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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

A Fond Farewell

As many of you will already know, I shall be retiring from my role as Vicar of JC Lytham on the 18th October, with my final service and Retirement Do on the 4th October.

After ten and a half wonderful years serving this parish, and over thirty-five years in full-time ministry, the time is right for me take the next step in my life's journey.

Looking back over the past decade, I am filled with gratitude. It has been a privilege to share in so many moments of church and community life: baptisms, weddings, funerals, confirmations, celebrations, changes (especially the new parish), challenges, and countless ordinary yet precious occasions that have brought us together in faith and friendship. I have really appreciated your kindness, encouragement, and support, and I shall always treasure the memories we have created together.

The last decade has also brought its share of personal challenges. My TIA, my diagnosis of Multiple Myeloma and the intensive chemotherapy that followed which meant a few months away from ministry, something that was difficult both personally and professionally. More recently, I have undergone surgery for a detached retina and cataracts. Through all of this, I have experienced God's faithfulness and have been deeply touched by the prayers, cards, messages, and acts of kindness from so many people across the parish and the community. Your care has meant more than I can adequately express and helped me appreciate God's love being shown to me through you.



Although retirement is an ending. I am also looking forward to new opportunities this new chapter is already offering me. Bev, Mel and myself will continue to live in Lytham, a place that is very much my home, having been brought up in Wrea Green, lived in St Annes and worked at GRE back in the day. However, it is important that as the parish prepares to welcome a new incumbent, I step back fully from active involvement in the life and ministry of JC Lytham. This is an important part of ensuring that the next chapter of the parish's story can flourish under new leadership.

As I leave this role, I do so with great confidence in the future. God has been faithful to this parish and will continue to guide and bless it in the years ahead. Bev's and my prayer is that JC Lytham will continue to grow closer to Jesus in faith, hope and love, reaching out to our community and sharing the good news of Christ with joy and compassion.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving among you. Thank you also for your friendship, your support, your prayers, and your partnership in the Gospel. Bev and I will carry many happy memories with us, and we shall always be grateful for the places where we have been called to serve God throughout my ministry.

May God bless you all abundantly as together you continue His work in this place.

With every blessing, Nick and Bev x

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Musical Variety Show

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Saturday 3rd Oct 10am - 2pm

Family Fun Day

at the Parish Hall

Sunday 4th Oct @ 10.15am

Parish Communion & Harvest Festival

in St Cuthbert's Church

Sunday 4th Oct @ 12.15pm Tickets £9

Nick's Retirement Meal

in the Parish Hall



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Mission Weekend – A Weekend to Remember!

Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th October

This autumn promises to be a very special time for our parish as we come together for our Parish Mission Weekend, from 2nd–4th October.

As part of the Diocesan Centenary Celebrations, parishes across the diocese are being encouraged to take the opportunity to celebrate, reach out into their communities and look forward to the future. Our Mission Weekend will be a wonderful opportunity for us to do just that!

There is plenty happening over the three days, with music, fun, fellowship, worship and celebration. The weekend will also include our Harvest Festival and, perhaps most poignantly, will mark Nick's final Sunday with us before his retirement.

Friday – A Musical Evening We will get the weekend off to a fantastic start with a Musical Variety Show at St Cuthbert's on Friday evening.

We already have some wonderful performers confirmed, including Paul Dobie, Kerry Rogers and James Edgar, with more surprise guests to be announced!

Tickets are £10, payable on the door, and the evening will also include a raffle and light refreshments.

In keeping with Nick's wishes, proceeds from the evening will be shared between Laugh Live Love and Lytham CofE Primary School. The school is hoping to use its share towards purchasing an altar as a focal point for their daily worship.

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Saturday – Family Fun Day Saturday is all about having fun together!

Everyone is invited to our Family Fun Day, taking place in and around the Parish Hall from 10am until 2pm (not 3pm).

