

Newslink Lite

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An occasional publication of happenings at
St Faith's Great Crosby



After the sad passing of the Founding Editor of Newslink, Chris Price, no one felt that they could follow in his inspired pen strokes and so the events at St Faiths have gone unreported.

In an attempt to spread the written word again -

Newslink Light

- will appear as an occasional publication to bring news of people and events - not with the eloquent panache of Chris, but with the limited abilities of one of his less linguistically able pupils.

It is intended as an opportunity for members of the St Faith's community to hear of the various happenings at their parish church and as a lighthearted forum for general communications.

Letter from the Vicar

Words, words words! Handwritten words, printed words and words on a computer screen. Words that thrill, words that depress, words that challenge, words that comfort and inspire.

After many years of NewsLink it's time to look anew at how we share our words as a Church. There is still a need for printed words as well as the words on screens that have begun to take their place. Newslink Lite will fill a sorely missed gap that the absence of NewsLink has left over the last year.

At this time, we talk about Jesus being the Word of God, the very being of God that creates life and redeems the lost. The one in whom we beheld grace and truth. Therein lies a challenge for our many words in the coming year.

Fr. John

View from the Engineers Desk

Welcome to this first edition of Newslink Lite!

It has been many months since the last edition of Newslink and it has become obvious that the friendly monthly chat has been missed by one and all.

Chris Price did a fantastic job over some 40 odd years and was as responsible as anyone for leading St Faith's congregation in matters both spiritual as well as educational and entertaining. His knowledge of literature and his own imagination gave us a guaranteed good read and of course won the National Parish Magazine competition.

Chris always regarded me as rather beyond redemption being a mere Engineer. At school I never fully came to terms with clause analysis and split infinitives, and I drove him mad with my poor spelling and dreadful handwriting. However, during the subsequent 55 years as neighbours, friends and fellow wardens, we became close friends and I think we made a good team.

It will seem odd to write this occasional magazine without Chris "marking" it: -

5/10 See Me.

Professionally I was, I am, and I always will be, an engineer, but that doesn't stop me from writing a few notes and perhaps even trying my hand at poetry. You have been warned!

In these occasional editions of Newslink Lite I shall do my best to entertain, inform and explain some of the happenings at St Faith's, but importantly there will be contributions from the Ministry team and others, and I shall always be grateful for any contributions from you.

Initially I am not planning a regular monthly journal but will publish when needed and hopefully keep you all up to date with what happens next.

Engineers are always busy so expect a wide range of ramblings and insights.

Rick

p.s. So it really is up to you! Pictures of what you did during the lockdowns, your stories and contributions.

For instance, - Which three words best describe your Christmas? Don't hold back just drop me a note at rick@17mayfair.com

The Virtual Christmas Tree Festival

This really was a shot in the dark. We none of us knew anything about holding a Christmas Tree Festival without any Trees, but ever since Margaret Houghton had the idea over 10 years ago, we have hosted what has become an ever-growing feature in St Faith's religious and social calendar and has raised probably £20 - £30,000 for local and national charities and helped ease the pressure on our own treasurer.

Following an open meeting in September where ideas were heaped on the table, a plan emerged for a very different Festival - no trees, no carol singing, no Brass Band, no concert and no catering, not even a church, but with plenty of jam and cake, some background music and support for local charities.

Using the ingenuity of Denis Griffiths and some guidance from the writer, a web site was created featuring 15 charities, some background carol singing from the choir and even the sound of my latest Buskers Organ.

Visitors were encouraged to visit the web sites of the charities, and if they wished they could donate specifically to those individual charities or if they prefer, they could donate to a central fund - more of that later.

There was also an opportunity to visit an on-line shop where jams, cakes, marmalades and Christmas bits and pieces were available. They were the produce of Mary, Audrey, Irene T, Fiona and Rosie, and were delicious!

With a target of perhaps £300 - £400 it was amazing to see the Festival proceeds grow to £900! This was split between St Faith's and the charities who each received £30.

A great effort by the St Faith's team and a "Thank You" to everyone who visited the Festival and kept the flag flying for another year.

R J W

Service & other times at St Faith's

11.00 Sunday Parish Eucharist

12.00 Thursday Eucharist