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PARISH LETTER

The Following statement was read in church on Sunday 9th July

We are pleased to announce that the Revd Andy Williams has been appointed half-time Vicar at St Michael's Grimsargh. Andy is currently Team Vicar of the Macclesfield Team Ministry in the Diocese of Chester.

Please do be praying for Andy and his family as he prepares to take up his post. The Bishop of Lancaster will institute and the Archdeacon of Lancaster will induct Andy on Saturday 21st October 2023, 3pm at St Michael's Church



Andy Williams (from the All Saints website)



From the new vicar

Hello from Macclesfield.

I was born and brought up in Blackpool, a Sandgrown'un, and still support the football team (please commiserate for me). I spent my teenage years growing up in Kirkham before moving to Lancaster for work. My mum and dad still live local to Kirkham in Wesham.

My wife of 20 years, Louise, is retired and grew up in Accrington. Between us we have two daughters, Becca and Hannah, both married. We have two grandchildren - Olivia and Ava, 8 years old and nearly 1, who live in Oswaldtwistle with their mum Becca and her husband Phil. Hannah and her husband, Rob, live in Broughton - just over the Welsh border from Chester.

I was ordained in Blackburn Diocese 25 years ago and we are looking forward to returning to our home county and diocese. I have served in several churches and am currently Team Vicar in Macclesfield where we have been for 5 1/2 years.

My interests include: steam railways (full-size, narrow gauge and model); photography; electric cars (we own a Hyundai Ioniq 5, and use it for towing the caravan on holiday); and all things Apple! We enjoy touring the country in our caravan and visiting scenic places, as well as our annual holiday in France, where we rent a small gîte on a hill in the middle of nowhere. At the moment a friend is trying to teach me how to play golf.

I enjoy a good pint of beer, or glass of red wine, and a single malt whisky - not all together! Louise enjoys gin and has a varied selection! She also drives an electric car (Renault Zoe) and spends many hours crafting; crochet, knitting, sewing. Andy loves sharing about the life-giving faith he's found in Jesus. I have a good sense of humour and like a good laugh, and good meal and good company.

There's plenty more to find out and we look forward to sharing life and faith together as we get to know each other over the years

Garden Party

The Garden Party was a huge success this year. Many new people rallied to the call for helpers, and a record £3,100.00 was raised for Church funds. Thank you to all stall holders, all those who donated items for the stalls and to the wonderful teachers at Grimsargh St. Michael's School who trained the children to dance so beautifully. A wonderful day.

The Big Picnic and Big Summer Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the "Big Summer Raffle". The raffle raised an amazing £1,482.00 for Church funds. Thank you to all those who generously donated raffle prizes, including "Haighton Manor", "The Wild Boar Park", Tim Forrest, "So Plants", "Ferraris", "Robert Steele Hairdressers", and to all those who contributed items to the food and toiletries hampers.

Many of the FAF team sold raffle tickets but a special thank you must go to Nellie and Ruth, whose raffle ticket selling skills are little short of heroic! Thanks, too, to Hazel, who produced such attractive hampers.

Winners:			
Prize	Ticket	Winner	
£100	00931	Walton	
Ferrari Ride	00545	Jayne Woollam	l
Haighton Manor Voucher	00583	Hazel	
Halle Orchestra Voucher	00998	Dawn (church)	
Wild Boar Park	00123	Joanne Lander	
So Plants	01420	Paul Buxton	
Meals at Ferraris	01705	Dawn Holden	
Bottle of Wiskey	01673	Joan Potter	
Sainsbury Voucher	00605	Jenny Fender	
Blow Dry Roberts-Steel	01963	Cherry	
Large Hamper	00380	Brenda K	
Beauty Basket	01691	Ann Byrne	
Groceries Box	00724	Theresa Swan	On
Men's Toiletries	01946	David Helm	Pot
Picnic Basket	00428	Patty	Loi
Ladies Toiletries	01176	Diane Slater	Bot



One of the prize winners, Joan Potter, lollipop lady on Berry Lane, Longridge, is pleased to receive her Bottle of whisky!!

