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Parish Administrator: Mrs Amanda Gibson – Mob: 07735 961620.

#### ORGANISATIONS

# All church organisations have started up again. Please contact the relevant person if you have any enquiries.

#### Sunday School

Sunday School – St Michael's Club – begins at 10.30 in church and usually takes place every Sunday.

Leader: Mrs Liz Boland. Mobile: 07903 200204. E: 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 Hoole Village Hall. Leader: Mrs Erika Penrose.

Tel: 613816. E: johnanderika.penrose@gmail.com

**St Michael's Men's Fellowship** – meets 7.30, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, in Hoole Village Memorial Hall.

Secretary: Mr Stuart Tighe – Tel: 612963.

**Friends of St Michael** – Caring for the fabric of our ancient church. Chair: Mrs Jane Elphick, Tel: 601495.

Secretary: Mr David Turner, Tel: 01772 383344.

**Social Committee** – Contact: Mr Colin Wilson – Tel: 616978; Email: 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. Email: 1sthoole@gmail.com

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

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

#### **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.

The church Flower Rota for September to November will be found on Page 18

# **FROM THE RECTORY**

Dear all

#### **A NEW START**

Does September make you wish you were a child again? If you are 5 or 8 or 12, September means you can start your life all over again; you have new clothes, new shoes, new friends, a new timetable, a new teacher and you can even wipe the slate clean and forget all about all the terrible mistakes you made the previous year.



Adults don't usually get that option but in the account of Jesus healing a man who was both deaf and dumb we see just that. Mark records the story in Chapter 7 of his Gospel.

The deaf mute was brought to Jesus by his friends. Jesus treats him with individual care and compassion. The man must have been terrified by the turn of events but Jesus led him with great sensitivity away from the crowds and then proceeded to mime what he was about to do so the man would be reassured. First he put his fingers in the man's ears to tell him he was going to heal his ears. He then spat and touched the man's tongue with his spittle – he was also going to cure his inability to speak. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven indicating he was praying for God's help and gave a deep sigh of relief to show all was going to be well. Finally in the man's own language, Jesus said the brilliant lip-reading word EPHAPHTHA 'Be opened!' and so it was – his ears were opened and he could speak. His life was totally transformed – he could hear and talk to others.

In his Gospel Mark goes on to show how Jesus offers to everyone a new and completely radical new start if only they put their trust in Him. However old or young we are, we can all have the slate wiped clean and start again though not through our own efforts, only through what the Lord Jesus has done for us by his death on the cross.

So, now as we work out what has changed post Covid and how we should live, don't go it alone. Enlist the help of the One, the only One, who is able to give you a fresh start. Try church if you haven't been for a while, try setting aside five minutes a day to pray, try reading the Bible and attending a Bible study group or simply come along to the Harvest Social – get to know some other Christians and see how Jesus has transformed their lives – He can do the same for you.

With prayers and best wishes Rev Ann

Rev Ann Templeman, Rector, September 2021

## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, HOOLE Parish Diary –September-October

Sunday 5th Sept	9.00am	Holy Communion in Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion in Church
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	4.30	Chat & Chocolate
Sunday 12th Sept	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Worship
	3.45pm	Minecraft Church in School
Monday 13th Sept	3.30pm	Bereavement group tea
	7.30pm	Bible Study at the Rectory
Tuesday 14th Sept	9.00am	Service for new starters and parents
10.1	.5-10.45am	Prayer time in Church
Sat 18th Sept 3.00p	om-5.00pm	Clay Pigeon shooting party. See flier for more details
		or contact Colin Wilson on 616978
Sunday 19th Sept	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Sunday School & Baptism of
		Miran Jensen (Mandy Hughes' grandchild)
:	12.00 noon	Baptism of Nancy Gladwinfield
Tues 21st Sept 10.1	.5-10.45am	Prayer time in Church
	7.30pm	Bible Study at the Rectory
Sunday 26th Sept	9.00am	Holy Communion
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10.30am	Morning Worship with Sunday School
12.00noon	Baptism of Elijah-John Fiddler
Monday 27th Sept 3.30pm	1st Griefshare session at the Rectory
7.30pm	Bible Study at the Rectory
Tues 28th Sept 10.15-10.45am	Prayer time in Church
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 4.30	Chat & Chocolate
Friday 1st October 7.00pm	HARVEST SOCIAL WITH QUIZ, MEAL AND
	ENTERTAINMENT IN THE NEW VILLAGE HALL
Sunday 3rd October 9.00am	Holy Communion
10.30am	HARVEST FESTIVAL
Tuesday 5th Oct10.15-10.45am	Prayer time in Church
7.30pm	Bible Study at the Rectory
Sunday 10th October 9.00am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Morning Worship with Sunday School
Monday 11th October 7.30pm	Bible Study at the Rectory
Tue 12th Oct 10.15-10.45am	Prayer time in Church
Sunday 17th October 9.00am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Parish Communion
Monday 18th October 3.30pm	Bereavement group tea
Tues 19th Oct 10.15-10.45am	Prayer time in Church
7.30pm	Bible Study at the Rectory
Sunday 24th October 9.00am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Morning Worship with Sunday School
Monday 25th October 7.30pm	Bible Study at the Rectory
Tues 26th Oct 10.15-10.45am	Prayer time in Church
Sunday 31st October 9.00am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Parish Communion with Sunday School
6.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving for Loved Ones

