

Thousands needed for urgent repairs

St. Boniface undergoes a full architectural inspection every five years. The cost is met by the Diocese but the Church Council is expected to act on the recommendations made by the experts. The 2008 report has now been received. The church is credited in the report with the work done in recent years to the west end, the nave, north wall and bell frame. The building is described as "well cared for and with a good general standard of maintenance". However, it is 500 years old and there is evidence of

settlement and cracks and damage to water pipes and gullies. The report recommends "urgent and immediate" maintenance work (£8k - £12k), more significant repairs and renewals within 18 months (£45k to £50k) and by 2013 further items including work to the chancel floor (£20k+). The church architect has been asked to prepare a scheme for all work required "within 18 months". The Church Council is hoping to carry out a major repair project next year.

Walter Done



Lorne Campbell is pictured being presented with a gift by Sue Woodward, on behalf of Calveley Church members, in recognition of and thanks for his work during the last ten years as treasurer.

Friends of Calveley Church invite all readers to a coffee morning on Wed 3rd Dec 10.30-12.30 at 8, The Chantry, Calveley, home of Mr & Mrs K. Donald.

Gourmet meal raises funds



On September 27th Jo and John McDonald of Haughton turned their home into a gourmet restaurant for one night only. With John masterminding the catering for 30 paying guests and Jo managing the front of house team over £800 was raised for the Railway Children. Jo, Katie Mason and Nikki

Ryder had pledged to raise £1500 to run in the new Royal Parks half marathon on 12 October. And two more half-marathon runners, Anna Chow and Jenny Lewis have asked us to thank all those who sponsored them in the Great North Run on 5th October.

Bonfire night invitation

Bunbury Bonfire Night will be held on Wednesday 5th November on the playing fields. Gates open at 6.30pm, the fire is lit at 6.45pm and fireworks start at 7.00pm. Hot and cold refreshments will be served in the pavilion from 6.30pm. Entry is £3 for adults, £1 for children, under 5s free.

The Pavilion Committee has politely asked that people don't add their own rubbish to the bonfire before the event. Last year they were left with a large quantity of metal springs and glass to clear up and take to the tip.

**Don't forget
Dick Whittington!
YCs sell-out panto
27-29th November
Tickets available soon
Watch out for posters.**

Community news

Welcome to **Eloise Mary**, daughter of **Brian and Claire Edge** of Cholmondeley who was baptised at St. Boniface on 28th September.



The following couples have recently married: **Andrew Warriner and Lorna Potts** on 4th October at Calveley, pictured below;



Nicola Goodyer and Andrew Bettison on 4th October at St. Boniface (below);



and **Peter Wanless and Joanne Wilcox** on 19th October at St. Boniface.

Congratulations to **Gill and Mike Johnson** of the Old Poste House, Bunbury, as they celebrate their ruby wedding, but commiserations also to Mike, recovering from an accident on holiday in Germany, when he broke ankle in 2 places and had to stay on in a German hospital for a week.



Bob and Jenny Capes after their wedding in September

Congratulations to **Amy Cadman** on her 21st birthday and to **Mike Verity** and **Anita Williams** on their half centuries.

St. Luke's Hospice still have a few afternoon tickets available for their **exclusive shopping event** at **Cholmondeley Castle** on 7th November. They are also holding a **sportsmen's dinner** on 18th December at **Sandymere Hall**, home of the Timpson family. The speakers are Duncan McKenzie, ex Leeds, Everton and Chelsea and comedian Billy Bean. For both events contact St. Luke's on 01606 555688.

Caroline Docherty and 'the Gang', of **Meadow House Park, Spurstow**, thank everyone who contributed so generously to the coffee afternoon in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Fund held on the Park on 27th September. The sun shone all afternoon, and they raised a wonderful £525.

In 2009 Bunbury Village Day celebrates its 40th Anniversary. However at the moment it is doubtful there will be a Village Day next year as most of the Committee retired at the recent AGM and there were no volunteers to form a new Committee. Last year's organisers have compiled a step by step plan with all the contacts needed which should make the organisation straightforward for new volunteers. Please, if you would like to help organise the "Birthday Party" contact **Frances Lawford (retired chairwoman)** on 260848. Funds from this year's successful event have been donated to help with Village Hall and Playing Fields maintenance and towards the cost of new solar-powered 30mph signs in the village.

Good luck to **Patrick Crotty and Ben Cadman** who have set off on their gap year in Canada.

