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PARISH LETTER

Peace with Creation

Each year the Christian Churches join together in celebrating a Season of Creation – in fact there will have been a local Churches Together service at St Wilfred's in Longridge in the evening of the 21st of September. The season, from the 1st of September to the 4th of October is to remind us of how our God is a Creator God and gave us the responsibility as stewards of all that He created.

This year's theme is "Peace with Creation", inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18:

"For the palace will be forsaken, the populous city deserted; the hill and the watchtower will become dens forever, the joy of wild asses, a pasture for flocks. Until a spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness, and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places."

The prophet Isaiah portrays a desolate Creation, devoid of peace due to injustice and the broken relationship between God and humankind.

Devastated cities and wastelands reflect the destructive impact that human activities can have on Earth.

It also shows how the influence on the Holy Spirit can change us to care about and restore this broken Creation. We all have a responsibility to be responsible stewards and look after, restore, and behave with a God given justice for Creation. Each of us can influence how we live our lives, the things we buy, how we use resources, and how we can allow our faith to shape our choices and actions.

At the beginning of October we will celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving – a time when we remember that everything, ultimately, comes from God. This year our Harvest will have a deliberate Creation theme to help us all to think how we might respond to God's call to live as responsible stewards. Maybe then we call all be part of seeing

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This is for us, all who live with us on this planet, and our children and grandchildren. May we seek the Lord to play our part.

Blessings,
Andy



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Service of Light.

On Sunday 2nd November at 4pm we will be holding our service for the thanksgiving and remembering those who have been special to us but have now died. The service will be quiet and reflective with space to light a candle to remember our loved ones. We will be inviting all who have had funerals in the last 2 years year but it is open to anyone who would like some space for remembering and thanksgiving. There service will last about 40 minutes and will be followed by tea and coffee.

If you would like to help James and Andy with the service or for more information please speak to Andy

Advance Notice

In November our services will change slightly so that we can have Remembrance Sunday as an All Age Morning Worship with the uniformed organisations.

The pattern will be; 2nd - Morning Worship, 9th - All Age Remembrance Service followed by the service at Three Mile Cross, 16th - Holy Communion with Jigsaw Club, 23rd - Morning Worship, 30th - Holy Communion with Jigsaw Club.

We'll see how this works this year, so please let Andy have any responses.

FAF (Fund raising And Fellowship group).

Important dates to put on your Calendar.

Sunday 5th October – A Harvest Buffet at the Cross Keys, Whitechapel.

Time 12.00pm. for 12.30pm start. Cost is £15 /person.

Everyone is welcome. However, we do need to know numbers, so if you haven't added your name to the list in Church, PLEASE LET ONE OF US KNOW by Friday 3rd of October. We can also help with transport, again, please let us know and we will try our best to help.

Friday 17th October - Lancashire Evening in the Grimsargh Village Hall 7.30pm.

Live entertainment (Lancashire Folk Music and Story Teller). Hot Pot Supper, Apple Pie, Bar and Raffle Tickets £ 15.00

You can buy tickets from any FAF member:- Joanna Donnachie, Nellie Cowell, James Cowell, Ruth Buckley, Joanne Lander, Eileen Parker, Hazel Cliff, Sue Chapman, Marilyn Salter and Penny Thompson, or you can ring Penny Thompson on 01772651850 or Text James Cowell 07715642083. Contact Nellie if you have any dietary requirements .

18th October – St Luke the Evangelist

To St Luke, a Gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ. His gospel contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his

appeal to the Gentles, for whom he wrote.

Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner.

In Acts, Luke is remarkably good as linking sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. A principal theme of his Acts is how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him

The Friend at Midnight

As we remember St Luke this month, let's note that one of the major themes in his gospel is prayer. Jesus tells the *Parable of the Friend at Midnight* (Luke 11:5-8) in the context of teaching His disciples to pray (1).

