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Messenger News from the churches and community

News from the churches and community of Bolton-le-Sands and Nether Kellet

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Don't forget Fathers' Day

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Saturday 11 June 2016 BOLTON - LE - SANDS PLAYING FIELDS

> Village Gala 11th June



Congratulations Rev. Nancy

Community

Old Boys' Free Grammar School Mrs Joan Baker	824384
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Cricket Club Mr Mike Clarkson - Secretary	824059
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Services

Worship at Holy Trinity

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

nday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
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First Friday Worship

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

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

Worship at St Mark's Nether Kellet

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

Worship at Christ Church United Reformed Church

5th June	10.00am Rev G Lear
	Flowers from K & J Walton
12th June	10.00am William Towers
	Flowers from J Jones
19th June	10.00am Rev G Barton
	Flowers from P Jarrett
26th June	10.00am Laurence Richardson
	Flowers from M Dickinson and R Heaton
3rd July	10.00am Rev G Lear
	Flowers from K & J Walton

Christ Church United Reformed Church

Mr G Shaw - Treasurer67644Mrs A Shaw - Secretary67644

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

'**Vision 2026 @ The Guild Hall**' was held at Preston Guild Hall on May 10th, and around 1600 people from parishes across Lancashire, including **David Bateman** and myself, descended on



the city for the event. During the evening we heard specially recorded video messages from **The Archbishop of York**, **The Most Rev. Dr John Sentamu**, who explained the origins and aims of the '**Crossroads Mission**'.

The Diocese organised the evening to:

- Celebrate the work in churches across the Diocese as the new Diocesan '**Vision 2026**: Healthy Churches Transforming Communities' gets underway in earnest.
- Admit all the churchwardens of the Diocese in to their roles in one place (the first time it has happened in this way). Usually churchwardens are admitted into their roles at series of smaller County events known as 'Archdeacons' Visitations'. David represented himself and Peter John as our newly elected wardens.
- Commission parish 'Vision Champions'. Each parish across the Diocese has been asked to appoint a 'Vision Champion' to promote Vision 2026 at a local level. Around 60% of Lancashire parishes have a Champion already. We are all delighted that Karen Hillis, who has stepped down from the warden's role after 6 years of service, has agreed to be our 'Vision Champion'. Karen's input is already making a difference as things get underway at Holy Trinity.
- Commission the Deanery Coordinators for the Northern Bishops' Crossroads Mission event (taking place across Lancashire from September 8-11). I have been asked to be the Deanery Co-ordinator for Tunstall Deanery, and I am looking forward to seeing all the ideas that come forward from the churches in the Deanery.

As part of the exciting celebration of **Vision 2026** work so far, the big screen showed 'good news stories' from parishes across the Diocese - and at the very moment that David and I walked in, the news that we have created a Baptism Team at Holy Trinity, Bolton-le-Sands, appeared on the big screen. Videos about **Vision 2026** included several featuring people of all ages from across Lancashire who worshipped and prayed together.

Stephen Lowe from BBC Radio Lancashire compered, and during a special section of the evening he interviewed the three Bishops of the Diocese about what **Vision 2026** means in relation to the key themes of making disciples, being witnesses and growing leaders.

Inspired by this evening, David led the service for Pentecost on the following Sunday, at which **Jason Hillis** gave an excellent presentation about the South African Project - a joint project between the Diocese and Ripley St Thomas CE Academy, through which young people will have the opportunity to go to South Africa, and work with the churches in our link Diocese of Bloemfontein. Jason was joined by two of the other volunteers, and they told us a great deal about the work they will do, and why they have chosen to go there. They are organising a Coffee Morning on **Thursday June 2nd** at The Community Centre to help raise funds for the project. Please support them if you can.

Bolton- le-Sands Brownies Rachel Shaw - Brownie Leader

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Ministry Message cont.

This service helps to show how we are working towards **Vision 2026**, which foresees a greater participation of lay leadership, a varied pattern of Sunday and weekday worship, and priority given to work among children and young people. Our lay leadership will also grow as **Jo Fitzgerald**, **Peter John Davies**, **Andy Williams and Jonathan Fish** complete the Occasional Preachers Course which has been running here at Holy Trinity for the past few weeks.

The recent link with the primary school through the '**Pilgrimage of Prayer**' is one example of how our work with children and young people is developing; soon, the school children will come to church for their leavers' service, and I regularly visit the school to lead worship, including communion services. Our fantastic Junior Church leaders do a wonderful job providing a regular programme for our Junior Church groups, and it always a delight to have the children in church reporting what they have been doing that morning.

