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Dear Friends,

As I write this it is just a few days since our government removed most of the restrictions which they had put in place to minimise the risk of spreading Covid-19.

Some of our media reported this as 'Freedom Day' whilst others gave it a different name, 'Fear Day'. This reflected the different views of the public for whom it represented either a long-awaited return to something like pre-Covid 'normality', or a heightened sense of vulnerability – especially for those in the most at-risk categories.

I suspect that for most of us we can relate to both extremes and feel both these emotions of elation and anxiety at the same time.

Regulars at St Luke will have heard me remind the congregation of the most frequent command in the Bible, 'Do not be afraid'. This occurs 70 times and that's not including variants like, 'Fear not' or 'Do not fear' and the like.

First of all, the Bible isn't saying, "There is nothing scary so you don't need to be scared." Let's be real... life is scary and never risk free. That, however, does not mean we need to be scared of it. Fear should not be our driving force.

Secondly, God is not saying it is ok for us to act recklessly and put ourselves needlessly at risk. St Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 6:19 'Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own'.

Our Parochial Church Council (PCC) and I discussed the first steps we would take in easing the restrictions in our public worship. It was a long discussion and we pray that we have come to an agreement which will give some worshippers that sense of freedom they have looked forward to, but also give to any who are understandably anxious an assurance of the risks being minimised for their protection.

From 1st August we have agreed to continue with the social distancing, in that people will be asked to sit only on alternate pews as indicated by the signs we have had in place for many months now.

Worshippers will be advised that the wearing of masks and face shields is now a matter for their own choice. No doubt some will choose to wear masks and others not.

The singing of hymns by the congregation will now be permitted - whether wearing masks or not. This is undoubtedly the element of worship people have missed the most during the restrictions. Yes folks, you can now sing! However, worshippers have the choice to sit apart from someone not wearing a mask if they choose to. Please don't take it personally if someone near you moves to a different part of church – it is not the smell of your after shave or perfume!

In services of Holy Communion, we have decided to allow the receiving of both the elements, i.e. communion wafer and wine, for those who wish to. For many months now we have been offering just the wafer - and for those who wish to you can continue to do this if you prefer. However, if you are happy to receive the communion wine from the chalice (common-cup) this will also be offered. The chalice rim will be wiped with an anti-bacterial wipe inside and out after each person has received. The choice is yours and whether you receive just the wafer or both let me assure you that you both receive the sacrament in full.

During August we will continue with our practice of having just the one Sunday service at 10.30am which will continue to be available via Zoom for those who are not ready or able to return physically to church yet. We shall also have a service each Wednesday at 9.30am in church (but not on Zoom) followed by our Open Door where people can come to share fellowship with refreshments, crafts and games etc. In September there will 8am Holy Communion on the first Sunday and 6pm Holy Communion on third Sunday.

I hope that these decisions have given you the assurances and also the freedoms you might be looking for to consider joining with us in worship. Whether you are a regular worshipper or have never been to church I can assure you of a very warm welcome.

May God's blessing calm any fears you may have and may he assure you of his love and care.

Your friend, Revd Bob

AUGUST	Services
SUNDAY 1st	10.30 Holy Communion 12.30 Baptism
Wednesday 4th	9.30 Morning Prayer
SUNDAY 8th	10.30 Holy Communion
Wednesday 11th	9.30 Morning Prayer
SUNDAY 15th	10.30 Holy Communion
Wednesday 18th	9.30 Morning Prayer
SUNDAY 22nd	10.30 Holy Communion
Wednesday 25th	9.30 Morning Prayer
SUNDAY 29th	10.30 Holy Communion TEAM SERVICE

SEPTEMBER	Services
SUNDAY 5th	8am Holy Communion subject to review 10.30 Holy Communion 12.30 Baptism
WEDNESDAY 8th	9.30 Holy Communion
SUNDAY 12th	10.30 Holy Communion
Wednesday 15th	9.30 Morning Prayer
SUNDAY 19th	10.30 Holy Communion 6pm Holy Communion *
Wednesday 22nd	9.30 Holy Communion
SUNDAY 26th	10.30 Holy Communion
Wednesday 29th	9.30 Morning Prayer

TIME FOR CELEBRATION

First baptisms held in church since March 2020



Louis

and

Ava Rose

Take these little ones dear Father into your loving arms,
Cover and protect them, guide them from all harm. Fill their
days with love and joy, nurture all they are, Help them as
they learn and grow, to feel loved and set apart. Speak to
them of truth and light, so that their souls can sing, A cry of
praise, a song of joy, and a love for peaceful things. Take
their little hands dear God and bless them as they pray, Let
a beautiful love story begin on this their baptism.

