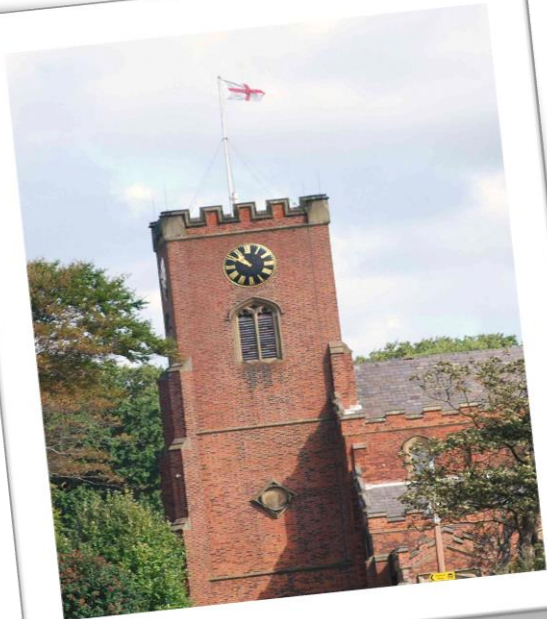
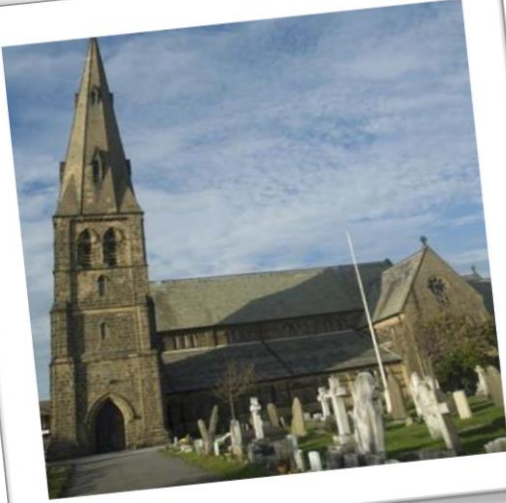


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June 2022

Dear Friends,

During our recent holiday I was asked what I did for a living. After a slight hesitation I told them I was a vicar. The woman took one look at the glass of red wine in my hand and asked if I was allowed to 'drink that'.

It isn't the first time and no doubt won't be the last that such question will be asked, I am sure.

But it gives a glimpse of what most people think when they encounter a Christian. That followers of Jesus are 'party poopers', devoted to a life where there is no fun.

This is such a shame because it is not true. Jesus first miracle was turning water into wine and in Luke 7:33-34 he says, 'The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at this glutton and drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!''

So, it is okay that as Christians, we do allow ourselves to celebrate and indeed we will be doing just so on Sunday 5th June. This is when Pentecost falls this year, when the gift of the Holy Spirit was given by God to his church. It is also the weekend of the celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, a Queen who has shown a deep and faithful devotion to Christ. We will also be marking the creation of our new parish of JC Lytham where "Two Buildings are becoming One Family

Our celebrations, which are more fully laid out in a later article, include worship, walking, communion, eating, drinking and singing in what promises to be a great day.



Please be ready to join in and remember Christians have much to celebrate, especially this year and in this town.

Yours in Christ,



Queen's Platinum Jubilee

On Pentecost Sunday, 5th June, we will be holding a combined service recognising the gift of the Holy Spirit, the new Parish of JC Lytham and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The service will begin at 10.15am at St John's, we will then informally walk along the promenade pausing to pray for our town, when we arrive at St Cuthbert's we will be welcomed with coffee and cake before sharing communion together. *(If you are not able to walk, please do travel by car, or if you feel attending both churches may be too much for you, please feel able to come for one part of the service).*

There will then be a BBQ on the St Cuthbert's Vicarage lawn, tickets will be available from tomorrow priced £5. We will conclude the BBQ with a Songs of Praise.

APCM

At our recent Annual Parochial Church Meeting the following people were elected to serve:

as Churchwardens - Susan Holman and David Hyland

as Deputy Churchwardens - Deborah Edwards a second position remains vacant;

as Kirkham Deanery Synod Representatives - Deborah Edwards, Rachel Higginbotham, Wendy Riley and Elizabeth Willis

as Parochial Church Council members - Iain Ashcroft, Kay Hopper, Linda Hyland, Rachel Leaper, Claire Rowlings and Julie Smith

Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in standing for these positions and pray that each of those elected may serve faithfully.

