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Parish Magazine

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GENEROSITY WEEK

Dear Friends,

The young boy said loudly “One for God and one for me” as he put a coin in the collection and another in his pocket – much to the embarrassment of his parents who had clearly intended both coins for the church. I don’t know how much pocket money the little lad had, but he clearly felt that giving 50% of his current assets was plenty enough!

We all give various monies to various causes for various reasons, but in giving to God I believe that we give above all out of gratitude - of thanks for all that God has given to us. “All that we have and are is from you O Lord, and of your own have we given you” is what King David prayed as he and all the people gathered materials to build the Temple to worship God. Words which are paraphrased in modern church services during the offertory. It’s basically not a proportion, a percentage, but a grateful recognition that our God is good and the giver of all good gifts, and we show our thanks in response.

God gave his only son - and that ultimate gift of love helps inspire our love for him; not a proportionate return but a growing responsive relationship. As we appreciate more how very much God loves us all, knows us through and through and still loves us, so we can grow in our thankfulness to him.

From Passion Sunday to Palm Sunday in April we held a special stewardship campaign called ‘Generosity Week’ to address the thorny issue of our parish finances. The stark truth is that our current levels of giving are inadequate to support the church’s ministry and that if nothing was done we would soon be unable to meet our obligations.

I am aware that the pandemic has meant that for many months church was closed by law and this, along with many other charities who rely upon donations, has caused a very painful fall in the money we would usually receive from people’s generosity.

I am also painfully aware that this could not have come at a more difficult time with the rising cost of living and soaring energy bills.

I wrote to many of you, at least to those whose name and address I have available, to ask you and everyone associated with St Luke's and Cronton Mission to do what I and our PCC have already done and prayerfully consider increasing the amount of money we currently give to God's work here in Farnworth and Cronton.

One of our Lay Readers Clare and I preached on the subjects of 'Gratitude' and 'Generosity' showing the church's need and our response as faithful followers of Christ. If you didn't receive a letter you can, if you want, let me have your name and address so that you won't feel left out! If this initiative is to be successful it is vital that we all make a response no matter how great or small our particular situation decrees.

Can I also say a huge thank you to all of you who already support the church's ministry financially and another to those who have already made a response to this initiative. If you haven't returned your response letter yet it is not too late. Please just place it in the offertory box at the back of church. These will only be seen by our Church Treasurer, Yvonne – not by me or anyone else. She will give me a summary of the responses with no personal details included when the information has been collated.



If you have not received a letter from me can I ask you to please have a look at our parish website at www.st-luke.co.uk and read about something called the Parish Giving Scheme? This is by far the best way of regularly giving whatever you can to your church.

As I am sure you will understand this is not a subject which I or any other church leader relishes, but I would be failing in my duty if I did not draw your attention to the difficult situation that we face.

I know that this is a challenge which the generous people of Farnworth and Cronton can rise to and so I remind you that God trusts us with all that he gives us, and we can say "Yes" to him in each action and moment of every day. And that especially includes in our Sunday giving!

Our Lord said,

‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.’

St Matthew 6:19-21

If you have not made a response yet can I ask you to please pray and think carefully about what you currently give to your church to do the Lord's work and please help if you can? If you don't currently give anything to church please prayerfully consider if you might be able to give something – even a small amount would help.

I will let you know in a magazine letter in the near future what the outcome of this appeal has been.

Thank you for reading this.

With every blessing,

Your friend and vicar,

Revd Bob



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East Widnes Team Service Rota June 2022

St Luke's church Sundays 10.30am services on Zoom

Sundays 8am and 6pm in church not on Zoom

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Cronton services in Cronton School Hall

JUNE 2022	St Ambrose	St Luke	Cronton
Wed 1st		09.30 HC	
Sun June 5th	09.00 HC		
PENTECOST	10.30 HC	10.30 HC	10.30 Café worship
		12.30 Baptisms	
Wed 8th		9.30 MP	
Sun June 12th		08.00 HC	
TRINITY Sunday	10.30 HC	10.30 HC	10.30 MP
		15.00 JAM CLUB	
Wed 15th		9.30 HC	
Sun June	10.30 HC	10.30 HC	10.30 Café
TRINITY 1	12.30 Baptisms	12.30 Baptisms	
Wed 22nd		09.30 MP	
Sun June 26th	09.00 HC		
TRINITY 2	10.30 MP	10.30 MP	10.30 HC
		18.00 HC [BCP]	
Wed 29th		09.30 HC	