## **KEY FUTURE DATE**

Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Service of Thanksgiving for Loved Ones at 6.00pm.



# "ONE NIGHT ONLY"

# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HARVEST SOCIAL

# QUIZ, MEAL, ? ENTERTAINMENT watch this space !

## FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER HOOLE VILLAGE HALL 7.00PM - 10.30PM

TICKETS: Adults : £10 Under 15: £5 Tickets available from Church or Sheila Taylor email: sheila2016taylor@gmail.com or Tel: 01772 616850

PLEASE ALSO JOIN US FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER - 10.30AM





#### From the Churchwardens

#### <u>From Barbara –</u>

#### Please could you help me out?

As you all probably know by now, I recently became one of your Churchwardens which is proving to be not only enjoyable, and I just love all the people contact, but it's also quite challenging administratively as it involves quite a steep learning curve. I had planned to have an easy year of it between hanging up my spreadsheets as treasurer before taking on another significant role in the Church. It didn't quite work out that way. Anyway, I need your help. I need to reduce the number of "other jobs" I am doing. So these volunteer, "not to be missed", employment opportunities are open to you all...!

These are the 'jobs' that are available:

- MAGAZINE ADVERT CO-ORDINATOR This is an annual job which needs to be acted upon during October and November of each year. It involves getting in touch with the companies who advertise in our magazine to offer them the chance to renew for next year. Most of them do. Our advertising space is at full capacity at the moment, so unless a great number do not renew, there is no need this year to seek new advertisers. You will monitor payments as they come in via the treasurer, and send the adverts to the printers and our editor. Full training and support guaranteed. You will need reasonable computer skills for this.
- CHURCH BANKER Mike and Elaine Lawrence have asked that we
  find someone to replace them in this role. They have agreed to
  continue for the time being but if we don't get a volunteer, the job
  reverts to Andy (or me as assistant treasurer). It is a weekly
  commitment more or less, but also flexible if you are ill, on holiday or
  just not available some weeks as Andy and I are both on standby to
  step in if required. It involves emptying the Church safe, counting the
  contents, filling in the paperwork, banking the cash and taking the

paperwork to the treasurer. Very basic computer skills – emails mainly to me and/or Andy. Full training and support guaranteed.

- POSTER PERSON If you live at or near the roundabout end of Much Hoole this would be ideal for you. It's a little gentle exercise delivering posters to local businesses about once a month. A4 & A3 posters are produced for every family church and other church events. There is a list of local businesses and residents willing and able to put up these posters every time. No cold calling! Please consider joining this band of merry volunteers.
- WATER AID 2021-2022 is not taking place unless...? That's right unless we get a volunteer. It is with deep regret that I am withdrawing from organising this annual charity appeal which we have been supporting for well over a decade, raising on average £500 per annum. This is an annual job which I usually start in August when I obtain up to date info from Water Aid, prepare the jars and promote and launch it at Harvest. The money can be counted and banked by you or given to the banker/treasurer to count, record and bank. If anyone does take this on it doesn't matter if it has a later start than usual. This is not a complicated job – basic computer skills and a printer needed/desirable although a lot of it is already set up.

#### CARDS FOR EVERY OCCASION

When having a good clear-out of the font area recently, assisting Jane and Irene, we discovered quite a selection of cards, hand-made by Josephine Hodge who is a member of our church. She very kindly donated these cards to us and all proceeds from any sales are given to church funds. They are on display on the bookcase at the bottom of the stairs.

