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Who are we? We are a church with a long history...and a church that provides Sunday Services and mid-week services week in, week out! We break bread and pray every week...we walk this Christian pilgrimage, we journey together through the ups and downs, the happy and sad, we laugh together, and we weep together too. We are proud to call ourselves a Church Family.

We are earthed in the Gospel message from John ...***Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.***

Will you welcome, accept and love people in my name? We try our best to look out for one another...and we try our best to look out for the hungry, the poor, the grieving, the lonely, those who are housebound or unwell.

I came across a quote many years ago and it's always stayed with me, and I believe it to be true. **'Churches that become passionate about people outside their walls will be far more effective than churches that are passionate about keeping the few people they have inside their walls. Better still, you will have a healthier church'**.

How do we show our commitment to those outside our church walls?

Will you welcome, accept and love people in my name? Yes, we will!

How do I know that you will? Because your actions show that you already have! This next year we must build on the work that we have already done so that people can see God's love shown in us because we love one another as Jesus commanded. But the more we reach out, the more we will need to search within. We need to learn together,

So, thank You... to you all!

I never take for granted the huge honour and privilege it is to be your Vicar, often I don't feel good enough to be a vicar but somehow by the grace of God he keeps me going.

To all who play a part in the life and service of this church I want to humbly say Thank You – big or small – each act of service or

generous giving builds up this church and makes it a vibrant, serving, holy church. We are blessed with such a beautiful building, but we are also blessed with beautiful souls – the church is the people and I thank God, I thank each of you for being a part of this church.

May we all continue our walk of faith together, following Jesus and showing his love. Amen.

Peter



MONTHLY LUNCH CLUB

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month**

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September**

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After the success of the first lunch there was another in July. As the three stooges, sorry, I mean “cooks” weren’t available on the first Monday of July, we pushed back the date of that month’s lunch to the 13th. Twenty people enjoyed the quiche with salad, followed by trifle or jelly & ice cream, washed down with a glass of refreshing shandy. As it was one of the very hot days of this summer, the cool food and drink were very well received – especially the home-made trifles, made by Pat, Gloria and me. Comments received included:

Everything lovely . . . Very enjoyable . . . Good choice of menu . . .

First class . . . Trifle went down very well! . . .

We are grateful to residents at Bridewell Court and members of the Grosvenor Women’s Club for their support at these events. The next one will be Ploughman’s Lunch followed by Eton Mess. Not bad for £7.50! And that includes a free raffle and a table quiz. There are also a paid raffle and a little brain teaser, for those who would like to join in. Please let Pat, Gloria or me (07946-389162) know if you would like tickets – first come, first served!

Colleen

Lunch clubs in June and July
Thanks to Colleen for the photos.



FAREWELL to DOROTHY

Who will be the Golden Girls now? Sadly, Audrey passed away and Joyce moved to a residential home and now Dorothy Humphreys has moved to a residential home too. She has settled in well, enjoying the company and taking part in the events such as a quiz. The Vicar of Westbrook visits and she has joined a committee.



I have attended St Luke's church for many years with my dear husband Alan. We sat in the same row every Sunday morning and after he passed away, I continued to sit there, and also for the Wednesday morning service, which I enjoyed very much, especially the friendship and fellowship. When I stopped driving, I could only attend church with the help of many kind people who taxied me from home to church and then church to home. I am now living in a lovely new residential care home 'Arplemere', near Gemini. Here it is a delight to be waited on, having my meals prepared and I feel so pampered. I send my love to all who remember me at St Luke's church. Dorothy.

Lots of us remember you Dorothy – your smile, your kind words, always cheerful, you never complained and of course we miss your baking. Enjoy your new adventure. Sandra.

MOTHERS' UNION

We did not have our usual meeting on 10th June as this coincided with the service of Confirmation at St Luke's. As it was our MU night, we decided to support the confirmation service and provide refreshments. 8 people were confirmed, 2 from Cronton Mission and 6 from St Luke's. The confirming bishop was Rt Reverend Ruth Worsley, Interim Bishop of Liverpool. It was a lovely welcoming and inspiring service. Bishop Ruth put everyone at ease with her caring and warm nature. Thank you to MU members for their contributions to the refreshments which were very much welcomed.

July 8th was our social evening. Chris led the meeting with the MU prayer. Well done, Colleen, for managing to get to the meeting after only just arriving back from holiday and bringing the drinks! We had 3 games of bingo, thanks to Chris, who is amazing at providing games for our social evenings. The winners enjoyed very good prizes. We then had a game of "Sorry Bingo." We were all given 3 raffle tickets. If your number was called, you could pick one of the wrapped prizes but could not open it. Once all the prizes had been "won", the numbers continued to be drawn out. The winners this time could take a prize from someone else – as long as they said "sorry"! The prizes changed hands several times, causing a lot of laughter. Once the very last ticket was called, whoever was holding a prize was allowed to open it. This was also a cause for amusement as the prizes included a turkey baster, shower cap, shower brush with washing pompom, a duster and a tin of chocolate sardines, but all disguised to look expensive and intriguing! There were some additional prizes which were won in a more conventional manner. Thanks, Chris; a good time was had by all. We had nibbles on the table and a choice of Buck's Fizz, Prosecco and Nosecco, and finished with cake. Thanks, again, to all who contributed (note from Colleen – especial thanks to Rita who bakes delicious cakes!). Colleen handed out two printed prayers, one from Liverpool Diocese and one from York Province, marking the 150th anniversary of Mothers' Union, along with a tea light. The Prayers are to be said by members throughout the Diocese on every day during August. The date allocated for Widnes Deanery is 31st August. If anyone did not receive their pack, please let Colleen know and she will deliver one.

Future events: No formal meeting in August but please note:

Wednesday, 5th August Afternoon Tea in church, 2.00-4.00 pm. £5.00.

Wednesday, 9th September: Holy Communion and New members Service

7.30 pm We hope to welcome 4 new members! Tea Rota: Committee

Membership fee for 2027 due (£31.00)

Prayer from MU Prayer Diary: Heavenly Father, in this anniversary year, we give thanks for the faith and vision of Mary Sumner. May our hearts be filled with the same eagerness to share Your Gospel with joy, in word and in action. Amen.

Rita Poole, on behalf of the Committee.

Cronton Mission and School

Cronton Mission has continued to hold services on the first Friday, 3rd and 4th Sundays with a drive to making all services family friendly to reflect the needs of our congregation of young families. Two of our congregation, dad and daughter, Phil and Ava, were confirmed by Bishop Ruth at St Luke's church. We are proud of their commitment to God and our church.

I had the privilege of leading one of our June services due to Clare's holiday, and Sue needing to step back temporarily. Clare prepared the children's activity based on Matthew 10:24-39, whilst Sue prepared the sermon. This was poignant and moving, reminding us that we can and must put our trust in God's love and care, and let him generously and graciously take the weight of our burdens.



