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Manse Road, Mossley



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From the Rectory Study

On Saturday 6th May 2023 people from all over the world will watch the coronation of King Charles III. It is, after all, almost seventy years since Queen Elizabeth II was crowned as Queen of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth realms. This was the first British coronation to be televised and it is estimated that twenty-seven million people across Britain watched the event live on the BBC. The worldwide audience for the coronation in 1953 has been recorded as 277 million people, with an additional eleven million people in the United Kingdom listening to the service on the radio. It is fair to say that the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II grabbed the world's attention and there were all kinds of celebrations and special events.

As King Charles III is crowned, there will be many events and celebrations within the United Kingdom and beyond. World leaders and invited guests will gather in Westminster Abbey for the coronation service. Many of us will watch this service on television. As we near the beginning of the service, the King's Procession will make its way from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey where the service will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Interestingly, for the last 900 years, the ceremony has taken place at Westminster Abbey and since 1066 the service has almost always been conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Coronation will include many of the ceremonies that were broadcast in 1953, such as the oath, anointing and enthronement. King Charles will also have the crown of St. Edward placed on his head, officially crowning him as monarch. He will be seated in the Coronation Chair, known as Edward's Chair, holding the sovereign's sceptre and rod (to represent his control of the nation) and the sovereign's orb (to represent the Christian world).

Within Mossley Parish we are looking forward to our special service for the King's coronation on Sunday 7th May, as well as the lunch which will immediately follow that service. As we journey towards the coronation, and in the days that follow, let us all unite in prayer for King Charles III. The Bible reminds us that we should pray for kings and those in authority. In his first letter to Timothy, Paul offered some instructions on worship and he began by writing these words: *"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour."*

As we pray for our King and political leaders, we are following the teaching of Scripture - but we are also committing them into the care and leading of God. In the days to come, let us unite together in prayer for our King, our political leaders and our nation. May the words of Micah define their leadership as they seek to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

HOLY BAPTISM

26th March Fallon Serena Lily Moore
(74 Harmin Park, Glengormley)

26th March Aria Elizabeth Belle McKnight
(23 Queens Park, Glengormley)

SUMMER EVENING SERVICES

Please note that there will be no evening services during July but they will resume at 6pm on Sunday 6th August.

ONLINE SERVICES

Although we are meeting for in-church worship on Sundays, Online Services and Bible Studies will still be available. You can find these on:

1. The Parish Facebook Page.
2. The Parish Website (www.mossley.org)
3. YouTube (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.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday

9am Holy Communion

11am Morning Service

6pm Evening Service

The particular services for each week, at 11am and 6pm, are outlined on Page 4 of this magazine.

Wednesday

We have a short service of Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am. This usually lasts thirty minutes.

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SELECT VESTRY

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| David Boyd | Joan Mackey |
| John Caldwell | Elaine Maxwell |
| Winifred Clarke | Vikki Moore |
| Jacqui Eccles | John Nesbitt |
| Ken Jackson | Valerie Porter |
| Leeanne Kelly | Julie Robinson |

Sunday Services and Lesson Readers

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| Sunday 7th May Fifth Sunday of Easter 11am King's Coronation Service 6pm Evening Prayer | NT | John 14:1-14 | Winnie Millar |
| | NT | Revelation 21:1-14 | Bob Lee |
| Sunday 14th May Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday 11am Holy Communion 6pm Service of the Word | OT G | Isaiah 41:17-20 John 14:15-21 | Maureen McCrea Preacher |
| | NT | Ephesians 5:8-14 | Julie Parkinson |
| Sunday 21st May Seventh Sunday of Easter 11am All-Age Service 6pm Holy Communion | NT | John 17:1-11 | Club J / Ignite |
| | OT G | 2 nd Samuel 23:1-5 Mark 16:14-20 | Caroline Rogan Preacher |
| Sunday 28th May The Day of Pentecost 11am Morning Prayer UNITED EVENING SERVICE | NT | Acts 2:1-21 ST. BRIGID'S | Jacqui Eccles BEGINNING AT 7PM |
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| Sunday 4th June Trinity Sunday 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Evening Prayer | NT | Matthew 28:16-20 | Pamela Marron |
| | OT | Isaiah 6:1-8 | Winifred Clarke |
| Sunday 11th June First Sunday After Trinity 11am Holy Communion 6pm Service of the Word | OT G | Genesis 12:1-9 Matthew 9:18-28 | John McQuillan Preacher |
| | NT | Luke 8:41-56 | Jacqui Eccles |
| Sunday 18th June Second Sunday After Trinity 11am Service of the Word 6pm Healing Service | NT | Romans 5:1-8 | Kay Thomson |
| | OT | Luke 11:14-28 | Bob Lee |
| Sunday 25th June Third Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Holy Communion | NT | Romans 6:1-11 | Julie Parkinson |
| | OT G | 1 st Samuel 24:1-17 Luke 14:12-24 | Caroline Rogan Preacher |
| Sunday 2nd July Fourth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer | NT | Romans 6:12-23 | Tom Buchanan |

