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Parish Information

Baptisms

Baptisms are held around the Parish throughout the month. To qualify for baptism parents should live within the parish boundaries or be a regular worshipper at one of the worship communities within the Parish. Godparents should have been baptised and be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session with the parents.

Funerals

Every parishioner has the right to a service in church, followed by a committal.

Marriage

You can marry in a CofE Church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met.

If you would like further information or to book a funeral, wedding or a baptism, please attend at one of our churches or see the contact details at the rear of the magazine

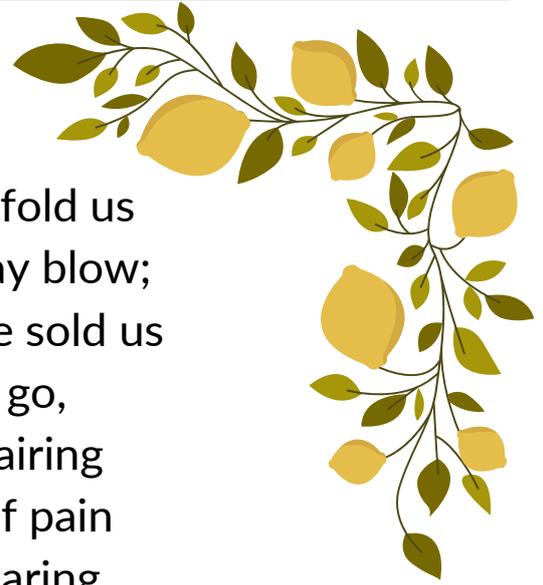
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He too

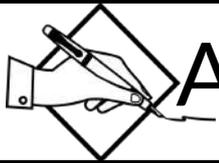
When the blackest clouds enfold us
When the strongest winds may blow;
When our dearest friends have sold us
And we have nowhere to go,
In the depths of great despairing
Through the sharpest jabs of pain
There we find our Father, caring
Giving shelter from the rain.



For He too, one dreadful Friday
Saw His most beloved Son
On a cross, raised by a highway
Naked, bleeding, cruelly hung.
Yes, He too has felt the starkness
And He too has been betrayed
For He too has known the darkness
And the price which must be paid.

As you weep, reach out your fingers
Feel His gentle, loving hand,
Feel the care just He can bring us
For your life is known and planned.
He too knows the path before us
And He too has fought the fight
Only Jesus can assure us
On our journey to the light.





A Letter from the Archbishops

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.

John 14.27

Many of us will have troubled hearts as we watch with horror the attack by Russia on Ukraine. As we have already said, this attack is an act of evil, imperilling as it does the relative peace and security that Europe has enjoyed for so long. The attack by one nation on a free, democratic country has rightly provoked outrage, sanctions and condemnation.

We lament with the people of Ukraine, and we pray for the innocent, the frightened and those who have lost loved ones, homes, and family.

We continue to call for a ceasefire and the withdrawal of Russian forces as well as wide-ranging efforts to ensure peace, stability and security.

These events remind us powerfully that peace is precious and it is fragile. In Chapter 14 of John's Gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples at the Last Supper and he leaves them his peace. This is not a mere greeting, but rather something deep and abiding. This peace is something that only Jesus gives; for it is a gratuitous gift, a way of living, something to be received for the gift of peace is the gift of Jesus himself. That is why the Lord is able to offer reassurance to our hearts, why those who receive the gift of the peace of Jesus Christ at the deepest of levels should not be afraid.

Peace, therefore, is so much more than the absence of war. It is a gift, and it is also a decision, a gift that must be received. It is a choice we make that shapes the way we live well alongside each other. It characterises our relationship with God. It comes into being by seeking justice.

In these days of uncertainty and fear, we pray that each of us might again turn to the Lord and receive God's gift of peace, work for God's justice, know God's reconciliation and love, and choose paths not of hatred or destruction, of violence or retribution, but God's way of justice, mercy and peace.

As Christians, our response to a crisis must always be rooted in prayer. And so we invite you to join

with us in praying most earnestly for an outpouring of the Spirit of God, that the world may once again choose peace, strengthening those international bodies that enable us to work and live together as one humanity inhabiting one world.

We pray for those in Ukraine who suffer grievously, for all who take decisions around the world, and for the people and leaders of Russia too.

