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# From the Vicarage .....

**Dear Friends,**

A recent survey has found that belief in God among UK adults has fallen by more than one quarter since the 1980s, and yet belief in life after death has remained almost unchanged in those four decades. The research was conducted by King's College, London, as part of its World Values Survey, exploring social, political, economic, religious, and cultural values in 90 countries.

In the UK, the views of a random sample of just over 3,000 adults from across the UK was taken in 2020, and this data was measured against 24 other countries and compared with results from 1981. The findings were published last month in a report, entitled "Lost Faith; the UK's changing attitudes towards religion".

In 1981, three-quarters of the surveyed UK adults said that they believed in God, compared with just under half (49 per cent) in 2022. Just five countries had a lower percentage of belief in God: China (17 per cent), Sweden (35 per cent), Japan (39 per cent), South Korea (41 per cent), and Norway (46 per cent). Belief in heaven among the UK adults fell over the same period, but less dramatically, from 57 per cent to 41 per cent. The proportion of people believing in life after death has remained at about 45 per cent, actually rising to 47 per cent in the past few years.

Significantly, though, our cultural attachment to organised religion has continued to decline in the UK, even though belief in an afterlife is holding up strong. Reading a precis of the report, I found myself wondering what sort of God do people not believe

in, if many still hope for an afterlife? Can 'belief' precede faith? After all, we trust many things in life, before we discover that they are true, and can reasonably be relied upon. Is our general mistrust in institutions like the Church confused with our 'unbelief' in God? If our growth as human beings is a journey, how can we reach our destination without the journeying?

Notwithstanding the situation in the UK, two reassuring conclusions were drawn by the report:

- Firstly that, while the practice of organised religion in this country may be in decline, adherents, though fewer in number, are generally more dedicated in practice.
- Secondly, this international survey showed that, while religion in the West and in some countries with dictatorships was in decline, this was by no means a global phenomenon and indeed it was growing in many countries around the world.

I would like to finish this letter on an altogether more joyful and optimistic note.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Fr Ryan was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Philip at St George's Church, Chorley. I find it hard to believe that he has been with us for nearly a year, but in that time he has become a much loved member of the St Anne's 'family', and a trusted colleague. Please remember him in your prayers as he begins this next stage of his ministry among us.

**With my prayers and best wishes,  
Fr Glen**

# Worship & Prayer Diary - July 2023

Date	Day	Worship Times	Intention
Saturday 1st			Summer Vacations
<b>+ Sunday 2nd</b>		10.30 am Parish Mass	Fr Ryan & all ordinands who will be ordained this weekend
Monday 3rd	St Thomas	12 noon Low Mass	Fr Ryan
Tuesday 4th		10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	Mission to the families of the parish
Wednesday 5th		9.00 am Low Mass	Ministry to Children & Young People
Thursday 6th	Ss Thomas More & John Fisher	6.00 pm Low Mass	Those ones with doubt
Friday 7th		9.30 am Low Mass	Proclaim the Kingdom of God
Saturday 8th			Enriching the community
<b>+ Sunday 9th</b>		10.30 am Parish Mass 6.30 pm Evening Prayer	Peace in our World
Monday 10th		12 noon Low Mass	Healing
Tuesday 11th	St Benedict	10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	Refugees
Wednesday 12th		9.00 am Low Mass	For those who work at sea
Thursday 13th		6.00 pm Low Mass	Conservation
Friday 14th		9.30 am Low Mass	The Good Samaritan
Saturday 15th	St Swithun		Those who work on the land
<b>+ Sunday 16th</b>		10.30 am Parish Mass 6.30 pm Choral Evensong & Benediction	Diocesan Synod

# Worship & Prayer Diary - July 2023

Date	Day	Worship Times	Intention
Monday 17th		12 noon Low Mass	Toddlers & young children
Tuesday 18th		10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	Local Community
Wednesday 19th	Ss Gregory & Macrina	9.00 am Low Mass	Theologians
Thursday 20th	St Margaret, Martyr	6.00 pm Low Mass	Peace
Friday 21st	St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor	9.30 am Low Mass	Mary & Martha
Saturday 22nd	St Mary Magdalene		Bearing witness to the risen Christ
<b>+ Sunday 23rd</b>		10.30 am Parish Mass 6.30 pm Evening Prayer	School Vacation
Monday 24th		12 noon Low Mass	Healing
Tuesday 25th	St James	10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	Pilgrimage
Wednesday 26th	St Anne	9.00 am Low Mass	Families
Thursday 27th		6.00 pm Low Mass	Raising the profile of the Church
Friday 28th		9.30 am Low Mass Walsingham Cell	Our Lady of Walsingham
Saturday 29th	Ss Mary, Martha & Lazarus		Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage
<b>+ Sunday 30th</b>		10.30 am Parish Mass 6.30 pm Evening Prayer	Those in slavery
<b>+ Monday 31st</b>	St Ignatius of Loyola	12 noon Low Mass	Prayerfulness



# Fr Ryan's Ordination

Sunday 2nd July 2023. What a wonderful and memorable afternoon and evening this was in many different ways.

The Ordination must not be overshadowed by the journey to Chorley, but we cannot avoid mentioning it as it affected everyone who was travelling on the M6. The coach left at 4 pm from St Annes but did not arrive at St George's Church, Chorley until 6.40 pm. This was due to an earlier accident which, resulted in the closure of the M55 & M6 motorways. The coach was diverted through Preston, where the roads were gridlocked. Fr Ryan and Bishop Philip were also caught up in the traffic around Preston, but did arrive in time. However, it was agreed to delay the start of the service until 6.20 pm. When the coach finally arrived we were welcomed by Bishop Philip who paused the service to come out and greet everyone personally. The service was then restarted with Fr Glen being invited to read the Gospel.

