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## PARISH LETTER

Dear friends,

### How Great is Our God

Trinity Sunday (this year it falls on the first Sunday in June) is a traditional Sunday for clergy to have a holiday or get a special preacher because the thought of explaining it is too much! But God the Holy Trinity is at the heart of our faith - God in three persons, blessed Trinity. How do we see God in all His love and greatness?

#### God the Almighty Loving Father

God not only made the world; He rules the world in love. David in the Psalms wrestled with the issue of when things were difficult and other godless nations and his enemies seemed to triumph but he always turned and remembered that God was in control of everything and that God loved His people. Scripture reminds us that we can call God 'Abba' - a familiar, even intimate name, because He loves us to the end and is able to keep us safe.

#### Jesus the Crucified Son

Jesus, God Himself, came down to earth, as had been promised, to be our Saviour. This meant dying on the cross to pay the penalty and punishment for our sin so that we might be forgiven. He loved us to the end. That was the price of His love for us. Through Him we have the gift of eternal life.

#### The Holy Spirit - the Eternal Presence

God the Holy Spirit was given for God to live in us. To change our lives and enable us to witness to the Lord Jesus and to live in love.

Let our hearts and lives rejoice in the love of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit - He is a great God!

As St. Paul wrote: 'May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.'

Geoffrey Loxham



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## **Coronation Picnic**

Thanks to Anthony and Sally Cowell for allowing their grounds to be used for the King Charles Coronation Picnic held on the 7<sup>th</sup> May. The weather was perfect, the entertainment excellent and the company great. The afternoon enjoyed by all!!!



## **Licensing Saturday 23rd September, 3pm, St. Stephens, Preston.**

As some of you may be aware, I have been following a two-year course at Emmanuel College, Blackburn Cathedral to train as a Licensed Lay Minister. A Licensed Lay Minister, or Lay Reader, is a person authorised by a bishop to lead certain services of worship, to preach and to carry out pastoral and teaching functions in the parish.

The Diocese has suggested that I ask if any members of the congregation would like to attend my licensing on Saturday 23rd September, 3pm, at St. Stephen's Church, Broadgate, Preston, where Bishop Phillip North will, hopefully, license me to teach the faith and enable mission in our Church.

I am very grateful for your support and prayers.

Jayne Woollam

## **Canon Doyle celebrations**

Canon Doyle celebrates sixty years in the Priesthood on June 8th, 41 of those years being spent at Alston Lane. He has worked hard to forge strong links between our two churches for which we are most grateful. We congratulate him and will be sending our good wishes on behalf of the parish.

## **Garden Party, Saturday 17th June, 2023. 1pm.**

We are hoping that the sun will shine and that the crowds will come out in force to support our Garden Party this year. We will be setting up from 9.30am and we are very grateful for any volunteers on the morning to help us set up. The Garden Party starts at 1pm and the children's dancing will start at 2pm. This year's Grimsargh Rose Queen, Amber Leho, will officially open the Garden Party.

Again, we appeal for items for the stalls. We need "quality" items for the good as new stall, bottles for the bottle stall, chocolate for the chocolate bola, and plants for

the plant stall. Please let Nellie have items for the raffle, and Eileen Parker or Jean Harrison have plants for the plant stall. Hazel will be organising the cake stall and will gratefully accept any donations of covered cakes.

There will also be a box at the back of Church for non-perishable goods and toiletries both for the Garden Party Raffle and the Big Raffle.

As usual, there will be something for everyone, including the BBQ, children's games, stalls, "Beat the Goalie", face painting, raffles and much, much more. A great day for all the family!

### **Grimsargh Field Day, Sat 24th June, 12.20pm, Grimsargh Village Hall**

If you would like to walk in the Field Day procession, please speak to Nellie. We are hoping that a few folk from church may take part in the Field Day procession, representing the church. We are also planning to have a stall at the Field Day. If you are able to donate any items for the stall, again, please speak to Nellie Cowell.

### **Big Raffle Draw, Sunday 16th July, 11am.**

Following the Family Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 10am, we are holding a family picnic, when we will be drawing the "Big Raffle". If you haven't yet purchased your raffle tickets, please see Nellie, Ruth, Joanna, Jayne, Penny, Hazel, James, Eileen, Marilyn or Joanne. There are many amazing prizes, including £100.00 cash prize, a £50.00 voucher for Haighton Manor, a family day pass for the Wild Boar Park, a ride in a Ferrari, several amazing hampers and many more!

Please bring your own picnics. We will enjoy a time of fun and friendship and there will be games for young and old alike.

