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# PARISH LETTER

## When the Spirit came.

Pentecost this year is celebrated on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May. We can read all about it in chapter 2 of the Acts of the Apostles. Reading the story and what those Christian men and women experienced on that day makes dramatic reading. Imagine waiting together for what Jesus promised in the previous chapter – “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.”

It must have been one thing to wait in anticipation for God’s promised gift – the Holy Spirit – but quite another thing to receive it in such a dramatic way. I’m not sure what they envisioned “receiving power” meant but I’m sure not one of them imagined what happened. They had never seen, heard, or read about something so dramatic.

God was doing a new thing – and they were the first. What a privilege - and what a shock!

What happened to them completely transformed each of them; they were cleansed and purified by the Holy Spirit, their confidence in their calling was increased, they were renewed in their faith, they were given dramatic new abilities, and they were filled with courage to speak out. On that day after Peter’s, Spirit filled, God anointed, speech, about 3000 new Christians were born!

We are privileged to be living in the new time that God started, the time after Pentecost. This means that we can all live Spirit-empowered lives for Jesus. It means we can all listen to the Spirit’s prompting in how we live our lives, hear from the Lord in prayer and through reading the Bible, worship Him in spirit and truth, build one another up and His children, and share our hope with those we meet. We are called to follow on in their story of the church; being bold in our speech, courageous in our actions, faithful in our sharing, and hope-filled in our daily living.

We might often feel like we don’t have what they had, so feel less able. But the Bible is clear – every Christian has received the Holy Spirit. Just because it wasn’t in such a dramatic way doesn’t mean we haven’t been blessed with power. ‘Because you are his children, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, *‘Abba, Father.’* (Galatians 4:6)

So, let’s trust what God has said ‘For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.’ (2 Timothy 1:7) Let’s live out our faith in confidence, with boldness and courage – and see what God does!

Blessings, Andy



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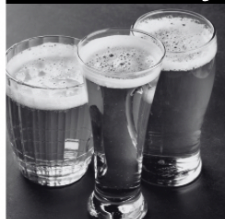
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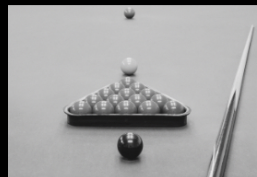


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**Dates for your diary.**

**Church Garden Party brief meeting** - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May after the Morning Worship 10.00am service.

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in helping out at this year's Garden Party to come along for a chat, sign up to help at a stall and share any new ideas. Please come along, grab a tea / coffee and meet the FAF team for a brief meeting.

**Parish Meal on Pentecost Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 12.00pm at Haighton Manor.**

Everyone is invited to join us for our Spring fellowship meal.

This year our lunch coincides with Pentecost Sunday so it will be an extra special occasion. We have provisionally booked the Garden Room at Haighton Manor. Please read the menu below and Sign Up if you would like to go on the Sheet in the Church Porch. I will need to send **numbers** and **choices** by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**Haighton Manor**

**Grimsargh Parish Church Sunday Set Menu**

2 courses 28.95 - 3 course 35.95

**Starters**

**Cauliflower and Cheddar soup**, warm seeded roll (v, gfa)

**Chicken liver pâté**, bramble chutney, toasted bloomer (gfa)

**Smoked salmon fish cake**, pea purée, fine herb and lemon mayonnaise (gf)

**Pea and shallot ravioli**, warm salad of spring vegetables, white wine veloute. (vg)

**Mains**

**Roast beef (served pink)**, with Yorkshire pudding (gf)

**Roast loin of pork**, sage and apple stuffing, crackling apple sauce (gf)

**Roast shoulder of lamb**, rosemary red wine gravy (gf)

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**Roasted Chicken breast**, buttered mash, green vegetables, red wine gravy (gf)

**Buttercross farm pork and leek sausages**, buttered mash, onion gravy (gf)

**Steak burger**, beer onions, grilled pancetta, Monterey Jack, spiced tomato mayonnaise, fries

**Appleby's Cheshire cheese, onion and potato pie**, buttered greens, gravy (v, gf)

**Beer battered fish and chips**, mushy peas, tartare sauce (gf)

**Crispy beef salad**, sweet chilli sauce, roasted cashew nuts (gf)

**Beetroot, spinach and Beluga lentil Wellington**, hasselback potatoes, redcurrant and red wine jus (vg)

**Desserts**

**Biscoff cheesecake**, raspberry sorbet (vg)

**Sticky toffee pudding**, toffee sauce, vanilla ice cream (v, gf)

**Triple chocolate brownie**, chocolate sauce, vanilla ice cream (v, gf)

**Hot waffle**, caramelised banana, toffee sauce, honeycomb ice cream (v)

**Filter Coffee and Tea** served after desserts

**Garden Party Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1.00pm** - This is one of our main fund raising events. We do need helpers of all ages 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, 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 from the 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

**Big Summer Raffle – To be drawn on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026** at 10.30am during the Friday Coffee Morning held at The Grimsargh Club. There are lots of amazing prizes, but of course the Main one is £100! We shall be starting to sell tickets soon.

