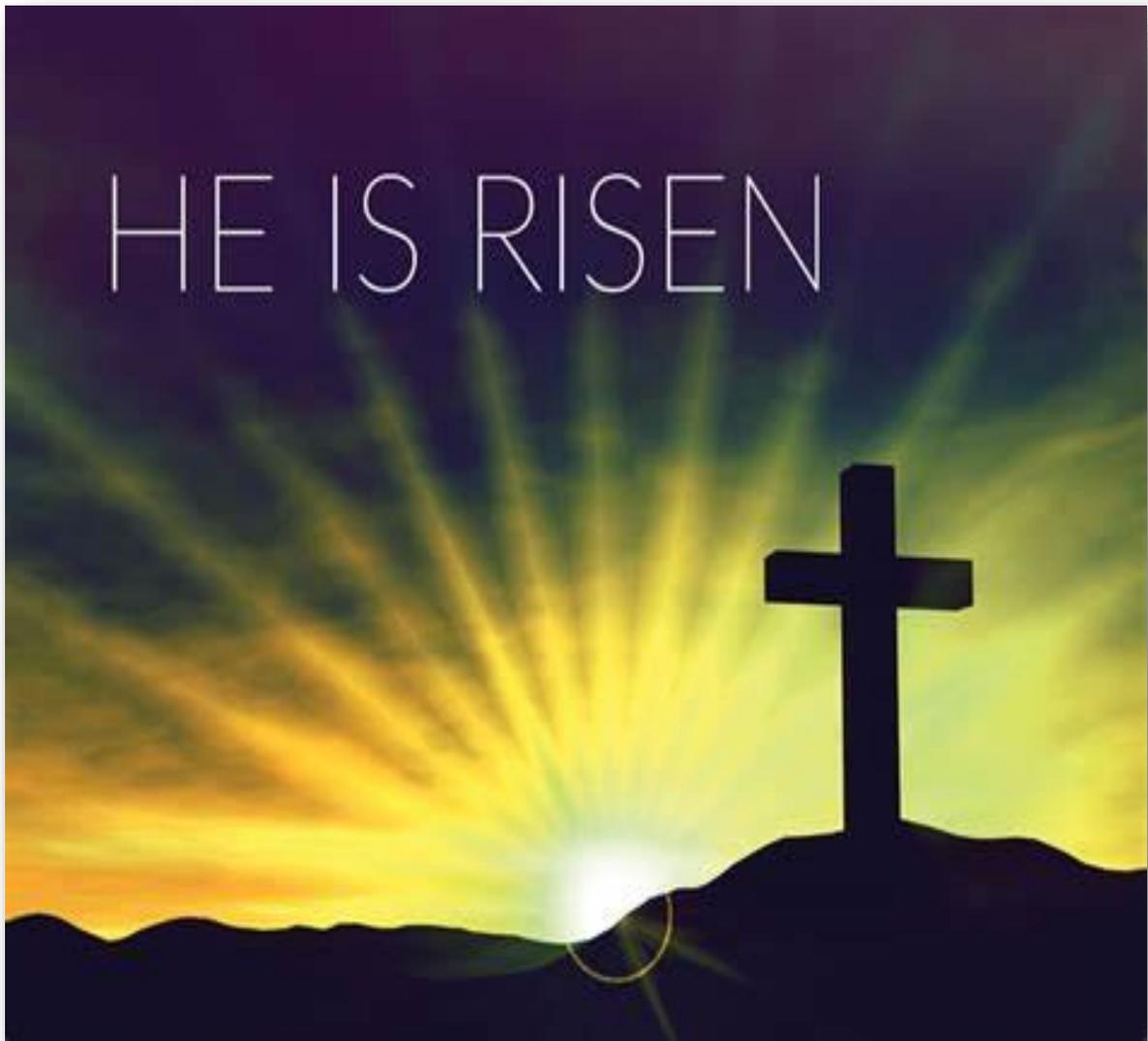


# ST MICHAEL'S TIMES

The Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels – Hoole

APRIL & MAY 2023





# HOOLE CELEBRATES THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

Friday  
**28**  
APRIL

**COMMUNITY CHARITY DINNER**  
(In aid of local children & youth work)  
The Venue, Hoole Village Memorial Hall  
7:30 pm

Sunday  
**7**  
May

**CIVIC SERVICE**  
Hoole St Michael & All Angels Church,  
10:30 am

May

**VILLAGE PICNIC**  
on St Michael's Primary School field  
12-4pm.

Monday  
**8**  
May

**HOOLE & DISTRICT LOCAL  
HISTORY FESTIVAL**  
The Venue, Hoole Village Memorial Hall  
11 am - 4 pm

For further information on the above events, please visit  
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# FROM THE RECTORY



**THE WORLD'S BEST-SELLER**

## **DEAD MAN LIVES!**

Jerusalem (Sunday) – This troubled city seethes with rumour and counter-rumour. What began as a routine execution on Friday has backfired on the Roman and Jewish authorities with report after report coming in of personal sightings of the dead man. His death was spectacular in the eerie darkness of a full solar eclipse, climaxed by heavy earth tremors, and the tearing of the Temple curtain shielding the holy of holies from the public. The officer on duty was heard to exclaim, “Surely this was the SON of GOD”.