Everything then proceeded as planned for the 'Liturgy of the Ordination'. Fr Ryan & Fr Jordan gave very strong responses to 'The Declarations'. Likewise the congregation strongly agreed, with the help, of God to support them in their ministry.

One of the most moving parts of the Ordination was when Fr Ryan & Fr Jordan prostrated themselves in front of the Bishop and the joint choirs of St George & St Anne sang 'Come, Holy Ghost, our Souls Inspire' followed by the Litany read by Revd Mike Print, the vicar of St George's.

The Mass continued with 'The Ordination Prayer' and 'The Laying on of Hands' by Bishop Philip and those priests who supported each ordinand. The ordinands were each given a copy of the Bible and then they were anointed on the palm of their hands. Fr Glen and Fr Mike presented their newly ordained priests with their vestments. This was followed by tumultuous applause as they were presented to family, friends and fellow priests who had come to support them at this very special time.

The final part of the Ordination service was 'The Liturgy of the Eucharist'.

Afterwards everyone was invited back to St George's Parish Rooms for a buffet supper with celebratory cake and drinks.

It was a wonderful evening filled with faith and love for two very special people. We send our thanks to Fr Mike and the people of the parish of St Georges, for their hospitality, and to Bishop Philip for his words of support and understanding with the unavoidable delays. Sadly we missed his sermon, but Ryan and his family heard his words.

We send our congratulations and above all, our prayers Fr Ryan as he continues his ministry among us and the people of St Annes.



# Fr Ryan's First Mass

After the trials and tribulations of Sunday's transport issues, we were delighted to be on home ground for Fr Ryan's first sacrificial offering of the Holy Mass, which coincided with the Feast of St Thomas the Apostle. Fr Ryan was supported by clergy from many parishes in the diocese, family and friends as he celebrated Mass for the first time.

During the Mass the lessons were read by Tracey Evans and Fiona Wilson. The Gospel was read by the Deacon of the Word, Fr Jean Kouacou, and the Deacon of the Sacraments was Fr Jonathan Roberts. Fr Nicholas Davis, Vicar of the parish of St Cuthbert's, Darwen, who had known Fr Ryan since his youth, gave the Homily, which provided us with some background information about our new priest!! Prayers of Intercession were read by Karen Kay. The Master of Ceremonies was Alfie Charlton, from St Christopher's, Blackpool. The hymns sung during the service were 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken', 'Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones', 'Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to be Our Guest', 'Let All Mortal flesh Keep Silent', 'Soul of My Saviour, Sanctify My Breast' and 'Angel Voices Ever Singing'. After Communion the church choir gave a beautiful rendition of 'If You Love Me' by Thomas Tallis.

Towards the end of the service Fr Ryan presented his mother with a bouquet of 33 red roses, one for each year of his life, and also a Maniturgium, which was used to cleanse his hands, consecrated and made holy when the bishop anointed them with sacred chrism at his ordination. The Maniturgium, which represents the burial shroud of Christ that protected His sacred body, is given to the mother, because she was the first protector of the newly ordained priest, during his time in her womb. When the newly ordained priest's mother is called home to God, she is buried holding the Maniturgium so that all in Heaven and on Earth will know that she is the mother of a priest. On the last day when we are raised from the dead, she can present the Maniturgium to Christ the Lord and say, "my son too shared in your priesthood."

The service concluded with our very accomplished organist, Alistair MacKenzie, playing Toccata from Symphony No 5 by Charles-Marie Widor; this produced a spontaneous round of applause from the congregation. Immediately after the Mass photographs were taken and Fr Ryan offered first blessings to those wishing to receive them.

Susan McMahon had produced a menu for the finger buffet and asked the congregation to support her with donations of foods from the menu. The response was tremendous with a good variety of savoury and sweet items. Everyone appeared to have plenty to eat and the wine and prosecco flowed, but the fruit juice was also very popular! A couple of clergy informed us that they always enjoyed coming to St Annes because we always provide a good buffet; we are sure they were not disappointed on this occasion. A special thank you must go to Anna Hall for the fantastic cake she made for the celebration and to our flower ladies who created the beautiful floral arrangements for the buffet table and the flowers in church. Sincere thanks also go to everyone who contributed and helped on the evening.

Hopefully this will be an evening that Fr Ryan will remember for the rest of his life and we wish him well as he embarks on his ministry as a priest.

*Pictures on page 15*

# Bishop Philip – Bishop of Blackburn

On Saturday 24th June, Rt Reverend Philip North was installed as the tenth Bishop of Blackburn.

The service was attended by 2000 people from across the county, including many civic, community and faith leaders.

During the vibrant and colourful installation service at Blackburn Cathedral, Bishop Philip North lived out the pledge he made when he was initially announced as the tenth Bishop of Blackburn in January. This was to place children and young people at the heart of all we do as a diocese. From the very moment he arrived in the Cathedral, until the end of the service, it was the voices of the young people who could be heard above all others.

One of the key elements of the service was that all children who were present were invited to a very special 'Messy Installation' downstairs in the cathedral crypt. It is thought to be the first time that such an event, which was specifically for children, has been held at the same time as an actual installation.

The children's event was organised by the Diocesan Board of Education. It was a fun variation of the well-known 'Messy Church' that has grown in popularity in recent years, and it allowed the children present to learn about the Bible and Jesus through play and craft.

Meanwhile the main service, 'The Eucharist of the Holy Spirit', was sung by Blackburn Cathedral Choir alongside the Cathedral Youth Choir. As the guests arrived, children from local schools were also singing.

At precisely 2 pm, Bishop Philip, as is the tradition for a new Diocesan Bishop, knocked loudly on the West Door of the Cathedral with an ancient Saxon hammer before being allowed to enter. He was met by three young people from St Luke's Church in Blackburn, who offered greetings and led the moment of welcome, along with the entire congregation who had turned to face the West Door. Later in the service the first reading from the Bible was delivered by young people from All Saints, New Longton.

