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## **Dear Friends,**

The month of June promises to be the most significant one in living memory as our Prime Minister and his advisors make a huge decision about whether it is appropriate and safe to end the current restrictions keeping us safe from Covid-19. Please keep praying for him to be given the wisdom to make the right choices at the right time.

No doubt there will be recommendations to continue the hand sanitizing, masks and social distancing etc for some time to come, but I have detected over the last few weeks a new and optimistic feeling amongst our parishioners. Many are undoubtedly feeling tired and anxious from the effects of 'lockdown' but it seems they are now beginning to look forward hopefully.

For us in the East Widnes Team there will soon hopefully be new opportunities to reach out in witness to the communities we try to serve.

At our Annual Parochial Church Meetings I thanked all those who work in various ways and give of their love, money, time and skills to enable God's work to be done. I encouraged them not to think of whatever it is that they do as just a little or large 'job' but as a ministry – a vocation from God. I told them that their contributions are vital to God's plan for Widnes and to just keep going!

For the Christian one of the truly uplifting and encouraging privileges of witnessing to our faith is seeing the work of the Holy Spirit as he takes the seeds we help to plant, our prayers words and actions, and brings forth fruit in an individual's life. Often this 'seed planting' is done by one person and the watering, feeding and nurturing are done by others. God alone oversees the whole business, only he sees the full picture.

But just occasionally we are allowed the encouragement of seeing a bit more of the picture. Several years ago, I had such an encouragement when a former member of the Young Adults Group I ran in my first parish sent me a copy of his first novel with a covering letter telling me about his life since I moved. He is now a teacher of English in a North East High School with a wife and family of his own; and just beginning a new career as a Christian writer. The book, whilst not a biography, is the story of a young man growing up

in the inner city and how he comes to find a Saviour. It is aimed at a younger readership and is called 'The Only Way' by Gareth Rowe – look out for it perhaps as a gift for a young person you may know.

On looking at the first few pages I was extremely touched and honoured to see that he had given the following acknowledgement, 'Love and thanks to Bob Pearson for helping me more than you know.' This kind of thing doesn't happen to me very often but when it does it is a great encouragement to keep going, even when life might seem hard or a bit fruitless!

When a true work of grace takes place in our lives, and our hearts glow with a new and vibrant love for God, then the whole of life seems to take on a supernatural quality. But it's a life that has to be lived out in the context of this world. It would be misleading to suggest that for the Christian experience to be authentic it must be a never-ending series of thrills and excitement.

C.S. Lewis, the well-known Christian writer, once wrote with honesty and perception that so much of the Christian life is taken up with ordinary humdrum daily duties. The 'parish', where the Christian life has to prove itself, is not just in the high-lights of emotion but rather in the nitty-gritty stuff of daily life.

As St Paul makes clear in Ephesians 5:15ff it is in being fit to live with, being kind and thoughtful, helping with the household chores, being consistent and honourable at work, being reliable in our responsibilities, that we give evidence to the Holy Spirit's presence and seal on our life.

C.S. Lewis warns against supposing that life is all, "...going to be an exciting adventure from now on". He compares the initial excitement of coming to faith to, "...the push to start you off on your first bicycle: you'll be left to lots of dogged pedalling later on. It will be good for your spiritual leg muscles. Enjoy the push while it lasts but enjoy it as a treat, not as something to be taken for granted as normal."

There are no shortcuts to holiness. There is a battle to be waged if Christian maturity is to be won. The real test of Christian character is most often in dogged pedalling and hard slog ordinariness.

May God give us the strength to keep on pedalling hard.

Your friend, Revd Bob

## Services for June and July

St Luke's church is open each Sunday for the 10.30am service of Holy Communion. The service will still be available via Zoom.

Wednesday 9.30am services of Morning Prayer will continue to be Zoom only; this is to allow for midweek funerals to take place.

St Ambrose will open for services from Easter Sunday. All the Sunday services will be in church.

Cronton Mission will hold a Holy Communion service at 12.30 on Sunday 30th May and 25th July in Cronton School. It will be on Zoom.