Pray Shamelessly:

In the parable a man approaches his friend at midnight and asking: '*Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him*' (5-6). Despite the hour, the rules of hospitality mean that this is not an unreasonable request. Jesus says, '*though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will rise and give him whatever he needs*' (8). Jesus is telling us to approach our heavenly Father in '*shameless boldness*' with our needs. As adopted children we should have no hesitancy in coming to talk with our Father. It is not God who is reluctant to answer, but we to ask. Do we pray with shameless boldness?

Pray Persistently

Like children we should be persistent in our requests: '*Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.*' (9). All three verbs indicate a continual habit: '*Keep on asking...seeking...knocking*'. We will not be content simply to ask once and then move on. Jesus tells us to bring our prayers to God persistently. Do we give up too easily in prayer?

Pray Expectantly:

'For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.'(10). Are we expectant in our prayers, believing that God delights in meeting our requests? Why not begin this adventure of prayer today

St James the Least of All

On what those adverts from parishes wanting clergy REALLY mean...

So, you are being encouraged to look at adverts for parishes for that happy day when you will have charge of your own church. You wonder if you should look

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to moving to another part of the country; I suspect it may be better if you look to moving to another planet, as your reputation may not yet have travelled that far. Reading the specifications that parishes provide, giving a picture of life in their community, need to be read in the same way as estate agents' specifications for houses for sale. Both demonstrate a triumph of optimism over reality. Let me help you decode some of the statements you will find:

"We look to grow our Sunday School" – We do not have a Sunday School.

"We have an enthusiastic choir" – We have a choir totally out of control.

"Our youth group is always eager to learn" – Our youth group experiments with some strange substances.

"The new incumbent should be sympathetic to our musical tradition"- The new incumbent must be able to play the organ as well as lead the Services.

"While cherishing our traditions, we see the need for change" – We always see the need for change, but alter anything at your peril.

"Plans for church renovations are in hand" – The building is in imminent danger of collapse.

"We have a large range of church groups" – You will have to run a large range of church groups singlehandedly.

"The vicarage is being refurbished" – The vicarage is a death trap. Its rising damp and dangerous electrics will not be fixed for many months yet.

"There is opportunity for developing ecumenical relations" – No one in living memory has ever spoken to clergy of other denominations in our town.

"The new incumbent should have a sense of humour" – He or she will need it when reading this specification.

My dear nephew, caveat emptor. Let the buyer beware!

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Church Humour

All Angels?

The slightly harassed minister stood on the railway station platform with a number of lively Sunday School children, while the two Sunday School teachers went off to buy tickets. A porter came up to him and asked: "Excuse me, are you St Michael and all the Angels?"

Listening

While visiting a cathedral recently, I couldn't hear the service over the chatter of the two people sitting in front of me. Finally, I tapped one of them on the shoulder.

"Excuse me," I said, "I can't hear."

The reply was swift and indignant. "I should hope not! This is a private conversation."

Dear Lord,

So far today, I am doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been

greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, or cursed. I have not charged on my credit card or eaten any chocolate. However, I am going to get out of bed in a few minutes, and I will need a lot more help after that! Amen

MOTHERS' UNION

After a month off in August we are always pleased to be back together for our service of Evening Prayer in September. We all thoroughly enjoyed the service. Thank you to Andy for preparing and leading it and thank you to all the members who took part .

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On October 9th there is a Sharing Day at Garstang Country Hotel. 9.30 am for a 10.00 am start. There will be interesting speakers, new ideas for running branches, ideas for activities with children, ideas for Mothers Union members contributing to parish life, ideas for marking the 150th anniversary of Mothers Union and much more. Nellie will be telling them how we run our branch as a committee without an enrolling member. See Louise if you would like to go.

Wednesday 22nd is the Quiet Hour at St Margaret's in Gol. All members are invited to attend and support Grimsargh MU. Lifts can be arranged.

On October 10th 'Faith in the North ' will take place in Blackburn Cathedral 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. This is The Lord's Prayer Tour event led by the Archbishop of York. Tickets are free and are available online from Eventbrite. We are asked to support this event and wear our MU badge, scarf or T Shirt.

