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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 Holy Communion 8.00am 10.30am Holy Communion **Holy Communion** Wednesday

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

Holy Communion - Common Worship First Sunday

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

10.00am Rev G Lear 3rd July Flowers from Pam Newall 10th July 10.00am Rev G Barton Flowers from J Jones 17th July 10.00am Rev D Atkinson In Memory of D Debanam 24th July Worship Group

Flowers from M Dickinson and R Heaton 31st July 10.00am Mr K Woodburn

Flower Fund

7th Aua 10.00am Rev G Lear

Flowers from G and A Shaw 14th Aug 10.00am Rev G Barton Flowers from C Richardson

10.00am Rev Brenda Willis Flowers from Beth Reid

28th Aug 10.00am The Gideons

Flower Fund

Christ Church United Reformed Church

Mr G Shaw - Treasurer Miss A Shaw - Secretary

Mass times at St. Mary of The Angels

Sundays Monday and Friday 10.00am

See notice board by the Church gate for variations

Ministry Message

In last month's edition of The Messenger, we reported that **Revd Nancy** had been invited by **The Bishop of** Blackburn, Rt Revd Iulian Henderson, to be the Area Dean for Tunstall Deanery. Nancy's licensing to this new post took place at Holy Trinity on **Tuesday May 24th**,



and was too late for inclusion in the June Messenger. The Bishop himself officiated at the service, which was attended by members of the Holy Trinity congregation, and we were very pleased that some of our friends from St Mark's were also able to attend. The Deanery was represented by a number of clergy and lay members of the Deanery Synod, and by Archdeacon of Lancaster, The Venerable Michael Everitt, who commented,

"I am delighted to welcome Nancy to her new role of Area Dean and I rejoice that she brings so many skills and insights into the team of 14 area deans across the diocese as together we seek to be 'healthy churches transforming communities'."

We were particularly grateful to members of the Mothers' Union who, despite very short notice, provided a cheery welcome for people on arrival, and delicious refreshments afterwards. It was the Bishop's first visit to Holy Trinity - and he was very quick to congratulate us for having so much of the **Vision 2026** material on display - thanks to Karen for that! Thanks to all who helped to prepare for the service in any way - it was a lovely service, with some very enthusiastic singing and a relaxed, family atmosphere.

So we thought people might like to know a little more about the role of the Area Dean. What does the Area Dean do?

The Diocese of Blackburn, which covers the whole of Lancashire, is split into 14 'Deaneries' from Tunstall Deanery in the north to Chorley Deanery in the south and from Blackpool Deanery in the west to Pendle Deanery in the east.

Each Deanery is run by an Area Dean, who usually also retains his or her role as a local parish priest in addition to the area duties.

These duties include:

- Helping the Bishop in his care of the Deanery
- Providing a supportive and collaborative leadership for mission and ministry in the Deanery
- Convening the Deanery Chapter (the regular gathering of local clergy) and co-chairing the Deanery Synod meetings and the work of Deanery Synod
- Attending Area Dean meetings several times a year, which are chaired by Bishop Julian and are also attended by members of the Bishop's Leadership Team
- Sometimes deputising for the Archdeacon

Ministry Message cont.

Area Deans usually have a significant role during clergy vacancies in their Deaneries, along with churchwardens. They also have a role in the appointment of a new parish incumbent. So, you can see that Nancy now has a pastoral role which involves the clergy in the deanery, as well as the lay congregations. This comes at a time when the future of St Cuthbert's, Over Kellet, is under review, and, as Area Dean, Nancy will have a very important part to play in that review.

Nancy has also been invited by the Bishop to take part in a 'clergy consultation' at St George's House, Windsor Castle at the beginning of July, which is looking at the question 'How Do We Speak about God?'. She is one of only 24 clergy invited to this consultation, and the only one from our Diocese. It involves 10 days of intensive study and consideration of many of the biggest issues the church faces today. - eg Global Poverty, sustainability, agriculture, global health and many more. We congratulate Nancy on being chosen for this very important event, and we will be praying for her and all the others involved in their discussions.

We won't be seeing very much of Revd Nancy in July, as she and her family will be away on holiday at the end of the month. We hope that they will enjoy a well-earned rest - and some more of those Cornish afternoon teas! That means that there 16 regular services which have to be covered by visiting clergy. We will be welcoming back some familiar faces - Pat Allen, Susan Seed and Brenda Harding - and welcoming some new ones in Revd Peter Mann, who has recently retired to this area, and Paul Finlinson, who is Chaplain at Worksop school in term time, but also lives in this part of the world. It also means that those members of our congregation who have recently completed the occasional preacher's course - Jo Fitzgerald, Jonathan Fish, Andy Williams and Peter John Davies will have the chance to put their newly developed skills into practice, by preaching at some of the services. This fits in really well with Vision 2026, which aims to 'Grow leaders for Jesus Christ' by supporting the current leadership and liberating lay leadership for greater participation. We will be able to continue to offer a varied pattern of Sunday and weekday worship, as Vision 2026 urges us to do, and as always, everyone is welcome.