There will be something for everyone, so bring along the family, invite your friends and come and enjoy a relaxed day together. It will be a great opportunity to meet people, have some fun and celebrate our parish community.

Sunday – Worship, Harvest and Celebration. Then, on Sunday 4th October, we come together for our Parish Communion and Harvest Festival at 10.15am at St Cuthbert's.

We are especially pleased that children from Lytham CofE Primary School will be taking part, helping to make this a very special service for everyone.

Following the service it is Nick's Retirement Do. Fortunately / Unfortunately all the tickets have now been sold which means about 100 people will be joining Nick and the family to celebrate his ministry.

Save the Date! It promises to be a very special weekend in the life of our parish, bringing us together in celebration, worship and fellowship.

So please put 2nd–4th October firmly in your diary — and, just as importantly, invite your family, friends and neighbours.

Whether you come along to one event or join us for the whole weekend, we look forward to sharing this special time together.

PARISH COMMUNION

Our November Parish Communion
will be on Sunday 1st November 2026
at 10.15am in St John's

From the Registers—September

Marriage

August—28th Jamie-Leigh Clewes and Adam Cotterill

Funeral

September—7th Henrietta Whittaker

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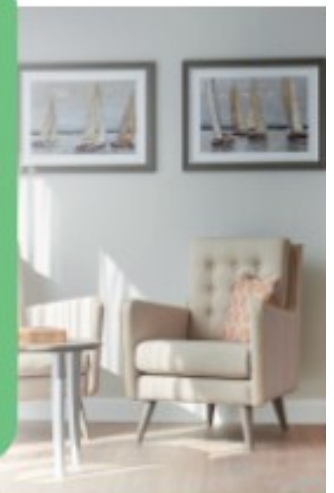
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PCC News – A Warm Welcome and Thank You

There have been a couple of changes to our PCC this month, and we are delighted to welcome two people into important roles.

At the September PCC meeting, Sandi Haslam was elected as our new PCC Treasurer. Sandi will be taking over the reins from Wendy Riley over the next few weeks. We are also looking to recruit a bookkeeper to help with some of the day-to-day work. This will not only lighten the workload but will also give Sandi more opportunity to step back and look at the bigger picture of our finances and how we can best manage them for the future.

The PCC also agreed the appointment of Jane Wright as PCC Secretary, taking over from Diana Harris.

We are very grateful to both Sandi and Jane for offering their time, experience and skills to these important roles. These are jobs that often happen quietly behind the scenes, but they are an essential part of keeping our church running smoothly, and we really appreciate their willingness to serve.

The PCC, and I'm sure all of us at JC Lytham, would like to give our sincere thanks to Wendy and Diana for all they have done in their roles over the past few years.

Both have given a great deal of their time, energy and experience, and their contribution has been greatly valued. We are pleased that they will continue to support JC Lytham in other ways, and we look forward to seeing them continuing to be very much part of our church family.

So, a warm welcome to Sandi and Jane, and a heartfelt thank you to Wendy and Diana for their faithful service.

Join us for Prayer Walking: Taking Our Prayers to the Streets

As a church, we are called to be a light in our community. Prayer walking offers a practical way to bless our neighbourhood, seek God's guidance, and join in His work around us.

As we step out in faith and pray for those around us, we may discover that God not only changes the places we walk through but also transforms our own hearts in the process. If you want to know more please speak to Emma, Elizabeth or Jaqui (our three prayer musketeers) who would love YOU to join them.



Prayer is often something we associate with church buildings, quiet rooms, or personal devotional time. Yet prayer can also happen while we are moving, observing, and engaging with the communities around us. This is the simple yet powerful practice known as **prayer walking**.

So what is Prayer Walking?

Prayer walking is exactly what it sounds like: walking through a neighbourhood, town, village, or specific location while praying. As we walk, we ask God to bless the people, homes, schools, businesses, and organisations we pass. We pray for God's peace, protection, guidance, and transforming presence to be at work in the community.

