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## *From the Rectory Study*

So here we are. It's the beginning of another New Year and I'm sure some of us may have made New Year's Resolutions. If you have, how are you getting on? The results of a survey which was published on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 estimated that 40% of adults in the United Kingdom will make resolutions this January. Being healthier and happier is on the agenda for many, with other goals including getting fitter, changing diets, and taking up a new sport. Other people are focusing on financial targets this year – spending less on takeaways, reducing household bills, and trying to save money. As I read this report in its entirety, I was reminded that mental and physical wellbeing are still very much at the top of the list for a considerable number of people. Given the challenges of the COVID pandemic, it is hardly surprising that this is the case.

This year (once again!) I am seeking to lose some weight and the process is underway. I have made this resolution many times before, but by late January or early February I always found myself drifting back into old and familiar habits. This year I will endeavour to be more resolute! The process has started, and I am following a very specific diet plan. I am also seeking to build in more time for exercise and have a couple of people tasked with holding me more accountable – just so that my usual end of January experience might be avoided.

The Bible contains many references to physical wellbeing. For example, we are reminded that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:19-20) and values such as self-control are consistently emphasised (e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:24-27). Perhaps one of the most direct references to physical fitness in the Bible can be found in 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:8 where Paul recognises that there is value in physical training. Likewise, the importance of our mental wellbeing is consistently highlighted in the Bible. For instance, in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:13 we are encouraged to have alert minds, while the prophet Isaiah speaks about peaceful and steadfast minds (Isaiah 26:3).



But the Bible also focuses significantly on a third type of wellbeing – our spiritual health. We are encouraged to invest in our relationships with God, to draw close to Him, to spend time in prayer, and to study God's Word. Perhaps these could form the basis of a great New Year's Resolution for each of us. Ulysses S Grant, who was President of USA from 1869-1877, once said, *"Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet-anchor of your liberties. Write its precepts in your hearts and practise them in your lives."* What a resolution this could be!

May I wish each of you a happy and blessed 2022 and encourage all of us to draw close to God and invest in our wellbeing – body, mind, and soul.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL

15 <sup>th</sup> November	Samuel McCullough	23 Fairview Drive
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Agnes McBride	55 Woodford Park
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Gwen Mawhinney	138 Fairview Road
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Jean Patterson	5 Glenkyle Grove
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Billy Douglas	31 Uppertown Drive

## HOLY MATRIMONY

3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Mr Joshua and Mrs Chloe Collins
	16 Beechgrove Gardens

## 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](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. All the necessary COVID regulations are being strictly adhered to. Any Parish Organisations that may be considering reconvening should contact the Rector for further details.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

We are currently offering a range of worship services each week. Prebooking will not be required for Sunday evening services or the midweek Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings. However, prebooking does remain in place for Sunday morning services.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

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Joan Mackey	Ken Jackson



## COVID-19 Update

*“Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.”*

*(1 Chronicles 16:11)*

Dear Friends,

A New Year may have dawned, but we are still very much in the midst of the COVID pandemic. The number of COVID cases, particularly the Omicron variant, remains high and this is having major implications on every aspect of society. We do encourage you to continue to pray for all impacted by COVID-19 and for the ongoing vaccination programme.

On 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 we received updated guidance from the Bishop of Connor, Rt. Rev George Davison, in relation to church services and parish activities. This followed on from a meeting between representatives of the faith communities in Northern Ireland and the Chief Scientific Advisor and the Chief Medical Officer.

Essentially, we are to retain all the mitigations which we have become so familiar with. Buildings should be well ventilated, face coverings should be worn during worship services, hand sanitisation will continue to be provided, and 2m social distancing will remain in place. In his correspondence, Bishop George highlighted, *“Our parishes have generally been fairly diligent in this respect, but as time goes by it is easy to let things slip a little. In the light of the rise of the omicron variant, we are asked to give fresh attention to all the ways that we can mitigate against transmission of the virus when we meet.”* Thank you so much for your continued support in adhering to these measures and precautions. After almost two years, we are all really looking forward to the day when we won't have these COVID restrictions in place. However, these are wise and necessary measures which are intended to safeguard our health and wellbeing.

