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April 2022

#### Dear Friends,

During the Alpha Course which we run here in Lytham, we learn that Jesus died for us, indeed that he would have died just for one of us. It is an incredible thought.

It echoes of Abraham's conversation with God in Genesis 18:23-33. God tells Abraham that he will destroy the city of Sodom unless he finds fifty



righteous men. Abraham asks if there are forty righteous men will God relent and he agrees. The conversation continues until Abraham asks if God will save the city if there are ten righteous men and God agrees to save Sodom for just ten righteous people.

This story in Genesis resonates with the idea that God will protect us individually. This comes to reality when, through Jesus, he saves each of us. One righteous man has been found on earth and God saves those who recognise Him, the Saviour of the World.

Jesus, by giving his perfect life, makes us all accepted by God and secure in his Kingdom in this world and the next.

The crucifixion is a powerful, loving moment. Jesus gives his life to forgive our sins and failures, but it is the Resurrection that seals the deal. One righteous man saves us and the resurrection proves it.

May we pause to recognise

- what God this Holy Week,
- truly revel in celebrating the Resurrection
- and live as those saved and protected by this one righteous man.

Alleluia Christ is Risen

He is Risen indeed Alleluia

Yours in Christ,



We are delighted that the Revd Emma Swarbrick is to be our Mission Enable in the new Parish of JC Lytham.

Emma grew up in St Annes and trained as a teacher at St Martin's College Lancaster, teaching at a primary school on the edge of Preston. she was ordained in 2018 and served her curacy at Holy Trinity and St Peter South Shore and then at St Thomas Blackpool.

We expect her to join us in the summer and to be licenced by the Archdeacon of Lancaster on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August at St John's

Emma will write a fuller introduction of herself in a future magazine

#### **Stop Press**

Just as the Magazine was about to be run off we have received confirmation that as from 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 the new parish we will know as 'The Parish of JC Lytham' has formally come in to being.

We will write more about how we grow our parish next month.

#### **Lent Course**

Our Lent Course - Uphill to Eternity – is drawing to a close with our final session on the  $5^{\rm th}$  April. A goodly number of people have attended and we have had teaching and discussions considering aspects of our future

as people of God. Our final two evenings are:

The remaining themes are:

• 29<sup>th</sup> March Crucifixion and Resurrection

• 5<sup>th</sup> April Eternity

#### Seder Meal

Tickets for our Seder Meal are now available at either church. This meal come act of worship is the base of the Passover Meal which Jesus shared with his disciples at the Last Supper and is therefore the basis of our Communion Service.

Our Seder Meal will be in the Hall at St Cuthbert's on Wednesday 13th April at  $6:30\,\mathrm{pm}$ . Places are limited to 60 and tickets need to be bought in advance at a cost of £10, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

#### From the Registers

#### **Baptisms**

March 7<sup>th</sup> Bobby Bamber

**Funerals** 

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Christine Jenkinson

7<sup>th</sup> Mary Moulden

19<sup>th</sup> Barbara Riley (Memorial Service)

#### Our Holy Week and Easter Weekend Service will be:

Holy Week each day

12:00noon Prayers in the Market Square

Holy Wednesday

6:30pm Seder Meal – Church Hall

Maunday Thursday

7pm Communion and Stripping of the Sanctuary – St John

**Good Friday** 

2pm Hour by the Cross – St Cuthbert

**Easter Sunday** 

6:30am Sunrise Service - starting in the Market Square

8:30am BCP Communion – St Cuthbert

10:15am Easter Communion – both churches

12noon Baptism – St Cuthbert

#### **Doug Horley**

The nationally known children's evangelist Doug Horley (Dougie Dug Dug) visited Lytham in recently. The visit was arranged by 'The Churches in Lytham' supported by the 'Lytham Schools Foundation'.

Doug and his colleague led collective worship on a curriculum linked science theme at St Peters, Hall Park and Lytham CofE primary schools.

The children (and the staff) really enjoyed his presentations and indeed one school has already emailed him to ask him to come back. He made quite an impact! We are exploring a second invitation and for the visit to include a full performance from Doug and his team which we can invite everyone to.

#### The Bishop of Blackburn

The Rt Revd Julian Henderson, the Bishop of Blackburn, has announced his retirement. After close to 9 years with us he will move in the summer and settle in the south of England.

The Rt Revd Philip North, Bishop of Burnley, will take the lead in the Diocese until the next Bishop of Blackburn comes into post.

There will be a full recognition of his ministry in the coming months when we can show our appreciation for his ministry in our diocese.

#### JC Lytham

We understand that the Pastoral Scheme to unite our churches is now in its final stages with the Church Commissioners and the Bishop of Blackburn

The PCC have been working hard in preparation for this and there will be a period of overlap and transition.

We are planning to combine celebrating the new parish with a service, procession and lunch on Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> which also marks the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Look out for more details.

#### **Bible Study**

Our final 'Back to Basics - not so much a Bible Study as a study of the Bible', led by Revd Colin Crumpton is looking at the Passion according to John.

