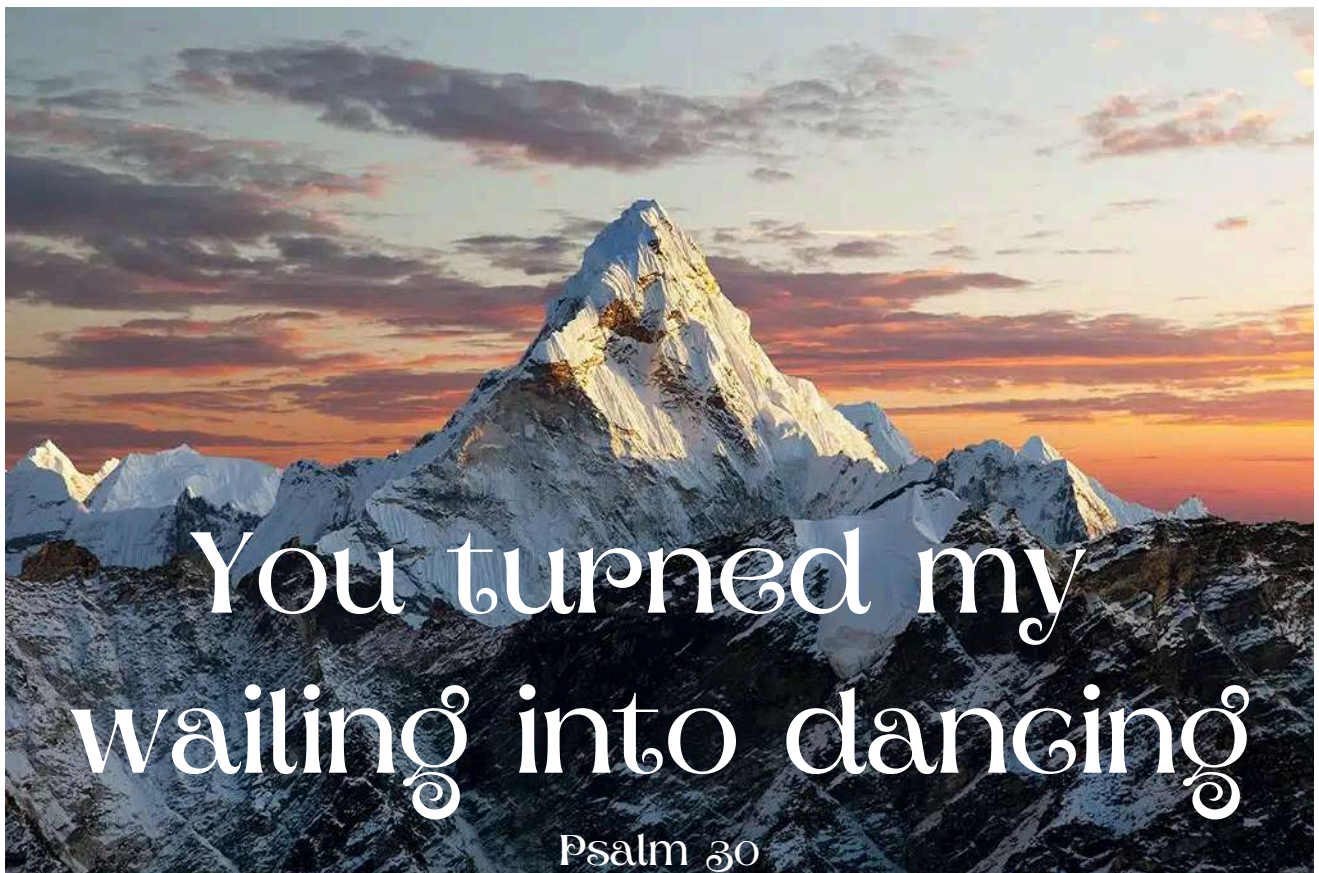


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Parish Information

Baptisms

Baptisms (also called Christenings) are held around the Parish throughout the month. Please come along to the morning service at the church of your choice, and you can talk about booking a date that works well for you and church. Godparents must have been baptised themselves 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 wedding or a baptism, please attend at one of our churches or see the contact details at the rear of the magazine. Funeral Directors will book any funerals.

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

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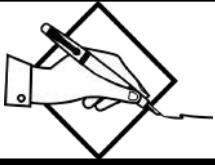
I will exalt You, faithful Lord
For You have raised me from the deep
You saved me from the heathen horde
And from my foes You did me keep;
I called, O Lord, to Thee
And You have rescued me!
You spared me from the grave,
From Hell You have me saved
So I will praise Your holy name!

Sing to the Lord you saints of God,
Sing praises to His holy name!
For moments feel His angry rod
For all your life His love proclaim!
His favour comes always
His love throughout your days;
You'll maybe weep at night,
But soon will come the light,
You will rejoice when morning comes!

When once we wept such bitter tears
He causes us to dance with joy!
Our clothes of sackcloth are removed
His faithful love in us is proved!
We live within His light
In radiant clothes of white;
Our hearts shall sing to Thee
We'll never silent be,
O Lord we'll praise Thee ever more!

