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Dear Friends



One of the effects of our recent house move has had is that we have had to let go of a lot of things. The old Vicarage had the ability to absorb furniture, equipment and various possessions; for example I definitely no longer require my ride-on mower. One or two items have an emotional attachment, but most have been kept because they have been used for parish events and others that might come in useful and, of course, we had the room. Even when the kids came back home in COVID we sucked in two flats worth of stuff.

Matthew 10:5-20 tells us how Jesus sent out his disciples to further the ministry he has begun and which they have witnessed him perform. He tells them “do not take any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts – no bag for the journey or even an extra shirt or sandals or a staff ...” The disciples are clearly told to go simply, without concerning themselves with possessions and it is a challenging message to hear.

We do seem to possess and put value on things that are not truly necessary for us to flourish in life and certainly not necessary for us to have in order to live as Jesus’ people.

I am sure, as a church, one of the things we will be challenged to do as we follow the Parish Renewal Programme is to look at all we do in the parish and consider if they all remain necessary in the future. We are already looking to sift through items stored in the vestries at St Cuthbert’s. The vestries can then be opened up to make them a

## The Ministry Team

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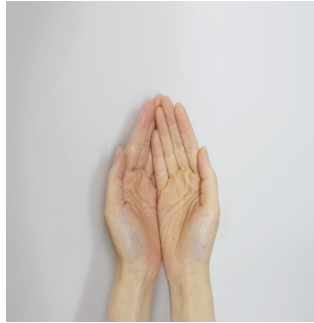
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## Our Pattern of Services of Worship.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> 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
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As Bev and I have been moving various possessions on, it has made me consider if there are things which clutter up our lives. Are there things we carry around that have become a habit that we can't let go of, bad experiences that we hold on to and which stops us moving forward; which stops God working through us. This can be challenging and can make us feel uncomfortable as we work through it but I challenge you to consider if there are things you're holding on to which hamper you living a Christ-like life.

Please reflect and bring things to God in prayer for his guidance.

Yours in Christ,

## **Registers**

### **Wedding**

July 25th Shannah Owen and Nathan Finch

### **Funerals**

July 9th Brenda Thompson

15th Claire Hocking

16th Norma Coupe

26th Christine Hodgson

## The Organ at St Johns

Anyone who has worshipped with us at St John's recently will have realised that the organ is not good. Our skilful organists have tried to ensure our worship is accompanied, not disrupted, but it is becoming harder as the weeks go by.

Following discussion at PCC it was agreed that we approach the Diocesan Organ Adviser to arrange a visit and ask for guidance. This visit has now been made and the outcome is that the organ is pretty well unplayable and beyond repair.

The instrument was installed in the 1950s it has been regularly serviced and added to, but, sadly, it is now on its last legs.

In light of the advice given, and our own awareness of the situation, the PCC is going to explore replacing the organ with an electronic one, like St Cuthbert's PCC did several years ago, and indeed many churches have done.

We will keep you informed of the progress.

