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FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear Friends,

It's a funny old world (a phrase made famous by Ken Dodd in his 1967 song of the same name). Conflict is sadly now a daily feature in our newspapers and on our television screens. The Russian invasion of The Ukraine is now halfway through its third year, and tensions across the Middle East are also rising. Life has suddenly become very serious, and a great many people are living with real threats to both their homes, and lives. Our hopes and prayers are for a negotiated diplomatic solution which would avoid any more bloodshed, and finally bring peace. However, as we know, peace can be elusive.

Sadly, we are now witnessing fresh conflict in Israel and Gaza; thousands of people fleeing their homes with reception areas unable to cope. We must continue to pray for peace. It is important to remember, and pray for those who are working for to bring peace across our broken world at this time.

In John's Gospel, Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace I leave with; my peace I give you", before he left them and he sent the Holy Spirit, a promised gift to them. The Prince of Peace will forever be with them because of what he manifests in his community of discipleship, namely Love, Joy and Peace.

Henri Nouwen, a great and gifted writer, walked the road to peace and over time developed a wonderful, beautiful spirituality of non-violence. Nouwen stressed the importance of spending time in prayer, intentionally praying for peace, and the end of conflicts. He wrote, "For Jesus, there are no countries to be conquered, no ideologies to be imposed, no people to be dominated. There are only children, women and men to be beloved. As peacemakers we must resist all the powers of war and destruction and proclaim that peace is the divine gift offered to all who affirm life".

With my prayers and best wishes,
Fr Glen

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FROM THE EDITOR

As this is my first edition, I thought I should introduce myself. I am Edward Nash, also known as Eddie or Ed.

Sandgroun, I was born on St Annes Road East and lived there in my grandfather's family house not far from the Lych gate. I was educated at Headroom gate School by the Parish Rooms (now a nursing home) and King Edward V11 School (now AKS)

St Annes' Parish Church played a large part in my upbringing and life. I was baptized in what is now the Memorial Chapel and confirmed alongside my grandfather. What he experienced in WW1 turned him away from the church, so it was both an honour and a pleasure to be able to take our first communion together. His gravestone lies not far from the Memorial Chapel.

At an early age I recall sitting on his knee reading the Parish Magazine to him, so all those years later it seems appropriate to edit the magazine that taught me to read.

Attending church in my Sunday best and "graduating" from Sunday school, aged 11 I became a founder member of the 7th Lytham St Anne's Scout Group that formed in the Parish Rooms but now has its own building by Heyhouses School.

Further on I joined the Church Youth Club that met in the Parish Rooms twice a week, very much the club to be in with over 100 teenage members, run by Rev David Hallam, a long-suffering curate. I also became a bellringer but not for long as my coordination let me down.

Following on from school, I was commissioned into the Royal Artillery, where I enjoyed a 30-year career with many adventures and much travel. On leave I would join my Aunt Dorothy and cousin Alan at church where Alan, who was severely disabled will be remembered by many at the back, clutching a hymn book and hooting the hymns.

I have served as an elected member of St Annes Town Council, Fylde Council and Lancashire County Council and I was privileged, as Town Mayor to unveil the blue plaque on the Parish Rooms a few years ago.

A widower, I attended church regularly with my late wife Barbara who passed away 7 years ago. Much loved as a Councillor and mentor to veterans, her memorial stone is situated at the corner of Beauclerk Gardens opposite the old Heyhouses building.

Enough of me, I must offer sincere thanks to Denise Brown who made such a great job as editor. If I can only do half as well it will be an achievement. Please keep the contributions flowing in!

Ed the Editor

AN ODE IN CELEBRATION OF AGE

When you are young and the blood runs hot
Dance all night and not give a jot
Beautiful people in tight, bright clothes
Bursting with living
When anything goes
And you suppose it will go on for ever

But it gets harder as each year passes
Greying hair, wearing glasses
Where's my youth gone? Heaven knows

It's a mid life crisis some will say
Its harder every day
To do things in the usual way

So its time to change the tune
Count your blessings you are told
Some things get better as you grow old

More delight in the simple things
That experience and loving brings
And love that was once a fire

Now transforms from easy desire
To a mellow care for the simple ways
That start to occupy your days

A gentle touch, its not too much
A loving glance, a kiss, the chance
To really love and live always

Don't take fright, just delight in today, not what once was
And live for what might be—hooray!

