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## Parish Review

*St. Luke's Church & Cronton Mission*

### **On Sunday July 19th Church opened for 10.30am Sunday Services**



The services on Sundays and Wednesdays will continue to be Zoomed to your home.

So join us for worship in church (Sunday) or by Zoom (Sunday and Wednesday 9.30am)

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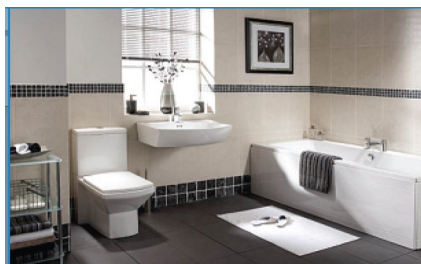
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**Dear Friends,**

**Many of the lessons I have learned about God, and indeed about life, have been taught to me by children. As the government restrictions begin to lift some of us are planning a desperately needed holiday break and I would like to share with you a lesson you may even see acted out if you are fortunate enough to be holidaying on a beach this year (socially distanced of course!).**

**I know I'm not the first or only person who has seen it but there is a lesson in it that we may have overlooked. Picture the scene, there are some children on a beach. They're playing and giggling as they build sandcastles. They seem so intent on the project. It is funny for grownups to see how meticulous and careful they are with crumbly corners and towers. The looks on their faces make you smile. Their concentration on the task is priceless. Then a big wave begins building and starts toward the shore. But the children don't panic. Instead, they do the strangest thing. They jump to their feet, scream with delight, and watch the torrent of water wash away their creations. There is no panic. No sadness. No bitterness. Even children know the inevitable end of sandcastles. They are neither surprised nor angry about what has happened.**

**You and I should be so wise. The stuff of this world is about as lasting and durable as children's sandcastles on the beach. Yet we grownups can get so caught up in it, defensive of it, and depressed over the loss of it. But God didn't create us to be famous, get rich, live in the biggest house, or drive the fanciest car.**



**He created us for his glory. He put us in the world to love people and do holy things. Our destiny is not bound up in physical things, but spiritual. So, living to be a hundred is far less important than living well, even if turns out to be for what we consider to be a short time. We already know deep down that beautifying our bodies is far less urgent than purifying our souls.**

**Children know that their sandcastles are brief joys destined to disappear with an incoming tide. So, they don't fret as the waves approach. They watch their creations get swept away without shedding tears. Again, we should be so wise. Everything about this life is fleeting and perishable. The incoming wave of human mortality is going to sweep it all away. Like sandcastles, nothing done for the sake of this world can last. Only what we do for eternity will survive.**

**What would the loss of your job or business do to you? (Two members of my own family so far have lost their jobs because of the economic crisis caused by the pandemic). What if your house was lost to fire or storm? What if a strange pain sent you to your G.P. and led to bad news? These things really happen. We are all as vulnerable as sandcastles.**

**It's not my intention to be morbid or to cause rampant depression throughout the parish! But just a little reminder that life and all the good it contains is God's gift. We should revel in every good thing he has blessed us with. But as we enjoy our creations in the sand, just remember not to get overly attached to them.**

**May God bless you and keep you, Revd Bob**

## **PUBLIC WORSHIP**

Most of you will know by now that following permission from our bishops and national government we, like many other churches, resumed public worship at St Luke on 19<sup>th</sup> July. It was a decision not taken lightly but only after detailed discussion and a careful risk assessment to make gathering in church as safe as possible.

The PCC and I have presently agreed to offer just one service each Sunday at 10.30am, which will enable us to accept funerals on Wednesdays or Thursdays whilst allowing for the recommended minimum 72hrs gap in-between.

This service and also the usual one each Wednesday at 9.30am will continue to be livestreamed via zoom for those in a vulnerable category, or simply not ready yet. I want to emphasise that if you are in one of these categories, including being over 70, then you should think carefully before attending. Of course, everyone will be welcome and no-one turned away but the choice (and potential risk) is yours alone.

If you decide to come then you will find that church services are currently very different from what you are used to.

For example:

The wearing of face masks is advisable but not (yet) compulsory.

You will be required to use the hand sanitiser gel provided on entry and exit.

You will be asked to observe social distancing and sit only in the pews clearly marked.

Singing is not permitted.

A Warden will take a note of your name and telephone number to be kept for 21 days in case

**we need to trace anyone in the event that a fellow congregation member becomes ill.**

**Of course, these are only the first faltering steps in moving out of the 'lockdown' situation of the last few months and, no doubt, guidance will change as time goes on. I would ask you to join me in praying that we might make good decisions that minimise the risk to health by careful attention to detail.**

**May God bless you and keep you safe from harm,  
Revd Bob**

**Perhaps you might like to pray the following prayer which comes from the Scottish Episcopal Church:**

***God of all mercy and compassion, life and death are in your hands.***

***Hear our prayers in this time of illness and infection, of isolation, fear, and uncertainty: for the sick, and those weighed down by pain, distress, loneliness, and anxiety; for all who care for them, conscious of the risks they bear; and for those who have responsibility for public health and social order.***