The service in school continues to grow. The July service had 60 attendees, including members of our Sunday congregation who also attend. Mums, dads and wider family come into school and year 6 assist us in getting the children from each of the classes.

A new service was started at Cronton on the 12th July and will continue monthly on the second Sunday at 10.30. This will be café worship incorporating JAM Club.

We are so proud that Clare was nominated by the Bishop of Liverpool to attend Bishopthorpe Palace in York, as part of the RECOGNISE week to celebrate her work with our children and families. The whole week was powerful and strengthening - with time to pause, reflect and listen to God and understand his plans for us.

School has held their usual activities during the Summer term – Sports day and the Y6 performance, both of which demonstrated our school's commitment to inclusivity, and resilience to the warm weather.

At the end of an academic year, it is refreshing to reflect on all that has been achieved in school. Mrs Willis, our new head is now well established and responded to our need for growth within our nursery setting, and the need of our more vulnerable children.

It is always a privilege to attend the awards assemblies to celebrate the children's achievements. Our vision (I can do everything through God who gives me strength) drives the BEST awards (Believe, Enjoy, Succeed, Together) which rewards children who have lived out our Christian vision and attitudes to learning throughout the year. Jessica won a Succeed award and Ava won the Citizenship award. The MAGIC KEY awards children for their commitment to enriched opportunities for learning both at home and at schools.



Again, this year, we have 2 senior teaching staff retiring in the summer, after over 50 years' service between them. We thank them for their commitment to Cronton and wish them health and happiness for the future.

It is a thanks to God, that our new leadership team are active members of Christian churches, and their faith will drive our school in the years to come.

Debbie Doyle

Phil - I really enjoyed my confirmation at St Luke's Church. It was important to me to talk about my years as a young boy attending Nutgrove Methodist Church, as I got older I didn't have a regular church to attend until finding All Saints with Peter and more recently, our 'school church' at Cronton C of E Primary with both Clare and Peter. Even during the time in my life when I didn't attend church regularly with my family my faith never dwindled. In the confirmation service it was important for me to talk about my faith and how it helps me to reach out to those in need in my own way – which feels right for me, and also how I give thanks every day to God for all I have and who I have in my life. Confirming my faith was important to me and was made extra special by doing it alongside my daughter Ava.

Ava - I really enjoyed getting confirmed as a commitment to my faith and to our church. It was great to have my own family and my church family there to support me on this next step in my belief. It is reassuring to know that as I make the next steps to secondary school I will have God watching over me and guiding me every step of the way.

BAPTISMS

24 th May	Alice Elizabeth Speakman & Isla McCarthy
21 st June	Joel Ellis Wood & Francis William Capes
28 th June	Mikyla Caroline Bason & Conall Richardson
	Esme Celine O'Brien
19 th July	Gabriella Alice Austin & Arabella Elsa Austin
	Allani Elizabeth Austin & Connie May Andrew



Proms and Pimms

I think this posting on Farnworth Community Facebook group sums up the amazing concert by Clockface Miners Heritage Band. 'Fabulous entertainment. The band are a joy to watch. Thank you to all the organisers and volunteers at church who made this a lovely evening. Looking forward to the Christmas concert on 4th December'. 134 people attended the event and £900 was raised for church funds. In addition, the audience donated over £200 to support the band members who have been so successful that they have qualified for the National Championships at the York Barbican in September for which they are trying to raise £5000 so they can attend. The concert was 'Clockface at the Movies' which included music from Lion King, Mary Poppins, Over the Rainbow, ET, James Bond, Shrek, Tokoyo Sunset, Jurassic Park, Beatle Juice and finally Ghost Busters. Liam Wilson played a solo on the largest instrument in the band. Thank you to the ladies who organised the raffle, served Pimms and manned the door. Sandra.



TRIBUTE TO BILL PIERCE



He was so very proud to carry the wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

Bill was a true gentleman he will be missed by many. I met Bill when we were young, he was the brother of my late husband Ken. Bill married Jean in 1962, and Ken and I spent many holidays and fun times with them. Paul and Nicola arrived to complete their family. Jean passed away in 2016, a sad time for Bill. He loved walking and kept himself busy visiting New Brighton and Liverpool. More recently Warrington where he met friends for a coffee and enjoyed their company. Rest in Peace Bill. Lots of Love Doris.

Halton Community Leader of the Year award.



Last night was incredible - I won! I'm both shocked & truly humbled, especially knowing there were so many other amazing women in Halton doing incredible work who equally deserved the honour. Huge thanks to Fortuna Female Society FFS for hosting such a memorable evening, and to my wonderful church & community volunteers who work alongside me. Rev Linda.

Ordinand Helen Lane's move to St Aidan's church



We attended All Saint's with St. Aidan's church at Speke today Sunday 5th July 2026. Vicar Cate and the congregation were all very welcoming. Helen was so pleased to see us all and thanked us for supporting her on her special day... she was being introduced to the congregation as an ordinand in training. Part of the service Helen gave a testament of faith which explained her journey so far. Helen will be at the church for a further 2 years to complete her ordination training. She keeps everyone at St. Luke's in her thoughts and prayers as we do of her. It was so lovely being part of her special day, she is definitely in good hands, and she is so excited for the future. Brenda, Anne, Elaine and Colin.

Dear friends at St Lukes,
I'm really sorry it has taken me so long to get to you. No real excuses, just assignment deadlines, work and life, have gotten in the way. I just want to express my sincere thanks for the way that you welcomed me during my placement with you. You are an incredibly committed group, and I will be always grateful for the witness of your dedication. To the individuals who supported me, listened to me, took the mickey out of me and encouraged me, I offer my sincere gratitude. It was beautiful to see the 'Fab Four' visit in my new placement context the other week, I was very touched, and as it was the day I was formally welcomed, it felt very fitting. Almost as though I was being handed over! Obviously, any of you would be welcome for a visit!!! For now, take care of each other, pray for me as I will for you. With all my love and gratitude for all that you have become to me. Helen xx



Genesis 21:8-21 and Matthew 10:24-29 were the set Lectionary readings I likened these two readings to those we regularly come across on Wednesdays for the midweek Morning Prayer service I lead at St Luke's. They are often long, wordy and complex and definitely test my thinking and I wonder where on earth I will go with my sermon.

The Old Testament passages regularly feature wars and battles, conflicts, oppression and slavery, failed harvests and famine. In the Gospel readings, Jesus often says things that are seen as 'contentious', not quite what we might expect of him. My usual preparation is that, well in advance, I read the passages several times over and then I just let them 'sit with me' for a while before I decide what message I will take from them to share with my church families.