**Think about the above headline DEAD MAN LIVES! There isn't a person on the planet who wouldn't want to know more of this story.**

Could it be true? Could this incredible story from AD30 be fact? Is it possible that a human being could actually come back to life from the dead?

The answer of Jesus disciples and the 500 early Christians who met the risen Jesus and for billions of Christians since it is:

**“Yes, it is true: Jesus is alive; I know Him.”**

People then were no more gullible than people today. They knew that dead people don't come back to life. Do you remember what happened to Jesus' disciple Thomas?

He missed that momentous evening Thomas when Jesus appeared to his other bewildered and frightened followers and showed them, he was real and showed them his hands and side.

**Thomas' story would today have been reported something like this:**

**SCEPTIC EX-FOLLOWER**

**Thomas, a member of the inner circle who knew Jesus well, disagreed violently with the statements of the other disciples. Back at his old job again, Thomas discounted the reports of Jesus as an hysterical over-reaction to grief.**

**“He's dead, finished!”**

## ...STOP PRESS LATE NEWS...

A late report from Thomas sheds new light on the resurrection story. A dumbfounded Thomas now says that he, too, had seen Jesus. Gathered in the familiar meeting room with his former associates, Jesus again mysteriously appeared, showing Thomas the crippling injuries that caused his death over a week before. Eyewitnesses said Thomas fell to his knees and exclaimed, “My Lord and My God”.

Jesus seemed unimpressed by this belated confession of faith. His reply was, “Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!”

**No-one has ever come up with a convincing explanation of how Jesus’ body disappeared from the closely guarded tomb if Jesus did not rise from the dead. It was in no one’s interest to steal the body – the Roman and Jewish authorities wanted to prove him dead and almost all the 12 disciples died a martyr’s death proclaiming that Jesus was alive.**

**It is the testimony of all Christians down the ages that He lives now as Saviour, Lord, Friend and King.**

So why not celebrate the most momentous victory in the history of the human race with us at St Michael’s this Easter. Come to the reflective Good Friday service at 11.00am and then come and rejoice on Easter Day at 10.30 that Jesus Christ King of Kings is risen from the dead, sin and death have been defeated and eternal life is ours.

Then in May please join with us and the whole community to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles 111 over 10 days of festivities to include our Charity Dinner with its emphasis on young people, our Civic Service at 10.30am and Village Picnic on May 7<sup>th</sup> and the local History Exhibition on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Rev. Ann Templeman***



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## *St Michael's Diary Dates - April & May 2023*

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>9.00am Holy Communion</b> <b>10.10AM PARISH COMMUNION WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL AND DONKEY RIDES. MEET AT SCHOOL</b>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> <b>7.00pm Passover Meal in St Michael's School</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>11.00am Hour at the Cross in Church</b> <b>11.00am Children's Hour at the Cross in the Lodge</b>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>9.00am Holy Communion</b> <b>10.30 Parish Communion with Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard</b>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.15am Morning Worship in the Lodge</b>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.00am Holy Communion</b> <b>10.30am Morning Worship with Sunday School</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.15am Morning Prayer in the Lodge</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>4.30pm Bible &amp; Biscuits in the Lodge</b>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>9.00am Holy Communion</b> <b>10.30am Morning Worship with Sunday School</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7.30pm Housegroup/ Bible Study in the Lodge/Rectory tbc</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>4.30pm Chat &amp; Chocolate in the Lodge</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7.00 for 7.30pm CHARITY DINNER in the Village Hall</b>

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.00am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10.30am Holy Communion with Sunday School</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>4.30pm Bible &amp; Biscuits in the Lodge</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>CORONATION WEEKEND</b>
	<b>10.30am CIVIC SERVICE with Sunday School</b>
	<b>12.00 – 4.00pm COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS on St Michael's School field</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>7.30pm Housegroup/Bible study in the Lodge/Rectory tbc</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>4.30pm Chat &amp; Chocolate in the Lodge</b>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.00am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10.30am Morning Worship with Sunday School</b>
	<b>12.00 APCM followed by Jacob's Join meal in School</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>4.30pm Bible &amp; Biscuits in the Lodge</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>9.00am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10.30am CONFIRMATION SERVICE</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>7.30pm House group/Bible study in the Lodge/Rectory tbc</b>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>4.30pm Chat &amp; Chocolate in the Lodge</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.00am Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10.30am Holy Communion with Sunday School</b>
	<b>First Communion of newly confirmed</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.15am Holy Communion</b>



# *The True Meaning of Easter*



Easter, what is it about? While Family get togethers, bank holidays and egg rolling in Preston's Avenham Park are wonderful traditions, do we really understand the enormity of what God is and has done for us and the world? Or are we living in the land of bunnies, Easter eggs and pagan festivals for new beginnings?

Easter begins with the cross, this is the symbol of our Christian faith where Jesus offered up himself to take on the sins of all of us to reconcile us to God. Good Friday is the day that we meditate on the cross and what Jesus has done for us. To die on a cross is painful and humiliating but Jesus voluntarily accepted his mission to take the sins of the world upon himself and pay the penalty for our sins. This is what He came to do and why He died with a great shout of triumph.

