

ST MICHAEL'S TIMES

The Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels – Hoole
February/March 2023 - £1.00



Hoole St Michael & All Angels Church
invites you to join us for

Pancake Church



at Much Hoole Village Hall
3.45 pm on Sun. 19 Feb.

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From The Rectory...



“There is nothing on earth that I desire besides you”.

Psalm 73 v 25

If you were in church over Christmas, you may have watched the short humorous drama sketch about the camel chauffeurs of the Wise Men who came to visit Jesus. After some clever quips about the journey on their camels with the heated seats and intermittent wipe and the traffic being ‘nose to tail in the Babylonian underpass’ ‘with the dreaded caravans’ they speculate about the place where the star has led them to. “It’s a very unlikely setting for a royal birth” one says – “you would expect them to go private – the princess Salome maternity unit with all the trimmings but here they are having a home birth in someone’s garage. It’s an ordinary street full of ordinary people living ordinary lives”. “Trust me,” he says, “no kings are born here tonight.”

It’s a brilliant way of conveying the meaning of this great Christian festival of Epiphany which we began celebrating on Twelfth Night and carry on thinking about until we get to Lent. The word Epiphany means showing – the royal baby has been born in a very ordinary way in an ordinary place because God is showing the world, everyone, all ordinary people what He is like.

The Wise Men had spent weeks and months and huge fortunes searching for the new King, the king of the whole world who had been born. The crucial message for us is that God is revealing himself as Saviour to the whole human race. Some of you will remember the powerful last line of our drama – ‘It’s not what you see that counts’ says one of the camel chauffeurs ‘It’s what you are looking for?’

What are you looking for? The wise men were looking for their hearts’ desire and they found it or rather Him – Jesus. That’s a lovely phrase. Heart’s desire. They had the best of human experiences; they found their hearts’ desire – the one they had been looking for all their lives and the only One who could satisfy their deepest needs.

So, what are you looking for – security, enough money now and in the future to keep you in the manner to which you are accustomed? We all know now more than ever after covid and now Ukraine that nothing is certain for anyone.

There is only one thing one person who can satisfy your deepest need – Jesus, God’s only Son. He died on the cross for to rescue you from sin and death and open the door to eternal life.

Do use these next days and weeks to determine to get to know Jesus better. Wherever you are in your belief in God and following Jesus, I can't recommend highly enough the short **Alpha** films which we are showing every Wednesday in the Lodge at 7.15am and on Tuesday morning at 11.00am. Each film is stand-alone and covers some of the great questions for the Christian, such as how God guides us and does God heal today.



the new Bishop of Blackburn, the Rt Revd Philip North, with Dr Jill Duff, Bishop of Lancaster

Image: Church Times

St Michael's Diary Dates - February to Easter 2023

Sunday 29th January 9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday School

Tuesday 31st January 10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge

Wednesday 1st February 7.15pm **ALPHA 2** in the Lodge

WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO?

Thursday 2nd February 4.30pm Chat & Chocolate in the Lodge

Sunday 5th February 9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion with Sunday School

Tuesday 7th February 10.15am Morning worship in the Lodge

Wednesday 8th February 7.15pm **ALPHA 2** in the Lodge

WHY AND HOW SHOULD WE TELL OTHERS?

Thursday 9th February 4.30pm Bible & Biscuits in the Lodge

Sunday 12th February 9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship with Sunday School

Tuesday 14th February 10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge

Wednesday 15th February NO ALPHA THIS WEEK

Saturday 18th February 7.30pm Karaoke night in the Lodge

Sunday 19th February 9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

3.45pm **PANCAKE CHURCH IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Tuesday 21st February 10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge

Wednesday 22nd February 7.30pm ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd February 4.30pm Chat & Chocolate in the Lodge

Sunday 26th February 9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship with Sunday School

Tuesday 28th February 10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge

Wednesday 1st March 7.15PM **ALPHA 2** in the Lodge

HOW CAN I RESIST EVIL?

