

Parish Magazine
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HE IS RISEN

HE IS RISEN INDEED.

HAPPY EASTER

Dear Friends,

Over the past weeks I have seen a few visual illustrations of the effect of the death and resurrection of Jesus. An event which was world changing. An event foundational to our faith.

At Duggie Dug Dug's Circus Praise Party two aerial skills artists performed on aerial silks. Aerial silks are the long lengths of cloth hung from high above which are used to support acrobats in mid-air. During the performance, first blue silks were released to the floor and one of the artists performed a routine whilst the Easter story was being told. She climbed to the top of the rig and the blue silks were released leaving her with no access back down, she was cut off. As the story continued a second set of red silks were dropped enabling her free access again. This was a powerful image portraying Jesus' death and resurrection which gives you and I, and all His creation, access to draw close to him.



The second illustration was in a talk at the All-Age Service at St John's when a bowl of clean water was made dirty with iodine, so dirty in fact, it badly stained a piece of white cloth. The cloth was then placed into a second bowl of water, which also included a secret ingredient (not bleach), and the cloth became squeaky clean white again. When the cleansed cloth was then dipped back into the dirty water it turned it back to clear water. The first bowl of water stood for the wonderful world God created; the cloth – you and I, pure and clean as God made us. The iodine represented the sin that crept in and spoilt our world. However, because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we can be forgiven our sins and be made clean again. And through sharing our faith with others and telling them what God has done for us we can be a part of making our world a better place again.

Easter is the moment God reaches out through the love and faithfulness of His own Son, Jesus, to invite and enable us into a close relationship with him – as his children by adoption. May we never take this for granted and really enjoy remembering and celebrating that miraculous love this Easter.

Yours in Christ,



Messy Easter

On **Good Friday** we will be holding a **Messy Easter** at St Cuthbert's Church **10:30-12:30**. It will be a fun morning of creative crafts, challenges and an Easter egg hunt as we learn about that first Easter Day. Suitable for pre-schoolers to preteens.



We are still looking for volunteers to help with crafts and catering. If you can give your time, please contact Emma by emailing emma@jclytham.church

Worship in Wellies



Lytham C of E Primary School has a new afterschool club – Worship in Wellies! Emma and a small team lead the children with a Bible story and prayers as they explore church outdoors. So far, we have done some much needed weeding in the school Peace Garden, transplanted some spring bulbs to make way for vegetables in the raised beds, made bird feeders and bee houses and planted some fruit trees!

Our Parish's Holy Week and Easter Activities and Services

			Venue
2 nd April	8.30am	BCP Communion	St Cuthberts Church
Palm Sunday	10.15am	Communion	Both Churches
Monday	All Day	Easter Experience with Lytham C of E School	
	7.00pm	Holy Week Reflection	St John's Church
Tuesday	7.00pm	Lent Course	St Cuthbert's Church
Wednesday	7.00pm	Reflection	St John's Church
Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Celebration of the Last Supper	St John's Church
Good Friday	10.30am	Messy Easter	St Cuthbert's Church
	2.00pm	Hour by the Cross	St Cuthbert's Church
9 th April	8.15am	BCP Communion	Both Churches
Easter Sunday	10.15am	Easter Communion	Both Churches
	12noon	Baptism	St Cuthberts Church

Community Drop-Ins

The Warm Hubs finish at the end of March after our churches have been opening one day each week throughout the winter months. We are so grateful to the team of Volunteers, co-ordinated by Laugh Live Love, for leading this initiative.

Over the months many friendships have been forged, there has been lots and lots of interesting conversations, laughs and stories shared and it has highlighted the need for older people to have an opportunity to meet and be together. So, with this in mind the Community Drop-ins will continue one day a week.

From Thursday 6th April in St John's Court, Warton Street (behind St John's church) the lounge and dining room will be open for refreshments, lunch, activities and chat from 11am until 3pm.

Drop in for a cuppa and a chat and find out more about the activities and please let others know.

