

*Church of the Holy Spirit  
Manse Road, Mossley*



*The Dove Magazine*

*March/April 2021 Edition*

*Parish website  
[www.mossley.org](http://www.mossley.org)*

*(Mossley Parish is a registered charity, NIC103262)*

## *From the Rectory Study*

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 was the last time that we were able to gather in our church building for worship services without any form of restriction or limitation. That particular service seems such a long time ago and so much has happened since then. The past twelve months have been challenging and stretching for each of us and we long for the day when we can regather as God's people for in-church Sunday worship and our parochial organisations start back in the Parish Centre. That day will come, and it is a day that I am really looking forward to.

Many of you will be aware that 2021 is a significant date for Mossley Parish. On 30<sup>th</sup> May 1971 Mossley became a Parish in its own right. The Select Vestry from Carnmoney Parish sent the following telegram to Mossley Parish on that special day: "The Mother Church sends the Church of the Holy Spirit greetings on your birth as a Parish. We wish you God's richest blessing in the future." This means that Mossley Parish will be fifty years old on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Plans were being made as to how we could celebrate this significant milestone. We were looking forward to an anniversary service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021, seeing the church building filled for this occasion, and enjoying reminiscing on the past fifty years of our Parish. Like so many other events, this gathering will have to be postponed until government guidance enables us to meet without restrictions. I am greatly disappointed about this, but we can look forward to an even greater celebration as soon as possible.

Disappointment and frustration have become all too common emotions during the coronavirus pandemic. Life has changed drastically for all of us. Yet, as we approach Easter, we are reminded once again about the eternal hope and assurance that we can find in Jesus Christ. When I think about how the disciples must have felt following Jesus's crucifixion, I am sure that they were also disappointed, frustrated and even scared. But unknown to them, at that moment in time, the wonder and brilliance of the first Easter Day still awaited them. For those disciples, the best was yet to come. The resurrection of Jesus offered the disciples inspiration, courage, joy, and a hope that is literally eternal.

The message of the resurrection has inspired Christian people down through the ages. It has brought hope and peace to many people who simply do not know where else to turn. Today, as we find the going in life tough, we can look at the empty tomb and be reminded that Jesus Christ is alive, he has conquered death and he longs to accompany us in our journey through life. Real hope and real optimism, for all of us, can be found in Jesus Christ.

May I wish you God's richest blessings this Easter.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

## HOLY MATRIMONY

14<sup>th</sup> January Mr Victor and Mrs Maureen McCrea

## PARISH OFFICE

Our Parish Office is currently closed due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. It is advised that all correspondence should be forwarded to the Rector.

## ONLINE SERVICES

Although we are meeting for 'in-church worship' on Sunday mornings, we are still uploading Online Services and Bible Studies. You can find these on:

1. The Parish Facebook Page.
2. The Parish Website ([www.mossley.org](http://www.mossley.org))
3. YouTube ([www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)). On YouTube simply search for Church of the Holy Spirit Mossley and this will lead you to the videos.
4. For an audio service telephone 02893270073. Calls will be charged at a local rate but for many people will be included in your call package.

## PARISH CENTRE

We have been working hard at implementing the reopening procedures of the Parish Centre. Things were going well, and then new COVID-19 restrictions meant that we needed to halt our endeavours.

When the restrictions are eased, we will continue to explore the prospect of reopening the Parish Centre.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

On Page 7 of this magazine, you find details about our Holy Week services for this year. Our 2021 theme will be Journey to the Empty Tomb. Please do plan to join with us each evening on Holy Week.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

### RECTOR

Rev Peter Jones  
The Rectory, 1 Woodford Manor, BT36 6FF.  
028 90 832726 [rectormossley@hotmail.com](mailto:rectormossley@hotmail.com)

### ORDAINED LOCAL MINISTER

Rev Louise Bowes Tel. 07900410069

### DIOCESAN READERS

Mr Tom Irwin Tel 028 90 833399

Mrs Valerie Murray Tel. 028 90 835761

### ORGANIST

Miss Jane McCartney Tel. 028 90 848854  
[jane\\_mccartney@btinternet.com](mailto:jane_mccartney@btinternet.com)

### PARISH OFFICE

Tel. 028 90 832936  
[mossleyparish@btconnect.com](mailto:mossleyparish@btconnect.com)

### RECTOR'S CHURCHWARDEN

Winifred Clarke 07749064808

### PEOPLE'S CHURCHWARDEN

David Boyd 07484700989

### RECTOR'S GLEBEWARDEN

Bob Lee 07739185034

### PEOPLE'S GLEBEWARDEN

Alan Bowes

### HONORARY SECRETARY

John Nesbitt 07954150067  
[secretarymossleyparish@virginmedia.com](mailto:secretarymossleyparish@virginmedia.com)

### HONORARY TREASURER

David Flint 028 90 836304

### FWO RECORDER

Ken Jackson 028 90 294967

### SELECT VESTRY

Tom Buchanan	George Madden
John Caldwell	Vikki Moore
Jacqui Eccles	John Nesbitt
David Flint	Julie Parkinson
Pat Flint	Valerie Porter
Joan Mackey	Ken Jackson



## *Covid-19 Update*

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.”

