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From the Vicarage ... Resurrection

As the Church prepares for Easter and the joy of resurrection, we would do well to remember what we are actually about as his disciples today.

As, 2,000 years ago, his fearful disciples went from the upper room after the horror of Good Friday to visit Christ's tomb in the burial garden, having deserted him in his hour of need, it would have been a pathetic sight indeed.

In their emptiness they expected to find a shrine to the dead, and no doubt would have felt deeply remorseful for the way they had let Jesus down.

At first, a deeply sad scene seems to become even worse with the huge stone rolled away and the suspicion that grave robbers have stolen their friend's corpse. Then, their sadness is transformed into joy by the living Christ making himself known to Mary, and then later to the other disciples.

If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, and if Mary, Thomas, Peter, Andrew and all the others merely imagined seeing him and then went out to tell the known world a fairy story, then I would gladly offer up our church and the churchyard as a monument

to the past and as a nice spot for walking the dog.

However, the reason there have been churches across the world through three millennia, is, of course, because it is no dead shrine.

Rather, it is the place where generation after generation have encountered Jesus Christ.

His resurrection can be ours too. We can be transformed from that which was empty and lifeless to that which is filled with the power of Easter. Jesus really can change lives and when a group of his followers are serious about their faith and about making a difference for him in their communities, amazing things can happen.

My hope is that those who enjoy our churchyard will also take the opportunity to come into the church and see another visible testimony of a community of faith that is actively reaching out in service to all.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Happy Easter to you all

Fr Glen

Worship & Prayer Diary - March 2024

Date	Day	Worship Times	Intention
Friday 1st	St David	9.30 am Healing Mass	Healing
Saturday 2nd	St Chad		Wisdom & Gentleness
+ Sunday 3rd	Lent Three	10.30 am Parish Mass 6.30 pm Choral Evensong	World Day of Prayer
Monday 4th		12 noon Low Mass	Our Lent Study
Tuesday 5th		10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	Faith & Order
Wednesday 6th		9.00 am Low Mass	Temptation
Thursday 7th	Ss. Perpetua, Felicity et al	6.00 pm Low Mass	Scientists
Friday 8th	St Felix, Bp	9.30 am Low Mass	Courage
Saturday 9th			Musicians
+ Sunday 10th	Lent Four Mothering Sunday	10.30 am Parish Mass	Mothers
Monday 11th		12 noon Low Mass	People of the Ukraine
Tuesday 12th		10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	Police Service
Wednesday 13th		9.00 am Low Mass	Baby & Toddler Group
Thursday 14th		6.00 pm Low Mass	Our Church School & Nursery
Friday 15th		9.30 am Low Mass	Repentance
Saturday 16th			Vocations
+ Sunday 17th	Lent Five	10.30 am Parish Mass	Peace
Monday 18th	St Cyril of Jerusalem	12 noon Low Mass	Teaching the Faith

Worship & Prayer Diary - March 2024

Date	Day	Worship Times	Intention
Tuesday 19th	St Joseph, Husband of BVM	10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	Fathers
Wednesday 20th	St Cuthbert	9.00 am Low Mass	Conversion of England
Thursday 21st	Thomas Cranmer	6.00 pm Low Mass	Liturgy & Worship
Friday 22nd		9.30 am Low Mass Cell of Walsingham	Our Lady of Walsingham
Saturday 23rd			Sunday School
+ Sunday 24th	Palm Sunday	10.30 am Parish Mass 6.00 pm Chrism Mass at St George the Martyr, Preston	Exploring the Faith
Monday 25th	Holy Monday	12 noon Low Mass	Family life
Tuesday 26th	Holy Tuesday	10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	Faith
Wednesday 27th	Holy Wednesday	9.00 am Low Mass	The Passion
Thursday 28th	<u>Paschal Triduum</u> Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch	The Upper Room
Friday 29th	Good Friday	10.00 am Stations of the Cross 11.00 am Easter Story for Children 3.00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion	The Way of the Cross
Saturday 30th	Easter Eve	8.00 pm Paschal Vigil & First Mass of Easter	Patience
+ Sunday 31st	Easter Day	10.30 am Parish Mass 6.30 pm Choral Evensong	Resurrection of our Lord

Palm Sunday and Holy Week

The events of Easter took place over a week, traditionally called Passion Week.