### Parish Communion

Our August Parish Communion is at St John's  
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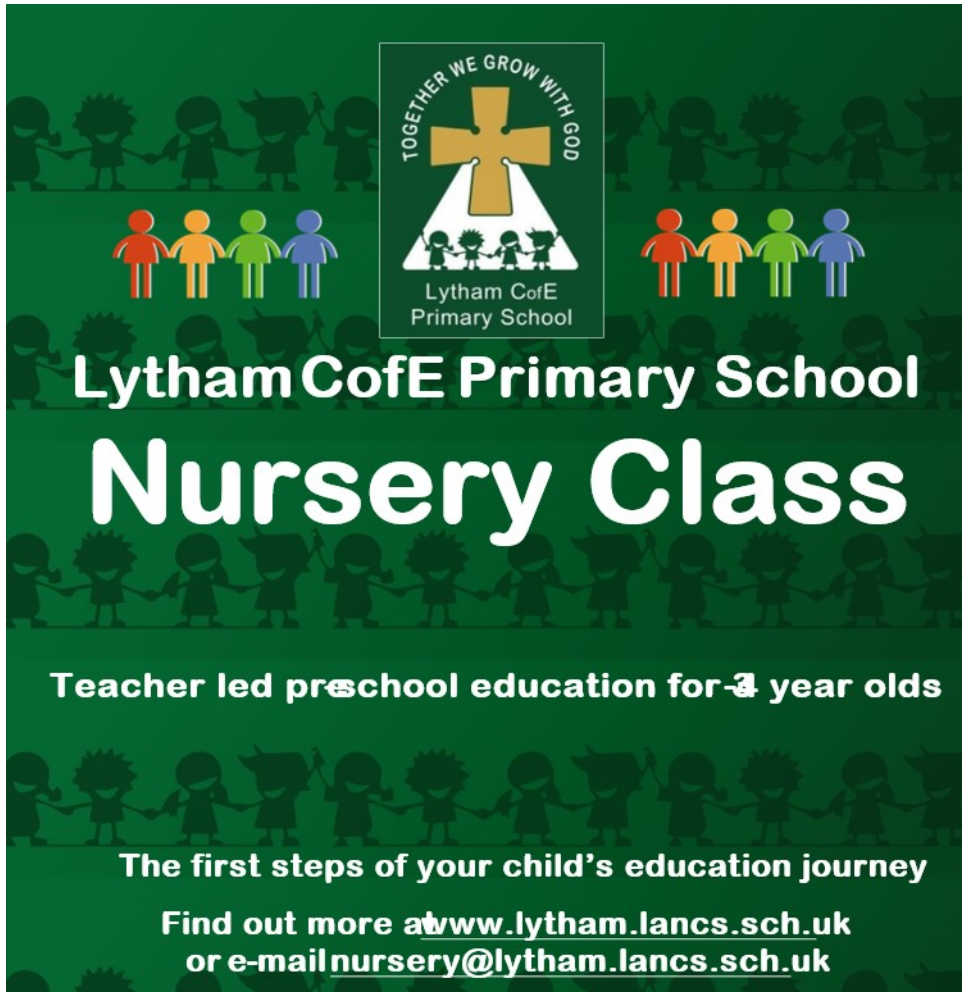
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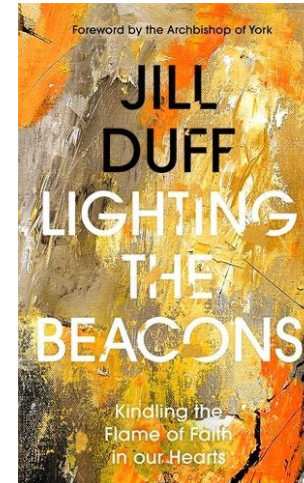
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## Bible Study

We will be starting a study in the autumn using Bishop Jill's book, "Lighting the Beacons". This is an excellent book and an easy read full of stories and anecdotes to help us think about our own faith and how we share it with others.



Summary : What if those moments we put down to coincidence are really the calling cards of God? What if those pinpricks of light in the darkest places are beacons to guide us, telling of the agonizing love in God's heart? What if God is calling to us, 'I miss you, please come home'?

Lighting the Beacons seeks to expand our everyday horizons by daring us to believe that the realities of heaven can break through right here, right now.

Inspired by her own recurring vision of pinpricks of light being fanned into flame, Bishop Jill writes for a wide audience to kindle faith in our hearts, to light beacons. Highlighting stories from contemporary culture, Scripture and the writings of the saints, Lighting The Beacons seeks to encourage those who are curious about the Christian faith, those who feel discouraged and those aspiring to be giants of faith and part of a transformed society.

Jacqui, our LLM, will be leading the study which will be held at 111 Shepherd Road St Annes (near Booths) for 12 weeks beginning on 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm. Please make space in your diaries to attend, you would be made really welcome.

## Lytham 1940s Wartime Weekend, 17-18<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Every year Lytham Green becomes host to a celebration of all things 1940s.

There is singing and dancing and people dressed in swing dresses, wavy hair, red lipstick and seamed stockings. There are also military uniforms and instruments of war on show.

For some of us the seeming promotion of wartime can be problematic, and it certainly seems a little incongruous to celebrate a time in our history that was far from all rosy.

However, themes of war and peace, loss and remembrance are close to all our hearts as we are all affected by them in some way or other. Indeed, in November each year we gather as a town, alongside towns and cities

countrywide to remember those who have given their lives in service of our country and in the name of peace and justice.



The 1940s Wartime Weekend is always enormously well attended with thousands of visitors coming into the town over the Saturday and Sunday. That is thousands of people, many of whom will have direct experience of the horrors of war and who will come with their own thoughts, feelings and memories.

