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PARISH LETTER

Endings and beginnings

July is a month when things change for many people. Our children will be leaving the class they've been taught together and prepare to move to a new year with its challenges and new things to learn. Our Year 6 children will be leaving the security of their Primary School and prepare to move to a new school in a different place, with different people and ways of learning.

Add to that the summer holidays are approaching which bring with them the opportunities for fun and exploration as well as the challenge of increased childcare and food bills.

What about us? June has been a very busy month with our Garden Party and Grimsargh Field Day. Maybe July will be a little less busy and give us the opportunity to reflect on how the changes in life can challenge us and help us grow. It is often the changes, new beginnings, and challenges where we grow most, both as human beings and as Christians.

Towards the end of July Louise and I will be away at the Keswick Convention again. For us this is a week to be refreshed and challenged by the Bible teaching and rejoice in the joint worship. This year's theme is 'Transformed'.

- **We are transformed:** Christ, crucified for us, became our sin, delivered us from darkness to light, and clothed us in his righteousness.
- **We will be transformed:** One day, we will be presented before God's throne, faultless and full of joy; pure, beautiful and stain-free.
- **We are being transformed:** The power of sin is broken and the penalty paid, but we still battle with its ongoing presence. We curve inwards, forget who we are in Christ, and live for ourselves instead. But God continues his transforming work.

Being transformed is about more than just change on the outside. It is an inside-out heart-transplant as the Holy Spirit helps us desire Jesus, become more Christlike and bear fruit for his glory. Until he takes us home.

If you have online access, you can join us in the teaching and worship by going through the Keswick Ministries website at <https://keswickministries.org>.

Even if you can't do that maybe you can spend own time with the Lord and each other to seek the blessing of transformation that the Lord offers.

This July may we all be blessed, renewed and transformed by the Holy Spirit.

Blessings,

Andy



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Bible Study.

We will be restarting our Bible study group after the summer. The group will meet at the vicarage on the 2nd Thursday each month at 7.30pm. Each time there will be opportunities to explore the Bible, be inspired by a teaching video, and share our thoughts, pray together, as well as a time of fellowship over tea & coffee. Andy and Louise will host and lead the Bible study to begin with but others are welcome to host once we get going.

To begin with we will be following The Bible Course which is produced by The Bible Society. This will enable us to explore the key themes of the Bible over 8 sessions. Each person on the course will need a guidebook which includes some of the course material and additional resources to use between our monthly meetings. We will agree other subjects to study once we're finished The Bible Course.

Our Bible study is open to anyone who would like to take part and share in the learning. Please speak to Andy as soon as possible so that the guidebooks can be ordered in time for us to begin on the 8th October.

[Blessings, Andy](#)

Newsletter

Our first newsletter. It has been a long time in the planning, but it is now here. The newsletter is not intended to replace the parish magazine but highlight upcoming events and provide online and email information.

Sign up

If you would like to receive the newsletter, which will be published roughly every 2 months, please send an email to: emailnews.gsm@gmail.com.

It can also be found on the Church website. <https://e-voice.org.uk/grimsarghstmichael/>

FAF (Fundraising and Fellowship Group)

A huge thankyou to everyone who came along to support our annual Garden Party.

This is one of our main fundraisers of the year, so we really do appreciate the time and effort given by everyone who helped in any way to make it such a success. Once again, helpful and kind folk arrived in the morning to help set up the stalls, tables, chairs and Chef arrived to set up the BBQ. Then, bakers and donation givers arrived, stall holders and refreshments organised. It was so lovely to see so many happy families across the generations enjoy the traditional afternoon of fun.

The afternoon began traditionally with the Grimsargh Village Rose Queen Florence Bradley Russell, opening the Garden Party. It was wonderful to see the children dancing and watching the proud faces of their families and our parishioners alike. It really does make the afternoon extra special, many thanks to all the staff in school who have encouraged the children to do it so brilliantly. Also, many thanks to the Year 2 class, Mrs. Coupe and Mrs. Hemmings. They surprised the FAF group recently by donating £82 as a result of selling a variety of creative items they made. There will be more details of the monies raised and results at the garden Party in the next magazine.

