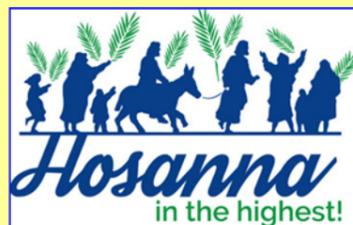


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Palm Sunday March 24th

10.10am meet at school to process to Church with Donkey. 10.30am Palm Sunday Service with donkey rides.



Maundy Thursday March 28th
Passover Meal & Holy Communion 7pm
At the School.

Good Friday March 29th

Service starts 11.00am An Hour at the Cross in Church with A Children's Hour at the Cross in the Lodge.
Followed by Hunger Lunch in the Lodge.

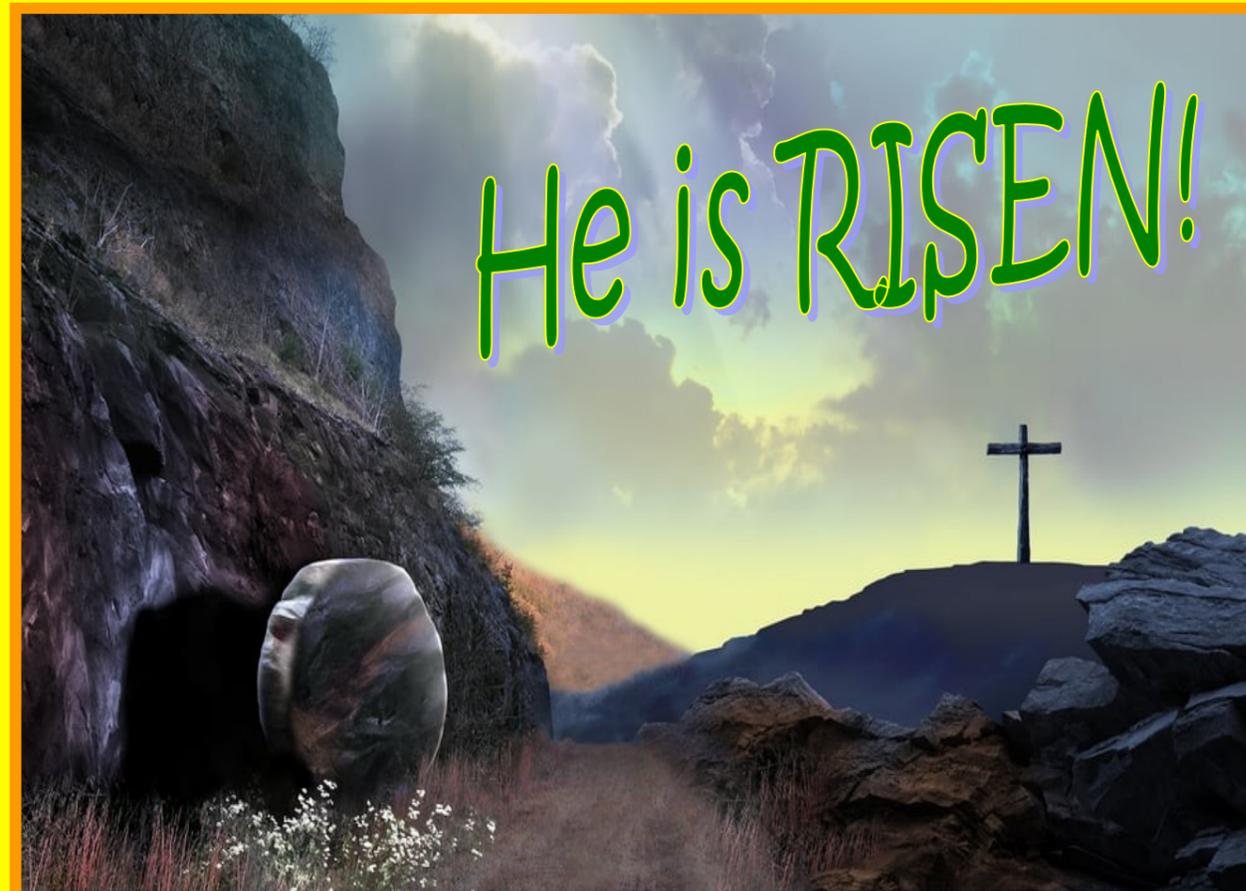


Easter Sunday 31st March
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Easter Sunday Service with the Children's Easter Egg Hunt



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FROM THE RECTORY

It's a brilliant summary of what Christians believe about Jesus Christ and the meaning of Easter.

