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The Minstry of Sport



Holy Trinity We got slate...



Women's World Day of Prayer

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Old Boys' Free Grammar School Mrs Joan Baker	824384	
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Services

Worship at Holy Trinity

One Sunday in each month will be 'Morning Praise' which is not a communion service.

Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion

First Friday Worship

The first Friday of each month at Holy Trinity at 7.00pm – followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Details of services are displayed on the outside notice board, and are given in The Link each Sunday.

Worship at St Mark's Nether Kellet

Sundays9.00amFirst SundayHoly Communion - Common WorshipSecond SundayMorning PrayerThird SundayHoly Communion - Book of Common PrayerFourth SundayMorning PrayerFifth SundayMorning Prayer

Worship at Christ Church United Reformed Church

10.00am Worship Group
Flowers from Flower Fund
10.00 am Rev G Barton
Flowers from Flower Fund
10.00am Rev D Atkinson
Flowers from G and A Shaw
10.00 am Rev B Willis (Mothers' Day)
Flowers from E Towers
10.00 am Rev G Lear
Flowers from Flower Fund

Christ Church United Reformed Church

Mr G Shaw - Treasurer	67644
Miss A Shaw - Secretary	67644

During the vacancy the Revd David Greenwood will be our pastoral link person. If anyone needs a minister please contact the Church Secretary

Mass times at St. Mary of The Angels

Sundays 9.00am Monday and Friday 10.00am See notice board by the Church gate for variations

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Ministry Message

We have just come to the end of our Vision Course, where a very enthusiastic group has been meeting on Saturday mornings at the Old Boys' Grammar School for 5 sessions, using the programme and resources for Vision 2026. Each week the group has numbered between 14 and 17 members, and each session has been led by a different person - so thanks to all those who have attended, those who have prepared and led the sessions - not forgetting those who made sure that we all enjoyed the bacon buns and coffee at the start of each session. So, what next? The session leaders will now have a plenary session, to summarise all the recommendations before the PCC meets with Revd David Banbury, the Parish Mission Support Leader, who will help us to develop our Mission Action Plan. That will help us to decide the direction we want to go in, where we want to get to, and how we can get there.

Our Junior Church members have also been involved in the Vision course. Each Sunday they have come into church to show us what they have been doing, starting with a huge model of the church to show us what they thought a healthy church should look like. And they have put the scaffolding inside the church to very good use to display their work, to show us the work of the church in the community, and their own gifts and talents. The leaders have worked very hard to prepare suitable activities which link in with the Diocesan Vision 2026 programme, which looked at :

- Healthy Churches
- Transforming Communities
- Making Disciples
- Being witnesses
- Growing leaders

The children, of course, are the future of the church, and so we are very grateful to our Junior Church leaders for all the work they do to help our children as they start out on their faith journeys.

But it was animals rather than children at the centre of our Pet Service on February 19th.



A collection of 'All things bright and beautiful' included pets of various shapes and sizes; variety of dogs, a cat and a kitten, a guinea pig, a turtle, a hamster and a rabbit and a couple of curious spiders who emerged from the woodwork. Thanks to all those owners who brought their pets along. The temporary plastic sheeting provided some insurance against and 'little accidents', but the pets (and their owners!) were very well behaved. The Pet Service is one of our Morning Praise services, where we try to offer a service which is not a Holy Communion service at 10.30am once a month. The next will be on Mothering Sunday, March 26th, when the service will be led by pupils from Bolton-le-Sands CE Primary School.

With Lent approaching, we will be running a series of three Lent Study Evenings at 7.30pm in the OBGS on Tuesday 21st and Tuesday 28th March, and Tuesday 4th April. Everyone is welcome - please do come along to as many of these sessions as you can. As part of our ministry with the other churches in the village, we will be involved with the hosting of a Passover Meal on Palm Sunday, 9th April, at St Mary's Church Hall.



At one of our 'Vision Saturday' meetings, Mary Bunting offered this poem to help us to think about our own faith journeys, and our relationship with Jesus through prayer.

When I let life's busy clamour Consume all my time and will, When the spiral of my actions Drains my peace and strength is nil, Christ before me Christ around me Lord today let me be still. Jesus of the quiet whisper, Calm my mind and quell my fear. As your peace flows through my being Speak now Lord, and let me hear. Christ before me Christ around me Jesus in my life appear. Lord of hope and new beginnings, Change my focus towards you. Turning from all that distracts me, let me to your life be true Christ before me Christ around me Lord today my life renew.

