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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
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Dear Friends

It was really good to see so many people coming along to our Anchored in Faith Mission last month. We welcomed a number of people who are not regular worshippers with us and they all had a good time and heard a little of God's love for them.



I would like to really thank everyone who helped with the mission in any way, it was a real team effort. Thank you for the time and energy you all put into it.

The mission reminds us how important is to be mission minded. To be a warm and welcoming church, always ready to invite friends, neighbours, and family, to come to our worship services and other parish events. We also always need to be ready to tell the Good News we have of Jesus Christ. It is a challenge for the church, as until recently, people have always come to us, but in today's world we need to be out in the community inviting people.

The Diocese of Blackburn celebrates its centenary next year, prior to then we were part of the Manchester Diocese. I remember seeing a photo of William Temple, the then Bishop of Manchester, leading a service at St Nicholas Wrea Green which must date back to early in the 20th Century.

There are a number of things being planned to mark the centenary including a day out in Blackpool in the summer and a service on the actual anniversary in our Cathedral. Every Parish is also being encouraged to arrange a mission weekend in the autumn as we seek

to grow the diocese and create more opportunities to tell others of Christ.

There is much to share and much to learn so we can exhibit the love of God for all people for years to come.



Yours in Christ



PARISH COMMUNION

Our next Parish Communion

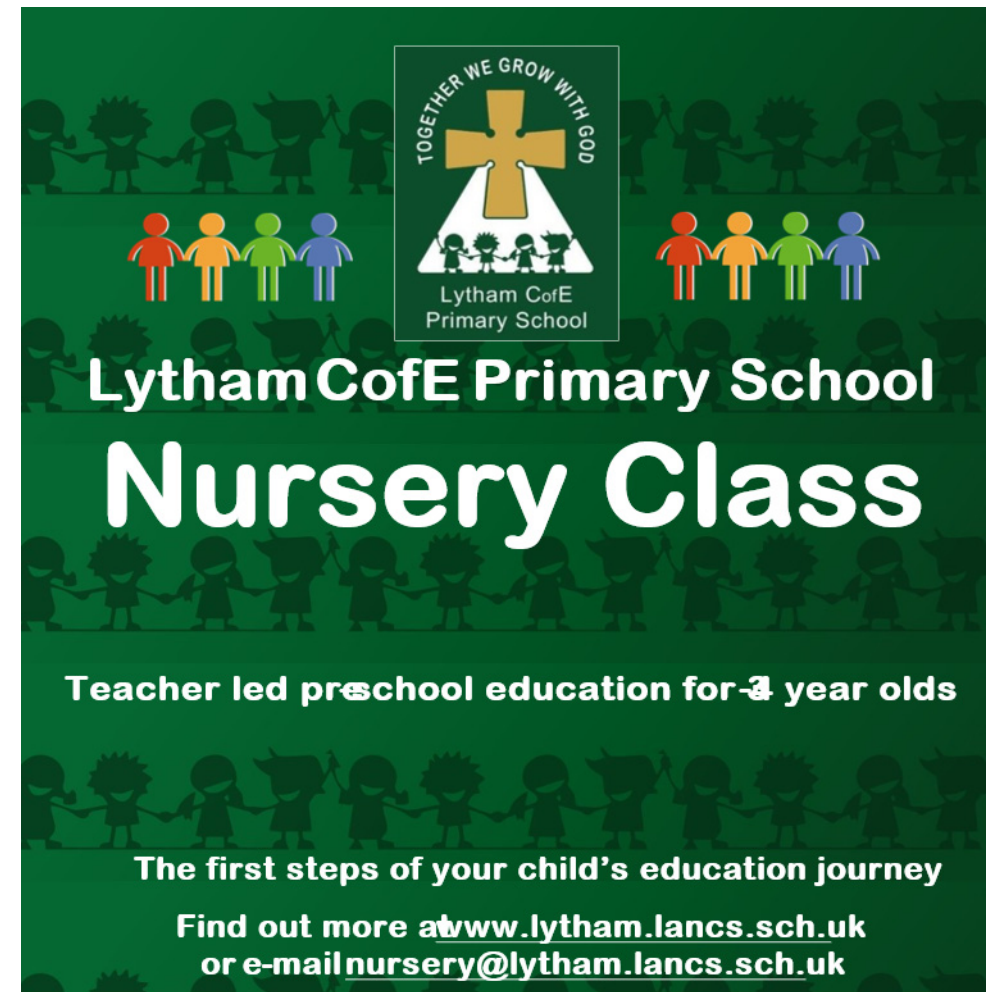
will be our

Harvest Festival

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We have a choir at St John's each Sunday and at our monthly Parish Communion Services and will now be holding a regular monthly practice in St John's.

