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From the Curate ... A Mars a Day ...

Dear Friends,

Now, I wonder when you last had a Mars bar? No, I haven't gone "off piste" this month into advertising one of the nation's favourite chocolate bars!

As I write this letter we are in the middle of our week of celebration for the 150th anniversary of the church. For some reason I suddenly found myself thinking about the bells and I had a sudden flashback to the old television adverts for the Mars bar. Many of you will remember the slogan and tune that goes "A Mars a day helps you work, rest and play."

I had to look this up but, apparently, this was a fabulous slogan first adopted for the chocolate bar in the 1960s, dropped in 1997, but re-introduced briefly ten years later with a video of monks bellringing. I'm sure you must have seen that, but if not, it's available on YouTube!

The premise of the video was that eating a Mars bar aided exercise. I am sure that nutritionists might dispute that but, nevertheless, the original slogan has remained memorable. We all need work, rest and play and getting the balance right is important for our physical and mental health. None of us can go flat out at work without risking burnout and none of us can just rest without losing the ability to

move and be productive. If life was just play I'm not sure what we might achieve in life. However many of us find it difficult to get the balance right.

What about our spiritual wellbeing? How often do we wonder if we are achieving the right balance there, or realise we are ignoring our spiritual needs completely? Jesus knew how to withdraw often and find space and time to 'just be', to connect with God and to pray. He knew the importance of getting the balance right. In doing so he was better equipped and able to be there for others to help them achieve inner peace and rest.

He said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

This August, why not re-evaluate your "work, rest and pray" balance and see if any adjustments need to be made?

Every blessing,
Fr Ryan

PS

In the interests of balance I ought to say that other chocolate bars are available, but they don't give us such a useful illustration to think about!

Worship & Prayer Diary - August 2023

Date	Day	Worship Times	Intention
Tuesday 1st		10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	Anniversary of death
Wednesday 2nd		9.00 am Low Mass	For those who are married
Thursday 3rd		6.00 pm Low Mass	Peace in our world
Friday 4th	St John Vianney, Priest	9.30 am Low Mass	Be prepared
Saturday 5th	St Oswald		Defending the faith
+ Sunday 6th	Transfiguration	10.30 am Parish Mass	The Transfiguration of our Lord
Monday 7th		12 noon Low Mass	Artists & Musicians
Tuesday 8th	St Dominic	10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	Teaching the faith
Wednesday 9th	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr, Patron of Europe	9.00 am Low Mass	Medical profession
Thursday 10th	St Laurence	6.00 pm Low Mass	Healing
Friday 11th	St Clare	9.30 am Low Mass	Signs of the kingdom
Saturday 12th			Emergency Services
+ Sunday 13th		10.30 am Parish Mass 6.30 pm Evening Prayer	The hungry
Monday 14th		12 noon Low Mass	Devotion to our Lady
Tuesday 15th	The Assumption of the BVM	10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	Our armed forces
Wednesday 16th		9.00 am Low Mass	Scientists

Worship & Prayer Diary - August 2023

Date	Day	Worship Times	Intention
Thursday 17th		9.00 am Low Mass	Peace
Friday 18th		6.45 pm Low Mass	Warning against division
Saturday 19th		9.30 am Low Mass	Prisoners
+ Sunday 20th	St Bernard of Clairvaux	10.30 am Parish Mass 6.30 pm Evening Prayer	Cistercian Religions
Monday 21st		12 noon Low Mass	Charities
Tuesday 22nd		10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	Architects
Wednesday 23rd		9.00 am Low Mass	Victims of violence & abuse
Thursday 24th	St Bartholomew	6.00 pm Low Mass	Proclaiming the Gospel
Friday 25th		9.30 am Low Mass Mass OLW	Our Lady of Walsingham
Saturday 26th			Those preparing for university
+ Sunday 27th	St Monica	10.30 am Parish Mass 6.30 pm Evening Prayer	Christian virtues
Monday 28th	St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor	12 noon Low Mass	Theologians
Tuesday 29th	Beheading of John Baptist	10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	Self sacrifice
Wednesday 30th		9.00 am Low Mass	Writers
Thursday 31st	St Aidan	6.00 pm Low Mass	Our church school & nursery

Transfiguration - A Glimpse of Glory

It was a time when Jesus' ministry was popular, when people were seeking Him out. However on this day, He made time to take Peter, James and John, His closest disciples, up a high mountain. In the fourth century, Cyrillic of Jerusalem identified it as Mount Tabor (and there is a great church up there today), but others believe it more likely to have been one of the three spurs of Mount Hermon, which rises to about 9,000 feet, and overlooks Caesarea Philippi.

