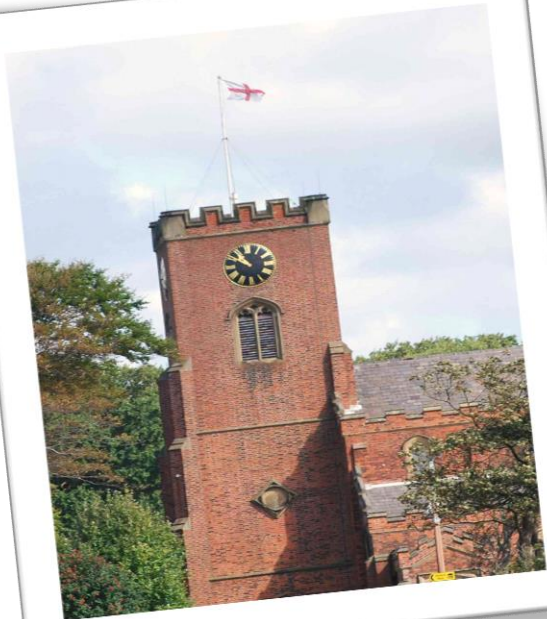
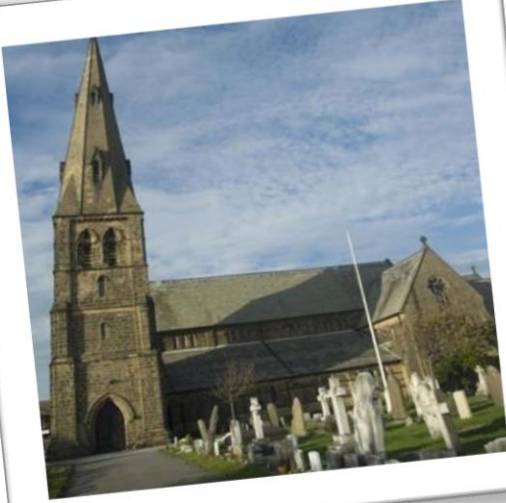


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May 2023

Dear Friends,

This month the Nation and Commonwealth come together to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. I am sure it will be a moving and memorable day, indeed weekend. For the majority of people, it will be the first time they have witnessed this event. We know these state occasions draw the eyes of the world; it is something we are good at.



It is clear that the Christian faith has a strong presence at the Coronation, it takes place in Westminster Abbey, a bible is present to our new monarch and the Archbishop of Canterbury is the person to crown and bless our new King. I expect there will be a new anthem or two sung which will become regular pieces in choir repertoires for years to come.

As we are planning a social time for Pentecost, we have not arranged one for the Coronation, but our 10:15am Communion services at both churches will follow the order especially written for use across the Church of England that weekend.

I also hope we consider what a Coronation of a King in his Kingdom has to say to us as Christians. After all we are additionally citizens of God's Kingdom with Jesus as our King. This is something we celebrate, but perhaps struggle to understand. The Coronation will remind us that we have a figurehead who provides a focus and leadership who relies on others to fulfill the culture of the Kingdom. We have a duty of service to the King and thereby to our fellow citizens in both Kingdoms

Please have a good weekend and as you watch, recommit to our Earthly Kingdom and our Heavenly Kingdom too.

Yours in Christ,

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our APCM takes place at St John's this year on Monday 15th May at 7pm. At the meeting we will receive the accounts for 2022, various reports about the life of the parish, elect our Churchwardens, Deputy Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Representatives and PCC Members and thank all those who have done so much across the parish over the last year. The Agenda and Minutes of last year's meeting are available for each church and on our website, together with nomination forms. Please ensure nomination forms are returned to me by Sunday 14th May to help prepare for the meeting. The Annual Accounts will also be available, but not until nearer the time.

Please do try to attend and consider if you could bring something to one of these important positions.

Ascension Day

This year Ascension Day falls on Thursday 18th May. To mark the day there will be a service of Holy Communion at 7pm at St John's

From the Registers in April

Baptisms

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April 9th Harry George Rosindale

Clay Mason Gilligan

Funerals

April 4th Cilla Lane

April 20th Roger Walker

April 25th Winnie Smythe (known by many as Wyn Hodge)

Angela hangs up her blue scarf

Having reached the young age of 80 last October, Angela Lee, Licensed Lay Minister, has decided it's time to retire.

Bev spoke to Angela about her time as a Lay Reader / Licensed Lay Minister.

In the mid 1980's Angela felt called to Preach and to do Chaplaincy work and explored the path to Ordination. Having attended a selection conference, the outcome wasn't quite as Angela had hoped and whilst waiting for the right time to go through a second selection conference felt a calling to Lay Ministry and explored the role of what was then called, Lay Readership. She trained for two years and was Licensed in the Chichester Diocese in 1991.

Angela has served in several parishes, firstly in St Michael Southwick, then St John Little Thornton, St Michael Weeton, Wrea Green and Ballam and latterly Lytham St Cuthbert and JCLytham.