The next practice is on Friday 17th October at 7pm when they will start to focus on music for our Carol Services.

Anyone who enjoys singing, or would like to find out more, is warmly invited to come along.

School Communion

Nick and Emma love to conduct the Communion Service in our school at least once each term. The next one is on Tuesday 7th October at 2:30pm and we know the school would love to welcome friends from the Parish into school to join them for worship.

At the service all the children receive a personal blessing and those who have been Confirmed receive Communion.

Registers

Baptisms

7th Theo Joseph Marr

Funerals

8th Nigel Carruthers

19th Gordon Thomson

Confirmation

Our Confirmation this year is on Advent Sunday, 30th November. This will be our Parish Communion too and it is St John's turn to host. The Confirmation will be led by Bishop Joe, the Bishop of Burnley.

Emma and Nick will once again be taking lessons in school shortly and encouraging any pupils who wish to be Confirmed.

If you haven't yet been Confirmed and want to explore Confirmation please talk to one of the clergy.

Mothers' Union

We meet on Thursday, 9th October, at 2.30pm in St Cuthbert's, when our speaker will be Mr David Hoyle, who will show slides & chat about the A-Z of St. Annes.

A Literature Stall will be available for sale of cards, diaries etc.

Margaret Fisher

A date for your diary— Annual Memorial Service

This years Memorial Service, when we remember those who have died, especially focusing on those whose funerals we have conducted over the past year, will be held on Sunday 9th November at 6pm in St Cuthbert's.

Remembrance Sunday

Our Sunday morning services on Remembrance Sunday, 9th November will be at 9am. There will be Communion in both churches and will include an Act of Remembrance.

We will then join with the rest of the town at the War Memorial in the Market Square at 10:45am.



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Craft and Create and Minecraft Church

Summer feels a long time ago now but the holidays were packed full of adventure and activity for many families. We at JC Lytham laid on three mornings of activities for children and their adults to dig into some Bible stories through creativity.



Our first Craft and Create day saw children of primary school age learning about the Parable of the Talents whilst making money bags, using stencils to make cards to give away, going on a treasure hunt, and more. The second Craft and Create followed the theme of Fishers of People with lots of fish

themed crafts and activities. We are thinking about how God has given us gifts and abilities and how to use them well and wisely, and that we can use those gifts that God has provided to encourage others to meet Jesus too.

Our first foray into Minecraft Church saw the church transformed into a technology hub, with screens and devices all hooked up to a local server while children worked in groups on the game Minecraft to explore the story of the Paralysed Man. With thanks to Revd Kevin Colyer at St James Over Darwen and his team of teenagers who helped us to make it happen.



Through our activity mornings we engaged with new and familiar families, boys and girls. We continue to build relationships with families in our town.

Anchored in Faith

We had a great few days with our Parish Mission, Anchored in Faith. We really appreciate the support we received from the Bishop of Blackburn, Bp Tony and Lucielle Porter, Revd Sarah O'Donoghue and other friends from across the diocese. Their guidance support and encouragement were so good to have working with us.

Anchored in Faith began with the celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Consecration of St John the Divine, Lytham. Our congregation and other friends from Lytham joined in an Act of Thanksgiving and worship led by the Rt Revd Philip North. Although the planned Procession of Witness had to be called off due to heavy rain, the service was an uplifting and memorable occasion, as we gave thanks to God for the past, present and future witness of our church.

The Mission came to full life the following day as Teams went into Lytham Church of England Primary School and Hall Park School helping the children see how Christians being anchored in faith in Jesus Christ is so significant for us.

In the evening we welcomed friends old and new to a concert at St Cuthbert's where the Lytham Community Choir and Kerry Rogers entertained us all royally, whilst Bp Tony spoke of how God inspires people



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Saturday began at 9am with a Sports Breakfast at Lytham Green Drive Golf Club which provided us with a tasty full English Breakfast. Bishop Tony then spoke about his involvement in Christians in Sport organisation and his time as Chaplain to Manchester City Football Club. It was fascinating to hear how several of their managers grew to really appreciate the value of a Christian presence around their teams. He also used the sayings of several Christians in sport to underline the significance of faith in professional sport and beyond.

Throughout Saturday both churches were open as part of the national Heritage Week with a number of people especially taking advantage of the chance to visit our bell towers and discover the mechanics of campanology.

