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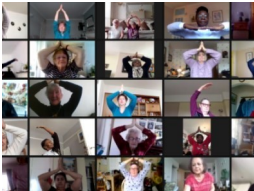
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DEAR FRIENDS,

The end of June sees one of the really great people of the New Testament remembered - someone for whom I have the greatest admiration because he reminds me that even when we mean to do the right thing it sometimes goes horribly wrong because of our human frailty; and yet there is hope for us because we - like him - can be forgiven and restored by God - not just once, but many times. Of course I am writing about St. Peter who is remembered on the 29th. He wasn't a theologian; he wasn't a learned man – he was a fisherman.

Bearing this in mind maybe it is apt that the Ordination of Priests takes place at Peterstide; priests are ordinary people and they share the same sort of failings as everyone else, the only difference being that they have been called by God to perform a specific task. This year Bishop Ruth will be ordaining men and women presented to her by the Church at Liverpool Cathedral, and I will be there to support those being Ordained. My friend, David Smith, is one of them.

The Church of England has about 12000 parishes and around 10000 clergy, which obviously means that some Parishes are without ministers. This is going to become even harder as the number will fall to around 7000 by 2034. Simply put clergy will become a valuable resource – what we need is more people testing their vocation to see if God is calling them to seek Ordination.

I encourage each congregation and individual to think about whether they or someone known to them may be called to the ordained ministry. If you would like to know more then either speak to me or have a look at 'Lifecall' on the diocesan website.

I believe that more people should test that vocation and I leave you with two things that a wise person said to me when I was wondering if God was calling me -

"If you are waiting to be holy enough before you test out your calling you are in for a long wait!" and "God calls and uses you for who you are and not for what you could be".

Peter

FOODBANK EASTER APPEAL ON PALM SUNDAY



Your response was over whelming thank you so much. Two carloads were taken to the Foodbank.



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1st Monday each month
starting
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Next one 6th July
Booking essential
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EASTER QUIZ

Winners 'The straits of your quiz' and runners up 'Quiz Gang' and 'Easter Chicks'. Thanks to Quizmaster Alan and Scorer Lynn for a great evening as usual and Linda and her team for food.



LINDA'S KITCHEN

**EVENT CATERING Widnes Cricket Club
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Cronton Sixth Form College

How blessed are we at St Luke's that the students and their lecturers from Cornton Sixth Form Centre of Excellence for Performing Arts give freely of their time to support our Fund Raising initiatives by coming twice yearly to showcase their talents? The College itself has grown exponentially from when Cllr John Collins had this vision of a new stand-alone College for the young people of Widnes. He campaigned, against strong opposition, to establish Widnes Sixth Form College, now known as Cronton Sixth Form College. It has an Ofsted OUTSTANDING rating and draws in students from miles around because of the extensive range of subjects on offer, both academic and vocational. Often, students go on to study further at some of the world's most prestigious universities, others choose to go into apprenticeships. The College says: 'We remain committed to supporting every learner to achieve their full potential and to pursue ambitious next steps, both in the UK and internationally.'



Many of the Performing Arts students who come to showcase their talents in church, take advantage of the extra curricular opportunities that

sit entirely outside of their studies. They have to fit in all the rehearsals alongside their normal timetable and being involved they can actually achieve nationally recognised Arts awards. They are so blessed to have such excellent mentors and tutors in Matt Plant and Lucy Myers, the respect the students have for them is evident.

It would be wonderful if you could come to St Luke's and support them on **Thursday June 18th at 7pm**. The doors will be opened at 6.45pm.