Of course, we already have a varied pattern of worship, with our Wednesday Communion Services, and our First Friday services, which cover a wide variety of worship styles. We have been moving toward a regular 'non-communion' service at 10.30am once a month, for special occasions like Harvest, St George's Day, Remembrance Sunday, Mothering Sunday, Fathers' Day and the Junior Church presentations at Christmas. To avoid any confusion, we have decided to use the title 'Morning Praise' for Sunday services which are not communion services. Of course, there will still be the opportunity to take communion at the 8.00am service, or at St Mark's at the 9.00am service there on the first and third Sundays. So, we're looking forward to '**Morning Praise for Fathers' Day**' on **Sunday June 19th** - bring on the bacon butties!

In many ways, we are already working towards the Diocesan Vision, but we are not complacent, and we recognise that there is still plenty to do. Just as all those people did at Preston Guild Hall that night, let's reaffirm our commitment to God, and to our Diocesan Vision through the Diocesan Prayer :

Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call to make us disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders. Give us the eyes to see Your vision, ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit, and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Nancy

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Crossroads Mission

The **Crossroads Mission** is part of the **Diocesan Vision 2026** of 'making disciples of Jesus Christ' and 'being witnesses to Jesus Christ'. In response to a call from The Archbishop of York, Bishops from the Northern Province will be visiting each Diocese in turn, and Blackburn Diocese will host this year's mission over the weekend of 8th-11th September. **Karen Hillis** has agreed to be the '**Vision Champion**' for our parish, and she will be working with a small group to plan events in the parish over that weekend. Karen has also been appointed as our Deanery Co-ordinator, and will be responsible for co-ordinating the events planned by all the churches in Tunstall Deanery. Each of the 14 deaneries in the Diocese will host a bishop and team of helpers, and as Tunstall Deanery, we will be hosting **Bishop Frank White** from Newcastle. Karen will be keeping us updated about the group's progress, as we look forward to this very exciting event.

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Your Church needs YOU

Could you donate an hour of your week to church? Or arrive 30 minutes earlier on a Sunday?

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.

Congratulations

We were delighted to hear that the Bishop of Blackburn has invited Revd Nancy to be the Area Dean, which, is of course, a great personal honour for Nancy, but it also meant that the Bishop himself, **Rt Revd Julian Henderson**, made his first visit to Holy Trinity on **Tuesday 24th May** to license Nancy in this new post. Many thanks to all those volunteers who helped to organise the service at very short notice.

David Bateman and Peter John Davies (Churchwardens)





Holy Trinity Church Raise the Roof Open the Door Tender Submission

The completed design has been approved by Historic England and we have permission from the Heritage Lottery Fund to go to the tender stage.

Since the last issue of The Messenger we have:

- Sent tender documentation to three contractors who specialise in church renovations. The deadline for tender return is 17th June.
- Received planning permission from the City Council.
- Received confirmation from the Blackburn Diocesan Advisory Board that the faculty was passed by the advisory committee.
- The timber specialist has advised us that the whole of the North Aisle will be scaffolded during the repair, with minor scaffolding required in the Nave area.

Next Steps

Once we receive and assess the tender submissions, we will understand the costs and timescales. We will complete the second round application to the Heritage Lottery Fund and if successful award the contract.

The team with delegated responsibility for the Project consists of **Karen Hillis**, **John Lane**, **Rob Daunt**, **Jim Mackison** and **Brian James**. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the team for further information.

First Friday

Friday 3rd June at 7pm at Holy Trinity Church

'Encounter and Transformation - Part 2

There is a warm welcome for everyone to attend our First Friday service. Tea, coffee, cold soft drinks and homemade cakes will be available after the service.

Holy Trinity Christening Ministry Team-help needed

Part of **VISION 2026** involves being witnesses to Jesus Christ. We are encouraged to do this by Offering thorough and accessible Baptism preparation and follow-up.

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We have already begun establishing a team to this. Would anyone like to join the team and help to run the church office for half an hour on Sundays on a rota basis?

No special abilities needed - just be a friendly face. The team meets and greets people wanting to book christenings at the office and answer any queries. If you stay for coffee anyway why not have a word with the people already running it to see if it is for you?

We also need volunteers who would be happy to meet up with parents prior to the christening and provide support during the service. Have a word with **Glinys Hartley**, **Sue Young**, **Sara Woods**, **John and Kath** Lane to find out how rewarding it is.