We also wish to thank those who served as Churchwardens and PCC members in each of the old parishes during the last year and are grateful for the support they continue to show.

Licensing of Revd Emma Swarbrick

Emma will be licensed as our Mission Enabler at St John's on Tuesday 16th August at 7pm by the Bishop of Burnley and the Archdeacon of Lancaster. Please put the date in your diary to ensure you are there to support her and see another piece of the Parish of JC Lytham put into place.

Listening Course

Through June Nick we be leading a course to look at pastoral. The course will look at pastoral care and especially the importance of listening. We will draw on a book entitled 'Swift to Hear' written by Michael Jacobs and published by SPCK.

Over the four weeks we will consider general pastoral care and visiting, how to listen well and how to respond. Everyone is welcome to attend and following on from these evenings Nick will be looking to invite those that have an aptitude for pastoral work to become pastoral visitors for us.

The evenings start on 7th June at 7pm and will run each Tuesday through the month meeting at St Cuthbert's.

Christian Meditation

The contemplative tradition in Christianity traces its origins back to Jesus himself. It became part of the pattern of the early Church Fathers and early mystics. The Benedictine Monk, John Main (1926 – 82), founded the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) based on this ancient tradition.

The practice used within WCCM involves the use of a prayer which is said inwardly, faithfully and longingly during a time of meditation and is known as 'the prayer of the heart'.

A group meet on a Thursday from 7pm – 8pm at St John the Evangelist's Church Hall in Lund. If you may be interested in joining them, please ring Carol Broughton on 07883 528617 or email

lundmeditation@gmail.com

From the Registers

Baptisms

May

1st George Freddie Whitaker

Oscar Bertie Whitaker

22nd Elijah James Hyland

Evie Rose Hyland

Callie Bee Armstrong

Weddings

May

14th Oliver Moore and Lydia Stringer

28th Adam Tomkewycz and Charlotte Owen

Funerals

May

11th Pamela Bottomley

19th Gerald Wildish

Mothers' Union



The May meeting was very enjoyable when we welcomed

Rev. Fleur Green, of Broughton Parish Church, who gave us a very interesting talk and slides about Famous Women and their Jewellery. It was particularly delightful that she also enrolled the remaining three ladies from St. John's Church to whom we give a very warm welcome.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday, 9th June at 2.30pm for Afternoon Tea at Lytham Hall**. There are still places available, please let me know **asap** if you would like to join us.

Kirkham Deanery Festival is to be held on June 21st at 7.30 pm at St. Annes Parish Church. Please try to attend to support Debbie Edwards who will be carrying St. Cuthbert's Banner.

Margaret Fisher

The Shaping of the Old Testament

My earlier articles this year on the Codex Sinaiticus and the Dead Sea Scrolls have raised the issue of when and how the Bible came together in the form that we know today. So, I have decided to devote June and July to the Old and New Testaments respectively.

We tend to think of our Old Testament as being simply the Jewish or Hebrew Bible. But it isn't quite as straightforward as that because, despite the large amounts of common ground, there are some differences in content and in the ordering of the books (which took some time to be settled in both Jewish and Christian traditions). Additionally, of course, the relative importance of the various books is different in each of the faiths and there are inevitably differences in the way they are read. Although the earliest surviving manuscript of the 24 books of the Hebrew Bible is from the eleventh century, what was accepted as 'in' and what was regarded as 'out' was most likely settled by the second century CE. In Judaism, this had been arrived at by a process of gradual consensus over several centuries, not by any kind of official decision. In this, the Jewish Bible differs from the Christian which, although it also developed gradually, was ultimately validated— confirmed as a fixed canon – by conciliar decree. That, however, did not take place until the fourth century. Throughout the period we often refer to as 'biblical times', there was actually no Bible: it was still in formation.

So, one of the reasons why there are differences between the form and content of the Jewish Bible and the Christian Old Testament is that there was some fluidity in the period when the Christian Bible was developing. There wasn't, in other words, a defined set of texts from the time of Christ, with a fixed order, which Christianity could choose to take over, reinterpret, and rename as the Old Testament, alongside their own still evolving New Testament.