Easter General Vestry Meeting

On Wednesday 19th April we held our Easter General Vestry Meeting in the Parish Centre. This was a triennial year, which means that we needed to elect Diocesan Synod Representatives and Parochial Nominators (and supplementals for both roles) as well as Churchwardens, Glebewardens and a Select Vestry. It was encouraging to see such a good attendance at this meeting and the supper was enjoyed by everyone.

During this meeting the financial accounts of the Parish were presented, the workings of the Select Vestry were discussed and the Rector offered some reflections on the past year, while also looking forward to the year ahead. We would like to offer our sincere congratulations to all who were appointed to the Select Vestry for 2023-24.

Rector's Churchwarden

Julie Parkinson

People's Churchwarden

Alan Bowes

Rector's Glebewarden

Bob Lee

People's Glebewarden

Stephen Beck

GENERAL

EASTER VESTRY

MEETING



Select Vestry

David Boyd, John Caldwell, Winifred Clarke, Jacqui Eccles, Ken Jackson, Leeanne Kelly, Joan Mackey, Elaine Maxwell, Vikki Moore, John Nesbitt, Valerie Porter, Julie Robinson.

Diocesan Synod Representatives

Ken Jackson, Winifred Clarke, Julie Parkinson, Tom Irwin.

Supplemental Diocesan Synod Representatives

Valerie Porter, Tom Buchanan, Jean Shortt, Elaine Maxwell.

Parochial Nominators

Jacqui Eccles, Valerie Murray, Alan Bowes, John Caldwell.

Supplemental Parochial Nominators

Julie Robinson, Bob Lee, Stephen Beck, John Nesbitt.

Commissioning of Jacqui Eccles as a Parish Reader



On Sunday 28th May, at our 11am service, we look forward to the commissioning of Jacqui Eccles as a Parish Reader. Rev Canon Kevin Graham (Diocesan Director of Ordinands) will be joining us at this service and will commission Jacqui.

Parish Readers engage in ministry in their parishes throughout Connor Diocese. They are licenced by the Bishop to lead worship and assist with Holy Communion, under the direction of their Incumbent. Please do pray for Jacqui as she begins this new chapter in her journey of faith and come along to the commissioning service on 28th May.

Online Services

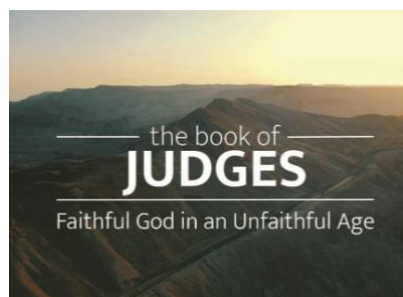


We continue to offer Online Services and Bible Studies. These are made available on YouTube, Facebook, our website and the dial-in facility. During Holy Week we were able to offer extra services and our Thoughts for the Day also made a return! Our Good Friday service was one of the most viewed services that we have released in recent months and it was so encouraging to receive messages of thanks from parishioners and other people from further afield.

Since our last magazine, our online provision has been viewed 2622 times. This is very encouraging and sincere thanks to everyone who makes this possible. If anyone would like to learn more about the livestream system or be willing to help on a rota basis, please speak to the Rector or Rev Louise.

Bible Study

Our current series of Bible Studies, looking at the Book of Judges, is almost complete. On Tuesday 16th May we will meet in the church building for our end of year Holy Communion service. This is always a special occasion as we reflect on the past year and meet around the Lord's table together.



It really is hard to believe that we have undertaken twenty-eight studies from the Book of Judges during the past year. In these studies, we have focused on fourteen judges who were raised up by God over a period of 350 years. There has been much for us to wrestle with and we have been consistently challenged to draw close to God and remain entirely committed to Him.

When our journey began, back in September 2022, we were introduced to the work of Tim Keller, founder and Pastor Emeritus of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York. As he reflected on the Book of Judges he offered an observation: *"When we read this part of Scripture as a historical recounting of how God works to rescue undeserving people through, and out of, the mess their sin brings them into, then it comes alive to us in our heads and hearts, and speaks into our own lives and situations today."* This insight suggested that we would be challenged as we studied Judges together and that we would encounter a series of teachings and truths which are central to Christian living. This has, indeed, proven to be the case!