News from the bookstacks in Bolton-le-Sands Library

Two lovely events to report on this month: A visit from 2nd Bolton-le-Sands Beavers saw all the children finding out more about what is on offer in the library, and then they hunted around the library to find characters from the Lancashire Reading Trail. Beavers were asked to design a poster showing what was available in a library, and you might see the winning entries around the village. For Dementia Awareness Week in May, **Ian Entwistle** kindly played tunes from yesteryear, as we tried "Singing back the memories" – our singing was a bit quiet, but it was good to see what support there is locally for anyone affected by dementia. The library has information leaflets from every group or organization that attended, and a book list for everyone to find out more.

A new system for supplying e-books and e-audiobooks launched last month – "**Borrow Box**" – where books can be downloaded for free from Lancashire County Council Library Service using your library card and pin number. Call into the library, or have a look at the library website via **www. lancashire.gov.uk** to find out more. Library membership is free, simply pop in, or look online.

Come in your brightest clothes to celebrate Elmer the Elephant activities at Bolton-le-Sands Library on **Friday 3 June** from **4pm – 5pm**. Charges of £1 per child, or a maximum of £2 per family apply. There will be stories, games and craft activities. For adults, have a go at creating your own book (suitable for complete beginners) on **Saturday 9 July** from **10am – 12noon**. All materials will be provided to enable everyone to take away their own creation by the end of the session. Charge of £2.50 per person and refreshments will be served. For children over 8, a chance to create your very own zig zag book on **Saturday 23 July** from **10am - 12noon**. Again, all materials will be provided. Charge of £1.50 per child.

Any queries about **Borrow Box**, or to book places on the book making courses, please drop into the library or call **0300 123 6703** for further information.

Glenys Knowles Branch Manager – Bolton-le-Sands Library

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

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Bolton - Le - Sands

Gala Day

Saturday 11 June 2016

BOLTON - LE - SANDS

PLAYING FIELDS

Gates open 1pm

Free Admission

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Side Stalls - Attractions - Barbecue - Races Bouncy Castle - Bungee Trampoline - Afternoon Teas Welly Wanging - and much much more



Concert News

St George enjoyed his visit to Holy Trinity very much, and we were pleased to welcome him back. My gang of "Georgians" was somewhat depleted this year, and to those who couldn't be with us I say - we missed you very much. Maybe another time! To lan and Gaynor who took part 'by proxy', so to speak, your contributions were very much appreciated.

To those who performed on the night, many thanks, you excelled as always and ther wouldn't be a show without your wholehearted, valuable input. We ask so much of you and you never let us down. Here they are in alphabetical order : Martyn Askew, David Bateman, Megan Bousfield, Rob Daunt, Sandy James, Jenni Mayo, Sheila Parker, Luke Tattersall, Graham Titchmarsh and Barbara Young, our accompanist.

A BIG thank you goes to the two ladies who came to our assistance throughout the afternoon and evening with the many preparations for supper, **Di Collinson** and **June** Morkin. Believe me, girls, to say that you were heaven sent is no exaggeration.

Finally, my biased thanks to Becky who supports me through it all; entertainer, organiser, programme and poster designer, set and sound effects provider, behind the scenes, in front of them, and my chauffeur here, there and everywhere at all times. Yes, folks, I have a great team and I say God bless 'em all! Of course, our audience was fantastic, and joined in whenever asked, and responded magnificently, so we were very grateful they came along. After all, there is no show without them there. We covered much in the time allotted - The Queen's 90th birthday, 400 years of Shakespeare, and many aspects of our own lovely little country. May God bless it, and help us all through the difficult times ahead. If we put HIM first I do believe all the problems we have or troubles we face as a nation would not seem so insurmountable!!

Now then, watch this space for some events lined up. Although many months hence, please make a note (no pun intended) of **LEVENS CHOIR** in Christmas mood, in church on Tuesday 13th December. So, until we meet again, God bless and best wishes to you all. I hope you have a good summer.

Margaret Hutchinson



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 by the preceding Thursday evening.

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South Africa Coffee Morning Thursday 2nd June 9:45-11:15



At Bolton-le-Sands Village Hall



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Tea/coffee and biscuit £1 All funds raised will go towards the joint Ripley St Thomas and Diocese of Blackburn mission trip to South Africa July 2016.

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Fathers' Day - something to think about?

Adapted from: David Murrow. "Why Men Hate Going to Church."

A few years ago, my faith in Christ was hanging by a thread. I loved God, but I hated going to church. Sunday morning would find my body in the pews, but my heart was elsewhere. I was so desperate I began exploring alternative religions, including Islam. I was not alone. Truth is, a lot faithful, churchgoing men are not all that excited come Sunday morning. Quite a few attend out of habit. Others attend services simply to keep their wives happy. Why are men so bored in our churches?

