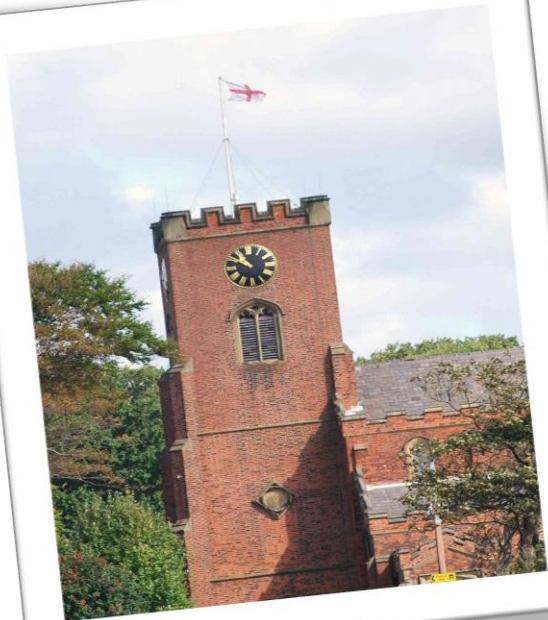
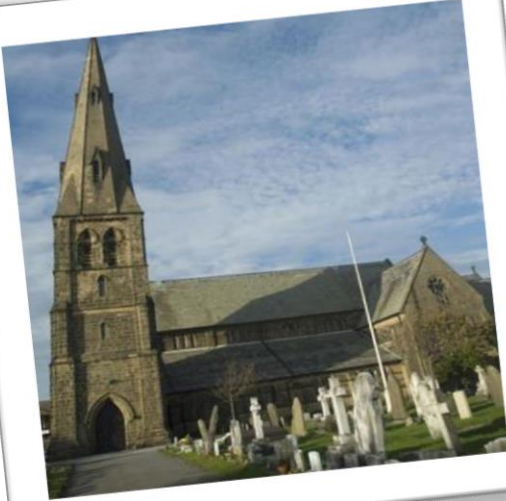


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**March
2022**

Dear Friends,

Each Lent we are encouraged to give a little more time to God. For many people this simply involves giving something up for the forty days before Easter. For others it may mean setting aside more time to pray or for bible study. Whichever way you mark Lent, it is an opportunity to reorder of lives for a few weeks.



Here in Lytham, we are running a Lent Course each Tuesday called 'Uphill to Salvation'. I hope you will be able to join us at 7pm in St Cuthbert's for our five sessions. This will be a chance for you to think about God in the past, the present and the future and the assurance he is with us throughout.

The Blackburn Diocese have produced a book 'Signs of Life' which offers a daily bible reading and thought for each day in Lent. Copies of this are available at the back of both churches. This is something you can read from the comfort of your own home, at a time to suit you.

For the past couple of years now we have been sharing Morning Prayer through the St Cuthbert's Facebook page at 9am, Monday to Thursday most weeks. Perhaps joining with me for this through Lent is something which suits you instead.

Of course, this Lenten tradition echoes the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness. Where he stepped back to, spend time in prayer and preparation for his ministry. Please use these opportunities to help you draw closer to God too.

Yours in Christ,



Covid 19

We continue to ask that you consider wearing a mask as you move through our church buildings, especially when you come forward to receive communion.

Please be assured those preparing the bread and wine and those administering it are being thorough with hygiene as we know how important this is for us all. We will be continuing to offer the wine with the pipette and those serving communion will still wear facemasks.

Lent Course

Our Lent Course - Uphill to Eternity - begins on 8th March and will run for 5 weeks on a Tuesday at 7pm at St Cuthbert's. Each week we will focus on how as Christians we can view the future, especially in the light of the Passion of Jesus.

The themes are:

- Healing
- Loss
- Salvation
- Crucifixion and Resurrection
- Eternity

This is an opportunity to set aside a little extra time for God through Lent and we hope you will try to get along.