By Nigel Beeton





Letter from Jeremy

In my first magazine letter when I arrived as priest-in charge of St Thomas parish in 2010, I shared that “one of the books that influenced my early Christian life was John Ortberg’s ‘If you want to walk on water you’ve got to get out of the boat’.”

The book had been a great challenge to me as I weighed up the balance of my life and asked the question of myself, “where is God calling me to minister at this time?” The answer that I and others discerned was definitely out of my comfort zone as I began to do more upfront things at my local church. If we are open to Him, we may discern that God calls us to the ordinary and to the extraordinary. Whether this is local e.g. an existing church activity, or a new initiative that God is placing on our collective hearts.



I recall my words in 2010: “Whenever we start out on new Christian ministry, it can feel very much like stepping out of the boat. But just as Peter has confidence that he will not plunge into the sea, because Jesus has called him, so too does Jesus wait for us. It doesn’t mean that the water won’t be a little choppy, we may feel a little unstable at least at first. But the guarantee is that with our eyes on Him we may step confidently.”

In many ways, as I leave our wonderful parish of Wigan South, this is of course another of those ‘stepping out of the boat’ times, but though I am sad to leave, I am again confident in God’s call, and trust in His guidance and provision. We have been welcomed wonderfully in all of our church communities in Wigan South and I see the love of Jesus in that. I also laud and respect the loving service of so many people in our churches where the mission of Jesus is taking place.

Again from 2010, “Each one of us has a basic call from God, to know him and to love him. He wants each one of us to be part of a worshipping community, to go deeper in our knowledge of him through our prayer and worship, to serve others using the gifts that he blesses us with - and above all to share the Good News of Jesus with those who don’t yet know him. In one or all of these things we may be out of the comfort of our own boats, but we are assured of Jesus presence. He is already waiting in the love and support of others, and through his Holy Spirit he empowers and energises all that we do.”

The call, nurture, sending and presence of Jesus is a constant in our lives. Our task is to listen, discern and then have the obedience to act. I have complete confidence in the individuals, the communities, the collective gifting and the leadership of our beloved Wigan South.

I look forward to hearing of the out of the boat experiences that move the mission of God forward in Wigan South over the coming years. Be assured of my love and prayers for you as you hear the call of our Lord to take a chance or two with word, time or deed as you are called in a new way, or called again to what you have heard before, that God’s will be done in Wigan South and beyond.

Thank you for the love that you have shown to me and my family over more than 14 years. Thank you for your leaving messages, cards and gifts. I am humbled by your loving kindness. I will miss Wigan South, whose people, places and churches will forever be in my heart, and in my prayers.

God bless you.

Jeremy

Parish News

Weekly Events

Mondays

- 9.30am - 10.30am: Mini Street Pop Up Play (St Andrew's)
- 6.30pm: Girls Brigade (St Peter's)



Tuesdays

- 10am - 12pm: Coffee Morning (St Thomas' church hall)
- 6pm: Boys Brigade (St Peter's)

Wednesdays

- 1pm - 2.30pm: Wednesday Weenies (St Thomas' church hall)
- 1pm - 2.30pm: Walk the Walls (St Thomas')
- 1pm - 3pm: Knit and Chat group (St Peter's)
- 3pm - 4pm: Hot Spot for Y7 - 11 (St Thomas' church hall)
- 4pm - 5pm: Discipleship Group for Y7 - 11 (St Thomas' church hall)
- 7.30pm: Women's Fellowship (St Peter's)



Thursdays

- 2.30pm - 3.30pm: English Classes (St Thomas' church hall)
- 2pm - 3pm: Gentle dance class (St Luke's)



Fridays

- 2pm: Bible Study (St Thomas' church hall)
- 11.30am - 12.30pm: Mini Street Pop Up Play (St Andrew's)



Sundays

- 1pm - 3pm: Asylum seeker and refugee drop in (St Thomas' church hall)

Please check locally for dates around term times

July & August Events



Saturday 29th June

11am - 2pm: Antiques Valuation Roadshow

Tuesday 2nd July

10am - 11.30am: Bereavement Group (St Luke's)

1.30pm - 3pm: Bereavement Group (St Andrew's)

Sunday 7th July

12.30pm - 3pm: Praise & Picnic in the Park, Jubilee Park

Monday 8th July

11am: Holy Communion at Garswood House (organised by St Peter's)

7pm: Hub Confirmation Service (St Thomas')

Friday 12th July

1.30pm onwards: Rectory School garden party

Wednesday 17th July

7pm: Mothers' Union Summer Evening
(St Thomas') *see advert for ticket details*

Monday 5th August

11am: Holy Communion at Garswood House
(organised by St Peter's)

Tuesday 6th August

10am - 11.30am: Bereavement Group (St Luke's)

10.30am - 1.30pm: Pop up Sale (Holy Trinity)

1.30pm - 3pm: Bereavement Group (St Andrew's)

