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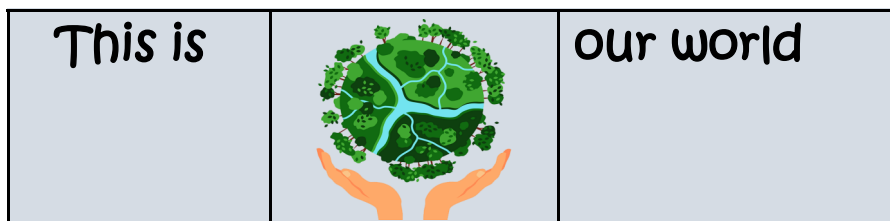
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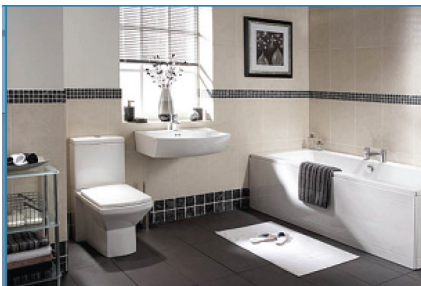
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Dear Friends,

As I was reflecting on the past year and a half, a bible verse came to me that goes like this:

(1 Thess 5:23,24) 'The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it'.

It is almost a throwaway line at the end of his letter and St. Paul never defines what 'it' is, because it reflects his unshakeable trust that whatever 'it' is that we face or need, whatever 'it' is that we are doing in our Lord's service, then God is more than up for it, and He will provide what we need as we trust in Him.

And over the past couple of years here in EWT this has been our experience, places where things were a bit stuck or muddled and where we were struggling have gradually unravelled under the careful attention and light of God's love.

So the picture I have is that the ground is now cleared for a new and exciting season for St. Luke's church, Cronton Mission and EWT with the right leadership at the right time.

Over the last 900 years of her history the church here must have learned this repeatedly in each new generation: 'our God is faithful, and He will do it', and because of that, you have lots to look forward to as you move into the next chapter of the church's life.

As ever, there is a huge note of thanks due for everyone who makes St. Luke's church and Cronton Mission special and the life of the church possible. There is such a great team of volunteers at the centre of things. One of the things I've tried to reflect back to the

'powers-that-be' is how much pressure comes on the key volunteers during a vacancy and times of tension and how little support is available for them, so thank you to all of you, for all that you do so well, and so faithfully.

On a personal note, can I say a massive thank you to everyone at St. Luke's church and Cronton Mission for your welcome and support which has made my ministry great fun and I've enjoyed every minute of it - well almost every minute (!) - but thank-you, I will miss you.

Reverend Ian Interim Minister

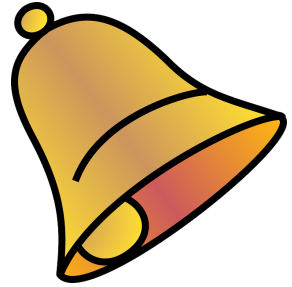


Vote of thanks from Sue Smither at APM

I don't think Ian realises not only just how much but also what he has done for us as a church during his time at St. Luke's church and Cronton Mission. He has gently and very ably with his words of wise counsel, guided us through some turbulent and difficult times. His personal love of the Lord, his conviction to his own deeply rooted faith have shone through in his sermons by which he has wonderfully fed us. He has fed us not only spiritually but also awakened in many of us a faith that was perhaps lying dormant. Many people have told me, though they might not have shared their thoughts with Ian; he needs to know that. Ian has a rare gift which he has bountifully so shared with us and for that we humbly and sincerely thank him. He knows that we, as a whole church, would have loved him to be our next vicar but as he has said himself the time isn't right and that there would be someone out there for us.

Notes from the belfry

As I write we are beginning to see the changes that will be taking place in the foot of the tower. The screen has been removed and repositioned behind the font and in front of the organ. The ringers could always see what was



going on in the body of the Church so we knew when to stop or start ringing. We cannot see through the temporary screen. Maybe we'll continue to ring as the service begins. Our apologies if we do. There will be no excuse when we move to our new ringing position on completion of the project. We will be looking down on everyone.