Ed the bard

1 ROYAL ARTILLERY



The Royal Regiment of Artillery is one of the oldest regiments in the British Army, founded in 1716, it serves to provide massive firepower on the battlefield. Serving in all theatres since founding, the Sovereign, King Charles III is the titular head of the Regiment as Captain General.

Working head of the Regiment is the Master Gunner St James Park, a London park where the ceremonial unit, the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery fires Royal and other gun salutes

If you look at the stained glass in the memorial chapel, you will see several windows dedicated to fallen gunners of St Annes from WW1

The RA Association of Fylde meets on the second Wednesday of every month in the St Anne's Ex Serviceman's Club. At 7pm. All are welcome. Contact Alan Timmins Hon Secretary on 07593 185558. We hope to celebrate our patron Saint, St Barbara in church in early December

A PRAYER FOR JULY

Gracious and holy Father
Please give me
Intellect to understand you
Reason to discern you
Diligence to seek you
Wisdom to find you
A spirit to know you
A heart to meditate upon you
Ears to hear you
Eyes to see you
A tongue to proclaim you
A way of life pleasing to you
Patience to wait for you, and perseverance to look for you
Grant me a perfect end—your holy presence
A blessed resurrection and life everlasting
AMEN

SAFEGUARDING AT ST ANNE'S PARISH CHURCH

St Anne's Parish Church has adopted the House of Bishop's 'Promoting a Safer Church' policy and the Parish Safeguarding Handbook, incorporating the House of Bishop's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

All those working with children and adults have undergone safer recruitment and received safeguarding training. However, we all have a responsibility to ensure the safety of those who enter our buildings and attend any of our activities.

Reporting a concern

If you believe that someone is at risk of immediate harm please call the emergency services on 999.

Any safeguarding concerns in the parish should be brought to my attention in the first instance.

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All those who work with children and/or vulnerable adults on a regular basis must have completed the relevant safeguarding training. Should you wish to volunteer for such a role, do please contact me in the first instance. Training is completely free of charge.

And lastly, a little about myself. I have recently retired from a Blackpool school where I was the Family Support worker and the Designated Safeguard Lead (DSL). I have lived in St Annes for the past 30 years, moving here from the County of Rutland when my husband Peter retired from the Royal Air Force after 24 years' service.

We have attended St Annes Parish Church for over 10 years. We have two adult children and four grandchildren.

Denise Duke, Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO).

MOTHERS UNION



We have now just enjoyed our longest day of the year and looking forward to more lovely summer weather. Over the last few weeks the weather has been warm, so very good for our gardens and window boxes.

Our Mothers 'Union members meet regularly in Church and at our monthly meetings held in the parish rooms. In May, Sister Marion Davey spoke to us about her life and work and her calling to be a nun, most interesting!

In June, we met to share memories of our early lives, particularly war memories as the media had been remembering the eightieth anniversary of VE Day, but of course many members were remembering more of the fifties and the Coronation of our late dear Queen Elizabeth 2.

In July we look forward to our afternoon Tea at the Fairhaven Golf Club where we welcome the guests who will be joining us for the afternoon. It is always very sad that some of our frail members will not be able to attend but they know that they are in our thoughts,

On July 25th, we are invited to York Minster to the commissioning of Christine Sharp as the York Provisional Chaplain. It is a bit of a journey to York but a lovely place to visit on such a special occasion.

In August we meet at the 10-30 am service in Church when we will particularly remember our founder, Mary Sumner and have a get together.

Our Deanery members and our Deanery President, Brenda Squires meet regularly and our Festival this year is being hosted by the members of Christ Church Wesham at 2.30pm on the 12th September. This is an occasion when we display our banners and worship together. Long Service Certificates are presented

Our new Diocesan President is Susan Willoughby and she is looking forward to all members celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the founding Of the Mothers Union next year. So watch this space

Christine Buckley

ANNUAL PARISH DINNER 2025

We always start the new year with a dinner; it's deliberately at the beginning of February to allow people to recover slightly from Christmas and to get at least one pay packet in.