However and whenever you pray, pray that the world may choose peace, and be assured of our prayers for you.

With every blessing,

The Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby
Cottrell
Archbishop of Canterbury

The Most Revd & Rt Hon Stephen
Archbishop of York



Services across the Parish

Holy Trinity

Sunday 3	10.30am Morning Worship
Sunday 10	10.30am Morning Worship
Wednesday 13	10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 17	10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 24	10.30am Morning Worship
Wednesday 27	10.00am Holy Communion

St Thomas'

Sunday 3	9.00am Morning Worship 10.45am Worship Together 6.30pm Holy Communion
Thursday 7	9.45am BCP Communion
Sunday 10	9.00am Morning Worship 10.45am Worship Together
Thursday 14	9.45am BCP Communion
Friday 15	10.30am Reflective Service 2.00pm Hour at the Cross
Sunday 17	9.00am Morning Worship 10.45am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 21	9.45am BCP Communion
Sunday 24	9.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship Together
Thursday 27	9.45am Morning Prayer

St Andrew's

Sunday 3	9.30am Morning Worship
Sunday 10	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 17	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 24	9.30am Morning Worship

St Aidan's

Sunday 3	9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 6	10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 10	10.30am Sta's4all 4.00pm Evening Prayer
Friday 15	10.00am Reflective Service
Sunday 17	9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 20	10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 24	10.00am Beacon Service 4.00pm Evening Prayer

St Luke's

Sunday 3	11.00am Family Worship
Sunday 10	11.00am Family Worship
Thursday 14	7.00pm Holy Communion
Friday 15	11.00am Reflective Service
Sunday 17	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 24	11.00am Family Worship

Easter Morning, 17th April at 6.30am
The Three Sister's Lakeside

St Peter's

Sunday 3	10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 10	10.30am Morning Prayer
Friday 15	10.30am Good Friday Service
Sunday 17	10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 24	10.30am Morning Prayer



Parish News

As always, everyone is welcome to join at any of the services across Wigan South.

We would like to draw your attention to the following special services in which we especially encourage the hub to join together:

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 14th April starting at 7pm at St. Luke's.

Dawn Easter Communion

Sunday 17th April at 6.30am by the lake at the Three Sisters. Followed by hot cross buns at Brigade House, Bryn Road.



We are grateful to the clergy who have made it possible to have a service of Holy Communion at each church on Easter Sunday.



Holy Trinity Church are holding a 'Songs and Scones' afternoon, a celebration for St. George's Day.

Saturday 23rd April at 3pm.

Tickets are £5 including refreshments, available from Committee members or Frank Lowe 01942 728531.



We want to hear from you



Did you see the Queen when she visited our town?

Have you met Her Majesty elsewhere?

Do you remember watching the coronation?

As part of our recognition and celebrations of the Queen's Jubilee, we would love to collate the accounts, photos and memorabilia of these events. If you have stories you would like to share about meeting the Queen or the coronation, please email them to magazine@stthomasstluke.org.uk or to a worship community team member. Any items we can photograph or scan shall be returned as quickly as possible.



*Above all, clothe yourselves with love,
which binds everything together in
perfect harmony.*



*And let the peace of Christ rule in
your hearts, to which indeed you
were called in the one body. And be
thankful. Let the word of Christ
dwell in you richly.*