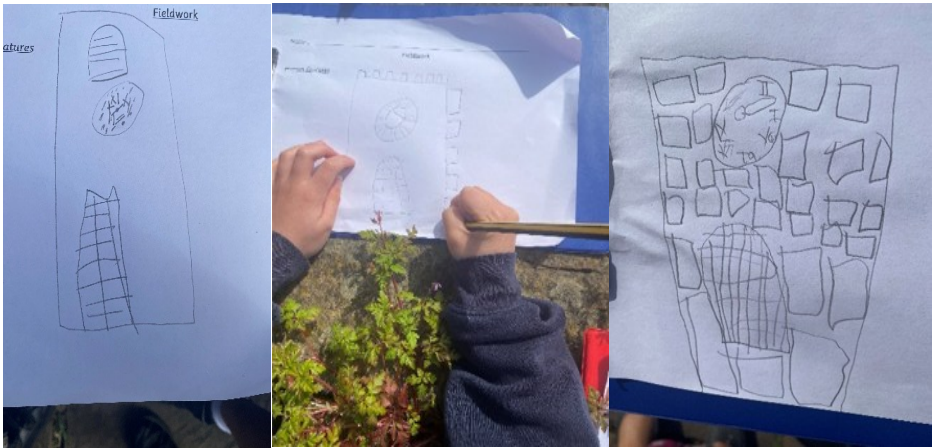
Sue

Moorfield Y1/2W came to visit St Luke's

On Monday April 20th Mrs Whitfield brought her class of very excited Y1/2 children to visit our church. They arrived in a huge coach, which in itself was a great adventure for them. We were the first stop on their 'whistle-stop tour' of Widnes as part of their Local History and Field Study works.

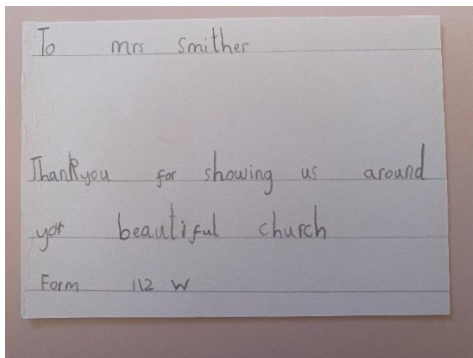
There were lots of WOWs as they came through the doors; their eyes were wide and they just didn't know where to look. I spoke about the materials that had been used to build the church and some of the significant features such as the altar, pulpit, lectern, pews and the stained-glass windows. Even though these were new words for them, they soon picked up the vocabulary. They were keen to go outside to draw, below is the some of the budding artists' work.

When they left us, they were going down to Widnes Library, after that they were being driven over the Gateway Bridge and back again before being dropped off at Spike Island where they ate their picnic lunch and spent time drawing the bridge and the river.



It was a full day for them, apparently they enjoyed every minute.

They sent me a lovely handmade 'Thank you' card.



It is always a pleasure to show visitors of any age round our beautiful church...but you can imagine showing children round is very special. There are always lots of interesting and often unexpected questions! Sue

Farnworth CE School

All the displays in the main corridor have recently been replaced with stunning new artwork; each one features an area of the curriculum on which the various classes have been focussing. They are all special but this one in particular caught my eye. It says, 'We are all different and that is what is so beautiful'. How true is that?



A recent addition in school has been the installation of a sand pit that can be accessed by the children during Playtimes. It has been a great success and is a perfect complement to all the other OPAL equipment [Outdoor Play And Learning equipment] that is used to ensure that children have access to meaningful and enriched play experiences.

Sport has been high on the agenda again with a group of Y5/6 being invited to Liverpool FC's ground at Anfield where they had a guided tour and were presented with new kit to wear at an upcoming tournament...we wish them success. I am sure they will shine!

One little girl in Y1 is so incensed about the danger of traffic on Lunts Heath Road as she walks to school, that she has written to Derek Twigg, our local MP. He sent her a response saying that he has asked Halton Borough Council to look into the matter. Let us watch this space on that one! Well done her!

Some Y5 boys have formed a group called Planet Protectors. They couldn't believe there was 'a significant amount of litter actually on the school premises'. They responded swiftly and set up their own team of litter pickers. It is wonderful to know they are doing something positive about their concerns as the litter was also a potential danger to plant and wildlife. Well done to those boys!

Some of the classes have already had their Sports Days, taking advantage of the good weather we had a few weeks ago.

LUNTS HEATH CP SCHOOL

A huge 'Thank you' to the pupils from Y1 from the Lunts Heath School for the stunning Art Work they have produced for our church. You really need to look closely to appreciate all the different skills and techniques that have used to create this 'bouquet of flowers'.



It is beautiful! Well done to everyone involved and to the very talented Ms Worthington. The display will definitely brighten up the area behind our font.

