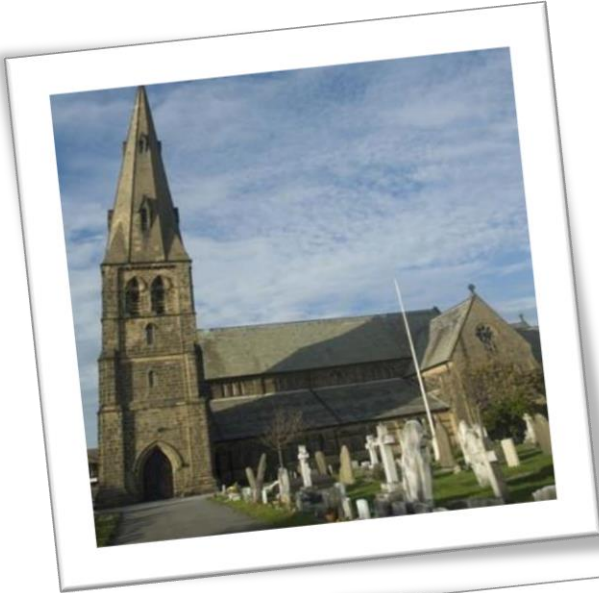


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**October
2023**

Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but I find the drawing in of the evenings through the autumn rather depressing. I do enjoy the vibrant autumnal colours in the trees and in the countryside, but I really miss the light evenings.



Yet the autumn seems to find the church waking up and being more active.

Evening meetings, Alpha, discipleship groups all getting going after a summer break and of course we begin to plan for harvest, Remembrance Sunday, our Confirmation, Advent and Christmas. So many opportunities to present the good news of Jesus and to grow as his disciples.

It strikes me there is one further thing the drawing in of the evenings can underline and that is our hope is in the greater light, the light that St John tells us is coming into the world. This light of course is Jesus and the theme of light is always strong at Christmas. Yet on our darkening autumnal evenings perhaps we can be encouraged to know that Jesus is the light which cannot be extinguished, that darkness cannot put out.

This teaching reminds us that Jesus, the focus of our celebrations at Christmas and Easter is also a light through the day-to-day routine of life. Not just the best days, but also the normal days and the difficult days.

As followers may we seek to walk in this light all the days of our life and reflect it to family and neighbours every day.

Yours in Christ,

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

Discipleship Group

Our Discipleship Group will be following the “Shining Like Stars” course this month, it is a follow on from “A New Community” which the members have been studying before the summer break.

Shining Like Stars is a study which helps Christians understand how God intends us to live in this world.

It focusses on what it means to live as effective Christian disciples in the midst of the challenges of daily life, and its aim is to equip people to live with compassion and integrity as Christians in the community and in the workplace.

All are welcome to join the course whether or not you were part of the previous group.

The group meets at 7pm on Tuesday evenings at 111 Shepherd Road.

Please email jacqui@brisco1@gmail.com or speak to a member of the clergy team for more information.

Hall Park School Harvest

We look forward to welcoming the pupils, staff and parents from Hall Park School to celebrate their Harvest Festival with us at St Cuthbert’s on Tuesday 10th October.

We are so fortunate to have such good relationships with two of our local primary school.

Confirmation

Confirmation is a commitment Christians make to be disciples of Christ closely associated with Baptism. Most people are Baptised as a baby or young child and their parents and godparents make promises on their behalf. Confirmation is a completion of this, for many it is an opportunity to publicly profess their faith and receive the Laying on of Hands by a Bishop.

The clergy will be working with year 5 at our school this term and inviting the pupils to come forward to be Confirmed. If any others aged 9 to 99 are also interested in being Confirmed please speak to Emma or Nick.

Our Confirmation Service this year is on Sunday 3rd December at 10:15am at St John's with Bishop Jill.

Annual Memorial Service – Sunday 29th October at 6pm

Each autumn we hold a Memorial Service at St Cuthbert at which we recall 'those we love but see no longer'. Particularly we extend an invitation to those who have been bereaved over the past 12 months.

This service is an opportunity to give thanks together for the earthly lives of those special to us and to affirm all that they mean to us. The death of a loved one can be very painful and it can take years to re-adjust and work through grief, but we know that many people find the Memorial Service to be a very special and helpful moment.

We hope and pray that this Memorial Service will be a time of encouragement and strength as we reflect on our bereavement in the light of Jesus Christ, who died for us and has risen to eternal life.