***Hear the cry of the afflicted and let them be comforted, so that all who suffer may come to know that they are joined to the sufferings of Christ who gave his life for the salvation of the world; and by your blessing on them and those who care for them, may they be restored, according to your will, to soundness of body and mind, and offer you joyful thanks in your Church. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.***

***Amen***

THANK  
you  
SO  
MUCH

***A huge thank you to the people who did a deep clean in church on Wednesday 15th July so church could be opened. Bob, Baz, Colleen, Lesley Howell, Stephen, Olga, Geoff Poole and Sandra Vanezis worked for nearly 4 hours to ensure the guidelines were met and church was ready to open. Sorry no photo of them.***

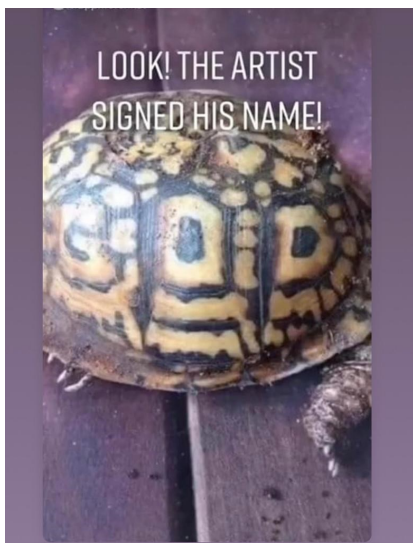
***A funeral was held on Friday 17th July so church had to be cleaned again ready for Morning Prayer on Sunday 19th July. So another thank you, this time to Bob, Alison and her brother Alan. Thanks also to LML Lesley for a video showing us how to put on and take off PPE.***



## Thank you little stars!!



**Over the lock-down, Summer, who attends Sunday Club and her little sister Alexis wanted to do something really positive to help others. They decided to do a Sponsored Litter Pick around St Luke's Church and the surrounding streets to raise money for our church and for Sunday Club. They did an AMAZING job and handed over £180! Thank you Summer and Alexis! Sue**



**From Pam Telfer on St Luke's whatsapp group  
God works in mysterious ways.**

**If you would like to join St Lukes whatsapp group to share friendship and fellowship and keep informed about St Luke's church email [stlukeschurch@yahoo.com](mailto:stlukeschurch@yahoo.com) or use Contact us on our website [st-luke.co.uk](http://st-luke.co.uk)**

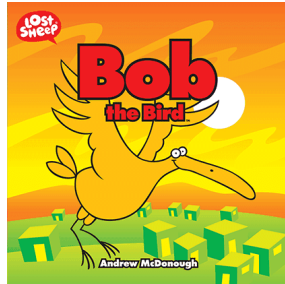
## Scout & Guide Group

Sam, one of our Beavers made a model of St Luke's Church as part of his school topic on local history, complete with a Lego congregation and readers Sue and Clare leading an All Age Worship service! Well done Sam.



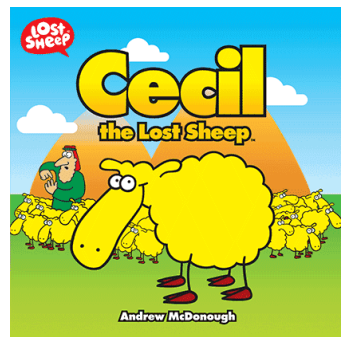


St Luke's Church invites you & your young people to join in with our storytelling and activities:



## August

Life is tough and there is plenty for, kids, adults and even birds to worry about. Jesus never ignores the harsh realities of life; instead he encourages all creatures to live in the reality of God the Father's love.



## September

How much do you think the shepherd loved Cecil? Ok, now if God is the shepherd and we are the sheep, how much do you think God loves you?

To join in, visit our website: [www.st-luke.co.uk](http://www.st-luke.co.uk)  
& click on the Bible story book icon on the front page.

Hope to see you there! Clare xx





**We are holding our breath at Foodbank, waiting for the end of the furlough scheme, which will inevitably cause more redundancies and force families who thought they had stable jobs before Covid 19 into severe difficulties.**



**We have good stock levels thanks to the generosity of local supermarkets and to our regular donors. We are also able to assign some cash donations to the maintenance of our buildings which are both showing signs of age and wear and tear. Cash donations are also useful to buy specific shortage items so very gratefully received.**

**We have been able to run during this crisis with the help of many new young volunteers who are now slowly returning to work but our existing volunteers who are often over 70 or have health conditions which mean they would be at risk with Covid are still unable to attend. We are still running both our facilities with strict social distancing, masks and gloves with pick up or drop off at the door, to protect our volunteers,.**

**Many thanks to everyone who has stepped up to help at this difficult time.**

**Thanks again for your continued support.**

**Lesley**



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## **MOTHERS' UNION**

**Here we are still in lockdown of sorts with easing of some restrictions. Some people are still to scared to venture out. This in turn can cause other problems where you can become anxious at the thought of going out. There has been an increase in depression and domestic abuse. Mothers have been pulling their hair out trying to teach reluctant children at home. Small acts of kindness can make a difference. A phone call, chat over the fence, getting shopping, small things mean a lot. I know the internet has been a good way to keep in touch I just hope we are not forced to do everything on line and it takes over our lives. I am not a fan. Writing for the magazine is my limit of computer use. I'm so looking forward to a paper magazine again.**