There are not many towers where the ringers are visible to the congregation. In most Churches the entrance for the ringers is through a small door outside at the foot of the tower. This is so that ringers can sneak out after ringing without being seen.

We have recently been joined by a new recruit, Andrew Seadon, who is working hard on mastering the handling of a bell. This is not an easy thing to do. It is necessary to co-ordinate holding the rope while catching and releasing the "sally" (woolly tuft) and pulling just hard enough to make the bell turn through its circle. Is anyone else up for the challenge?

We hold our practice on Tuesday evenings currently starting at 7.30pm and supposedly ring from 10.00am on a Sunday morning.

Nigel Goulding



Messy

Church

invites you to join us for

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(Children must be accompanied by an adult)

For further information

contact Clare: 07976549410

JUNE	FLOWER ROTA	JULY	FLOWER ROTA
2	Mrs C Davies	7	Miss H Guthrie
9	Mr & Mrs G Telfer	14	Miss E Lewis
16	Mrs E Hutchinson	21	Mrs V Constantine
23	Mrs P Clifford	28	Mrs R Potter
30	Mrs A Marshall		

MOTHERS' UNION

Our April meeting was led by Jackie. An incident with a blue gel pen stuck in a dryer full of towels reminded Jackie of Jeremiah 2, that the effect of sin leaves a stain with God. Jesus died on the cross to purify believers. As we were approaching Easter it was a timely reminder of the sacrifice Jesus made so we may be forgiven.

Our speaker was supposed to be the rep. from Elysium Healthcare, because of a bereavement in the family she was unable to attend, so Colleen kindly stepped in. It gave her a chance to talk about the deanery. Colleen is now the deanery president. On March 23rd at the Liverpool Cathedral Caroline Collins was installed as Diocesan President. It was a Mothers' Union Festival and Eucharist with banners. An inspiring sight of 55 banners and blood stirring hymns. The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Reverend Paul Bays commissioned Caroline and all those taking on different posts. Colleen was amongst this group. It was a wonderful service for all those able to attend. Colleen said 2 more reps. are needed if anyone is interested. The mini MU at St Mary's West Derby has 30 members and their parents are joining the MU. The children make Eco Bricks. These are plastic bottles filled with plastic. These bricks are sent to Africa for building. On the local news a primary school made these eco bricks and a beach hut was made using them, it looked pretty good. Colleen asked, what do we want our MU to do? Cards are sent to Indoor members and we could make up the Bounty Boxes for them. The MU is involved with the contact centre, toddler and messy church. We could give to the women's refuge and the homeless. For those

who enjoy craft you can knit hats, scarves, gloves, prayer shawls and garments for premature babies. Colouring books and muffs with items attached to help dementia patients. We are also involved in 'Away from it all' a scheme for a break either for a day or a week. There is plenty to think about and ways to use our given talents. Colleen is ordering MU badges that will be sent to places like Rwanda. We were all interested in Colleen's talk so thank you.

Colleen led the May meeting with prayers and a hymn. Our speaker was Helen Parker-Jervis the Christian Aid's Merseyside co-ordinator. She only started in September after completing her Masters so we were her first talk. She did a professional presentation and it was obvious that she is committed and wants to make a difference. Her talk was about health in Sierra Leone. It is not a safe place for women to give birth with 10 dying in childbirth daily. Sierra Leone is in debt and struggles to provide even basic healthcare. We learnt about Tenneh and Hannah who both lost their first child. They both put their trust in God so thanks to a wonderful nurse called Judith and the help from Christian aid they both had their second babies delivered safely. The health centre in Sawula village had no electricity and only 2 delivery beds. With our support they can build a bigger and better health centre. A gift of £5 can provide a weighing bag, £10 wooden timber for construction and £60 a cupboard for storing medicine. With local skills and materials like cement and wood they can build a health centre with a delivery room, medicine cupboard and a room for

children under 5 years old. They would be equipped with solar power lighting. Tenneh and Hannah said they would dance for 3 days when they have a new health centre. Sue thanked Helen who showed us what a difference we can all make. Sue reminded us as Christians we must help those less fortunate. A collection was taken for Christian Aid so thank you all.