A business guru once said, "**Your system is perfectly designed to give you the results you're getting.**" Christianity's primary delivery system, the local church, is perfectly designed to reach women and older folks. That's why our pews are filled with them. But this church system offers little to stir the masculine heart, so men find it dull and irrelevant. The more masculine the man, the more likely he is to dislike church.

What do I mean? Men and young adults are drawn to risk, challenge and adventure. But these things are discouraged in the local church. Instead, most congregations offer a safe, nurturing community - an oasis of stability and predictability. Studies show that women and seniors gravitate toward these things. Although our official mission is one of adventure, the actual mission of most congregations is making people feel comfortable and safe - especially longtime members.

How did Christianity, founded by a man and his 12 male disciples, become the province of women? There is a pattern of feminization in Christianity going back at least 700 years, according to **Dr. Leon Podles**, author of The Church Impotent: the Feminization of Christianity. But the ball really got rolling in the 1800s. With the dawning of the industrial revolution, large numbers of men sought work in mines, mills and factories, far from home and familiar parish. Women stayed behind - and began remaking the church in their image. The Victorian era saw the rise of church nurseries, Sunday schools, lay choirs, quilting circles, ladies' teas, soup kitchens, girls' societies, potluck dinners, etc.

Soon, the very definition of a good Christian had changed: boldness and aggression were out; passivity and receptivity were in. Christians were to be gentle, sensitive and nurturing, focused on home and family rather than accomplishment and career. Believers were not supposed to like sex, tobacco, dancing or other worldly pleasures. The godly were always calm, polite and sociable. This Victorian spirituality still dominates our churches. Those of us who grew up in church hardly notice it; we can't imagine things any other way. But a male visitor detects the feminine spirit the moment he walks in the sanctuary door. He may feel like Tom Sawyer in Aunt Polly's parlour; he must watch his language, mind his manners and be extra polite. It's hard for a man to be real in church because he must squeeze himself into this feminine religious mould.

Men, if you've felt out of place in church, it's not your fault. If you've tried and failed to get a men's ministry going in your church, it's not your fault. If you can't get your buddies interested in church, it's not your fault. The church system is getting the results it's designed to get. Until that system changes, men will continue to perish, both inside and outside our congregations.

Some of you don't know what I'm talking about. A feminized church? Some guys are happy with church just as it is, and see no need for change. But try to see church through the eyes of a typical guy. It's intimidating for a man to hold hands in a circle, to cry in public, or to imagine falling deeply in love with another man (even if his name is Jesus). If we're going to be fishers of men, we've got to do a better job considering men's needs and expectations. Jesus did it; so must we.

Thanks to Andy Williams for sending this contribution.



At the April meeting of our Trefoil Guild, we ladies shared a patriotic evening devoted to our monarch. Having been asked to bring memorabilia of the Royal family we all arrived full of good cheer to celebrate our much loved Queen's ninetieth birthday. There seemed to be a delay at the usual opening time of our meeting as we were expecting a special guest. When the door opened to a huge cardboard model of her Majesty we all cheered her in. Welcome Ma'am!

To add to the effect of the night we all made a crown and decorated it with jewels, which was then stapled to fit our noddles. Such simple things cause the best laughs. Then we were brought back to reality with a royal Quiz, which should have been easy, if only you could remember. One member was much better than the rest of us.

So, Ma'am stood in the corner all evening watching each of us in turn bring out our treasures. Two ladies from different Lancashire towns had narrow tins, of long-ago eaten chocolates, from Cadbury's and Rowntree's, which had been given as souvenirs for the nineteen fifty three coronation. There were many newspaper sheets and clippings of different royal occasions which brought back memories of happy days long past. Scrapbooks were interesting and showed the dedication of the owners to keep on collecting over the years of her long reign.

Pietro Annigoni's portrait, painted in nineteen fifty three, of the Queen in her Order of the Garter robes, was shown; this made him famous world wide. A tin of long-ago eaten toffees had been a souvenir from Darlington. Many commemorative coins and medals were displayed from different anniversaries.

An unusual tea set of the uncrowned Edward the Eighth brought us to consider just how Her Majesty became an unlikely Queen. A tea towel of her ninetieth birthday brought us to the end of a lovely evening of memories.

