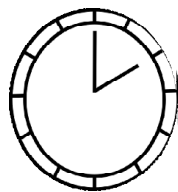
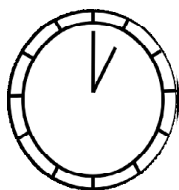


# Newsletter



St Matthew, Criftins ~ St Mary, Dudleston ~  
**one  
benefice**  
~ St Andrew, Frankton



October 2019

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Dear Friends

I was sent this story recently and I hope you forgive me if I copy it here. Maybe having a couple of dogs and a 4 year old girl in the family helped me to imagine it, but I found it very touching. I hope you do too. I am guilty of writing letters to God from time to time, sometimes I have written after people have died. But I've never actually posted them, as the girl in this story does. So I don't know if I might have had a reply!

"Our 14-year-old dog Abbey died last month. The day after she passed away my 4-year-old daughter Meredith was crying and talking about how much she missed Abbey. She asked if we could write a letter to God so that when Abbey got to heaven, God would recognise her. I told her that I thought we could do so, and she dictated these words:

*Dear God, Will you please take care of my dog? She died yesterday and is with you in heaven. I miss her very much. I am happy that you let me have her as my dog even though she was sick. I hope you will play with her. She likes to swim and play ball. I am sending a picture of her so when you see her you will know that she is my dog. Love, Meredith*

We put the letter in an envelope with a picture of Abbey and Meredith and addressed it to God/Heaven. We put our return address on it. Then Meredith stuck several stamps on the front of the envelope because she said it would take lots of stamps to get the letter all the way to heaven. A few days after we posted it she asked if God had received the letter yet. I told her that I thought He had.

Yesterday, we had a letter in a gold envelope addressed, 'To Meredith' in an unfamiliar hand. Meredith opened it. Inside was the picture of Abbey & Meredith and this note:

*Dear Meredith, Abbey arrived safely in heaven. Having the picture was a big help and I recognised her right away. Abbey isn't sick anymore . Her spirit is happy here with me. Abbey loved being your dog. Thank you for the beautiful letter and thank your mother for helping you write it and sending it to me. I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much. By the way, I'm easy to find. I am wherever there is love. Love, God"*

Simon

## ***CRIFTINS CHURCH NEWS***

### **YOUTH SERVICE & BBQ**

Unfortunately the August Messy Church had to be cancelled. BUT the BBQ was only postponed, and so was greatly enjoyed after the Family Service on September 8th. A feast of burgers and sausages, and yummy cupcakes was enjoyed out in the sunshine in the church grounds. A time of coming together, with wasps, cake, hula-hoops and children. What more could we want! Thank you to all who contributed time, food and the BBQ.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Sunday 6th October at 11.00am. The congregation are warmly invited to join us for a light harvest lunch in church following the service.

### **TGI MESSY CHURCH**

Join us on Sunday October 13th at 11.00. The theme will be 'Creation Care' Good fun and food for thought guaranteed!

*Lynda Foster 01691 623540*

## ***DUDLESTON CHURCH NEWS***

Thanks to all who supported St Mary's at the Community Coffee Club in August and helped raise an amazing £400. If you have never been please give it a try, it is a wonderful community event every month raising money for good causes.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Our Harvest Service is on Sunday October 6th at **6.30pm**.

**Please note change of time, so no morning service)**

Our Harvest Supper will be on Friday October 11th at Criftins Parish Hall at 7pm. Please book your supper for you and your family and friends. £10 for 2 courses plus cheese and coffee, great value and good fun.

## ***WELSH FRANKTON CHURCH NEWS***

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Thank you to everyone who made this such a special time of thanksgiving and enjoying each other's company.

## **QUIZ & HOTPOT**

Welsh Frankton Village Hall on Friday 25th October at 7.30pm for good fun and good food! (veggie option on hand)

So, sharpen your brains as well as your pencils and come along.

Tickets: £8, from Edward & Amanda 01691 622838. See page 9

## ***WELSH FRANKTON MOTHERS' UNION***

Our meeting this month will be held on Tuesday October 15th at the Narrowboat. The speaker will be Estelle Parker from Ellesmere who will tell us about the work of Eglantyne Jebb – the woman who 'saved the children'.

Looking ahead to November - we have no speaker booked for that meeting, but I expect you recall I suggested we bring along some memories of our childhood – either written down or simply to talk about on the day. Perhaps you have special memories of your childhood Christmases, holidays or school days. Or maybe there is one particular incident that is especially memorable.