In that context, we have also introduced Morning Praise at Holy Trinity, a non-communion service once a month (usually the 3rd Sunday, but sometimes the calendar dictates a variation!). In June, we celebrated Fathers' Day on **June 19th**, with bacon butties on arrival - our thanks to **Andy Williams** and his team of helpers. **Peter John** presented the story of The Prodigal Son in a very refreshing and humorous way, with the help of the youngsters in the congregation - and one or two slightly older helpers! When we sand 'He's Got The Whole World in HIs Hands' the children also joined in with the actions, and we were even lucky enough to have a real 'little tiny baby' to feature. The July Morning Praise will be on **Sunday 17th July**, and will feature a presentation by the children from the Junior Church groups. At the moment, they are keeping the theme very secret, so you'll need to come along and see for yourself! Because of holidays, there will not be a Morning Praise service in August. Each 10.30 service at Holy Trinity will be a communion service. Again, we are aiming to fulfil the Diocesan Vision of prioritising work among children, young people and schools to raise up a new generation for Christ.

David Bateman and Peter John Davies - Churchwardens

During Nancy's absence, any enquiries about services can be made in the first instance to either of the churchwardens (contact details at the back of The Messenger), or to a member of the duty team at one of our services.

Stand at the Crossroads

vision 2026

This is what the Lord says:

"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.

Ieremiah 6:16

On the **8th to 11th September**, Blackburn Diocese will be holding a Crossroads Mission weekend. This is an opportunity for us as a diocese to unite in locally organised mission, outreach and evangelism working with **Archbishop Sentamu**, the Bishops of the Northern Province and their teams. The essence of Crossroads is local churches engaging in local mission and each deanery has been allocated a bishop. The bishop for our deanery, Tunstall, is The **Rt Revd Frank White**, Assistant Bishop of Newcastle. Bishop Frank previously was Suffragan Bishop of Brixworth in the Diocese of Peterborough served most of his ordained ministry in the Diocese of Durham. Bishop Frank's wife Alison is currently Suffragan Bishop of Hull in the Diocese of York. In his leisure moments Bishop Frank enjoys bird watching, walking and cycling and has been a lifelong supporter of Newcastle United ever since his school days in the city, although when Archdeacon of Sunderland he rightly exercised dual loyalties.

The diocese is encouraging us all to pray for the Crossroads in the weeks ahead. Please include in your prayers:

On Monday

Accrington Deanery: Bishop Mark and team with Roger Simpson (Archbishop's Missioner to the Northern Province)

Blackburn with Darwen: Bishop David and team

Please also pray for our Diocese as we plan and prepare for Crossroads; including Area Deans, Crossroads Deanery Coordinators and the Diocesan Crossroads Planning Group.

On Tuesday

Blackpool Deanery: Bishop Libby, Bishop Cyril and their team **Burnley Deanery:** Bishop Glyn, Bishop Colin and their team

Please also pray for all our churches to be hospitable, welcoming and committed to inviting people to events.

On Wednesday

Chorley Deanery: Bishop Alison, Bishop James and their team

Garstang Deanery: Bishop John and team

Please also pray for the Good News of Jesus to be shared in a clear, positive and attractive way.





On Thursday

Kirkham Deanery: Bishop Keith and team,

Lancaster and Morecambe Deanery: Bishop Paul, Bishop Graham and their team Please also pray for people to be drawn into a new or renewed relationship with Jesus.

On Friday

Leyland Deanery: Bishop Tony, Bishop David and their team

Pendle Deanery: Bishop Peter and team

Please also pray for follow up to Crossroads including many enquirers' courses to be

organised in our diocese and for people to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

On Saturday

Poulton Deanery: Bishop Tony and team

Preston Deanery: Bishop Paul, Bishop Christine, Bishop John and their team

Please also pray for good relationships between visiting teams, churches and local communities.

On Sunday

Tunstall Deanery: Bishop Frank and team

Whalley Deanery: Bishop Robert, Bishop Paul and their team

Please also pray for Archbishop Sentamu and his team, good media coverage and Vision 2026.

There is a series of events happening linked to Holy Trinity church which are part of the Crossroads Mission, and there will be different members of Bishop Frank's team with us. On Thursday 8th September, in the evening there will be a Question and Answer session with the Bishop. Then on Friday 9th September there will be Morning Prayer, a Jacob's Join lunch organised by the Mothers' Union and in the evening an all age worship on the beach at Red Bank. There will be a BBQ, bring your own food for dinner! This will be followed by a Men's Breakfast on the Saturday, with a Deanery walk in the afternoon. Then on the Sunday, different members of Bishop Frank's team will be leading services across the deanery.

Crossroads Mission for Blackburn Diocese in 2016 is about inviting people. We have been invited by Jesus Christ to follow him. This will be a fantastic weekend.

Karen Hillis: Vision Champion and Deanery Co-ordinator

I'm going; it's going to be good; are you coming?

Diocesan Youth Mission Trip to South Africa

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped at the South Africa Coffee Morning on **Thursday 2nd June** at the Village Hall. We raised an amazing £458.20. It was a great morning, raising funds for the Diocese of Blackburn youth mission trip to Bloemfontein.

Thank you Jason Hillis





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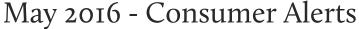
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The good weather brings out cold callers – particularly traders knocking on your door offering to do roofing repairs or gardening work. Please say no to cold callers. Reports have been received where the price and problem has escalated once the resident has agreed to some work being carried out, the cold callers have then become very pushy for payment and insisted on cash.

