

St
LYTHAM



September
2022

Dear Friends,

Since we agreed to proceed with creating our new parish a few of us have been reviewing and rewriting Policies and Procedures.

The PCC are agreeing to a few at each meeting including Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Financial Controls. It can all feel a little dry, but is also important.

Additionally, we are drawing up Role Descriptions for the many and varied positions within our church community and I am so grateful to everyone who is continuing with or accepting a new role.

One area we are seeking to re-establish is our Pastoral Care so I am inviting anyone who may be interested in becoming a Pastoral Visitor for JC Lytham to write to me to explain why they would wish to be involved and what gifts and experiences they bring to the role. I ran a short course introducing pastoral care and the importance of listening earlier in the summer which I hope helped a few of you consider this ministry.

The Role Description is on our website - jclytham.church - which gives an outline of the expectations, which will include the necessity to complete a safeguarding DBS check.

Caring for members of our church community and beyond is a basic premise of the teaching of Jesus. Loving our neighbour and supporting those in need has to be a part of a healthy church.

Yours in Christ,



Introduction to the Revd Emma Swarbrick

It's great to finally be here. I'm so looking forward to getting to know the wonderful worshipping communities of St. Cuthbert's and St. John's and to join you in making the good news of Jesus Christ known throughout Lytham.

We have much to learn about each other! So here is a potted history of me:

Like many of you, I am 'sand-grown', having been born in Blackpool Vic and spending my first 18 years living in St. Annes. At the age of 18 I went to Lancaster to train as a primary school teacher. Most of my teaching career was spent at Goosnargh Oliverson's C of E Primary School, where I taught in each of the junior classes. I lived in Preston for 6 years, where I worshiped at Christ Church Fulwood. I trained as an LLM in the diocese before moving to Bristol to train for ordination at Trinity College. I began my curacy in Blackpool South Shore before the pandemic, then after a year's hiatus, the welcome addition of my two lovely children to the family, and a lot of time spent at home, I moved to continue my curacy at St Thomas' Blackpool.

A few interesting facts about me:

I taught myself to crochet with the help of YouTube videos and within a year had made an entire set of nativity figures.

I have an eclectic taste in music. You are as likely to catch me listening to Classic FM as Radio 1. You probably won't catch me listening to jazz though...

Singing is my joy! I have sung in choirs almost without break since I was at school. One of my greatest achievements is to have taken my school choir all the way to the final of the county-wide Last Choir Singing competition.

I love to walk and have walked the Yorkshire Three Peaks three times! I walked the Camino de Santiago in 2017 and one day I'm determined to walk it again.

I am passionate about the church of God being a place of welcome and celebration for people of all ages and stages. We are best when we are an inclusive and diverse community learning from each other.

Emma's Licensing

The Licensing of our Mission Enabler on Tuesday 16th August was a real blessing and another significant moment in the creation of the new parish of JC Lytham. We look forward to getting to know Emma in the coming months and to her ministry here focusing on mission, outreach and discipleship.

The photo is of Emma with the Bishop of Blackburn and the Mayor and Mayoress of the Fylde on the evening.



Mugs

We have available JC Lytham mugs with our parish logo on them available for sale. We are aiming to also use them for our teas and coffees in both churches too. If you would like to buy one please get in touch with Bev at bev@jclytham.church. Or why not buy two and donate the second to the church. The price is £8.50 for one or £15 for a pair.



From the Registers

Baptisms

August

14th Carter James Vaughan

Funerals

August

11th Margaret Wostanholme

16th Elma Sandford

Bible Study Groups

We will be offering the opportunity for people to join a Bible Study Group again shortly. These are opportunities for each one of us to consider our faith and grow as Jesus' disciples. Please watch out for further details shortly.

We will also be running an Alpha course at the beginning of next year.