Colossians 3:14-16a



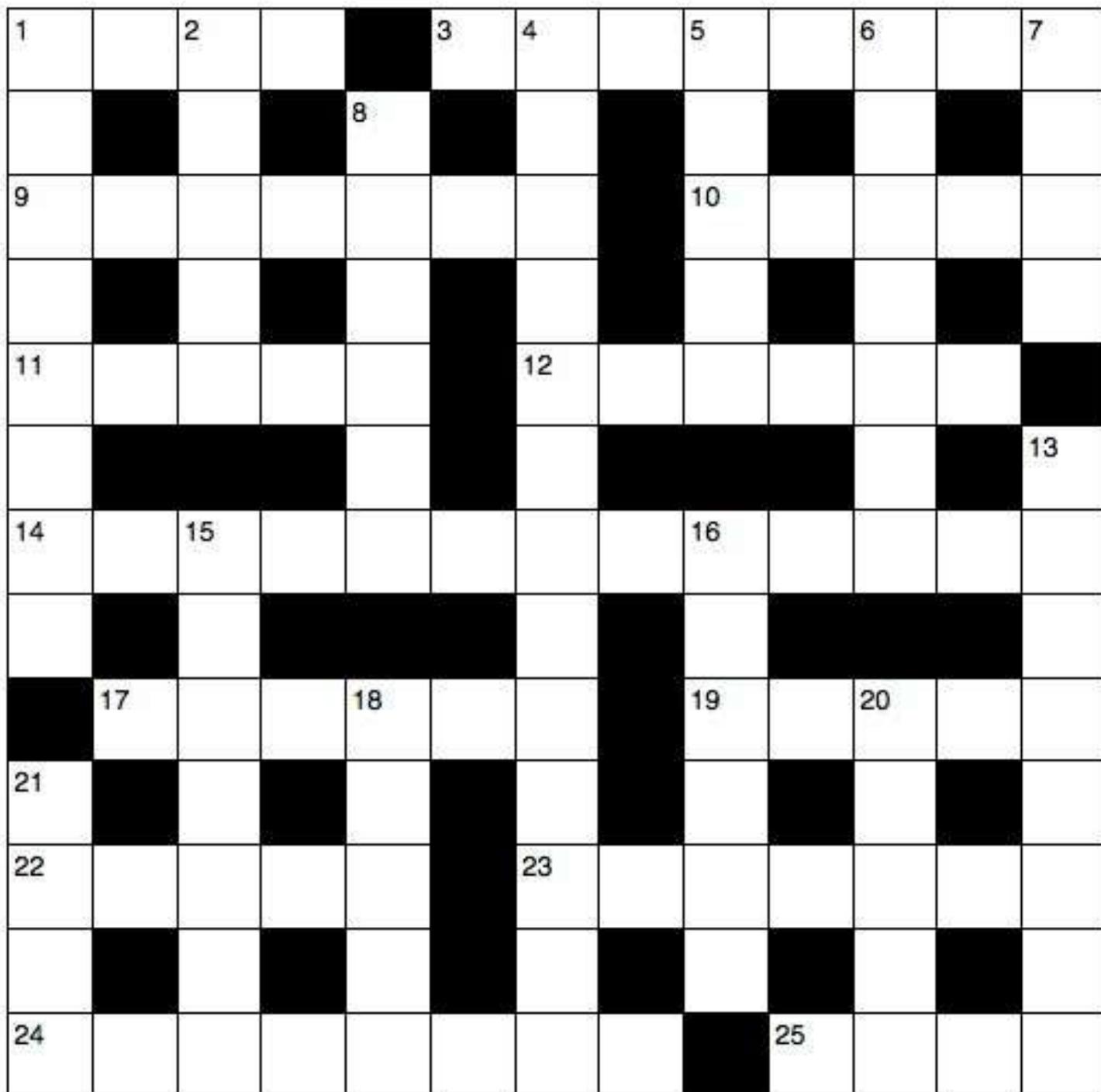
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And secondly select WDT as your preferred cause using this link:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/59913>. If you would find it easier to join by phone you can contact the Co-op membership team on 0800 023 4708.

Crossword



Answers on page 17

Across

- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
- 9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
- 10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
- 11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
- 12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
- 14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
- 17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
- 19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
- 22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
- 23 For nine (anag.) (7)
- 24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
- 25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Down

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
- 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
- 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
- 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
- 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
- 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
- 8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
- 13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
- 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
- 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
- 18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
- 20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
- 21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)

April Holy Days

15th April: Good Friday, Jesus and the thieves on the Cross

Luke's account of the crucifixion (Luke 23:32-43) emphasises the mocking of the crowd, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself' (35,37,39). In their view a Messiah does not hang on a cross and suffer. In considering the two men who were crucified with Jesus, we are also confronted with the issue of how Jesus secures salvation for us.

The words of one of those crucified with Jesus reflected the crowd's taunts: 'Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us.' He highlights the question of Jesus' identity: how can He save others, when He cannot save Himself from death? He failed to see that the cross itself was the means of salvation.

So - what kind of Messiah was Jesus?