High up on the mountain, Jesus was suddenly transfigured before His friends. His face began to shine as the sun, His garments became white and dazzling. Elijah and Moses, of all people, suddenly appeared, and talked with Him. A bright cloud overshadowed the disciples.

Peter was staggered, but, enthusiast that he was – immediately suggested building three tabernacles on that holy place, one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. However God's 'tabernacling', God's dwelling with mankind, does not any longer depend upon building a shrine. Instead it depends on the presence of Jesus. The cloud covered them, and a Voice spoke out of the cloud, saying that Jesus was His beloved Son, whom the disciple should 'hear'. God's dwelling with mankind depends upon our listening to Jesus.

Then, just as suddenly, it is all over. What did it mean? Why Moses and Elijah? Well, these two men represent the Law and the Prophets of the Old Covenant, or Old Testament. Now they are handing on the baton, if you like: for both the Law and the Prophets found their true and final fulfilment in Jesus, the Messiah.

Why on top of a mountain? In Exodus we read that Moses went up Mount Sinai to receive the sacred covenant from Yahweh in the form of the Ten Commandments. Now Jesus goes up and is told about the 'sealing' of the New Covenant, or New Testament of God with man, which will be accomplished by His coming death in Jerusalem.

That day made a lifelong impact on the disciples. Peter mentions it in his second letter, 2 Peter 1:16–19, invariably the reading for this day. The Eastern Churches have long held the Transfiguration as a feast as important as Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension and Pentecost, but it took a long time for the West to observe the Transfiguration. The feast starts appearing from the 11th and 12th centuries, and the Prayer Book included it among the calendar dates, but there was no liturgical provision for it until the 19th century.



Fr Ryan Reflects on his Ordination & First Mass

On Sunday 2nd July I was ordained a priest by Bishop Philip North and what an experience it turned out to be. It was a wonderful occasion which was not ruined by the delayed start or the hiatus in the middle, due to the crash on the M6. You know what they say, "there is no point crying over spilt milk".

The day was one I had been very much looking forward to for some time. You could almost feel the excitement of having so many people around me, it was so powerful & infectious!

People kept asking me if I was nervous but my honest reply was that I wasn't - I was just so happy. It was an extension of the experience I had on retreat, which simply confirmed that it was the right way ahead. I was moved to see so many familiar faces at both St Georges, Chorley for my ordination and at St Anne's for my first Mass. Some people had travelled a considerable distance, and it really meant a great deal to see you all.

During my retreat I was reading a book by Pope Benedict called "Milestones" in which he reflected on his ordination to the priesthood. "I learned first hand how earnestly people wait for a priest," he said, "how they long for the blessing that flows from the power of the sacrament. The point was not [the priests]. In us they saw persons who had been touched by Christ's mission and had been empowered to bring His nearness to [all] . . . we ourselves were not the point . . .". Whilst lying prostrate during the Litany of the Saints I couldn't help but think that it reminds us all that everything comes from God and we can fearlessly put our trust in Him. This sentiment was clearly going through my heart at my own ordination.

The grace of God flowed freely and abundantly on everyone there, and not just for Fr Jordan and myself as we became priests. I could see it so clearly on the faces of those around us. Looking at all the people I thought to myself, "This is your ordination, too. It's the prayers and support of good people like you that helped me to walk up these steps to be ordained and it's for all of you that I'm walking down". I could not have been more grateful to you all and especially to Almighty God. I could not have done it alone.

I think one of the most moving parts of the ceremony for me was the Laying on of Hands. This is really the most solemn moment of the Rite of Ordination. The bishop ordains us by placing his hands on our head and invoking the Holy Spirit on the new priest. That moment when Bishop Philip placed his hands on my head really was the most profound, exhilarating and humbling experience. I have truly never known such joy. Following the bishop, all the other priests who were present did the same. It's an incredibly beautiful symbol of unity and brotherhood.

Many people have asked what it was that I presented my mother with at my first Mass. I presented my mother with thirty-three red roses, one for each year of my life she so freely gave me.