**In the MU Families Worldwide there are stories of change and they are not all big projects. With the help from the MU an 8year old girl in South Africa had a prosthetic leg made. After receiving the prosthetic leg, it brought back a smile to her face as she now had a brighter future, and she was able to play with the other children.**

**Back home in Canterbury a girl was given a school uniform. A small act but it had a big effect on her as she did not want to attend school feeling different from her peers. The MU and Action for children were able to provide her with a uniform. Having the uniform boosted her self -esteem and she felt a sense of being normal. This had a profound impact not only for her but the whole family.**

**Sorry we were not able to have our social evening in July. We were all looking forward to what Chris had in**

store for us. We thought we could hold it in August but we can't. We will have to wait and see if we can hold our September meeting in church and Colleen informed us that there may still be a need for 72 hours between events in church. As Wednesdays and Thursdays are to be available for funerals, it may mean we are unable to use the church.

I'm sorry it is all up in the air but that is how things are at the moment. We will try to keep everyone informed of any changes.

God willing, we will meet in September. Until then have Faith and keep safe. Rita Poole

### Confirmation 16th May 1958

Do you know anyone on this photo? Can you spot Lesley Runcorn and Margaret Burke?

FRIDAY, MAY 23rd, 1958

POLITICALLY INDEPENDENT



Confirmees at Farnworth Church before the service on Friday.

As Yvonne Horabin said 'Wouldn't it be wonderful if we has so many for confirmation now'.

# Confirmation 16th May 1958 list of names and Lesley

**CONFIRMED**

by  
THE  
LORD BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL

on  
16<sup>th</sup> May 1958

**STRENGTHENED**

By the Holy Spirit, through the laying on of hands with prayer, I am given power to serve God faithfully in the fellowship of His Church, to enable me

**TO DO MY DUTY**

To God and  
To my Neighbour

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."  
Philippians 4. 13.

**I AM RESOLVED**

That having been Confirmed I will do my best to remain a loyal and faithful member of Christ's Church and to that end I am determined

To say my prayers every day

To worship in Church every Sunday

To be regular at Holy Communion

and these things I will endeavour to do, God helping me, for the rest of my life.

Signed Lesley Runcorn

Prayer

O God, I pray Thee that  
What I know not, Thou wilt teach me,  
What I have not, Thou wilt give me,  
What I am not, Thou wilt make me,  
for Jesus Christ's sake, Amen.

## Confirmation at Farnworth

The following candidates were presented for confirmation at the confirmation service held in Farnworth Parish Church on Friday last.

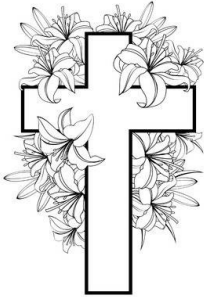
The Lord Bishop of Liverpool (Right Reverend C. A. Martin, D.D.) conducted the service, assisted by the vicar (Rev. F. T. Barnsley-Webber, M.A.) and curate, (Rev. P. N. W. Matten B.A.). The Rev. J. M. Waters M.A. (curate of Farnworth) acted as Bishop's Chaplain, and Mr. W. Burrows played the organ.

The Bishop met the candidates, their parents and godparents in the Parish Hall after the service when light refreshments were served by the Mothers' Union.

Boys: Graham William Bower, Peter William Clarke, Norman Daniels, William Bernard Denton, William Arthur Fenney, Donald Peter Forster, Roland Hill, Barry Houghton, Philip le Brocq, David Kerry Lewis, Eric Lyons, William Lyons, Eric Clifford Pitt, Maurice Ratcliffe, Raymond Spencer, Gordon Sears Taylor, Robert Timperley, Trevor Turton, David John Watson, John Gordon Whittaker and John Michael Wilson.

Girls: Yvonne Maud Andrews, Margery Appleton, Maureen Atkinson, Dorothy Ball, Glensy Dorothy Beard, Dianne Bibby, Enid Blinston, Margaret Burke, Pamela Jean Burrows, Eva Shirley Cleghorn, Josephine Ann Dandy, Susan de Garis, Margaret Joan Eaton, Mary Joyce Eaton, Elaine Annis Edwards, Catherine Susan Ellis, Dorothy Hamlett, Christine Harper, Dorothy Lily Hills, Susan Hillyer, Rita Doreen Houghton, Judith Margaret Hughes, Colette Ireland, Enid Johnson, Joy Angela Lamb, Susan Ann Lambert, Ella Lynn, Marian Mercer, Christine Mary Middleton, Linda Ann Myers, Wendy Norris, Judith Elizabeth Potter, Beatrice Olwen Rogers, Lesley Florence Runcorn, Christine Margaret Shingler, Hazel Smith, Patricia Mary Stead, Linda Mary Stephens, Caryl Taylor, Margaret Lois Wilkinson, Kathleen Woodend and Sandra Woodward.