(Psalm 28:7)

Dear Friends,

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February our Bishop, Rt. Rev George Davison, confirmed that in-church services would continue to be suspended until April 1. He did, however, indicate that there is **‘cautious anticipation’** that parishioners will be able to return to in-person worship from Good Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Bishop Davison indicated that the situation would be reviewed again “...immediately after the next NI Executive review of current lockdown provisions on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, in the cautious anticipation that, from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (Good Friday) onwards, our parishioners in Northern Ireland could return to in-person gatherings for worship, with all necessary precautions and mitigations in place.” **Please note that this is not yet a confirmed reopening of church buildings and further details will be released later in March.**

For now, we will continue to offer online worship each Sunday morning. The services for each week, all of which are outlined on the next page, will be available on YouTube, Facebook, the Dial-In Facility (02893270073), and our website ([www.mossley.org](http://www.mossley.org)). We will continue to offer Coffee Time Challenges each Monday morning and Bible Studies each Tuesday evening. Our Lenten services and Thoughts for the Day will also continue. As was previously the case, weddings and funerals can proceed but with limited numbers of people in attendance and in adherence to all the current Covid-19 guidelines.

Parish visitation has been greatly impacted by COVID-19 and we really miss each and every one of you. We will continue to try to stay in touch with you through phone calls, emails and other modes of communication. Practical help (e.g. picking up prescriptions or shopping) is available. A team of volunteers, to help with such practicalities, has been assembled. If you could benefit from such practical help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of our Parish and we look forward to being able to meet up with each of you in person as soon as possible. Until then, let us continue to turn to God in prayer and seek His peace and His comfort.

Every blessing,

Rev Peter Jones

Rev Louise Bowes

## Worship Services

<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> 7pm Lenten Service	OT	Jeremiah 18:18-20
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> Third Sunday In Lent A Service of Morning Prayer	NT	John 2:13-22
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> 7pm Lenten Service	OT	Deuteronomy 4:5-9
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> The Fourth Sunday in Lent A Celebration of Holy Communion	G	John 3: 14-21
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> 7pm Lenten Service	NT	Acts 16: 6-10
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b> The Fifth Sunday in Lent A Service of the Word	NT	John 12: 20-33
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> 7pm Lenten Service	NT	John 10:1-18
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March (Palm Sunday)</b> The Sixth Sunday in Lent A Service of Morning Prayer	NT	Mark 11:1-11
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> Monday in Holy Week	NT	Mark 14:1-11
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> Tuesday in Holy Week	NT	Mark 14:12-26
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b> Wednesday in Holy Week	NT	Mark 14:32-42
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> Maundy Thursday	NT	Mark 14:66-72
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> Good Friday	NT	Mark 15:16-41
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday)</b> The First Sunday of Easter A Celebration of Holy Communion	G	Mark 16: 1-8
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b> The Second Sunday of Easter A Service of Morning Prayer	NT	John 20: 19-31
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b> The Third Sunday of Easter A Service of the Word	NT	Luke 24: 36b-48
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b> The Fourth Sunday of Easter A Service of Morning Prayer	NT	Acts 4: 32-35
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b> The Fifth Sunday of Easter A Service of Morning Prayer	NT	Acts 8: 26-40

## A Rambler's Prayer

Many parishioners have been reflecting on our Parish Rambles, especially the annual trip to Rathlin. Do you remember the Rector's first trip to Rathlin in 2018? The next day he was almost radiant with sunburn during the Morning Service in church! Our thanks to Mr Clifford Holmes for forwarding this poem which is called God's Colouring Book. Perhaps this could become our Rambler's Prayer and help us look forward to our next rambles.