Please feel free to browse and if any catch your eye, pop your donation in the wooden box near the entrance to church. Many thanks.



#### TEA ROTA UPDATE

We still need more people to join the tea rota for after the church service at 10.30am. Although several willing volunteers have come forward, we still need at least two more in order to make a five-week rota. Could you be that person? We usually have two people doing the tea; I would be there to support anyone the first time and show them the ropes.

The social time we share after church is a good time to meet and chat with old friends and new and is enjoyed by those who come along. I have now taken on the job of sorting all things concerned with this, my contact details are below, and please feel free to phone or email with any queries you may have.

**Gillian Slinger** 

Phone: 07729121248 Email: gillian.slinger@btinternet.com



#### **Our Parish Magazine**

Would our subscribers please note that the magazine will be produced every two months for the remainder of the year. This edition is for September/October and the next will be November/December. The subs and charges will be reviewed at the beginning of 2022.

Editor

#### BUY-A-BRICK FUNDRAISER

# Hoole St Michael's Church needs your help...

To raise funds to build our multi-purpose Church Lodge within the Church grounds.



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The lodge will be built of brick and stone in keeping with our beautiful 16th Century Church. This is an exciting new development and we invite you to be part of this special journey, essential for the life of our church for now and future generations.



The lodge will house our:

- Sunday School
- Youth work
- Bible studies
- Baptism parties
- Parent and Toddler Group
- Community events etc.



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PLEASE SUPPORT HOOLE ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH AND .....

(See overleaf for how to donate)

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## BUY-A-BRICK FUNDRAISER

#### Hoole St Michael's Church needs your help ....

We invite you to buy a brick for £25 each or multiple bricks or by donating any amount to our cause however big or small.

All donations will go directly to Hoole St Michael's Church to help with the costs of this project.

#### DONORS' BOOK

All named donors have the option to be included in our DONORS' BOOK which will be displayed in the Church Lodge on completion of the project.

#### WAYS TO DONATE

Option 1: JustGiving https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stmchurchbuyabrick

Option 2: Cheque - Made payable to 'PCC Hoole Parish Church'. Post to :Church Treasurer Andrew Smith at 79 Tillage Close, Walmer Bridge PR45BZ.

Option 3: Online Banking Donations to HSBC Account No 84453034 Sort Code: 40-37-25 , Reference quote your surname + 'brick'.

\*\*In addition, please complete & return the slip below for all options (1-3) \*\*

#### **RETURN SLIP**

Please return by post to A.Smith (Treasurer) 79 Tillage Close, Walmer Bridge, Preston, PR45BZ or email to andrew.smith8118937@btinternet.com

Name / Company Name:
Would you like this name to be included in the Donors' Book? YES / NO
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Address:
Telephone: Email:
Please Gift Aid my donation to St Michael's Church Buy A Brick Fundraiser
Signed Dated:

#### Children and Families at St Michael's Church

Welcome back to a new term of Children and Families' work at church.



We restarted Sunday School at the beginning of September with 21 children aged 0-10, which was a great start. Sunday School carries on almost every Sunday during the 10.30 service (we only don't meet on Sundays with Family Church) and we split into two groups – one for under 7's

and one for over 7's. All are welcome, as are more adults who would like to help out.



Chat and Chocolate will restart on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30. This is a group for young people in school years 6-9. It is a very informal group, where we chat and eat chocolate! This year, we will be taking part in a project that we'd like all the young people to be involved with –

more details coming soon.

#### FAMILY CHURCH DATES

Minecraft Church – Sunday 12th September 3.45 at St Michael's School Narnia Church – Sunday 21st November 3.45 at Much Hoole Village Hall Toy & Christingle Service – Sunday 5th December 3.45 at Church Liz Boland, Children & Young People's Minister

## Ladies' Group

We are delighted to confirm that we will be welcoming our members to the new Village Hall ("The Venue") on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm; at our first meeting the speaker will be John Hutchinson whose talk is entitled "A Very Able Seaman". We will be having a cake stall, and refreshments will of course be served. Our programme for the rest of the year is as follows:

<u>Saturday 9th October</u> from 10.30-12.30 - Coffee Morning at Banks Farm, Station Road. Bring & Buy, Cake stall, Quiz and Raffle. Entry £5.00. Proceeds will be divided between the Ladies' Group and St Michael's Lodge Project.