<b>June</b>	St Luke's church	St Ambrose
Wed 2nd	9.30am MP ZOOM only	10am HC
Sun 6th	10.30am HC Church & ZOOM	10.30am MP
Wed 9th	9.30am MP ZOOM only	
Sun 13th	10.30am HC Church & ZOOM	10.30am HC
Wed 16th	9.30am MP ZOOM only	10am MP
Sun 20th	10.30am HC Church & ZOOM	10.30am MP
Wed 23rd	9.30am MP ZOOM only	
Sun 27th	10.30am HC Church & ZOOM	10.30am HC
Wed 30th	9.30am MP ZOOM only	
<b>July</b>		
Sun 4th	10.30am HC Church & ZOOM	10.30am MP
Wed 7th	9.30am MP ZOOM only	10am HC
Sun 11th	10.30am HC Church & ZOOM	10.30am MP
Wed 14th	9.30am MP ZOOM only	
Sun 18th	10.30am HC Church & ZOOM	10.30am HC
Wed 21st	9.30am MP ZOOM only	10am MP
Sun 25th	10.30am HC Church & ZOOM	10.30am HC
Wed 28th	9.30am MP ZOOM only	

**JOIN US TO WORSHIP IN CHURCH OR ON ZOOM.**

## Holy Week Wreath

Holy Week and Easter were a bit different for the second year running due to Covid and the continued importance of social distancing and keeping safe. And so to help us all to engage and to continue to feel part of a worshipping community during Holy Week we decided this year that we would do something different – Holy Week Wreaths. The idea grew, as did the size of the wreath, and we ended up with 3 rather large wreaths in total – one on the gates to the porch at St Luke's Church, one at Cronton School (which is where Cronton Mission Church meets) and one at St Ambrose Church.



Pictures and Bible verses were added each day to the wreaths starting on Palm Sunday and going right through to Easter Sunday helping us all to think about the journey that Jesus took from entering Jerusalem on a donkey to his death on good Friday and on to his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

People were invited to go and take a look and maybe to tie a piece of ribbon or string on the prayer 'washing lines' that were also set up.

There was also an accompanying booklet available, with the bible verses in and the drawings to colour and you could even use these to make your own wreath if you wanted to.

Each day photographs were posted on the church website and on Facebook so people could follow the progress of the wreaths even if they couldn't see it in person. And children from Farnworth School got involved too, with some of them stopping on their way to or from school to take a peek and to add to the washing line at St Luke's.

Clare Liptrott

## Good Friday

### The Crucifixion of Jesus

When they came to the place called "The Skull," they crucified Jesus there, and the two criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said, "Forgive them, Father! They don't know what they are doing." Luke 23:33-35



## Moon Meadow Scout & Guide Group

# Moon Meadow Raise the Roof



Hopefully you will remember that Moon Meadow is situated on Farnworth Street in Widnes & is a community building used by Scouting & Guiding groups plus many people of all ages in the local community, it is the only community facility in the area, a valuable community asset at the heart of the community. And up until Covid pandemic hit the building was in use almost every day of the week, with over 300 people using the building each week.

The building's roof was leaking & was in need of urgent repair and the heating system was also in need of updating so it would be fit for purpose.

So, in December 2017 the 'Raise the Roof' fundraising campaign was launched, with the aim of raising £100,000 to ensure the repairs could be undertaken & the building could stay open so that everyone might benefit from being able to meet, have fun & learn new skills right in the heart of their own community.

I wanted to share with you the wonderful news that the **'Raise the Roof' campaign has been successful and we have now achieved our fundraising target of £100,000.** We also have planning permission for the roof works and the project is currently out to tender with contractors. We are expecting that the roof work along with the heating system replacement work will take place June to August (12 weeks) 2021, provided that the building contractors costings fit within our budget!

We would very much like to thank everyone for supporting the campaign, without the generous support from everyone in our local community, including St Luke's Church, it would not be possible for us to have progressed to this point. We hope to have a grand re-opening of the building in September, which of course we will tell you more about nearer the time.

In the meantime if you would like to follow the progress of the project please follow our Facebook page: Moon meadow "Raise the Roof".  
Clare Liptrott

### Message from Alison

I would like to say a big thank you for my beautiful birthday presents and cards.

Thank you so much it made my day so special. I have my bird bath all set up in the garden and my beautiful planter at the vicarage door. May I add it is in full bloom.



## Birchfield Community Meadow Project



Heather and Snaffles were the names of the 2 gorgeous horses that spent their retirement years in the field at the top of Queensbury Way overlooking the roundabout and Cronton Garden Centre. During the first phase of the Covid lockdown, many in our community in found great benefit and comfort for themselves and their children through interaction with the horses in the 'roundabout' field. Sadly due to ill health both animals were lost later in 2020 and this had a profound effect. There was a move to set up a lasting memorial in memory of these loving gentle horses, and so the Birchfield Community Meadow Project was conceived by local residents John Powell and Michelle Owen.