12th June is Age UK

10th July is our Social and Buffet

11th July afternoon tea at Colleen's house. Tickets are £5

19th July MU day at Grappenhall. Cost £20. Leave Widnes at 11-00. Tour of gardens 12-00. Afternoon tea at 1-00.

11th September is in church. Colleen will be installed as Deanery president.

Tea Rota for June. Linda Brown & Colleen Harper and for July it is Doreen Whimperly & Val Park-Funnell.

Rita Poole

The new Provincial President for York, June Houghton, along with her successor as

Liverpool Diocesan President, Caroline Collins, at June's commissioning by Bishop Sentamu at York Minster on 7

May 2019. Bishop John Packer was also commissioned as Provincial Chaplain.



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**Moon Meadow Scout and
Guide Head Quarters**

**'Raise the Roof'
Campaign Update**



In December 2017 Moon Meadow Scout and Guide Group launched its 'Raise the Roof' campaign, due to the fact that the roof was leaking and in serious need of repair and the heating system needed updating. The campaign initial fundraising target was set at £100,000 and I am pleased to announce that so far we have raised £75,000. Our fundraising still continues and our recent Easter Bingo night was an amazing success. We still have our clothes recycling point at Moon Meadow and to date that has raised close to £1000 for the campaign – so if you have clothes, shoes, bags etc. for recycling please bring them along (or let me know and we can collect them from you). We are now very excited about our next fund raising event which is a Race Night on Friday 14th June, please see the below flyer. If you would like to come along please feel free to contact me to buy tickets (Clare 07976549410) or pop into Moon Meadow on a Wednesday evening. We are also working closely with St Luke's Church Fairs Committee in the planning of the Summer Fair on 29th June. So there's lots going on! As our fundraising is going so well we have now begun to progress with our plans to replace the roof and we have

recently started working with our architect to have the building measured and technical drawings produced which we can then submit for planning permission. So although we are getting closer to our fundraising target it is important that we don't lose focus as the funds will hopefully be needed fairly soon to undertake the works. If you would like any more information about the campaign or feel you could help in anyway please don't hesitate to contact me.

Clare Liptrott (Raise the Roof Project Lead)

FRIENDS OF MOON MEADOW

FRIDAY 14TH JUNE



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Summer Fair

Saturday June 29th 1pm to 4pm

Farnworth CE School

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Classic Tractors and Cars

Entertainment inc. Choir & Ukulele Band

Tombola, stalls, sideshows & plant sales

Children & Adult Craft Competitions

Amazing Grand Raffle with chance to
win a holiday

Hotdogs & drinks & Cake stall

Refreshments

DONATIONS would be appreciated

Tombola prizes take to church

Bought cakes for refreshments and cake
stall on morning of Fair.

Thank you.

Summer Fair Competitions – Saturday June 29th 2019

50p per entry on day. Please complete and fetch the form below. **ALL** entries to be brought to KS1 Hall on the day **10am to 12noon** Late entries cannot be accepted.

Children’s classes: 7 years of age and under & 8 years of age and over **Adult class: 16+**



COMPETITIONS FOR CHILDREN

- 1. EGG CARTON CREATURE** ~ Must sit on A4 paper
- 2. MINIATURE ECO GARDEN** ~ Presented on a recycled container. Natural or manmade materials may be used.
- 3. FLOWERS IN A RECYCLED CONTAINER** ~ Garden, wild or paper flowers & foliage in recycled container, max total height 30cms.
- 4. SAVE OUR PLANET POSTER** ~ A4 size please

ADULT COMPETITIONS

- 1. LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE** ~ Home baked and iced
- 2. PIECE OF JEWELLERY MADE USING BUTTONS**
- 3. PHOTOGRAPH:** Theme: What a beautiful world

.....
CRAFT COMPETITION ENTRY FORM.....please circle as appropriate. 50p per entry to be paid on the day