Hymns enjoyed during the service included, 'All People that on Earth do Dwell', 'O Breath of Life', 'And Can It Be' and 'Crown Him with Many Crowns'.

Throughout the service, children continued to be at the forefront of proceedings. Towards the end of the service Bishop Philip led a 'Messy Installation' procession through the Cathedral, with the youngsters all wearing colourful home-made mitres. The Bishop also wore a stunning, purple cloak made for him by the children during the 'Messy Installation'.

Notable figures who attended the service included the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, Rt Hon Lord Shuttleworth KG KCVO and Lady Shuttleworth, as well as the Speaker of the House of Commons and MP for Chorley, the Rt Hon Sir Lindsay



Hoyle. Other guests were the High Sheriff of Lancashire, Mr David Taylor CBE, the Venerable Joshua Skee and Rev Martin Stützer (representing our Diocesan links from South Africa and Germany), alongside many Mayors and Mayoresses, council leaders, faith and community representatives.

From the Diocese, alongside Bishop Philip, was Rt Rev Dr Jill Duff, Anglican Bishop of Lancaster, the Dean of Blackburn, the Very Rev Peter Howell-Jones, the Venerable Mark Ireland, Archdeacon of Blackburn, the Venerable David Picken, Archdeacon of Lancaster, Dean of Women's Ministry, Rev Anne Beverley, the Bishop's Adviser on UKME issues and Deacon for the Installation Service, Rev Sarah Gill, and many clergy and their parishioners from across Lancashire.

As well as clergy and civic processions, those in attendance and watching online via the livestream also witnessed the Oaths of Allegiance by Bishop Philip to His Majesty the King and to the Archbishop of York, the 'Installation' itself when the new Bishop takes his episcopal seat (the 'Cathedra') in the Cathedral and also the Presentation, when Bishop Philip was presented as the new Bishop of Blackburn to the congregation.

Speaking in his sermon about the importance of placing children, young people and our schools at the 'very heart of our common life', Bishop Philip said:

"The Church often engages in ministry to the young as a kind of insurance policy. We do it to make the adults feel a bit better about themselves because it suggests the church may have a future. But the desire for institutional survival is the wrong starting point. The right starting point is the Gospel song all ages can sing together. We want young people to be inspired by the person of Jesus. This wonderful current generation, so many of them in this cathedral today, is a searching one. They are asking profound and challenging questions about purpose, about relationships, about the future of the planet. Christians believe the goal of that searching is found in relationship with Jesus. So let's create the spaces where we can have those conversations."

Bishop Philip added:

"Imagine every parish engaging in ministry to the young. Imagine a network of children and youth workers supporting that ministry across Lancashire. Imagine too, an even closer partnership between churches and our amazing family of church schools for the benefit of the young. But equally, we want young people to inspire the church. So, let's create the places where young people can pray, worship, sing and lead."

As well as an emphasis on children and young people at the heart of all we do, during the sermon Bishop Philip also placed the spotlight on social justice and the importance of proclaiming the Gospel to the whole county of Lancashire.

He previously declared all three as key aims to be 'labouring tirelessly' for in the years to come when he was first announced as the new bishop in January this year.

After the service finished, clergy from across the diocese gathered for one of the largest ever group pictures of Lancashire clergy ever taken (see below). The entire congregation was then invited to a community picnic in the Cathedral grounds. Every guest was given their own beautifully presented 'picnic box' with delicious crafted sandwiches and homemade scones with clotted cream & jam.

Bishop Philip chose two charities, SportsReach and Ambassadors Football UK for donations following the service. Both charities seek to equip churches in sports ministry as well as engage directly in using sport as a tool to reach people for Christ. They work predominantly with children and young people but do have something for all ages and work in Lancashire as well as across the globe.

The service can still be viewed on YouTube - search for Bishop Philip's Installation. Further pictures from the day and how to make a donation to the charities can be found on the Blackburn Diocese website. Click [here](#), if you are viewing this article online.

The majority of this text is taken from the diocesan news page.



# Prayer for July

Loving Father,

July brings long days and summer pleasures for many, but not for all. Lord, we pray for those who are finding life to be a struggle; for families with no hope of a holiday this year; for parents who don't know how they will feed their children during the approaching, long school break; for those who are lonely, or discouraged, or isolated, or afraid.

Lord, we pray for justice and compassion from those in positions of power and responsibility. And Lord, please show us how to help, and how to be part of the solution.

May we, as your children, reflect your loving kindness wherever we can. May your Kingdom come on earth, through us. In Jesus' name.

Amen

*by Daphne Kitching*

# Arts Week

To celebrate our church's 150th Anniversary we are organising a commemorative Arts Week with Music, Word & Song. There will be an exhibition of paintings by local artists and a display of the church's history. We hope you will wish to be part of our celebrations and attend as many of these events as you can. There is something for everyone!  
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**Monday 10th July at 7.00 pm**

**Doc Harvey and The Philistans**

A great band with entertaining folk music for everyone to enjoy  
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**Tuesday 11th July at 7.00 pm**

**St Anne's Parish Operatic Society**

presents 'Songs, Shows and Sketches'  
Refreshments available: wine, soft drinks and nibbles

**Wednesday 12th July at 7.00 pm**

**The Lidun Singers in Concert**

They will be performing music from the Coronation to Rogers and Hammerstein  
Refreshments available: wine, juice and shortbread

**Thursday 13th July at 7.00 pm**

**Pupils from Heyhouses C of E Primary School along with St Anne's Parish Church Choir**

will be performing a number of lively songs  
and choral music

This is FREE entry with donations gratefully accepted  
Refreshments available: tea, coffee, juice and biscuits

**Friday 14th July at 7.00 pm**

**'Intrada Brass'**

The superb brass ensemble performs music from Susato to swing!  
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**Saturday 15th July 7.00 pm**

**The Blue Magnolia Jazztet**

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# Mothers' Union from Christine Buckley



The month of June has certainly been very memorable for various reasons, and not all with great pleasure.

