

# Wigan South Parish Magazine

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St Aidan's edition



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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.

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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

## Magazine Deadlines

Please send any material for the magazine to your local assistant editor (see contact details at the back) or [magazine@stthomasstluke.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stthomasstluke.org.uk).

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# The Vernal Equinox



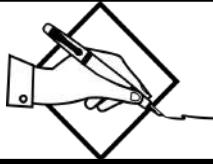
In the season of the Spring  
The day is equal to the night;  
Summer's song we soon shall sing!  
Evenings filled with summer light

Winter's cares seem long ago  
Mornings spiked by bitter frost  
But we shall bask in summer glow  
For the seasons have now crossed.

Thank you, Lord God, for the Spring  
And for all the seasons, too,  
Of life's rhythms we shall sing  
Giving all the praise to You.

*Nigel Beeton*





# A Letter From Ros

Greetings from Garswood!

Dear Friends,

As I write this to you, I am looking out on my garden at the Snowdrops, the Crocus and the miniature Daffodils as they are all starting to burst forth announcing that Spring time is on its way, signs of New Birth, God's Creation availed in Flowers.

I am also conscious of that beautiful reading in St. Luke's Gospel chapter 8 verses 22-25- you know the one where Jesus calms the Storm.

It brings to mind the events of the last two years that all of us have endured in this country and indeed the world, the like of which we have never known before. A time when each of us were affected by the storm in our own lives of coping with the situation before us and praying that God would calm this storm too. A time when we felt the greatest need for Jesus to be alongside us.

Almost like a silent Tsunami as it spread itself throughout nations, a period when families were separated, existed in bubbles, were isolated, lost loved ones and personally for me a time when I had to explain to families that their loved one could not be taken into Church for a service prior to Cremation or Burial.

How devastating for those families and we heard lots of stories on TV and in our own communities of sealed coffins so that loved ones could not say their final good-byes, so many restrictions in place that we all had to abide by, reduced numbers at funerals, no visiting in care home and hospitals, schools closed.

But today we seem to be edging our way out of this situation, we are starting to join together in worship, communities are opening up their meetings and getting together and life seems to be more positive.

For each one of us we will all have personal stories to tell and I am sure that when we were at our lowest, suddenly, we were propelled back by the Love of God, and that there is a definite reason for us to be here with a purpose that drives us on. I call it the Power of Prayer the Disciples in the boat were frightened of drowning but Jesus questioned their faith and they were amazed at his actions.

We too must put our faith in God and be guided by his actions "Who is this" they said "He commands even the winds and the water and they obey him" We too must continue to place our Faith in God and watch what he will do for you and me.

*Blessings to you all  
Rosalyn xx*



# Services across the Parish

## Holy Trinity

<b>Sunday 6</b>	10.30am Morning Worship
<b>Wednesday 9</b>	10.00am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 13</b>	10.30am Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 20</b>	10.30am Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 23</b>	10.00am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 27</b>	10.30am Morning Worship

## St Andrew's

<b>Sunday 6</b>	9.30am Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 13</b>	9.30am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 20</b>	9.30am Church Cafe
<b>Sunday 27</b>	9.30am Morning Worship

## St Thomas'

<b>Thursday 3</b>	9.45am BCP Communion
<b>Sunday 6</b>	9.00am Morning Worship
	10.45am Worship Together
	6.30pm Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 10</b>	9.45am BCP Communion
<b>Sunday 13</b>	9.00am Morning Worship
	10.45am Worship Together
<b>Thursday 17</b>	9.45am BCP Communion
<b>Sunday 20</b>	9.00am Holy Communion
	10.45am Worship Together
	4.30pm Farsi Worship
	6.30pm Evening Prayer
<b>Thursday 24</b>	9.45am BCP Communion
<b>Sunday 27</b>	9.00am Morning Worship
	10.45am Worship Together with Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 31</b>	9.45am Morning Prayer

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<b>Wednesday 2</b>	10.00am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 6</b>	9.30am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 13</b>	10.30am Sta's4all
	4.00pm Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday 16</b>	10.00am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 20</b>	10.00am Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 27</b>	10.00am Beacon Service

## St Luke's

<b>Sunday 6</b>	11.00am Family Worship
<b>Sunday 13</b>	11.00am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 20</b>	11.00am Family Worship
<b>Sunday 27</b>	11.00am Family Worship

## St Peter's

<b>Sunday 6</b>	10.30am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 13</b>	10.30am Parade & Family Service
<b>Sunday 20</b>	10.30am Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 27</b>	10.30am Morning Prayer

All are welcome to join any of the regular services across Wigan South in March.