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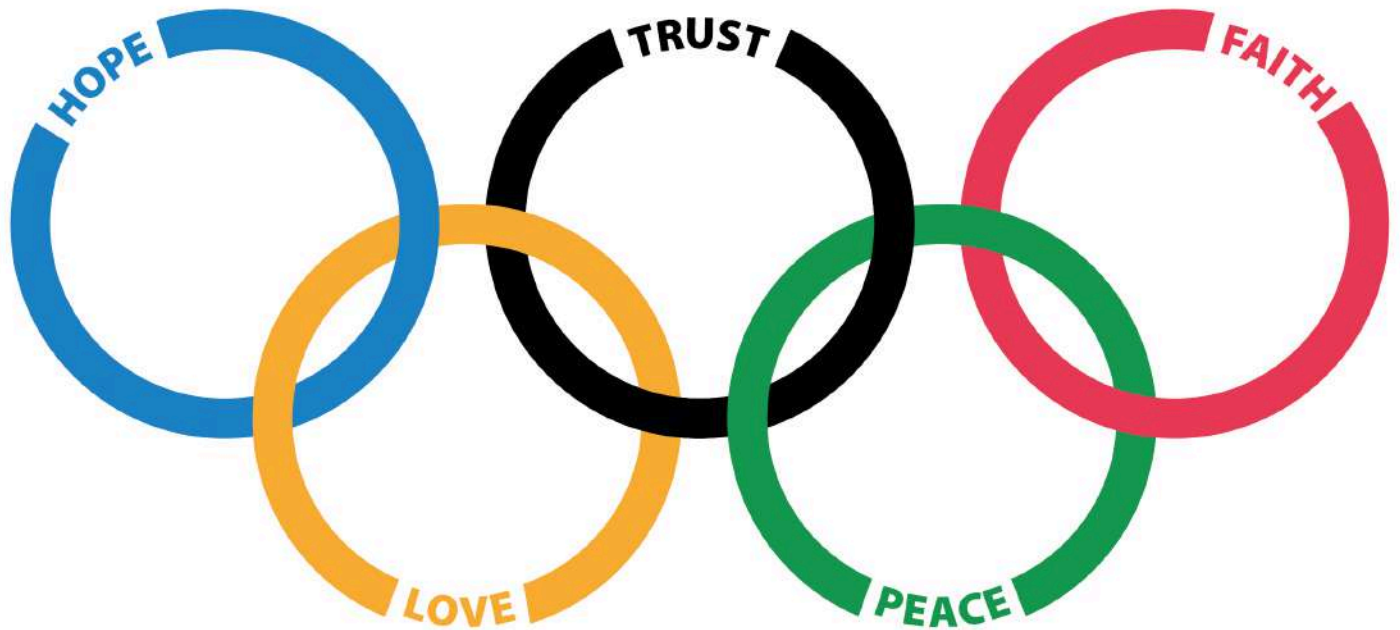
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Friday 9am - 10am

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Services in July



Wednesday 3rd	10.00am: Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 4th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 7th	9.00am: Morning Worship 9.30am: Morning Worship 10.00am: Holy Communion 10.30am: Holy Communion 10.30am: Morning Worship 10.45am: Worship Together 11.00am: Morning Worship 6.30pm: Holy Communion	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Thomas'
Wednesday 10th	10.00am: Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 11th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 14th	9.00am: Holy Communion 9.30am: Holy Communion 10.30am: Morning Service 10.30am: Holy Communion 10.45am: Worship Together 11.00am: Holy Communion 4.00pm: Songs of Praise	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's
Wednesday 17th	10.00am: Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 18th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 21st	9.00am: Morning Worship 9.30am: Café Church 10.00am: Beacon in school 10.30am: Morning Prayer 10.30am: Morning Worship continued overleaf	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity

	10.45am: Holy Communion 11.00am: Family Worship 6.30pm: Evening Prayer	St Thomas' St Luke's St Thomas'
Wednesday 24th	10.00am: Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 25th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 28th	9.00am: Holy Communion 9.30am: Morning Worship 10.00am: Morning Worship 10.30am: Holy Communion 10.45am: Worship Together 11.00am: Morning Worship 4.00pm: Holy Communion	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's



Services in August



Thursday 1st	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
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Thursday 22nd	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 25th	9.00am: Holy Communion 9.30am: Morning Worship 10.00am: Beacon in church 10.30am: Morning Prayer 10.30am: Holy Communion 10.45am: Worship Together 11.00am: Morning Worship 4.00pm: Holy Communion	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's
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Thursday 29th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'