Our MU Deanery Festival was held at St Michael's Church, Kirkham, on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Sheila Dodd and I arrived early with our own MU Banner and the Deanery Banner, which we had held since last year when we hosted the festival. We arrived safely but within half an hour extremely heavy rain started and roads became extremely wet. Some of our own members did not chance the journey as there was a weather warning, but there was a reasonable number at the service, though we could hear the rain dripping into the church.

The vicar, Fr Richard Dashwood, led the lovely Communion Service with the help of Rev Anne Beverley, and Philip Daniels, the organist. Prayers were said by Anne Wintle and Elizabeth Carey, members from Kirkham. At the end of the service, Gill Ireland, our Diocesan President, spoke to us and presented long service certificates, including one to Sheila Dodd. Gill was thanked most sincerely by our Deanery President, Brenda Squires.

After some delicious refreshments, Sheila and I ventured out of the church with our banner, and, with a lull in the rain, we managed to stay reasonably dry. However, the journey back to St. Annes was quite traumatic. The country roads were extremely flooded in places and we struggled to reach Wrea Green. There we found that we could not travel through the village so we struggled back to the main road and returned home the long way round, but safely. Some of our members travelled in another car and they also had a journey they would not wish to repeat.

The following day we had our meeting in the Parish Rooms. We were extremely pleased to welcome Fr Brian Mayne to give us a talk entitled "Recycling Lives". Fr Brian has visited and helped many prisoners in local prisons. It was most interesting hearing about the work involved, trying to transform their lives and give them help with training and education. We can all do our bit to try and help people find better and happier lives. Fr Brian has been very much in our prayers; he has recently undergone surgery and is still trying to get strong and well. Long service certificates were given to members at the meeting, or taken to their homes, to members Margaret Singleton, Mildred Nuttall, Margaret Collier and Lesley Dawson.

Later that week, on 15<sup>th</sup> June, I was happy to join the trip to the Bell Foundry at Loughborough and was moved when Fr Glen blessed the casting of our new bells. I was personally thrilled to meet the man who makes and repairs the handbells.

There are many events in July, beginning with Fr Ryan's Ordination in Chorley on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The following day Fr Ryan celebrates his first Mass in our church. On 6<sup>th</sup> July our over 80s and indoor members are having a tea party at St Cuthbert's Church; it will be most enjoyable seeing members from other branches. Please note that places have to be pre-booked. We will be holding our July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at Fairhaven Golf Club where we are to enjoy afternoon tea at 2.30 pm. A number of guests and friends will be joining us and everyone will require a ticket. This is the same week when there is art on display in church and concerts on daily at 7pm.

In August the church is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a special anniversary lunch on 6<sup>th</sup> August at the Glendower Hotel. Two days later on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August we meet at the 10.30 am service followed by refreshments and chat, and friends are very welcome to join us.

Love and prayers are sent to all our members, especially those who are unable to attend church, but they are always in our thoughts.



Following the phenomenal success of Calendar Girls

## St Annes Parish Church Operatic Society

Presents

# '9 to 5'

at Lowther Pavilion

from Thursday 20th July to Saturday 22nd July

This is a musical comedy set in the 1970's and features some of the greatest musical numbers ever written by Dolly Parton.

The cast have all worked extremely hard in rehearsals to bring this show to the stage.

We are really looking forward to performing it for our audience.

**Tickets available from Lowther Pavilion**

## Poppies for the Tower

A huge thank you to everyone who is busy knitting, crocheting or sewing poppies for the display from the bell tower in November. As we go to print we have received approx. 4,000 poppies, which is absolutely amazing, so, thank you!

We think we need about 10,000 to fill the net which will cascade down the side of the tower so please keep knitting/crocheting/sewing. Completed poppies can be left at the back of church or at the Parish Office.

We are planning to have assembly sessions from September onwards, probably on Sunday afternoons. Dates will be published in the Pew Sheet. Everyone will be welcome to come along to the assembly sessions, many hands make light work!

Thank you to everyone who is supporting this project.

**PS - Where are you knitting your poppies?** If you are knitting in unusual places, I have heard some people are visiting local coffee shops. So perhaps you would like to share a photo with us. Please send them into the magazine, details on page 29!



### St Annes Parish Church Bellringers - Poppy Counter



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# Fr Ryan's Ordination & First Mass



Fr Ryan & Fr Jordan cutting the Ordination Cake



Fr Ryan & Fr Glen



Fr Ryan's Family



# Ringling for the King

I am a bell ringer at St Annes Parish Church in St Annes-on-the-Sea. At our Church's Christmas Tree Festival in December 2022 we advertised an opportunity for anyone who was interested to learn to "Ring for the King". We were delighted when one of the parents from our church school, Shaun, came forward expressing an interest to learn. At almost the same time we had a referral from the national "Ring for the King" campaign from a lady called Carole. So just before Christmas 2022 they had their first lesson. I had just completed The Association of Ringing Teachers Module 1 course and these were my first pupils. Shaun and Carole made fantastic progress, achieving their LtR Level 1 in February 2023 and in the process enabling me to achieve my M1 accreditation as a teacher of bell handling.

In February 2023 we had two more referrals from the national campaign. So Fay and Jane started their lessons together too. It's been great to see all our new ringers encouraging and supporting each other as they progressed with their bell handling. Fay and Jane have also made great progress and were just starting to learn how to put both strokes together before the Coronation weekend. The progress of all the ringers has been even more impressive as our bells were removed for the long planned refurbishment just before Easter. So we had four keen "Ring for the King" learners and no bells for them to ring! Tower Captain Stuart Newton arranged for us all to visit other local towers and also continued teaching Jane and Fay on "Edwin" our Saxilby Simulator.