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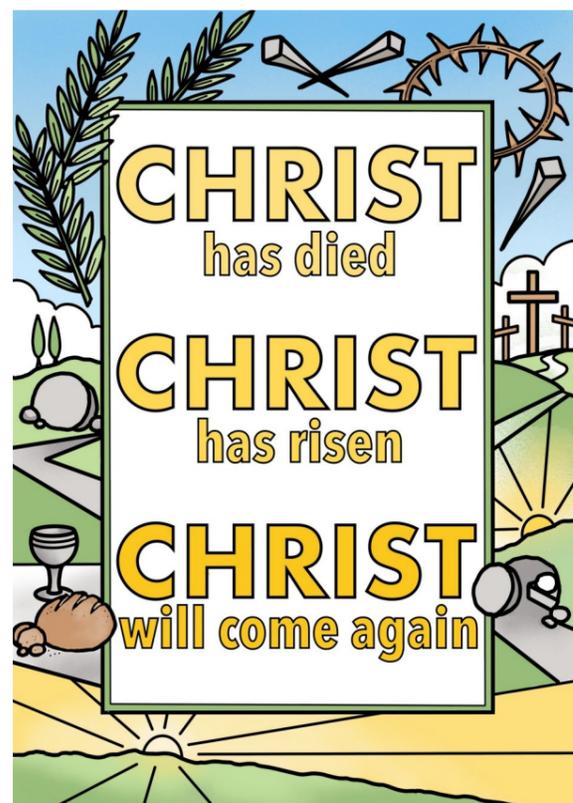
DEAD MAN LIVES !!

It's shocking unbelievable, impossible, but that is the very heart of the Christian faith. It is not unscientific or irrational to believe it. Very many eminent scientists do – read the following article. At Passover time in the Roman province of Palestine, Jesus of Nazareth was executed by the Roman authorities. As He died he cried out 'It is finished'. But it wasn't a shout of defeat; it was a cry of triumph. In the midst of His agony Jesus knew that what He had come into our world to achieve had been accomplished. The word he shouted means **IT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED! DEATH IS DEAD, LOVE HAS WON.**

God's son came into our world in order to rescue humanity from our own selfishness and sin. He came to die an innocent victim to open the way back to God. This is what we celebrate at Easter and it is lifechanging. If you believe that death is not the end but a glorious beginning, that this life is not all there is but as there is a whole other supernatural dimension /reality behind this one – everything changes. Death is real and it is grim but it is not the end – there is more, much more.

'Changed from glory into glory till in heaven we see His face' – that is the goal of the Christian.

We have been exploring glory the last few weeks in church and the wonderful promise that we can be transformed into the image of Jesus Christ with ever increasing glory, That is scary. It means that when people look at us, they should see Jesus.



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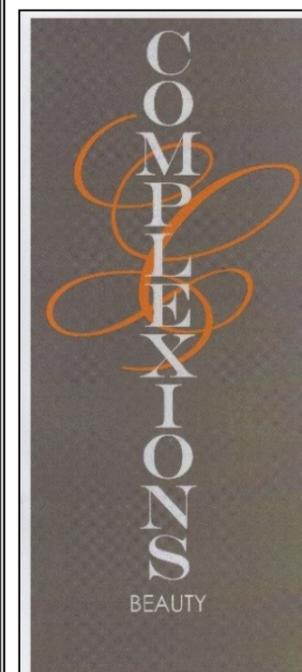
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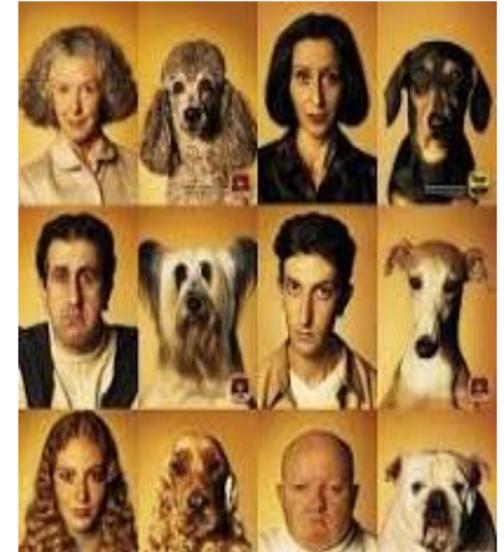


