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PARISH LETTER

Inviting and welcoming.

How did you get involved with church, the Christian faith or hear about Jesus? Even though many of us may have had longstanding connections with church at some point someone invited us to take part, to explore our faith, to put our trust in Jesus. You may remember in a previous letter I mentioned that as a church we are involved with a Renewal Programme funded by the Diocese. Well at a recent PCC we explored the theme of inviting people to our church and its events and improving our welcome when they arrive.

We are generally a very welcoming church with friendly people who really want to meet other people and get to know them. But we can always do better.

Our welcome team is largely made up of ‘men in suits’ whose focus is giving out books. Maybe we could take the welcome further with other people offering to sit with new people to help them in the service and make sure they join us for a cup of coffee?

But how to people find out about what we do, when we do it and what our faith means? We are good at asking people to come to our FAF events where we want them to come along and support us socially and financially. But what about inviting people to our core business; worship, meeting Jesus, exploring faith? Somehow that seems to be more challenging.

I wonder why that is? I suspect that some of our reticence is that inviting people to explore worship and faith with us seems like a more personal invitation. It means sharing something deeply personal to us, it means risking the value of our faith, it means that receiving a refusal is somehow more personal. But what is of more value to those we know – having a fun time at a social fundraising event, or possibly encountering Jesus in our worship and having their life changed by God’s love?

It might seem riskier, but when someone says ‘no’ to a social or faith event they aren’t rejecting us. We can be too thin-skinned sometimes. Over the next few months, we will be organizing events to enable people to come and hear about and explore faith in Jesus. We all need to believe in the events, invite people and bring them with us and believe that the Holy Spirit can act through those events. We need to remember a key phrase;

‘I’m going, it’s going to be good, would you like to come with me?’

We can all play our part in helping new people to experience Jesus, get to know Him and be blessed, all it takes is a little confidence and courage – see what the Lord can do through us for His glory.

Blessings, Andy



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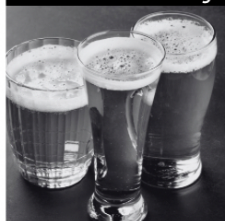
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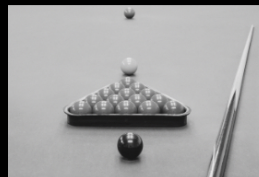


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Supporting Our School: A Community Effort

Our church school, Grimsargh St Michael's CofE Primary School, is reaching out to our parish community for support with an exciting new project to improve its outdoor playground space for the children.

The school has launched a £20,000 fundraising appeal to help transform its playground into a more inspiring, nurturing environment where pupils can play, learn and grow together.

With generous backing already secured from the Parish Council, every pound raised will be matched, meaning the total could reach an incredible £40,000.

The money raised will be put towards:

- A woodland learning area for outdoor education
- Improved play spaces for younger children
- A covered "friendship area" where pupils can relax, reflect and build relationships

These additions are designed not only to enhance playtime, but also to support children's wellbeing, confidence and social development - values that sit at the heart of both the school and our church community.

Headteacher Stuart Booth shared how important this project is for the children:

"We want to create spaces that support emotional wellbeing and resilience, while encouraging imagination, physical activity and stronger friendships."

Thanks to earlier funding, a new trim trail is already on its way. Now, the school community - through its dedicated PTFA - is asking for our help to bring the full vision to life.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us, as a church family, to support the children and families connected to our parish. Whether through a donation, sharing the appeal, or simply spreading the word, every contribution will make a meaningful difference, especially with match funding doubling the impact.

If you would like to support the appeal, donations can be made here:

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*Ashleigh,
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3rd May 2026

Dear All,

Thank you so much for your generosity in the gifts which you lavished upon me on retiring as warden, quite exceptional - and undeserved. I look forward to continuing to see you all at church in future,

Yours,

Mark



FAF

Thank you to all who attended our first Gin and Gems evening held in April. Rev. Canon Fleur Green from the Parish Church of St. John Baptist, Broughton gave a fascinating presentation. This was a very successful evening and we managed to raise £445, £100 of which has been donated to the Marie Curie Charity.

