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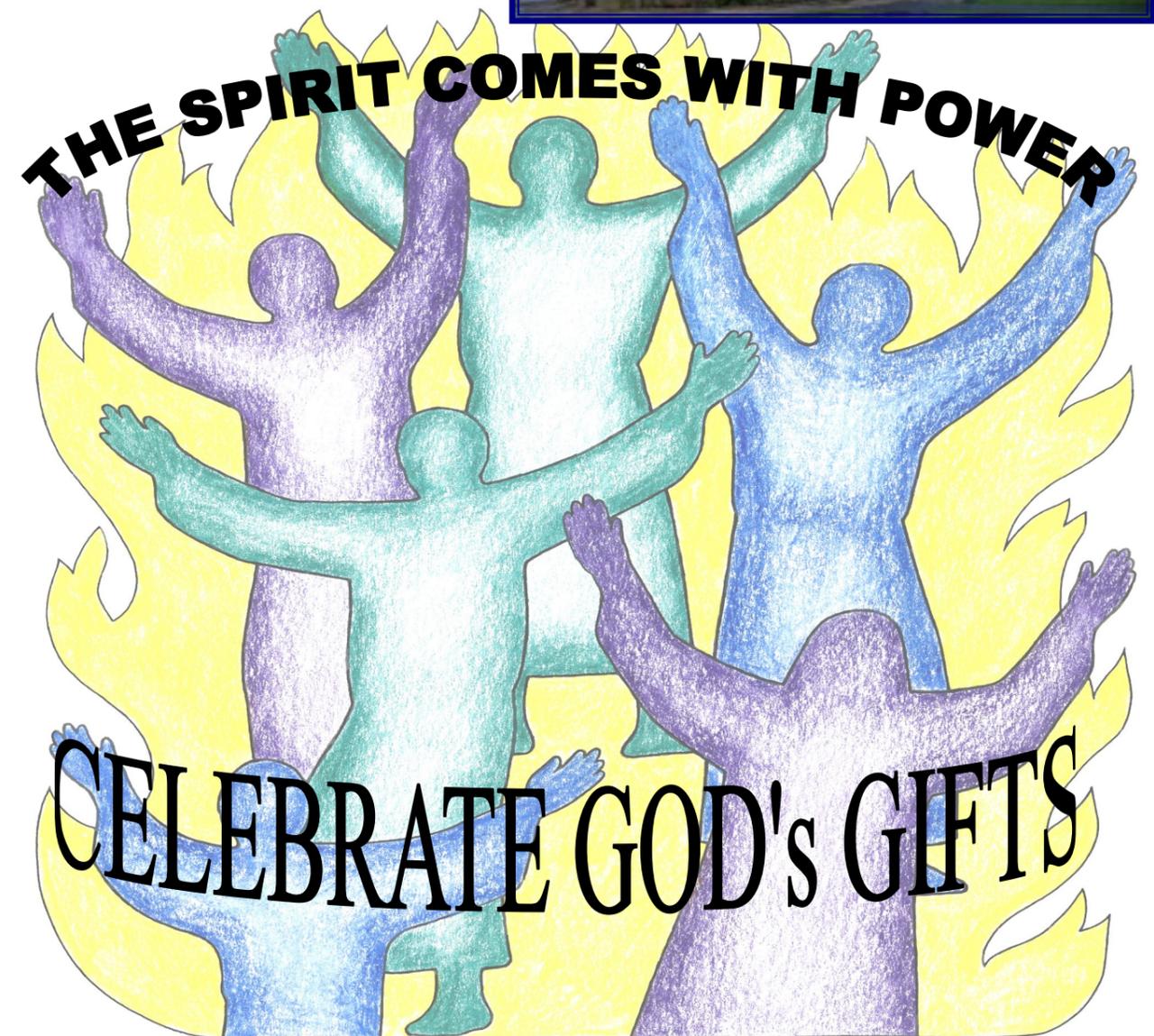
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# GIVING WITH GRACE



Dear all  
HAPPY EASTER!

I do hope you managed to take time out and rejoice at the incomparable Good News which is at the heart of the Christian faith and is life changing for all who believe, - Death is Dead! Jesus is alive!

