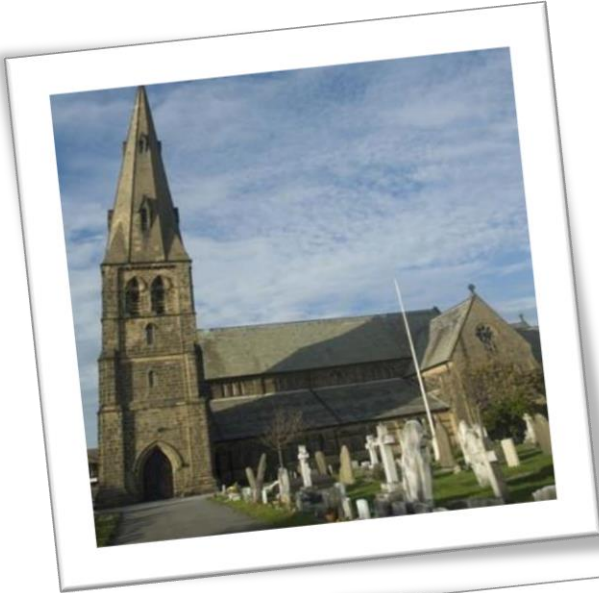


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June 2023

Dear Friends,

Clergy have traditionally been told by the more cynical amongst us to avoid parishes with churchyards and church schools. They can certainly prove additional responsibilities, but both are wonderful opportunities too.

Lytham CofE Primary School is a privilege to be a part of and I see myself as a Chaplain, Governor and Teacher there. This term I have led collective worship, visited a class to talk about Baptism, assisted leading the 'Lord's Prayer' Prayer Stations arranged by Revd Emma as part of Thy Kingdom Come, I meet regularly with Mrs Wooldridge, the Head and I attend Governors meetings and training sessions, amongst other things.

We are delighted that the school is oversubscribed for this autumn, partly as a result of opening a teacher-led Nursery as well as working to raise the profile of the school locally.

The school has a half termly value and these are very similar to the Fruit of the Spirit St Paul writes about in Galatians 5. I believe being a Christian based school brings extra value to the education provided and it is a privilege to be involved.

A churchyard presents us with opportunities to care for those recently bereaved. Balancing emotional wishes and the legal requirements can occasionally prove problematic, but they underline the strong pastoral need. A few weeks ago, I had the privilege of interring the ashes of Pam Usher with her husband who was buried at St Cuthbert's in 1964. It was significant for me as I used to take Pam communion to her whilst I was the vicar of Onchan where she was a parishioner in the 1990s.



As I say churchyards and church schools may require time and attention, but they also provide valuable links into the community and opportunities to present God's love to others.

Yours in Christ,



Thy Kingdom Come

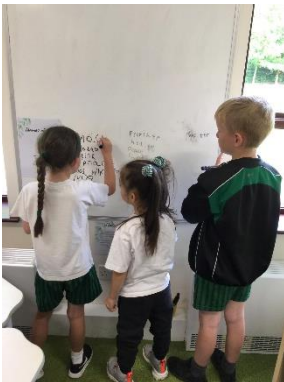
As we go to print this year's 'Thy Kingdom Come' is drawing to a close. 'Thy

Kingdom Come' has been inspired by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and has a particular focus on prayer, encouraging us to pray particular for five family members or friends to come to faith.

This year we have had prayer times in and around our churches as well as prayer walks.

Emma and Nick also spent time in Lytham CofE Primary School with each year group assisting

them to reflect on the Lord's Prayer at various prayer stations. The feedback for this has been really positive, not just from the children, but also the staff who found it a reflective time.



Licensed Lay Ministry



On Sunday 21st May

Jacqui Briscoe was licensed as a Licensed Lay Minister here with us at JC Lytham, joining our LLM team. Jacqui, and her husband Bob, moved to the area just over a year ago and she has transferred her license from the Chester Diocese.

Jacqui is passionate about sharing the message of God's love with anyone and everyone she meets, and she reflects that love in every aspect of her daily life. We welcome her to the Ministry Team and we look forward to receiving the benefits of her ministry.

