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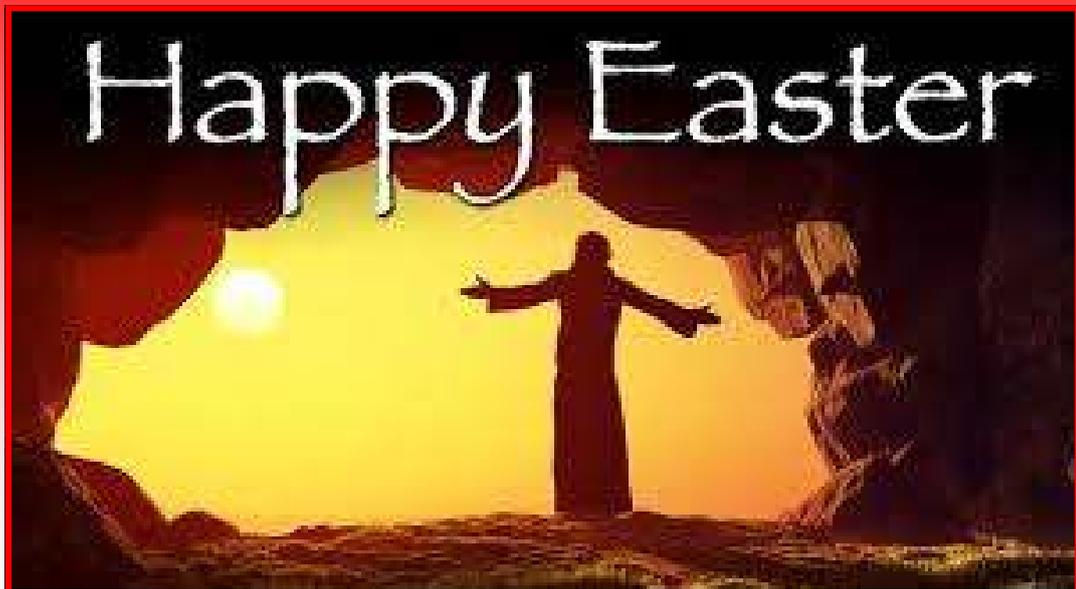
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# Fr David writes ... Endings & Beginnings

There is a lot going on at the moment. In the world at large we are still having to deal with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the United Kingdom wonderful progress has been made in vaccinating the population, though there is still a long way to go. Many members of our Church family have received their first dose and some have had both doses. It has been marvellous to see folk returning to Church worship and each week three or four more do so; long may it continue.

The impact of the pandemic, and the restrictions and lockdowns that we have had to endure has made the last twelve months or so extraordinary in many ways. Even now coming to Church is quite a strange experience with pews cordoned off, facemasks being worn, Communion in one kind only, sanitisation stations and all the other precautions that we have become used to over the last year.

There is a lot going on in Church at the moment too, as it always does during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. In addition to all the usual acts of worship we enjoy this year we have the privilege of hosting one of the Diocese's Chrism Masses, this takes place on Palm Sunday at 6.00 pm. Restrictions still apply so the number of places in Church is limited. Ordained Diocesan clergy have priority - it is, after all, the occasion when they renew their ordination vows. The Holy Oils, Catechumen, Chrism and the Oil of the Sick are consecrated by the Bishop for use in the Diocese over the coming

months. Our own pattern of worship during Holy Week will be slightly different this year; because of the issue of sanitising church between services we shall continue to have just one Mass in Church each day, with the Services of the Triduum being held at their usual time;

- Maundy Thursday at 7.30 pm
- Good Friday at 6.00 pm and the
- Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of the Resurrection on Holy Saturday at 8 pm

And then of course the next thing that happens is that we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord together on Easter Day in the morning. Again, there will be just one celebration on:

- Easter Day at 10.30 am.

Much rejoicing, but sadly no singing this time.

As you will be aware, this will also be a significant moment in the life of St Anne's Church and in the life of Brenda and myself; Easter Day will be the last occasion on which I will celebrate the Eucharist, or lead worship as Vicar.

It has been a privilege to serve here with such faithful and capable people. I am convinced this is the right moment to retire, for your sake as well as mine. The country, and the Church, is about to emerge from the pandemic, and someone with more energy and new ideas will be needed to engage with the challenge of growing and enlivening the church after all it has been through.