Most of you will be aware by now that I will be retiring on October 5th. Harvest Festival on 29th September will be our final service at St Michael's and the Harvest Social on 27th September in the Village Hall our last social event in the Parish.

We will be moving south to Drayton Oxfordshire in the Spring 2025 after a holiday and then an extended visit to our family in Portugal where we shall be endeavouring to learn some Portuguese!

Our other set of grandchildren are in Preston so we will not be saying goodbye to the Northwest and indeed intend to visit frequently.

We have enjoyed a wonderful 5 and a half years in Hoole. It has been immensely rewarding getting to know so many different individuals and groups of people and are hugely grateful to all of you for your friendship and support.

It is our heartfelt prayer that you will continue to support St Michael's as they seek to appoint a new Rector as soon as possible.

## **Much has happened since 2018:**

God has blessed our themed monthly Family Church - I imagine most of you have heard of Hogwarts Church, Star Wars Church, Pancake Church and our intergenerational Grandparents Church. Gladiators Church is our next one coming up soon. Our children's work has gone from strength to

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Look up the Bible verses to find the answers to the crossword clues.

How many words can you make from the letters of:  
DAY OF PENTECOST

**1** After Jesus ascended into heaven, which city did the Apostles return to? *Acts 1:12*  
**2** What appeared? Tongues of ...? *Acts 2:3*  
**3** Who spoke to the crowd? *Acts 2:14*  
**4** What were the disciples filled with? *Acts 2:4*  
**5a** What did the Apostles devote themselves to? *Acts 1:14*  
**5d** Which special day was it? *Acts 2:1*  
**6** Who was chosen to replace Judas? *Acts 1:26*  
**7** Who had prophesied this? *Acts 2:16*  
**8** What rushing sound came from heaven? *Acts 2:2*  
**9** What did they start speaking in? *Acts 2:4*

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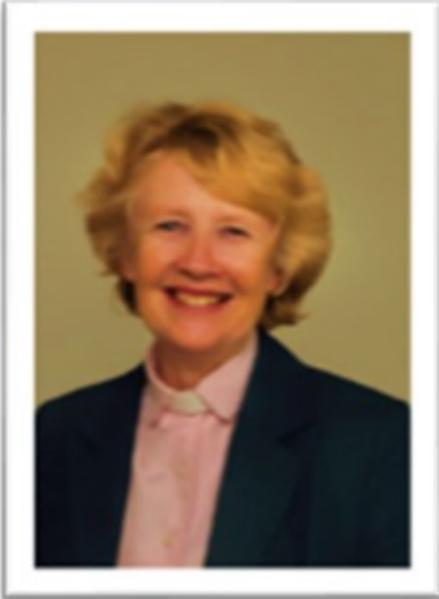
strength since Liz arrived as our Youth Minister in 2019. And so much has been made possible since the opening of our new Lodge. The Lodge has enabled us to hold an Alpha Course and a Bible for Beginners Course and accommodate comfortably the 20+ people who attend regularly. It has also provided a warm friendly venue for our wonderful new Toddler Group Little Angels, our Tuesday morning informal service and our Bereavement Group. I could go on - It has been a great privilege for Peter and me to be part of all that God has been doing in your midst.

There is much for my successor to build on and develop under God. The Diocese has recognised that this cannot be done on the 18 hours a week unpaid ministry allocated to St Michael's at present. St Michael's needs to appoint ideally a full time paid Rector or at least halftime as well as continuing to pay for our wonderful part time Youth Minister.

At the suggestion of the Archdeacon we are going to be explaining to everyone how you can help over 5 weeks in May entitled **GIVING IN GRACE**. Archdeacon Mark will be preaching at our 2 services on 28th April and Bishop Philip will be conducting our Confirmation Service on May 12th and the delightful Christy will be speaking on 19th May. I hope very much you will want to come along and hear what they have to say.

I am very conscious that the whole community has greatly benefited from our partnership between the Parish Councils, Village Hall and Church in the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and the Coronation with its emphasis on young people and volunteering. I hope very much you will all want to maintain that partnership going forward.