I am a Christian

When I say that "I am a Christian," I am not shouting that "I am clean living." I'm whispering "I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say "I am a Christian," I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry

on.

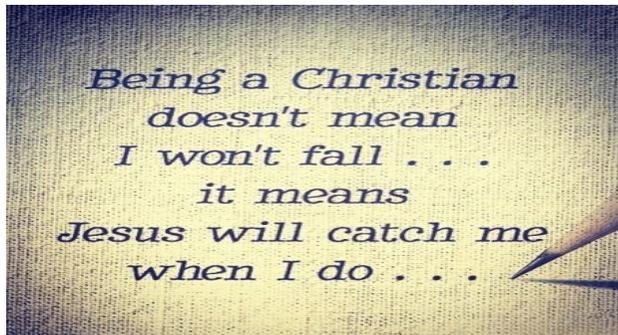
When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not holier than thou. I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!

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	Actual	Adjust	Total
Receipts	36389	9299	45688
Expenses	<u>(40916)</u>	<u>(7837)</u>	<u>(48753)</u>
Deficit	<u>(4527)</u>	<u>1462</u>	<u>3065</u>

The actual figures above refer to the monies received and paid out in the period. The adjustments in receipts £9,299 is for Parish share credits for 2021. In expenditure £7,837 is for Parish share owed to the Diocese at end of June 21. The total Parish share due for January to June amounted to £42,162 less credits of £9,299 =£32863 We were able to pay £25,026 towards this leaving £7837 still owing. I am hoping to be able to pay the diocese £5000 per month, the payment for July 2021 has been made. Thank you to everyone for your donations and continued support, in these still troubled times.

We have had various messages and comments on social media about the lack of a flag flying on the flag pole outside church on special occasions.. The ropes on the pole had been cut by vandals, BUT Baz and Geoff Poole have restored the flagpole. We have flags so hopefully flags can be flown now. Thanks to Baz and Geoff.

Yvonne Horabin
(Treasurer)



Brave or Foolhardy?

When my friend Wendy said that she was going to 'brave the shave' for MacMillan for the second time in three years, because it was the one thing she could do for other people, I said I would join her! If you would like to sponsor me for a great cause, I would be very grateful. Wendy and I are sharing a fundraising page on the MacMillan website. Just go to <http://brave.theshave.macmillan.org.uk> and click on 'Donate' then search for Wendy Osborne. There is also a collection box in church for people to donate as not everyone has a computer. Thanks very much. Annie Marsh

St Lukes Sunday Club

Hello everyone I hope you are all keeping safe and well by the time you read this hopefully all the restrictions will have been lifted. Sunday Club sadly have still not been able to meet up but we have been keeping in touch, through Zoom and Whats App and by using this we can share photos too.

The children were able to join the Sunday service in June to help celebrate Father's Day. They had all written something about their Dads and Grandads and read them beautifully to the congregation. They finished by signing a hymn. As always I was very proud of them all and never fail to be in awe of them and their confidence.

We have met a couple of times at my house to hold Sunday Club and of course we had our Teddy Bears picnic. The weather was absolutely glorious on the day, so we were very lucky. The children brought along their own packed lunches whilst the adults enjoyed some refreshments and clotted cream scones, a must at a tea party or picnic. After the picnic the parachute came out for some games and it was so lovely to see the children play together and use their imaginations. Lots of Teddies, ragdolls, penguins and even an octopus went flying in the air with the help of Rev Bob who we were pleased was able to join us for a while. Don't know who was enjoying it the most Bob or the children, but thanks for helping. It was a very special couple of hours, spent with some very special children.

Hopefully the next time I'm writing I will be able tell you what we have been doing in the Bridewell. Hope everyone has a lovely summer. Best wishes everyone and stay safe Lynn



Father's Day Sunday 20th June

Sue and I led the service, we had given Rev Bob the Sunday off as it was Father's Day, and so he was able to sit in the pews with his family and enjoy worship. The service allowed us to think about and give thanks for our Dads, as well as those who have been the father-figures and role models in our lives and of course God, our Father in heaven. It was a very busy service but luckily we did have help, as some of the young people from our Sunday Club who joined us to lead parts of the service. The children shared with us why they loved their dads (there were definitely a few teary eyes at this point, and not just from the dads) and they also shared a lovely song with us that they sang and signed too, "A father's love is very wonderful"; as well as leading our prayers so beautifully - we are very blessed to have the involvement of our young people in our worship.

