

Church of the Holy Spirit
Manse Road, Mossley



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From the Rectory Study

In the latter years of the Twentieth Century the President Harry S. Truman library in Missouri published 1,300 letters that the late President wrote to his wife, Bess, over the course of fifty years. Mr Truman had a lifelong rule of writing to his wife every day they were apart. He followed this rule whenever he was away on official business or whenever Bess left Washington to return home to Missouri. Various scholars consistently examined these letters for any new light that they may have thrown on political and diplomatic history.

Even though these letters were written by a former President of USA, one of the most impressive revelations from these letters was simply that every day he was away, Harry Truman took time to step aside from dealing with the world's most powerful leaders to sit down and write a letter to his wife. What was clear from these letters was the incredible love that existed between Harry and Bess Truman.

Whether we often admit it or not, we all like to be loved. Mother Theresa of Calcutta once suggested that each of us has an insatiable hunger to be genuinely loved. She said, "The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread." The past year and the global COVID-19 pandemic have made this abundantly clear. We have all missed being able to meet up with our loved ones - our families and friends - and we are looking forward to restrictions being eased and a greater sense of normality being restored.

During the past year we have been consistently reflecting on, and holding tight to, the unconditional love that God has for each of us. In the Bible the word 'agape' is used to describe God's love. There are no parameters to this Godly love. There are no limits, no conditions, no barriers. Put simply, we were made by God to be loved by God and (in turn) to love God. No matter who we are, what we have done, or what we are going through right now, God cares for us and God loves us. The One who made the universe cares deeply about each of us – he knows us by name, we are precious to him. Isaiah 43 begins with some remarkable words which highlight this personal nature of God – *"But now, this is what the LORD says - he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine."*

I never cease to be amazed by the reality that we are deeply loved by God. He is always there for us and we can turn to him at anytime and anywhere. As we approach the summer months, may we take time to pray and to read the Scriptures, to spend time alone with God. In doing so it is my prayer that we would, once more, experience the unconditional love that God has for each of us.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

18th March Mona Morgan 2 Forthill Park

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)
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

Many of the reopening procedures for the Parish Centre have been put in place and we all look forward to seeing things back to normal as soon as possible.

As restrictions continue to be eased and further guidance from the diocese is provided, we will make every effort to reopen the Parish Centre. Further details will be communicated as soon as they become available.

MIDWEEK SERVICE

We are delighted to announce that our midweek service of Holy Communion will recommence on Wednesday 5th May at 10am. Booking will not be necessary for this service but all the other COVID precautions will remain in place.

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COVID-19 Update

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.”

(Psalm 27:14)

Dear Friends,

We were absolutely delighted to be able to reopen for in-church worship on Good Friday, 2nd April. It was encouraging to see our Easter services so well attended. As ever, all the usual precautions and mitigations remain in place for in-church worship, and we thank you for your help in ensuring that these are adhered to. We would like to thank each person who helps in any way to ensure that we can meet safely on Sunday mornings. It warms our hearts to see you, the parishioners of Mossley, in our church building as we seek to worship God together. If you would like to attend either of our Sunday morning in-church services, please contact either Mrs Winifred Clarke (07749064808) or Mr John Nesbitt (07954150067).

We are delighted to announce that our midweek services of Holy Communion, at 10am on Wednesday mornings, will recommence on Wednesday 5th May. At this stage, prebooking will not be required for this service but all the other COVID guidelines will remain in place. For example, social distancing will still apply, contact tracing forms must be completed, and the wearing of face masks is strongly encouraged.

Some parishioners may still feel more comfortable engaging with online worship at this time. As such, we will continue to upload worship services 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). We will continue to offer Coffee Time Challenges each Monday morning and Bible Studies each Tuesday evening. 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.

It is hoped that a phased reopening of the Parish Centre can take place soon – in keeping with the framework which was released by the Northern Ireland Executive. Further details about this will be released in due course.