Financial Giving to our parish



If you wish to make a one-off gift or begin to give regularly to St John the Divine and St Cuthbert Lytham, please follow the link through this QR Code on your smartphone or tablet.

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	6.00pm-7.00pm	Beavers (term time)
Tuesday	7.00pm-9pm	Scouts (term time)
	9.45am-11.30am	Bertie Bear Group (term time)
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Wednesday	5pm-6pm	Rainbows (term time)
	6.30 -7.30pm	Brownies (term time)

Luther's translation as a guide. Like others who were inclined to reform, he believed that everyone should be able to read or listen to the Bible in their own language. But there was a problem. Since the early fifteenth century there had been a law in England forbidding the publication of the Bible in English without the permission of a bishop, so Tyndale made application to Cuthbert Tunstall, Bishop of London, evidently anticipating that he might be sympathetic since he was a friend of Erasmus and had helped him with his Greek New Testament. However Tunstall refused, perhaps anxious about the growing impetus for reform. Without episcopal permission, it would have been illegal to publish his translation in England, so Tyndale went to Germany and continued his work in Wittenberg, where in 1517 Luther had in effect launched the Reformation. He then went to Cologne, hoping for publication there, but difficulties meant that he moved on to Worms, where publication was completed in 1526. Copies were smuggled into England along the trade routes between England and Germany, but there was a concerted campaign to confiscate and burn them and now only three copies of his 1526 edition are known to exist, two of them in England. An improved text was issued in 1534. Tyndale was arrested, strangled and burnt at the stake near Brussels in October 1536.

Tyndale's New Testament was the first to be translated into English from Greek and the first to have been printed. More significantly still, it was heavily used by the translators of the King James Bible in 1611. This means that most of the words and expressions in our everyday speech that come from the New Testament aren't original to the King James Bible, but are those of Tyndale.

Joyce Hill

Rather than praying in general terms, prayer walking helps us pray with our eyes open to the real needs around us. A school may prompt prayers for teachers and students. A care home may inspire prayers for residents and staff. A busy shopping area may remind us to pray for local businesses and those who are struggling financially.

A Biblical Practice

Although the term "prayer walking" is modern, the principle has strong biblical roots. Throughout Scripture, God's people often prayed as they travelled and moved through the land. In Joshua 1:3, God told Joshua, "*I will give you every place where you set your foot.*" Jesus Himself travelled through towns and villages, ministering, praying, and bringing God's kingdom wherever He went.

Prayer walking reminds us that God is interested not only in our church gatherings but also in every street, home, workplace, and public space within our community.

Why Prayer Walk?

It Helps Us See Through God's Eyes

When we walk through our neighbourhoods prayerfully, we begin to notice things we might otherwise miss. We become more aware of people's needs, challenges, and opportunities for showing God's love.

It Strengthens Our Connection with the Community

Prayer walking encourages us to care deeply about the places where God has called us to live and serve. It helps us move from being observers to becoming active intercessors.

It Deepens Personal Faith

Many people discover that prayer walking makes prayer feel more

natural and focused. Seeing situations firsthand often leads to more heartfelt and specific prayers.

It Opens Doors for Ministry

While prayer walking is not about drawing attention to ourselves, God sometimes provides opportunities for conversations, encouragement, and acts of kindness along the way.

How we do it in Lytham

We choose a route, and walk together praying quietly as we go. We ask God to guide our thoughts and prayers. And we pray for homes, families, our schools, the local churches and business and our local leaders. We also listen to what God might be saying to us about our community.

Don't worry we don't pray out loud continuously. Sometimes we feel that silent prayer is appropriate. And at other times, a brief spoken prayer with fellow walkers can be meaningful and encouraging.

A Ministry for Everyone

One of the beautiful things about prayer walking is that almost anyone can participate. Young people, adults, and older members of the church can all be involved. Distances can be adapted to suit individual abilities, and even a short ten-minute prayer walk can make a significant difference.

