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# PARISH LETTER

Dear Friends,

## **New Beginnings**

This month you will welcome Andy as your new vicar - a new phase in your parish life. Every vicar is different and we really ought to thank God for that as he leads you into the future as a parish.

What sort of people should you seek to be as he begins to serve you in Christ's name and strength?

### **A Praying People**

The greatest support you can give to a vicar is to pray for him and his family day by day. Many a vicar has asked God to give Him a praying people. If it was good enough for Jesus to seek support in prayer, it is vital for us to be continuous in fervent and faithful prayer. In the Garden of Gethsemane, when Jesus was wrestling about the cross and praying to His Father, He asked Peter and James and John to pray for Him - He needed that support. So be a praying people for your new vicar and his wife.

### **An Encouraging People**

Be alongside Andy and by your words and encouragement support him. A few words or acts of kindness can go a long way in making his ministry a blessing to you, to others and to the parish. Scripture is full of words of encouragement to followers of the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ from Jesus Himself but also from fellow believers (but also warnings about those who put a damper on things!). Let us be those who are encouragers - after all Jesus said to His disciples who were to face rejection and even persecution - "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"

### **A Serving People**

We are all called to serve God in the life of the church and the world. Each one has been given different talents and spheres of service and sometimes that may alter during our lifetime, But as Paul points out what is a body if it all an eye or a hand etc, We are the Body of Christ and servants of the Servant King. On the Day of Pentecost, we often concentrate on Peter or the twelve apostles and forget that 120 were in the upper room and after Peter's sermon others went around Jerusalem with the Good News of Jesus. The Christian church would be nothing without good and faithful servants of Christ - in so many ways and so quietly.

So go forward into the future in joy and hope - praying, encouraging serving - all in the power and love of the Lord Jesus.

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## Harvest Service

We are celebrating harvest on October 1st. We will be decorating church on Saturday morning September 30th. Unfortunately, this clashes with the Parish walk so we will start at 9.00am and hope we get plenty of help so that we can finish early. We would appreciate items of non-perishable goods (tins, jars, packets etc) These can be brought into church or to 270 Longridge Road (Nellies house) before then and will be delivered to the Food Bank on the Monday.

Perishable items (fruit, vegetables etc) will be donated to Fox Street for the homeless.

Items will be delivered round the village to the sick and elderly. Please let James know if you know of anyone who would appreciate our thoughts.

We will be dismantling the harvest displays and distributing the harvest gifts on Monday morning October 2nd starting at 10.00am and would much appreciate help!!!! Many hands make light work!!

The harvest service will start at 10.00 Sunday morning and will be led by our newly licensed Lay Minister, Jayne.

### **29<sup>th</sup> October - Bible Sunday as Ukrainians request more Bibles**

The war in Ukraine has led to a dramatic rise in the demand for Bibles, as people ask existential questions about life and death.

The Ukrainian Bible Society reports that, in the last 15 months, some 700,000 Bibles have been distributed across the war-torn country. This is a five-fold increase on numbers handed out before the war. In 2020, some 136,767 Bibles were distributed in Ukraine.

Anatoliy Raychynets, deputy general secretary of the Ukrainian Bible Society explains, “The experience of this time is that so many people are looking for Bibles and churches.

“We are doing everything possible to reach all the needs, but more Bibles are needed. With the help of the Word of God, we can bring the love of God to those who need it.”

Bibles are distributed around the country, including to soldiers and civilian communities on the front line, and to those in hospital. “Wherever the Bible is taken, it is very much appreciated,” said Anatoliy.

### **Recce for a Walk Beside the Seaside!**

A group of enthusiastic FAFFERS conducted a recce for the seaside walk to be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September. The walk started at the “North Euston Hotel”, Fleetwood and ended in the centre of Cleveleys. The return trip was made on the tram.

The day was sunny and the views towards the Lake District mountains were spectacular. While initially we had estimated the walk to be four miles, we noted that it was indeed six miles. However, we stopped to take in the view at Rossall Point Observation Tower, a four storey tower, including a viewing platform. Other landmarks included Rossall School and Mary’s Shell, a metal sculpture part of the

Mythic Coast art trail, which brings the story of the Sea Swallow to life. We are hoping for another fine day on 30<sup>th</sup> September, when we will hopefully complete the walk again with a few more walkers from Church.