There won't be another magazine published before the end of the academic year so I would like to wish ALL pupils and staff in our local schools and colleges a wonderful and safe summer break. Sue

BAPTISMS

Date		
5 April	Sean David Blair	
19 April	Dotty May Ince	Ollie Paul French
26 April	Zachery Frank Goulding	
26 April	Sophia Autumn Moran-Wilczek	Rueben Finlay Moran-Wilczek
17 May	Eleanor Constance Fenney	Joseph Stephen Fenney
	Annabelle Mabel Berry	





OPEN DOOR WEDNESDAYS

Church will be open for 9.30am service (30 minutes) until 1pm
People on hand to show you around our beautiful church and chat to you over a cuppa.



St Luke's Sunday Club

On Palm Sunday the children made palms. During the last few weeks the children have been learning lots of different things about Jesus. They learnt the story of two friends on their way to Emmaus who were sad and confused about the death of Jesus.



A stranger walked beside them and talked with them and only revealed his true identify when they shared bread together, it was Jesus. It turned their sadness into joy and they went with excitement telling everyone that Jesus was alive. For their craft activity the children made flip flops. They were very cute.



They also drew the road to Emmaus on paper and acted out with little figures the two friends walking along with the stranger, Jesus in disguise. A very busy time indeed.



The following week they learnt about Jesus being the Good Shepherd. They had to find hidden sheep hidden around the room and bring them back into the "fold" just like Jesus would do to us His flock.

The children loved making sheep masks which they showed off in church.



Another week we talked about God sending the Holy Spirit so that we are never alone. To guide us to make good choices and to comfort when we are in need.

We did an experiment with a fan and tissue paper. The children could see the tissue moving in front of the fan and could certainly feel the wind on their faces but they realised they could not actually see it. So just like we can feel the wind but can't see it, we can't see the Holy Spirit but we can see it work in our lives. After lots of fun with the fan the children made fans of their own out of paper decorated beautifully.

The last time we met we talked about the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven and about the special prayers He left us.

We talked a lot about praying and who or what we actually pray for. The Bible doesn't tell us exactly when to pray but it does teach us how to pray. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. We all know what he taught them, He taught them The Lord's prayer.

He also said

"My prayer is not for them alone, I pray also to those who will believe in me through their message".

The children then very thoughtfully wrote on strips of paper things they wanted to remember in prayer, then they pieced them altogether to make a prayer chain. They were brilliant and they enjoyed showing them to the congregation when we went into church.



Best wishes Lynn.

SUNDAY CLUB

**meets each Sunday of the month,
except the second Sunday.**

(none in August)

**10.30am in the Bridewell
children aged 4 to 11.**

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

Please come and join us.

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Café Worship in April @Cronton Mission

In April at Café Worship, we heard the story of the “Road to Emmaus,” this story comes from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 24:13–35). After the resurrection of Jesus Christ, two of his followers are walking to a village called Emmaus, discussing recent events. Jesus joins them, but they don’t recognise him as he explains how the Scriptures foretold his suffering and resurrection. It’s only later, when he breaks bread with them, that their eyes are opened and they realise who he is, at which point he disappears. The story highlights themes of spiritual understanding, faith, and reminds us:

Jesus meets us on the road, not just at the destination.

He is present even when we don’t recognise him.

Our hearts often awaken before our understanding does.

And we see him most clearly in welcome, community, and shared table.

At café worship as well as listening to a short sermon there is usually also time for reflective discussion around the tables. I thought I’d share with you the discussion questions and perhaps you might read the Bible passage and then reflect on the questions yourselves.

Discussion Questions

The Journey

Where in life right now do you feel like you’re “on the road” uncertain, disappointed, or searching?

Recognising Jesus

Why do you think the disciples didn’t recognise Jesus at first?

When have you struggled to notice God’s presence?

Burning Hearts

Have you ever experienced a “heartburning” moment a sense that God was speaking or stirring something in you?

The Invitation

The disciples say, “Stay with us.”

What might it mean for you to invite Jesus more intentionally into your daily life?

The Table

Why do you think Jesus is recognised in the breaking of bread?

How do community, meals, or shared moments help us encounter God?

The Response

The disciples immediately go back to share the news. What is one small way you could share hope or faith with someone this week?



Whilst the adults thought about the questions our young people got busy with a craft activity, involving cutting out, gluing and sticking and lots of colouring in. They made 'Road to Emmaus' story walks to unfold and read at home to remind them of the story. Clare.