Garden Party 20th June from 1.00 pm.

Thank you, to all those who attended the Garden Party meeting on Sunday 3rd May. It was very encouraging to hear your enthusiasm and ideas.

This is one of our main fund raising events. We do need helpers both young and older members of our Parish to come together in fellowship to put on this family event. Please start thinking how you could help make it an enjoyable day. The FAF team would really appreciate any time or help you could offer, whether it be baking for the refreshment stall, making crafts, donating to the bottle stall, prizes for the Raffle, setting up, tidying up, helping on a stall, making tea and a lot, lot more. All donations for the different stalls and raffle are gratefully received and there will be a box in the back of the church.

We are very keen to involve parents and children to help with stalls from our local primary school so please look out for messages in the weekly school newsletter and contact Helen Smith at school if you can offer any help at the Garden Party on 20th June. Be part of the team and have fun.

THE BIG SUMMER RAFFLE is back!! This has also become an important fundraiser and we have some fantastic prizes to give away. Tickets are £1.00 each. It will be drawn on Friday 17th July at the Grimsargh Club at 10.30am during the Coffee Morning.

24th June – John the Baptist

Preparing the way for the Messiah

John the Baptist is famous for baptising Jesus, and for losing his head to a woman. He was born to Zechariah, a Temple priest, and Elizabeth, who was a cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus. John was born when his mother was advanced in years, and after the foretelling of his birth and the choice of his name by an angel, we hear nothing more of him until he began his mission of preaching and baptising in the river Jordan c27.

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John was a lot like an Old Testament prophet: he lived simply on locusts and honey in the wilderness, and his message was one of repentance and preparation for the coming of the Messiah and His Kingdom. He went on to baptise Jesus, at Jesus' firm request. When John went on to denounce the incestuous union of Herod Antipas with his niece and brother's wife, Herodias, he was imprisoned and eventually beheaded at the demand of Salome, Herodias' daughter.

John is the only saint to be remembered three times in the Christian calendar, in commemoration of his conception, his birth (June 24), and his martyrdom. When John saw Jesus he said that Jesus was the "Lamb of God", and he is the only person to use this expression of Jesus. In art John is often depicted carrying a lamb, or with a lamb near him.

St James the Least of All

On the struggle for life in a rectory

My dear Nephew Darren

Ah, the joys of June! At last, I can return to the Rectory without putting on my overcoat before going inside. For the next four months, all windows and doors are left open, in order to let the heat *in*. If anyone else tells me how lucky I am to live in an 10-bedroom Queen Anne house, I shall have them excommunicated.

You will soon stop complaining about your one-bedroom flat should you ever have to live in a rural rectory; the days of wandering about your home in shirtsleeves will become a distant memory. In my first winter here, I had the central heating on full blast 24 hours a day. The house was almost warm, even if the boilers sounded like the Queen Mary coming into port. But that quarter's gas bill needed a substantial grant from the International Monetary Fund to cover it, so ever since, for six months of the year, I live in the kitchen. Parishioners find it either touching or sad that I sleep with my Labrador. It never occurs to them that I need her for extra heat.

It does mean that evening meetings at the rectory on winter evenings can be un-Christianly satisfying. Watching committee members fighting – with infinite politeness – to get nearest to the one-bar electric fire is highly entertaining. They hold on to their coffee cups less for refreshment, more for a little extra warmth. At least it means that meetings are short.

My predecessor was a model railway enthusiast and so several bedrooms were taken up with a system of such complexity that it made Crewe Junction seem trivial. He also found it helpful to put his teenage son in the turret bedroom, where he could play his drums without anyone else in the house being able to hear a thing.