### **Sponsored Walk, Saturday 30th September**

We are hoping to organise a sponsored walk on Saturday 30th September. The walk will be for everyone, including families and it should be really good fun. However, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

The walk will start from the North Euston Hotel, Fleetwood and it will follow the promenade to Blackpool, approximately 9.2 miles, returning to Fleetwood by tram. For those people who may find this a little too strenuous, It is planned that the walkers can enjoy an alternative walk from the North Euston Hotel, following the promenade to Cleveleys, approximately 4.4 miles, again returning by tram to the North Euston Hotel. At both destinations, a fish and chip supper can be enjoyed!

If you don't feel able to collect sponsorship money, we are asking that adults make a £10.00 donation, although sponsorship forms will be available.

We will give details of times and transport, nearer the date.

### **Date for your Diary – Wine Tasting Evening – Friday 20th October**

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Giving what you can by whatever means really does count and your generosity is gratefully received.

For anyone wanting to donate by direct giving (standing order) the bank details are:

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Account No: 00017133

### **Children's Society Boxes**

Due to the covid pandemic the Children's Society boxes have not been collected for several years. Anyone holding a box and requiring it emptying can leave it in church over the month of June. Thank you in anticipation.

### **Top Ten Reasons Why God Created Eve**

10. God was worried that Adam would frequently become lost in the Garden.
9. God new that one day Adam would require someone to locate and hand him the remote.
8. God new Adam would never go out and buy himself a new fig leaf wore out and therefore need Eve to buy one for him.
7. God new Adam would never be able to make a doctor's, dentist' or haircut appointment for himself.

6. God knew Adam would never remember which night to put the garbage on the curb.
5. God knew if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle the pain and discomfort of childbearing
4. As the Keeper of the Garden, Adam would never remember where he had left his tools.
3. Apparently, Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the Garden.
2. As the Bible says, it is not good for man to be alone.

**And finally, the Number 1 reason why God created Eve....**

1. When God finished creating Adam, he stood back, scratched his head, and said, "I can do better than that!"

**It's All Greek to Me (cont)**

The last figure of well-known Greek literature was the Athenian orator Demosthenes who lived in the mid-4<sup>th</sup> century BC. This was the time when Philip of Macedon, father of Alexander the great, was extending his power in north Greece, by a step by step approach of picking off individual cities. Demosthenes could see through the devious diplomacy of Philip, to his true intention of total subjugation of Greece, and spoke out against it in the Athenian assembly. His speeches have survived, and were called by a name which has lasted into English, perhaps somewhat old fashioned now, a "Phillipic", a speech of denunciation. A previous generation compared the Churchill of the 1930s to Demosthenes, a foreteller of coming doom ignored by his contemporaries. However in the Greek world of course, the outcome was very different. Philip succeeded in subduing the whole of Greece before he was murdered, and his son Alexander further extended that power to most of the then known world. Meanwhile, poor Demosthenes, although he lived to see the end of Alexander, himself ended up by committing suicide, a fugitive from his own city.

Mark

**MOTHERS' UNION**

**Walking the Lancaster Canal**

At the April meeting we were entertained, informed and educated by Dot Little (assisted by Fred with the photos). During November 2021 to January 2022 she walked the length of the Lancaster canal, from its beginning at Preston finishing in Kendal, while Fred was her taxi, dropping her the beginning of the days walk and meeting up at the end usually for a much-deserved pub lunch! She told us the history of the canal and stories she discovered as she walked along in many types of winter weather. A thoroughly interesting talk. Thank you, Dot. We're looking forward to hearing all about your next venture—discovering the Lancashire Coastal Path, which I believe is very hard to find!

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## Shirley Brown

It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Shirley on May 15th.

My memories of Shirley were of her asking what I was raising money for now and how I was going to do it! I loved her soft Geordie accent and was fascinated by her stories of what her family did, and were doing, in the way of marathons, especially the Great North Run up in her beloved Newcastle and particularly Prudhoe, where she used to live (and coincidentally is where my brother used to live until recently! We will all miss her generosity and caring nature. We ask for God's blessings on all her family as they come to terms with her passing



**NEXT MEETING June 19th** ( in the school)

Joy Rushton, (who lives in Ribblesdale Drive!)