Mentioning T shirts. We can now buy Mothers Union T shirts or Polo shirts

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(Nellie says she's going to get a polo shirt!)



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NEXT MEETING

Our meeting on October 15th will be the Wave of Prayer Service when we pray for our link Dioceses of Bhopal, Guinea, High Veld, Niger Delta, Nambale and our own diocese of Blackburn. The theme is Join Us - Join In.

On October 29th Terry and Betty Blacklock will be celebrating their Platinum Wedding Anniversary. An amazing 70 years together.

We send our warmest congratulations and hope they have a wonderful day of celebrations.



November will be our Christmas meal at The Cross Keys Whitechapel.

Hazel will be handing out menus at our September meeting and giving you all the details. You are welcome to invite a friend..



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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.

WORSHIP

At the start of this new academic year we have focus our worship on, 'Letting your Light Shine' and 'God's Big Story'.

We are looking forward to Reverend Andy leading our St Michael's Day and Harvest services at St Michael's Church in the coming weeks.

ROLES OF RESPONSIBILITY

PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Thank you and well done to all of the children who applied for Head Boy and Girl

this year. We were blown away by the effort each and every child put into their speeches and presentations.

The year 5 and 6 children voted and we are proud to announce the following Pupil Leadership Team for 2025-26:

Head Boy: Rory B

Head Girl: Charlotte B

Deputy Head Boys: Shaan S and Elijah H

Deputy Head Girl: Mia-Rose P

ECO-COUNCIL

Reception- Isla-Mae C and Oliver D

Year1- Cassie S and Freddie C

Year 2- Elijah N and Martha W

Year 3- Conor G and Esther H

Year 4- Kai L and Jemima B

Year 5- Elise T and Jack E

Year 6- Emilia E and Finley G

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Reception- Reggie T and Mabel C

Year1- Hugo Rand Elana S

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Year 3- Harry C and Beth Mc G

Year 4- Nes C and Ben G

Year 5- Ruby C and William T

Year 6- Harvey G and Quinn T

Well done to all the children who put themselves forward to be part of our school and eco councils, and particularly to those who were chosen.

SWIMMING

Our year 4 children started their swimming sessions on Monday 8th September and enjoyed their final session on Friday 19th. They swam each day for these two weeks and made progress to be proud of. 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.

SPORT

Hockey

Our mixed hockey team played their first two league fixtures. We opened the season against Broughton. We had some good chances and defended well, however we lost a close game, 1-0. Our second game was against Barton St. Lawrence. We started off well and Elyse scored an excellent first half hat-trick to no reply. Barton came out fighting and scored a well-earned goal, but we went

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again with two further scores, with Elyse's fourth and Finley joining her on the scoresheet. An excellent team performance ended with a fantastic 5-1 victory. Well done to: Elyse T, Jocelyn G, Finley G, Miles C, Charlotte B, Harry E, Zak J, Rory B, Emilia E

Multi-skills

Our KS2 children represented our school at a multi skills event at West View Leisure Centre. They represented our school brilliantly and competed well in each event. There was throwing and catching, kicking and running skills involved. We came 7th out of 10 teams. Well done to: Samuel L, Shaun C, Joshua P, Sarah H-K, Rua E-A and Asiyah M



EDUCATIONAL VISITS

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; year 3 children their visit to 'Woodmatters' and year 4 to Helmshore Mill.

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. Mrs Knight, Mrs Giddins, Mrs Wane 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.

SAFEGUARDING

We have continued to share the very useful Safeguarding guides with our parents and carers, including 'What Parents/ Carers need to know about Conspiracy Theories' and 'Top Tips on Supporting Children with Self-Regulation'.

SHOW ROUNDS

Come and have a look around our wonderful school...our head boy and girl and their deputies are excited to show you around. We have the following dates and times available:

Monday 6th October: 1:45pm or 2:15pm

Wednesday 15th October: 1:15pm, 1:45pm, 2:45pm

Monday 20th October: 1:15pm, 1:45pm, 2:15pm, 2:45pm

Please contact our school office (01772 653600) to book a time.