It began on Palm Sunday. After all His teaching and healing, Jesus had built a following.

On the Sunday before He was to die, Jesus and His followers arrived at Jerusalem. The city was crowded. Jewish people were arriving to celebrate Passover. This commemorates how they had escaped from slavery in Egypt nearly 1,500 years earlier.

Jesus rode into the city on a young donkey. He was greeted like a conquering hero. Cheering crowds waved palm branches in tribute. He was hailed as the Messiah who had come to re-establish a Jewish kingdom.

The next day Jesus and his followers returned to Jerusalem. Jesus went to the temple, the epicentre of the Jewish faith, and confronted the money-changers and merchants who were ripping off the people. He overturned their tables and accused them of being thieves. The religious authorities were alarmed and feared how He was stirring up the crowds.

On the Tuesday, they challenged Jesus, questioning His authority. He answered by challenging and condemning their hypocrisy. Later that day Jesus spoke to His disciples about future times. He warned them about fake religious leaders; the coming destruction of Jerusalem; wars, earthquakes and famines; and how His followers would face persecution.

By midweek the Jewish religious leaders and elders were so angry with Jesus that they began plotting to arrest and kill Him. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, went to the chief priests and agreed to betray Him to them.

Jesus and the twelve disciples gathered on the Thursday evening to celebrate the Passover meal. This is known as the Last Supper. During the evening, Jesus initiated a ritual still marked by Christians – Holy Communion – which commemorates His death. Jesus broke bread and shared it and a cup of wine with His disciples.

Judas then left to meet the other plotters. Jesus continued to teach the others and then went outside into an olive grove to pray. He even prayed for all future believers. He agonised over what was to come but chose the way of obedience. Luke's Gospel records Him praying, *'Father if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will but yours be done'*. Minutes later Judas arrived with soldiers and the chief priests and Jesus was arrested.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Our services for Holy Week and Easter Day are as follows:

Holy Monday - Mass at 12 noon

Holy Tuesday - Mass at 10.30 am

Holy Wednesday - Mass at 9 am

Sacrum Triduum

Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch
7.30 pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross
10.00 am

The Easter Story for Children (aged 3-7)
11.00 am

Solemn Liturgy of The Passion
3.00 pm

Holy Saturday

Paschal Vigil & First Mass of Easter
8.00 pm



Easter Day

Parish Mass
10.30 am



An Invitation for YOU!

Despite your possible lack of confidence and self-denial, *everybody can* sing!

We are blessed that at St Anne's, in our celebrations of the mass and other services, our friends in the choir lead the sung parts of the service, the hymns and a motet or anthem.

Whilst at school, you may have sung in a choir or in assemblies. Many folk rediscover the joys of singing for themselves later in life, and not just in the bath or shower!

We would like to extend the warmest invitation to you, to come and join us as a member of our choir. We have a weekly rehearsal on Thursday evenings and if you might like to give this a try, even if you have not sung in a choir before, we would love to see you!

If you would like more information or would like to consider joining us, please contact Alistair: 07890 402 303 and leave a voicemail or text message for him to call you back, or email: alistairmackenziemusic@gmail.com



At our Easter Sunday mass, it has become our tradition to sing Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus' to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord. Please do let us know, via the contact information above, if you would like to sing this with us on Easter Sunday morning mass, 31st March. We will be rehearsing this at our rehearsal on Thursday evening, 21st March (Thursday before Maundy Thursday). We have copies of the music.