Once more, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support of our Parish, and we look forward to being able to see you all in person again as soon as possible. Until then, let us continue to unite in prayer and seek the guidance and peace of God.

Every blessing,

Rev Peter Jones

Rev Louise Bowes

Worship Services

Sunday 2nd May The Fifth Sunday of Easter A Service of Morning Prayer	NT	Acts 8: 26-40
Wednesday 5th May Holy Communion 1	G	John 15:1-8
Sunday 9th May The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday) A Celebration of Holy Communion	G	John 15: 9-17
Wednesday 12th May Holy Communion 2	G	John 16:12-15
Sunday 16th May The Seventh Sunday of Easter A Service of the Word	NT	1 John 5: 9-13
Wednesday 19th May Holy Communion 1	G	John 17:11-19
Sunday 23rd May The Day of Pentecost A Service of Morning Prayer	NT	Acts 2: 1-21
Wednesday 26th May Holy Communion 2	G	Mark 10:32-45
Sunday 30th May Trinity Sunday Mossley @ 50	NT	Philippians 1: 3 – 11
Wednesday 2nd June Holy Communion 1	G	Mark 12:18-27
Sunday 6th June The First Sunday After Trinity A Service of Morning Prayer	NT	Luke 7: 11-17
Wednesday 9th June Holy Communion 2	G	Matthew 5:17-19
Sunday 13th June The Second Sunday After Trinity A Celebration of Holy Communion	G	Mark 4: 26-34
Wednesday 16th June Holy Communion 1	G	Matthew 6:1-6
Sunday 20th June The Third Sunday After Trinity A Service of the Word	NT	Mark 4: 35-41
Wednesday 23rd June Holy Communion 2	G	Matthew 7:15-20
Sunday 27th June The Fourth Sunday After Trinity A Service of Morning Prayer	OT	Psalms 130
Wednesday 30th June Holy Communion 1	G	Matthew 8:28-34

Waiting In Silence

Canon Raymond Fox has kindly sent us one of his poems and has permitted us to include it in this edition of our Parish Magazine. It is called *Waiting In Silence* and it focuses on the journey that we have all been on during the past year.

Snowdrops last January, snowdrops this January
Full diary last January, lockdown this January
Planning holidays last January, vouchers this January
Feeling vulnerable now, waiting in silence.

Crocuses last February, crocuses this February
Derry bound last February, acrylic painting this February
Family birthday last February, home delivery this February
Full of frustrations now, waiting in silence.

Daffodils last March, daffodils this March
Emergency flight last March, hardly a car journey this March
Golden wedding dinner last March, home delivery this March
Days a tad overwhelmed, waiting in silence.

Tulip leaves showing lockdown day, tulip leaves this anniversary
Mostly good viruses, an irregular one, COVID-19, in our time
Maybe vaccine in 3-5 years last March, rollout this March
Temptations and the Cross each year, waiting in silence.



Mossley @ 50

Following the establishment of a new worshipping community in Newtownabbey in 1967, Mossley Parish was formerly created on 30th May 1971. In a few weeks, our Parish will have been in existence for fifty years! We had many great plans as to how we could have acknowledged this milestone but the COVID-19 pandemic, and the various restrictions, have ensured that our celebrations will be greatly reduced at this moment in time.



We do still hope to be able to give thanks to God for Mossley Parish during our in-church and online worship services on Sunday 30th May. We also hope and pray that we will be able to celebrate more fully later in the year.

Easter General Vestry Meeting

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EASTER VESTRY

MEETING



On Wednesday 14th April we held our Easter General Vestry Meeting in the church building. Although this was only six months after our last General Vestry Meeting in October, it was good to be able to hold this meeting in its more traditional place shortly after Easter.

We managed to get our business concluded swiftly and congratulations to all who were appointed to the Select Vestry for 2021-22.