Search '**grimsarghstmicrohals**' 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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worship God?*

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Praise Him in His mighty heavens.
Praise Him for His acts of power,
Praise Him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise Him
with the sounding trumpet,
Praise Him
with the harp and lyre,
Praise Him
with tambourine and dancing,
Praise Him
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Praise Him
with the resounding cymbals.
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With
God, all
things are
possible.
Mathew
19:26

JIGSAW CLUB

For the children of St Michael's, Grimsargh.



When?



2nd and 4th Sunday of each month!
(term time only)

What?

Children aged 3 -11

Who?

Fun games, music and activities.

St Michael's Church and then
the Jigsaw Club hut!

Where?

Everyone
Welcome!

Optional
speaking in
Church!

A great way
to make new
friends!

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Is
Great
Special
And
Wonderful

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July	27th	£165.55	Aug	31st	£158.70
Aug	3rd	£192.48	Sept	7th	£257.30
		£41.08 Baptism	Sept	14th	£135.50
Aug	10th	146.60	Sept	18th	£30.00
Aug	17th	£167.00			

FLOWER ROTA

Oct	5th	Vacant
Oct	12th	Vacant
Oct	19th	Sheena Cartmell
Oct	26th	Vacant

SIDESPERSONS, READERS AND COFFEE ROTAS

		10.00am	Communion Assistant	Readers	Coffee
Oct	5th	K Yates		L Desai S Cowell	
Oct	12th	R Woollam	N Cowell	J Eccles D Rusling	
Oct	19th	B Mackley		M Lamberty J Lander	
Oct	26th	James Cowell R Buckley	L Williams	L Williams K Billington	

FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

		Leader	Duty		Welcome
Oct	3rd	Maureen	Marlene	Kate	Janet
Oct	10th	Jean	Eileen	Helen	Linda
Oct	17th	Jennifer	Nellie	Kate	Christine
Oct	24th	Jean	Eileen	Maureen	Linda
Oct	31st	Nellie	Marlene	Helen	Janet

Holy Baptism **Jesus said "Let the children come unto me"**
 August 3rd Harper Parry

Funerals **"I am the resurrection and the life" says the Lord.**
 August 8th Dorothy How 91 years

ST MICHAEL'S DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

- 1st** 2.00pm Craft and Chat Group at the vicarage
- 3rd** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club including MU sale of stock
- 4th** 9.30am Setting up the Church for Harvest. All help welcome
10.30am NO Prayer Group this month
10.00am PCC Induction Day for the Renewal Programme
- 5th** **Harvest Thanksgiving**
10.00am Harvest Thanksgiving Service
12noon for 12.30pm The Parish Meal at The Cross Keys Whitechapel
- 6th** 9.30am School Harvest Festival
10.30am Distribution of Harvest gifts
- 9th** 9.30am for 10.00am MU Sharing Day at Garstang Country Hotel
7.30pm Bible Study at the vicarage
- 10th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
7.00pm Faith in the North at Blackburn Cathedral
- 12th** **Trinity 17**
10.00am Holy Communion and Jigsaw club
11.45am Baptism of Dorothy Barlow
- 15th** 7.30pm MU Wave of Prayer - in School
- 16th** 11.00am Holy Communion BCP
- 17th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
7.30 pm Lancashire Evening in the Village Hall
- 19th** **Trinity 18**
10.00am Morning Worship
11.30am Baptism of Alfred Fairey
- 22nd** 2.00pm MU Quiet Hour at St Margaret's Ingol
- 24th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 26th** **Trinity 19**
10.00am Holy Communion (NO Jigsaw Club)
- 31st** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club

DEADLINE for the November magazine is 15th October .
Articles to be sent to Mrs Cowell (pandncowell@hotmail.co.uk)
and/or B Mackley (bjmackley@aol.com)



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