Having said that I am mindful that the

## Fr David continues .....

devil can play havoc with a church when it is vulnerable, causing division and acrimony, so please, as the Office of Compline quotes from the First Letter of St. Peter;

*"Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, seeking for someone to devour.*

*Resist him, strong in the faith"*

I write this with gratitude for all the opportunities we have to worship God Almighty and maintain the work and mission here that Jesus Christ entrusted to His Church. Please be assured of my continuing love and prayers for you all.

**Fr David**

Proud to be Vicar of the Parish of Saint Anne, St. Anne's on Sea  
(but not for much longer).



Ordination February 2010

# Worship & Prayer Diary - April 2021

Date	Day	Worship Times	Intention
Thursday 1st	<b>Paschal Triduum</b>	7.30 pm Liturgy	Passion
Friday 2nd		6.00 pm Liturgy	Crucifixion
Saturday 3rd		8.00 pm Eucharist	Harrowing of Hell
<b>+ Sunday 4th</b>	<b>EASTER DAY</b>	10.30 am Eucharist	The Resurrection of our Lord
Monday 5th		12 noon Eucharist	Faith
Tuesday 6th		10.30 am Eucharist	Hope
Wednesday 7th		9.00 am Eucharist	Joy
Thursday 8th		6.45 pm Eucharist	Prudence
Friday 9th			Charity
Saturday 10th		9.30 am Eucharist	Anniversaries of death
<b>+ Sunday 11th</b>	<b>EASTER TWO</b>	10.30 am Eucharist	The Upper Room
Monday 12th		12 noon Eucharist	The Media
Tuesday 13th		10.30 am Eucharist	Those suffering famine
Wednesday 14th		9.00 am Eucharist	Social Services
Thursday 15th		6.45 pm Eucharist	Local Government
Friday 16th			Queen & Parliament
Saturday 17th		9.30 am Eucharist	Healing

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Date	Day	Worship Times	Intention
+ Sunday 18th	<b>EASTER THREE</b>	10.30 am Eucharist	Witness to the Resurrection
Monday 19th	S. Alphege	12 noon Eucharist	Courage
Tuesday 20th		10.30 am Eucharist	Victims of abuse
Wednesday 21st	S. Anselm	9.00 am Eucharist	Teaching the Faith
Thursday 22nd		6.45 pm Eucharist	Local Services
Friday 23rd	S. George		Conversion of England
Saturday 24th		9.30 am Eucharist	Our Lady of Walsingham
+ Sunday 25th	<b>EASTER FOUR</b>	10.30 am Eucharist	The Good Shepherd
Monday 26th	S. Mark	12 noon Eucharist	Proclaiming the Gospel
Tuesday 27th		10.30 am Eucharist	The bereaved
Wednesday 28th		9.00 am Eucharist	Victims of crime
Thursday 29th	S. Catherine of Siena	6.45 pm Eucharist	Prayer life
Friday 30th			Reconciliation

# Fr David Lyon ...A Life of Devotion

It is a great human achievement to facilitate bringing into existence a fine building that stands for hundreds of years; physical evidence of some person's greatness of mind. How much greater, therefore, spiritually gifted and dedicated to their calling, must be the mortal who facilitates the transcendence of eternal life to their charges?

Fr. Adrian David Lyon: Parish Priest of St. Anne's Parish Church, formerly Rector (St. Peter's, Accrington), Celebrant of thousands of masses, Diocesan Exorcist, theologian, cantor, ICT technician, repairer of digital pianos, school governor of two fine schools: Heyhouses C of E Primary School and AKS, parish visitor, counsellor, spiritual adviser, teller of a certain quality of jokes (thankfully at the conclusion of services of public worship), Area Dean of Kirkham, encompassing 14 churches, since March 2017, pianist, caravan camper, Surrogate of Marriage Licenses: Diocese of Blackburn and Saviour of Churches Going Up In Flames (2004).

Fr. David Lyon's earliest experiences of church were, through which many priests whose vocation has been similarly revealed, singing in a church choir. From the age of seven years old, David was a chorister at St. Matthew's Church, Stretford, Manchester, where he later became Head Chorister. At that time St. Matthew's had an outstanding Organist and Choirmaster: Professor Ronald Frost who later became Professor of Organ at The Royal Northern College of Music and Chorus Master and Organist for the Halle. David attended Stretford Grammar School for Boys between 1966 - 1973

David trained originally as a teacher and subsequently for the priesthood at Mirfield and was ordained deacon in 1987 in the Diocese of Chester. He held curacies in Crewe and Altrincham before moving to St Peter's, Accrington in 1991. Fr. David became Team Rector of the group of six churches in 1997 and remained at the Accrington Team Ministry of Christ the King until 2010.