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Sunday School

Discussions have been taking place for several weeks now with regard to the re-launching of Sunday School. Invitations were sent out via the usual channels, Pew Sheet, Facebook, magazine, website and Heyhouses School & Nursery. Several people came forward to express their interest in both attending Sunday School and also a willingness to be part of a team who would prepare and deliver the sessions.

As we go to press, there are further meetings planned over the coming weeks to sort out rotas, DBS, themes etc.

The decisions which have been made to date are as follows:

- ◆ It will revert back to being called Sunday School
- ◆ We will meet twice a month on the 2nd & 4th Sundays
- ◆ It will start at 10:15 am and children will be brought into church after the sermon, during The Peace
- ◆ It is planned to begin on Sunday 8th October, which is Harvest Sunday
- ◆ Initially the age group will be planned for 2-3 to 5 year olds
- ◆ The DBS process is already underway for a number of volunteers
- ◆ The official paperwork is being prepared in consultation with the safeguarding officer
- ◆ A First Aid course will be arranged
- ◆ There will be a rota in place for volunteers to deliver the sessions

There is a very positive vibe amongst those involved in re-launching Sunday School, but also amongst the volunteers and those who have expressed an interest in attending.

Once everything is in place, adverts and invitations will again be posted in the usual places. So please encourage anyone who is interested in attending to pick up the application forms, these will be available later in the month OR if you or someone you know is interested in being part of this exciting project then please let us know by emailing, either the parish office or the magazine team.

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Please pray for the work of the volunteers and for those families who will very soon become part of our church family.



I also gave my mother a Maniurgium, which was used to cleanse my hands, consecrated and made holy when the bishop anointed them with sacred chrism at my ordination. The Maniurgium is a simple white piece of linen that represents the burial shroud of Christ that protected His sacred body during His three days in the tomb. The Maniurgium is given to the mother, because she was the first protector of the newly ordained priest, during his time in her womb. The Maniurgium is a reminder to the people of God of His love and protection, especially towards His priests. When the newly ordained priest's mother is called home to God, she is buried holding the Maniurgium 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 Maniurgium to Christ the Lord and say, "my son too shared in your priesthood."

In the days that have followed my ordination I have had little time to reflect. In some ways, I've been pinching myself ever since; part of me can hardly believe it has happened.

However, presiding or concelebrating at Mass each day has been a great joy and privilege.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you who have supported me on this journey, and a huge thank you for your generosity of gifts and cards. I know a whole host of people have been praying for me and I am really grateful for that.

God bless,
Father Ryan



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Arts Week

The 150th anniversary celebrations began in style on July 10th, when our Arts Week was launched with Dr Harvey & The Philistans. They entertained their audience with an interesting mix of songs from across the county, from 'Little Sir Echo', one about 'tripe' through to a very moving piece based on letters found which were written by Harry, one of the Preston Pals. They narrated the history of the songs, as researched by Dr Harvey, although we do think some of the comments were 'tongue in cheek!' They were highly entertaining and encouraged much audience participation. It was a really enjoyable evening.

Tuesday saw sketches and songs from members of St Annes Parish Operatic Society and the Emily Laws School of Acting, and piano performances by the very talented Thomas Pawson. In the second half of the evening we were entertained by Sounds Right, a seven piece function band, directed by Chris Andrews, the musical director of SAPOS. We were certainly entertained during the course of the evening by a variety of styles.

On Wednesday evening the church was full as we welcomed The Lidun Singers, under the direction of Alistair MacKenzie, and accompanied by Dr Kevin Morgan on organ and piano. Alistair, in his eloquent style, explained a little about each item of the very mixed programme. We enjoyed music and song ranging from 'Hail, Holy Queen' from 'Sister Act' to 'Zadok the Priest'. Kevin and Alistair also played a duet on the piano, 'The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba', and Kevin played 'Crown Imperial' by William Walton on the organ. The church was filled with beautiful music all evening.

On Thursday the church was almost bursting at the seams once again as we welcomed Heyhouses School Choir. The children were very well supported by family and friends as they entertained us with a selection of songs from two children's musicals, 'Jonah-Man Jazz' and 'Samson & Delilah'; their young voices sang out with maturity beyond their years. Mr MacKenzie has been working with the children over recent weeks, encouraging them to use their voices correctly. This included learning breathing techniques, pronunciation and vocal projection and above all standing still! The hard work had certainly paid off as they sang with great confidence.

