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From the Rectory Study

A number of years ago, and just before Timothy and Hannah were born, Kim and I had the most wonderful holiday in the Dominican Republic. We stayed in a beautiful hotel on the north coast of the island in a resort called Puerto Plata. The sand on the beaches was white, the sea water was clear, and there was a carnival type atmosphere to be experienced literally every day. Without any doubt this ranks as the best holiday that we have ever been on.

During our holiday we decided to go on one of the excursions and we found ourselves at Mount Isabel de Torres. We were invited to undertake a short ride on what was advertised as the only cable car in the Caribbean! The views from the top of the mountain were stunning. We were 793m above Puerto Plata's hills and we encountered beautiful botanical gardens, caves, and plenty of stalls selling various arts and crafts. Also at the top of this mountain was the beautiful *Cristo Redentor* statue. This is, of course, very similar to the more famous statue which is in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



This statue is located at the top of a mountain, overlooking the various settlements in which people live. It is an ever-present reminder of the protection and care that God offers His people. During the past eighteen months we have been consistently reminded that God is our strength and our refuge, a very present help in times of trouble. God knows us and God sees us. The Psalmist reminds us that *“The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore”* (Psalm 121:8). It is simply incredible to realise the full extent of God's care for each of us.

This care is also demonstrated by the fact that the arms of Jesus are opened wide in the *Cristo Redentor* statue. We are reminded of the welcome that awaits us when we turn, in faith, to Jesus. I can't help but see this statue and recall the exact moment when the prodigal son returned home to his father. In Luke 15:20 we read, *“So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.”* Despite all that he had done and the hurt that he may have caused, the prodigal was welcomed by his father with opened arms. God affords each of us the same welcome when we draw close to Him and seek to experience the fullness of His peace and presence.

As we journey into autumn, I pray that each of us would draw close to God and spend time with Him. May we know the care, protection, and love that He offers each of us.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

HOLY MATRIMONY

21st August Mr Terry and Mrs Tanya Megarry

27th August Mr Paul and Mrs Megan Cahoon

PARISH OFFICE

Our Parish Office is remains 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 Sundays 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)
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.

PARISH CENTRE

We are delighted that our Parish Centre is now gradually reopening. All the necessary COVID regulations are being strictly adhered to.

Any Parish Organisation that may be considering reconvening should contact the Rector so that the necessary risk assessments can be undertaken.

WORSHIP SERVICES

From Sunday 5th September we will welcome back our evening service at 6pm. Prebooking will not be required for this service or the midweek Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings. However, prebooking does remain in place for Sunday morning services.

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COVID-19 Update

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

(Isaiah 41:10)

Dear Friends,

As we approach the beginning of the autumn season in the life of our Parish, we are continuing to operate with various COVID-19 restrictions in place. At present the high number of new cases of coronavirus within the community is a reminder that the virus is still prevalent and very much a reality in the world around us. Social distancing, contact tracing, hand sanitisation, and the wearing of face masks remains necessary. We would like to thank you for adhering to these measures within our church building and Parish Centre.

Each Sunday morning, we will continue to have two in-church services. It has been encouraging to see increasing numbers of parishioners in attendance. Please do continue to contact John Nesbitt (07954150067) or Winifred Clarke (07749064808) if you would like to attend either of our in-church services on Sunday mornings. We are also delighted with the resumption of the midweek service of Holy Communion, each Wednesday at 10am, and we look forward to reconvening our Sunday evening services at 6pm from Sunday 5th September. It is not necessary to pre-book for our midweek and Sunday evening services. Our online services will also continue for the foreseeable future. Once more, we would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who works hard to ensure the provision of both online and in-church worship.

We are delighted that the Parish Centre has reopened, and a number of parish organisations have reconvened. We look forward to seeing more of our organisations reopening during the autumn months. Specific dates and details will be released on a weekly basis in the Parish Bulletin. All the necessary COVID restrictions are in place and every organisation must complete a risk assessment before reopening. For further details please speak to the Rector. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way with the reopening of the Parish Centre.