Name

Category	1	2	3	4	5	6
Class	* Adult		* 7 and under		*8 +	

Sunday Club

The last few weeks have flown by and we as usual have been very busy. Before Easter we learnt about the creation story and the children created some beautiful pictures with their interpretation of how the world looks. They talked about Lent and what it means to them, we also talked about how important it is to have trust and faith and that we can always trust in God's love. For Mothering Sunday the children took part in the service. They read a reading and prayers, then performed and signed a Mother's Day song to the tune of 'All things bright and beautiful', it really was lovely. At the end they helped to give out bunches of daffodils to everyone in the congregation. The daffodils were kindly donated by Alan and Dorothy Humphreys in memory of Bernard and Phoebe Dunbar. The Rose Queen and her retinue will be at the Summer Fair on 29th June and then have the honour of being involved in Rev Bob's first Holy Communion service on 30th June. Best wishes Lynn



Rose Queen and Retinue 2019

Rose Queen Olivia Smith

Train Bearers Cara Evans – Charlotte Mines

Flower presenters

Jessica Squire - Ruby Pritchard – Sophia Forrest

Petal thrower Summer Tague

Pages Jacob Pitt – Luca Winter



St Luke's Sunday Club

**First two Sundays of the month and
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**10.30am till 11.40am in the
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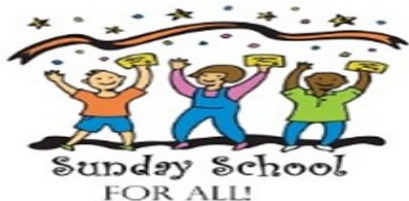
children age 4 to 11.



ALL AGE WORSHIP on third Sunday in church

We have lots of fun learning about God's Love for us.

Please come and join us.



**Contact Lynn
Keeling on
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TUESDAY 25th June 7.30pm

**Licensing of Rev Bob by Bishop Bev at
St. Luke's church followed by
refreshments.**

**Rev Bob will receive gifts of a map of
the parishes of St Ambrose and St
Luke with Cronton, water, a bible and
bread and wine.**

ALL WELCOME.

Fabric Report

If you have been in church in the last few weeks you can't fail to notice that the Norman Font has now been moved to the front of the church, along with the 17th Century Screen from in front of the bell tower.



The contractors have finally got to fit a new support rail across the top of the screen which will attach it to the walls, this is being made to match the screen carving, and should be in place fairly soon.

We were fortunate to be able to use the red carpet square from Cuerdley as it was an “almost” perfect match to the carpet on the Chancel, if you look closely you can see a slight difference in colour. Over the next few weeks we are hoping to tidy up the area around the font and JAM crèche with new storage for the crèche, and a new carpet too, if funds allow.



We are soon to meet with the Council to discuss grant applications now that the plans have finally been passed for the toilets and kitchen facility. If everything goes to plan this should be completed by Christmas.



On Good Friday morning families gathered to share an egg-smashingly messy Easter Celebration. It was very egg-citing as our Toddler Church families joined us too! We started by listening to the Easter Story told as we all walked round church (getting a little eggs-ercise), we waved palm leaves and palm crosses and shouted ‘Hosanna!’ as we paraded round the church. And then everyone listened as the story continued and one of the children had their feet washed (good job they weren’t smelly!) just like Jesus washed the disciples feet. Then we shared bread together as we heard about the meal Jesus shared with his disciples and thought about the significance of what happened when during the meal Jesus broke bread, blessed it and said, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body, which I am giving for you". We moved outside of the church and into the sunshine to pray as we heard all about Jesus praying to God asking for help in the Garden of Gethsemane and when we returned inside we puzzled over what to do with Jesus just like Pilate did before we marched up the central isle of the church to the cross where we heard about how Jesus was crucified with nails hammered through his hands. We were sad and silent for a moment as we thought about Jesus dying for us on the cross. And finally we moved into the Bold Chapel where we imagined we were inside the empty tomb and celebrated as Jesus had risen – we were all egg-static!

Then the fun began.... messy craft time! There were palm leaves to weave, water to splash in, nails to hammer, egg shells full of paint to throw, Easter cards to make and tomb biscuits to construct (and eat!). And when we'd all finished we ate cakes and hot cross buns together.