Nowadays, all these extra rooms are filled with cribs and nativity play costumes, Easter gardens and spare choir cassocks. It is remarkable how all these things used to be stored quite satisfactorily in the church vestry until the parish acquired a single priest; now the empty rooms in the rectory have become vital storage space. I so hope my successor has a plethora of children, so that the parishioners have to find alternative accommodation for all the detritus vital to church life.

No, dear boy, cherish your centrally heated, dry, draft proof, mice-free, bat-less, modern-plumbed accommodation. It will not be ever thus

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Church Humour

Boasting

Three boys in the schoolyard were bragging about their fathers. The first boy said, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a poem, they give him £50."

The second boy said, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a song, they give him £100."

The third boy said, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

A lesson in lies

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

MOTHERS' UNION

History was made on April 28th when the Mothers Union Prayer Capsule came to Grimsargh. As part of the 150th anniversary celebrations it came to us from the Diocese of Sodor and Man and was moving through the York Province before being taken by cycle to York Minster to arrive on June 2nd. Andy made a lovely service, which was well supported and everyone was made to feel very welcome. Thank you to those who made the lovely cakes.



We woke to a beautiful sunny morning on May 6th as we set out for our Deanery cruise with friends from St Margaret's Ingol, St Stephen's Broadgate, Longridge St Lawrence with St Paul and St James Whitechapel. No, it wasn't the Med!!! We were on the Lancaster Canal. Setting off from The Flower Bowl we headed down to the fish and chip shop In Bilborrow before sailing up to Garstang. Nature was at its best and a more relaxing experience would be hard to find. Thank you to Louise (our Presiding Member) for organising everything and to Andy (our Deanery Chaplain) for braving an excursion with 47 women!!!



On May 14th we celebrated our 95th birthday with another successful party at The Ribchester Arms. No flood this time!!! We were joined with friends from St Leonard's Walton le Dale and St Stephen's Broadgate. Thank you to Neil Holding for making us a most delicious birthday cake and to Joan for cutting it, to Catherine Robinson for arranging our quiz and to Hazel for organising everything. In true Mothers Union style, a good time was had by all.

Our next meeting will be the Deanery Festival at St Paul's Longridge, June 17th 7.00 pm. Please note 7.00 pm. Do try to support and have a word with Marlene or me if you need a lift.

As we celebrate 150 years of Mothers Union it is good to be reminded of what we are about and so I quote from the Mothers Union website.

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SCHOOL REPORT

We were excited to welcome our children and their families back on Monday 13th April after enjoying our Easter break. We have an exciting half-term ahead with many exciting events and opportunities for our children, both in school, in our local community and beyond. During this half-term our year 6 children will sit their SATs; we have classes looking forward to educational visits, our year 6 children will celebrate their time at our school with a meal, paid for by our PTFA, at Francos’ Restaurant, and we again have entered all sporting opportunities available.

WORSHIP

God's Big Story in Britain

This week in worship, we explored how God's Big Story travelled across the world and reached Britain.

Through stories and reflection, Bishop Jill helped us to understand how brave people shared the story of Jesus long ago. We learned that Christianity spread not by force, but through kindness, friendship, learning and love. People cared for others, helped those in need and lived generously – and that is how God's Big Story reached our country.

OUR KEY MESSAGE

We are part of God's Big Story too.

As a school community, we are learning how to live out our vision: 'Let your light shine', inspired by Jesus' words:

'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.'

(Matthew 5:16, KJV)

Just as Bishop Jill reminded us, God's Big Story did not stop in the past. Today, we carry that light when we choose kindness, courage, fairness and care in the way we treat others.

REFLECTION QUESTION

How can I let my light shine for others this week?

Who could I help, forgive or encourage?

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for the brave people who shared your story so that we know about Jesus today.

Thank you for those, like Bishop Jill, who help us understand your Big Story.

Help us to let our light shine through kindness, courage and love, so that others may see your goodness in us.

