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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**  
Sundays 9.00am  
First Sunday Holy Communion - Common Worship  
Second Sunday Morning Prayer  
Third Sunday Holy Communion - Book of Common Prayer  
Fourth Sunday Morning Prayer  
Fifth Sunday Morning Prayer

**Worship at Christ Church United Reformed Church**  
7th May 10.00 am TBA  
Flowers from Flower Fund  
14th May 10.00am Rev Y Burns  
Flowers from L & S Carter  
21th May 10.00 am Rev A Champley  
Flowers from J Jones  
28th May 10.00am Rev G Harris  
Flowers from Flower Fund  
4th June 10.00 am Rev D Greenwood & Worship Group  
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

# Ministry Message



Holy Week felt very special, and a big thank you must go to all those who helped to make the Easter celebrations so special. On Good Friday, Rachel Wilkinson and her helpers from Junior Church organised craft activities for the children before. There was a very good turnout, with plenty of interesting things to keep the children (of all ages!) busy, while Mums and Dads were able to enjoy a coffee and a natter! We finished with a short service, during which there was a great deal of audience participation from the children. Thanks to Rachel for organising this very special start to the Easter weekend.



Easter Day began at 7.00am on the shore at Red Bank, with the lighting of the fire as the sun came up. During the short service, we lit the Paschal Candle, ready to take back to Holy Trinity. Thanks to Karen and the Hillis family for sorting out the bonfire, and to Andy Williams for leading the singing. Thanks,



too, to the staff at Archer's Cafe for agreeing to open so early so that we could enjoy bacon sandwiches and hot drinks, which were very welcome after the cold wind - but at least, it stayed dry and we did get a (very short) glimpse of the sun.



Despite the scaffolding, the church looked wonderful on Easter morning, bedecked by beautifully arranged Easter flowers; so thanks to the team led by Sandy James for all their hard work, and to all those who made donations for the flowers. Sandy even managed to incorporate the scaffolding into the decorations, with that lovely Easter bunting! The church was very full - we managed to seat about 120 people, as we welcomed the Paschal Candle in procession with the daffodil cross. It was lovely to see the church so full, and to hear the choir leading the singing and singing the anthems. Thanks to everyone who made it all possible.

As part of our ministry in the community, we have been supporting the Morecambe Bay Foodbank. Because we couldn't host a Lent Lunch this year, we launched 'Something to Share, Something to Spare' which invited parishioners to bring in a pre-packed lunch suitable for sending to the Foodbank. The initial target of 20 bags was soon passed, and by Easter Sunday, we had doubled that to 41 bags, with others still arriving. That meant that, during Lent, we had contributed over 200kg of items to the Foodbank. So, thanks to everyone who donated food and other items for the Foodbank - and thanks, too, to those who make their contributions directly as they leave the supermarket check outs. We continue to support the Foodbank with regular weekly collections, and this will hopefully inspire us to take on similar themed projects in the future.

*We do all this for Christ,  
because of what Christ has done for us.*

May the hope of the Risen Christ be with you  
this Easter time, and always.

# Nancy

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# Raise the Roof, Open the Door. Stainless Steel Valley Gutter Installed

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 18 of a 26 week contract. The repairs to the roof trusses in the chancel/chapel are taking longer than expected.

## **Externally**

The valley gutter between the Nave and North Aisle roofs has been rebuilt in timber and lined with stainless steel. The gutter between the Chancel and the Chapel is still outstanding

Reslating the roof is delayed until the internal work in the chancel is complete.

## **Internally**

**North Aisle:** The timber treatment is complete and ready for reforming and plastering.

**Nave :** The wall plate wood treatment is complete and ready for patch plastering

**Chancel :** Fifty percent of the roof beam ends are being replaced with new timber.

**Chapel :** A new wall plate and roof beam ends are being replaced with new timber. All of the ceiling timbers are being replaced as they are rotten.

**Porch :** The manufacturers of the glass doors have fitted the framework and will delay fitting the doors until the scaffold is out. The outer doors will be automatic; the inner single door will be manual due to technical issues with automatic door openers on an arched door.

## **Raise the Roof images :**

The Stainless Steel valley gully being installed

Chapel Ceiling board replacement





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# Your Church needs YOU

Could you donate an hour of your week to church?  
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If so would you consider joining a cleaning team,  
a side persons team or a coffee team? Please feel free  
to ask the churchwardens for more information.

## What can you offer?



## Christenings, weddings and funerals at Holy Trinity

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](mailto: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](http://www.bolton-le-sands.org.uk)

# Bolton - Le - Sands Gala Day

Saturday 10 June 2017

BOLTON - LE - SANDS  
PLAYING FIELDS

Gates open 1pm

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**Trefoil**

## Trefoil Guild

For the March meeting of our Trefoil Guild, we ex Girl Guides went on an afternoon outing to the Friends Meeting House at Yealand Redmayne, there to try out, under supervision from Jean Johns, rag rugging. This was not with a hooked peg, as is used in knotting floor mats but with half a wooden clothes peg. The lady had provided us all with a plastic bag containing, a roughly eight inch square of hessian, some padding and backing material, and said peg.