**“It is finished’, it has been accomplished, I have achieved what I came to do.”**



The events of Good Friday became even more dramatic as we are told that the Temple Curtain was torn in two and the sky darkened. This heavy curtain was in the inner section of the Temple and protected the Ark of the Covenant or the Holy of Holies where only the High Priest was allowed to enter. When the curtain tore it was a sign that God was no longer separated from us, his sinful people.

What, then, does this all mean for us personally? This means that death is now conquered, for everyone who answers Jesus' call, and that we do not need to fear death despite it eventually coming to us all.

I draw on my own life experiences of death and bereavement to be able to say that I believe that death is not the end. Jesus gives us hope and assurance that we will be with him in Glory. Our loved ones, who have gone before us, are in his care and at the end we will be reunited with them. I truly believe this and as a result life feels richer and filled with purpose. It does however not take away the sadness of loss but helps to heal the pain over time, leaving us so much to look forward to as we live our lives with Jesus.

If you would like to learn or discuss more about these topics, how about coming along to one of our Alpha courses or bible studies? Just come and speak to one of us at one of our services to find out more.

Happy Easter everyone

***Mandy Hughes***

**Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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***NEW!***  
***PARENT AND TODDLER/BABY GROUP TO START IN  
LODGE ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS  
AFTER EASTER.***

*Please tell Rev Ann or Jenny Tomlinson if you are  
interested in helping or simply coming along.*



**A Reminder from Sheila Taylor**

**The Leprosy Mission** will, from the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, and with regret, no longer accept stamps as part of their fund raising efforts.



# Children & Families at St Michael's

## Family Church – Pancake Church

### Pancake Church



We had a lot of fun at Pancake Church in February. About 60 people gathered in the Village Hall to make pancake crafts, decorate scotch pancakes, have pancake races, think about Lent and Jesus' temptations and how we overcome temptation thinking about the Armour of God and of course eating pancakes!

## Chat & Chocolate/Bible & Biscuits



We have been busy with the older children thinking about our faith and reading the Bible, doing scavenger hunts and eating pancakes each Thursday afternoon. New people always welcome every Thursday at 4:30 in the Lodge. School year 5 and upwards.



## Sunday School



Each Sunday, Sunday School remains as busy as ever. Our three groups each meet weekly (unless there's Family Church) to read the Bible, pray, make crafts, sing songs, and play games. Everyone aged 11 and under welcome each week.

## Coming up

**Palm Sunday – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10:10** – donkey rides during the 10:30 service.

**Good Friday – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 11:00** – a Children's Hour at the Cross in the Lodge. A packed hour of activities as we think about Jesus' death on the cross and why it's so important for us.

**Easter Sunday – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 10:30** – Sunday School with Easter Egg Hunt around the churchyard.

**Easter Trail** – why not try our Easter trail during the school Easter holidays? Free to enjoy around the churchyard.

## Other Dates

19 March – Sunday School 10:30 for Mothering Sunday

23 March – Chat & Chocolate 4:30

26 March – Sunday School 10:30

30 March – Bible & Biscuits 4:30

16 April – Sunday School 10:30

20 April – Chat & Chocolate 4:30

23 April – Sunday School 10:30

27 April – Bible & Biscuits 4:30

30 April – Sunday School 10:30

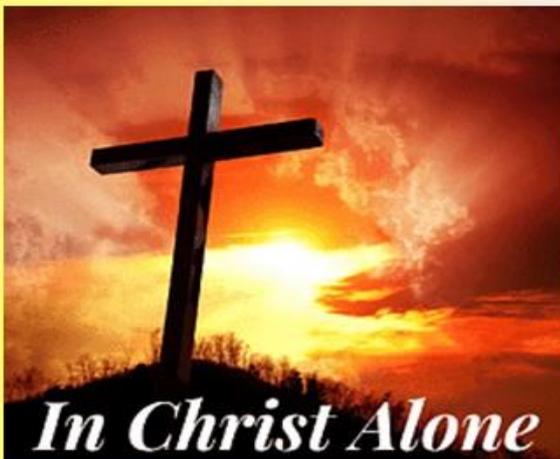
# **EASTER AT ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, HOOLE**

## **PALM SUNDAY**

**2nd April**  
**10.10am meet at school to process to Church with donkey**  
**10.30am Palm Sunday Service with donkey rides**



## **GOOD FRIDAY**



**7th April 11.00am**  
**An Hour at the Cross in Church with A Children's Hour at the Cross in the Lodge**

## **EASTER DAY SERVICE**

**HE IS RISEN!**  
**9th April**  
**9.00am Holy Communion**  
**10.30am Easter Sunday Service with Children's Easter Egg Hunt**



***CORONATION CHARITY DINNER***  
***FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 7.00PM at THE VILLAGE HALL***  
***INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS***

Please invite your family and friends to join us for this event. Why not make up a table of 8 to 10.

Please fill in the application form on the pages that follow this and return it to Rev Ann by email to [Hoolechurch@gmail.com](mailto:Hoolechurch@gmail.com) or deliver to Rev Ann Templeman 69 Liverpool Old Rd Much Hoole PR44RB or to box in church.

