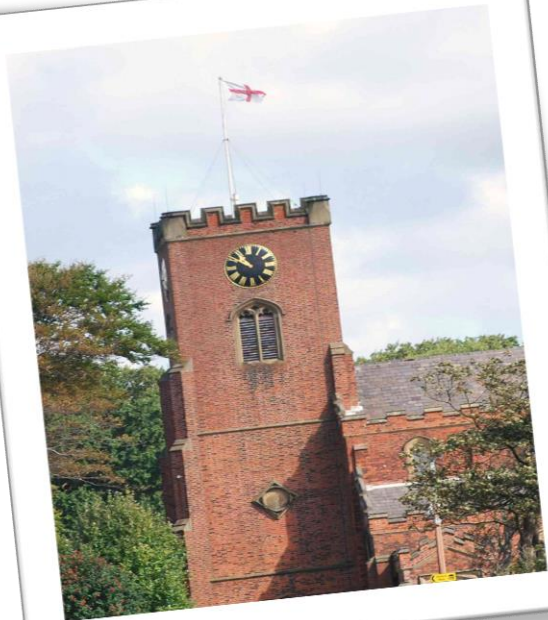
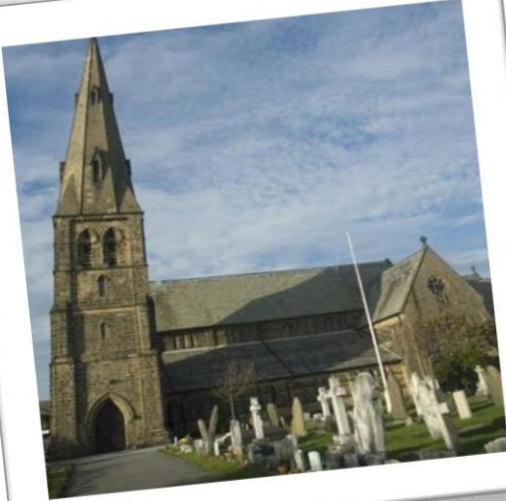


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Dear Friends,

Throughout the bible there are stories of the Israelites seeking to make the relationship with God exclusive. The 'God' for them, which, I would suggest, has its foundation in the call and circumcision of Abraham, when they are called to make a commitment and show physical evidence of their belief in God.



In Genesis, though, surely God wishes to have a full loving relationship with all people; indeed all creation. It would appear he chooses the family of Abraham to not only be a chosen people, but also to portray and share His love with everyone.

In the letter to the Roman's Paul writes about how Abraham's people were to be a blessing to the world, revealing and sharing God. Unfortunately, they had failed to do this time after time.

In the gospels we begin to see glimpses of Jesus extending God's kingdom umbrella to cover Jews and Gentiles alike. In the Acts of the Apostle's 10:9-16, Peter has a clear vision where God tells him His whole creation is clean.

God is God of all creation and all people and we do well to recognise that.

As the church of Christ we need to heed the lesson and not allow ourselves to become exclusive, as the Israelites so often seem to have been in the Old Testament. Our faith is in a God who created the world, a God who loves his creation and God without favourites. We must not allow ourselves to keep God to ourselves, as if He is our secret treasure, but to turn outwards and let everyone see God. Let all creation see God.

I am convinced the church needs to prioritise proclaiming the love of God for everyone and not hiding Him behind our personal preferences.

Yours in Christ,

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

## **Assistant Lay Ministry (ALM)**

We pray the Diocesan Vision Prayer regularly in both of our churches to grow leaders and I am delighted to welcome James Walmsley to the Ministry Team. James became a member of St Cuthberts, with Alex his wife-to-be, during lockdown, and has recently completed the Preachers Module of the Assistant Lay Minsters course. On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September in Blackburn Cathedral James will be Commissioned and given authority to minister as a preacher in JCLytham.

Marianne Cottier-Brown will also be recommissioned at the celebration service and I very much look forward to sharing and supporting their ministry in our Parish and I thank them both for the ministry they will be sharing with us.

If anyone is interested in joining the Ministry Team as an ALM I am certain Marianne or James will happily give you an idea of what is involved.