We continue to look forward to being able to meet up with as many parishioners as possible during coming weeks and months. As we journey through this pandemic, we are grateful for your support and encouragement, and we wait expectantly for the day when this difficult season will have passed. Until then we continue to trust in God, and we look to Him for His continued guidance and protection.

Every blessing,

Rev Peter Jones

Rev Louise Bowes

Sunday Services

<p>Sunday 5th September The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity 9.30am / 11.30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6pm Service of the Word</p>	<p>NT</p> <p>NT</p>	<p>James 2: 1-10</p> <p>Matthew 6: 1-18</p>
<p>Sunday 12th September The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity 9.30am / 11.30am Holy Communion</p> <p>6pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>NT</p> <p>NT</p>	<p>James 3: 1-12</p> <p>Matthew 7: 1-14</p>
<p>Sunday 19th September The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity 9.30am / 11.30am Service of the Word</p> <p>6pm Healing Service</p>	<p>NT</p> <p>NT</p>	<p>James 3: 13 - 4: 3</p> <p>Matthew 8: 23-34</p>
<p>Sunday 26th September The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity 9.30am / 11.30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6pm Holy Communion</p>	<p>NT</p> <p>G</p>	<p>James 5: 13-20</p> <p>Matthew 9: 1-8</p>
<p>Sunday 3rd October The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity 9.30am / 11.30am Harvest Thanksgiving</p> <p>6pm Harvest Thanksgiving</p>	<p>OT</p>	<p>2nd Chronicles 7:11-22</p>
<p>Sunday 10th October The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity 9.30am / 11.30am Holy Communion</p> <p>6pm Evening Prayer</p>	<p>G</p> <p>NT</p>	<p>Mark 10: 17-31</p> <p>Matthew 11: 20-30</p>
<p>Sunday 17th October The Twentieth Sunday After Trinity 9.30am / 11.30am Service of the Word</p> <p>6pm Healing Service</p>	<p>NT</p> <p>NT</p>	<p>Mark 10: 35-45</p> <p>Matthew 12: 1-21</p>
<p>Sunday 24th October The Fifth Sunday Before Advent 9.30am / 11.30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6pm Holy Communion</p>	<p>NT</p> <p>G</p>	<p>Mark 10: 46-52</p> <p>Luke 18: 9-14</p>
<p>Sunday 31st October The Fourth Sunday Before Advent 9.30am / 11.30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>6pm All Saints Service</p>	<p>OT</p> <p>NT</p>	<p>Ruth 1: 1-18</p> <p>Hebrews 11: 32 - 12:2</p>

Teambuilders 2021

After being unable to hold a Holiday Bible Club last year we were delighted to host Teambuilders in the Parish Centre from Monday 16th – Friday 20th August. Due to COVID restrictions we had to limit the number of children who could attend each evening, but we were still able to have great fun. We played games, undertook challenges, and heard about some famous characters from the Bible.



Perhaps the most popular evening was Tuesday. This was when we welcomed Jurassic Ark Encounters back to Mossley Parish. The children (and most of the leaders) did brilliantly with the various reptiles. Tiger Lily, a sixteen-foot Burmese python, was a particular crowd pleaser!

Thank you to all the leaders who gave so willingly of their time and to all the children who came along to Teambuilders. We look forward to being able to host more activities for children very soon. Keep an eye on our church Facebook page.

Sunday School

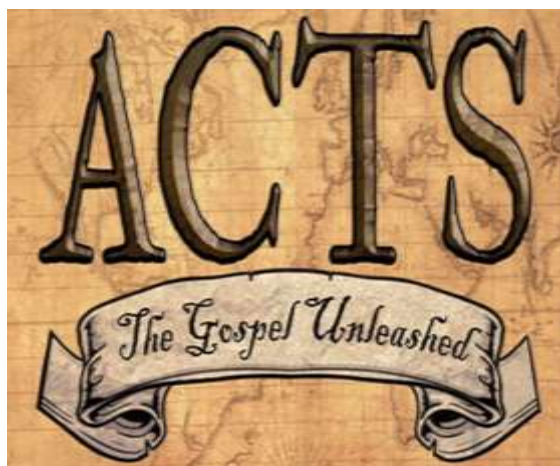
Creche, Club J and Ignite have been unable to meet on Sundays since the pandemic began. We have had some children's activities released online and it was great to meet up at the Parish Centre just before Easter. However, we have really missed seeing the boys and girls each Sunday and we look forward to being able to regather again very soon.



