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## *From the Rectory Study*

In a few weeks Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II becomes the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after seventy years of service. There will be an extended four-day Bank Holiday weekend from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June and various types of events will be held to celebrate this incredible achievement. For example, there will be a Party at the Palace on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June and a Platinum Jubilee Pageant in London the next day. Within Mossley Parish we are hosting an Afternoon Tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 2pm-4pm. More details about this event can be found on Page 14 of this magazine.

It really is a remarkable achievement for Elizabeth II to have reigned as Queen for seventy years. Winston Churchill was Prime Minister when she ascended to the throne in February 1952, at only 25 years of age. Since then, there have been thirteen further occupants of Downing Street. The world has changed significantly since Elizabeth II became Queen, but one thing that has remained consistent is her steadfast faith and trust in God.

From an early age, the importance of the Bible was emphasised to the young Princess Elizabeth. During a broadcast from the BBC on 2nd September 1951 her mother stated "I can truly say that the King (George VI) and I long to see the Bible back where it ought to be, as a guide and comfort in the home and lives of our people. From our own experience, we know what the Bible can mean for personal life..."

Less than two years later, when our present Queen was crowned in Westminster Abbey, the significance of those words was highlighted in the service when the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland presented her with a Bible and spoke these memorable words: "Here is the most valuable thing this world affords." This is a teaching that has been central to the Queen's life. During her first Christmas address in December 1952, and just ahead of her coronation, she issued a prayer request to the nation. She asked, "Pray for me ... that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life." Forty-eight years later she still focused strongly on her Christian faith in her Christmas broadcast in December 2000: "For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life."

As we engage in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee it is right and proper to reflect on her steadfastness and acknowledge her seventy years of leadership and dedicated service to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. But it also an opportunity to give thanks to God for her Christian faith and how she has consistently demonstrated her faith in all that she has done. As we celebrate, may we also be challenged to follow her example in realising what the Bible means for personal life, in valuing the power of prayer, and in seeking to make Christ known in word and deed.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

### CHRISTIAN BURIAL

4 <sup>th</sup> April	Jasmine Parkinson	96 Carntall Road
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Samuel Cully	2 Carn View

### HOLY BAPTISM

10 <sup>th</sup> April	Amelia Rose Cummings Alexander David Cummings (61 Greymount Crescent)
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### ONLINE SERVICES

Although we are meeting for in-church worship on Sundays Online Services and Bible Studies are still available. 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

A range of activities is available each week in the Parish Centre. Please refer to our weekly Parish Bulletin for details. Parish Organisations that may be considering reconvening should contact the Rector for further details.

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Prebooking is no longer required for any of our church services. During our 9.30am service on Sundays, 2m social distancing is still being observed. Reduced levels of social distancing are applied at the 11.30am service on Sundays.

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Jacqui Eccles	John Nesbitt
David Flint	Julie Parkinson
Pat Flint	Valerie Porter
Joan Mackey	Ken Jackson



## *COVID-19 Update*

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.” (Psalm 107:1)

Dear Friends,

On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 we received updated guidance from Bishop George in relation to COVID guidelines. Following a meeting between church representatives, the Chief Medical Officer, and the Chief Scientific Adviser, it was decided that the easing of COVID mitigations and measures in parishes in Northern Ireland could take immediate effect, with all necessary decisions being taken locally under the guidance and direction of the Rector and Select Vestry. After the challenges and complexities of the past two years this was very welcome news. The Select Vestry have worked consistently in preparation for the easing of COVID restrictions and the following guidelines have now been implemented.