Pray

Lord, help us to see our community through Your eyes. As we walk and pray, fill us with compassion, wisdom, and faith. Bless the people who live and work around us, and may Your peace and love be known throughout our town. Amen.

Tyndale's New Testament

This year is the 500th anniversary of the publication of William Tyndale's translation of the New Testament into English. He then began working on the Old Testament, but was killed before he could complete it. Wycliffe and his followers had already translated the whole Bible in the fourteenth century, but this and all other translations of parts of the Bible, such as the tenth century translation of the Gospels by the Anglo-Saxons, had used Jerome's Latin Bible, commonly known as the Vulgate. This, translated from the Hebrew of the Old Testament and the Greek of the New, had become the standard Bible in Western Christendom. But the new scholarship of the Renaissance introduced the systematic study of the biblical text itself, alongside its long-standing interpretation in the context of faith. It was an approach spearheaded by Erasmus who, in 1516, published a Greek New Testament based on a careful examination of the earliest Greek texts that he could find. Using his new Greek text, Erasmus also published a fresh translation into Latin, which highlighted issues with the Vulgate – and thus, of course, by implication, with all translations made from it. When Martin Luther took the revolutionary step of translating the Bible into German, he translated the New Testament directly from Greek, using Erasmus's modern edition. Luther's translation was published in 1522. Jacques Lefèvre d'Étaples then did the same for French, in 1524.

Tyndale, born in Gloucestershire c.1494, studied at Oxford and then at Cambridge where, from August 1511 to January 1512, Erasmus had famously taught Greek. Around 1521 Tyndale became chaplain in the household of Sir John Walsh in Little Sodbury, Gloucestershire, and while there he began to translate the New Testament into English, basing his work on Erasmus's scholarly Greek edition and using

We look forward to the day when the newly refurbished bells are back in St. John's tower and once again **ringing out across Lytham**. And when that day comes, it will be a sound that represents not only the bells themselves, but the remarkable community effort that helped bring them back to life.

The Parish Magazine

As we enter the interregnum, we are pleased to say that our Parish Magazine will continue as usual.

Fiona, the Parish Co-ordinator, will oversee the collation, typesetting and production of the magazine, helping to ensure that we can continue to share our news, events, stories and reflections with our church family.

We would love to continue receiving contributions from across our church community. Any articles, news, photographs and other items for inclusion can be sent to Fiona either by dropping them off at the Parish Office or by emailing: parish.office@jclytham.church

We are also looking for anyone who might be willing to help with printing the magazine using the parish photocopier in the Parish Office. If you think you could lend a hand, please contact Fiona by email to find out more.

A big thank you to everyone who contributes to and helps produce the magazine. It is an important way of keeping us connected,

Quiz Questions for October: Beginnings and Endings

'Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end'
[Seneca, philosopher of Ancient Rome]

The pathway of human life is a continuous cycle of beginnings and endings. Every chapter that we live eventually closes, making way for a new one to unfold. Endings can often feel bitter/sweet: leaving school or college, saying a permanent goodbye to a friend, moving into retirement. These occasions can sometimes bring on a sense of apprehension, even though they mark the finality of work effort and experience.

Beginnings, on the other hand, are filled with potential and possibilities. They are a step into the unknown, offering excitement and hope, with opportunities for personal development.

An intriguing factor is the way in which beginnings and endings are interconnected. Acknowledging this intertwining should help us to face change with confidence and courage. Instead of fearing endings, we should consider them as inevitable partners to beginnings in the story of our lives.

Here are thirty questions on beginnings and endings. Waste no time in beginning; enjoy a happy ending!

1. Which two books of the Bible begin with *In the beginning* ...?
2. In which year did our Diocese of Blackburn come into being?
3. What is it said that you will find at the end of a rainbow?
4. Who wrote the song *Begin the Beguine*?
5. Land's End is the most westerly point on mainland Great Britain. True or false?
6. Which war began with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria/Hungary?