The project began earlier in 2021 with clearing the dead wood, bracken and weeds and then preparation of the ground so that a wild flower meadow could be sown round the edge of the field. When the ground was ready many local families were excited to be able to sow seeds and also plant trees. The most recent activity, at the beginning of May involved families coming to plant pumpkin seedlings in the newly prepared pumpkin patch. The children were also provided with sunflower growing kits to take home so they could continue their growing experience at home. Hopefully, we will be able to follow the progress of the pumpkins as they grow, along with the home grown sunflowers, on Facebook over the coming months.



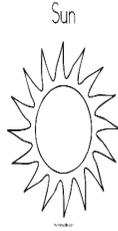
The overall aim of the project, sponsored by Birchfield Ward Community Association, is to be a memorial to the horses whilst also bringing floral life the gateway to the area. The project is ecologically sound and beneficial to our environment in all aspects and meets several of the UK initiatives to plant trees and convert verges to flora. Going forward, given the large scale of the site, there is scope to engage with local schools and colleges and the scheme will also act as a 'prime pump' for the development of a Birchfield Nature Trail over the coming years. Clare Liptrott

## **JOHN FREDERICK SHONE by Sue Smither**

We were very sad to learn of the death of John Shone and I was privileged to be invited to officiate at his funeral service at the Crematorium Chapel on April 16<sup>th</sup>. John sadly passed away after a short illness, such a shock for his wife Tanya and his step daughters Anna and Alena and their families. We send them our love and deepest condolences on his passing. Barry Ingram, Yvonne and Alma represented St Luke's at the service. In the past, John had been such a faithful member of our St Luke's family until diminished mobility and a bout of ill health prevented him from getting to church. John used to be a regular worshipper at our Sunday Evening Services, along with others who attended he particularly embraced the language of the Book of Common Prayer. Last year he moved house to be nearer to his wife's Tanya's family; more recently, obviously pre Covid19 times, Tanya fetched him to our Wednesday Open Door sessions for some quiet prayer time; Barry Ingram would give John Holy Communion which he so appreciated. John was always interested in what was going on in church and keen to know what the children at Confirmation Club were doing. He loved to sit and chat and reminisce over a cup of tea and a biscuit, he was a great raconteur. In his time, John had been an accomplished Rugby player, he loved the music of the Beatles and was a supporter of Manchester United, but foremost he was an extremely skilled watch and clock repairer. Something that people might not have known about him was that John also wrote poetry and below is a poem which I shared at his funeral service.

Walking in the rain with the wind in my face  
Makes me think of how it used to be  
I still remember how good it was  
When we were young and carefree.  
Laughing, splashing through the night,  
Holding hands, smiling at each brand new day.  
And though I never see her now no one can take that away.  
I remember a girl with such tender eyes  
And the way she used to look at me,  
I'd never unlocked my heart before but she gently turned the key.  
Well, that was long ago and now are just dreams  
But she lives on in my memory  
For the rest of my nights and the rest of my days,  
She'll always be a part of me.





Oh, how I love Summer by Susan M. Gilbert

*Though May did bring her deepest grey  
and June did bring her gloom,  
I woke this morn in a glorious way  
to Sunshine in my room.*

*Quick, get up, it's time to rise.  
greet the day. I started to cry.  
for today it has begun.*

*it's finally here, the summer sun!*

*Feel her warmth, see my garden grow,  
taste the sweetest fruits, watch the butterflies flow.*

*Hear the squirrels chatter and my birds swoon  
till the evening comes with the summer moon.*

*It seems like I've waited such a very long time,  
longing for the light of your rays of sunshine.*

*So please stay a while. bring your long, lazy days.*

*I'll cherish each blue sky and ride every wave.*

*Oh, how I love summer and all of her songs,*

*Happy summer to all, and may it be long!*

## CRONTON MISSION

Cronton Mission met for the first time in over 12 months to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. Hallelujah. 🙏. Thank you again to Clare and Sandra for all there help with this. We are due to hold our next service of Holy Communion on 30th May at 12.30 in the middle of the school half term to minimise Covid risk, and then through the summer break. Zoom will also be available. Another planned date is 25th July 12.30.



If we can look for the positive in the pandemic for a moment, it has facilitated Cronton and St. Luke's working more collaboratively. We have enjoyed the monthly quiz on zoom. Well done to the winners and all those who have joined in, and a big thank you to Stephanie for organising.