## **Tribute to Kath Houghton**



**Kathleen Houghton was a lovely, calm, gentle, faithful lady.**

**It says something about Kath and her faith that she chose to have a cross and white lilies, her favourite flowers, on her Order of Service.**

**Kath died very peacefully on June 4<sup>th</sup> 2020, after a determined and courageous fight with Non Hodgkinson's Lymphoma. She had been told a little while back that her treatment would have to end and she took that information with such stoicism and dignity.**

**Her son Chris received lots of messages of sympathy many of which described his mum as a beautiful, calm, gentle lady and to the very end that is just how she was. Kathleen Mary Hill was born on October 11<sup>th</sup> 1928, one of 8 children, two of whom died in infancy. She chuckled one day as she told me about her early years, about dashing across the open fields near her family home on Birchfield Road, running errands for neighbours. Sometimes she would be given a halfpenny which she thought was a fortune, but mostly she gave that halfpenny to her Mum as money was short and every little bit helped but just occasionally she would treat herself to some sweets which she would share out, that was so typical of Kath's kindness and generosity even at such a young age.**

Throughout her life she worked mostly as a shop assistant and she met her husband Fred when she was working at the Coop. They married at St Luke's Church on May 15<sup>th</sup> 1951 and moved into their first home in Windermere Street, a home that they stayed in for 50 years. They had just the one son Christopher, who was the absolute apple of his mum's eye.

After Fred's death she stayed on in Windermere Street until she moved into her flat in Carmel Court where she had her treasured possessions.

She loved to cook and dine out in restaurants for special meals. Family and friends were important to her and they always received a warm welcome into her home. She enjoyed watching the seasons and colours change in her garden, she fed the birds making up her own mix of porridge oats and dried fruits for them and she spent many an afternoon just relaxing and reading. Kath will be sorely missed especially by her son Chris, her sister Milly and other close family members. We send them our deepest sympathy.

So many of us were blessed to have known Kath's love, support and friendship and we will feel all the poorer for not having her in our lives.

Sue

**White lilies for the departed soul**

*White lilies for the departed soul  
With the love as a whole*

*With the lord meets  
His love, greets*

*The soul departs  
Journey of the next world starts*



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Loving God, bless my family,  
my friends and neighbours and  
all who are in my heart this day.

May they be safe and well  
and know your peace and love.

Help me to know that you are with me  
as I show love and care to others.

Draw close with your comfort to  
all who are sad and lonely at this time.

Give me the courage I need  
to face each new day  
and see signs of hope. AMEN



## **TRIBUTE to Alan Locke**

**Alan was a highly respected gentleman in so many walks of life, friend and colleague to a multitude of people, an amazing raconteur, always trying to raise a laugh.....though perhaps not so much recently. He was born and bred in Widnes and loved the town and its people. A lifelong supporter of Widnes Rugby League Club, a former BB leader, Accounts manager in ICI, Post Master, Magistrate and Lodge member, his legacy will live on in so many different walks of life.**



**He was, most definitely, a much loved and generous member of our St Luke's family with both his commitment, time and energy. Over the years he carried our cross, was a Chalice assistant, he read at services, wrote and lead Intercessions, was a much valued chorister, a church cleaner, he had been a sides person, Warden, Treasurer for many different church accounts, Fund raiser, Guild member, Historical Society, you name it and Alan had been involved and appreciated. He liked nothing better than to have an audience to recall some of the stories from when he'd been on his travels; either holidays he and Marjorie had taken abroad, or with family and friends and especially those he took with Ted and Judith Hughes on their coach trips. He could always tell a good tale.**

Alan was though, first and foremost, a family man and he was devastated and felt quite lost when his wife Marjorie passed away; the candle sticks he bought in her memory sit on the altar as a permanent reminder of her, They had been such a great team together. He was hugely proud of his children and grand children and he never stopped talking about them. We heard so much about his Sunday lunches with Ian, Linda, Katy and Christopher, Saturday's spent with Diane, Lindsay and Emily, birthday visits to Ireland to see Graham, Orla, Connor and Dylan where he became very much accepted and welcomed by Orla's family too.

In his Funeral service, his son Ian gave a moving tribute to him, his son Graham read the lesson using the King James Version of the Bible so loved by Alan. We said the Nunc Dimittis and sang favourite hymns. It was a fitting tribute that so many chose to come and pay their respects to Alan and say their Farewells to him. When the time is right, we will gather in church for a Memorial Service to fully celebrate his life and many achievements.

He will be sorely missed, his lovely smile, his wit and humour, the many tales he loved to tell...we will miss them all.