Alongside the school choir, our own church choir entertained the audience beautifully. They sang five anthems and motets including Ave Verum, Jesu Joy of Man's Desire and Jubilate Deo. It was a very contrasting programme, but one which was well received by everyone in church.

Our church was filled with the resounding sound of brass instruments on Friday, when Intrada Brass returned after 27 years. Several of the group are the original members. They played a varied programme including, 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot', 'North of England Folk Songs', dance music from the 1500 & 1700's and traditional brass music. The instrumental brass was interspersed with several solo pieces played on the organ by Alistair MacKenzie and the audience were also treated to brass solos. It was another truly memorable evening.

Finally, on Saturday, The Blue Magnolia Jazztet made a welcome return. Again the audience was treated to a variety of different musical pieces. The programme included a variety of pieces from Just Friends, Sweet Georgia Brown to The Flintstones, Pennies from Heaven, & It Don't Mean a Thing.

During the week several local artists displayed their talents by exhibiting their drawings and paintings. This was a really successful week enjoyed by many people.



A selection of photographs from the Arts Week.

From the left downwards:

Doc Harvey & The Philstans
SAPOS & Sounds Right
Lidun Singers

From the top right:

Lidun Singers
School & Church Choirs
Intrada Brass

St Annes Parish Church 150th Anniversary - 6th August

These stunning photographs were posted on the Facebook page of 'Relax St Annes' and thanks to the photographers Lee Ramsden, John Roberts and Gregg Wolstenholme photography. Our beautiful church was built in the middle of the Heyhouses hamlet and funded by Lady Eleanor Clifton, so that her estate workers had a place to worship. The town of St Annes-on-the-Sea grew up around the church. This fact is beautifully illustrated by the photograph, taken by Gregg Wolstenholme below.



Mothers' Union from Christine Buckley



Last month began with the wonderful ordination of Fr Ryan at St George's Church, Chorley, on 2nd July and many travelled by coach to be there. As a result of the problems and long delays on the motorways and roads around Preston that day, the clergy in Chorley were contacted to inform them that we would be late.

There was an excellent report about the evening in the July magazine. I must say that I was really impressed with how Bishop Philip delayed the Service after the Sermon and greeted us all personally when we alighted from the coach. We were then able to see the ordination of Fr Ryan and Fr Jordan and participate in the rest of the service. Later we enjoyed some delicious refreshments in the Church Hall and met many of our lovely clergy friends.

Our journey back home only took about forty minutes as the roads had cleared. Rather shockingly for them we did notice that the traffic going in the other direction was at a standstill. It had been a wonderful service, as was Fr Ryan's first Mass on the next evening which took place at our Church and was reported on in the last magazine.

A few days later on 6th July a few of our members went to the Victory Hall at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, where their MU members were hosting the afternoon tea for the Over Eighty and Indoor Members. It was a most enjoyable afternoon and lovely to meet members from around the deanery and diocese.

To celebrate the one hundred and fifty years of our Church, the following week there were some excellent musical evening performances at our church. During that week, on Tuesday 11th July, we met for our Afternoon Tea at Fairhaven Golf Club. We were pleased to welcome Fr Glen, Heather and Fr Ryan, and we were also most grateful to Kath Hall for all her hard work co-ordinating with the club and organizing the quiz.

It was a particularly special week for me as my son Chris, who lives in Canada, was staying with us and catching up with friends and family. He was also able to enjoy the St Annes Carnival Procession.

Looking ahead to August, many of us will continue to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our Church when we meet at the Glendower Hotel for the anniversary lunch. Two days later on 8th August the Mothers' Union meet at the 10.30 am service to worship together and have refreshments and fellowship. Friends are very welcome to join us.

On 12th September we meet at the Parish Rooms at 1.45 pm, a little earlier than on the programme, when Fr Ian Hollin will speak to us about "Acid Drops and Broken Biscuits". Many of us know Fr Ian from our Sunday worship and I am sure his talk is one not to be missed.

We hope that August will be warm and sunny, after the winds and rain in July. We must continue to give thanks for all our lovely gardens and beautiful views around the deanery.

Love and prayers are sent to all our members, particularly those who are housebound. Most live in St. Annes but one or two have moved away to be near their families.