At our AGM on the 10th May, we agreed that working as a Parish should continue, Debbie Doyle and Stephanie Couzens will be members of the PCC for 2021, but Cronton will no longer have its own committee. Revd Bob has given the congregation reassurance that Cronton Mission will remain a priority within the Parish with weekly services being held. The role of Lay Missional Leader has now come to an end, and Lesley Firth (was Wright) will continue as a Lay Reader across the Parish.

When we reopen we will be recruiting members of the congregation as sides people and for other practical jobs to facilitate the smooth running of services. Please consider how you could help as everyone is welcome and needed. Debbie Doyle has agreed to take the service coordinator role and will oversee safeguarding issues whilst Denis Bray will remain as finance officer.

The Mission is particularly looking forward to being able to work closely with school as the Covid restrictions lift. Children have missed their annual service at St Luke's, joint services at the mission and of course worshipping in church on a Sunday.

The Sunday service at St Luke's has an ever growing number of "Cronton Zoomers" who have attended regularly throughout the past year. These families have particularly enjoyed the craft activities available through the website, which they can show in church on a Sunday. Thank you to Clare and Sue for all your hard work with this. Here are some recent examples.

## Craft pictures



## Trainee Sunday School teacher?



We have reason to celebrate - 3 of our Cronton zoom families have increased in number over the past 4 weeks, with the blessing of the safe arrival of 2 girls and 1 boy. Here they are, aren't they all beautiful, and just perfect. CONGRATULATIONS 🙌🍷🐻🍰💕



Let us finish by remembering those still isolated by the virus. Those who have not been able to join us in Church or on zoom.

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Deuteronomy 31:8, (NIV)

Debbie Doyle

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to Stephanie for organising online quizzes each month and to Clare for keeping the scores.

Usually 10 teams met on Zoom to test their knowledge on a variety of topics. The rounds in May were Bones, Easy maths, British History, Wine, Football and Pot luck.

The winners were Emmetts and runners up Plantpots.

Here is a taster to test you

Bones - Where is the sacrum bone? Where is the stapes bone?

British History– In which year was the Great Fire of London and in which road?

Wine - Which country consumes the most wine?

In which country was the corkscrew invented?

Football - Where did Everton play before Goodison Park?

Pot Luck - Which of the 3 wise men gave gold to baby Jesus?

Stephanie had to add according to legend as Bob pointed out that nowhere in the Bible does it state how many wise men visited Jesus nor names. So according to legend Melchior presented a gift of gold to Jesus!

## STILL TIME TO DONATE TO PETER'S CHALLENGE online or in the collecting tin at church



The climate emergency is one of the greatest injustices we face. This climate crisis hurts us all but people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. Extreme weather means people are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water.

A gift from you could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. A reliable source of water will help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms.

One of our local church members, Peter Dawber, from Farnworth Methodist Church, has decided to take up the challenge to raise awareness and funds for this campaign by signing up for Christian Aid's 300,000 steps in May' challenge. He has set a target to raise £1,500. Over May we will be following Peter's progress with updates on St Luke's Facebook and website pages. If you would like to support Christian Aid and Peter, please give a donation via JustGiving: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Peter-Dawber>



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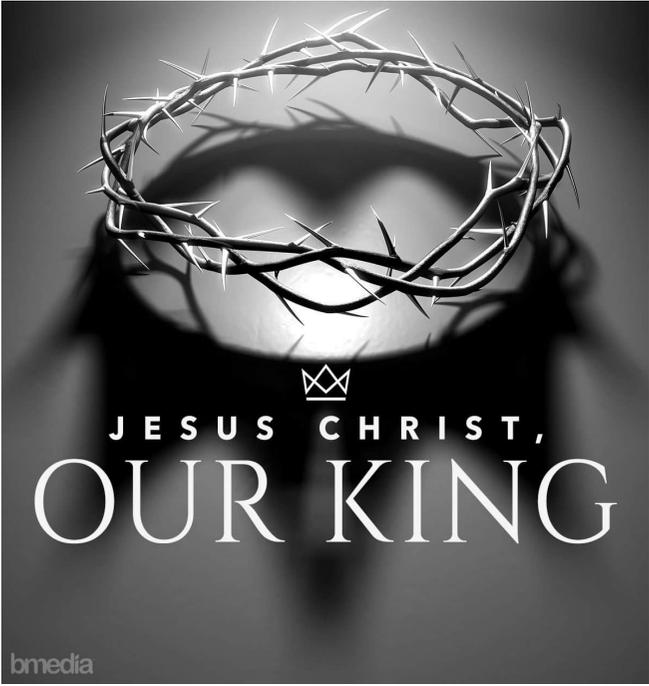