I was delighted to be asked to go and lead a service at Cronton; I was so looking forward to being with them...but just like we none of us knows what is round the corner for us, I found myself in a situation I wish I wasn't in...my husband was really poorly and I was unable to leave him. I needed to be with him 24/7 and at least one of our children stayed with us, consequently, I have had lots of 'thinking time'.

Then, seemingly out of nowhere, the words from Matthew's Gospel came to me and made sense, [or could it actually have been a prompt from the Holy Spirit?]. It was the three times repeated phrases...have no fear, do not fear, do not be afraid...that stood out so clearly. [A Google search brought up that this phrase actually occurs 365 times in the Bible...that's a Quiz fact worth remembering!]

As people of faith, none of us are immune to life's ups and downs, and sometimes in amongst them come very dark

times. The difference for us, as Christians, is that we have hope for brighter days to come, because whatever situations we find ourselves in, God promises to walk that same path with us. Jesus holds out his hand to us...a hand of love, friendship, comfort and gentle reassurance.

Today Jesus is reassuring us of our worth to Him: **"So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."** (Matthew 10:31)

In the Bible passage, Jesus is preparing his disciples for the challenges they will face as they follow Him. He doesn't promise them an easy road. In fact, he tells them there will be opposition and hardship on the way. But alongside these warnings, he gives them a reason to have confidence: God knows them, loves them and watches over them.

To my mind, this verse teaches us important truths. God knows each and every one of us so very well. He is aware of every moment of pure joy and happiness, and conversely, every struggle we face and every tear we shed; he listens and hears every prayer we offer up to him, and because of that we can face everything knowing that we are never, ever alone. Our personal achievements, money in the bank, appearance, or status in life mean nothing to him. Rather, our value, our worth, comes from being loved by God and his many blessings and his graciousness towards us.

For me, those words, **"Do not be afraid,"** ring out loud and clear. When we find ourselves in difficult situations, it's never easy, but we can, and must, put our trust in God's love and care and let him generously and graciously take the weight of our burdens; then, alongside his promise of always walking with us, we can be sure he will lead to brighter days. And aren't we so very blessed knowing that we can do that?

POSTSCRIPT: Many of you will know by now that my husband John lost his earthly hold on life on the 26th of June 2026. We as a family are devastated and even though I am not sure what lies ahead, I know that I am not alone, I am desperately sad, I feel bereft but I'm not afraid for the future and the words from the Gospel, [originally from Isaiah, 43:10], reassure and 'sit well' with me: 'Now this is what

the Lord says: “**Do not be afraid**, because I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.’ AMEN



And to close: I haven't the words to express how hugely grateful my family and I are for **your** understanding, care, love, concern and prayers at this difficult time. Saying, 'Thank you' just isn't enough but the words come from deep within our hearts. Every blessing. Sue x

Farnworth CE Primary School



It has been an extremely busy half term with Sports Days, end of term shows and performances where the pupils have done amazingly well. The recent spell of exceptionally warm weather had its challenges and there were many reminders sent to parents asking them to provide water bottles, suncream and hats for their children.

Some children were involved in a Feast of Choirs Show. Mrs Kidd explained that this show 'exemplified Farnworth as a school that places importance on events where children are allowed to showcase their talents and shine', several Farnworth pupils were chosen to sing solo parts in the show...quite an honour. There has been more success in recent sporting events. The Y5/6 girls finished joint second in the Dynamo Cricket tournament, this secured them a place in the prestigious County Finals...what a fantastic opportunity for those girls.

There was another spectacular end of year Colour Run; the event was really well organised by members of the hard-working PTA and involved lots of planning. The run itself was both exciting and chaotic and the children thoroughly enjoyed becoming rainbows of bright colours.



On July 10th, the World Cup featured in the menu choices in the lunch time menu. There were 'Free Kick battered fish' served with FIFA fries, penalty kick peas, substitute sweetcorn, back of the net baked beans or soccer salad...there were plenty of other options too including World Cup cupcakes.



There have been so many end of term activities, the Y6 pupils performed their legendary end of term production of Ali Baba and the slaves; tickets were like gold dust; the cast had standing ovations from capacity audiences. The Y6's are definitely ready and looking forward to moving to their new High Schools in September. We thank them for being excellent Ambassadors for Farnworth CE School and wish them every success as they move forward.

Sadly, at the end of term, Farnworth will be saying Goodbye to some long-standing members of staff. Mr Jones is retiring and Mr Seed is increasing his time at University of Lancashire where he will be training the next generation of teachers. Several members of staff are changing the hours they work and Mrs Van Emmenis has secured a permanent teaching post in another Halton school. Mrs Whitfield, currently Deputy Head Teacher is leaving as is Mrs Evans, the Senior Business Manager; as a result of these changes, school will be welcoming several new members of staff in September. This is a good opportunity to formally thank each and every staff member and Governor at Farnworth School for their dedication, time, energy and commitment. As a church, we are very much looking forward to building and strengthening our links with the school over the next academic year. School will reopen for pupils on Thursday, September 3rd. Sue

The Licensing of Rev Dr Michelle Goodwin

In a joyful service lead by Bishop Simon [the recently appointed Bishop of Warrington] Rev Dr Michelle Goodwin was installed as the Associate Priest of Widnes St Ambrose alongside Widnes St Mary.



Michelle, who was accompanied by her husband and daughter, has actually been licensed to St Mary's, West Bank, since February 2025. She was accompanied by her husband Daniel and their daughter, Amelia.

Members from both St Luke's and Cronton Mission, joined with clergy, Readers and other Widnes Deanery congregations, to welcome Michelle to St Ambrose and the East Widnes Team. There was ecumenical support

from both the Roman Catholic and Methodist churches, The Mayor of Halton, Cllr Pamela Wallace attended, as did Cllr Tom McInerny who represents the Halton View Ward on the Council. Cllr Wallace actually worships at St Mary's, West Bank, she referred to this in her welcome on behalf of HBC. On behalf of St Luke's and Cronton Mission, I formally offered Michelle our congratulations, support and love as she begins a new phase in her ministry among us.

Bishop Simon preached a very thought-provoking sermon using the words from the Gospel reading, Ephesians 3, 'grounded in love'. He spoke about the importance for prayer....praying to God, thanking him for his goodness, praying for ourselves and the many blessing we receive, and also praying for 'the stranger', those who stand outside our doors, that they might, through us, learn about Jesus and his love for them. He also stressed the importance of the altar; coming together to receive and share what God freely and unconditionally offers to those who approach His table.

Bishop Simon prayed that Michelle's ministry might be **grounded in love**.

BUT isn't that what we would ALL want, pray and hope for in our churches, homes, workplaces and beyond, that the love of God 'surpasses all knowledge'?

I LOVED Bishop's Simon message.