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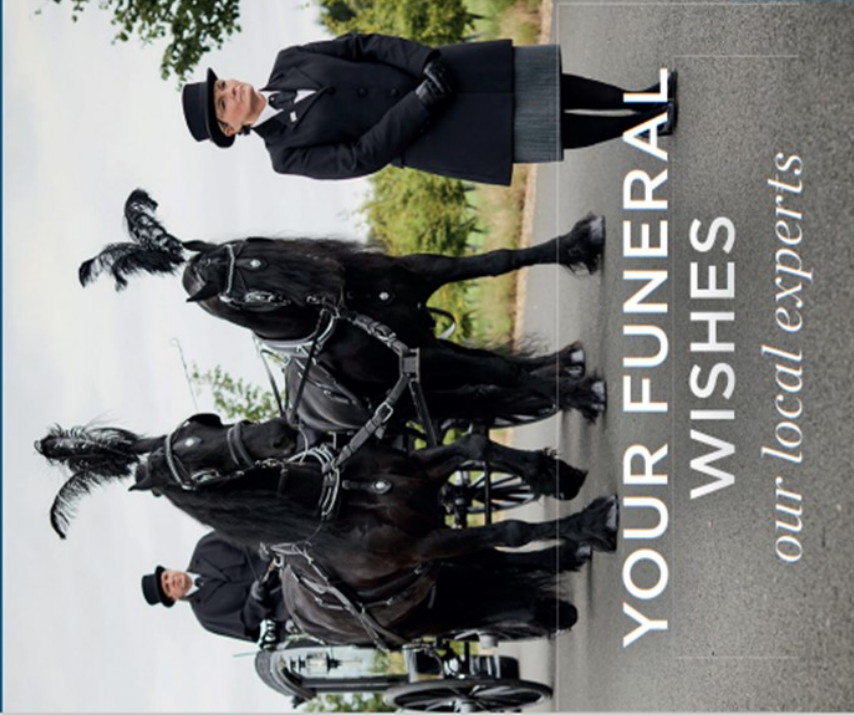
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The 1940s Wartime Weekend is on 17-18<sup>th</sup> August, 10am-5pm. If you are able to spare some time to volunteer please speak to Emma or contact her via email on [emma@jclytham.church](mailto:emma@jclytham.church)

### Resume of the June PCC meeting

The Parish Renewal Programme starts on Monday 15 July 2024 at Whalley Abbey.

In the process of recruiting an organist for St Johns there is concern over the state of the organ itself. The Diocesan Organ Adviser will be invited to give advice and guidance on how to move forward with the organ. We hope to have something sorted in time for St Johns 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The disabled toilets, resurfacing of the external path and the possible sale of the Wurlitzer organ were discussed.

Emma told us of the arrangements for the Club Day parade and outlined progress on Outreach and Discipleship under the headings of Vision 2026 - Making Disciples, Being Witnesses, Growing Leaders and Inspiring Children and Young People.

The Treasurer reported that the old bank accounts are closed and everything is being merged into one new account. There was discussion around the parish share.

The Building Committee informed us of the redecoration of the Parish Hall, and the state of the churchyard at St Johns (which has since been sorted).

The Social Committee is planning events; a Strawberry Tea at St John on the 20<sup>th</sup>, July; 1940s weekend prayer tent; Harvest Festival event in the Parish Hall; and a Lytham Community Choir concert in December.

As on every agenda the Safeguarding Officer gave her report with no incidents to report. New notices will be placed at the back of each Church and the website checked annually.

The Head Teacher had sent in an update on the school's activities which was a good read.

Our Sunday School has a new rota from September with extra helpers on the first, third and fourth Sundays at St Cuthberts. Club Day preparations are well underway, and the Puppet Ministry continues to be strong.

We were so pleased to hear that Revd Helen Houston is going to lead one morning service each month; and that Wendy Carlisle has agreed to become a Communion Assistant at the 8.30am service at St Johns

Nick and family are settling well into their new home and the Diocese has taken over responsibility for the former vicarage.


Should there be a charge for the Parish Magazine? No, not at the moment, the advertising revenue exceeds the cost of production, and grateful thanks to a member of the congregation who covers the cost of the printing. It's important to remember that the aim of the magazine is a tool for outreach.

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**Lancashire has a new Bishop after an ancient ceremony took place earlier today at York Minster, conducted by the Archbishop of York, The Most Rev. and Rt Hon. Stephen Cottrell.**

Rt Rev. Dr Joe Kennedy is now the twelfth Bishop of Burnley and joins the existing episcopal team in the Diocese; working alongside the Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Rev. Philp North, Bishop of Blackburn and Rt Rev. Dr Jill Duff, Bishop of Lancaster, writes Ronnie Semley, Diocesan Communications Manager.

The moving two-hour service at the Minster began at 11am and was attended by hundreds of people. The Archbishop was assisted by more than 20 Bishops from across The Church of England and the Sermon was delivered by Rev. Canon Dr Michael Leyden, Dean of Emmanuel Theological College.