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Have you noticed when people spend a lot of time with one another they become like them. If you have been married for a long time just pause and think how many of your spouse's favourite words and phrases you use now quite naturally. It is true too of children – you often hear children coming out with words and phrases they have heard their parents use. Beth 15mths took nappy off and said **FREEDOM**.

Some pet owners even start looking like their dogs – just google it the pictures are hilarious- you can see poodles, spaniels, bull dogs with owners who look just like them.



So it's natural if you spend time with Jesus you will become more like Him. Of course we are all imperfect and none of us is very far on the road to holiness but if Jesus is real in our lives and spending time with Him in prayer is important to you then people will notice.

'Changed from glory into glory till in heaven we see His face' – that is the goal of the Christian. Have a glorious Easter!

Rev Ann Easter 2024



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Can a scientist believe that Jesus rose from the dead?



Christianity makes the most stupendous claim. Christians believe that Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. But is it true? Can a scientist believe it? It's a vital question, for if it's true, it affects our whole approach to life, death, and the hope of life after death.

Science can never rule out the possibility of resurrection. Science only tells us what *normally* happens. Scientists observe the processes of nature and draw general laws from their observations and experiments. Science cannot exclude one-off or extremely unusual events, which miracles are, and of which the resurrection is the supreme example. Indeed, the true scientific attitude is to be open-minded, and to ask, "What evidence is there?"

Evidence for the resurrection comes mainly from the four gospels and St Paul's letters in the New Testament. Scholars generally agree that the gospels were written between the 60s and 90s AD, and report eyewitness testimony and traditions about Jesus which were circulating much earlier. Jesus was probably crucified in April 33 AD, so the gap between the events and their being written up is much less than that for an old soldier today reporting his Second World War experiences.

There are two aspects to the gospel evidence: (i) Jesus' tomb was empty on the first Easter Day; and (ii) Jesus appeared alive to many people after his death. The best evidence comes from chapter 15 of Paul's first letter to the Christians in Corinth, written in about 55 AD. Here Paul gives a list of witnesses to Jesus' resurrection, including, last of all, himself.

Some significant points emerge from the evidence:

1. The first witnesses were women. Sadly, women then were thought unreliable and were not allowed to testify in court -you just wouldn't invent a story with women as your first witnesses.
2. All Jesus' twelve disciples, apart from Judas, were witnesses, as were Matthias who replaced Judas, Joseph, Matthias' competitor for Judas' place, and Jesus' brother James.
3. Paul recounts Jesus' appearance to 500 people at one time, most of whom were still alive to testify when he was writing, a mere 22 years later.

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4. Finally, Paul himself met Christ on the Damascus road. This changed him completely, from a fierce opponent of the faith to the most zealous disciple of all.

Alternative explanations for the evidence mostly involve a conspiracy, such as the disciples stealing the body. Indeed, that was the first theory at the time, deliberately circulated by the Jewish authorities. It implies that the disciples would have colluded in a lie.

Some died for their belief in the resurrection. Nobody dies for something he *knows* to be false, which would be the case for the disciples if they had invented the story. Moreover, surely someone would have broken ranks and squealed if they had conspired to spread a lie.

Scientists believe their theories on the basis of evidence. There is considerable evidence for Jesus' resurrection. If we don't close down beforehand what we think can happen, if we have open minds actually to look at the evidence in detail, if we are prepared to be surprised, then it becomes perfectly possible for a scientist to believe in the resurrection. Many do: some are amongst our most distinguished scientists. Indeed, having an open mind to follow where the evidence leads is a much more scientific attitude than deciding beforehand what you think can or can't happen.

