We have been busily arranging "fun" and "fundraising" events since the easing of lockdown, albeit via Zoom! The following events have been arranged for 2021, and will hopefully go ahead, subject to public health conditions continuing to remain under control.

Saturday 22nd May – "Whit Walks" – Meeting on the Church carpark at 2pm.

Saturday 12th June - "Cake Stall" - TBC

Saturday 3rd July – James' famous "Car Wash".

Saturday 7th August - "BBQ", Jayne's and Ron's house, 204 Preston Road, Grimsargh.

September 24th-26th - "Festival of Angels" to celebrate St. Michael's Day.

October 15th – "Lancashire Night"

Saturday 6th November – "Quiz Night"

"Grimsargh Whit Walks", Saturday 22nd May, 2021, 2pm, Church Carpark.

"Whitsuntide" or, Pentecost, commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples following the death of Jesus. For many older parishioners, the annual Whit Walks were a familiar event, wending their way through the streets of Northern towns; typically they were led by a brass band, and girls would process through the streets, typically wearing new white dresses.

While you do not need to wear a new white dress on this occasion, you are invited to sign up for a "Grimsargh Whit Walk". Each walk has been carefully planned, and will be led by a volunteer. All the walks will start at 2pm, leaving from the Church carpark on the afternoon of Saturday, 22nd May. Most of the walks are approximately 3 miles. However, the Grimsargh Challenger, is a longer walk, approx. 5-7 miles, and is for the more robust walker! The Grimsargh Park stroll is approximately, one mile, and is a more leisurely walk.

Please find below details of the walks:

The Cow Hill Circular - Leader, Nellie Cowell, a buggy, family friendly walk.

Grimsargh Park Stroll - Leader, Eileen Parker, a more leisurely walk around the park.

The Wetlands and Beyond - Leader, Jayne Woollam, taking in the wonders of Grimsargh Wetlands.

Elston Lane and Tunbrook - Leader Kevan Thompson, discover the delights of the beautiful Tunbrook Wood.

<u>The Grimsargh Challenger</u> – Leaders, <u>Ruth Buckley and Penny Thompson</u>, a more challenging walk, around Grimsargh's boundary.

Subject to demand, more walks will be added.

Once you have completed the walk, you will return to the Church, where you will receive a boxed, delicious afternoon tea, kindly supplied by Sarah Putland. The afternoon tea consists of four finger sandwiches, one piece of quiche, one jam-cream scone, two cakes and a bag of crisps. Hot drinks and cold drinks will also be served. The boxes are suitable for vegetarians.

If you would like to sign up for the "Grimsargh Whit Walks", please sign the list at the back of church, asap. The cost of the guided walk, including boxed afternoon tea and tea/coffee is £5. Children under 5 are free.

If you would like to sign up for one of the walks, please sign the list at the back of church, or alternatively speak to any "FAF" member. We would politely ask you to pay for the walk and afternoon by Sunday 16th May, so that Sarah can plan the afternoon teas. Please could you leave your payment in a signed envelope at Nellie Cowell's home, 270 Longridge Road, Grimsargh.

All the walks will be conducted in line with the current government guidelines. Please bottled water with you, sunscreen and wear waterproof clothing and stout boots. Covering every eventuality!

Looking forward to rambling through the Parish! If you have any queries please contact any "FAF" member.

Thank you,

Jayne