Also, do come and join us to sing 'The Crucifixion' by John Stainer on Passion Sunday, 17th March. We have the music for that too!

We look forward, greatly, to hearing from you; this could be the start of a great adventure!

Smile Lines

Palm Sunday Visit to Church - It was Palm Sunday, but because of a sore throat, five-year-old Bobby was kept home from church with his Granny. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds and Bobby asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by," his father explained. Bobby was aghast. "I don't believe it! The one Sunday I don't go, and He shows up!"

Just like Mum - That desert was delicious. Did you buy it yourself!

'Come & Sing'

Please help 'Save The Children' Sunday 17th March 2024
John Stainer's 'The Crucifixion'

'The Crucifixion' by Sir John Stainer (1840 – 1901) is a beautiful composition for choir, two soloists, tenor and bass, with organ accompaniment. 'The Crucifixion' includes five hymns for congregational/audience participation; these rank amongst the finest of their genre.

Our aim is to raise as much money as possible by involving as many people as we can to sing this wonderful work for 'Save The Children UK' (charity no. 213890). 'Save The Children UK' exists to support children in the UK and in 115 other countries around the world, children who are living in war zones and children suffering from poverty, starvation, malnutrition, abuse and exploitation.

We warmly invite everybody who might not wish to participate, to come and hear our performance at 7.00 pm.

Last year we raised over £2,500 for UNICEF and Fylde Foodbank. This year, particularly as children in increasing numbers across the world are needing urgent care and support, we would like to raise as much and hopefully considerably more.

Those participating include:

Tenor: Alistair Armit

Baritone: Michael Howarth

Organ: Dr. Kevin Morgan

Directed by Alistair MacKenzie

There will also be choristers from church choirs, choral societies and community choirs across Lancashire and the North West.

Choristers' Donation: £10.00 on the day. **Audience Donation** £5.00

If you wish to sing in this performance, please confirm your attendance by sending an **email** to: crucifixion.aid@gmail.com

or **telephone:** 07922 826 571 or 01253 722366

If you wish to be a member of the audience please just come along on Sunday 17th March for a 7.00 pm start. Refreshments will be available following the performance.

**Please bring as many members of your family, friends and neighbours
as you possibly can.**

**Many of those attending and singing in last year's performance found this a profoundly
moving experience.**

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there.

Easter Eve or Holy Saturday

Easter Eve is the last day of Lent. It is the day between Good Friday and Easter Day, and represents the one full day that Jesus was dead. It is a day of quiet reflection and anticipation for Christians worldwide.

In various church traditions it is known as Easter Eve, Holy Saturday, the Great Sabbath, Hallelujah Saturday, Saturday of the Glory, and Black Saturday.

Easter Eve is sometimes incorrectly called Easter Saturday, but Easter Saturday is the Saturday *following* Easter Sunday.

Most churches do not have any services on Easter Eve. In the Catholic Church, the altar remains stripped completely bare. Many Lutheran, Anglican, Methodist, and other churches observe many of the same customs as the Catholic Church; however, their altars may be covered in black instead of being stripped.

In the Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, and Methodist traditions, Easter Eve lasts until nightfall, after which the Easter Vigil is celebrated, marking the official start of the Easter season.

What did Jesus do on that one full day in the grave? Christian understanding varies on this.

The Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and most mainline Protestant churches teach that Jesus descended to the realm of the dead on Holy Saturday, to save the righteous souls who died before His crucifixion.

The catechism of the Catholic church calls the descent “the last phase of Jesus’ messianic mission,” during which He “opened heaven’s gates for the just who had gone before Him.”

Often called “the Harrowing of Hell,” the dramatic image of Jesus breaking down the doors of Hades has proved almost irresistible to artists, from the painter Hieronymus Bosch to the poet Dante to countless Eastern Orthodox iconographers.