7. In recent times, historians have moved away from BC and AD to designating dates as BCE and CE. What do these two stand for?
8. The name of a knife used by Inuit people begins and ends with the letter U. What is the name?
9. In 1912, the end zone was introduced into which sport?
10. In 1485, the battle of Bosworth Field ended which war?
11. In which year did the singer George Formby die?
12. Which character in *Midsummer Night's Dream* speaks the words 'That is the true beginning of our end'?
13. Add a word of three letters to the front of the word END to make a word meaning to cause annoyance or insult.
14. Who said, 'Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. It is, perhaps, the end of the beginning'?
15. What is the name given to the Christian study and belief in a final battle between good and evil, 'The End Times'?
16. Which animated character is known for his 'Th-th-th-that's all folks!' signature line at the end of many cartoons?
17. Which famous footballer played from 1946 to 1960 at outside left for Preston North End? ...
18. ... and which equally famous footballer played from 1941 to 1960 at centre forward for Bolton Wanderers?
19. ... and, again, which equally famous footballer played from 1932 to 1957 on the right wing for Stoke City and Blackpool?
20. Who wrote the book *Howard's End*?
21. The ends of the pitch at which cricket ground are named the Pavilion End and the Nursery End?
22. On your QWERTY keyboard, which letter is at the right hand end of the top line?
23. One end of the Suez canal is at Port Tewfik. Which place is at the opposite end?

stage in the project and, shortly afterwards, we hope to arrange a visit to the foundry to see the bells and their new home taking shape.

As soon as we have more information and, importantly, a date we will let everyone know.

The fundraising continues

While our physical work is temporarily on hold, our fundraising certainly isn't. Finding new sources of funding is becoming increasingly challenging after such an intensive year of fundraising, but we are determined to keep going until the job is complete.

We are particularly proud of what has been achieved so far. The project has involved not only raising a considerable amount of money, but also an enormous amount of practical work by our volunteer ringers and supporters. From preparing the belfry and removing the old bells and oak frame, to installing the new environmental protection and preparing the tower for the new installation, there have been many hours of hard work, often carried out quietly and behind the scenes.

Recently, we have been delighted to receive two significant donations, taking the Bell Fund total to approximately **£82,000**.

That brings us considerably closer to our revised target of **£107,000**, but there is still a gap to fill. Our fundraising therefore continues, and we will be looking for further opportunities to add to the Bell Fund and meet the full cost of the project.

The finish line is getting closer, but we aren't there yet!

Everyone involved in the project remains incredibly grateful to the many individuals, organisations, churches and community groups who have supported us so generously. Without that support – and the dedication of our volunteer team – none of this would be possible.

An Update from the Bellringers – September 2026

A little quieter in the belfry... but plenty happening behind the scenes!

After an incredibly busy few months, things have become rather quieter in the St. John's belfry. For once, the ringers have had the opportunity to put their feet up!

All the work that can be carried out in the tower before the arrival of the refurbished bells and new frame from Taylor's Bell Foundry has now been completed. This means that we have entered a short period of waiting, waiting for news from Taylor's and, ultimately, for the day when the bells come home.

There has, however, been a tantalising glimpse of what is taking shape at the foundry. Our most recent update, received in early September, included a photograph of one of the new cast-iron 'H' frames being machined following its casting. It certainly looks like a very substantial piece of engineering – and a world away from the 151-year-old oak frame that it is replacing!