Sadly, following the Family Service, numbers attending the picnic were a little disappointing, probably due to the weather. We had to decamp to the school hall. However, not to be defeated, we continued with the picnic, Bernard and Nellie showing off some impressive dance moves, before the Big Summer Raffle was drawn.



Church Walk 2023, Saturday 30th September, from "North Euston Hotel" Fleetwood to Cleveleys.

On Saturday 30th September, we are planning to hold a Church Walk. The aim of the walk is to get active, have some fun, while, perhaps raising a little money for Church too. We are planning to meet at 1.30pm at the North Euston Hotel,



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On completing the walk, we will be able to enjoy "fish and chips" in Cleveleys, before returning to Fleetwood on a traditional Blackpool tram. Come and join us. We will do all the organising; if you require a lift, please indicate this on the sign-up list at the back of Church. If you would like to give a donation to church too, that would be very welcome but by no means obligatory. For further information, please contact any "FAF" member or call/text Jayne on 07749 934 208.

Field Day 2023

Several members of Grimsargh St. Michael's Mothers' Union walked in the Field Day procession, carrying their beautiful banner aloft. Wardens, Anthony and Mark, accompanied Father Doyle, in Anthony's vintage Ford. Members of FAF also had a stall at Grimsargh Field Day and at Goosnargh and Longridge Show in the Churches Together Tent.



Dates for your Diaries

Friday 20th October – "Cheese and Wine Evening" 7.30pm, in the School Hall. Saturday 18th November – "Organ recital in Church by John Bowdler" – of Blackpool Tower Ballroom fame

Saturday 2nd December – "Christmas Fair", 1pm in School

Saturday 16th December – Carol Singing at "Grimsargh Farmers' Market". More venues TBC.

More details of all the events listed above in October's Church magazine.

A Ramble round Rome (conttinued)

The first Roman authors the aspiring classicist is likely to encounter are Caesar and Titus Livius, or Livy to give him his more usual name in English. The Latin is relatively simple and straightforward. Livy was a historian who was born when Caesar started his campaigns in Gaul/ France in c 59BC, and he died in the early reign of Rome's 2nd emperor Tiberius, who incidentally was the Roman emperor at the time of the crucifixion, so that "render to Caesar that which is Caesar's..." was in fact Tiberius.

Livy wrote a monumental history of Rome from its foundation to his own time. He was a political historian in so far as he honed his history to culminate in Augustus as the ultimate glory and "the end of history". So in that sense he was a political stooge, and he certainly wrote wholly fictitious accounts of stirring speeches by successful Roman generals all of which are historical tosh. Also, his general factual accuracy is dubious. To the delight of schoolboys like me in our Latin education, only about a quarter of his work has survived to modernity, so we were spared much bulk. But what survived was his account of the Roman war against Carthage, with its famous general Hannibal who crossed the Alps and regularly defeated Roman armies in Italy itself. His account of the first such battle by the shore of Lake Trasimene in Northern Italy is a vivid one, as Hannibal ambushed the Roman forces with his men emerging from an early morning mist as they raced down a mountain side, ending with annihilation of that Roman army taken wholly by surprise. The politically correct Livy noted that the Roman commander had not observed the religious niceties before the battle, implying that that was the reason for the defeat – more tosh. Mark

MOTHERS' UNION

As I write this article I have just finished preparing the prizes for the Big Summer Raffle to be drawn this Sunday at the church picnic! I hope I win the first prize of a $\pm 100.00!$ By the time you read this we will know who the lucky winner is! But it set me thinking about what we hope for and what we base our hopes on.

A hymn by Stuart Townsend expresses the confidence that we can have as Christians, not a hope based on things like hoping to win a raffle prize or hoping our families keep healthy and safe but in the strong hope and knowledge that Christ walks with us now, and one day we will be with Him forever!