We are also very blessed to have Paul as our director of music, as well as being very talented musician he is also an accomplished and published poet and so he read a couple of poems for us from his latest books, including "My dad's SUPER".

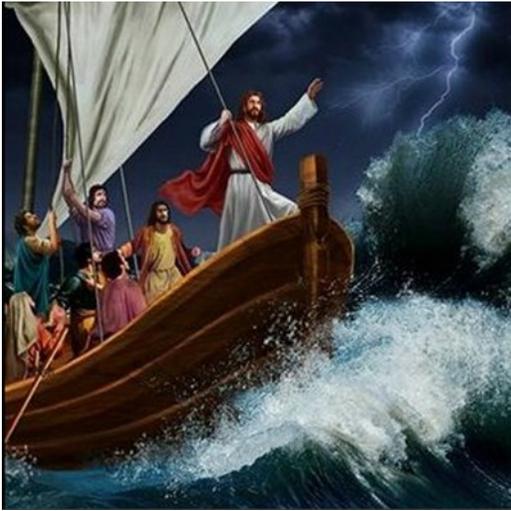
Our young families were also involved as they shared with us their activities, they had been making and colouring rockets that said "I love you to the moon and back". Being able to Zoom our



services allows our worship to be accessible to more people, including our young families, who are finding worship from home very

helpful during these difficult times - they can keep their families safe and their children can move about, as children always do, whilst still being involved in the service.





The bible passage for this day described the 'Calming of the Storm' and in the sermon we explored what this story was really about. Often people think that the story of Jesus calming the storm reveals Jesus as the one who will calm every storm in our lives and I am not ashamed to admit that this was my initial understanding of this story too, but this is not what the story is about. The story doesn't promise

that Jesus will calm every storm; instead it explains that he will ride the waves with us and he hears our cries for help. And the main truth of the passage is that Jesus is God. He has power over the wind and the waves and he is in fact God in human form.

We thought about the 1993 film, Mrs Doubtfire – do you remember this film? The star of the film was Robin Williams and he played a man called Daniel who was divorced and had little access to his children. So he hatched an elaborate plan, he dresses as an older British woman and convinces his ex-wife to hire him as a nanny. The nanny's name was "Mrs. Doubtfire" and whilst playing this role as Mrs Doubtfire Daniel gets closer to his children and he becomes a better parent. But when both Daniel and his nanny persona must meet different groups of people at the same restaurant things become interesting – and very funny! Mrs. Doubtfire turns out to be the nanny from heaven, so firm, so helpful, so reassuring, that if Daniel had been at all like this, he'd still be married. The kids love him.

And here comes the plot spoiler ...

... Eventually after much hilarity Mrs Doubtfire is found out and everyone understands that Mrs Doubtfire, who everyone had grown to love is also Daniel, the children's dad.

We explored the bible passage together and hopefully all agreed that this passage highlighted to us that Jesus came as God in human form - when Jesus eventually calm this storm he was revealed as God, as only God has power over nature and we should never underplay his power and majesty. Even though, he hasn't promised to calm every storm, he has promised that he will never leave us and never forsake those who trust in him, who call out to him.

And it appears to be storm season for all of us just now doesn't it? We are still being swept along in the Covid pandemic storm, even though by the time you read this article we will likely be 'out of lockdown' the issues relating to this virus still continue on. Plus, some of us or those that we love or are close too are experiencing their own storms, hurricanes, monsoons, thunder and lightning storms to name but a few. I would like to remind you that if you find yourself in this position you can call out and you will be heard, God / Jesus will be there and ride the wave, ride the storm, with you.

Fathers and Father figures come in all shapes and forms – including God our heavenly Father who came to earth in human form as Jesus, our Father's, our Dad's, those who care for us, those we look up to, the male role models in our lives. And our Father's and Father-figures cannot always take away our suffering and difficulties but if we call out and we will be heard and they will certainly ride the difficulties with us.

They will hear us when we cry out for help and support – both our earthly Fathers and most definitely our heavenly Father too!

Clare

Cronton Mission

Services will resume on 1st August, let us pray that nothing prevents the congregation from worshipping together in the future, in the way that the Pandemic has done over the past 17 months.

1st August – Morning Prayer

8th August Café style

15th August Morning Prayer

22nd August Café style

29th August Team service of Holy communion at St Luke's.