Licensed Lay Ministers are local people who are key members of their congregations, exercising leadership in teaching the faith, enabling mission, and exemplifying faith in their personal lives. They are often active members of the PCC, leaders of homegroups, missionally focussed, preachers and teachers, discipleship coordinators and they can encourage, train and mentor other lay ministries. Their distinctive role is to be a focus, beacon, and enabler for all forms of lay ministry.

At the heart of licensed lay ministry is the call of God to teach the faith, enable mission, and lead in church and society – reflecting the light and love of Christ wherever they are. Licensed Lay Ministers are licensed by the Bishop of Blackburn to exercise their ministry in their parish, and this license is renewable every three years.

God calls and equips all sorts of people for this ministry – and the focus is on the following personal qualities:

- A love for God – relies on God, lives out faith on a daily basis, rooted in study of scripture, engages with God’s world, personally prayerful.
- A call to ministry – responding to the call of Christ to be a disciple, understands and excited by LLM ministry, committed to ministry rooted in God’s world and senses a call to licensed lay ministry.
- A love for people – listens to, values and respects others, builds healthy relationships in church which enable others in ministry, seeks to serve the community, personally has empathy and is self-aware.
- Wisdom – open to life-long learning, reflection and growth, works collaboratively and embraces difference, connects gathered worship with being sent out to the world, has integrity and emotional stability, open to feedback.
- Fruitfulness – shares God’s story in a way that communicates, can share faith imaginatively, relevantly and well, shares God’s love for the world, recognises their own strengths and weaknesses and has good self-care.
- Potential – has potential to grow in faith, lead collaboratively as part of a team, spot opportunities and respond to them, and be adaptable, imaginative and creative.

Service of Evening Prayer

Prior to Covid we used to hold the service of Evening Prayer at St Cuthbert’s once a month through the summer. We will recommence this in June through to September, on the second Sunday of the month at 6.00pm in St Cuthberts. Sunday 11th June will be the first one then 9th July; 13th August and 10th September.

We would love to see you there.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Visitation

Our APCM on Monday 15th June saw the accounts and reports for 2022 received. We are so grateful to Wendy Riley, Pater Martin and Dean Cowell for all the work they did during the year as PCC Treasurers and to Debbie Thorne, our Independent Examiner, for her guidance too. As we are now one parish this should prove much more straightforward this year.

At the APCM Susan Holman and Debbie Edwards were elected as our Churchwardens and Tabitha Riley and Andrea Tinker as Deputy Churchwardens.

We are delighted to say all the Kirkham Deanery Synod posts were filled as were all the PCC positions – at full list of those elected is on display in both our churches for the time being.

The Churchwardens will formally be sworn in at the Archdeacons Visitation on Tuesday 13th June at St Thomas' St Annes.

Club Day

Lytham Club Day this year is on Saturday 24th May when Bea Smith will be retiring as Rose Queen. We thank Bea, her retinue and family for all they have done representing us and our town over the past year.

We really wish to encourage members of our churches to walk in the procession once again this year. We normally gather near the Fire Station on Station Road around 10am ready to lead off as directed. It is always a joyous occasion and also important that we are represented, so if you can walk with us that would be great.

The following day at 3pm in the afternoon there is the Club Day Songs of Praise, led by the Lytham Community Choir and local church leaders.

It is a great opportunity to come together and sing praises to God in the grounds of Lytham Hall.

Additionally, we look forward to focusing on our Rose Queen at our All-Age Service at St Cuthbert's on Sunday 11th June.

Installation of the Bishop of Blackburn

The Rt Revd Philip North will be Installed as Bishop of Blackburn on Saturday 24th June in Blackburn Cathedral. As this is also Lytham Club Day our clergy will not be present, but we will hold him and the diocese in prayer that day and wish God's blessing on him as he is installed.



St Cuthberts Vicarage

At the APCM it was mentioned that the Blackburn Diocesan Clergy Housing Department have recently purchased a house on Talbot Road, which will eventually become the next Vicarage for the parish. The vicar understands that the current Vicarage will then be sold, as the maintenance and running costs make it unsustainable as a Vicarage.