Spiritual Disciplines - Rest

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Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' (Matthew 11:28).

Today, the spiritual discipline of rest is a challenging one. We are pressured to cram more and more activities into fewer hours. This has been described as 'hurry sickness' and is an enemy of our spiritual life. August is a month for resting, and so is a good time to look at this discipline.

God instituted the discipline of rest in the creation of the world. He created everything in six days and rested on the seventh (Gen 2:3). He instituted the Sabbath, a weekly day of rest (Lev 23:3). However, it is helpful to draw a distinction between busyness and being hurried. Busyness is an outward condition, while hurry is about our inner state, resulting from too many competing priorities. Jesus was often busy but never hurried! What questions should we be asking about getting more rest?

Balancing Rest and Work: What is a helpful rhythm of work and rest in our lives? How can we take seriously the Sabbath principle of having one day a week to rest and not work? How might we use our time differently eg taking a long walk or having an unhurried conversation with a friend?

Using Our Leisure Time Creatively: When we actually take a break we often end up simply watching TV, surfing the net, shopping unnecessarily or eating when we are not hungry! Can we choose leisure activities that really refresh us? It's not a case of more leisure time, but using the time we have more creatively.

'The solution to an over busy life is not more time. It's to slow down and simplify our lives around what really matters.'

(The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: John Mark Comer)

Bell Update by Stuart Newton

The final few days work in preparation for the return of the bells has been completed. This has mainly been treating the existing wooden frame with preservative and the final bits of preparation, eg removing the old ceiling bosses and rope chutes.

Thank you to bellringers Stuart, Ellis, Jim A, Jim W and Carole who worked alongside Steve from Taylor's to complete this work. Everyone now gets a couple of weeks off!

The bells will return in time to be blessed as part of the Church's 150th Anniversary Mass on Sunday 6th August at 10:30 am. The bells will be on display in Church as part of this service and church will be open on Saturday 5th August, 2:00-4:00 pm for anyone to come and see the bells prior to the blessing on Sunday. Light refreshments will be available.

The bells will be raised and fitted in the two weeks following the Anniversary Mass, week beginning 7th August, so hopefully we will be ringing again towards the end of August. We are really looking forward to ringing and hearing the sounds of our wonderful new bells.

St Clare of Assisi - 11th August



In the year 1212 Clare, the 18-year-old daughter of a local Count, heard a young preacher called Francis. A few years earlier he had caused a sensation in the centre of the town where they both lived, Assisi in Italy, by stripping himself of his wealthy clothes and declaring that from now on he would live the life of a peasant. This, he said, was in obedience to the call of Christ, for whom the poor were 'blessed' and the rich were in peril of judgment.

Francis gathered a group of seven men prepared to embrace what he called 'joyful poverty' for Christ's sake, but that day he was to enlist a female disciple. 'You are a chosen soul from God', he told Clare, when she expressed her eagerness to embrace the same strict rule as his male followers.

In due course, after a period in a Benedictine convent, Clare and her sister Agnes moved into the church of St Damiano, which Francis and his friends had restored, and gathered there a group of like-minded women. Eventually Francis made Clare the abbess of a religious Order, at first called the 'Order of Poor Ladies', eventually, and universally, to be known as the 'Poor Clares'. Unable to operate an itinerant ministry like the men, Clare's sisters concentrated on a life of prayer and simplicity. In fact, their dedication to poverty was such that it affected the health of many of them.

Francis and Clare remained friends and colleagues over the next 14 years in this remarkable movement of renewal and mission. During the preceding century (as we can learn from Chaucer, among others) the religious Orders had in many cases substituted indulgence for discipline. Francis and Clare found this scandalous, and despite opposition from high places, set out to demonstrate that an effective Christian message required an appropriate Christian life-style. For them, poverty was not a burden but a joy - a release from the delusions of power and ambition. Their witness made an enormous impact on the poor people of Umbria and beyond, who saw an authenticity in their lives which spoke as eloquently as their words.

Clare helped to nurse Francis through his final illness, which lasted several years. She lived for 27 years after his death, like him suffering from the effects of long years of strict austerity. She died in 1253 and was canonised two years later. She is buried in the basilica of St Clare in Assisi, a few hundred yards from the basilica of St Francis. In life they proclaimed the same message of sacrificial love and service, and in their deaths they were not divided.