Amen.

★ God's Reward for Kindness ★

♥ Today's Kindness ♥

Today we are celebrating a kind and generous choice made by one of our children. Kindness does not go unnoticed. Even the small things matter.

📖 **Bible Message:**

"When you are kind to the poor, it is like being kind to God"
Proverbs 19:17
"Jesus is King of Kings, and he loves kindness."
Proverbs 22:11
"Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40

Did you know?
Jesus notices every act of kindness
God rewards kind hearts
Being kind shows Jesus' love to others

👁️ **Watch & Reflect** 👁️

🎵 If God Made the Sun – DumbRocks 🎵
(A song about God seeing the good we do)

🙏 **Prayer** 🙏

Thank you, loving God, that you don't miss anything.
Thank you that you see every time we are kind, even when no one else notices.
Thank you that even though you are King of Kings, you are also our friend.
Amen.

St George's Day

St George's Day (Thursday 23rd April 2026). St George is the patron saint of England but he is also celebrated in other countries. Many myths surround St George. Most people associate St George with bravery, whether it is fighting unpleasant external forces such as the dragons in his story or symbolically overcoming our own dragons or fears.

We may not be physically brave like St George, but we can be brave by not following the crowd when we know something is wrong or by doing things that make the world a better place. Even if our deed is not seen, we can know in our hearts that it is the right thing to do. For example, we could pick up litter, hand something in that does not belong to us,

rather than keeping it, refuse to join others if they are being unkind to someone else (whether they are doing it in front of them or behind their back), donate money to charity or give up our seat for someone on a busy bus or train.

SATs

Our year 6 children made us incredibly proud during SATs week (11th May). They completed six tests over four days and have done so with confidence, composure and maturity. They completed tests in English: 'Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling', 'Reading' and in maths: 'Arithmetic' and two 'Reasoning' papers. We only ask that all children try their best and they have most certainly done that this week. The children enjoyed an ice-cream from the ice-cream van, courtesy of our PTFA, once the last test was over!

SPORTS

Quad Kids

On Wednesday 6th May, eight children from Years 3 and 4 represented our school in an athletics competition at ULan Sports Arena. The team took part in several events including a 400m run, 50m sprint, a howler vortex throw and a standing long jump competition. We had some excellent efforts in all the events but especially in the running events. It was great for the children to experience running on an athletics track and being able to use the sand pits for jumping into. Overall, we finished in 10th position. Well done to: Max R, Freddie W, Cerys P, Charley T-C, Caleb H, Oliver B, Hattie L and Felicity G

CRICKET

Our cricket team played their final league fixture against Queen's Drive. We went into the match, knowing that a win would secure the league title. We were put into bat, and played superbly, scoring 62 runs of 5 overs. The weather then turned, making it difficult for our bowlers. However, we restricted Queen's Drive to 41 runs. We won the match and the league title! Champions Of The Top Cricket League! Well done to: Thomas G, Miles C, Harry M, Shaan S, Henry B, Brook W and Fraser C.

Year 1/2 Football

On Tuesday 5th May, we took our year 1/2 football team to compete in the annual tournament at Play Football. We started the tournament well with a 2-0 win over Cottam. Our next match was against a strong St Anthony's team- we lost 3-0. We then played against an equally strong OLSE team. A team which eventually went on to win the tournament. We dominated possession, taking an early lead, however OLSE came back and equalised at the end of game: 1-1. Our final game was against a spirited Ingol team- we won 3-0 to finish on 7 points. Sadly, this wasn't enough to make it to the knockout. OLSE had 8 points and St Anthony's finished top on 10 points. Even though we didn't progress, the team showed great character and all represented our school superbly throughout. Well done to: Livie S, Saint G-A, Joshua E, Eli G, Hugo R and Archie M

Netball- BEE Stingers'

Our Year 6 netball team took part in their very first 'Bee Stingers' tournament on Monday 27th April and did the school proud! The team won two out of three matches, earning a place in the quarter-finals and showing fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event. A huge well done to Matilda, Adam, Emilia, Evie, Lily, Olivia, Mia, Shaan and Quinn

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NEW TRIM TRAIL

Exciting news! Maple Leaf Designs will be installing our new activity trim trail on Monday 1 June. We will be having an official opening of our new trim trail, hopefully on Tuesday 2nd June.