Mothers' Union



We begin the Autumn Session on Thursday 8th September at 2.30 pm in Church. We

welcome our speaker Mr. R. Neale who will talk to us about the ' Magic of the Theatre'. All welcome.

We look forward to meeting up again and trust you have all enjoyed a very pleasant Summer.

Mums & Toddlers (aka Bertie Bear Club) starts again on Wednesday 7th September at 9.45 am when we hope to welcome some new faces amongst our regular little ones.

Margaret Fisher

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is on Sunday 25th September in both our churches.

The services are:

- 8:30am Communion at St John
- 10:15am Harvest Communion at St Cuthbert with Lytham CofE
 Primary School
- 10:15am Harvest Service of the Word at St John

In line with tradition, we will be receiving harvest gifts and would ask particularly for non-perishable donations which will then be given to the Fylde Foodbank and other local worthy causes.

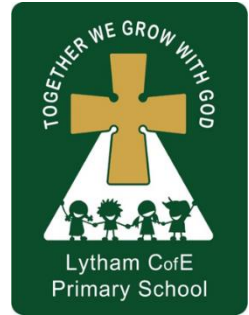
We would welcome any donations of non-perishable food and toiletries which will be donated equally to the Food Bank and Harbour House. Donations will be welcomed in Church on Sundays throughout September.

Helping at our School

Would you be interested in spending time with our wonderful children?

Lytham Church of England Primary School would appreciate voluntary help with reading, craftwork and general events for the 2022/23 academic year.

If you would like to help us, please contact: office@lytham.lancs.sch.uk for further details.



All volunteers will be required to apply to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) for a 'disclosure'. Information provided by you or the Disclosure and Barring Service will be dealt with in a confidential manner in accordance with the DBS's Code of Practice.

Tuesday and Thursday Together

With the worry cost of heating this winter we are aware that people have concerned how they will both keep warm and eat in the colder months. The PCC has therefore agreed that we will have each church open from 10am until 4pm one day a week from the beginning of October.

Working with the local group 'Laugh, Live, Love' we will be offering a warm church building with various activities and quiet spaces for anyone to come along. As well as drinks through the day there will also be soup and sandwiches available at lunch time.

St John's will be open on a Tuesday and St Cuthbert's on a Thursday.

We are offering a warm welcome to you

St John Chrysostom

St John Chrysostom is one of the great saints of the Eastern Church commemorated in the Anglican calendar. His feast-day should be 14 September, the date of his death in 407. But this clashes with Holy Cross Day (a red-letter day), so his feast is celebrated on 13 September instead. He was renowned as a preacher: his sermons (over 700 of them) are scholarly in content and very vigorous in tone, and it is clear that he pulled no punches when tackling what he saw as the challenging issues of the day! It was his eloquence that quickly earned him the flattering nickname of 'Chrysostomos', meaning 'golden mouthed'. He wrote several treatises also, including one on the exalted nature of priesthood, another on the incomprehensibility of the Divine Nature and, alongside this, a book of Instructions to Catechumens, which has had a lasting influence on the catechism of the western church. But it is chiefly his influence on the liturgy that keeps his memory alive today. Even now the Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches of the Byzantine Rite use 'The Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom' as the normal Eucharistic liturgy. Modern experts debate Chrysostom's exact connection with this liturgy as it has come down the centuries, but the belief that he was the author gives this liturgy a special status and recognises his undoubted influence as a liturgist.

Surprisingly, perhaps, the Church of England has its own connection with him since it was his liturgy that Thomas Cranmer drew upon when he composed the Litany, as published in the original Book of Common Prayer of 1549. This Litany included a prayer believed to be by St John Chrysostom and, in the 1662 BCP (the one that endures to this day), this prayer was printed as one of the possible concluding prayers for Matins and Evensong. It's the familiar prayer that has in it the phrase 'that when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their request'. Whether it really was written by John Chrysostom, we will never know, but it is rubricated in the BCP and in Common Worship as 'A Prayer

of St Chrysostom'. Given his importance in the development of the Greek liturgy, I like the fact that, thanks to Cranmer, the Anglican tradition also has a liturgical connection with him, slender though it is.