However, some Protestants say there is little scriptural evidence for the detour to hell, and that even Jesus’ own words contradict it. For on Good Friday, Jesus told the Good Thief crucified alongside Him that “today you will be with Me in Paradise,” according to Luke’s Gospel.”

“That’s the only clue we have as to what Jesus was doing between death and resurrection,” John Piper, a prominent evangelical author and pastor from Minnesota, has said. “I don’t think the thief went to hell and that hell is called paradise.”

The Bible says little about the interlude between Jesus’ death and resurrection. Churches that teach He descended to the realm of the dead usually quote 1 Peter 3:18-20. “Christ was put to death as a human, but made alive by the Spirit,” Peter writes. “And it was by the Spirit that He went to preach to the spirits in prison.”

The descent might not have become a doctrine if not for a fourth-century bishop named Rufinus, who added that Jesus went *ad inferna* – to hell – in his commentary on the Apostles’ Creed. The phrase stuck, but it was officially added to the influential creed only centuries later.

The 'Fruitful' App

Jesus calls us to bear fruit - think John 15.

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with greater confidence.

There are Daily Devotions & Prayers, Bishop Philip's Lent Course is currently available along
with the daily Lent Devotions.

One of the most exciting parts of the app is the podcasts for children.

'Follow the Son' is for children aged aged 3-7.

This has a morning & evening episode with a story and prayer.

For the older children aged 6-11 called 'Bible Podlets'.

Additional resources are available to download along with a free activity e-book.

It is really worth exploring for both adults and children. 'Follow the Son' has been trialled
by a member of the Sunday School team and she said it was very user-friendly and the
evening one very calming.

Other adults have accessed the Lent Devotions online and again found them very useful.

If you are interested the link to find out more or to download the app is:

www.fruitful.faith

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The Fylde Fairtrade Group is selling
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The box also contains The Easter Story, an activity book and a quiz.



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Please see Christine Campbell or call her on 07984 004973
if you would like to order one or two! Last orders for eggs is **10th March**.

Heyhouses Foodbank Easter Eggs



Once again, we are looking to provide Easter Eggs for pupils at
Heyhouses school.

If you would like to help, please give a cash donation to Diane Glister or
Howard Gent by **Sunday 17th March** this would be really appreciated,
thank you.

Annual Parish Dinner 2024

We had seventy-one people attending the event at the Glendower Hotel on 10th
February. This was a brilliant turnout, and what a great event it was too!

The food was not only served on time but also of excellent quality, quickly delivered, and
hot when appropriate. Thanks must go to the friendly and efficient staff at the
Glendower.

We must also thank Nigel Stewart and the Yard Dogs for the superb entertainment,
especially for keeping the volume at a level that allowed decent conversation without
having to shout, a rare occurrence nowadays.

We are indebted to Pam Kinghorn who spent a considerable amount of time organising
the venue, sorting out the table plans and collecting the money.

Speaking of money, with the generosity of everyone contributing to and participating in
the raffle and having more people attending than anticipated, we were able to raise
£348.60 for Church funds. Thank you to everyone who came and had a great time.

Hopefully, next year will be just as good or even better, so we hope to see you there. If
you have not been before speak to someone who went and I am sure they will
recommend the event to you.

God Bless, Peter Duke

Lent Course 2024

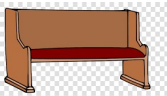


This year during the season of Lent we will be following the Bishop of Blackburn's course. The course explores the Book of Exodus

It will take place

Every Tuesday afternoon at 2.00 pm
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All are welcome to come along and join us