We send our love and deepest sympathy to all his family and close friends and we will hold them in our prayers as they mourn his passing. Sue



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## News from Cronton

**Four months in lockdown – what news is there to share? Time has speeded up and it shows in the mirror – who is this person who has moved in with my? It's surely not me looking back at me.**



**I am working from home and 'see' my colleagues on a screen; it's enough to feel connected.**

**Matthew – the son of my friend and colleague Rachel, asked her a question this week. His dad was out and the two of them were making lunch... "Was this what it was like before I was born? Just you and my dad during the plague?" It made me**

**laugh and then it made me wonder – this generation of children are growing up in a unique and abnormal period in history – how does the world appear to them? What do they make of it? How will it shape their lives?**

**This change in our lives is temporary, although it may never be quite the same as before and that's not a bad thing. It is increasingly difficult for people to behave safely [many are stir crazy] and government advice complicates things. The government have to balance our health and the economy – relaxing the rules is not because it safe to do so. As an NHS employee, we have been asked to make sure family and friends understand that this country is still at Level 4 risk. There will definitely be a second wave – spikes are already appearing and four areas in the north are due to go back**

**into lockdown. We must still stay home when we can and when we decide to go out and mix with others, social distancing is vital and wearing a mask is an absolute MUST. Hand washing and sanitising is as important as ever. The hairdresser is still a dream – I may be there some time when I eventually get to go! This COVID safety routine is especially important to follow as St Luke’s opens again. Do not forget to follow the one way system, social distancing and masks ... and do not be tempted to sing. If you saw a photograph of a petri dish growing the virus spread by the droplets from someone talking or singing you would find this really easy to do. Remember you can be infected through your eyes – wear glasses if you have them. Do not be scared by this advice – just be careful, stay safe.**



**I will be joining services on Zoom – for safety? Because I have grown out of all my clothes? ... You guessed it – both.**

**This world of worship in small numbers is not something to see as a wholly bad thing. In Bishop Paul’s book ‘The Table’ [2019], he suggests that**

**the dynamic Christ enjoyed with his followers is available to us today through the Holy Spirit and it is characterised by face to face contact [virtual by screen or physical contact]. To have meaningful contact at the table with the Holy Spirit, smaller numbers are best so that all can engage – eight is a great number it seems. ‘When two, three or more are gathered in his name’. What doesn’t work is being alone – as humans we need**

the dynamic of other people to learn, develop and grow. He refers to the 'community of the face' – a group at a table small enough for everyone to be seen and known. And I love this extract:

*'The Apostles were not snooker balls. But if they had been, they would have been in the right sized group. Twelve is the largest number of snooker balls which can all touch the same central ball at the same time.... In the church... eight to fifteen people is the optimum size for an interactive group. More than fifteen... two groups of eight.'*

Bishop Paul [in *The Table*] reminds us of a common saying – 'you can't pray everywhere all the time, unless you pray somewhere for some of the time. Similarly you can't expect to live the lifestyle of Jesus's group unless your diary contains a time and place for meeting, and your address book contains the people you will meet with there.'

So join church services 'zoom or in person]; and if you want to 'meet' in smaller groups for morning and evening prayer at a distance – give us a shout.

Anna on graduation day 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019

It is hard to imagine that this day twelve months ago I was in Puglia with Anna, celebrating her graduation and these photos make me nostalgic for travel, and for sunshine [this drizzle is so WET]. Shockingly I realised I am wearing that same dress sitting here today... because it one of the few things that fit. Woe is me.





**I am longing for the opportunity to travel again – first stop, my friend Tarja in Finland – in the city of Tampere, the home of the Moomin trolls [remember them? They were discovered living wild in Tampere and now can be found all over the world]**

**Travel ... it reminds me of a riddle shared by Helen's [my boss] son, George. What is the difference between a well-dressed man on a bicycle and a poorly dressed man on a unicycle? .... Wait for it... attire. Or as a friend said: - the man on the bike is too tired [the old ones are the best – or are they?]**



**Like many others I went to say farewell to Jenny McGregor on the drive of her manse this week [I decided to wear the pink paisley face mask for the occasion].**

**It is so sad to say goodbye to someone who has made such a difference to so many lives in Widnes and on a personal level she has left an indelible imprint on our hearts. Her sermons were showstoppers every time and I will sorely miss her fork 'andles/ four candles. She travelled down to Budleigh Salterton on Thursday and has visited her mum in the garden today. Her back is playing her up after all**

**the packing and she is tired - but the move is done. We wish her much happiness in her next adventure.**

**Let's end with prayer – prayer that acknowledges the worldwide movement to make black lives matter as much as white lives. Lack of experience of systems that treat some of our brothers and sisters as 'less' means we have a responsibility to learn what this means. The 'church' has produced some reflections and prayers to put this right among the Christian family and Bishop Paul has circulated them so please read on... here is one of these. A litany - Rev Dr Yolanda Pierce, Princetown Seminary**

**Let us not rush to the language of healing, before understanding the fullness of the injury and the depth of the wound.**

**Let us not rush to offer a bandage, when gaping wounds requires surgery and complete reconstruction. Let us not offer false equivalencies, thereby diminishing the particular pain being felt in a particular circumstance in a particular historical moment.**

**Let us not speak of reconciliation without speaking of reparations and restoration, or how we can repair the breach and how we can restore the loss.**

**Let us not rush past the loss of this mother's child, this father's child...someone's beloved son.**

**Let us not value property over people; let us not protect material objects while human lives hang in the balance.**

**Let us not value a false peace over a righteous justice. Let us not be afraid to sit with the ugliness, messiness, and the pain that is life in community together.**

