

St Andrew's Cup returns to Eccleston!!

With World Cup 2018 in full swing, on Saturday 23rd June, eight teams contested the third annual seven-a-side 'Leyland Leader St Andrew's Cup' at the Lancashire FA HQ on Thurston Road . Eccleston Elite, winners in 2016, but runners-up on penalties in 2017, returned to reclaim the trophy, once again winning by the narrowest of margins – beating Wellfield United on penalties.

This year's tournament, played out in brilliant sunshine, was once again sponsored by Leyland Leader and, for 2018, supported by Ambassadors Football.

GB Director of Ambassadors Football, Martin Bateman, helped referee the games and gave a short talk between rounds. With great passion and convincing honesty, he told how giving his life to Jesus has turned his whole approach to life around.

Martin said: "It's great to be here in Leyland and help out, it's been a wonderful afternoon. Our role as Ambassadors in Sport is to see people fulfil their full potential with the gifts God has given them. We are seeking to empower churches to use football to change lives and communities."

With more than 60 players involved, the tournament was declared a great success and once again, the outcome could not have been closer, even one of the semi-finals was decided on penalties.

Eccleston Elite clinched a well deserved victory ultimately overcoming Wellfield United, a team from the church plant based at Northbrook Barn on the Broadfield Estate. Elite captain Matt Ferguson, who also helped organize the event, collected the trophy from sponsor Ruth Bradshaw and team-mate Greg Anderton claimed the Golden Boot as top scorer for the afternoon.

Fellow organiser Calvin Wallace, who captained the Irish entrants, Green Brazil, said: "It's been a great tournament, once again we were blessed with fine weather. We're grateful to everyone who contributed in any way, particularly Martin for his support, encouragement and the talk he gave. We will be back next year."



Winning team Eccleston Elite with Keith Bradshaw (back far left) & Ruth Bradshaw (centre kneeling)



Earlier that day our Summer Soccer School for kids 'kicked off', a good group of kids came along to the first of four children's sessions led by Ambassadors Football team. An award ceremony took place on the last session - 14th July.

The next morning our Ministry of Sports Team led at our 9.45am & 11.15am services and we had talks by Martin Bateman from Ambassadors Football.

To round off our sporty weekend, we had a screening of the England game in the church hall, 35 people (of all ages) attended and they had a great time.

Over the next few months our vicars will all be helping with preaching cover in various local churches with whom we have links: Wellfield, the parish of St John's Whittle, St John's Leyland and Holy Trinity Hoghton. Please pray for them as they engage in this ministry.

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A Note From BOTT (our Buildings and Operations Task Team)

We're working to make church a safer place

Incidents like the Grenfell Tower disaster make us all too aware of the dangers that fire can bring, which is why the churchwardens and Buildings Task Team have been taking a careful look at our own arrangements at St Andrew's. We've been working with a specialist fire consultant to identify weaknesses in our systems and procedures. The new lock system for the vestry door, which makes it easier to get out in an emergency, is one of the visible results. We've also identified some significant improvements to the way we do things, which has been formalised in a Fire Safety Policy and a General Emergency Evacuation Policy (GEEP). We're going to be carrying out a fire evacuation drill in the forthcoming months too. Additionally, we're looking at some other building modifications over the next few months, including improving our fire alarms, so rest assured, there is an ongoing commitment to keeping Church family and visitors to St Andrew's safe.



Traditionally Harvest was a time to bring people together, to celebrate the good things God has provided. This year we're getting back to the heart of the festival

Harvest 2018

by inviting our friends and neighbours into our homes to share the abundance God so freely gives to each of us. It's a great way for us to reach out and help build strong and vibrant communities. In turn we will also provide guests with an opportunity to share with those less fortunate than themselves by contributing to the work of World Vision, who aim to ensure the lives of the world's most vulnerable children are transformed. How do I get involved?.. It is quite simple - we share our abundance and encourage others to do the same. Pick a date in the run up to Harvest Sunday (30th September) then invite your guests, encourage them to give to our adopted charity and have some fun! Be as inventive as you like; coffee and cake, brunch, bacon butties, tea and biscuits or a full blown meal, maybe even a barbeque - it's really up to you. What you decide isn't important. It's all about sharing, which means everyone can get involved in some way. Check out the World Vision web site www.worldvision.org.uk/together. It has lots more information of their work. You'll find everything you need to help make your event a success. Or just do your own thing. Please do consider joining in. If you need any more information or ideas please speak to any members of the Reach task team.

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SHARE FOOD, SHARE HOMES, SHARE STORIES, SHARE JESUS, SHARE LIFE

At the 10:30am service on August 19th, we're hoping to learn a new song. It was written back in 2004, but is new to St Andrew's. It's by Steve and Vicki Cook, called 'I come by the blood'. Here is a link to the song https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_EwFaUptTU (though please note we'll be singing it a little lower!) It's a great song, pointing us to Christ as the one who enables us to draw near to God. Here are the lyrics!

VERSE 1

You are the perfect and righteous God
Whose presence bears no sin
You bid me come to Your holy place
How can I enter in
When Your presence bears no sin?
Through Him, who poured out His life for me
The atoning Lamb of God
Through Him, and His work alone
I boldly come

VERSE 2

You are the high and exalted King
The One the angels fear
So far above me in every way
Lord, how can I draw near
To the One the angels fear?
Through Him who laid down His life for me
And ascended to Your side
Through Him, through Jesus alone
I boldly come

CHORUS

I come by the blood, I come by the cross
Where Your mercy flows
From hands pierced for me
For I dare not stand on my righteousness
My every hope rests on what Christ has done
And I come by the blood

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