Fr. David arrived at The Vicarage of St. Anne's Parish Church, Heyhouses, on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 and was Licensed as Priest-in-Charge on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010 and is now looking remarkably well as he prepares for his retirement as Parish Priest which will be marked, appropriately, by his final Celebration of the Eucharist on Easter Sunday morning, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021. He is not retiring 'officially' until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 as dedication and commitment require his presence until that date.

Throughout his tenure as Priest at St. Anne's Parish Church, Fr. David has brought a profound sense of spirituality, sustained by the daily offices and celebration of The Eucharist. His pastoral care, in many and diverse aspects of parish life has been constant and outstanding. He embraces the opportunity to assist his charges on their spiritual journeys. Fr. David has also led pilgrimages to Walsingham and one to the Holy Land.

Brenda, Fr. David's wife, hails from Aberdare in South Wales and is a retired primary school teacher. Brenda and Fr. David have one daughter Elinor, son-in-law Luke and, recently, with justifiable pride, Fr. David and Brenda became grandparents to Eva.

Brenda's personal warmth and support combined, have been a rock from which our congregation and community have benefitted greatly. Glorious floral displays inspired by Brenda's artistic flair and imagination, through the Flower Guild have enhanced many services with sensitivity to colour for the liturgical season, have been outstanding. Brides benefitting from members of The Flower Guild's artistry under Brenda's leadership and guidance, owe many debts of gratitude for beatific floral 'backdrops' to happy memories and photographs. Engaging the wider community has been Brenda's role in 'The Pilgrim's Coffee Stop' and the provision of many Lent Lunches. For Brenda's efficiency and willingness to provide refreshments and organising personnel for many concerts and church activities, we shall always be grateful. Brenda and Fr. David have, on several occasions, hosted the members of our Church Choir at The Vicarage following 'The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols' services. Brenda is a superb cook and hostess and we, as a congregation, are particularly grateful to Mrs. Lyon for 'allowing' Fr. David to obviate his love, devotion and affection for his wife during some particularly memorable sermons!

At the heart of all that is The Priest: Fr. David's personal relationship with Our Lord sustained through daily celebration of the Eucharist for the spiritual nourishment of congregation and community and these services were to be constantly accessible in practice as in engagement: a mass available to all on every day of every week.

Fr. David possesses a singularity of pastoral integrity. His even-handed dealings with everyone and prayerful teachings acknowledge that we are all Children of God and are, equally, all sinners. Yet, upheld with an unswerving faith in Our Lord, we learn, whether in this life or the next, there can be nothing to fear. Passing through the portal of death is only a beginning. It is

evident that he recognises the fullest burden of his responsibility: his part in the cure of our souls to assist us in attaining the inexplicable wonders and beauty of Everlasting Life in eternal communion with Our Lord.

Services of the Eucharist have, when celebrated, by Fr. David, possessed a prayerful almost tangible dignity. There is evidently a transcendent gift in combining reverence, beauty, colour and inspiration to engage every human sense whilst avoiding any facile tipping over into a theatrical spectacle; which is the abhorrence of the priest we have come to respect and love.

In services of Benediction, Fr. David brings an almost unique humble, powerful prayerfulness. His melismatic, tuneful singing voice is a delight to experience and could be heard throughout the liturgical year, as he communes with the *voce angeli* during services of the Eucharist or singing 'The Office' at services of choral evensong. In their theological rigour, the services of The Triduum have been profoundly moving and inspiring.

Fr. David's sermons are thought-provoking. A notable gift is his ability to communicate complex theological concepts in an accessible and comprehensible context.

Fr. David tirelessly and enthusiastically encourages everyone to ensure that children, young and old, take their first important step on their Christian Pilgrimage in Baptism. It was a joy to see, year upon year, the number of Christians of all ages being affirmed in this journey through confirmation.

In marriage services, the focus was upon the eternal union of husband and wife. During funeral services, a clear sense of the anticipation of Joy and Hope of Resurrection with Our Lord. Prayerful, succinct with sensitive engagement avoiding sentimentality.

Fr. David was a governor at Heyhouses C of E Primary School, supporting the Nursery, leading assemblies in both the Infant and Junior departments, taking confirmation classes with Year 6 children and as Celebrant for services of the Eucharist for Heyhouses School throughout the year.