East Widnes Team Service Rota July 2022

JULY 2022	St Ambrose	St Luke	Cronton
Sun July 3rd	10.30 MP	10.30 HC	10.30 Café worship
THOMAS	12.30 Baptisms	12.30 Baptisms	
Wed 6th		9.30 HC	
Sun July 10th	09.00 HC	08.00 HC	
TRINITY 4	10.30 HC	10.30 HC	10.30 MP
		15.00 JAM CLUB	
Wed 13th		9.30 MP	
Sun July 17th	10.30 HC	10.30 HC	10.30 Café worship
TRINITY 5	12.30 Baptisms	12.30 Baptisms	
Wed 20th		09.30 HC	
Sun July 24th	09.00 HC		
TRINITY 6	10.30 MP	10.30 MP	10.30 HC
		18.00 HC [BCP]	
Wed 27th		09.30 MP	
Sun July 31st TRINITY 7	10.30 HOLY COMMUNION TEAM SERVICE at ST AMBROSE CHURCH		

Mike's Paschal Candle



The generous donations made in memory of Mike Dodd have been used to purchase a new Paschal Candle stand and candle.

Mike was such a stalwart of our church and we still very much miss his presence among us. He did so many little jobs behind the scenes to keep church running so smoothly. One of those jobs was fitting and trimming the candles and replacing the candle that burns 24/7 over the Ambury.

The wrought iron Paschal Candle stand was looking very tired and a suggestion to purchase a new stand in Mike's memory was approved.

The new stand is made from elm and was hand crafted by one of the specialist carpenters at Ormsbys of Scarisbrick; Ormsbys is a highly regarded Church Suppliers. The candle itself was also tailor made to fit the brass collar.

Rev Bob blessed the Paschal Candle and stand at the start of the service on May 1st.

We are very blessed that one of our regular Wednesday morning congregation members, Stephen Rawlinson, has kindly taken on the responsibility of looking after all the church candles. I am sure Mike would approve.

Sue

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Cronton College Centre of Excellence Performing Arts Department are back!

I had a really positive meeting with Matt Plant and Lucy Myers from the College who are keen to bring their students back to St Luke's church to showcase their amazing talents.

The first event will be on **Thursday June 23rd starting at 7pm** [Doors open 6.45pm]



Shakespeare and Song for a Summer Evening

Tickets £5pp include a glass of wine.

Please contact Sue on 07962012916 for further details
Tickets will be on sale in church and on the door on the evening.



Donations of bottles of wine, red, white or rose or Bucks Fizz, would be gratefully accepted to help with catering for Summer fundraising events. Please leave in the box at the back of church. Thank you!

MARY WESTBURY'S Banana & Walnut Cake RECIPE



3 medium bananas
 4oz soft margarine
 2 teacups white Self Raising flour
 1 cup of chopped walnuts

2 large eggs beaten
 1 tea cup of sugar
 Half a teaspoon of salt

Mash bananas and add to the beaten eggs
 Cream together the margarine and sugar
 Add to banana and egg mixture
 Add flour and salt to the mixture
 Pour into a 2lb loaf tin, well greased and floured
 Bake at 325F or Gas Mark 3 for one and a half hours
 Leave the cake until the next day before cutting.

RECIPES If you have a favourite one please send it by email to farnworthreview@yahoo.co.uk or post to Editor. Kebbs Farm, Clock Face Road, Bold Widnes, Cheshire WA8 3XH for next edition.. material.

	FLOWER ROTA		
	JUNE		JULY
5	Platinum Jubilee	3	Miss H Guthrie
12	Mrs E Hutchinson	10	Miss E Lewis
19	Mrs P Clifford	17	Mrs C Liptrott
26	Mrs A Marshall	24	Mrs R Potter
		31	Mrs Y Horabin

JAM CLUB at EASTER



It was such a privilege to be with the children and their parents and carers for the Easter JAM Club. The children sat like little mice whilst I read the story of The Three Trees. Each of the trees dreamt of being something special when they grew up. One became the manger in which Jesus was placed when he was born. The second became the boat in which great haul of fish was pulled from the sea in one of Jesus' many miracles. The last tree became the cross which Jesus carried through the streets of Jerusalem and then on which Jesus died. Their ambitions were more than fulfilled! The children were amazing and answered questions so sensibly for their young years.