Thursday 2nd March 4.30pm Bible & Biscuits in the Lodge

Sunday 5th February 9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday School

Tuesday 7th March 10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge

Wednesday 8th March 7.15pm **ALPHA 2** in the Lodge. **DOES GOD HEAL TODAY?**
Thursday 9th March 4.30pm Chat & Chocolate in the Lodge
Sunday 12th March 9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
3.45pm GRANDPARENTS' CHURCH in the Village Hall
Tuesday 14th March 10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge
Wednesday 15th March 7.15pm **ALPHA 2** in the Lodge:
HOW CAN I MAKE THE MOST OF THE REST OF MY LIFE? with Jacob's Join meal.
Thursday 16th March 4.30pm Bible & Biscuits in the Lodge
Sunday 19th March 9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday School
Tuesday 21st March 10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge
Wednesday 22nd March 7.15pm Preparing for Easter 1
Thursday 23rd March 4.30pm Chat & Chocolate in the Lodge
Sunday 26th March 9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship with Sunday School
Tuesday 28th March 10.15am Holy Communion in the Lodge
Wednesday 29th March 7.15pm Preparing for Easter 2
Thursday 30th March 4.30pm Bible & Biscuits in the Lodge



Save the Date



Coronation Charity Dinner

7pm Friday 28th April

The Venue - Hoole Village Hall

Coronation Weekend

Sunday 7th May 10.30am

CIVIC SERVICE

St Michael's Church

followed by

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

on St Michael's School Field

with

BBQ and Football M

A Short Profile of St. Valentine



Saint Valentine, as we know, is the patron saint of love who was an Italian doctor prior to coming to Christ and joining the priesthood. He lived in the 3rd century AD in Rome. It is believed he worked throughout his life performing miracles as well as teaching people how to recognise and experience true love. It is said he performed marriages in Rome when they had been outlawed by Emperor Claudius II. He was jailed for refusing to renounce his faith and continuing to perform weddings. While he was in jail he befriended Giulia, the young blind daughter of his jailer, Asterious, who asked Valentine to help her with her lessons. Claudius too came to like Valentine, but as he steadfastly

refused to abandon his faith, he was sentenced to death. Before he was executed on the 14th of February 270AD he wrote a note to Giulia thanking her for being his friend, signing the note '*From your Valentine*', a sentiment we still use to this day. It is believed that God miraculously cured Giulia of her blindness so that she could read the note herself.

Hilary Newman

“From Your Valentine”

Mandy Hughes

"Jesus, I Love You"



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI died recently. It has been said that the last words he spoke were "Jesus, I love you". The bible is full of examples of Jesus's love for us.

Jesus mentioned love 13 times. However, the words' importance doesn't change because he only specifically said love 13 times. The Bible is ALL about love. Love has many elements: forgiveness, kindness, patience, gentleness, repentance, mercy, encouragement, church, spiritual warfare are all be motivated from love.

How often do we say that we love Jesus? We can't possibly love him as much as he loves us his love will take us to eternity if we open the door for him to come in. He loves us and has enough patience to wait for us. So how do we come to the point in our lives where we can stand up and say Jesus, I love you.

