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PARISH LETTER

Harvest - a celebration of God's generosity

I have served most of my ministry in urban environments and so the celebration of harvest has been somewhat removed from daily life. We rarely saw crops or livestock in fields, tractors whizzing around were a rare sight, and our food came from the local supermarket or food bank, all wrapped up, with little to remind us of where it came from. If course it was still expected that we would sing 'We plough the fields and scatter'!

Being in a rural environment this year does bring home the reality of where a lot of our food comes from, in one way or another, even if the speed of some of the tractors through the village break our rural idyll. Driving through France recently enabled Louise and I to see many different crops in huge fields; maize, apples, sunflowers, onions and of course grapes.

The origins of our harvest festivals goes back to the Old Testament, indeed there is little in the New Testament about it apart from a few parables Jesus told which related to his observations on rural life. In the Old Testament the Jewish people were commanded (not asked or encouraged) to bring in a tenth of their harvest, which included livestock, and give it to God. Not only a tenth - but the first tenth. They couldn't keep back what they felt they needed and then give.

Their harvest offering was intended as a reminder of the generosity of God. He had provided them with a beautiful, plentiful land in which to settle. The response of harvest gave them a way to recognise how generous God had been, and continued to be, and was an annual reminder of His goodness to them.

Even in Grimsargh we can get complacent about God's provision when we pop off to Tesco, Asda, Booths, Sainsbury's or Aldi to stock up our cupboards. We can become very removed from where our food comes from and how God continues to sustain our world and bless us. As we become more removed from agriculture and livestock farming, we can become less thankful for God's generosity.

The packaged and processed food we consume was grown somewhere by farmers and others who have to cope with the ups and downs of weather, loneliness and government directives. (In France many signs entering villages have been turned upside down by farmers as a protest against the conflicting government statements and policies).

This year, especially at this time, let us give thanks to God for His blessings and goodness to us. Let us remember all who work with Him to provide our food. Let us rejoice at God's continuing generosity and may we respond with generosity too to those in need in any way. Lets give the first and best of what we have to God as a sign of that thankfulness.

Blessings, Andy



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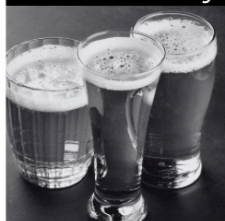
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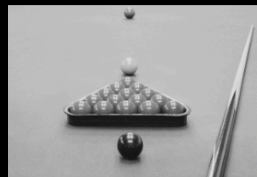


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News from FAF

If you would like to come along to a FAF meeting, please do – we need as many people as possible to help us organise events throughout the year. The next meeting is **Monday 21st October, 7.30pm** and this will be held at **Nellie's house**.

Autumn Bingo and Pizza, Friday 1st November

On Friday 1st November FAF members are organising an evening of “Bingo and Pizza”. This will be a time of fellowship.

Christmas Fair, Saturday 7th December, 1pm.

The Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 1st December, 1pm. If you have any new ideas or you feel that you can help in any way, please come along to the **FAF Meeting at Nellie's, Monday 21st October**, or contact any FAF member. The FAF members are Penny, Nellie, Ruth, Hazel, Joanne, Joanna, Eileen, Marilyn, Sue and Jayne.

Friday 13th December and Saturday 21st December

Please come along and help us sing carols starting at The Plough 6.30 pm, The Club 7.00 pm, Houghton Manor 7.30 pm and then the Silver Birches 8.00 pm on the evening of the 13th December. Then on Saturday morning of the 21st we will be singing carols at The Farmers' Market at 11.00am.

Bible Study is back

If you would like to discover more about the Bible, if you would like to enjoy open and thorough discussion of the Scriptures, if you want to share your Christian journey, then please join us on the second Thursday of each month for Bible Study. There will be four sessions before Christmas. The dates for our Bible Study are 10th October, 14th November, and the 12th December.

The first session provoked thoughtful and inspirational discussion.

It was suggested that some people would prefer an afternoon session. If there is sufficient interest, we may explore running a daytime group too.

The next meeting is being led by **Louise at the Vicarage, on Thursday 10th October, 7.30pm**. If you would like to explore that Bible more, ask questions, listen to the views of others, please do come along. It is a very friendly, informal group. We hope that the group will flourish this year.

Please contact Jayne or Louise for more information.