On the Big Day all four of our new ringers did indeed "Ring for the King", with Jane & Carole ringing at Bispham All Hallows and Shaun & Fay at St Cuthbert's in Lytham. They all did really well, thoroughly enjoyed the experience and felt a great sense of achievement.

They are all a wonderful addition to our band here at St Annes and we look forward to their continued progress over the coming months.

**Monica Hollows**



Fay & Jane



Carole & Shaun



# Bell Project - Update - Bell Tower

It has been a busy few weeks for the bellringers, preparing the bell chamber ready for the return of the bells. This has included removing decades of cobwebs and in-blown dust and sand, cleaning down the ironwork, checking that the bolts are tight and then priming and painting the ironwork. An extension was added to the existing frame in order to house one of the two new extra bells and adapting the existing frame to hold three bells where there used to be two.

Thank you to bell ringers Gerald, Gareth, Jim W, Jim A, Carole, Ellis, Stuart, Monica and Roy & Gill from the Wednesday Team, who all helped with this work and supported Steve from Taylor's Bell Foundry.

This wonderful team effort, with everyone giving many hours of free labour, has enabled a significant reduction in cost to the church's overall bill for the restoration work. As you can see below there has been an amazing transformation!

At the time of writing (23rd June) we are almost ready to receive the new bells and we are waiting for a confirmation date from Taylors for the work to commence. We are hopeful that it will be the middle of July. It will take two weeks to hang all the bells once they arrive on site, so we are hoping the work will be complete in time for the bells to ring out in celebration of the church's 150th Anniversary in August.

## BEFORE

Just before the bells were removed



## AFTER



# Bell Project - Update - Casting Trip

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June we organised a trip to Taylor's Bell Foundry in Loughborough. Our visit enabled us to watch four of the new bells being cast. This was a great experience and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who made the journey for this momentous occasion.

The processes involved for casting the bells, making the wheels, headstocks etc has barely changed in hundreds of years, so it was like stepping back in time to a Victorian workshop, apart from a few power tools here and there!

After the bells were cast Fr Glen blessed them.

Following the casting we were given a tour of the workshop where they make the wheels, stay & sliders, headstocks and where the bells are tuned. We also saw where they test each completed bell.

We were fortunate enough to see the new wheels as part of the tour as well as the bell gifted by Jim Andrews, our PCC Secretary. This had previously been cast along with another bell several weeks previously. Jim and his wife Val had visited Taylors to witness the casting of those bells along with our Patron Lady Katharine Bryan and Fr Martin Daniels, who is the President of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers.

The ringers on the trip also had time for a short ring on the peal of 12 bells at the factory. Well we had to make sure we got a quick "grab" didn't we!

**Stuart Newton**



The Foundry  
(above)



The new wheels  
(left & right)







The bells being cast



Jim Andrew's bell, cast in memory of his mother



Fr Glen blesses the new bells

# St Anne & St Joachim

## Feast Day - 26th July

Saint Anne is a special saint in the Christian faith, traditionally recognised as the mother of Mary, who later became the mother of Jesus. Saint Anne's story is not mentioned in the Bible, but it has been passed down in apocryphal texts.

According to tradition, Saint Anne and her husband Joachim were devout and righteous people. They had been married for many years but were unable to have children. They prayed fervently to God for a child, promising that if they were blessed with one, they would dedicate their child to serving God.

Their prayers were answered when an angel appeared to them and told them that they would have a daughter named Mary. Mary grew up to be a kind-hearted and faithful girl who was chosen by God to become the mother of Jesus.

Saint Anne played an important role in raising Mary and teaching her about faith and love for God. She taught Mary how to pray and instilled in her strong values and virtues.

Even though there are no specific stories about Saint Anne in the Bible, she is highly revered by Christians around the world. Many people believe that she intercedes on their behalf when they pray for help or guidance and she is considered a patron saint of mothers and grandmothers.



### God's Garden

Plant three rows of peas:

Peas of mind  
Peas of heart  
Peas of soul

Plant three rows of squash:

Squash gossip  
Squash grumbling  
Squash selfishness

Plant three rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful  
Lettuce be obedient  
Lettuce love one another

Plant three rows of turnips:

Turnip for services  
Turnip for meetings  
Turnip to help one another

Plant three rows of thyme:

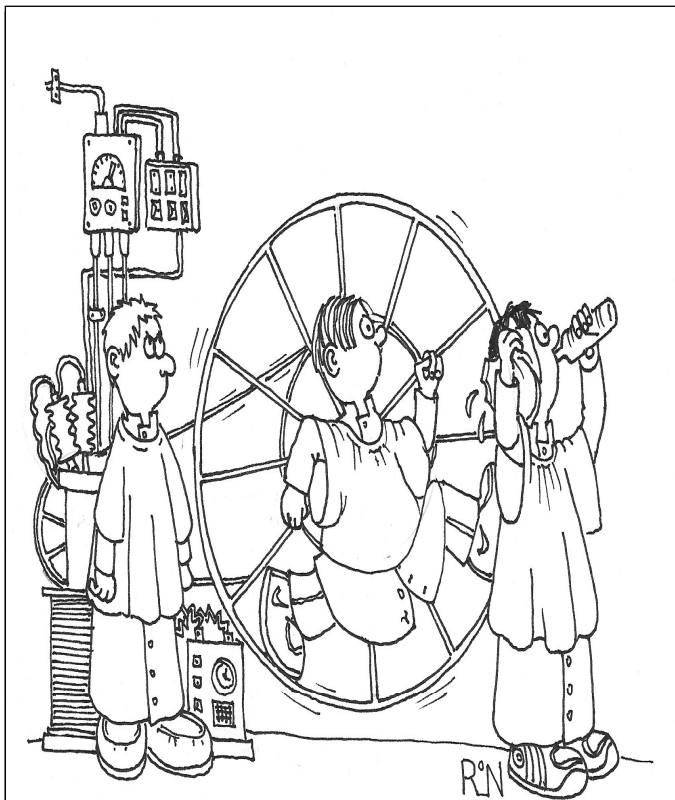
Thyme for God  
Thyme for Bible study  
Thyme for prayer.

