

**November
2022**

Dear Friends,

We have been living through a period of great change and worrying unrest. It began with the onset of Covid, or does Brexit it even predate that.

This year though has seen the war in the Ukraine, the hike in oil and gas prices, changes in Prime Minister, high inflation, the death of the Queen and the ascent of King Charles III.



So many things we have taken for granted over many years have been moved and changed and it is affecting everyone's lives. Many people do not like change and certainly we do not like uncertainty.

In the hymn 'Abide with me' we sing 'change and decay in all around I see' and 'O Thou who changest not, abide with me'. These are powerful words and I believe offer a comfort and support to us in these days.

I have said many times before that the world does change, what we now understand as evolution. In the world if things are not allowed to develop then they eventually begin to decay, buildings erode, plants take over a lovely garden, relationships can begin to falter.

But what the hymnwriter Henry Francis Lyle knew and sought to express is that just one thing does not change. The unchanged one is God and the love he has for each one of us. The one rock on which we are best building our lives on as Jesus teaches in Matthew 7:24-27.

I believe this is a message the world and certainly our nation needs to hear at present. Let us not be afraid to tell others why and what we believe, it could be the most important message for people to hear and respond to in the coming months

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Wells', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Discipleship Groups

Discipleship groups are to restart in November. We will be using material entitled “The New Community” as we grow together in the new joint parish of JC Lytham.

First meetings 1st November.

- Tuesday afternoon 2pm @ 28 Westwood Road, FY8 5NX
- Tuesday evening 7:00pm @ St John’s Church

Please email emma@jclytham.church to sign up, indicating which group you would like to join (Westwood Road group has a limited capacity).

Prayer walking - from Emma

As I have begun this new role as Mission Enabler in the parish, I have been discerning where best we as a parish should focus our efforts and look for growth. In particular, I feel drawn to pray, pray, pray for the parish and all the people living and working in our community. God is calling people to join him, and we stand in the gap praying and interceding for those he calls. Therefore, from November, I will be beginning regular prayer walking around the parish and encourage anyone who wishes to, to join me. We will meet at St Cuthbert’s each

Wednesday at 12noon, beginning Wednesday 2nd November, then either walking from there, or driving to and then walking round different parts of the parish each week.

From the Registers - October

Baptisms

9th Scarlett Freya Milner

Funerals

7th Gilda Gallagher

14th Marlene Hindle

20th Owen Leary

Mothers' Union



The October meeting was very much enjoyed by everyone.

Our speaker was Mr. Brian Topping whose talk was entitled 'Tales of a Customs Officer' which was most interesting and interspersed with some amusing stories.

The Speaker at the next meeting on Thursday 10th November is Mr. Matthew Lepp who will talk to us about 'Tiger Muffin Soaps.' All welcome.

Our Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 15th December at 12.30 for 1.00pm. The cost is £19.95 for a traditional three course lunch, please put your names on the list if you would like to join us. Payment by cash or cheque would be much appreciated at the November meeting. *Margaret Fisher*

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. There will be the usual 8:30am BCP Communion at St Cuthbert's that morning, but no service at St John's that week as we come together for the Confirmation.

All Souls Memorial Service

Our All Souls Memorial Service this year is on Sunday 6th November at 6pm in St Cuthbert's. This is a moment when we remember those who have recently died and seek to offer support to those who have been bereaved.

We have sent invitations out to those whom we have assisted with bereavements over the past year and we will be naming their loved ones departed in our prayers of intercession and lighting candles to help us remember them. If you wish someone close to you to also be named in these prayers, please either add their name to the list at the back of each church or contact Nick direct on 01253 279676 or nick.thevic@jclytham.church

Warm Hubs on a Tuesday and Thursday

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

Coffee Mornings

Forthcoming Coffee Mornings at our two churches are Saturday 29th October at St Cuthbert and Saturday 12th November at St John from 10am. Do come along for a cuppa and to spend time with friends.