Well done, Ma'am; we admire you. Betty Cottam

Floral & Horticultural Society

Do you have an attractive garden? Why not enter it in the Village Garden Competition? There are three categories and three cups to be presented at the Summer Show on **Saturday 13th August**. The categories are: Large garden (Len Parkinson Trophy) Small garden (H & M Pennington Trophy) Patio garden (A Briggs Trophy)

Entries close on **Sunday 3rd July** with judging to take place between **4th and 9th July**. Entry forms to be returned to: Brenda Muir, 123 Main Road, B.L.S, Tel. 824018, Don Hack, 5 Lowlands Road, B.L.S, Tel. 735511 or Louise Belcher, Tel. 824191 (wizbelcher@gmail.com)

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Mothers' Union Update

Thanks to all who supported the **Strawberry Tea** event on **May 4th**. Those who attended will agree that it was a most enjoyable afternoon. The children from school sang beautifully and the refreshments were magnificent. Thanks to all who helped on the stalls and in the kitchen; you worked tirelessly to ensure that a good time was had by all.



Belated thanks go to **David Bateman** who stepped in at the last minute as our Speaker in April. The booked speaker had to cancel as he was attending a funeral and David entertained us with a talk about St George followed by a very amusing quiz about famous Georges. It is very useful to have so many talented folk in our church!

Members also enjoyed visits to both the URC Ladies and St Mary's Ladies during the last month. Unfortunately the URC speaker had mistaken the date but we had an impromptu hymn sing a long until she arrived. The speaker at the Catholic Women's League told us about the history of railways in the area. He made it very entertaining and managed to include art, music and poetry along the way. T hanks to both groups of ladies for the lovely refreshments too.

Family Fun night at Bolton le Sands School was an opportunity for our Deanery and also Lancaster and Morecambe Deanery to offer something to the community as part of our 140th celebration. Special mention must go to **Sheila Parker**, **Trish Cooper**, **Carole Vollor** and **Sandy James** from our Branch who did sterling work on the night in the café and the icing biscuits activity. Members from the Lancaster and Morecambe Deanery also contributed to the success of the evening and we were very touched at the end of the evening when we were presented with a beautiful birthday cake and everyone sang Happy Birthday to MU! The Deanery Festival plans are well under way. We do hope to make this an extra special event as we will be celebrating our 140th anniversary and also the Queen's 90th birthday. Do please join us for this happy occasion and pop your name on the list at the back of church to help us with catering arrangements – it would be terrible to run out of sherry etc.! Remember it takes place on June15 at 2:00p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Our next coffee morning takes place at the Village Hall on June 30th at 9:45 a.m.. These are community events where we are able to promote the work of Mothers' Union so please support us.

Congratulations to Nancy on her appointment as Area Dean and one of her first official events will be our Deanery Festival. Mothers' Union will be providing the refreshments at the service on May 24th when the bishop will come to our church to license her.

As I will not be here for the next few weeks I really look forward to meeting you all at the Deanery Festival for a big "catch up"! In the meantime enjoy this wonderful season as we are reminded of God's creation as the trees and flowers come into blossom and surround us with their beauty.

Kath Lane Branch Leader

Invitation

MOTHERS' UNION DEANERY FESTIVAL

This year, we are hosting the MU Deanery Festival, which will be a special event, celebrating the 140th anniversary of the Mothers' Union, and the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II.

There will be a special guest, and extra special refreshments!

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Ladies are invited to wear hats and Gentlemen are invited to wear button holes.

Quiet Day at Hyning Hall

Thursday 16th June 2016 from 10am – 4pm Coffee at 9.30am and lunch at 1.00pm

The cost will be **£17** for the set meal and **£12** for those bringing a packed lunch. If you wish to attend, please sign the list on the notice board at the back of Holy Trinity Church.

For more information or help with transport please speak to Margaret Bateman 825020

Old Boys' Free Grammar School

Available for meetings, coffee mornings, social functions etc. For details and hire charges please contact **Mrs Joan Baker on 824384**

Buttons & Bows

The next workshop is Tuesday 7th June - usual time 1.30pm until 3.30pm. This will be the last workshop until September 6th (First Tuesday in the month). NB - No workshops in July or August

Just to remind everyone the three charities we are helping are:

Project Linus UK : making comfort blankets, patchwork, (tightly worked) knitted and crochet. Premature baby hats, we have the pattern if you need it.

Samaritans Purse : Christmas Child Shoes boxes : Things to make up the boxes can be bought or made. Workshops are every month at Brookhouse. Ring Dorothy Mills for details on 01524 823808.

Formo Preston : Anything you made for Malawi is acceptable for this charity. They cover the same types of activities - see the website **www.formo.co.uk**

Anything you have for these charities can be brought to our June meeting. Please put into a plastic bag with a clear label stating which charity it has been given to. That way there will be no errors.