The road as a Lay Reader / LLM has had many twists and turns and lots of challenges. On many occasions Angela has had to think on her feet as there had not been any precedents set for some of the strange situations, she has found herself in. Relishing in her work as a Lay Minister she did what she could as best she could, knowing that God was beside her on the journey and encouraging her all the way.

She has enjoyed preaching and will miss it very much as every day there is something you see or hear and think to yourself “that will make for a good sermon one day”. The thought of not preaching again is a strange feeling, but Angela feels that now the time is right to hang up her blue scarf and will become LLM Emeritus.

So, for her 32 years of Lay Ministry, we say “ANGELA, THANK YOU FOR BEING YOU”. This isn’t goodbye in any way shape or form as Angela will still be on the rota for our Wednesday and Sunday services, and we can still look forward to hearing her words of wisdom at study groups and informal discussions.

A Short History of the Coronation

The coronation ceremony, as I’m sure we will be told many times on and around the Coronation of King Charles on 6 May, is very ancient. Indeed, it is: our earliest written Coronation Order dates from the ninth century and was used for the Kings of Wessex, when England was divided into several kingdoms. It is very special in being the earliest surviving Coronation Ordo from anywhere in the West.

This First Ordo, as it’s now known, draws heavily on the account of the anointing of King Solomon in the Old Testament. Oil was poured over the king’s head, the leading figures of the kingdom paid homage, the king received regalia symbolising his power and responsibility, and there was an acclamation, which is still used: *Vivat Rex*, ‘long live the King’. The

symbols of authority were a sceptre, a staff and a helmet – not a crown. The focus of the service was on the king as (military) leader of his people.

A major revision in the later Anglo-Saxon period (the Second Ordo) brings us closer to what we have now. Above all, this revision gave greater prominence to the role of the clergy in the service, required of the king promises to uphold the privileges of the church in addition to promising to uphold the secular order, as he had done in the First Ordo, and there were also changes to the regalia. These now comprised a crown (replacing the helmet), ring, sword, sceptre and staff, each accompanied with formulas invoking royal virtues and divine aid. The *Vivat Rex* acclamation continued to be used. The First Ordo had been Christian, of course, and in Latin, but what now happened under the influence of a revised continental coronation order, largely shaped by Hincmar, Bishop of Reims († 882) for the West Frankish dynasty, was that the Anglo-Saxon Second Ordo became much more ecclesiastical in its focus and the anointing of the king was conceived of as a form of sacrament: something holy was going on, beyond a solemn investiture. This change of concept involved changes in the order of events within the service and to the words spoken and promises made. But most importantly it marked a change in the meaning of kingship, which became something divine.

The service continued to evolve throughout the Middle Ages and was enriched by the addition of symbolic garments. But an underlying stability remained, which is still evident today. Of course, the Reformation meant that questions were raised over particular details. But the fact that the symbolism was substantially derived from the Old Testament allowed the kingly anointing to escape being seen as too Catholic, and so the rituals remained in use.

English was first used for the coronation of James I. For the coronation of James II, it was necessary to leave out the Eucharist, since the king, being a Catholic, would not have been able to take communion! But it was the Glorious Revolution of 1688 which brought about major changes. Politics

required the Ordo to be significantly revised, partly with the aim of excluding the possibility of there ever being a Catholic monarch: the Sovereign had to promise to maintain the Protestant church, emphasised in the service, following the investiture, by the presentation of the Authorised Bible. Substantial parts of the Ordo's text were also rewritten, resulting in a significant break with the medieval liturgical language. It is this version, largely rewritten by Henry Compton, Bishop of London, that has been the basis of all subsequent coronations. *Joyce Hill*

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.

Mothers' Union

Our next meeting is on Thursday 11th May at 2.30pm in Church, when we welcome Canon A. Woodhead whose talk is entitled 'Chaplain to HM Queen'. Fresh cream scones will be served at this meeting.

On Thursday 8th June our meeting will take place at Lytham Hall for Afternoon Tea at 2.30pm. The cost is £17.95 and the list will be available for names and payment at the May meeting.

Look forward to seeing you all.

Margaret Fisher

The Parish Hall – For more info call 01253 736488

Tuesday	9am-3pm	Tumble Tots – Tumbletotslynz@hotmail.com
	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)

Tabletop sales: 27th May, 24th June.

Antiques fairs: 21st May 4th and 18th June and 2nd July.

QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR MAY: Long live the King!

The Coronation of King Charles III and the Crowning of his wife Camilla as Queen will take place on May 6th. This is an ancient ceremony which, in England, has remained essentially the same for a millennium. It is an event for pomp, grandeur and celebration.

The Coronation of a new monarch takes place several months after their accession to the throne; this time is needed for extensive preparations and rehearsals. For the last nine centuries the Coronation ceremony, customarily conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, has almost always taken place in Westminster Abbey. The first English king to be crowned at the Abbey was William the Conqueror on Christmas Day 1066.

Coronation regalia form a key part of the proceedings. These are sacred objects which represent the powers and responsibilities of the monarch. They are presented to him/her during the service.