These monthly studies through the winter have been challenging, thought provoking and inspiring and we are so grateful to Colin for his teaching.

We meet on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm at Fosbrooke House, 8 Clifton Drive, FY8 5RQ, all welcome

#### Mothers' Union



Our March Meeting was well attended by twenty-five members. We very much enjoyed the talk and slide show on African Fabrics by Mrs. Judy Judkins who had made a wonderful collection whilst living out there.

The next meeting is on Thursday 14th April at 2.30 pm in church, when we welcome once again, Mrs Pat Ascroft whose talk is entitled Irish Horse Power.

Also, at this meeting we welcome 14 new members who will be enrolled by the Vicar, Rev. N. Wells. We hope as many members will be able to attend to give them a very warm welcome.

\*\*Margaret Fisher\*\*

#### Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Common Worship Calendar commemorates Dietrich Bonhoeffer on 9 April, providing 'Lutheran Pastor, Martyr, 1945' as additional information. This is day when he was hanged by the Nazis at Flossenbürg concentration camp, accused of association with the 20 July Plot on Hitler's life. It is recorded that, as he was led away, he said to a fellow-prisoner, 'This is the end — for me the beginning of life'.

Bonhoeffer was born in 1906, and was ordained into the Lutheran church in November 1931. He was a determined opponent of the Nazis from the time of the election campaign of 1933, which led to Hitler becoming Chancellor. He fought hard against Hitler's euthanasia programme and the persecution and genocide of the Jews, and was one of the notable church leaders who resisted Hitler's attempt to create a Nazified German Protestant Church. This involved the dismissal of pastors and other officials who were of Jewish descent, and even the removal of the Old Testament from the Bible. The Christian opposition issued various declarations against this, asserting the Bible's integrity, God's fidelity to the Jews as his chosen people, and the power of baptism, regardless of racial or ethnic descent. One of the earliest of these declarations was the Bethel Confession of 1933, which Bonhoeffer played a leading part in drafting. But it was then watered down, and Bonhoeffer refused to sign it. He felt unable to accept a parish post in Berlin offered to him that autumn, and instead decided to withdraw by taking a two-year post as pastor of two German-speaking Protestant churches in London. Further oppositional declarations were issued in Germany, most notably the Barmen Declaration in 1934, and so, when Bonhoeffer's appointment in London ended, he returned to Germany and became a leading figure in what had by then evolved into being the Confessing Church, the name given to those who resisted the Nazi distortion.

Bonheoffer had started his ecclesiastical career as a high-flying academic, beginning with studies in the renowned theological faculty in Tübingen. He went on to gain a doctorate in Berlin, followed by further postgraduate work and a teaching fellowship at the Union Theological Seminary in New York. Now, in support of the Confessing Church, he travelled around eastern Germany running underground seminaries. But he was pursued by the Nazis, who closed successive seminaries and banned him from Berlin. In February 1938 Bonhoeffer made initial contact with the members of the German Resistance when his brother-in-law, Hans von Dohnányi (father of the celebrated musical conductor)

introduced him to a group in Military Intelligence who were seeking Hitler's overthrow. In June 1939, however, Bonhoeffer accepted an invitation to return to the Union Theological Seminary in New York — a move he instantly regretted because of what was happening in Germany, and so he returned home only two weeks later. He had to report regularly to the police and was forbidden to publish anything or speak in public, but under the pretext of working for Military Intelligence, he travelled extensively, using his ecumenical connections abroad to make high-level contact with the Allies. With Dohnány he was also involved in helping German Jews escape to Switzerland. Bonhoeffer and Dohnánywere both arrested on 5 April 1943.

Bonhoeffer's practical actions were underpinned by his publications, most notably *The Cost of Discipleship* (on the Sermon on the Mount), *Ethics* (unfinished when he was arrested in 1943), and — perhaps best-known of all — his *Letters and Papers from Prison*, which were published after his death. *Joyce Hill* 

#### CHECK YOUR EASTER KNOWLEDGE

with the following twelve questions

- 1. Which Jewish feast was being celebrated during the week Christ was crucified?
- 2. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to prevent Jesus being taken prisoner?
- 3. What was the name of the high priest's servant in 2.?
- 4. For how many pieces of silver did Judas trade for the life of Jesus?
- 5. How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers?
- 6. In repentance, Judas returned money to the chief priests and the elders and then did what?
- 7. Who was surprisingly released before Pontius Pilate sentenced lesus to death?
- 8. Simon of Cyrene was compelled to carry the cross of Jesus. What

- were the names of Simon's two sons?
- 9. What was the inscription above the cross?
- 10. What happened in the Temple as a sign that the death of Jesus had made way for the individual believer to approach God?
- 11. Two men helped to prepare the body of Christ for burial. Who were they?
- 12. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ? The answers are given after the Quiz Questions.