Sincere thanks to everyone who has attended the Bible Study Group in-person during the past year, and to everyone who joins us online. It really is a privilege and a blessing to study God's Word together. We will enjoy the summer break but it won't be long until September and we will embark on a new study series together.

Women's Guild



As I sit here at my kitchen table, on my laptop listening to the birds sing and have the sun streaming in through the back door, I am thankful that we are coming to the end of a successful year and the Women's Guild is still meeting up each month. I am also delighted that we are consistently having around thirty members at each of our meetings. It is so encouraging to have lovely comments from the members saying they are enjoying our meetings as they are relaxed and welcoming. It really warms my heart to hear this, as this is our aim for the Guild. I have made a few enquiries for speakers for the incoming year and if anyone has any contacts or suggestions, please let any member of the committee know.

We have only met once since the last magazine as our April meeting was postponed due to the Easter Vestry. We did meet on 26th April and we were delighted to welcome the Belfast Hills Partnership. On 10th May we look forward to welcoming Nastasha from *Indulgence* to our meeting. Natasha is an excellent baker and she runs a business called Indulgence, which makes Afternoon Teas and other goodies! She has an incredible personal story which she will also share with us. Natasha will also be contributing to a TV programme on Monday 8th May at 10.30pm on BBC1.

A big thank you to Louise for stepping-in at our March meeting. I still can't believe what was in Louise's handbag and I think she will need to book two seats on our summer trip - you couldn't nurse that handbag on your knee the whole way to Banbridge! Our Summer outing is coming together nicely and we have a few seats left. If any other ladies from the congregation would like to join us, please speak to any of the committee members. Please see, below, our itinerary for our outing on Saturday 17th June.

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| 9.15am | Bus to leave from Church. |
| 10.00am | Arrival at The Salt Kitchen, the Boulevard, Banbridge. Tea/coffee and bacon bap, and of course time for shopping. |
| 1.00pm | Leave Banbridge for Dobbies Garden Centre. Here we will have Afternoon Tea and some more shopping. |
| 4.00pm | Leave Dobbies to return home. |
| 5.00pm | Arrival at church. |



The price for our outing is £35 and we would be most grateful if all monies could be given to any of the committee members as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

(Leeanne Kelly)

Speak, Lord, In The Stillness

Grace Coolidge, the wife of former American President Calvin Coolidge, tried to surprise her husband by having his portrait painted. When it was finished, she hung it in the library of the White House. Later the same morning the President happened to walk into the library accompanied by a Senator. They stared at the picture together in silence. Finally, Coolidge commented quietly: "I think so too."

This little story emphasises the power of silence. It calls our attention to what it means to pause, to slow down and to centre our thinking. Sometimes words are not needed and silence can be truly profound. Some people find silence difficult to experience while others enjoy the opportunity to be still and to reflect.



The Bible has much to say about silence and especially how there is power to be experienced in silence. Don't you just love verses like Psalm 46:10 which says *"Be still and know that I am God"* or Ecclesiastes 3:7 which reminds us that there is *"...a time to be silent and a time to speak..."*

In our journeys of faith, it is important to realise and remember that God can be found (very profoundly) in times of silence. It is often in these serene and tranquil moments, times of slowing and centring, that we hear the still small voice of God. It was Emily May Grimes (married Crawford) who famously wrote in the first line of her hymn *"Speak, Lord, in the stillness, while I wait on Thee; hushed my heart to listen, in expectancy."*



Each Wednesday evening, we have a time to be still, to enter silence and wait upon the Lord. This is at our Prayer Fellowship and it begins at 7.30pm in the Pentecost Room.

Everyone is most welcome as we seek to draw close to God. Pete Grieg, founder of the 24-7 prayer movement, reflects: *"To start we must stop. To move forward we must pause. This is the first step in a deeper prayer life: put down your wish list and wait. Sit quietly. Be still. Become fully present in place and time so that your scattered senses can re-centre themselves on God's eternal presence. Stillness and silence prepare your mind and prime your heart to pray from a place of greater peace, faith and adoration. In fact, it is in itself an important form of prayer."*

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:

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Carolyn Caldwell
Joan Mackey

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Guild of Lesson Readers



Thank you to everyone who has offered to read lessons and to all who have already done so. The rota for the next two months can be found on Page 4 of this magazine. Any changes to allocated readings can be made by speaking to either of the churchwardens.

We are always on the lookout for more readers! If you would be interested in reading lessons during church services, even if you have done so before, please speak to either the Rector or Rev Louise.