Also assisting the Archbishop, in the role of Liturgical Deacon for the Consecration, was Rev. Sarah Gill, Vicar of St Stephen's and St James' in Blackburn and Bishop's Advisor on UKME Matters.

After the service Archbishop Stephen said: "Today it's been my great joy and honour to ordain Joe Kennedy as the next Bishop of Burnley, serving in the wonderful Diocese of Blackburn as a pastor, a teacher and as an evangelist.

"I knew Joe 20 years ago when I was the Bishop of Reading. I'm delighted that our paths have reconnected and I pray that Joe's ministry will be richly blessed, as will the Diocese of Blackburn."

York Minster began to fill with people from across the other side of the Pennines around 9am – including hundreds of Lancashire's clergy and parishioners; alongside support staff from the diocesan offices.

They joined Joe's wife Emily and their children David and Mary; other

members of their family; as well as friends and former parishioners of the new Bishop and other colleagues from his 'sending Diocese' of Chester.

The service itself featured a series of impressive flourishes steeped in history, from the opening procession of clergy; to the Oath of Canonical Obedience and the Declarations; all culminating in the emotional moment for the new Bishop of Burnley with the laying on of hands by the Archbishop while surrounded by fellow Bishops during The Ordination Prayer.

This was followed by a wonderful release of joy as the Archbishop invited the congregation to welcome their new bishop and extended applause echoed around the ancient stones of the Minster.

There were also some personal touches amidst the historic beats of the service such as when two of the new Bishop's close friends, Gabrielle Higgins and Oliver Critchley, gave the Old and New Testament readings respectively.

Immediately after the Consecration, Bishop Philip commented: "It has been an awe-inspiring joy to be a part of this special moment in the life of Joe and his family today at York Minster. We now look forward to September and his Installation Service at Blackburn Cathedral.

"Joe's experience and expertise in parish renewal and starting new local congregations will be invaluable when overseeing the 'Being Witnesses' portfolio – part of our Vision 2026 work, supporting healthy churches transforming communities.

"He also brings to the diocese a profound and life-changing trust in Jesus Christ; a sincere pastoral heart and huge gifts in preaching and teaching. We are blessed he has joined us here in our beautiful

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Bishop Joe added: “It’s a joy and a delight to have been ordained Bishop by Archbishop Stephen today, something I could never have imagined when setting out as a Priest back in 2003.

“I am now looking forward to working with colleagues across the whole diocese as we continue to implement Vision 2026 together and look to the future.

“Everyone who is baptised has a ministry. We are all called by God to experience the joy and adventure of ministering to others in Jesus’ name. Please pray for me now as I set out on this new adventure and know that I will be praying for you.”

Following the Consecration Service at York Minster the next milestone will be the Installation Service here in Lancashire at our Cathedral in Blackburn. That will take place on September 8 at 4pm and details of how to book to attend are now available on the diocesan website or [via this link](#).



## Quiz Questions for August

### Numbers: Bible knowledge and numeracy brought together

Numbers, the Fourth Book of Moses, belongs within the Pentateuch at the beginning of the Old Testament. Much of its content concerns an extended journey made by liberated slaves as they crossed the desert from Egypt to the land of Canaan, where they would eventually settle. The migration took forty years, though only three main events are recorded: the mission of the spies [chapters 13,14], the rebellion of Korah [16,17] and the threat of Balaam [22-25].

The journey through the desert was hazardous. Part way there, Moses sent spies on ahead to assess the details for an approaching invasion. The spies returned fearful of the power of the Canaanites. The Israelites also found themselves in conflict with other groups of nomads who, like them, were seeking a permanent homeland. But these skirmishes are not central to the story. Centrality belongs to the faith and determination of Moses, his conviction that the future of the slaves would always be under the care and protection of a loving and all-powerful God.

There follow twelve questions, four on each of the three events mentioned above. Details of chapters and verses are provided.

