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LYTHAM



May 2022

Dear Friends,

If there is one moment in history I could be present at it would have to be the Walk to Emmaus, Luke 24 :13-35

The journey takes place after the tragedy of the crucifixion and in the uncertainty of the resurrection. Two of Jesus disciples decide enough is enough and walk to their home in Emmaus having given up on all the hope Jesus has sown through his ministry.



As they walk, they are joined by a stranger who enquires why they are so down. The stranger then begins to explain all that God has foretold surrounding Jesus and that his crucifixion will be followed by the resurrection. Fancy hearing first hand with the risen Jesus explaining old testament prophecy and revealing the salvation plan of God that this speaker has just secured.

It is only as they offer hospitality and Jesus shares the bread and wine with them that they realise who this stranger is. They immediately return to the other disciples in Jerusalem to share the good news, change for ever.

Fancy being with the freshly risen Jesus as he explains all these things both in his words and through his actions.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Wells'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Parish of JC Lytham

On 22nd March 2022 the new parish of JC Lytham formally came into being replacing the former two parishes. This has come after long and thorough consultation and discussion and has been signed off by both the Bishop of Blackburn and the Church Commissioners.

We will celebrate with a service and processions on Pentecost Sunday 5th June. The service will begin at St John's at 10:15am and we will then process along the promenade pausing to pray and sing together and then concluding at St Cuthbert's. This is also the Sunday of the Queen's Jubilee so the service will be followed by a picnic on St Cuthbert's Vicarage lawn.

Club Day

Our Rose Queen this year is Bea Smith who attends Lytham CofE Primary School and is one of our Sunday School children. We will talk more about Club Day next month, but in the mean time you are invited to join 'Queen Bea' for a Coffee Morning raising funds for Lytham Club Day in the church hall at St Cuthbert's on Saturday 7th May.

APCM

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on Wednesday 18th May at 7pm in St Cuthbert's. At the meeting we will receive the Report and Accounts for both churches for 2021.

We will also be electing Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Reps and PCC members (who are the Trustees for the parish). Please do consider putting yourself forward for these posts in order to serve God in our parish.

All the paperwork for the meeting is available on the St Cuthbert's website, with hard copies at the back of each church for those who struggle to access the internet.

From the Registers

Baptisms

April

10th Roman George Wilson

17th Harper-Jean Tew

24th Freddie Sam Matthew Lee

Georgia Amelia Beaumont

Wedding

April

7th Rita Challinor and Noel Gavin

Funerals

April

5th Joyce Cook

13th Dorothy Russell

26th Glenis Taylor

Mothers' Union



The April meeting was commenced with the Enrolment Service conducted by the Rev. N. Wells of seven ladies from St. John's Church and two ladies from St. Cuthbert's to become members of Mothers' Union.

A very warm welcome was given to the new members and it is hoped they will find friendship in our Branch and enjoy our meetings and social occasions.

The speaker was Mrs Pat Ascroft who gave a very interesting talk on 'Irish Horse Power' in which she spent a week in a horse drawn caravan, an amazing feat for this remarkable lady. Pat has recently received the MBE for raising the most funds in Lancashire for Mencap.

We were thanked by Mrs Brenda Squires, Deanery President, for our contribution to the MU Preston Prison Project, particularly for the beautiful knitted cardigans and blankets by Mrs Thelma Band.

Our next meeting is on Thurs. 12th May at 2.30pm in church when we welcome the Rev. Fleur Green who will talk to us about 'The Jewellery of two Famous Women' also show slides.

We hope to enrol four more ladies into Mothers Union at this meeting.

All welcome.

Margaret Fisher

The Dead Sea Scrolls

My recent article on the Codex Sinaiticus has led a few people ask if I would also write about the Dead Sea Scrolls because, like the Codex, they have been discovered in modern times and have similarly advanced our understanding of the history of biblical texts. The Codex Sinaiticus is a

complete Christian bible, but its greatest impact has been on our understanding of the evolution and textual history of the New Testament, for reasons that I explained back in March. The Dead Sea Scrolls, by contrast, are important for the study of the Hebrew Scriptures, our Old Testament, and what we know as the Old Testament Apocrypha, found in bibles of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox tradition, but which was a collection of texts initially not carried over into the Protestant biblical tradition — clearly a topic that would be worth writing about on another occasion!

It was in late 1946 or early 1947 that a Bedouin shepherd came across a large collection of rolled up scrolls in the Qumran caves, close to the north shore of the Dead Sea. Their importance was quickly recognised and extensive searches were made, leading to the discovery of many thousands of fragments and some texts that are complete or nearly so, variously in Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek and Nabataean. Although they have survived by being in a very dry climate and away from the sun, they are exceedingly fragile. A great deal of work remains to be done on them, not least in identifying what works the fragments are from and in safely unrolling and reading those that still exist as scrolls. However, it is now clear that the manuscripts — a few written on papyrus, but most on parchment — are a collection over a wide expanse of time: from the third century BCE to the first century CE.

About 40% are copies of books from the Hebrew Bible (our Old Testament). Before this discovery, the oldest surviving Hebrew-language Scriptures were from the tenth century CE, such as the Aleppo Bible. But the Dead Sea Scrolls are a thousand years earlier. Interestingly, the Scrolls have shown that these texts have remained very stable over a long period: they do not show evidence of textual change that might have been expected. Rather, they witness to an extraordinarily persistent tradition of very careful copying, placing the preservation of holy texts in an altogether different league from the copying of other material.

A further 30% of the texts are works from the Second Temple period (516 BCE to 70 CE) which did not finally make it into the approved collection of Hebrew Scriptures. These include the Book of Tobit and Ecclesiasticus or the Wisdom of Sirach, books that remain in the Christian Old Testament Apocrypha.