I should like to thank the ladies and gentlemen from St Ambrose for their warm welcome that evening and for the delicious refreshments they served afterwards.

Sue



August 11th

and Sept 8th

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 WELCOME

Visit to Notre Dame

Mothering Sunday is on the 31st of May in France, and I was in Paris to celebrate with my daughters who had booked a private tour of Notre Dame. Notre Dame is one of the most famous cathedrals in the world, construction was started in 1163, and it opened to the public in 1345. It is a marvel of gothic architecture, filled with detail inside and out – the doors are just one example. I particularly love the curling hinges and the way they are like lace set against the wood.



There are three sets of doors on the front of the building – the Portal of the Virgin Mary, the Portal of the Last Judgement and the Portal of St Anne, mother of Mary. Mary's door on the left is only used on special days so as Mothering Sunday is a special day we were allowed to use that door. The triple arch of the doors is sculpted with twenty-one martyrs crowned by angels, among whom are Saint Denis, Saint Vincent, Saint Eustache, Saint Maurice, Saint Laurent, Saint Clement, Saint George and others whose identity is not determined.



A new rooster weathervane (on the left) was fitted to the new spire of Notre Dame. The sculpture is made of golden copper and replaces one that topped the Paris landmark before the fire that tore through it in 2019.

The original weathervane (on the right) was recovered from the debris following the fire and is on display inside the cathedral. The rooster is a national symbol in France.

One of the most well-known features of Notre Dame are her expansive stained-glass windows, including the three magnificent rose windows. The three rose windows, symbols of divine harmony and Parisian artistry survived the fire but were cleaned after the fire. The circular form of a rose window carried its own symbolic weight. The circle, having no beginning and no end, represented eternity and divine perfection. To create the vibrant colour intensity, copious quantities of pigment are needed. These pigments were often rare and expensive, and sourced from distant countries. The striking blues in the windows was created using lapis lazuli, a blue stone mined in Afghanistan.



Collectively, the stained-glass windows cover almost 1,100 square feet (over one hundred thousand square meters) of surface area. The images depicted in the windows show religious scenes and stories. As many parishioners were illiterate at the time of the cathedral's construction, this was a way to explain the Scriptures and stories of the saints to worshippers and exalt the glories of the church. Over time, weathering affected the stained-glass windows, which were never cleaned or restored. As a result, the clarity and vibrancy of the windows faded, and by the 18th century, their bright and colourful effect disappeared. This was also the case before the Cathedral was restored after

the fire. Now all the stained-glass windows sparkle, the tapestries are amazing and the colours everywhere are so vibrant.



We might have missed this modest marker in front of the cathedral if our guide had not pointed it out. Point Zero is a bronze plaque set in the cobblestones in Place du Parvis in front of Notre Dame Cathedral. It marks the centre of Paris and the point from which all distances in France are measured from. After the 2019 fire the rose medallion from 1924 was removed for safekeeping but was too damaged so the mayor decided to take advantage of the skills of the metalworkers of the city to create an identical one, which was laid into the ground on July 1st, 2025.





Notre Dame's famous Grand Organ is the largest organ in France. It is the third largest in the world according to our guide, but I cannot find evidence of that fact! It consists of approximately 8,000 pipes, a console with five keyboards and pedals, and 109 stops. Its largest pipes stand an impressive thirty-two feet tall. Miraculously, the Grand Organ survived the April 2019 fire with minor damages, sustaining water damage in only one pipe out of thousands. However, the Grand Organ needed to be totally restored to remove the lead dust that settled inside it in the aftermath of the fire. Once the restoration work on the organ was complete, it took about six months to tune and harmonize the Grand Organ before it was played. Tuning is a very precise process, as the organ is tuned to the specific acoustic environment of the Cathedral. The Grand organ now sounds better because the cathedral's walls are free of the dust that settled and accumulated over time.

There are thirteen church bells in the cathedral – ten main bells are mounted in the two main bell towers and three smaller bells in the sanctuary. There were other bells in the spire, but these were destroyed in the fire in 2019. For most of the cathedral's history, the bells have been primarily used as a striking clock, to call to prayer and to announce and participate in Divine Offices and special services. They have also sometimes been used to commemorate historic events. As such they have become a familiar part of life in Paris, where they are known as "the cathedral's voice." The largest, oldest, and most well-known of the bells is the bourdon Emmanuel, which was cast in 1686. Emmanuel is considered by campanologists as one of Europe's finest bells and was designated a national historic landmark in 1944 when it rang during the liberation of Paris.

In the words of our guide 'Now Notre Dame is not merely a witness to the past; it is an active participant in the present. Its restoration is not only an act of conservation it is a response to a world in search of meaning and continuity. A wounded cathedral, healed by thousands of hands, has become a symbol of renewed hope'. What a wonderful statement. Sandra

CONFIRMATION



Summer's testimony. Today is a very special day for me as I take the next step in my faith journey through Confirmation. I was baptised here at St Luke's as a baby, and ever since I was three years old, I have attended Sunday Club at St Luke's Church. The church has been a big part of my life for as long as I can remember, helping me to learn about Jesus, grow in my faith, and feel part of a loving church family.

I attend Farnworth Primary School, where I am a Vision Ambassador. In this role, I try to follow Jesus' example by being kind, caring, loving and respectful to everyone. Through school, I also attend church events throughout the year, including Harvest, Christmas and Easter celebrations, which have helped me continue to grow in my faith. I have been proud to serve as an ambassador for St Luke's, and in 2025 I was honoured to be crowned Rose Queen. This was a special moment for me and another way of representing the church that has given me so much.

Today I want to be confirmed because I am ready to make for myself the promises that were made on my behalf when I was baptised. My parents and my godparents, Lucy, Richard and Jen, promised to help me follow Jesus, and now I am ready to make that commitment for myself and to follow Jesus for the rest of my life.

I have already been admitted to Communion before Confirmation and have been able to receive the bread. I now feel ready to take the next step in my faith journey and receive the wine as well. It makes today even more special

because I am being confirmed alongside my dad. Sharing this important moment together is something I will always remember.

Finally, I would like to say a special thank you to Lynn Keeling and Sue Smither for all their teaching, guidance, friendship and encouragement over the years. Since I was a little girl, they have helped me to grow in my faith, and I am very grateful for everything they have done for me.

Thank you to my family and everybody here today for supporting me as I take this important step in my journey with Christ.

Adam's testimony. This is the first time I've ever stood up to say something like this in public, so I am a little bit nervous. But I also feel that it is important for me to do it. As I'm sure you're all aware, I was confirmed here, in church, by the Bishop of Liverpool, Ruth. Before the confirmation service, Sue asked me if I would speak about why I wanted to be confirmed, but at the time I just didn't feel confident enough to stand up and speak in front of everyone there. So that's why I wanted to do it now - here on a Wednesday morning, in front of the people who have come to mean so much to me since I joined St Luke's and finding my faith in God about 16 months ago.