You are sure to receive a warm welcome.

# Parish News



## Ash Wednesday

There shall be a joint Hub Ash service on Wednesday 2nd March starting at 7pm at Holy Trinity.

There will also be the usual Holy Communion Service at 10am at St. Aidan's on that day. If anyone would like to join this service, they would be most welcome.

## Maundy Thursday - Advanced Notice

Similarly, next month there is a joint Hub service on Thursday 14th April starting at 7pm at St. Luke's.



Are you or could you become a Co-op member and select Wigan Deanery Trust as your cause. This will really help the Trust in raising some much needed financial support which will then be used to fund the great work going on in Church Wigan. Firstly please use this link to become a Co-op member: <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership>

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.

# 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@stthomasluke.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stthomasluke.org.uk) or to a worship community team member. Any items we can photograph or scan shall be returned as quickly as possible.



**Friday 4th March 11.00am**

A Service for Everyone for World Day of Prayer  
2022

**Downall Green Independent Methodist Church  
Victoria Road  
Garswood**

All are welcome.  
Refreshments after the service.



Holy Trinity Church will be holding a 'Coffee Morning with stalls' on  
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## 'Your Kingdom come, your will be done'

Peter Whittington, Discipleship Lead, explores the Church Wigan focus for 2022 and the forthcoming Lent series