We remember St Clare on 11th August.

What is Your Next Step?

Does this summer spell the end of school, college, or even a job, for you? Then congratulations are in order: you have completed a significant step!

Now it is time to consider your next step. The dictionary defines 'step' as a physical movement that advances you in a desired direction. You take a 'step' forward in order to get somewhere specific, not just to stop yourself falling flat on your face. Each 'step', however small, can take you towards a specific goal.

The Bible reflects this. It is filled with the metaphors of stepping, walking, running and goals, pilgrimages, journeys, all to describe the years of our lives.

When we were babies, we clung to our parents' hands as we learned how to take our first steps. They stayed right by us, to keep us from falling, and to steer us in the right direction. As adults, the Bible tells us that a successful journey through all of life is based on how near we walk to God – and let Him guide us in the steps we should take.

Choosing your next step in life this year is important. The good news is that you need not do it on your own. The Bible makes clear that in God, you have a divine 'life coach'. He knows you perfectly – and He has a plan for your life. Most of all this involves a personal relationship with Him.

We've all seen toddlers staggering towards danger, ignoring their parents' cries of warning. We've all seen adults making a mess of their lives. They are ignoring their personal divine Shepherd, Guide, Teacher and Helper.

A baby learns to walk safely by listening to its parents. We learn what God's will is for us through daily reading of His Word, in the Bible, and in obeying what we read.

For when God guides us, He does not hand down a divine map of our lives. His guidance is more like that of a torch – light for our daily path.

God's final 'step' for you is that you should know, enjoy, and glorify Him forever. Throughout our lives, we are to be taking small daily steps towards the Eternal City and He will see that we reach our final goal.

Meanwhile, the Lord wants you to succeed in the earthly goals that He has for you! Ask God to be your guide and helper as you take your next step.



"But I said you'd be happy to lead a House Group this autumn"



The start of the football season was the cause of universal joy

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Dates for Your Diary 2023

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

Saturday 26th August - 150th Anniversary Garden Party

Saturday 16th September - Heritage Open Day

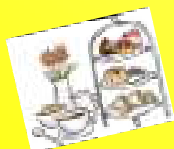
Saturday 23rd September - Come & Sing Charity Event
Selected choruses & solos from Handel's Messiah

Friday 6th October - Pizza & Quiz Evening

Saturday 18th November - Concert by The Yard Dogs

9th-16th December - Christmas Tree Festival

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



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St Annes Carnival

Many thanks to everyone who came to help with serving refreshments on the morning of the carnival and to those who came to support the church's presence at the event.

Fr Glen blessed the mayoral party as the procession passed the church and everyone appeared to be having a good time.

Luckily the rain held off until the last float had passed by.



The Coastal Collective



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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

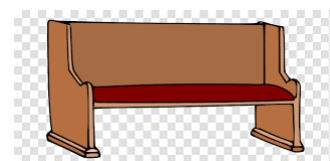
If you are in need of advice or are looking for help and support please email:

familyhub@heyhouses.lancs.sch.uk



Notices from the Pew Sheet

- **Garden Party** - Please see page 9 for more details.
- **Heyhouses Nursery** - If you are going into the Tesco Local or Tesco Express between now and the end of September, please look out for the blue token Community Grant collection by the exit. Our nursery has a chance to receive a grant of up to £1500. So please collect the blue tokens and vote for our nursery school. Thank you.
- **Tree Festival 2023** - in previous years, with support from members of the congregation, we have helped subsidise the cost of the Christmas Trees for the children and young people of our parish. If you would be happy to donate £5 or £10 to the cause then please speak to Peter Duke or any member of the Social Committee.
- **Sunday School** - We are looking for small plastic containers, the sort that are used to deliver Chinese Take-away food. They will be used for crayons etc. If you are willing to donate them please leave them at the back of church. Thank you.



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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Please check it out!