With prayers and best wishes  
 Rev Ann



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Dear Reader

St Michael's holds a special place in the hearts of many in our congregation and community. From joyful memories marking the milestones of life, from baptisms and weddings and confirmations; Christmas, Harvest and school services, and much more, to times of loss where the church has been a place of comfort and hope.

We are writing for two reasons:

The first is to say a warm and heartfelt thank you for the contributions you have made to St Michael's over the years. It is so good to know you value our church community and it is never taken for granted. Thank you.

The primary reason for writing is to ask for your support. Everything we do as a church is made possible by the generous giving of commitment, time, skills and money given week by week. However, St Michael's is now facing a significant financial challenge, and that's why we are asking for your help today.

Our Rector, the Revd Ann Templeman, is retiring in October, and we will soon be working with the Diocese to find her successor. St Michael's has been very fortunate because, like her predecessors over the past 15 years plus, Revd Templeman has not sought a stipend (salary) from the church during her ministry here. She has just claimed expenses and her home has been in the Rectory as part of the community.

However, in order to keep our independence as a church, with our own minister, and sustain the ministry which has grown over the last 5 and a half years, we now need to finance a "stipendiary" (paid) minister; ideally full-time but at the very least part-time at an annual cost of £40k and £20k respectively. This is essential if we are to continue the mission, pastoral care, children's and youth work that has grown during Revd Templeman's ministry but we cannot achieve this without an increase in our income. Paying a salary for a new Rector will be a big change for St Michael's, and we trust you will understand when we ask, on behalf of the Church Council, for your help and support.

If you would like to help us to keep St Michael's as an important part of our village community, and you are able to contribute, there are three ways you could make a difference:

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**Please tell us you have responded.** We will not know any details, they are confidential. But we do want to write to everyone who responds just to say thank you. Simply let us know by email or post to:

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You poured yourself out in creation,  
were totally spent in Christ's death  
on the cross,  
and continue to give yourself  
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## WHAT DOES THE RECTOR DO?

Vicars don't just work on Sunday.! Here is an extract from Rev Ann's diary:

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| Wed 27th March                      | am 1. Zoom meeting with Youth Minister<br>2. Preparation for 6 Easter services<br>pm 1. Deliver interactive lesson to Year 2 /3 re Holy Communion<br>2. Watch Y 4/5 Easter Production<br>3. 5.00pm Governors' meeting |
| Thursday 28th March Maundy Thursday | 9.00am School Easter service in Church with all school, staff and parents<br>10.30 - 3.00pm Begin service preparation service sheets and sermons<br>5.00pm - 10.00am Passover meal and service                        |
| Friday 29th March<br>GOOD FRIDAY    | 11.00 am - 12.15 Good Friday service<br>12.15 meet with Archdeacon<br>1.00pm Hunger Lunch in the Lodge  |
| Easter Saturday<br>EASTER DAY       | 9.00am - 5.00pm Preparation for Sunday<br>9.00am Holy Communion<br>10.30am Parish Communion with Easter Egg Hunt<br>1.30pm arrive home  |
| Easter Monday<br>Tues April 2nd     | 2.00pm - 4.00pm Ribble Court Easter Service<br>10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge followed by pastoral conversation<br>Meeting with Youth Minister<br>Hospital visit to parishioner in Preston                       |
| Wed April 3rd                       | 10.30 Meeting with wedding couple<br>11.45 - 1.00pm meeting with Baptism couple<br>4.00pm - 6.00pm meeting with churchwardens   |

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## **CELEBRATING THE LOVE AND COURAGE OF MOTHERS** *(Extract from Mothering Sunday sermon March 2024)*

Those of you who enjoy listening to smooth radio like Peter may have been amused to hear the Aldi advert which had the punchline 'Your mother would go to the ends of the earth for you . You only have to go to Aldi!'

Most of you here today are no doubt deeply grateful for your mothers – all the self sacrificial love they have lavished on you. And I expect many of them are or were truly wonderful women.