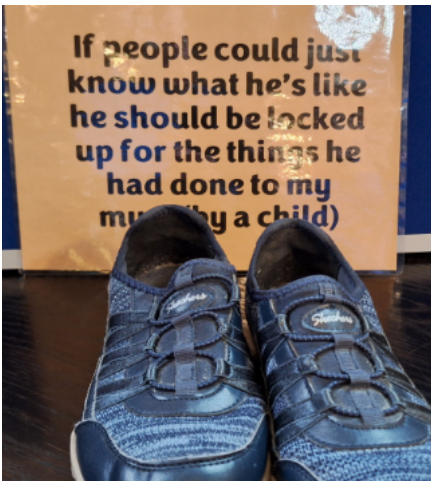
Souls of our Shoes

(MU Working to end violence against women and girls globally)

Bernard and I went to view the exhibition “Souls of our Shoes” at St Bartholomew’s, Colne, on a rather dismal morning; although only overcast when we departed Grimsargh it was raining quite hard when we arrived in Colne. On entering the church we were met with first, the nice aroma of bacon then second, a lady from the church asking if we were there to see the exhibition. When we told her that we were she pointed us to the two areas of the display then to the coffee bar on the far side of the church.

We both spent some time looking at the display of pairs of shoes, each with a story to tell. Although the stories were only one sentence long they were very powerful statements and all very moving and we were both very moved. After watching a five minute video going through some of the stories in a little more depth, we took several more photos then decided to see what was available at the coffee bar. Unfortunately, by then, they had finished cooking and were only serving drinks, so we just had a coffee before moving on to reflect on what we had seen.

Marlene.



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St James the Least of All

On the perils of being a school governor

The Rectory

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I was interested to hear that from this academic year, your vicar has asked you to take his place as a school governor. A whole new world of exciting meetings is about to open up to you. Naturally, you will have been told that the governors only meet three times a year. You will probably not have been told that you will also be expected to be on at least two sub-committees, where you will be immediately asked to become secretary, as a way of getting to know the job. Add on training days, parents' evenings, sports days, school socials, end of term services, charity events and accompanying classes on days out and you will begin to realise that your vicar's suggestion was not as innocent as you may have thought.

Remember, too, that all meetings require you sit on chairs designed for five-year-olds. You will then spend countless hours going through a 40-item agenda, trying to look dignified with your knees somewhere round your ears while drawing up school plans as if they were the Normandy landing. Be prepared to receive paperwork measured by the hundredweight; entire rainforests have been obliterated by your education authority sending what they seem to think is vital information; it does, however, make good cat litter.

Most meetings will be so full of acronyms that for the first few years you will have the feeling that conversation is taking place in a language that may bear a passing resemblance to English, but isn't. There is little point in trying to learn what they all mean because before too long, they will all be replaced by another set anyway, which will be equally incomprehensible.

Your computer abilities will be expected to be far beyond what anyone over the age of 30 could ever be expected to achieve; if you sink without trace, ask a seven-year-old, who will soon put you right.

You will also be encouraged to attend training days; I strongly suggest you select all-day events, as at least you will get a lunch out of it. You needn't bother to arrive on time, since the first hour will be spent with everyone introducing themselves and you can leave early, as the final hour will go on filling in evaluation forms.

Just keep reminding yourself that your term of office is a mere five years; you may even get remission for good behaviour

Your loving uncle

Eustace

MOTHERS' UNION

This month we were privileged to hold the Preston Deanery Festival Service with the Diocesan president, Jill Ireland joining us. During the service Louise was commissioned as Deanery Presiding member and Andy as Deanery Chaplain to the Preston Deanery Mothers Union.



As members of St. Michael's Mothers' Union we all promised we would remember them in our prayers, and support and encourage them!



Also during the service Josie Ainsworth, Kate Billington and Sue Chapman were enrolled into St. Michael's Mothers Union.

Again, we promised to welcome, support and pray for them.

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It was a lovely occasion and good to be joined by members from other branches in the Preston Deanery. To complete the afternoon we enjoyed a lovely tea of sandwiches, a sausage roll and a cake (of course). These were made and served to everyone by the St. Michael's ladies. A big thank you to all who planned and organised the afternoon!

God bless you all in your various ministries.