St Luke's Church Farnworth

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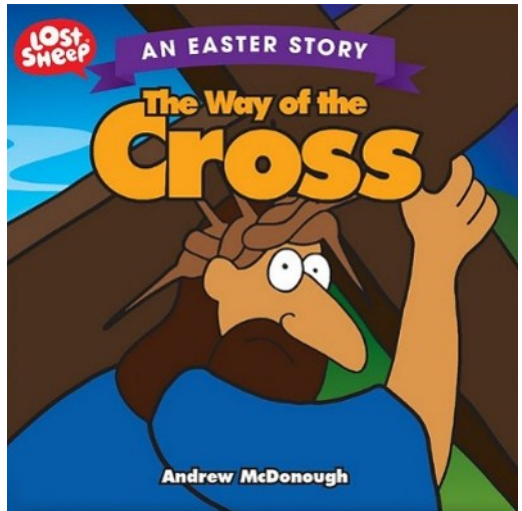


Drop in group for anyone who has experienced loss to talk with people who understand. Second Tuesday of each month in church 11am to 12 noon. Tea/ coffee/biscuits are served.

ALL ARE very WELCOME. June 9th and July 14th.

Good Friday 2026 @ Cronton Mission Church

Usually, the first Friday in the month sees a Café Worship service as part of the school day at Cronton CofE Primary School, but in April the first Friday of the month fell on Good Friday, meaning this was not a usual school day. We still met for worship though, holding ‘a service with a difference’, a mix of school worship and JAM Club rolled into one, attended by some of our school café worship families and also some of our JAM Club families. It was lovely to have the opportunity to worship together, and everyone got to meet the JAM Club puppet Jack.



We heard an Easter Story “The Way of the Cross” and thought about how painful and sad it was for Jesus to have to carry his cross up the hill and then be hung on it to die. We then wondered about why this day is now called ‘GOOD Friday’, considering the events were, on the face of it, NOT good. We thought about how the day commemorates the suffering and death of Jesus Christ on the cross, realising that for Christians, the crucifixion is central to our belief that Jesus’ death brought forgiveness of sins and salvation. So, even though the event itself was tragic, the result was ‘good’, especially when we also looked forward to Easter Sunday and Jesus rising from the dead.

We also thought about the symbolism of the cross and looked at some different cross examples. Even though the cross is linked to a sad story it reminds us of Jesus and how much he loves us. Showing that Jesus was willing to help others, even when it was hard. The way of the cross leading to the hope and happiness at Easter Sunday,

We then made our own crosses, with the older children sewing crosses, whilst the younger children used coloured pens and stickers to decorate their crosses.



We shared some Easter chocolate and hot cross buns, as part of our refreshments.





Jesus And Me (JAM) Club, April

At JAM Club in April, we heard the story of how Jesus had appeared to the disciples but as Thomas wasn't there he didn't believe; only when Jesus appeared to Thomas and Thomas was able to touch his hands did he believe that Jesus was alive. We thought about the importance of believing in Jesus even though we can't see him and for our craft activity we made decorated glasses to remind us about the importance of believing. We ended our time together sharing yummy toast and jam together. Clare.



Café Worship in Cronton School May

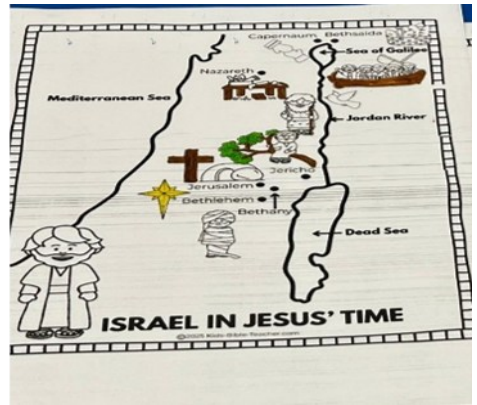
On the first Friday of every month, we meet for worship at Cronton School. The worship is open to the wider congregation, plus any family who attend with children in school can have their children join them for the worship.

We heard the Bible passage when Jesus tells his friends not to be worried because he is going to be with God and will make a place for them. In this passage he uses the memorable words “I am the way, the truth and the life.”