Seder Meal

We are delighted to be able to plan a Seder Meal again this year. This a meal come act of worship is the base of the Passover Meal which Jesus shared with his disciples at the Last Supper and is therefore the basis of our Communion Service.

Our Seder Meal will be in the Hall at St Cuthbert's on Wednesday 13th April at 6:30pm. Places are limited to 60 and tickets need to be bought in advance at a cost of £10, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Worship Group

Our Worship Group, under the leadership of Graham Warrington, is coming together well and has led a number of services now. We have agreed with the joint PCCs to follow the monthly pattern of a Contemporary Service at St John's of the first Sunday of each month and for them to lead the music at the Service of the Word at St Cuthbert's on the morning of the third Sunday of the month.

There is much to value in the more recent hymns and worship songs and we hope these additions will help us offer greater variety of worship into the future.

Doug Horley

The nationally known children's evangelist Doug Horley (Dougie Dug Dug) is visiting Lytham in March. The visit has been arranged by 'The Churches in Lytham' supported by the 'Lytham Schools Foundation'.

Doug and his team will be leading collective worship on a curriculum linked science theme at St Peters, Hall Park and Lytham CofE primary schools.

For most of the schools he will be one of the first outside visitors they have welcomed for some time and we know that his time with them will be fun and inspiring.

We look forward to hearing reports of his visit at the end of the month and ask you to hold his time in Lytham in your prayers.

If you are able to offer a bed for the evenings of 16th and 17th March to them, we would love to hear from you.

From the Registers

Baptisms

February	13 th	Noah Arthur Brian Seddon
	21 st	Harry Edward Holt Clark

Funerals

February	23 rd	Stanley Hartley
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JC Lytham

We understand that the Pastoral Scheme to unite our churches is now in its final stages with the Church Commissioners and the Bishop of Blackburn. The date this is due to come about is 1st March, Shrove Tuesday.

The PCC have been working hard in preparation for this and there will be a period of overlap and transition.

We are planning to combine celebrating the new parish with a service, procession and lunch on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th which also marks the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Look out for more details.

Bible Study

Our next 'Back to Basics - not so much a Bible Study as a study of the Bible', led by Revd Colin Crumpton in March is on another challenging topic, that of 'Forgiveness (Must I)?'

Please do try to come along, we are sure it will once again be inspiring, challenging and thought proving.

We meet on Monday 7th March at 7.00pm at Fosbrooke House, 8 Clifton Drive, FY8 5RQ, all welcome

Mothers' Union



The Annual General Meeting in February was led by Rev. Nick Wells. Reports from the

Treasurer & Branch Leader were handed out to all members. Rev. Peter Law-Jones followed the meeting with a talk about his ministry which everyone found very interesting and with many amusing anecdotes.

Mothers' Union branches have been asked by the Chaplain of Preston Prison to help with an ongoing project to assist with providing knitted baby & small children's garments to be given out when families, often in difficult circumstances, come to visit. If you feel you could help in this way, please get in touch.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome ten ladies from St. John's who have become members of Mothers' Union. We hope that may find friendship with us at all our meetings and learn more about the wonderful work done by MU throughout the world.

Our next meeting is on Thurs. 10th March at 2.30.pm when our speaker will be Mrs. Judy Jenkins who will talk to us about African Fabrics.

Margaret Fisher

Sponsorship of the Service Sheet and Flowers

We are delighted that flowers are back in church and the **Service Sheet and Flower sponsorships at St Cuthbert's** continue to be available and are always most welcome. It may, for example, be considered appropriate to do this in memory of a loved one or at the time of a special event within the family. Name/s and suitable wording chosen by the donor will feature on the service sheet. The cost of each sponsorship is £25.00; for the sponsorship of both together, the cost is £40.00. Arrangements should be made via the Parish Office, at least

four weeks in advance. For those who are taxpayers, there is a reminder that gift-aiding the money will provide even greater financial benefit to the Church. In order to do this, please complete the details on the front of the envelope.