St John was born c. 347 and was educated first in the law and then in theology at the great centre of learning in Antioch. He felt called to the monastic life and for a time lived as a hermit, when he began the extreme asceticism which permanently undermined his health. Bishop Flavian of Antioch ordained him deacon in 381 and priest in 386, appointing him to devote special attention to preaching. For the next twelve years he preached sermons on many of the biblical books, earning himself a reputation as an outstanding biblical interpreter and moralist and, as we have seen, the name 'golden mouthed'. Much against his wishes, in 398 he was made Patriarch of Constantinople, but once in post determinedly set about reform, presenting uncompromising moral challenges to other senior ecclesiastics and to the Empress Eudoxia. The enemies he made brought about his ruin. Following a packed trial, in 404 he was removed from his see. When this did not silence him, he was banished, first to Antioch and then to Pontus on the Black Sea. He was finally deliberately killed by enforced travelling on foot in bad weather.

Joyce Hill

Quiz Questions for September: HIGH FLYING BIRDS

Birds receive many mentions in the Bible – almost 300, in fact. They are written about much more frequently in the Old Testament than in the New. Birds are very important to God. Just as he created human beings for a purpose, so he also created different kinds of birds. They symbolize strength, hope or omens; they are mentioned in poems, songs and ancient mythologies. In the Bible, they are sometimes mentioned to illustrate some deeper meaning: consider them as messengers with applications to the lives of each one of us.

Here are thirty-nine cryptic clues to the names of birds. Will you fly through them or, like the ostrich, will you fail to leave the ground only to bury your head in the sand?

Question 40. is an extension to some of the answers.

1. Sheryl and Russell, perhaps? [4]
2. Hedge, house or tree: none are safe from this [11]
3. E avoids the rush [6]
4. Keeps an eye on the lines at Wimbledon [4]
5. If you buy at *Exquisite*, you must pay this [8]
6. David Cassidy was a member of this family [9]
7. Rossini's thief [6]
8. Poe's *Nevermore* is shiny and black [5]
9. Integral to a Swiss timepiece [6]
10. The family residence of Captain Jack [5,7]
11. This bird sang *That's What Friends Are For* to Mowgli [7]
12. This man could be useful for clearing snow [9]
13. Almost a two-wheeled form of transport [6]
14. This pair sound capable [6]
15. A colourful royal angler [10]
16. Related to Sir Christopher? [4]
17. One of Tolkien's unpleasant races [3]
18. Danger colour raised on the end of a string [3,4]
19. Connected with Sutton and Edgar Allan [6]
20. Arthur Ransome paired this bird with Amazons [7]

21. No longer do children learn in this fashion [6]
22. Should be good at shorthand typing [9,4]
23. Having a laugh in the air [7]
24. Sounds as though this avian ridicules or derides [7,4]
25. The bounty of the countryside: barley, corn, potatoes, wheat, maybe [9]
26. Ten Brit, all confused [7]
27. Sounds like an argument over a mild curry [9]
28. The fastest of all wanderers [9,6]

29. Could be fuel for a rough voyage at sea [5,6]
30. Just one letter of the alphabet [3]
31. Could be one or t'other [5]
32. Keep jam in here after dark [8]
33. Sounds like a talker working underground [5,4]
34. Dan Dare and The Mekon: good comic reading [5]
35. Ya went low, confused: *Strix aluco* to the scholar [5,3]
36. This one could fly like a missile [6]
37. This chicken one is good for dunking [6]
38. Used as decoration at parties and processions [7]
39. They have their day each year on 14th February [9]
40. Refer to your answers to clues 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 19, 20, 34 and 35.

These birds can be found in one or more [NRSV] Bible verses.
Identify one such verse for each bird.