The other criminal's response in his last moments is a moving expression of faith. When challenging the other man, he spoke of the utter injustice of the crucifixion: 'this man has done nothing wrong.' He perceived the truth that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. In a wonderful picture of grace, 'remember me when You come into Your kingdom', the second thief confessed his guilt and secured Jesus' forgiveness and mercy.

In reply, Jesus promised the man life from the moment of death; 'Today you will be with Me in paradise.' Jesus used the picture of a walled garden to help the man understand His promise of protection and security in God's love and acceptance eternally.

Each one of us has to choose how we react to Jesus on the cross. Do we want Him to 'remember' us when He comes into His kingdom, or not? If you were to die tonight, how confident would you be of going to be with Jesus? 'For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God' (1 Peter 3:18).

27th April: Zita, the long-suffering servant girl of Lucca

If you have ever been in trouble for simply doing good, then Zita is the saint for you. Born in 1218 to poor but devout parents in Monsagrati, Zita was sent at the age of 12 to work as a servant for the rich Fatinelli family in nearby Lucca.

Zita was pious, generous and hard-working. Oddly enough, all three traits got her into trouble. For one thing, the other servants hated her for her devotion to prayer and to doing her work perfectly. When Zita said that 'a servant is not holy if she is not busy,' they were furious, and bullied her.

The Fatinellis were also annoyed with Zita. They had discovered that she felt such compassion for the poor of the town, that she would often give them gifts of their food. So, they took to beating her.

Then came the day that Zita was supposed to be baking – but she left it halfway through in order to go and help someone in dire need. The other servants told the Fatinellis, and everyone rushed down to the kitchen, expecting to find disaster. Instead, the story goes that they found an angel, finishing the baking.

Well, how can you be angry with someone whom the angels help? It was a wake-up call for both servants and family, who began to feel ashamed of themselves. Soon Zita's patient endurance and consistent goodness won her their deep respect and increasing affection. She was placed in charge of the household.

As the years passed, Zita became locally famous for helping the sick, the poor and the imprisoned. Soon after her death a popular cult sprang up. Chapels were named in her honour as far afield as Palermo and Ely. In England she is known as Sitha, and she has traditionally been invoked by housewives and domestic servants, especially (for some reason) when they lose their house-keys.

Palm Sunday



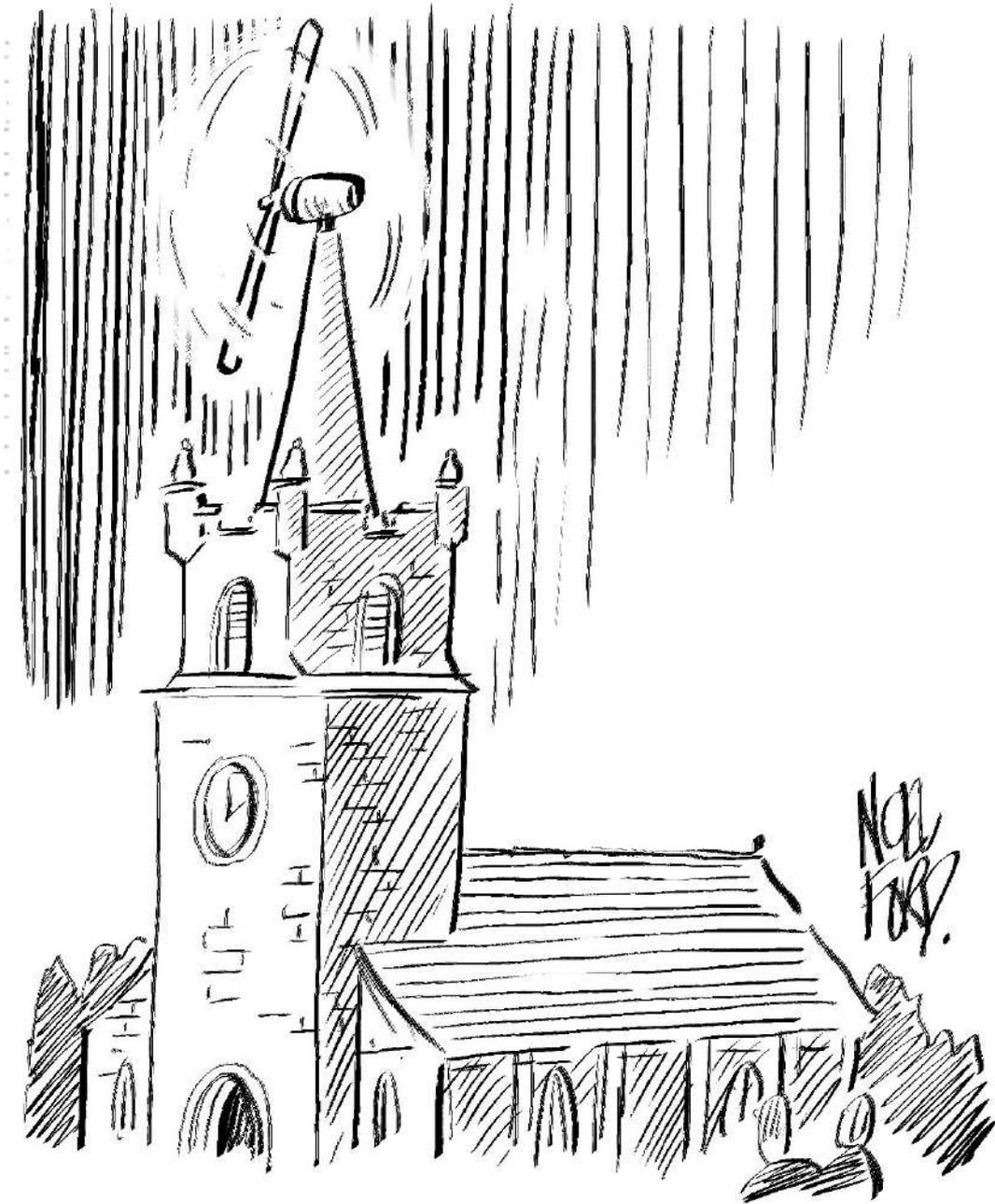
It must have been a dramatic sight on Palm Sunday when Jesus approached Jerusalem to the adulation of the crowds. The Bible tells us that ‘A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”’ (Matthew 21:8,9).