Community Craft Group

The Community Craft group has talents in the group, knitters, card crafters, sewers and designers.

Others are very welcome to come along and we invite you to bring your own projects and enjoy a cup of coffee, tea and biscuits, lots of laughs and plenty of conversation.

Contact Liz Willis 07771634818 or Hazel Lanigan 01253 737988

The Oldest Complete New Testament

Lent, beginning this year on 2 March, has traditionally been a time for exploring and learning about our faith. In early times the instruction was designed for those being prepared for adult baptism, which took place at Easter. But existing members of the Christian community soon began to join in, refreshing and perhaps extending their own understanding. The practice of Lent courses continues today, and this has led me at times to use the article falling in Lent to explore the background to some of the fundamental elements of Christianity, such as the various Creeds, or even where the name of 'Christian' comes from. This year I've decided to look at the mid-fourth century manuscript which gives us our oldest complete New Testament, the Codex Sinaiticus.

We don't know under what circumstances it was written, or where. But it is certainly a handsome bible, in Greek throughout and arranged in four columns per page; and it is in book form, not written as a roll. Incidentally, it was the production of biblical manuscripts which led to

the codex replacing the roll — although rolls are still used in synagogues. The Codex Sinaiticus was discovered in St Catherine's Monastery, Sinai, where it was recognised as an important early text by the great biblical scholar Constantine Tischendorf. He acquired it by degrees, in 1844, 1853 and 1859. The circumstances of the acquisition are contentious, but by 1859 his searches were under the patronage of Tsar Alexander II, and so the Codex ended up in the Imperial Library at St Petersburg. However, in 1933 the Soviet Government sold it to the British Museum, and it is now one of the great treasures of the British Library. Twelve leaves and 143 fragments remain in St Catherine's Monastery, there are 43 leaves in Leipzig University Library, and there are three fragments in St Petersburg Library. Since 2008 the four libraries have been collaborating on a digital edition of the whole, and there is a public website which you can explore.

The Codex Sinaiticus greatly influenced the Revised Version of the English Bible published in 1881 since it was recognised that, being as early as the mid-fourth century and created as a careful text of the whole bible, it was in various ways better than the source-texts available to the translators of the King James Bible. However, its value was greatest for the New Testament since its Greek Old Testament (the Septuagint) was already a translation from the original Hebrew, even though one that was regarded as authoritative. Nonetheless, despite being the earliest known complete New Testament, it post-dates Jesus' life by over 300 years. What might have happened in the transmission of the text in that time? There are several details in the Codex's version of the gospels, at the level of phrase, sentence and sometimes even longer passages, that are different from what we are familiar with. Are they closer to an original text, or are they additions and modifications that have crept in over time? Sometimes we can work out the answer, but not always. And so the Codex reminds us that even the gospels have a complex and changing history. If you want to see what the differences are, a convenient place to look is the Wikipedia entry for the Codex

Sinaiticus. The manuscript also reminds us that the bible's content was still not fixed by the mid-fourth century: some books are in a different order, and its New Testament includes two works we no longer accept.

Joyce Hill

PRIZE Quiz Questions for March: HOME: KEEP IT IN-HOUSE

My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places. [Isaiah 32.18, NRSV]

Shelter is a vital human need, and the concept caused me to reflect on the differences between house and home. By dictionary definition, a house is a construction mainly of bricks, mortar and wood for human habitation. A home, however, is far more than this. It is not merely an abode for residence, but a place where its occupants feel comfortable, secure, and cemented by the bonds of family. As the years pass, home becomes the reminder of many memories of childhood and beyond. Reminiscences of one particular place, time or of a group of friends with whom we felt truly content can remain vivid for a lifetime. Thus on removal from one house to the next, our home remains the same.