Perhaps the highlight of the weekend though was the Family Fun Day at St John's, where for the first time we had a Bouncey Castle in church. A wonderful number of families came along to enjoy a variety of crafts, archery, face painting, a barbeque and much more. It was great to have fun in church.

Anchored in Faith concluded with a Service of Thanksgiving at St Cuthbert's on the Sunday morning where traditional and contemporary worship were united to help regulars and enquirers to worship together. Bp Tony spoke of the thieves crucified with Jesus, emphasising that we, like them, all have a choice whether to trust in Jesus or not, a message worth taking with us into the future.

It was a great few days, with much to celebrate and enjoy. At present we are still recovering, but we do not wish Anchored in Faith to be a one off, but something repeated often in the future. Let's be the

centre of our community, where people come to get to know Jesus and grow in love and knowledge of him.

Will Your Anchor Hold?

Please consider coming along to our home study course as we offer this opportunity for all members of our congregation to grow, draw closer to God, and learn more about the faith we share.

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Quiz Questions for October—English Counties

The British counties are regions of the United Kingdom which are used as local government areas, though some of the boundaries have changed over time. The history of counties stretches back in excess of a millenium. Their first title was *shires*; these were administrative areas created by the Anglo-Saxons who arrived here during the 5th century CE. Following the Norman invasion of 1066, the name was changed to *counties* [Fr. *conte*: land ruled by a count].

Over time, the whole of Britain was divided into counties, each having an administrative centre, a county town. During the 1880s, each county saw the formation of a county council to deal with local issues such as schools, social care and public services.

To a large extent, this system continues today, though some counties, for example, Avon and Middlesex, have disappeared and the name merely describes the region. Also, main cities tend to have their own local government, independent of the city's county.

Today, we still hear of *the shires*. This is usually when referring to a county rich in farmland, especially in the Midlands or the South West. The word *shire* also lives on in many county names such as Cheshire, Derbyshire or Hampshire. People also talk about *the Home Counties*, those around London: examples are Berkshire, Kent and Surrey. Many who work in London have their homes in these areas.

This month's forty questions involve only two counties, those associated with the Red Rose [1.-20.] and the White Rose [21.-40.].

1. Name the county town of Lancashire.
2. During which century did the Wars of the Roses take place?
3. A statue by Graham Ibbeson stands in which comedian's home

town?

4. Which area, a favourite of our late Queen, has been designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty since 1964?
5. In 1945, the railway station at Carnforth was the location of which iconic film?
6. Which small Lancashire town became famous for manufacturing the hardest bricks in the world?
7. George Formby famously sang of his 'little stick of' [9,4]
8. The trials of which witches in 1612 are among the most famous in English history?
9. In which year was Blackpool tower first opened to the public?
10. Which club is the opponent of Blackburn Rovers in the East Lancashire derby?
11. Who served as the MP for Blackburn from 1979 to 2015?
12. Name the university based in Ormskirk.
13. In which 1961 film do three Lancashire farm children discover a bearded fugitive and mistake him for Jesus Christ?
14. Which town, on the River Tawd and 6 miles west of Wigan was designated a new town in 1961?
15. Which brand of carpet sweepers was founded in Accrington in the late 19th century?
16. Name the 1910 pit disaster in Westhoughton in which 344 men and boys lost their lives through an explosion.
17. Dame Gracie Fields was born in Rochdale. What was her most famous song?
18. Who wrote the 1937 book *The Road to Wigan Pier*?
19. Which soft drink was created in 1908 by Noel Nichols of Blackburn, a wholesaler of herbs, spices and medicines?

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

Godwin's power that he forced the king to reinstate him in 1052. His son Harold succeeded to the earldom in 1053, and on his deathbed Edward named Harold as his heir, William notwithstanding.

The turbulent politics of Edward's reign don't sound very saintly — and they weren't! But the key to the king's subsequent saintly reputation was his building of Westminster Abbey. Understandably, the Westminster monks continued to commemorate him after his death, although this was discouraged by the new Norman abbots. However, by the early twelfth century the cult of Anglo-Saxon saints had again become politically acceptable. The Prior of Westminster took full advantage of this: by 1138 he had converted the Life commissioned by Edward's widow into a conventional saint's life, in which he presented the king's childless marriage as 'evidence' of saintly celibacy. Then, in 1139, he went to Rome to petition for Edward's canonisation. The Pope was doubtful, and the decision was postponed. But a new opportunity arose in the aftermath of the hotly disputed papal election of 1159, when the then king of England, Henry II, helped secure the election of Alexander III. The new Abbot of Westminster, with Henry's strong support, quickly seized the chance, renewing the petition in 1160. Hardly surprisingly, Pope Alexander granted it, and so Edward was formally canonised. Medieval hagiographies represent him as being very pious, and maybe he was. But there is nothing that stands out in the contemporary record, except for the building of the abbey.

