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The Ecclesiastical Parish
of St John the Divine and
St Cuthbert Lytham



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Dear Friends

I am delighted that at its June meeting the PCC members voted unanimously to progress the purchase and installation of a new organ at St John's. The current organ was installed in 1950 and has almost literally run out of breath.



The cost of the organ is in the region of £25,000.00, which is being covered by a recent legacy and further generous donation. We are ordering the instrument from Allan's who have offered to ensure we have this or a temporary instrument in place for the 175th Anniversary on 11th September.

We are now seeking a Faculty from the Diocesan Chancellor for the new instrument and we do not expect any major issues obtaining, though it can take a little time. Once the new organ is installed we will then look to remove the old organ which should provide us the space for an indoor toilet in the old choir vestry and open up the window in the north transept, which will be wonderful.

We all know how important music is in our worship and having an organ capable of playing for and leading our services once again will be so inspiring. I remember years ago as a choir boy being told how hymns and anthems help us to praise God twice – in words and in melodies.

During the Club Day procession I was chatting to Linda Carrington, who is the organist at St Paul's Ansdell and Fairhaven, and was a good friend of my parents. I mentioned that we had just ordered a new organ and she told me she had copies of the programs of three organ recitals arranged at St John's for early September 1950,

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marking the Centenary of St John's, when the new organ was being revealed and given full voice. These programs will be on display this September.

The significance of music was perhaps best underlined when there was a 'School Assembly Bangers' concert during the Glastonbury Festival. The concert was completely full, and as with one loud voice people sang together 'Give me Joy in my Heart', 'Lord of the Dance', and 'Shine Jesus Shine' amongst others. It sounds like the basis of a good evening for us one day too in the not too distant future.

Yours in Christ,

From the Registers

Baptisms

May 25th Gene Gilligan

June 8th Matilda Lowcock

Charles Griffin

Wedding

June 7th Marvin Marsh and Stephen Goddard

Funerals

May 27th Peter Walley

Josie McKiernan

June 3rd Sheila Whittle

12th Arlene Rogers

27th Rita Kay

Anchored in Faith

Please note in your diaries that on the 11th September we will be celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Consecration of St John the Divine Lytham, the first of daughter church of St Cuthbert's. To mark the day the Bishop of Blackburn will be with us in the evening to preside and preach at a special Anniversary Eucharist.

This will begin a weekend of mission called 'Anchored in Faith' and we need your help to invite as many people as possible to a range of events over the weekend.

The timetable of events we are looking to arrange are as follows:

Friday 12th Daytime Visits to Lytham CofE and Hall Park Schools
 Evening A Concert with Lytham Community Choir and friends at St Cuthbert's

Sat 13th Morning A 'Sports Breakfast' at Green Drive Golf Club
 Daytime Family Activities at St John's
 Both churches will be open through the day participating in Heritage Week

Sunday 14th Morning A Celebration Service at St Cuthbert's

A Mission is always an exciting time and we need to underpin it with your persistent prayer to ensure the mission speaks to as many people as possible about God's love for them at an event which sparks there interest.

Anchored in Faith prayer:

Heavenly Father we pray for our Mission 'Anchored in Faith'. Give us hearts full of love and lives centred on Jesus Christ, so our words and actions preparing, during and following this Mission may present Jesus' love afresh to our town. Place on our hearts five people we especially wish to invite to hear about you so those few days will change lives and bring others into your family. We offer our prayer before you in Christ's name. Amen

The Ministry Team

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Authorised Lay Ministers: Marianne Cottier Brown and James Walmsley

Our usual 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	
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Lytham Club Day

Lytham was bathed in sunshine for our Club Day this year and many memories were made over the weekend.



We congratulate Natalie on being crowned this year, beautifully supported by Lily as Chief Maid and the rest of the retinue. They led the procession through the town in the

morning before being crowned at the opening of the afternoon celebrations at Lytham Hall.

We shared a float with Lytham CofE Primary School and won first prize in our category, the Fruit of the Spirit was the theme for the whole weekend speaking of how allowing God's Spirit to live in us helps us to grow more like Christ, which helps grow a loving church, school and town.

On the Sunday we were joined at St Cuthbert's for the Rose Queen Service by friends of the town, Club Day Committee, Retinue families and we included the newly elected Lytham Town Council in our prayers. The weekend rounded off with a joyful 'Songs of Praise' led by the Lytham Community Choir in the marquee at Lytham Hall, which has become such a brilliant way to close the Club Day weekend.

Repairs at St John's

Scaffolding will shortly be erected at St John's in order to repair damage to the roof in the gales earlier in the year. The work has been agreed by the Diocesan Advisory Committee who is responsible for ensuring work done on the churches across the diocese are done appropriately.

The cost is being mainly covered by our insurance company, Ecclesiastical Insurance.