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and church receives a donation

Activities for the Young at Heart

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worker

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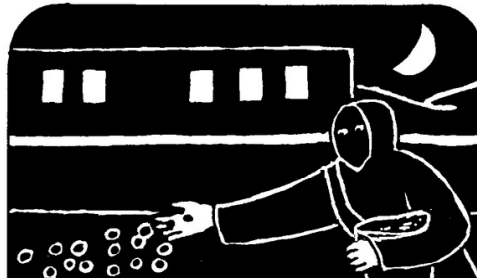
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Matthew chapter 13:24-30,36-43

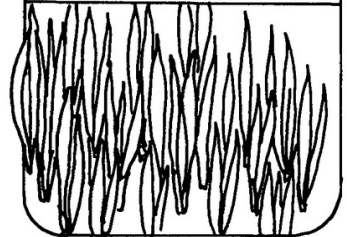
Jesus told this story to help explain what his Kingdom, the Kingdom of Heaven, is like...

A farmer's workers sowed good wheat seed in his field.

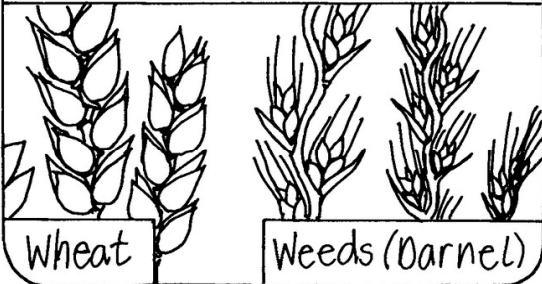


At night an enemy came and scattered weed seeds

When the seeds sprouted they looked the same



When the plants grew bigger the workers spotted the weeds



Wheat

Weeds (Darnel)

They asked the farmer



How did this happen?

An enemy did this



We'll pull up the weeds!

No, you might pull up some wheat with them. Wait until harvest time



You will be able to sort them out, and put the wheat in the barn... and burn the weeds



People asked



What does this story mean?

The field is the world and the good seeds are the good people



The weed seeds are the evil people. At the end of time they will be separated.

The angels will bring the good people to me in heaven.



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.



Bishop takes a Selfie!



Note from the Editor:

Apologies for changing the dates for this month, but there are times in life when the unexpected happens. So thank you, for your understanding.

The next magazine will be the DOUBLE issue, Autumn instead of a Summer double this year.

We will be back to normal for November and the Winter edition, December/January.

The Social Committee would like to thank you for your support over recent months especially for your attendance at the recent concerts and for the up & coming social events to mark our 150th Anniversary.

The Editorial team would also like to thank you for sending in your articles promptly and would like to wish you all the very best for the summer.

If you have any articles, notices of interest or photographs, particularly of your usual or unusual poppy knitting venues for the next magazine, then, as always, please send them to:

stannesparishmag@gmail.com. Thank you



Quote for August



"Happiness escapes us when we run after it. In truth, happiness comes from within."



Heyhouses C of E Nursery School

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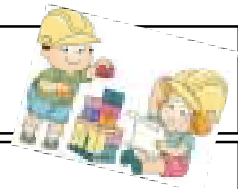
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Baby & Toddler Group



We meet in the Parish Rooms from
2.00 pm to 3.30 pm on **WEDNESDAYS** during **TERM TIME**
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

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



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**

Sunday School

This will re-open in

OCTOBER

**2nd & 4th Sundays in
the month**

It will be held in the
Parish Rooms - Room 1
at 10:15 am

All children aged 2-5
will be welcome

More details to follow



Babies & Toddlers

Come and join us
in the Parish Rooms on
Wednesday afternoons
in **term time** from

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Everyone is welcome
Mums, Dads,
Grandparents,
Childminders and Carers

Come and join us for tea
and a chat with plenty of
toys for the toddlers



Influence

Articles for inclusion in
the magazine for

AUTUMN 2023

should be handed in
at the Parish Office or
e-mailed to:
stannesparishmag@gmail.com

before 12 pm on

FRIDAY 18 AUGUST

Thank you



Church Registers

Baptisms

Lily Mae Ingham
Olivia-Kate Rae
Fergus Jim Frew
Nettie Freda Frew
Kade Davis



Marriages

No marriages this month



Recently Departed

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

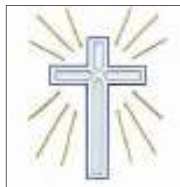
Alwynne Hall
Fr Timothy Lipscomb

'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. 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

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

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Handbell Ringers: Christine Buckley	728666

Uniformed Organisations

For details of our uniformed groups
contact the Parish Office

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



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stannesparishoffice73@gmail.com

Open Monday to Friday 9.30 am - 12 pm

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For information regarding Baptisms
please contact the Parish Office - 01253 722736

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