<u>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</u> - "The Humorous & Bizarre Side of the Police Force" with Stuart Kirkman. This will be a joint meeting with the Men's Fellowship.

<u>Tuesday 16th November</u> - Rachael Cook from Rhapsody Florists in Eccleston will be showing us some beautiful Christmas arrangements.

<u>Tuesday 7th December</u> - Christmas Coffee Evening with the UKES3A Ukulele Group to entertain us.

We hope that you are as excited as we are that the Group is resuming again and look forward to welcoming you on the 21<sup>st</sup>. New members will be made very welcome.

Erika and the committee.



### **St Michael's Flower Club**

#### Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Arranger</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Betty and Maureen	Mrs B Wignall
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Jean and Sue	No sponsor
19th September	Julie and Elaine	Mrs Swarbrick
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Clare	Mrs R Barker
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	HARVEST – all arrangers	Mr & Mrs Penrose
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Jean and Joan	Mr & Mrs S Taylor
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Betty and Maureen	Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Crivera
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Gillian	Mrs E Houghton (Pedestal)
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Betty	Mr & Mrs H Wignall Pedestal: Lisa and Julie Church
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Lisa, Gillian & Julie	Mrs Smalley, Mrs Dewhurst and Mr Pickles
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Lisa and Julie	
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Lisa	Mrs J Bayldon
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Jean and Sue	Mrs Smallwood



#### **Remembrance Sunday – 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Many thanks to everyone who has already knitted more poppies for this year's Remembrance Display in November – these will be laid with the help of local children.

We still need more and patterns are still available in church if anyone would like to start knitting or do some extra.







#### St Michael's Church Flower Group

are planning to make wreaths for Christmas as a fund raiser – please place your order with Lisa, Julie or any of the flower group – more details next magazine in November. All our arrangers work as volunteers on a non-profit basis.

If you would like a wreath, please contact: Lisa Redshaw on 614428, or Jillian Davidson on 612562

#### From the Parish Registers

#### Holy Baptisms – "We welcome into the Lord's Family"

Bella Sofia Smith was baptised on 11th July.

Elodie Rosa Hesketh was baptised on 25th July.

#### Weddings – "Those whom God hath joined together"

John Michael Wilson and Rachel Johnson, both of Ingol, Preston, were married on 24<sup>th</sup> July.

Liam Thomas Brady Greenwood and Amy Jane Woollam, both of Hesketh Bank, were married on 21<sup>st</sup> August.

# The Departed – "As in Adam all die, so in Christ may all be made alive"

We give thanks for the life of Victor Ernest Marsh, aged 76 years, of Launceston, Cornwall. The funeral service on 6<sup>th</sup> August was followed by interment in the churchyard.

We give thanks for the life of Kenneth George Thomas, aged 87 years, of Longton. The funeral service on 31<sup>st</sup> August was followed by cremation at Burscough.



#### HOLY DAYS

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sept: Drithelm - vision of the after-life

Drithelm is the saint for you if you have ever wondered what lies beyond death, or have had a near-death experience. He was married and living in Cunningham (now Ayrshire, then Northumbria) in the 7<sup>th</sup> century when he fell ill and apparently died. When he revived a few hours later he

caused panic among the mourners, and was himself deeply shaken by the whole experience.

Drithelm went to pray in the village church until daylight, and during those long hours reviewed the priorities of his life in the light of what he had seen while 'dead'. A celestial guide had shown him souls in hell, in purgatory, in paradise and heaven... suddenly the reality of God and of coming judgement and of what Christ had done in redeeming mankind became real to him, and his life on earth could never be the same again. Next day he divided his wealth into three: giving one third to his wife, one third to his sons, and the remainder to the poor. He became a monk and went to live at Melrose, where he spent his time in prayer and contemplation of Jesus.

Drithelm's Vision of the after-life is remarkable in that it was the first example of this kind of literature from England. It was SO early: seventh century Anglo-Saxon England! Drithelm has even been seen as a remote precursor of Dante.

On a lighter note, Drithelm can also be a saint for you if you didn't get abroad this summer, but ventured to swim instead off one of our beaches: he used to stand in the cold waters of the Tweed for hours, reciting Psalms.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Guardian Angels – keeping an eye on us

The teaching of Jesus encourages us to believe in guardian angels. He once said, 'See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.' (Matthew 18:10)

The existence of angels was suggested in various Old Testament texts, Jesus mentioned them explicitly, and the early Christians accepted their existence and work (Acts 12:15).