Fr. David has constantly encouraged the attendance of younger children and their families through the Babies and Toddlers, Nursery Praise and he has lead Christmas nativities and other celebrations for visiting nurseries and schools.

Home and hospital visiting for Fr. David is a route to spiritual communication with those who are unable to physically attend church services. Countless visits were made throughout the past eleven years and during the recent lockdowns, members of our parish, and beyond, have been grateful for

telephonic communications from our church.

Throughout his incumbency, Fr. David has been a champion of the music at St. Anne's Church. His carefully considered selection of the widest range of hymns for congregational singing, from early Plainchant, through Lutheran chorale melodies, Victorian hymnody to modern worship songs that all might lend their voice in praise. Hymns were chosen with consistent and due empathy for the liturgical season and particular service. Fr. David's expressed joy and enthusiasm for his Parish Church Choir, as, week to week, our faithful choristers lead the music during our services of worship has consistently been a source of inspiration for us all. The Lidun Singers and Chorale Amici found their spiritual and physical homes in St. Anne's Church through Fr. David's, enthusiasm, constant support and kindness. Many concerts have taken place throughout his incumbency which, without his encouragement and vision, would not have been possible.

The duties and responsibilities inherent at St. Anne's Parish Church are varied and demanding. In the early hours of each day preceding 7.30 Morning Prayer, Fr. David prays for us, prays for you and for our families, prays for our community and troubles of our world.

Below is a representative, but not exhaustive, list of the committees and groups affiliated to St. Anne's Church, which Fr. David has led, 'chaired', supported or attended (apologies for any omissions!):

Parochial Church Council

Standing Committee

Outreach Committee

Land and Buildings Committee

Children's Church

Parish Rooms Committee

Social and Fundraising Committee (formerly two committees: The Project Committee and The Social Committee)

Mission and Evangelism

Bereavement Visiting

Walsingham Cell

Mothers' Union

Tree Festival

Bell Ringers and the exciting 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project

It is impossible to compile, in a few words, the breadth of ministry and how Fr. David's and Brenda's lives have touched so many others. In an attempt to

summarize what has become apparent through Fr. David's ministry: to live each day as a life of devotion to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in service to others.

We have, indeed, been blessed by Fr. David's and Brenda's presence and we wish them both a long, happy and fulfilling retirement.

Deus gratias ago tibi tantam, et tam benedicat tibi (may God bless you both and thank you).

**Alistair McKenzie**

Many thanks to Mrs Joan Johnson and Mr Richard Baker for their kind assistance

Bishop of Blackburn visits  
St Annes Parish Church to install  
Fr David as Area Dean



Confirmation with Bishop  
Philip

Children's Church  
Messy Church & Harvest Festival



# Fr David's .....

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# Maundy Thursday & The Paschal Triduum

## Maundy Thursday - Time to Wash Feet

Maundy Thursday is famous for two things. The first is one of the final acts that Jesus did before His death: the washing of His own disciples' feet (see John 13). Jesus washed His disciples' feet for a purpose: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is '*mandatum novum do vobis*'. The word 'maundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The ceremony of the 'washing of the feet' of members of the congregation came to be an important part of the liturgy (regular worship) of the medieval church, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

But Thursday was also important because it was on that night that Jesus first introduced the Lord's Supper, or what we nowadays call Holy Communion.

## Good Friday - the Day the Son of God Died for You

Good Friday is the day on which Jesus died on the cross. He was crucified at 9 am in the morning, and died six hours later, at 3 pm. It is the most solemn day in the Christian year, and is widely marked by the removal of all decorations from churches. In Lutheran churches, the day was marked by the reading of the passion narrative in a gospel, a practice which lies behind the 'passions' composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750). Both the St Matthew Passion and the St John Passion have their origins in this observance of Good Friday.

The custom of observing a period of three hours' devotion from 12 midday to 3 pm on Good Friday goes back to the 18th century. The 'Three Hours of the Cross' often take the form of an extended meditation on the 'Seven Last Words from the Cross', with periods of silence, prayer, or hymn-singing.

## EASTER Day - The most Joyful Day of the Year

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in His joy! Hallelujah!

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The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will still be 'growing' in their Christian walk with God.

Why does the date move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt, and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for the first Good Friday: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 30 AD or Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 33 AD with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these two Fridays to be the most likely.