Following on from our Holiday Bible Club, and in keeping with the necessary COVID regulations, we plan to meet up on a fortnightly basis in the Parish Centre. This will begin on Sunday 19th September at 10.30am. Parents / guardians are invited to stay along with their children as we slowly regather. During our time together we will have a few songs and some crafts. We aim to be finished up around 11.15am on each occasion.

Please do plan to come along. Further details will be released on our Facebook page and in the Parish Bulletin.

Bible Study



Following the summer break, our Bible Studies will resume on Tuesday 7th September. It is hoped that we will be able to meet in person from early October. This will depend on COVID regulations and further details will be announced in the weekly Parish Bulletin. For the month of September, we will continue what has become our normal practice of releasing videos each Tuesday evening at 7pm on YouTube, Facebook, our website, and the dial-in facility.

In our new season we will be looking at the Acts of the Apostles. As we journey through this incredible book of the Bible, we will encounter an energetic and driven church, one which is mission-focused and evangelistically driven. As the biblical scholar David Cook highlights, we will see how *"...the gospel, focusing on Jesus, was...preached fearlessly in country, city, synagogue, marketplace, and field; and hearers were called upon to repent and trust in Jesus Christ."*

This should be an interesting study series and it will continue until May 2022. The Bible Study programme has already been released on our website and Facebook, and printed copies are available in the Church porch. Please do join with us as we spend some time looking a little deeper at God's Word.

Mossley Prayer Fellowship

During the summer months our Prayer Fellowship continued to meet faithfully, on Zoom, every Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm. We have prayed about a range of issues and situations, local and much further afield. It really is a privilege to draw close to God and seek His continued help.



As we enter autumn, we will continue to meet for a time of prayer each Wednesday evening. We are continuing to use Zoom at present and you are most welcome to join with us. Please speak to any member of the Prayer Fellowship for more details.

If you have a person or a situation that you would like prayed about, please contact Peter, Louise, or any member of the Prayer Fellowship. You can also email your prayer requests to mossleyprayers@hotmail.com

Youth Club

Sadly, the Youth Club has not been able to meet since March 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Youth Club is open to children from P4 up to second year (Year 9) and any new members will be made very welcome. The Youth Club usually meets every Saturday from 7.00-9.00pm in the church hall, costing £1 per night.



The Youth Club leaders are hoping to restart Youth Club with ten pin bowling at Glengormley Sportsbowl, Glenwell Road, Glengormley on Saturday 18 September. If any children from P4 up to second year (Year 9) want to attend ten pin bowling with the Youth Club they can leave a message for June Meighan, Leader-in-Charge, via the Parish office phone number – 028 90 832936. Please leave a message including a phone number and e-mail address by Friday 10 September at the latest as the Sportsbowl needs final numbers for the bowling lanes by Saturday 11 September. An e-mail will then be sent to parents with a link to Google Forms to access the Permission Form for ten pin bowling.



Parents will need to bring their child/children to Glengormley Sportsbowl for 7.15pm on Saturday 18 September and leave them with a Youth Club leader inside the Sportsbowl. Parents will need to come inside the Sportsbowl to collect their child/children from the Youth Club leaders at 8.45pm. The cost for ten pin bowling will be approximately £4.50 per child, parents will be notified of the exact cost nearer the time. Please arrange for your child to have the correct money with them on 18 September, thank you.

When the Youth Club is running normally the children enjoy arts and crafts, playing football, pool, air hockey, hockey, games, and board games. The tuck shop is also very popular.

It is hoped for Youth Club to restart in the church hall on Saturday 25 September at 7.00-9.00pm. This will be subject to current guidelines and COVID-19 restrictions. Information on the Youth Club will also be available on the church's Facebook page – Church of the Holy Spirit, Mossley.