We kindly ask that if you wish to attend a Sunday morning service (9.30am or 11.30am) please contact John Nesbitt (07954150067) or Winifred Clarke (07749064808) to prebook a place. Currently there is no need to prebook for attendance at our Sunday evening service (6pm) or midweek Holy Communion (Wednesday 10am). Our online services will also continue for the foreseeable future, with the emergence of livestreamed services in the very near 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.

The Parish Centre was busy during the autumn and early winter, and it is growing increasingly busy once again. It is encouraging to be able to engage in fellowship once more through the various parish activities. All the necessary COVID restrictions remain in place.

Once again, we are extremely grateful for your support and encouragement, and we wish you God's richest blessings at the beginning of this New Year.

Every blessing,

Rev Peter Jones

Rev Louise Bowes

## Sunday Services

<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> First Sunday After The Epiphany 9.30am / 11.30am Holy Communion  6pm Evening Prayer	 OT  NT	 Isaiah 43:1-7  Mark 1:4-11
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b> Second Sunday After The Epiphany 9.30am / 11.30am Service of the Word  6pm Healing Service	 NT  NT	 John 2:1-11  Ephesians 4:1-16
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b> Third Sunday After The Epiphany 9.30am / 11.30am Morning Prayer  6pm Compline	 NT  NT	 Luke 4:14-21  Mark 1:21-28
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b> Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany 9.30am / 11.30am Healing Service  6pm Holy Communion	 OT  G	 Jeremiah 1:4-10  John 4:19-29a
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b> Fourth Sunday Before Lent 9.30am / 11.30am Morning Prayer  6pm Service of the Word	 OT  NT	 Isaiah 6:1-8  Matthew 5:13-20
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b> Third Sunday Before Lent 9.30am / 11.30am Holy Communion  6pm Evening Prayer	 G  NT	 Luke 6:17-26  Matthew 5:21-37
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> Second Sunday Before Lent 9.30am / 11.30am Service of the Word  6pm Healing Service	 NT  NT	 Luke 8:22-35  Matthew 6:25-34
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b> Sunday Before Lent 9.30am / 11.30am Morning Prayer  6pm Holy Communion	 NT  OT	 Luke 9:28-43  Exodus 3:1-6
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b> First Sunday In Lent 9.30am / 11.30am Morning Prayer  6pm Service of the Word	 NT  OT	 Luke 4:1-13  Jonah 3

## **World Day of Prayer 2022**

*(A women led, global, ecumenical movement)*

*"I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU"*

2022 is a special year for World Day of Prayer in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. This year, we have prepared the World Day of Prayer service. It has been both challenging and rewarding to write about the three countries that make up our area: our landscape, people and culture all shaped by our history. We celebrate our diversity and the contribution made to our countries by the many groups and individuals who have made their home here. We use our Bible text "I know the plans I have for you" from Jeremiah to reflect on some of the issues facing us today: poverty, domestic abuse and disability, finding hope in difficult situations and encouragement in the help we can give to each other.



World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical organisation which enables women all over the world to share the ideas and concerns of the writing country. Preparation for the day has taken several years. Our International Committee based in New York coordinates the work of National Committees and facilitates the creation of our annual World Day of Prayer service on the first Friday in March. The service outline, created by the writing country, is distributed to the rest of the world, along with a Bible reflection, country background and children's and - for the first time - young people's activities.

All this work will come to fruition on Friday 4 March 2022 when services will take place beginning in Samoa and moving on through New Zealand and Australia, across Asia, Africa and Europe and finally the United States and South America before finishing in American Samoa. Across England, Wales and Northern Ireland services will take place in large urban centres, such as Central Hall Westminster, and in remote village churches. We will use modern technology to reach those unable to access a service but hope to be able to extend a welcome and hospitality once released from lockdown.