- Please do not attend church if you have any of the symptoms of COVID.
- Hand sanitiser will still be provided in the church porch, and we strongly encourage all parishioners to use this upon entering and leaving the church building.
- Ventilation remains a significant mitigation against the spread of this airborne virus and as such we will continue to have an open airflow through the church building.
- Contact tracing will no longer be required.
- It is no longer necessary to prebook before attending church.
- In relation to our Sunday services, social distancing of 2m will remain at the 9.30am service whereas a reduced level of distancing will be applied at 11.30am.
- We will enter and leave the church building using the main entrance and any freewill offering can be left in the plates in the church porch.
- Tea/Coffee is now being served following our 11.30am service on Sundays.
- We are continuing to offer Online Services each Sunday. These can be watched live on YouTube from 9.30am or as recordings on Facebook, our website and the dial-in facility from 11am. Thank you to everyone who makes this possible.
- Pastoral visitation in parishioner's homes continues to move towards a more normal pattern, although sensible precautions are being observed.
- Permission has been given to return to the use of the common cup at Communion services. However, at this time we will continue using individual cups within Mossley Parish.

It has been a long and challenging two years, but this move towards a more normal model of parish life is most welcome. Once again, we would like to thank you, the parishioners of Mossley, for your continued support during this difficult season.

Every blessing.

Rev Peter Jones

Rev Louise Bowes



## Sunday Services

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> Third Sunday of Easter 9.30am / 11.30am Morning Prayer 6pm Service of the Word	NT OT	John 21: 1-19 Isaiah 38: 9-20
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter 9.30am / 11.30am Holy Communion 6pm Evening Prayer	OT G OT	Numbers 27:12-23 John 10:22-30 Isaiah 63:7-14
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter 9.30am / 11.30am Service of the Word 6pm Healing Service	NT OT	John 13:31-35 Daniel 6:6-23
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday) 9.30am / 11.30am Morning Prayer 6pm Holy Communion	NT OT G	John 5:1-9 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Matthew 28:1-10
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> Seventh Sunday of Easter 9.30am / 11.30am Healing Service 6pm Compline	NT NT	John 17:20-26 Ephesians 4:7-16
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b> Day of Pentecost 9.30am / 11.30am Morning Prayer 6pm Service of the Word	NT OT	Acts 2:1-21 Exodus 33:7-20
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b> Trinity Sunday 9.30am / 11.30am Holy Communion 6pm Evening Prayer	OT G OT	Proverbs 8:22-31 John 16:12-15 Exodus 3:1-15
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> First Sunday After Trinity 9.30am / 11.30am Service of the Word 6pm Streetreach Commissioning	NT OT	Galatians 3:23-29 Mark 5:21-43
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b> Second Sunday After Trinity 9.30am / 11.30am Morning Prayer 6pm Holy Communion	NT OT G	Galatians 5:13-25 Psalm 60 Mark 6:1-6

## **Easter General Vestry Meeting**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April we held our Easter General Vestry Meeting in the Parish Centre. 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 led us through some plans which are being made in relation to Parish Development. We would also like to offer our sincere congratulations to all who were appointed to the Select Vestry for 2022-23.

**Rector's Churchwarden**

Winifred Clarke

**People's Churchwarden**

Alan Bowes

**Rector's Glebewarden**

Bob Lee

**People's Glebewarden**

David Boyd

**GENERAL**

*EASTER VESTRY*

**MEETING**



### **Select Vestry**

Stephen Beck, David Boyd, Alan Bowes, 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.

## **Online Services**



Since February we have been providing livestreamed services each Sunday morning and we also released our Lent and Holy Week services online. We are delighted that these are being watched by parishioners and other people from further afield.

Our weekly service can be watched live on YouTube each Sunday morning from 9.30am. It is then made available on Facebook, our website, and the dial-in facility from 11am. Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributes to the provision of our online services. If anyone would like to learn more about the new system or be willing to help on a rota basis, please speak to the Rector or Rev Louise.