In England, devotion to the angels, both in Anglo-Saxon times and later, was strong. In modern times, the great American evangelist Billy Graham has written an entire book on the existence and work of angels.

For many centuries Christendom was satisfied with the feast of St Michael (and all Angels), but the special feast of the Guardian Angels was

introduced in Austria, Spain and Portugal in the 15th – 16th centuries. Guardian Angels were then seen as guardians of particular towns or regions, or of each individual. Pope Clement X made the feast day universal in 1607, fixing its date to 2nd October.

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...

#### St James the Least of All

When the film makers come to church The Rectory St. James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

It has all been excitement and activity here this last week, with a period drama being filmed using our church. It was remarkable how many people felt the need to drop in to church to collect magazines, check the reading rota or arrange flowers, just happening to stumble over the film stars en route. If only they were filming every week, then our brasses would be permanently gleaming, woodwork smothered in beeswax and the notice board kept in a state of perpetual tidiness.

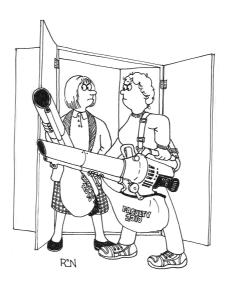
Our Ladies Guild was thrilled to be asked to take part in a crowd scene. I saw little point in the wardrobe department taking hours fitting them out with Victorian dresses, as the result was little different from normal. The only awkward moment came after filming, when Mrs Simms was told she could now remove her bustle. She told the girl she already had.

The producer thanked me for taking the trouble of going round church before they arrived, removing all those modern conveniences that would not have been there in the nineteenth century. I hadn't the heart to tell him that nothing was any different from normal.

Lord Marchmount was thoroughly miffed that they were not also using his castle for filming, even though the producer explained with exemplary patience that they needed a nineteenth century setting, not one which looked as if the cast had just returned from the Crusades. His revenge, getting the farm staff to spread slurry in all the surrounding fields throughout filming, has apparently meant that film stars now have a clause in their contracts protecting them from rural life. The issue of whether the outbreak of salmonella poisoning in the cast had anything to do with the catering caravan being liberally coated is to be settled in the courts.

When all was finished, I thought it only right to invite the film crew and actors to the vicarage for sherry. When the producer left, I was delighted to be told he had just discovered the perfect home for filming his next project - which is about Elizabethan poverty. Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Shifting the cobwebs in the North aisle required a faculty

#### (No offence to our worthy verger)

#### A few groaners

The world is made of three sorts of people - those who can do maths and those who can't.

Feel free to cross the field but the bull may charge you.

I used to be a librarian spy, but I can't talk about it as it was all very hush hush.

#### Too clean

My mother is a cleaning fanatic. One Saturday she told me and my brother to get down to the living room and straighten it up. We had held a party there the previous evening, and she was none too happy about the mess.

As she watched us work, it was clear that Mum was completely dissatisfied with our cleaning efforts and let us know it. Finally, my brother, exasperated with having to do it all over again, reached for a broom and asked Mum, "Can I use this, or were you planning to go somewhere?"

#### Flying bishop

The new Bishop wanted a bird's eye view of his new diocese, so he had an idea. He rang his local airfield to charter a flight, and was told that a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him. Arriving at the airfield, the bishop spotted a plane warming up outside a hangar. He jumped in, slammed the door shut, and shouted, "Let's go!"

At once the pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the bishop spent several minutes enjoying the views, and looking for local landmarks. Finally, he instructed the pilot, "Fly down the valley now and make low passes so I can take pictures of some of the best of the old parish churches."

"Why?" asked the pilot.

"Because I'm the new bishop," he replied happily, adjusting his camera, "and I want some good aerial views of my diocese."

The pilot was silent for a moment. Finally he stammered, "So, what you're telling me, is, you're NOT my flight instructor?"

#### Sudoku – easy

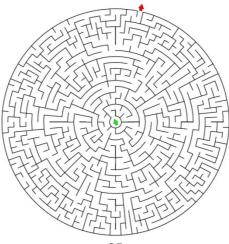
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Beat the Maze!



#### Solutions to Sudoku

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