In this passage Jesus was explaining that he is like a map or guide that shows the way to God. Just like a map helps you find the right path when you’re lost, Jesus teaches us how to live, love, and trust God so we can find our way to him. When we follow Jesus—by being kind, forgiving, and trusting God—we’re on the right path.

In our worship we thought about maps, maps of the world, maps of the places Jesus visited, maps of Cronton. We then went on to make our own maps, thinking about where we live and what should be on our maps to help guide us toward God. With paths called “kindness,” “prayer,” or “helping others,” and maybe some obstacles like “being unkind” or “forgetting to listen.” We also thought about how this linked into the school’s ‘Christian Values’ / ‘Fruits of the Spirit’, which are key themes focused on at the school. And we added pictures and symbols to our maps to help remind us of Jesus’ teachings. We decided our maps were a fun way to remember that following Jesus helps guide us every day.





Clare

Eco Day 26

Many thanks to all the people who supported Eco-Day on Saturday the 16th May. With the posters being shared on the socials and by word of mouth we had an excellent turn out despite the less than perfect weather. Many people of all ages braved the weather to follow the nature trail. People learnt interesting facts about birds and checked the new bird boxes.

Inside the church was a hive of activity, stone painting was very busy, and to quote one person the slow stitching was “addictive”. The packed-out Seated Tai Chi relaxed and calmed; people left with bug hotels, beautiful flower arrangement, painted seashells and plants. The standard of the art donated by the Methodist Friday Art Club was excellent. Visitors perused the work and many people found pieces they loved making donations towards the solar panel fund. After all this activity visitors were refreshed with delicious cakes, tea and coffee.

All this came together with a huge amount of work from many volunteers from our community. I am frightened to name them in case I miss out anyone, but I feel truly blessed to have been involved in this event, the relaxed peaceful vibe of so many people coming together, to enjoy, and help raise money, to help with the eventual reduction in the church’s carbon footprint and making it sustainable for future generations, was all I could have hoped for. We will share the final figures when we know. Once again, thank you and I’m looking forward to doing it all again next year.

Sandra Vanezis Eco Officer



Comments on Church whatsapp groups

‘What a lovely day. I really enjoyed it. Many thanks to everyone who helped make it so nice but especially to Sandra and George for all their hard work’.

‘We had a lovely time doing the nature trail. Thanks to all involved in putting it together’.



POETRY BUZZ

organised by Paul Delaney

The talented young poets,
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And for the very first time,
super young musicians too!



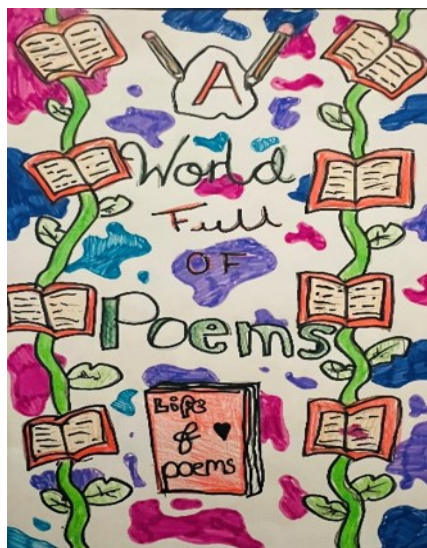
A big thank you to all the talented children who took part in the annual **HALTON** Poetry Buzz event. I can't believe it's the eighth year of 'Poetry Buzz'. However, without the schools saying 'Yes!' we'd have **NO** event so I'd like to thank all the schools for their continued help and support.

What I **LOVE** is so simple – the children are the **STARS** of the show, and we have created an event that they will remember for the rest of their lives, including their own personal poem published in a beautiful book, 'Planting a seed' (coming soon!) and also available on **amazon!** Paul

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Marley Shone Y5

St John Fisher Catholic Primary

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St Bede's Catholic Junior

Paul is a former primary school teacher and founder of 'Poetry Buzz', a professional musician and performance poet, working in schools all over the UK and even Europe! He's conducted workshops in British schools in Berlin, Brussels, Budapest, Prague & Rome and 'Zoom' sessions for schools in Bahamas & Los Angeles, U.S.A. He's also the 'Director of music' at this magical, medieval church and 'Writer & musician in residence' at several schools in Babice, close to Prague, Czech Republic & St Cuthbert's Catholic High School, St Helens.