### **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

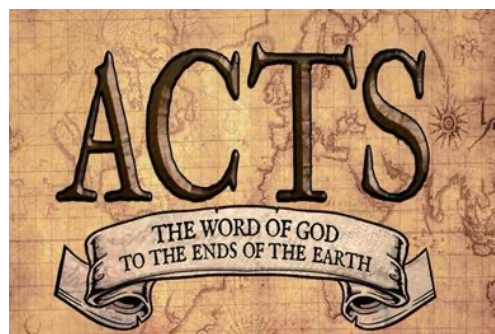
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Joan Mackey

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## **Bible Study**

It has been a busy but highly informative year in our Bible Study Group. In a few weeks our journey through Acts of the Apostles will be complete and we have encountered some incredible biblical characters, reflected on amazing events, and been encouraged to grow deeper in our own Christian faith. Thank you to everyone who has joined with us each Tuesday evening following the resumption of in-person meetings, and sincere thanks to all who join with us online. It really is a privilege and a blessing to be able to study God's Word together.



Our Bible Studies will conclude, for the current season, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May when we will meet for our end of year service of Holy Communion at 7.45pm in the church building. This service will also be livestreamed on YouTube and then released on Facebook, our website, and the dial-in facility.

The Rector is already making plans for next year and it is possible that we will be making a return to an Old Testament book! More details will be released in the July/August edition of this magazine.

## **Confirmation 2022**



It was a delight to welcome Bishop George Davison back to Mossley on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April for our Service of Confirmation. Due to COVID restrictions we were not able to have a full church for this special service. But the service was, nonetheless, a special occasion in the lives of Lauren, Tazmin, Charlotte, Phoebe and Adam as they were confirmed. Each candidate showed wonderful commitment and diligence in suitably

preparing for this important step in their own faith journeys. Please do continue to pray for them as they seek to fulfil the promises that they made during this special service.

## **Just For A Laugh**

Did you hear about the vicar has two cats? Their names are Ancient and Modern – because they are both him!

## **Mossley Prayer Fellowship**



Leonard Ravenhill, in one of his books on revival, said: "I would sooner expect a frog to sit down and play Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata than expect to see some of the slick preachers of the hour preach with an anointing that would cause godly fear among the people."

Some would say humour should not be part of a sermon. Yet God Himself gave us humour at times in His Word - to stimulate thinking and to get His message across. For example, in the midst of the horrendous experience Job was going through, one of his so-called friends spoke these words in Job 11:12. *"For an empty-headed man will be wise, when a wild donkey's colt is born a man."*

My initial reaction when I first read this was to reflect that it was a vicious thing to say to someone who was in the depth of despair and sorrow. But it also caused me to think more deeply about the use of humour and Leonard Ravenhill's quote stimulated me to pray more earnestly and with understanding for those who preach in the pulpit in Mossley Parish.

It is important to pray for those who lead worship and preach, and to pray for the ongoing mission and ministry of our Parish. There is an opportunity to join together in prayer each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in the Carntall room. We would be really pleased to see you.

## **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 sales have been going well and we are thankful to the bric-a-brac team who give so willingly of their time. There have been some very generous donations of bric-a-brac in recent weeks and many of these items have sold quickly! 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.



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

## **Calling All Ramblers!**



With all that has happened over the last two years the Ramblers have not been out walking. But if anyone is interested on going for a walk at the end of May or early June, please give me a call and we can get one organised. Best wishes, Clifford.

## **Dove Tots**



It has been an incredibly busy year at Dove Tots! Each week there are new faces and it is just wonderful to see all the children with their parents / carers on a Friday morning in the Parish Centre.

Just before our Easter break, we had some great fun at our Easter Party. The adults enjoyed the bacon butties and there were lots of yummy treats for the children!

We would like to thank all the parents / carers for engaging so well with the booking system and we look forward to having lots more fun on Friday mornings. Please do keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

## **MusicMakers @ Mossley Parish**

For several years, I have been thinking about the lack of young people involved in Church music. Plans for a music club (MusicMakers) were put on hold due to COVID lockdowns. As an experiment, and to encourage Church musicians for the future, P4-P6 children in *Club J* were offered the opportunity to learn piano/keyboard. Some children have joined MusicMakers and after just four weeks they are progressing brilliantly! It would be great to see children involved in a Junior Choir



and if any children who have been playing an instrument (excluding piano, guitar and drums!) for at least a year, and would like to play in a church ensemble, or join the Summer Ukulele Challenge, please contact myself or the Rector. At the moment, MusicMakers is on Thursday afternoons at 5.30. The commitment for Junior Choir and Music Ensemble will be just a few rehearsals before playing or singing at a special service. An information sheet will be available in due course! Many thanks, Jane.