Revd Dr Rodney Holder (summarised)

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HOOLE PALM SUNDAY

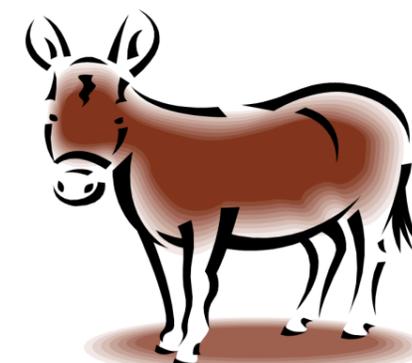
April 24th 2024

10.30 Palm Sunday Service

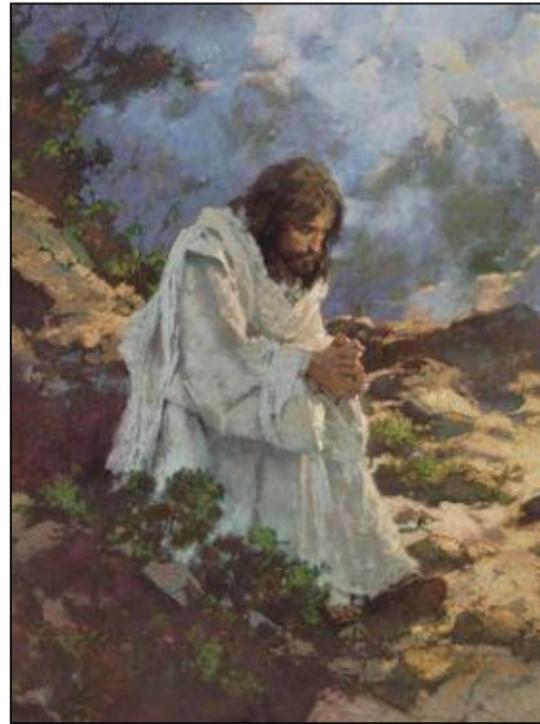
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Easter 2024



Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. **"My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."**

Before Jesus was betrayed by the Disciple Judas, he went with Peter, James, and John to the Garden of Gethsemane. The garden was an Olive Grove, very close to the Golden Gate of Jerusalem overlooking the Kidron Valley on the edge of the Mount of Olives. Jesus and his Disciples met there often. We can picture ourselves watching as Jesus knelt down to pray. He actually prayed three times. He was afraid and knew exactly what was going to happen to him, he would be betrayed to the guards, arrested, tried, and crucified and we see a moment of fear from Jesus as he asks for this not to happen, just a moment. He must have felt so alone in that moment. The disciples had gone to sleep, and a friend was about to give him up.

Sometimes we feel alone, fearful and abandoned just like Jesus. In our times of trouble, we can do what Jesus did and cry out to God to help us. Lent is a time of reflection and talking to God to say sorry for the things we have done that separate us from him, what we call sin. Jesus had no sin, but we are full of sins and Jesus' journey to the cross made sure that our sins are forgiven. As we come to Easter, our sorrows, can be taken from us when we say, "take this problem or sin from me" When Easter Sunday comes, we can be full of happiness and hope as Jesus comes back from the dead.

As we say our prayers, regularly, just as we would talk to our closest family and friends we can remember Jesus, as he said his prayers. He saved the world; our own prayers can save us.

This Easter we say thank you Jesus you are risen, risen indeed. Amen Alleluia.

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| Monday 4 th March | 2.30pm Holy Communion Ribble Court 7.30pm in the Lodge -Bible for Beginners |
| Tuesday 5th March | 10.15am Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 6th March | 9.30am-11.30am St Michael's Little Angels |
| Thursday 7th March | 7.30pm PCC with Archdeacon Mark |
| Sunday 10th March | 9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE with Sunday School |
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| Tuesday 12th March | 10.15am Morning Prayer 7.30pm Men's Group, Ladies' Group invited |
| Wednesday 13th March | 9.30am-11.30am St Michael's Little Angels |
| Sunday 17 th March | 9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday School 5.00pm Pizza & Praise in Church & the Lodge 7.30pm in the Lodge -Bible for Beginners |
| Monday 18th March | 10.15am Holy Communion |
| Tuesday 19th March | 9.30am-11.30am St Michael's Little Angels |
| Wednesday 20th March | PALM SUNDAY |
| Sunday 24 th March | 9.00am Holy Communion Start 10.10am from the school Palm Sunday with a donkey procession |
| Tuesday 26th March | 10.15am Holy Communion |
| Thursday 28 th March | 7.00pm MAUNDY THURSDAY PASSOVER MEAL with Holy Communion at the School |
| Friday 29 th March | 11.00 am GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE An Hour at the Cross in Church with A Children's Hour at the Cross in the Lodge. Followed by Hunger Lunch in the Lodge. |
| Sunday 31st March | EASTER SUNDAY 9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT |