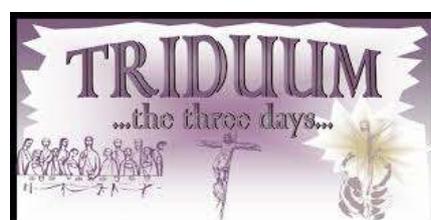
Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are complicated and involve something called an 'ecclesiastical full moon', which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22<sup>nd</sup> March, which last fell in 1818. The latest is 25<sup>th</sup> April, which last happened in 1943.

### **Why the name, 'Easter'?**

In almost every European language, the festival's name comes from 'Pesach', the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word 'Easter', however, seems to come from *Eostre*, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in 'Eostur month,' but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like *Eos* and *Aurora*, whose names mean 'shining in the east'. So, Easter might have meant simply 'beginning month' – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

### **Finally, why Easter eggs?**

On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it's easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter. Jesus and His close friends had met in a secret upper room to share the Passover meal together - for the last time. And there Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying, 'this is my body' and 'this is my blood' as He, the Lamb of God, prepared to die for the sins of the whole world. John's gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were killed.

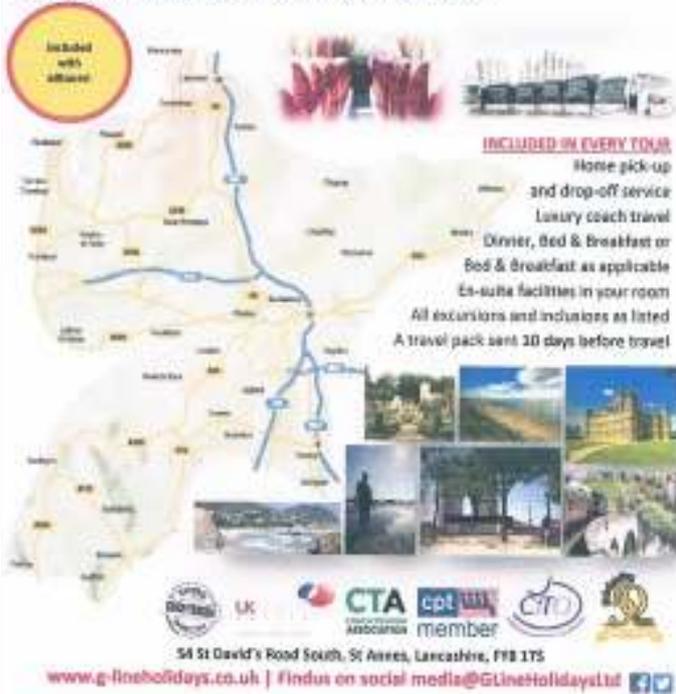


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# Mothers' Union from Christine Buckley



We never would have imagined that over the last twelve months our Branch of the Mothers' Union would have been unable to meet. However we must look forward with confidence to a time when we are allowed to do so.

I have in my possession a Mothers' Union Journal dated June 1944 and it says there are four marks of a good MU member, Friendliness, Helpfulness, Happiness and Goodness. The article goes into more detail and then finishes with the importance of the power of prayer and reading the Bible.

The MU was originally formed to help Christian family life and of course our own family lives have recently been very dependant on the telephone and the computer to keep contact. It was wonderful to see the lovely smiling faces of our children and grandchildren at our own Mothering Sunday zoom meeting.

Returning to school has been good for many children but some find it stressful and would probably prefer to learn from home as presently many parents are working from home and happy to do so.

As we progress through Lent, perhaps refraining from sweets and chocolate we look forward to the celebrations of Easter. This year is very different as we will be saying thanks and farewell to Fr David and Brenda on Easter Sunday. Fr David was Licensed as Priest in Charge of our Church on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010 by the Bishop of Lancaster. We really welcomed Fr David and we followed the service with delicious refreshments. Since then we have had many occasions with lovely delicacies but presently at this time this may be difficult. However we really do wish Fr David a happy and healthy retirement and much happiness with Brenda in their new home.

Sadly we recently lost one of our members Beth Hulton, who would have been celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in April. We have quite a number of senior members and we really value their love and friendship.

We must all pray for a happier and healthier time ahead in the coming months and enjoy the blessings of the lovely colourful and bright spring flowers.

## Note from the Editor:

I am sure that we all join Alistair in wishing Fr David & Brenda a long and happy retirement. We give thanks for all that they have done and brought to this parish, they will be missed. We also pray that God will lead the right person to St Annes and that a successor will be appointed very soon. We hold in in our prayers those members of the PCC who are have the task of appointing a new incumbent and for those who will be responsible for organising cover during the interregnum.