ANSWERS FOR MARCH QUIZ : TIME (don't worry this months quiz is coming up later)

1. Horology, 2. Prague, 3. Gnomon, 4. 1752, 5. Coldplay, 6. Mercury,
7. 150 years, 8. 8.40, the time she received a letter of rejection on her wedding day, 9. One billion, 10. Radio Four, 11. Salvador Dali,
12. Nanosecond, 13. Joseph Haydn, 14. Pulsar, 15. Rail travel,
16. Morlock, 17. A Great Basin bristlecone pine tree, 18. Babylonians,
19. Salisbury Cathedral, 20. 8 minutes, 21. Benjamin Franklin,
22. Douglas Adams [The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy], 23. Sigmund Freud, 24. Stephen Hawking, 25. C S Lewis, 26. Shakespeare, *The Merry Wives of Windsor, Act 2, Scene 2*, 27. *Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire*,
28. J R R Tolkien, 29. Ecclesiastes 3.2, 30. Ephesians 5.16,
31. Galatians 4.4, 32. John 9.4, 33. Psalm 90.4, 34. Genesis 1.1,
35. Romans 5.6, 36. Hebrews 13.8, 37. Mark 1.15, 38. Psalm 89.47,

39. Psalm 90.12, 40. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs on or after the Spring Equinox.

From the Registers in March

Baptisms

9th Sicily Renea & Reeva
Suezanka Sedgewick-Larkin
11th Toby David Graham Tingle

Funerals

1st Allan Duckworth
6th Andrew Fallow

Mothers' Union

Unfortunately, due to bad weather and snowy conditions our March meeting had to be cancelled and all members were informed.

Our next meeting is on Thurs 13th April at 2.30pm in church when we welcome back Mr. Brian Topping whose talk will be 'Tales of a Customs Officer, Part Two'.

On Thursday 8th June we meet at Lytham Hall at 2.30pm for Afternoon Tea. A list for names will be available at the meeting if you wish to join us, the cost will be £17.95.

We wish everyone Holy Easter Blessings.

Margaret Fisher

Thank you

We thank the Mothers Union for supplying and making up the posies of daffodils which were presented to the ladies at both of our churches on Mothering Sunday.

Nick especially enjoyed distributing them at St John's to the accompaniment of 'How many kinds of flowers grow in an English Country Garden?'.

Duggie Dug Dug



Doug Horley, International Childrens Minister and songwriter, aka Duggie Dug Dug, came to Lytham for the second-year running this month. His visit was an enormous success.

He led Crazy Science shows in Lytham CofE and Hall Park schools as part of their Science Week. The children (and staff)

clearly really enjoyed these as Doug used science experiments to communicate the gospel in a modern and fun way.

The Circus Praise Party held at the YMCA on Mythop Road was attended by 180 children and adults and everyone was especially enthralled by the high-flying skills performed by the two aerial artists, Sara and Naomi.

On the Sunday, which was Mothering Sunday, we had an amazing All Age Service at St Cuthbert's, reflecting on kindness and looking at the healing of the Ten Leapers. It was brilliant to see so many children come along and for new families to be with us.



Celebrating 100 years of Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me

I was once lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

In December 1772, in Olney, Buckinghamshire, John Newton, at the age of 47, started writing one of the most popular hymns of all time, "Amazing Grace".

The hymn is about a grace that is so immense; amazing grace, that saved him out of his wretchedness. Although every person's conversion story is unique, there is something about this hymn that stays relatable to Christians everywhere. John Newton tells us where he was when he found God, or rather, when God found him. He was a wretch. He was lost. He was blind in sin.

John Newton grew up with both his mother and father, but sadly when he was six years old, his mother died whilst his father was away at sea. When John grew up, he was pressed into following in his father's footsteps, joined the Royal Navy and became a sailor, his career began by searching the African coast for slaves to capture and sell on for profit.

One night a terrible storm battered his vessel so severely that he became frightened enough to call out to God for mercy, a moment that marked the beginning of his spiritual conversion. His career in slave trading lasted a few years more until he quit going to sea altogether and began studying theology.

He spoke openly of his conversion, was eventually ordained as an Anglican Priest and became curate of St Peters and St Pauls Olney where he served from 1764 - 1780.

In his later years, Newton began to lose his memory, however he could remember two things, "That I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Saviour." With this conviction, Newton died in 1807, at the age of 82. He lived long enough to see the signing of The Act for the Abolition of the Slave Trade.