Due to other commitments some of the leaders cannot be there every Saturday night, and we really need new leaders and helpers. If anyone can help out on any Saturday night this would be most appreciated. If you are interested, you would be very welcome to come to Youth Club any Saturday night and join in the fun. Please contact June Meighan or the Rector for further details.

Bowling Club

Just a wee note to our parishioners to inform you all that we're now back in business and have been bowling on a Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening – our "Summer Bowls." This programme will end on Wednesday 1st September and our new season will begin on Wednesday 8th September.



As everyone will appreciate, things are not as normal as they were. Our Wednesday bowls are usually very well supported – usually about twenty bowlers present. On Tuesday afternoons, sometimes we don't have so many. When our new season starts, we intend to complete at least one competition which was left unfinished when the first lockdown was imposed.

Going beyond that, it is our intention to contact all our existing members to see if it is possible to come together as a club and decide how best to proceed in the new season. We know that for the foreseeable future there will be no bowls matches and we want to establish how many of our bowlers will be able to return to us.

There are interesting and challenging days ahead, but we look forward to meeting up once again with those members we haven't seen for some time.

BB and GB

Plans are being made for the BB and GB companies to reconvene in late September and early October respectively. We are really looking forward to having our uniformed organisations reopened and we know that the boys and girls will be really looking forward to this. The following preliminary dates have been established but are dependent on COVID regulations.

BB - Tuesday 21st September

GB – Monday 4th October

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON FACEBOOK.

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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Clifford Holmes

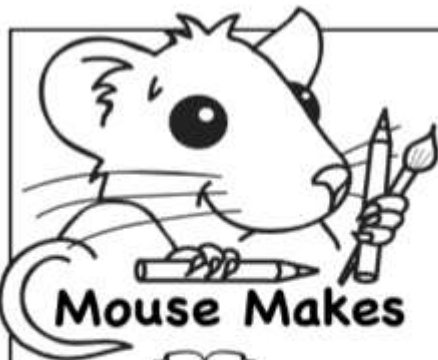
028 90 848025

Joan Mackey

028 90 775366

Children's Challenge

Hi Boys and Girls, there is an amazing story about a man called Elijah in the Bible. You can read this story in 1st Kings 17:7-16 and we have a little summary here for you. We also have a wordsearch which includes some of the words from this incredible story. How many of them can you find?



The bowl of flour and the jar of oil

It had not rained for months and months, there was a drought in the land. God sent His prophet **Elijah** to the town of Zarephath. At the town gate he saw a widow gathering firewood.

"Please bring me a drink of water and some bread." he asked her.

She answered "All I have is a handful of flour and a drop of oil in a jar, it is our last meal."

"Do not worry." Elijah said,

"Make the meal and make a small loaf for me."

The woman did what Elijah had asked and God blessed her ...

... The bowl never ran out of flour and the jar never ran out of oil until it rained again!



Find these words from the story in the word search:

WORD • LORD • GOD • ELIJAH • SENT • ZAREPHATH • GATE • CITY • WIDOW
STICKS • WATER • DRINK • BREAD • FEED • HANDFUL • FLOUR • LITTLE
OIL • SON • EAT • DIE • FULL • WENT • MAKE • BAKED • ATE • JAR • JUG • MANY
DAYS • LIVE • NEVER • EMPTY

Bric-A-Brac



On Saturday 4th July our Saturday morning Bric-A-Brac sale resumed for the first time since the initial lockdown in March 2020. For the first few weeks this took the form of an outdoor sale but the move back into the Parish Centre has now taken place. All the necessary COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

It is great to see so many familiar faces back on a Saturday morning and it is important to be able to join for a time of fellowship – and, of course, to grab a wee bargain as well! The sales have been going really well and we are thankful to everyone who gives so willingly of their time. It has also been good to see ‘The Old Codgers’ back as well.

Anyone who has any donations of bric-a-brac should contact either Alec Orr (02890836286) or Albert Burns (02890840992).