### **“Cheese and Wine” – Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Unfortunately, the “Cheese and Wine Evening” has been postponed due to circumstances beyond our control. We hope to hold the event at a later date.

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, Organ Concert**

We will be holding an Organ Concert, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00pm in Church. You will be able to listen to John Bowdler and watch him perform. For many years John has played the mighty Wurlitzer organ at Blackpool Tower Ballroom.

Born and educated in Wigan, John Bowdler has been playing the organ since the age of eight. He has been one of the team of resident organists at the famous Tower Ballroom since 1987, a position he took up at the age of 16.

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## **Christmas Fair – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 1pm.**

Christmas cards are already in the shops and our Christmas Fair will soon be upon us. If you can help on a stall, please sign the list at the back of Church. If you can donate cakes, bottles, bric-a-brac or any items for the raffle, please see any FAF member. More details to follow in next month's magazine.

### **A Ramble round Rome (continued)**

A Roman poet who may not be familiar to a general readership is Gaius Catullus. In the 50s BC he was famously in love with a woman called Clodia, whose brother Clodius was one of the tribunes of the people and a supporter of Caesar. Clodius was at that time an important man to Caesar as this was the very time when Caesar was away from Rome on his campaigns of conquest in Gaul, modern France, and Clodius was one of his stooges in the capital, able to keep an eye on the political scene for Caesar while he was otherwise engaged. So meanwhile Catullus wrote much of his poetry to his girlfriend Clodia, referring to her as his "sparrow" (passer in Latin, and I believe, that is still the modern Italian word for sparrow).

Around 53BC Clodius came to a violent death, as so many did in the politics of the last days of the Roman republic: which of course Caesar in effect destroyed, for following his murder in due course his heir Augustus set up the emperor system. So, writing at a time of political intensity and murderous violence, it took some courage for the poet Catullus to write the following sarcastic lines:

Nil nimium studio, Caesar, tibi velle placere,

nec scire utrum sis albus an ater homo

I have no great inclination to want to please you, Caesar, nor to know whether you are an all black or an all white man.

In other words, you Caesar are a man of power who everyone wants either to love or loath, but personally I couldn't care less. How Catullus came to die soon afterwards at the age of 30 we do not know. We can however, speculate.

Mark

From the Editor of Parish Pump: *The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'... If you would like a copy of our published booklet of Uncle Eustace's letters, please email us at: [enquiries@parishpump.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@parishpump.co.uk)*

### **St James the Least of All - On the perils of Harvest**

The Rectory

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

In the unlikely event of ever being put in charge of designing the course for those being trained for ordination, I would make a few significant changes. Modules on doctrine, Church history and Greek would all be dropped as unnecessary. In their

place, I would add courses on how to run a tight jumble sale, ways to keep your church council in order – and especially close to my heart at present, how to negotiate Harvest.

The first skirmish starts in early Summer when it becomes clear that the flower arrangers' plans mean that the choir would disappear behind a huge array of chrysanthemums. The choir then retaliate by announcing that their Harvest anthem must take place just when the Sunday School intended to re-enact the parable of the Good Samaritan. They, in turn, raise the stakes by insisting that a stage will be needed for their performance, thus ensuring that I will be separated from the congregation by an impenetrable barricade.

In September, therefore, there is the traditional meeting to iron out all these little difficulties. This inevitably results with the annual act of the verger handing in his resignation, of the bell ringers threatening a mass walk-out, and those who organise coffee afterwards demanding that my sermon lasts no more than three minutes, so there will be plenty of time for socialising after the Service.

I greet all suggestions with a spontaneous burst of indifference, smile, agree with it all – and do nothing (this, incidentally, is a good policy for all decision-making). Inevitably, everything goes ahead exactly as it has always done for the last century.

Come the day, there will be the usual arrangement of eggs round the font, with the strategically placed card saying 'Given anonymously by Elsie Jones' and the pyramid of apples temptingly near the choirboys, so designed that when someone tries to pinch one during the sermon, the whole pile disintegrates as they roll all over the chancel.