Finally:

Water freely with patience,  
Cultivate with love,  
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what you sow.







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too close to the church's west wall!"

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[terry@painting-classes-uk.net](mailto:terry@painting-classes-uk.net)  
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# Dates for Your Diary 2023

**Saturday 8th July - St Annes Carnival**

You are all welcome to join us outside church or walk with  
'Churches Together in St Annes'

**Arts Week - 10th - 15th July - see page 11**

**Sunday 6th August - 150th Anniversary Sunday Lunch  
at The Glendower Hotel**

**Saturday 26th August - 150th Anniversary Afternoon Tea**

**Saturday 16th September - Heritage Open Day**

**Friday 6th October - Pizza & Quiz Evening**

**Saturday 18th November - Concert by The Yard Dogs**

**9th-16th December - Christmas Tree Festival**

See the Pew Sheet for further details of these and other events which  
are being planned for the coming months

## Heyhouses C of E Nursery School

### Places available for September 2023

To find out more or to arrange a visit to this wonderful setting, please  
contact Suzanne Williams or Sarah Fisher on 01253 640110



# The Coastal Collective



## The Coastal Collective

Supported by The Lytham Schools Foundation

**“Working together to achieve more”**

A new charity for our children and families

### The Aims of The Coastal Collective

- ◆ Supporting children and families with additional needs or vulnerabilities
- ◆ Promoting health and well-being
- ◆ Providing specialist support through engagement with professionals to make lifelong changes, to enhance learning and education
- ◆ Developing a healthier, safer FY8 community

If you are in need of advice or are looking for help and support please email:

[familyhub@heyhouses.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:familyhub@heyhouses.lancs.sch.uk)



## News from Heyhouses Primary School



**Year 2** - On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June Year 2 visited Blackpool Zoo as part of their life cycles topic in Science. It was extremely hot, but the children had a fantastic time. The children loved the sea lion show as well as enjoying the new penguin and big cat enclosures. All the staff were extremely proud of how well the children represented the school.

**Year 3** - In Science, our new topic of study is light and shadows. This week we have been learning about how shadows are formed. We have been observing and answering a series of questions, eg How can you change the size of shadows? Are shadows all the same colours? We had a wonderful time supporting our teams on Sports Day and cheering on our friends. We competed in a variety of races including egg and spoon, obstacle, sprint and relay. The sun was shining and overall, we had a fantastic day!

**Year 4** - This term, Year 4 have attended a variety of sporting events. The Children from Poplar were invited to perform their dance from the show 'Matilda' at The North Pier. It was a hot day, but the children wowed the audience with their dancing, singing, scootering and even their karate skills!

Girls Golf training has been underway since the start of Summer. These children attended AKS to compete in a multitude of golfing activities, from putting and chipping for accuracy, to driving the ball for distance.

Finally, 22 children from Year 4 attended the Lancashire School Games FINAL which was held at Stanley Park at the end of June.



# MARK F.H. RAE



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# Tea & Chat



This takes place on the  
First **Monday** in the month (not bank holidays)  
An opportunity to meet at **10.30 am** in  
'The Trawl Boat', St Annes

The idea is to support the community in helping to combat  
loneliness and encourage new friendships  
All parishioners & friends are welcome

So please do come along and join us!  
The next one is **MONDAY 7th AUGUST**



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at who is involved in this scheme. To date we have raised **£1,532.74**  
**£41.31** raised in the last 30 days! Brilliant, keep it up! Thank you!

Don't forget if you are shopping, buying insurance, booking holidays etc,  
check it out first at Easyfundraising. We only have 27 members!!  
Please check it out!

**If you are shopping online DO IT through Easyfundraising  
and church receives a donation**

# Activities for the Young at Heart

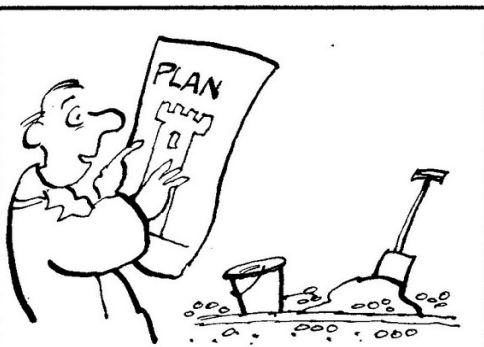
The tale of  
the  
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JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

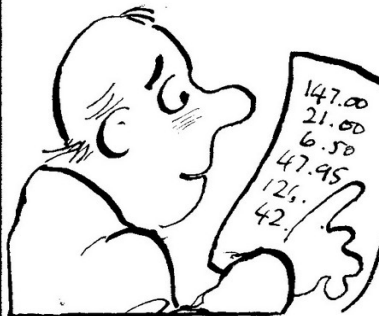


ON ONE OCCASION JESUS EXPLAINED HOW IT WOULDN'T ALWAYS BE EASY TO FOLLOW HIM.