From the Registers in May

Baptisms

7th Joshua James Owen
21st Olivia Georgia Cox
Max Christopher Gee

Funerals

3rd Geoffrey Broughton-McCabe
12th Betty Briggs
19th Pamela Jones
22nd Roger Wells
30th Peter Matthews
31st Ann Turner

Mothers' Union

We meet on Thursday 8th June at 2.30pm at Lytham Hall for Afternoon Tea. If you would like to join us and have not put your name on the list, please let me know ASAP for numbers (737310). The cost is £17.95 and can be paid on the day.

The Deanery Festival is on Monday 12th June at Kirkham Parish Church at 7.30pm. I hope you can attend this event, Debbie Edwards will be carrying our Banner.

On Thursday 6th July at 2.30pm St. Cuthbert's Branch are hosting the Indoor Members and over 80's Tea Party and anyone over 80 is eligible to attend. I will collect names at the event at Lytham Hall if you would like to join us.

Margaret Fisher

Peculiarity of Westminster Abbey

Those who delight in legal quirks and strange terminology will recognise that the title of this month's article is a play on words, alluding to Westminster Abbey's status as a Royal Peculiar. It looks and functions in many ways like a cathedral and it has, for example, a Dean and Chapter, as all cathedrals do. But it is not a cathedral; it is the surviving building of a dissolved Benedictine Abbey, and although it is geographically within the diocese of London, it does not belong to the diocese. Rather, along with certain other churches, it has a special status outside the diocesan structure, which also means that it is not subject to the diocesan bishop. In fact, it belongs directly to the monarch, which is what makes it a Royal Peculiar. The other Royal Peculiars are St George's Chapel Windsor, the Chapels Royal at Hampton Court and St James's Palace, the King's Chapel of the Savoy, the Chapels of St Peter ad Vincula and St John the Evangelist in the Tower of London, and the Royal Foundation of St Katharine, originally a medieval church and monastic hospital next to the Tower, but now a religious charity.

We commonly use the word 'peculiar' these days to mean something that is strange or odd. In a sense that's applicable to the Royal Peculiars, because they are strange and odd in being outside the diocesan structure and episcopal jurisdiction. But the word originally meant 'belonging exclusively to..' and this is how it's used in the historic phrase 'Royal Peculiar'.

Last month we witnessed the Coronation, which of course took place in Westminster Abbey, as do many of our great national services, although St Paul's, as the cathedral of the diocese of London, is sometimes used. The choice may be a matter of tradition, but these days there are also issues around seating capacity, access, sight-lines and so on. However, Westminster Abbey is definitely the place for coronations, and has been

so since William the Conqueror was crowned there on Christmas Day 1066.

It is generally believed that there was a church at Westminster from the seventh century. Certainly, by the tenth century there was a significant Benedictine Abbey there, still some way outside Anglo-Saxon London. But the history of Westminster Abbey as we know it, as a great church with royal patronage, begins with its rebuilding by King Edward the Confessor. The choir and transepts were dedicated in 1065, shortly before the king died on 6 January 1066. The nave was begun c. 1100 and was completed by 1163, when the shrine of Edward (who had been canonised in 1161) was placed in the choir. A much larger chapel was built at the east end c. 1220. But it was in 1245, under Henry III, that the building of the present church began, in the latest French style. The eastern part of the new church was complete by 1269, when Edward's relics were placed in the shrine behind the High Altar, where they remain today. Work on the nave continued in 1375, and was finished c. 1505. The striking western towers, which are so much part of our image of Westminster Abbey, are surprisingly late additions. They were designed by Christopher Wren (1632-1723), modified by Nicholas Hawksmoor (1661-1736), and were completed between 1740 and 1750.

The Benedictine monastery was dissolved in 1540 as part of Henry VIII's general monastic dissolution, but the great abbey church, built by kings, remained, with its status formalised as a Royal Peculiar. *Joyce Hill*

QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR JUNE: It's a rich man's world

Money is the foundation stone of modern economic life, the pivot around which economic activities revolve. It is used to fulfil our basic needs; an agent in the living of a healthy and prosperous life. At early times, transactions between people operated via an exchange economy: commodity for commodity. The problem with such barter transactions lay in ascertaining a common measure of value, so gold and silver were used as money instead. Stocks of precious metals, however, could not meet demand, and they were replaced by paper money. Latterly, society has moved on again. The use of credit and debit cards is now commonplace and the use of 'ready cash' is in decline.