Parochial Church Council Away Day

Please pray for the PCC and especially on Saturday 7th October as the members spend the day together with our Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) and Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs), at Whalley Abbey. Revd Fleur Green, one of the Diocesan Growth Advisers will be leading the Council to consider the future vision and priorities for our parish.

Over the past three years we have achieved so much bringing our two churches together, Two homes One family, and it is now right to begin to look further ahead and seek to discern what God is calling us to be and do in the short, medium and long term.

The PCC will be joined by our Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) and Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) as they are part of the leadership team.

It promises to be a thought-provoking day and the PCC would really appreciate your prayerful support as they look ahead to best serving God in Lytham and beyond.

Monthly Parish Communion

Our joint service at St Johns in September was uplifting and we really hope this will continue to be the case.

The Parish Communion this month is at St Cuthbert's on Sunday 1st October at 10:15am.

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.

Parish Giving Scheme

Last month we concentrated on how the members of our parish give of their money and time. Following magazine articles, sermon themes and letters we are beginning to see a response, though we have to report it has been slower than we had hoped.

There have been less than 20 pledges but the average pledge is £75 per month for which we wish to say thank you. Whilst feeling the response is at one level disappointing, at another it is really encouraging.

As our new Parish bank account is open and working the individual bank accounts for St John the Divine at HSBC, and St Cutherts at Barclays and Virgin Money, will be closing in the near future. Our Planned Giving Officers will be writing to those who have been giving to the individual bank accounts asking them to join the Parish Giving Scheme.

May we continue to encourage anyone who has not responded yet to think seriously about giving regularly to our parish which after all is a way of saying thank you to God for His generosity to us.

If you follow this QR code with your smartphone or tablet it will explain how the Parish Giving Scheme works and help you to set up regular gifts or even make a one off donation.



Mothers Union

The September meeting was well attended and very much enjoyed by everyone as we heard Greg Anderton from Leafy Lytham give a very interesting talk and demonstration.



Also, at the meeting our Vicar came in to congratulate Marget Fisher on being our Branch Leader for 25 years this autumn. Margaret is a popular and respected leader of the MU here in Lytham and has ensured it has been involved in the life of our parish and supported the wider work of the MU throughout this time too. Nick spoke of the church's, and his, appreciation of her work as leader. Greg then presented Margaret with an arrangement he had created during his talk, as a token of our thanks.

Our next meeting is on Thurs 12th October when we welcome once again Mrs Pat Ascroft whose talk is entitled ' A Kaleidoscope of Life'.

The Christmas Lunch is on Saturday, 9th December at Lytham Hall 12.30 for 1.00pm. £22.50. The choice of dates was very limited and this date was voted for at the meeting. The list for names will be available at the October meeting if you would like to join us, all welcome.

Margaret Fisher.

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 be, for example, that you wish to sponsor in memory of a loved one or a special event within the family.

The cost of each sponsorship is £25.00; for the sponsorship of both service sheet and flowers is £40.00. Name/s and suitable wording chosen by the donor will feature on the service sheet.

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 Parish. In order to do this, please complete the details on the front of the gift aid envelope.

The flower rota is also out at St Johns church. If you wish to sponsor flowers and remember someone or something special to you, please add your name and this will be arranged.

From the Registers

Baptisms

Sept 10th Teddy Steven Christopher Slinger

Weddings

Aug 27th Diane Fumukina and Kevin Curtis

Funerals

Aug 31st Patricia Fulwood

Sept 21st Michael Heath

Our School



Hello from everyone at Lytham Church of England Primary School!

We all thoroughly enjoyed the final half term of the academic year. The brighter weather meant a lot more fun outside, particularly on our stunning field. As well as enjoying our playtime fun, we also had a wide range of summer term shenanigans taking place at Lytham.

- Firstly, the weather was very kind to us and our Sports Day went ahead as planned. It was wonderful to see our children running alongside each other and encouraging each other. It certainly showed that Sports Days are not all about finishing first. Helping our friends is definitely more important to the children at Lytham.
- We were also treated to a fabulous production by the Y6 children. The children and staff worked so hard and it truly was a polished performance.
- Our PTFA organised a fantastic Summer Fair (on probably the hottest day of the year!) and this was a great event raising in excess of £1500 for school. We are so grateful to the PTFA

members, staff and governors who helped to prepare for the event, man stalls and then tidy up afterwards. We're excited for next year already!

- We also enjoyed our End of Year Service at St John's Church where we celebrated the achievements of our children, and our Pupil Leadership Team passed the baton on to our brand new Pupil Leadership Team. Church was packed to the rafters and I'm fairly sure I saw some emergency chairs being brought out!