St MICHAEL'S CHURCH, GRIMSARGH BIG SUMMER RAFFLE DRAW.

This is another of our main fundraising events.

It will be drawn at THE GRIMSARGH CLUB on Friday 11th July at 11.00 a.m

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15th July – St Swithun (or Swithin), saint for a rainy day

St Swithun is apparently the saint you can blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15th July, it will then rain for 40 days after that. It all began when Swithun was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 by King Ethelwulf of Wessex. It was an important posting: Winchester was the capital of Wessex, and during the 10 years Swithun was there, Wessex became the most important kingdom of England.

During his life, instead of washing out people's summer holidays, and damping down their spirits, Swithun seems to have done a lot of good. He was famous for his charitable gifts and for his energy in getting churches built. When he was dying in 862, he asked that he be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door.

If he had been left there in peace, who knows how many rainy summers the English may have been spared over the last 1000 years. But, no, it was decided to move Swithun. By now, the 960s, Winchester had become the first monastic cathedral chapter in England, and the newly installed monks wanted Swithun in the cathedral with them. So finally, on 15 July 971, his bones were dug up and Swithun was translated into the cathedral.

That same day many people claimed to have had miraculous cures. Certainly, everyone got wet, for the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and on the days following, was attributed to the power of St Swithun. Swithun was moved again in 1093, into the new Winchester cathedral. His shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the Middle Ages. The shrine was destroyed during the Reformation and restored in 1962. There are 58 ancient dedications to Swithun in England.

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St James the Least of All

On why people complain to the vicar – and how to ignore them

From The Rectory

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

So, you have received your first letter of complaint. I am not wholly unsympathetic with your complainant, as attempting to marry the bride to the best man would have created havoc with the seating arrangements at the reception. However, you must learn that receiving letters of complaint is an integral part of the ordained ministry. After 50 years of parish life, the number of such letters I have received are now held in bound volumes.

The anonymous ones you will receive, invariably written in green ink on lined notepaper, can be safely consigned to your wastepaper basket, along with all mail, from whatever source, labelled 'Urgent'. You will receive letters complaining that you did not pray for someone who was in hospital, regardless of the fact that you knew nothing of it. Probably by the next post, you will receive a letter complaining that you did pray for someone in hospital – when they had wanted to keep their cosmetic surgery secret.

Those who regard themselves as guardians of doctrinal purity will write complaining of the heresies contained in the previous Sunday's sermon. These can be filed with those letters that complain that your sermons are too short, along with those who complain that they are too long.

The hourly striking of the church clock is a perennial favourite for complaints. I usually reply by saying that we are currently exploring the possibility of getting it to strike the quarters too.

Letters of complaint will arrive in November, complaining that the church is too cold, so making prayer impossible. Others will drop on the doormat in April saying that it is too hot, so making prayer impossible. In Spring, some will write that the churchyard should be mown more often, while others will complain that it is mown too often and ruins it as a habitat for wildlife. The annual Summer 'Procession of Witness' generates complaints that the brass band ruined the slumbers of parishioners having a Sunday lie-in. Then come Harvest, there will be the letters complaining that they did not receive a Harvest gift, which was particularly unforgivable, as their grandmother had once sung in the choir. Thus, the annual round is accompanied by reams of notepaper.

The only letter of complaint I have really treasured came from the bishop, rebuking me for never having attended any meeting when he was present. I have had it framed and hung on the study wall.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace.

Church Notices that didn't quite 'make it'...

The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.

Churchyard maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult, so it will be appreciated if parishioners cut the grass around their own graves.

Baptism

The vicar announced that an additional font would soon be placed in the church, so that babies could be baptised at both ends.

MOTHERS' UNION



Diane with her husband, Joss

This month's meeting's speaker was Dianne Duane, who is a member of St. Michael's church, speaking on 'Jesus heals today'. She shared with us her life, growing up in Preston, then working nursing children in many different intensive care units across the country. But when she was living in Devon suffering from 'burn-out' from her job she heard about the Ellel Ministries in Lancashire! She came back to Grimsargh to live and became very involved in their work. She has now been a volunteer with them for twenty years and loves her work, spending days there as well travelling around the world to visit other Ellel centres

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What can it offer us ?