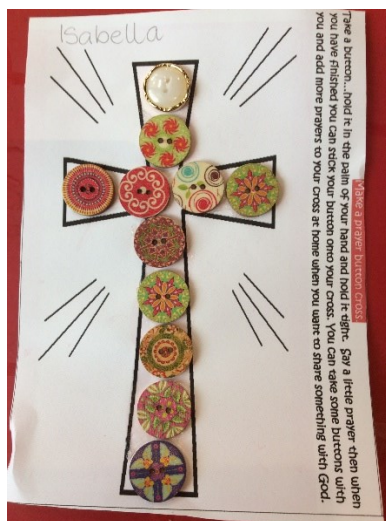
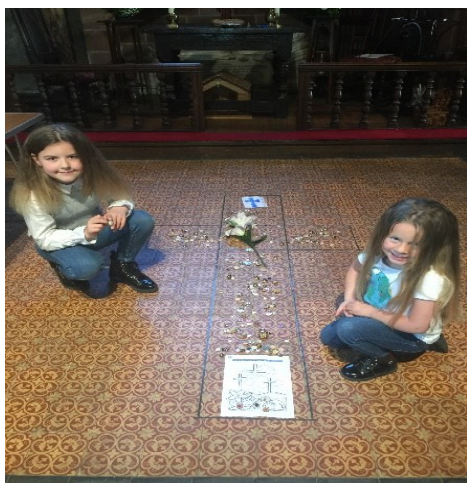
After our story we said a prayer together then went off to do our crafts. The children enjoyed making two Easter cards each and then we gathered to enjoy drinks and toast....there's nothing quite like JAM toast!

We couldn't possibly do JAM Church without the support of our helpers. They know who they are! Thank you so much for all you do!

Sue

BUTTON CROSS IN BOLD CHAPEL

It has been so encouraging to see people wandering over to Bold Chapel, then taking a button and standing quietly before the cross marked out on the floor of Bold Chapel and then bending to place their Prayer Buttons inside the shape. Only the person praying into the button and God know what has been offered up there. Ministers have then prayed over and blessed the buttons after each service. Children have also had the opportunity to place their prayer buttons in the cross or to make a Button Cross of their own to take home with them.



PEACE DOVES

The original plan was to have the Peace Dove display in place for Easter. Unfortunately, I wasn't too well at that time and just couldn't face the thought of clambering around and I just would not have been able to do justice to all the work that people had put into decorating the doves and writing bible verses or messages on them. I took the decision to have the display in place for Pentecost when the dove hovered once again. Unfortunately, as the magazine goes to print before Pentecost, the photos of the display will have to wait until the next issue of the magazine. I hope that it will be worth the wait! Thank you to everyone who took a dove. **Sue**



St Lukes Sunday Club

It was so nice to be back at Sunday Club after many weeks away in Australia, I really missed all the lovely children and my valiant helpers and friends Amanda and Lindsay who held the fort whilst I was away. Big thanks to them once again. Here are some of the things the children have learnt about in the last few weeks. The story of the fig tree bearing good fruit and how we bear fruit in the ways we help and support others. They made a lovely tree stand to hang their fruit. They also took part in the Mothering Day service which I have been told was really lovely, they did readings, prayers, and an introduction. At the end they gave bunches of daffodils to all of the congregation. On another week the children heard the story of doubting Thomas, learning that it's ok to have doubts but that Jesus' love never falters. The activity that day amongst others was that they were shown a gift bag and were asked "would you believe me if I said a Robin was in this bag?" and similar questions to see if they doubted at all. The children have learnt about Jesus giving a new commandment saying "Love one another, as I have loved you". He wants us to be kind, loving and caring and not to think of ourselves. We had lots of fun playing a game called "I love you as much as ?? Each child had to remember what the previous children had said and added their own "I love you as much as ?" and so on. I was amazed at how well they could remember the items. They then painted onto a heart shape filling it with finger prints to represent all the people they love. We also made a picture of the word LOVE that when folded and cut the word stretched and stretched to show that God's LOVE is HUGE.