On the following Friday, all will leave after the Harvest Supper saying that the entertainment was worse than the previous year and that the absence of red cabbage had quite ruined the hot pot. Everyone therefore has had an enjoyable evening.

My Harvest training course would be compulsory and a pass mark of 90% would be needed before ordination could be considered.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

### **SEPTEMBER MEETING**

We started the Autumn term with a Holy Communion service in church

### **OCTOBER MEETING**

October 18th (in school) is the Wave of Prayer service.

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**Guinea, Africa**

**Nambale, Kenya**

**Bhopal, India**

**Niger Delta**

**Blackburn**



Do you know where these places are? Do you know what are their main concerns? I didn't! But apart from the everyday challenges of life in their countries these members face, we can learn more about the other special topics they face in the Wave of Prayer service. Do come along and don't forget to bring your Autumn M.U. News booklet with the service in. The Mothers Union Literacy Stall will be at this meeting. A chance to buy your Christmas cards, advent candles & calendars!

**OTHER DATES** for your diaries:-

Thursday October 12th Deanery Quiet Hour at St. Michael's Grimsargh. 2.00pm  
The Mothers Unions from Longridge, St. Margaret's & St. Stephen have been invited, please come along, take some valuable time-out and welcome visitors from the other groups.

## **ADVANCED NOTICE**

### **MOTHERS UNION CHRISTMAS MEAL!**

**Nov. 15th 2023 At the Cross Keys. 12.00 £19.95**

#### **Main menu**

Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding

Chicken in a blackstick sauce

Haddock and prawn mornay

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**Desserts** Strawberry pavlova with vanilla ice-cream

Fruit crumble with custard

PS Hazel will be contacting everyone! Lifts will be available

## SCHOOL REPORT

It was lovely welcoming our children and their parents/ carers back into school after the summer break. We welcomed our new reception children and their families too. Miss Lemmings, Miss Begbie and Miss Ashworth have been so impressed with how the reception children have settled into their new surroundings and routines.

Our year 4 children start their swimming sessions on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September and will swim each day for two weeks. The children made super progress last year and most are now able to swim 25m- the expected length all children are expected to swim by the time they leave primary school.

Our reception children are looking forward to an early educational visit at Little Lancashire Village; our year 4 children are excited to visit to Helmshore Mill and year 2 children are heading to Knowsley Safari Park, all within this autumn first half-term.

Our year 6 children spent 3 days and 2 nights at Borwick Hall. They spent time canoeing, climbing, traversing the high ropes, completing team challenges, caving and much more. I spent a full day with the children and joined a group caving for the day- it was great fun. Miss Cross, Mrs Wane and Mrs Giddins were incredibly proud of all our children, not only for their desire to push themselves out of their comfort zones but for their kindness in support of each other. They were and are a real credit to our school.

We are looking forward to welcoming Reverend Andy Williams to Grimsargh at his Induction at St Michael's Church on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

On behalf of our school staff, I wish everyone within our Grimsargh community well.

Kind Regards

Mr Stuart Booth

Headteacher



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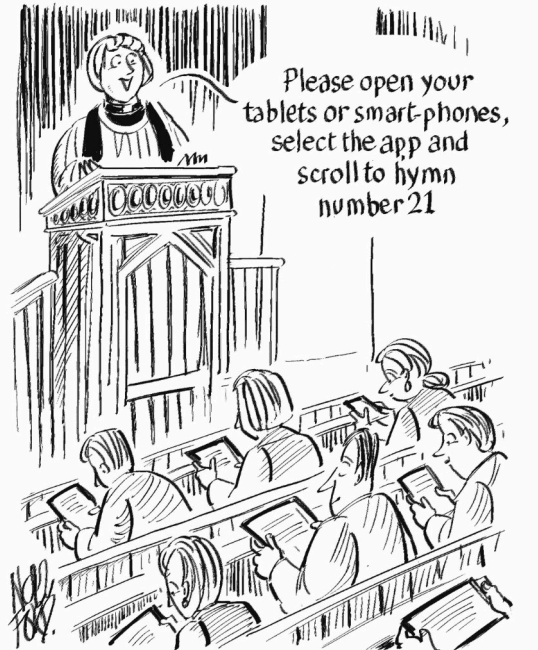
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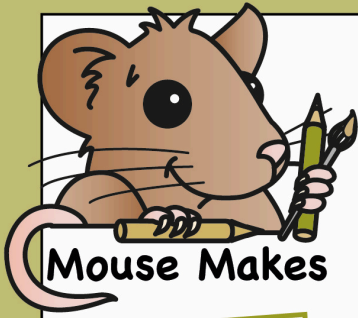
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# Mouse Makes