From the Pew Sheet



- ♦ **Additional Curates Society (ACS)** - Lenten Alms boxes are now available. ASC supports the work of curates. Please consider taking one. Thank you.
- ♦ **Prayer List** - We would like to carry out a review of the current Prayer List. It would be helpful if those who are currently on the list could confirm that they wish to remain on it (or are happy to be removed). If you have asked for someone to be included, then could you also confirm (via The Parish Office) that they still wish to remain (or to be removed).
- ♦ **Coastal Collectives** - The Hub has been given a 2 seater settee. Do you know of anyone who has a van or large vehicle and would be happy to collect it from Ansdell and take it to the Hub, in the grounds of Heyhouses School. It is approximately 1.5m x 1m. Please email:
 - familyhub@heyhouses.lancs.sch.uk or
 - stannesparishmag@gmail.com
- ♦ **Lent Social** - On Friday 15th March at 7 pm in the Parish Rooms there will be a Jacob's Join buffet and prize quiz evening. Please see Susan McMahon to see how you can help with the food. There is **no charge** for this event but we do ask that everyone coming contributes to the Jacob's Join and also brings a donation (tins, packets, or toiletries) for our Food Bank collection. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Fr Glen and Fr Ryan will be hosting the prize quiz.

Mothers' Union from Christine Buckley

I always like to comment on the spring flowers because they are so beautiful and brighten many shady areas in gardens and hedgerows. Presently many snowdrops and crocuses are in full bloom, and there are also daffodils appearing in many places, especially in our churchyard.

Our members met for our AGM meeting on 13th February. It was a lovely afternoon with many members in attendance, and after going through our business matters, Fr Ryan talked to us about his time as a teacher in a special school and coping with difficult children. He also showed us some details on the screen about the school and the pupils.

I am sure that his experience as a teacher and dealing with awkward people will be useful in his training as a curate and, perhaps, later as a bishop - who knows?

At the meeting our wonderful treasurer Maureen Green officially retired and was thanked for all she had done. Thankfully we have a new treasurer, Sheila Dodd, and we are pleased to welcome her to our committee. We were also very pleased that Fr Glen was able to be with us to lead our prayers and we enjoyed his company.

March is a very busy month starting with the World Day of Prayer, taking place this year at the URC Church, St. Annes, on 1st March at 2 pm. The event is open to members from all local churches.

We will be preparing posies to be given out at the morning service of the Fourth Sunday of Lent which is, of course, Mothering Sunday. This is a special day to remember and give thanks for our own dear mothers.

Fr Keith Fenton will be coming to speak to us at our meeting on 12th March and guests are welcome to join us. The meeting commences at 1.45 pm in the Parish Rooms.

The very last day of March is Easter Sunday, and this is always a day of celebration. Coincidentally this year it is the day we move our clocks forward.

We have a number of members who are housebound and not able to get out. We continue to reassure them that they are always in our thoughts and prayers.



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At this year's festival, money was raised for twenty-two local and national charities, as well as for general church funds and the bell restoration fund. The donations to each organisation from the visiting public was enhanced by sharing the proceeds of the concert given by Lytham Community Choir on the first Saturday of the festival.

All the money has now been distributed and we have received numerous letters and e-mails from various organisations, thanking both the Church and Lytham Community Choir for their support.

Events like this not only increase awareness of the work done by the various charities but also raise the profile of the Parish Church within the local community. Much time and hard work was put into organising and running the festival and it is lovely to see how much it was appreciated.

Henry Gilbraith, PCC Treasurer

Our Dear Friend, Harry Wincott

It was with great sadness that I received the news from Margaret that her dear husband Harry had died in hospital on 5th February 2024. His funeral took place at the local church which they have attended since moving south to Goring-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Harry was born in Blackpool in 1934 and attended school in Marton and sang in the Marton Church choir. After serving in the Navy during his time of National Service he went on to work in Overseas Removals.

Harry and Margaret lived in St Annes for many years and were very involved with our Church in many ways. Harry was a Church Warden and a member of the PCC. We worked quite closely on various committees, and Harry and I worked together as Bereavement Visitors from 2000 until 2010.

Harry was a very popular and much loved member of our church family, being a very good communicator and helping in many ways.

Harry will be greatly missed by his sons and their families. Margaret is moving to live with her son and family in Goring, and this will provide her with much needed help and support.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family.