Please be wary of flyers offering such services especially where there is no local address and telephone number, just a mobile or 0800 number. Check out any claims made on flyers independently – especially claims regarding traders being members of trade associations or of having specialist qualifications.

The Safetrader scheme can help you find a trader in your area, contact **0303 333 1111** or go to **www.safetrader.org.uk**

Telephone Scams

Microsoft Scam still seems to be operating. We're getting reports about calls claiming to be from Microsoft Customer Services - They have identified problems with your computer!

You will be asked to log into your computer so the engineer can view it remotely. You'll be directed to files on your computer which will show there are faults or failures.

In order to fix these fictitious problems you'll have to pay the engineer by credit or debit card. This is a scam. Microsoft will never call you in relation to your computer. Do not engage in conversation with anyone who calls you out of the blue like this.

A company is cold calling Lancashire residents by telephone claiming that they are due **£2900 in PPI**, as it is such a large sum they are even going to send a solicitor to your home to deliver the payment.

There is an admin charge of £175 but they want paying in i-tunes vouchers and even tell you the nearest stores that you can get them from. Once you have purchased the vouchers the company will call again and ask for the individual product codes from the vouchers. With this advanced fee scam you never have any personal contact with a 'solicitor' and you never receive any PPI claim.



Telephone preference Service

One way to help reduce telesales calls is to join the telephone preference service, it is free of charge and will cut down on some calls. The Service has now bought out a Mobile phone TPS – this is also available free, all you have to do is text TPS and your email address to 78070. For more information see **www.tpsonline.orq.uk.**

For regular updates on the latest scams and doorstep incidents why not visit our facebook page https://www.facebook.com/StanleyDards/

Contact the Trading Standards Service via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **03454 04 05 06**



Keeping our village clean

Litter and dog fouling are continuing problems for the Parish Council to deal with. Councillors have surveyed the number and location of litter and dog waste bins and are satisfied that there is an adequate number in and around the village.

The increase in dog fouling has, unfortunately, already deterred some residents from cutting grass verges in front of their property; the Dog Warden is aware of this ongoing problem and will be visiting the village at regular intervals giving particular attention to the worst affected areas. To the offending dog owners/walkers – please be considerate of other members of the community, pick up your dog's mess - 'bag it-tie it-bin it'.

The Parish Council is grateful to the ladies from the Women's Institute who, with the Parish Lengthsman, cleared litter and debris from the hedge opposite the War Memorial in March, resulting in four large bulk bags of rubbish being removed.

At this time of year, the litter problem increases; the main road through the village, the recreation field and playground in particular, despite the number of litterbins in the vicinity. Please help to reduce the amount of time having to be spent by the Lengthsman picking up litter – **please put it in a bin or take it home**.

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Thwaite Brow Woods Conservation Project

The Thwaite Brow Woods Conservation Project volunteers are very concerned to learn that the Lancashire County Council is proposing to change the status of that part of the very regularly used path between the crossroads at Mount Pleasant, through the woods, and to the parking area on Thwaite Brow Lane into a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT).



The original application was planned for it to become a bridleway. At the present time, it is an unclassified road. We were happy for the route to be classed as a bridleway. It is regularly used by horse riders as well as pedestrians. However, the County Council decided that the route should become a BOAT, something we do not consider at all suitable. If it becomes a BOAT, then it is quite simply open for the use of motorised vehicles, such as quadbikes and motorbikes.

As will be appreciated, it is only a narrow lane. The width from the boundary stones, tress, etc. on one side to the same on the other does vary, but in general is about three metres. However, the useable area of path is generally between 1.10 and 1.3 metres. At the rocks at the end of the stretch, where the path turns right in the wood, the width is just over two metres.

If vehicles were to use the path, we fear that it could become so churned up as not to be useable by pedestrians and probably by people on horseback. In addition, we are concerned as to what could happen if somebody was coming along on a young and inexperienced horse and met such a vehicle. It could have the makings of a serious accident. As it is, when walking a dog, it is often necessary to pull well into the side when meeting a horse.

The County Council's Regulatory Committee accepted the recommendation to make a legal order to record the section of route mentioned above, from the crossroads to the parking area, as a Byway Open to All Traffic. The legal order has not yet been made, but has been drafted. Once the order has been made, notices will be posted on site and details sent to landowners and affected parties.

County Council informs us that: "Representations and objections can be made but these should relate to the evidence of whether the route is already a bridleway/Byway Open to all Traffic and not to matters such as concern relating to future maintenance, use/misuse etc. and these issues should be dealt with separately. I understand the concerns of the members of the Thwaite Brow Woods Conservation Group. The route is already recorded in the County records as an unclassified county road (UCR) and this is acknowledged in their signage. The fact that it is recorded as a UCR confirms that the route is publicly maintainable but does not indicate the type of public rights that exist (i.e. whether rights are on foot, horseback or vehicular)."

The Thwaite Brow Woods Conservation Project group are of the opinion that the route should be immediately downgraded from a BOAT to a bridleway. If you agree, we suggest that you write to the County Council accordingly.

Thank you.