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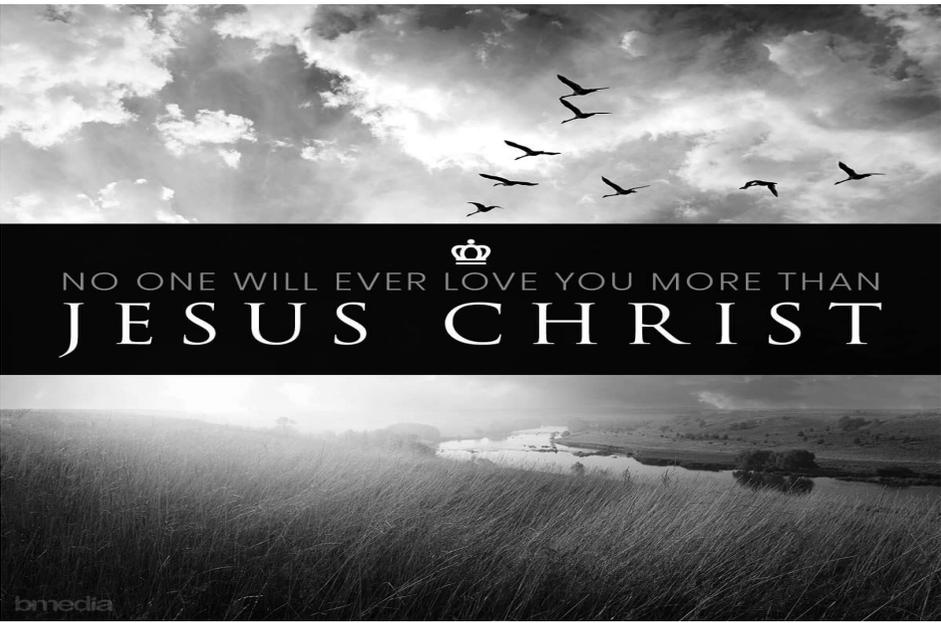
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June	27th	Mrs A Marshall
July	4th	Miss H Guthrie
	11th	Miss E Lewis
	18th	Mrs C Liptrott
	25th	Mrs R Potter

We are delighted to announce that if restrictions are lifted in June, flowers will adorn the church again on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June. I would like to thank Brenda, Joy and Vivien for helping me to provide floral arrangements in church. I would also like to thank the people who donate money for the flowers. Lesley Runcorn





## MOTHERS' UNION

It's the summer magazine and we haven't managed to have a meeting. I must thank Colleen because she has tried so hard to see a way to meet up but with restrictions and some of our members still not happy about meeting up it wasn't going to happen. There is always hope so we may be ok to meet in July. By this time things maybe clearer and our members happier to venture out or it could all go pear shaped again.

Since our last magazine we have had to say goodbye to Prince Philip. He did his duty and supported the Queen for over 70 years. The Queen cut a lonely figure at the funeral but as always she was calm and regal even in her grief. The funeral was perfect in these unusual times. He got his wish 'just put me in the back of the Land Rover' he was quoted of saying. The Queen will have support from her family and great affection from the public.

On top of all her other problems, Jackie now has breast cancer. There is a good chance surgery will be the answer and hopefully chemo will not be needed, she is still keeping cheerful. Mary Westbury is living with her daughter now so we know she will be looked after. Barbara Houghton is in a care home. How very sad. Barbara was full of life, a MU member, a choir member, a flower arranger and the Christmas fair wasn't the same without her turkey barms. I know you will keep them all in your prayers. Even though it was a difficult year it didn't stop the MU. When scrub bags were needed many members stepped up to the challenge. Hilary Castle, Diocesan president of York said her members alone made 200 items. Members in Llandaff knitted hearts. As visiting was restricted pairs of knitted hearts were given to patients and their family. The hearts were posted to each family with a greeting card. Holding a matching heart that their relatives held during their last hours helped process their grief. MU members all over Britain have been helping those in isolation by keeping in contact and delivering gifts on doorsteps. Many people have been helped this way.