But not everyone in Jerusalem welcomed Jesus; in the very next verse we read, ‘the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”’ (10). But by the end of the week, the crowds had turned against Jesus and were demanding His crucifixion. (Matthew 27:22).

Why did they turn against Jesus so quickly? Perhaps they were disappointed because He refused to fulfil their expectations in establishing a new political kingdom. Instead, He came to change our hearts and save us from our sins by His death and resurrection. As He said during that week, ‘My kingdom is not of this world.’ (John 18:36). This deeply disappointed those who hoped that He would throw out the hated Roman occupiers.

Where would we have been on that first Palm Sunday? Among the disciples who welcomed Him or among the sceptical crowds? It’s easy to judge those who condemned Jesus, but would we have acted differently? We too can be disappointed when Jesus fails to meet our hopes and expectations of Him?

The message of Easter is that God still loves and accepts us, and because of Jesus we can be forgiven. He came for one simple reason: ‘For Christ also suffered once for sins...to bring you to God.’ (1 Peter 3:18). May we welcome Jesus afresh into our lives this Eastertime



"It's not as picturesque as the old steeple
but it's saving a fortune in electricity bills!"

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Womb. 3, Agnostic. 9, Long ago. 10, Fleet. 11, Horeb. 12, Yellow. 14, Deceitfulness. 17, Banish. 19, Towel. 22, Boils. 23, Inferno. 24, Eternity. 25, Defy.

DOWN: 1, Will hide. 2, Minor. 4, Glory of Christ. 5, Offal. 6, The Robe. 7, City. 8, Zabbai. 13, Psalmody. 15, Chalice. 16, Let off. 18, If son. 20, Worse. 21, Able.

Wordsearch

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Peter
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afraid
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someone
Mary
spices

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believe
Jesus
morning
body
disciples
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Sunday