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Maybe a visit there? It is only up the M6 (off at junction 33!) We all live busy lives, so maybe something worth thinking about ?

Talk to me (Ruth) if you are interested

Notices

In 2026 the Mothers Union is celebrating 150 years. Any ideas on how to celebrate are being requested

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They also ask if we can help them with any unwanted gift packs (as they like to give the ladies birthday gifts)

Advanced Notices

Next meeting July 16th Fire Safety (in school)

Mary Sumner Day service at Bilsborrow August 8th 2.30pm



Looking back at the May meeting ...

Celebrating St. Michael's Mothers' Union Birthday at Ribchester Arms. Joined by members of Mothers Unions at Whitechapel St. Stephen's and St Leonard's



Our oldest member, Josie, cut the cake, kindly made by Neil Holding.

Entertainment provided by Nellie and Hazel.

A big thank you to the Ribchester Arms and to all who organized the party.



SCHOOL REPORT

Worship

Ascension Day

The children learned about the Ascension of Jesus—the moment when Christians remember Him returning to heaven. They reflected on feelings of loss and imagined what it would be like to lose a close friend, just as the disciples did. The group talked about special items that remind us of friends, drawing a connection to how the disciples' memories helped shape the New Testament stories.

They were also invited to think about: Do you have something that reminds you of a friend? Why is it special?

A prayer was shared, thanking God for friendship and asking for guidance in being faithful and true friends.

Confirmation



Congratulations to Hannah, Matilda and Ruby. On Sunday 18th May 2025 three of our pupils were confirmed by Bishop Jill, the Bishop of Lancaster.

SATURDAYS...

Saturday 21st June: Parish Garden Party

On Saturday 21st June, and along with the parishioners, we are looking forward to welcoming our pupils, along with their parents, guardians, family and friends, to the Parish Garden Party where there will be a selection of stalls and entertainment, together with teas and refreshments being served. All the children from nursery through to year six, perform a dance routine.

Saturday 28th June: Grimsargh Field Day

We are looking forward to the Field Day. We have chosen Wizard of OZ/Wicked as our theme. Our PTFA are busy behind the scenes getting the floats ready! The arrangements are to meet on the 28th June at 12pm at the Village Hall to set off at 12.30.

Saturday 5th July: PTFA Circus

Our PTFA is hosting another fantastic community event this summer when the circus returns to school for three shows on Saturday 5th July. To help fund the event, they are offering a range of sponsorship opportunities for local businesses. These provide the chance to promote company brands to potentially thousands of people through print advertising and social media promotion in the run up to, and at the event.

SUSTAINABILITY

It was lovely to receive the message below, from Marjorie Drake, from Fairtrade and Climate Action, re our work on sustainability...

We were very impressed with your contribution to the Sustainability festival on Saturday, with a whole portfolio of posters! Unfortunately, we couldn't include them all, as we had contributions from 10 schools. Thank you so much for sharing all the work you are doing- I will send you a certificate of thanks separately. It was interesting for people to see all the work that is going on and hopefully our display will have inspired more schools to increase their activities.

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have completed their phonics screening assessments. They showcased their learning incredibly well and did so with incredible confidence and maturity. Our year 4 children have recently completed their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). By the end of year 4, children are expected to know their 'times tables' to 12x12 and they are assessed on these during the MTC weeks. Again, our children made us incredibly proud as they responded to the quick-fire questions with calmness.

SPORTS

Reception Mini-skills

Congratulations to **Grace, Hugo, Cassie, Harley, Ruby and Max**. They proudly represented our school at West View Leisure Centre in the reception mini-skills inter-school sports competition. Our team competed against nine other teams in a range of activities, including throwing, running and catching.

The children represented our school superbly and were a real credit. Miss Smith and Mrs Todd were incredibly proud of the effort they showed.