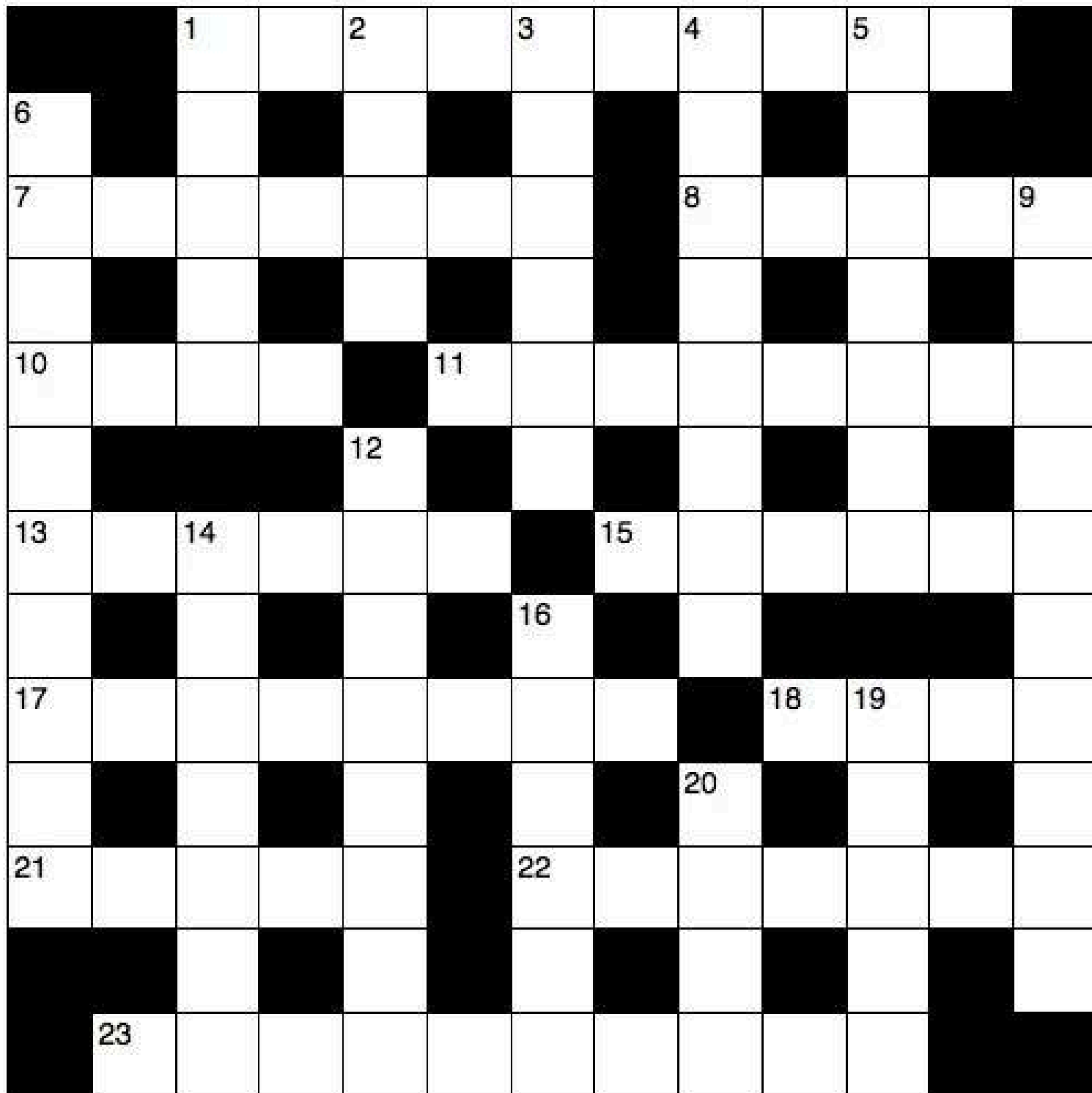
Please note that there is no services at St Peter's on 28th July and 4th August due to the Brigade Camp. Everyone is welcome to join in any of the other services on these dates across the hub.

Please pray that everyone at camp has a fun filled, safe (and hopefully sunny!) week.

As above, there are some temporary changes to services at St Aidan's in July to accommodate a lovely service with school before the end of the academic year.

You will also note changes to services going forward from August onwards at St Andrew's and St Thomas' as detailed above.

Crossword



Answers on page 22

Across

- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John – (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)
- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)
- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1–6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was – in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)
- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)
- 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)
- 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)
- 23 Last book of the Bible (10)

Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will – over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)
- 6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1–11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and – from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)

The Olympic Games

This month sees the start of the Olympic Games in Paris. In describing the Christian life as a marathon race, the writer of Hebrews (12:1-2) challenges us to finish well.



‘throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles’

As in a normal race, we have to get rid of any burdens that weigh us down (eg possessions, worries, what others think of us) and besetting sins (wrong habits or attitudes). We can cast our burdens on the Lord (Ps 55:22) and be assured of His forgiveness (1 John 1:9).

‘run with perseverance the race marked out for us’

The Christian life is like a marathon not a sprint race, which calls for endurance. The course is marked out for us, as we all have a unique race to run, with its opportunities and difficulties. God knows our path and will provide all that we need to complete the race.

‘fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith’

The runner keeps their focus on the finishing line and avoids all distractions. Our focus is on Jesus, who has run the race before us (‘author’), but is the one who can show us how to finish well (‘perfecter’).

We are also surrounded by a ‘great cloud of witnesses’

These are God’s people, both past and present, who are cheering us on!