Mary Bunting - Over Wyresdale 28.02.04





The Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 30th April 12 noon

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is an important meeting for the whole church. It is the meeting at which we receive reports on all aspects of the church's work during the previous year, including the annual accounts. We will also hear from Revd Nancy about our vision for the future. The meeting elects members of the PCC and the Deanery Synod, and members of the congregation are able to ask questions and make suggestions for the PCC to consider. The meeting is open to everyone on the electoral roll, so we need to be sure that the electoral roll is up to date. If you are not already on the electoral roll, and would like to be, please see one of the Wardens or any of the duty team for an application form. To be on the electoral roll you should be :

- Baptised, and at least 16 years of age.
- Living in the parish, or have worshipped regularly at the church, for at least 6 months.
- A lay person (not ordained).

The electoral roll is fully revised every 6 years. If you are in any doubt about whether you are on the roll, please check with one of the Wardens or with Mrs Sue Daunt, who is the Elector Roll Officer for Holy Trinity.

Next month's Messenger will include more details of the agenda and the arrangements for the meeting.

David Bateman and Peter John Davies Church Wardens





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To book a Christening, please come along after the Sunday morning service at Holy Trinity between 11.45 and 12.15 and see one of our Christening Ministry Team, who will be able to assist you. Email the Christening Enquiry line - holytrinitychristenings@gmail.com

All enquiries about Weddings and Funerals should be made to Revd Nancy Goodrich (01524 823106) in the first instance.

Further details are available on our website : www.bolton-le-sands.org.uk

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Raise the Roof, Open the Door. New Slates on Chancel Roof:

The contractors Lloyd and Smith continue to make good progress with the team fully established on site. At the time of writing this article we are in week 8 of a 26 week contract, which is due for completion on 23rd June 2017.

Externally

Slates have been removed from the chancel, Chapel, Nave North and North Aisle South roof areas. Temporary roof coverings have been applied and the new slates have been delivered. The old slates have been sold to a local builder. A small section of the stone tracery in the chancel window will require repair and some of the stained glass has also buckled. The repair will involve removal of the corroded window guard and may offer an opportunity to have the stained glass window professionally cleaned.

Internally

North Aisle: Sections of the ceiling plaster have been removed revealing areas of rot in the wall plate, as expected. Some sections of wood have been replaced, others have been treated with preservative, (you probably noticed the smell).

Nave : A 6 metre area of plaster has been removed revealing areas of rot in the wall plate, as expected.

Chance : A decision to board the small skylight has been approved by the Archbishop. This is complete.

Chapel : Areas of the timber in the ceiling require replacement, which has resulted in an extension to the internal scaffold in the chapel area.

Porch : the manufacturers of the glass doors have indicated that they may need a light wooden framework to surround the glass to take up dimensional inaccuracies in the porch.

We have used the opportunity provided by the scaffold to revise the lighting in the Nave area, low energy LED lamps are now installed. These lamps will reduce our lighting electric costs by a factor of 10 and require less maintenance.

Income : We have received a grant of £7,500 from Garfield Weston Foundation.





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Trefoil Guild

At our Annual General Meeting in January, we Trefoil ladies voted in a new Chairman, **Mrs Joyce Mace**. She is to be our new Mayoress in May when Roger her husband takes over as Lancaster city Mayor. After the formalities of the A.G.M. we had a talk from Sarah Dale who lives in Morecambe. Sarah is a volunteer Guide Leader with two different companies.

Last year, with another six Guiders, she joined what was known in Guiding U.K. as a Gold group to do voluntary work overseas. These are eighteen to thirty year olds, chosen for their ability to communicate and pass on practical skills to would be Guiders in deprived countries. In September last they flew seven and a half hours to Accra in Ghana, for three works hard graft, moving on every third day.

They lived in simple hostels and existed on a diet of mainly corn and rice. Their group tried to give an informal way of showing new skills rather than sitting and lecturing a group. Sarah had to raise £2,300 herself to volunteer for this adventure, with other grants to cover costs. We were full of admiration for this language teacher who oozed personality and had obviously gained much from this once in a lifetime experience. Much informal questioning went on during refreshment time, as we were all intrigued with Sarah's feelings about life in Ghana.

Betty Cottam

HOLY TRINITY COFFEE MORNING

THURSDAY 2nd MARCH 2017 - 9.45AM TO 11.15AM BOLTON-LE-SANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Bolton le Sands Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 30st March 2017 at 7.30pm in The Community Centre

The Chairman invites all residents of Bolton-le-Sands to the Annual Assembly. This is **Your Meeting** where you can have a say in matters relating to Bolton-le-Sands and raise any issues of interest. Please do come along and exercise your right to participate in local democracy.

Floral & Horticultural Society

Bolton le Sands Grand General Knowledge Quiz was held at Bolton le Sands Community Centre on **Friday 27th January 2017**. 24 teams of 4 answered questions on topics ranging from 'British Television Comedy Shows', through 'Food and Drink' to 'The singer and the song'. The hall was filled with an atmosphere of intense concentration and excited whispering.