**Let us not offer clichés to the grieving, those whose hearts are being torn asunder.**

**Instead...**



**Let us mourn men and women killed extrajudicially in the US every 28 hours.**

**Let us lament the loss of a teenager, dead at the hands of a police officer who described him as a demon.**

**Let us weep at a criminal justice system, which is neither blind nor just.**

**Let us call for the mourning men and the wailing women, those willing to rend their garments of privilege and ease, and sit in the ashes of this nation's original sin.**

**Let us be silent when we don't know what to say.**

**Let us be humble and listen to the pain, rage, and grief pouring from the lips of neighbours and friends.**

**Let us decrease, so that our brothers and sisters who live on the underside of history may increase.**

**Let us pray with our eyes open and our feet firmly planted on the ground.**

**Let us listen to the shattering glass & let us smell the purifying fires, for it is the language of the unheard.**

**God, in your mercy... Show me my own complicity in injustice.**

**Convict me for my indifference.**

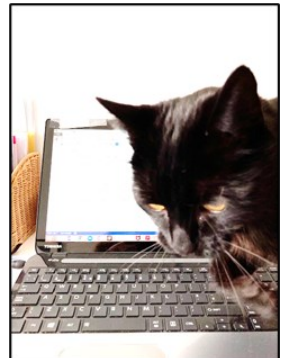
**Forgive me when I have remained silent.**

**Equip me with a zeal for righteousness.**

**Never let me grow accustomed or acclimated to unrighteousness. Amen**

**Confession – this article was late again – thank goodness Sandra and Philip do not shout... but it does take longer with the cat trying to help.**

**Take care – peace and love. Hope to see you soon. Lesley, LML at Cronton**



**Lesley says ‘Colouring a mandala can help focus the mind during prayer or whilst listening for God, our Father’.**

**Mandalas are intricate geometric shapes that originated as a Hindu ritual symbol. ...**

**Many colouring books feature mandalas because of their relaxing nature. Plus, they're relatively easy to colour and the symmetry of the design make for a very satisfying end result.**



### **A Dip into the past History of Farnworth Church.**

**Late March of this year, prior to the lockdown due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, Geoff Poole and I travelled to Houghton Towers, Preston to see if Sir Henry Houghton had a key to the crypt in Farnworth Church. This was in response to Geoff’s research into the Bold Family and their connections to the Houghton Family and how many of them were interred in the crypt. The Bold Family had long been benefactors of Farnworth Church and intermarried with some of the important families in the area.**

**Farnworth had a Chantry School but with the start of the Reformation Henry VIII in 1548 ordered Thomas Cromwell, his Vicar General to demolish all Chantries. Fortunately for Farnworth the Chantry was part of the Parish Church and was spared by exemption. After three hundred years disaster struck on Christmas Eve 1854 when a violent storm destroyed most of the roof of**

**the Chantry and the North Aisle.**

**Henry Hoghton of the New Bold Hall, son of Sir Henry Bold Hoghton, 8<sup>TH</sup> Baronet and Dorothea, nee Patten Bold, provided half of the cost of repairs which amounted to £1,120. He rebuilt the Bold Chapel and the Crypt in 1855. After his father died he became Sir Henry de Hoghton, 9<sup>th</sup> Baronet and is interred with his mother in the Crypt. Also in the Crypt are Princess Sapieha, his great aunt Anna Maria Bold and grandfather Peter Patten Bold.**

**The last time the Crypt was opened for inspection descendents of the Bold Family were present including the then vicar, Rev. F.T. Barnsley Webber. The church had to be sealed and permission obtained from the Bishop of Liverpool as it was a tomb. Unfortunately having taken a locksmith two days to open the doors it proved impossible to close it properly. It was in this condition when we looked at the possibility of inspecting it recently. It is our intention to secure and lock the doors to prevent any further intrusion.**

**On our visit to Hoghton Towers we invited Sir Bernard to come and view his Family Crypt which he was keen to do. Unfortunately due to the current restrictions this has proved impossible but will take place when restrictions are lifted.**

**If there is enough support we could arrange a trip to Hoghton Towers and have a guided tour to see for ourselves the connection to Farnworth Church when circumstances allow.**