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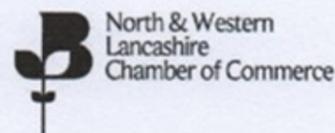
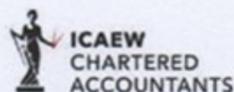
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| Monday 8th April | 2.30pm Holy Communion Ribble Court |
| Tuesday 9th April | 10.15am Morning Prayer |
| Wednesday 10th April | 9.30am-11.30am St Michael's Little Angels |
| Sunday 14th April | 9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship with Sunday School |
| Tuesday 16th April | 10.15am Morning Prayer |
| Wednesday 17th April | 9.30am-11.30am St Michael's Little Angels |
| Sunday 21st April | 9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion 3.45PM GLADIATORS' TRAINING- FAMILY CHURCH in the Village Hall |
| Monday 22nd April | 7.30pm in the Lodge -Bible for Beginners |
| Tuesday 23rd April | 10.15am Holy Communion |
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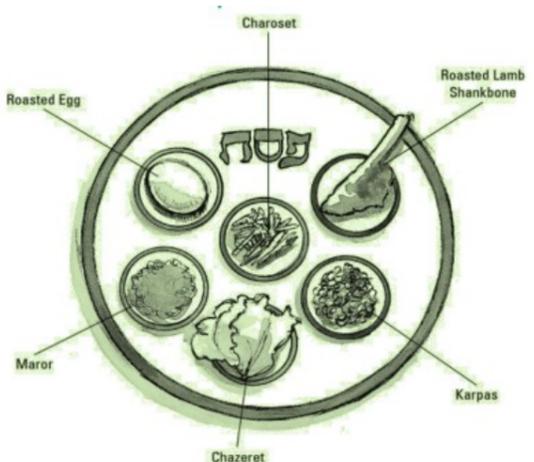
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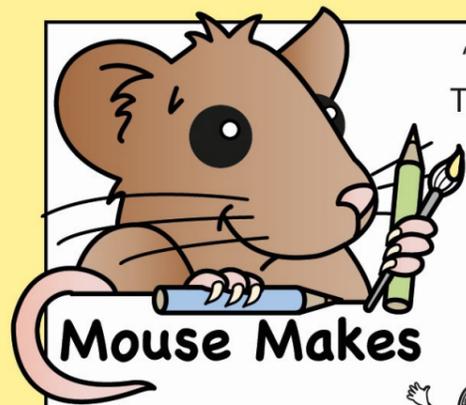
PASSOVER MEAL

Maundy Thursday, March 28th 7pm at the School. Suitable for the whole family, this is a lovely way to enjoy a meal together and discover more about the background of our Communion Service.



There is no charge but we invite donations of around £7 per adult and £2 per child to cover the cost of the meal. Please see Hilary Newman if you can help by bringing salad or potatoes.





"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 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?

8d



19



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 26:36-75

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



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Matthew 26:14-16

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

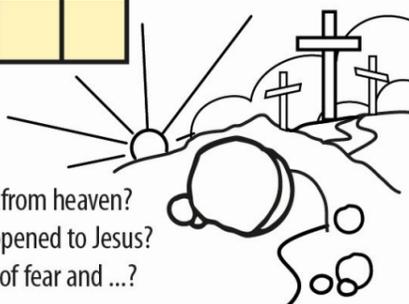
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Matthew 28:1-10

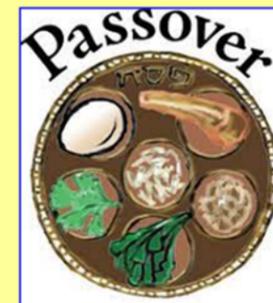
5. Who descended from heaven?
19. What had happened to Jesus?
- 8a. Mary was full of fear and ...?



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EASTER AT ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH, HOOLE.