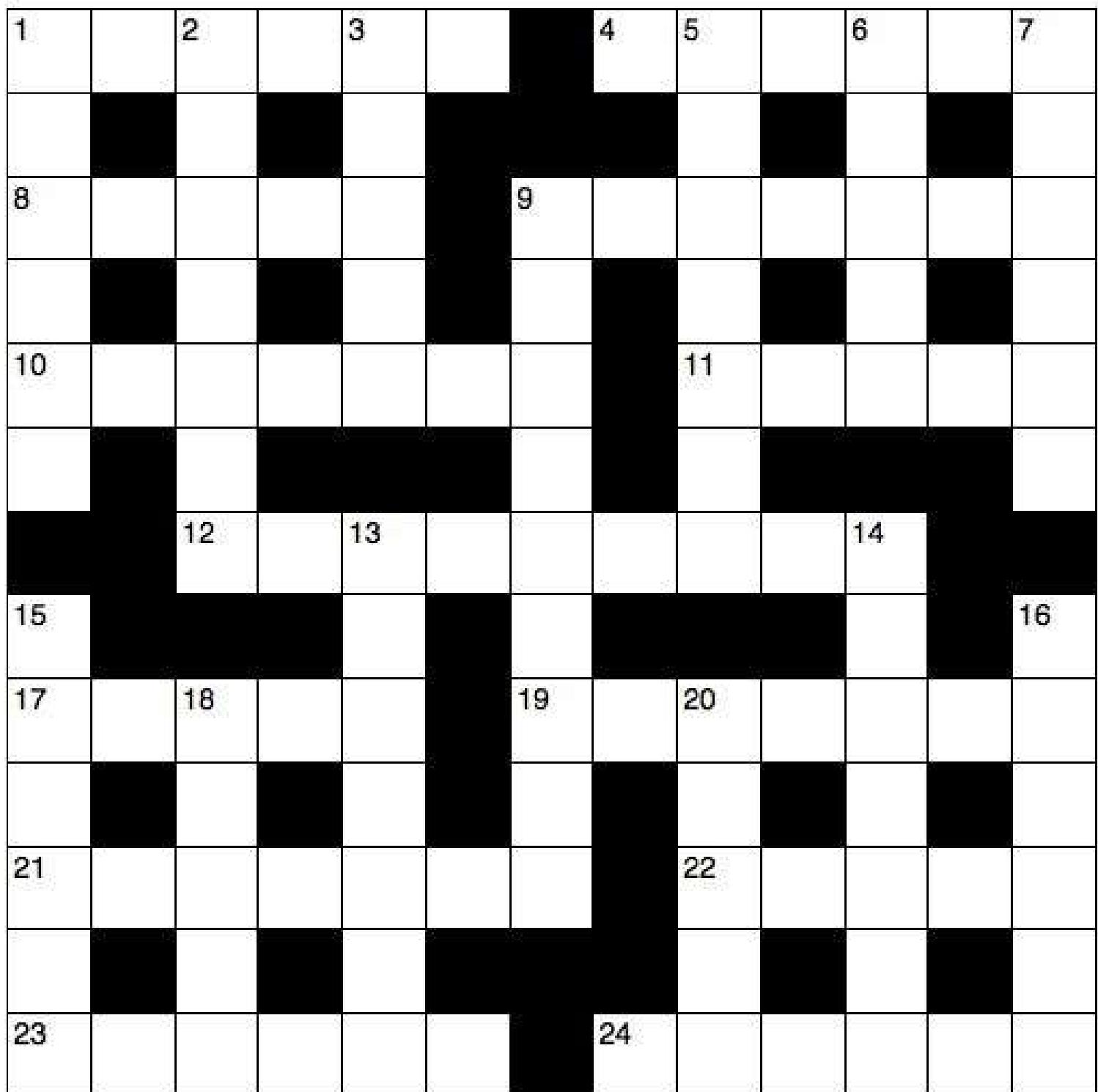


Jesus offers us 'living water' that gives 'eternal life' (John 4:10-14) and flows with the power of the Holy Spirit in and through our lives (John 7:37-39). Over the last few years we have spent time as Church Wigan considering the 'wells', the places in our communities, where people can come to receive this 'living water' from Jesus. We have thought about the old wells that need unstopping and the new wells that need digging. In 2022 our focus will be on the water that is found in those wells, the 'living water' that Jesus offers us. This 'living water' is the power of God sustaining our lives and our faith, water that becomes a spring of the Holy Spirit that not only nourishes us but then overflows in our lives to the lives of those around us. They might be very familiar passages, but it is worth reading again the two key passages of John 4:1-42 and 7:37-39. Take a moment to receive again that 'living water' from Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to refresh you and bubble up within you.

Across the year we will consider in more detail what the 'living water' is and how we receive it. We will spend time thinking about how we drink the living water that we might be sustained in our daily lives as a disciple of Jesus. We will reflect on how we share the living water, recognising that as worshipping communities and as Church Wigan we help one another to drink from the well and also invite others to receive the 'living water' from Jesus. We will examine how we continue to replenish ourselves with the living water, both individually and as worshipping communities. Drinking is not a one-off event, to sustain life we need to constantly drink (think about how many drinks you have during a day and so every week, month, year). For our lives to thrive spiritually and for our faith to remain vibrant we need to consistently drink of the 'living water', regularly receiving the eternal life and the Holy Spirit that will enable our lives to flourish as the people God has created us to be and be fruitful in the purposes he has for us.

**What happens next:** During Lent there will be a series for all worshipping communities to participate in Drink from the well: 'Your kingdom come, your will be done.'

# Crossword



Answers on page 19

## **Across**

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 "They — , you will say, "but I'm not hurt!" (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 'A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies' (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 'Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 'As you can see, he has done nothing to — death' (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 'All the people — one man, saying, "None of us will go home"' (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

## **Down**

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 'But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

# March Holy Days

## 1st March - Shrove Tuesday

Ever wonder why we eat pancakes just before Lent? The tradition dates back to Anglo-Saxon times, when Christians spent Lent in repentance and severe fasting.

So on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the church bell would summon them to confession, where they would be 'shriven', or absolved from their sins, which gives us Shrove Tuesday. At home, they would then eat up their last eggs and fat, and making a pancake was the easiest way to do this. For the next 47 days, they pretty well starved themselves.

Pancakes feature in cookery books as far back as 1439, and today's pancake races are in remembrance of a panicked woman back in 1445 in Olney, Buckinghamshire. She was making pancakes when she heard the shriving bell calling her to confession. Afraid she'd be late, she ran to the church in a panic, still in her apron, and still holding the pan.

Flipping pancakes is also centuries old. A poem from Pasquil's Palin in 1619 runs: "And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne."

Some people have noted that the ingredients of pancakes can be used to highlight four significant things about this time of year: eggs stand for creation, flour is the staff of life, while salt keeps things wholesome, and milk stands for purity.

## 25th March: Lady Day or The Annunciation

This beautiful event (Luke 1:26-38) took place in Nazareth, when Mary is already betrothed to Joseph. The Archangel Gabriel comes to Mary, greets her as highly favoured, tells her not to be afraid, that she will bear a son Jesus, and that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is already pregnant (with John the Baptist).

The church calendar is never quite as neat as some would like it. To celebrate the Annunciation on 25th March does indeed place the conception of Jesus exactly nine months from His birth on 25th December, but the latter part of March almost inevitably falls during Lent. But the birth and death of Jesus are intrinsically linked - He was born to die, and thus fulfil God's purposes.