As ever the evening was an extremely enjoyable night out thanks to the excellent Quizmaster **Mr David Regan** and the band of able and enthusiastic Horticultural Society volunteers without whom such community events could not take place.

This year's worthy winners of the Grand General Knowledge Quiz were 'Tomcrofts', who knocked last year's winners '10 Bob Millionaires' i nto second place. The winners and second place received Bay View Garden Centre Gift Vouchers.

Bolton le Sands Horticultural Society would very much like to thank Bay View Garden Centre for donating the prizes and for their continued, much valued, support of our membership and our events. Bay View Garden Centre offers a 10% discount to Bolton le Sands Horticultural Society members on production of a society membership card. Society Membership costs £3 per year for single and £4 for joint membership which represents great value for money.

Enquiries about membership can be directed to Allan Brown on 730606 or Louise Belcher at wizbelcher@gmail.com.

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Maree Aldren

Revd Linda Macluskie shares some memories of Maree Aldren, Pastoral Auxiliary Emeritus, whose funeral was held at Holy Trinity on 30th January 2017.

I've often said - it's Maree's fault! I blame Maree for the fact that she went out of her way to welcome me and my family to Holy Trinity, to make us feel part of the church family, to make us feel that we belonged and then - look what happened! Ordination! All Maree's fault, as I often told her.

It was almost 30 years ago that Maree came a-knocking on our door with a friendly smile and a bar of chocolate for our son, James. He's always had a soft spot for Maree. It might have been the chocolate, but I think it was more to do with the way Maree loved children and how they responded to her. I wonder how many people remember the afternoon parent and toddler group the church set up with maree at the helm. Must be about 25 years ago that Maree, Kay and I (apologies if I've forgotten anyone else) welcomed mums and toddlers into church for a song, a story, a prayer - not forgetting the cup of tea. It really tickled Maree one day when she was taking her time doing something and little Tom went up to her and said, "Chop, chop Maree"!

How I remember our Monday mornings at Rydal Road after morning prayer. It was our tim to prepare for 'God our Rock'. Both of us in Maree's study and Bill always coming in with coffees - and the being dismissed like Carson in 'Downton Abbey'. We did prepare well for 'God our Rock' but neither had prepared for Maree getting too close to a candle and setting fire to her leader's notes one night at Pam Bentley's house.

Maree was always responsible for leading morning prayer on Fridays. Bill would drop her off and she would open the church and a few of us would gather in St Michael's Chapel to pray the office. And that's just what we did - most of the time. Just occasionally one of us would get the giggles - the Vicar, Rod, was a bit of a giggler too and, of course, when one of us started the others would soon follow. We didn't mean to be irreverent. I'm sure there are peals of laughter in Heaven!

There were three things that Maree told me over the years that she wanted to be. She wanted to be a Missionary, she wanted to be a teacher, and she would have loved to be a nun. Obviously God had other plans for Maree's life, and through her life in Bolton-le-Sands and her wonderful ministry as a PA she has touched so many people's lives - young and old alike. Whilst Maree never travelled to China or Africa like her missionary heroines, she most certainly did reach out and share the love of God with the people of this community.

Maree didn't go to Teacher Training College, but she did teach. She taught me a lot about having a real faith and living that faith every day of our lives. And whilst Maree never went off to live in a Monastery, she was a Tertiary of the Order of the Holy Paraclete. She followed a rule of life and her prayer life was such an important part of each day and she shared that with the rest of us in the parish through her monthly jottings. And what about her saints? She loved her saints and many of us learned about those faithful men and women who have gone before us by reading Maree's 'Saint of the Month' in The Messenger. So I think we can rightly say that Maree fulfilled her longing to be a missionary, teacher and nun.



One of the greatest joys of the life of faith is journeying on with others. Sharing joys and sorrows; helping each other along the way; watching others grow and blossom in the faith. It's been a privilege to have shared quite a bit of my journey with Maree. I have learned so much from her, and I will always be grateful to her. God bless you, Maree - and I'm sure there will be even more jollity and laughter in Heaven now.

Margaret Hutchinson pays a personal tribute to her old friend Maree.

It is always difficult losing those warm and friendly folk who have been a big part of our lives for so long. Maree was one of those people. I was sad when I heard the news, but then I realised what a blessing it was that she is now at peace. She had great faith, and is with God, whom she faithfully and diligently served all her life.

Many of us will never forget all that she did, but some may not have known the full extent of it. To those of us who remember, she is an example to follow, and to those who may not be aware of her service here, they can be assured that her contribution throughout the years, along with other faithful disciples now sadly gone, has done much to ensure the present and future life of our beloved Holy Trinity Church. And in many other ways, elsewhere she worked with her will and humour to spread the Word, perhaps more than even those of us who knew her well are aware.

Thank you, Maree, for everything - and especially that delightful chuckle. God keep you now.