Palm Sunday March 24th
10.10am meet at school to process to Church with Donkey. 10.30am Palm Sunday Service with donkey rides.



Maundy Thursday March 28th
Passover Meal & Holy Communion 7pm
At the School.

Good Friday March 29th
Service starts 11.00am An Hour at the Cross in Church with A Children's Hour at the Cross in the Lodge.
Followed by Hunger Lunch in the Lodge.



Easter Sunday 31st March
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Easter Sunday Service with the Children's Easter Egg



Hoole St. Michael CE Primary School

On Friday 9th February, Hoole St Michael CE Primary School held a 'School Vision Day' Our hall was divided into 8 stations where we could reflect on our Christian Values. Each class visited the hall throughout the day and completed the reflection activities. It was a wonderful way to PAUSE, CONNECT and WONDER. We continue to have PCW time in school regularly to develop our own spirituality.

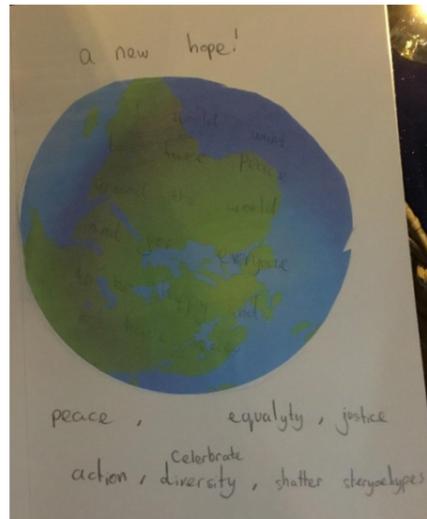
Children's comments:

'It was a calming day where we learnt more about Jesus. I liked thinking about my hopes and dreams.' Kadey.

'My favourite station was the 'Mary and Martha' as it focused on the bible story when Jesus visited their home. I loved it.' Murphy.

'I found it really interesting because it helped me focus on what I am able to achieve.' My favourite station was 'Hopes and Dreams.' I really liked helping my buddy.' Maddie.

'I liked all the different stations which helped me learn about God. I enjoyed helping the younger children on the Forest Thanks station where we thought about God's wonderful creation.' James.



St Michael's Flower Group Rota

| Date | Arrangers | Sponsor/s |
|------------|-----------------|---|
| 30th March | ALL | Mr & Mrs Wood Mr M Coxhead Mr & Mrs Slinger |
| 7TH April | Lisa & Julie | No Sponsor |
| 14th April | Lisa & Julie | Mrs J Maxfield |
| 21st April | Gillian | Mrs Houghton |
| 28th April | Betty & Maureen | Mrs D Rowland |
| 5th May | Julie & Eileen | Elaine Cowburn |
| 12th May | Jean & Sue | |

ST MICHAEL'S TIMES – AN UPDATE FOR YOU

Thank you to all those who have kindly volunteered to delivery the Easter magazine to all the parish and special thanks to Elsie Kirkham who regularly organises the distribution of every edition of the magazine.



To All Subscribers and Distributors:

The annual subscription for the magazine remains at £10 (or whatever amount you feel they are worth.) The individual price (or donation) for each magazine bought "ad hoc" is £1.50.

The Results of Your Support

As a subscriber or advertiser, your continuing support of this church's work, mission and growth is not only greatly appreciated but we are able to provide the service of a free magazine to the parish at Easter & Christmas. As a result, we believe, that making ourselves known in this way, had a significant effect on the increase in attendance at Christmas services, with many new faces that we hope to see again.

The Finance

This is a non-profit making venture, as its main purpose is to "spread the word" and encourage new people to "come and see". In 2024 it is projected to break even (or even a small profit) so keep up the good work everyone.

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St. Michael's Men's Group.