The Annunciation is a significant date in the Christian calendar - it is one of the most frequent depicted in Christian art. Gabriel's gracious strength and Mary's humble dignity have inspired many artists. Certainly, Mary's response to the angel has for centuries been an example of good faith in practice - humility, enquiry of God, and trusting acceptance in His will for her life.

## **27th March: Mothering Sunday, 4th Sunday in Lent**

There is an old Jewish saying: God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.

Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods - our human mothers - all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday' - as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known. It has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16th century.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

Thus, Mothering Sunday is about the freedom that we gain through the promise of Jesus Christ delivered through our Mother the Church. People were encouraged to go to their 'Mother Church' (their home church or their home Cathedral) to worship and give thanks. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

# Observing Lent

This month sees the start of Lent, the 40-day season of penitence, self-examination and fasting running up to Easter. Jesus began His earthly ministry by fasting in the wilderness for 40 days and taught His disciples to fast: 'when you fast.' (Matthew 6:17).

The spiritual discipline of fasting involves missing one or two meals during the day, refraining from TV, alcohol or social media, and identifying the things that get in the way of our focus on God. What are the benefits of fasting?

The act of giving something up expresses my desire to put God first in my life. It shows me the things that I depend on rather than God, so that I can surrender 'my idols' to Him. It encourages me to have a deeper hunger and dependency for God. It gives me space to focus on God for His strength, provision, and wisdom resulting in a more intimate relationship with Christ: 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.' (Matthew 5:6).

Fasting enables the Holy Spirit to reveal my true spiritual condition, leading to brokenness and repentance, and a transformed life along with heart that is more attentive and dependent on God.

Lent can also be a time to embrace new spiritual disciplines, eg: joining a study group, 'random acts of kindness', giving more time to prayer and Bible study or solitude, and reading a Lent book. Whatever you do, make Lent count this year!

'Jesus takes it for granted that His disciples will observe the pious custom of fasting. Strict exercise of self-control is an essential feature of the Christian's life. Such customs have only one purpose - to make the disciples more ready and cheerful to accomplish those things which God would have done.' (Dietrich Bonhoeffer).

***Canon Paul Hardingham***

## **Christian Basics No 3: Why the Cross?**

*The cross is a picture of violence, yet the key to peace;  
a picture of suffering, yet the key to healing;  
a picture of death, yet the key to life;  
a picture of utter weakness, yet the key to power;  
a picture of capital punishment, yet the key to mercy and forgiveness;  
a picture of vicious hatred, yet the key to love;  
a picture of supreme shame, yet the Christian's supreme boast.*

The cross really is the key to everything! Although a horrifying instrument of torture and death, it is also a symbol of love and peace. On the cross Jesus died to deal with the problem of our sin and defeat the powers of death and evil. He identified with our sufferings and set us an example of self-sacrificial love.

As Peter writes, 'He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed ... Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God' (1 Peter 2:24, 3:18). Jesus died in our place on the cross and took away our guilt, to pay the full penalty for our sin. Access to God's presence is now open to all, symbolised by the Temple curtain being torn in two from top to bottom. The barrier between us and God was torn down in order 'to bring us to God'.

Jesus is the bridge providing access between us and God. 'If Jesus Christ is to be our Saviour then He must be able to place a hand upon a pardoning God and another hand on a penitent sinner and draw them together in an act of reconciliation' (Bishop Handley Moule).

## **Crossword Answers**

ACROSS: 1, Awaken. 4, Quench. 8, Hit me. 9, Sadness. 10, Semitic. 11, Ridge. 12, Testimony. 17, Psalm. 19, Indulge. 21, Deserve. 22, Ariel. 23, Rose as. 24, Beggar.

DOWN: 1, Aghast. 2, Attempt. 3, Eject. 5, Undergo. 6, No end. 7, Hasten. 9, Sacrifice. 13, Samaria. 14, Yelling. 15, Spider. 16, Dealer. 18, Asses. 20, Drake<sup>19</sup>.