We thank everyone for their ongoing support and generosity. Buttons and Bows are well and truly on the map and continue to be blessed. Looking forward to seeing you next meeting. Any offer of help with cakes. Please phone Margaret on 01524 733373

Susan Rae

Songs for a Summer's Evening

Lancaster & District Choral Society Chorale

Saturday 18th June 2016 at 7.30pm **Bolton-le-Sands Community Centre** Popular songs, including a Beatles Medley and songs from Joseph & His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Tickets : **£7**, Accompanied children under 16 : **FREE**

The "Chorale" (about 40 singers) is part of the Lancaster & District Choral Society.

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St. Mark's Nether Kellet

Notes from St Marks

Spring has finally arrived, and how blessed we are to live in this area and witness everything bursting into life. The gardens, hedgerows and woods are a lush green and the wild flowers - primroses, anemones and bluebells have been beautiful. We are just waiting now to see which of the large trees comes to life first - the oak or the ash - to see if it will be a dry or a wet summer!

Thoughts are now turning to our annual holidays. This can be a very stressful time; deciding where to go, what the weather will be like and the journey - will there be traffic problems, delays on the trains, planes or boats? An old friend says that when she gets her suitcase out there is one thing she never forgets to pack, and that is her 'patience'. A good thing to remember.

Congratulations from all of us at St Mark's to Nancy on her appointment as Area Dean. Condolences to Anne on the loss of her sister, Alice. Our thoughts and prayers are with her at this difficult time.

WANTED : A small table, roughly 24" wide, 17" deep and 30" high. Our table which held the service books by the altar was sadly being eaten away so we had to discard it. So, if anyone has one surplus to requirements, we would be very grateful.

Village News : The WI Coffee Morning to raise money for the defibrillator made £530. Thank you to all who attended and supported in any way.

Field Day - 18th June : Theme 'All Things Brazil'. To be opened by our "Village Hero" whose name will be announced nearer the time.

Indoor Bowling Club: Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm, Thursday 10.00am -12.00noon. Gentle exercise with a friendly group - come and join us!

Jean Crabtree





Oops!

I have no idea as to how I came to put two services as being at 10.45am last month. It was a miss stake: mis steak: mist ache: blunder.

They do say that the person who never made a mistake never made anything.

We all make mistakes from time to time, and we have to accept that. Think of the Moderator's story of the elderly American lady who found four men about to drive off in her car. She stuck out her arm, told them that she was armed and to get out at once. They did so and ran off. The lady got into her car, got her breath back, got out her key and tried to drive off. It was only when she could not insert her key in the ignition that she realised that she was not in her car, which was a little further down the road. She then went to the police station to inform them of what she had done. The officer roared with laughter and indicated a group of men further down the counter reporting on how this armed elderly lady had driven them out of their car.

We must all accept that not only do we make mistakes, but that other people do so as well.

With this there are three pictures. The first is of the former church at Moulin, just above Pitlochry in Perthshire. Outside the church stands the 1749 bell mounted on a plinth. People are invited to spot the mistake in the inscription made when casting the bell.

Look at the last picture and you should see the mistake.





A Budding Talent

You probably saw reference last month to **Megan Bousefield** in the report on 'St. George's (K) Night. Megan played three pieces on her violin. The programme said, "Promising youngster Miss Megan Bousefield entertains you with a combination of two traditional tunes followed by an instrumental version of an old song better known for its association with a corner shop of old. The pieces she played were Three Blind Mice, Davy Davy Nick Nack and Alice Where Art Thou? This was Megan's debut public performance. Well done, Megan, and I hope that we will hear you again.

Dates for the Diary

27th May	9.30am - Shining Stars
2nd June	12noon Agape Lunch
6th June	1pm - Knitting & Banner Group
10th June	9.30am - Shining Stars
11th June	1pm - Gala Day at Bolton-le-Sands
13th June	1pm - Knitting & Banner Group
15th June	2pm - Mothers Union Special Afternoon Event - Holy Trinity Church
17th June	9.30am - Shining Stars
24th June	9.30am - Shining Stars
27th June	1pm - Knitting & Banner Group
1st July	9.30am - Shining Stars
7th July	12noon Agape Lunch
8th July	9.30am - Shining Stars
Any changes or a	additions to be announced

Alysia's epic journey....

Bolton le Sands Dance teacher **Alysia Gilda** is swapping her tutu for a cycle ride of **1,000** miles. Starting on **June 5th** she will power her bike from Land's End to John O'Groats to raise funds for the Lymphoma Association. Lymphoma is the UK's fifth most common cancer and every 40 minutes another person learns they have it. Vital funds are needed to give people the specialist information and support they need to cope with a diagnosis.

Please support Alysia and find her on the JustGiving site, Facebook page, or contact her personally to donate and encourage her on this epic journey. Thank you for your support.