Modules for ALMs include

- Administration (Autumn 2023)
- Children's Ministry (Summer 2024)
- Environmental Stewardship (Spring 2024)
- Later Life Care (Spring 2024)
- Mission Outreach (Summer 2024)
- Pastoral Care (Summer 2024)

- Preaching (Summer 2024)
- Small Group Leadership (Spring 2024)
- Worship Leading (Spring 2024)
- Youth Ministry (Autumn 2023)

The ALM pathway -



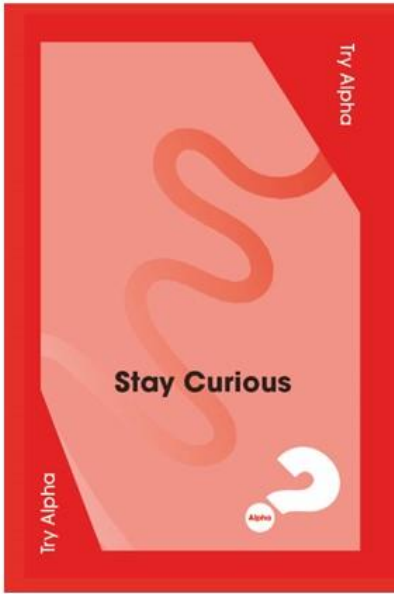
## Discipleship Groups

Discipleship groups are to restart in September. We will be going through the Epistle of James initially, then moving on to use some material entitled “Shining Like Stars”, a follow on from our previous course “A New Community”. All are welcome, whether or not you were part of the previous group.

The first meeting is on Tuesday 5th September, starting at 7pm at 111 Shepherd Road.

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## Pastoral Ministry Team

The newly formed Pastoral Ministry team is now up and running. At present there are four members; Marion Whitehurst, Liz Willis, Betty Pedley and Marianne Cottier-Brown. The team members are responsible to, and supervised by, the Vicar, with Marianne co-ordinating and supporting the team.

At present we are in touch with nearly 20 people, and the Team aims to make monthly visits.

If you are aware of someone who would benefit from a regular visit please speak to Nick or Marianne.

## Harvest

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September is our Harvest Festival which we will celebrate in both churches.

If you wish to make a food donation please can it be non-

perishable items which will be shared between the Fylde Foodbank and Harbour House. If you are unable to get to church on the 24<sup>th</sup> but wish to make a donation they can be dropped off at the Parish Office during the week leading up to the festival, between 9am and 1pm.

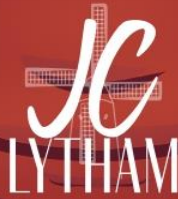
We look forward to Year 4 pupils from Lytham CofE Primary School taking part in the 10:15am service at St John's this year.



## Education Sunday – 10<sup>th</sup> September

Our theme for Education Sunday is New Beginnings and Mrs Amanda Wooldridge, Head Teacher at Lytham CofE Primary School, has kindly accepted an invitation to preach for us at St Cuthbert's on 10<sup>th</sup> September. Members of the school community will also be attending the 10:15am All Age Service and some of the pupils will be taking part.

We really would encourage members of the congregation to attend the service to encourage and welcome our visitors that morning.



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## **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Fosbrooke House, the Church of England Assisted Housing Scheme on Clifton Drive, is holding a Coffee Morning to raise funds for MacMillan cancer support. There is an open invitation to attend on 29<sup>th</sup> September from 10am through to lunchtime.

There will be a variety of stalls, good company and a chance to look round the beautiful garden if the weather allows. No need to buy a ticket, just turn up.

If you are going by car you will need to park on one of the streets nearby as it is residents only parking in the grounds.

## **Parish Communion**

There has been a positive response to the Parish Communion, the service we have held on the fifth Sunday of the month where our churches come together for the one joint service.

As a result, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, we will be having this joint Parish Communion on the first Sunday of every month at 10:15am starting at St John's.

There will be an 8.30am BCP Communion service every week as per the schedule at the back of the magazine; and the venue for each fifth Sunday 8:30am service will be advertised during the previous weeks.

## From the August Registers

### Baptisms

- 6<sup>th</sup> Finley Hudson and Elijah Lee Jakins
- 13<sup>th</sup> Tommy Bobbie and Teddy Alexander Throup
- 20<sup>th</sup> Emilia Grave Rachel Mason and James William Jump

### Weddings

- 18<sup>th</sup> Liam Tingle and Danielle Ashton

### Funerals

- 7<sup>th</sup> Sheila Penn
- 9<sup>th</sup> Rose Hayhurst
- 10<sup>th</sup> Magdalane MacDonald
- 24<sup>th</sup> Roderick Paterson
- 25<sup>th</sup> Doreen Patterson

## Mothers Union

We begin our Autumn session on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm at St Cuthbert's Church. Our speaker is Greg Anderton from Lytham Hall and a former pupil of our Lytham CofE Primary School. Greg will be speaking about "Creating a beautiful autumn garden". *Margaret Fisher.*