Edward's October feast-day commemorates the date on which his body was translated (moved) in 1269 to a chapel east of the sanctuary of the present Abbey, this being a more convenient date in the liturgical calendar than that of his death-day, which is the Vigil of Epiphany.

Joyce Hill

20. Name the invention of the Oswaldtwistle weaver and carpenter James Hargreaves [1720-77].
21. The countryside of Yorkshire has acquired which common nickname?
22. Which city was once known as the wool capital of the world?
23. Name the retired cricket umpire who became the county club's president in 2014.
24. The Brontë Parsonage Museum is in which Yorkshire village?
25. Which river passes through the centre of Leeds?
26. Which Cistercian monastery lies three miles south-west of Ripon?
27. Name the York street famous for its overhanging timber-framed buildings.
28. Which employee-friendly town did the Victorian mill owner Sir Titus Salt build?
29. The National Science and Media Museum is in which city?
30. Which Yorkshire geographical term is of Viking origin and means a third part?
31. The Jorvik Viking Centre is a museum and visitor attraction in which city?
32. What is Hardraw Force?
33. The uncle of Harry Corbett, Sooty's creator, owned a West Yorkshire restaurant. Who was he?
34. Which cathedral city within the Borough of Harrogate is the third smallest city in England?
35. Which moor is the inspiration for the unofficial Yorkshire 'county anthem'?
36. King Richard II is thought to have died in which Wakefield castle?
37. The gemstone jet was mined by the Victorians and by the Romans in which Yorkshire town?

38. The Yorkshireman Krishna Pandit Bhanji is better known by what name?
39. In which city is the National Railway Museum?
40. Which gingerbread cake, made with oatmeal and treacle, is particularly associated with the Leeds area?

Answers will appear in the next issue.

Quiz Questions for September: In Appreciation of English Literature:

ANSWERS

1. Seven, 2. A Christmas Carol, 3. A Study in Scarlet, 4. Haworth, 5. Middle Earth, 6. John le Carré, 7. Romance, 8. Thesaurus, 9. Little Lord Fauntleroy, 10. The Odyssey, 11. River Nile, 12. They are male pseudonyms used by female authors, 13. Prince Harry, 14. Mark Haddon, 15. Bibliophile, 16. Dan Brown, 17. John Buchan, 18. J D Salinger, 19. Penguin Books, 20. Fitzwilliam Darcy, 21. George R R Martin, 22. Bob Dylan, 23. La Mancha, 24. Unfortunately, her name is not given, 25. Lucy, 26. Dan Brown, 27. The Adventures of

Edward the Confessor

Edward the Confessor, one of our royal saints, is celebrated on 13 October, his title of ‘confessor’ being the designation given by the church to those who are not martyred but whose sanctity is considered to be evident in the way they live their life. Edward died on 5 January 1066. He had had a new abbey church built at Westminster (a precursor to the abbey we know), and that had been consecrated on 28 December 1065, but the king was already too ill to attend the ceremony. He was buried in the abbey on 6 January, and Harold Godwinsson, Edward’s brother-in-law, was crowned king on the same day.

Edward was the son of the Anglo-Saxon king Ethelred the Unready and his wife, Emma of Normandy. During Ethelred’s reign, England faced renewed attacks from Scandinavia and, not long after his death in 1016, became part of the Danish empire, ruled by Cnut. Emma married Cnut, but Edward took refuge in Normandy. Cnut died in 1035 and was succeeded by his two sons: Harold Harefoot (1037-40) and Harthacnute (1040-42). Edward returned from Normandy in 1041 and was recognised as heir to Harthacnute, succeeding him in 1042 when Harthacnut died.

Edward married Edith, daughter of Godwin, one of the most powerful men in the kingdom, but their marriage was childless, and the resulting uncertainties about the succession became a factor in the jostling for power that plagued Edward’s reign, with Earl Godwin and his son Harold often at the forefront. In 1051 Edward engineered Godwin’s exile, and it was perhaps then that he offered the succession to his kinsman William of Normandy (William the Conqueror, as he became known to the English). But such was