You can help Alysia Gilda raise money for this great cause by donating directly to their fundraising page - https://www.justgiving.com/AlysiaGilda?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Alysia-Gilda&utm_campaign=pfp-email.

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Confirmations

Congratulations to **Anna**, **Charlotte**, **Caoimhe**, **Rebecca**, **Hannah** and **Owen** who were given the Sacrament of Confirmation at Saint Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster on **Sunday May 15th** following a long period of "teach-ins". Well done! (Incidentally, my book of Irish Christian names says that Caoimhe signifies gentleness, beauty, grace, and courtesy.) Confirmation will lead to a new pathway in the Church, and Pope Francis recently spoke about newness in our lives:

The newness which God brings into our life is something that actually brings fulfilment, that gives true joy, true serenity, because God loves us and desires only our good.

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. They take as their theme Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount, Blessed are the Merciful, the Poor in Spirit, those who Mourn, the Meek, those seeking Righteousness, the Pure in Heart, the Peacemakers and the Persecuted. These will take place in the Diocese Education Centre adjacent to Lancaster Cathedral and begin at **7pm on June 7th' July 19th; Sept 6th; and Oct 11th**.

Rosaries Donated

Many people will have sets of Rosary Beads lying in a drawer at home so the local Catenian Circle has placed a box at the back of the Church to collect unwanted ones. All those collected to date have been given to a Catenian living in Johannesburg who will pass them to African missionaries for distribution in other countries. By sending them this way we avoid having them disappear for sale in the local markets. Among the countries they have gone to are **Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Rwanda and Uganda**.

Father's Day: June 19th A Reminder from a Dad

God made a Dad -God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun. the calm of a quiet sea. the generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, the wisdom of ages the power of eagle's flight, the joy of a morning sun, the faith of a mustard seed. the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need, Then God combined these qualities And when there was nothing more to add he knew his masterpiece was complete and so he called it ... DAD.

(by Mary's Mount Primary School, Perth, W. A.)

Have a very happy Father's Day!

And to Finish:

From a selection of impeccable Jewish humour:

- An elderly man was run down by a car. The paramedic said, "Are you comfortable?" He replied, "I make a good living."
- "When out, we always hold hands. If I let go, She shops."
- The doctor phoned Mrs Cohen and said, "Mrs Cohen, your cheque bounced back". Mrs Cohen replied, "So did my arthritis."

Eddie Hignett and Pat Fuller

Friends of Carnforth Coke Ovens

The Friends of Carnforth Coke Ovens had an interesting talk by archaeologist **Jessica Holmes** on **17 May**. She spoke about coke ovens and their different types. Work already done towards locating the remains of the ovens by Thwaite Brow Lane and what is to be done in the future was also discussed.

The next working party at the Bolton-le-Sands site by the canal bridge at Thwaite Brow Lane will be on **Monday 6 June** from 10am - 4pm. It is hoped to further clear the site and perhaps do a few other jobs as well. Please feel free to come along and joins us for as long or short a time as you wish. For further information, please contact **Brian** on **07721 007379**

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The Social Group

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Wednesday Social Group's future excursions include :

June	Buxton
June	Hexham
July	Keighley & Worth Valley railway excursion
July	Scenic Dales Tour
August	Hot Ice Matinee show, Blackpool
August	Scenic Mystery Tour
August	Bramall Hall, Stockport
	June July July August August

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.

1st	June	Keswick area
15th	June	Abbey Village
29th	June	Bainbridge area

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- 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 **lim** 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 Other pick-ups in Heysham, Morecambe, Bare, Torrisholme and Skerton are available.

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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** on **Tuesday 10th May 2016**.

Hazel Short (President) welcomed everyone and thanked **Pam Holden** for playing the piano and **Joan Usher** for the lovely flower arrangement. Best wishes were given to members with May birthdays, and a beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to **Marian Rigg** for her 95th birthday. After singing 'Jerusalem', members stood in silence in memory of **Alice Tennant** who recently died. **Hazel Short** gave a report of the excellent Group Meeting hosted by Warton Crag WI when we were entertained by singer **Rachel Mercer**. Rachel will be coming to us in December.

Jean Dennis (Secretary) read out the correspondence. Five new WI's have been recently established including one in Fleetwood entitled 'The Rolling Scones'. A letter of thanks was received from the Parish Council for our support in tidying the village and for providing the refreshments at the annual Parish Meeting. A thank you letter was received for our contribution of **£600** to the Denman Appeal, and another letter of thanks for flowers from member **Gea Champness**.

Our coffee morning this week will be attended by **Shirley Thornton** the WI County Chairperson and **Kay Hopkinson** the Denman Ambassador. Hazel requested more cake makers for the village Gala. She announced that **Patience Cooper**, who is part of a Japanese Drumming Group, will be performing at the Gala.