Origen (c.185-c.253) was one of the leading figures in giving theological shape to the already existing sense in Christian tradition that the various Jewish authority-texts, referred to by Jesus, Paul and the gospel-writers, indicated a divine plan, which had been fulfilled in the coming of Jesus as the Messiah, to which the new Christian texts bore witness. Hence, from this time onwards, we have an elaborated and theologically grounded sense of a New Testament (the New Covenant) that needs to be set alongside the Jewish Covenant, as embodied in their writings. These books consequently became, in the Christian context, the Old Covenant or Old Testament, read and understood as witness to a larger plan that had been prefigured (OT) and was now fulfilled (NT).

In Judaism today the biblical books are ordered as: The Law (the Torah), The Prophets (major and minor) and The Writings (sundry works, including the Psalms). Given the new way of reading what it understood as the Old Testament, Christianity quickly began to give distinctive shape to its collection of 'Old Testament' books in order to support its interpretative scheme. Thus the Old Testament beings with history (as the Jewish Bible does), but ends with the prophets, so leading into the New Testament, where the prophecies find their fulfilment. The fixity of this new order was easily preserved because, exceptionally, Christian Bibles were, from the start, always written as sequential texts in books (codices), rather than as individual texts on rolls. But that's a story for another time.

Joyce Hill

Problems for June: Brainteasers

With several days of Bank Holiday soon to be with us, there will be ample time for you to exercise your grey matter. I believe I have arranged the following problems in increasing order of difficulty.

1. I am the beginning of the end, as well as the end of time and space. I am essential to creation and I surround every place. What am I?
2. What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?
3. Two salesmen, Alan and Bob travel by taxi from their office to visit their customers. Alan's customer lives 10 km from the office, Bob's is 20 km distant. The route to Bob's customer passes by Alan's directly. The total taxi fare is 20 pounds. What part of this should each pay?
Assume no set hire charge and the fare to be proportional to the distance travelled.
4. A grandfather clock chimes the appropriate number of times to indicate the hour, as well as chiming once at each quarter hour. If you were in another room and heard the clock chime just once, what would be the longest period of time you would have to wait in order to be absolutely certain of the correct time?
5. A train comprises an engine plus eleven passenger carriages. In any three consecutive carriages there are 99 passengers. With 381 passengers in total, how many of them are in carriage nine?
6. A gardener plants a straight-line row of 100 strawberries in his garden, all 1 metre apart. Each plant will produce just one strawberry. At picking time, the gardener placed his basket 1 metre from the end of the row, picked the fruit and carried each to the basket one by one. Starting and finishing at the basket, how far would he have walked when he had collected all 100 strawberries?
7. Find a word of nine letters which becomes a new word when letters are omitted one at a time. It will be helpful to know that one such word begins with S and ends with G.

8. Consider the numbers 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 which must be kept in this order. Using only either plus [+] signs or minus [-] signs between them, what is the minimum number of these signs which gives the line a total of 100?
9. The numbers 9 to 1 again as in 8: using two + signs and three – signs, there is only one way to obtain the answer 2.
Can you find it?

Answers to these problems will appear in the next issue.

Quiz Questions for May: A RIGHT ROYAL OCCASION: answers

1. Kenya, 2. 27, 3. Crete, 4. James I, 5. Clarence House, 6. 1992,
7. Mustique, 8. Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, 9. History of Art,
10. Perth, 11. Rachel Zane, 12. Catherine, 13. Peter Phillips, 2008,
14. Gloucestershire, 15. 14, 16. Cornwall, 17. The Old Man of Lochnagar,
18. Pope John Paul II, 19. Henry VIII, 20. Glamis Castle, 21. Richard I,
22. George V, Edward VIII, George VI, Elizabeth II, 23. April 21st,
24. 1997, 25. Daniel Craig, 26. Danny Boyle, 27. Sarah Ferguson,
- Duchess of York, 28. Zara Tindall, 29. Tower of London, 30. 18th century,
31. Sandringham, 32. Helena Bonham Carter, Olivia Colman, 33. The
- Trooping of the Colour, 34. One, the Queen, 35. Princess Margaret,
36. The Duchy of Lancaster, 37. Caernarvon, 38. Viscount Linley, son of
- Princess Margaret, 39. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury,
40. Stanley Baldwin.

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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 Communion	St Cuthbert's	St Cuthbert's	St Cuthbert's	St Cuthbert's	St Cuthbert's
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