Best wishes Lynn



Amanda said: 'It has been a pleasure, the task is easy when you have great kids like we do in Sunday Club.' We definitely can't argue with that....they are super stars, each and every one of them.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our leader at the April meeting was Colleen who took Compline, the last prayer of the evening. Lesley read from Revelations 14. Lesley was our speaker for the evening talking about Church Flowers. Lesley has been a flower arranger for 22yrs, and is a member of CEFA, Church of England Flower Arrangers. She said she was grateful to Bessie Lynn who introduced her to flower arranging, and also to Pat Forrester who was a great teacher and arranger. Joy Miller is a new recruit and is being taught by Lesley. There is a rota for church and there is a team of 4. They do get sponsors who give £15 - £20. In Britain as far back as the 4th century flowers have been part of worship. The Greeks, Buddists and many other religions use flowers in worship, giving back the wonderful creation God gave us. Being around flowers is very therapeutic and has helped many who suffer from depression and anxiety, nature has a way of bringing peace and calm.



Lesley has been involved in 2 flower festivals and said it has been a privilege to work at the Cathedral for 19yrs and also at the Catholic Cathedral. Lesley brought in some great photographs of different arrangements. There were 2 photos of displays at the Cathedral, flowers matching the Dean's Cope and the other reflecting tongues of fire at Pentecost. Lesley saw the Queen at the Maundy Thursday service when she came to Liverpool. Rennie Harrison, one of our late members, received Maundy money from the Queen.

CEF send a list of colours to be used during the year. For the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, purple and green will be used. We do not have flowers during Advent and Lent. White and Gold is used for Ascension Day and red and gold for Pentecost. Blue is never used as the colour is not strong enough. Lesley works very hard and there is always something to do or prepare. It takes a long time to prep the flowers. This is taking off the bottom leaves and cutting the stems at an angle so they can absorb water, this is called conditioning. Lesley buys all the flowers and knows when to get them so they are just right for the display. After each service you will see Lesley tending her flowers that always look wonderful. We are very fortunate to have Lesley and her team creating these wonderful displays. We all enjoyed Lesley's talk and there were questions from our members. Did she have a favourite flower? I think it was a hard one to answer but she does like carnations. Lesley made a beautiful arrangement that was raffled at the meeting. Barbara Kelsall's Joy said that you don't realise just how hard Lesley works. The results are always lovely so thank you Lesley.

From the Calendar of prayers.

God bless the seeds we scatter. And send the cool grey rain. To mix up the with the sunshine. And bring us flowers again. Amen.

In May Colleen started our meeting with prayers and the Hymn 'The day thou gavest, Lord is ended'. Christian Aid week was the 15-21st of May, so it was only fitting to have an up date from the Christian aid organiser. Wendy Ross-Barker is the Christian Aid organiser for Widnes. Barry Ingram was there as St Luke's Christian Aid rep. Wendy introduced Andrew Binns who is a CEFO, Church Engagement Fundraising Officer. Andrew did a talk with a slide presentation. Just Scripture links churches with those in the Global South. On the screen was James 5 1-4. A warning to the rich and oppressors. Go and weep for the miseries that will come upon them. The cries of the oppressed enter into the ears of the of the Lord. Christian Aid started just after World War 2, helping displaced refugees. They have over 70yrs experience. Over the decades they have fought famine, HIV, debt cancellation, fought for trade justice, as well as being there when disasters strike. The invasion of Ukraine has meant immediate action was needed. DEC, Disaster Emergency Committee sprang into action with 15 UK based

charities, including Christian Aid. £300 million was raised by DEC for immediate relief.

This years Christian Aid week focused on Zimbabwe, a country where the climate crisis has brought drought causing wide spread hunger as the crops fail. Christian Aid seeks to bring hope to people. Jessica Mwedzi has 6 children and has recently lost her husband. The drought makes food scarce and she struggles to feed her family. Sometimes they have to get by with a bowl of porridge each day. No child should go to bed hungry. There is no government help and they have to pay for medicines and schooling. Today Christian Aid is in partnership with Silveira House to provide training in skills like welding & leatherwork to help communities earn an income. By giving seeds that can stand the drought they can harvest crops to feed themselves and sell. Janet and Jerina were on the programme and can now earn a living. Jessica has just started on the programme. Andrew gave an interesting talk and he is enthusiastic about his work for Christian aid. He was happy to answer questions and there were a few. Colleen thanked him for coming and showing us just what our money can do to help people through a crisis and to also give them means to look after themselves and their families. He was very pleased to be asked and apparently his mother was in the MU. Colleen also thanked Wendy and Barry for their hard work. Andrew asked for our prayers as prayers are very powerful.