The May Day bank holiday was rather a wash out but it didn't stop people trying to have fun. May Day has long been associated with revelry. We see Gods glorious creation in full colour. It was named after Maia, the goddess of growing things, Woodlands and meadows

turn a vibrant green and flowers burst into bloom. The ancient Romans marked this explosion of life with a festival dedicated to Flora,( a word we use now) the goddess of flowers. In the middle ages, villagers awoke at dawn on May Day to gather flowers for garlands and headdresses to crown the fairest maiden Queen of May and to lead the festivities. In the 17th century puritans banned this but the Victorians reclaimed May day with the May Queen being crowned at village fetes dressed in white for purity. May Day celebrations wouldn't be complete without the jangling bells and waving hankies of the Morris dancers dating back to the 15th century. Then there's the May pole. The origin is shrouded in the mists of time. Ancient Pagan cultures believed it to be a fertility ritual dancing around trees. After the civil war the Puritans banned it as heathenish. It was restored by Charles 11, but it was the Victorians who glossed over the fertility rites and turned it into a children's game of entwining ribbons round a pole. Another colourful figure seen on May day was Jack-in-the Green. Similar to the medieval Green Man carved on many churches. It first emerged in the 18th century where milk maids carried pails decorated with flowers. In Oxford, a Latin hymn or Carol of thanksgiving is sung on May Day morning from the top of Magdalen College tower, then the college bells are rung and Morris dancing starts in the streets. Padstow in Cornwall has the 'Obby 'Oss festival. Two processions led by 'hobby horses'. Dunster and Minehead also have hobby horses on May day. Don't you just love the history behind all these rituals and festivals. On the 10th June there is an Annular Eclipse for all you star gazers. Not quite a full eclipse but still good to see. I hope to see you all on 14th July for a social evening and further news of other meetings. We may know if a trip to Sudley House is possible in August. Until we meet again I will end with a prayer by Sheran Harper from the MU connected magazine.

*We will walk in hope and confidence,  
trusting each other, loving each other, and together  
we will rebuild the hope and confidence of families  
and communities everywhere, always reaching forward as God's  
hands and feet and reflecting  
a life filled with purpose and meaning,  
grace and love, peace and joy.*

Rita Poole

## Michael Cain by Paul Delaney

Michael Cain was a 'first class' chap,  
a popular village postman.

He always rode a bicycle  
but sometimes drove a van.

Vicious dogs chased after him,  
up and down the street.

But Michael pedalled faster,  
with his strong, powerful feet.

One day he swerved to miss a hen,  
fleeing from a fox.

His 'Post office' bicycle mounted the kerb,  
crashing into a big post box.

Michael's glasses bounced off his head.

Without them he couldn't see.

He searched and searched for hours on end,  
delaying his delivery.

He picked up an envelope and silently stared,  
at a jumble of letters all black.

He huffed and puffed and shook his head,  
putting it into his sack.

Michael Cain was a little confused;  
he couldn't read a simple address.

So a village's parcels, letters and cards  
ended up in a terrible mess.

Mr. Crank, a mechanic at the local garage,  
opened an invitation to somebody's marriage.

A beautiful little card, all edged in foil.

But seconds later, it was covered in oil.



Mr. King, a resident of Hartington Road,  
opened a secret, written in code.

It seemed to be for a 'Commander Bevan'.

But the signature was strange – it was 007.

Mr. Brown, the Landlord at the Black Swan Inn,  
opened a letter about a lottery win.

Somebody somewhere had won a million pounds.

He hoped it wasn't Ronald from the 'Fox and hounds'.

Mr. White, a pensioner at the Old folk's home,  
opened a brochure about a trip to Rome.

He wondered about the cost of the aeroplane,  
as he'd need an extra ticket for his Zimmer frame.

Fr. O'Callaghan, an Irishman from County Cork,  
opened a leaflet about a charity walk.

He couldn't take part in his big wheelchair,  
so he raised some money by shaving off his hair.

Mr. Wood, a carpenter from Myrtle Street,  
opened an appointment about Miss. Webster's feet.

Her skin was webbed and her toes were stuck.

Her doctor had scribbled 'She's turning into a duck!'

Miss. Floss, a dentist from Russell Row,  
opened a birthday card to let her know...

It was Horace's hundredth birthday bash.

But a fifty pound note fell out,  
so she pocketed the cash.

Mr. Rose, a gardener from Dandelion Lane,  
opened a letter for Michael Cain.

'Your eye test is due; take a note of the date.'

But the damage had been done – it was already too late!

Thank you for your continued support and all your donations.

At this time the following items are needed –

UHT Milk

UHT Juice

Sponge Puddings

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Custard

Hand Wash Unisex Deodorant



The Lodge at entrance to Widnes Crematorium is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am to 11am.