## Hildegard of Bingen

I imagine that most people will not know who Hildegard of Bingen was, or why her name is alongside the date of 17 September in the Common Worship Calendar. Yet this German Benedictine nun, born c. 1098, is important enough to be honoured not simply with a Commemoration, but with a Lesser Festival, on a par, for example, with Gregory the Great on 3 September, or the Birth of the Virgin Mary on 8 September. In brief, she was an extraordinary polymath –unusually for a woman at this date -- and also a significant spiritual visionary. Pope Eugenius, at the Synod of Trier in the late 1140s, approved her visions as being from the Holy Spirit and gave her permission to document them. Her visionary theology (for her visions were theologically rooted) was compiled in three great volumes. But as if that was not enough, she also produced a considerable body of musical works for use in the liturgy, a musical morality play, two volumes on natural medicine and cures, a gospel commentary and two works on saints' lives. In addition, nearly four hundred of her letters survive, addressed to popes and emperors, abbots and abbesses. This correspondence, which includes many of the sermons she preached in the 1160s and 1170s, is one of the largest letter collections to survive from the Middle Ages. More surprisingly, perhaps, she also invented an alternative alphabet and an 'unknown language', a kind of secret code or intellectual brainteaser.

So who was this remarkable woman? Her parents were minor nobility and she seems to have been the youngest of a large family. From her earliest years she had visions, and perhaps because of this her parents gave her as an oblate (someone not yet subject to monastic vows – in her case because she was too young) to the then newly formed Benedictine enclosed monastery at Disibodenberg where, probably around the age of 14, she was professed. At the time of her entry into the community, she was under the guidance of Jutta, the daughter of

the local Count, who subsequently became the Mistress of this growing community of women, which was at that time attached to a monastery of monks. When Jutta died in 1136, the nuns unanimously elected Hildegard as Mistress. The Abbot of the monastery wanted the female community to remain under his jurisdiction, but Hildegard was having none of this. She wanted, rather, to move the women's community to a new site so that they could become independent. When the Abbot refused, Hildegard appealed directly to the Archbishop of Mainz, who gave his approval. The Abbot still would not give way, but Hildegard eventually won through and the move was made in 1150. She founded a second monastery for her nuns in 1165. She died in 1179 at the age of 81, a truly venerable age for those times.

Hildegard was one of the first people to whom the formal process of papal canonization was applied — a practice that began in the twelfth century. But despite four attempts to complete the process, she did not graduate through all the stages, and remained at the level of beatification. Nonetheless, she was widely venerated as a saint, with her feast-day being 17 September, the date of her death. Pope Benedict formalised her saintly status in 2012, thus paving the way for her to be named, later that year, as a Doctor of the Church. It is a rare title, honouring a remarkable woman.

*Joyce Hill*

## **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: A Musical Cornucopia**

'If music be the food of love, play on; ...' So says Orsino, Duke of Illyria, in the opening line of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

Music has an almost divine power; very few of us can remain unaffected by it. It functions as a universal language, capable of uniting people from

diverse backgrounds, cultures and beliefs. It also has the ability to connect with our inner selves at a profound level.

Music is a compelling source of entertainment. Its melodic notes and rhythmic beats can evoke our emotions, trigger fond memories or inspire creativity. It surrounds us in so many forms: examples are the soothing melodies of classical compositions, the energetic beats of popular music, and the lyrics of sensitive ballads.

Over time, the development of different instruments has taken music to higher levels. Today, it is a fully-fledged industry which provides employment and therefore income for many. We now acknowledge music's therapeutic value, calming the nervous system and helping in the healing of physical and mental ailments.

Here are forty questions which involve music-related details. First get in tune with them, then find your rhythm, and the key to each answer will soon follow.

1. *Mamma Mia* is based on the music of which pop group?
2. Which Walt Disney musical features the song *A Spoonful of Sugar*?
3. What was the name of Bob Marley's backing group?
4. La Scala opera house is in which European city?
5. From which book of the Old Testament did John Newton take the sermon that was to lead to the powerful hymn *Amazing Grace*?
6. Name the famous singers known together as *The Three Tenors*.
7. Country music has its roots in the folksongs of which region of America?
8. Which carol is sometimes sung to the tune of *On Ilkley Moor Baht At* instead of the more traditional tune?
9. In which country did jazz music and dance originate?
10. What is the male equivalent of a prima donna?
11. Name Beethoven's only opera.
12. What is the second line of the hymn *O Lord, my God, when*