So many things have changed during our lifetime and much will be forgotten if we don't record it while we can.

So let's take a trip down memory lane and see where it leads us!

*Rosemary 01691 622285*

## ***WELSH FRANKTON UNITED REFORM CHURCH***

Services are Sunday mornings at 10.45am.

Our **Harvest Festival** will be on Friday 11th October at 7.30pm.

It will be led by Rev Chris Bergham

Oct 13th Mrs Joyce Williams

## ***CHAPEL LANE METHODIST CHURCH***

Services are usually on Sunday mornings from 11.00 till 12 noon.

Oct 6th Harvest 11am, David Hemmingway  
6.30pm, Jacob Molyneux

Oct 7th 7.30pm, Auction of harvest goods

Oct 13th At Ellesmere, Dorothy Davis

Oct 20th Mrs Anne Threadgold

Oct 27th M and A Davis



### ***CRIFTINS W I***

September's meeting featured a lively discussion on what members would choose to consign to "Room 101". At our meeting on Tuesday October 8th at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall Sara Piper-Heap will give us a demonstration of enamelling, visitors and prospective new members welcome. Then on Tuesday 29th October, at 7pm in Criftins Parish Hall we will be hosting a quiz night. Admission £6.50 per person to include a hotpot supper – so get your team of four together and put your thinking caps on.

*Catherine Evans 01691 690799*

### ***COMMUNITY COFFEE CLUB***

In August we raised £400 for St Mary's, Dudleston. On October 31st the Ellesmere branch of the British Legion will be selling poppies etc. Do come and support them.

## ***WHIST DRIVE***

There is a whist drive at Criftins Parish Hall every Monday at 7.15 and new players are very welcome. Price £3, which includes refreshments, plus a raffle. If you are not sure how to play come a bit early and we will show you, it's easy to pick up. We are a friendly bunch so give it a go.

*Frances 01691 690863*

## ***CRIFTINS SENIOR CITIZENS***

At our first meeting after the summer break Rev Simon Airey treated us to an entertaining afternoon talking about the history of Storytelling and how he started as a professional storyteller. We all sat enthralled as he told us three different stories. Our next meeting is on Monday 14th October, in the Parish Hall, with Dorothy Harrison telling us "Why art is good for you and let's do some!" Visitors and new members are always welcome.

*Andrea Lee 01691 690663*

***CRIFTINS WI ?***

***? Quiz Night***

***Criftins Parish Hall***

***! Tuesday October 29th !***  
***7.00pm for 7.30pm***

***? Teams of 4 ?***  
***£6.50 includes Hotpot Supper***

*More details 01691 690799*

## ***CRIFTINS PARISH HALL***

The bar is now on winter opening hours so pop in for a drink.

Every other Wednesday (Snooker Night)

Every Thursday (Skittles Night)

Every Friday (Bingo Night)

The bar will also be open on Saturdays when there is a function.

All these opening nights are only possible thanks to a small band of volunteers who run the bar. If you fancy having a go please come along.

Our next fundraiser event is a **Vintage Tractor Run** on Sunday October 6th from 9am. Booking forms are at the Post Office but you are welcome to just come and spectate.

**Saturday December 7th** Criftins Community Christmas Fayre.

All organisations and clubs in the village have been asked to have a stall, either to raise funds or just to publicise their club. Please book a table.

*Kay*

## ***CRIFTINS ART GROUP***

Meets every Thursday afternoon, 2pm - 4pm.

For further information contact Pam Hillier 01691 690426

## ***DUDLESTON HEATH & GREENHILL WORKING MEN'S CLUB***

### **FIREWORK DISPLAY**

2nd November. Watch for free!

There will be hotdogs and mulled wine from 6pm (exact time of fireworks decided on the evening - weather dependent). Also live music after the fireworks have finished. See page 10

## ***ELLESMERE RURAL PARISH COUNCIL FUTURE MEETINGS***

Monday, October 14th & November 11th at Ellesmere Town Hall after the Planning Meeting which starts at 7pm.