Some members of our church family have been worshipping at St Luke's in person during this time, and some, including many we have yet to meet in person, have joined the St Luke's services through ZOOM. The children's craft activities have been fantastic and our thanks go to Sue and Clare for all their commitment to children's ministry. These will continue to be available on the St Luke's website, and at both churches services each week.

The recommencement of services has been publicized though the weekly school newsletter in an attempt to reach out to all school families. A post has been placed on the school Facebook page and a message sent on the Cronton Mission What's App group. People have been contacted personally, where possible, to ensure that old and new members of our church know they are most welcome, and most certainly have been missed.

As I have said before, coming together as a Parish has been one positive element of the Pandemic, and we will continue to work in this way going forward. Some people have indicated that they may initially continue to attend St Luke's, some may attend both churches, and some may stay on Zoom at St Luke's. There has been no request for Zoom at Cronton.

All these options are fine, and people must do what they feel safe to do as the restrictions are lifted. Some precautions will remain, including distancing, and we will ask that children remain seated as far as possible, face coverings will be optional.



Cronton CE School

It has been another different and difficult year for everyone with new ways of working and the inability to celebrate the children's tremendous achievements face to face. This is particularly sad for our Y6 children and families leaving the school.

In my role, as Chair of Governors, I had the honour and pleasure of being part of the BEST awards, when 4 members of each year are chosen for their outstanding contribution to living out the school vision – Believe, Enjoy, Succeed, Together. Classes remained in their bubbles as they have all year for all activities including worship, and came together with parents through ZOOM. May I once again congratulate these children, and extend congratulations to ALL the children and staff members for sustaining high quality education, fantastic attitude, behaviour and attendance in this unprecedented year.

Finally, let us pray for our Lay Reader Lesley, her daughter Anna and the rest of the Firth family on the loss of Lesley's mother Marlene. May their faith and memories comfort them at this difficult time. Debbie

Father's day poem by Paul Delaney

My dad's SUPER and here's why:
SUPER Bananas and custard maker.
SUPER Pepperoni pizza cooker.
SUPER Silly joke teller.
SUPER Funny Face puller.
SUPER free taxi driver.
SUPER dishwasher emptier.
SUPER Rugby Union player.
SUPER caravan tower.
SUPER sports Gym goer.
SUPER maths homework solver.
SUPER sadness busting cuddler.
That's why you're SUPER!
And that's why I love you so much!

MY DAD by Paul Delaney

He's ace my dad! And here's why:

My dad can fight any wrestler in the whole world.

He's not scared of John Cena.

He's not scared of Roman Reigns.

He's not scared of Dean Ambrose.

He's not even scared of Randy Orton's 'RKO', whatever that stands for!

He's not scared of Ryback or Sin Cara.

*He's not scared of the 'Big Show' or the 'Undertaker' **OR** the 'Rock' whoever he is.*

Or the big fat one with monster muscles.

Or the one with the ugly face and long hair.

Or the one with huge tattoos all over his thick arms.

MY DAD'S NOT SCARED OF ANY OF THEM!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

NOT ONE OF THEM!

NO HE'S NOT!

He tells me this:

*'If any of those wrestling nerds
ever ANNOY me, Hannah,*

I'll do this to them:

I'll pull down their shorts

I'll punch them in the nose.

I'll karate chop their arms.

I'll trip them up.

I'll call them silly names, like 'Fat face'!

I'll say you're ugly!

I'll say you smell like your granny's laundry!

I'll say your breath stinks!

*I'll say you cry every time you fall over
in the school playground!
I'll say you can't even squash a grape!
I'll say you don't even know your 1x table!
I'll say you can't even spell the word 'a'!
I'll say you wear like ladies perfume!
I'll say you wear pink underpants!
And I'll pull at their beards UNTIL THEIR EYES WATER!
I love my dad!
He's big, strong and...
He's my SUPER-HERO!
But I've noticed one thing about him:
My dad only ever says all that stuff about fighting wrestlers...when
he's watching them on my television.
Hold on, I know what you're thinking!
Well you're wrong because...
My dad's REY MYSTERIO!
So there!
Nb 'RKO' stands for 'Royal knock out.'*

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Friends of Farnwoth news
Our 'R & R' Community Heritage Appeal, aims to raise the funding needed to complete vital **RESTORATION** work to the roofs of Bold Chapel, the Nave and the Bell Tower as well as the **REGENERATION** of the facilities in our church by providing toilets and a kitchenette so that we can welcome more people to our beautiful Grade II* listed Church.

This necessary restoration was identified by specialist surveyors as part of the building's most recent 'Quinquennial Inspection;' the work is urgently needed.