**NEXT MEETING October 16th in the School
Wave of Prayer service**

When we remember the work of the Mothers Union throughout the world.
(Please bring the service insert from the Blackburn MU news if you have one)
The Literature Stall will also be present, bring some money for MU Christmas goodies

ADVANCED NOTICE FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING



MOTHERS UNION CHRISTMAS MEAL

November 20th 2024

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Baked Egg Custard
Fresh Fruit Salad
Tea & Coffee

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. Mrs Aspinall and Miss Begbie have been so impressed with how the reception children have settled into their new surroundings and routines.

Our year 4 children started their swimming sessions on Monday 16th September and will swim each day for two weeks. The children made super progress last year and most are now able to swim unaided for 25m- the expected length all children are expected to swim by the time they leave primary school.

Our year 4 children recently enjoyed their educational visit to Helmshore Mill. They enjoyed visiting the mill, learning about life in the past and watching the machinery demonstration. Our reception children are looking forward to an early educational visit to Little Lancashire Village; our year 2 children are excited about their visit to Blackburn Cathedral and year 3 children their visit to 'Woodmatters'.

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 Giddins and Mrs Rutherford 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 Reverend Andy Williams leading our St Michael's Day and Harvest services at St Michael's Church in the coming weeks.

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

Mr Stuart Booth

Headteacher

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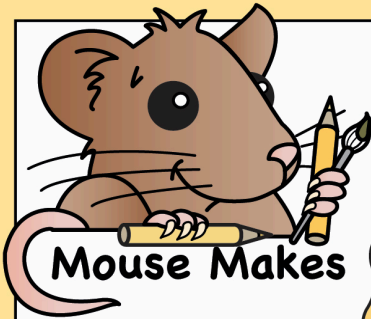
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"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
walk in your _____."
Psalm 86:11

"For we **walk** by

not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7

"**Walk** by the

"
Galatians 5:16



Jesus said:
"I am the light
of the world.
If you

me you won't
have to **walk**
in darkness
because
you have
the light
that leads
to life."
John 8:12



"**Walk** in

as Christ loved
us and gave
himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2

"**Walk** in
a manner
worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing
to him, bearing

in every good work
and increasing in
the knowledge
of God"
John 8:12

_____ is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who **walks** in
his ways."
Psalm 128:1

- GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK
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Aug	25th	£95.00	Wedding				

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Oct	13th	Vacant
Oct	20th	Vacant
Oct	27th	Vacant

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Oct 13th		John Cowell	M Lamberty	K Billington D Rusling	
Oct 20th		James Cowell		B Holt L Desai	
Oct 27th		B Mackley	S Cowell	J Eccles L Williams	

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Oct 13th	Jennifer	Marlene	Nellie	Linda
Oct 20th	Jean	Eileen	Helen	Janet
Oct 27th	Maureen	Nellie	Kate	Linda

Weddings

Aug 3rd	Grace Elizabeth Forshaw and Shaun Neale
Aug 25th	Alexandra Jane Wood and Gary Andrew Mayall
Aug 31st	Judith Anne Clark and John Coar

Funerals

	“I am the resurrection and the life” says the Lord.
July 31st	Ken Speak 77 years
Aug 2nd	Simon Davison 57 years
Aug 28th	Roland Town 88 years
Sept 6th	Christopher (Chris) Richard Holding 97 years

ST MICHAEL'S DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

- 2nd** 2.00pm Craft and Chat at 6 Douglas Lane
- 4th** 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 5th** 9.30am Setting up for Harvest in church - all help welcome
- 6th** **Trinity 19**
10.00am Harvest Festival
11.30am Baptism of Olive Parkinson
- 7th** 9.30am School Harvest Festival
10.00am Distribution of Harvest Gifts
- 10th** 7.30pm Bible Study at 6 Douglas Lane
- 11th** 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 13th** **Trinity 20**
10.00am Holy Communion and Jigsaw Club
11.30am Baptism of Isla Biggs
- 16th** 7.30pm Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer plus Literature Stall - in school
- 17th** 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 18th** 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 20th** **Trinity 21**
10.00am Morning Worship
- 21st** 7.30pm FAF Meeting at Nellie Cowell's
- 25th** 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 27th** **Trinity 22**
10.00am Holy Communion

**DEADLINE for the November magazine is 15th October.
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