This year's dinner was held at the Glendower Hotel on 1st February.

Entertainment was provided by the Yard Dogs who were back by popular demand. They played three sets, one instrumental during the meal, one sing-along and topped the evening off with some classic dance music. They were, as usual, superb and many thanks to Nigel Stewart for putting it all together.

I'd also like to thank Bill for doing the Chorley raffle which raised a staggering £280 so thank you to everyone who took part. It may have appeared a bit manic, but the Church members had contributed 64 prizes and waiting for someone to pick a prize before drawing the next would have taken till midnight.

There was also a surprise donation from Mark Rae of a voucher for afternoon tea for four persons at a new venue opening in Park Road whose name eludes me, sorry. Thank you, Mark. This was auctioned and raised another £110.

All in all it was a brilliant night, everyone enjoyed it and, as a bonus, it raised some money for the Church

God Bless Peter Duke

Chair, Social and Fund-Raising Committee

OUR CHURCHYARD

At this time of year our churchyard is bedecked with colour both from the many flowers both wild and donated and a myriad of weeds! The grass is becoming green again after all that sun and grows quickly needing constant attention!

The churchyard is tended by a valiant group of workers each Wednesday morning, and as the growing season is in full chat, there is more and more work to do. If you would like to offer a helping hand, please come along **any Wednesday morning** between 9:30am and 11:30am. (Tea break in church at 1 030 (see below))



Another major feature of our churchyard is the presence of 12 Commonwealth War Graves and a further 48 memorials for our soldiers from WWI and WWII. These are all marked by a red numbered stick and form a trail which can be found in the blue booklet on sale at the back of church for £5.

The booklet gives information about each of these servicemen and tells their stories as far as we know. This information was compiled by Gerald and Fiona Wilson, and we offer them grateful thanks for this amazing glimpse into our history.

We have a scheme of adoption which means the serviceman has somebody who commits to tend his grave or memorial to honour his service, by keeping it clean, tidy and weed-free, and maybe to add flowers for special times throughout the year, such as Remembrance Day, or pertinent anniversaries.

If you feel you would like to adopt, then please give your name to the office ~ 01253 722736.



Liturgy Bags

Shortly after Sunday School restarted, almost two years ago, we were invited to be part of the Anglo-Catholic Children, Youth & Family Workers Network. These meetings have been an excellent support to us. One of the ideas put forward by Clare the leader was a Liturgy Bag. So Anna and I have taken the idea and developed it to create our own.

The bag contains the service booklet, that we use during Ordinary Time with explanations about various parts of the service and activities for the children to do during this time.

The bags are available at the back of church, some of them are named for our Sunday School children, so that they can be responsible for them, but leaving them in church. There are 'spare bags' for visitors to use.

We are delighted with the way they have been received and look forward to seeing them being used during the service. We are also grateful to a member of the congregation who is supporting us with our resources. Thank you.

If you would like to know more please have a word with me. I also wish to pass my thanks to Dianne and Jenny who have very kindly offered to take the 'Toy Bags' to sort and refresh them. This has not been done for some time, so we are very grateful to her. Thank you.

Denise Brown





Sunday School

We met on 12th January when we thought about the journey of 'The Wise Men' who followed the star to Bethlehem, to find Mary & Joseph and The Baby Jesus. The children decorated crowns, made some interesting beards coloured in camel heads and then processed down the aisle wearing their crowns, riding on their camels, and wearing some very special cloaks, while Mr MacKenzie played 'We Three Kings'. It was indeed a wonderful sight.

At our meeting on 26th January we learnt about 'Jesus the Healer' and listened to the story of 'The Paralyse Man', and how his wonderful friends helped him to see Jesus and be healed.

On 9th February we heard the story of Noah and on 23rd February we started to think about Lent, by talking about Ash Wednesday and what it means to journey through Lent.