The three phase project will protect the fabric of the building from damage and decay caused by damp and water ingress; protect interior fittings and many monuments of significant historic interest.

At the same time, toilets and a kitchenette will be installed so that we can better serve the needs of the congregation and importantly our local community.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE LAUNCH.



Sundays 10.30am (60 mins)

To join Zoom online

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Michael and All Angels

On September 29th we celebrate the Feast of Michael and all Angels, popularly called Michaelmas. This is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the many ways in which God's loving care watches over us, both directly and indirectly, and we are reminded that the richness and variety of God's creation far exceeds our knowledge of it. In the Hebrew Scriptures, it is reported that someone saw a man who spoke to him with authority, and who he then realized was no mere man, but a messenger from God...that was the Archangel Michael. The word for a messenger in Hebrew is Malach, in Greek, Angelos and from which we get our word angel. There were thought to be four archangels, Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel. An alternative tradition has seven archangels; sometimes each is associated with one of the seven planets so, the Moon, Mercury, Venus, the Sun, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Michael is associated with Saturn. Michael, whose name means "Who is like God?", is said to be the captain of the heavenly armies. He is mentioned in the Bible in Daniel 10:13,31; 12:1, where he is said to be the prince of the people of Israel. In Jude 9, where he is said to have disputed with the devil about the body of Moses. In Revelation 12:7, he is reported to have led the heavenly armies against those of a great dragon.

Michael is usually pictured in full armour, carrying a lance, with his foot on the neck of a dragon. [Pictures of Saint George are often similar, but only Michael has wings.] Michaelmas daisies got their name because they tend to bloom at the end of September, the time of the feast of St. Michael. Sue



Farnworth CE Primary School

The staff and children at school have had many challenges over the past year but they have wonderfully risen to the challenge and made it to the end of term.

Bob and I have continued to support school with our weekly Collective Worship and hopefully, very soon, we will be able to go into school and deliver our assemblies in person and in front of the children.

All classes managed to enjoy Sports Days in their bubbles, sadly, because of Covid restrictions, parents and carers were unable to attend. They have enjoyed two non-uniform days; the first in support of World Ocean Day when they could wear something blue. For the second, a fund-raiser for the PTA, when pupils were asked to come dressed as who/what they aspire to be when they grow up.



Apparently there were budding cricketers, gymnasts, scientists, doctors, engineers, pilots, marine biologists, palaeontologists, authors, nurses and teachers and even a Spiderman.....good to know that the children have such great aspirations and one thing is for sure, Farnworth is providing them with the excellent foundation they will need to succeed in their various careers..

Before the end of term, the School Council, which is made up of representatives from each class, sent out a lovely message asking the children to think about well-being and focus on giving. They suggested that the children could write messages or make cards telling a loved one just how much they are appreciated...what a lovely, thoughtful idea.

When school reopens in September, unless advised otherwise, the children will return to normal school times. However, certain restrictions will stay in place as these have proved to be beneficial...so the children will wear their PE kits to school on the days they have PE and individual pencil cases and bags won't be allowed as they clutter up the classrooms.

Sadly, the children and staff said a very fond farewell to Mrs Scully. As an Higher Level Teaching Assistant, Marcella covered classes when

teachers had their prep time and other meetings. She contributed much to the RE curriculum; the children loved her enthusiasm and the staff have said goodbye to a well-respected and much loved colleague. As a church we wish her well in the future.

It is always sad to say goodbye to the Y6 children, they have been amazing ambassadors for Farnworth School for the past seven years. We wish them every success in their new High Schools where I am sure they will shine just as brightly.

In September, we look forward to welcoming the new reception children many of whom already have siblings in school.

I am sure that Mr Redmond, his staff, the children, their parents and carers are all looking forward to a new school year and some normality...even though the new normal is bound to be slightly different.

Sue

Children's craft activities

What a joy it is each week to welcome the children and their families to both St Luke's and to Cronton Mission Church.

In order to engage with the younger ones on their own level of understanding, they have the opportunity to download, or to have delivered, a craft activity that compliments the Gospel reading for that Sunday.

There are usually sheets to colour in that complement the story and an activity that involves cutting and sticking. I have so enjoyed seeing them sharing their artwork both with the congregations in church or via the wonders of Zoom.

A huge 'Thank you' to mums, dads and carers for downloading the crafts and encouraging the children to chat about their work and share it with us. You are stars!

The children have painted pictures, planted seeds, made cards, stick puppets, caterpillars and so much more...there was even a recipe to follow one week!