### **24th May – Day of Pentecost, Whit Sunday**

Pentecost took place on the well-established Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was seven weeks after Easter, or 50 days including Easter.

A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit – the day the Church was born.

Jesus had told His disciples that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for His disciples, but He knew they could not do the work themselves. They would need His help.

And so, they waited in Jerusalem, praying together with His other followers, for many days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues, to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning.

That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the disciples and followers of Jesus. The Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian Church that morning, proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth!

Of course, Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, He could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit.

### **St James the Least of All**

#### **On dealing with summer fetes**

So, you are beginning to plan your first Summer Fete in your new parish. That you appear to be looking forward to it shows how little you know about them.

Parishes hold Summer Fetes so that their clergy can preach more meaningfully on purgatory. Their ostensible purpose is to raise money for the church – which is wholly illogical. The parish could double the money raised if the Fete were dropped, none of the endless preparations made, if everyone spent a pleasant afternoon in their own gardens and each person simply donated £20 to the church instead. But we still feel obliged to go

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to endless trouble, making ourselves miserable so we can show each other what a good time we are having. That it generally pours seems to make the entire event even more grimly satisfying.

No, the real reasons for a Summer Fete are twofold. First, it gives the entire parish the chance to inspect the Rector's garden. Whatever state it is in, it will cause disapproval. If it is poorly kept, then I am clearly being ungrateful for having three acres of lawn to enjoy. Mowing it each week should be one of my delights; what else would I do with a whole day off each week anyway? The hand mower, kindly given by Colonel French is assumed to be quite adequate – and rumour has it that I need to lose weight anyway. The mower was presented to me when the Colonel bought his own gardener a sit-on motor mower – which is of a size and opulence that makes me assume it has a drinks cabinet and satellite navigation.

The second reason for a Fete comes as a special perk for the organisers. It gives them a chance to inspect the inside of the Rectory. Under the pretence of looking for a little more sugar, they can systematically inspect all the kitchen cupboards and comment on their contents. By the end of the day, the whole parish will know what marmalade I spread on my toast, that I use unnecessarily expensive washing powder, and where I have unsuccessfully tried to hide the gin.

The details of what then happens while the Fete is in progress must wait until my next letter, when we will have had our own. It is now time for Evensong, drinks with Major Mallet and his wife, and then a quiet evening with a good book, while I toy with other possible hiding places for the gin this year

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

## **Church Humour**

### **Money**

There is the story of a minister who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building programme. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

### **Who's been good?**

A father of five young children won a toy at a raffle. Back home, he called his children together to let them determine which one should have the present. "Who is the most obedient?" he asked. "Who never talks back to Mother? Who does everything she says?" Five small voices answered in unison: "You, Daddy!"

### **When technology goes wrong**

The father of a family – who was a big-time techie – got his oldest daughter an iPhone for her birthday. He also got an iPad for his son. Later he bought an iPod for the youngest daughter. Then, when his wedding anniversary rolled around, he got his wife an iRon. That's when things went wrong.

### **How to get rid of squirrels**

Three churches in town were overrun with squirrels.

After much prayer, the elders of the Baptist church decided that the animals were predestined to be there. Who were they to interfere with God's will? So, they did nothing, and the squirrels multiplied.

The elders of the Methodist church, deciding that they should not harm any of God's creatures, humanely trapped the squirrels and then set them free outside of town. Three days later the squirrels were back.

It was the Anglican church which succeeded in solving the squirrel problem. The curate baptised the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now, they only see the squirrels on Christmas and Easter.

## MOTHERS' UNION

Looking back to March, Liz Emmott gave us a lovely insight into the holiday she and Peter went on in America. They started in San Francisco where they walked the Golden Gate Bridge, visited Alcatraz, Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon, taking in Hoover Dam and The Strip. They finally went to Honolulu where they visited Pearl Harbour, Iolani Palace and the Polynesian Cultural Centre. She finished by telling us about Father Damien, a Belgian, who went to Hawaii as a missionary and volunteered to work with Lepers. He died of Leprosy and was later made a saint. A most enjoyable evening.