1. Whom did the Lord tell Moses to send into the land of Canaan?  
[Numbers 13. 1,2]
2. Which territory did the Israelites explore? [13.21]
3. What did the Lord say to Moses about the sin of the Israelites?  
[14. 11,12]
4. What new directions did God give Moses for the Israelites?[14.25]
5. What did the men opposing Moses and Aaron say to them? [16.3]



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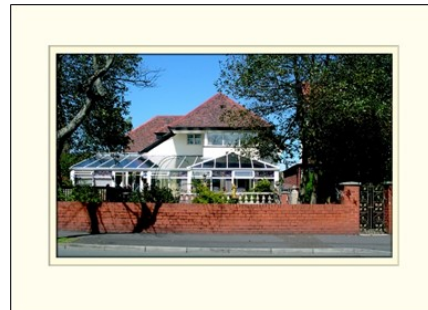
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7. What happened to Aaron's staff? [17. 6-9]
8. What did the children say to Moses in this verse? [17.12]
9. What conversation did God and Balaam have? [22. 9-12]
10. What did Balaam say to Balak after preparing an offering to God? [23. 1-3]
11. Why did Balaam refrain from sorcery? [24.1]
12. What did one of the Israelites do in front of the eyes of Moses? [25.6]

Numbers again, but in lighter vein for August, try these .....

13. Give answers for: [i] 10 squared, [ii] 10 cubed, [iii] the square root of 10, [iv] the cube root of 10, [v] 10 expressed in binary.
14. How many rooms are there on the *Cluedo* board game?
15. Which is the only letter in *Scrabble* that is worth 5 points?
16. How many are the Plagues of Egypt, and in which book of the Old Testament are they to be found?
17. What is the number of Mozart's last symphony, the *Jupiter*?
18. What is known as the *Golden Number* or the *Divine Proportion*, referring to its significance in nature and aesthetic balance?
19. Can you write eight eights so that they add up to one thousand?
20. The flag of the European Union consists of a circle of how many golden stars?
21. If a hen and a half lays an egg and a half in a day and a half, how many eggs will half a dozen hens lay in half a dozen days?
22. How many Horsemen of the Apocalypse feature in the Book of The Revelation?
23. How many bottles of champagne are there in a Jeroboam?

24. What number, written in Roman numerals, is considered as unlucky in Italy because its symbols are an anagram of 'I have lived', implying, 'I am dead'?
25. Two years ago, I was three times as old as my brother. In three years, I shall be twice as old as my brother. How old is each of us now?
26. How many are the Pillars of Islam, the primary requirements of that religion?
27. What is the smallest whole number that is equal to seven times the sum of its digits?
28. Turn me on my side and I am everything; cut me in half and I am nothing. What am I?
29. What can be placed between the numbers 8 and 9 to make the outcome greater than 8 but less than 9?
30. Seven people gather for a party. Each person shakes hands once with each of the others. How many handshakes in total?
31. Sam Allardyce enjoyed only one match as England football manager. Played in September 2016, what was the final result?
32. The circumference of the Earth is 40,075km. Name the Greek scientist who first calculated this.

Yet more numbers to finish, but wrapped cryptically .....

33. On a map, this marks the treasure [1]
34. Hitler's Germany [3,5,5]
35. Richard Hannay's staircase [3,6-4,5]
36. Anne, Dick, George, Julian and Timmy [3,6,4]
37. Sorority by Chekhov [3,5,7]
38. Dickensian story of Revolution [1,4,2,3,6]
39. *Bradypus Tridactylus* in English [5-4, 5]
40. Vivaldi's work taking a year [3,4,7]

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

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1. St Giles, 2. Scone, 3. Skye terrier, 4. Thunderbird, 5. St Margaret's Chapel, 6. It isn't fired, 7. John Rebus, 8. 107 yards, 9. Fire service, 10. Dunedin, 11. The Mall, 12. Hyde Park, 13. Horse Guards Parade, 14. Ludgate Hill, 15. The Gherkin, 16. A London Black Cab, 17. Brown, 18. Wembley Stadium, 19. Elizabeth Tower, 20. Tin Pan Alley, 21. Worker Bee, 22. Wet weather, 23. Boddingtons beer, 24. Alan Turing, 25. The Guardian, 26. Graphene, 27. Ariane Grande, 28. Cottonopolis, 29. Sinclair's Oyster Bar, 30. Liverpool, 31. The Bodleian Library, 32. Matthew Arnold, 33. Blenheim Palace, 34. Thomas Cranmer, Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley, 35. The 1940s, 36. Oxford Brookes University, 37. Lady Margaret Hall, 38. Wycliffe Hall, 39. M40, 40. Colin Dexter.

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	7pm-9pm	Scouts (term time)
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	6.30 -7.30pm	Brownies (term time)

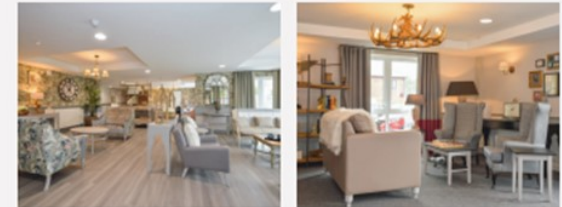


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