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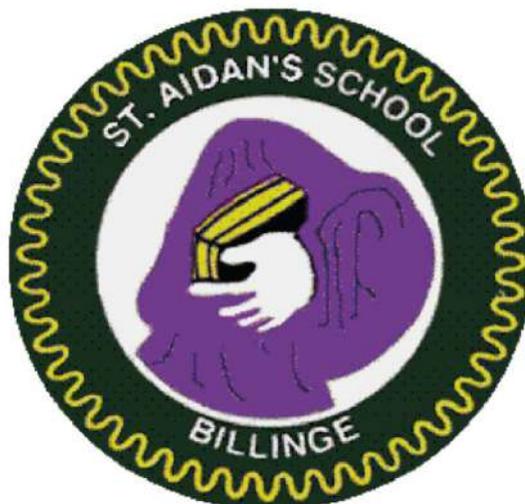
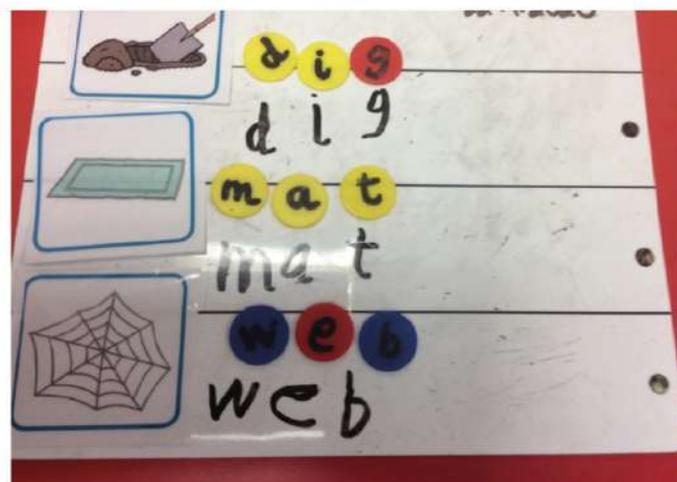
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News from our churches

On Wednesday 16th March St Aidan's Church hosted a fund raising event organised by Billinge Residents' Association and St Helens Celebration Choir.

A varied programme was enjoyed by over 200 people including the mayor of St Helens, Councillor Susan Murphy. St Aidan's School 'Beacon Singers' and St. Mary's RC Primary School Choir both delighted the audience with their performances as did the Liverpool Male Singers.

A magnificent sum of £1,020.76 was raised, which will only increase as several donations were made as people left.

It was a wonderful evening to see the Church virtually full after the past two years and the happy voices raising the rafters. Also to the Billinge community coming together at short notice for this worthy cause.

Services for this Easter month

Sunday 3rd April 9.30am Holy Communion
12.45pm Baptism Service

Wednesday 6th April 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 10th April 10.30am Sta's4all in school
(No morning service in church)
4.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 15th April 10.00am GoodFriday Reflective Service

Sunday 17th April 9.30am Easter Sunday Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th April 10.00am Holy Communion

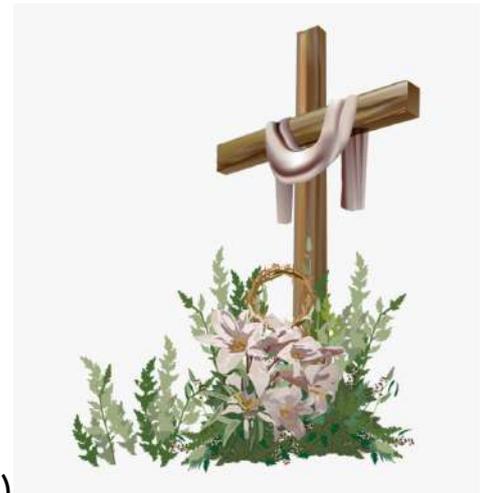
Sunday 24th April 10.00am St Aidan's Beacon
4.00pm Evening Prayer

2nd Sunday – 10.30 am Sta's4all will held at St Aidan's School

The Beacon is a contemporary all age Service which will vary month to month.

Our Easter Sunday service will be a Communion Service, but the time, unlike most '3rd Sundays' has had to be changed to **9.30am** in order to enable a visit from Hub clergy, so all of our hub churches can have a communion service on that day.

You are welcome to attend Holy Communion and other services at any of the venues advertised in the magazine. Perhaps you would like to join the dawn Holy Communion at the 3 Sisters! (see previous pages) or the Maundy Thursday service at St Luke's. All shall be very welcome.



K4C (Kids 4 Christ) is the renamed Zoom Toddler Group. This month it will be on Wednesday 6th and 20th April. K4C starts at 10am for pre-school children with their carers. This operates on line. If you want an invitation to join this please email harrywareing@talktalk.net

Sta's4all relaunched face to face in the school hall on 13th March. It was great to be back and to meet up with some familiar faces, and some new ones too. We were able to celebrate! We are still looking for a couple of helpers to assist with refreshments on a rota basis. If you could help please contact Helen on 01744 894111 .