Youth Ministry

Our Ignite Youth Group continues to meet monthly with groups from other Church of Ireland parishes in the local area. In total, there is an encouraging gathering of around twenty young people each month for our Connect event. This features praise, teaching, games and activities followed by supper.



Our teaching theme at Connect over the past few months has been based on the Book of Genesis and we have considered the story of creation, as well as fall and redemption and what this means for our lives. Relationships are growing between the young people and Connect continues to be a monthly highlight.



As summer draws near, we look forward to taking a group of our young people to both Summer Madness and to participate in the Connor Diocese Streetreach event which will take place on the North Coast this year. An important date for the diary will be Sunday 18th June at 7pm which is the commissioning service for Streetreach 2023. This year the service will be held in St. John's, Ballyrashane. It would be great to see you there.

If you have teenagers and would like to get them involved with our ongoing youth ministry, please don't hesitate to contact Nicole or Lee. They would be so welcome to join us.

Badminton Club

The badminton club continues to meet on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. It is great to see everyone having fun and playing badminton. If you would like to try your hand at badminton, and engage in a little friendly competition, please do come along. You will be made most welcome!



Choir Notes

Hello everybody. I hope you all had a pleasant Easter break, whether at home or abroad. It was a chilly Easter and I was happy to stay in and look out! When my children were young, we had a caravan at Portstewart. We always went to the caravan at Easter. It didn't matter what the weather was like - rain, hail, snow and sunshine - we had them all, but the memories are all happy ones.

On Easter Sunday the Choir sang the beautiful hymn by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, *'See what a Morning gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem.'* We are slowly but surely trying to return to pre-COVID conditions. Some of our members are still missing and we look forward to seeing Dorothy, Edith and Eileen in the near future.



At our 11am service on 23rd April, the Rector dedicated the new collars for our choir robes. The old ones were old and a bit worn so we have all been spruced up for Spring. Very many thanks to Pat Flint for organising a supplier and looking after the ordering and delivery. It certainly was not plain sailing as the first order never arrived! Thank you, Pat, for all the time and trouble.

We are very pleased to welcome Pamela Marron to our choir. Please speak to Jane or any choir member if you would like to join us. You will be very welcome and we have a spare new collar waiting!

KEEP SINGING!

Joan

Bric-A-Brac



Our Saturday morning bric-a-brac sale continues to be very well supported and it has been encouraging to see many new faces through the doors of the Parish Centre. The number of cars in the carpark each Saturday morning continues to grow and the sales have been doing really well. Sincere thanks to the bric-a-brac team who give so willingly of their time. Anyone who has any donations of bric-a-brac should contact either Alec Orr (02890836286) or Albert Burns (02890840992).

If you would like to grab yourself a bargain and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee (or even a sausage roll), pop over to the Parish Centre any Saturday morning from 9am onwards.

We would also like to appeal for volunteers who could offer some of their time in helping to set the bric-a-brac out on a Friday afternoon or putting it away around noon on Saturdays. If you can help, even on a rota basis, please speak to the Rector or Alec Orr.

Youth Club

The Youth Club is open to children from P4 up to second year (Year 9). The Youth Club meets every Saturday during term time from 7pm- 9pm in the church hall, costing £1 per night. The children enjoyed making special crafts and cards for Mothers' Day and Easter. The children have been busy playing games, football, badminton, hockey, the Wii and board games. Everyone enjoys a visit to the tuck shop!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the leaders who give up their time on Saturday nights to help out at Youth Club. There would be no Youth Club without this dedicated team. Many thanks to Alwyn Bradley, Larry Lennox, Danielle Speers, Adrian Lynn, Sarah Knowles, Ross Galbraith, Lisa Bailie, Marion Johnston, Michael Whittle, Neill Parkinson, Andrew Parkinson, Peter Jones and Lee Boal, and our junior leaders Laura Hughes, Clodagh Kearney, Blayne Madden, Adam Rodgers, Adam Parkinson, Evan Moore and Ruby Maxwell. Special thanks to Gavin Lennox for assisting me with purchasing supplies for tuck every week and being our Treasurer.

The Youth Club leaders and children hope you all have a great summer.

June Meighan (Leader-in-Charge)

Dove Tots



The Parish Centre is incredibly busy each Friday morning. We are absolutely delighted that Dove Tots continues to grow each week and we have loved meeting many new children. It's just wonderful to see them with their parents / carers in the Parish Centre each Friday. At our Easter party the Rector was sent on a mission to get more chocolate eggs as there were so many children in attendance. We even had a special visit from Rev Lee, dressed not in a clergy shirt but a chick costume!