Christine Buckley

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A Prayer for Lent

We pray that these, our Lenten sacrifices, may be an offering of solidarity and a promise of ongoing commitment to our one human family. As good stewards of your many gifts, may we always answer Jesus' call to reach out beyond ourselves and to share your abundance. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Pray for Peace in The Holy Land



At this difficult time, we must continue to hold all the people of Israel & Palestine in our prayers, whatever their faith .

This prayer is from 'The Friends of the Holy Land' for us to use:

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children for, to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

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The next meetings will be on
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To date we have raised **£1,566.42**, **87p raised during February**

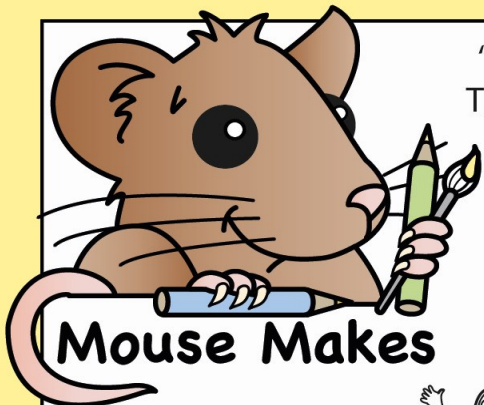
Fantastic, keep it up! Thank you!

**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



Mouse Makes

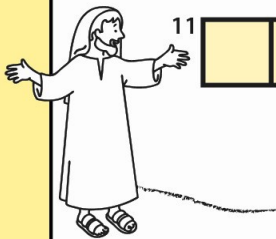
Matthew 21:1-11

1. Which city did Jesus ride into?
2. What did he ride on?
3. What did the crowd shout?
4. What did clothes did they put down?
7. What did they cut down to spread on the road?



Matthew 26:17-29

15. What feast did Jesus celebrate?
12. Who did he celebrate it with?
11. What did Jesus break to eat?



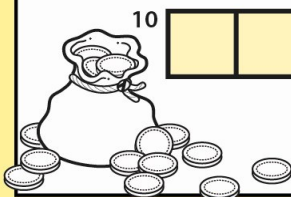
Matthew 26:36-75

6. What did Jesus go to do at Gethsemane?
18. Who denied Jesus?



Matthew 26:14-16

- 8d. Who betrayed Jesus?
10. How many silver pieces was he paid?



"I am the resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me will live
even though they die."

John 1:25

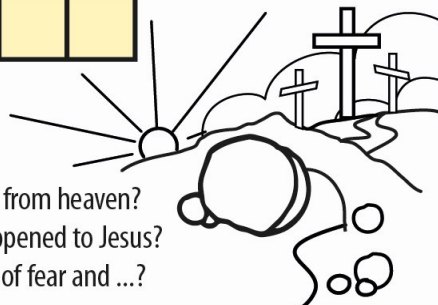


READ the Bible passages to find the answers to the crossword clues



Matthew 27:27-61

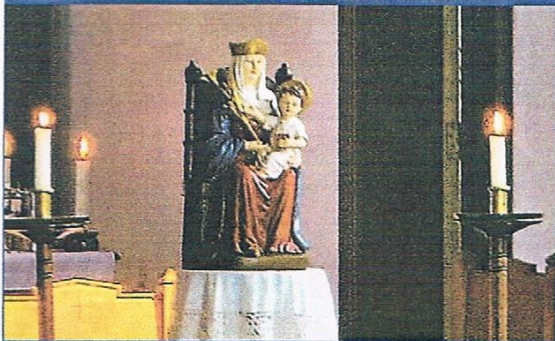
17. What was Jesus' crown made of?
9. What was Jesus crucified on?
14. Who's tomb was Jesus buried in?
13. What did they wrap Jesus' body in?
16. What did they roll in front of the tomb?