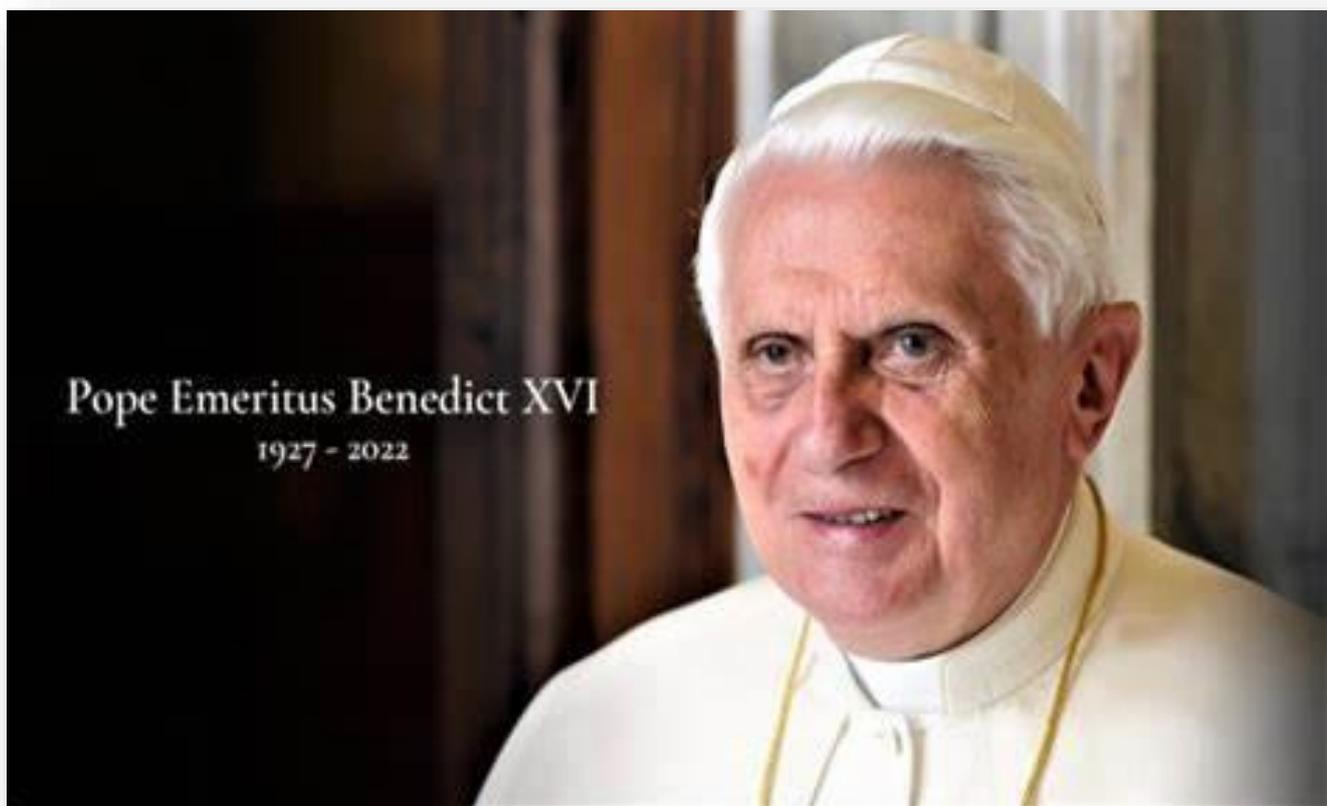
Our Alpha Course restarts on the 18th of January. All the dates and the sessions are included in this magazine. By the time you read this we will have held a couple of the sessions. Don't worry because we can do catch ups showing the videos and send links. Each session stands alone, and you do not need to attend all sessions. However, to join others and be able to build relationships over excellent cake in a safe & friendly atmosphere, where you can ask all those difficult questions, its worth coming to all the sessions.

Alpha is used across the world and by different Christian denominations. It is for people who want to strengthen their faith, or for those with no faith or anyone who wants to ask questions about the existence of God, who is Jesus, about the bible and much more.

Becoming a Christian changes, us as people. It is not just a set of beliefs, or practices. We are given a new identity and a change of heart. Becoming the person that God wants us to be and living our lives to the full. We become children of God.

Paul in Colossians:3 12-17. Is instructing the Christians to “put on love” like clothes, he writes about the clothes a Christian should put on clothes of compassion, forgiveness, and humility. To live eat and breathe Jesus. Changing as a person for love of Jesus allows us to do these things.

We can only change as people if we are willing to “give away” our “selves” the me and I and what I want, deserve etc. if we give all that to Jesus, asking his forgiveness for our sins and accepting his forgiveness with joy and gratitude, We will become the personalities, all different, that God wants for us. We are to have the mind of Christ and transform so that we can be more like him. Come along to Alpha and enjoy finding out what all this means, find out the facts and the promises, the challenges and the joys of a life with Jesus. We invite you to learn and to be able to say “Jesus, I love you”.



Children and Families at St Michael's Church



Liz Boland

Christmas saw our children and families very busy worshipping God and learning more about Jesus' birth and what it means for us now.

Toy & Christingle Service



As always, the children at St Michael's School made all our Christingles. During the service, we began with a song while the shepherds (aka the little ones) walked down the aisle at church. St Michael's Choir sang "Mary did you Know?" with a solo from Robyn. Then we did a Countdown drama with all the people from Chat & Chocolate taking part. This explained how the days went by and amidst the busyness of getting ready for

Christmas (e.g. 4 presents still to buy.)

At the end of the service, all the lights were turned off while the candles were lit on all our Christingles, and we sang "Shine Jesus Shine." The candle on our Christingle represented Jesus, the Light of the World.

We all enjoyed the service.

Report by St Michael's pupils - Ruby, Robyn, Lucy & Esmae

Crib Service



Our annual Crib Service took place on Christmas Eve. The church was full as we did a walk-through nativity. Our three narrators guided us through the story of Jesus' birth as our tableau was built up at the front of church. The story was interspersed with well-known carols. We ended the service with a thought about the great gift of love that Jesus was from God and that whatever gifts we received the next day, the best gift of all was Jesus.