During March we continued on our Lenten journey but also celebrated our Mummies on Mothering Sunday.

We started the Easter journey on Palm Sunday. This year we were able to join the procession around church, although we stayed within the churchyard. Our journey continued in Holy Week when we met in church on Good Friday to listen to the story and make crafts for each part of the Easter Story, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day. Two of the older children walked the Stations of the Cross with me. It was a very moving experience.

During May we learnt about how important we are to God and that He looks after each and everyone of us. We listened to the stories of 'The Lost Coin' and 'The Lost Sheep'.

There was a break for half term and we returned at the beginning of July to learn about The Ascension and Pentecost. We had great fun at the end of June when we re-enacted 'The Calming of the Sea'.

Our last Sunday School of this academic year will be on Sunday 13th July, when we will be talking about 'The Feeding of the Five Thousand'. Afterwards there will be the annual presentation of gifts to the children, followed by refreshments. We are unable to have a BBQ this year as this week coincides with St Annes Carnival and there is a lot going on in St Annes especially as we are celebrating 150 years of our town.

Anna, our wonderful volunteer who prepares all the crafts & activities for us, is looking for someone to help her. If you are 'crafty' and have ideas which you would like to share or would be happy to help us prepare the activities (it does not involve coming into Sunday School (unless, of course you would like to), she would appreciate a chat with you, so please have a word with her.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers, isn't it wonderful to see



A look at some of the favorite Lancashire recipes to enjoy at home. Its not all pies!

Here is one using Lancashire food available locally.

Chicken Leeky

Ingredients (serves 4)

4 Chicken breasts or boned thighs
4 Leeks
Tub cream or crème fraiche
240ml Chicken stock—capsules are fine
2 tbs Olive oil or butter
Tarragon—fresh or dried
1 tbs Lancashire Sauce (from Booths)
Salt and pepper

if breasts they can be slit along the length and stuffed with chopped anything you fancy, bacon, mushrooms, green part of Leek, carrot, spring onion, the list is endless. If so doing pin the breast with a skewer., but don't forget to remove later!

Chop leeks in rounds, sauté in oil or butter and remove from pan . Deglaze pan with stock and Lancashire Sauce . Poach the chicken in the stock with Tarragon for 10 minutes then add back the leeks and poach for a further 10 minutes . Add salt and pepper to taste

Remove the chicken and leeks and keep warm. Turn down heat. Add cream or crème fraiche slowly just to thicken the sauce replace the chicken and leeks and serve with new potatoes or rice. You can add mushrooms to the dish if you fancy at the later stages.

Enjoy!

Please feel free to send in your favourite Lancashire recipes. There used to be lots of shrimps and cockles on St Annes beach , sadly no more, but plenty of fish in Fleetwood! The fishmonger's van is outside Gigli on St Alban's Road every Thursday late morning.

GREAT EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 26th July.....Barbeque in the Parish Rooms

Sat 30th August.....Afternoon tea at John and Jenny Edwards

Sat 20th September ..Heritage Open Day and Craft Fair

Sat 27th September....Harvest Social in the Parish Rooms

Tickets for the Barbeque and Afternoon tea are now available

PRAYER GROUP

We meet regularly at 3pm in the choir Vestry. If you would like to explore some different ways to pray please do come along and join us. You will be most welcome, Dates will be notified in the Pew Sheet

Bible Study Group



The Group meet regularly at 2pm in the choir vestry. Dates will be notified in the Pew Sheet. Please come along all are welcome

FROM THE BELL TOWER

THE BELL DEDICATIONS OF ST ANNES PARISH CHURCH

The Church of St Anne, Heyhouses was dedicated by the Bishop of Manchester on the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, 6 the August 1873. The church was the gift of Lady Eleanor Cecily Clifton, wife of Squire John Talbot Clifton of Lytham Hall to the fish-erfolk and crofters of the West End of the township of Lytham. No longer would they have to walk three miles to St Cuthbert's and face the temptations of the Trawlboat Inn on the way.