We next meet on Palm Sunday, 10th April, from 10.30am. I know that the puppets are coming. Do join us!



Mother's Union

We are meetings in Church at 2pm on Thursday April 28th. We have been very pleased to welcome some new members and look forward to meeting some new faces too. Please contact Jennifer or Kathleen for more details (see back page).

Beacon

Our Beacon service is always a very special time, enhanced by the school Beacon Singers. Mothering Sunday saw small gifts given out to the ladies and children, and some prayers delivered by members of Hot Chocolate. Our next service on 24th April follows the theme of 'Creation'. It will be visited by the puppets! Why not come and join the worship.



St. Aidan's Primary School and Nursery

The children have been challenged to 'love yourself' through Lent with 40 self-care ideas to choose from, across a wide spectrum, to boost their positivity – writing a letter, talking to a plant, looking through old photos, going to bed early, writing down their worries and bringing them to God in prayer.



School will be closed for the Easter break from the 2nd till the 18th of April.

Toddler group is back! Formerly known as Little Berries our new 'Blossoms' Baby and Toddler Group will be starting back after Easter on Wednesday Mornings. Spread the word and we look forward to watching all our babies and toddlers 'Blossom' together.

Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation service this year for our Hub Churches in July. Many children were unable to be confirmed in the last two years because of the difficulties of arranging preparation classes and services while Covid infections surged. Whatever your age, year 6 or above, or an adult, if you would like to be confirmed this year, and are not at St. Aidan's School please contact Helen Steele for details of preparation classes which will start at the beginning of May. They are likely to take place at St. Thomas' Church Ashton on a Monday between 6 and 7pm.

St Aidan's in the Community

Thank you to all who are using St. Aidan's as a drop off centre for food items for the Hope Centre Food Bank, (the Trussel Trust) which support families in short term crisis living within St. Helen's. This Food Bank is for those who are experiencing an emergency. The Citizen's Advice Bureau and a Financial Inclusion Officer is also present and available to speak with clients needing access to Foodbank provision. If you know a family in financial crisis because of redundancy, illness or other unexpected event, who is unable to buy food please let Helen Steele know. There is a similar Food Bank at St. Thomas's church for anyone living in the Wigan side of the Parish.

Bible Reading Notes:

30th April 2022 will be the end of this year's Bible Reading Notes (NEW DAYLIGHT and GUIDELINES). A new year will commence on the 1st May 2022.

I have not had confirmation of the price as yet but I think a year's subscription will be :-

New Daylight Ordinary Print £14.55 less 10% = £13.10 for the year.

New Daylight Large Print £18.00 less 10% = £16.20 for the year.

Guidelines £14.55 less 10% = £13.10 for the year.

Anyone wishing to receive the helpful Bible Reading Notes, please contact Harry Wareing on 01744 894759, or email harrywareing@talktalk.net.

Kind regards and God Bless Harry.

The Friendly Gardeners plan to restart their work in Church Grounds after their winter break. This is an important ministry to the people of Billinge.

Please contact Tracey to let her know if you are able to join her again.



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Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee



We are working on plans to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee – including a stall at the Jubilee Celebrations in Bankes Park on June 5th, could you bake for this event? Could you take a turn to look after the stall? Could you make a donation to help to cover the cost of the children's craft bags that we will give away?

Please let Helen or our Assistant Wardens, Peter and Barbara or our Treasurer, Joan, know.

We need your help to make these tributes to our Queen a success.

Have you ever met the Queen, or been present as she has passed by? Could you share a story at the special 'Coronation' Service on 29th May?

Please share any stories about this in our magazine - articles to Helen please.

Note from Treasurer

If you would like to make a donation you can do this on line, by bank transfer. the account details are:

Sort Code: 60-24-02

Account number: 04035135

Please insert the name of the person you wish us to remember as the reference.

Cheques can be made payable to St Aidan's Parish Church, or cash donations in an envelope. These can be dropped off at 4 Alder Ave, Billinge, WN5 7PY. If you are unable to get out, please ring me on 01744 895151

If you wish to make an anonymous donation then we will respect that, just write Anon in name of giver and just write the name of the person you wish to be remembered. Please note that we never quote the amount given.