### **Clerk to the Parish Council:**

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*St. Andrew's Church  
Welsh Frankton*



# *Quiz & HotPot*

*at Welsh Frankton*

*Village Hall*

*Friday 25th October*

*7.30 pm*

*£8 per person      (Teams of Four)*

*Tickets from Edward & Amanda 01691 622838*

## **ELLESMERE LIBRARY**

**French Conversation Class** Oct 3rd, 10th, 17th, 7-8.30pm

**Books Aloud** Free session for adults: Oct 7th, 2-3pm

**National Libraries Week-go digital** Oct 11th, 10am-2pm

**Rhymetime** for under 4's: Oct 9th & 23rd, 10.30-11am

**Afternoon Reading Group** Oct 17th, 2.30-3.30pm

**Memory Café** with music: Oct 28th, 2-4pm

**Bridge for Improvers** every Wednesday, 2-4pm, £5

**Scrabble Club** every Wednesday, 2-3.30pm, £2

**Oct 30th** Halloween Evening at The Vaults with Friends  
of the Library 6.45pm: spooky readings,  
and games £10 (tickets at Library)

For details/booking ring 01743 258555

ellesmere.library@shropshire.gov.uk or see Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/OurSpaceEllesmere/](http://www.facebook.com/OurSpaceEllesmere/)



DUDLESTON HEATH & GREENHILL

WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Saturday 2nd November

Firework Display

Hotdogs & Mulled Wine from 6pm

Music following display

## **READINGS IN OCTOBER**

<b>Oct 6</b>	Lamentations 1:1-6; 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10
<b>Oct 13</b>	Jeremiah 29:1 & 4-7; 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19
<b>Oct 20</b>	Jeremiah 31:27-34; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8
<b>Oct 27</b>	Isaiah 45:22-25; Romans 15:1-6 Luke 4:16-24
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
<b>Nov 3</b>	Daniel 7:1-3 & 15-18; Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31

## ***FROM THE REGISTERS***

### **DUDLESTON**

#### **Christian Funeral**

September 7th Bryan Egerton

*Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord,*

*And let light perpetual shine upon him.*

## ***THIS MONTH'S COVER***

At the end of the month the clocks change....if we remember!  
A long time ago I gaily walked to church, unfortunately at the  
other time of the year, to find I was late...very late!

But at the moment the clocks are not the only things that are  
changing: the climate, the possible position of our country as  
regards the EU, the length of daylight as we approach winter  
to name but a few. It can be all rather unsettling at times.  
But one thing never changes: God's love for us, it is constant  
in all situations. We may change, our circumstances might  
change beyond recognition but He doesn't change. He cares  
as much as He ever did about everyone in His world.  
He's bigger than you think!

*Amanda*

## ***SERVICES IN OCTOBER Readings on p.11***

**Sunday Oct 6th      Trinity 16** Green

11.00 am      Harvest Festival, Criftins

11.00 am      Morning Worship, Frankton

**6.30 pm**      Harvest Festival, Dudleston

**Sunday Oct 13th      Trinity 17** Green

9.30 am      Holy Communion, Frankton

11.00 am      TGI Messy Church, Criftins

6.00 pm      BCP Evensong, Criftins

**Sunday Oct 20th      Trinity 18** Green

9.30 am      Holy Communion Dudleston

11.00 am      Holy Communion, Criftins

11.00 am      Baptism, Frankton

**Sunday Oct 27th      Bible Sunday** Green

11.00 am      Morning Worship & Sunday Club, Criftins

11.00 am      Holy Communion, Frankton

**Sunday Nov 3rd      All Saints** White

9.30 am      Morning Worship, Dudleston

11.00 am      Holy Communion, Criftins

11.00 am      Morning Worship, Frankton

Oct 3: 10am, Coffee Morning, Frankton Village Hall

Oct 6: 6-7.30pm, Youth Group, Criftins Church

Oct 7: 2pm, Senior Citizens, Criftins Parish Hall (page 7)

Oct 8: 7.30pm, WI, Criftins Parish Hall (page 6)

Oct 11: 7pm, Dudleston Harvest Supper, Criftins Parish Hall (page 4)

Oct 15: 2.30pm, Mothers Union, The Narrowboat Inn (page 5)

Oct 20: 6-7.30pm, Youth Group, Criftins Church

Oct 25: 7.30pm Quiz & Hotpot, Welsh Frankton Village Hall (page 9)

Oct 31: 10am, Community Coffee Club, Criftins Parish Hall (page 6)

Nov 2: 6pm, Firework Display, Working Men's Club (page 10)