

**October
2022**

Dear Friends,

I know it was with deep sadness we heard of the death of Queen Elizabeth II in September. I was on holiday in France, but still watched the news unfold and quickly contacted Emma and the Churchwardens to ensure our churches were available for people to come and reflect in, open Books of Condolence and ensure our services reflected this significant event.



It was a privilege to arrange and lead a Commemorative Service for the Lytham community on the eve of the funeral and opening St Cuthbert's so people could watch the funeral together was important. It was good to welcome the Bishop of Burnley that morning and we were also included in Granada Reports that evening with Catherine Hughes being interviewed as she left the church.

The Queen was the Patron of St Peter's Onchan, where I was vicar for nearly 7 years. This meant she appointed me to the parish and signed my authorisation, sadly when I moved on, I had to return the papers, but I do still have a photocopy safely filed away.

When someone dies, we hear so much of their story and their values. For the Queen these were deeply rooted in her strong Christian faith. I do hope her family and many others will acknowledge the connection between her belief in Jesus as the Son of God and the characteristics she had – the Fruit of the Spirit as St Paul refers to them.

The best way to honour and remember her is to live by those values and recognise that Jesus models them best of all and the Holy Spirit seeks to assist them in each one of us.

Immediately we moved on to say God save the King and we must all hold King Charles III in our prayers and others who take on extra responsibilities from now on.

Yours in Christ,



A quick note from Emma

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone at St John's and St Cuthbert's churches who have made the boys and me so welcome since we arrived. I am enjoying getting to know people in the parish and in the community and I'm looking forward to continuing to deepen our relationships.



My priorities over the coming months will be to build relationships and to develop an action plan alongside the vision champions and mission, outreach and discipleship teams, looking for growth particularly amongst children and families. This includes strengthening links between church and the families that attend Bertie Bears, through Hall Park and Lytham C of E schools and with those who are connected through baptisms. I also feel passionate about creation care and would welcome anyone who has a keen interest in growing things to come and have a chat with me!

Harvest Gifts

Thank you to everyone who donated Harvest gifts this year, both Harbour House and St Annes Food Bank really appreciate your generous donations, thank you to you all.

From the Registers - September

Baptisms

- 4th Charlotte Cox
11th Raff Parkinson
18th Natalie and Anna Simpson
25th Charles Roberts

Weddings

- 18th Lin Capoverde and Paul Dobie
22nd Fay Harrison and Brent Starkie

Funerals

- 1st Herbert Greaves
27th Betty Minton

Confirmation

Our Confirmation Service this year is on Sunday 20th November at 10:15am at St Cuthbert's with the Bishop of Burnley, the Rt Revd Philip North. As in recent years we are encouraging the children in Year 5 of our school to come forward and make the Baptism promises for themselves.

If you or someone you know is interested in being Confirmed with us please speak to either Emma or Nick.

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

Our next meeting is on
Thursday 13th October at

2.30pm in Church. The speaker is Mr. Brian Topping and his talk is entitled 'Tales of a Customs Officer.'



We hope to have a date available at the meeting for our Christmas Lunch which once again will be at Lytham Hall. *Margaret Fisher*

Tuesday and Thursday Together

With the increased 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 free drinks through the day there will also be soup and sandwiches at lunch time.

St John's will be open on a Tuesday from 4th October and St Cuthbert's on a Thursday from 6th October.
We are offering a warm welcome to you

Edward the Confessor

King Edward (ruled 1042-1066) is one of several royal saints of Anglo-Saxon England. All except Edward achieved their sanctity by popular acclaim, the way saints were always made in the western church until a more legalistic papally-controlled procedure developed in the twelfth century. In early centuries people were often acclaimed as saints because of their steadfast willingness to die for the faith in the Roman persecutions, so becoming 'martyrs' from the Greek for 'witness'. Later, when the historical circumstances no longer exacted this extreme form of witness, the church began to use the term 'confessor' for those marked out as saintly figures by the manner of their life. Edward, who later became Edward the Confessor, died in his bed on 5 January 1066. But he was not canonized until 11 February 1161, when Pope Alexander III, using the new system for making saints, issued a sealed proclamation (a papal bull). Edward is consequently the only English king to have been canonized by the Pope using this quasi-legal procedure.