**Information for this article has been taken from Alan Fosters book on the History of Farnworth.**

**Barry Horabin**

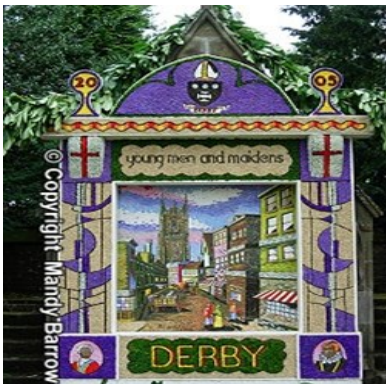


## DAILY BIBLE READINGS for August and September

	August	September
1 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew 14: 1-12	Luke 4: 31-37
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Matthew 14: 13-21	Luke 4: 38 to end
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Matthew 14:22 to end	Luke 5: 1-11
4 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 15: 1,2,10-14	Luke 5: 33 to end
5 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 15: 21-228	Luke 6: 1-5
6 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 9: 28-36	Matthew 18: 15-20
7 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 16: 24-28	Luke 6: 6-11
8 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 17:14-20	Luke 6: 12-19
9 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 14: 22-33	Luke 6: 20-26
10 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 17: 22 to end	Luke 6: 27-38
11 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14	Luke 6: 39-42
12 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 18: 15-20	Luke 6: 43 to end
13 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 18: 21-9.1	Matthew 18: 21-36
14 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 19: 3-12	John 3: 13-17
15 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 1: 46-55	Luke 7: 11-17
16 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 15: 21-28	Luke 7: 31-35
17 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 19: 16-22	Luke 7: 36 to end
18 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 19: 23 to end	Luke 8: 1-3
19 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 20: 1-16	Luke8: 4-15
20 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 22: 1-14	Matthew 20: 1-16
21 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew 22: 34-40	Matthew 9: 9-13
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Matthew 23: 1-12	Luke 8: 19-21
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Matthew 16: 13-20	Luke 9: 1-6

	August	September
24 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22: 24-30	Luke 9: 7-9
25 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 23: 23-26	Luke 9: 18-22
26 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 23: 27=32	Luke 9: 34b-45
27 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 24: 42 to end	Matthew 21: 23-32
28 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 15: 1-13	Luke 9: 46-50
29 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 14: 1-12	John 1:47 to end
30 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 16: 21 to end	Luke 9: 57 to end
31 <sup>st</sup>	Luke 4: 16-30	

## The tradition of Well Dressing



Well dressing is the art of decorating (dressing) wells, springs or other water sources with pictures and collages made of growing things. This ancient custom is popular all over Derbyshire and is thought to date back to the Celts or even earlier.

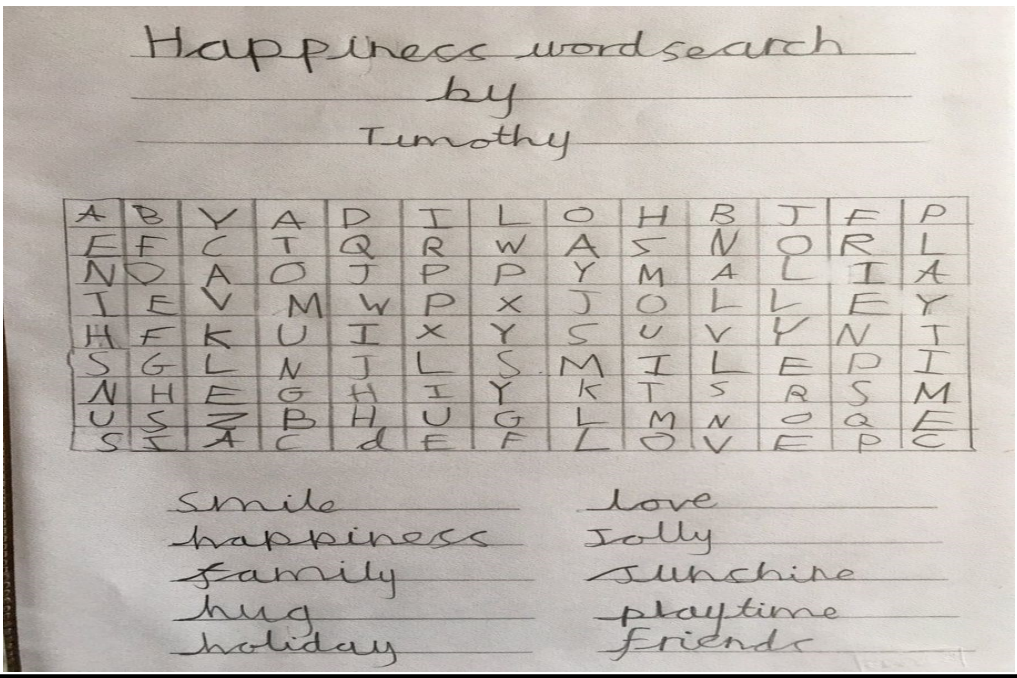
The wells are dressed with large framed panels decorated with elaborate mosaic-like pictures made of flower petals, seeds, grasses, leaves, tree bark, berries and moss. Wooden trays are covered with clay, mixed with water and salt; a design is drawn and its outline

## **How times have changed! Significant Events from 100 years ago**

- 13 January - NY Times editorial (falsely) reports rockets can never fly
- 9 February League of Nations meets for the first time
- 10 March Ulster Unionist Council accepts Government's plan for a Parliament of Northern Ireland.
- 31 March Disestablishment of the Church in Wales comes into effect, under terms of the Welsh Church Act 1914.
- 20 April – 12 September Great Britain and Ireland compete at the Olympics in Antwerp and win 15 gold, 15 silver and 13 bronze medals.
- 18 May women lecturers given equal status to their male colleagues at the University of Oxford.
- 21 May the UK Government proposes a car tax of £1 per horsepower
- 15 June Australian soprano Nellie Melba becomes first well-known performer to make a radio broadcast
- 3 July first UK Scenic Railway Roller Coaster opens in Margate
- 13 July London Council bans foreigners from almost all council jobs.
- 16 July World War I officially declared over with Austria.
- 21 July Protestants expel Catholic workers from the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast.
- 28 July the first women jury members in England empanelled at Bristol quarter sessions.
- 30 July – 8 August 1st World Scout Jamboree at Olympia.
- 18 August the first night bus services in London.
- 28 August the first games in the new Football League Third Division played by the 22 clubs elected to the new division from the Southern League. A northern section planned for next season.