Matthew 28:1-10

5. Who descended from heaven?
19. What had happened to Jesus?
- 8a. Mary was full of fear and ...?

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Joint Cells

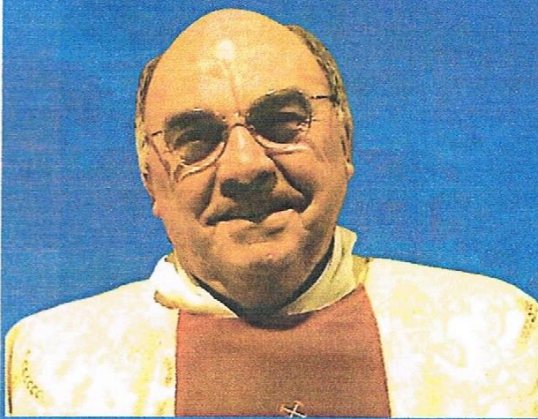
Our Lady of Walsingham

Holy Cross and

St Christopher with St Nicholas

Saturday 23rd March at 11am

The Feast of the Annunciation



Sung Mass

Guest Preacher

Fr Ian Rushton

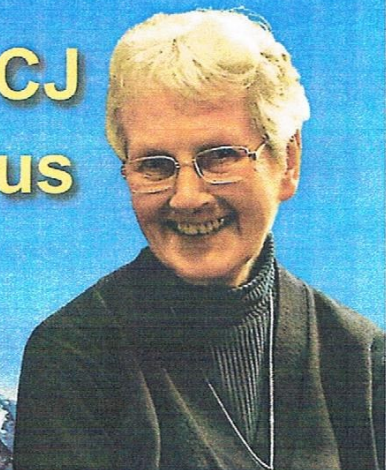
Assistant Priest

St Christopher with St Nicholas

After Lunch

Rosary and Benediction

Sister Philomena Grimley SHCJ
Society of the Holy Child Jesus



Dates for Your Diary 2024

15th March - Lent Social - 7.00 pm in the Parish Rooms

This will be a Jacob's Join buffet and prize quiz evening.

Please see Susan McMahon to see how you can help with the food.

There is no charge for this event but we do ask that everyone coming contributes to the Jacob's Join and also brings a donation (tins, packets, or toiletries) for our Food Bank collection.

Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Fr Glen and Fr Ryan will be hosting the prize quiz.

Other events being planned for the coming months are:

An Evening at The Flower Bowl, Barton Grange

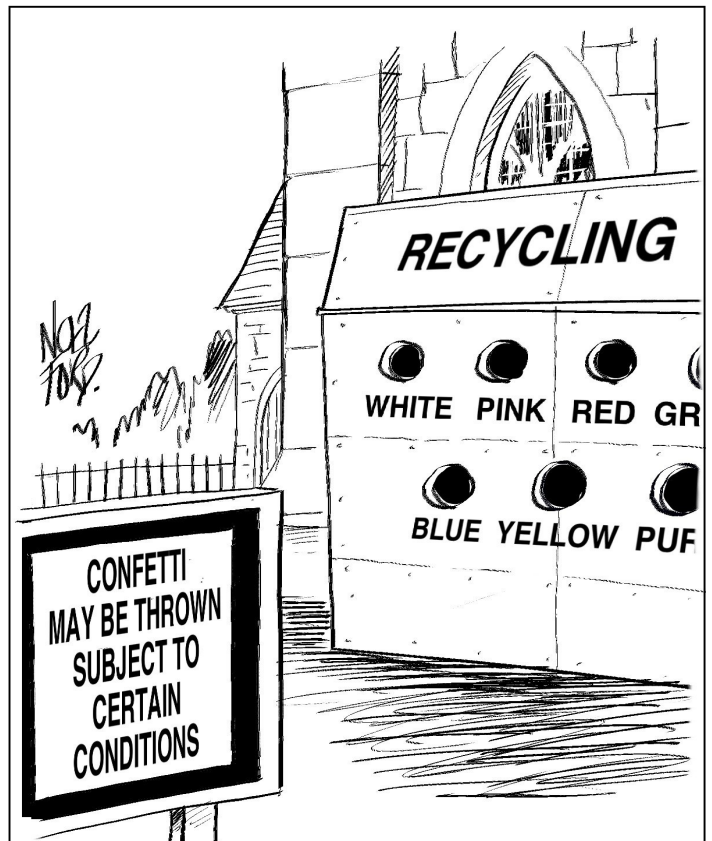
Afternoon Tea at the home of John & Jenny Edwards