Answers will appear in the next issue.

Quiz Questions for August: CONNECTIONS: Answers

Set 1 1. Top Gear, 2. Duchess of Cambridge, 3. James Garfield, 4. Felixstowe, 5. Tom Stoppard. Connection: Fictional cats [Top Cat, Duchess, Garfield, Felix, Tom].

Set 2 1. Tom Clancy, 2. Roman roads, 3. National Express, 4. Palace of Westminster, 5. Battle of the Bulge. Connection: Abbeys [Abbey Clancy, Abbey Road, Abbey National, Westminster Abbey, Battle Abbey].

Set 3 1. Aston Martin, 2. Isle of Man, 3. Hurricane Katrina, 4. George Bernard Shaw, 5. Logan International. Connection: Eurovision Song Contest winners [Linda Martin, Brotherhood of Man, Katrina and the Waves, Sandie Shaw, Johnny Logan].

Set 4 1. Isle of Wight, 2. Bailey, 3. Geoffrey Fisher, 4. Tyne Daly, 5. Vanity Fair. Connection: Shipping forecast areas [Wight, Bailey, Fisher, Tyne, Fair Isle].

Set 5 1. T S Eliot, 2. Premium Bonds, 3. Zane Grey, 4. Melvyn Bragg, 5. Billy Butlin. Connection: Billy/Billie [Eliot, Bonds, Zane, Bragg, Butlins].

Set 6 1. Walker Art Gallery, 2. Stuart Pearce, 3. Bishop, 4. Williams,

5. Julia Roberts. Connection: Past and present Coronation Street characters [Walker, Pearce, Bishop, Williams, Roberts].

Table Top Sales

If you are interested in booking a table, please contact the Organiser, Marlene, on 07902 092 215.

The dates for 2022: 24th September, 29th October and 26th November.

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Tuesday	9am-3pm	Tumble Tots – Tumbletotslynz@hotmail.com
	6pm-7pm	Beavers (term time)
	7pm-9pm	Scouts (term time)
Wednesday	9.30am-11.30am	Bertie Bears (term time)
	1.45pm-4pm	Over 50's Table Tennis
	7pm-8pm	Pilates with Georgia – 07875590724
Thursday	5pm-6pm	Rainbows (term time)
	6.30pm-7.30pm	Brownies (term time)

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Harvest Festival



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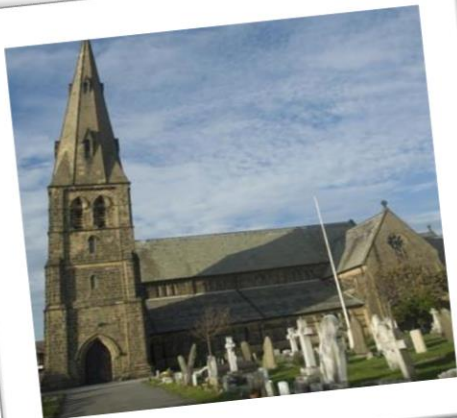
10.15am Morning Service at both churches

10:15am Sunday School at St Cuthbert on the 1st and 3rd Sundays

Wednesday

9.45am Bertie Bear Toddler Group in the Church Hall at St Cuthbert

11am Holy Communion at St Cuthbert



Thursday

9.30am Community Craft Group at St Cuthbert

Saturday

10am Open Church

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Our worship services

Daily Prayer is said on Facebook at 9am on Monday through Thursday.

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
8:30am BCP Communion	St Cuthbert's	St John's	St Cuthbert's	St John's	-
10:15am Holy Communion	St John's & St Cuthbert's	St Cuthbert's	St John's	St Cuthbert's	Parish Communion
10:15am Service of the Word	-	St John's	St Cuthbert's	St John's	
12noon Baptisms	St John's	St Cuthbert's	St John's	St Cuthbert's	-
11am Communion	Each Wednesday at St Cuthbert's				

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