The remaining 30% are previously unknown texts which were evidently for the use of a sect which had developed from within Judaism, and which had similarities in some of its thinking with aspects of Christian teaching, itself, of course, coming out of Judaism. This community seems to have held possessions in common and to have lived together according to a rule. Most scholars identify them with the Essenes, who are alluded to in a number of texts from around the time of Christ.

Almost everything found is held by Israel, since 1965 in the specially constructed Shrine of the Book, which also houses the Aleppo Bible and other early manuscripts. It is here that the painstaking research is carried out and the Scrolls are displayed in rotation.

Joyce Hill

Quiz Questions for May: A RIGHT ROYAL OCCASION

2022 is quite a year for anniversaries. Among them are 100 years of the BBC, 110 years since *Titanic* left Southampton, and 150 years since the first FA Cup Final.

Also, on 6th February 2022, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking seventy years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

To celebrate this remarkable anniversary, a specially extended Bank Holiday weekend, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, will provide an opportunity for communities to come together to acknowledge a historic milestone and Her Majesty's dedication and unswerving loyalty to our

nation. During these four days of early June, an extensive programme of events will combine ceremonial splendour and pageantry with sophisticated technological displays.

With all this in mind, it seems like a good time to test your knowledge of royalty and the monarchy with forty questions.

1. In which country was Princess Elizabeth on tour when her father, King George VI, died?
2. What age was the Queen at the time of her Coronation?
3. On which island was the Duke of Edinburgh born?
4. Who was the first monarch of both England and Scotland at the same time?
5. What is the name of Prince Charles's official residence?
6. In which year did the Queen have her *Annus Horribilis*?
7. Princess Margaret had a holiday home on which private island in the Caribbean?
8. Which Royal used to work for the Really Useful Theatre Company?
9. William and Kate met at university. Which main subject did both of them study?
10. In 2011, an amendment to the royal succession laws was signed in which Australian city?
11. Name the character played by Meghan Markle in *Suits*.
12. Henry VIII had six wives. Which first name did three of them share?
13. Who did Autumn Kelly marry, and in which year?
14. In which English county is Gatcombe Park?
15. How many Prime Ministers have come into power during the reign of Elizabeth II?
16. There are two English Duchies, Lancaster and?
17. Name the title of the children's book written by Prince Charles in 1980.
18. The wedding of Charles and Camilla in 2005 was postponed because of the death of which world figure?
19. Which English monarch is said to have composed the tune *Greensleeves* ?

20. Which Scottish castle was the childhood home of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother?
21. Which English king was nicknamed *The Lionheart*?
22. Name the four British monarchs belonging to the House of Windsor.
23. What is the date of the Queen's 'real' birthday?
24. In which year was the royal yacht *HMY Britannia* decommissioned?
25. For the London Olympics in 2012, the Queen played herself in a short film as part of the opening ceremony alongside which actor?
26. Which film director created the sequence in the previous question?
27. Who wrote the 1989 children's book *Budgie the Little Helicopter*?
28. Which member of the Royal Family has won an Olympic silver medal?
29. Where did King Edward V and his younger brother Richard of Shrewsbury meet their untimely deaths?
30. In which century was Buckingham Palace built?
31. Where have the Royal Family traditionally spent Christmas?
32. Which two actresses have played Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in separate projects?
33. Which event is also known as the Queen's Birthday March?
34. How many members of the Royal Family are exempt from carrying a passport when travelling abroad?
35. Who was the first member of the Royal Family to be born in Scotland for more than 300 years?
36. The Queen's private income is called the Privy Purse. Where does this money come from?
37. The Prince of Wales was invested in which Welsh castle in 1969?
38. Who is the first in line of succession to the throne, not a descendant of Elizabeth II?
39. Who conducted the marriage of William and Catherine in 2011?
40. Who was the Prime Minister at the time of Edward VIII's abdication?

CHECK YOUR EASTER KNOWLEDGE: Answers

1. Passover [Luke 22.1], 2. Peter [John 18.10], 3. Malchus [John 18.10], 4. Thirty [Mt 26.15], 5. By giving him a kiss [Mt 26.47-49], 6. Hanged himself [Mt 27.3-5], 7. Barabbas [Mt 27.15-26, Mark 15.6-15, Luke 23.18, John 18.40], 8. Alexander, Rufus [Mark 15.21], 9. 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews' [Luke 23.38, John 19.19], 10. The veil in the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom, [Mt 27.51], 11. Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus [John 19.38-42], 12. Mary Magdalene [Mark 16.9].

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

1. Baker Street, 2. The Globe Theatre, 3. Millennium Bridge, 4. Madame Tussauds, 5. Mayfair, 6. Big Ben, 7. Canary Wharf, 8. Poplar, 9. Lord's Cricket Ground, 10. Fortnum and Mason, 11. Berkeley Square, 12. The London Aquarium, 13. Saint John's Wood, 14. Cleopatra's Needle, 15. Selfridges, 16. Old Vic, 17. The National Gallery, 18. The Old Bailey, 19. Soho, 20. Saint Martin in the Fields, 21. Waterloo, 22. London Bridge, 23. Bank, 24. Euston, 25. Kings Cross, 26. Mile End, 27. Upminster, 28. Vauxhall, 29. Rayners Lane, 30. Barking, 31. Oxford Circus, 32. Warren Street, 33. Saint Pauls, 34. Paddington, 35. Earls Court, 36. Embankment, 37. Hornchurch, 38. Leicester Square, 39. Arsenal, 40. Russell Square.

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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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