Rector's Churchwarden Winifred Clarke

People's Churchwarden Alan Bowes

Rector's Glebwarden Bob Lee

People's Glebwarden David Boyd

Select Vestry

David Boyd, Alan Bowes, Tom Buchanan, John Caldwell, Winifred Clarke, Jacqui Eccles, David Flint, Pat Flint, Ken Jackson, Bob Lee, Joan Mackey, George Madden, Vikki Moore, John Nesbitt, Julie Parkinson, Valerie Porter.

One Hundred Years of the Royal British Legion

One hundred years ago, on 15th May 1921, the British Legion was founded in the aftermath of the First World War, to provide support to veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependants.

It was created at a time when two million people were unemployed. More than six million had served in the war. Of those who came back, 1.75 million had suffered some kind of injury, and half of those were disabled permanently.

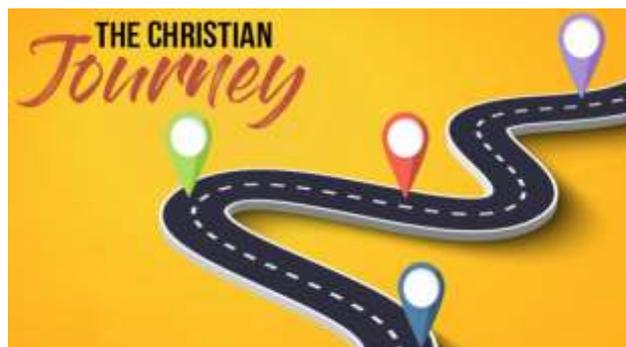
In 1922, the Legion's poppy factory opened in the Old Kent Road, London, with 40 disabled men manufacturing 1000 poppies a week. The first Poppy Day was held that same year. The Festival of Remembrance began in 1927, and the Legion became 'Royal' in 1971 – 50 years ago – on its golden anniversary.

At first membership of the Legion was confined to ex-Service personnel, but it was expanded to include serving members of the Forces in 1981.



Bible Study

Our new Bible Study series has just started up. During the next ten weeks we will be taking a closer look at '*The Christian Journey*' and we will explore some of the key traits of the Christian faith.



Each Tuesday evening at 7pm a short video will be made available on our website, YouTube, the dial-in facility, and our Facebook page. These will be led by either Peter, Louise or Gareth and the various themes for each week are outlined below. Each reflection will be based on a particular passage of Scripture, will last no more than twenty minutes, and will conclude with a piece of music.

One of the things that we have greatly missed in our Bible Study Groups is the opportunity to reflect, discuss and share with each other as we used to do when we met in the Carntall Room. To provide an opportunity for whole group discussion in relation to the weekly Bible Studies, we are setting up a Growing Deeper Group each Thursday evening at 7.30pm. This will take place on Zoom, which the prayer group has used very effectively during the pandemic, and the meeting will last approximately thirty minutes. If you would like more details about this, please speak to Peter or Louise.

We are really looking forward to taking a closer look at the Christian Journey. Please do consider joining with us over the next ten weeks.

27th April	The Centrality of Prayer	Luke 11:1-4
4th May	The Place of the Bible	2nd Timothy 3:14-17
11th May	The Lord's Supper	Luke 22:14-23
18th May	The Community of Faith	Romans 12:4-8
25th May	Seeking the Kingdom	Matthew 6:25-34
1st June	Faith in Daily Life	James 2:14-26
8th June	Serving God	Joshua 24:14-18
15th June	Christian Witnessing	Matthew 28:16-20
22nd June	When Tough Times Come	Romans 8:31-39
29th June	The Christian Hope	Revelation 21:1-5

Daily Hope



Daily Hope is a free dial in service offers music, prayers, and reflections from the Church of England. You even get a personal message from the Archbishop of Canterbury at the beginning. There are a series of options for you to select using the buttons on your phone.

Coffee Time Challenges



Our Coffee Time Challenges have continued each Monday morning. They have taken different forms and covered a range of subject areas. Admittedly, some have been easier than others and I have enjoyed finding out how you have been getting on with them!