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St. Mark's Nether Kellet

Notes from St Marks

The coming of spring seems to raise people's spirits. When spring is in the air, we all seem happier. When it comes to March, the birds and the trees come to life. Take a few moments to look at 'The King of Love My Shepherd Is', for it never fails to remind us that we are never alone.

The King of Love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine forever.

This hymn was written by Sir Henry Baker in 1868, and is based on Psalm 23. In 1852, Sir Henry wrote his earliest hymn, 'Oh, what if we are Christ's.' His name is chiefly known as the promoter and editor of 'Hymns Ancient and Modern,' first published in 1861. He contributed many original hymns, besides several translations of Latin hymns. The hymnal was compiled to meet the needs of churchmen of all schools, but strong objections were raised in many quarters to Sir Henry Baker's own hymn addressed to the Virgin Mary, 'Shall we not love thee, Mother dear?'

He was also the author of 'Daily Prayers for the Use of those who have to work hard,' as well as of a 'Daily Text-book' for the same class, and of some tracts on religious subjects. He died on in 1877, aged 55.

What's on in Nether Kellet Village Hall :

- Bacon butties are available on the last Sunday of every month from 11.00am. Why not come along and have a chat?
- Saturday 11th March : Nether Kellet WI are holding a QUIZ NIGHT at 7.30pm.
- Nether Kellet WI meets on the second Friday of the month at 7.30pm.
- 'Wine Tasting for All' Saturday 25th March at the Village Hall 7.30pm.

Liz Simpson



Bolton le Sands Men's Group

The monthly meeting of the Bolton-le-Sands Men's group took place in the Old Boys' School on 13 February when the speaker was **Dr Brian Jones**, on a pilgrimage to Japan in 2016. Dr Jones went to visit the Kumano Kogo Trail, which is a World Heritage Site and a Buddhist tourist route. The holiday lasted two weeks, with six nights being spent on the trail. Japan is a place which he had visited before, so he was already familiar with various aspects of the country. It was not an organised tour, but a trip he did himself. First, he told us that life in Japan is very ordered. If catching a bus, the time at the stop is all that he needed to know as it will be at the stop at that time! At train stations there are shops, and tourist information centres. When the ticket inspector comes along, he bows on entering and leaving the carriage

On the way to the trail, there were pictures of traditional streets, people in traditional costumes and traditional temples. A lady was weeding by a temple, taking out each weed by hand. There were traditional round temples built of either wood or stone. At one Buddhist monument there were statues all supporting colourful modesty shirts.

At the start of the actual trail, which goes inland through mountainous country, there was a wooden reception building. There was also a tea area and a temple. Close by is a rock, Chichi Ben Rock, which people can actually go through. By the hotels in which he stayed on the trail there were shrines. Also, there were drinks machines. The area is a cash economy, small cash being needed for the machines. However, there was no litter, it having to be disposed of properly, and not dropped.

In hotels and houses there is a small monument area with a monument and a flower. Rush matting is on the floor and shoes have to be taken off outside and slippers then worn. At one point, a temple on a hill relates to a very old tree. There was forest to be passed through, with a rest place on the way. A major civil engineering works was taking place following a landslide. There were a number of drinking fountains with utensils. A long flight of steps led down to a small town.

One hotel, where Dr Jones stayed for two nights, is run by trainees. It was very well run. Roads and bridges are very remote in the mountain areas and there is hardly any traffic. On the way round, the highest waterfall in Japan was passed. Here, there were a number of tourists. The last hotel on the trail was the same, having a shrine area. From there, Dr Jones went down by bus to a port, where he saw a fish market, before catching a train back to Tokyo.

Robert Swain

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Thwaite Brow Wood Conservation Project

On 12 February the Thwaite Brow Woods Conservation Project working party was working on nest boxes. Every year, before the start of the nesting season, the boxes are examined for any repair work that needs to be done. Some boxes need minor repairs whilst others need **Robert Swain**



Women's World Day of Prayer



"Am I being unfair to you?" - Praying for The Philippines

Friday 3rd March at 2.00pm at St Mary's RC Church, Bolton-le-Sands

All welcome

Passover Meal - Palm Sunday

The churches of Bolton le Sands will be hosting a celebration, along the lines of a Passover Meal.

It will be in **St Mary's Church Hall**. Parts of the meal will be provided, other parts will be brought as a Jacob's Join. Places are limited and the ticket price will be about **£5**.

Please email: **parishblsnews@gmail.com** to reserve your ticket.



Ministry of Sport Launch Evening

Do you play sport? Do you coach sport? Do you use sport as part of your church outreach? Have you ever considered how your sporting life and your Christian life connect? You are invited to an evening with Bishop Julian on **Thursday 9th March** at **7.30pm** to the launch of the Diocesan Ministry of Sport project

This event will encourage Christians involved in or participating in

- Sports
- Sports chaplaincy
- Using sport as part of outreach work of the local church.