## **Badminton Club**

The badminton club continues to meet on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. It is great to see everyone back, having some 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!





## **Bowling Club**

When our 2021/2022 season began in earnest in September last year, it felt just a wee bit like Christopher Columbus setting out on his journey. He didn't really know where he was going, whether he would ever reach any destination, and whether or not the journey would come to a sudden end not long after it started. Well, that's what our journey felt like. COVID was wrecking its way throughout Northern Ireland, coming and going as it pleased – and we were never too sure when or if it might strike us, forcing us to shut down. But we travelled on in hope. We wondered if the league would get going again – it didn't. We hoped to play a friendly game or two – this proved impossible. However, in spite of these and many other obstacles our journey kept on going and now here we are. The season has ended and I don't believe we ever lost a Wednesday evening.

Along the way one or two of our members contracted COVID and thankfully got better. As a club, we remained focused on staying open and for this we have to thank a "hard core" of loyal and dedicated members. Of course, we lost some valued members before the season even started, mainly due to illness. But a strange thing happened. The members we lost were replaced by new members, some from our own parish and some from elsewhere - including as far away as Carrickfergus. These new members have been faithful attenders. Thank you to all concerned because without such loyal support we could not have made it.

We have four trophies which we compete for every season and we were able to do so again. This past season, the Harry Morrow Trophy was won by the Rector (for the second year running); the Jean Rea Cup was won by Sarah Kerr, one of our new members; the Mixed Pairs was won by Sarah Kerr and Edward Spearman (another new member); and the winner of the Jubilee Shield was Bryn Rea. All trophies were hotly contested but in the best of spirits.

Our finances were well ordered by our Treasurer, Robin Clarke, and we were able to contribute generously to a number of things – including a donation of £500 towards the refurbishment of the Church Cross. So I believe we had a very successful and enjoyable season in spite of difficult circumstances.



For a number of years before the COVID pandemic we were able to host Summer Bowls, starting in May and going on into September. Anyone who wanted to come along and bowl on a Wednesday evening was welcome, and many people did join with us. We had good support from Carnmoney Presbyterian Church, St. Gerard's, and many individuals from elsewhere. We enjoyed our Summer Bowls and made many new friends. On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May a new season of Summer Bowls will begin, starting at 7pm each evening in the Parish Centre. We have included a photograph at the bottom on the previous page.

Finally, our thanks are due to Malcolm and Roy. The mats and the "furniture" don't put themselves out. Malcolm and Roy lay out the mats and put them away again at the end of the evening. They were also dedicated in sanitising the hall and never once failed to do this. Many thanks to both of you.

(John McQuillan)

### **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 7.00 - 9.00pm in the church hall, costing £1 per night. The children enjoyed making special crafts for Mothers' Day and Easter. The children have been busy doing arts & crafts, playing games, football, badminton, the Wii and board games. Everyone always 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, Nicole Rea, Marie Galbraith, Danielle Speers, Adrian Lynn, Sarah Knowles and our junior leaders Laura Hughes, Clodagh Kearney, Blayne Madden, Adam Rodgers and Adam Parkinson. Special thanks to Gavin Lennox for assisting me with purchasing supplies for tuck every week and being our Treasurer. Thank you also to Neill Parkinson for helping out when required.

Due to the ever-increasing number of children attending Youth Club each week we urgently need extra helpers please. Sadly, due to other commitments some of the leaders cannot be at Youth Club every Saturday night. If anyone is able to help out any Saturday night this would be greatly 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.

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

(June Meighan, Leader in Charge)

## **Sunday School**

Our Club J service continues to be held in the Parish Centre at 10.30am twice each month. This is an informal service which includes worship songs, crafts, and some Bible teaching. We would love to see even more people engage with this service so please do let other people know. They would be made most welcome.