If you would like more information then please do get in touch with me. To see some of these activities crafts please look on the church website **st-luke.co.uk**

Sue



OPEN DOOR and GAMES GALORE RESTART on WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4th

Church will be open at 9.30am service (30 minutes) until 4pm

People on hand to show you around our beautiful church and chat to you over a cuppa.

'GAMES GALORE'

Grosvenor Women's club is hosting and providing refreshments

1.30pm to 3.30pm Wednesday

Men welcome.

Come and join a light hearted group of people who play games - scrabble, chess, dominos, UNO and many more.



Folk getting to know each other and sharing laughter and tales recalling childhood memories of games played. Afternoons are free - donations gratefully accepted for church funds.

Each Wednesday.

We look forward to seeing you!

Contact Pat Johnson 0151 257 7737



MOTHERS' UNION

It won't come as a surprise that we were unable to meet in July. I'm sure that through lockdown Chris has been keeping her bingo calling vocal cords in good shape. It's looking promising for a return in September, we have been here before but we will keep positive and look forward to meeting up. We will have a new member joining us. Joy Miller has been coming to St Luke's for 2 years and helps Lesley with the flowers,

and we do appreciate the floral displays the flower arrangers do. So welcome Joy. We were all very sad to hear about Barbara Houghton. She was in a home with her husband Jim and she had Alzheimer's. She had been an MU member for many years and was always willing to help with a cheerful outlook. Barbara made wonderful fruit cakes for members significant birthdays and her turkey baps were sought after. I believe she was an MU secretary at one time. She was always ready to join in on social and craft evenings and had a laugh about getting in a muddle with her sewing. Barbara was a long-time member of the choir, along with her friend Edna. She was always there for services, weddings and funerals if required and attended choir practise every Thursday. I believed she was also a flower arranger and a member of the church cleaning team that met every Wednesday. Our thoughts and prayers go to Jim and family and her sister Val, also a member, who brought her to meetings and outings and made sure she was alright. Jackie's operation went well and she is on the mend now, just has to wait to get her hips done. Barbara Jones, who has Parkinson's, is poorly in hospital. Please keep Jackie, Barbara, Mary Westbury and Barbara's family in your prayers. A Prayer for Health and Healing.

'God of compassion, we pray for those we know who are in need of healing today. The sick in body, mind and spirit. Surround them with your love and tenderness and give the blessing of your peace'.

The St Luke's Scout and Guide Group Raise the Roof campaign raised the target of £100,000, Peter Dawber, the organist from the Methodists, did a fundraising 300,000 steps in May for Christian Aid and Jeff Evans from St Luke's did 4 continual rounds of golf for Unisef. Well done to all of them and any other fund raisers.

The Mother's Union is a charity started by Mary Sumner who saw a need and wanted to make a difference. Another charity organisation is London's Pearly Kings and Queens. We have heard of them but maybe unaware of what they do. It started in 1862 when an orphan called Henry Croft was born in the workhouse in St Pancras. He became a road sweeper at 13 and befriended the costermongers, the fruit and veg sellers. Known as 'flash boy' outfits the seams of his trousers had a row of pearly buttons sewn on. If any worker was down on his luck they would have a whip round to help him back on his feet. Henry began wearing a suit adorned with mother of pearl buttons to raise money for other orphans. By 1911 every London Borough had a Pearly King and Queen dedicated to helping the disadvantaged. The Pearly Kings & Queens Association was founded in 1875. 146 years on they have raised millions for a wide range of causes & charities and every penny goes to charity. Their fund-raising events usually end up with a knees up. Although they do run in families, you can become a Pearly provided you have a record of fund raising and community work. Phyllis Broadbent 94 is the oldest Pearly Queen and has been the Pearly Queen of Islington for 40 years. She has performed along with others at many functions including the London Olympics and the Queens Jubilee. Her cousin Jackie Murphy 81 was awarded the British Empire Medal for 55yrs of charity work. She was invited to Buckingham Palace Garden party where she told Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, 'We're just the same as your family, only skint'. One particular performance in a care home was very moving. A woman with Alzheimer's hadn't spoken for ten years and just sat in her chair her head bent on her chest. They started to sing 'I'll see you in my dreams' and 'the Lambeth walk' and slowly she joined in and started singing. All the Staff started to cry. Before the war there were 400 Pearlies now there are less than a 100. Sharon Crowe, 24, was crowned Queen of Haggerston aged 16. She is proud to wear the suit that can weigh up to 30kg. she is happy to carry on the legacy.