April was an amazing evening when Lorraine and Karen came to tell us about the charity Millys Smiles.

We heard about Lorraine's beautiful daughter Milly, her journey through cancer treatment and how after her death in 2015 at the age of 11 Lorraine was inspired to make a difference to other families on cancer journeys in memory of Milly. Lorraine started to put Millys bags together for the families when they first arrive in hospital. (see the photo below)



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This all happens in their headquarters in Great Harwood.

Our craft group have been busy knitting bright coloured elephants. One elephant has pride of place in every bag

Lorraine's quote is very moving

"I feel honoured and blessed to be Millys Mum. I had eleven and a half years with her. It wasn't and never will be enough. She is for ever loved and endlessly missed"

Our next meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May is our 95<sup>th</sup> birthday party. We will be going to the Ribchester Arms for a buffet meal, 12 noon for 12.30 pm. Please speak to Hazel if you haven't already booked in and give her the money, £21 in a named envelope, please by May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will join together for the Ascension Day Holy Communion service in church at 7.30 pm

The latest delivery of toiletries has just gone down to the women's refuge. Thank you for your donations so far. Please keep them coming. We were told recently that some of the victims have never had a present in their lives before!!!

There is plenty going on in the 150<sup>th</sup> year of Mothers Union. We will keep you informed.

When you read this magazine, the Prayer Baton will have been to us on April 28<sup>th</sup>. More of that next time.

Blessings

Nellie

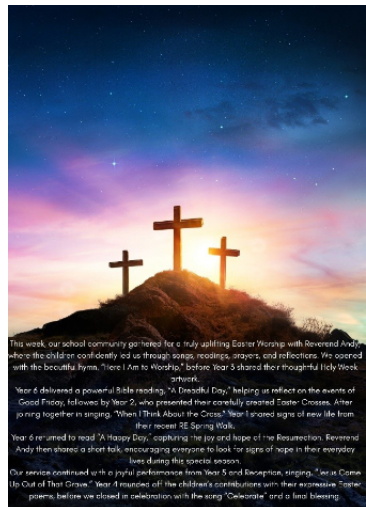
## SCHOOL REPORT

### WORSHIP

#### Easter Worship at Grimsargh St Michael's Church

A huge thank you to Reverend Andy, for leading our Easter church service. We were delighted to welcome parents and carers who joined us to worship together.

Along with Reverend Andy, our pupils shared the story of Easter in a fun, interactive and uplifting service. The children sang beautifully and spoke clearly and confidently.



# Happy Easter

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Easter Egg Design Competition. The creativity, colour, and thoughtful ideas on display were wonderful, and the judges were very impressed.

Congratulations to our winners, chosen by Bernard Mackley:

Reception – Lily

Year 1 – Max

Year 2 – Neve

Year 3 – Esma Todd

Year 4 – Niamh M

Year 5 – Elissa

Year 6 – Miles

Harry M- special prize winner

Special thanks to the parishioners for organising the competition, especially Joanna and Penny.

Well done to all who entered, and thank you for helping to make our Easter celebrations so special.



## THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Congratulations to our year 3 and 4 children for putting on three fantastic performances of 'The Wind in the Willows'! The children performed with incredible confidence and professionalism and made us all proud. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Chow for recording the performances and to you, our parents/ carers and families, for ensuring your child had the costume requested– they most certainly looked the part! Thankyou also to all our staff who supported the performance both in preparation and during the shows. A special thankyou to Mrs Parsons for ensuring the children were well prepared and ready to put on such amazing performances! You donated £192 for our chosen charity, Heartbeat; year 4 raised a further £370 through their bake sale for Comic Relief. Thank you for your generosity.

## SPORTS

### Football

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, our year 4 girls football team took part in the Preston Primary Schools U9 football tournament. Several of the girls had never played football before but were keen to be involved. We played three matches during the tournament, drawing 1 and losing 2. Mr Johns was very proud of how the girls played and the future looks bright for girls' football at Grimsargh. Well done to: Jemima B, Cerys P, Amelia G, Nes C, Lucy G, Lexie P and Charley T-C



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## Tag Rugby

Last Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, we completed our tag rugby league campaign with two matches. Overall, this season, we have played five games, won three and lost two. We finished the season in 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of six teams. The most pleasing thing was how the team played throughout and how everyone in the team were involved in the games. Well done to: Evie G-P, Lily H, Olivia H, Tilly M, Savannah A-R, Thomas G, Rory B, Ben W, Zak J, Miles C and Harry E



## **PTFA**

We raised an amazing £707.81 at last night's Easter Bingo! Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for not only running the evening but for the work and preparation done behind the scenes to put events like this on. Thankyou also to the school staff who were able to support this event. Thank you to all our families who were able to attend the evening last night. And, a special thank you, to our now seasoned Bingo Caller, Mr Galbraith!