*I in awesome wonder?*

13. The Feast of St Matthew the Apostle is on 21<sup>st</sup> September.  
Who wrote the sacred oratorio *The St Matthew Passion*?
14. Who famously asked, 'Why should the devil have all the good music?'
15. The poet Matthias Claudius wrote which popular harvest hymn?
16. *Nessun dorma* is an aria from which opera?
17. Who composed *A Musical Joke* [Divertimento for two horns and string quartet]? ...
18. ... and where are you most likely to have heard it?
19. Arctic Monkeys, Pulp and The Human League are from which city?
20. Which duet links Léo Delibes with regular flights?
21. The carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* was originally written for which group within a church?
22. With which piece of classical music would you associate the phrase '... all the right notes, but not necessarily in the right order.'?
23. When do people celebrate International Jazz Day each year?
24. The musical *West Side Story* is based upon which play by Shakespeare?
25. The musical *My Fair Lady* is based upon which play by George Bernard Shaw?
26. The musical *Cats* is based on the work of which famous poet?
27. What was the occupation of Peter Grimes in Benjamin Britten's opera of that name?
28. Which song, originally called *Carol of the Drum*, was recorded by the von Trapp family in 1951?
29. Who composed the operas: [i] *Madame Butterfly*, [ii] *Carmen*, [iii] *The Magic Flute*, [iv] *The Barber of Seville*?
30. Which country is the setting for *Madame Butterfly*?
31. The aria *Votre toast, je peux vous le rendre* from *Carmen* is better known by what name?

32. The march *Here Comes the Bride* is from which 1850 opera, and who was its composer?
33. In which American city is The Metropolitan Opera House?
34. Which recent star of Glastonbury wrote the music for *Billy Elliot: The Musical*?
35. Which record was a Top Ten hit for Acker Bilk in 1961?
36. Which percussion instrument is named after its shape?
37. Which theatre show includes the song *Circle of Life*?
38. Which two actors played Sebastian and Mia in the film *La La Land*?
39. Which operetta is sometimes called *The Revenge of the Bat*?
40. If an orchestra plays music in a thunderstorm, who is the most likely to get struck by lightning?

**Answers will appear in the next issue.**

### QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR AUGUST: The Great Outdoors: Answers

1. The Peak District, 2. Loch Ness, 3. Camp site, 4. Captain James Cook, Count Dracula, 5. Drey, 6. Munros, 7. Marilyn, 8. Swansea, 9. Padstow, 10. Leveret, 11. Chester Cathedral, 12. Ragwort, 13. John O'Groats, 14. Thomas Hardy, 15. Wren, 16. Tomatoes, 17. Southend-on-Sea, 18. Yew, 19. Portmeirion, 20. Pontins, 21. Eighty days, 22. Beatrix Potter, 23. Brockworth, 24. Innominate Tarn on Haystacks, 25. Saint Peter, 26. Daisy, 27. An aquatic bug that swims on its back using its back legs as oars, 28. RHS Bridgewater, 29. Willow, 30. It is empty: no one actually lives there, 31. Ben Nevis, 32. Isle of Wight, 33. The Giant's Causeway, 34. The Tan Hill Inn, Richmond, 35. White Coppice near Chorley, 36. Northwich, Middlewich, Nantwich, 37. A place where salt can be obtained, 38. The East Lancashire Railway, 39. Imperial War Museum [North], 40. Beauty, because beauty is in the eye of the bee holder.

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- Thursday**      5pm-6pm      Rainbows (term time)
- 6.30 -7.30pm    Brownies (term time)



# What goes on each week at JC Lytham



## Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion at St Cuthbert 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, at St John 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month and 5<sup>th</sup> as announced

10.15am Morning Service at both churches (except the 1st Sunday when it's a joint service)

10:15am Sunday School on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays term time

6pm Evening Prayer on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at St Cuthbert



## 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

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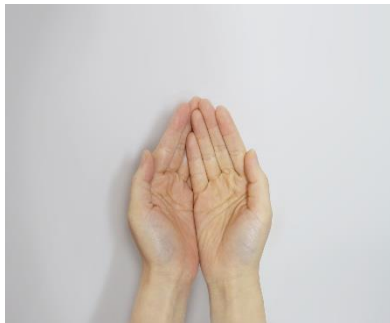
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Authorised Lay Minister: Marianne Cottier Brown and James Walmsley

## **Our Pattern of Services of Worship.**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>
<b>8:30am BCP Communion</b>	<b>St Cuthbert</b>	<b>St John</b>	<b>St Cuthbert</b>	<b>St John</b>	<b>To be confirme d</b>
<b>10:15am Holy Communion</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>St John</b>	<b>Both churches</b>	<b>St Cuthbert</b>	<b>Both churches</b>
<b>10:15am All Age Service</b>	<b>Communi on</b>	<b>St Cuthbert</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>St John</b>	
<b>12noon Baptisms</b>	<b>St John</b>	<b>St Cuthbert</b>	<b>St John</b>	<b>St Cuthbert</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>11am Communion</b>	<b>Each Wednesday at St Cuthbert</b>				

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Website: [www.jclytham.church](http://www.jclytham.church)

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