**AUCTION OF PROMISES**

There will be an Auction of Promises at the CORONATION DINNER. See letter below from Jane Elphick as to how you can help:

‘The idea is that people offer to spend an hour or two doing something which they are good at, and other people make a bid for that time and skill. The highest bid wins, and all proceeds go to church funds.

Now you make think this is not something for you but think again! For example:

- Could you offer to help someone update their IT skills (if so I would happily bid for your time!) or upscale someone’s understanding of their phone or smart TV?
- Could you offer to walk someone’s dog, or do their ironing, or cook meals for their freezer if they pay for ingredients, or do a few hours gardening or shopping?
- Are you handy round the house – if so others may happily bid for you to fix some of those irritating small jobs that never get done.
- Do you have a hobby or skill that others would appreciate – e.g. can you ice cakes or arrange flowers beautifully, or type up documents, could you photograph a family/pet, or do a painting of someone’s house as a gift. Can you make dressing up clothes for children, or party decorations, or alter clothing to fit, or upcycle furniture, or mend machinery? Could you help with exam revision or play music for an event?
- Could you offer a “treat” experience through contacts you have, or access to something you own that others would love to enjoy?

We all have talents – now is the time to share yours or prepare to bid for somebody else’s.

Please start thinking about offering to share your skill and time as part of this auction. The idea is to have fun as well as raising money for your young people’s work. Please let me know – preferably by email at [candjelphick@hotmail.com](mailto:candjelphick@hotmail.com) , or in person, what you can offer, by 19<sup>th</sup> April.

## CHARITY DINNER BOOKING FORM

You are warmly invited to support our local children  
and youth work by joining us at  
**MUCH HOOLE VILLAGE HALL, LIVERPOOL OLD ROAD, PR4 4GA**  
**Friday 28 April 2023 7.00pm for 7.30pm**

Guest Speaker: Tony Porter— “Our Children, Our Future”

Tickets: £25 for the cost of the meal (drinks extra) with voluntary donation

Please return completed form to: Rev Ann Templeman,  
email [hoolechurch@gmail.com](mailto:hoolechurch@gmail.com). Tel 01772 448515

**Dress: Smart**

### Menu & seating options

Please mark the number of selections next to each option:

#### STARTER

Melon with summer fruit and raspberry coulis \_\_\_\_\_

#### MAIN COURSE

Fresh Chicken Fillet in white wine sauce \_\_\_\_\_

Or vegetarian option\*. \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanied with New Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables.

\*Please specify any dietary requirements

\_\_\_\_\_

#### DESSERT

Selection of Individual Miniature Desserts \_\_\_\_\_

Please add the names of anyone who you would like you/your party to be seated with

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please use this form to book your place and select your menu options

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ No of places: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of others in party: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ideally please pay by BACS to HSBC Account no 84453034 Sort Code 40-37-25. Please add surname and reference "Coronation"

If this is not possible cheques or cash may be submitted with this form to Rector at 69 Liverpool Old Rd, Much Hoole PR44RB or put in to Charity Dinner box in church. Please add 50p to cover bank charges if you are paying this way.

Actual cost of meal £25: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a taxpayer, please sign below to gift aid your donation:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



*St Michael's Church*  
**CORONATION  
CHARITY DINNER**

**FRI  
28  
APRIL**



**7.00 pm  
(for 7.30)**

**AT MUCH HOOLE VILLAGE HALL  
in aid of local children and youth work**

## St Michael's Flower Group Rota

Date	Arranger /s	Altar / Pedestal Sponsors
8 <sup>th</sup> April	All in church at 10am	Mr Coxhead, Mr & Mrs Slinger, Mr & Mrs Wood
9 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>EASTER</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Julie/Lisa/Hilary	Mrs Maxfield
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Gillian	Mrs Houghton
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Claire	Mrs D Rowland
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Julie/Elaine <b>CORONATION</b>	Mrs Cowburn
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Betty/Mauren	
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Jean/Sue	Ladies Group
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Lisa	Mrs Ball, Mrs Bracewell
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Jean/Joan	Mrs J Gleave
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Elsie	Mrs Bowker
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Hilary	Mrs Blakeley



## Tea & Coffee Rota – in the Lodge

Date	Rota	Date	Rota
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Gill & Nina	<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Alan & Monica
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Steve & Hilary	<b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	John & Honey
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Lyn & Carole	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Mike & Jean
<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Gill & Nina	<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Alan & Monica
<b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Steve & Hilary	<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	John & Honey
<b>28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Lyn & Carole	<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Mike & Joan
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Gill & Nina	<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Alan & Monica
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Steve & Hilary	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	John & Honey

# Carr House - A History

## *Jane Elphick*



As the crow flies, across the fields, Carr House is about a third of a mile from St Michael's Church and is one of the oldest residences in the area. The house was built in 1613 by Andrew and Thomas Stones, and an inscription over the front door states it was built for their brother John Stones. Quite why they were so generous is unclear. Andrew and Thomas were successful merchants, trading in wool and cloth between Hoole and Amsterdam, probably with connections in London, but John's lifestyle is less clear.