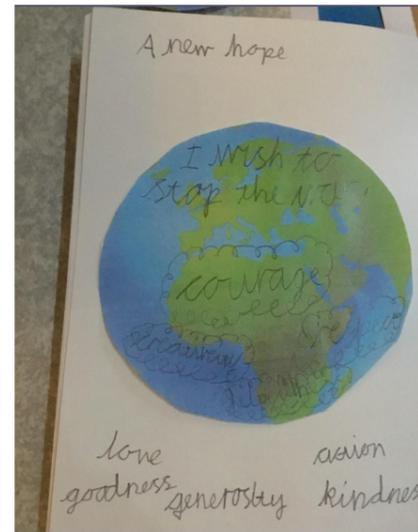
We have been pleased to welcome new members to the group over recent months and hope that this will continue with the wide range of topics our guest speakers are bringing to our meetings. In January we were given an insight into the British Curling Association by a local resident Rick Hills who has represented our country at international level. By complete contrast at our February meeting the speaker was Mebs Ahmed who told us of some of his life experiences beginning with a very humble early childhood in Pakistan leading on to his main life's work, that of a senior and well respected Community Police Officer in the Lancashire Constabulary.



The many antique and collectors programmes on television have raised the interest in the 'Art-Deco' movement which is the forthcoming topic for our March meeting to be held at 7.30pm on March 19th in the Village Hall. The full title of the talk by Keith Hick, one of our regular speakers, is 'How Art-Deco helped shape the 20th century'. Because of its wider appeal this is the meeting to which members of the Ladies group are invited, we would also welcome others to this meeting who would like to learn more of this art movement, which also featured in the architecture and construction of several iconic buildings.



Stan Pickles



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March 2024– May 2024

- 10th March. John & Honey
- 17th March. Carole & Lynn
- 24th March. Joan & Mike
- 31st March. Gill & Nick
- 7th April. Shirley & John
- 14th April. Pat & Nina
- 21st April. John & Honey
- 28th April. Carole & Lynn
- 5th May. Joan & Mike

SPACE FOR PRAYER



We have created a space in church (in front of the pews) for anyone to come and sit and pray or just have a quiet time. There are materials to read and we hope it will provide a place to leave prayer requests. Prayer is a time when we have

our conversations with God, but equally times of silence and quiet so that we can listen to what he has to say to us. God wants us to come to him in prayer and gives us the Holy Spirit to help us. Prayer is our breath.

If you would like us to get in touch please leave us a phone number, or you can contact us - details below.

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Sunday 25th February

10th March (Mothering Sunday – we will be making flower posies for parents and grandparents)

Sunday 17th March

Sunday 24th March (Palm Sunday: donkey rides in the car park)

Sunday 31st March (Easter Sunday with Easter egg hunt around the churchyard)

Sunday 14th April

Sunday 28th April

Why is Easter important for children?

As Christians, we celebrate Easter because we remember that Jesus paid the ultimate cost by dying for us as a sacrifice for the things we all do wrong, and then rising again. The events around Good Friday and Easter Sunday form the backbone of our Christian faith, and yet with children they are often overlooked. Part of the reason for this is that they happen during school holidays, so children are away and don't get to church. It can be tempting, even in church, to overlook the horror of Jesus' death and focus on the excitement of Jesus rising again from the dead and us all eating chocolate to celebrate this!

We can all understand the amazing fact that Jesus rose from the dead, and how this is a miracle, but if we don't really understand why Jesus died in the first place, we don't have the full story. Until very recently at St Michael's, the children had lots of fun around Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, but nothing about His death. This is the reason we introduced the Children's Hour at the Cross running alongside the Hour at the Cross in church. I think it's vital that children understand the fact that Jesus died because people do things wrong, and the link to sacrifice in the Old Testament. I would never go into the full horror of the wounds inflicted on Jesus, and despite it being a sad day, we have fun as we think about it and some great conversations about why Jesus died and why that's important.

I think it's vital that children, as well as adults, see the full story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, starting with Palm Sunday, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, through Good Friday and into Easter Sunday, so that they have the bigger picture of the basis of our faith. If you are a parent or grandparent, I would urge you to bring your children to church on Good Friday at 11:00, as well as Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Liz Boland



Pancake Church & Family Church

Each month, we hold Family Church either in Much Hoole Village Hall, church or St Michael's School. In February, we held our popular annual Pancake Church, as we marked the beginning of Lent with decorating pancakes, making smiley face pancakes, pancake races and of course, lots of pancakes to eat. We thought about Lent being a time to say sorry to God for the things we do wrong, and to try to live more as He wants us to.