I hope we may sing it in church soon. I'll be talking to Ben!

This is the first of three verses, space only for this one, but the other two are equally good and with words that I have found reassuring.

There is a hope that burns within my heart That gives me strength for every passing day A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part Yet drives all doubt away I stand in Christ with sins forgiven And Christ in me the hope of heaven My highest calling and my deepest joy To make His will my home.

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Mothers Union - July meeting

Lucinda Smith—From Pakistan to Preston via China

Lucinda with her Mum & daughter joined us on Wednesday 19th July. She shared how she had travelled out to Pakistan as a missionary and some of the experiences she had there to her time back in England and adopting a Chinese baby girl. Through it all she has discovered to love of her heavenly Father, and rejoices in the knowledge that she is adopted by God.

We finished by singing the song 'Father, I wonder how I managed to exist without the knowledge of your parenthood and your loving care.' A song which reflects the message she gave us. (And another new song to

introduce to Ben!) We wish her and her family God's blessings in her role as Reader at St. James church, Avenham, Preston.

Church Walk 2023,

Saturday 30th September, from North Euston Hotel, Fleetwood to Cleveleys. Meet at the North Euston Hotel 1.30 pm.

Lots of fascinating things to see on the way













Whalley, St Mary's & All Saints are holding a Mary Sumner Celebration service at St Mary's on Wednesday 9th August starting at 10.30am. The service will be led by Whalley Deanery Chaplain Rev Barbara Knight. Everyone is invited across all the Diocese

We are then going to go across to Whalley Abbey for a celebration light lunch of sandwiches, cakes and scones, with tea and coffee served in the Great Hall, at a cost of £12 per person. Again, everyone is invited to this, but I will need numbers please by about 4th August. Anyone wishing to book the lunch can do so by phone on 07807 283024 or 01254 822646

SCHOOL REPORT

WORSHIP

Miss Smith has led us well in Worship this half-term and has focused on different Christian Values. The children were posed the question, 'Who brings you joy?' The children were inspired by Bishop Jill's thoughts about joy. They watched a video of her explaining this Bible quote and how it could have an impact on our life. The following week in worship, our children were also asked, 'Why is patience hard sometimes?' They enjoyed listening to a tribal story about a character named Nerino. Miss Smith then focused on kindness, asking the questions, 'What is kindness?' and 'How do you show kindness?' Miss Smith explained that kindness is more than just being nice to one another. Christians believe that Jesus hands were kind hands, doing good to all. Most recently, Miss Smith posed the question, 'What does it mean to be faithful?' The children enjoyed learning about being faithful with Archdeacon David and his dog, Bertie. They discussed what it means to be faithful.

FIELD DAY

I was an incredibly proud headteacher on Saturday 24th June. The effort of our staff, parents/ carers, children and PTFA, who led and took part in the field day procession, was incredible! The staff members who were able to attend could not believe how many of our families dressed up and joined in with our Roald Dahl themed walking float– we were blown away! Without the time given, energy and enthusiasm of many of our families, our school would not have been part of the day never mind an award- winning walking float- 'OVERALL WINNERS!' The 'Rose Bowl' sits proudly with our other trophies in school.

SPORTS WEEK

We were blessed with hot, sunny weather for our Sports Week. Our sports days for KS1 and KS2 were enjoyed by both staff and children and it was great to see such a super turnout of families! The children showed qualities of effort, talent, resilience and sportsmanship. Some very talented runners were on display. The children showed these qualities in abundance again for our sports stations. This involved a variety of 12 activities in rotation, designed to hone and develop

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SPORT

As a result of all our sporting endeavours this academic year, we have, for the second year in a row, been presented with the School Games Mark GOLD AWARD! This award is for our commitment and engagement in the School Games for 2022/23 and we feel it is well deserved. Thank you to Mr Brooks for completing the application on behalf of our school.