Today as I was walking  
In the fields just down the way  
I sat down on a fallen log  
To pass the time away  
And as I looked around me  
The more that I did look  
The more I realize that I am viewing  
God's colouring book  
I saw a golden ray of sunlight  
A silver drop of dew  
A soft, white floating cloud  
Sailing cross the sky 'a blue  
A yellow dandelion  
Pretty evergreen  
And some red and orange flowers  
Growing wild along the stream  
And the more I look around me  
And the more that I do look  
The more I realize that I am viewing  
God's colouring book  
The greyness in an old man's hair  
The pink in baby's cheeks  
The blackness in a stormy sky  
The brown in fallen leaves  
And the multi-coloured rainbow  
Stretched out across the sky  
And the purple haze at sunset  
Just before the night  
And the more I look around me  
And the more that I do look  
The more I realize that I am viewing  
God's colouring book  
Then I turn my face toward the sky  
And say a silent prayer  
Though God doesn't speak to me  
I see him everywhere  
He is all around me  
He's everywhere I look  
And each new day is but a new page  
In God's colouring book  
Each new day is but a new page  
In God's colouring book.



## **Bible Study**

Since 12<sup>th</sup> January we have been looking at a series of characters from the Old Testament. Each week we look at the key moments in their lives and we seek to establish what we can learn from their experiences. So far, we have look at a range of different people – from Cain and Abel, to Ruth, and our next study will focus on Samson.



After we think about the incredible story of Samson, we will have three final studies and these will conclude our current series. There is much for us to ponder in the lives of Esther, Jonah, and Job. Please do join with us in these final few weeks of our Characters of the Bible study series.

Following Holy Week and Easter Week we will begin something new on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April. More details will follow in due course.

2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Samson	Judges 13:1-16:31
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Esther	Esther 5:1-8
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Jonah	Jonah 1:1-2:1
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Job	Job 1:1-22

### **Dove Catering**

When lockdown restrictions are suitably eased, we can offer catering at funerals at a cost of £5 per person. For more details contact:

Winnie Millar	028 90 840778
Barbara Boyd	028 94 433120
Ann McCutcheon	028 90 800466

### **Safeguarding Trust**

Our Parish is committed to the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust policy. Should you have any concerns regarding the welfare of children in the Parish, please contact a member of the Parish Panel:

Rev Peter Jones	028 90 832726	Carolyn Caldwell	028 90 844040
Clifford Holmes	028 90 848025	Joan Mackey	028 90 775366

## World Day of Prayer

This year World Day of Prayer will be held throughout the world on Friday 5th March. The service has been written by the Christian women of Vanuatu, a group of Pacific islands 1,100 miles east of Queensland, Australia.

There will be no World Day of Prayer service in the Glengormley area as churches will still be closed because of the Pandemic. However, there will be services that can be watched as live-stream or on YouTube. Some services will be from Northern Ireland and there will be services from a variety of other locations, including an international service. Details of these services and how to access them will be available from the WDP website - [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

Please do join in with these services on Friday and, if possible, around 10.30am so as to promote a sense of togetherness and unity.



### **Build on a Strong Foundation**

*Program written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Vanuatu for WDP 2021*

Matthew 7:24-27

One of the first things we learn with Vanuatu women is that “Land to a Ni-Vanuatu is what a mother is to a baby.”

The relationship with land is at the foundation of the Ni-Vanuatu identity and spiritual strength. The painting chosen to illustrate the program reflects the Vanuatu women's connection with land, culture, faith, and the islands susceptibility to natural disasters.

We listen to their voices through the worship service, which invites us to focus on the Bible story in Matthew 7:24-27.



## **Holy Week 2021**

## **'Journey to the Empty Tomb'**

Although we are unable to gather in our church building during Holy Week this year, we will have our usual range of services which will be available on our website, Facebook, YouTube, and the Dial-In Facility. Each weekday evening at 7pm a short service will be uploaded. This year our theme is '*Journey to the Empty Tomb*' and we will explore the key events leading up to the first Easter Day.

We will focus on Mark's Gospel this year as we undertake our journey together. From Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday our reflections will take us to a variety of different locations which were significant in Jesus' journey towards the Cross and the Empty Tomb.

Palm Sunday	Jerusalem: The Entry	Mark 11:1-11
Monday	Bethany: The Anointing	Mark 14:1-11
Tuesday	Upper Room: The Last Supper	Mark 14:12-26
Wednesday	Gethsemane: The Betrayal	Mark 14:32-42
Maundy Thursday	Courtyard: The Denial	Mark 14:66-72
Good Friday	Golgotha: The Crucifixion	Mark 15:16-41
Easter Sunday	Garden Tomb: The Resurrection	Mark 16:1-8

During the week we will combine the best of traditional and contemporary worship as we take a closer look at the Journey to the Empty Tomb.

## **Mossley Prayer Fellowship**

Our Prayer Fellowship meets faithfully, through Zoom, every Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm. Thank you to everyone who has hosted and help organise these meetings. It has been so encouraging to be able to stay connected and continue to pray for our Parish and local community.