As background to the occasion, here are forty questions relating to Coronations, the monarchy and the Royal Family.

1. What is the correct name for our Royal Family?
2. Name the five grandchildren of King Charles III.
3. Which breed of dog is associated with Queen Elizabeth II?
4. In which year did the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh celebrate their Platinum wedding anniversary?
5. Which two crowns were worn by the Queen during her Coronation in 1953?
6. Where do the members of the Royal Family traditionally spend Christmas?
7. Who designed the Coronation dress of Queen Elizabeth II?
8. Who designed the wedding dress worn by Princess Diana?
9. Where did the Prince and Princess of Wales first meet?
10. Whose royal wedding had to be postponed because of the

pandemic?

11. In which month of the year does the ceremony of Trooping the Colour normally take place?
12. The Princess of Wales is fond of which hobby?
13. Which member of the Royal Family purchased Frogmore House in 1790?
14. Which famous monarch lived at Hampton Court Palace?
15. In which area of sport does Zara Tindall hold an Olympic medal?
16. Where did Princess Elizabeth and her husband live as newlyweds?
17. Why did the Queen wear green at her husband's memorial service?
18. In 1998, Sarah Ferguson made a cameo appearance in which TV series?
19. How old was King Charles III when he became Prince of Wales?
20. Which English king acquired the Titian painting *Man with a Glove* [ca. 1520] in 1627?
21. Who was the first future Prime Minister to be born during the reign of Elizabeth II?
22. King Charles can play three musical instruments. Name them.
23. Which football team has the support of the Prince of Wales and his elder son?
24. Who lived at Clarence House for nearly five decades?
25. To which royal residence did Queen Elizabeth II make a permanent move during 2022?
26. Which of the wives of Henry VIII lived the longest?
27. Name the organic food brand founded by King Charles.
28. In which supermarket is this brand sold?
29. In which foreign language was Elizabeth II fluent?
30. To the nearest 10, how many garden parties were held at Buckingham Palace during the reign of Elizabeth II?
31. Before George IV [1830], what was the formal name of Buckingham Palace?

32. Which two English monarchs did not have Coronations?
33. Who first created Coronation chicken, and for which occasion?
34. What is expected of the Prince of Wales at his father's Coronation?
35. Which university did King Charles attend?
36. Which royal residence suffered a disastrous fire in 1992?
37. Which hobby did the Duke of Edinburgh persuade his granddaughter Lady Louise Windsor to take up?
38. At the Coronation of which king did some of the congregation begin to eat a meal during the sermon?
39. What did Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay achieve on 29th May, 1953?
40. Which football team won the F A Cup in 1953?

Quiz Answers: AN APRIL/EASTER EGGS-travaganza

1. Aphrodite, 2. 29, 3. Jeffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, 4. William Shakespeare, 5. Cuckoos, 6. 14th April, 7. William Bligh, 8. 1970, 9. 1984 [George Orwell], 10. Daisy, 11. Spaghetti, 12. The Waste Land, 13. Value Added Tax, 14. The Great Gatsby, 15. Memphis, 16. 22nd March and 25th April, 17. Passover [Luke 22.1], 18. Peter [John 18.10], 19. Thirty [Matthew 26.15], 20. By giving him a kiss [Matthew 26.47-49], 21. Hanged himself [Matthew 27.3-5], 22. Barabbas [Matthew 27.15-26, Mark 15.6-15, Luke 23.18, John 18.40], 23. Alexander, Rufus [Mark 15.21], 24. 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews' [Luke 23.38, John 19.19], 25. The veil in the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom [Matthew 27.51], 26. Peter [John 20.6], 27. Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus [John 19. 38-42], 28. Mary Magdalene [Mark 16.9], 29. Eggs, 30. The Ukraine, 31. The blood of Jesus Christ, 32. Hot cross bun, 33. The cuckoo, 34. Simnel cake, 35. The apostles [minus Judas], 36. Germany, 37. Chile, 38. Poland, 39. Hibernian, 40. Peter Karl Fabergé.

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



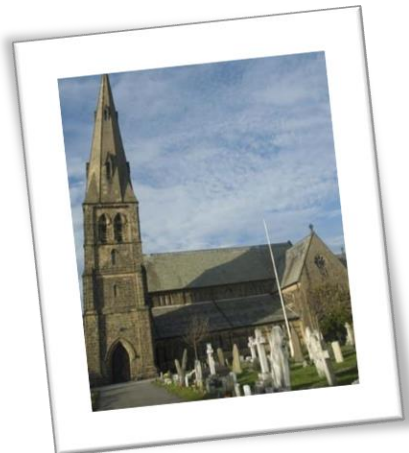
Wednesday

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

Sponsorship of the Service Sheet and Flowers

The sponsorship of the Service Sheet and Flowers at St Cuthbert's continue to be available. It may, for example, be you wish 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.

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10:15am Holy Communion	St John & St Cuthbert	St John	St John & St Cuthbert	St Cuthbert	Parish Commun ion
10:15am All Age Service	-	St Cuthbert	-	St John	
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