It is wise not to develop an obsession about money; it can never rival the values of love and care. Take note of Acts 20.35: ... remember how Jesus himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Here are forty questions with financial connections.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Which one of the disciples of Jesus was a tax collector?2. According to Matthew, what was the value of two sparrows?3. The love of money is the root of ...
.... [3,4]4. Who did Jesus send fishing to get money for taxes?5. A man whose debt was 10,000 talents failed to forgive a much smaller debt of how much?6. The sons of which OT prophet were greedy and took bribes?7. Which NT woman was a seller of purple goods? | <ol style="list-style-type: none">8. For how much was Joseph sold to the Ishmaelites?9. How many shekels did Abraham pay for the Cave of Machpelah?10. As Jesus watched, how much did the poor widow throw into the treasury?11. Name the silver item put into Benjamin's sack.12. Who offered Delilah silver to find out the secret of Samson's strength?13. How many pieces of silver was Judas given to betray Jesus? |
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14. In the parable of the prodigal son, what fraction of his father's inheritance would the younger son receive?

15. After the prodigal son had spent all his money and famine had come along, what job did he get?

16. What did the Lord in his anger tell Eliphaz to take to Job as a burnt offering?

17. Which judge vowed his daughter to the Lord as a burnt offering?

18. When Job had his fortune restored, he was blessed with seven sons and three daughters. Name the three daughters.

19. How much did Job receive when God restored his wealth compared to before?

20. In the parable of the talents, how many talents did the man who was given five talents gain while the master was gone?

Identify the following Bible quotes by book, chapter and verse.

21. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

22. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

23. Do not wear yourself out to get rich; be wise enough to desist.

24. The wicked borrow and do not pay back, but the righteous are generous and keep giving;

25. A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

26. Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

27. Give, and it will be given to you.

28. You cannot serve God and wealth.

29. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty,

30. The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

31. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost ... ?

32. The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.

33. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn

34. Honour the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce;

35. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'

36. Better is a little that the righteous person has than the abundance of many wicked.

37. Wealth hastily gained will dwindle, but those who gather little by little will increase it.

38. A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold.

39. Which group sang the title of this month's quiz?

40. What does the group name have in common with the wording 'A man, a plan, a canal – Panama'?

QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR MAY: Long live the King!: Answers

1. The House of Windsor, 2. George, Charlotte, Louis, Archie and Lilibet,
3. Corgi, 4. 2017, 5. St Edward's Crown and the Imperial State Crown,
6. Sandringham House, 7. Norman Hartnell, 8. Elizabeth and David Emanuel,
9. At university in St Andrews, 10. Princess Beatrice and Eduardo Mapelli Mozzi, 11. June, 12. Photography, 13. Queen Charlotte, 14. Henry VIII,
15. Equestrian, 16. Clarence House, 17. It was Philip's official livery colour,
18. Friends, 19. Nine, 20. Charles I, 21. Sir Tony Blair, 22. Piano, guitar, cello,
23. Aston Villa, 24. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, 25. Windsor Castle,
26. Catherine of Aragon, 27. Duchy Originals, 28. Waitrose, 29. French,
30. 180, 31. Buckingham House, 32. Edward V [the boy king] and Edward VIII,
33. Le Cordon Bleu London, to be served at the Coronation Luncheon in 1953,
34. To kneel before him and kiss him on the right cheek as a sign of respect,
35. University of Cambridge, 36. Windsor Castle, 37. Carriage driving,
38. George III, 39. The first to reach the summit of Mount Everest,
40. Blackpool.

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

10:15am Sunday School at 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

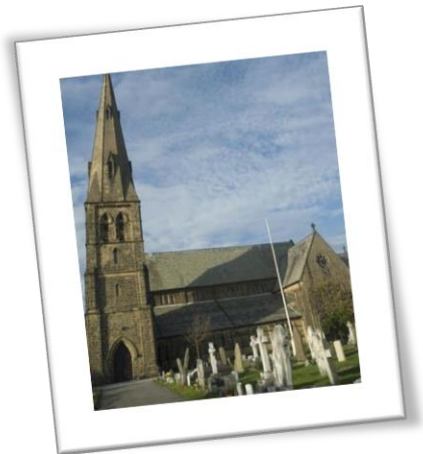
9.30am Community Craft Group in St Cuthberts

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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	-
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