Barbara Rosier and the families of those who have recently died.

**TOASTIES**  
Yes, we're gonna eat toasties... lots of them.  
But there's more to life, right?  
*"People don't live by bread only;  
we live by every word that comes from God's mouth"*  
When? Alternate Thursdays (beginning Sep 3rd)  
No, you already said that, what time? oh, 6.30pm  
Where: Methodist Chapel, Bunbury

# Reconciliation

Divided communities, nations at war, disagreements in the workplace, broken friendships and, yes, even disagreements between family members. There are mediators, organisations and counsellors who help to reconcile those who have been pushed apart. And we are thankful for all those that intervene in this way and help people in these circumstances, often not counting the cost to themselves.

God is also in the business of reconciliation. In fact God has reconciled his world to Himself by sending Jesus Christ to us. And it involves a change in the way God looks at us and the things we have done wrong. It was explained to me using two chairs....

When God created us, God and mankind were together:



But the world turned its back on God and rejected him:



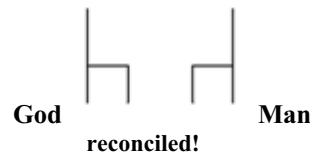
And because of our rebelliousness, God could have chosen to turn his back on his people:



But instead he chose to send his son Jesus to forgive us:



And all that remains is for us to accept his free gift of Jesus and to turn to God for forgiveness:



As St Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth, "Through Christ, God made peace between us and himself. And God gave us the work of bringing everyone into peace with him. I mean that God was in Christ, making peace between the world and himself. In Christ, God did not hold the world guilty of its sins".

**Jeremy Shears**

## High School Association invites you

Members of Tarporley High School's Home School Association were delighted to recruit a few more parents at the recent meeting for pupils starting there in September. The HSA is the parent-school body which raises money for lots of "extras" for the school. A cheese and wine evening is being held at the school on **September 15<sup>th</sup>** for any parent who would like to know more about what the HSA does, and how they may be able to help. Please come - it doesn't commit you to anything!

Also, the date has been set for the school's annual family quiz night with ploughman's supper: **Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>** in the school hall. If you've been before, you'll put the date straight in your diaries - if you haven't, please come along, and bring your friends and family to make a team. It's a great night out.

## All the fun of the Calveley fair



Calveley School held their Summer Fair on the 4th July. Their polytunnel and fair was officially opened by the Mayor of Nantwich, Edith Williams. The day was well attended with lots of entries for the miniature gardens, vegetable creatures and scarecrow competitions -

all judged by the Mayor. There was a wide variety of stalls and produce grown by the children in our polytunnel proved very popular. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

**Katie Huntbach**

# News from St. Jude's

St Judes Summer Lunch held at Ann Posnett's home on June 28th, was a great success. A glorious hot day, 90 people attended raising £1333 profit. Many thanks to all who provided food, raffle prizes, general help and to Phillip Okell who manned the bar. Thank you to Ann for providing such a delightful venue and marquee.

Sadly Mr Norman Ravenscroft passed away on 19th June and was buried at St Judes on Wednesday 1st July.



Norman was born in Tiverton Heath and was a choir boy at St Judes, also operating the organ bellows. The youngest of five boys, four of whom served in the armed forces. During the war Norman saw action during the El Alamein campaign, then on to the battle for Monte Cassino, where he spent his 21st birthday in a foxhole.

After coming home from war, Norman was demobbed from Oulton Park and later worked for United Dairies and Vauxhall Motors until his retirement. He then enjoyed his family, gardening and dog.

Condolences to Mrs Gladys Ravenscroft and family.

On June 21st, Father's Day, a baby boy was born to Joanna Badrock and her fiancé, Mark Weaver. They have called him Harry and he weighed 7lb 13ozs. Congratulations.

**Ann Badrock**



## Thanks to our knitting Norahs

Many thanks for all those who sent knitted squares for Bunbury School's patchwork blanket. We had donations from Link readers in Droitwich, Oxfordshire and Newcastle under Lyme, as well as bags of beautifully knitted squares from local mums and grannies. Our youngest contributor was Holly

Illingworth (6), whose red square, with that of her sister, is in the middle of the stitched-together blanket. In fact we had so many squares, we have been able to make, in addition to our large, rainbow-coloured blanket, two sweet cot blankets as well. Thank you!

