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The Ministry Team

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Ministers: David Matthews, Bev Wells, Nicola Whitehead

LLM Emeritus: Angela Lee

Authorised Lay Ministers: Marianne Cottier Brown and James Walmsley

Our Pattern of Services of Worship.

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
8:30am BCP Communion	St Cuthbert	St John	St Cuthbert	St John	St Cuthbert
10:15am Morning Service	Parish Communion	Holy Communion St John	Holy Communion Both churches	Holy Communion St Cuthbert	Holy Communion Both churches
		All Age Service St Cuthbert		Service of the Word St John	
12noon Baptisms	St John	St Cuthbert	St John	St Cuthbert	-
11am Communion	Each Wednesday at St Cuthbert				

Dear Friends

Over years in ministry certain bible passages take on greater significance. I remember Bishop James Jones visiting and preaching at Netherton St Oswald's when I was vicar there. He spoke of how important the opening chapter of the Book of Joshua was to him and he urged all Christians to hear the words



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of God—words to the new leader of Israel, Joshua, as he prepared to lead the people across the Jordan and enter the Promised Land.

This was the passage set in the Lectionary for Morning Prayer on the day of our APCM. We hear God saying 'be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you.' This is such a strong message to us as we continue our pilgrimage together as one parish with two churches.

In the bible passage it is the turning point for the Israelites. They have been in exile in the wilderness for nearly 40 years and now it is time for them to cross the Jordan, defeat Jericho, by processing around it's walls for seven days, as God commanded them, and then they were able settle in the Promised Land which was flowing with milk and honey.

God's words to Joshua are not just spoken, but they are heard and acted on. Through their faithful actions the Israelites rebuild their faith in God and are remined how He loves and protects them.

My prayer is that we may all hear and absorb the command from Joshua 1 verse 9 "be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you

go" - may we respond to those words personally and also move together to the next phase of the Parish of JC Lytham. Let us all be courageous knowing God is indeed with us, if not ahead of us, every step of the way.

Yours in Christ

During the week of the 27th May the family and I are moving to the new vicarage on Talbot Road. This means that the Vicarage phone number will no longer be available – please make a note of the new number which is —07852 254 907.

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Our June Parish Communion is at St John's

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Quick report from the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our APCM took place on Monday 20th May and the following people were elected into the posts including

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Deputy Churchwardens: Tabitha Riley and Andrea Tinker

Parochial Church Council members: Alex Dalton, John Dixon, Diana

Harris, Paul Olive, Julie Smith and Karleen Wilkinson

Ex-officio members of the PCC:-

Kirkham Deanery Synod Members: Debbie Edwards, Rachel

Higginbotham, Wendy Riley and Liz Willis

Safeguarding Officer: Linda Hyland

Headteachers Nomination: Amanda Wooldridge

LLM Representative: Jacquie Briscoe

All were welcomed to their posts and those who have served for us over the past year were thanked by the meeting with particular reference to Iain Ashcroft and Michelle O'Neill who both stood down.

The meeting received various reports including a fabric report from our churchwardens which underlines just how much work they do for the parish.

The Annual Report and Accounts were presented to the meeting and agreed unanimously. We especially thanked our Independent Examiner Debbie Thorn at Champion Accountants Blackpool for her last minute amendment to the financial report, and to the Diocesan Board of Finance who pointed out that the Parish Share is not a debt and therefore not to be included as such in our accounts. Technically

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the Parish Share is a gift not an expense. This makes our accounts look healthier than they were although we still face a major challenge to address our present financial position.

We are pleased to be able to share with you that The DBF has agreed that we pay a Parish Share of £42,000.00 this year, rather than that levied at £116,000.00. We are grateful for the support and understanding received.

The meeting closed with both Emma and Nick reporting on the ministry they have exercised over the year. Everyone who has served the parish throughout the financial year was publicly thanked.

From the Registers

Weddings

May 3rd Fiona Winters and Roger Coar

Funerals

May 8th Christine Cockburn

9th Sheila Parker

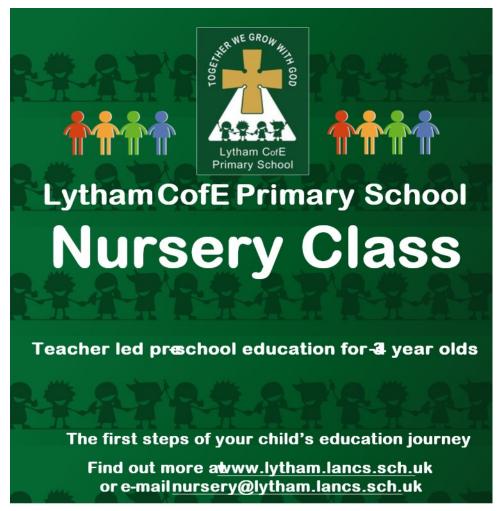
13th Jackson Almond (Memorial Service)

14th Carol Railton

Darren Palmer-Hunt

15th Mike Riley

16th Kathleen Longmore



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Church Break ins

On Saturday 11th May an attempt was made to break in to both our churches.