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MANNA	HONEY
OIL	WINE
WATER	FISH
LOCUSTS	QUAIL
LOAVES	FLOUR

What drink ran out at the wedding?

\_\_\_\_\_

and what did Jesus use to make more?

\_\_\_\_\_

John 2:3 and 7



What food did God supply for his people in the wilderness?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Numbers 11:7-9 and 31

After Elijah came to visit, what never ran out?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_



1 Kings 17:14



What food did the ravens feed Elijah?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 17:6

What food did John the Baptist eat in the wilderness?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_



Matthew 3:4

What did the boy give Jesus to feed 5,000 people?

Five \_\_\_\_\_

and two \_\_\_\_\_

John 6:9



**FIND THE BIBLE VERSE**

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

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 MJWF PO CSFBE  
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 FWFSZ XPSE UIBU  
 DPNFT GSPN UIF  
 NPVUI PG HPE.

NBUUIFX 4:4

**DID YOU KNOW?**

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## FLOWER ROTA

Oct	1st	Vacant
Oct	8th	Vacant
Oct	15th	Sheena Cartmell
Oct	22nd	Vacant
Oct	29th	Vacant

## SIDESPERSONS, READERS AND COFFEE ROTAS

	8.30am	10.00am	Communion Assistant	Readers	Coffee
Oct 1st		N Maudsley		N Cowell B Mackley	
Oct 8th		K Thompson	B Mackley	B Holt Vicar	
Oct 15th		James Cowel		Youth Reader	
Oct 22nd		D Rae	M Lamberty	J Lander Vicar	
Oct 29th		R Buckleyl		M Lamberty S Cowell	

## FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

	Leader	Duty		Welcome
Oct 6th	Maureen	Nellie	Jennifer	Linda
Oct 13th	Jean	Eileen	Helen	Janet
Oct 20th	Jennifer	Christine	Nellie	Linda
Oct 27th	Jean	Eileen	Maureen	Janet

## Holy Baptism Jesus said "Let the children come unto me"

July 30th	Martha Isabel Wallbank Archie Alan Wallbank
Aug 6th	Sebastian Oliver Barlow
Aug 20th	Poppy May Clarkson

## ST MICHAEL'S DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 30th** 9:00am Decorating the church for Harvest  
1.30pm Parish Walk from Fleetwood to Cleveleys  
meeting at The Euston Hotel

## ST MICHAEL'S DIARY DATES FOR October

- 1st** Trinity 17  
10.00am Harvest Festival Service
- 2nd** 10.00am Distribution of harvest gifts  
7.30pm FAF meeting at Jayne Woollam's, 204 Preston Road.
- 6th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 8th** Trinity 18  
10.00am Holy Communion and Jigsaw Club
- 12th** 2.00pm Mothers Union Deanery Quiet Hour here
- 13th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 15th** Trinity 19  
10.00am Family Service
- 18th** 7.30pm Mothers Union in school - The Wave of Prayer
- 19th** 11.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 20th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 21st** 3.00pm Induction of The Rev Andy Williams
- 22nd** Trinity 20  
10.00am Holy Communion and Jigsaw Club
- 27th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 29th** Last Sunday after Trinity  
SUMMER TIME ENDS  
10.00am Morning Worship

**DEADLINE for the November magazine is 15<sup>th</sup> October.**  
**Articles to be sent to Mrs Cowell ([pandncowell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pandncowell@hotmail.co.uk))**  
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