Café Worship @ Cronton Mission in May

Our Café Worship service brought together all ages to celebrate Ascension Day and reflect on the story of Jesus ascending into heaven from Acts 1:6–14. The morning was filled with worship, discussion, creativity, and fun activities for the children as we explored what the word “ascension” means — quite simply, “going up.”

To help illustrate the story, we used feathers and watched them rise and float on unseen air currents. Although we could not see the wind itself, we could clearly see its effect. This became a powerful way of thinking about the Holy Spirit: invisible, yet always present and active in our lives.

The main talk, titled “What Are You Doing Just Standing There?”, reflected on the moment when the disciples stood gazing into the sky after Jesus ascended. The angels’ question reminded them — and us — that following Jesus is not about standing still, but about continuing his work in the world. We were encouraged to think about how we can be witnesses to Christ through everyday acts of kindness, prayer, welcome, forgiveness, and hope.

We also reflected on how the disciples gathered together in prayer and community as they waited for the gift of the Holy Spirit. It was a reminder that faith is something we share together as a church family, supporting and encouraging one another.



The children thoroughly enjoyed the service, especially the Ascension-themed crafts and creative activities. Through making and creating together, they explored the story of Jesus going up to heaven and learned more about God’s presence with us through the Holy Spirit. They made a paper cup ‘heaven’ into which their coloured in pictures of Jesus could rise up into by pulling on the wool connecting them.

The Café Worship service was a joyful and meaningful time for everyone who attended, combining worship, learning, conversation, and creativity in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

JAM Club May 2026

At our last JAM Club, in May we heard the story of Jesus speaking gently to his disciples as he knew they were feeling a bit sad and worried. He spoke gently to them and said, “If you love me, you will follow the good things I have taught you.” Adding, “And remember—I love *you* very much. I will never leave you on your own.”

His friends wondered how that could be true. Jesus explained, “Even when you can’t see me, God will send His Spirit to be with you. You won’t be alone—God will be with you, helping you, guiding you, and reminding you that you are loved.”

Jesus then went on to say something very special: “Because I live, you will live too. And one day, you will understand that I am with God, and you are with me.” His friends began to feel comforted.

And finally, Jesus said, “Anyone who listens to me and follows my way shows that they love me—and I will love them, and I will be close to them.” (John 14:15–21)

We thought about how Jesus’ friends had learnt something wonderful: that Jesus loved them, and also us, so much that he stayed with them, and is with us now; not always in a way they or we can see, but always in a way they and we can feel in our hearts.

We made heart mobiles to hang up at home to remind us of Jesus’ love for us all and then shared yummy jam and toast.

This was our last JAM Club on a Sunday afternoon at St Luke's Church as going forward JAM Club will be moving to a new time and venue; still on the second Sunday of every month, but at 10:30am at Cronton Mission Church as part of an additional morning service. All the services at Cronton Mission Church are inclusive for families, involving craft in the worship to help our young people meet with God in a way they can understand and engage with whilst also offering worship that is meaningful for the adults allowing them to grow in love and faith. Why not come along and join us? Clare.



Treasurer's Report, 01/01/26 to 30/04/2026

General Fund

Receipts	38,123
Expenses	<u>(48,746)</u>
(Deficit)	<u>(10,623)</u>

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05/05/2026	St Luke & crem	Ian Jason Skelhorne	55
18/05/2026	St Luke & crem	Peter Bazley	78
19/05/2026	St Luke & crem	Thomas Ellis	87
26/05/2026	St Luke & cemetery	Terence Donald Tribbeck	84
27/05/2026	Crem only	Joyce Brown	98
29/05/2026	St Luke & crem	David Lewis	82

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JUNE		JULY	
7	Mr C & Mrs EM Burns	5	Miss H Guthrie
14	Mrs L Taylor	12	Miss E Lewis
21	Mrs P Clifford	19	Mrs C Liptrott
28		26	Mrs R Potter

MOTHERS' UNION

At our meeting on 8th April, our speaker was Helen Owen, talking about HMO, the Helen Margaret Owen Foundation in Namataba, Uganda. Colleen led the meeting, starting with prayers from the MU Service book. We then had a slide presentation from Helen. Helen's story started after she retired. She believed God called to her to go to Uganda and she had the opportunity to go in 2009. The village, on the outskirts of Kampala, had no electricity or medicines. They had nothing at all, but the community cared for each other. Helen was diagnosed with breast cancer and was very grateful for her treatment and care, whereas the people in the village she had visited didn't even have paracetamol.