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News from the Trefoil Guild

We are never too old to learn, yes we agree. At the monthly meeting of the Trefoil Guild we did not realise that we were to be quizzed on our knowledge of France. So we learned a lot, potholes in the road are 'birds nests', and sleeping policeman, road humps, are 'back of a donkey'.

All this was part of a talk by an English lady with a second home in the Languedoc region of France, in the hamlet of Laurenque. The nearest village was Roquebrun. Perched high on a mountain side, surrounded by vineyards of red wine grapes, it was to our standards a medieval existence. Twenty eight houses formed this community with folks from eight different countries, average age over sixty, and the locals as inhabitants, most visiting for half the year. Running water has only been piped during the last three years and just do not contemplate thinking of where the effluent went. They hope to create a reed bed in the near future. Progress. The streets were too narrow for a vehicles, so cars were parked twenty minutes walk away. The nearest supermarket was a forty minute drive from there.

This really was getting away from everything. There were allotments, and our speaker kept hens. So a barter system was in place for surplus food. The communal oven was lit at mid day so as to be ready for their artisan baker to have bread ready for the evening. In September mushrooms were there in profusion, but you had to have the knowledge of which were edible. Their plane trees were dying with an unknown disease. There was one T.V. in the hamlet, belonging to a British couple. Our speaker loved the life. Maybe you would think of buying a second home there; we will not be joining you!

Betty Cottam

Floral & Horticultural Society

The 88th Annual Summer Show will be held in the Community Centre on **Saturday 13th August** from 2pm to 4.15pm, admission £1.

There will be flowers, fruit and vegetables, homecraft, floral art, handicrafts and a Children's Section. Refreshments will be available.

Anyone requiring information about exhibiting in the show should contact **Ms L Belcher**, tel. **01524 824191**. Entries have to be in by Thursday 11th August.



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Mothers' Union Update

Thanks to all who contributed to the Deanery festival service at Holy Trinity on **Wednesday 15th June**. What an amazing event! We celebrated our 140th anniversary along with the Queen's 90th birthday in great style with lots of hats, a fabulous cake and of course our "special guest". I think almost everyone had their photograph taken with Her Majesty – I know I did! I have had lots of positive feedback about the event and all have spoken of the wonderful atmosphere. Members who organised the refreshment worked like a well oiled machine and impressed our Deanery Co-ordinator for the Crossroads Mission (Karen Hillis) so much she would like to book us for an event in September!

Bishop Frank White and his team will be visiting our parish on the **9th September** as part of the Crossroads Mission. They will attend Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity followed by a visit to Bolton-le-Sands Primary School. Karen Hillis has asked Mothers' Union to provide a Jacobs Join style lunch at the back of church for the visitors. It would be great to have MU members along at this lunch to meet the Bishop and his team. More details nearer the time.

We have two Coffee Mornings in the coming months. The first on **June 30th** at the Village Hall is in support of Mothers' Union Overseas Mission. The second is on **July 28th** also in the Village Hall. The MU box is at the back of church and we would welcome items to go on the sale table and also baked goods and produce on the day.

It is that time again – MU Summer Luncheon at Morecambe Golf Club on **Friday August 12th**. Members may invite a guest to this event and the good news is – sticky toffee pudding is back on the menu! Your committee member will contact you soon to ask for your choice from the menu.

A big event is planned for Mary Sumner Day on **August 9th 2016** at Blackburn Cathedral. This will be a ticketed event and information will be on the notice board at the back of church shortly. Our President, Enid, is hoping to make this an extra special event with all branches well represented. If we have enough members I may be able to organise a coach.

Our next Branch Meeting will be on **September 21st 2016** at Holy Trinity Church. This will be our Opening Service and Christine Maidment will be our speaker.

Hope you all have a great summer.

Kath Lane Branch Leader





News from the bookstacks in Bolton-le-Sands Library

Lots to tell you about this month in the library, as staff plan activities and events for the summer months. Here's a few to whet your appetite; as always, if you would like further information or want to book on an event, then pop in to the library, or call **0300 123 6703**.

There will be summer story-time sessions on **Wednesday 6th and 20th July** between 10.30am and 11am, to enjoy fun stories with activities afterwards for little ones. On **Friday 8th July**, **Nia Coleman** (Vision Services Co-ordinator from Galloways Society for the Blind) will be attending the library's coffee morning from 10am – 11am. Come along to hear what is available locally to help you.

Two practical workshops, one for adults on **Saturday 9th July** learning how to make a series of books, and one for children on **Saturday 23rd July** creating a zigzag book. Both sessions run 10am – 12noon, and there is a charge of **£2.50** for the adults, and **£1.50** for children – all materials supplied.

Monday 18th July sees teddy bears descending on the library for songs, stories and refreshments, from 2.15pm. Fingers crossed for fine weather and we will be outside.

From **Saturday 16th July**, our summer of reading, enjoying stories, and local places for children and families, is launched with the start of the Lancashire Reading Journey. Pop into your local library to find out more and register for the challenge.

All this, plus the regular activities carry on as usual: baby, bounce and rhyme on Mondays, scrabble on Friday's,' crafternoons' on alternate Fridays, family history, computer help, reading group – oh, and books to borrow of course. Everyone welcome.