On Sundays donations can be taken to church and Barry Ingram will take them to the Foodbank.

Thank you.

	Parish Register	Age	
09/04/2021	Valerie Constantine	75	Burial of Ashes
14/04/2021	Brian Twigg	70	W crem
16/04/2021	John Frederick Shone	78	W crem
19/04/2021	Paula McCabe	49	W crem
22/04/2021	Florence Gates	87	St Luke & Crem
28/04/2021	John Hutchison	78	Burial of Ashes
28/04/2021	Lisa Brewin	53	St Luke & Crem
30/04/2021	Grace Johnson	91	W crem
24/05/2021	Deborah Tillet	54	St Luke & crem

Eternal rest grant upon them ,  
 O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy  
 of God, rest in peace.



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## Treasurer's Report, January –April 2021

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Adjust</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>26039</b>	<b>9299</b>	<b>35338</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b><u>(32433)</u></b>	<b><u>(3809)</u></b>	<b><u>(36242)</u></b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b><u>(6394)</u></b>	<b><u>5490</u></b>	<b><u>904</u></b>

The actual figures above refer to the monies received and paid out in the period. The adjustments in receipts £9,299 is for Parish share credits for 2021. In expenditure £3,809 is for Parish share owed to the Diocese at end of April £2021. The total Parish share due for January to April amounted to £28,108, less credits of £9,299 =£18809. We were able to pay £15,000 towards this leaving £3,809 still owing. All members of the PCC have a duty to 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. Promoting the use of the Parish giving scheme instead of envelopes or loose plate. Exploring the use of a contactless card machine in church now that we have got better broadband in church. Thank you to the younger PCC members who understand and can embrace this new technology, for the benefit of all, especially regarding the zoom services on Sundays and Wednesdays, unfortunately this way of worship does not bring in much needed funds for the church, so please see our website for ways to donate. Like all businesses and charities, the regulations covering all aspects of the day to day work are changing all of the time, and the standing committee group within the PCC has to keep abreast of all of the changes. 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 and Wardens to do it. Let them know your ideas or if you can help in any way, please get in touch. If possible please use cheques with your regular giving envelopes, rather than cash, it saves a lot in bank charges or change to the parish giving scheme. Thank you for your continued support. Yvonne Horabin (Treasurer)

**St Luke's PCC Barclays Bank details. Account name:-  
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Account no 30369292 .Your name as reference  
or by cheque payable to St Luke's PCC c/o Rev R Pearson The  
Rectory, 10 Hartland Close, Widnes. WA8 9FB.**

## Fabric Report June –July 2021

Once the church is able to open without restrictions again, we can restart the process of fundraising and applying for grants for the toilets and kitchen at the rear of church. However a problem has occurred in the Organ chamber, which has come to light over the last few weeks since we have been back in church for services. Our organist Paul had noticed a few problems with the organ, which at first was put down to the organ not been played regularly and the church being cold. However after a closer inspection from David Wells, (who maintains the organ) it seems that we have had some mice coming into church in the recent cold weather, and they have been merrily chewing their way through the felt padding on the foot pedals and the leather on the organ stops. Obviously steps were taken straight away to deter the mice, with plug in repellents around the church. There has always been one at the back of church but the signal must not have covered the organ chamber. Hopefully this will swiftly solve that problem. This then leaves us with another problem of covering the cost of repairing the organ which will be £831.60 including vat. If you have



found any old £1 coins or £10 notes whilst spring cleaning, please donate them towards this cost. On reading the instructions for the plug in mice repellents, I was surprised and very pleased to read that they also repel spiders. That would be a bonus in church, no more spider's webs setting off the alarms.

Help still required in the churchyard please Monday mornings 9.30am and also with spring cleaning of church in June ready for full opening .Please contact me if you are able to help.

[Barry.horabin@btinternet.com](mailto:Barry.horabin@btinternet.com) Thank You Barry Horabin

## Messy Easter 2021 by Clare Liptrott

On Good Friday Sue and myself held our Messy Easter worship via Zoom. After a year being 'virtual' we are 'getting well into the swing of things' now, and so we were able to share with our families the Easter story with crafts interspersed throughout on Zoom.

Sue began the story at Palm Sunday describing how the people of Jerusalem waved palm leaves and shouted joyfully as Jesus rode in on a donkey and so we coloured in our own leaf templates and added on our hopes and dreams for the future.