I heard the story of 2 remarkable mothers this week. The first was the mother of one of the members St Michael's whose funeral took place in this church on Tuesday. Her name was Majda and she lived 66 years in Hoole before she died at the age of 91. She was born however in what used to be Yugoslavia and is now Slovenia. Until 1939 she had a quiet and happy childhood in a small village living in a close knit community with her parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, but as for millions of people throughout the world, her life changed when World War 2 broke out. In 1941 her peaceful life was shattered when the Italians occupied Yugoslavia. Soon after, they were followed by the German army, life then became even more difficult and dangerous under Nazi rule. Her school teachers 'disappeared' overnight and were replaced by German teachers.

The whole region was ruled by the dreaded Gestapo. The Slovenes could no longer speak their own language in public, everyone, including children, had to speak German. All public signs were now in German and all school lessons were conducted in German.

Majda's mother, Mila, was an active member of the Resistance Movement. Forging documents, passing on secret messages and hiding resistance fighters was now the norm for Majda. Eventually, the inevitable happened, Majda's mother was arrested and imprisoned by the Gestapo and was likely to face execution by firing squad.

Fortunately for Majda and her mother, but not for the Partisan Movement, an uncle by marriage betrayed his own people and worked for the Germans. Majda, about 8 or 9 years old at the time, begged him to use his influence with the Germans and have her mother released. This he did and despite Mila continuing to work for the Partisans, she was not arrested again.

So 2 wonderful courageous mothers: Majda who saved her mother from death at the age of 8 and her mother Mila who risked her life on a daily basis fighting for justice and freedom.

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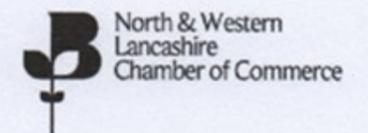
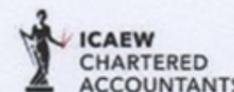
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## FLOWERS

AT ST MICHAEL'S & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

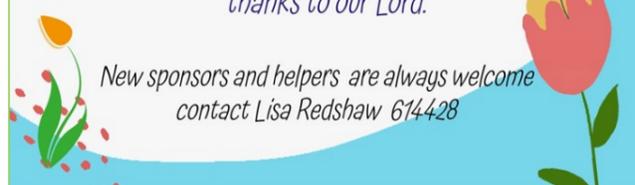


*Flowers are paid for by generous sponsors and arranged by volunteers on a weekly basis.*

*At Easter, Harvest and Christmas the flower group work together in decorating our beautiful church for all attendees to enjoy.*

*Flowers, pedestals, pew ends, lychgate can all be provided for Weddings, Baptisms, or in memory of loved ones throughout the year on a non-profit basis.*

*All to remind us of the beauty of the world we live in and to be in thanks to our Lord.*



*New sponsors and helpers are always welcome contact Lisa Redshaw 614428*

# ST MICHAEL'S ... ARE YOU READY?



## IT IS HERE!

# GLADIATORS'

## FAMILY CHURCH

# SUNDAY 23RD JUNE



TEAM  
TRAINING:  
CRAFTS  
SONGS  
GLADIATOR  
SKILLS

## 3.45PM AT THE SCHOOL

# St Michael's Flower Group

The flower group are volunteers who decorate the church on a weekly rota, working together at Easter, Harvest and Christmas, leaving the windows empty during Lent. This is made possible by sponsors whose donations are used to create arrangements as near as possible to their wishes- eg. specific dates, events (eg weddings), flowers, colours and designs. Other sponsors are the Burney family who provide fresh produce for Harvest and Mrs K Ball who donates the beautiful Christmas wreath.



For the King's Coronation we invited local groups to help: Women's Institute, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Knit and Natter, Church Ladies and Men's Fellowship all provided individual and inspiring creations. Children from St. Michael's school created a wonderful King Charles in his wellies, busy in his garden in the church entrance- welcoming all.