TOMB BISCUITS



PALM LEAVES



WATER PLAY



EGG SHELLS



NAIL CROSS



EASTER CARDS

Everyone went home eggs-hausted but happy and covered in paint. See you at the next Messy Church!

News from Cronton

Services in June and July all at 10.30 am



2nd June	Café style church
9th	Team service at St Luke's church Rev Ian's last service
16th	Joint service at Methodist chapel
23rd	Holy Communion
30th	Café style church
7th July	Café style church
14th	Morning Prayer
21st	Café style church
28th	Holy Communion



New growth – how wonderful to be living in a green and pleasant land again, with light evenings and sunshine. There cannot be many congregations that have a Rogation service these days, but Cronton is still a farming community with fields all

around – a little island of houses [with three churches and two pubs]. Rogation [rogare in Latin] means ‘to ask’ and at our joint service of Rogation with the chapel we ask God to bless the crops, bless the fields, bless the fruits of the field, the gardens, planting and sowing. We also ask him to bless the people – those who grow our food, our neighbours and strangers.

The collect is not just relevant for Rogation - pray with me...

Almighty God

**Whose will it is that the earth and the sea
Should bear fruit in due season:**

**Bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,
Grant us a good harvest**

**And the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care:
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,**

Who is alive and reigns with you,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and for ever. Amen

**There is a great deal on social media and a fair bit on tv
about the state of the planet – the earth and the sea - we
are the first generation to know that we are destroying
the planet and the last to be able to do anything about it.
The scale of the problem – we as ordinary folk, do not
really know but we are all able to do small things that will
make a difference because it all adds up. Older people are
probably best equipped – we remember life before plastic
dominated everything.**

**And unity ... well Brexit is a test of that. How many
different opinions are there?**



**And yet, we are so blessed. New life
includes babies and they fill us with
joy and hope. We have just enjoyed
Amelia Naylor' s Baptism at
Cronton. The family has been
attending since they moved to the
area and Amelia is a wonderful and
peaceful [so far] addition to the
family.**

Half the family is C of E and half RC – a fine example of unity. Everyone loved Revd Ray’s service, especially his talk – the props had his ‘volunteers’ in giggles and the rest of us chuckling.

In the last issue I mentioned that for Palm Sunday, we had decided to start our service at the war memorial in Coronation Gardens so that we can walk up to church together with our palm crosses. The weather was glorious and we did indeed start our service outdoors in Coronation gardens and then walked up to church.



There was wasn’t much cross waving – we’re very British, but it was very effective in creating the atmosphere for the talk. And we enjoyed it. Anne Allison organised an Easter raffle for Easter eggs – but I forgot to ask her how much was raised [sorry Anne]. Luckily the Easter bunny left some chocolate eggs so everyone went home with something.

In school, the children are blossoming under the care and education of the staff. The Ethos group want to visit other places of worship and one has volunteered her own church – she is baptised and confirmed an Orthodox Christian ... now that will be interesting. I can’t wait and I’ll keep you posted.

Take care and keep following the Diocesan Rule of Life Lesley, LML Cronton

Bishop Paul says ‘We’re asking God for a bigger church to make a bigger difference; more people knowing Jesus, more justice in the world. We are Called to pray, read and learn and Sent to tell, serve and give.



New Name

Our Crèche is always popular with little ones and their parents and on Easter Sunday it was particularly busy. The children were able to make Easter cards and do some Easter themed colouring sheets and word searches.

That day the Crèche was renamed as The J.A.M. Club [Jesus And Me Club]. Children 5 years and under are welcome to use the area and when Sunday Club doesn't meet the older children can join them. Arrows point the way to the Crèche which is held in Cuerdley Chapel.

As ever we are indebted to our volunteer Children's Workers for all their input and enthusiasm.



Farnworth C of E School's Easter Celebration



Unfortunately, because of the work going on in church to move the font, it wasn't possible for the children from Farnworth CE School to come to church for their Easter Service...so I took church to school.

The Ethos group, which is made up of children from both Key Stages, wrote and lead a very thoughtful Easter Celebration that combined elements of both the religious reasons why we do celebrate Easter with the traditional elements of the Easter Bunny and of giving and receiving Easter eggs. The children included Bible readings, prayers and songs.