Watercolour Painting Exhibition

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Church news

Operation Christmas Child appeal

Local people always respond generously to this appeal. Please try to fill a box this year as usual. Each filled shoebox given to a destitute child will almost certainly be the only gift that child will receive throughout their entire childhood.

Leaflets detailing the sorts of goods to include in your box will be going out through our churches, Bunbury School and the Co-Op and you can leave your filled box at any of these venues. If you don't see a leaflet, please contact local organiser Nicola Elsegood on 260507, who can answer any queries. On 8th November Nicola will be giving out boxes and leaflets outside the Co-op and **the deadline for collection is 17th November.**

This year's **Remembrance Sunday services** will take place on 9th November with the Bunbury parade leaving the village centre at 10.15am.

Abbey Gate College Choir will be giving a seasonal concert at St. Boniface on Friday 12th December.

This month please pray especially for **Bill Corne** and **Suzanne Swann** and the family of **Jane Henderson**.

DVDs of the St. Boniface Flower Festival are now available for £5.00 from Margaret Bourne.

The **December-January** edition of the magazine will be available in St. Boniface from Sunday 30th November.

Meltdown?

Joy Parker writes

We are in a mess at the moment. World financial experts and presidents and prime ministers can't solve it.

The money markets have been borrowing and lending non-existent money. Even ordinary people have been enticed into a "have it now, pay later" culture.

My Granny (and yours) could have told them and us you don't get owt for nowt. You don't get anything for nothing.

The trouble is that it isn't just those who borrowed recklessly whose homes, pensions, jobs, life savings and peace of mind will be affected. It will affect us all in one way or another. It will affect many people catastrophically.

Where is God in all of this? Why doesn't he save us from ourselves and each other? God, as we know, gave us free choice. He hopes we will choose the good, but there isn't much virtue in being good if that is all you can be.

When humanity chooses badly, God weeps with us - as we do over **our** children's mistakes. God is in it with us, he suffers too and wants to help us weather the storm, learn from our mistakes or the mistakes thrust on us.

God created us because he wanted to have a deep and loving relationship with us. He loves us beyond compare. His greatest wishes are that we love him, believe in him, believe that Jesus loves us to the extent of giving the

whole of himself for us and our salvation, and that we love those around us without counting the cost to ourselves. We may be worried for ourselves, but it is God's earnest hope that we will look outwards, rather than selfishly inwards. We are rapidly approaching the turn of the year. 2009 will be a hard year. We have the kindly heart, but we need to cultivate the seeing eye if we want to know how to meet the needs of 2009.

God is very much in the present crisis with us. God expects his church to be ready to respond to the needs of his people **inside** and **outside** the church in every way they can, and he is alongside us.

News from Bunbury School

A busy half term as usual! On September 26th Year 5 joined six other school parties at Chester Cathedral for Pilgrim Day, where they learned about Chester's Saint Werburgh and, dressed as monks, took a (very short) vow of silence. They also had a chance to try a selection of activities, from signing for the deaf to making mosaics (George is shown hard at work, below). On 3rd October a large group of pupils took to the catwalk for a fashion show organised by the school's PTA (Poppi and Olivia are shown below). Several hundred pounds was raised for PTA funds and all the models, especially the boys, enjoyed their moment in the spotlight.



On October 13th Years 5 and 6 set off on two coaches for the school's biennial trip to London where they were entertained to afternoon tea at Haberdashers' Hall, and later were thrilled to see Lee Mead starring in **Joseph** in the West End. One pupil was especially impressed by the Haberdashers' posh toilets!

Pupils are now preparing for Deputation Day, when the Haberdashers pay a return visit, and for a Harvest Breakfast on the last day of term, with fundraising for LEPR. Added to all this, the school underwent its Ofsted inspection, and Diocesan RE inspection, in which the teaching was judged 'outstanding'.



Save money and stress this Christmas

Last year we published a Christmas message from a couple not able to deliver local Christmas cards. Elaine Crotty has suggested the Link encourages lots more local families to do the same in return for a donation to **Crisis at Christmas**. So why not save all that stress, time and money writing dozens of cards to local friends and neighbours and instead send us your message (not exceeding 18 words in total including your name) and donation (cheques payable to Crisis at Christmas) to the **Link, Heath Cottage, School Lane, Bunbury, CW6 9NR**.

Enquiries to Lucy 260487.

Final date Wed 19th November for publication in the December/January Link available from November 30th.

Brownies make butties and cash

Well done to First Bunbury Brownies who raised almost £300 at a Saturday morning sale on 27th September. The brownies sold their old toys, ran some competitions in which Helen Jones was the winner of 91 marshmallows and Jane Overy was delighted with a large pink teddy. Profits were helped by the sale of some extremely tasty bacon and sausage butties which lured in passers-by. Takings will help fund the next Brownie camp in April. Shown below are the Lester and Welling families, whose willing dads masterminded the catering.