Sunday School Christmas Party



After the 1030 service on the 18th December, approximately 20 children gathered in the Lodge for the Sunday School Christmas party. A few were missing as the usual end of

term bugs struck children as they finished term, but there were plenty of us to enjoy our time.



We had a great time playing games such as pass the parcel and musical statues; had a Christmas quiz that was very loud; Claire painted faces and thoroughly enjoyed our lunch that had been provided by the parents.

COMING UP:

Sunday School meets each Sunday during the 1030 service for everyone aged 0-11. We go out to the Lodge and split into 3 groups for games, crafts, prayer, Bible stories and a chat about how they link to our lives. All welcome.

Dates for Sunday School:

- 5 Feb
- 12 Feb
- 26 Feb
- 5 Mar
- 19 Mar
- 26 Mar

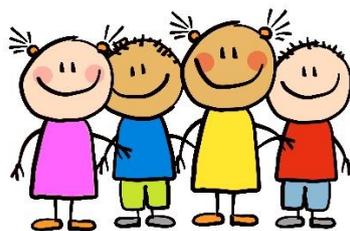


FAMILY CHURCH

Family Church meets once a month from 3:45-5:00pm and is suitable for all the family.

Even More...

- 19 Feb Pancake Church in Much Hoole Village Hall
- 12 March Grandparents Church in Much Hoole Village Hall
- See the Posters for the above on the inside front cover, and the inside back cover...





JOIN US FOR:

Bible & Biscuits

A group for people in Year 6 -13
where we will learn more about the Bible,
prayer and worshipping God.

If you're too old for Sunday School and want to find
out more about your faith, or go deeper in your faith
in a fun and age appropriate way, this is for you.

Alternate Thursdays 4:30 - 5:30 pm
in St Michael's Church, Hoole.

DATES FOR THIS TERM:

Thursday 12 Jan

Thursday 26 Jan

Thursday 9 Feb

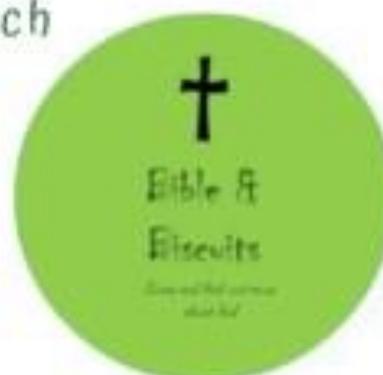
Thursday 2 March

Thursday 16 March

Thursday 30 March



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JOIN US FOR:

Chat & Chocolate

This group is for people in Year 6 - 9
where we chat and eat chocolate

Alternate Thursdays 4:30 - 5:15 pm
in The Platinum Jubilee Lodge
St Michael's Church, Hoole.

DATES FOR THIS TERM:

Thursday 5 Jan

Thursday 19 Jan

Thursday 2 Feb

Thursday 23 Feb

Thursday 9 March

Thursday 23 March



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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...

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www.hooleparishchurch.com

LYNN'S PANTRY

Morning Coffee Biscuits with Coffee Kisses.



**Quick and easy biscuits in just 30 minutes including prep time.
Perfect for coffee with friends.**

Ingredients:

170g self-raising flour

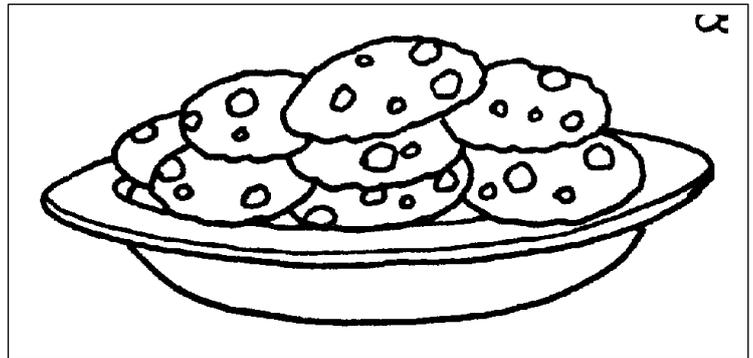
80g castor sugar

80g butter (softened)

1 egg

1tbs coffee

1 tbs warm water.