The magazine can continue going forwards, but it is up to all of us to work together in an effort to support each other in maintaining this valuable communication.

### How can you help?

- Perhaps you would like to write an article for the 'Vicars letter' slot (please email: [stannesparishmag@gmail.com](mailto:stannesparishmag@gmail.com))
- Provide articles of interest, photographs etc
- I have access to Parish Pump, which provides topical articles, cartoons etc.
- I also have Prayer Diaries from previous years.

So for the coming months we will operate a quarterly magazine, until we have a new incumbent. We will publish in June (Summer), October (Autumn), December (Winter) & March (Spring).

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## Quote for April



"Don't count the days, make the days count"



# Foodbank



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tinned and other non-perishable donations which we are passing to  
the

Fylde Foodbank

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"Use by" date.



# St Anne's Parish Church **Bell Restoration Project**



The existing peal of eight bells was installed in 1890 and a major overhaul was undertaken in 1955. In the last three years, however, as time and wear have taken their toll, there have been various instances of repair work having to be undertaken to keep the bells going:-



*Corroded bell fittings*



*Broken clapper*

*Repaired slider*



We have reached the point where major work will be required in order to keep the bells ringing safely. A survey has been undertaken by Taylors of Loughborough which has recommended options for a complete retune, re-hang with new fittings and augmentation to 10 bells.

We are delighted to announce that the PCC has approved the launch of a special project which will help ensure that the only peal of Church bells in St Anne's can ring out into the next century. The aim is for the project to be completed in time for the 150th Anniversary of the consecration of the Church which is in August 2023.

To undertake this project, we need to raise in the region of £120,000 and donations of any size would be most gratefully received. Grants will be sought, fundraising events held and there will also be an opportunity for individuals or businesses to sponsor a particular part of the project, such as a new bell, wheel or bell rope, with the option for an inscription/plaque on an item in memory of a loved one, etc, or for any donation to remain anonymous.

We would love to get the project off to a flying start and get orders placed to meet the required timescale. If you would like more information or to make a contribution to the project, please contact:

Stuart Newton - Bell Tower Captain **01253 725958**

Richard Baker - Church Treasurer **01253 727878**

or email [\*\*bellmad75@outlook.com\*\*](mailto:bellmad75@outlook.com)

Cheques should be made payable to "St. Annes Parish Church" and have "Bell Project" written on the reverse.

For Electronic banking payments please use:

Account name: **St. Annes Parish Church**

Sort Code: **01-07-65**

Account Number: **94840636**

Payment reference "**Bell Project**"

Donations can also be made via [www.justgiving.com/campaign/bellproject2023](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/bellproject2023)

Gift Aiding any donation will enable the tax to be claimed back and increase the donation value. If you do not already have Gift Aid set up for Church please contact our Treasurer Richard Baker.

**THANK YOU for your support**

## Ringling Notes

To mark the 150th Anniversary of the consecration of the Church in August 1873, a special project is being launched so that the existing peal of eight bells can undergo a complete restoration, re-hang and augmentation to 10 bells. This will help ensure that the Church bells can ring out in St Annes for another 150 years.

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2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

[Pam Kinghorn](#)

Saint Anne's Parish,

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Dear Friends at Saint Anne's,

I am writing to thank you most sincerely for your contribution towards the work of the ACS. We are indeed most grateful for your generosity in these most challenging times.

The end of September was the end of our Financial Year and it has been really shocking to see just how the Pandemic has affected us, as indeed it has affected all aspects of everyone's lives. Sadly we had to cancel the Vocations Conference and the Day Conferences that we had arranged simply because it was going to be too difficult to arrange with social distancing and all the restrictions that the Pandemic forced upon us. Our income has already taken a huge blow. The majority of which comes from Lent giving, and sadly we were almost £90,000 down on last year.

Although these serious changes have occurred, what remains constant is the need to provide priests and pay for priests, even in this post Pandemic church that we hope one day we will be. And if we are going to come out of this with an ability to continue our vital work of paying and praying for priests then we really do need everybody to play their part in the resourcing of ministry for the future. More than ever every penny counts, and every prayer is needed.

So please do continue in your support of the Society. Please pray for us and pray for those who feel called to the sacred priesthood that God will continue to raise up men of calibre to serve in His Church and pray also that the Lord will touch people's hearts and encourage greater generosity so that we may continue to pay for priests in the poorest and most vulnerable parts of our society which will without any doubt be on the top of the list when it comes to cutting posts.