Glenys Knowles Branch Manager – Bolton-le-Sands Library 0300 123 6703 or www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries for further information.

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

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



St. Mark's Nether Kellet

Notes from St Marks

Congratulations to the ladies of the Mothers' Union who organised the service on Wednesday 15th June at Holy Trinity. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the ladies from St. Mark's, as was the beautiful afternoon tea. Thank you so much for inviting us. Several of our ladies were unable to come, so those who did will be telling them what they missed. Singing the hymns set me thinking about my favourite hymns and this reminded me about something I read. It went as follows:

"What's your favourite hymn? A difficult question, perhaps, and I'm sure for many of us the answer would depend on how we are feeling. One choice which always emerges as a favourite was written well over a century ago by Henry W. Baker. There's undoubtedly something especially touching about "The King Of Love My Shepherd Is", for it never fails to remind us that whatever our circumstances we are never forgotten or alone:

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing brought me.

Small wonder that such memorable and comforting words remain in our hearts and mind."

It is high on my list, but "My Song Is Love Unknown" is my definite favourite!

I am very sorry I cannot give you an update on Field Day because the deadline for the St. Mark's notes have to be with the editor before I hear anything. Hopefully the weather will have been good and everyone who could be there enjoyed themselves.

Kathleen Cornthwaite







No Choice

At first there had been small pop-up messages on my computer screen, telling me that Windows 10 was now available and I could have a free download. That was quite a while back. I was happy with my Windows 7, so took no notice.

The messages became bigger and stronger, advising me to have a free download. I read up a bit on Windows 10 and asked somebody in computing about it. We decided that I did not need Windows 10 yet and should stick to Windows 7 as I was happy using it.

I was then told on screen that I really should install Windows 10 and to click on a button to do it, but I did not.

A few weeks ago, when you read this, I was given no option. Microsoft decided that I was having Windows 10. Other people have suffered the same. Microsoft tell you that shortly they are taking over your computer and going to download Windows 10. No choice is given. You lose control of your computer to Microsoft whilst it is all done. Apparently there were some problems with mine, according to a message, and I had to click on some buttons for Microsoft to sort them out and then Windows 10 could be installed. Eventually it was all done and I had Windows 10.

There was then the snag as to how to use it as various things had gone or changed dramatically. I struggled around for a while, trying to find things, having to go a different way instead of just clicking on the opening screen and then what I wanted. After a while I decided to switch off. Even that had changed and it took me a few minutes to find that I had to click on the Windows icon and that it was a right click, not a left click to get to where I could switch off.

Subsequently, when I came to use my scanner, I found I could not and had to waste over half an hour re-installing it.

I had simply had no choice in what I did and thought what a difference it was compared with how we are guided in the New Testament. Everybody is given the choice of whether or not to follow the Lord. He does not force us to do it, but we have the choice. The apostles of old decided that it was right to follow the Lord wherever he led them. They were not driven to do it.

Since my experience, I have learned that there is now a computer program that can be down loaded to stop Microsoft taking over a computer and putting on Windows 10, but many people have already been caught. Perhaps you have as well!

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Stories for change – Bangladesh

As climate change brings more extreme and unpredictable weather, disrupting lives and livelihoods, people are looking for alternative ways to earn a living, instead of solely relying on farming and fishing. Step forward the women of Barishal district, whose skills in embroidery, weaving and basket-making not only provide a means of creativity and self-expression, but also generate a valuable income.

The items are handmade, using simple tools rather than mass production methods, and the techniques are passed down through the generations. Christian Aid partner Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB) is helping the women to find a market for their wares. It also supports them to organise and come together, so that they can negotiate with buyers from a position of strength. Making a living from handicrafts used to be a challenge. Now that the market is steady, life is starting to change.

One of the project members, Sathy Vodro, says: 'I am no longer dependent on my husband's income. Now I have the means to provide for my child. This makes me happy.' In Bangladesh, where women are often marginalised in the home, the simple act of earning an income means you are valued. It gives you a say.

'As women, our confidence has grown and our status has improved,' Sathy explains. As the demand for products moves beyond wicker stools to wall-hangings, quilts, gift boxes and much more, the women are learning different skills and branching out to new markets. Their future promises to be much brighter.

Dates for the Diary

1st July	9.30am - Shining Stars	
4th July	1pm - Knitting Group	
7th July	12noon Agape Lunch	
8th July	9.30am - Shining Stars	
11th July	1pm - Knitting Group	
18th July	1pm - Knitting Group	
20th July	7pm - CHurch Meeting Towers Room	
25th July	1pm - Knitting Group	
4th August	12noon Agape Lunch	
1st September	12noon Agape Lunch	
5th September	1pm - Knitting & Banner Group	
9th September	9.30am - Shining Stars	

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

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Her Majesty's Official Birthday

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales requested that each parish pray for Her Majesty on the weekend of her official birthday and gave us the wording of a new prayer to be said that weekend at the end of each Mass.

Year of Mercy

Sr. Mary Julian RSM of the Diocesan Office for the New Evangelisation is continuing her series of talks for the Year of Mercy. The details of remaining talks are listed in previous issues of The Messenger. Following the Conference on the Church and the Family, a report titled "The Joy of Love" has been issued. This lays out proposals for the Church to change its focus regarding the family: to accompany, to integrate, to remain close to anyone who has suffered the effects of wounded love. Above all we are challenged to be understanding in the face of complex and painful family situations. Pope Francis asks us to be compassionate and not judgemental.