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**Mission Statement: To Know Christ and Make Him Known**

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- Hoole Church Ladies' Group** Meets 2pm, 3rd Thursday at The Venue, Hoole Village Hall. Leader: Erika Penrose. Tel: 01772613816. Email: johnanderika.penrose@gmail.com
- Hoole St Michael's Men's Group** Meets 7.30, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, in The Venue, Hoole Village Hall. Contact: Jock Davidson 07902 441055 email: sgtmajor@talktalk.net
- Little Angels Baby & Toddler Group** Mandy Hughes  
 Email: amandahughes945@gmail.com
- Friends of St Michael** Caring for the fabric of our ancient church. Mike Barron Tel: 01772 814105
- Health & Safety Officer** Chair: Colin Wilson Tel: 616978; Email: southview1953@tiscali.co.uk
- Hoole St Michael C E Primary School** Head Teacher: Juliet Price – Tel:01772 613219.

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

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



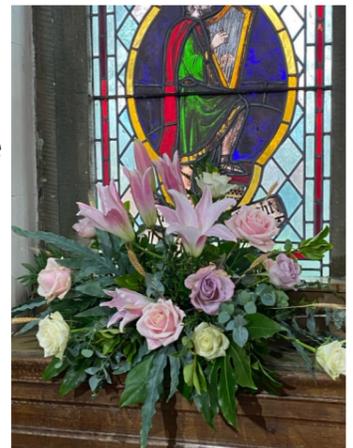
**Remembrance Day**

For Remembrance Day children from the school also helped lay the 2000 ( yes - two thousand!) hand crafted poppies outside the church to complement the arrangements and war memorabilia inside. The children were then guided around the war graves before listening to Betty Wignall's memories of her time,- time at their age, -at their school - during World War Two. On walking the children back to school one of the children asked me how old the lady ( my mum) was. I asked her how old she thought she was " Oh, really old - at least 19!"



The flower group also provided support at fund raising events eg table tops at the Quiz Night.

At Harvest donated food baskets were delivered to local people, remaining fresh produce was greatly appreciated by the kitchens at St Catherine's Hospice and all other foods went to the food bank.



Flowers, pedestals, pew ends and Lychgate can all be provided for weddings, christenings or in memory of loved ones throughout the year on a non-profit basis. All to remind us of the beauty of the world we live in and to be in thanks to our Lord.



**Anyone who would like to become a sponsor or help us to decorate the church in any way- please contact Lisa 01772 614428**

## Hoole Church Ladies' Group

In February Matt and Yvonne Pinder came along to talk about their "Adventure on Wheels" which was revealed to be a tour of the United States of America over 12 months in a large camper van. Their presentation of slides with props was excellent, telling us about the good times as well as when things didn't quite go right.



We were invited to the Men's Group meeting in March when Keith Hicks gave a talk about how Art Décor helped shape the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Thanks to the men for providing a good evening's entertainment.

At time of writing this article we have our annual trip coming up which I'm sure we'll all enjoy as it's retail therapy at Boundary Mill, Colne!

On Thursday 16th May Sue Jeeves, who some of us will remember from some years ago, will be talking about "Travels with Stanley Jeeves", with a slide show. On 20<sup>th</sup> June Mrs Yumiko Peers will be coming along to present "The Kimono – traditional Japanese costume". We hope Yumiko will be bringing along some examples of what are beautiful and graceful clothes.



Going ahead to June, we are holding a Summer Coffee Morning at Banks Farm on the 29<sup>th</sup> – hoping to be blessed with a sunny day! More details to follow in due course.

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

## FUTURE DATES JUNE 2024

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

### **CELEBRATION OF GOD'S GIFTS- GIFT DAY**

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday School  
4.00pm Holy Communion Old Mill Court

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

2.30pm Holy Communion Ribble Court  
7.30pm in the Lodge -Bible for Beginners

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

10.15am Holy Communion in the lodge

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

9.30am-11.30am St Michael's Little Angels

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday School

Tuesday 11th June

10.15am Morning Prayer in the Lodge

Wednesday 12th June

9.30am-11.30am St Michael's Little Angels

Sunday 16th June

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship with Sunday School

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

10.15am Morning Prayer in the Lodge

Wednesday 19th June

9.30am-11.30am St Michael's Little Angels

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship

### **3.00pm GLADIATORS' FAMILY CHURCH in St Michael's School for all the family**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