During the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the British athlete Derek Redmond was running in the 400 metres semi-finals. About 250 metres from the finish his hamstring tore, and he fell to the ground in pain. However, his father ran on to the track to support him in completing the race. Let’s not forget that whatever we face, God is there beside to enable us to finish the race!

100 years ago, on 11th July 1924 that British sprinter Eric Liddell won the men’s 400 metres gold medal at the 1924 Olympics in Paris. He preferred the 100 metres, but the heats were held on a Sunday, and he refused to run in them.

Doubts about the Christian faith? – take action now!

Do you have doubts about the Christian faith? July is the month for you to decide what to do about them. This month the Church remembers Doubting Thomas, and there IS action you can take, either way.

You know the story: Thomas was the only apostle not present when Jesus appeared to the disciples on the evening of His resurrection. When the rejoicing disciples later told Thomas that Jesus was alive, he flatly refused to believe them. He had seen the crucifixion.



The gospel goes on to relate that a week later Jesus indeed appeared to Thomas, and invited him to put his hand into the holes in His hands and feet. Thomas was utterly overwhelmed. His response was 'My Lord and My God!' He saw, he believed.

Then Jesus said something which is relevant to us today. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (Jn 20:29) Jesus KNOWS it can be hard for you, who have never seen Him, to believe that He is indeed alive, and Lord of all.

Which is, of course, where we are today. Perhaps you really struggle with doubt. Well, there are two courses of action you can take.

1. Don't read the Bible. Begin to forget what Christianity teaches. Don't go to church. Don't ask God, or anyone else, for help. Your 'doubts' are perfectly honest questions, but stop looking for answers. Assume that because you have questions, there are no answers.

2. Look for some answers. Find out what the New Testament actually says about Jesus - by reading it! Do not be confused into thinking that you 'doubt'

something which you may not even really 'know.' Pray – remember that Jesus said that those who believe without seeing are 'blessed'. So, ask God that, if He is there, please would He 'bless' you by opening your eyes to spiritual realities. Go to church. Yes, the Christian faith demands that we take God at His word, with no evidence other than His Word. But though we believe in Jesus without seeing Him, we do NOT believe without considering Him. Faith is not blind credulity and unthinking naiveté. We have faith in the historic person of Jesus Christ.

Peter writes some real encouragement in his first epistle, "Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:8-9).

26th July - Anne and Joachim, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

One thing is certain – Mary the mother of Jesus must have had parents. Beyond that, nothing is certain – but church tradition offers some details.

The first mention of Anne and Joachim as being Mary's parents was found in the apocryphal Gospel of James (second century) which has no historical validity. James says that after years of childlessness, Joachim was praying in the desert one day when an angel appeared to Anne to tell her that she would conceive. Anne then promised to dedicate the child to God, as Hannah had done with Samuel.

Certainly Anne, mother of Mary, has been honoured from as early as the sixth century, when a church was built in her honour in Constantinople. Other relics and pictures of her found in Rome date from the 8th century.

The sad truth is that, as the Bible is silent on the subject, we will never really know about Mary's parents. But one thing we can assume, because it is based on the character of Mary herself. Her gentle humility and graciousness and informed knowledge about her faith point to a childhood spent among devout believers in God.

1984 - the burning of York Minster

Forty years ago, on 9th July 1984, York Minster was struck by lightning, which set fire to the roof and destroyed the south transept. It was the most recent of five fires that have occurred there over the years: the causes have ranged from workmen burning coals (1753) through arson using torn-up hymnbooks (1829) to an unattended candle (1840) and a tarpaulin catching fire (1971). Although night lightning was the official explanation in 1984, some suggested that God might have been reacting to the very recent appointment as Bishop of Durham of the Rt Revd David Jenkins, a famously controversial cleric whose comments had seemed to cast doubt on the virgin birth and the Resurrection. He had been consecrated at York Minster three days earlier.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, described that idea as “ridiculous”, though some felt that arson by objectors could not be ruled out. As many as 114 firefighters from over North Yorkshire were involved in tackling the blaze. The damage to the south transept, with its wooden vaulted roof, amounted to £2.25 million.

York Minster is a huge landmark and tourist attraction in the city: many consider it to be one of Europe’s most impressive Gothic buildings. The glass in its famous 16th century Rose Window, which had recently been renovated, cracked into 40,000 pieces, but the new lead edges held it all together.

Queen Elizabeth attended the rededication ceremony in October 1988. This year a new exhibition called Out of the Ashes tells the story of the blaze and marks its anniversary.

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Sabbatical. 7, Opinion. 8, Laing. 10, Olga. 11, Galilean. 13, Sardis. 15, Severe. 17, Adultery. 18, Flea. 21, Swazi. 22, Acetate. 23, Revelation.

DOWN: 1, Sling. 2, Brim. 3, Annual. 4, Ill-timed. 5, Abilene. 6, Colossians. 9, Gennesaret. 12, Diatribe. 14, Roulade. 16, Errata. 19, Learn. 20, Levi.