As we enjoy our Monday morning tea / coffee we can take a few moments and see how we get on with each challenge. The answers are released on Fridays. You can find these challenges on our Facebook page and the Parish Website. Do give them a go and see how you get on.

A Pentecost Prayer

Loving God, thank you for sending us your Holy Spirit; your Spirit who knows no restrictions or barriers; your Spirit who can reach us and be with us and in us, wherever we are, whatever our circumstances; your Spirit who comforts and heals and empowers us to live with confidence that, ultimately, all shall be well; your Spirit who connects us, through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. Because of Jesus' victory over death, we have hope and life forever. Thank you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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
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Mossley Prayer Fellowship

Our Prayer Fellowship continues to meet faithfully, through Zoom, every Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm. It is nice to be able to have a time of fellowship together and then to gather before God in an attitude of prayer. We are thankful for the technology which enables us to stay connected and 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 Peter, Louise, or any member of the Prayer Fellowship. You can also email your prayer requests to mossleyprayers@hotmail.com

Dear Lord, you are the Maker of heaven and earth, as we continue to journey through the COVID-19 pandemic, help us to lift our eyes to you. May your peace be with those who are feeling anxious, may your strength be with those working to keep others safe, may your comfort be with those who are grieving, may your wisdom light the way for those making decisions, may your healing be upon those who are unwell, may your hope fill those who are fearful of the future, and may your compassion prompt us to love our neighbours. Keep us from harm, watch over our coming and going, both now and forevermore. Amen.

What Did I Do With The Car?

As I left a meeting at our church, I could not find my car keys. They were not in my pockets. They were not in the church. Then I thought – I’ve left them in the car! As I burst through the doors of the church, my heart sank: the church car park was empty. With a heavy heart I called the police, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the really difficult call and told my wife that the car had been stolen. There was a little gasp. “You did not have the car. I dropped you off. Remember?”



My heart sang as relief flooded through me. “Of course! Thank God! Well, come get me quick – I am already running late... what is keeping you?”

My wife replied with ominous calm: “What’s keeping me? I’ll tell you what’s keeping me. The police are here. They think I’ve stolen the car...”

Update from Tansen

We are delighted to have received the following update from Tansen Hospital. Dr Karrach has thanked us for our continued support of Tansen and has asked us to continue to remember Tansen Hospital in our prayers.



Last year was a strange year as it was everywhere. Nepal's first wave of COVID really got going over the autumn. We were under strict lockdown for a few months from late March until July and then the number of cases rose, mostly fuelled by migrant workers returning from India and then by many people travelling to their home villages for the big festivals in October/ November.

The hospital continued to provide uninterrupted care despite the COVID-19 pandemic. In November COVID care was transferred to the medical ward as the numbers were increasing and the provincial COVID hospital was overwhelmed. We handed back the old people's home which we had used as a quarantine facility in mid-January. In total 128 patients have received Hospital Isolation care. The total COVID confirmed cases in hospital care is 45 (includes surgery and delivery cases) and the total number of COVID deaths total 8. We have had 43 staff infected (no fatalities, 8 were admitted mostly for social reasons). The medical ward returned to being a medical ward in March and isolation patients were shifted back to the 3 rooms used at the beginning of the pandemic. The hospital was made a vaccination centre and we conducted 3 phases for the vaccination of government defined groups. We also struggled with balancing demand, safety and staffing levels as travel restrictions eased and many more outpatients arrived. All statistics were down except maternity numbers and emergency surgery which stayed high and continues to be higher than previous years. However, numbers started picking up during the past few weeks.

The hospital continued to participate in the national health insurance scheme. This was popular with patients and ensured patient flow continued even under lockdown, but with 80% of patients now coming under this scheme there had been increased loss of expected income as the amounts reimbursed are often lower than our costs.

We are now facing a second wave of COVID and patients are testing positive again. Looking at the situation in India, which is our near neighbour, this may be much worse than the first wave, so we are beginning to brace ourselves.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

DR RACHEL KARRACH (Hospital Director)

Update from South America

We have received the following updates from South America and there are several key issues to pray for at this time.