From an architectural point of view, Carr House is built over three storeys with mullion windows, decorative "blue diamond" brickwork, and handmade bricks. It is highly likely that the bricks were from the Netherlands and brought here as ballast in the trading ships, with ships' masts being used for the timbers – an early example of reusing materials that would have been scarce and expensive to create without modern tools. The staircase is a cage newel design, and sited at the end of the property, suggesting an extension to the other side might have been in the original plan. Both the house and staircase are listed. The house would have been imposing and left visitors in no doubt as to the wealth of the owners, but inside the layout is typical of local farmhouses, being one room deep with three rooms on each storey. Apart from two small additions, the structure of the house has not been altered and remains very similar today to the original design.

There are strong connections between Carr House and St Michael's Church. When built, the house would have been in the parish of St Michael's Croston, but Thomas Stones and his wife Elizabeth appear to have been influential in extending a chapel in Hoole around 1628, to assist parishioners in attending church during times of "inundation", which became St Michael's Church Hoole. There are similarities between the two buildings – e.g. the blue diamond decorative brickwork and handmade bricks. John Stones gave the font in 1633, and silverware and money was donated by Elizabeth and Katrin Stones.

The Stones family were certainly Protestant, and probably sympathetic to the Puritan cause, which was dominant in this area at the time. It is also interesting to note that two of John Stones' sons emigrated to what is now the USA in about 1625, making them among the earliest settlers.

By 1639, Carr House had become the residence of Andrew and Katrin Stones, whose children were probably tutored by Jeremiah Horrocks, and who may well have facilitated Horrocks' curacy at St Michael's. Horrocks lodged at Carr House and made his now-famous observations of the transit of Venus from the window in November 1639. He is commemorated in both St Michael's Church and Westminster Abbey.

More research is required about how ownership of Carr House moved away from the Stones family – there are various possibilities which I hope to follow up. What is known though is that in 1710 William Dandy and Isabel Wilson were married at St Michael's Hoole, and took up residence in Carr House. They had 12 children, of whom only five survived into adulthood. Three of their daughters all married into well-established local families, and it was the youngest of these – Jennet Dandy – who remained living in Carr House after her marriage in 1746 to Henry Bretherton. Jennet and Henry Bretherton farmed the land around Carr House and raised six children. There are quite good records of the baptisms, marriages and deaths in this family, which I have enjoyed researching. Both Jennet and Henry lived to what would then have been considered very good ages – Jennet died in 1806 at the age of 86, and Henry predeceased her in 1797 aged 81. You might think that one or more of their children would have taken over Carr House by this time, but sadly it seems two had already died, another son William probably died in the same year as his mother, and it seems likely that the remaining three all died in the same year as each other in 1819. Although there were probably grandchildren around the area, there are no records of them living in Carr House, and the property passed into the estate of Lord Lilford in around 1820.

For about the next 130 years, Carr House was the residence of various tenant farmers, most of whom were members of the Taylor family. There are still members of the Taylor family living in Hoole today, and I am slowly piecing together a fuller chronology of this period. By the early 1900's, the tenancy passed to Mary Taylor, who continued with the family dairy farm after her marriage to Frank Kirby. Mary and Frank Kirby had four daughters, all born in the 1920's, and all married from Carr House. We had the pleasure of inviting three of these sisters back to their childhood home at the time of the transit celebrations in 2004, with other members of their family. It was fascinating to hear them talk of life on the farm, the jobs they were assigned to help out, and their memories of their mother Mary tending the roses in rare moments of relaxation (we still have roses today). Sadly, following the deaths of Mary and Frank Kirby, the farming tenancy was not sustainable, Carr House gradually fell into disrepair, and by the late 1950's was uninhabitable.

In 1965, Lady Lilford obtained a government grant and set about renovating Carr House. In 1966 Barry Elder took up the tenancy and used Carr House to accommodate his large collection of dolls. He opened the house to the public as a doll museum – a period many local people recall well, although most seem to have found it scary, dark, and with lots of doll's eyes seeming to follow them around! The museum was closed in the 1970's with most of the dolls moving to Lancaster Museum, and the house had several short-term tenants. In the late 1980's, Mike and Lisa Redshaw moved into Carr House and undertook further renovation and modernisation to make it their family home. We bought the property from them in 2002, and were fascinated to read the old deeds, which were beautifully handwritten and almost impossible to understand! Since then, we have enjoyed developing our knowledge of the house's history and connections with astronomy and have met so many interesting people in the process. If you have any memories of Carr House that might help to fill in the gaps in the narrative, especially the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, we would love to hear from you!

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*Were you married in Hoole St Michael's  
Church?*

*or do you know someone who was?*

**Please send us yours/their contact details –**

**name, email, postal address, and date of their wedding.**

*We are holding a CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE SERVICE  
ON SUNDAY September 17<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm in St Michael and All  
Angels Church Hoole.*

**This service is for everyone with a special invitation to those married in  
St Michael's**

**There will be a chance to renew marriage vows and enjoy a glass of bubbly.  
and celebration cake.**

# *St Michael's Ladies Group - Erika Penrose*

*"Evenin' all..."*



Thanks to Mebs Ahmed for coming along to talk about his life and career in the Lancashire Constabulary. He was born in rural Pakistan and didn't come to this country until he was nine years old, when he had to quickly learn our language and customs. He flourished and eventually joined the Lancashire police where he did well.