You may wonder what he did to deserve it. The short answer is: not a lot. He married Earl Godwin's elder daughter Edith who, after his death, had a *Life* written about him. Her motives were complex: this was, after all, just at the time when William the Conqueror overthrew the country's Anglo-Saxon heritage, which she clearly wished to honour through her husband's memory. It naturally puts Edward in a good light but it does not have the full-blown characteristics of a saint's life. To become that, and so be capable of supporting a campaign for him to be recognised as a saint, it was rewritten in the early 1100s. The man who did this, Osbert

of Clare, was Prior of Westminster Abbey, which Edward had lavishly rebuilt and where he was buried. Of course, the monks of Westminster had every incentive to promote Edward's cult, and Osbert approached his task in the full knowledge of how he needed to modify the narrative and its interpretation. In particular, he seized upon the fact that Edward and Edith had not had any children and turned this into an argument that the king had been a saintly celibate even within marriage. Even so, when Osbert put the case to Pope Innocent II in 1139, the Pope postponed a decision, saying that there was not enough evidence. Another factor might well have been that the Pope and King Stephen of England had quarrelled. Twenty years later, however, the political situation changed. There was a dispute over the papal succession in 1159, and Alexander III became Pope with the strong support of Stephen's successor, Henry II. Henry, at this remove from the brutality of the Norman Conquest, conducted something of a campaign throughout his reign to rehabilitate the country's Anglo-Saxon past, and this sat well with the continuing desire of the Westminster monks to promote Edward's cult. So a fresh approach was made to the papacy, with Alexander's agreement in 1161 capable of being seen as a political reward for Henry's support in his election. Edward's cult was further promoted by Henry III who, in 1269, on 13 October — now Edward's feast-day — moved (translated) the body to a new shrine, where it remains today.

Edward, succeeded by his brother-in-law Harold, became one of the national saints of England. But in 1351, following Edward II's establishment of the Order of the Garter, George of Lydda was proclaimed the country's patron saint.

Joyce Hill

Quiz Questions for October: Do you remember ... ?

Memories of events which happened in September 2022 will never be forgotten. We have witnessed history in the making. The death of our much loved monarch Queen Elizabeth II marked the end of seventy years of exemplary dedication and selfless service to the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

Thus far, this has been a difficult year for other reasons: the repercussions of a war, alarming increases in the costs of living, travel difficulties by air and rail, water shortages.

Here are thirty questions which will test your awareness of this year's first nine months.

1. Which British city hosted the Commonwealth Games in late July/early August?
2. Who replaced Laura Kuenssberg as the BBC's political editor?
3. Which African country celebrated one hundred years of independence from the United Kingdom?
4. Age 91, Brian Jackson died. For which non-speaking rôle in TV advertising was he best known?
5. Which 2009 play was revived at the London Apollo?
6. This has been the year of which animal, according to the Chinese Zodiac?
7. Which animals were released in Kent to help restore the countryside near Canterbury to its natural state?
8. Boris and Carrie Johnson finally held their delayed wedding party. To which song was their first dance?
9. Which football club won the F A Cup Final?
10. Kate Bush returned to the top of the charts thanks to her song *Running Up That Hill* featuring in which TV show?
11. Eve Muirhead retired as an Olympic champion in which sport?
12. The governor of the Bank of England blamed the rise in inflation on the consequences of what?
13. Which British drinks brand's 86-year partnership with Wimbledon ended before this year's competition?
14. Which Yorkshire town was awarded city status?
15. By a 4-0 scoreline, Manchester United lost their first match to which club since 1938?