With the foundation of the town of St Annes in 1875 the congregation grew and with it the aspiration to have a peal of bells. Once again our benefactrix, Lady Clifton, came to the rescue with money for the building of the tower between 1887 and 1890 and installation of eight bells, which were dedicated on 18 the September 1890, each one dedicated to a member of the Clifton family.

Lady Cecily's life was tinged with much sadness. Married to John Talbot Clifton, she had just one child, Thomas Henry Clifton, born in 1845. Thomas Henry married Madeleine Agnew in 1867 and they had four sons and three daughters, Madeleine Edith (1867), John Talbot (1868), named in accordance with Victorian tradition after his grandfather, Cuthbert (1870), Constance Gertrude Cecily (1871), Henry Arthur (1874), and Charles Caryl (1877). Sadly, Lady Cecily's only son, Thomas Henry died in 1880, followed shortly afterwards in 1882 by her husband John Talbot.

The tenor bell at St Annes was therefore dedicated and inscribed jointly in memory of Lady Clifton's son and husband. The other seven bells, however, were dedicated to living members of the family: Lady Clifton herself on the number seven and her seven grandchildren on the other six.

For over 125 years the Clifton bells of St Anne's called the faithful to worship and shared events of joy and sadness, but in the late 2010s mechanical problems with the bells became more frequent and it was obvious that an extensive refurbishment would be necessary. Following a survey by bellfounders, Taylors of Loughborough, the possibility of adding two more bells was put forward and eventually after donors came forward for the two new bells this was decided. The new bells were to be in memory of Tower Captain, Stuart Newton's wife, Suzanne, and in memory of ringer Jim Andrew's mother, May.

In order to correctly integrate two lighter bells into the musical scale of the other eight, it became necessary to cast new examples of the previous front four bells and retune the old back four. As a result the new bells are between 83lb and 29lb lighter than the old bells. The recast front four retain their old Clifton dedications, but with the addition on the other side of the bell of other dedications requested by major donors to the Bell Appeal.

Further inscriptions, as detailed in the table, have been added to the new metal head-stocks, reflecting dedications requested by other significant donors. The ten bells were blessed by Bishop Glynn Webster, formerly Bishop of Beverley, on the 150 the anniversary of the church's original dedication, on 6 the August 2023.

The original front four bells complete with their original Clifton dedications were passed over to the Keltek Trust, who rehome old bells. Three of the four original bells have already been earmarked for reuse: the old treble at St Mary's, Longworth, Oxfordshire, the old two at St Mary's, Harby, Leicestershire, and the old three at All Saints, Filby, Caister, Norfolk.

The old four await a suitable use.