When I was asked the question – "Why I wanted to be confirmed?" I actually found it a really tough question. In my head, I took it as, "Am I good enough to be confirmed?" I knew I wanted to follow God. I knew I wanted to trust in what I hear from Him. I knew I wanted to keep walking this path. But there were still a few questions in my mind: Like

Am I good enough? Am I doing the right thing to be confirmed? Could I be doing better? And mostly - Do I fit in?

It felt a bit like joining a new sports team when I was younger. I might have really enjoyed playing for the team, and I might have really wanted to be part of it, but then I started asking myself questions. Am I good enough? Are the other players better than me? Do I fit in?

Do I even belong here? And for a while, I didn't really know the answer. But Bishop Ruth said something at the Confirmation service that made me instantly see things differently. She said that it wasn't me who decided to join the church, or even me who decided to step through the door that first time. It was God who called me by name. And I followed Him here. That meant a lot to me, because it helped me understand that being confirmed was not about proving I was good enough. It was about saying yes to God. It was about trusting that He had already called me, already welcomed me, and already had a place for me.

I can honestly say I am a completely different person from the one who walked into this church 16 months ago - mentally, spiritually, and obviously physically. And I know now that if I put my trust in the Lord, I will be okay. I am healthy. I have a beautiful family. I have a successful business. And now I have a church family that means the world to me. I also know that the Lord won't just give me

all these things for free. I have to play my part too - to work hard, to keep showing up, to make the right choices, and to trust Him along the way. But I know that when I do that, He will guide me and give me the strength I need. Being confirmed was a very special moment for me. It was me saying yes to God, yes to following Jesus, and yes to continuing this journey of faith. There's a verse I found not long after I first started coming to church, and it has meant so much to me ever since. I read it most days, and it reminds me to be patient, to trust God's timing, and to believe that He is working even when I cannot see it.

Isaiah 60:22 says, "When the time is right, I, the Lord, will make it happen." Sixteen months ago, I could never have imagined standing here, speaking about my faith, being confirmed, and feeling part of a church family. But looking back now, I can see that God was working, in His time, not mine. When the time was right, He called me. When the time was right, He brought me through the doors of this church. And when the time was right, He helped me to say yes. And that is why I wanted to be confirmed, because I believe God called me here, I believe He has been working in my life, and I wanted to say yes properly, with faith, and an open heart.

I'd quickly like to say a massive thank you to Sue and Peter. You have both been so welcoming, encouraging, and kind to me, and it has meant more than you probably realize. And to everyone else here at St Luke's, thank you. I wish I could mention every single one of you by name, but we would be here for quite a while. Please know that every smile, every conversation, every kind word, and every bit of encouragement has helped me feel welcome and at home here. You have all played a part in my journey so far, and I am truly grateful.

So, thank you, to God, to Jesus and to all of you for being part of this journey with me. Amen.

June Holy Communion with Café Worship - A Cup of Kindness at Cronton Mission Church

Our June Café Worship with Holy Communion brought together people of all ages to reflect on Jesus' words in Matthew 10:42: *"Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones... will certainly not lose their reward."*

The service explored how the smallest acts of kindness and welcome can make a real difference. Through readings, prayers, hymns and Holy Communion, we were reminded that when we welcome others, we welcome Christ himself, and that following Jesus is often expressed in simple, everyday acts of love.

The children's craft helped bring this message to life. Each child decorated their own 'Cup of Kindness' before filling it with strips of paper suggesting kind things to do each day—smiling at someone, saying hello, helping at home, sharing, listening to a friend or praying for someone. They took their cups

home with the challenge of choosing one act of kindness each day during the week.

The café-style setting gave everyone the opportunity to share conversation and hospitality, reminding us that a warm welcome, a listening ear or even a simple cup of tea can reflect God's love.

May we all continue to be people who welcome others with generous hearts, remembering that no act of kindness is too small when it is offered in Jesus' name. Clare



JULY JAM Club 'Grows' at Cronton Mission Church in July

Our recent Jesus And Me (JAM) Club was a joyful all-age service, bringing together children, families and the wider church family to explore Jesus' Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23).

The children heard the simple story of a farmer scattering seed, with the seed falling on four different types of ground. Together we discovered that God generously sows his love and his word for everyone, but we are called to be the 'good soil' where that seed can take root, grow and produce a harvest in our lives.

The children certainly enjoyed getting messy as they decorated story plates using glue and a variety of seeds to create their own reminder of the parable. Meanwhile, the adults spent time reading the full Bible passage together and discussing some reflection questions about what it means to receive God's word and allow it to grow. It was wonderful to see everyone engaged, with activities and conversations designed for every age.

We are delighted that JAM Club is now permanently based at Cronton Mission Church, meeting on the second Sunday of each month at 10.30am. Whether

you're a child, parent, grandparent or simply young at heart, there is something for everyone.

The JAM worship team—and, of course, Jack the Puppet—would love to welcome you next month. Why not come along and see what JAM Club is all about? Clare



RECOGNISE Week – Celebrating Ministry with Children, Young People and Families

The week of 6–12 July was RECOGNISE Week, a national initiative dedicated to celebrating and giving thanks for everyone involved in ministry with children, young people and their families. It is an opportunity to shine a light on the faithful service of staff and volunteers who nurture the faith of the next

generation and support them in their journey with Christ. Across the Diocese of Liverpool, the week was marked with special events, prayer and encouragement, recognising the vital role that children's, youth and families' ministry plays in the life of our churches and communities.

The week for me began on Monday 6th July with a very special invitation to Bishophthorpe Palace in York, where I joined three other women from the Diocese of Liverpool, together with representatives from dioceses across the North of England. Having been nominated as part of RECOGNISE Week, it was a privilege to spend the afternoon with the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, enjoying a cream tea and hearing inspiring talks from Ele Mumford and Ben Lindsay. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the importance of ministry with children and young people, to meet others engaged in this work and to be encouraged in our shared calling. Clare.



On Tuesday I joined the Diocese of Liverpool's Youth, Children's and Families Team for one of a series of RECOGNISE prayer walks taking place across the diocese. These walks were designed to celebrate and give thanks for the many volunteers who faithfully serve children and young people, while praying for the churches and communities along the route.

It was a pleasure to welcome the team to St Luke's Church, where we gathered for prayer before setting off. Together we walked the 2.8-mile route from the Widnes Deanery into the St Helens Deanery, finishing at St Ann's Church, Rainhill. It was a powerful and uplifting experience, combining fellowship, prayer and the chance to reflect on the needs of the communities we passed through—along with an opportunity to get in plenty of steps for the day! Starting at St Luke's Church, in Widnes Deanery. Stopping to pray at the border between deaneries, at Rainhill Stoops Roundabout. Finishing at St Ann's Church, in St Helens Deanery.