Access was gained to St John's and although locks were damaged nothing appears to have been taken. The police attended and dusted for fingerprints, but we do not expect this to help prove the identity of the person responsible.

It would appear the alarm at St Cuthbert's was sufficient to prevent the intruder from gaining access to the church, though again, there was some damage to locks and the door frame. Again the even was reported to the police.

A locksmith has repaired and replaced locks at both churches and we hope this was a one off day. If you are passing either church at any time of day or night please keep your eyes open for any unusual behaviour and report it to the police. Thank you.

Archdeacons Visitation

As part of the rhythm of Church of England life each year the Archdeacon makes visitations around the Archdeaconry to swear in the Churchwardens into their legal position, to pray for them and encourage them in their role.

This year we are privileged to be hosting one of this years Archdeacon of Lancaster's Visitation Services at St Cuthbert's on Tuesday 18th June at 7:30pm. We welcome the Churchwardens from across the Preston and Kirkham Deaneries as they are officially sworn in and begin their year of service, supported by their clergy and members of the PCCs.

Mothers' N

We very much enjoyed our meeting in May when we welcomed Denise Hedley & Anne Bouquet who gave us a most interesting talk on the life of Violet Clifton. They also gave us many interesting facts into the life of the Clifton family and Anne dressed as and took the part of Violet.

Our next meeting is on Tues. 25th June at Lytham Hall at 2.30pm for Afternoon Tea.

The MU Deanery Festival is on Tues. 11th June at St. Annes Parish Church at 2.30pm.

Margaret Fisher

The Churches in Lytham Prayer meetings

Please note that there won't be a prayer meeting this month due to the events of the week we usually hold them.

Watch this space for the dates of meetings which will restart in September.



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Discipleship Group

We will be holding a discipleship group in June and July, following the diocesan course "Greater Things".

The course will be held at 49 Victory Boulevard on Wednesday evenings at 8pm beginning on 12th June for 6 weeks.

Greater Things is a course that has been written and presented by Bishop Jill and is available on the Fruitful App, which can be downloaded to your smartphones. The series of six conversations follow the story of the disciples from Easter to Pentecost and will get us thinking and talking about being Fired by the Spirit of Jesus.

Lytham 1940s Weekend 17-18th Aug

At the 1940s Weekend this year, we will be hosting a prayer tent on the green, a "Tent of Remembrance". This will be a wonderful opportunity for JC Lytham to be seen and an active presence in the town during a busy and important event for our community and its visitors. Our tent will be a place for people to come in and enjoy some peace and reflection space, to light candles, to pray for those who they love and are no longer with us, and for us to offer prayers and care for them. If you are interested in helping to staff the tent, please speak to Revd Emma or email emma@jclytham.church





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Quiz Questions for June

General Knowledge: The thrill of The Chase

The popularity of the ITV programme *The Chase* is founded upon its likeable format, the assessment of financial risk and the ready banter of its question master, Bradley Walsh. Successful contestants are knowledgeable, but are also able to bring factual details to mind quickly when under pressure.

I must confess that, from the comfort of the armchair, I feel well pleased when I know for certain the correct answer to a question given wrongly by a contestant and sometimes [affording even greater pleasure], also by the chaser.

General knowledge [GK] refers to information gathered on many different subjects, collected over time from reading, the media, and astute observations on life and events. Consider it not to include detailed matter acquired via formal studies.

Yet GK has value and importance well beyond the answers to trivia and quiz questions. The possession of good GK helps us to develop on a personal level. It opens avenues within our thinking, assists our analysis of situations, and increases our confidence level when in conversation with others.

Have you got what it takes to be a viable participant on *The Chase*? Put yourself to the test by attempting to answer the following forty GK questions.

- 1. From the Bible, who was the first king of Israel?
- 2. Which gas is used to put the bubbles in champagne?
- 3. What type of creature is a Portuguese man-of-war?
- 4. Which seabird gets its name from the historical belief that its presence preceded bad weather?