Sincere thanks to everyone who comes along and to all who help out at Dove Tots. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Smile Lines

A vicar planning an Easter pilgrimage to the Holy Land was shaken when he found it would cost him £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. He protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous. "That might be true," replied the travel agent, "but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord Himself walked." "Well," said the vicar, "at £50 an hour for a boat, I am not surprised!"

MusicMakers



It's hard to believe that MusicMakers started a year ago! Our MusicMakers have been working extremely hard and are enjoying learning to play the piano as well as participating in music games and activities. Special thanks to their parents for supporting and encouraging them on their musical journey.

At the time of writing, there are still a few spaces available for anyone from P3 – Year 12.

Jane

Bowling Club

As the bowling club's season came to an end, the group went on one more outing - this time to Jim Baker Stadium (JBS). The club members decided that playing long mat bowls for one night, instead of our usual short mat, would be a good idea. For some people who regularly play outdoor bowls in the summer, or who have previously played at JBS, the challenge of the comfortable



surroundings did not require too much adjustment time. However, it was a whole different learning experience for others who had only played the short mat version of the game, but it was a very enjoyable experience nonetheless. Everyone felt it had been a successful evening as they headed home and I'm sure it will happen again next year.

Boys and girls over 8 are invited to give bowling a shot.

This summer, the bowling club wants to encourage young people who could become bowlers to give short mat bowls a try. We encourage any boys and girls aged 8 and over, who are interested in trying bowls, to come along on Wednesday evenings during the months of July and August from 6pm to 7pm to the Parish Centre. There will be coaches and club members there to help with guidance and advice. The bowls and all essential equipment will be provided.

Summer Bowls

This year, summer bowls will begin on Wednesday 3rd May and will continue in the Parish Centre each Wednesday from 7pm to 9pm. There will be refreshments served and the price for the entire evening is £2. So why not join us and take advantage of the fun and friendship which we enjoy each evening at summer bowls?

(G. Curry)

Community Lunches

The Community Lunches will finish for the summer on 28th June and will recommence on 13th September. As before, we will continue on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 12 noon.



Thank you to everyone who has supported us by making soup, supplying cheese and breads, and helping in any way to make sure the Community Lunch is such a huge success.

Without the support of the parishioners and friends this would not have been possible. Our sincere thanks are also extended to everyone who came along to enjoy the food, friendship and fellowship.

We look forward to seeing everyone again in September. Enjoy your summer break – catch up soon.

For further information please telephone:

Kay Thompson (07969835916) Hilary Gillies (07840243427)

Tea Brew



The Parish Centre continues to be busy each Sunday morning after our 11am service and we even had a celebration cake on Easter Sunday! Meeting together for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat is really important as we seek to grow together as a community of faith.

Sincere thanks to everyone on the Tea Brew rota and Mrs Winnie Millar who organises the monthly rota.

If you haven't yet come along for a cuppa after the service, you will be made most welcome!

May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Elsie Christie and Vikki Moore

Leeanne Kelly and Pamela Marron

Celia Catherwood, Joan Mackey and Maureen McCrea

Smile Lines

A teenager, who had just recently passed his driving test, was always asking his father if he could borrow the family car. Pushed to the limit, the father asked his son why he thought that God had given him two feet. Without hesitation, the son replied, "That's easy, one for the clutch and one for the accelerator."

Antrim & Newtownabbey Street Pastors



When we are out on the streets it is not uncommon to be asked some of the following questions. Do you get paid for doing this? If not, why do it? Where do you come from? Why would you do what you are doing? Each and every Street Pastor has his or her own answers to these questions and, although prepared to give answers on some occasions, these answers do not always come out as intended. But eventually, after doing it once a week for a relatively short time, the questions do not hold they fear that they had when we first went out.

Our primary request from our volunteers is to commit to doing one night per month. We ask that you take part in the training, which means at least eight sessions which focus on topics like roles and responsibilities, good news, communication skills, first aid, a basic understanding of mental health, drugs awareness, knowing your community, and the role of police. We ask you to repeat or refresh this training every three years. We do not go out alone. Normally we go out in fours with either one or two persons at home praying for us and our safety. In Newtownabbey and Antrim, we go out between 7.30pm and 11.00pm every Friday and Saturday night, if we can.

We are funded by the Churches in the group that signed up when we were granted our licensing agreement. This license agreement was written and arranged in consultation with the local Council, the Police, and the churches in every area where there is a Street Pastor Initiative. We therefore find ourselves with legal authority to be on the streets as well as the obligation of a Christian to spread the Word of God. We do try to engage with young people by speaking with them, showing that they have nothing to fear from Christians. We try to demonstrate to them that no matter what church we come from as individuals, we have something to offer that make us stand out as people who are there for others. We do not want payment for what we do. We do what we do because we see the need to look after others as we would look after ourselves.