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April we had Messy @ Easter in the Parish Centre. Over forty children came along and we reflected on the Easter story through cartoons, crafts, songs, challenges and games. Thank you to all the leaders who gave so willingly of their time.

In the next edition of the magazine, we will have details about our Holiday Bible Club which will be held from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> until Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August. We will also be having a family fun night on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

## **Community Lunches**



We are delighted to announce that the Community Lunches will recommence on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in the Parish Hall, from 12.30pm until 2pm.

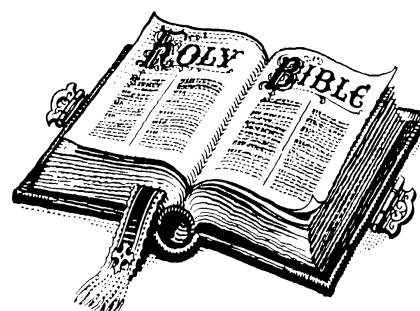
The lunches will be served on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month and they will include a choice of soup, cheese, wheaten bread, tea, coffee and biscuits, all for only £3 per person! All dietary requirements will be catered for.

Come along for food, fun and friendship. We are really looking forward to welcoming old friends and new!

For further information please contact Kay Thompson (07969835916) or Hilary Gillies (07840243427).

## **Bible Lesson Readers**

Before the initial lockdown we had an active guild of lesson readers within Mossley Parish, and it would be encouraging to get this restarted as soon as possible. If you would be interested in reading lessons during church services, even if you have previously done so before, please speak to either the Rector or Rev Louise. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated.





## Tea Brew

On Easter Sunday we were able to enjoy tea/coffee and a time of fellowship after the 11.30am service. This was the first time that we have been able to gather in the Parish Centre after our morning service for just over two years! Sincere thanks to everyone who made this possible.



We would also like to thank everyone who has agreed to go on the Tea Brew Rota which Mrs Winnie Millar has been working on.

1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> May    Ann McCutcheon and Hilary McCoy  
5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> June        Elsie Christie and Vikki Moore

## Choir Notes



At the time of writing, I am delighted to be able to report that our choir are in the process of regathering and looking forward to being back in their pews within weeks! It will be great to see a robed choir in church again after a two year absence!

Sadly, two choir members have announced their retirement. Winnie and Joan have clocked up almost 60 years of singing in the choir between them, and while we will miss them greatly when the choir returns, we know they will be singing in their new pews and supporting us from there! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Winnie and Joan for their invaluable loyalty and commitment to the choir over the years and their support and encouragement to me personally.

As we regather after two years, we would like to renew our appeal for new members. Please contact me or any member of the choir for details!



Best wishes, Jane.

### **Just For A Laugh**

A mother who took her fidgety seven-year-old to church finally had an idea: about halfway through the long sermon, she leaned over and whispered: "If you don't be quiet, the preacher is going to lose his place, and he will have to start the sermon all over again." It worked.

## Streetreach 2022



We are delighted to be welcoming Streetreach back to Mossley from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Programme planning is well underway, and a range of activities will be taking place.

A team of young people from throughout Connor Diocese will be based in accommodation at the University of Ulster, Jordanstown, and will make their way to our Parish Centre for a time of worship, prayer and Bible study each morning. During the afternoons, the team will engage in a variety of

activities, ranging from a children's club to prayer walks. Details about the afternoon children's club will be released on our Facebook page very soon and booking forms will be available online. Also, on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July a Community Fun afternoon will be held in the Parish Centre. There will be all kinds of games, activities, and even a BBQ. This is open to everyone so please do come along.

You might remember Streetreach in Mossley in 2019 and this was a really special time in the life of our Parish. Please do pray for Streetreach 2022 and for all the young people who will be taking part. In preparation for Streetreach, a commissioning service will be held in the Parish Centre on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm. Members of the team, from throughout the diocese, will be present and the preacher at this service will be Bishop George Davison. Please come along to this service to encourage and support all the young people who will be serving in our parish in July.