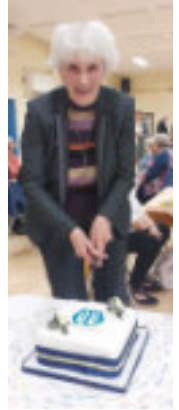
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## Ascension Day & Grimsargh's M.U. Birthday Party

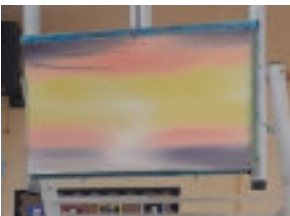
At the May meeting we celebrated the Ascension in church with a service of Holy Communion, taken by John Ball and joined by Mothers Union members from Whitechapel and Walton-le-Dale.

We then moved into the school to celebrate our 92nd year with a buffet tea, brought together by the members, a beautiful birthday cake made by Hazel and cut by Anne, the eldest member there.

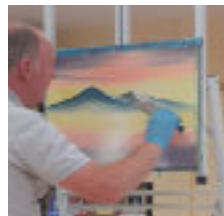
As we enjoyed the buffet we were entertained by David Wiles—the Painting Policeman. He started with a blank canvas and within the hour he painted a beautiful landscape oil painting. (See the photos below) It was amazing to see the painting coming together and the skills and techniques David used to create such a painting in such a short time. He is specially trained to paint in the style of Bob Ross, an American painter, who was the creator of the television show 'the Joy of Painting'. He is a retired policeman and now spends his time teaching beginners to enjoy painting. For more information about his sessions check out his website [www.thepaintingpoliceman.co.uk](http://www.thepaintingpoliceman.co.uk)



At the end of the evening the painting was available to buy, and was naturally snapped up! Proceeds from the sale of the painting and raffle went to Heartbeat, David's chosen charity.



Stage 1  
background  
colours



Stage 2  
adding  
mountains



Stage 3  
the trees

The finished masterpiece

## SCHOOL REPORT

*'Let your light shine before people so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven' (Matthew 5: v.16)*

### Ascension

As we gathered to worship, the children listened to 'Be still for the Presence of the Lord.' They talked about how we feel when we lose something and imagined what it would feel like to lose a good friend. The children enjoyed the story of the Ascension- the time when Jesus left His disciples and returned to heaven. We discussed items that remind us of our special friends. Jesus' friends, his disciples, had only memories of their time with Him. It is from what they remembered and told others (or even wrote themselves), that we have the accounts of Jesus' life today in the New Testament.

### King Charles III Coronation

It's been almost 70 years since the UK and Commonwealth have seen the crowning of a monarch, so King Charles III's coronation ceremony on Saturday 6th May was a much anticipated and celebrated event. To commemorate this coronation, we bought and presented each child with a specially engraved wooden bookmark, which included our school name, as a keepsake to remember the occasion for years to come.

### Assessments

Our year 6 children have just finished their SATs. They made us incredibly proud as they approached each day with positivity, calmness and maturity. They all tried their best and that is all we asked of them. They can now look forward to the remainder of the summer term which will include a visit to the local park, a class trip, a meal at Franco's restaurant, a leavers' assembly in which their parents/carers are welcome and their leavers' hoodies will arrive!

I also must say a huge well done to our year 2 children also as they completed their SATs as well! The children listened carefully to Mrs Coupe and followed the rules for the tests excellently.

### SPORT

We made a great start to our cricket league with a strong performance and win v Goosnargh Oliversons. The team worked well together with some good fielding and clear calling out when running between the wickets. The team will play two more matches on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May and then their final matches the week after.

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We have recently competed in the year 1/2 gymnastics competition; our netball team played their first match against St Anthony's Primary School and our year 3/4 girls football team played in a local tournament. We will also soon be competing in a netball tournament and the year 1/2 football tournament.

### PTFA

Last Saturday many of our families and those in our community, not necessarily associated with our school, enjoyed an afternoon at the Circus! Our amazing PTFA, planned and organised this new event which not only included 'Circus Sensible' but included food and drinks, raffle, games, Mr Booth in the stocks, bouncy castle, face painting and a fantastic local magician. We are incredibly fortunate to have such an active PTFA who give up their own time to support our school and our children by not only raising funds but by planning and organising exciting events such as this.

### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

The PTFA's gin and wine tasting evening is back! Join the PTFA at school on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, for a wine and gin tasting evening with nibbles, hosted by the owner of the exclusive Enoteca in Salmesbury. For £18 per person, the wine and gin will be free flowing, as you are taken on a tasting journey tailored to your preferences. From fantastic fizz and crisp white wines, to tasty tannins and all manner of gins, book your place now! Bring your friends and help us to raise vital funds for the school. Bookings are being taken via ParentPay, or you can email the PTFA at [ptfa@grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk).

We are also looking forward to a Colour Run on the morning of Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. This event is sponsored by Diverse Gym. We have Pendle Pizzas, Posts ice cream, Live DJ and warm up sessions by Susie as well as lots of fun!!