Yours sincerely,

Father Darren Smith

We donated  
£232.09 to ACS



# Pilgrims Coffee Stop Currently on hold



Every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays), from 10:00 am -12:00 noon we will be serving delicious coffee, tea and biscuits in the Parish Rooms in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Everyone is welcome!

So why not come along and join us for a weekly get-together and chat.

## Easter Prayer

Dear Generous and Loving Father,

How can we thank you for the precious gift of your Son Jesus, for His life of obedience and servanthood, for His choosing to die that agonising death on a cruel cross, so that we can be forgiven, and most of all for His death-defeating resurrection on the first Easter morning and the gift of His Spirit to those who put their trust in Him?

We can't possibly thank you adequately Lord, but we want to try! Thank you, thank you Father, that Jesus, our servant -King is alive, Lord of heaven and earth - and yet still serving us, so that we too can live and serve.

Help us to be your Easter people and live lives of faithful witness to the living Lord, empowered by your Holy Spirit, building in all that we think, say or do for your kingdom to come. Hallelujah! Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*



...rumours that we would be giving out easter eggs are unfounded - er, there aren't any left!

## Easter Morning

*(John 20:1-18)*

Who is it you are looking for?  
Who?

Mary,  
Looking for her Lord,  
Early in the morning,  
While it was still dark,  
Looking for Jesus,  
Expecting His death-wrapped body,  
Finding, instead, the stone of sur-  
prises and loss.

The men come and go,  
But Mary stays and weeps  
For the love of her Lord.  
Looking, looking into the darkness,  
She weeps.

Angels in white turn her to the light,  
And the possibility of grace.

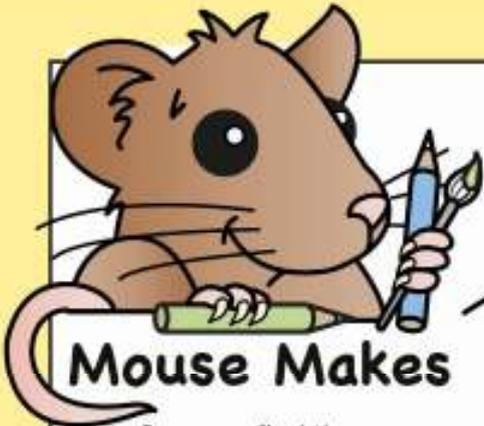
And in the speaking of her name, the  
world changes.

Mary.  
Looking, looking no longer,  
The Lord lives, gloriously,  
For Mary.

He lives for all who look.  
Who is it you are looking for?  
Who?



*By Daphne Kitching*



# Mouse Makes

Can you find these names of **Jesus** in the word search?

**SON OF GOD**

Matthew 3:16-17



**KING OF KINGS**

Revelation 17:14

**PROPHET**

Luke 24:19



**PRIEST**

1 Timothy 2:5

**ROCK**

1 Corinthians 10:4

**LORD**

1 Corinthians 1:9

**AMEN**

Revelation 3:14

**LIFE**

John 11:25-27

**MESSIAH**

John 1:41

**SHEPHERD**

John 10:11

**LIGHT**

John 8:12



**WORD**

John 1:1-50



**BREAD**

John 6:35

**CREATOR**

1 John 1:3



**CHRIST**

Matthew 16:16

**SAVIOUR**

John 3:16-17

**HOLY ONE**

Mark 1:24

**VINE**

John 15:5



**DOOR**

John 10:9



John 14:6

**LAMB**

John 1:29



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# Wordsearch

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# Children's Church

We meet on the 2nd & 4th  
**SUNDAYS** at 10.15 am in  
the Parish Rooms  
**EVERYONE** is welcome!

Children enjoy activities in the Parish Rooms then we go over to church around 11.15 am to be part of the service with the rest of the congregation.

At the end of the service the children are given the opportunity to talk about what they have been doing and show us their 'work'.

Monthly 'Family Services' also take place where Children's Church is involved.



## Heyhouses C of E Nursery School

Are you looking for a nursery  
place for your child?

If you are interested in a place at  
this outstanding nursery with  
close links to the primary school  
please contact us at

**denise.heyhouses@btconnect.com**

or call

**01253 640110**

# Wordsearch Answers



## Diocesan Communications Update

Information from the diocese is available to view on our website.