	Bell History	Clifton Incriptions 1890 & 2023	Additional/New Incriptions 2023	Headstock inscriptions 2023:
Bell 1	New bell cast on 15/6/2023 at 3cwt 2qtr 27lb (190kg) in A	N/A	In memory of Suzanne NEWTON. Cantate domino.	This bell is the gift of the Newton family. Stuart NEWTON, Tower Captain.
Bell 2	New bell cast on 25/5/2023 at 3cwt 1qtr 12lb (171kg) in G	N/A	The gift of Jim Andrews in memory of his mother May ANDREWS (30.9.1928 - 4.5.2022)	
Bell 3	New bell cast on 15/6/2023 at 3cwt 2qtr 2lb (179kg) in F. Original bell cast in 1890 at 3cwt 3qtr 11lb in F#.	MDCCCLXXX X Frances Victoria & Charles Caryl CLIFTON.	Thanks be to God! Roy & Gillian STREAT-FIELD.	In memory of Melvin BROOKS 1941-2022. In loving memory of Margaret FRANCIS.
Bell 4shrshrink to fit	New bell cast on 25/5/2023 at 3cwt 1qtr 19lb (174kg) in E. Original bell cast in 1890 at 4cwt 0qtr 18lb in E#.	MDCCCLXXX X Harry Arthur CLIFTON	Edwin HORNER 1922 -2011 Founder of the "Wednesday Men".	In memory of Andrew CROSS-LEY. The Garfield Weston Foundation.
Bell 5	New bell cast on 15/6/2023 at 4cwt 1qtr 18lb (224kg) in D. Original bell cast in 1890 at 4cwt 3qtr 20lb in D#.	MDCCCLXXX X Constance Cecily Gertrude CLIFTON.	Ringing out the joy of our time together. Geoff & Linda TOLSON.	Given by Monica Hollows in memory of Betty & Cyril HAKES. Remembering John & William HAKES, bellringers at St Mary's Cuckney, killed in action in WW1.
Bell 6	New bell cast on 15/6/2023 at 5cwt 2qtr 17lb (287kg) in C. Original bell cast in 1890 at 5cwt 3qtr 18lb in C#.	MDCCCLXXX X Cuthbert CLIFTON	Lancashire Association of Change Ringers.	The LACR Fylde Branch. The Keltek Trust.
Bell 7	Bell originally cast in 1890 at 6cwt 3qtr 0lb in B. Retuned in 2023 at 6cwt 1qtr 26lb (329kg) in B flat	MDCCCLXXX X Madeline Edith CLIFTON	N/A	Given by Gerald & Fiona Wilson in memory of their parents Robert & Winifred WILSON and Cecil & Nora DAWSON. Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund.
Bell 8	Bell originally cast in 1890 at 8cwt 3qtr 0lb in A#. Retuned in 2023 at 8cwt 1qtr 5lb (421kg) in A	MDCCCLXXX X John Talbot CLIFTON.	N/A	Donated by the Preston family in memory of Arthur & Harry PRESTON. John PRESTON a ringer at this church for over 60 years.
Bell 9	Bell originally cast in 1890 at 11cwt 1qtr 7lb in G#. Retuned in 2023 at 10cwt 3qtr 12lb in G	MDCCCLXXX X The Lady Eleanor Cecily CLIFTON.	N/A	Lady Katharine BRYAN (Patron). With eternal gratitude to Lady Eleanor Cecily CLIFTON.
Bell 10	Bell originally cast in 1890 at 16cwt 1qtr 9lb in F#. Retuned in 2023 at 15cwt 3qtr 15lb (807kg) in F	MDCCCLXXX X Thomas Henry CLIFTON 1880 and John Talbot CLIFTON 1882.	N/A	Bells renovated & augmented in 2023 to mark the 150th anniversary of the church. Vicar: Fr Glen Brooks. With grateful thanks to the bellringers who supported this project.

Dates for your Diary



VJ

Day on Tuesday August 15th commemorates the 80th anniversary of Victory over Japan in WW2. A celebration will take place including lighting the beacon by Fairhaven Lake. More to follow

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'The Trawl Boat' Inn, St Anne's

Help support the community, get to know each other, combat loneliness and encourage new friendships

All parishioners & friends are welcome

So please do come along and join us!

Its also fun!



From the Pew Sheet



- ♦ A few packs of notelets left, 6 cards for £5, proceeds to Church Funds. Images are taken by years 7 and 8 AKS students. Please see Christine Campbell after mass

A Prayer for Peace & Healing in The Holy Land

We pray for the end of the war in our beloved and wounded Holy Land, that peace may prevail in our region and the whole world.

A prayer from Archbishop Hosam of Jerusalem:

Great Healer, we lament the horrific wounds and loss, deep beyond comprehension. Repair and restore hearts wounded by unimaginable fear and trauma. Provide a way for healing for the multitude who are injured in body and spirit. May your people and the earth know your mercy and an end to the suffering. May your healing compassion be manifest among creation and the people of the earth. Amen.

WANTED!

Do you like to sing? Would you like to be a better singer? Contact our music maestro Alistair MacKenzie Always on the lookout for enthusiastic singers. Who would like to sing a variety of music under gifted leadership.

Contact Alistair on 01253 722366

Fancy Bellringing? We have a fine tower with rich sounding bells that are a feature of the St Anne's atmosphere. Why not give IT a try? Keep fit whilst enjoying a traditional and unique experience .Full training provided.

Contact the Captain of bellringers, Stuart Newton on 01253 725958



Heyhouses C of E Nursery School



Places are now available

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

Home Library - Free Delivery!

Lancashire County Council is able to deliver books, CD's and Audio Books to your door!