I hope to see you all in church on September 8th for our Communion service and Joy officially joining us. We usually collect subs in September but we are waiting to find out how much it will be.

Enjoy your summer and pray all will be well for September.

Rita Poole

	August Readings	September Readings
1	John 6:24-35	Luke 4:38 to end
2	Matthew 14:13-21	Luke 5:1-11
3	Matthew 14:22 to end	Luke 5:22 to end
4	Matthew 15:21-28	Luke 6:1-5
5	Matthew 16:13-23	Mark 7:24 to end
6	Luke 9:28-36	Luke 6:6-11
7	Matthew 17:14-20	Luke 6:12-19
8	John 6: 35, 41-51	Luke 6:20-26
9	Matthew 17:22 to end	Luke 6:27=39
10	Matthew 18:1-14	Luke 6:39-42
11	Matthew 18:15-20	Luke 6:43 to end
12	Matthew 18:21-19,1	Mark 8:27 to end
13	Matthew 19:3-12	Luke 7:1-10
14	Matthew 19:13-15	John 3:13-17
15	Luke 1:46-55	Luke 7:31-35
16	Matthew 19:16-22	Luke 7:36 to end
17	Matthew 19:23 to end	Luke 8:1-3
18	Matthew 20:1-16	Luke 8:4-15
19	Matthew 22:1-14	Mark 10: 9:30-37
20	Matthew 22:34-40	Luke 8:16-18
21	Matthew 23:1-12	Matthew 9:9-13
22	John 6:56-69	Luke 9:1-6
23	Matthew 23:13-22	Luke 9:7-9
24	Luke 22: 24-30	Luke 9:18-22
25	Matthew 23:27-32	Luke 9:43b-45
26	Matthew 24:42 to end	Mark 9:38 to end
27	Matthew 25:1-13	Luke 9:46-50
28	Matthew 25:14-30	Luke 9:51-56

	August Readings	September Readings
29	Mark 7:1-23	John 1:47 to end
30	Luke 4:16-30	Luke 10:1-12
31	Luke 4: 31-37	

'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'.



Over the next few weeks, we will be seeing the leaves taking on their beautiful autumnal mantle; autumn is my favourite time of the year, there's still some warmth in the sun and we often have pleasant evenings. It is the perfect time to settle down in a comfy chair with a good book or some poetry for company. It was the poet John Keats who described Autumn as the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'. I love the picture painted in the words in this poem. Sue

In the hush and the lonely silence
of the chill Autumn night,
some wizard has worked his magic
with fairy fingers light.

The leaves of the sturdy oak trees
are splendid with crimson and red
and the golden flags of the maple
are fluttering overhead.

Through the tangle of faded grasses
there are trailing vines ablaze
and the glory of warmth and colour
gleams through the autumn haze.

Like banners of marching armies
that farther and farther go
down the winding roads and valleys
the boughs of the trees all glow.

So open your eyes, little children
and open your hearts as well,
till the charm of the bright October
shall fold you in its spell.

Thank you for your continued support and all your donations.

At this time the following items are needed –

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- Fruit Juice
- Corned Beef
- Tinned Ham/Spam
- Packet Pasta n Sauce
- Soap
- Cleaning Products



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Funerals	Parish Registers		
Date	Name	Age	Place
15/06/2021	Elizabeth Brough Worth	95	Crematorium
22/06/2021	Julie Anne Johnson	50	St Luke & crem
23/06/2021	Alfred George Gates	88	St Luke & crem
24/06/2021	Jack Smith	92	St Luke & crem
14/07/2021	William Henry Greer	90	Crematorium
15/07/2021	Fred Smith	90	Crematorium
21/07/2021	Barbara Winifred Houghton	86	St Luke & crem

Eternal rest grant upon them ,
 O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy
 of God, rest in peace.



Tribute to Barbara Houghton

As a church family we were extremely sad to learn of the passing of Barbara Houghton. Unfortunately, she was struggling at home and had been in a Care Home for some time. Barbara was such a lovely lady. She was full of fun, her eyes just twinkled and she had such a beautiful warm smile.

A faithful lady, she devoted much of her time to St Luke's where she had lots of friends. She had a lovely singing voice and was a valued chorister who attended both morning and evening services. Barbara was an MU member who was on the committee at one time. She was a hard working member of the church cleaning team who always turned up with a bag of sweets to share. Whenever there was a Flower Festival, she liked to turn up and help the CEFA ladies, happy just to tidy up as they worked. If ever there was something going on Barbara would be there in the background

She was renowned for her cakes, which were always absolutely delicious. She was so generous with her baking for our Summer and Christmas Fairs. She would stagger in loaded with cake tins and we would eagerly lift off the lids to reveal what treats she had made. She also loved to help in the kitchen, chatting away as she worked...she really was a delightful lady and she will be sorely missed.