## Knit and Natter

Can you knit? Would you like to learn, or would you just like to have a cup of tea and natter? Would you be interested in meeting one afternoon at the Methodist Church? If you are interested please contact Barbara Croley on 01829 260344). All welcome - men, women and children.



These glamorous Bunbury girls celebrated the end of their GCSEs at Tarporley High School with the traditional "Prom" at Portal Golf Club. Shown above are Megan Jones, Freya MacGregor, Becky Mason, Kat Lindop and Laura Stockman.

## Tarporley Hospital League of Friends

invite you to  
an arts and crafts  
extravaganza  
at Tarporley Community  
Centre  
on 17th and 18th October  
2009, 10am-4.00pm.

Design a Christmas Stocking  
competition, entry forms  
available from Tarporley  
Hospital, Swaffields and  
Blaggs Electrical from  
1st September.

# End of the year at Bunbury school

These pictures give a snapshot of the end of term, and include the new-style school photo of all our Year 6 leavers: all the best to them as they go on to senior school. Pupils have entertained their parents and friends on two sunny sports days (hot spectators shown here) at the traditional 'Helpers' Coffee Morning - James and Theo are shown performing a comic sketch - and at a superb production of 'Dream On', directed by Y6

teacher, Rachel King. Harry (as Bottom) and Bradley are pictured in costume.

## Biennial ball a winner

On the beautiful summer evening of July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bunbury school pupils enjoyed a disco on the cricket field. The next evening, after some threatening showers, the sun broke through again for the two hundred and forty guests at

the Bunbury Ball who enjoyed a spectacular evening's entertainment jointly in aid of the cricket club and Bunbury School. We hear that Andy Fairclough will never be quite the same again after his encounter with the magician! In total well over £4,000 was raised: many thanks to all the sponsors of the event and to all those who contributed the generous raffle and auction prizes.



# Jonathan hangs up woggle

Jonathan Middlemiss finally hung up his woggle as Group Scout Leader following the annual camp in July.

Jonathan leaves a great legacy. He took on the Scouts seven years ago when numbers in the village were down to three. Together with Andy Thompson and Tim Wheatland they initially focused on getting the Scouts group active again. Since then the movement in Bunbury has grown to more than 140 Cubs, Scouts and Explorers and 30 adult Leaders.

Jonathan has played a key role in the success of the Scout movement in Bunbury. Always active and challenging, and with a great rapport with the young people in the different groups, Jonathan has encouraged Leaders and Scouts alike



to take on experiences outside their natural comfort zone. Jonathan hands over the role of Group Scout Leader to Simon Walker, but he's not breaking all ties with the Scouts - having worked with Phil Elsegood over the last four years on the project to build the new scout hut, Jonathan will be seeing this through to completion.

On behalf of all the Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Leader who have benefited from Jonathan's efforts, a big thank you.

**Jonathan packs up his horsebox once again after a camp a few years ago - as ever, in the rain.**

# Brownies say thanks to Vicky

1st Bunbury Brownies bade a fond farewell to their young leader, Vicky Armstrong, who has been helping them every Monday night for well over two years. Vicky is due to go to Goldsmiths College, London, to study drama. We hear that Vicky has had to revise for exams on every Brownie camp she has helped at.

The Brownies also lost their three eldest members, Lucy, Frances and Imogen (pictured with Vicky here). They all hope to go to Guides in September. The last meeting took the form of a pampering night for mums and friends which raised money towards the new

Scout Hut. The new term starts with a visit to the 100 year Brownie anniversary "Sparkle" party at Chester Race Course in September with thousands of other brownies.



## Bunbury Guides

are looking for new leaders  
If YOU could help, please  
contact Liz Mulcahy, 260949.  
(Liz tells us the girls  
are a delight).

## Am I good enough?

We have been rejoicing with Alex as she is ordained as Deacon, taking on great responsibilities and serving God in a new way.

We all have a role in creating God's Kingdom here on earth, and that can feel very scary.

Let's remind ourselves, that whatever we do in God's name, however small and insignificant, we are helping to fulfil God's plan.

Lord, in union with your love,  
Unite my work with your great work,  
and perfect it.

As a drop of water,  
poured into a river,  
is taken up into the  
activity of the river,  
so may my labour become  
part of your work.

Thus may those among whom  
I live and work  
be drawn into your love.