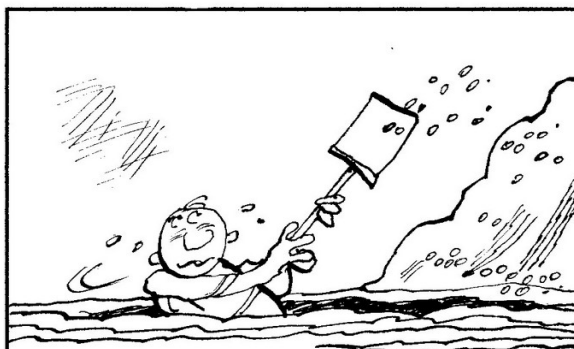
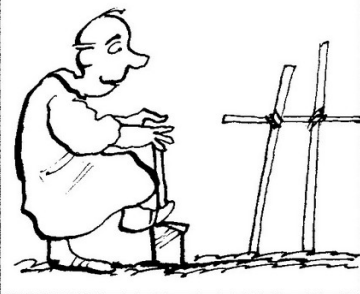
JESUS BEGAN, 'IF ONE OF YOU PLANS TO BUILD A TOWER....'

...YOU'LL FIRST NEED TO WORK HOW MUCH IT WILL COST.



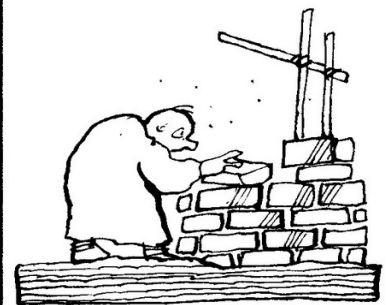
IF YOU DON'T DO THE SUMS....

...YOU MIGHT MAKE A START, ....

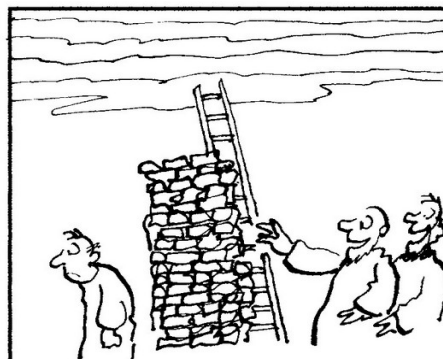
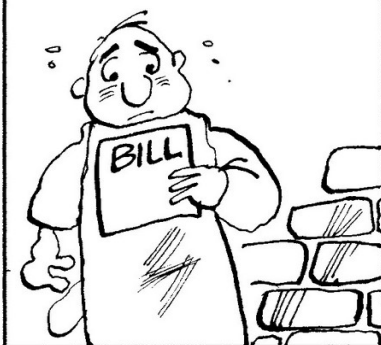


....WORK VERY HARD ON THE FOUNDATIONS. ....

...THEN START TO LAY THE BRICKS,...



...BUT SUDDENLY RUN OUT OF MONEY!!

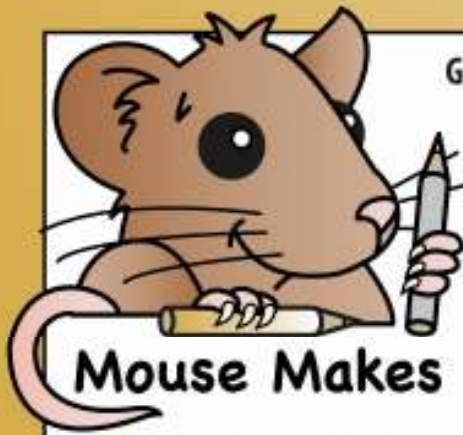


THEN PEOPLE WILL LAUGH AT YOU!

TOWER TO BE CANCELLED BUILT HERE

WE NEED TO REALISE THAT ALTHOUGH FOLLOWING JESUS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, IT'S ALSO A GREAT CHALLENGE.





## Mouse Makes

Where did Goliath come from?



1 Samuel 17:4

How tall was Goliath?



\_\_\_\_\_ cubits.  
1 Samuel 17:4

What was Goliath's armour made of?

1 Samuel 17:5,6

What weapons did Goliath carry?



a JAVELIN,  
a \_\_\_\_\_  
and a \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Samuel 17:45

How many stones did David take from the stream?



1 Samuel 17:40



Where did David's stone hit Goliath? On his \_\_\_\_\_

1 Samuel 17:49

**Goliath**, the champion of the Philistine army, taunted the Israelites.

*"Choose a man to fight with me and if he kills me then we will be your servants!"*

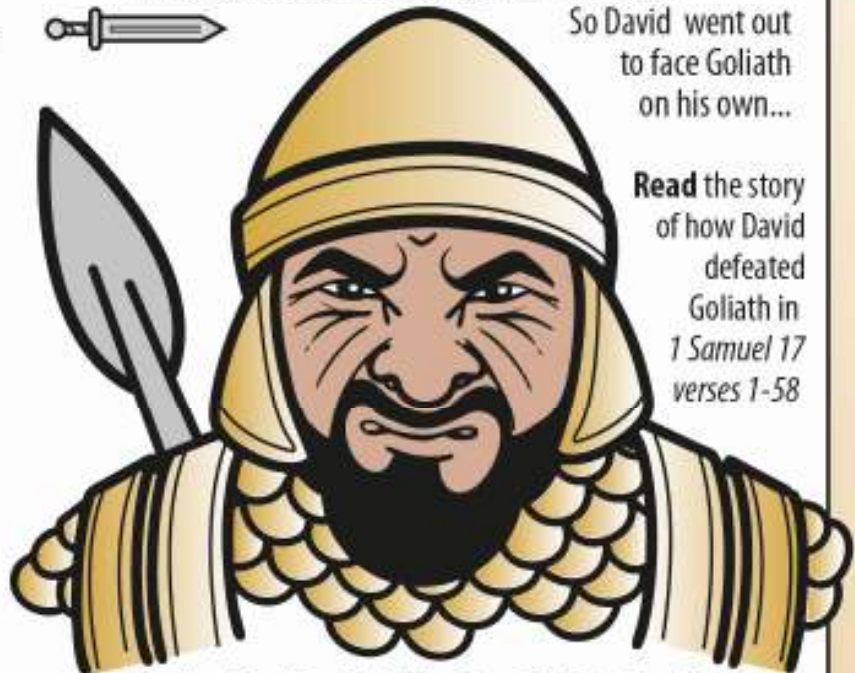


The Israelites were afraid, but **David**, a shepherd boy who had come to bring food to his brothers on the battlefield said:

*"The **Lord** who delivered me from the lion and bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."*



So David went out to face Goliath on his own...



