

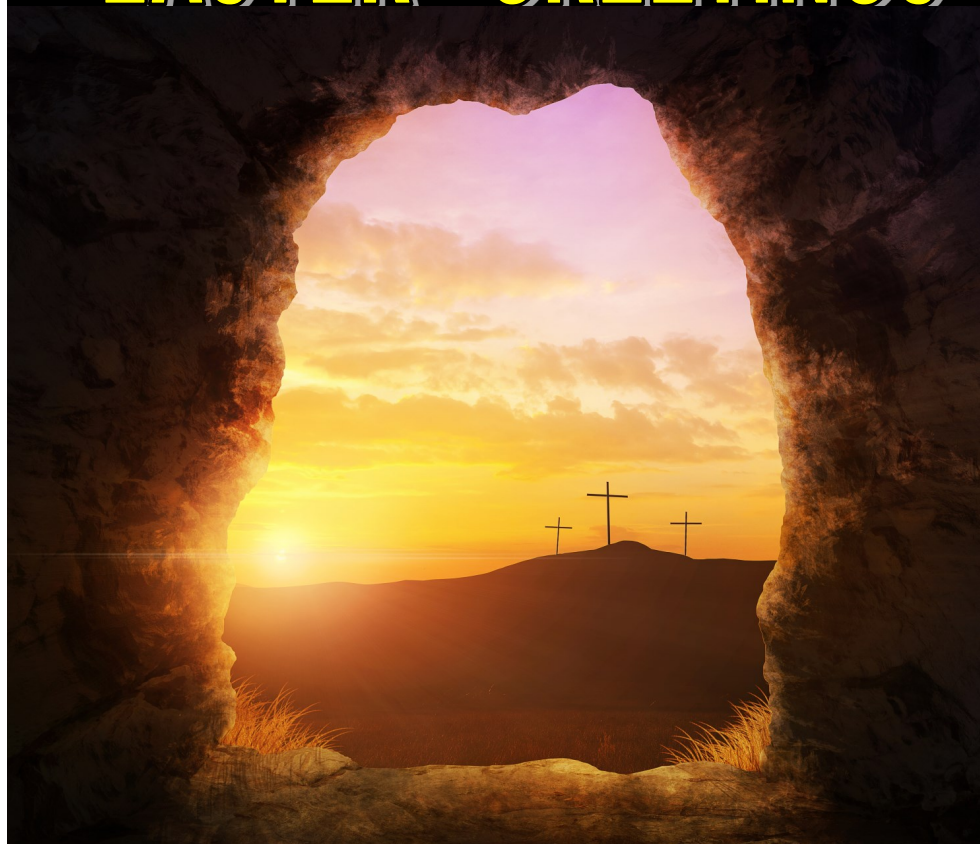
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PARISH LETTER

During my first visit to New Zealand one of the things I wanted to do during my stay in the South Island was to walk the Bridle Path from the port of Lyttelton into Christchurch. I mentioned this to a man sitting next to me on the plane and his comment was “there are more interesting walks”. I explained why I wanted to do this walk but he was unimpressed! When the first settlers arrived in Lyttelton in 1850 after a long sea journey they had to take this path over the Port Hills into Christchurch. Parents with young children had to walk carrying all their belongings to begin a new life. I wanted to walk it and try to imagine how they did this. It took them two days as they were laden down whereas the only thing I had to carry was my camera. It took me two hours. I kept stopping to look around and took photos but I learned something of how arduous it must have been for them.

The Christian year is a journey for us. During Lent many of us have made some effort by giving something up or perhaps taking something on. As we approach the week before Easter Holy Week) this is an opportunity for us to embark on a path with Jesus walking with him on his way to the cross. I always find it helpful to read in St Mark’s Gospel of the events of the week. I start at chapter 11 and continuing to chapter 16 (but you can pass quickly over chapter 13 or even omit it).

We begin on Palm Sunday when he rode on a donkey into Jerusalem (Mark 11. 1-11).

On the Monday we read of the cleansing of the Temple (Mark 11. 12-19).

On the Tuesday we read of the teaching by Jesus (Mark 11.20 -44).

On the Wednesday we read of his time in Bethany and of his betrayal by Judas (Mark 14.1-11).

On the Thursday (Maundy Thursday) we read of the preparation for the Passover and the Last Supper, the scene in Gethsemane and the arrest of Jesus (Mark 14. 12- 72).