Patience spoke about the purchase of a laptop and projector which will enable members to be better informed as to WI news and events. Patience was thanked for her work in providing the new equipment. **Sylvia Cooper** made an appeal for old sheets and towels to go to Nepal to be adapted for girls' personal hygiene. These will be collected at the next meeting. Karen Jolleys asked if any members could give an hour or so to sit with the residents of the BLS Abbeyfield Home. Using the new equipment Patience gave us details of forthcoming events with illustrations of group activities. The representatives of various interest groups updated members. Judith Spotswood detailed the crafts group and mentioned the variety of entries eligible for the County Show on **21st & 22nd September** 2016. She also reminded members that' teddies mean points'. The walks leader lean Bayliss reported on a very enjoyable walk around Lancaster which ended with lunch at the Castle. This week's walk on Saturday is 41/2 miles from Staveley to Cowan Head via the river ending at a Café. Patience Cooper, for the wildlife group, reported on the successful lambing session witnessed by members and a guided tour of Warton Crag. Next will be the Eric Morecambe Bird Hide. The Scrabble Group will meet as usual at the library 2pm on Friday. The undefeated darts team will continue to meet as usual but may discontinue for the summer months. The lunch and theatre groups have enjoyed various outings.

Judith Harper gave details of the trip to the Blackburn Cathedral Flower Festival followed by Oswaldtwistle Mill on **Thursday 23rd June** 16 cost £16.

Our speaker for the evening was **Pauline Sterritt**, one of our members, who had nominated the local Macular Society as our charity for the year. Pauline first thanked John Pearson, husband of a member, who assisted in presenting a DVD on Macular Degeneration. The DVD was presented by **Peter Sallis** of Wallace and GrommIt fame who is himself a macular patient. The DVD was interesting and covered every aspect of this rapidly growing Age Related Macular Degenerative eye condition. Pauline then explained the function of our local group who meet once a month at Carnforth Railway Station. Money raised by the BLS WI will be used to purchase equipment so that members of the Society can try out the various low vision aids before purchasing as all the equipment is very expensive. The film and talk were informative about an important health subject which affects an increasing number of people, as we are now living longer. Hazel Short thanked Pauline and presented her with a cheque for **£1000** which she accepted on behalf of **Julia Chabrel** the Chairperson of Carnforth Macular Society.

Our final item of a busy evening was hearing and debating the two Resolutions. One on the role of carers for dementia patients in hospital. The other about food wastage in supermarkets and food poverty in society. Both resolutions were carried. The competition for an interesting spectacle case was won by **Angela Buck** and the evening closed with the National Anthem.

Pauline Sterritt



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Readings for June

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11th 22nd Alban, first martyr of Britain 24th Birth of John the Baptist 29th Peter and Paul, Apostles

Parish Registers

Baptisms

During May, we welcomed Ava Helen Williams, Lily Isabelle **Coleman and Madeleine Lavinia** Margaret Andreae into the church with our love and prayers.

Weddings We congratulate and pray for Michael McGee and **Gillian Ingram** who were married in May.

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

Jennifer Cooper, Yvonne Pickthall Stephenson and Alice Tennant

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

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Parish Calendar - June



Wednesday 1st	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
Thursday 2nd	9.45-11.15am Coffee Morning at Community Centre : South Africa Project	
Friday 3rd	7.00pm First Friday Worship at Holy Trinity : Encounter and Transformation - Part 2	
Sunday 5th	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 8th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
	6.45pm Occasional Preachers' Course at Holy Trinity	
Saturday 11th	Bolton-le-Sands Gala from 1.00pm - 'Three Churches Marquee'	
Sunday 12th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
	9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mark's	
	10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Christening of Alfie Robert Chapman	
Tuesday 14th	7.30pm Standing Committee Meeting at Holy Trinity	
Wednesday 15th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
	2.00pm MU Deanery Festival and afternoon tea at Holy Trinity	
	6.45pm Occasional Preachers' Course at Holy Trinity	
Thursday 16th	7.30pm Prayer Hour at Holy Trinity	
Sunday 19th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
	9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's (BCP)	
	10.30am Morning Praise for Fathers' Day at Holy Trinity	
Wednesday 22nd	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
	6.45pm Occasional Preachers' Course at Holy Trinity	
Sunday 26th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
	9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mark's	
	10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
Wednesday 29th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
Friday 1st July	7.00pm First Friday Worship at Holy Trinity	
Sunday 3rd July	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
	9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's (Common Worship)	
	10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	
Wed 6th July	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity	

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