7.30pm in the Lodge -Bible for Beginners

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge

Wednesday 26th June

9.30am-11.30am St Michael's Little Angels

Sunday 30th June

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday School  
5.00pm Pizza & Praise in Church & the Lodge



### 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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Mandy Hughes (Ministry Team): Mob 07791 532461. Email [amandahughes945@gmail.com](mailto:amandahughes945@gmail.com)

## FUTURE DATES MAY 2024

Wednesday 1st May	9.30am-11.30am St Michael's Little Angels
Sunday 5th May	9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday School 12.00 noon Baptism of Ronnie Davidson 4.00pm Holy Communion Old Mill Court
Monday 6th May	7.30pm Bible for Beginners in the Lodge
Tuesday 7th May	2.30pm Holy Communion Ribble Court 10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge 7.30pm PCC in the Lodge
Wednesday 8th May	9.30am-11.30am St Michael's Little Angels
Sunday 12th May	9.00am Holy Communion <b>10.30AM CONFIRMATION SERVICE WITH BISHOP PHILIP</b>
Tuesday 14th May	10.15am Holy Communion in the lodge
Wednesday 15th May	9.30am-11.30am St Michael's Little Angels
Sunday 19th May	9.00am Holy Communion
PENTECOST	10.30am Parish Communion with Christy Sawyer <b>3.45pm LIFT OFF FAMILY CHURCH in the Village Hall</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm Bible for Beginners in the Lodge
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.30am-11.30am St Michael's Little Angels
Sunday 26th May	9.00am Holy Communion
THY KINGDOM COME	10.30am Morning Worship with Sunday School 5.00pm Pizza & Praise in Church & the Lodge
Tuesday 28th May	10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge
Wednesday 29th May	<b>No</b> St Michael's Little Angels -half term
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Wedding of Pippa and Callum

### CHURCH OPENING TIMES

St Michael & All Angels Church is open every day.

Opening times are:

Monday-Saturday inclusive: 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Sunday: 8.00am to 4.30pm

### VOLUNTEER

### ROTAS

Church Flowers

Details on page 17.

Tea/Coffee Details on page 10.

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptism – “We welcome into the Lord’s Family”

10<sup>th</sup> March ISABELLA AMELIA PASQUILL daughter of Gary Pasquill and Imogen Morris of Much Hoole.

### Marriage “Those whom God hath joined together”

28<sup>th</sup> February TREVOR WILLIAM WRIGHT and CAROLINE ELIZABETH MARTINDALE Both of Walmer Bridge.

### The Departed “We give thanks for the lives of those who have died and pray for their families and friends.”

5<sup>th</sup> March MARIA (MAJDA) MORTIMER aged 90years of Much Hoole.  
Committal followed at Preston Crematorium.

## St Michael's Flower Group Rota

Date	Arrangers	Sponsor/s	Notes
5th May	Julie & Eileen	Elaine Cowburn	
12th May	Jean & Sue		



# Rota for Tea/Coffee in the Lodge

May 2024– August 2024

## May 2024

05.05.24 Gill & Nick  
12.05.24 Joan & Mike  
19.05.24 Shirley & John  
26.05.24 Pat & Nina

## June 2024

02.06.24 John & Honey  
09.06.24 Carole & Lynn  
16.06.24 Joan & Mike  
23.06.24 Gill & Nick  
30.06.24 Shirley & John

## July 2024

07.07.24 Pat & Nina  
14.07.24 John & Honey  
21.07.24 Carole & Lynn  
28.07.24 Joan & Mike

## August 2024

04.08.24 Gill & Nick



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIVING  
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Your donations to your church are always very much appreciated both in time, skills and money given. We therefore thought you might like to know that HMRC have awarded us the following in Gift Aid, as a direct result of your 2023 Giving to our various funds:

Church General Fund	£7,243.54
The Friends Fund	£555.75
The Youth Work Fund	£2,145.00
The Flower Fund	£100.00
The Platinum Jubilee Lodge Fund	£525.00
GASDS Claim 2023/2024 (cash on the plate)	£1,527.00



This annual gift aid claim is what currently keeps us afloat for church day to day running costs. By the time you read this magazine in May, you will all know that changing times are ahead and your support and input will have a major impact on those future plans and on what we can achieve.