There wasn't much for me to add...I made a few closing remarks, thanked the Ethos group for all their hard work and finished with a prayer and Blessing. It had been a wonderful celebration and it was both a joy and privilege for me to be there. We look forward to inviting the children up to church very soon for their end of year service. Sue Smither

Warrington West Concert Band

What a way to spend a Saturday evening!

At St Luke's we were royally entertained by Warrington West Concert Band who delighted us with a huge range of music from stage and screen.

Their leader, Ben Lloyd has been a delight to work with. The band is a community band with people coming from a wide area to play; there are professional musicians and also beginners...though you certainly couldn't tell.

There were 50 band members on the night...so you can just imagine their sound flooding the church...amazing!

The church was packed to capacity and we can't wait until Ben brings the band back on Saturday October 12th for their autumn presentation. As they left church people were asking to have tickets reserved...that's how fantastic it was and Ben told me that the band members themselves were delighted with the venue and their warm welcome. Thank you to everyone who supported us on the night.

Hi Everyone

Your recent donations have provided 235 meals for people in need and since we started donating at the end of 2012 we

have given enough food to provide 10,080 meals an amazing contribution, huge thanks from Widnes

Foodbank. We desperately need tinned fruit, tinned puddings, bars of chocolate, potted fish and meat and long life fruit juice. Many thanks again to those of you who regularly donate. Lesley Howell



EWT	SERVICES	JUNE
Date	St. Ambrose	St. Luke
2nd June	9am HC	
	10.30am HC	10.30am HC
		12.30pm Baptisms
9th June		8.00am HC
	10.30am EWT HC with Rev Ian at St Luke's church followed by lunch	
		4pm Toddler Church
16th June	10.30am HC	10.30am All Age Worship
	1pm Baptism	6 pm HC (BCP)
23rd June	9.00am HC	
	10.30am Family MP	10.30am HC
		12.30pm Baptisms
25th June	TUESDAY 7.30pm Licensing of Rev Bob at St. Luke's church followed by refreshments	
30th June	9.00am HC	
	10.30am Family MP	10.30am HC

EWT	SERVICES	JULY
Date	St. Ambrose	St. Luke
7th July	9am HC	
	10.30am HC	10.30am HC
		12.30pm Baptisms
14th July		8.00am HC
	10.30am HC	10.30am MP
		4pm Toddler Church
21st July	10.30am HC	10.30am All Age Worship
		6 pm HC (BCP)
28th July	9.00am HC	
	10.30am Family Morning Prayer	10.30am HC
		12.30pm Baptisms

Wednesday	JUNE	JULY
services	St Luke	St Ambrose
5th June	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
12th June	Holy Communion	
19th June	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
26th June	Holy Communion	
3rd July	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
10th July	Holy Communion	
17th July	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
24th July	Holy Communion	
31st July	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
7th Aug	Holy Communion	
14th Aug	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
21st Aug	Holy Communion	
28th Aug	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion



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St Luke Baptisms

It is always a joy to be involved in the visits to the Baptism families...we have some lovely conversations and the families are always thrilled to be able to have their little ones baptised in our beautiful historic church of St Luke. Below we have the little ones baptised in recent times.



Baby Hope with proud mum and dad



Baby Jack loved the candle



Baby Henrietta with big baby brother Isaac.



Big brother Joshua with his sister Emily and baby cousin Aida who were baptised too.

We hope to see these little ones at Toddler Church soon.

FLOWER ARRANGERS

We are so blessed to have such talented CEFAA ladies willing to give freely of their time and talents to decorate our church with stunning floral arrangements. That was especially so at



Easter time after the dreary days of Lent when the church is devoid of flowers, the church was brought back to new life with Easter lilies and Spring flowers. Lesley was ferrying her equipment from home for three days before hand and opened up church at 9am on Saturday to start with the Team of herself, Brenda and Carolyn. Four hours later they were just about finished, not only leaving the space filled with glorious displays but also spick and span with little evidence of all ‘paraphernalia’ of their hard work. Thank you CEFAA Flower Arrangers for sharing your God given talents with us all.