There were dozens of colours of scrap materials to pick from, to design your own small mat. Jean showed us lovely examples of her own work, which she exhibited world wide. So off we went, pushing and pulling, very close together, tiny thin strips of material into the hessian. We did not have the time to complete the square because afternoon tea was forthcoming in china cups, along with home made fare. Lovely!

The backing process was explained and how to neaten the edges with over sewing or crochet. If you wished you could snip the tips of some of the strips to create a 3D effect. That was a lovely way to spend a miserable wet afternoon, with all that colour around us!

**Betty Cottam**

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## Diocese of Blackburn Youth Camp

Friday 9th – Sunday 11th June 2017  
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Saturday 27th May, 10.30am till 4pm

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## Seder Meal

47 people from the churches of the parish of Bolton le Sands gathered in St Mary's Church Hall on Palm Sunday to experience a Seder meal, an Easter tradition from our Jewish roots. The Passover Seder (a Jewish ritual dinner) is based on the haggadah, a book of instructions, prayers, blessings, and stories that lays out the proper order for the ritual. Haggadah means "the telling," referring to one of the most important aspects of the Seder: the recitation of the Exodus story.

The basic text of the traditional haggadah is almost identical to that used in the eleventh century. However, in the 1960s and 1970s, many different versions began to appear, and now there are literally hundreds of haggadot (the plural of haggadah) available, each laying out the same basic ritual but with a different spin

Our Seder involved most of the people attending. Canon John was our Leader and Trudy Baird took the role of "Mother". Prayers, readings and serving the various parts of the Seder were fulfilled by the participants. Passover is more than a festival. It is an elaborate teaching experience intended to call people to their identity as the People of God. By using all of the senses, the Passover Seder tells the story of God's grace in history and calls the participants to experience and share in the story as their own story. Passover becomes more than simply a service or a time; it becomes a way to confess faith in the One who has acted in history, and for Jews expresses the hope that He will continue to act in bringing deliverance to all people everywhere.

This was a joint activity for all the churches in the village; it was greatly enjoyed, and it was unanimously agreed that we should join together more often than we do. **Andy Williams**



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# HOLY TRINITY INVITES YOU TO COFFEE MORNING

**THURSDAY 18th MAY 2017 - 9.45AM TO 11.15AM  
BOLTON-LE-SANDS VILLAGE HALL**

All proceeds will go to church funds  
Cakes-Jams-Cards-Books-Raffles

Entrance **£1** including  
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# Gideon Bibles

Will a Gideon Bible in a hotel, guest house or a B&B become a thing of the past? It was once considered normal to find a Gideon Bible at the bedside in a hotel, guest house or a B&B. However, times have changed and many establishment owners and managers are questioning if it is appropriate to have Bibles in their rooms. This means that increasingly Gideons are being asked by owners and managers to remove Bibles from their hotels, guest houses and B&Bs. Some establishments are choosing to have just a few copies at the reception desk for the use of guests who ask for one and others are declining the offer to have any Bibles at all. Whilst we respect the concerns of those involved in the hospitality industry we are aware that it is very rarely those of other cultures and faiths who are questioning the benefit of the Bibles in hotel rooms. Most often it is those who mistakenly believe that a Bible is something that is no longer relevant in our society and could cause offence. However, in a society where customer satisfaction is paramount there are things you can do to ensure Bibles remain in rooms for those who need them most:

- Make a commitment to pray that every hotel, guest house and B&B will open its doors and allow a Gideon Bible to be at every bedside. If you can't commit to pray every day why not on a certain day of the week. And remember "With God nothing is impossible" Luke 1:37
- Ask for a Bible when you book or check into a hotel. • Compliment the owner or manager in person or through their customer satisfaction survey sheet when a Bible is in your room at the hotel.
- If you choose to place a comment on a recent stay on review sites such as "TripAdvisor" share your satisfaction that a Bible was available for you. • Encourage others to do the same. Your friends and your church family can help.
- Let the Gideons know if a Bible is missing or needs replacing in the room where you stayed.