Parish Discussion Group

We are now about one quarter of the way through the booklet titles "Evangelium" which examines the meaning of many aspects of our faith. On **June 5th** we held a very interesting discussion on the interpretation of "The Trinity". At our next meeting on **July 17th** we move on to "The Church", remembering the words that start the "Creed": "We believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church". The discussion will, as always, be led by **Fr John** and **Paul Bates** and will be presented through the use of a DVD with many illustrations of early classical artists to guide us. It will surely be an interesting hour.

Catholic Womens League

The CWL Annual Coffee Morning in the Community Centre on June 9th raised £385 towards the President's charity which this year is **Medecins sans Frontieres**, and on **June 11th** the CWL served cream teas at the Bolton le Sands Village Gala, raising a further £100. On **July 5th** there will be an outing to Swarthmoor Hall and Gardens, a Quaker canter near Ulverston.



And to Finish:

And now a dose of good medicine to follow the result of "The Referendum": "One useless man is a shame, two useless men are a law firm and three useless men are a government – there seems to be hundreds of them are in Brussels." (with apologies to US President John Adams)

"If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed. If you do read the newspaper you are misinformed." (Mark Twain)

"A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul." (George Bernard Shaw)

"Government is the great fiction through which everybody endeavours to live at the expense of everybody else." (Frederic Bastiat, French Economist)

"Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys." (P J O'Rourke)

"I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket of water trying to lift himself up by the handle." (Winston Churchill)

Eddie Hignett and Pat Fuller

Friends of Carnforth Coke Ovens

On 6th June a small number of volunteers did more work on the clearance of the site of the coke ovens by Bolton Cinder Ovens Bridge on Thwaite Brow Lane. More brash was cleared and converted to biochar. Stones and concrete were removed from the site and used to make a small wall below it

The picture shows some of the volunteers at work.





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The Social Group

Wednesday Coach Outings -

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Members pay £9 plus cost of attraction: visitors pay £1 surcharge. Membership is £5 per year. If we have a full coach the fare will be reduced by £1 To book or request information - phone **Adrian** on **824652**

Wednesday Social Group's future excursions include :

6th July Keighley & Worth Valley Railway excursion

20th July Scenic Dales Tour

3rd August Hot Ice Matinee show, Blackpool

17th August Scenic Mystery Tour
31st August Bramall Hall, Stockport
14th September Ripon & Kilburn; 08.30 start

Wednesday Easy Walking -

Do you want to lose weight, get fit, enjoy fresh air scenery & wildlife, meet new people and make new friends? Come with us on the Wednesday Easy Walking Coach. De-stress. Relax talk as you walk or walk as you talk. You will have fun and forget that exercising is doing you good. The coach fare is £10 for each trip.

The programme destinations are not yet available but the Wednesday Easy walking dates are: 6th & 27th July
10th & 24th August
7th September

You will be offered the choice of 3 guided walks.

- C Easy Walk about 4 miles generally flat;
- B Moderate Walk about 6 miles maybe undulating or
- A Harder Walk about 8 miles possibly with some steep ascents.

All walks last about 4 hours and are followed by a half hour pub/cafe refreshment stop. Waterproofs and boots are essential plus a flask and picnic. To book or for further information phone **Jim** on **851487**.

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

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Bolton-le-Sands WI

The monthly meeting of Bolton-le- Sands WI was held at **BLS Village Hall at 7.15pm Tuesday 14th June 2016**.

Hazel Short (President) welcomed 75 members and thanked **Gill Allen** for playing the piano, **Carol Shortland** for the floral arrangement, and the refreshment ladies. Best wishes were given to 10 members with June birthdays. Hazel announced something rather unusual. A definite one off we hope where 6 members who had suffered recent hand, foot, knee or leg injuries hobbled in. A bit more like a hospital ward rather than a social gathering. These ladies had all received a friendly welfare visit and flowers. Thank you notes were acknowledged.

The village Gala sadly didn't have the best of weather but nevertheless it was a good event. BLS WI raised £103 on the cake stall. Concern was expressed about the possible closure of our library which we desperately want to keep open as it is a vital asset to the village.

Jean Dennis (Secretary) read out a letter from the Carnforth Macular Society thanking us for our recent **£1000** donation. Amongst the WI correspondence there were several invites from other local WI's to some of their social and fundraising events and LFWI information and invitations to forthcoming events.

Something new and innovating on the electronic scene was introduced. Armed with new laptop and screen, **Patience Cooper** was now able to illustrate and bring to life the Activity and Interest Group reports and the WI news and events. Such a useful addition especially as the information rolled over again in Members Time. A special thank you to Patience for her time, know-how and commitment to this venture.

Judith Spotswood detailed the crafts group and mentioned that the cooperative for the County Show was progressing well as were the knitted teddies. The walks leader Jean Bayliss reported on a very enjoyable walk at Staveley in May with masses of bluebells and wild garlic which ended with delicious homemade scones at a new found local café. Celia Norcup told us the darts team won again in a very gripping match against Overton. Patience Cooper said the wildlife group in May visited the Eric Morecambe Hive at Leighton Moss. June is the seashore at Jenny Browns Point. Joan Baker outlined the final arrangements for the visit to Blackburn Cathedral Flower Festival and Oswaldtwistle Mill on Thursday 23rd June. Scrabble meets as usual in the library. The lunch clubs and theatre groups also had events in May.