CRICKET

On Thursday morning, our boys cricket team competed in the Dynamos Cricket Competition at Fulwood and Broughton Cricket Ground.

We were put in a group with Ribbleton, Longsands and Queens Drive. Unfortunately, we were on the wrong end of two extremely close matches, losing to Ribbleton by 5 runs and to Longsands by 4. We were actually beating Longsands with the final bowl to be bowled.

Our final match in the group against Queens Drive ended the same way as the previous two.

Our team now look forward to competing at the School Sports Festival at UCLan next week.

Well done to: **Charlie B, Charlie C, Fred C, Miles C, Thomas G, Harry M, Fraser C and Joshua P.**

SAFEGUARDING

We have continued to share the very useful Safeguarding guides with our parents and carers, including 'Emojis' and 'Generative AI'.

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

Mr Stuart Booth
Headteacher

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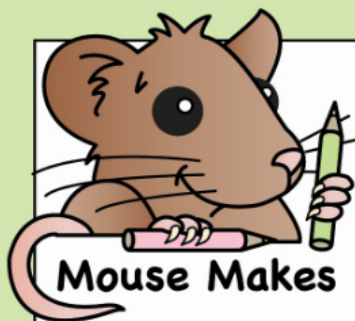
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Fill in the missing words of the Lord's Prayer then find them and these extra words in the word search:

LORD'S PRAYER
DISCIPLES
JESUS
GOD
WORLD
NEEDS
FORGIVENESS
TRESPASSES
PROTECTION
REPENTANCE



The versions of **The Lord's Prayer** we say today come from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.
Which version do you use in your church?



Read
Matthew 6:9-15
and
Luke 11:1-4





With
God, all
things are
possible.
Mathew
19:26

JIGSAW CLUB

For the children of St Michael's, Grimsargh.



When?



2nd and 4th Sunday of each month!
(term time only)

What?

Children aged 3 -11

Who?

Fun games, music and activities.

St Michael's Church and then
the Jigsaw Club hut!

Where?

Everyone
Welcome!

Optional
speaking in
Church!

A great way
to make new
friends!

Jesus
Is
Great
Special
And
Wonderful

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before leaving for lots of activities and fun.
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FLOWER ROTA

July	6th	Holding Family
July	13th	Betty Sweetman
July	20th	Vacant
July	27th	Holding Family

SIDESPERSONS, READERS AND COFFEE ROTAS

	8.30am	10.00am	Communion Assistant	Readers	Coffee
July	6th	John Cowell		S Cowell B Holt	
July	13th	R Woollam K Yates	B Mackley	B Mackley D Rusling	
July	20th	James Cowell		M Lamberty L Desai	
July	27th	R Buckley S Fillingham	N Cowell	L Wood N Cowell	

FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

	Leader		Duty		Welcome
July	4th	Nellie	Marlene	Jean	Janet
July	11th	Marlene	Jennifer	Kate	Christine
July	18th	Jean	Eileen	Maureen	Linda
July	25th	Nellie	Jennifer	Helen	Janet

Holy Baptism

Jesus said "Let the children come unto me"

June 8th Toby Helyer

ST MICHAEL'S DIARY DATES FOR JULY

2nd	2.00pm	Craft and Chat at the Vicarage
4th	9:30am - 11.30	Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
5th	10.30am	Prayer Group in church
6th	<u>Trinity 3</u>	
	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.30am	Baptism
7th	7.30pm	PCC meeting in school
11th	9:30am - 11.30	Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
	11.00am	FAF Big Raffle Draw
13th	<u>Trinity 4</u>	
	10.00am	Holy Communion and Jigsaw Club
16th	7.30pm	MU - Fire Safety Talk - in School
17th	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	6.30pm	Churches Together Service at St Wilfred's
18th	9:30am - 11.30	Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
20th	<u>Trinity 5</u>	
	10.00	Morning Worship with Revd Noel Colley
25th	9:30am - 11.30	Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
27th	<u>Trinity 6</u>	
	10.00am	Holy Communion with Revd Noel Colley

DEADLINE for the July magazine is 15th June.
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