Our hosts on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March are the Men's Fellowship, when Roger Blaxall's talk is entitled *Hold the Front Page*.

At the meeting Sheila will be continuing to take names and menu choices for the trip to Derby House on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. We are now welcoming bookings for people not necessarily involved with our group but who would like to come along. Please see the advert and encourage your friends!

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, we look forward to Julia Howarth from Fitright Footwear, Clitheroe coming to talk to us.

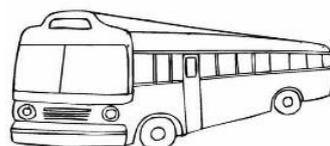
New members are always welcome – just come along to The Venue, Hoole Village Hall at 7.30pm to our advertised meetings, when you will be warmly welcomed. If you would like to speak to me beforehand, do give me a call on 01772 613816.

## *LADIES' GROUP TRIP TO DERBY HOUSE, WRIGHTINGTON— TUESDAY 16th MAY 2023*

We are pleased that we are once more able to open up this sociable event to members' friends and relatives and to other ladies in the village who may like to come along.

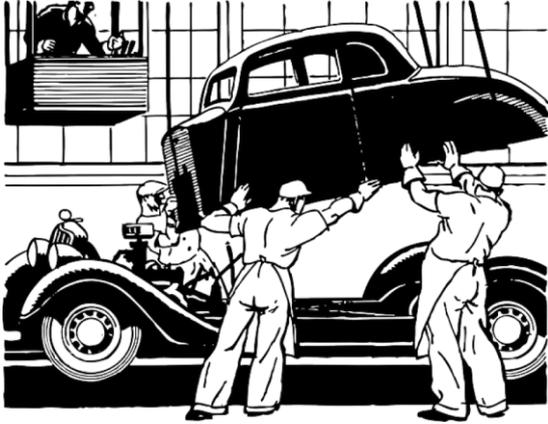
The day involves a lunch at Derby House, Wrightington followed by a chance to do some shopping there. Attendees will be requested to choose from the menu beforehand and lifts are available if required. Cost of lunch approx £22.00.

**Please contact Sheila on 616850 or 07742 0176655 for more details.**



# Men's Fellowship

Stan Pickles



At our meeting in February, we were well entertained by Colin Wilson who gave us an interesting insight into his working life. He highlighted the vast change from his earlier career in engineering to that when he made a complete change to work in the Health Service. Colin has promised us a follow up sometime in the future.



Our next meeting which is to be held at 7.30 on March 21<sup>st</sup> is a joint meeting with the Ladies Group. However, there is a change in the topic originally advertised, as the talk regarding the wartime refugees from Ormskirk had already been heard by members of the Ladies Group. So, the same speaker – Roger Blaxall - will give us an insight into Journalism when he invites us to '**Hold the Front Page**'. We look forward to his visit, this is an open meeting where all are welcome.



# *FROM St MICHAEL'S PARISH REGISTERS*



## **Holy Baptism**

**“We welcome into the Lord’s Family”**

22<sup>nd</sup> January - **DEXTER ANTHONY HOLDING**

Son of Robert Holding and Abigail Green of Much Hoole.

29<sup>th</sup> January - **HARRISON NICO TOMLINSON-FARRELL**

Son of Neil Farrell and Victoria Tomlinson of Longton.

## *No Marriages*



## *The Departed*

**“Rest eternal grant unto them”**

25<sup>th</sup> January- **MARK JAMES WILSON** aged 78 years, of **Blackpool**.

Interment followed in the Churchyard.

3<sup>rd</sup> February- **ANNIE ROBINSON** aged 83 years **Walmer Bridge**.

Interment followed in the Churchyard.



Hoole St. Michael & All Angels Church

## CIVIC SERVICE

Sunday 7th May 2023, 10:30 am  
to celebrate

# CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III



Activities for younger children  
during the service



*Please join us to celebrate*

# **CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III**

## **VILLAGE PICNIC**

**Sunday  
7  
May**

**12-4 pm**

**Free  
Entry**

**at Hoole St Michael's Primary School Field**

👑 Refreshments incl. Cream Teas

👑 Fun races & games for all ages

👑 Children's football match England v Scotland

👑 Craft

👑 Face Painting

👑 Stalls

**All Welcome**



*St Michael's Church*  
**CORONATION  
CHARITY DINNER**

**FRI  
28  
APRIL**



**7.00 pm  
(for 7.30)**

**AT MUCH HOOLE VILLAGE HALL**  
**in aid of local children and youth work**

**3 COURSE DINNER**

*After dinner speaker:*  
*Tony Porter - 'Our Children: Our Future'*  
*Auction of Promises*

*Dress: Smart*

**Tickets: £25 + voluntary donation**

**Make up a table of 8 or 10**

*Please contact Rev. Ann Templeman*

*Email: [hoolechurch@gmail.com](mailto:hoolechurch@gmail.com) or Tel 01772 448515*



**The Venue**  
Hoole Village Memorial Hall

*Please join us to celebrate*

# HOOLE & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY FESTIVAL

**Free  
Entry**

**Monday 8th May, 11am-4pm**

**The Venue, Hoole Village Memorial Hall, PR4 4QA**

**Bar &  
Refreshments  
available**

**09:00 to 10:30 am** Bring your local history exhibits incl. photographs, magazines, programmes, newspapers, maps, mementos, tools, books, letters, invoices, gadgets etc. Mounting boards & security available.