Next came the speaker, **Marjorie Holt**, with a talk named 'An Offbeat Record'. Firstly she told us about her early working life and the various jobs she had until the age of 21. Much to her father's delight she eventually joined the Police Service at Wigan Borough. It was quite amusing to hear about when she went through the various elements of the selection



and interview process and the characters involved along the way. Finally came her experiences once she arrived at the Police Training School at Bruche, Warrington, to start the 3 month basic training. **Dorothy Carruthers** gave the vote of thanks.

In members time, Hazel welcomed three ladies from The Stitch-in-Time Group at Arnside who meet twice a month. Members give their time and skills by coming together to sew or knit to help others. One project called 'Days for Girls' is dedicated to sewing and assembling special kits to educate and assist girls with their monthly personal hygiene so they do not miss valuable school time. We saw pictures of girls in Nepal receiving these kits. Their other project is called 'Fish and Chips'. In parts of Africa new born babies could be sent home wrapped only in newspaper because of the lack of baby clothing. The Stitch-in-Time Group knit or crochet brightly coloured baby sweaters and small quilts which are sent out to the problem areas.

The June competition was for 'A Poem about Police', which was won by Christine Rafferty. The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Christine Murrell

The Children's Society

Children's Society

Once again, we have reached the time of year when I say, "Calling all box-holders." I know it's difficult to believe that our box year has come full circle, but it has. So ladies and gentlemen, if you are a supporter with a collecting box please bring it for emptying **as soon as possible**! An early conclusion to counting up and banking is always very much appreciated. You can either leave your box with the wardens in church, or ring me and arrange to drop it off with myself. Either will do. And if you are going away on holiday, please leave it before you go. "Empties" will be left in church (unless we've come to some other arrangement) but please take them home as quickly as possible to keep the back of church clean and tidy.

My sincere thanks for your continued support. It is a well-known fact that the collections from the boxes go a long way towards helping the Society's efforts to aid vulnerable young people. If there are any problems with the boxes, or if you need further information, please give me a call on **824110**.

Best wishes and God bless,

Margaret Hutchinson

Parish Co-ordinator, Holy Trinity Church

Readings for July

Psalm 119, 1-8: Matthew 9, 9-13 Psalm 85, 8-end: Matthew 9, 14-17 Ephesians 2 19-end; John 20, 24-29 Psalm 145, 2-9; Matthew 9, 18-26 Psalm 103, 8-12: Matthew 9, 32-end Psalm 115, 3-10,; Matthew 10, 1-7 Psalm 105, 1-7: Matthew 10, 8-15 Psalm 80, 1-7; Matthew 10, 16-23 Psalm 51, 1-7; Matthew 10, 24-33 10 Colossians 1, 1-14; Luke 10, 25-37 Psalm 50, 7-15: Matthew 10, 34-11.1 Psalm 48, 1-7; Matthew 11, 2-24 Psalm 94, 5-11; Matthew 11, 25-27 Psalm 102, 14-21; Matthew 11, 28-end Psalm 32, 1-8; Matthew 12, 1-8 Psalm 10, 1-5a, 12; Matthew 12, 14-21, 17 Colossians 1, 15-28; Luke 10, 38-end Psalm 50, 3-7, 14; Matthew 12, 38-42 Psalm 85, 1-7; Matthew 12, 46-end Psalm 70; Matthew 13, 1-9 20 Psalm 36, 5-10: Matthew 13, 10-17 2 Corinthians 5, 14-17; John 20, 1-2, 11-18 Psalm 84, 1-6; Matthew 13, 24-30 24 Colossians 2, 6-15 (16-19); Luke 11, 1-13 Acts 11,27 -12.2; Matthew 20, 20-28 Psalm 79, 8-end: Matthew 13, 36-43 Psalm 59, 1-4, 18-end: Matthew 13, 44-46 28 Psalm 146, 1-5; Matthew 13, 47-53 Psalm 69, 4-10: Matthew 13, 54-end Psalm 69, 14-20: Matthew 14, 1-12 31 Colossians 3, 1-11; Luke 12, 13-21

3rd Thomas the Apostle
22nd Mary Magdalene
25th James the Apostle
29th Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Companions of Our Lord

Parish Registers

Baptisms

During June, we welcomed **Alfie Robert Chapman** into the church with our love and prayers.

Weddings

There were no weddings in June.