**Barbara Wood (Churchwarden & Gift Aid Recorder)**

## MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2024

Just a gentle reminder to one and all.

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If you do not subscribe to your church magazine, and would like to, please get in touch to find out more.

Many thanks

**Barbara Wood (07745 208617/bw12252@hotmail.com)**

Coming Up for families and children.

- 28 April 10:30am Sunday School in the Lodge
- 28 April 5:00pm Pizza & Praise in Church & the Lodge
- 5 May 10:30am Sunday School in the Lodge
- 12 May 10:30am Confirmation Service in Church with Sunday School in the Lodge
- 19 May 3:45pm Pentecost Family Church in the Village Hall
- 26 May 10:30am Sunday School in the Lodge
- 26 May 5:00pm Pizza & Praise in Church & the Lodge
- 2 June 10:30am Sunday School in the Lodge
- 9 June 10:30am Sunday School in the Lodge
- 16 June 10:30am Sunday School in the Lodge
- 23 June 3:45pm Gladiators Church in St Michael's School
- 30 June 10:30am Sunday School in the Lodge
- 30 June 5:00pm Pizza & Praise in Church & the Lodge





As always, the children and families have been busy over the last couple of months, with lots happening in school and church.

### Family Church & Sunday School

There seems to have been a lot happening with Family Church. At the beginning of March, we had our ever popular Grandparents Church. It was lovely to see young and old worshipping together, and the children making coasters, flowers and bookmarks for their grandparents. The village hall was very full, and we had to squeeze more tables in to accommodate everyone.

And then came Easter! We had lots of children wanting to ride the donkeys on Palm Sunday. Fortunately the sun shone and we were able to be outside in the car park so everyone could join in.

On Good Friday, a few of us were in the Lodge for our Children's Hour at the Cross. This is a lovely service for the children where we thought about Jesus dying on the cross and then made edible crowns of thorns, Easter gardens and wind chimes. A lovely way to think about Jesus' death and why it matters to us.

On Easter Sunday, a lot of children came to hunt for Easter eggs in a very muddy churchyard, and to make Easter gardens using biscuits.

It's so encouraging to see so many children coming along to church to all the things we offer to learn more about God and to grow in their faith.

Sunday School meets every Sunday in the Lodge during the 10:30 service and is suitable for all children age 0-11.

### Pizza & Praise

Our new service for young people and adults continues to grow. We had a great time in February thinking about holiness, which is a big topic, but the people there all met God in their own way and then in March thinking about Easter and why it matters.

After the service in church, we go across to the Lodge for pizza and a time of fun and fellowship. We'd love to welcome more people of any age who want to worship God in a new way and enjoy eating pizza!

# Holy Week at Hoole St Michael CE Primary School.

**Honey Bees and Discovery Class:** We really enjoyed Holy Week. We made bunting for Palm Sunday and talked about how exciting it would have been to be there to welcome Jesus. We then washed each other's feet just as Jesus did. We had a last supper thinking about how the disciples felt.



**Station 1 Gethsemane:** After listening to the story when Jesus was arrested, we chose a stone and prayed for courage to stand up for what is right. White ribbons were then tied to branches as we thought about how God gives us the strength we need.



**Station 2 The courtyard:** Atlantis Class enjoyed their outdoor worship as they thought about how Peter denied knowing Jesus. We watched tablet fizz away as we thought about how God forgives us. We also enjoyed the 'Flying saucers' which melted away in our mouths as we prayed for forgiveness.



**Station 3 Golgotha:** We learnt about the symbol of the cross. We listened to the story when Jesus was crucified on a cross. We made our own crosses made from twigs. We remembered how we have a loving God who forgives everyone who is truly sorry.

**Station 4 The Garden Tomb:** We listened to the story of the women at the tomb. We all had a seed ball which just looked dead. We planted the seeds in the earth where it will break into new life and shoots will appear in the soil. This reminds us of Jesus' resurrection. We wrote a prayer for Hope on a lollipop stick next to our seeds.



Our Enterprise Class also performed the 'Tale of Three Trees'.



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