THE WIZARD OF OZ!

Our year 5 and 6 children performed The Wizard of Oz on stage on three occasions- once for our school and parishioners and twice for their own families. The children were fantastic and made us all proud. I would like to thank all school staff for supporting the children but in particular Miss Cross who directed the children and staff helpers superbly.

FINAL WEEK

We now look forward to our final week in school. Reverend Jeff will lead both our KS1 and KS2 end of year leavers' worships, we have our year 6 leavers assembly and year 6 meal and then a whole school assembly on the final day of the year. We will also be saying our goodbyes to Mrs Loughran, Mrs Lock and Miss Allen who we wish well in the new endeavours.

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.

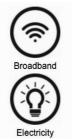
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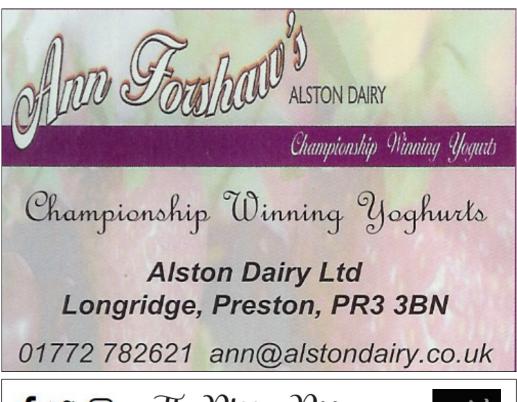
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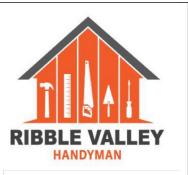
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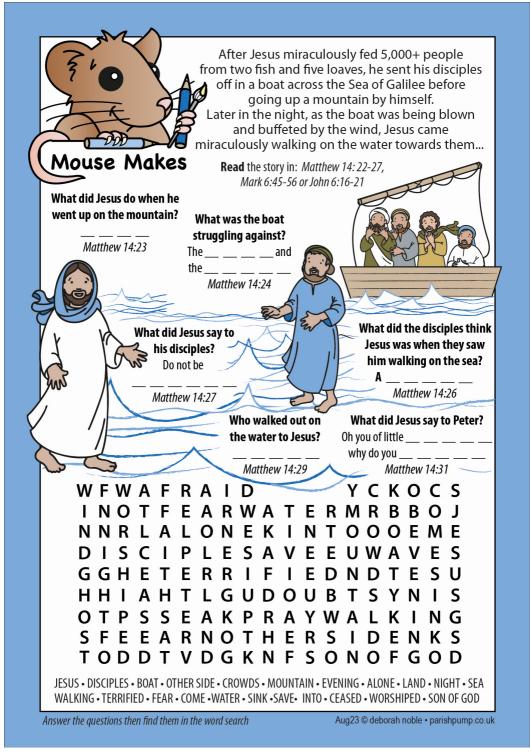
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Sept 29th	Eileen	Kate	Christine	Janet	

ST MICHAEL'S DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

4th 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club 6th Trinity 9 10.00am Morning Worship 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club 11th Trinity 10 13th 10.00am Holy Communion and Jigsaw Club 17th 11.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club 18th 20th Trinity 11 10.00am Family Service 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club 25th 27th Trinity 12 10.00am Holy Communion and Jigsaw Club ST MICHAEL'S DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club 1st 3rd Trinity 13 10.00am Morning Worship 4th 7.30pm PCC Meeting in School 7.30pm FAF meeting at Jayne Woollam's, 204 Preston Road. 5th 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club 8th **Trinity 14** 10th 10.00am Holy Communion and Jigsaw Club 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club 15th **Trinity 15** 17th 10.00am Family Service Mothers' Union opening service in church 20th 7.30pm 11.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 21st 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club 22nd 24th Trinity 16 10.00am Holy Communion and Jigsaw Club 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club 28th 30th 1.30pm Parish Walk from Fleetwood to Clevelys

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