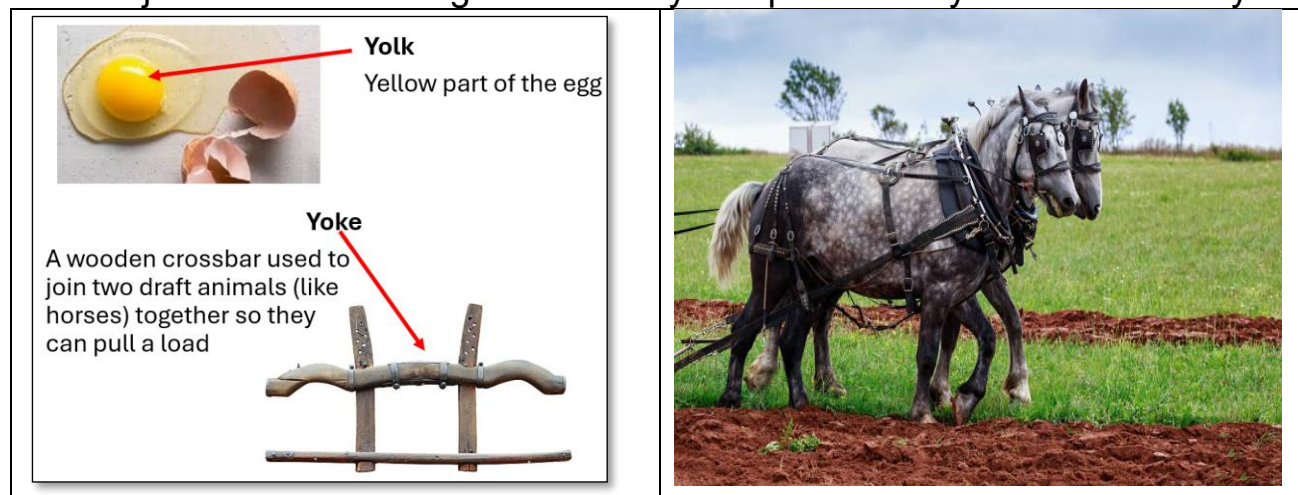
The week concluded with a retreat at the beautiful Ince Benet, where fourteen of us involved in children, young people and family's ministry from across the Diocese gathered to pause, pray and listen to God. Guided by reflections from 'Listening Into Your Life' by Julia Maurant, we spent time discerning God's direction for our ministry, using the points of the compass as a framework for reflection. It was a valuable opportunity to step away from the busyness of ministry, to be refreshed spiritually and to seek God's guidance for the future. RECOGNISE Week was a wonderful reminder that none of us serves alone. It was a week of encouragement, gratitude and fellowship, celebrating the countless people who faithfully invest in the lives of children, young people and families. I returned feeling refreshed, inspired and thankful to be part of this ministry, and grateful for the support and prayers of our own church family.

July School Café Worship – Take My Yoke Upon You Cronton CofE School

Sadly, this was our last one for this academic year but as usual it was wonderfully well attended, with almost 60 children, parents and carers joining us to worship together. It was hectic but fun and I can't wait for our next worship in school in September!

This service was based on Jesus' words in Matthew 11:28–30: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest... Take my yoke upon you... for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." We began by asking if there was anything unusual in the Bible reading. It didn't take long before someone spotted the word "*yoke*"—or was it "*yolk*"?

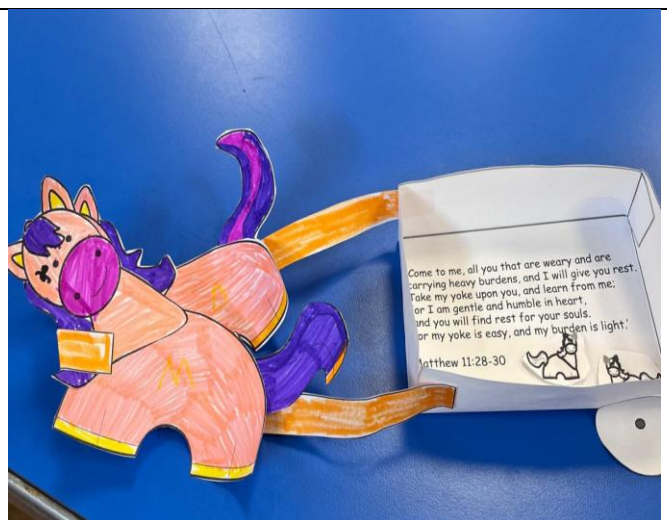
The children thought it was very funny that Jesus might be talking about the yellow part of an egg! This led to a great discussion about the difference between a yolk and a yoke, and we discovered that a yoke is a wooden beam used to join two animals together so they can pull a heavy load more easily.



This simple image helped us explore Jesus' promise that we do not have to carry life's burdens on our own. Whether our worries are about school, friendships, family or something else, Jesus invites us to share them with him. When we allow him to walk alongside us, the load becomes much lighter.



To help reinforce this message, everyone made a paper horse and cart complete with a yoke. The cart can be used at home as a reminder to pray, with children encouraged to write or draw their worries on small pieces of paper and place them in the cart as a way of offering their burdens to Jesus. It was a joyful and thoughtful worship, filled with conversation, creativity and prayer. We hope that each family left encouraged by the reminder that, whatever challenges we face, we never have to face them alone. Jesus is always ready to walk beside us and help carry our burdens. Clare.



	FLOWER ROTA		
	AUGUST		SEPTEMBER
2	Mrs Y Horabin	6	Mr & Mrs R Critchley
9	Mr R Freeman	13	Mrs B Taylor
16	Mrs M Campbell	20	Mrs S Smither
23	Mrs P Johnson	27	Mrs S Tuson
30	Lacey family		

Thank you to the flower arrangers and to the people who contribute to the cost of flowers for each service. It is much appreciated by the PCC members.

Café Worship @ Cronton Mission in July

Our Café Worship in July explored The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13:24–30), continuing our journey through Jesus' parables about farming and growth. The week before, at JAM Club, we had been thinking about the Parable of the Sower, where Jesus asked us to think about the condition of the 'soil' of our hearts and whether we are open to God's word. And in this service, we shifted the focus from the soil to what is growing in the field.

In the parable, a farmer discovers that an enemy has sown weeds among the wheat. His servants are eager to pull the weeds up immediately, but the farmer wisely tells them to wait until harvest. The roots of the wheat and weeds are intertwined, and pulling up the weeds too soon could damage the healthy crop. Jesus uses this story to remind us that we live in a world where good and evil exist side by side. We all long for wrongs to be put right, but God sees the whole picture in a way that we cannot. Rather than spending our time judging others or trying to separate the 'good' from the 'bad', Jesus calls us to remain faithful, keep growing in our own faith, and trust God, the loving farmer, who knows his field and whose justice will come in his perfect time.