The hymn "Amazing Grace," grew in popularity, not because of its catchy tune, but because the words that Newton wrote related to every human being who encountered the saving grace of Jesus Christ. The hymn has since touched many thousands, if not millions, of people at various stages of their spiritual journeys. It speaks of the sweetness found in Christ's grace for us all. As humans we are lost, blind in sin, and need saving. Jesus's saving grace is amazing!

Lytham Church of England Primary School Is looking for a Lunchtime Welfare Assistant who:

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- is able to help to organise and participate in playground games
- will manage behaviors in accordance with the school behaviors policy.

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The hours of work are from 11.55 to 1.05 pm every day – Monday to Friday during term time.

The successful candidate will be required to undertake a DBS check.

It is important to note that in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022, an online search will be carried out as part of its due diligence on shortlisted candidates.

Please note CVs are not accepted, so to apply for this vacancy you will need to complete the application form available from school.

For an information pack please email office@lytham.lancs.sch.uk

The Stations of the Cross

Easter Day is on 9 April this year, and so the long preparatory penitential season of Lent began on 22 February with Ash Wednesday. As we get closer to Easter and enter Passiontide on the fifth Sunday in Lent, known as Passion Sunday, the intensity increases; and on the following Sunday, which is Palm Sunday, we begin Holy Week, the most solemn period of the church's year. On Palm Sunday itself we celebrate Christ's Entry into Jerusalem. But we know what is about to come: the Last Supper, Betrayal, Trial, Crucifixion and Burial, which we commemorate on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Then, at last, following all our meditation on suffering and sacrifice and our lengthy period of penitence and self-denial throughout Lent, we come to Easter Sunday, with its joyous celebration of the Resurrection.

In a number of Christian traditions one of the devotional practices associated with Passiontide is meditating on stages in Christ's progress from the moment of his condemnation by Pilate to his body being taken down from the cross and laid in the tomb. Pilgrims to Jerusalem, from at least as early as the fourth century, followed the traditional route from the site of the condemnation to the site of Calvary, reflecting on the significance of it all and spiritually sharing in Christ's suffering. The route quickly became known as the Via Dolorosa, the Sorrowful Way (more commonly translated as the Way of Suffering, or the Way of Sorrows), and it is still the focus of pilgrimage today.

A millennium later, in the fourteenth century, it was realised that this pilgrimage could be spiritually re-enacted, and progress was organised into stages or stations: moments of pause and focussed reflection on particular episodes in Christ's experiences from Condemnation to Burial. Most of the details which provided the focus for these successive stages or stations of meditation and prayer were drawn from the four gospels, but some were legendary elaborations, such as the story of how St Veronica wiped Christ's sweating face with a cloth, on which was left a miraculous imprint of his visage. It became increasingly common for each pause-point to be marked by an image of the episode to be meditated upon, and these are known Stations of the Cross. In England, the Reformation swept away devotional practices such as this, together with the associated images. But as the Church of England developed a High Church tradition in the nineteenth century, Stations of the Cross and the devotional practice of which they were a part were reintroduced within that tradition. The Roman Catholic church did not break with the medieval practice, and so Stations of the Cross are to be found in all their churches.

Nowadays, at least within the Roman Catholic tradition, there are customarily fourteen Stations, although the number and sequence of episodes was not finally settled until the 18th-19th centuries. The Stations themselves may be indicated around the walls of the church by pictures or icons, carvings, or just numbers, sometimes with a brief sentence alongside to signal the episode in question. *Joyce Hill*

AN APRIL/EASTER EGGS-travaganza QUIZ

The formation of the Christian year was firmly grounded in gospel events, and developed around the two great cycles of Easter and Christmas. As the calendar expanded, festivals commemorating the gospel events gradually unravelled along the natural cycles of the sun and agricultural changes.

The Easter cycle spans the months of spring and early summer, including Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension Day and Pentecost. Its high points are Easter Day and Pentecost, not long before the summer solstice, the longest and brightest day of the year. This is the season of Christ's resurrection when light triumphs over darkness.

Here are forty questions, seasonally chosen, which will test your grey matter.