*For bookings and more details contact Alan: 07786 024646*

**11:00 am** Exhibition of local history celebrating local volunteering, community charities and local personalities. Exhibits from Scouts, Womens' Institute, Hoole St Michael's Church & Village Hall.

*Bring the family to celebrate local volunteering.*

## *A beautiful retreat...*

One unexpectedly warm October day some time ago, I was asked to imagine that I was at The Last Supper – in what capacity; who else is there; what is happening; what can I see; what do I want to ask/tell Jesus; how do I feel? I was at a retreat centre with plenty of room for quiet contemplation, so I took advantage of the precious October warmth and sat on the terrace trying to imagine being in such a privileged place. Suddenly I knew who I was...

“I’m a rookie journalist sent by the Jerusalem Tribune to a Passover party being given in town by a celebrity and his friends. I’ve been instructed by my editor to find out as much gossip as I can about this man – I needed a scoop! How can I get near to the house? It’s surrounded by security guards, and there are crowds of people outside. I check my purse, I think I may just have enough money to bribe a guard, so I sidle up to one, put on my most captivating smile, slip some money into his hand and beg to be allowed in. To my absolute astonishment, he waves me through.

Once inside, I look around for this celebrity but initially can’t see him for all the people milling around. Eventually I see him and he’s looking directly at me, and I have never felt so guilty or tongue-tied in my life as when he walks over and starts to chat like a long-lost friend.

When dinner is announced, this man takes his place in the centre of the top table with his close friends around him and the rest of us grabbing a seat wherever we can. Beautiful waitresses serve us, and he speaks kindly to them with none of the usual celebrity arrogance.

Towards the end of the meal, he asks for a bottle of wine and more bread. The room falls silent, such is the presence of this young man. We think he’s going to propose a toast, but why also ask for bread? He fills a glass with the wine and, giving thanks to God, passes it round asking people to drink the wine and pretend that it’s his blood, which he will give for the forgiveness of sins – wow, how can anyone forgive sins? He then picks up the bread and breaks it and again passes it round, telling everyone to eat it as if it were his body, which he will also soon give for them. Now I’m gobsmacked and thinking here’s my scoop; my career’s made!

As I’m dashing out to submit my scoop, this magnetic man follows me out, smiling and asks me what I’m going to write about. How did he know?”

Did I write my story? No, I left that to others because, at that moment, I knew that the only story I wanted to tell was of this wonderful, captivating man whose words, whose kindness, whose generosity, whose actions, whose radiance changed my life forever – not what my editor had in mind!

*Hilary Newman*

# Barry's Bookends

I am greatly enjoying *Old Parish Life - A Guide for the Curious* edited by Justin Lovill. (The Bunbury Press, 2022).

There are thousands of references to churchwardens and Vestry records from c1500 to c1700. Here are a few things of the many that caught my attention, one from 1587:

"For breade and beare for " we did ring for joye that the Queene of Skotts that enemy to owre most noble queens majeste and our contrie was beheaded for which the lorde God be praised." There are many accounts of the amount of

ale those bellringers got through.

Attitudes, and payments, to those dealing with the desperate are quite startling. In 1601 for instance: "To Andrews for whipping the vagrants for one whole year 5s.4d." Parishes were careful not to be burdened with extra folk to look after, so, in 1596, payment "To Micaell Hayward for taking a pore woman in a cart from town to town 16d". 1682, "Paid the sexton's wife for getting a sick woman out of the parish.

Likewise, attitudes to the baptism of those born out of wedlock might shock the modern churchwarden: In 1574, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February, Sara Willson, the daughter of 'strumpett', Mary Willson, "Disorder was recorded", as it was in 1639 when Ralph Brooke was punished for wearing a great paire of hornes upon his head in the churchyard when Henry Hall and his wife were going to be married, shewing thereby that the said Hall was a cuckold." Another fine was issued in 1603" to Joan Golding for baptizing a cat.



This excellent book of 626 pages is a fascinating window on days gone by from which I picked up several curious facts. A hearse was originally a canopy with candles placed over the corpse in the night before a funeral. And the use of a cricket ball is first recorded in 1622 when boys were beaten for playing the game in a churchyard!

Barry McMannon



## CHURCH OPENING TIMES

St Michael's Church is open every day.

Opening times are:

Monday to Saturday inclusive: 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Sunday: 8.00am to 4.30pm.

## Opportunities in Church

Part time church administrators required 6-10 hrs per week – contact Rev Ann for more information. Voluntary help in technology – projector, live streaming etc, publicity – putting up posters, distribution. Help with refreshments, catering, plus help with children's work. And not least, help in cleaning the church.



## YOUR 2023 GIVING ENVELOPES ARE HERE...

If you normally donate to church using our regular envelope giving scheme, and you have opted to continue using that method, your new box for 2023 is now in Church for you to collect. They are usually placed on the bench behind the font. Keep an eye out for them.

If you would like to join our regular giving scheme, either envelope or standing order, please do get in touch.

We would love to hear from you.