On the Friday (Good Friday) we read of the trial before Pilate and the Crucifixion (Mark 15. 1-47).

On the Saturday nothing is recorded.

Then on the Sunday (Easter Day) we read of the Empty Tomb and the Resurrection (Mark 16).

I find I am moved by reading the passages slowly each day and trying to imagine the events as if I were there. To go back to the Bridle Path walk, I could only imagine how the settlers coped with the burden. Reading the account of Holy Week we can only imagine. In a hymn we sing, *We may not know, we cannot tell what pains He had to bear; but we believe it was for us He hung and suffered there.*

And of course we have the real joy of knowing that **He is risen** and lives today.

On another of my trips to New Zealand I was invited to celebrate Holy Communion on Easter Sunday and I was told (ordered?) to use throughout the service as many times as I wished an acclamation and I was happy to obey. The acclamation was **Alleluia, Christ is risen! The congregation replied He is risen indeed, Alleluia !**

And both they and I said it each time loudly and with conviction.

I trust that we in Grimsargh will join in saying this on Easter Day.

John Ball



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Churches Together in Longridge and District held this year's service at St. Wilfrid's church. The service was prepared by Taiwanese women and was led by representatives of all our local churches.

The theme was one of encouragement, inspired by the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, (Ephesians 1:15), and members of the congregation were invited to write a message of encouragement to someone they know on one of the beautiful postcards that were provided.

During the first hymn, a large jigsaw puzzle showing a map of Taiwan was completed, to demonstrate how each of us has a part to play in encouraging others and bringing people to faith in Jesus.

We heard about the experiences of a range of Taiwanese women and about how they had encouraged others through their words and actions. There were opportunities to join in prayer and reflection and to sing hymns, which were accompanied by the music group from St. Wilfrid's church and three pupils from St. Wilfrid's Primary School. Two classes from St. Wilfrid's joined us for the service and made a wonderful contribution by leading our singing of a new hymn, 'I have heard about your faith', which they had learned especially for this occasion.

Some excellent sandwiches and cakes, provided by members of St. Wilfrid's congregation, were served after the service, and many people stopped to enjoy them and to speak to friends. A retiring collection, in aid of World Day of Prayer's many charitable causes, raised £165.50. Thank you to everyone who supported or attended the service this year.

Ecumenical Service

We are joining with our friends at Alston Lane for an Ecumenical Service on the evening of Palm Sunday, April 2nd, at 6.30 pm. The service will be held at Alston Lane church and will be followed by light refreshments in the Caton Room.

It would be lovely to see the service well supported by members of our church. Father Doyle is very keen to see our links continuing to go from strength to strength.

Tenebrae service

We are invited to join with members of Longridge church for a Tenebrae service at 7.30 pm on the Wednesday of Holy Week April 5th. The service will be held at St Paul's.

Tenebrae (Latin for darkness) is a religious service, observed during Holy

Week, commemorating the sufferings and death of Christ.

The service takes place in a dark church lit by a number of candles. A series of readings go through Jesus's final week ending with his burial. After each reading a candle is snuffed out until only the Christ candle remains lit. A loud noise at the end of the service symbolises the earthquake at Christ's death.

It is always a very moving service so do come along if you can

News from FAF...

Sunday 9th April The Big Easter Egg Hunt, 11am-12 noon.

Just a reminder that following the Easter Sunday service, we will be having another children's Easter Egg Hunt in the graveyard. In addition, refreshments will be available for the adults and it will give everyone the opportunity to admire the beautifully decorated church.

We hope that the children will enjoy searching for the Easter eggs. Easter Egg Hunts are proof that children can find things when they really want to! Come and join our Easter adventures.

If anyone would like to donate Easter Eggs, there is a basket at the back of church for your donations.

Parish Meal, Saturday 22nd April, 12 for 12.20pm, Ferrari's Country Restaurant

If you would like to enjoy a delicious meal at Ferrari's and enjoy the company of our church family, please sign the list at the back of church. The cost is £16.00 for two courses, £20.50 for three courses and coffee is an additional £2.50. A children's menu is also available. You will be able to pay on the day.

Ferrari's is a lovely country restaurant in the heart of the Ribble Valley. Our Parish Meal will provide us with the opportunity to chat with people who we may not always get the chance to talk to on Sundays. There will also be a raffle.