The evening will take place at Preston North End in the Players' Lounge at Lowthorpe Road, Deepdale, Preston.

Booking is essential due to limited availability so please use the Eventbrite link to book your place.

First Friday Worship Expectation?? *Friday 3th March at 7pm*

Please do come and join us. Each of these monthly services has an unique pattern. Do invite your family or a friend! Indeed, invite a stranger! Stay and enjoy the fellowship afterwards.

Holy Trinity Church, Bolton le Sands. Led by Peter John Davies

Refreshments will be available after the service







Mothers' Union Update

I was sorry to miss the February monthly meeting as I was speaking at Hornby MU. It seemed strange to address such a small group(about 15) in the very cosy lounge at Hornby Village Institute. Not like our meetings at all! I heard that Kath Bill had never spoken to such a large group as ours – I reckon we are still one of the largest branches in the Blackburn Diocese. The following is a report written by Chris Hampshire, who is our new publicity rep.

Holy Trinity Mothers' Union held their monthly meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15 February. In the absence of Branch Leader Kath Lane, Hazel Short and Trish Cooper presided. Hazel welcomed Kath Bill, the Guest Speaker and also new member Tricia Thomas.Tricia is still officially a Deanery Member of the Mothers' Union and former presiding member of the Tunstall Deanery.

After a hymn accompanied by Chris Hampshire on the piano, Trish Cooper read a passage from the Bible which was about love, so very appropriate since it was the day after Valentine's Day. She then led the prayers, including one which was inscribed above the Viceroy's house in New Delhi , again appropriate since the talk was about India. Members were asked to remember Margaret Bateman in their prayers following her recent accident.

Hazel updated members on current issues. Ideas had come forward to "grow" the £9 given by Blackburn Diocese in support of the Mothers' Union caravan appeal - soup lunches, afternoon teas, flower seeds, a raffle and cake stall. Further ideas were welcomed, as were volunteers to organise games for the Strawberry Tea on 3 May. It will be the 120th anniversary of Holy Trinity Mothers' Union branch next year and members were asked for ideas as to how to celebrate the occasion. Kath Lane is currently researching the history on the branch.

Invitations had been received from the United Reformed Church Ladies to a Spring afternoon tea on 25 April and the Catholic Womens' League's evening event on 2 May. Knitting patterns are available for anybody willing to knit baby items for the Neo Natal Unit. The branch luncheon will be held at Morecambe Golf Club on Shrove Tuesday, 28th February at 12.30pm.

Hazel then introduced the guest speaker, Kath Bill, who gave members "A Taste Of India"a stimulating insight into Indian life and culture. Starting with a Hindu greeting, the Namaste, Kath transported members to Sangam in Pune, one of the 5 World Centres for the Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, which she had visited 8 times on various projects. She shared photographs, artefacts, clothing, including a beautiful sari which member Susan Room modelled, and other memorabilia. After the talk Kath invited everyone to try various delicious Indian dishes which she had prepared, whilst Indian music played in the background - a truly sensory experience.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 15 March when the Guest Speaker will be Henry Grainger on "The Foundling Hospital".

Hopefully, by the time you read this article we will all have enjoyed our luncheon at the Golf Club!

Love and prayers Kath Lane, Branch Leader

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A Laugh at Us

I have long believed that the Lord has a sense of humour and sometimes has a bit of a laugh at us. For instance, I am sure that he was having a laugh when he said 'Oh, ye of little faith' to Peter after inviting him to leave the boat and walk on the water. Peter, of course, soon started to panic and sink, which was when Jesus made that comment, holding out his hand to Peter.

I feel that the Lord has recently had a bit of a laugh at me. I have had my dormer windows replaced with double glazing, a job due to take two days. A date had been fixed for work to start. On the day, as the scaffolding was just starting to go up and I was waiting for the men to arrive and start work, the phone went. Unfortunately, the triangular sheets of glass had not arrived so they could not start work. A new date was fixed to start, Saturday 28 January. The scaffolding just going up was taken down again or it would have been there for a fortnight.

I felt I had to accept that weekend, even though I was reluctant to do so as I do not like major works at a weekend, and especially on a Sunday. So, I reluctantly agreed.

Come the big day, Saturday 28 January, the scaffolding went up, the fitters arrived and work started. Then, in the middle of the day one of the fitters, embarrassed, came to tell me that they would have to knock off shortly as the trims they had been sent were too narrow and new ones would have to be ordered on the Monday. So, the men left and I was duly in left in peace on the Sunday.

Just to complete the story, on Monday 13 February the fitters duly returned and the windows were fitted. On the Thursday, the scaffolders returned and took away the scaffolding.