Lots of useful and interesting information with links to photographs, articles and diocesan initiatives.

## Praying for Healing

On the second Saturday of each month at the 9.30 am Eucharist we pray for those who are in need of God's healing.

Laying on of hands and anointing are available.

**If you have a particular concern for somebody or for yourself please do join us.**

***Church of St Anne Guide Book only £2.50, available from the church bookstall. Highly recommended***

## WE ARE A GIVING CHURCH - CHARITABLE DONATIONS 2020

We donate 10% of our planned-giving income to charity. This year we are supporting the Centre for Legal Aid Assistance and Settlement, North West Blood Bikes, Fylde Coast Women's Aid, St. Anne's Friends of Trinity Hospice, the Stroke Association and individual causes identified by the clergy.

More information on our website: [www.stannesparishchurch.org](http://www.stannesparishchurch.org)

## Nursery Praise

The worship, prayers and story time will be followed by refreshments.

All 4 year old children are welcome, together with parents and carers.

**This will resume as soon as it is possible to do so.**

## Babies & Toddlers

Come and join us in the Parish Rooms on Wednesday afternoons in term time from 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm  
Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Childminders and Carers are all welcome for tea and a chat with plenty of toys for the toddlers.



## Influence

Articles for inclusion in the magazine for **JUNE**

should be handed in at the Parish Office or e-mailed to: [stannesparishmag@gmail.com](mailto:stannesparishmag@gmail.com) before 11 am on

**MONDAY 17th MAY**

Thank you





## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS



Sunday	Week or Feast	Sunday Communions	Sunday Attendance	Weekday Communions
20 September	Trinity Fifteen	47	50	41
27 September	Trinity Sixteen	55	57	43
4 October	Harvest Thanksgiving	48	51	39
11 October	Trinity Eighteen	59	61	42
18 October	Saint Luke	55	58	35
25 October	Bible Sunday	51	55	33
1 November	All Saints Day	54	57	35
<p>THE SECOND COVID-19 LOCKDOWN took place between 4 November - 1 December. Fr. David &amp; Brenda celebrated Mass at home each day; there were two communicants on each occasion</p>				
w/c 29 November				24
6 December	Advent Two	44	47	39
13 December	Advent Three	45	49	41
20 December	Advent Four	48	50	99
27 December	Christmass One	33	33	54
3 January 2021	Epiphany	41	44	28
10 January	Baptism of Christ	34	36	31
17 January	Epiphany Two	36	38	25
24 January	Epiphany Three	34	36	24
31 January	Candlemass	36	38	30

Sunday	Week or Feast	Sunday Communions	Sunday Attendance	Weekday Communions
7 February	Sexagesima	37	39	32
14 February	Quinquagesima	44	47	61
21 February	Lent One	44	47	51
28 February	Lent Two	49	51	47
7 March	Lent Three	50	53	38

\*Includes all main Sunday Services, excludes baptisms etc

 <b>Baptisms</b> 	<b>Recently Departed</b>	
No Baptisms 	Please pray for those who have died recently, among them:  Barry John Altham Neville Ashton (priest) Keith Burchell Christine Fort	Bertha (Beth) Hulton William (Bill) Hutt Alan Prosser Michael Quin Peter Scholz William (Bill) Simpson Arnold Sumner Barbara Williams
<b>Marriages</b>		
No marriages 		
<b>Memorial &amp; Lady Chapel Lights</b> The Lady Chapel light has been sponsored by the St Annes Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham in honour of Our Lady and in memory of departed members of the Cell. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.		 <i>'May they rest in Peace and rise in glory'</i>

	<b>BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE</b>	
It is possible to have names of departed loved ones placed in the Memorial Book. Please simply take a form from the back of church and return it to the Parish Office. Donations given with names for entry will be placed in a special memorial fund, to be used in memory of loved ones, according to the church's needs.		

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### Uniformed Organisations

For details of our uniformed groups  
contact the Parish Office

## Usual Services at St Annes Parish Church

### Sunday

8.00 am Said Eucharist

10.15 am Children's Church  
(2nd & 4th Sundays)

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

6.30 pm Evening Worship

(see Worship & Prayer Diary for details)

### Weekday Services

The Eucharist is usually celebrated at the  
following times:

**Monday** ..... 12.00 noon

**Tuesday** ..... 10.30 am

**Wednesday** ..... 9.00 am

**Thursday** ..... 6.45 pm

**Friday** ..... 9.05 am

**Saturday** ..... 9.30 am

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