Funerals

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

Marjorie Taylor Hilda Smith

July

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

Harry Pye Stephen Erskine Hill Hilda Sutton Brian Wilson Irene Topham Elizabeth Esme Rambottom Albert Leslie Thomas Bill Aldren Alice Isabella Whiteside Marjorie Marian Broughton Frank Westran Calum Alexander Lawrie **Betty Dixon** Rita Green **Tack Sanderson** Janice Margaret Anagnostou Frances Bowker Cathryn Duncan Violet Mary Moore **Eunice Langton** Agnes Margrave Exley Frank Gregory Pinkney Frank Gregory Thomas Agnes Mary Butterworth Richard Stretch Alan Baker Robert Henry Simpson Simon Mark Edwards Deidre Dunn Keith Simpson William Sanderson Elizabeth Mary Gallagher

Mary Gillam

August

We remember all those departed this life whose anniversaries occur during

August

lack L. M. Helme Derek Uttley Moyra Warbrick Joseph Richard Huntington Clive Partridge Charles Marsh **Gwyneth Gummersall** Carlos Noice Kyra Elizabeth Jackson Paul Nicholas Cooper John Martin Helen Budden George Robert Alexander Phoebe Marian Daniells Robert Irving (Bobby) Cooper Lloyd Tose Kenneth M. Rigby Joseph Charles Fryer Harry Smith Eric Jackson **Dorothy Entwistle Ruby Perks**

Readings for August

Psalm 119, 89-96, Matthew 14, 13-21 Psalm 102, 16-21, Matthew 14, 22-end Psalm 121; Matthew 15, 21-28 Psalm 51, 11-18; Matthew 16, 13-23 Psalm137, 1-6; Matthew 24-28 Psalm 97; Luke 9, 28-36 Hebrews 11, 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12, 32-40 Psalm 148, 1-4, 12-13; Matthew 17, 22-end Psalm 119, 65-72; Matthew 18, 1-5, 10, 12-14 8 9 10 11 12 13 **14** 15 16 17 18 19 20 **21** 22 23 24 25 26 27 **28** 29 30 31 Psalm 113; Matthew 18, 15-20 Psalm 78, 58-64; Matthew 18, 21-19.1 Psalm 118, 14-18; Matthew 19, 3-12 Psalm 51, 1-3, 15-17; Matthew 19, 13-15 Hebrews 11, 29-12.2; Luke 12, 49-56 Psalm 45, 10-end; Luke 1, 46-55 Psalm 107, 1-3, 40, 43; Matthew 19, 23-end Psalm 23; Matthew 20, 1-16 Psalm 51, 7-12; Matthew 22, 1-14 Psalm 107, 1-8, Matthew 22, 34-40 Psalm 85, 7-end; Matthew 23, 1-12 Hebrews 12, 18-end; Luke 13, 10-17 Psalm 39, 1-9; Matthew 23, 13-22 Psalm 98; Matthew 23, 23-26 Psalm 145, 1-7; Luke 22, 24-30 Psalm 145, 1-7; Matthew 24, 42-end Psalm 33, 6-12; Matthew 25, 1-13 Psalm 33, 12-15, 20-end' Matthew 25, 14-30 Hebrews 13, 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14, 7-14 Psalm 11: Luke 4, 16-30 Psalm 145, 10-17; Luke 4, 31-27 Psalm 62; Luke 4, 38-end

6th Transfiguration of Our Lord 15th The Blessed Virgin Mary

We are keen to include news of any events taking place within the village, and to celebrate the many successes of all who live and work here. We welcome articles for publication in THE MESSENGER where these articles concern activities and events which are of interest to our community. We regret that we do not have space to publish individual letters to the Editor, and we are unable to publish articles which are sent in anonymously. The deadline for receiving articles is 20th of the month. Articles can be sent by email to htmessenger@hotmail.co.uk or by hand/post to 30 Slyne Road, Bolton-le-Sands.

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Parish Calendar - July

Friday 1st	7.00pm First Friday Worship at Holy Trinity: 'The Family of Man'			
Sunday 3rd	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			
Wednesday 6th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity			
Saturday 9th	3.00pm Wedding of Simon Blackburn and Lucy Cornthwaite			
Sunday 10th	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			
Wednesday 13th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity			
Sunday 17th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity			
	9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's (BCP)			
	10.30am Morning Praise at Holy Trinity led by Junior Church			
	12.15 Christening of Parker Ellis Ashby			
Wednesday 20th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity			
Friday 22nd	'Leavers' Service for Bolton-le-Sands CE Primary School (pm)			
Sunday 24th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity			
	9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mark's			
	10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity			
Wednesday 27th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity			
Thursday 28th	9.45-11.15am Mothers' Union Coffee Morning at Community Centre			
Sunday 31st	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity			
	9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mark's			
	10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity			

the link

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Parish Calendar - August

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10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
1.00pm Wedding of Alan Wylie and Janet Power at Holy Trinity	
3.00pm Wedding of Thomas Alston and Leia Harris at Holy Trinity	
8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's (Common Worship)	
10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
12.30pm Mothers' Union lunch at Morecambe Golf Club	
8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mark's	
10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
3.00pm Wedding of Peter Sparks and Claire Pike at Holy Trinity	
8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's (BCP)	
10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mark's	
10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	

Parish Calendar - September

Sunday 4th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity		
	9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's (Common Worship)		
	10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity		
Wednesday 7th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity		
Friday 9th -	Crossroads Mission Weekend		
Sunday 11th			



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Buttons & Bows



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The workshop will be closed in July and August and will resume on the first Tuesday in September (**6th September**) 1-30 until 3-30pm in the Mawson room.

A big thank you to the ladies and community for any help given. Further information please contact: **Susan 01524 823928**

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