The Lord of the Rings turns 70

Seventy years ago, on 21st July 1954, the first part of J R R Tolkien's epic fantasy novel The Lord of the Rings was published.



The Fellowship of the Ring, the first volume of a trilogy later published together, was a much more adult-oriented sequel to The Hobbit, published in 1937.

It occupied the same ground – the fictional Middle Earth – and followed the quest of a hobbit, Frodo Baggins, to Mount Doom to destroy a powerful ring that symbolised evil in quite a subtle way.

The fantasy world was peopled not only by hobbits but by such creatures as wizards, elves and the malevolent orcs, among others.

Tolkien, who was born in Bloemfontein in 1892 but moved to England with his English parents at the age of three, became a professor of Anglo Saxon at Oxford, where he met and befriended C S Lewis. Tolkien was a convinced Roman Catholic, and it was partly as a result of this friendship that the sceptic Lewis became a Christian. They had a strong common interest in myths and ancient stories, which of course came out in their writing – though in different ways.

Tolkien, who wrote much of The Lord of the Rings during the Second World War, saw his book as fundamentally Christian – Catholic, in fact – but in no way an allegory (an idea he revolted strongly against). He saw myths as “splintered fragments” of a greater story and his own creative work as a kind of worship. The parallels between Christ and Frodo are obvious to many, but not explicit, and the book stands without that interpretation as a masterpiece. It was filmed in 2001-2003 in three parts by Peter Jackson and enjoyed great success.



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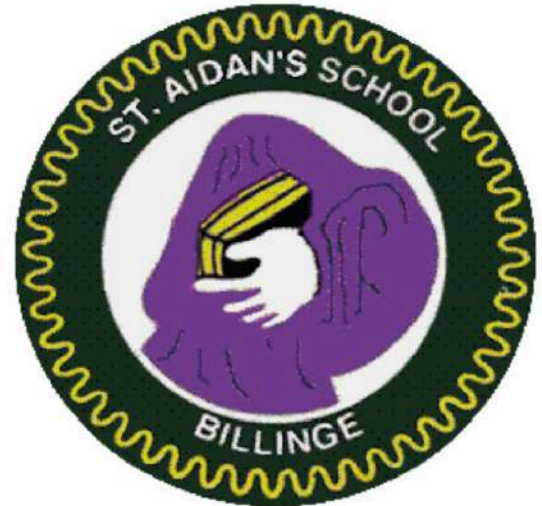
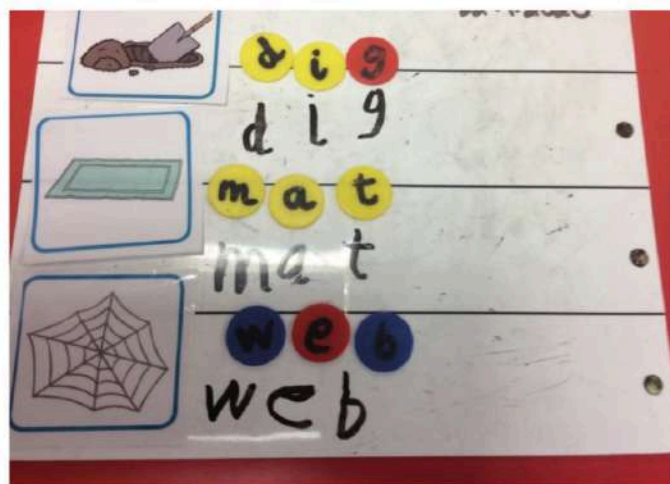
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We are looking for local artists and poets who would like their creations displayed in the practice. Pieces that make our heart warm, reflect positivity and help showcase our pride in unique features of Billinge and Orrell! Medical themed artwork is particularly invited, and we would be keen to consider work encouraging vaccination uptake, healthy diet and lifestyle and the benefits of stopping smoking.

Your artwork can be paintings, drawings, photographs, mixed media or poetry. Pieces can be dropped off during opening hours at the practice reception, or let us know if we can help with collection.

This is just the start of an ongoing project allowing us to rotate pieces showcasing all our local budding artists across the year! We plan to also display pieces online in the future, and artists will be credited for their kind donations if they wish.

**The PPG thank you for your support to enhance our GP practice.
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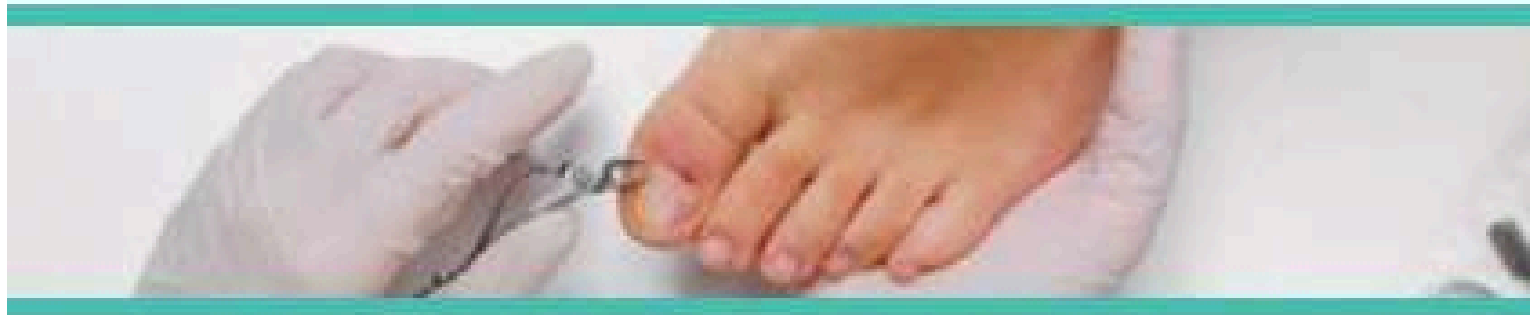