Five years later she was back in Uganda. The little village school in Kirinya had just a few children, all with smiley faces. The Mums were the teachers and cooks in a makeshift school. This grabbed Helen's heart. She saw potential and possibilities. In 2015 she bought land for the community, using her redundancy money, savings and investment money. Over the years she has organised and paid for houses around the school for the teachers, who live rent free. A primary school and a nursery school were built and from a handful of children then, they now have over 260 pupils, with about a third of them being orphans.

Helen also bought land to grow food. From 2014 to 2019 she mainly worked with Pastor Geoffrey Kanya. In 2019 she set up a small charity, the HMO Foundation, and started securing regular funding. In December 2021 the Foundation gained Registered Charity status. With help from the charity a new classroom block was completed and now has a separate church building.

The community has planted over 600 trees (mainly fruit). They have solar panels and are installing their own water supply. They have built more than a school: they have built a community, unlocking a better future. Helen's talk was inspirational, touching us all with her enthusiasm and her belief in what God is calling her to do. A collection was made and £129 raised. Helen called Colleen the next day to thank her for our kind donation and for having the chance to meet us all.

Wednesday, 15th April, saw our coffee morning in Church. It was a cheerful group who enjoyed each other's company, sharing drinks and a variety of lovely cakes and scones. We also held a picture

quiz and one about famous ladies, ranging from Cleopatra to Mary Sumner, the founder of MU. There were some high scores, so well done, everyone! There was, of course, also a raffle with a selection of wonderful prizes. The morning was a success and raised £114 towards MU funds. Thank you to everyone who provided refreshments, served them, brought prizes – and everyone who came along.

Our May meeting, held during Christian Aid week, provided our annual update on their work. Unfortunately, the representative for the northern area was unable to join us but resources had been provided, including a short video. Colleen was grateful for the help provided by Church Warden Rob in handling the technology! Sue Connolly led the meeting, starting with prayers. Our hymn, “When I needed a neighbour, were you there?”, was very apt for the occasion. Sue, who is a guide at Liverpool Cathedral, brought along a book written by Liz Shields, the Cathedral Chaplain. It is a booklet of reflections, looking at encounters with God in everyday activities, like walking the dog or untangling a ball of wool. Thanks, Sue, for providing a copy for everyone present; it is a thoughtful read.

The video featured a resident of Dagoretti in Nairobi, Kenya. Fridah Moraa is a widowed grandmother who must provide for all the family. Her daily worry was how she was going to feed them all. Her situation began to change when she joined Imarisha Kilimo, an urban farming project run by Christian Aid’s partner, Beacon of Hope. With the provision of training, tools and seeds via the project, Fridah was able to grow vegetables in containers – space is extremely limited in that district. She grows kale, tomatoes and indigenous vegetables, all organic. She can not only feed her family, she can also sell additional produce on her market stall, providing vital income to cover school fees, etc. This urban style of farming has changed her life. Despite the challenges, Fridah’s faith remains strong, giving her strength to keep going. It is so uplifting to see small changes being organised that can make huge differences to people’s lives. Members filled CA envelopes, the contents of which will be added to other donations raised within the East Widnes team.

Future events:

10th June: We are giving our support to the Confirmation Service to be held in Church, including the refreshments.

8th July: Our Summer Party. Tea rota: Joy Miller & Shelagh Wareing.

August: No meeting

Prayer from MU Connect:

Loving God, we thank you for the work you do through Mothers' Union.

Give us the confidence to share our stories with honesty and care.

Help us not to hide the light you have given us but to let it shine, so others may see your love and work.

Amen

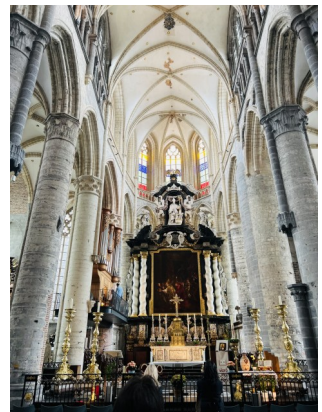
Rita Poole, on behalf of the Committee.