16. Which famous group launched a new digital entertainment experience called *Voyage*?
17. Who was appointed to succeed Dame Cressida Dick as the Metropolitan Police Commissioner?
18. On which date did Russia invade Ukraine by military attack?
19. The Ukrainian Maryna Viazovska became only the second woman to be awarded which prize?
20. A Norse folk tale about which Viking inspired the plot of the film *The Northman*?
21. The Prince and Princess of Wales have moved to which property on the Windsor estate?
22. A new Guinness World Record was set at Whitby Abbey for the largest gathering of people dressed as what?
23. Which Big Cat executed the perfect back-heel?
24. Which politician did the Tory peer Ed Vaizey describe as 'one of the few Cabinet members who can do joined-up handwriting'?
25. Name the walrus euthanised in an Oslo fjord.
26. The 30th March was the 25th anniversary of which British TV channel?
27. In which city did the Winter Olympics take place?
28. Chloe Kelly's winning goal for England against Germany resulted in the Lionesses winning the Euro 2022 final by what score?
29. On which date in September did Liz Truss officially become our new Prime Minister?
30. Name the three clubs relegated from the Premier League at the end of the 2021-22 season.

Answers will appear in the next issue.

Your starter for ten ...

University Challenge has been on our television screens for sixty years. To mark the occasion, here are six questions which have featured in the programme. Refer to *Google*: the word *Challenge* is not included in the title without good reason.

1. What name is that of an Arian Christian Germanic people who maintained a North African kingdom in the 5th and 6th centuries and who, under their king Gaiseric, sacked Rome in 455?

[Think Fylde RUFC]

2. The novels *Midnight's Children*, *The Thirty-Nine Steps*, *Robinson Crusoe* and *Tristram Shandy* all begin with which word?
3. Awarded for her work on nuclear shell structure, who in 1963 was the second woman to win a Nobel Prize in Physics?
4. From the Greek meaning 'sword-like', the xiphoid process is a cartilaginous extension of which bone in the human body?
5. Taking its name from the daughter of Tantalus in Greek mythology, which element is a widely-used low temperature superconductor and has the atomic number 41?
6. Which Shakespeare play features the line, 'All that glisters is not gold'?

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Questions for September: HIGH FLYING BIRDS: Answers

1. Crow, 2. Sparrowhawk, 3. Thrush, 4. Hawk, 5. Shoebill, 6. Partridge, 7. Magpie, 8. Raven, 9. Cuckoo, 10. House sparrow, 11. Vulture, 12. Shoveller, 13. Scoter, 14. Toucan, 15. Kingfisher, 16. Wren, 17. Auk, 18. Red kite, 19. Hoopoe, 20. Swallow, 21. Parrot, 22. Secretary bird, 23. Skylark, 24. Mocking bird, 25. Fieldfare, 26. Bittern, 27. Cormorant, 28. Peregrine falcon, 29. Storm petrel, 30. Jay, 31. Eider, 32. Nightjar, 33. Mynah bird, 34. Eagle, 35. Tawny owl, 36. Avatar, 37. Dipper, 38. Bunting, 39. Lovebirds, 40. Hawk, Job 39.26; Partridge, 1 Samuel 26. 20; Raven, Genesis 8.7; House sparrow, Psalm 84.3; Vulture, Leviticus 11. 18; Hoopoe, Deuteronomy 14.18; Swallow, Psalm 84.3; Eagle, Exodus 19.4; Tawny owl, Isaiah 34.11.

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

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	7pm-9pm	Scouts (term time)
Wednesday	9.30am-11.30am	Bertie Bears (term time)
	1.45pm-4pm	Over 50's Table Tennis
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Tuesday

10am to 4pm St John's open for a Warm Winter Welcome

Wednesday

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

11am Holy Communion at St Cuthbert

Thursday

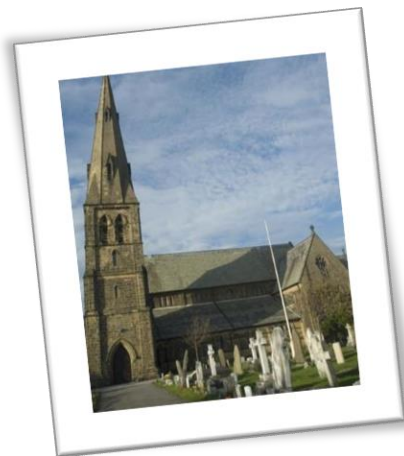
9.30am Community Craft Group at St Cuthbert

10am to 4pm St Cuthbert's open for a Warm Winter Welcome

Saturday

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Our worship services

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

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th 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	-
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