As the story progressed Sue described the events of Jesus being hung on the cross and so we made our own crosses, using card templates covered in foil.

And we had great fun looking for all the Easter related items in our Scavenger Hunt.





Poppet the Puppet joined us to remind us all about the importance of crosses as symbols of love and of Jesus dying on the cross so our sins could be forgiven.

We finished our worship with tasty Easter prayers with chocolate Easter eggs.



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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

June		July	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mark 12: 13-17	1 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew 9: 1-8
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mark 12: 18-27	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Matthew 9: 9-13
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John 6: 51-58	3 <sup>rd</sup>	John 20: 24-29
4 <sup>th</sup>	John 20:	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 6: 1-13
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 12: 38 to end	5 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 9: 18-26
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 3:20 to end	6 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 9: 32 to end
7 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 5: 1-12	7 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 10: 1-7
8 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 5: 13-16	8 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 10: 7-15
9 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 5: 17-19	9 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 10: 16-23
10 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 5: 20-26	10 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 10:24-33
11 <sup>th</sup>	John 15: 12-17	11 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 6: 14-29
12 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 5: 33-37	12 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 10: 34-11.1
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 4: 26-34	13 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 11: 20-24
14 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 5: 38-42	14 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 11: 25-27
15 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 5: 43 to end	15 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 11: 28 to end
16 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	16 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 12: 1-8
17 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 6: 7-15	17 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 12: 14-21
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mathew 6: 19-23	18 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 6: 30-34, 53 to end
19 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 6: 24 to end	19 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 12: 38-42
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 4: 35-41	20 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 12: 46 to end
21 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew 7: 1-5	21 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew 13: 1-9
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Matthew 7: 6, 12-14	22 <sup>nd</sup>	John 20: 1-2, 11-18
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Matthew 7:15-20	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Matthew 13: 18-23
24 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 1: 57-66, 80	24 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 13: 24-30
25 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 8:1-4	25 <sup>th</sup>	John 6: 1-21

June		July	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 8: 5-17	26 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 20: 20-28
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 5: 21 to end	27 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 13: 36-43
28 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 8: 18-22	28 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 13: 36-43
29 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 16: 13-19	29 <sup>th</sup>	John 12: 1-8
30 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 8:28 to end	30 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 13: 54 to end
		31 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew 14:1-12

## SAFEGUARDING

Margaret Campbell is our Safeguarding Coordinator and Lead Recruiter for St Luke's Church and Cronton Mission. This year, she has been joined by Debbie Doyle who has kindly agreed to represent Cronton Mission for all safeguarding issues. Within this difficult year of the Covid-19 pandemic, we continue to be committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church. We utilise the Liverpool Diocese Safer recruitment for all applicants applying for volunteer roles within the Church. This ensures protection for the individual who is volunteering as well as the congregation.

Safeguarding is of vital importance. St Luke's Church, is a welcoming place, but it also needs to be a safe place. The Minister and PCC are responsible for ensuring that they are promoting the best possible safeguarding culture. We do not want to prevent the culture of volunteering that is the life blood of the church.

We cannot rely solely on DBS Criminal Record Checks, we also need a strong procedure that ensures safeguarding recruitment is closely followed, utilising The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) for volunteers working with Children and Vulnerable Adults. However, the PCC has overall responsibility to ensure that all activities involving, Church activities, children, young people and vulnerable adults are well managed and supervised by the appropriate personnel. In church there is a list of contact numbers of people to be informed if anyone has concerns, with regards to a safeguarding issue.

With regard to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) we continue to store the congregation's information in a safe place and respect the individual's privacy, and do not share their personal information with other organisations.



# Summer Holidays



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August	canoeing	holidays	pool	sprinkler
barbecue	cottage	ice cream	popsicles	strawberries
beach	family	July	puzzles	summer camp
biking	friends	lake	reading	swimming
bonfires	games	lemonade	relax	traveling
books	hammock	memories	road trips	vacation
camping	hiking	picnics	sports	watermelon

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the above parish held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The following were elected as **Churchwardens**:

Barry Horabin

Pat Johnson

Rob Leech

Colleen Harper

Barry Ingram was elected as **Deputy Warden**

The following were elected as

**Lay Members of the Deanery Synod**

Lesley Runcorn

Pat Johnson

Barry Horabin

Yvonne Horabin

The following were elected as

**Lay members of the Parochial Church Council**

Gail Beswick    Margaret Campbell    Stephanie Couzens

Debbie Doyle    Jeff Evans    Yvonne Horabin

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