### Looking forward

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, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm**, 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. All of the money raised at the event goes to Grimsargh St Michael's Church. A large percentage of the proceeds maintain the Barchester fund which feeds directly into funding projects and resources for our school.

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.

Kind Regards

Mr Stuart Booth

Headteacher

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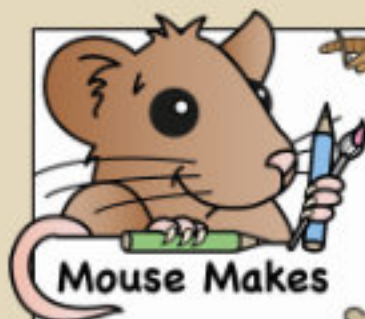
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The Lord said to Moses,  
 "Your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh  
 to let the people of Israel go out of his land...  
 The Egyptians shall know that I AM the Lord  
 when I stretch out my hand against Egypt..."

As Pharaoh's heart was hardened against the  
 Israelites, God sent ten plagues upon him...

## Mouse Makes

1

**Water turns to Blood**  
 Which water turned  
 to blood?  
*Read - Exodus 7:19*

2

**A Swarm of Frogs**  
 In which  
 places were the  
 frogs found?  
*Read - Exodus 8:3-4*

3

**A Plague of Gnats**  
 When Aaron struck his  
 staff on the ground  
 what became Gnats?  
*Read - Exodus 8:16-17*

4

**Swarms of Flies**  
 In which land were the  
 flies not be found?  
*Read - Exodus 8:22*

5

**Death of Animals**  
 Which animals that belonged  
 to the Egyptians died?  
*Read - Exodus 9:2*



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 DARKNESS • FIRSTBORN • MIDNIGHT

6

**A Break out of Boils**  
 What did Moses throw into  
 the air before boils appeared  
 on people and animals?  
*Read - Exodus 9:10*

7

**A Rain of Hail**  
 What also rained  
 down with the hail?  
 Where did it not hail?  
*Read - Exodus 9:24-26*

8

**A Swarm of Locusts**  
 Where did the wind  
 come from that brought  
 the locusts to the land?  
*Read - Exodus 10:13*

9

**Darkness over the Land**  
 How many days did  
 it remain dark?  
*Read - Exodus 10:21-22*

10

**Death of the Firstborn**  
 At what time would the  
 firstborn in the land die?  
*Read - Exodus 11:4-6*





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June	4th	Vacant
June	11th	Vacant
June	18th	Vacant
June	25th	Vacant

## SIDESPERSONS, READERS AND COFFEE ROTAS

	8.30am	10.00am	Communion Assistant	Readers	Coffee
June 4th		B Mackley	M Lamberty	S Cowell Vicar	J Lander
June 11th		D Rae	N Cowell	B Holt Vicar	P Thompson
June 18th		R Buckley		Youth Reader	D Carr
June 25th		James Cowell	B Mackley	J Lander Vicar	R Buckley

## FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

	Leader	Duty		Welcome
June 2nd	Nellie	Christine Y	Jennifer	Janet
June 9th	Jean	Maureen	Kate	Linda
June 16th	Marlene	Helen	Eileen	Nellie
June 23rd	Nellie	Christine B	Maureen	Janet
June 30th	Eileen	Jean	Kate	Linda

**Funeral**                    **'I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.'**  
 May 17th                    Sandra Jean Lander 67 years

## ST MICHAEL'S DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

- 2nd** 9:30 - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 4th** **Trinity Sunday**  
10.00am Holy Communion. The Archdeacon is leading the service
- 5th** 2.00pm Mothers Union Deanery Festival at St Margaret's Ingol
- 8th** Canon Doyle is celebrating 60 years in the Priesthood
- 9th** 9:30 - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 11th** **Trinity 1 (St Barnabas)**  
10.00am Holy Communion and JIGSAW club
- 15th** 11.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 16th** 9:30 - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 17th** 9.30am Setting up for Garden Party at school. All help welcome.  
1.00 am Garden Party opened
- 18th** **Trinity 2**  
10.00am Family Service
- 21st** 7.30pm Mothers Union in school with Joy Rushton ... Life as a Vicars daughter and my work with Vision 26.
- 23rd** 9:30 - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 24th** Grimsargh Field Day
- 25th** **Trinity 3**  
10.00am Holy Communion and Jigsaw club
- 30th** 9:30 - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club

**DEADLINE for the July magazine is 15<sup>th</sup> June.**

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