Lord Jesus, help us to consider the legacy we will leave behind and take action today for the sake of tomorrow. Amen.

June 8th. Helen Ellis from Brennan Lodge for the homeless. Any bedding or towels will be gratefully received. They can be brought to the meeting.

Friday 24th June is the deanery social at Trinity £5 with entertainment.

July 8th is our social and buffet. I'm pleased to say Chris will be arranging the entertainment.

July 21st Garden Party 2pm to 4pm at Sue Connolly's house
16 Holyrood Ave.

4th August trip to Hoghton Towers. The cost is £30 that includes the coach, entry fee, soup and sandwiches and tour. Coach leaves at 9-30 at St Luke's. see more details on next page.

TEA ROTA June. Linda Brown & Colleen Harper. July Joy Miller & Shelagh Wareing
Rita Poole



MU Trip to Hoghton Tower

Every summer members of our Mothers' Union Branch here at St Luke's organise a day trip to replace our August branch meeting. This year we have decided to visit the home of Sir Bernard de Hoghton, descendant of the Bold family, some of whose relatives are in the Crypt at St Luke's. In fact, Barry Horabin will be returning the Crypt key during our visit, following some renovations down there.

As the visit seems to have generated interest amongst other members of the congregation, we decided to hire a 49-seater bus to take us to the hall which is in the village of Hoghton, near Preston. Although MU members will have first shout at the reservations, please let me know if you would like to be included.

Details as follows:

Date: Thursday, 4th August 2022
Times: Leave St Luke's at 9.30 am.
Arrive Hoghton Tower at 10.30 am roughly
Leave there at 3.00 pm
Arrive back at St Luke's at around 4.00 pm
Cost: £30 per person
Included: Return journey with Anthony's Travel
Tour of the hall
Hot drink
Soup and Sandwich lunch
£1 per person tip for the driver!

If you would like to join us, please contact me – details below. The trip is open to both men and women (3 husbands of MU members have already put their names down!) but will have to be on a first-come-first-served basis. I will keep a reserve list if we do sell all the places. Payment can be by cash or cheque to me or if you would like to make a bank transfer, I can give you the info you will need. Last chance for payment is when you step on the bus! If you have any dietary requirements, please let me know when requesting a place. Colleen Harper 07946389162

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Summary Year Ended 31st December 2021

This fund is for the general day to day expenditure of the church. Incoming resources this year were very similar to the previous year at £86,000, added to this is £9299.30 received from the Church Commissioners at the end of last year towards the 2021 Parish share. Resources expended are similar to the previous year at £114,000. This is keeping expenditure to an absolute minimum. This figure includes £26,000 outstanding to the diocese at the yearend for parish share.

Summary:- Incoming £86,000 less Expended £114,000= deficit of £28,000.

Earlier this year, 2022, the PCC was informed that further credits of £33,270 have been awarded to St Luke's from the Church Commissioners. This is to cover the outstanding Parish share for 2021 of £26,000 as above, leaving £7,270 towards 2022 parish share. This is to be the last of these credits from them.

2021 Deficit £28,000 adjusted for Church Commissioners credits for 2021 year of £9,300 & £26,000 as above = Surplus of £7,300 in 2021.

Unless the Diocese reduce our parish share, we are unable to reduce expenditure anymore and have to concentrate on increasing our income to cover a similar estimated deficit of £28,000 in 2022. In April, the regular congregation and people on the electoral roll, were asked to increase their giving, but only if they could afford too. While this does help in a small way, we are asking the same people all of the time, we need to be looking for new regular givers.

You will have heard the motto "The Past is our Inheritance, the future is our Responsibility", with reference to restoration projects in the church. It is however just as relevant regarding the finance of the church too. Just like any business, if we are unable to pay our bills, the church would have to close. Not only the PCC, but the wider community too, has a duty to help look after the day to day running of the church, and to collectively work at finding new ways of increasing the income on a regular basis. As we are fast becoming a "Cashless" society, we need to encourage people to donate via other means. We already have a "Goodbox" card machine in church with a minimum

donation of £3 up to £30. Shortly we will be installing a “Digital Giving Station” courtesy of the Diocese, to promote giving from occasional visitors to the church for Baptisms and Weddings. We also have online giving from our web site and Facebook page. We all need to promote the use of this equipment and the Parish giving scheme too, instead of envelopes or loose plate. The Parish giving scheme is the only source of Income that has increased in the last few years, from £758 per month in January 2020 to £1,645 in December 2021.