Once again, a prize awaits the sender of the first all-correct set of answers [or the highest number of correct answers] submitted by Sunday, 13th March. Options for the prize remain the same: red, white or rosé.

email: davidrmatthews@hotmail.com The compiler's decision is final.

Here are fifty questions the answers to which are features or items which can be found in house or household. Some are basic essentials, others might be decorative or designed simply to make life easier.

1. Crash, bang, wallop, what a! [7]
2. Big, unruly hair [3]
3. Throw it in if you're losing [5]
4. Sounds like a collection of witches without the sea [4]

5. These could be large smiles [5]
6. Do this over the cracks, only to invite future trouble [9]
7. A possession of both Hagrid and Mary Poppins. Get up! [8,5]
8. Large type of drum [6]
9. The right location for a burn up [9]
10. Initial spread when preparing a meal-sharing surface [10]
11. These hangars are not necessarily from Warsaw [7,5]
12. Nae stick [anag.] [4,4]
13. Roger beside the stairs in less than 4 minutes [9]
14. Ask quick-fire questions, applying pressure [5]
15. I'm little, short and stout [6]
16. Before tennis, but after league [5]
17. Pen, steak, kitchen or butter – be sharp! [5]
18. Played in Lowther Gardens with Jack [5]
19. Fashionably referred to back in the days of CB radios [7]
20. “....., so good’, you sometimes hear it said [4]
21. Keeps the committee in order [5]
22. In Joshua 6, Jericho suffered this collapse [5]
23. I do beards [anag.] [9]
24. If you are unhappy with your provider, then do this [6]
25. Partner of Boaz, as might be heard in the East End [4]
26. Selected fruits, pears and apples perhaps? [6]
27. Very small form of greeting or farewell [9]
28. In shortened form, one of the apostles [3]
29. Sounds as though you are closing something very tightly [7]
30. A light raincoat should cover you for this [6]
31. The Black Forest must not be seated [4,5]
32. All depends on these turning connections [6]
33. A night on these will leave you hungover [5]
34. Delaying, but this must be fixed [8]
35. These people were seen on *Top of the Pops* in the 1960s [4]
36. Not the hospital gown it sounds like [8]
37. Needs to find this in one's schedule to make an appointment [6]
38. Dance style to be found over the sink [3]
39. Reflections in this are less appealing as the years move on [6]

40. Reverse loots [5]
41. A toddler may build a tower with these [6]
42. Switch on, and this cleaner does it for you [10]
43. Attractive Roman city, 13 miles SE of Bristol [4]
44. To soften the blow, or used for added comfort [7]
45. Can be found on the shelf, but not as in *Specsavers* [7]
46. Saps or empties [6]
47. This takes more spreading than on a cut finger [7]
48. Early policeman following Ireland's important crop [6,6]
49. Star toe in the kitchen [anag.] [7]
50. Put her outside on a frosty night [7]

Answers to these questions will appear in the next issue.

PRIZE Quiz questions for February: COLOURS: Answers

1. The Red Arrows, 2. Greenkeeper, 3. Black Maria, 4. Bluebeard,
5. Three, 6. The Peak District, 7. A Study in Scarlet, 8. Caroline Lucas,
9. Purple, 10. The Red Cross, 11. The Penny Black, 12. The Golden Pages, 13. Beyonce, 14. Green, 15. Red Alligator, 16. Scarlet, white, red/crimson, 17. Magenta, 18. 7, 19. 14th century, 20. Chlorophyll,
21. Louise Joy Brown, 22. Itchycoo Park [Small Faces], 23. Lola [The Kinks], 24. Pleasant Valley Sunday [The Monkees], 25. Six, 26. Claret,
27. Orange River, 28. Thirty-two, 29. Brown, 30. Yellow [Jack],
31. Chameleon, 32. Chromophobia, 33. L M Montgomery,
34. Green belt, 35. Yellow, 36. Green, 37. Italy, 38. Vermilion, 39. Cyan,
40. Pink Floyd.

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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
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