BBQ at the home of Bill & Ann Hembrow

Harvest Social

Tree Festival Concerts

Keep your eye on the Pew Sheet, Magazine & Website for more details when they become available





St Annes Parish Church



Sunday School

for 3-5 Year olds

Dates for March are:

Sundays 10th & 24th March at 10:15 am

in the Parish Rooms - Room 1

Headroomgate Road

For further information you can contact us at:

stannessundayschool3@gmail.com

We are really looking forward to welcoming you!

Heyhouses C of E Nursery School



OPEN DAY



You are warmly invited to come along and join us on

Saturday 23rd March

for our Open Day

from 10 am–12 pm

To find out more about the Open Day, general information or to arrange a visit to this wonderful nursery, please contact
Suzanne Williams or Sarah Fisher on 01253 640110

Sunday School



Almost another term is 'under our belts' and our numbers are slowly but surely increasing. We would like to thank everyone for all your support and for all the wonderful words of encouragement that we have received.

It has been quite a challenge introducing Lent to such young children, but we have managed it and, as we go to print, we are looking forward to sharing the rest of the story with the children. We are delighted that Fr Ryan is going to work with the children in church on Good Friday. We felt that it was important for the story to unfold gradually to the children, in the way that it does for us during Lent and Holy Week. On Palm Sunday we will talk about the triumphant procession into Jerusalem, and think about the events of Maundy Thursday which will lead us to the session on Good Friday. This will all help to open up the story of the 'True Meaning of Easter' to the children. Fr Ryan will deliver the session on Good Friday assisted by Fr Matthew, a curate, who is on placement for three weeks with us. The Sunday School volunteers will support the session and help with the crafts and serve refreshments afterwards.

If you would like to bring any other children along to the Good Friday session please let me know so that we can ensure we have sufficient resources and, of course, hot cross buns! Please email stannessundayschool3@gmail.com or sign the list at the back of church by Sunday 24th March. We hope that the children will then come along on Easter Day to share in the great celebration. Thank you.



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
Please check that all items are well within their "Use by" date


Note from the Editor:

- Well here we are in the middle of Lent.
- The Lenten course is now well underway and appreciated by all those who are attending.
- Some of you may already have downloaded the 'Frutiful' App, which I, for one, am finding to be a very useful tool. Please see page 11 for more details.
- We look forward to welcoming you to the Lent Social on 15th March, which should be an exciting evening, helping to raise much needed donations for the local Food Bank.
- Our next edition will be available on Easter Day, so if you have anything that you would like to share with us, then please send items as usual to:

stannesparishmag@gmail.com



Quote for March



"The ability to enjoy the simple is the essence of the art of living"



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

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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*



Sunday School

Sunday School will be
held on the

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

You can contact us at
stannessundayschool3@gmail.com



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

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

FRIDAY 15th MARCH

Thank you



Church Registers



Baptisms

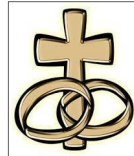


No Baptisms



Marriages

No Marriages



Recently Departed

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

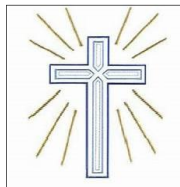
Graham (Henry) Blant
Thomas Cartmell
Lorraine Matta
Patricia Ward
Harry Wincott

*'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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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 in the month)

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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For information regarding Baptisms
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