Remembrance Sunday

Once again, this year we are planning to join the community of Lytham for a collective Act of Remembrance on Remembrance Sunday. To enable this to happen we will be holding our morning Communion Services at 9am on the 13th November at both churches. This will allow the clergy and others who wish to then move to the War Memorial for 10:45am.

As in recent years Nick will also lead a short Act of Remembrance by the war memorial outside the church hall at St Cuthbert's at 10:55am on Friday 11th November.

Sidespeople Training

We are inviting our sidespeople to attend a training session in November. The time together will include a thank you, coffee, a talk through of the duties and expectations of being a sidesperson and an introduction to procedures if we need to evacuate either church in an emergency.

If possible, we are asking people to attend the session for the church they attend, but if the date does not work they are very welcome to attend the other session instead.

The dates are Saturday 5th November at St John and Saturday 12th November at St Cuthbert both at 10am.

The Sundays before Christmas

This is the month when, in 2022 at least, the church's new liturgical year begins with Advent Sunday, which this year falls on 27 November. It often comes on a date at the end of November, but not always; it can begin on a date early in December. This is because Christmas Day, being on the fixed date of 25 December, falls on different days of the week each year and so, counting backwards, the fourth Sunday before Christmas, which is Advent Sunday, will itself always be on a variable calendar date within the bracket 27 November to 3 December. The whole season of Advent then extends from Advent Sunday to Christmas Eve. If Christmas Eve is a Sunday, then that counts as the last Sunday of Advent, but if Christmas Day is a Sunday, then the last Sunday of Advent is the Sunday of the previous weekend. This year, Advent Sunday is on the earliest possible date. In 2023, by contrast, Advent Sunday will be on 3 December, which is as late as it can be; and then in 2224 it will be 1 December, and so on. Technically, Advent Sunday is the Sunday nearest to the Feast of St Andrew, on 30 November, but for most of us, with our modern diaries, counting the Sundays backwards from Christmas is an easy option and gives us the same answer.

The modern commercial world makes quite a thing of 'Advent' with 'Advent Calendars', which are mostly about a build-up to the big-time gift-giving of Christmas: anticipation, gratification, excitement, pleasure and general secular hype for the 'big spend'. It is possible to find religious advent calendars, but you sometimes have to look hard! The religious

ones have a different focus, and normally start with Advent Sunday, while the secular ones generally begin with 1 December. Both are about preparation, but in very different ways.

In churches we see that the season's liturgical colour is purple, signifying penitence. This is also used in Lent, which is the pre-eminent penitential period. But just as in Lent there is a Sunday of celebration in the middle, known as 'Refreshment Sunday', or Laetare Sunday, from the opening words of the Latin introit for the day, *Laetare Jerusalem*, 'Rejoice with Jerusalem....' (Isaiah 66 v. 10), so there is a celebratory Sunday in the middle of Advent, called Gaudete Sunday. This also means 'Rejoice'. It gets this name because the opening words of the day's introit are *Gaudete in Domino semper*, 'Rejoice in the Lord always' (Philippians, 4, v. 4). In Lent, Laetare Sunday is the fourth Sunday out of the total of six; in Advent, Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of four. On both occasions, the purple vestments are laid aside and the liturgical colour is pink, as is also the candle that is lit on the Advent wreath.

We understand the penitential season of Lent in two ways: recalling Christ's period of temptation in the wilderness, when he was preparing for his Ministry; and our own spiritual 'sprucing up' in preparation for participating in the joyous celebration of Easter. Advent similarly has two focal points: the historical one of thinking about the coming of Christ at Christmas and our need — as with Easter — to spruce ourselves up spiritually in preparation for celebrating it; and an altogether grander frame of reference as we think about the Second Coming. The common thread is 'coming', which is what Advent means, from Latin *adventus*, 'the coming'.

Joyce Hill

Quiz Questions for November: ANAGRAMS

There was once a postman whose nickname was ANAGRAM because he insisted on rearranging all the letters in his bag.

Cryptic crosswords can be a most perplexing puzzle type but, as a consequence, they are also one of the most pleasing to solve. There is a form of beauty within a good cryptic crossword clue. Its essential feature will be that there is sense within its words, but these are not directly related as to how the clue should be correctly interpreted.