The Gideons International in the British Isles can be contacted at [hq@gideons.org.uk](mailto:hq@gideons.org.uk) or on 01455 554241 All of this might seem relatively simple and you may ask how will this make a difference. The reality is that your comments as a customer mean a lot to owners and managers of hotels, guest houses and B&B's and shapes the decisions that they make. This was the case with a guest house in the heart of Devon. The owners were considering removing the Bibles in their guest rooms on the basis that it was no longer the correct thing to have them there. Before they had removed the Bibles some regular guests checked in with them. The following morning the gentleman thanked the owners for the Bible that was in their room. His wife had recently been diagnosed with a terminal illness and the previous evening they had spent some time reading from the Bible and in doing so had re-found their faith. We are pleased to report that the guest house owners were so moved by this that they now intend to make sure they always have Gideon Bibles in all their guest rooms. Your comments do matter. Please help to keep a Bible in every room. It could save someone's life.

**David Vollar**

# It's



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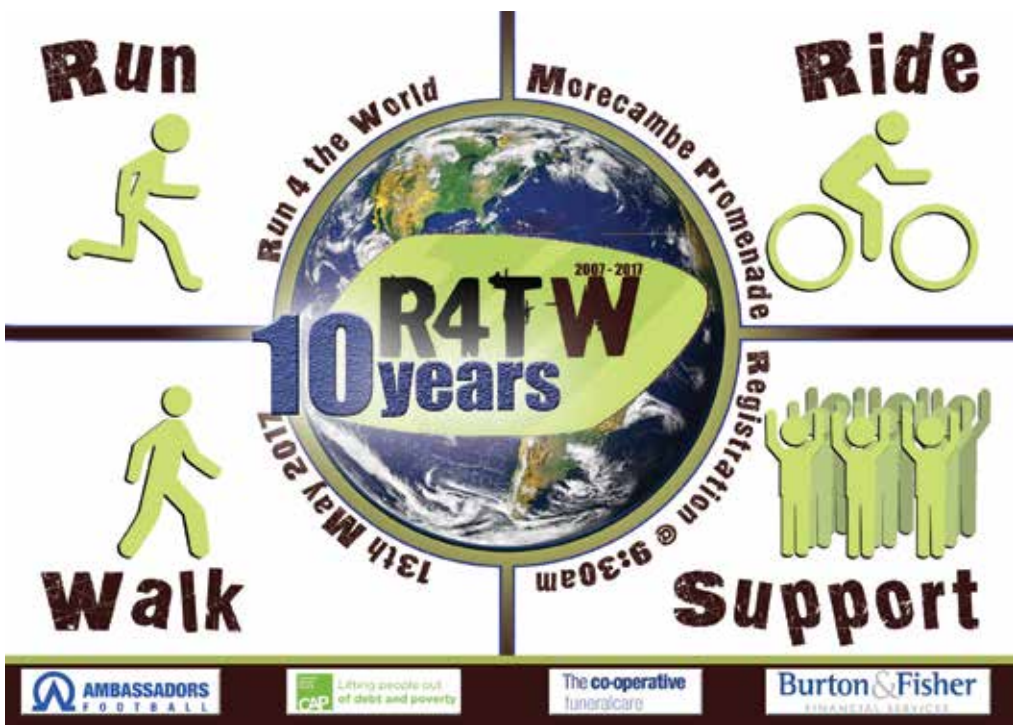
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- 15% on fundraising
- 11% campaigning for change.

## Help us change the world

It won't be easy, but we will keep going until everyone is free from poverty and inequality. There are many ways to get involved, either individually or with your church.

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# St. Mark's Nether Kellet

## Notes from St Marks

On Easter Sunday we had a very moving and uplifting service. We were very pleased to welcome many old and new friends who came along to join us. Hopefully they enjoyed the service. We would like, through the Messenger, to say thank you to Nancy for officiating at the service and to Anne for playing the organ. Also I would like to thank Dr. Lowson for his generous donation towards the altar flowers. It is always a pleasure to arrange such lovely blooms and they certainly did enhance the beauty of our little church.

### Village news :

On Saturday May 22nd Nether and Over Kellet welcomed 28 people from Bussieres, a village in France with whom they are twinned. They stayed until Thursday May 27th and while they were here they enjoyed several visits including trips to the Bowes Museum, a day walking around Silverdale or the Lake District and Skipton where they went to the Castle. On the last night a Ceilidh along with a Jacob's Join supper was held in the Village Hall at Over Kellet.

In June the Annual Field Day will take place on the playing field. Jean will give you more information next month. **Kathleen Cornthwaite**

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## Thwaite Brow Conservation Project

The Thwaite Brow Woods Conservation Project at their meeting on 9 April felled a fallen ash tree by the Lancaster Canal path. The fallen ash was propped up by another tree. It was then sawn up and taken away. Also, a number of straggly holly trees close to the canal. This was to help free up some ground so that ground cover plants can become established and bind together the banking which is eroding onto the canal-side path. The removed growth was piled up close by so that it can provide shelter and a haven for wildlife.