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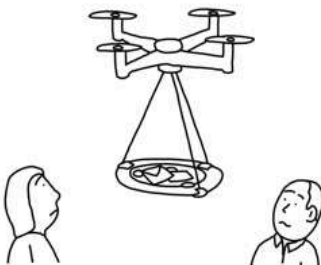
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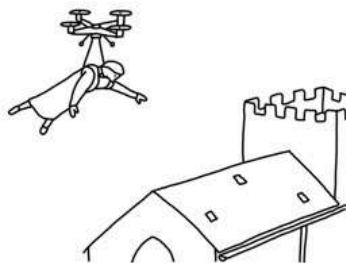
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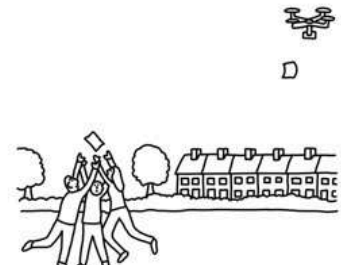
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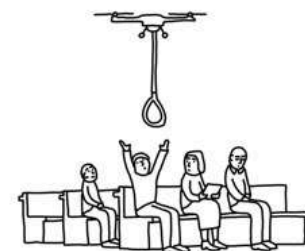
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SEARCH AND
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News from our churches

July

Wednesday 3rd July	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 7th July	10am 12.45pm	Holy Communion Baptism Service
Sunday 14th July	4pm	Songs of Praise
Wednesday 17th July	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21st July	10am	St Aidan's Beacon in school
Sunday 28th July	10am 4pm	Morning Worship Holy Communion

August

Sunday 4th August	10am 12.45pm	Holy Communion Baptism Service
Wednesday 7th August	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th August	4pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 18th August	10am	Morning Worship
Wednesday 21st August	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th August	10am 4pm	St Aidan's Beacon in church Holy Communion

Please note that this month we are changing the usual order of services in the morning of the 3rd and 4th Sundays so that we can have a very special Beacon service with the schools before they break up for the summer.

Sta's4all will be joining this service on 21st July, so there is no Sta's4all on 14th July.

Hopefully the weather will allow us to have a partly open air event, but we have permission to go into the school hall if needed.

Sta's4all – we will be joining with Year 6 celebrations on 21st July this month at Beacon Service which is in school at the later time of 11am (see Below) In August there will be no Sta's4all as school is closed. We begin again on 8th September.



Beacon Our next Beacon service is on 21st July. Our theme this month is all about celebrating the achievements of our year 6 children as they prepare to move on to their secondary schools, and thinking of all our children as they move on to something new. After the service we will be joining together for a bring your own picnic. Drinks will be available.

In August there will be a Beacon Service, and all are welcome, but the Beacon Singers will not be there as a group.

There will be no Friendship Group meeting in August.



Confirmation

Congratulations to the confirmation candidates from St. Aidan's: Elise Tushingam, Megan Hurd, Peter Preston, Angela Wood and to all from our Hub churches, who are to be confirmed on 8th July at 7pm at St Thomas Church.

May God bless them in their Christian walk.

All are welcome to come to support them at this service.

Fire Risk Assessment

The Church Committee would like to thank those who came and helped to remove all the accumulated rubbish from the organ loft. This became an urgent job after we had a fire safety inspection as this was a failure and we were informed that we could not use the organ until it was removed. The call went out and people quickly volunteered. Once again many thanks.



Graveyard

We are aware that a number of people are not happy about the condition of the graveyard this year. We are told that this is a very common problem across many graveyards. Because of the very wet weather it has been really difficult to contain the grass and we need many more volunteers to keep this under control to our satisfaction. A big thank you to those who do help with this. Can we please remind people who attend graves that for the safety of those who do cut or trim the grass pebbles and objects must not be left on the grass, and the Church of England rules must be kept. It is hoped that over the summer a working party may be able to make some progress.

A huge thank you goes to the family who undertook to weed between the flags at the front of church in June.

Coast to Coast Sponsored Walk

Congratulations to Alison Corkill and her friend Susan who completed a 12 day sponsored walk from St Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hood's Bay in North Yorkshire. This was in aid of the Well Being and Therapy provision at St. Aidan's School, which is currently under threat due to the underfunding of schools.