We have to think of ideas to reach out to everyone to keep this fellowship strong. Everyone needs to play their part in this, not just expect the Clergy, Readers, Wardens and PCC to do it. Let them know your ideas or if you can help in any way, please get in touch.

I have been asked on numerous occasions as to what is the “Parish Share” and why do we have to pay it. Firstly I can confirm that none of this money is used for the Cathedral or St James House. It is all for clergy costs within the Widnes Deanery. This covers clergy salaries, pensions, housing, training etc at an estimated cost per clergy of £62,000.

St Luke’s historically is classed as a rich parish within the Widnes Deanery, and our parish share is £84,000 per year, the difference is to help poorer parishes, have a vicar too.

Yvonne Horabin (Treasurer)

St Luke’s PCC Barclays Bank details.

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JAM CLUB in MAY

Fantastic afternoon learning about Ascension Day. The children especially enjoyed the craft - Jesus ascending to heaven (aka blue paper cup with cotton wool balls).



**JOIN CLARE and
JACK at JAM CLUB
3pm to 4pm**

**Sundays June 12th
and July 10th**

Clare 07976549410

CRONTON MISSION

Since lockdown, we have been proud to work more collaboratively with St Luke's, and none more so than in our ministry for children. The children in our congregation are predominantly pre-school and therefore Sunday school has not restarted. Each service has children's activities available with café style worship being a more informal set up for our little people.



Sue, with assistance from Clare led a lovely Palm Sunday service of Morning Prayer on 10th April 2022. We sang "We have a king who rides a donkey", and in her sermon Sue talked about the ordinary people who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem on a donkey. The children were busy with crafts, making crowns & palms made from hand shapes.



OPEN DOOR WEDNESDAYS

Church will be open at 9.30am service
(30 minutes) until 4pm

People on hand to show you around our
beautiful church and chat to you over a cuppa.

'GAMES GALORE'

Grosvenor Women's club is hosting and providing refreshments

1.30pm to 3.30pm Wednesday

Men welcome.

Come and join a light hearted group of people who play games - scrabble, chess, dominos, UNO and many more.



Folk getting to know each other and sharing laughter and tales recalling childhood memories of games played. Afternoons are free - donations gratefully accepted for church funds. Each Wednesday.

We look forward to seeing you!

Contact Pat Johnson 0151 257 7737



We now look forward to Pentecost to see how we will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit this year. Pentecost, also known as Whit Sunday, and is observed on the seventh Sunday after Easter and 10 days after Ascension. The name comes from the Greek word "pentekoste" which means fiftieth—Pentecost Sunday takes place on the 50th day of Easter so this year falls on 5th June 2022. Pentecost Sunday commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of flames to the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ.