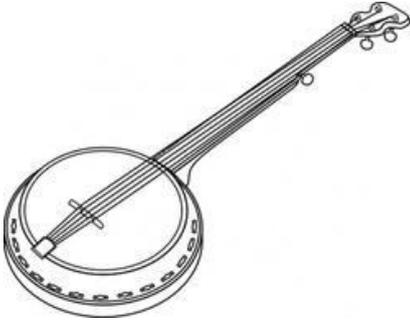
Method:

1. Pre heat oven to 180 degrees C (gas mark 4). Line a baking tray with parchment paper.
2. In a large mixing bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
3. Mix a tablespoon of coffee with a tablespoon of warm water until the coffee is dissolved.
4. Add the egg with the coffee and mix together.
5. Pour the flour into the bowl and mix until a dough is formed.
6. Scoop a tablespoon of dough into your hands and roll into a ball (about the size of a walnut).
7. Place on the tray leaving enough room between each ball to allow the biscuits to spread.
8. Bake in the oven for 15 minutes and then leave to cool.

Serve with coffee (or tea). You may also sandwich two together with butter cream for more indulgence.

St Michael's Ladies Group

Erika Penrose



Our Christmas Coffee Evening was most enjoyable with Matt and Yvonne Pinder entertaining us with singing and storytelling accompanied by various instruments such as banjo, ukulele, and harmonica. Thanks to everyone who came along – we were able to send £500 to FOMO – the Friends of the Mulanje Orphans in Malawi, following the event.

We have just held our AGM and Social Evening on a very cold frosty night, and it was impressive that over 20 members were able to attend and renew their membership. Our new programme for 2023 was given out and, after the various reports we enjoyed tea and cakes before moving on to a Beetle Drive and receiving gifts.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm when Mebs Ahmed is coming along to tell of his life and career with the Lancashire Constabulary.

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, give me a call on 01772 613816.

I would just like to explain what happens to our finances in case anyone isn't sure. Firstly, we are a not-for-profit group. Members pay £10 per annum for subs at the moment which is pretty good value and each meeting when we have a speaker, we have a collection during the service. This money, together with the funds we raise from events held during the year goes towards the donations we give to local charities at the end of each year. Our outgoings include rent for the village hall most months, refreshments, plus incidental costs of flowers for members who are not well. At each meeting with a speaker there is the bonus of a free raffle! I hope this explains how our group is organised. Our accounts are available each year and are included in St Michael's Church PCC accounts. We want to you to know that your money is in good hands.

Christmas Mastermind

"I've Started so I'll Finish..."

Margaret J Kirkman

It all started one Alpha Course evening. All I did was approach the Health and Safety Officer, Colin, about a defective security light. Once outside in the dark and cold he coerced/cajoled/made a deal with me, or whatever, but I soon discovered I'd "volunteered" to be a contestant on Christmas Mastermind!!

Now to choose a subject.

What did I know something (anything) about and be prepared to mug up on for a few weeks?

I had been fascinated by the American Civil War ever since I had read *Gone with the Wind* in my early teens. Could that be my choice? It could, until I found out that Colin (the question master) had a set of cigarette cards on the subject and was a walking encyclopaedia.

The other three contestants were frighteningly learned. Peter Templeman on 1960s Pop Music (a living legend on the topic in fact); Jane Elphick on Food and Drink and anyone who has been fed by Jane has had a real treat; and Steve Newman on Ernest Hemmingway - the guy has been writing about him since infancy.

Oh well, we were raising money for the Platinum Lodge so all in a good cause. It had to be the American Civil War.

And yes, I read endless stuff about that war on Google and Wikipedia, which can become addictive: I never knew there were so many online quizzes on the subject and never managed to get the answers 100% right, even on the third or fourth repeat.

Then the big day came. The Lodge was packed. The black chair was empty and waiting. Even after several deep breaths I think all the contestants were terrified at the ordeal which lay ahead - Christians thrown to lions sprang to mind.

Peter went first on his specialist subject and did really well, then Steve, again a good showing. Then it was my turn! Don't be blinded by the spotlight I said to myself. Once more into the breach etc. I was lucky and the questions fell just right. I finished the first round with what seemed to me an amazing score. Jane went last and scored highly.

I don't know where Colin got the general knowledge questions from, but they were HORRID. the three other contestants sat in stunned silence, open mouthed, even when Peter was asked, "who was the mother of Jesus!"