JUNE 2026	St Ambrose	St Luke's	Cronton Mission
Wed 3 rd	10.00 Sanctuary	09.30 HC	
Fri 5 th			14.30 Family Worship
Sun 7 th	10.30 EWT HC Service at St Luke's church		
Wed 10 th	10.00 Sanctuary	09.30 MP	
	19.00 DEANERY CONFIRMATION SERVICE at St Luke's church		
Sun 14 th		08.00 HC	
	10.30 HC	10.30 MP Service @ St Luke's church	
		15.00 NO JAM CLUB	
Wed 17 th	10.00 Sanctuary	09.30 MP	
Sunday 21 st	09.00 HC		
	10.30 MP	10.30 HC	10.30 Café Worship
		12.30 Baptisms	
Wed 24 th	10.00 Sanctuary	09.30 HC	
Sunday 28 th	10.30 HC	10.30 MP	10.30 HC
		18.00 HC	

Wednesday 10th June 19.00 Deanery Confirmation Service
hope you can join us to support the candidates.

JULY 2026	St Ambrose	St Luke's	Cronton Mission
Wed 1 st	10.00 Sanctuary	09.30 HC	
Fri 3 rd			14.30 Family Worship
Sunday 5 th	10.30 EWT SERVICE of HC @ St Ambrose		
Wed 8 th	10.00 Sanctuary	09.30 MP	
Sunday 12 th		08.00 HC	
	10.30 HC	10.30 MP	10.30 JAM CLUB
Wed 15 th	10.00 Sanctuary	09.30 HC	
Sunday 19 th	09.00 HC		
	10.30 MP	10.30 HC	10.30 Café Worship
		12.30 Baptisms	
Wed 22 nd	10.00 Sanctuary	09.30 MP	
Sunday 26 th	10.30 HC	10.30 MP	10.30 HC
		18.00 HC	
Wed 29 th	10.00 Sanctuary	09.30 HC	

Paul, our Director of Music played the organ at St Nicholas church, Ghent in Belgium in May. What a privilege. Well done Paul.



Joyce Marshall

Joyce Marshall worshipped at St Luke's for more years than I care to remember; she and her husband Ken were regulars at the

Sunday evening services, sitting in the same pew week in, week out. Alongside that also she came to our Wednesday mid-week service. Recently she decided that it was time to leave her house on Birchfield Road and move to a place where she felt comfortable and safe. I was able to pay Joyce Marshall a visit in her lovely new home in The Waterside Care Home, Ecclestone Park, St Helens. The images on the Internet do not do it justice. EVERYwhere is so bright and modern and super comfortable, EVERYone was so welcoming and friendly.

This photo shows Joyce in her very spacious ensuite room that overlooks a Private Fishing Lake; in the evening she benefits from beautiful sunsets.

There were two types of homemade cake to choose from, I couldn't resist a piece of the almond and elderflower cake...it was absolutely delicious.

Joyce declined as she'd had already eaten a full breakfast and **could** have a three-course lunch and evening meal if she so chose.



I am pleased to report that she has settled in really well and is obviously extremely happy in her new abode. She asked me to pass on her love to everyone at St Luke's. We hope that Joyce will still come and join us for some of our special events.

Sue



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Early Summer

After a very dull Bank Holiday Monday, the sun eventually came out about 7pm..all just a bit too late! I always find the month of May to be a bit strange. Spring had passed but Summer isn't quite here yet. I also think that it is a shame that the person who wrote this poem chose to remain anonymous. The gentle words sum up beautifully how I feel at this time of year, I love the idea of 'leaning forward' into summer. Sue

Soft light lingers longer now, evening forgetting how
to end.

The air hums with almost-heat, a promise not yet fully
spoken.

Green stretches without apology – hedges unruly,
fields awake,
each leaf catching sunlight like it's the first time.

Windows open. Curtains breathe.

Somewhere, a lawnmower stirs the quiet,
and the scent of cut grass drifts through half-finished
thoughts.

Bees move with quiet purpose, blossoms loosen into
colour,
and the sky, pale and patient, holds everything a little
higher.



It is a season of leaning forward –
not quite summer, not still spring –
where time softens at the edges
and everything feels about to begin.

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