If you would like to join with us for a time of prayer on Wednesday evenings, please speak to any member of the Prayer Fellowship.

Equally, if you have a person or a situation that you would like prayed about, please contact the Rector, Rev Louise, or any member of the Prayer Fellowship. You can also email your prayer requests to [mossleyprayers@hotmail.com](mailto:mossleyprayers@hotmail.com)

## **Update from the South American Mission Society**

Just before Christmas we were able to send financial support to mission work in Peru. This enabled one hundred food hampers to be distributed to families who were most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This was a wonderful and practical form of outreach and it was gratefully received. We have, below, an update from Peru.



Isabel Montoy is Principal of the Nurseries and Pre-school Christ the Redeemer in Lima, Peru. In a recent interview she told of the difficulties that she and the staff faced when Covid -19 closed the school in March. She remembers the picture of the children's sad faces as they realised that they were no longer able to come to school.

Pastor Anderson (the school Chaplain) explained that the teaching never stopped, even though the classrooms remained empty. The teachers devised a new system of contacting the families using 'WhatsApp' on smart phones. This helped instruct the children in some of their lessons. Through these communications, church members became aware of some of the greater needs in the community. The pandemic was affecting some of the families in extreme ways, loss of jobs, medical emergencies and food poverty. The phone calls allowed the church connected to the school to respond to the developing need and to put into practice the text from Acts 3.6 "What I have, I give in the name of Jesus".

There was a high concentration of Covid-19 in the school catchment area, and food parcels and medicines were delivered to affected families. They prayed that the testimony and witness of the church going into the community would bring the message of salvation to everyone they encountered.

They ask for continued prayer as they look to the new year and plan the church programmes with the ever-present circumstances that the pandemic brings.

### **Mags and Gwen**

Mags Southern and Gwen Carlisle were honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List which was published in October. Both were recognised for services to education in Paraguay.

Mags and Gwen were both senior teachers in St. Andrew's College, Asuncion since the early 1990's. The school was started by SAMS missionaries in the late 1960's to provide high quality education in English with the Gospel at its heart. Many significant people have been educated here, including the present Paraguayan President Mario Abdo Benítez. Mags and Gwen were both surprised and humbled at the news. "This was very much a recognition of the great team we were part of in the school." Mags and Gwen returned to the UK in March 2019 to retire near family in the North West of England.



## **Update from Tansen**

This year has been dominated by the COVID–19 pandemic. I am sure it has been for all of you too. Nepal went into a strict lockdown on 24 March, 2020 and patient numbers dropped dramatically for a few weeks. Some staff were furloughed on 50% salary turn by turn, but we continued to care for many patients needing emergency surgery, and mothers still came in increased numbers to deliver their babies.



As travel restrictions eased the hospital became busy again and our problem was not lack of patients but how to keep physical distancing! In the summer many migrant workers returned from India and further abroad and many were found to have contracted the COVID–19 virus. At that point the policy was to keep these people in supervised isolation, even without symptoms. The hospital was given the use of a vacant building near the forest about 5 minutes' walk from the hospital and we turned this old people's home into an isolation unit and cared for 35 people there over the summer. Most were asymptomatic but sadly at the beginning of June one returnee arrived in a critical condition and died in the next few hours, becoming the first COVID death in our district and the tenth for Nepal. During this period many people were suffering more from not being able to access healthcare or being too scared to come to hospital until it was too late.

Later in the year community spread became a reality in Tansen and the provincial hospitals were full, so in October we turned our medical ward into an isolation ward and have had between 10-20 patients admitted at any time, all moderately or severely unwell and requiring high flow oxygen. We have also seen staff and their families falling ill and so now our challenge is to maintain staffing levels.

One thing that has touched us is the help we have received from friends all over the world through UMN's Save our Hospitals Appeal and we appreciate that that support was sacrificial as help came from countries which, at the time, had much higher numbers of COVID cases than Nepal. Thank you!

At the time of writing this we have been processing the hospital registration at the province level. Now Nepal has a federal system, the latest hospital agreement is made at the province level. One good thing about this is that officials in provincial government are well aware of the good work we have been doing. The relevant minister has even been to the hospital as a patient in the past.

During the pandemic we can see even more clearly how important the work of the hospital is to our community, especially as many people are struggling financially due to losing jobs and many more people are needing financial support when they fall ill. So, we are grateful for your on-going prayer and support for us.

DR RACHEL KARRACH (Hospital Director)

## Children's Challenge

Happy Easter boys and girls! We have some Easter activities for you to complete. Start by seeing if you can find ten differences between the two pictures, then design your own Easter Egg wrapping and colour in the one we have designed for you. Finally, tell us what your favourite Easter Sunday dinner might be.