School Summer Fair

Our school PTA are holding a Summer Fair at the school on Friday 11th July at 3:30pm. Any money raised will be used to support the work of the school, helping to provide extras the school budget would be stretched to cover.

Please do come along and support our church school.

St Cuthbert's Vicarage

At the beginning of the month 'For Sale' boards were finally put up at the former St Cuthbert's Vicarage on Church Road. Hopefully it will not be too long before new owners are in place and that the house is refreshed in line with the limitations of it's Listing and being in a conservation area.

As with St John's Vicarage, please be aware that the proceeds from the sales will go to the Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance who are responsible for clergy house and not to our parish.



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Quiz Questions for July - On being a Vegetarian

Vegetarianism is the practice of voluntary abstention from flesh [meat, fowl and seafood] and living solely on vegetables, fruits, grains and nuts. Many vegetarians do, however, consume milk and milk products; those in the West often eat eggs also, whereas those in Mediterranean lands and India exclude them.

Vegetarianism is no recent phenomenon. The welfare of animals and the impact of eating meat on human health has long been a subject for discussion. In ancient Greece, the mathematician Pythagoras of Samos [570-495 BCE] [*In a right-angled triangle, the square of the hypotenuse ...*] advocated a meatless diet. The philosopher Plato [428-348 BCE] described a vegetarian diet as 'divinely ordained'. Other well-known vegetarians include Leonardo da Vinci [1452-1519], Leo Tolstoy [1828-1910] George Bernard Shaw [1856-1950] and Mahatma Gandhi [1869-1948]. Followers of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church believe that God intended human beings to be stewards of the creatures of the earth, not consumers of them.

The benefits of a vegetarian, plant-based diet are well documented, though not all diets are necessarily nutritious. Pros and cons can be involved; examples of the latter might involve, for example, fewer food choices or exposure to chemicals. Careful choice of food types within a meal plan should therefore be involved. The inclusion of processed foods will reduce the likelihood of full benefit.

On the menu this time are forty cryptic clues the answers to which are the names of fruits, vegetables, herbs or spices. Bon appetit!

1. Boy engages with girl [4]
2. Compatriot of Sir Edmund Hilary, perhaps [4]
3. Find this in some crumbly cheese [6]
4. Put a rip in the coat [7]

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5. Fields of them are here forever, so sang the Beatles [12]
6. One is surrounded by the season that goes on and on [6,5]
7. Allow you to have this in France [7]
8. I have come to the finish [6]
9. Fired everyone standing in the middle [7]
10. Favoured drink of the Gods in the East [9]
11. Look what's in the River Tamar in Devon [8]
12. What you might make of a melon [5]
13. Take care, lice may be running around [8]
14. Gran did some cooking with Mary, not starting great initially but cold [9]
15. Standard cut [7]
16. Former British lady Prime Minister is returning [3]
17. A vase found in a rubbish dump [6]
18. Long for a golden delicious, perhaps [9]
19. Snakes wrapped round a saucer from Italy [9]
20. Big ones, small ones, some as big as your 'ed [8]
21. Along with tide, this waits for no man [5]
22. What Carol initially needed for the making of honey [5]
23. Fawlty Towers: you must remember Sybil's husband [5]
24. This lake is always a bit choppy [4]
25. One's abode is in a barn, very confused [5,4]
26. Playing Sherlock, he follows copper but loses a consignment [8]
27. Want more mixed up with the French [10]
28. A taxi with some spirit going east [9]
29. A sine in confusion is an annual herbaceous plant [5]
30. Look in the trap, please [5]
31. Greek letter, perhaps by the lounge, keeping quiet [8]
32. A short sixty seconds after copper [5]
33. One of the Wise Men from the East? [4]
34. Sounds as if the athlete has returned [6,4]
35. 'It's not off,' I said, 'there's no way back' [5]
36. Grandma is surrounded by the sound of sheep [6]
37. Painting, perhaps, that one has trouble swallowing [9]
38. Here are chaps in a mess [7]



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- 39. On a camel once, I came across this [5]
- 40. Stallion, perhaps, right. to give it some food [11]

Answers will appear in the next issue.

Quiz Questions for June: Dress to Impress: ANSWERS

- 1. T-shirt, 2. Tutu, 3. Toga, 4. Kimono, 5. Anorak, 6. Turban,
- 7. Cardigan, 8. Scarf, 9. Donkey jacket, 10. Blazer, 11. Leotard,
- 12. Apron, 13. Cravat, 14. Tuxedo, 15. Sombrero, 16. Shirt, 17. Trilby,
- 18. Pullover, 19. Cloak, 20. Plus fours, 21. Panama hat, 22. Brogues,
- 23. Long Johns, 24. Wellington boots, 25. Pyjamas, 26. Bow tie,
- 27. Raincoat, 28. Trousers, 29. Slippers, 30. Kepi.

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