PTFA

It was wonderful to see so many of our KS1 and KS2 children attending and enjoying the Neon Discos. The children looked fantastic in their bright, luminous outfits and face and body paint, and there was a great atmosphere throughout the event!

A huge thankyou to our incredible PTFA for once again giving up their time to organise the discos and for being there on the evening to ensure everyone had a brilliant time. Thankyou also to the staff who stayed behind to support the event. Without such generosity and teamwork, opportunities like this would not be possible for our children. We are delighted to share that the PTFA raised a fantastic £779 in total

Parish Garden Party

On Saturday 20th 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.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Advice for Parents and Carers: Viral "Squishy Toy" Trend

We are aware of a viral trend circulating online where children are encouraged to heat soft "squishy" toys (sometimes called NeeDoh or jelly cube toys) in a microwave. This is extremely dangerous. When heated, these toys can burst and release hot contents, which may cause serious burns to the hands, face and skin.

What parents/ carers can do:

- Talk to your child about the risks of copying online challenges or trends
- Remind them that not everything seen online is safe or accurate
- Ensure squishy toys or similar items are never heated or microwaved
- Encourage your child to come to you if they see something online that concerns them

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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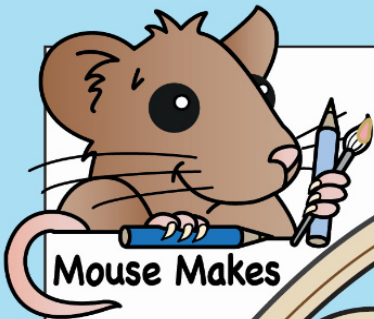
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2 Corinthians
 13:14



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FLOWER ROTA

June	7th	Vacant
June	14th	Start Fillingham
June	21st	Vacant
June	28th	Vacant

SIDESPERSIONS, READERS AND COFFEE ROTAS

		10.00am	Communion Assistant	Readers	Coffee
June	7th	R Woollam		D Rusling L Williams	
June	14th	James Cowell B Mackley	B Mackley	B Holt B Mackley	
June	21st	R Buckley		S Loxham N Cowell	
June	28th	S Fillingham N Maudsley	S Cowell	L Wood K Billington	

FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

	Leader	Duty		Welcome	
June	5th	Nellie.	Jean	Kate.	Vacant
June	12th	Marlene.	Jennifer.	Eileen.	Vacant
June	19th	Jean.	Maureen.	Kate.	Vacant
June	26th	Nellie	Jennifer	Eileen	Vacant

ST MICHAEL'S DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

- 3rd** 2.00pm Craft & Chat group at the vicarage
- 5th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 7th** **First Sunday after Trinity**
10am Morning Worship
11.30am Baptism of William Vickers
- 11th** 7.30pm Bible Study at the vicarage
- 12th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 13th** 10.30am Prayer Group in church
- 14th** **Trinity 2**
10.00am Holy Communion and Jigsaw Club
- 15th** 1.30pm FAF meeting at Penny's
- 11th** 7.30pm PCC Meeting in School
- 17th** 7.00pm Mothers' Union Deanery Festival at St Paul's Longridge
- 18th** 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 19th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 21st** **Trinity 3**
10.00am Morning Worship
- 26th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 28th** **Trinity 4**
10.00am Holy Communion
- 29th** 7.30pm PCC in School

DEADLINE for the July magazine is 15th June.
Articles to be sent to Mrs Cowell (pandncowell@hotmail.co.uk)
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