# Wordsearch

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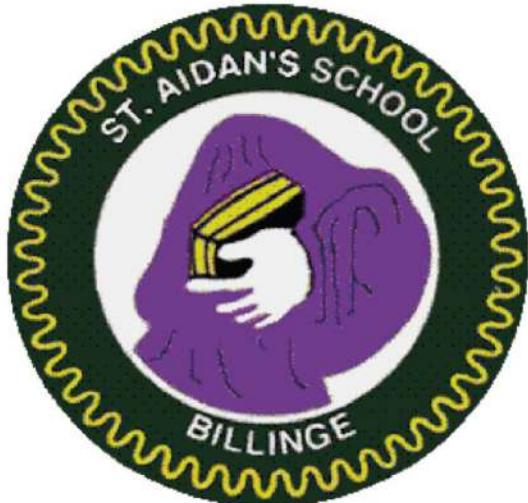
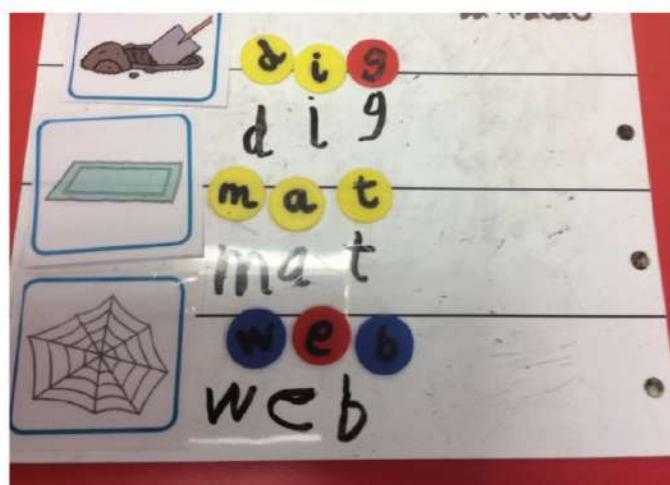
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# News from our churches

## Pattern of Services at St. Aidan's

Until further notice the following services will take place in Church

1st Sunday    9.30am Holy Communion  
                12.45pm Baptism Service

2nd Sunday    10.30am Sta's4all in school (No morning service in church)  
                4.00pm Evening Prayer

3rd Sunday    10.00am Morning Worship

4th Sunday    10.00am St Aidan's Beacon  
                4.00pm Evening Prayer

5th Sunday    10.00am Morning Worship

1st Wednesday    10.00am Holy Communion

3rd Wednesday    10.00am Holy Communion



2nd Sunday 10.30 am Sta's4all is held at St Aidan's School – Paul's Hall.

The Beacon is a contemporary all age Service which will vary month to month.  
This month – Celebrating Mothering Sunday.

Services are beginning to return to 'normal', however one area of church will be reserved for those who still wish to be socially distanced, and we will still ask you to wear a face covering when standing to sing. To show your care for others please use a lateral flow test before attending a service if you can, and please do not attend if you have symptoms of Covid.

**Zoom Toddlers** on 9th and 23rd March starting 10am - for pre-school children with their carers This operates on line by Zoom. If you want an invitation to join this please email [harrywareing@talktalk.net](mailto:harrywareing@talktalk.net).

### **Small groups for Lent - Your Kingdom Come, Your will be done:**

But what is God's Kingdom here on earth? During Lent we invite you to explore this in our sermons and in small groups. There are 2 opportunities to join a small group to explore for 6 weeks starting on Tuesday 8th March and Wednesday 9th March.

On Tuesdays a group will meet at 18 St. Mary's Avenue at 10am for a 10.15am start. Please contact Margaret and Philip Stott on 895751 to express your interest. A small group hope to meet in church, on Wednesdays meeting at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. If there is insufficient demand for face to face meetings this may be offered on line by zoom. Please contact Helen (894111 or [hrsteele@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hrsteele@tiscali.co.uk)) if you would like to join this group.

Are you one of those people who have not visited church in 2 years? We are missing you. Lent would be a good time to come and visit us for a service, to renew friendships and to hear about our Lent Sermons on 'Your Kingdom come, Your will be done'! Please see the service times which are different to 2019!



**Sta's4all** are thrilled, after a 2 year break, to be re-starting Face to Face meetings in School – in 'Paul's Hall' on March 13th, 13 years after Sta's4all began. Whilst most of our attendees have a connection with St Aidan's school this event is open to 'all' and is enjoyed by all ages. There are activities and time to explore the theme - this month 'Celebration' and recalling the story of the 'Lost Son', while refreshments are served, then we have a time of worship. There is no service in church on this morning, so why not come along and join us at school.