Why not think about joining us and sharing in a worthwhile, necessary and rewarding ministry.

God Bless you all,

Bob.

Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship

We had a blessed time at Bible Week 2023 and it was also great to be able to gather with other churches for the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday. As we seek to grow together in faith, the Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship will be holding a united praise service on Pentecost Sunday (28th May) at 7pm in St. Brigid's, Glengormley. Everyone is welcome!



Girls' Brigade



We are fast approaching the close of another year of Girls' Brigade. The girls have been kept busy with the usual mix of drill, skipping, Bible class, craft and games. They have been working hard to earn their badge work and attendance badges, although it's safe to say there was plenty of fun had also.

We had our Parent's Night on Monday 24th April. This was a wonderful evening when the girls gave a taster of what they had been learning during the year and their annual prizes were distributed. There will be no meeting of GB on May Day (Monday 1st May) but we will be having a coronation themed party for all girls on **Monday 8th May 7pm – 8pm**. This will be our last meeting of 2022/23 but we will look forward to seeing everyone again in September (date TBC)

Seek Serve and Follow Christ.

Mission Trip to India

From the 10th- 21st July I will be going on a mission trip to the Indian Christian Mission Centre, Salem, with a team from Templepatrick Parish and we will be going alongside Exodus's Extend Team 13.



The Indian Christian Mission Centre (ICMC) exists to serve India's orphans, widows and the unreached - irrespective of caste, creed, community and religion - through the love of Jesus. Most of the orphans are children of those in extreme poverty, widows, prisoners or lepers who cannot afford to bring them up. ICMC came into being in 1988 when the Reverend Dr Jayaraj Krishan and his wife Christy took in twelve orphans, adding to their three children. Since 1988, their compassion and Christian ethos have become the framework for the love and nurturing of thousands of children at the ICMC orphanages in Salem.

During the trip we will be running a holiday club, visiting an orphanage school in Rasipuram to take a holiday club, taking services in Omega Church in Salem and St. Patrick's Church, taking a holiday club in St. Basil's school, meeting leprosy sufferers, and handing out provisions. We will also be partaking in cultural shows, hearing from the widows and orphans, and meeting Arts and Science College and Nursing students. If you would like more information, see: www.stpatricksmissonhospital.org

(Nicole Rea)

Nicole will be collecting provisions to take with her to India. These can be left in the box in the church porch.

New: underwear, toothbrushes, toothpaste, nail varnish, hair clips, stickers, combs, balloons, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, colouring books, crayons, loom bands, deflated footballs, football pumps.

Club J / Sunday School....

The Club J leaders have interacted with the children by offering engaging story times, active learning demonstrations, crafts, walking debates and even a little rivalry during quiz sessions. I want to express my gratitude to all the Club J leaders who volunteer their time and skills to provide a fun and engaging atmosphere in which the children can learn more about Jesus. Furthermore, I want to express thanks to all the parents and carers who bring their children each week so they can learn about Jesus and His love.



What have we been learning about?

We have been studying Jesus' life and ministry on earth during the past few months. From Jesus as a little child in the temple, we have travelled to His baptism in the Jordan River and reflected on how he chose twelve ordinary people to be His disciples. We also learnt about Jesus' numerous miracles and how He was able to heal people who were sick. The stories of Jesus' teaching and preaching have been a tremendous example to the children and have helped them understand how important Jesus is to their everyday lives.

Family Service Involvement.



Since September, young people from Club J and Ignite Youth have actively participated in the 11am service. After the pandemic, it was wonderful to have them taking an active role in our worship once again. Thank you to everybody who has taken part in the services - whether through reading prayers, reading the Bible lesson, sharing poetry or singing. We want to say a massive thank you!

Upcoming - Children's Day Service.

This year, as a conclusion to our Club J programme, we will be having our special Children's Day Service on Sunday 21st May during the 11am service. It is always a wonderful service, with the children eager to participate. Parents, grandparents, family and friends are invited to come along to support and encourage the children as they take part. It would be great to see you there!

As children attend Club J every week, I pray that God will continue to bless them. I pray that every child will leave each week knowing more about Jesus and His love. As they prepare for the Children's Day Service, I ask for God to encourage and equip each person taking part. I also pray for God to bless and encourage each leader as they seek to teach the young people of our Parish more about God's love.