Our new school year has got off to a great start and it has been wonderful to welcome thirty children into our Reception class, five children into other classes and three new members of staff. We have some open days planned so please do spread the word if you know of anyone whose child will be starting school in September 2024.

The vision we have for our children is for them to grow to be Disciples of Jesus and as such our Christian Values permeate all that we do. We enjoyed taking part in Education Sunday and are looking forward to taking part in the Harvest Service on 24th September. We hope to see you there.

I hope you've enjoyed reading about the times we share at Lytham Church of England School; we remain grateful that so many people pray so faithfully for our school community.

Love, prayers & best wishes,

Amanda Wooldridge Head Teacher

Evening Prayer

During the summer we reintroduced Evening Prayer at 6pm on the second Sunday of the month at St Cuthbert's. Prior to Covid the service was offered just during the summer months. The response this summer has been positive with 20 people attending one evening. We have therefore decided to continue with the service through the winter too, (though not in December). Why not come along and encourage others too who may prefer a more reflective service to attend.

Joyce Hill's article for us this month tells us much more about Evening Prayer.

Choral Evensong is one of the glories of the English musical tradition, which many people enjoy, whether or not they are regular church-goers. These days it is the cathedrals, along with some major churches, which are the guardians of this tradition. But as recently as the early 1960s, Sung Evensong on Sundays, together with its morning counterpart of Mattins, were services that figured more prominently than the Eucharist; they were *the* congregational services within the Church of England. In parish churches the Eucharist was often said quite early on Sunday morning, with maybe a mid-morning Sung Eucharist once a month. Now, by contrast, the Eucharist is commonly the main Sunday service and Evensong has all but disappeared — though not in cathedrals.

The prominence given to the Eucharist and the near-loss of Evensong within a parish setting was a development beginning in the 1960s, when modernised wording for services also began to be introduced. The speed and extent of the change was variable. But it was nevertheless a marked trend, and now it is fairly rare for the wording of the Book of Common Prayer to be used. Yet, despite the changes we have become used to, Evensong is resistant: in cathedrals, whether Evensong is said or sung we still use the language of Thomas Cranmer, Henry VIII's Archbishop of Canterbury. The musical settings that we enjoy work well with Cranmer's

language, giving the service a rich and peaceful solemnity which is widely appreciated.

The term 'evensong' goes back to Anglo-Saxon times, when it was used as the vernacular name for the service of Vespers, one of the Hours or services within the monastic daily round of worship. The name 'Vespers' comes from the Latin for 'evening': liturgical books usually headed the service with the phrase 'ad vesperum', which means 'at evening', so it's easy to see why the Anglo-Saxons came up with the name *æfensang*, 'evensong'. Cranmer, when he was writing the new liturgy to characterise and define the Church of England, used Evensong as the name for the service that he created by amalgamating and building upon the pre-Reformation services of Vespers and Compline (the very last service of the monastic day). So his Evensong is highly traditional in its form. It was called Evensong in the 1549 BCP, was renamed as Evening Prayer in the 1552 edition, and was restored as Evensong in 1662.

We can see from this that the history of Evensong doesn't simply tell us about changing practices in the twentieth century; tracking it through the various versions of the BCP also tells us about changes at the time of the Reformation and its aftermath. In the BCP of 1549, largely prepared under Henry VIII although issued in the reign of Edward VI, Evensong was not thought of as a congregational service, but rather as one of the services of devotion for the clergy, reflecting something of its ultimately monastic origins. The BCP of 1552, a product of Edward VI's more rigorous Protestantism, changed that: the congregation was expected to attend on Sundays and to take part; there was to be no music — hence the renaming of the service as Evening Prayer; and, alongside this, vestments were simplified, wooden tables replaced stone ones, and church interiors were stripped and whitewashed with greater vigour than before. It was the Restoration of the Monarchy, the resulting 1662 BCP, and consequent further change to liturgical practice that put Evensong in the prominent position it held in parish life until the mid-twentieth century.

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The October Quiz

History: It's in the past, but you can't let it go

History is a study of the past. It is a record of human achievement and experience. As a storehouse of knowledge, it is a means of understanding the present and preparing for the future.

History can involve political events, economic changes, social or cultural developments. Historians might study a single country, or more than one in order to compare the progress of different nations. They may examine a particular period of time, or consider the subject from a thematic perspective.

History also provides a sense of identity and continuity. It is a foundation upon which future generations can build, a legacy that we can leave, and something that we all share in common.