I am sure that the Lord had a laugh at me and how I got my own way in the end, and did not have workmen on the Sabbath.

Church Party

The annual church party was held on Friday 12 February. Following an enjoyable meal and chat, **Robert Swain** gave a talk on Carnforth Station clock. This arose through its having hit the newspapers during the week owing to it being stopped. Robert told the story of it from arrival in December 1895. He told of its being moved slightly in 1938 when there were changes to the roof canopy, how it had featured in the film Brief Encounter and gone on to



become unreliable and moved in the 1990's. There was then the search to bring it back to Carnforth when the station was being renovated and its being found in south London. It was brought back north by Peter Yates and restored by local craftsmen before being replaced in its original position. On 5 July 2002 it came back to life with a special ceremony to start it. It had continued to tick away until the present dispute with its winder arose, resulting in it being stopped.



Dates for the Diary

2nd March	12noon Agape Lunch
3rd March	9.30am - Shining Stars
	2pm - Women's World Day of Prayer St Mary of the Angels
	R.C. Church Bolton-le-Sands
6th March	1pm - Knitting Group
7th March	2pm - Meeting for Prayer - Towers Room
8th March	7pm - Elders Meeting
9th March	9.30am - Lent Prayers
10th March	9.30am - Shining Stars
13th March	1pm - Knitting Group
16th March	9.30am - Lent Prayers
17th March	9.30am - Shining Stars
20th March	1pm - Knitting Group
21st March	2pm - Meeting for Prayer - Towers Room
23rd March	9.30am - Lent Prayers
24th March	9.30am - Shining Stars
27th March	1pm - Knitting Group
30th March	9.30am - Lent Prayers
1st Apr	TBC - Ceilidh To be confirmed
3rd Apr	1pm - Knitting Group
5th March	TBC - Agape Lunch
6th March	9.30am - Lent Prayers
13st March	9.30am - Lent Prayers

Any changes or additions to be announced



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Youth Service Events and Lourdes Pilgrimage:

The Diocesan Youth Centre at Castlerigg is always looking to expand its activities. There will be a Retreat examining the significance of Easter, open to year 9 upwards pupils from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday and a Family Weekend from 28th to 30th April with activities for all age groups. The Youth Service will take a significant part in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which starts on July 19th and, en route, will visit Nevers, the home of St Bernadette.

Parish Discussion Group:

We will continue to meet each month on a Sunday evening to work through the "Evangelium" booklet which examines the meaning of many aspects of our faith. The date of the next meeting will be found in the bulletin at the beginning of March. The subject for the next meeting is "Moral Action" which is defined as any action that proceeds from our deliberate will.

Lenten talks at the Cathedral:

There will be three talks on the theme of The Three Pillars of Lent - prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The talks will take place in the Convent Chapel of the Cathedral on 7th, 14th and 21st March. More details will be found on the Church Notices.



Dignum Et Justum Est:

Pope Francis has ordered a review of the guidelines on the liturgical translations from Latin to other languages – will this make it possible that we could revert to the pre-2011 wording used for many years which was changed to reflect an almost literal translation from the Latin? The 2011 wording has not been very popular. Are we about to become more ecumenical with a translation nearer to the Anglican wording which, after all, was probably a translation from the original Latin?

It is "right and just" that such reviews don't happen quickly.



Your Church needs you!

Bishop Michael recently issued a letter to be read at all Masses in the Diocese of Lancaster saying that we need to "face with honesty the general pastoral scene of smaller, older and scattered congregations worshipping at Mass so faithfully in our Diocese" recognizing that parishes struggle to get sufficient volunteers to meet the many organisational demands on parish priests who now find themselves running two or three parishes. He recognized the contribution made by overseas priests saying that without such help he estimated that about ten churches would have had to close.

His letter continued by welcoming the arrival of new communities which are in communion with the Catholic Church and are helping to keep the faith alive in towns up and down the Diocese. Reading this letter you could imagine it being relevant to any Christian religion.

On a more (or less) welcome note

following the election of Mr Trump:

Schools in the USA will be banned from making all references to God and Religion so a school boy has written:

Now I sit me down in school where praying is against the rule for this great nation under God finds mention of him very odd.

In scripture now the class recites, it violates the Bill of Rights. When each time my head I bow it's a criminal offence right now.

For praying in a public hall offends those with no faith at all. So silently our prayers we say, prayers now forbidden in the USA.

It's scary here I must confess, here chaos makes the school a mess so, dear God, a plea I make, when I'm get shot, my soul please take.

Man reading the bible to his son:

"The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to a pillar of salt".

Boy:

"Dad: What happened to the flea?"

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The Social Group

The Social Group is a successful not-for-profit group run by volunteers whose only reward is the reimbursement of expenses incurred in the operation of the Group. We are almost entirely senior citizens (but it is not compulsory!) but we welcome every one with shared aims. We are about 90% women, mostly widows and 10% men. Our aim is to offer enjoyable friendly day excursions at the lowest possible cost. We occasionally have a few seats for non-members to fill.