Isaiah Project

SAMS Ireland has a COVID-19 response fund called Isaiah Project. Through this we have been able to make contributions to the Dioceses of Peru, Uruguay and Northern Argentina. Please pray for the different partner organisations as they use some of these funds to help individuals negotiate their way through the difficulties of the pandemic.



The Hawksbees (Paraguay)

Chris and Alison Hawksbee would appreciate ongoing prayer for them as they have recently contracted COVID-19. Recent news would indicate that their condition has been stable. Please pray for them as they live with the present symptoms and journey to a full recovery.

Alec Deane

Alec Deane continues to work with Siwok Foundation as they bring fresh water and horticultural expertise to Wichi Indian communities in the Chaco region of Northern Argentina. Pray for him and his team of helpers. Pray particularly for his contacts with government agencies as he represents the plight of the Wichi people.

Paraguay

We pray for Pastor Agustin and his wife Teresa as they oversee the work of the diocese in the absence of a bishop. Please pray for strength and wisdom for them and also for health and safety as they travel extensively.

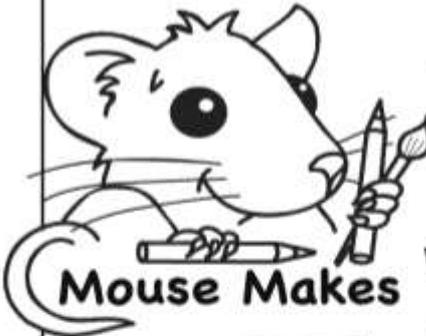
We pray for the church in Concepcion as it is without a main leader, asking that God will protect and build up the church and those who lead within it, giving them wisdom and grace and that He will provide a pastor. We give thanks for the pastors from Asunción who will be visiting regularly and pray that these visits will be a mutual blessing.

As there is currently no-one living on site please pray too for protection from thieves or vandals.

Schools in Paraguay are restarting again after a year of not being present in schools. Cases of COVID-19 are already high, and this causes concern as students return to class. Please pray for the teachers and students as they start back.

Children's Challenge

Hi boys and girls, we are really missing you at Creche, Club J and Ignite. We were delighted to see so many of you just before Easter and we hope that you enjoyed your Easter Eggs. Sunday 23rd May is the Day of Pentecost and we focus on the Holy Spirit. You may already know but, in case you don't, our Parish is the Church of the Holy Spirit! You can read all about the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2. Please take a few minutes and read this Bible passage and then see how many of these activities that you can complete.



Mouse Makes

On the day of **PENTECOST** the disciples were gathered together in one place...

What sound did they hear?
Acts 2:2

What did they see?
Acts 2:3

What filled them?
Acts 2:4

How did they speak?
Acts 2:4

What did the crowd hear?
Acts 2:6

Which countries had they come from?
Acts 2:9

What was their reaction?
Acts 2:12-13

Who explained what was happening? What did he say?
Acts 2:14-36

How many people were baptised that day?
Acts 2:41

Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet and see what the **Holy Spirit** produces in us:

KPZ 

IVNJMJUJZ

TFMG DPOUSPM

GBJUIGVMOFTT

LJOEOFTT

QBUJFODF

QFBDF

MPWF

HPPEOFTT 

Galatians 5:22

Re arrange the scrambled letters to find the missing words.

 The Holy Spirit **VSEIL** with us and in us.

The Holy Spirit helps us to **WKNO** we belong to God.

The Holy Spirit **HCTSEEA** us about God. 

The Holy Spirit **KPESSA** God's word to us.

The Holy Spirit **PHLSE** us to tell others about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit helps us when we **AYPR** 

What is the work of the **Holy Spirit**? What does He do?
Fill in the missing letters.


TEAC _ ES

COMF _ RTS

REVEA _ S 

IN _ OU   

TRAN _ FORMS

 HEL _ S 

 GU _ DES

 ENEWS

CONV _ CTS

SANC _ IFIES