Alison says:

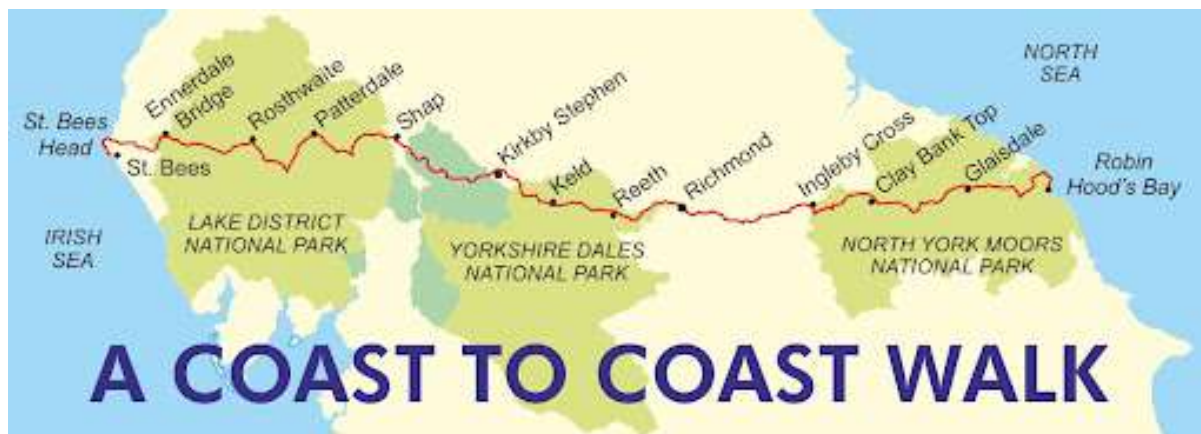
I would like to thank everyone who supported me with this walk and made a donation to the charity. We are delighted to announce that we have exceeded our expectations (over £1500), which is great news for our school. The children who access the therapies, such as Hope's Dog Therapy, will be able to continue to have the much-needed support.

My friend Susan, who completed the walk with me, raised over £800 for Hope's Heart Charity that supports vulnerable children in schools and during the school holidays.

The walk was tough at times, but we managed to walk the breadth of the country (190 miles). In 12 days, we seem to have had the best of the weather with only one day when we had heavy rain. Once again thank you for your sponsorship.

Alison and Susan

If you would like to make a late sponsorship I'm sure that she would be most grateful.



Audio visuals at church

We have occasional problems with feedback and with connections from the laptop to the projector, and we have areas of the church where it is difficult to see the screen. Our Church Committee feel that it would improve the quality of the services and address some safety concerns to revamp the system. We have obtained a quote but it is high (£16K in total!) We must think about this carefully, but some work is essential.

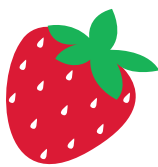


Quiz Night

Thank you to all who supported the 'Quiz Night' in June, we raised approximately £300 to go to the fundraising efforts for a new sound system.

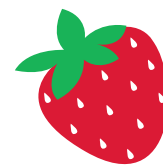
Everyone really enjoyed themselves and it will certainly not be the last one. John Bridge was an excellent Quiz Master - thank you for putting together all the questions!

Next Fundraiser:



Strawberry Afternoon Tea

Thursday 25th July
2pm in Church



Everyone is welcome and tickets will be on sale price £10. Research in the local area has found that the cheapest Afternoon Tea is £18!

All profits will go to the 'Sound System' fundraising, please support us in this effort to raise money for a much needed cause

For more information contact:
Barbara Goulden, Jennifer Berry or Jean Grundy.



Garden of Remembrance Memorial Stone

From 1st July new rules will apply to having an inscription engraved on the Garden of Remembrance Memorial stone.

Unfortunately rising costs have left the Church having to pay a shortfall of the fee charged at the time a second line was requested. In future the first entry will be paid for at the rate when the stonemason does the work (we will advise you of this charge beforehand) and any future entries which are requested to be inscribed underneath a £50 deposit will need to be made. When the time comes to fill in the reserved line the charge at that time will apply less the £50 deposit.

At the moment there is no change to the charge for entries in the 'Book of Remembrance' - these will remain at £10.

Note from Treasurer

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This shall ensure all monies are recorded, gift aid claimed and donations placed in the magazine in a timely manner.

Donations & Remembrance

I would just like to make a spelling correction for a kind donation made last month. It was in loving memory of all loved ones from Margaret Gibbins

General Fund

Anonymous donation

With thanks from Colin Davidson for helping him with his special project

Sound System

With thanks for your kind donation from Roy and Dorothy Thomson

We would like to thank Barbara Goulden who made a donation to the new sound system via the Order of Womens' Freemasons

With thanks for one anonymous donation

The Registers



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

2 June	Harry Andrew James Bimpson
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Funerals or Burials of Ashes 'May they rest in peace'

17 June	Anthony Hewson	73
23 June	Angus Dougal Duncan	78

Holy Matrimony 'All the days of their lives'

15 June	John Moore Massey Julie Belcher
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