Somehow all that swotting paid off and thanks to my first-round score I finished up as the winner. I received a beautifully inscribed trophy which now adorns my mantelpiece and of which I am (not very secretly when visitors come) immensely proud.

The challenge is now on for next year because I am sure Colin will want to repeat such an excellent evening.



Margaret (holding her 'beautifully inscribed' trophy and chocolate Orange) with Rector Ann. Photo: Hilary Newman

“First Passage to the West”

Honey Penrose



For several years we had shared a wish to travel on the famous Rocky Mountaineer train which of course, travels across the Rocky Mountains in the west of Canada. In 2022 we finally made the decision that it was time to book the holiday! So, way back in March everything was booked and after a long hot summer at home, in September we set off on our flight from Heathrow to Vancouver. We spent three wonderful days in Vancouver seeing the sights, discovering restaurants, spending a day cycling round the famous Stanley Park when we took in the Maritime Museum and Museum of Anthropology. In the city centre though away from the hurly-burly of the traffic we found a profound sense of calm in the Dr Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden.

We did a lot of walking in the harbour area which we liked, enjoying watching the sea planes taking off and landing and discovering a steam clock which looked to be Victorian but was in fact far more modern.

The title of our train journey was “First Passage to the West” with the route passing through the romantic sounding towns of Kamloops, Banff and Calgary. After the first day – passing through the approach to the higher mountains along the river valleys and dry hills, we stayed in Kamloops, the only town in which we were disappointed – a bit of a dump really!

However, that was the only disenchantment. We were to travel through the legendary Spiral Tunnels, traverse the Continental Divide, and “be amazed” as we passed through the beautiful mountain passes and dramatic canyons. The billing certainly lived up to its name. We had no complaints about the menus and were so full that we didn’t really need to eat in the evenings!



The weather for the whole holiday was sunny and warm except for a couple of days, so the views from the train were spectacular. It travelled fairly slowly most of the time because it had to make way for the very long goods trains – about 1.5km or 1 mile long with containers loaded two-high and locomotives at the front, middle and end.

The trip included two days on a coach when we visited Lake Louise, staying at the local rather smart hotel with views of the lake, and Banff (famous for its gondola rides up the mountain), then a couple of days in Calgary. We explored the city and discovered Prince Edward Island which is given over to a beautiful park and has an excellent café.

We couldn’t go to the Americas without visiting our daughter, Sally, who lives in New Hampshire, northeast USA. After a flight to Montreal where we had booked a rental car, John discovered he had left his driving licence at home! After a couple of hours with a lot of stress and faffing about, the man behind the counter was very helpful and was able to change the driver’s name to Erika’s on the computer and soon printed out the documentation. John is an excellent navigator!

After setting off we suffered another delay in that the US border police had problems taking our fingerprints but were eventually able to continue to Sally, who was amazed at the time it had taken us to travel to Randolph!

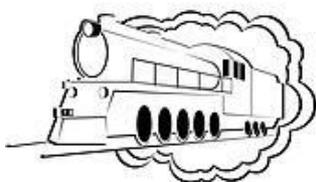
We were lucky to be in New Hampshire at the time of peak foliage with spectacular fall colours. We had 10 wonderful days catching up with the family and spending time together. The train-orientated holiday continued as we went on the North Conway Heritage Rail Excursion with beautiful autumn colours. As a complete contrast in the weather, we ascended Mt Washington – the highest Presidential in that range of mountains – on the cog railway where we found snow and ice and a howling wind but at least we were able to shelter while we were there – another amazing experience.

Another impressive, and quite different, excursion was to St Saviour's Episcopal Church in Bar Harbor, Maine. Our hosts were Dr & Mrs Daniel Pyle (he is the Musical Director) and after the Sunday service we were taken on a tour of the church. We were fascinated to see that there were several early Tiffany-stained glass windows which had been donated to the church. Here is the link to the church if you are interested: <http://stsaviours.me>



St Saviour's Episcopal Church, Bar Harbor, Maine.

This holiday was all we had expected and more and we have some marvellous memories to remind us of our time in Canada and the USA in 2022.