Wednesday Coach Outings

Do you enjoy a day out by coach with friends to a place of interest at the lowest possible cost, or rambling in scenic countryside? We sometimes have a few seats to fill.

Wednesday Social Group's future excursions include :

Wednesday 1st March Wednesday 15th March	Guided tour of Hexham Abbey Pendle - quided witch tour & Boundary Mill outlet shopping
Wednesday 29th March	Hawkshead & Coniston
Wednesday 12th April	Chester
Wednesday 26th April	Settle to Carlisle railway (provided that the line has reopened)
Wednesday 10th May	Arley Hall & Gardens
Wednesday 24th May	Pateley Bridge
Wednesday 7th June	Liverpool One/Albert Dock. Shopping or museums
Wednesday 21th June	Parceval Hall & Skipton

Coach fare is £10 or less (depends on coach numbers) plus cost of entry to attractions; visitors pay £1 surcharge. Membership is £5 per year. If we have a full coach the fare will be reduced by £1.00. To book or request further information - phone **Adrian** on **824652**

Your local pickup points and approximate times are the same for both coaches Bus stop junction of A6 with Manor Road, Slyne at about 09.35am Adjacent to Ricky's Chinese, Bolton le Sands at about 09.40am Bus stop opposite Royal Hotel, Bolton Le Sands at about 09.45am Bus stop opposite Burch Tree Vets, Carnforth at about 09.50am Other pick ups in Heysham, Morecambe, Bare, Torrisholme and Skerton are available. Phone Adrian on 824652 for details

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Bolton-le-Sands WI



The Bolton-le-Sands W.I. Meeting was held at the Community Centre at 7.15p.m. on Tuesday 14th February 2017. There was a good attendance and Jean Bayliss (President) welcomed everyone including a new prospective member. Sandra Mallinson was thanked for her lovely flower arrangement as well as all the ladies who had helped to set out the Hall for the evening. Birthday and Wedding Anniversary congratulations were given and updates on members who are not well at the present time. Mrs Bayliss reported on the N.F.W.I. Resolutions, the recent Fun Quiz, the Hot Pot Supper and the forthcoming Keer Group Meeting, for which volunteers are needed. It is also hoped that some new interest groups will soon be set up in Poetry, Music, Flower Arranging and Computer Literacy. The Secretary Jennifer Leach then gave out information from both the Lancashire Federation W.I. and the National Federation W.I. and various forthcoming events were detailed.

There was information next from Interest Groups including details of a Craft Afternoon to be held in May and the L.F.W.I. Show in September. The Walking Group enjoyed a very muddy walk in January which has not deterred members from taking part in the February walk! The Wildlife Group is planning a visit to Hornby Castle to see the snowdrops. Scrabble and Darts continue and several members have enjoyed theatre trips and lunches. Something for everyone!

The Speaker on this occasion was Paul Calland from Bay Search and Rescue. Paul is Deputy Station Officer based at Milnthorpe and he gave an extremely interesting talk on the work of this wonderful group of volunteers. It included slides and short videos and we soon began to understand the broad aspects of their work. Bay Search and Rescue work with all the other services, for example the Fire Service, R.N.L.I., and the Ambulance Service. As well as going out onto Morecambe Bay to help stranded people and animals, they get involved when there are floods and other emergencies. The variety of vehicles they now have enable them to go to places not otherwise accessible. The Hovercraft and Hagglund, the boats and the air boat are all useful at different times. The training of these volunteers is intense and Paul Calland is now a Tactical Flood Adviser. All of these activities depend on voluntary contributions from the public and Paul's wife Sue is invaluable in fund raising with the Charity Shop she runs at Milnthorpe. Paul's talk was followed by a question and answer session and the vote of thanks was given by Pauline Sterritt. The competition winner was Judith Harper.

In Members' time after refreshments, a vote was taken for which local charity we wished to support this year. Dorothy Carruthers spoke on behalf of Blood Bikers, Pat Davey on Impact and Jean Bayliss on Dementia Drug Research. It was decided that Blood Bikers would be our selected charity.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Judith Spotswood

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Quiet Day at Hyning Hall

Thursday 9th March 2017 From 10am – 4pm Coffee at 9.30am and lunch at 1pm

The cost will be £20 for the set meal and £15 for those bringing a packed lunch. This includes a donation for the work of the Sisters. If you wish to attend, please sign the list on the notice board at the back of church.