## **SAFEGUARDING**

We have continued to share the very useful Safeguarding guides with our parents and carers, including 'Essential Online Safety' and 'Youtube'.

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.

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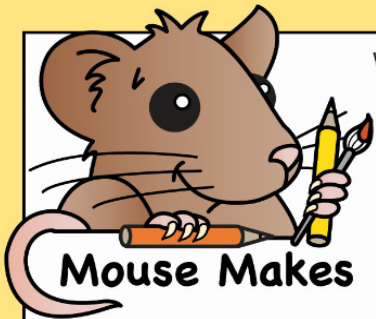
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# Mouse Makes

## WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Spirit of

\_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 1:2

The

\_\_\_\_\_

of the Father.

Acts 1:4

The Spirit of

A \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 8:15

H \_\_\_\_\_

John 14:26

The Spirit of

\_\_\_\_\_

John 16:13

The Spirit of

\_\_\_\_\_

Acts 16:7

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

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What happened when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost?

read

Acts 2:1-41

How many believers were baptised that day?

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K	E	O	N	P	P	E	A	C	E	G	O	D
I	N	U	F	A	K	J	D	H	J	R	R	F
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N	E	T	E	A	I	C	P	L	E	E	G	
E	N	L	H	N	D	E	A	E	D	E	B	L
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K	P	P	R	O	M	I	S	E	R	S	R	
I	D	W	I	N	D	D	O	V	E	W		

Look up the Bible verses and fill in the missing words. Look for them in the word search then look for these words below.

HOLY • SPIRIT • COUNSELLOR • COMFORTER  
 ADVOCATE • TEACHER • LORD • PROMISE  
 GLORY • GRACE • FAITH • DOVE • FIRE • WIND



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

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When?



2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month!  
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What?

Children aged 3 -11

Who?

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the Jigsaw Club hut!

Where?

Everyone  
Welcome!

Optional  
speaking in  
Church!

A great way  
to make new  
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Jesus  
Is  
Great  
Special  
And  
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April	16th	£35.00	
April	19th	£178.19	

## FLOWER ROTA

May	3rd	Vacant
May	10th	Vacant
May	17th	Vacant
May	24th	Nellie Cowell
May	31st	Vacant

## SIDESPERSONS, READERS AND COFFEE ROTAS

		10.00am	Communion Assistant	Readers	Coffee
May	3rd	R Buckley		J Lander D Rusling	
May	10th	B Mackley James Cowell	N Cowell	J Coulston-Hermann B Mackley	
May	17th	N Maudsley		B Holt L Wood	
May	24th	K Thompson S Fillingham	L Williams	J Eccles N Cowell	
May	31st	John Cowell		L Wood D Rusling	

## FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

		Leader	Duty	Welcome
May	1st	Nellie	Jean      Jennifer	Janet
May	8th	Marlene	Helen      Kate	Jean
May	15th	Jean	Maureen      Eileen	Janet
May	22nd	Marlene	Helen      Nellie	Kate
May	29th	Jennifer	Jean      Maureen	Janet

## ST MICHAEL'S DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 1st** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 3rd** **Easter 5**  
10am Morning Worship
- 6th** 12noon for 12.30pm MU Preston Deanery Canal Boat trip
- 8th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 9th** 10.30am Prayer Group in church
- 10th** **Easter 6**  
10.00am Holy Communion and Jigsaw Club
- 11th** 7.30pm PCC Meeting in School
- 14th** **Ascension Day**  
12noon for 12.30pm MU 95<sup>th</sup> birthday party buffet at the Ribchester Arms  
6.00pm Confirmation Rehearsal  
7.30pm Ascension Day Communion
- 15th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 17th** **Easter 7**  
10.00am Confirmation with Bishop Philip
- 19th** 9.30am School Pentecost Service in church
- 21st** 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 22nd** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 24th** **Pentecost**  
10.00am Holy Communion  
12 noon Parish Meal at Haighton Manor  
6.30pm Churches Together Pentecost Service at St Lawrence
- 29th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 31st** **Trinity Sunday**  
10.00am Morning Worship

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