Here are forty wide-ranging questions involving British history. They will probe the extent of your awareness and general knowledge.

1. Who wrote the Acts of the Apostles?
2. How many wives did Henry VIII have?
3. Which two Houses fought the Wars of the Roses, 1455-87?
4. Who was the first reigning Pope to visit Britain, and in which year?
5. Who was the leader defeated at the battle of Waterloo?
6. Where are the original Lindisfarne Gospels on display?
7. Name the three female UK Prime Ministers.
8. The first English passenger railway ran between which two cities?
9. Which country fought against Britain in the War of Jenkins' Ear, 1739-48?
10. In which year was the Scottish Independence referendum held?
11. Which monk, *The Apostle to the English*, became the first

Archbishop of Canterbury?

12. Which UK city has a golden cotton ball at the top of its town hall, a tribute to its industrial past?
13. Which German cipher device was cracked by Alan Turing?
14. Which political party was led by Gordon Brown?
15. Which 12th century queen was imprisoned at Old Sarum castle?
16. The Great Rising of 1381 is better known by what name?
17. Name the theologian, philosopher and church reformer who made the first complete translation of the Bible into English.
18. In which year were women first ordained as deacons in the Church of England?
19. Which city was the capital of the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Wessex?
20. Which of his two wives did Henry VIII divorce?
21. Who wrote *The Ecclesiastical History of the English People* in 731 CE?
22. On 6th June 1944, Canadian troops landed on which D-Day beach, named after a Roman goddess?
23. The Crystal Palace, venue of The Great Exhibition of 1851, was built in which London park?
24. Queen Victoria had nine children. True or false?
25. Which British monarch founded The Royal African Company to trade along the west coast of Africa?
26. In Henry IV Part 2, which castle in Northumbria is described by Shakespeare as 'a worm-eaten hold of ragged stone'?
27. Where was the *Titanic* built?
28. In which year did Australia gain independence from Britain?
29. Who was the English monarch when *The Book of Common Prayer* was first issued?
30. Edinburgh has always been the capital of Scotland. True or false?
31. Whose dyke, built in the 8th century, runs along the border of England and Wales?
32. The verse drama *Murder in the Cathedral* by T S Eliot

concerns the killing of which priest in 1170?

33. Simple explanations are preferable to those that are more complex: whose sharp edge is this?
34. Who was responsible for the bombings in Manchester in 1996?
35. Saint Margaret Clitherow was executed in 1586. What was her crime?
36. The Charge of the Light Brigade took place during which 19th century battle?
37. Which football team lost in the F A Cup final of 1958?
38. William the Conqueror established French as the official language of England. True or false?
39. In which year did women get the right to vote in the U K?
40. Where was the Magna Carta signed? [old joke answer]

Answers will be given in the next issue.

QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: A Musical Cornucopia: Answers

1. Abba, 2. Mary Poppins, 3. The Wailers, 4. Milan, 5. 1 Chronicles, 6. José Carreras, Plácido Domingo, Luciano Pavarotti, 7. The South Appalachian mountains, 8. While shepherds watched, 9. The United States, 10. Primo uomo, 11. Fidelio, 12. consider all the works thy hand has made, 13. J S Bach, 14. Rowland Hill, 15. We plough the fields and scatter, 16. Turandot by Puccini, 17. Mozart, 18. Horse of the Year Show on TV, 19. Sheffield, 20. The Flower Duet [BA ad], 21. The Sunday School, 22. Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor, 23. 30th April, 24. Romeo and Juliet, 25. Pygmalion, 26. T S Eliot, 27. Fisherman, 28. The Little Drummer Boy, 29. [i] Puccini, [ii] Bizet, [iii] Mozart, [iv] Rossini, 30. Japan, 31. The Toreador Song, 32. Lohengrin, Richard Wagner, 33. New York, 34. Sir Elton John, 35. Stranger on the Shore, 36. Triangle, 37. The Lion King, 38. Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone, 39. Die Fledermaus, 40. The conductor, of course.

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	6.30 -7.30pm	Brownies (term time)

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8.30am Holy Communion at St Cuthbert 1st & 3rd, at St John 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month and 5th 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 1st and 3rd Sundays term time

6pm Evening Prayer on 2nd Sunday at St Cuthbert



Wednesday

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11am Holy Communion at St Cuthbert

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	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
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10:15am Holy Communion	Parish	St John	Both churches	St Cuthbert	Both churches
10:15am All Age Service	Communi on	St Cuthbert	-	St John	
12noon Baptisms	St John	St Cuthbert	St John	St Cuthbert	-
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