# Christening Ministry Team

## **Wanted : Friendly Welcoming People**

Being part of the christening ministry visiting team is a rewarding and enjoyable part of church activity. It can be hectic but not particularly demanding, and usually takes up only one Sunday lunchtime a month at the most, quite often less, and works around availability which makes the rota very flexible.

We are in urgent need of people to help at christenings by greeting the family and their guests and being a familiar friendly face on the day. We assist Nancy during the service and take an active part by preparing the font and issuing the service sheets. Quite often though we also have to prize Nancy's arms open as she is reluctant to hand the baby back!

Working in pairs, we contact the family prior to the service to arrange a brief meeting to discuss the proceedings and answer any queries they might have. This can take place in church after the Sunday morning service and it gives the parents the opportunity to see how friendly our church is and to feel welcome. Alternatively the family can be visited in their own home; whichever is preferable and most convenient for them.

**This is a vital part of the church ministry and often reassures the new parents that they will be welcome at any time.**

Hopefully they will feel comfortable enough to become part of the church family. We are often told by the parents that they feel drawn to church but feel hesitant about taking the first step. Our ministry is to reassure them that they will be welcome no matter how often or how little they come along to the church services.

It is a good way to develop our gifts and ministry without being tied to a specific rota and if anyone would like to find out more about being involved, please speak to Nancy, Glinys or any member of the team.

Anyone can be part of the team: no qualifications needed.

## the link

**The Link** appears in church every Sunday, and contains information about services, and parish notices. Items for inclusion in The Link can be sent to [holytrinitylink@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitylink@gmail.com) by the preceding Thursday evening.



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# Coming in September... the first Gospel Bayfest

The Morecambe Gospel Music Convention will run from Friday 29th September - Sunday 1st October 2017. There will be a fantastic line up of Christian artists from throughout the British Isles taking part, including :



## **Dana**

Dana shot to fame in 1970 with her Eurovision Song Contest winner, "All Kinds of Everything." This song was Ireland's first victory in the competition and Dana was declared a national hero on her return.

After her Eurovision success, Dana acted in movies as well as performing at venues such as the Royal Albert Hall, The Royal Festival Hall and a week of sell-out shows at the London Palladium. Dana was voted Top Female Vocalist in 1979 and the BBC gave her two television shows of her own. After scoring an Irish number one with "Totus Tuus" in January 1980, the much larger American Christian market became an outlet for her music and Dana signed a recording contract with Word Records.

In 1997 and 2011 Dana became a candidate for the office of President of Ireland. In 1999 she won a seat in the European Parliament and in 2005 Dana returned to the world of entertainment when she spent time on the RTÉ television series The Afternoon Show. In 2009, Dana became a judge on "The All Ireland Talent Show" and in the summer of 2010, she participated in the Best of British Variety tour. In recent years Dana has been involved in sharing her Christian faith at concerts and on television throughout Ireland and America.



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BOLTON LE SANDS

The ancient English practice of “Beating the Bounds” during Rogationtide early in May was a walk by villagers around the boundaries of their parish to mark them out. Let’s honour the tradition in an enjoyable way by going for a walk together within the parish.

Let’s meet up at 10am on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May outside Holy Trinity Church for about a 2 hour walk.

We will do a circular walk within the parish, (returning to Holy Trinity) staying on public footpaths with some roads, hills, farmland, and muddy bits. We will follow tradition by starting and ending with a prayer for the parish, with a few pauses along the way for a prayer for the land and the farmers, and to give thanks for the beautiful place where we live.

Bring stout shoes, children and dogs.



**ROGATION WALK**  
BEATING THE BOUNDS IN THE 21ST CENTURY.



## Mothers' Union Update

Well Spring has definitely sprung and I hope by the time you read this article the weather will be warmer too. It is lovely to watch the blossoms unfold in this beautiful part of the world where we live.

Our speaker at the April meeting was Jill Burrow who spoke about the Mosamaria Ministry. She accompanied her very moving talk with slides which illustrated the plight of children in Bloemfontein who have been affected by the AIDS epidemic in the area. Many children have been orphaned and are too poor to afford school uniform and therefore cannot attend school. There are problems with providing these children with a daily meal and she gave an illustration of the costings. Sanitation and living conditions were appalling and the Mosamaria workers try hard to improve the children's quality of life.

Even though we tend not to hear about the AIDS problem in Africa very much these days it is still a major problem for communities along with recurring droughts which cause the crops to fail. We were able to give Jill a donation from funds towards the amazing work that goes on out there.

The Strawberry Tea is almost upon us – May 3rd and if you haven't got your tickets yet please ask any committee member.

Sadly the date of the Family Fun Evening has been changed and is now on June 16th. So many of us are unavailable on that evening to offer support we reluctantly decided that we could not help. However, if you are about the village on that evening do pop into Bolton le Sands school to show our support for them.

