



THE ANGEL

Parish Church of St Michael & All Angels, Altcar
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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

When you read this I shall have completed my first six months as Priest-in-Charge. Janet and I have never received a warmer welcome, or felt more at home so quickly, in any of the churches where we have served since 1956, than here in Altcar.

So first impressions are of a warm welcome, a beautiful church building, sincerity and conviction in the worship, a community where people care deeply for one another, and where almost everyone makes a real contribution. We are glad we accepted the invitation to come.

My appointment is unusual. I am not the Vicar. I do not live in the Vicarage, but I expect Altcar to be our church for a long time to come, and after I join the ranks of the retired clergy. Our main task at present is to secure the church's future. By 1995 we expect to know what this might be. So long as we have an active congregation of worshippers, and the average age is rather less than it is now, then our Church will continue. We shall pray and work together to that end. We need new members. It is the duty of every Christian to introduce members of our family, our friends, and our neighbours, to Jesus Christ. Archbishop William Temple wrote in 1936: "It is clear that the Church only fulfils its function as the Body of Christ if it is constantly thinking how those who are **outside** can be won **inside**. The preoccupation of the Church should be with those **outside**..."

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THE LAST DAY for contributions for the **OCTOBER** issue of **THE ANGEL** is 18 SEPTEMBER, so that it is ready to give out on 25 SEPT.

THE ANGEL is an apt title for our monthly Newsletter. It is simply the Greek word "angelos" which means MESSENGER. This first issue appears in the month when all churches bearing the name ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS observe their Patronal Festivals: St Michael's Day is on 29 September.

SEPTEMBER DIARY

August

SUN 28 PENTECOST 14
9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION
theme: the family

Wed 31 10 am Holy Communion

September

Sat 3 1 - 5 pm BRING & BUY at
98 Wicks Lane

SUN 4 PENTECOST 15
9 am Prayers in church
9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION and
Church's Ministry of Healing
theme: those in authority
Rev. Cynthia Dowdle, Team Rector-
designate of Halewood, will
preside and preach.

Wed 7 10 am Holy Communion

Fri 9 8 pm Parochial Church Council

SUN 11 PENTECOST 16
9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION
theme: the neighbour

Wed 14 10 am Holy Communion

SUN 18 PENTECOST 17
9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION
11.15 am FAMILY SERVICE
3 pm Memorial Service in the
Cathedral for Lord Blanch, who
was Bishop of Liverpool 1966-75

Wed 21 St Matthew
10 am Holy Communion

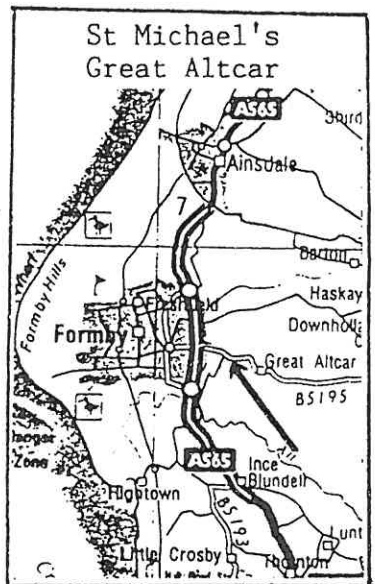
SUN 25 PATRONAL FESTIVAL & GIFT DAY
9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION
Gift envelopes will be offered
during this service.

Wed 28 10 am Holy Communion

Thu 29 St Michael & All Angels
8 pm Holy Communion

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WOULD YOU LIKE "The Angel"
 sent by post? - if you cannot collect it from church? Cost £2.50 yearly.

HOUSE-GROUPS at home of Rev. Jim Tabern on Sep.19 at 2 pm and Sep.26 at 8 pm (tel. Formby 831131).

THE LIVE WIRE Liverpool Diocesan Newspaper is FREE OF CHARGE monthly in church



Far too many of us tend to look down upon our fellow men....