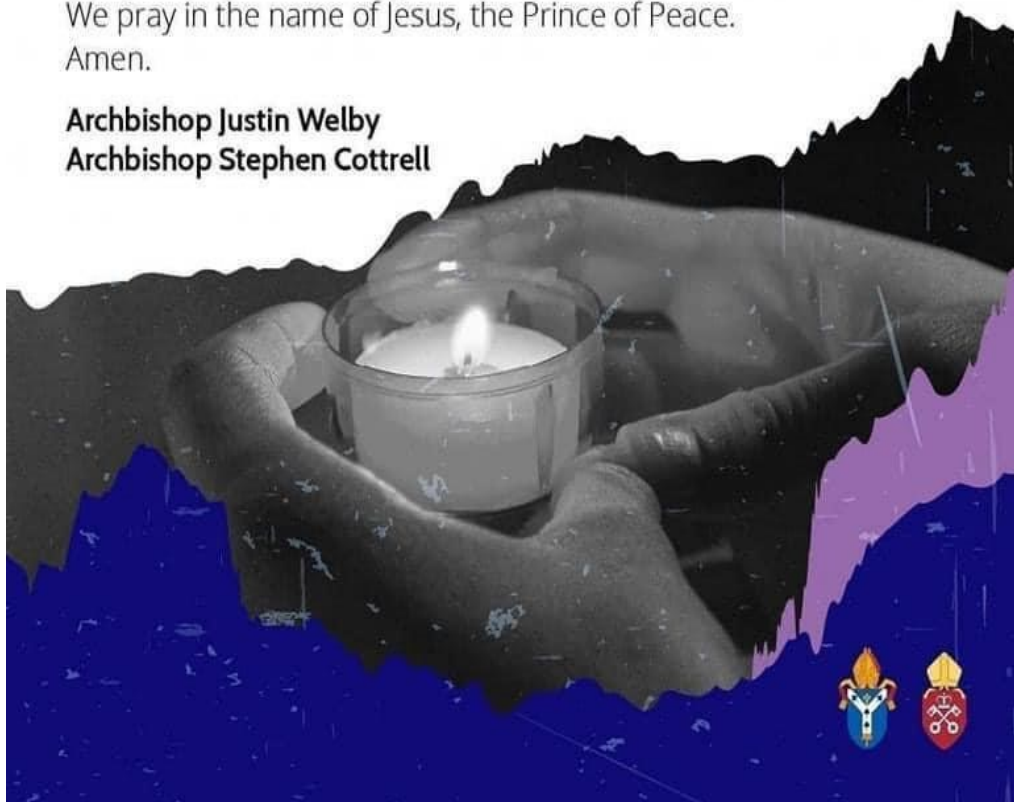
Cronton CE school has resumed most of its partnership working with the church. Collective worship takes place daily and the Ethos group meets weekly. The Ethos group are to lead Café style worship at the Sunday service on 19th June 2022 and then termly moving forwards. The focus will be the school mission and the half terms Christian value – Peace. The school has recently completed a SIAMS keeping on tract visit – the feedback has been very positive with the next steps being to embed the vision at a deeper level so that all school decision making, policy and practice are rooted in it, to develop evaluation processes for identifying the impact of collective worship, and to refine assessment systems to enable teachers to know more clearly how well pupils learn in RE.

Debbie Doyle

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



DAILY BIBLE READINGS June and July



	JUNE	JULY
1 st	John 17:9-11	Matthew 9:9-13
2 nd	John 17:20 to end	Matthew 9:14-17
3 rd	John 21:15-19	John 20:24-29
4 th	John 21:20 to end	Matthew 9:18-26
5 th	John 14:9-17	Matthew 9:32 to end
6 th	Matt 5:1-12	Matthew 10:1-7
7 th	Matt 5:13-16	Matthew 10:7-15
8 th	Matt 5:17-19	Matthew 10:16-23
9 th	Matt 5:20-26	Matthew 10:24-33
10 th	Matt 5:27-32	Luke 10:25-37
11 th	John 15:12-17	Matthew 10:34-11.1
12 th	John 16:12-15	Matthew 11:20-24
13 th	Matt 5:38-42	Matthew 11:25-27
14 th	Matt 5:43 to end	Matthew 11:28 to end
15 th	Matt 6:1-6,16-18	Matthew 12:1-8
16 th	John 6:7-15	Matthew 12:14-21
17 th	Matthew 6:19-23	Luke 10:38 to end
18 th	Mathew 6:24 to end	Matthew 12:38-42
19 th	Luke 8:26-39	Matthew 12:46 to end
20 th	Matthew 7:1-5	Matthew 13:1-9
21 st	Matthew 7:6,12-14	Matthew 13:10-17

	JUNE	JULY
22 nd	Matthew 7:15-20	John 20:1-2,11-18
23 rd	Matthew 7:21 to end	Matthew 13:24-30
24 th	Luke 1:57-66,80	Luke 11:1-13
25 th	Matthew 8:5-17	Matthew 20:20-28
26 th	Luke 9:51 to end	Matthew 13:16-17
27 th	Matthew 8:18-22	Matthew 13:44-46
28 th	Matthew 8:23-27	Matthew 13:47-53
29 th	Matthew 16:13-19	John 12:1-8
30 th	Matthew 9:1-8	Matthew 14:1-12
		Luke 12:13-21



A POEM FOR PENTECOST

When was the last time that we heard the wind of
your Spirit

roar through this place?

When was the last time your fire lit up this room?

When was the last time we took you at your word
and met together in expectation of your Spirit
filling this place,

and these lives with your Glory and Power?