If you do not have your own transport, please see any FAF member and indicate that you need a lift on the list at the back of church.

Grimsthorpe Parish Church Electoral Roll 2023

The Church Electoral Roll is the basic list in every parish of all those entitled to vote in elections within the Church of England.

Before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) the electoral roll is either reviewed or, once every six years, completely renewed.

This year we are reviewing the electoral roll therefore, if you have completed a form last year there is no need for you to do anything further

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as you will remain on the electoral roll until it is renewed. However, if you have moved into the village, started attending church or turned 16 in the last 12 months and would like to be included on the electoral roll please fill in a form that can be picked up from the back of church or downloaded from the church website.

Who can be on the electoral roll?

To be on the electoral roll a person needs to have been baptised, be at least 16 years old and either:

- Living in the parish and a member of the Church of England or a Church in communion with the Church of England.
- Not resident in the parish but is a member of the Church of England (or a Church with which the Church of England is in communion) and has regularly attended worship in the parish during the six months prior to enrolment
- A member in good standing of a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and they are prepared to declare themselves a member of the Church of England, having regularly attended worship during the six months prior to enrolment.

Dates in our parish relevant to the review of the electoral roll:-

Put up notice regarding the revision at least 14 days before the start of the revision	7 th April 2023 at the latest
Undertake the revision on a fixed date 15 to 28 days before the APCM	21 st April 2023
Display the revised roll with a list of those names removed at least 14 days before the APCM	30 th April 2023
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)	14 th May 2023

For further information please speak to Jennifer Perry.

It's All Greek to Me (cont)

The Greek contribution to science, ie cold hard facts, is somewhat limited. There were plenty of bogus theories around the nature of matter, for example that everything is comprised of water, air, fire or earth. There were many other, wrong analyses. However, I will highlight two contributions which strike me personally as exceptional.

The first is the short and pithy observation of Heraclitus, “Panta rhe”; literally, everything flows, or everything is in a state of flux. You may not think that is a particularly remarkable statement, it may strike you as obvious. But there were plenty of thinkers who thought otherwise, that despite some change, everything was permanent and had always been what it was and is. Whereas everywhere you look, all is in constant if sometimes subtle change.

The other truly remarkable theory was that of Democritus in the 5th century BC, that everything is made up of tiny indivisible “atoms”, a Greek word, literally from the Greek, that which cannot be split. That of course is also scientifically wrong, as we in modern times now know, with potentially devastating consequences. But it does seem to me as astonishing that a man could work out the nature of all matter just by intellectual analysis and evolve a theory which accounts for the nature of everything, without access to any scientific experimentation whatsoever

Mark

MOTHERS' UNION

At the March meeting we met Kieran Spencer and Rachel Ray from Night Safe.



They told us about the work being undertaken in Blackburn for Homeless young people age 16-24 . At vital charity helping those who have left home, or made to leave for many reasons - from physical, sexual, emotional abuse to breakdowns in relationships within the home.

When a young person arrives, they are placed in the emergency night shelter for 9 days, during which the staff support them in all areas from basic home skills– washing, cooking, budgeting to getting a job and furthering their education. After 9 days they move to one of their houses (as seen on SOS DIY with Nick Knowles last year!) where they continue to receive the support but encouraged to become more independent and to move on finally to their own homes and jobs by the time they are 24. They have helped young people from the whole of the Ribble Valley, include Longridge & Chipping recently. Their work is changing young people’s lives for the better and giving them vital life-skills. We wished them well with their work and gave them donations.

Their vision is that every young person that comes through Nightsafe’s door will have a roof over their head, live in a safe environment, be treated with kindness, dignity and respect and achieve their potential.

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The **Mothering Sunday Service** was a great celebration led by Jayne Woollam, with a full church. The theme being the baby in the bulrushes and how God's plans were followed through by 3 strong ladies!

Children from school enthusiastically sang 'Teach me to dance' to us. Bunches of daffodils with a Mother's day message, were supplied by the Mothers Union members, and given out by Eileen, Jean & Nellie .

Shirley Brown is home from hospital , we wish her a speedy recovery.

Next meeting—April 19th (in school) Dot & Fred Little—A Winter Challenge, walking from Preston to Kendal, following the canal.

Mother's Union Caravan

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SCHOOL REPORT

Worship

Our year 3 took the lead during whole school worship on Shrove Tuesday. They reminded us about the symbolism of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and what Shrove Tuesday means for Christians.