High School 50th

Tarporley High School's 50th birthday celebrations on October 4th were judged a great success by visitors to the school's afternoon tea party and evening of champagne and canapés. Well over 400 former pupils and staff returned to the school, some taking the opportunity to tour the much-extended buildings. We hear that former pupil Ann Bibby was recognised immediately, after almost 50 years, with the words, 'You haven't changed a bit!' That must have made her day! Pictured here are Liz Mulcahy (2nd left), canapé suprema, with some of her team of HSA helpers.



New Early Birds settling in well

It has been lovely to see so many new and returning children settle into the autumn term at Early Birds Pre-School. The topic of 'toys' has given our pre-schoolers a chance to talk about, and show their favourite toys, and to produce some fabulous art work to brighten the village hall.

The Early Birds Committee also welcomed parents and children at a well-attended lunch - thanks to all who supported the event. The committee also look forward to involving the children in our fundraising activities over the coming

year. For more information about Early Birds, please contact Hilary Armstrong on 260410. **Lisa Goodfellow (Chair)**



School sports successes

On 20th September 5 local schoolchildren from Bunbury competed in the English Schools Ski Association Dry Slope Championships at Pendle, qualifying for the National Finals. Alexa and Matt Clauson, Sophie Caldwell and Georgina Gardner Stockley were all in teams representing Abbey Gate College, and Alex Caldwell (unfortunately not in the photo) represented King's School. They were competing against teams from as far afield as Keswick and Southampton.

For the second year running the Abbey Gate girls' team finished in 6th place and qualified to represent English schools in the British Schools' Artificial Slope Championships in Edinburgh on 16th November.

All the children train with Snowsports Ski Racing Club alongside skiers from



schools all over Cheshire and have worked very hard for their success.

Multi-talented Alex Caldwell has also enjoyed recent rugby success. He was presented with a signed Sale Sharks shirt by club star Steve Hanley at the recent match against Saracens for winning player of the week at the Sale Sharks Academy.

More sporting success on page 6.

There goes the bride!



A few tickets for the Good Companions latest production, "There goes the bride" are still on sale.

Don't miss this farcical comedy, November 6th to 8th, 7.30pm, Bunbury Village Hall.

All tickets £7 (sadly no food service this year).

Contact Jo Perry on 260500

Zadok the Priest

'Zadok the priest (and) Nathan the prophet...anointed Solomon...And all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!"' (1 Kings 1, 38-39)

In Handel's first coronation anthem the choir burst in with a blaze of sound to the words 'Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon King. And all the people shouted "Long live the King! Long live the King!"'. The anthem was written by Handel for the coronation of George II and it's been used at every coronation in Westminster Abbey ever since.

Yet King Solomon's coronation was a controversial occasion. Solomon was the offspring of King David's adultery with Bathsheba. David had made him legitimate by having Bathsheba's husband murdered and David had already married at least six wives before Bathsheba. So, the gruesome family history goes on! When King David was on his deathbed Zadok,

Nathan and Bathsheba called on him to keep his promise that Solomon should be his successor. Fortunately for Solomon, the people were on his side and he soon became a popular monarch.



Solomon was, of course, famous for his wisdom and also famous for his wealth. But Jesus doesn't automatically make his followers rich and it was Jesus who said that it was a blessing to be poor! But he does bring us a wealth of spiritual gifts to give us real joy in this life and makes us

inheritors of his kingdom of heaven.

Jesus came on earth to bring us real knowledge of God's love and to invite us to become citizens of the Kingdom of God. If we recall how the people rejoiced at the coronation of King Solomon, just imagine how the citizens of heaven rejoice when we first crown Jesus as the king of our lives!

Eric Wallington.

A time to reflect

Pat Edgley writes:

It's that time of year again. Autumn's mellow mists have morphed into dense fog, and the bright lights of the Christmas season are still to come.

Yet November has a quiet beauty of its own, a stillness, a darkness, a blanket of winter night, a time to reflect.

In the words of St. Augustine:

Keep watch, dear Lord,
With those who wake,
or watch or weep this night,
And give your angels charge
over those who sleep.
Tend the sick,
Give rest to the dying,
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Amen.