This is a service for those library members who, due to ill health or poor mobility, cannot get to the library themselves.

If someone has had an operation the service can be used for a short period. Some people use it during winter when it isn't advisable to go out.

Library volunteers will deliver free of charge. If you would like to know more, please email library@lancashire.gov.uk or call 0300 123 6703

150 YEARS OF ST ANNE'S ON THE SEA CELEBRATIONS MONDAY 31ST MARCH

On a glorious sunny day the church filled to celebrate 150 years since the founding of our town. Hosted by the Town Council, celebrations were headed by the Bishop of Blackburn, the Right Reverend Philip North and Fr Glen. A magnificent peal was sounded.

Although a service, the readings narrated the founding and subsequent growth of our beautiful town and were carried out by a number of local people including the Head Teacher of Heyhouses school and the Town Mayor.

Bishop Philip gave a moving and inspiring homily, stating that St Annes had long been a welcoming place of happiness, healing and health for both residents and visitors alike. He noted that St Annes is only mentioned in St James gospel and is known amusingly as "Holy Annie, God's Grannie". There is a place for joy in God's plan, and St Annes is a part of that plan that brought Jesus into the world.

Following the service an exhibition of paintings by local artists was unveiled in the Parish Rooms. A concert by local musicians filled the evening of a most auspicious and memorable day. Here's to the next 150 years of our blessed and welcoming town.

One of the pictures by local artist Kathryn Olley. More in next edition. Pictured are The Town Mayor and deputy with Bishop Philip



Bishop Philip

Fr Glen

Mayor and Deputy Mayor of
St Anne's on the Sea



What's on in St Annes 2025

Sounds in the Square Amphitheatre:

9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th July, 6th August

Brass in the Grass Ashton Gardens:

6th July, 3rd August

St Anne's Carnival:

11th to 13th July

Shepherd Road Allotments:

Open Day Saturday 2nd August

St Anne's Music Festival:

22nd to 25th August

St Annes' International Kite Festival:

29th to 31st August

Sensations in the Square Day:

Wednesday 10th September

Christmas Lights Switch On:

Saturday 29th November

Sunday School

for 3-7 Year olds

**Our Sunday School meetings
will be on the following Sundays:**

22nd June

13th July

**We meet at 10:15 am in the Parish Rooms – Room 1
Headroomgate Road**

**For further information please contact us at:
stannessundayschool3@gmail.com**

We look forward to welcoming you to our Sunday School!



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**

Baby and 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 and Carers
For more details contact the Parish office - 01253 722736

USED STAMPS

We are continuing to collect used postage stamps for Derian House.
This is something started by Ken Foster many years ago and Ann
Fletcher is continuing to collect them and send them away.
Please leave them at the back of church, thank you.



UNWANTED SPECTACLES

If you have any old and unwanted spectacles, please take them to
'Storytellers' in the square, they are donated to charity where they are
sorted and recycled.

Additional Curates Society

Once again we are supporting the ACS, promoting their work, providing priests
in poorer parishes. Boxes are available, please take one and consider donating
as part of your Lent discipline.

Pam Kinghorn

St Anne's Carnival—Churches Together Float

The theme of this years' Churches Together float for the carnival on the 12th
July is "the greatest story ever told". We are encouraged to dress up as any
biblical character from children to old and beyond. For more information,
please see Ann Fletcher or Christine Campbell

Baptisms

Marriages

Recently Departed

No Baptisms



No Marriages



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

Andrew Hill

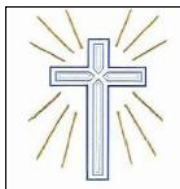
'May they rest in Peace and
rise in Glory'



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

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
 or search **www.blackburn.anglican.org**

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

Contacts

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Uniformed Organisations

For details of our uniformed groups
contact the Parish Office

Sunday

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

10.30 am Parish Mass

4.30 pm (1st Sunday) - Choral Evensong
4.30 pm (3rd Sunday)

Choral Evensong with Benediction
(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

For information regarding Weddings & Funerals
please contact Fr Glen - 01253 728358

For information regarding Baptisms
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