Lord, you challenge us with Pentecost.

Do we believe that this was a once in eternity experience,
never to be repeated?

That the Holy Spirit was poured out on your followers for a single
purpose, and ended His work at that instant?

If so, then maybe that is why the Church seems so powerless in this
age, helpless when faced with the needs
both spiritual and physical, that we see in the world.

Lord, as we meet together, and celebrate once again
the memory of that first Pentecost,
may it be for us as it was then a moment of empowerment,
an awareness of your Glory in this dark world,
a life-changing experience.

WEDDING	REGISTER
26th March	Stephanie Gregg and Robert Stewart
6th May	Amy Grace Taylor and Nathan Anthony Dolan



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The Light That Shines in the Darkness – by Rachel Slimm



There's a light that shines in the darkness.
There's a destiny waiting at the end of the road.
There's meaning in the middle of this emptiness.
There's a reason you've been asked to carry this heavy load.

Lessons are taught when we reach out
Farther than we thought we'd ever dare.
Faith abounds when we confront our deepest doubts,
Enduring more than we dreamed we could ever bear.

There's a dawn waiting at the edge of every midnight.
There's a seed planted with every fallen leaf.
With every wrong there's the chance to make a right.
With every hour of suffering there's an eternity of relief.

Our darkest moments give us the opportunity
For seasons of our greatest growth.
Everyday we work towards continuity
Of acceptance and persistent hope.

And there's a light that shines in the darkness.
There's a star that guides the way.
There's a gate that's open to forgiveness.
There's a shepherd who saves those who've gone astray.

PARISH REGISTER for FUNERALS

Date	Name	Age	Location
01/04/2022	Mary Westbury	90	St Luke & Widnes crem
04/04/2022	Alan Harmer	79	St Luke & Widnes crem
09/04/2022	Arthur Waring	91	Burial of ashes
21/04/2022	Elizabeth Hewitt	74	St Luke & Widnes crem
22/04/2022	Charles Smith	99	St Luke & Widnes crem
27/04/2022	Jean Francis O'Connor	74	Burial of ashes
27/05/2022	Leslie Heaton	90	Burial of ashes
31/05/2022	Norman Kenneth Oldham	78	St Luke & Widnes crem
06/06/2022	Truda Berrington	86	St Luke & Widnes crem
07/06/2022	Lei Frank Ferguson	26	St Luke & Widnes crem
10/06/2022	Eleanor Hurstfield	87	St Luke & Widnes crem

Grant to them eternal rest .

Let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH REGISTER for BAPTISMS

3rd April	Roman Robert Devery
1st May	Arlo Frederick John Smith
	Charlotte Louise May Cornes
	Dominic James Ball
15th May	Henry George Oldfield
	Ollie Paul Furnival



Dear Lord, We thank you for your love, we pray for those who have been baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. May they be embraced and loved by the Father. May they follow the leading of the Lord Jesus Christ, guiding their paths. And may they be full of the Holy Spirit, flowing with love and grace, Amen.

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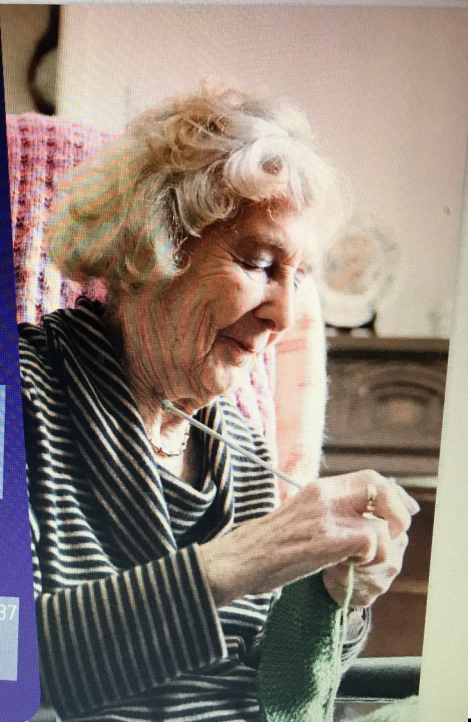
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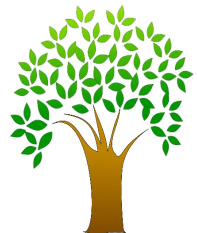
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