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CONFIRMATION 2019

Over the past three months I have been privileged to lead Confirmation Club with just two young candidates... that low number is a great disappointment, we had hoped for more. Many of you will have come to know the boys as they have been such faithful attendees at our Sunday services.

Kian and Samuel, both Y6 pupils from Farnworth CE School, were an absolute delight to be with. As we



followed the course, our conversations became quite involved and intense and they certainly kept me on my toes with their searching questions. On Sunday April 9th, they, their families and friends came to St Ambrose Church to be confirmed by Bishop Paul of Liverpool. Bishop Paul spoke to all the candidates beforehand and he definitely put them at ease.

The service itself was lovely, a very gentle, inclusive, affirming service for everyone there, and it was very special emotional moment for me when Kian and

Samuel came forward to have Bishop Paul lay his hands upon them and confirm them...I am sure that it is a moment that they won't forget. Sue

****Samuel wrote: Hello, my name is Samuel Houghton-Squire. The reason I chose to get confirmed was to confirm my faith to God. On the day of my confirmation I felt afraid, happy and nervous. My family helped me relax along with Mrs Smither, Clare and Bishop Paul, he is funny. When I got sprinkled with water it went in my eye, and I found it funny when my family and everyone in the church got sprinkled, also when Bishop Paul was covered in water. I would like to thank my church family for their support and for their cups of tea!**

****Kian wrote: On the 7th of April 2019, I was confirmed alongside my friend Samuel. We attended Confirmation Club on Wednesdays leading up to our Confirmation date and we were taught by Mrs Smither. We enjoyed attending church regularly, I always looked forward to a biscuit and a drink at the end of the service. We were confirmed at St Ambrose Church at 3pm by Bishop Paul. My confirmation journey was fun, exciting and lovely. I am looking forward to continuing my faith journey!**



All EWT Confirmation Candidates with Bishop Paul.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism	Date	Name	
	07-Apr	Jack Alexander Bird	
		Hope Sophia Devery	
	28-Apr	Emily Jessica Rolf	
		Aida Grace Conner	
		Henrieta Nellie Leela Gaynor	
	05-May	Benjamin Jack Greylish	
		Penelope Ambrose-Miney	
		Jack Alexander Bird	
	26-May	Emily Charlotte Susan Esser	
		Theo Shilo Lam	
Funerals	Date	Name	Age
Widnes crem	08-Apr	Roy Radley	74
Widnes crem	15-Apr	Barbara Cox	81
St Helens crem	25-Apr	Betty Hulme	84
Widnes crem	01-May	Michael Erskine	93
Weddings	Date	Names	
	02-Mar	Sharon Joinson & David Woods	
	16-Mar	Darryl-Anne Sillery & Thomas Fearn	
	07-Apr	Shelley Lea & Adam Hampson	

INPUT for the Parish Review

If would be great if you wrote an article for the magazine. Send to fanworthreview@yahoo.co.uk by July 18th for August/September edition.



General Fund January to March 2019

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>£</u>
Parish Giving Scheme	2038	Parish Share	20528
Standing Orders	396	Organists	1735
Envelopes	3612	Readers & Ret Clergy	646
Gift Aid Tax Refunds	4438	Upkeep of Services	198
Loose Plate Collections	1953	Utilities	1860
Cronton Loose Plate	771	Insurance	1474
Collection @ fun /weds	431	Church Maintenance	1456
Donations and legacies	1424	Upkeep of Churchyard	335
Fundraising/Quiz	2504	EWT admin/clergy exps	2400
Rents	500	Printing & Stationery	218
Dividends & Interest	1268	Audit Fees	1450
Magazine income	1172	Magazine costs	340
PCC Fees	5701	PCC Costs	450
Sundry Income	<u>288</u>	Sundry Expenses	<u>456</u>
TOTAL	<u>30068</u>		<u>33545</u>

This results in a deficit for the first quarter of 2019 of £3477, which could result in an overall deficit for the year of £13908. A great improvement on 2018's deficit of over £22000. This result in part is due to the fundraising of a Spring Raffle and Quiz, which raised £1504, which was match funded by HSBC by a further £1000. A big thank you to all involved. £500 of this money will be used to cover the Rose Queen costs.