**Read** the story of how David defeated Goliath in 1 Samuel 17 verses 1-58

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# Food Donations

## Supporting the Parish



There is a basket at the back of church for any tinned or other non-perishable donations which we are passing to our church school, Heyhouses C of E Primary School, each week  
These items are used to support our school and thereby the families in our parish

Sadly, even within the sound of our church bells, some families face the difficult decision of heating or eating

**So we extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who donates goods**

**It is very much appreciated by our local community and the school**

Donations can be brought to any of the church services and

**CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY FRIDAY between 1-5 pm**



## Walsingham Pilgrimage 2023



This year's pilgrimage to Walsingham will be from **Monday 4th to Thursday 7th September.**

The cost is £325, depending on the number of people attending. If you are interested please have a word with Kath Hall or Gerald Wilson.

New pilgrims especially welcome.

We celebrate Mass together as a group on the last Friday of the month.

## Something to Make You Smile?

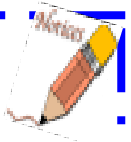
*For a church school exam, young children were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. These were some of the (real) results...*

- ⇒ In the first book of the Bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so He took the Sabbath off.
- ⇒ Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.
- ⇒ Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
- ⇒ Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
- ⇒ The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.
- ⇒ The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.





## Note from the Editor:



We apologise for the delay in publishing the magazine this month, but as Fr Ryan's ordination did not take place until 2nd July, it was agreed that the magazine would be delayed for a few days so that we could record the events of this very special time in the life of our parish.

Several members of the congregation were fortunate to secure tickets for the installation of Bishop Philip as the new Bishop of Blackburn, and I know that many people watched the service as it was live streamed. It was very interesting that Bishop Philip put "the children and young people at the heart of all we do in the diocese". We do hope and pray that this will encourage people in our parish to come forward and support the work with the children of our area. If you feel a calling, or know someone who is willing to help out, please have a word with Fr Glen or Fr Ryan.

THANK YOU to everyone who uses Easyfundraising - YOU have helped to raise **£41.31** this month. Amazing!

Please don't forget about the changes to the publication of the magazine for the remainder of the year. There will be a monthly publication for August, with a double autumn magazine, September/October. A magazine will be published again in November, then we revert back 'to normal' for the Winter edition, December/January.

The August magazine will be published at the end of July (the deadline is not far away, see page 30), so if you have any articles, notices of interest or photographs for the next magazine, then, as always, please send them to:

[stannesparishmag@gmail.com](mailto:stannesparishmag@gmail.com). Thank you

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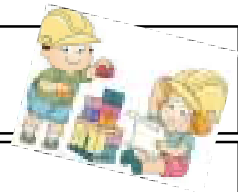
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# Baby & Toddler Group



We meet in the Parish Rooms from  
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Everyone is welcome - Mummies & Daddies, Grandparents,  
Childminders, Carers

You will all be given a warm welcome with your little ones  
Come and have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat while your children  
play in a safe environment

For more details contact the Parish office - 01253 722736



## TREE FESTIVAL 2023



Given the success of last year's craft stall at the Christmas  
Tree Festival, due to all of your talents, innovation, support  
and enthusiasm, we are intending to hold another craft stall this year.

So, once again, any contributions will be very much appreciated.

Thank you, for your continued support.

**Jennifer Edwards**

### Nursery Praise

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

All young children are  
welcome, together with  
parents and carers

**This will resume as  
soon as possible**



### Babies & Toddlers

Come and join us  
in the Parish Rooms on  
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Childminders and Carers

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and a chat with plenty of  
toys for the toddlers



### Influence

Articles for inclusion in  
the magazine for

**AUGUST 2023**

should be handed in  
at the Parish Office or  
e-mailed to:  
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before 12 pm on

**FRIDAY 21st JULY**

Thank you



# Church Registers

## Baptisms

Eliza Anne Croall  
Delilah June Bray  
Arthur William Bray  
Lily Sofia Barden  
Oscar James Ormerod



## Marriages

Lee Collier  
&  
Penny Andonegui



## Recently Departed

Please pray for those who have died recently, among them:

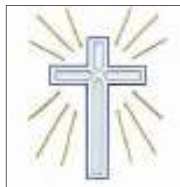
Vera Cordingley  
Ruby Pickering  
Robin Percival Smith

*'May they rest in Peace and rise in Glory'*



## Memorial Chapel Lamp

The Memorial Chapel Lamp is sponsored by Bill Bloss in Memory of Mike Fitzsimmons



## Lady Chapel Lamp

The Lamp in the Lady Chapel is sponsored by The St Annes Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham



## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



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.

## Diocesan Communications Update

Information from the diocese is available to view on the diocesan website: [www.blackburn.anglican.org](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org). If you are reading this online you can click on this link [Blackburn Diocese](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org) or search [www.blackburn.anglican.org](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org)

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



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### **Uniformed Organisations**

For details of our uniformed groups  
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## Usual Services at St Annes Parish Church

### Sunday

10.15 am Children's Church

(2nd & 4th Sundays)

(Unable to meet at present, awaiting new leadership)

10.30 am Parish Mass

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

(see Worship & Prayer Diary for details)

### Weekday Services

The Mass is usually celebrated at the  
following times:

Monday ..... 12.00 noon

Tuesday ..... 10.30 am

Wednesday ..... 9.00 am

Thursday ..... 6.00 pm

Friday ..... 9.30 am



## Parish Information

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**Open Monday to Friday 9.30 am - 12 pm**

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For information regarding Baptisms  
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