The children then gathered to worship to think about Ash Wednesday. Some year 6 pupils read from the Bible. They spoke with confidence and shared the story of the temptation of Jesus from Matthew 4:1-11 and Matthew 6:25-33. Jesus tells us not to worry about tomorrow - seek first His Kingdom. We sang, 'He'll be there,' reminding us that where ever we are and however we feel, God is with us. The children enjoyed learning why we call the day after Shrove Tuesday, 'Ash Wednesday.'

Rest and Reflect Area

We were delighted to announce the official opening of our new, 'Rest and Reflect Area.' The former headteacher of Grimsargh St Michael's C of E Primary School, Mrs Cowell, joined our pupil leadership team and members of our Bible Fun Club, to officially open the new outdoor area. Miss Smith worked with the children in the Bible Fun Club to redesign and enhance our outdoor space in order to provide our pupils with an outdoor area that allows our pupils to take time out to rest and reflect at break and lunch times. We hope the area will provide a calm space to encourage our pupils to celebrate the awe and wonder of God's wonderful creation, read Bible stories, learn more about the diverse range of world religions, beliefs and festivals and write prayers and poems relating to curriculum RE, worship or themes close to their heart. A special thank you to Mrs Lees, Sophia and Adam and Mrs McGivern for planting the beds in the Rest and Reflect Area and also Michelle from So Plants (at Little Town Dairy) for advising our budding gardeners and supplying some of the plants.

Our PTFA also kindly donated funds to enable us to purchase some of the books and outdoor furniture in the new outdoor area.

Reading

On Thursday 2nd March, we all enjoyed the much-anticipated World Book Day! This year, we decided to focus our day on 'vocabulary', as this is one of the golden threads of our school curriculum and an important part of reading. The children dressed in costumes to reflect different words and then we all took part in a 'vocabulary parade' in the hall. We had so many fantastic words around school - what an amazing way to expand our vocabulary! Each class also spent the day doing lots of reading activities, including vocabulary profiles, exploring The Word Collector by Peter Reynolds and making posters to promote reading for pleasure.

Diversity

We were extremely pleased to welcome Reece Taylor back into our school on Monday to support our work around Diversity. Reece spent time with our year 2, 5 and 6 classes– the feedback from staff was positive. Reece's

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session again looked at, what Cerebral Palsy is, how he came to be diagnosed with it, the different types and severity of the disability, the positive aspects of living a disability, the more challenging aspects of his life and his achievements with the idea that this would encourage children to think that they can achieve anything regardless their circumstances.

Sport

We have continued to enter all sporting competitions in the school calendar. These have included a team of year 3/4 children participating in the Multi-skills Skills event, in which they finished in 4th place and a team of year 4, 5 and 6 children competing in the Swimming Gala, in which our team won the boys individual backstroke (Evan W) and the medley relay. Our tag rugby and girls football teams also completed their respective seasons with some positive results. A group of children represented our school in the Preston School Games Dance Festival at Fulwood Academy. Our children not only performed superbly on the stage but sat beautifully while watching all the other schools– they were all a real credit to our school. We look forward to the upcoming cross country and tri-golf events.

PTFA

We are very much looking forward to the next PTFA event which is the Easter Bingo- this event will take place on the 30th March at 5:30pm. We are also extremely excited about the Circus that is coming to Grimsargh St Michael's after half-term (April 22nd).

Educational Visits

In the past few weeks our reception children and our year 3 children enjoyed a local walk, our year 2 children enjoyed their visit to Windmill Farm and our year 5 children have been extremely busy, taking part in 'Sing Together' at King George's Hall, attending the Philharmonic Hall in Liverpool and visiting the farm at Cobble Hey.

Search '**grimsarghstmichaels**' on Instagram and '**Grimsargh St Michael's C of E Primary School**' on Facebook to have a snapshot of some of the things our children have been doing.

On behalf of our school staff, I wish everyone within our Grimsargh community well and hope you all continue to support each other and stay safe this Easter time.