There will be a Grave Talk after the 10:00 am service on Wednesday May 10th. Mothers' Union have been asked to provide refreshments. If you are able to bake for that day please let me know.

As part of "Thy Kingdom Come" week we have been asked to have a Mothers' Union prayer hour from 2 till 3 on the afternoon of June 1st. Please do come to support us and please bring any favourite prayers if you have them.

Unfortunately, Theresa May did not consult with me first before calling a General Election on June 8th. As the Village Hall is used as a polling Station we will be unable to have our special coffee morning to support the Overseas Fund. As I write this we are still unsure about an alternative venue so please check the notice board for further information.



The Deanery Festival takes place at St Luke's, Slyne with Hest on the 21st June at 2:00pm . It will take the form of a Songs of Praise and I have chosen the Mothers' Union hymn for our Branch. We will need offers of cakes and scones for the refreshments so please check the noticeboard for the list.

We continue to fundraise to celebrate Mothers' Union in the Blackburn Diocese for 90years. Many thanks to Dorothy Bamber for the raffle she organised during our last meeting. Thanks also to Pat Davey for the sweet pea sale at the Village Hall Coffee Morning. Coming up we have an Afternoon Tea at Chris Hampshire's on Friday June2nd so look out for those tickets.

Lots of activities and fun in store over the next few months so do support us where you can!

Love and prayers **Kath Lane, Branch Leader**

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## **UNITED REFORMED CHRIST CHURCH**



### Quo Vadis?

On Easter Sunday the Rev Timothy Widdess's sermon was about the love for Jesus, particularly relating to Mary Magdalene. He told of Mary Magdalene going out of love to the tomb for a last look at Jesus, believing him to be dead. She did not realise that he had risen and thought the man she met was a gardener and that he had taken him away. Jesus then revealed himself to her by speaking her name, "Mary". Peter and John also went to see the empty tomb on being told that Jesus was risen, that being out of love and to see what had happened. They too found the tomb to be empty apart from the folded burial robes.

Jesus later appeared to the disciples again, John's Gospel tells us that after a fishing trip Jesus shared a meal with them, using some of the fish they had caught. At that meal, Jesus asked Peter three times "Do you love me?" Peter replied that Jesus knew that he loved him. Jesus went on to tell Peter that he, too, would be crucified.

Peter went on to be one of the twelve apostles and later went to Rome. There is a Christian tradition that he was fleeing from likely crucifixion at the hands of the Roman government. Along the road outside the city he met the risen Lord and asked him "Quo vadis?", which means "Where are you going?" the Lord replied "I am going to Rome to be crucified again". Peter then regained courage to return to Rome, having gained the courage to continue his ministry. It was there that he was eventually to be martyred by being crucified upside down.

Later, the Church of Domine Quo Vadis in Rome was built at the spot where, according to legend, the meeting between Jesus and Peter took place.

At times in all our lives we all need to ask ourselves "Where are you going?" and think as to whether or not we are doing as the Lord wants or whether we need to change direction.

### The hereafter

Now for something more cheerful.

A minister was visiting an elderly lady. They had quite a long discussion and then, eventually, the minister asked the lady did she ever think about the hereafter?

The lady replied that she did so regularly.

"I often go into a room and then think 'What am I here after?'



# United Service

On 4 June there will be a united service of the Bolton-le-Sands, Halton and Hest Bank churches at Bolton-le-Sands. It will be led by the Rev David Greenwood and the Worship Group, and will be at 10.30 am. The service will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.

## Sunset

Although perhaps at the wrong end of the day, did you see the magnificent sunset on Bank Holiday Monday?

It seemed a fitting end to the time when we celebrate the rising of our Lord.



## Dates for the

<b>2nd May</b>	2pm - Meeting for Prayer
<b>4th May</b>	12noon - Agape Lunch
<b>5th May</b>	9.30am - Shining Stars
<b>7th May</b>	Trip to Levenshulme Inspire Church
<b>8th May</b>	1pm - Knitting Group
<b>12th May</b>	9.30am - Shining Stars
<b>14th - 20th May</b>	CHRISTAIN AID WEEK
<b>14th May</b>	Soup and Roll Lunch following Morning Service
<b>15th May</b>	1pm - Knitting Group
<b>16th May</b>	2pm - Meeting for Prayer
<b>19th May</b>	9.30am - Shining Stars
<b>22nd May</b>	1pm - Knitting Group
<b>26th May</b>	9.30am - Shining Stars
<b>1st June</b>	12noon - Agape Lunch
<b>4th June</b>	10.30am - United Service followed by Bring & Share Lunch
<b>5th June</b>	1pm - Knitting Group
<b>6th June</b>	2pm - Meeting for Prayer

Any changes or additions to be announced

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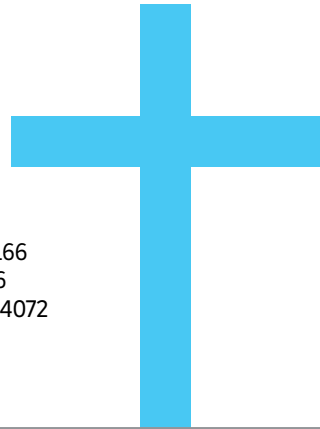
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## St. Mary of the Angels



### Sacrament of Reconciliation :

Fr John thanks those who took part in the Reconciliation Service. Preparation for the first Holy Communion will continue on 6th May.