Once all the individual components of the new frame have been manufactured, the team at Taylor's will be able to assemble it and install the six bells for a trial fitting. This will be an important



24. Name the author of the Gothic novel that begins, 'Last night I dreamt I went to Mandalay again.'
25. From which Shakespeare play are the words, 'The passion ending, doth the purpose lose'?
26. Name the years at the beginning and end of The Enlightenment, when man looked beyond superstition and started to use reason to discover the world.
27. Victoria reigned as Queen of England between which two years?
28. There was a significant ending on 2nd September, 1752. What could it have been?
29. Name the prevailing scientific theory for the starting point of the universe.
30. Which prominent northern saint lived 634-687 CE?

The answer to this months Quiz can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

Quiz Questions for September: Food and Drink: ANSWERS

- 1 Tomato, 2. Edam, 3. Venison, 4. Tea, 5. Cheddar cheese, 6. shortbread, 7. Toast, 8. Claret, 9. Roast beef, 10. Bangers and mash, 11. Bourbon, 12. Wine, 13. Sausages, 14. Dates, 15. Beef Wellington, 16. Latté. 17. Basil, 18. Maid of Honour, 19. Bonbon, 20. Lemonade, 21. Cauliflower, 22. Trifle, 23. Blackberry crumble, 24. Champagne, 25. Apple Charlotte, 26. Currant, 27. Lobster, 28. Orange juice, 29. Gelatin, 30. Welsh rarebit, 31. Spaghetti, 32. Hot chocolate, 33. Rosemary, 34. Artichoke, 35. Scone, 36. Port, 37. Egg, 38. Cheese, 39. Parsley, 40. Sundae.



It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year and it has been a joy to welcome our children and families back to school. The pupils have returned with enthusiasm and positivity and there is a real sense of excitement and purpose across the school community.

We have also been pleased to welcome several new members of staff to our team. They have settled in quickly and

are already making a positive contribution to school life. We look forward to the skills, experience and fresh ideas they will bring as we continue to develop as a school.

I am delighted to share some exciting news regarding our support for children with additional needs. We recently applied for funding to develop a dedicated sensory space within school and were successful in securing the grant. Work on this project will take place over the coming year and will provide a valuable resource to support the wellbeing, regulation and inclusion of many of our children.

Since September, we have extended our nursery provision to include two-year-olds. It has been lovely to see how quickly the children have settled into school life and begun to build confidence and independence. Alongside this, our weekly Stay and Play toddler group continues to go from strength to strength, with over 20 families attending each week. This provides an excellent opportunity to build relationships with local families and introduce them to our school community from an early age.

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective families to our Open Day on 17th September. This will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school, celebrate all that we offer, and share our vision with families considering joining our community. As a church school, we are particularly excited about the opportunities for worship and spiritual development over the coming weeks. We look forward to celebrating Harvest together in church. We are also delighted to be welcoming Bishop Philip to school, where he will present Bibles to our Key Stage 2 children. This promises to be a special occasion.

There is much planned for the term ahead, including curriculum enrichment activities, community events and opportunities for pupils to flourish academically, socially and spiritually. We look forward to working closely with our families, church and wider community as we continue what has already been a very positive start to the school year.

Quiz Questions for this month: Beginnings and Endings: ANSWERS

1. Genesis, St John's Gospel, 2. 1926, 3. A pot of gold, 4. Cole Porter,
5. False, Corrachadh Mor in Scotland is 23 miles further west,
6. World War 1, 7. Before the Common Era, Common Era, 8. Ulu,
9. American football, 10. War of the Roses, 11. 1961, 12. Quince [Act 5, Scene 1], 13. Offend, 14. Winston Churchill, 15. Eschatology,
16. Porky Pig, 17. Sir Tom Finney, 18. Nat Lofthouse, 19. Sir Stanley Matthews, 20. E M Forster, 21. Lord's Cricket Ground, 22. P, 23. Port Said, 24. Daphne du Maurier [Rebecca, 1938], 25. Hamlet [Act 3, Scene 2], 26. 1648 – 1789, 27. 1837-1901, 28. The Julian calendar, 29. The Big Bang [Fred Hoyle, 1949], 30. St Cuthbert.