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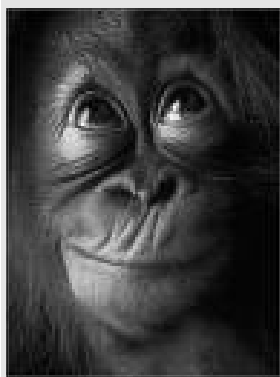
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Dysart wins Cheshire award

Congratulations are due to the Dysart Arms and its new managers Greg and Pia Williams on winning the Cheshire Dining Pub of the Year Award for 2008. Greg says he is "Really chuffed" to win the accolade and says much of the credit must go to his excellent kitchen team and friendly staff. Greg, Pia and their son Charlie, 5, moved to Bunbury from Shrewsbury where they managed **The Armoury** in the city centre, but Greg says they jumped at the chance to move to a country pub when he was offered the job here.

The couple hosted a barbecue a few weeks ago. "It was great to get to meet so many local people - I don't know exactly how many people came, but all 500 burgers and hotdogs disappeared!"

Where we came from



A little girl asked her mother, 'How did the human race appear?'

The mother answered, 'God made Adam and Eve and they had children and so Mankind was made. Two days later the girl asked her father the same question. The father answered, 'Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved.' The confused girl returned to her mother and said, 'Mum, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they developed from monkeys?'

The mother answered, 'Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his.'

Back to church Sunday

St. Boniface celebrated Harvest with 'Back to Church Sunday' – a national initiative for churchgoers to invite friends and neighbours to join them at this traditional service.

It was good to see the church full to celebrate the harvest, and to see about 40 of the congregation stay for a harvest lunch in the church afterwards. Pictured below are new Granny Hilary Watson and Dennis and Betty Clauson enjoying the event.

Harvest at St. Judes

Our Harvest Supper went off very well, in our newly smart Church Hall, for which we have to say a big thank you to Guy and Caroline Johnson, who still found time to paint the walls and re-stain the floor, while extremely busy with their daughter Helena's wedding, and recently their first Grandchild, their elder son's wedding in London and their younger son Henry's 21st party for which Carolyn did all the food herself! Ask a busy person... as the saying goes. The Harvest supper is always well attended, and thanks to 'Harvey's

catering' the food was excellent and much enjoyed by everyone. The Harvest Service was taken by the Revd David Stocker, who gave a very meaningful address, to make us realise the countryside is still a place to count our blessings, in these uncertain times. We must mention the hard work done by Ruth Aidley and her team of flower arrangers who always make our little church look so beautiful. Thank you everyone.

Ann Latham.



Cards for Good Causes

Our multi-charity Christmas card shop is now open until November 29th at the Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Church. The shop, representing more than 30 different charities, is staffed by local volunteers and is open Monday to Saturday, 10 til 4.

The shop is one of a national network of more than 300 operated by Cards for Good Causes which last year raised over £5m. Our charities receive at least 79p in £1.



Bunbury under 11s cup winners

Bunbury under 11s cricketers are the winners of the South Cheshire League knock-out cup beating Northwich in the final. The match had to be resolved by a bowl out due to adverse weather. The bowl out consists of 8 players having a single bowl at the wicket. After each player has bowled the team with the most wickets wins. If the scores are tied after each player has bowled they all start to bowl again in a sudden death situation. This resulted in Bunbury winning 2-1.

The winning team shown right are: Back row, left to right: Theo France, Matt Jeffries, Will Doerr, Luke White and George McCormack.

Middle row: Morgan Gillett, Jack Harrison, Harry Waugh and Matt Simpson.

Front row: Matt Steventon, Richard Greenbury and George Ryder.

A great team effort, well done!

John Hughes



Jane Henderson - a truly happy life

These words are taken from the talk given by Jane's former neighbour, Eric Wallington, at her funeral service on October 8th:

"I first got to know Jane over twenty years ago and my first impression of her as a wonderful bundle of energy was more than borne out in the years that followed.

She was a very active person - a keen badminton player (she always played to win) and line dancer and member of the W.I. She was an enthusiastic and efficient gardener too; husband John claims that it was she who had the

green fingers while he was just the labourer, but between them they made a great team. Jane loved being outdoors and even in recent times when she was far from well, a stroll around the garden, doing a spot of deadheading, acted as a real pick-me-up.

Jane came from a farming family and never forgot her roots. She went out of her way to support British farming and the country way of life in all its forms.

Jane was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and took great interest in all the doings of her family. She was

positive in all her relationships and was rarely 'down' in any way, even when illness struck. After a life of good health and much happiness she faced cancer with amazing courage. John tells me that not long before the end of her life, Jane made it very clear to him that she had enjoyed a truly happy life and that she would not have sought to change anything. She always liked to be able to say, at the end of each day, that she had achieved something that day, big or small - not a bad epitaph, I'm sure you'll agree."