### The Seder Meal :

Wasn't it wonderful to get together for this event! Fr John wishes to thank the organisers and the helpers who made our Seder a great success. It was attended by 48 persons and Elijah. But I still find it difficult to drink my wine leaning sideways to the left!

### Our New Apostolic Nuncio for Great Britain :

Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Edward Joseph Adams to be our Apostolic Nuncio. He is a very experienced and much travelled man; born in the USA and ordained in 1970 he has held similar posts in Bangladesh, Zimbabwe, the Philippines and Greece. Perhaps this is an indication of the importance of Great Britain in the Catholic Church

### Mega Youth Poll – Your voice matters :

In 2018 our Pope will invite bishops and others to come to Rome to discuss “Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment”. Led by the Holy Father they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13 and 29 the Catholic Church wants to hear from you – your thoughts on faith and how you connect with your Church.

The Bishops have produced a questionnaire which they have named “A Mega Youth Poll” which, they say “should take between 15 and 20 minutes to complete depending on how much you want to tell us”. They also say that the Poll will be anonymous and that you can be frank in your answers without fear of criticism. The Poll will close on Monday June 5th. This is your big opportunity to have your say using your favourite past-time of the laptop / iPad.

Look at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/mailchimp-youth-poll>. Go to “Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales - InboxDB and page down to the Youth Poll item where you get a choice to click on the Poll or, for those of you who are up-to-date with mobile phone technology, to use the indicated “QR code” (I hope this will challenge you to take the survey”.



## Finally :

A May Blessing:

May you always have work for your hands to do;  
May your pockets always hold a coin or two;  
May the sun shine bright on your windowpane;  
May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain;  
May the hand of a friend be always near you;  
May your heart be filled with gladness to cheer you.

Two of the best quotes from Sir Bobby Robson:

"It was a game of three halves."

"We would have won if we had scored more goals than them, but they scored more so we lost."

The tax-man cometh:

A tax-man visited a poor Christian to assess how much he owed in tax:

The conversation went like this:

"What property do you possess?"

"I am a very wealthy man."

"Please list your possessions."

"First. I have everlasting life. John 3.16. Second. I have a mansion in heaven. John 14.2

Third. I have peace that passes all understanding. Philippians 4.7. Fourth. I have joy

unspeakable. 1 Peter 1.8. Fifth. I have divine love that never fails. 1 Cor 13.8.

And he continued with more biblical quotes up to tenth saying "I have a faithful wife. I have healthy, happy, obedient children. I have true, loyal friends. I have songs in the night. I have a crown of life."

The tax-man closed his book and said "Truly you are a very rich man but your property is not subject to taxation."

**Eddie Hignett and Pat Fuller**

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## Friends of Carnforth Coke Ovens

The Friends of Carnforth Coke Ovens held another biochar burn at the site by Bolton Cinder Ovens Bridge on 10 April.

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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 :

<b>Wednesday 10th May</b>	<b>Arley Hall &amp; Gardens</b>
<b>Wednesday 24th May</b>	<b>Pateley Bridge</b>
<b>Wednesday 7th June</b>	<b>Liverpool One/Albert Dock. Shopping or museums</b>
<b>Wednesday 21th June</b>	<b>Parceval Hall &amp; Skipton</b>

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

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## Bolton-le-Sands WI

Bolton-le-Sands WI Meeting was held at BLS Village Hall at 7.15pm Tuesday 11th April 2017. Jean Bayliss (President) welcomed members and thanked all the ladies helping throughout the evening. She acknowledged members with April birthdays and gave updates on those members who were poorly. Members were informed that following the recent closure of the BLS Library, a dedicated local team was submitting an application to Lancashire County Council to make it a volunteer run Library and Community Hub, run by volunteers. She reminded members about the forthcoming Keer Valley Group Meeting on 25th April 2017, explaining other neighbouring WI's had been invited to listen to our special speaker, enjoy a supper and then watch entertainment performed by some of the members. Plans and rehearsals were going really well, but she asked for more volunteers to help with various tasks both before and during the event.

Jennifer Leach (Secretary) outlined correspondence from both the Lancashire and National WI Federations. This included a visit to Chatsworth House, a major Fundraising National Raffle with wonderful prizes and a locally based Orienteering Adventure Challenge in June.