#### Quiz Questions for April: LONDON, Above and Below

LONDON: England's capital city. Almost everyone has an opinion about it; some love it, others are less charitable towards it. Sadiq Khan, London's Mayor, considers that its strength is its diversity: 'It's wonderful to see the residents celebrating so many different traditions, determined to stand up to division.' The actor and broadcaster Stephen Fry wrote, 'London is like the English language: proudly barbaric yet deeply civilised too, common yet royal, vulgar yet professional, sacred yet profane.' The answers to the forty questions that follow all relate to places in London. The first twenty are above ground level, the second twenty are stations on the Underground.

- 1. Holmes' home, was it not? [5,6]
- 2. Best place in the whole world to watch Shakespeare [3,5,7]
- 3. Over water not so troubled in the year 2000 [10,6]
- 4. Sounds French, but you'll not meet any real celebrities here [6,8]
- 5. Soon after April for this Spring fête [7]
- 6. Joseph's younger brother was certainly not this tall [3,3]
- 7. Dock for the yellow bird [6,5]
- 8. Sounds very likeable if you added to this fast-growing tree [6]
- 9. God's own summer sports venue [5,7,6]
- 10. Tan Mann's Rum Food [anagram] [7,3,5]
- 11. Is this where nightingales sing? [8,6]
- 12. Sounds fishy, but it is housed in County Hall [3,6,8]
- 13. Small forest belonging to the disciple Jesus loved best [5,5,4]

- 14. Did the Egyptians actually use this for sewing? [10,6]
- 15. This shop doesn't only trade in white goods [10]
- 16. Far from young, Albert's wife is much reduced [3,3]
- 17. Sounds like the entire country could be framed here [3,8,7]
- 18. Elderly; not Bill or Rumpole [3,3,6]
- 19. Send away something unwanted, but swap the middle [4]
- 20. This French saint has pastures to follow [5,6,2,3,6]
- 21. This meeting didn't turn out well for Napoleon [8]
- 22. We're told it's falling down [6,6]
- 23. Hopefully, where your money is kept securely [4]
- 24. Sounds almost as though NASA has a problem [6]
- 25. Irate monarch [5,5]
- 26. A limit of 5,280 feet [4,3]
- 27. A buoyant place of worship [9]
- 28. Motor company [8]
- 29. Agony aunt Claire's little street [7,4]
- 30. Dogs which are up the wrong tree? [7]
- 31. No ringmaster up at this ancient university [6,6]
- 32. Rabbits can be found in this thoroughfare, perhaps? [6,6]
- 33. Letters to the Corinthians and others belonged to him [5,5]
- 34. Creature with a fondness for marmalade [10]
- 35. This sounds as though a nobleman has been captured [5,5]
- 36. Mound [10]
- 37. Hear a warning sound in a house of God [10]
- 38. With four sides, won the Premier League in 2015-6 [9,6]
- 39. A store of weapons in North London [7]
- 40. The sound of leaves, multiplied by itself [7,6]

#### Answers to these questions will appear in the next issue.

PRIZE Quiz Questions for March: HOME: KEEP IT IN-HOUSE Answers

- 1. Picture, 2. Mop, 3. Towel, 4. Oven, 5. Beams, 6. Wallpaper,
- 7. Umbrella stand, 8. Kettle, 9. Fireplace, 10. Tablecloth, 11. Curtain poles, 12. Cake tins, 13. Bannister, 14. Grill, 15. Teapot, 16. Table,

- 17. Knife, 18. Bowls, 19. Handles, 20. Sofa, 21. Chair, 22. Walls,
- 23. Sideboard, 24. Switch, 25. Roof, 26. Stairs, 27. Microwave, 28. Mat,
- 29. Ceiling, 30. Shower, 31. Cake stand, 32. Hinges, 33. Tiles,
- 34. Shelving, 35. Pans, 36. Wardrobe, 37. Window, 38. Tap, 39. Mirror,
- 40. Stool, 41. Bricks, 42. Dishwasher, 43. Bath, 44. Cushion,
- 45. Glasses, 46. Drains, 47. Plaster, 48. Potato peeler, 49. Toaster,
- 50. Freezer.

We had one lucky winner who managed a great score of 49/50, well done. Can you get them all right? Please send your completed quiz to David Matthews.

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#### The Ministry Team

Vicar: Revd Nick Wells

**Q** 01253 279676

Hon. Assistant Priest: Revd Helen Houston

Revd Peter Law-Jones

Licensed Lay Joanne Hutchinson Angela Lee
Ministers: David Matthews Bev Wells

Nicola Whitehead

#### Our worship services

Daily Prayer will be said on Facebook at 9am on Monday Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for the time being.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
8:30am BCP Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's	St John's	St Cuthbert's	St John's	-
10:15am CW Holy Communion	St John's & St Cuthbert's	St Cuthbert's	St John's	St Cuthbert's	Joint Service
10:15am Service of the Word	-	St John's	St Cuthbert's	St John's	Joint Service
12noon Baptisms	St John's	St Cuthbert's	St John's	St Cuthbert's	-

Wednesday 11am	St Cuthbert's	St	St	St	St
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