For more information or help with transport please speak to

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Readings for March

1st	Joel 2, 1-2, 12-17; John 8, 1-11
2nd	Deuteronomy 30, 15-end; Luke 9, 22-25
3rd	Isaiah 58 1-9a; Matthew 9, 14-15
4th	Isaiah 58, 9b-end; Luke 5, 27-32
5th	Genesis 2, 15-17, 3, 1-7; Matthew 4, 1-11
6th	Leviticus 19, 1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25, 31-end
7th	Isaiah 55, 10-11; Matthew 6, 7-15
8th	Jonah 3, Luke 11, 29-32
9th	Isaiah 55, 6-9; Matthew 7, 7-12
10th	Ezekiel 18, 21-28; Matthew 5,20-26
11th	Deuteronomy 26, 16-end; Matthew 5, 43-end
12th	Genesis 12, 1-4; John 3,1-7
13th	Daniel 9, 4-10; Luke 6, 36-38
14th	Isaiah 1, 10, 16-20; Matthew 23, 1-12
15th	Jeremiah 18, 18-20; Matthew 20, 17-28
16th	Jeremiah 17, 5-10; Luke 16, 19-end
17th	Genesis 37, 3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Matthew 21, 33-43, 45-46
18th	Micah 7, 14-15, 18-20; Luke 15, 1-3, 11-end
19th	Exodus 17, 1-7; John 4, 5-42
20th	2 Samuel 7, 4-16; Matthew 1, 18-end
21st	Daniel 2, 20-23; Matthew 18, 21-end
22nd	Deuteronomy 4, 1, 5-9; Matthew 5, 17-19
23rd	Jeremiah 7, 23-28; Luke 11, 14-23
24th	Hosea 14; Mark 12, 28-34
25th	Isaiah 7, 10-14; Hebrews 10, 4-10
26th	Exodus 2, 1-10; John 19, 25b-27
27th	Isaiah 65, 17-21; John 4, 43-end
28th	Ezekiel 47, 1-9, 12; John 5, 1-3, 5-16
29th	Isaiah 49, 8-15; John 5, 17-30
30th	Exodus 32, 7-14; John 5, 31-end
31st	Wisdom 2, 1, 12-22; John 7, 1-2, 10, 25-30

- 1st Ash Wednesday
- 5th First Sunday of Lent
- 17th Patrick, Bishop and Missionary
- 20th Joseph of Nazareth
- 26th Mothering Sunday

Parish Registers

Baptisms

During February, we welcomed into the church with our love and prayers:

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Funerals

We continue to pray for the relatives and friends of those whose funerals took place during recently:

Dorothy Casson, John Sparks, Lindsay Ibbetson, Elsie Barwick and Maree Aldren

March

We remember all those departed this life whose anniversaries occur during March

Alice Mary Mackintosh **Ernest Carruthers** Maggie Smith Gladys Mahon Tom Hankin Arthur James Parkinson Annie Carter Alexander William Clark Colin Metcalfe John George Young William Holden James Airey Fairclough **Ronald Hoggarth** Jack Pemberton **James William Charles Purcell** Keith Smith James Beckett Hutchinson **Jack Schofield** Arthur George Henry James Norman Hugh Brown Mark Gordon Rawsthorne William Cowperthwaite Frank Bracey Croll Brian Seddon Annie Cowperthwaite Robin Foster(Priest) Kathleen Muriel Parnell John Bidder (Priest) Simon Mark Edwards Denis Holmes



Parish Calendar - March

Wednesday 1st	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
Ash Wednesday		
Thursday 2nd	9.45-11.15am Church Coffee Morning at Community Centre	
Fridday 3rd	2.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer at St Mary's	
	7.00pm First Friday Worship and Fellowship at Holy Trinity	
Sunday 5th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
1st Sunday	9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's (Common Worship)	
of Lent	10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
	Normal meetings for Junior Church	
Wednesday 8th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
Thursday 9th	Quiet Day at Hyning Hall	
Sunday 12th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
	9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mark's	
	10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
	Normal meetings for Junior Church	
Tuesday 14th	7.30pm PCC Meeting with David Banbury	
	- Diocesan Vision Co-ordinator	
Wednesday 15th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
Sunday 19th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
	9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's (BCP)	
	10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
	12.15pm Holy Baptism at Holy Trinity	
	Normal meetings for Junior Church	
Tuesday 21st	7.30pm Lent Study Evening at OBGS	
Wednesday 22nd	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
Sunday 26th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
Mothering	9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mark's	
Sunday	10.30am Morning Praise service for Mothering Sunday at Holy Trinity	
	Led by children from Bolton-le-Sands CE Primary School	
	7.30pm Lent Study Evening at OBGS	
Tuesday 28th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
Wednesday 29th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
Sun 2nd April	9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's (Common Worship)	
	10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
	No meetings for Junior Church	
	7.30pm Lent Study Evening at OBGS	
Tues 4th April	7.30pm Lent Study Evening at OBGS	
Wed 5th April	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	



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