Our next Family Church services are:

1. 3rd March 3:45pm – Grandparents Church for all generations to come and worship God together with a cream tea in the Village Hall
2. 24th March 10:10am – Palm Sunday service with procession from St Michael's School and donkey rides during the service for children.
3. 29th March 11:00am – Children's Hour at the Cross on Good Friday in the Lodge, while the adults have their own Hour at the Cross in Church
4. 31st March 10:30am – Easter Egg Hunt around the churchyard during the Easter Sunday morning service.
5. 21st April 3:45pm – Family Church in the Village Hall.

Pizza & Praise:

Pizza & Praise is our new monthly service for older children and adults. It happens in church, with about 45 minutes of worship, prayer and a Bible thought, using more modern songs than we often sing, plenty of time for private reflection and prayer and a very relaxed atmosphere. This is then followed by pizza in the Lodge. This service gives a more informal way to come to church, and everyone is welcome.

The next few dates for this are

25th February at 5:00pm 17th March at 5:00pm 28th April at 5:00pm

Josh Lamb (age 10) says this about Pizza & Praise:

I like going to pizza church because it's informal and less complicated than other services. You don't have to worry about standing up and sitting down at the right time and there are amazing songs but you do not need to sing. There is nothing to hold or pages to turn. Liz and Mandy make it easy to think about God and pray together. Afterwards you get to speak to your friends. Don't forget the PIZZA!

Sunday School

Sunday School happens every Sunday that Family Church doesn't happen in the Lodge during the 10:30 service. We start off in the main service, then leave to go for our own session before rejoining the adults at the end. We look at a Bible story, play games, make crafts and pray together. Everyone age 0-11 is welcome to join us. Dates for Sunday School:

Children and Families
at St Michael's Church

Prayer Meditation - From Grief to Joy

When she died and had gone to be with you, Father, I wanted so desperately to go too. It was not simply that the world was such a grey and empty place at this time of loss – though it was, and it seemed as though never would it be bright and full of life again. But it was more than that. When we make the journey right to the very gate of Heaven itself, with someone we love; and then they must go on and we must go back . . . Then, O my Father, we get a glimpse, just a glimpse, of the radiant reality of the world beyond, the bright eternity promised. And we long for it, like a child glimpsing home through the gates and suddenly recognizing this is where we belong.

Slowly, the wounds heal. Slowly, life and colour come back to the world. The bright focus of things beyond slowly fades, and with it the intense truth of what lies ahead for us.

Father God, I know this must happen, and that after the glimpse of the celestial we must come down from the trans-

figured mountain of fire and live out the rest of the life that is meant for your service. But do not take away from us, Father, that hunger for home. I do not want it healed. I want it to remain for me as a promise – Christ's Easter promise: a knowledge deep within me that there will be that first unclouded seeing; that gentle warmth of drenching light; that still serenity; that circling of joy. And seeing and knowing, seen and known, utterly and wholly, I shall never be turned away from loved ones again. Never turn away from you, my Lord . . .

O my Lord Jesus: keep this Easter hope alive and true in my heart. Always. Amen.

Written by Dr Ruth Etchells

HOOLE PARISH CHURCH – ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
Mission Statement: To Know Christ and Make Him Known

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Church Website: <http://www.hooleparishchurch.com>.

Our Facebook page is called "St Michael and All Angels Church Hoole"

Hoole Church Ladies' Group

Good news! About 30 members renewed their membership at our AGM and Social Afternoon in January. We all enjoyed the Beetle Drive after the presentation of the annual reports and tea and cakes. We were pleased that the first afternoon meeting went so well.



At our meeting on Thursday 15th February at 2.00pm, Matt and Yvonne Pinder will be talking about "An Adventure on Wheels". They have several strings to their bow as they have also entertained us to a musical evening and are coming again in December. In March we have an invitation from the Men's Group on Tuesday 19th March – please note this is an evening meeting at 7.30pm in the Poppy Lounge – and will be a talk on "How Art Décor helped shape the 20th Century" with Keith Hicks.



We have our annual trip on Thursday 18th April, this year it's to be "retail therapy" to Boundary Mill, Colne. Please see Sheila or Helen to book.



If anyone needs a lift for any meeting or you know of anyone, do please give Sheila (01772 616850) or me a call.

Anyone who may be interested in coming along to our meetings would be made very welcome. We are a friendly group and welcome new members.

Do give me a call on 01772 613816.

Erika