- 5. In Greek mythology, who fell in love with Psyche?
- 6. From which legendary vessel did Jesus drink at the Last Supper?
- 7. Aglaia, Euphroysne and Thalia belong to Greek mythology. They have a Merseyside connection, and are known collectively as ...?
- 8. What does a hagiographer write about?
- 9. The Bessemer process is used to produce which material?
- 10. Name the ancient Jewish manuscripts found in the Qumran Caves in the Judaean Desert in the 1940s.
- 11. Which North Lancashire village holds a scarecrow festival at the time of the early May Bank Holiday each year?
- 12. How are the Malvinas Islands better known?
- 13. Ariel is the spirit who must serve the magician Prospero in which of Shakespeare's plays?
- 14. What sort of creature is a fritillary?
- 15. Of which revolution was the Reign of Terror a feature?
- 16. Which Irish dramatist wrote Waiting for Godot?
- 17. Which branch of mathematics takes its name from the Greek for *Earth measurement?*
- 18. Which dormant volcano is also the highest point of Africa?
- 19. Which Cistercian Order of monks is noted for austerity and a vow of silence?
- 20. Which South American country is named after the Italian city of Venice?
- 21. *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1* by Sir Edward Elgar is better known as ...?
- 22. Which empire ruled Egypt at the time of Jesus?
- 23. 'A thing of beauty is a joy for ever' is from a poem by which poet?
- 24. Etymology is the study of the origins of ... what?
- 25. What nationality were the singing duo Nina and Frederik?
- 26. Which of Jesus's disciples was the brother of Andrew, and a fisherman?
- 27. Name the scientific study/exploration of caves.
- 28. According to legend, which sacred object was brought to Glastonbury by Joseph of Arimathea?
- 29. Who created the fictional detective Hercule Poirot?





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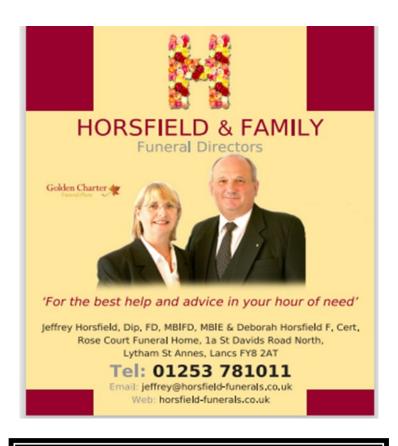
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- 30. Who is the Patron Saint of children?
- 31. Name the winners of Strictly Come Dancing 2023.
- 32. Who wrote the famous trilogy The Lord of the Rings?
- 33. We read of Noah's Ark in which book of the Old Testament?
- 34. On which three metals will you find a hallmark?
- 35. On what does a funambulist tread carefully?
- 36. What is meant by the Latin phrase caveat emptor?
- 37. How many are the Pillars of Islam, the primary requirements of that religion?
- 38. What is the familiar name of Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 14 in C sharp Minor?
- 39. The Golden Temple, the most important pilgrimage site of Sikhism, is in which Indian city?
- 40. The Eras Tour: Who will be performing at Anfield on 14th June?

 Answers will appear in the next issue.

Quiz for May: Gardeners' Question Time: Answers

- 1. Green, 2. Thistle, 3. Sheds its leaves every autumn, 4. Topiary,
- 5. True, 6. Autumn, 7. George II and George III, 8. Belladonna,
- 9. Pomegranate, 10. Tatton Park, 11. The Andrews Sisters,
- 12. Lancelot, 13. China, 14. Mint [Lamiaceae], 15. Ikebana,
- 16. Sunflower, 17. Heligan, 18. Percy Thrower, 19. Orchid, 20. Yew,
- 21. Nebuchadnezzar II, 22. Coriander, 23. Mary Magdalene,
- 24. Hidcote, 25. Sissinghurst, 26. Narcissus, 27. Conwy/Gwynedd,
- 28. Flowers in the Rain [The Move], 29. Maud, 30. Giant hogweed,
- 31. Wheat, 32. Crocus, 33. Forde Abbey, 34. Tomato, 35. The Flower Bowl, 36. Percy Thrower, 37. Blue coat, 38. Snowdrops, 39. Potting compost, 40. Old Buttercup.

Lytham Club Day

We are delighted to say that we will have a float in the procession on Lytham Club Day for the first time for several years. The theme is Pentecost and we are working hard with our school to get the float organised and dressed.

We are planning for the float to include our Puppet Ministry Team helping us tell the people of Lytham about the coming of the Holy Spirit. If you can join us for the procession please aim to be at the Fire Station end of Westby Street by 10:15am, even if you will only be able to walk some of the way, it would be so good to see you.

The following afternoon, Sunday 23rd June, the Club Day Committee, the Lytham Community Choir and the Churches in Lytham come together for a Songs of Praise in the marquee at Lytham Hall at 3pm. Whether you have been before or not, it is something not to be missed.

You may also be interested to know that we support the Lytham Club Day Committee by hosting their regular meetings at St Cuthbert's as we recognise this is such an important event on the life of Lytham.

Coffee Mornings



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