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea

We will be hosting an Afternoon Tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 2pm until 4pm. Our thanks are extended to Antrim and Newtownabbey Council who have kindly awarded us a grant to cover the costs of this event and this means that there will be no financial cost to anyone who wishes to attend. For catering purposes, we do need to know how many people will be attending, so a sign-up sheet will be available in the church porch. Alternatively, please contact the Rector or Rev Louise to let them know that you plan to attend.



## **Mossley Mission Group**

The news broadcasts that we are watching from Ukraine are simply heart-breaking and we encourage everyone to pray for all the people who have been affected by this conflict. As a Parish we have had a retiring collection in aid of the Disaster Emergency Committee's Ukraine Appeal. Thank you so much for your generosity which enabled us to raise over £2000.

The latest update from Tansen Hospital indicates that they have recently experienced a small epidemic of babies suffering from bronchiolitis (wheezing), which coincided with an upturn in scrub typhus patients. Generally, hospital admission levels and the number of outpatient appointments remain very high. During the past year there were 6159 surgeries in Tansen Hospital, of which 928 were emergency based.



Dr Rachel Karrach has reflected on some of the current practical issues facing Tansen Hospital. "Good news is that the long-planned waste water project should be built this year. There are other infrastructure challenges in a hospital of this age. Many of the buildings are 60 years old now and the work load has outgrown our space. There are also earthquake safety standards to be met for our registration renewals. With this in mind we had a visit from architects from Article 25 (a UK charity) and engineers to help us with long term infrastructure planning. In the meantime, we hope to move the admin offices to the roof of one of the newer buildings to make space for the maternity ward to expand. We really appreciated all the help and encouragement we received from all over the world which helped keep the hospital going during all the difficulties of 2021."

SAMS Ireland continues to engage with local churches in South America. Claire Holmes has recently returned from Paraguay. She was able to travel once again following her untimely departure in Sept 2019 due to health reasons. Claire has communicated the following three points for us to pray about.

- The church at Concepcion and the new part-time Pastor Luis as he settles in. Claire was able to introduce him to other people who live nearby the outlying annexes
- The urban churches in and around Asuncion, that they would overcome the negative effects of the COVID period.
- The Paraguay diocesan theme for 2022 is "growth and evangelism". Please pray for all the church congregations and their leaders as they seek God's guidance as they seek to enter into new periods of growth and evangelism.

We are also delighted to announce that Bishop Nelson Ojeda from the Anglican Church in Chile will be visiting us in Mossley from 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August. Bishop Nelson will be at the church services on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August.



## Children's Challenge

We have a little challenge for the boys and girls. The theme of the challenge is prayer and you might know the very famous prayer that has some missing words. Can you fill in the blanks and colour in the pictures? How about taking a few moments to say some prayers to God? The picture below will help you to think what you can pray about.



**Mouse Makes**

Jesus said,  
*"This, then, is how  
 you should pray:*  
 Our \_\_\_\_\_  
 in \_\_\_\_\_  
 hallowed be your  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 your \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 come,  
 your \_\_\_\_\_ be  
 done, on \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ as it  
 is in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Give us this day our  
 daily \_\_\_\_\_.  
 And \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 us our \_\_\_\_\_,  
 as we also have  
 forgiven our debtors.  
 And \_\_\_\_\_  
 us not into  
 temptation, but  
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 us from the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ one."


**Read Matthew 6:9-13**  
 to fill in the words.

*"Give thanks to the  
 Lord for He is good,  
 His love endures  
 forever"*  
 Psalm 136:1


*I praise you Lord for...*



*I thank you Lord for...*



*I pray for my family and friends*



*I ask for...*



*I pray for the Church and world*



*I am sorry for...*



*"Never stop praying."*  
 1 Thessalonians 5:17

*"Do not be anxious about  
 anything, but in every situation,  
 by prayer and petition,  
 with thanksgiving,  
 present your requests to God."*  
 Philippians 4:6

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