GIFT DAY 1994 ST MICHAEL'S DAY

We invite all our members and friends to make a gift to God as a thank-offering for our Church and all that it means to us. Envelopes and letters are being given out in time for the PATRONAL FESTIVAL on Sunday 25 September.

ARCHITECT'S 5-YEARLY INSPECTION
 PCC members have copies. We know now that a considerable amount of work must be done to restore and replace timbers in the Church, as damp has penetrated the walls over a long period: this will be costly and take several years to complete. The GIFT DAY total will be given to the BUILDING FUND.

SAT 8 OCT SOCIAL EVENING in the Brigade Hall. Last year's was a great success. Do not miss this one. There is only a limited number of tickets, so buy yours in Church next Sunday.

CONFIRMATION 1995: I am forming two groups - one for young people, and one for adults. Adults may also like to join and use it as a REFRESHER COURSE. Names please.

SUN 9 OCT HARVEST FESTIVAL: services are 9.30 Parish Communion and 11.15 Family Service. It is suggested that at 6.30 we have SONGS OF PRAISE this year.

MON 17 OCT DAVID SHEPPARD, our Bishop, celebrates 25 years as a Bishop with a EUCHARIST in the Cathedral at 8 pm. Ask for tickets by 4 September.

LITTLE ALT CAR COMMUNITY ASSN trip to Shrewsbury £5.50 each. Book on Wed 7 Sept between 10 am and 12 noon at 23 Ashcroft Road. - John San.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL: names of all regular worshippers should be on it. Many are not. Forms, on which you can apply, are in church.

GRATEFUL THANKS to all who Covenant their regular church offering. This year we are claiming £808.08 back from the tax man. All of us who are tax-payers should sign a Deed of Covenant for our Church and other charities we support. Ask Stan Maddock for further details.

CASSETTE TAPES of the Memorial Service for JEAN SMITH that took place in St Michael's on 24 July are shortly being ordered. Names are still being added to the list: CLOSING DATE Sun 18 September.

DON'T FORGET the BRING & BUY at Shirley Reed's home on 3 Sept: when War broke out!

BRIGADE will start 9 Sept, **BOOK-STALL** sat 3 Sept, and next **FAMILY SERVICE** 18 Sept. - Dave Hedges (877653)

TUE	ST MICHAEL'S CHOIR
6	needs new members. Can you join us?
SEP	Come to the first practice, enjoy it and stay with us. A recent article on "stress" recommended joining a choir to reduce stress. So why not improve your health as well?

- LD (875963)

FAMILY SERVICES at 11.15 on Suns 18 Sep, 9 Oct, 20 Nov. Please make these widely known as attendance has been excellent (nearly 100) since they began monthly earlier this year. The music group from Holy Trinity Formby will lead the singing on 18 Sept. Services end at 12, and coffee is served afterwards in the Hall. - RJL.

LOVE in TENNIS is nothing. **LOVE** in CHRIST is everything. - seen on Wayside Pulpit URC Church.

FROM THE REGISTERS

- Baptisms
 June 5 Leum Samuel Ward 61 Kent Road
 Jul.17 William Robert Furnival 1 Friars Walk
 Jul.17 Katie Joanna Baughan 24 Shaw Crescent
 Jul.17 Michael James Gregory 6 Wood Lane
 Aug. 7 James W.E. Kavanagh 1 Brackenway

- Weddings
 May 28 Christopher Evered and Angela Hayes
 Jun.18 Jonathan Paxton and Laura Barker
 Jun.25 Tim Hutchful and Jayne Green
 Jul.30 Keith Murray and Sandra Barcas

- Funerals
 Apr.18 Mr Dennis Tuffrey
 May 9 Mr Donald Taylor
 May 11 Mrs Ethel Barcas
 May 16 Mrs Edith Rhodes
 Jun.24 Mrs Celia Wright
 July 7 Mr Joseph Kendrick