Men's Fellowship

Stan Pickles



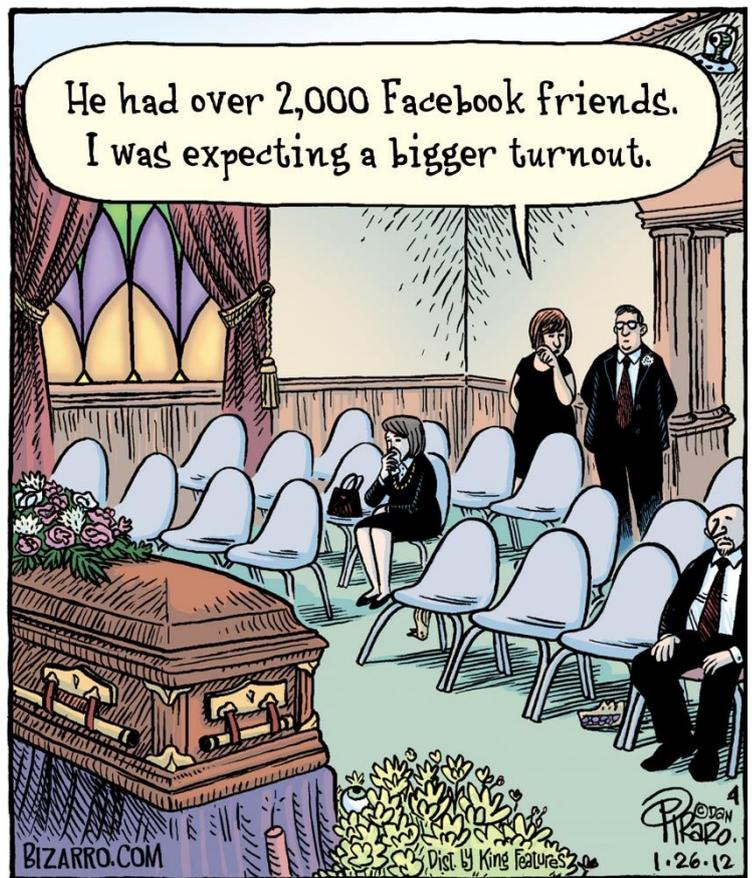
Unfortunately, due to illness, our speaker for our January meeting – Ted Miley - had to postpone his talk on the Panama Canal to a later date, yet to be decided.

So, as a stand in, I gave a talk on some of my experiences working as a Funeral Director during the 1970's and 80's, very different times in those days. I included tales, some of which were humorous, some embarrassing and some... well, shall we just leave it at that. All of which made for a very interesting evening.

We carry on the work experience's theme at our next meeting on February 14th when yet again another of our own members will be in the hot seat. This time Colin Wilson will tell of a complete change of direction moving from industry to the health service.

Following this on March 21st we invite the members of the Ladies group to our meeting when our Guest will be Roger Blaxall who will tell us how the people of Ormskirk looked after evacuees from Liverpool during the Second World War.

New or prospective members will be welcome at both or either of these meetings.



Colin Wilson will speak on the 14th of February

Dan Piraro's cartoon used courtesy of Bizarro.com. Steve



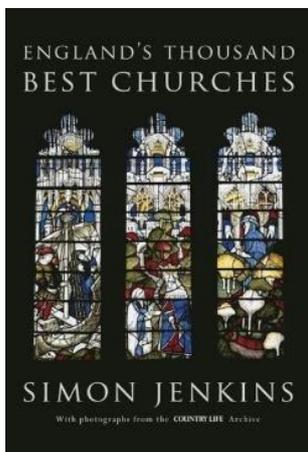
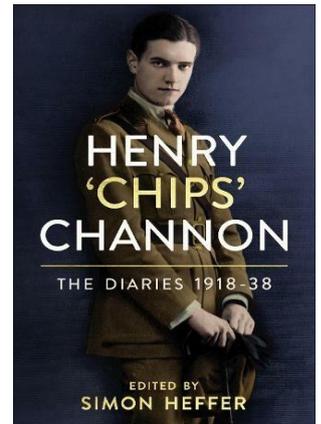
Barry's Book Ends

I took the fellow with the up-turned collar lurking in the shadows to be an actor in a re-make of *The Third Man*, but I then saw it was our illustrious editor who requested that I write a short piece about my current reading.

I have periods when I have the attention span of a gnat but read more when I feel less anxious. This winter I have largely stuck to easy reading. I am almost at the

end of the third volume of Henry 'Chips' Channon's *Diaries 1918-1957*.