Next came the Interest Groups, with something for everyone, starting with a coach trip to Chester in July. The Wildlife group saw lambs being born in March and the next event will be a very early start to see the dawn chorus at Leighton Moss. Crafts are always popular and well attended and some of our talented members are going to organise additional demonstrations on Card Making, Wet Felting and Flower Arranging later in the year. Also a new venture to assist members with IT issues called 'IT Buddies' is just getting off the ground. In March the walking group went to Sizergh and Brigsteer and although the weather was clear and dry on the day, the ground in parts was very wet and muddy. The April walk will be to Blea Tarn area, a repeat walk in reverse so fingers crossed this time there will be good visibility to take in the lovely views.

Next came the speaker, Damian Carr, a jeweller from Carr's Jewellers in Garstang. He told us the business was started by and remained in the Carr Family from 1820 to the present day. In 2020 it will celebrate its Bicentenary. It is still a traditional counter top jewellers, but also sells other items like cut glass and trophies. Damian studied as a jeweller at Manchester and as a result is able to design, alter and make jewellery. He had a table set out with some beautiful jewellery, both traditional and contemporary, which he had designed and made. With the aid of slides and samples he told us about the different colours and carats of gold and various precious stones. It was interesting to hear that hallmarking only started in 1975. Its name is Assay, meaning assessment. There are just four areas in the UK where this is done, London, Birmingham, Edinburgh and Sheffield. He explained the history of rings as having no beginning or end and why the ring finger was chosen as it leads directly to the heart. Very romantic! He took a few questions from the floor and was thanked on behalf of members by Jose Bates.

After a refreshment break, the members were introduced to Mike Ashton who is a member of the local 'Blood Bikers' team. With the aid of a short video he explained the voluntary motor cycle service they perform in the North West, 365 days a year. The speed at which they can get blood etc from one place to another saves lives and also saves the NHS a lot of money. Our President told Mike Ashton their organisation 'Blood Bikers' was our chosen charity for the year as members felt it was such a good cause. The competition was for a sentimental Item of Jewellery with History. It was judged by Damian Carr and won by Judith Harper. **Christine Murrell**



# Thy Kingdom Come 25th May to 4th June



## Praying that people you know might know Jesus

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, inviting Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has now grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Over 10 days (May 25-June 4), we are invited to join in with this global wave of prayer via [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) and to 'Pledge2Pray' individually, as a family, as a church or to run an event.

Archbishop Justin Welby says:

**"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."** The website includes links to resources that you can download to use to help you as you plan to pray, as well as a link to a video where the Archbishop of Canterbury shares why it's important to pray.

At Holy Trinity, we are planning to have special opportunities for prayer each day between Ascension and Pentecost, in a variety of venues, led by different groups from the parish, including the First Friday Worship on June 2nd. There will be a special Ascension Day celebration at the Primary School on 25th May in conjunction with Holy Trinity. Full details will appear in The Link.

## First Friday Worship Telling Your Stories

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# Flushing away poverty at Holy Trinity!

Led by Mary Bunting and members of her house group, April's First Friday service was themed 'Living water'. We considered Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman at the well, where He said that those who ask Him for His living water would never be spiritually thirsty again. (You can read this account in John 4: 4-14.)

The new life Jesus offers impacts beyond our personal beliefs and our own lives. Just as flowing water cannot be easily contained, the Holy Spirit influences the relationships we have within our families, our church, our local community, and the wider world.

Towards the end of the service, we learned about Tearfund's toilet twinning project and thanks to the generosity of the congregation raised enough funds to twin our toilet at Holy Trinity with one in Kasongo, one of 192 territories in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). This will help make a real difference to the community as they'll gain access to a toilet and clean water and will receive education on hygiene.

Poor sanitation is one of the world's biggest killers; every minute, a child dies from illnesses caused by dirty water, diarrhoea being the biggest killer worldwide of children under the age of five. Forty per cent of the world's population don't have a safe, private or hygienic place where they can go to the toilet, so are forced instead to use fields, rivers, railway lines, canal banks, roadsides, plastic bags, or disease-breeding buckets.

Women and girls are a target for attack every time they go to the toilet out in the open, especially late at night. Having no option but to defecate in the open leads to even greater loss of dignity and self-respect for those who often have no feelings of self-worth anyway. Many people also get bitten by snakes as they squat in the grass. In addition, the lack of a toilet in over half the primary schools in developing countries means that girls often drop out of education before they reach puberty.

When parents begin to understand why their children fall ill and often die, they become eager to have a toilet. Being able to build a toilet of their own makes them proud of their achievement and they're much more likely to continue to use it properly. Improved sanitation leads to healthier children who can start to attend school while their parents work on the land and can grow enough food to feed their family. With better health and an increased ability to earn a living, communities can begin to transform their own lives.