- 1 September First Bentley cars delivered to customers
- 7 October the first 100 women admitted to study for full degrees at the University of Oxford.
- 10 October compulsory hand signals introduced for drivers.
- 28 October Sylvia Pankhurst jailed for six months.
- 8 November Rupert Bear first appears in a cartoon strip in the *Daily Express*
- 29 November rationing ends when the restriction on availability of sugar is lifted by the government
- 26 December – Dick Kerr's Ladies F.C. draw the largest-ever crowd to attend a Women's Association Football match, 53,000 spectators at Goodison Park, Liverpool, for a game against St. Helen's Ladies.

**Wordsearch fit for the Queen—In case the Queen is feeling “sad or lonely” during lockdown sent to her!**





pricked out onto the surface of the clay. The design is then filled in with natural materials, predominantly flower petals and mosses, but also beans, seeds and small cones can be used.

Well-dressings are beautiful, delicate and meticulous and each takes many hours of work to make, and yet they only last for a few days. Once the dressings are completed and put into place, they are blessed in a short outdoor service and a procession then wends its way from well to well in each village or town.

Many thousands of visitors travel great distances to visit these spectacular displays. Sadly though **NOT THIS YEAR** as many of the events have had to be cancelled due to the current Coronavirus restrictions imposed on large group gatherings.

Let us hope and pray that next year the committees will be able to organise these events once again so that we can have the opportunity to visit and enjoy them.

### **AUGUST and SEPTEMBER Services**

**On Sundays the service is in church and by Zoom**

AUG		Service	SEPT	
2nd	Sunday	Morning Prayer		
5th	Wed	Morning Prayer	2nd	Morning Prayer
9th	Sunday	Morning Prayer	6th	Holy Communion
12th	Wed	Morning Prayer	9th	Morning Prayer
16th	Sunday	Morning Prayer	13th	Morning Prayer
19th	Wed	Morning Prayer	16th	Morning Prayer
23rd	Sunday	Morning Prayer	20th	Morning Prayer
26th	Wed	Morning Prayer	23rd	Morning Prayer
30th	Sunday	Holy Communion	27th	Holy Communion
			30th	Morning Prayer

## **Treasurer's Report,**

**On behalf of the PCC I have had to notify the Diocese that our monthly payment of the parish share of £6956.91 will have to be cancelled with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020, due to insufficient funds in the bank account. We will be able to make a reduced monthly contribution, but that will be dependent on future receipts.**

**Thank you to the people that have changed their way of giving from cash or envelopes to the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). This is a great help to the church's finances and also beneficial to us if you are a tax payer, as we get the Gift Aid straight away.**

**If you are not a tax payer or do not want to join the PGS or Gift Aid your donation to St Luke's then you can pay your donations direct into the Church bank account as below.**

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**by cheque payable to St Luke's PCC c/o Rev R Pearson The Rectory, 10 Hartland Close, Widnes. WA8 9FB.**

**Thank you so much for your continued support  
Yvonne Horabin (Treasurer)**

**Parish Giving Scheme details on next page and on our website [st-luke.co.uk](http://st-luke.co.uk)**

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**Gift Aid is a scheme which allows charities to claim from HMRC, the basic rate of tax their donors have paid. Gift Aid increases the value of donations by 25%, so it means even more money goes to church – and it won't cost you extra.**

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<b>Parish Registers</b>			
<b>Widnes Crem</b>	<b>2nd June</b>	<b>Mary Cotterall</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Widnes Crem</b>	<b>3rd June</b>	<b>June Sybil Scarl</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Yew Tree Cemetary</b>	<b>4th June</b>	<b>Frederick Richard Farrell</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Widnes Crem</b>	<b>10th June</b>	<b>Colin George Turton</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Widnes Crem</b>	<b>19th June</b>	<b>Kathleen Mary Houghton</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Widnes Crem</b>	<b>23rd June</b>	<b>Edward Anson</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Widnes Crem</b>	<b>3rd July</b>	<b>Alan Locke</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Church</b>	<b>17th July</b>	<b>Lavinia Wendt</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Widnes Crem</b>	<b>23rd July</b>	<b>Arthur Gilbert Waring</b>	<b>91</b>



The message from Halton Borough Council is that this year 'Heritage Open Days' are going to be run slightly differently due to current COVID restrictions; the national focus for the year is Hidden Nature. Events will be promoted on HBC Facebook page and website'.

So on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September there will be tours of the church and village as usual at 11am and 2pm. In addition there will be a self-guided tour of the churchyard for you to follow to enjoy the nature and discover some interesting facts or just come and wander or sit in the churchyard.



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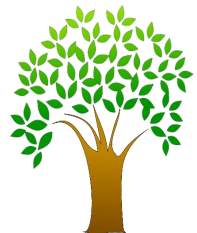
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