These unredacted volumes are an important chronicle for some of the most momentous events in modern history. Channon is a dreadful snob. If a person is not listed in the *Almanach de Gotha* or *Burke's Peerage* he is not really interested. He was a sybarite, money loving, anti-Jewish with appalling morals and yet his writing is quite addictive. Simon Heffer's editing and footnotes are superb.



I've also read bits and pieces from Simon Jenkins' *England's Thousand Best Churches* which really should be in the car if someone makes a trip around some of our places of worship. Sadly, Lancashire is sparsely represented with his favourites being Cartmel Priory (once in Lancs), Sefton and Whalley Parish Church. The latter contains many lovely furnishings from the Cistercian Abbey hard-by. Another fun book to be read in snatches is *Old Parish Life - A Guide* which, for the curious, covers the Mediaeval period to Victorian Times. It is edited by Justin Lovill. This is a book full of obscure bits and pieces which a trivial mind finds so appealing.

Barry McManmon is a bookseller of many years standing who mourns the demise of the independent bookshop but nevertheless writes eloquently about them. Steve



St Michael's Flower Group

Rota

Date	Arrangers	Sponsors
<i>29th January</i>	<i>Julie & Elaine</i>	<i>Mrs Cowburn</i>
<i>5th February</i>	<i>Lisa</i>	<i>Ms E Reed</i>
<i>12th February</i>	<i>Lisa</i>	<i>Mrs J Smallwood</i>
<i>19th February</i>	<i>Lisa</i>	<i>No sponsor</i>
<i>22nd February</i>	<i>Flowers removed for Lent</i>	



FROM St MICHAEL'S PARISH REGISTERS



No Baptisms or Marriages

The Departed

We give thanks for the lives of those who have died and pray for their families and friends

27TH NOVEMBER - JOAN WINIFRED CLARKSON, AGED 96 YEARS, OF GARSTANG.

INTERMENT OF ASHES IN THE CHURCHYARD.

4TH DECEMBER - PATRICIA MORTIMER, AGED 81 YEARS, OF BLACKPOOL.
INTERMENT OF ASHES IN THE CHURCHYARD.

16TH DECEMBER - MURIEL BAMBER, AGED 89 YEARS, OF WALMER BRIDGE.
INTERMENT FOLLOWED IN THE CHURCHYARD.

17TH JANUARY - ALWTNE JEFFREY OATES, AGED 86 YEARS, OF WALMER BRIDGE.

INTERMENT FOLLOWED IN THE CHURCHYARD.



Karaoke & Music Quiz

Friday 18th February 7.30pm at the
Platinum Jubilee Lodge

Tickets £5.00
(Including First Drink)



Tea & Coffee Rota



5th February	Alan & Monica
12th February	Gill & Nina
19th February	Steve & Hilary
26th February	John & Honey
5th March	Lyn & Carole
12th March	Mike & Joan
19th March	Gill & Nina
26th March	Alan & Monica
2nd April	Steve & Hilary
9th April	John & Honey
16th April	Lyn & Carole
23rd April	Mike & Joan
30th April	Gill & Nina

In The Lodge

St Michael and All Angels Church

CHURCH OFFICERS

Rector: The Reverend Ann Templeman
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Gift Aid Recorder: Mrs Barbara Wood – contact details as above.

Deanery Synod Representatives: Mrs Jean Dewhurst, Mrs Margaret Kirkman and
Mrs Kathleen Leigh.

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Amanda Hughes – Mob: 07791 532461.
amandahughes945@gmail.com

Health and Safety Officer: Colin Wilson



Service 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.

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, 3rd 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, 2nd 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.

1st St Michael's Hoole Scout & Guide Groups – Contact:
Mrs Rebecca Catterall. 1sthoole@gmail.com

St Michael's Players: Steve & Hilary Newman 07817167627
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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.

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 (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

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

A 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.



HOOLE ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH



Grandparents' Church

at

**Much Hoole
Village Hall**

Sunday
12
March
3.45 pm



All Welcome

Bring your Grandma & Grandad along
and join us for -



AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES

CRAFT

GAMES & ENTERTAINMENT

Holy Week begins...



Sunday 2nd April

10.30am PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

with donkey procession from
St Michael's School to Church

Thursday 6th April

7pm MAUNDY THURSDAY

Passover Meal



Friday 7th April

11am GOOD FRIDAY

An hour at the Cross in Church
A children's hour at the Cross in the Lodge

Sunday 9th April

EASTER SUNDAY

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Communion
with Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard



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