1. After which Greek goddess is the month of April named?
2. Before the Julian calendar, how many days were there in April?
3. What is thought to be the inspiration behind April Fool's Day?
4. Which famous Englishman's birthday is traditionally observed on St George's Day?
5. The arrival of which birds in mid-April is considered to signal the start of Spring?
6. On which date in April 1912 did the *Titanic* sink?
7. The mutiny on HMS Bounty took place in April 1789. Name the ship's captain.
8. In the April of which year was the famous line, 'Houston, we have a problem' used for the first time?
9. 'It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen' is a quote from which book?
10. Which flower, April's birth flower, has the Latin name *Bella perennis*?
11. In a 1957 TV prank, the BBC broadcast a film supposedly showing Swiss farmers picking this freshly-grown item. What was it?
12. 'April is the cruellest month' is the first line of which poem by T S Eliot?
13. What was first introduced into Britain on 1st April, 1973?
14. Name the novel by F Scott Fitzgerald published on 10th April, 1925.
15. In which American city was Martin Luther King assassinated on 4th April, 1968?
16. Easter Day always falls between which two dates?
17. Which Jewish feast was being celebrated during the week Christ was crucified?
18. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in

- an attempt to prevent Jesus being taken prisoner?
19. For how many pieces of silver did Judas trade for the life of Jesus?
 20. How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers?
 21. In repentance, Judas returned money to the chief priests and the elders and then did – what?
 22. Who was surprisingly released before Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death?
 23. Simon of Cyrene was compelled to carry the cross of Jesus. What were the names of Simon's two sons?
 24. What was the inscription above the cross?
 25. What happened in the Temple as a sign that the death of Jesus had made way for the individual believer to approach God?
 26. Who was the first person to enter the tomb of Jesus?
 27. Two men helped to prepare the body of Christ for burial. Who were they?
 28. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?
 29. In the 13th Century, the Church prohibited eating what during Holy Week?
 30. Dyeing Easter eggs is a tradition that began in which country?
 31. The first Easter eggs were dyed red, .. to represent what?
 32. Which baked item is a Good Friday tradition in this country?
 33. In Switzerland, which bird delivers Easter eggs to children?
 34. Name the fruitcake complete with balls of marzipan served on Easter Day.
 35. How many balls of marzipan are used on the fruitcake, and
 36. what do they represent?
 37. In which country did the tradition of the Easter bunny originate?
 38. Easter Island is part of which country?
 39. In which country is the world's largest Easter egg museum?
 40. The home of which Scottish football club is in Easter Road?
 41. Name the jeweller who decorated Easter eggs for royalty.

What goes on each week at JCLytham



Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion at St Cuthbert 1st & 3rd, at St John 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

10.15am Morning Service at both churches (except the 5th Sunday when it's a joint service)

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

Wednesday

9.45am Bertie Bear Toddler Group in the Parish Hall on Church Road

11am Holy Communion at St Cuthbert

Thursday

9.30am Community Craft Group in St Cuthberts

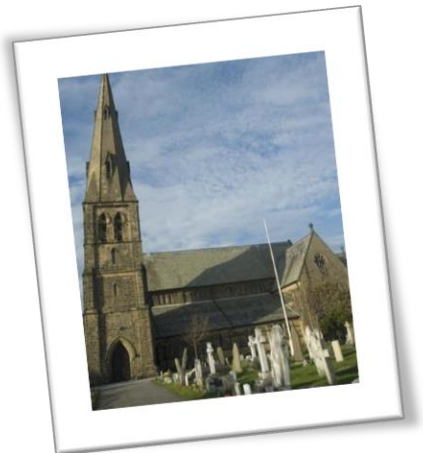
Saturday

10am Open Church both churches

10am Coffee Mornings

2nd Saturday of the month at St John

4th Saturday of the month at St Cuthbert



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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
	7pm-8pm	Pilates with Georgia – 07875590724
Thursday	5pm-6pm	Rainbows (term time)
	6.30pm-7.30pm	Brownies (term time)

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10:15am Holy Communion	St John & St Cuthbert	St John	St John & St Cuthbert	St Cuthbert	Parish Communion
10:15am All Age Service	-	St Cuthbert	-	St John	
12noon Baptisms	St John	St Cuthbert	St John	St Cuthbert	-
11am Communion	Each Wednesday at St Cuthbert				

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