Mike Loftus - sadly missed



Michael Joseph Loftus Aged 62 yrs, passed away 30th August 2008.

Mike's daughter writes:

"Mike was a loving, kind and generous man, utterly devoted to his wife and children. He will be in our hearts forever and very sadly missed.

Kathy, Amanda and Christopher would like to thank people for their kind thoughts, support and generous donations

You'll never walk alone

Many thanks"

Amanda Kirkham

Arnold Williams thanks

I would like to express my gratitude for all the wonderful cards, messages and flowers I received upon the death of my husband Arnold. They were so kind and supportive. I did not realize so many people knew him.

The amount of money received in lieu of flowers was extremely generous. I took £820 to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd in Backford, where it was gratefully received.

Arnold was a wonderful husband and is deeply missed. We had just celebrated our Golden Wedding in July. Our grandson who will be one on October 14th and is called Miquel Arnold brought so much pleasure to Arnold during the last twelve months and could already say Gandad (Grandad)

Thank you all very much indeed.

Olwen M Williams

Open invitation to all

Memorial Service at St. Boniface Church

Sunday 2nd November at 4pm

We are arranging a special service for everybody who has lost someone they love, especially during the past twelve months. It will be a short service when we can remember by name those who have died, light a candle for them, and ask God to continue to give us the strength we need to face the future.

We will sing three familiar hymns, have a reading and prayers, and a short talk. Afterwards, there will be tea, coffee and cakes.

The service will be on Sunday 2nd November at 4pm. It will last about 45 minutes and afterwards you can stay for as long as you like - you will be made most welcome.

We hope to see you there.
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Rick

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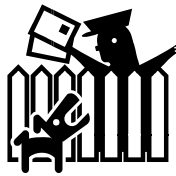
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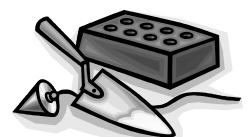
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2	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
	4.00pm	Service for the bereaved	St. Boniface
5	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	6.30pm	Bonfire night	Bunbury Playing Fields
6-8	7.30pm	There goes the bride	Bunbury Village Hall
9	9.30am	Remembrance	St. Jude's
	10.45am	Remembrance	St. Boniface (Bishop Alan Chesters)
	4.30pm	Evensong	St. Boniface
12	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
16	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Boniface
	11.00am	Matins	Calveley
19	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
21		Bunbury School Christmas Fair	
23	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St. Boniface
26	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
29		St. Jude's Christmas Fair Tarporey School Christmas Fair	
30		Advent Sunday	
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St. Boniface (Bishop of Birkenhead)
December			
3	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
7	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
	4.00pm	Christingle	St. Boniface

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Other church contacts:

The Reverend Jane Stephenson (parish curate)	250249
Peter and Kath Collinge (pastoral support)	260077

St.Boniface

Churchwardens:	Barbara Croley	260344
	Walter Done	01244 332563
Secretary	Neil Dewson-Smyth	261680
Flowers	Margaret Bourne	260944

St.Jude's

Churchwardens:	Brigid Sayce	260865
	David Wright	260467
Secretary	Ann Posnett	261154
Organist	Ann Badrock	260343

Calveley

Churchwardens:	Barbara Croley	260344
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Organist	John Batchelor	261056
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Link is edited by **Lucy Munro (tel. 260487)** and **Jill Robey (tel. 260081)**. We welcome all contributions. Our deadline for the December-January edition is Friday 14th November. Please send material to **lucymunro@hotmail.com**

Visit the St. Boniface website for pictures of recent weddings, weekly church notices and the Link on-line.

www.stbonifacebunbury.org.uk

Let's light up our tree

The **Tree of Lights** at St.Boniface's gate during December has become a Bunbury tradition now. The tree, organised by Target 1250 has already raised almost £2000 for the restoration of our beautiful church. This year the yew tree will once again be covered in 100 white lights to be enjoyed by visitors to the church and by passers-by over the Christmas period. For a minimum £5 sponsorship, you can dedicate a light on the string to commemorate a special person or event - a birth, a wedding, an anniversary, an achievement.

If you wish, your name and message will be recorded in a special book to be viewed in church, and there will be a short service of dedication when the lights are first switched on. If you would like to take part this year, use the form here or ring Jill Robey

260081 or Lucy Munro 260487. Additional forms in church.



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After expenses, any profits will go to Target 1250's fund for the restoration of our ancient church.