(St. Gertrude the Great 1256 -1302).

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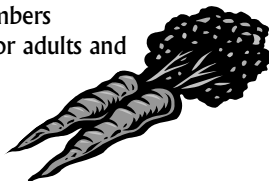
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## Balloon Race winner



Remember the Balloon Race on Village Day? The picture shows Katie Mason hanging on for dear life before the release. Congratulations to Sandy McBennett of Bunbury who wins the £50 prize for the balloon travelling the furthest in the Target 1250 Balloon

Race. Her balloon was found in Villeneuve la Comtesse in France. The winner of the picture of St. Boniface was Barbara Jones and the total raised by Target 1250 was £422. Many thanks to all who supported our fundraising for St. Boniface.

## Now the work begins says Alex

What an amazing day! Wearing our brand new dog collars and robes, 21 of us processed into a packed Cathedral to be ordained. This was the culmination of a long selection process, and three years study and prayer; and 200 hours of lectures, 22 weekends away, 200 student-led church services, 16,000 miles driving, and 64,000 words of essays. And a lot of cups of tea and coffee.

The words of the ordination service are solemn as they describe the work of Deacons “.... Theirs is a life of visible self-giving. They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God’s purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, .... reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible. They are to be faithful in prayer.” The service concluded “May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love.”

There was a tremendous sense of the love of God, and the life of the Holy Spirit.

And now the work begins ..... as the Curate at St Helen’s, Tarporley (and St Thomas’, Eaton, and St John’s, Cotebrook) I’m shadowing and assisting the Vicar, Rev’d Keith Hine at all church services, baptisms, weddings, funerals, school assemblies, pastoral visits, Bible studies, PCC meetings and anything else that arises – and I’m loving it all!

Thank you to all those at St Boniface and in Bunbury village who have encouraged and supported me along the way, and whose good wishes have made such a difference to me. I am truly grateful to you all.



## Tolerance and Sister Bridget

‘Whoever is not against us is for us’ (St. Mark 9, 40)

In a certain convent there was a Sister Bridget who irritated the the other nuns by her eccentric behaviour. One by one they went to the Mother Superior to complain.

Eventually the Mother Superior gave Sister Bridget a week’s holiday to visit her family. Then she called all the other nuns together in the chapel and related to them the story of the oyster and what happens when a piece of grit gets into its shell. She described how the oyster then lays down layers of nacre (or mother-of –pearl) around the grit as protection against the irritation which it caused. Then she said, “Now let’s thank God for giving us Sister Bridget, so that we can each build up in our own souls the beautiful pearl of patience!”

Similarly, on one occasion Jesus’s disciples were irritated by a man who was healing in the name of Jesus, but wasn’t one of them. And Jesus gave them a lesson in tolerance. He said that nobody who cares for others

enough to heal them can possibly be bad and, moreover, the fact that he didn’t belong to their fellowship didn’t in any way make him their enemy. Jesus taught them quite simply, ‘Whoever is not against us is for us’.

Yes, everybody is different. God made each of us unique and therefore we should seek to enjoy the diversity among his children, just as God must surely enjoy the diversity of human nature. What the other nuns regarded as Sister Bridget’s irritating eccentricity, Gd may well have treasured as a unique quality which he could perhaps have found in her and nobody else in the community.

God places us together in families where everybody is different and in local communities where all sorts of people live in the same neighbourhood, and he calls upon us all to love each other. Not just to avoid anyone who is different from us, but to enjoy the differences, so that we can help to form around them the beautiful pearl of tolerance.

**Eric Wallington**

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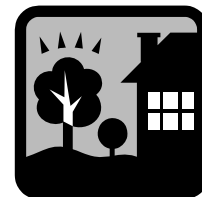
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### August

2	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Boniface
	11.00am	Family Worship	Calveley
9	9.30am	Morning Service	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St. Boniface
	6.00pm	Evensong	St. Boniface
16	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
23	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St. Boniface
30	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St. Boniface

### September

6	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
13	9.30 am	Matins	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St. Boniface
	6.00pm	Evensong	St. Boniface
20	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Boniface
	11.00am	Matins	Calveley
27	9.30am	Harvest Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Harvest Communion	St. Boniface

In August and September, there will be Communion as usual at 10.00am every Wednesday at St. Boniface, except on **5th August** the service will be at **9.30am**.

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