We have been fortunate in April of this year to have received a generous legacy of £5000, for the general fund, which will help to cover some of the expenditure this year. Please keep donating when you are able and support our fundraising events planned for this year.

Thank You Yvonne Horabin

DAILY BIBLE READINGS		
JUNE	DAY	JULY
Psalms 119: 89-176	1	Psalms 82-83
Songs of Solomon 1-8	2	2 Kings 1-4
Proverbs 1-3	3	2 Kings 5-8
Proverbs 4-6	4	2 Kings 9-11
Proverbs 7-9	5	2 Kings 12-13, 2 Chronicles 24
Proverbs 10-12	6	2 Kings 14, 2 Chronicles 25
Proverbs 13-15	7	Jonah 1-4
Proverbs 16-18	8	2 Kings 15, 2 Chronicles 26
Proverbs 19-21	9	Isaiah 1-4
Proverbs 22-24	10	Isaiah 5-8
1 Kings 5-6, 2 Chronicles 2-3	11	Amos 1-5
1 Kings 7, 2 Chronicles 4	12	Amos 6-9
1 Kings 8, 2 Chronicles 5	13	2 Chronicles 27, Isaiah 9-12
2 Chronicles 6-7, Psalm 136	14	Micah 1-7
Psalm 134, Psalms 146-150	15	2 Chronicles 28, 2 Kings 16-17
1 Kings 9, 2 Chronicles 8	16	Isaiah 13-17
Proverbs 25-26	17	Isaiah 18-22
Proverbs 27-29	18	Isaiah 23-27
Ecclesiastes 1-6	19	2 Kings 18:1-8, 2 Chronicles 29-31, Psalm 48
Ecclesiastes 7-12	20	Hosea 1-7
1 Kings 10-11, 2 Chronicles 9	21	Hosea 8-14
Proverbs 30-31	22	Isaiah 28-30
1 Kings 12-14	23	Isaiah 31-34
2 Chronicles 10-12	24	Isaiah 35-36
1 Kings 15:1-24, 2 Chronicles 13-16	25	Isaiah 37-39, Psalm 76
1 Kings 15:25-16:34, 2 Chronicles 17	26	Isaiah 40-43
1 Kings 17-19	27	Isaiah 44-48
1 Kings 20-21	28	2 Kings 18:9-19:37, Ps 46,
1 Kings 22, 2 Chronicles 18	29	Psalm 80, Ps 135
2 Chronicles 19-23	30	Isaiah 49-53
	31	Isaiah 54-58
		Isaiah 59-63



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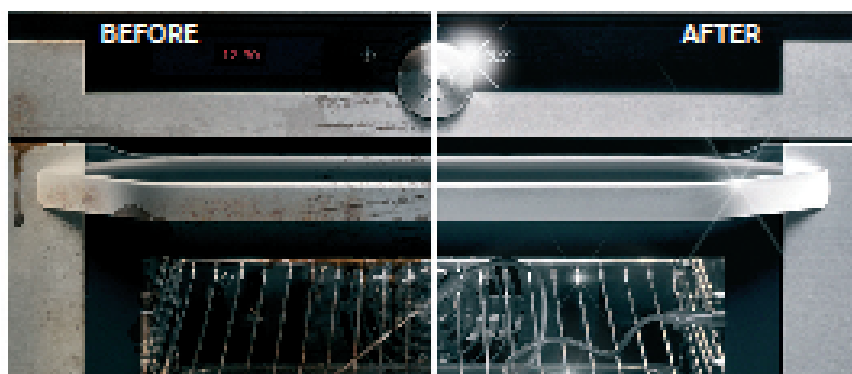
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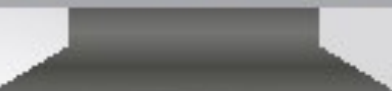
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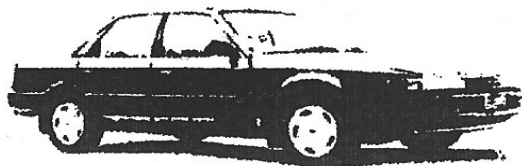
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