Mossley Parish Ramblers



A small but enthusiastic band of ramblers made their way to Glenariff Forest Park on Saturday 14th August. It was great to be able to get out and about once again and enjoy the beauty of nature. The fitness levels weren't that bad either!

Over coming months, we hope to plan more rambles, and many of us are eagerly awaiting our next expedition to Rathlin. Keep an eye on the Parish Bulletin for any announcements.

Dove Tots

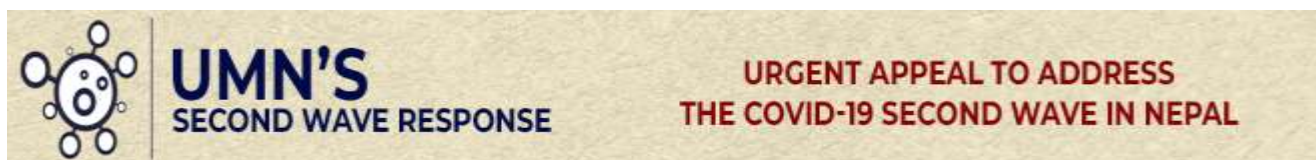


Hello to all our Dove Tots families and friends!

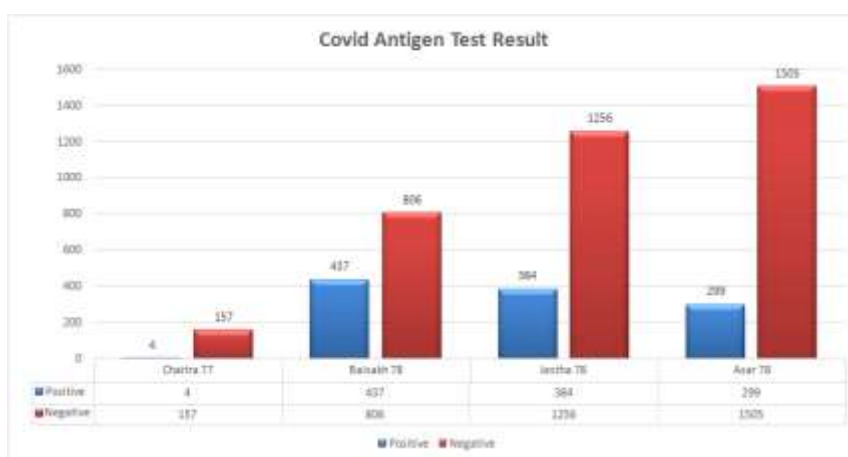
It has been wonderful to be able to meet in the Parish Centre each Friday morning during the summer. We have been so encouraged by the number of people who have been booking places for Dove Tots. Thank you for engaging so well with the booking system and adhering to the COVID regulations.

We would like to wish all our little ones who are moving on to Nursery School in September all the very best. We will miss you!

News from Tansen



United Mission Hospital Tansen has been very busy treating Covid-19 patients during this second wave. The hospital has an oxygen plant which can only produce around 113 litres of oxygen per minute. By calculating the amount of oxygen being used, we have estimated that every patient on the isolation needs 7 litres/ minute average supply. The most critically ill need 15+ litres/min. For this reason, we have set the safety limit to admitting 20 oxygen dependent patients. Other areas of the hospital, the wards Emergency, operating room, and maternity are also using some oxygen. If we exceed the limit this would be dangerous for patients needing high flow oxygen.



News from South America

Fifty years after he first set foot in Latin America in response to God's call to serve, Nick Drayson (CMS GB mission partner) has been appointed Primate of the Anglican Church of South America. The Bishop of Northern Argentina will take on the responsibility for overseeing the work of the wider Anglican Church in the region as he works with other Bishops.



As he looks towards the future in South America, Archbishop Nick writes, "I would like to see a new generation of transparent, humble and God-fearing men and women, who will build on our wonderful heritage, and discover and develop appropriate ways of doing leadership, training and administration for the new sort of Latin America that is emerging from this pandemic."

Please pray for Archbishop Nick and his wife Catherine as they embark on this new chapter of ministry in South America.