**Beacon:** Our service on February celebrated being a member of Christ's Family.

On 27th March, we will joyfully celebrate Mothering Sunday, being thankful for all mothers and those who are like mothers to us. We are hoping that the children from our school will be leading part of the service and the Beacon Choir (from School) will be singing, with Peter on the guitar. There will be flowers for ladies in the congregation and a small gift for the children. We would love you to join us.



To make this special Joan Andrews who organises all our flower displays in church would like to do something extra for this celebration. In order that we can do this we would appreciate donations to the flower fund, no matter how small the contribution it will be appreciated.

### **St. Aidan's Primary School and Nursery**

We have continued to welcome parents into school to watch their child in the Learn and Present Days run by Altru Drama. It has been a long 2 years and to have some normality and share in person what our children have been doing in classes has been wonderful. Here is to many more! Parent's Evening will be taking place at the end of March and after School clubs - Chess, Gardening Club and a new Musical Theatre group will be starting soon.



### **Mother's Union**



We are pleased to be restarting our meetings in Church at 2pm on Thursday March 28th. We look forward to meeting with current members and new faces will also be most welcome. Please contact Jennifer or Kathleen for more details (see back page).



## Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

We are hoping that as spring comes and summer moves on we will be able to organise some church community events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

We need ideas and we need people willing to organise events!! Do you have any ideas? Would you be willing to get involved in those ideas? Please let Helen or our Assistant Warden's – Peter and Barbara know. Our volunteers are running on dry! Extra events will not happen without your help.

Have you ever met the Queen, or been present as she has passed by? Could you share any stories about meeting the Queen in this magazine? Please send articles to Helen.

We will be having a stall at the Jubilee celebrations in Bankes Park on June 5th. Hope to see you there!



The Friendly Gardeners plan to restart their work in Church Grounds after their winter break.



### **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](mailto:harrywareing@talktalk.net).

Kind regards and God Bless  
Harry

## St Aidan's in the Community



We have received a letter of thanks from St. Helen's Young Carers – the recipients of our Christmas charity Card donations, for our donation which amounted to £300. This included the 2021 donations and earlier ones that were discovered sat in the safe because of lockdown.

St Helen's Young Carers is an independent Charity which has been running since 2001. Caring for someone who is unwell, disabled or had a drug or alcohol miss-use problem can have a big impact on a Young Carer's life. It can be difficult for them to find the time to do things for themselves, like spending time with friends or keeping up to date with school work.

They aim to provide support as early as possible, so that Young Carers do not fall behind in school or miss out on social opportunities. They want them to have a life outside of caring; a chance to enjoy a social life. In doing so, they will help them to receive the support they need in order to achieve academically, enabling them to access future training, education or employment. They want them to realise their own potential, set goals and have aspirations that are within their reach.

There is increasing awareness of people's mental health and suicide awareness. Suicide is on the increase, particularly in teenagers and particularly amongst young lads. In St. Helens 70 out of 83 suicides last year were by men. Half of these were unemployed – unemployment can damage your health! This can also be, but not exclusively, linked to problems of poverty and enforced changes in lifestyle. We see a need for mental health 'first aiders' in the community. Councillor Dennis McDonnel has details of some Suicide Awareness training – not something to be taken on lightly, but would you be interested in this programme? – Let Helen know and this will be investigated further.

Another need which has been seen is the need to have awareness and training for first-aiders at our services and events. If you would be interested in taking a First Aid course as a church group then we will make further enquiries about this. Please let Helen, Peter or Barbara know.

## **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.

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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 - [staidansbillingeverger@gmail.com](mailto:staidansbillingeverger@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



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

We have received 4 Anonymous donations towards Church heating, Church Funds and the purchase of Bibles for children at St Aidan's School

## **Towards Church Funds :-**

In loving memory of Doreen Rooney from L Rooney and family

In loving memory of my dearly beloved husband Reginald Hughes from Nora

In Loving memory of Jennie Silcock from family and friends

## **Towards Flower Fund:-**

In remembrance of a dear husband and loving Dad Ken Rimmner from wife  
Pat Rimmer

For kindness towards our Granddaughter Georgi whilst ill. From Grandma  
and Grandad Lynn and Eric Hattersley

In loving memory of a dear Mum and Nan Elizabeth Cunliffe from Christine  
Joan and family

## **Towards Heating:-**

In loving memory of Bill Goulden 19th February 2020

## **Towards Floodlights**

In memory of Jeff Albin from Roy and Irene

In loving memory of Roland Kenneth Binder from the Binder and Coupe  
family



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