Kim

Just A Thought

*The water in the well's getting lower and lower,
Ain't had a bath for six months or more,
'Course the sayin is – and it's true –
Too much bathin 'Il weakin' you.
Cows gone dry and hens won't lay,
Fish stopped bitin' last Saturday.
And now I'm getting' a cold in the nose –
Life gets tasteless, don't it?*

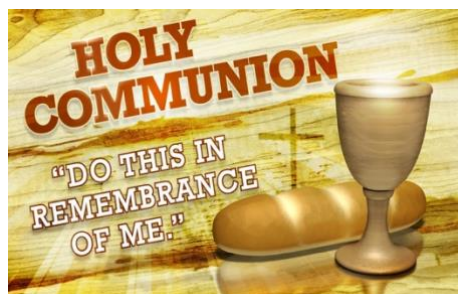


These few lines from a pop (?) song back in the 1950s sum up the mood for many of us today. Perhaps the difference is that today it's the cost of living we worry about – the price of milk, the cost of oil and petrol, being able to put a proper meal on the table, mortgages and rent rises. These are our worries.

But even with these worries and concerns let us take a little time to pause and reflect on the many things that we can give thanks for. As the hymn, written by Johnson Oatman, reminds us: *"Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."*

(A Parishioner)

Diocesan News



Just before Easter the clergy in Connor Diocese received correspondence from Bishop George. Part of that communication related to the use of the Common Cup at celebrations of Holy Communion.

"It is exactly a year ago that I wrote to you advising that the House of Bishops were giving direction that parishes should begin to re-introduce the Common Cup

to our celebrations of Holy Communion. At our meeting this week the bishops decided that that process should be completed by Pentecost Sunday this year...The temporary permission (given 'in extremis') for individual cups to be used during the Covid emergency will no longer be in force after Pentecost and the normal practice of the Church of Ireland should be resumed by then. Those who are still unsure of receiving from the chalice should be assured that they are welcome to receive communion in the form of bread alone."

In Mossley, we have been offering the Common Cup during the past year and increasing numbers of parishioners are availing of it. The guidance from the House of Bishops has encouraged the use of linen purificators when wiping the Common Cup and our Select Vestry have moved to purchase these. You may have already noted that they are now in use.

If any parishioners would like to talk about this more fully, please do speak with either the Rector or Rev Louise. They would be only too happy to chat things through.

Mossley Mission Group

Since the last edition of this magazine, the Mission Group have held a soup and cheese lunch following our 11am service on Sunday 26th March. It was encouraging to see the Parish Centre well filled and we are delighted that a total of £304 was raised. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped out in any way and to everyone who came along.

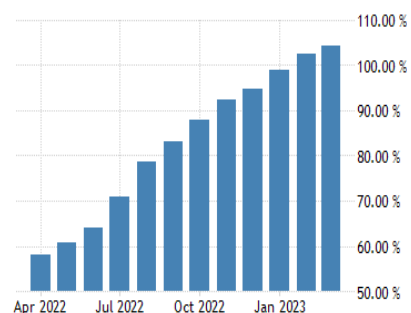
The Mission Group met on Wednesday 22nd March and are actively seeking to plan a few fundraisers in the near future. We are always open to ideas and new members! If you would like to get involved, please do speak to the Rector or Rev Louise. We would also like to extend our thanks to everyone who supports our mission partners throughout the year through the Parish Mission Boxes. These are a steady source of financial support. If you haven't already got one, please speak to Ken Jackson.

We recently had an interesting update from Tansen Hospital. It was simply called *"A day in the life of a rural physiotherapist!"* We have shared it with you below.



How's this for an adventurous, joyful and exhausting working day? Last week, a 10km jeep ride then 17km of hiking up and down through jungle, across suspension bridges, past maize and wheat fields and a total climb of over 1,000 metres to see five clients aged six to 63 in their remote homes was the 12-hour working day experience of a rural physiotherapist and her colleagues in Molung, Okhaldhunga! It was a joy for Clare and her colleague Sheshan and later Khila from the Community-Based Rehabilitation Project to meet the clients in their homes with their families, see their progress, give advice or plan further assistance through Okhaldhunga Community Hospital. It was so late by the end of the day that they were relieved to find local accommodation, but then had to get up at 5am the next day for a three-hour hike to the next clients!

The Mission Director of SAMS Ireland, Rev Stephen McElhinney, has just returned from a trip to South America. During that time Stephen met with church leaders and saw how local churches are responding to the escalating financial pressures in South America. In March 2023 the inflation rate in Argentina rose to 104.3%, making it one of the highest rates in the world. Poverty is rising and the cost of living crisis is severe.



Please do continue to pray for the ongoing work in Tansen Hospital and South America. Thank you so much for your support of our mission partners.