Since the First Friday service, the giving has continued and we are already about a third of the way to providing a second toilet. If anyone would like to donate to this project, please see either Mary Bunting or Dorothy Thomas. Many thanks.

To learn more about toilet twinning, go to <http://www.toilettwinning.org>

To watch a short film about how toilet twinning has made a difference to the lives of Bawili (a widow in Mwandiga Village in the DRC) and her family, go to [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gY0uM9vSW\\_0&feature=youtu](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gY0uM9vSW_0&feature=youtu)

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# Readings for May

1st Isaiah 30, 15-21; John 14, 1-14  
2nd Acts 7, 51-8 1a; John 6, 30-35  
3rd Acts 8, 1b-8; John 6, 35-40  
4th Acts 8 26-end; John 12, 20-26  
5th Acts 9, 1-20; John 6, 52-59  
6th Acts 9, 31-42; John 6, 60-69  
**7th Acts 2, 42-end; John 10, 1-10**  
8th Acts 11, 1-18; John 11-18  
9th Acts 11, 19-26; John 10, 22-30  
10th Acts 12, 24-13, 5; John 12, 44-end  
11th Acts 13, 13-25; John 13, 16-20  
12th Acts 13, 26-33; John 14, 1-6  
13th Acts 13, 44-end; John 14, 7-14  
**14th Acts 7, 55-end; John 14, 1-14**  
15th Acts 1, 15-end; John 15, 9-17  
16th Acts 14, 19-end; John 14, 27-end  
17th Acts 15, 1-6; John 15, 1-8  
18th Acts 15, 7-21; John 15, 9-11  
19th Acts 15, 22-31; John 15, 12-17  
20th Acts 16, 1-10; John 15, 18-21  
**21st Acts 17, 22-31; John 14, 15-21**  
22nd Acts 16, 11-15, John 15, 26-16,4  
23rd Acts 16, 22-34; John 16, 5-11  
24th Acts 17, 15, 22-18.1; John 16, 12-15  
25th Acts 1, 1-11; Luke 24, 44-end  
26th Acts 18, 9-18; John 16, 20-23  
27th Acts 18, 22-end; John 16, 23-28  
**28th Acts 1, 6-14; John 17, 1-11**  
29th Acts 19, 1-8; John 16, 29-end  
30th Acts 20, 17-27; John 17, 1-11  
31st Zephaniah 3, 14-18; Luke 1, 39-49

**1st Philip and James Apostles**  
**14th Matthias the Apostle**  
**25th Ascension Day**  
**31st Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth**

## Parish Registers

### Baptisms

During April, we welcomed into the church with our love and prayers.

**Honey May Davison**

### Funerals

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

**Colin Jeremy**

### Weddings

There were no weddings in April.

## May

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

Alice Tennant (April)

Aeneas James Douglas Mackintosh

Margaret Eulalie Mackintosh

Frank Skelhorne

John Leslie Gummersall

Ian Francis Westran

Sheila Whitaker

Olga Parker

Brian Needham

Margaret Lily Bowker

Anne Speight

Benjamin Bean

Robert (Bob) Cunningham

John Alexander McBryde

Neville Bateman

Paul David Patterson

John Riley

Kenneth Porter

Alice Procter

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Sister Mary Anthony of Hying

Walter William Whiteside

Dave Bayfield

John H. Booth

Marian Newsham

Ronald Cowperthwaite

Mabel Dowler

Douglas Harry Farr



# Parish Calendar - May

<b>Monday 1st</b>	10.00am 'Beating the Bounds' Rogation Walk from Holy Trinity
<b>Wednesday 3rd</b>	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 2.00pm Mothers' Union Strawberry Tea at the Village Hall 7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation at Tunstall
<b>Friday 5th</b>	7.00pm First Friday Worship at Holy Trinity : 'Telling Your Stories'
<b>Sunday 7th</b>	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's (Common Worship) 10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Normal meetings for Junior Church
<b>Wednesday 10th</b>	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	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
<b>Wednesday 17th</b>	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
<b>Thursday 18th</b>	9.45-11.15am Church Coffee Morning at the Village Hall
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's (BCP) 10.30am Morning Praise : Celebration of Baptism and Grandparents at
<b>Wednesday 24th</b>	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mark's 10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity No meeting for Junior Church
<b>Wednesday 31st</b>	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity with Bishop Geoff
<b>Fri 2nd June</b>	7.00pm First Friday Worship at Holy Trinity
<b>Sat 3rd June</b>	1.00pm Wedding of Alex Davidson and Jess Patterson at Holy Trinity
<b>Sunday 4th June</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's (Common Worship) 10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity No meetings for Junior Church



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