The parable also reminds us of God's wonderful patience and mercy. His patience is not weakness or inaction, but an opportunity for people to turn back to him. While we wait, our calling is simple: to stay rooted in Christ, encourage one another, pray, read God's word and continue growing, even when life around us feels messy.

The children helped bring this message to life with a thoughtful craft activity. They decorated paper plates by drawing weeds across the field before placing a hand-shaped cut-out over the top. They coloured the hand and then added ears of wheat to each finger, finally adding the words "Jesus helps us grow."

They created a beautiful image of their hands growing and flourishing despite the weeds that reminded us all that, whatever challenges, worries or difficulties we face, Jesus is with us, helping our faith to deepen and flourish.

As always, our Café Worship included time for adult conversation and reflection too. Together we considered where we see 'wheat and weeds' growing side by side in our world today, why patience can be so difficult, and what helps us keep growing in faith even when life isn't perfect.

It was a wonderful morning of worship, learning, creativity and fellowship, reminding us of all that although weeds may be part of life, God's goodness will have the final word.



MARY MAGDALENE

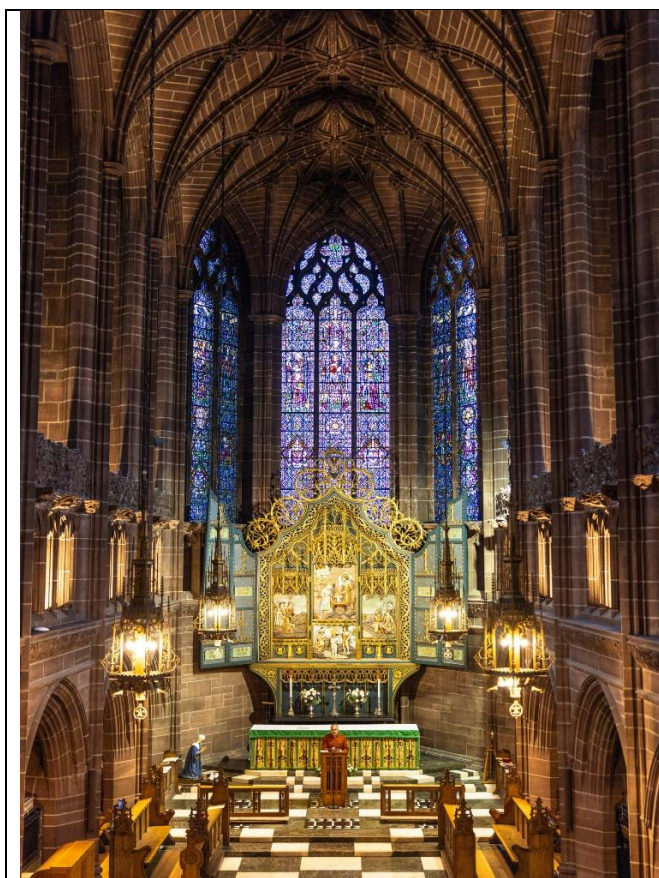
I love the story of Mary Magdalene.....hurting, broken and healed by Jesus. Her Feast Day is celebrated on July 29th, I wrote a Reflection on her for the Wardens to deliver at one of our midweek services.

I found this beautiful poem and decided to share it with you. It is titled 'The Resilient Rose', the poet is unknown.

Mary, resilient rose, blooming amidst the thorns,
your journey, a testament to the power of transformation.

From sinner to saint, from darkness to dawn,
your petals unfurled, revealing the promise within.
In your resilience, we find strength, in your bloom, beauty,
for you are the rose that whispers of redemption,
a symbol of grace, a beacon of hope,
the resilient rose, forever in our hearts.

SERVICE FOR FOUNDATION GOVERNORS



It is both an honour and a great privilege that Ann Mather and I serve as FOUNDATION Governors at Farnworth CE School. We have been invited to attend the first ever GOVERNOR SERVICE that will be held in the Lady Chapel at the Cathedral on Sept 28th. Bishop Simon will preach. This will be an opportunity for all Liverpool Diocese Church School Foundation Governors to come together at the start of the new academic year; we will pray for our schools and be commissioned into this vital ministry. There will be an opportunity to 'network over refreshments' after the service. Sue



THANK YOU



Recently our gorgeous Sunday Club children spent some time in St Luke's churchyard with Lynn and Lindsey; they were enjoying nature and our beautiful world. They made fantastic pictures of floral crosses. Alexis chose to make one for me! Thank you, Alexis, lots of people who were visiting me said how fantastic it was. It was a very special thoughtful gift and I loved it.

Sue xx

SERVICE ROTA	AUGUST		
	St Ambrose	St Luke's	Cronton Mission
Sun 2 nd	10.30 MP	10.30 Joint HC by Ext at St Luke's church	
Wed 5 th	10am Sanctuary	09.30 MP	
Sun 9 th	10.30 HC by Ext	08.00 HC	
		10.30 MP	10.30 JAM club
Wed 12 th	10am Sanctuary	09.30 MP	
Sunday 16 th	09.00 HC		
	10.30 HC by Ext	10.30 HC	10.30 Café Worship
Wed 19 th	10am Sanctuary	09.30 HC	
Sunday 23 rd	10.30 MP	10.30 Joint MP at St Luke's church	
		NO 18.00 HC	
Wed 26 th	10am Sanctuary	09.30 MP	
Sunday 30 th	10.30 MP	10.30 HC	

SERVICE Rota	SEPTEMBER		
	St Ambrose	St Luke's	Cronton Mission
Wed 2 nd		09.30 HC	
Fri 4 th			14.30 Family worship in School
Sunday 6 th	10.30 EWT SERVICE of HC at St. Ambrose church		
Wed 9 th	10am Sanctuary	09.30 MP	
Sunday 13 th		08.00 HC	
	10.30 HC	10.30 MP	10.30 Jam club
Wed 16 th	10am Sanctuary	09.30 HC	
Sunday 20 th	09.00 HC		
	10.30 MP	10.30 HC	10.30 Café Worship
		12.30 Baptisms	
Wed 23 rd	10am Sanctuary	09.30 MP	
Sunday 27 th	10.30 HC	10.30 MP	10.30 HC
		18.00 HC	
Wed 30 th	10am Sanctuary	09.30 HC	

Fabric Report

Having just completed our last project the addition of toilets and kitchen facilities, which have been a huge benefit to the church and the congregation in particular, we now look towards completing the last major renovation of this ancient church which should see it through to the next millennium.