CAN YOU LEAVE CHURCH A GIFT?

The word finance for some Churches and their parishioners can be a real turn off as some may be concerned their monies will not go to their designated church under the new re-organisation. Giving to the church does remain a vital and essential part of our church life, it always has done and even goes back to when Jesus was alive on earth.

Over the past year, and in fact over the past 20-30 years, St. Aidan's has received legacies which have been used for the upkeep of the church and towards our mission and ministry. This has reminded us just how important these legacies are in our mission.

We have included this little reminder in the notices to encourage our church members to consider making a provision for a legacy to St Aidan's in their own wills.

I would be only to be pleased to advise in confidence. I am contactable on 01744 895151 or 07743408390

Memorials

Names of deceased loved ones whose ashes have been interred in the memorial garden can be inscribed on the large granite memorial stone. Entries on the stone cost £200. If the partner or other relative wishes to reserve an adjacent space this can also be arranged, the cost being the same as the original entry and with no further charge when the inscription is completed. In order to ensure that the reserved line is kept the date of birth of the person for whom it is reserved will be added. The fee/s must be paid before any inscription is added.

Chairs in church can also be sponsored by the addition of an inscribed brass plate in memory of a loved one, it is also possible to sponsor a chair in one's own name. The charge for either sponsorship is £50.

Anyone wishing to make use of any of these should contact Jack Boardman (892613) or one of the assistant wardens. Please give details in writing and include a telephone number on which you can be contacted.

St Aidan's Remembrance Book

Applications for entries to the Remembrance Book can be made by filling in the request form, which gives full details of how to go about it.

The book on display in the glass topped cabinet, is now in the prayer Corner, allowing more prayerful surroundings while being viewed. It has a hinged glass top, which allows people to turn the page or pages so that their entry can be viewed at any time. All the entries are written in the Calligraphic style of writing with the First Letter in colour.

The opened book shows 4 days dates per view and the pages are turned on a regular basis so that should anyone come at a weekend or a midweek service, if their entry is one of those 4 days, they can see it or if the entry / entries is not then they can turn to the page and see it.

Applications for Entries to the Remembrance Book can be made by filling in the request form, which gives full details of how to go about it.

Fees for entries cost £10.00. Forms are obtainable from the back of Church with details of what to do and who to return the form to.

Church Grounds

Please note that any enquiries about graves or the burial of ashes must go to our Assistant Warden Barbara Goulden on 01744 894694 or email - staidansbillingeveryger@gmail.com. not the team who work to keep the graveyard tidy.

Donations & Dedications



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If you wish to make a donation to St Aidan's church funds, churchyard costs, floodlights or flower fund then please place cash or cheques in a sealed envelope, labelled 'To the Treasurer' and including any words of dedication.

Any cheques should be made payable to Billinge Parish Church St. Aidan's PCC.

Alternatively you may use Bank Transfer to our Church Bank Account - Number 04035135, sort code 60 24 02. The Account name remains 'Billinge Parish Church St Aidan's PCC'.

If making a bank transfer you should mark it as 'donation' with your surname, then we can identify it as such for our accounting system.

Thank You



Donations & Remembrance



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St. Aidan's Treasurer and Church Committee would like to acknowledge with thanks the kind donations: -

2 anonymous donations towards church funds and heating bills

A donation received from Penny Ayres in Guernsey and her sister, Pamela Hawkins, in Bolton in loving memory of their parents William G and Mary Patricia Monks towards church funds

A donation towards Churchyard fund in loving memory of a dear husband, Dad and Dad in law, Thomas Gibbons, from his wife Margaret, son Ian and daughter in law Joanne.

A huge Thank you to all those who have contributed towards the £602 that has been raised towards the Ukraine appeal. This has been forwarded to the DEC.



The Registers



Holy Baptism 'We welcome them into the Lord's family'

6th March

Skylar Rose Paterson



Loving God,
As the light shines in her room,
May your light shine always for this little one.
May she go safely through life,
Knowing your love and goodness.
May she be like a light for others,
Bringing hope and joy to friend and stranger.
May she know you are always there
To guide, to lead and to protect.



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