Keepin' 'Er Country: Take 2

It's hard to believe that it's four years since we hosted a Country Gospel Concert in the Parish Centre. On Friday 31st May 2019 a large audience gathered, and sang along, in what proved to be a most enjoyable night.

We are delighted to announce that Rev David McBeth and friends will be returning to Mossley on Thursday 22nd June for another evening of Country Gospel. This is sure to be an excellent night and tickets will be released very soon. Further details will be released in the Parish Bulletin as soon as possible. For now, please reserve the date and help us spread the word. Let's see if we can fill the Parish Centre just as we did in 2019.



King's Coronation

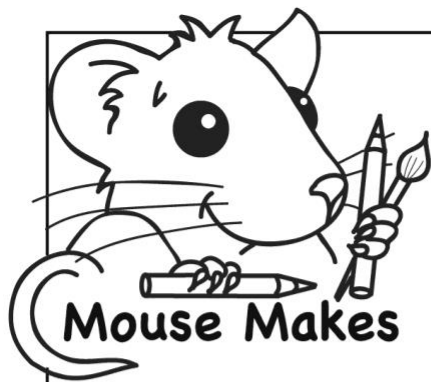
As the Rector reflected in his letter on Page 2 of this magazine, the coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6th May 2023 in Westminster Abbey. This is a significant occasion in his life and in the life of our nation. As we journey towards this event, let us unite in praying for King Charles, perhaps using the following coronation prayer.



Almighty God, on the occasion of the coronation of King Charles III, we, the people, pray for him. We thank you for him and for the calling on his life and we recognise the weight of responsibility that puts upon him. We know that he will need your help, Lord. We know that he will face many challenges, as did his mother, Queen Elizabeth. We ask, that, as he is anointed with oil, you will anoint him with your Holy Spirit, so that he will know in his heart, as his mother knew, that Jesus is alive and able to help him fulfil his unique vocation. We pray that in all the days he serves as King, he will be aware that first and foremost he serves you, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. May his reign be one of wisdom, vision and integrity, inspired by your Kingdom values. May your name be honoured and glorified throughout this land, Lord, as we pray, God save the King! Amen.

Children's Challenge


We have a little challenge for the boys and girls. This challenge gets us thinking about the Ascension of Jesus.



Mouse Makes

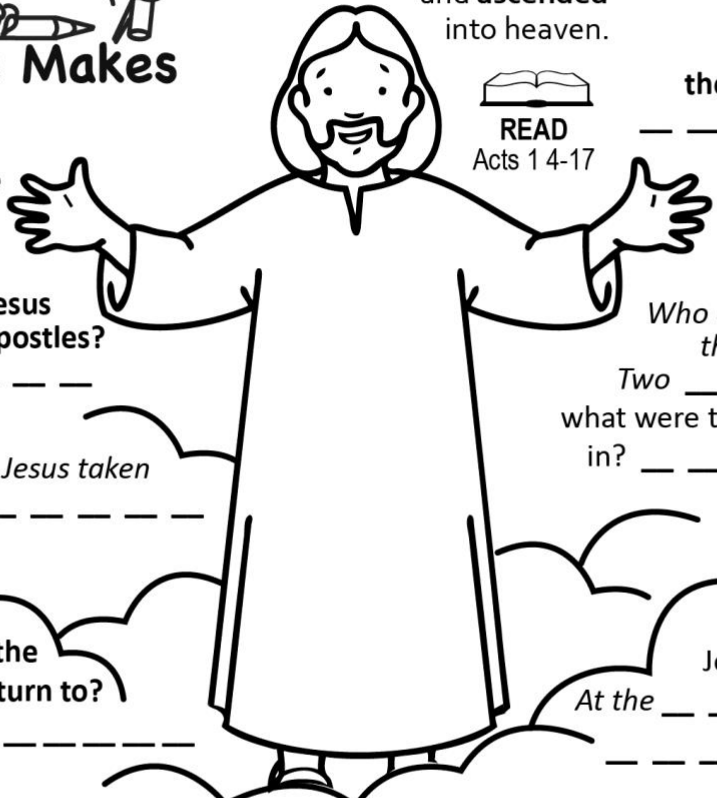
Find the answers in the word search

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and **ascended** into heaven.

 **READ**
Acts 1 4-17

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?

_____ to be Jesus' witnesses.
Acts 1:8



What hid Jesus from the Apostles?
a _____
Acts 1:9

Where was Jesus taken up to? _____
Luke 24:51

Where did the Apostles return to?

Acts 1:12

Who appeared to the Apostles?
Two _____ and what were they dressed in? _____
Acts 1:10

Where is Jesus seated?
At the _____ of God.
Mark 16:19

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