Many thanks

Barbara Wood

**Gift Aid Recorder – 07745 208617**

# St Michael and All Angels Church

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Mrs Barbara Wood – Mob: 07745 208617. bw12252@hotmail.com

### **Verger:**

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### **Churchwarden Emeritus:**

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**Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Mrs Amanda Hughes – Mob: 07791 532461.  
[amandahughes945@gmail.com](mailto:amandahughes945@gmail.com)

**Health and Safety Officer:** Colin Wilson



# ORGANISATIONS

## **Sunday School**

Sunday School begins at 10.30am in church and takes place every Sunday, except during Family Church. Chat & Chocolate/Bible & Biscuits take place on Thursday at 4:30pm in the Lodge. For young people school year 5 and above. Leader: Mrs Liz Boland. Mobile: 07903 200204. lizboland@yahoo.co.uk

## **Flower Group:**

Contact: Mrs Lisa Redshaw – Tel: 614428.  
Treasurer: Mrs Barbara Wood – Tel: 07745 208617

**Hoole Church Ladies' Group** – meets 7.30, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, in The Venue, Hoole Village Hall. Leader: Mrs Erika Penrose.  
Tel: 613816. johnanderika.penrose@gmail.com

**St Michael's Men's Fellowship** – meets 7.30, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, in The Venue, Hoole Village Hall.  
Secretary: Post vacant

**Friends of St Michael** – Caring for the fabric of our ancient church.  
Chair: Mrs Jane Elphick, Tel: 603360.  
Secretary: Mr David Turner, Tel: 01772 383344.

**Social Committee** – Contact: Mr Colin Wilson – Tel: 616978  
southview1953@tiscali.co.uk

## **Hoole St Michael C E Primary School**

Head Teacher: Mrs Juliet Price – Tel: 613219.

**1<sup>st</sup> St Michael's Hoole Scout & Guide Groups** – Contact:  
Mrs Rebecca Catterall. [1sthoole@gmail.com](mailto:1sthoole@gmail.com)

**St Michael's Players:** Steve & Hilary Newman 07817167627  
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# UKRAINE PARTNERSHIP

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH, PRESTON

Through partnership with churches and individuals across the UK and alongside the Government's 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme, members of All Saints Church in Preston have had the opportunity to help some of our brothers and sisters from Ukraine in a very practical way by providing homes and support to a number of Ukrainian refugees since May. Their aim is to continue to finance and care for these people for as long as necessary given the ongoing uncertainty in Ukraine.

At present there are 38 men, women and children being sponsored by the All Saints church family in Preston. Many of those joining them are members of Kharkiv City Church, a church plant which began in 2019, involved in reaching out to those in need in built-up areas in Kharkiv; the majority of their Ukrainian friends joined us having fled Ukraine as the war began in February 2022.

The initial group travelled by car and then by foot from Kharkiv to Romania and then on to Hungary over a couple of weeks. Wonderfully the Lord sustained and protected them as they travelled nearly 2000km to Budapest, all while awaiting visas to enter the UK. Christians throughout Ukraine, Romania and Hungary opened their homes and served them as they travelled.

The All Saints family are so thankful to be able to partner with them now they have arrived in the UK, and to have welcomed others who have arrived from other parts of Ukraine. This support and comfort is still ongoing and if you would like to contribute to the fund, please contact the church treasurer, Ella Biden at [treasurer@allsaintspreston.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@allsaintspreston.org.uk) (if you were able to gift aid your donation that would be even better). If you would like to give a one-off gift the details are as follows:

Account: All Saints Preston Parochial Church Council  
Bank: Natwest  
Sort Code: 01-67-14  
Account No: 02884615  
Reference: Ukrainian Refugees

# Can you complete the Easter Trail?



Follow the trail of eggs  
and explore the story of  
Easter together.

## Where?

St Michael's Church Churchyard

## When?

Friday 31 March – Sunday 16 April 2023

## For more information...

Liz Boland: 07903 200204, [lizboland@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizboland@yahoo.co.uk)

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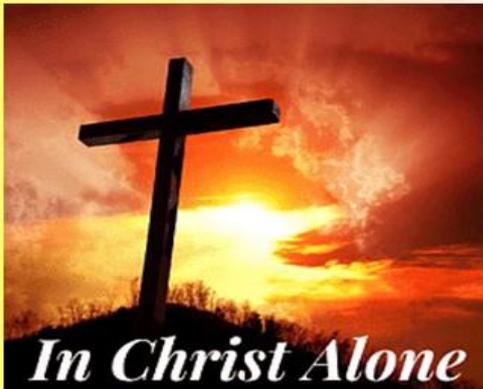
# **EASTER AT ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, HOOLE**

## **PALM SUNDAY**

**2nd April**  
**10.10am meet at school to process to  
Church with donkey**  
**10.30am Palm Sunday Service with  
donkey rides**



## **GOOD FRIDAY**



**7th April 11.00am**  
**An Hour at the Cross  
in Church with  
A Children's Hour at the  
Cross in the Lodge**

## **EASTER DAY SERVICE**

**HE IS RISEN!**  
**9th April**  
**9.00am Holy Communion**  
**10.30am Easter Sunday  
Service with Children's  
Easter Egg Hunt**



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