There are several types of clues available to compilers. One of the regular favourites is the anagram clue. This will involve three parts: a definition of the answer, an anagram indicator, and the anagram itself. The definition will come at the beginning or the end of the clue.

Consider, for example, the simple *Make mummy and me lamb stew [6]*. Here, *Make mummy* is the definition, *stew* is the indicator, and *me lamb* is the anagram itself. Pick out the words which together make up the number given. Solution: Embalm.

Also, remember to look out for letter combinations which frequently come at the ends of words; examples, -ment, -tion, -ness, -ing, -ed.

Now put yourself to the test with the following thirty clues.

1. Written pile set in the Bible [7]
2. Birds observed in slow motion [4]
3. What might Emma say politely? [3,4]
4. You need pros and cons re-evaluated [6,6]
5. Lipton Tea – possibility? [9]
6. Times when things look different [6]
7. Aristotle contrived a system of betting [9]
8. Must elder people play this instrument? [5,4]
9. An easy way to stop, if moving on [4,6]
10. Matches used when building is in flames? [4-6]
11. Excitedly telling niece news [12]
12. Rent dockland garage in secret [5,3,6]
13. We're spoiled with wealth that kept mill going [10]
14. Dresses up for a court case [9]
15. Robert Scott's problem? Dashing to be first [9]
16. Nurse, treat with care: flit on, cheering angel [8,11]
17. Opposition is hesitant to reform [10]
18. Player's brief decision targets game [5,10]

19. Readers insult a terrible book [8,6]
 20. He attacks with wild Alsatians [9]
 21. As the Orange Order is to RUC? [7]
 22. Wind that's icy – a feature of the continent? [8]
 23. Reverse a tutor suffers making valuable discovery [8,5]
 24. Form of rule as yet without extravagance [9]
 25. Strip of land I'm set to cultivate [9]
 26. Jew has pride when abused [8]
 27. Classy furniture one's got in now bracket fixed [11]
 28. Kitchen utensils used to make us canapés [9]
 29. Greedy with hunger, I use rent improperly [8]
 30. A neat player out somewhere on the pitch [7,4]
- Finally, how many words [there are 6 others] can you make from the five letters of the word TIMES?

Answers will appear in the next issue.

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

1. Birmingham, 2. Chris Mason, 3. Egypt, 4. The Man from Del Monte,
5. Jerusalem, 6. Tiger, 7. European bison, 8. Sweet Caroline, 9. Liverpool,
10. Stranger Things, 11. Curling, 12. Russia restricting gas supplies to Europe,
13. Robinsons, 14. Brentford, 15. Abba, 16. Mark Rowley, 17. 24th February,
18. Fields Medal, 19. Prince Amleth, 20. Doncaster, 21. Adelaide Cottage,
22. Vampires, 23. Alessia Russo, 24. Rishi Sunak, 25. Freya, 26. Channel 5,
27. Beijing, 28. 2-1, 29. 6th September, 30. Burnley, Norwich City, Watford.

University Challenge

1. Vandal, 2. I, 3. Maria Goeppert Mayer, 4. Sternum, 5. Niobium, 6. The Merchant of Venice.

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The dates for 2022: 26th November.

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	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
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Wednesday

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11am Holy Communion at St Cuthbert

Thursday

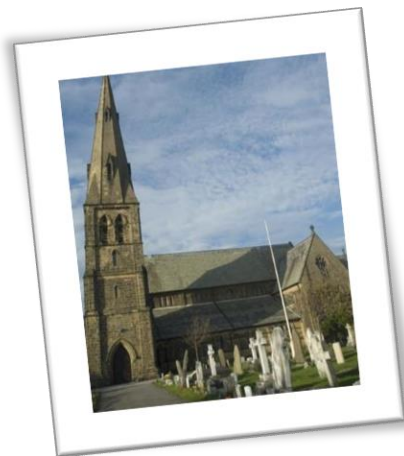
9.30am Community Craft Group at St Cuthbert

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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	-
11am Communion	Each Wednesday at St Cuthbert's				

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