In the next few weeks, we will be launching a Roof Appeal to raise the finances required for the repair of the Nave and Bold Chapel roofs. This type of work usually attracts large grants because it is sustaining ancient buildings, such as 12C churches and buildings for the future. At the moment we are in the process of applying for a faculty or a Repair permission which would omit organisations such as the Victorian Society, who require us to submit reasons for the work to commence and to make sure we will not deface the building.

This process would in most cases delay work until an agreement is reached.

We are also applying for a Grant to install solar panels on the South facing roof of the Chancel and Cuerdley Chapels. For this we will apply for ECO Grants from the Diocese and another Company who are also offering ECO Grants, but it will still require us to make a contribution to the cost. When completed this should reduce our Electricity bill which will help us to reduce our running costs. We are working closely with Halton Borough Council who are searching for possible grant options for this and the major roof work.

With regard to the major work, we need to replace the membrane in both of the roofs as the membrane isn't breathing therefore the condensation cannot escape which could cause immense damage to the wooden structure of the roof. We are at present doing some exploratory work to ascertain if there are any surprises we might encounter when the work begins. It will be necessary to erect a scaffolding roof over the part of the church where work will commence to protect the interior which may have an effect on church services.

An early cost has been estimated which amounts to £350,000 plus VAT. The main problem will be the VAT element. As grants will hopefully cover the main costs but in the past, we have been able to claim back the VAT through the Church Care Society but the Government have seen fit to end this and keep the money which would amount to £70,000 and therefore this would be an additional cost to find. Hopefully grants will cover a major part of the cost, but we will raise the rest. To help with this we would ask you to join the Friends of Farnworth Church group and become an ambassador to keep this Ancient Building in existence for another 1,000 years. Other ways of raising funds are being looked at but it is your support is needed to achieve this goal. Barry Horabin

Please join us in leaving a footprint in the history of this building. Remember our motto.

THE PAST IS OUR INHERITANCE, THE FUTURE OUR RESPONSIBILITY

CRONTON COLLEGE CONCERT



On Thursday 18th June, we were delighted to welcome the students from the 6th form college performing arts department, for their summer concert, together with Matt and Lucy, plus Adam the tec guy, looking after the backup music. Lucy brought along some of her music students, who were doing their performance as part of their exams. Some very talented young people. The production opened with the students entertaining us with a selection of some of the songs from the stage show “Les Misérables” which was being performed at the college the following week. The song “Master of the House” was one of the songs and it went down well with our audience. I was privileged to see the production at the college, and it was amazing, very professional, especially considering that it is an extra curriculum activity that they do alongside their main exam subjects. This year, Matt also asked the pupils if they would like to sing their favourite songs, resulting in a variety of beautiful solos of all different types of music.

We are very privileged that the college continues the relationship with the church and their students come twice a year to support our fundraising. A total of £400 was raised on the night. Yvonne

Sunday Club.

In the week leading up to the summer break we talked about the passage in the Bible from Matthew 10: 24-39.

In Matthew 10:24-39 teaches children about courage and God's love. Jesus tells kids that even when doing the right thing is hard or scary, they never need to fear. God knows them so perfectly that He even has every single hair on their head counted! Jesus points out that God knows when a tiny little bird falls to the ground. If God cares for a small bird, He cares so much more for you. People might sometimes be mean or not understand why you follow Jesus.

Jesus wants us to love Him more than anything else in the world. When we choose to follow His way of kindness and love, we learn what true life is really all about. We then did a fun activity where we all tried to count the hairs on each others' heads which we realised was impossible to count them. So, it taught us that God must love us so much because He knows exactly how many hairs are on our heads.



We then went outside to look at God's beautiful world and the fabulous things He has created. The children had designed vases on cardboard and then poked holes randomly at the top of the vases. Once outside they picked lots of wildflowers and grasses from our amazing churchyard. They each created the most beautiful flower pictures.

I can't believe it's the end of another school year of Sunday Club; the time goes so fast. So that means a summer break away from Sunday Club till September. And as always, the children have been amazing.

I'm very grateful to Lindsay, for her unstinting support and friendship, I couldn't do it without her. Thank you so much Lindsay you are a star.

We finished off our Sunday Club year as always with our annual Teddy Bears picnic and Attendance Awards.



The children loved the picnic, but I think they enjoyed throwing their Teddies in the air using the parachute more, there was squeals of delight every time one fell off. We had bubble wands too which they loved and played traditional games like musical chairs. Lots of fun had by all.

Then we went into church in time for the children to receive their Annual Attendance Award of a book to each child. Mrs Smither had kindly agreed to present them to the children as she always has for many years. The fact she was there this year was particularly poignant and I'm very grateful to her and send her much love.

Then I got a lovely surprise as Summer presented me with a beautiful bouquet of flowers on behalf of Sunday Club. It was a lovely surprise and was very kind of them and the children. Thank you once again, but like I always say being with these children is a privilege and a gift, they are all super stars. Hope everyone has a great summer, take care. Lynn x



All aboard??

I just wonder where this little boat has sailed to in its lifetime?

In a pensive mood during an early morning walk with my son and his King Charles Spaniel Lola along the banks of the canal near The Ferry Inn, I spotted this absolute wreck of a boat...but there was such beauty and serenity in its broken form and stillness.



And then I spotted this little family of ducks, all snuggled up safely with their parents on one of the broken timbers. Wherever you look in nature there is potential, there in the new life that takes advantage wherever it can. This was definitely a well-chosen 'DES RES' for this little family. Sue x



Treasurers Report July

At the end of December 2025, after the outstanding Parish Share for 2025 was paid to the Diocese, making a clean slate to start with in January. The receipts for the first 6 months of 2026 in the general fund amounted to £51,957 plus the cash and cheques of £2872 banked on 10/07/26, totalling £54,829. The expenditure was £65,686, making a deficit of £10,857. The expenditure does include 5 months Parish Share of £31,908, which in part was paid from surplus funds from 2025. However, I have not as yet been able to pay the June parish share due to lack of funds. The bank balance available for the general fund at the end of June, from the Bank and Cash summary was only £7,048.98, the monthly parish share is £6,379.89. Even when adding the cash and cheques for June of £2872, it would leave very little surplus funds for any emergency expenditure. Hopefully I will be able to pay this in July plus the July payment too, as we have the rent income this month from Bold nursery of £4,360. The regular income from Parish Giving scheme, Standing Orders, Rental Investments, Funerals etc. is around £8,000 per month and covers the regular expenditure, Insurances, Utilities, Salaries, Clergy expenses etc. of £5,000, but this only leaves around £3,000 a month towards Parish share. Any surplus funds from 2025 have now been used. Please keep supporting the various fundraising events in the year. Yvonne Horabin

St Luke's Harvest Festival Service 10.30am service



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