We, at St Luke's, send her family and close friends our love and deepest sympathy as they mourn her passing.

Sue Smither

Dove Installation at Liverpool Cathedral

Margaret and I combined a trip to Liverpool Cathedral to stock up on church supplies, with visit to the various Dove Installations. Twenty three thousand paper doves had been sent out to various local schools, colleges and companies upon which people could to write a personal message. These doves were then displayed in various forms. They were breath-taking and stunningly beautiful not only in the simplicity of each dove but also the complexity of the way in which they have been displayed. It would have been rude for Margaret and I not to treat ourselves to brunch and then we stayed for the Mid-day Eucharist...a lovely way to pass a morning and aren't we blessed to have such a wonderful Cathedral virtually on our doorstep? Sue





There were cards on which were printed this Peace Doves Prayer.

O brooding Spirit, in soaring flight over stormy seas, teach us to pray.
 Carry our cries and hopes to God's heart.
 Bring us to firm ground when we lose our moorings.

Come, make your home within us.
 Give us new life. Inspire us.
 Through Jesus who laid down his life that we might rise up.
 Our peace, now and forever. Amen



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	August
1	Mrs Y Horabin
8	Mrs J Jones
15	Mrs M Campbell
22	Mrs P Johnson
30	Lacey family
	September
5	Mr & Mrs R Critchley
12	Mr & Mrs I Taylor
19	Mrs S Smither
26	Mrs S Tuson



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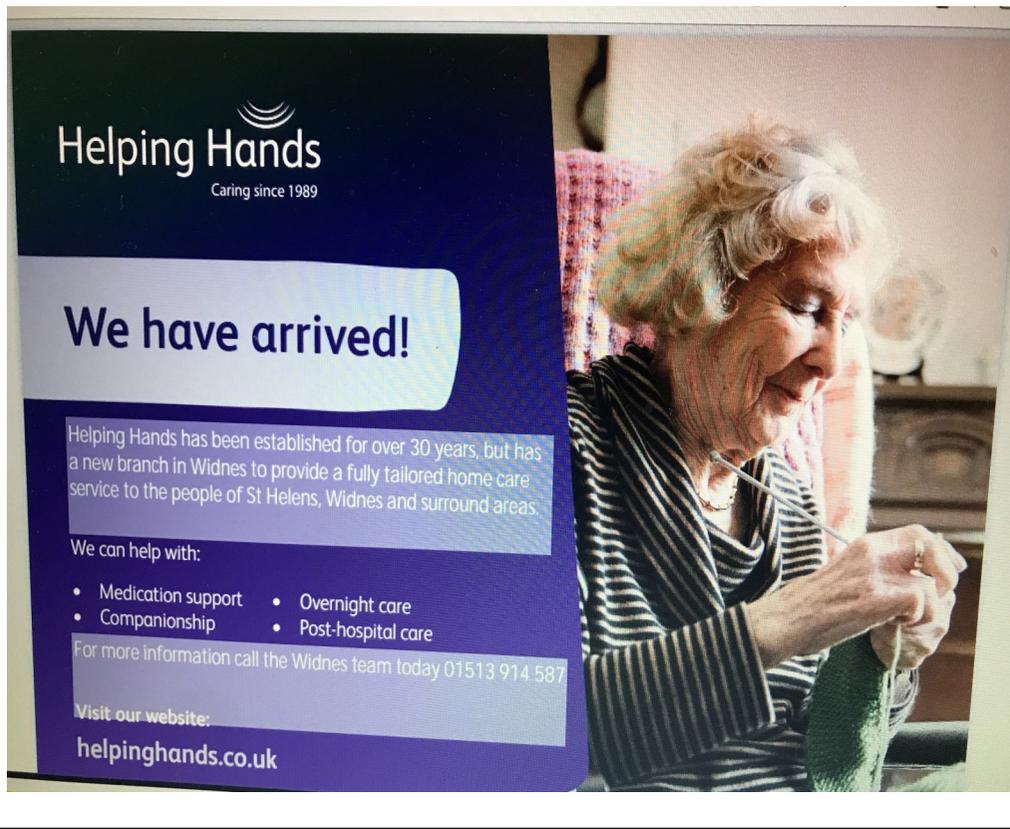
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