Kind Regards

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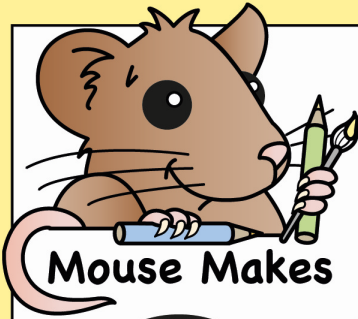
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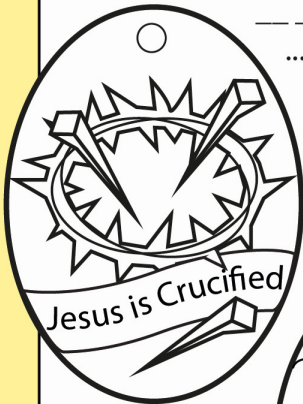
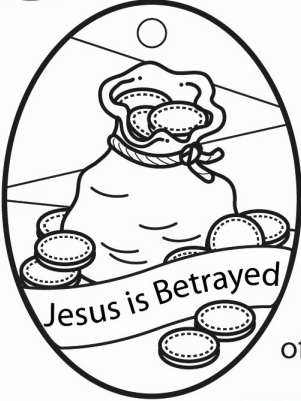
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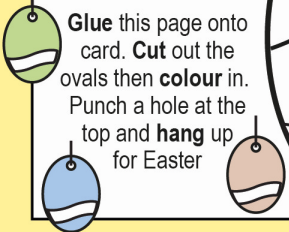
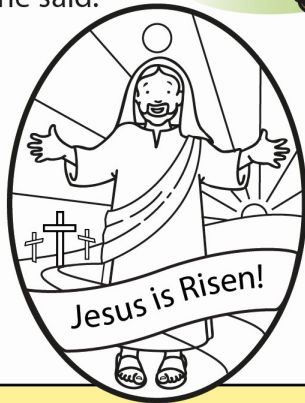
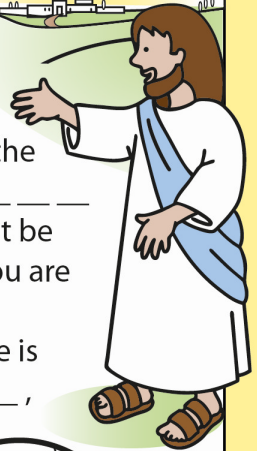




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April	2nd	NO FLOWERS IN LENT
April	9th	B & M Mackley + N Cowell
April	16th	Vacant
April	23rd	Linda and Liz Eccleston
April	30th	Vacant

SIDESPERSONS, READERS AND COFFEE ROTAS

	8.30am	10.00am	Communion Assistant	Readers	Coffee
April 2nd		B Mackley		B Mackley J Eccles	
April 9th		D Rae	M Lamberty	S Cowell Vicar	
April 16th		James Cowell		Youth Reader	
April 23rd		R Buckley	N Cowell	R Woollam Vicar	
April 30th		N Maudsley		N Cowell J Lander	

FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

	Leader	Duty		Welcome
April 7th	GOOD FRIDAY	No Coffee Morning		
April 14th	Marlene	Christine	Helen	Jean
April 21st	Jean	Eileen	Maureen	Nellie
April 28th	Jennifer	Kate	Christine	Janet

ST MICHAEL'S DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

- 2nd** **Palm Sunday**
10.00am Morning Worship
6.30pm Ecumenical Service at Alston Lane Church
- 5th** 7.30pm Tenebrae Service at St. Paul's, Longridge
- 7th** **Good Friday**
NO Coffee Morning
11.00am Good Friday Service
12 noon Service around the Cross, Berry Lane, Longridge
- 8th** **Easter Eve**
9.30am onward - Decorating church for Easter, All help welcome
- 9th** **Easter Day**
10.00am Holy Communion and JIGSAW club
11.00am till 12 noon Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard
- 14th** 9:30 - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 16th** **Easter 2**
10.00am Family Service
- 17th** 7.30pm PCC meeting in school
- 19th** 7.30pm Mothers' Union in School. Fred and Dot Little, A winter challenge, walking the Preston to Kendal canal
- 20th** 11.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
7.30pm Bible Study, 204 Preston Rd (Jayne Woollam)
- 21st** 9:30 - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 22nd** 12 noon for 12.30pm - Parish meal at Ferraris, Longridge
- 23rd** **Easter 3 - St George's Day**
10.00am Holy Communion and Jigsaw club
- 28th** 9:30 - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 30th** **Easter 4**
10.00am Morning Worship followed by a Baptism

DEADLINE for the May magazine is 15th April.

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