### **Local Service 2022**

In the Glengormley area it is the turn of Mossley Parish to host the World Day of Prayer service at 11.00am on Friday 4th March. The Glengormley committee of WDP will plan the service and hope that the prevailing Covid regulations will allow a good attendance from local Churches. Rev. Louise Bowes is the Northern Ireland representative on the National Committee of World Day of Prayer. She will take a Leader role in the service.

(Isobel Jack, Secretary Glengormley WDP Committee)

## Online Services



Since late March 2019 we have produced almost 300 online videos which have been made available on YouTube, Facebook, and our website. These videos have included Sunday Services, Bible Studies and Thoughts for the Day, and audio versions of these videos are also made available via the Dial-In Facility.

It is important that our online provision does continue and as such the Select Vestry have agreed to install a livestreaming camera within the church building. This is due to take place in late January and it will take a little time to become familiar with the new technology. However, we are excited about the prospect of being able to offer our services live each week rather than pre-recorded.

We will need a few people who could help operate the new system once it's installed. If this is something that you could assist us with, please speak to the Rector.

## Bible Study

Our final Bible Study of 2021 was held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the Parish Centre, and this was our Christmas Study, entitled '*Forever Christmas.*' This concluded a busy few months, during which we have focused on the opening twelve chapters of Acts of the Apostles. During these studies we have reflected on the growth of the Early Church and the persecution that it experienced. We also looked more closely at well known biblical figures like Stephen, Saul, and Peter.



Our weekly studies are now up and going again, and in coming months we will be looking at the missionary journeys of Saul / Paul. These will raise several big issues for us to wrestle on. For example, the importance of decision making; mission on the frontline; and what it means to finish well. We meet in-person each Tuesday evening at 7.45pm in the church building and you are more than welcome to join us. The studies are also available online at 7pm each Tuesday. These can be accessed on Facebook, YouTube, our website, and through the Dial-In facility.

### 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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Carolyn Caldwell  
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## **Confirmation 2022**

A service of confirmation has been scheduled for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 11.30am and we look forward to welcoming Bishop George Davison back to Mossley.

At this service candidates will confirm the promises of their baptism. Then the bishop lays hands on them, praying that God's Spirit will confirm, strengthen, and guide them to live out their faith in their everyday lives.



Candidates for confirmation can be young people or adults. There have been a number of people who have expressed their interest in being confirmed, but there is still time for anyone else who would like to take this step of faith. Please speak to the Rector as soon as possible if you would like to explore the possibility of being confirmed.

## **Mossley Prayer Fellowship**



On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November our Prayer Fellowship met in-person for the first time since the COVID pandemic began. This was an evening of praise and prayer, and it was wonderful to be able to worship God together and offer prayers of thanksgiving. Since then, we have continued to meet each Wednesday evening to seek the leading of God and to pray specifically about a range of different situations. It really is a privilege to be able to come before our Heavenly Father in prayer and everyone is welcome to join with us in the church building on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm.

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 fill out one of the prayer cards which can be found in the church porch or email your prayer requests to [mossleyprayers@hotmail.com](mailto:mossleyprayers@hotmail.com)

### **With Epiphany in mind...**

I was telling my three boys the story of the Nativity and how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh for the infant Jesus. Clearly giving it a lot of thought, my six-year-old observed, "Mum, a Wise Woman would have brought nappies."



"The knitting circle are playing their part in our heating efficiency programme."



## **Bric-A-Brac**



Our Saturday morning bric-a-brac sale had a well-deserved break during the Christmas period but is now back up and running again. All the necessary COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

During the autumn, the sales went really well, and it was encouraging to see the Parish Centre busy once more on Saturday mornings. 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 check out our Saturday morning January sale, why not pop over to the Parish Centre on a Saturday morning?

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

## **Dove Tots**

The autumn term was really busy for Dove Tots. There have been lots of new children and families coming along each Friday morning and we are delighted that everyone has had such fun. A particular highlight was our Christmas party on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021. We all had great fun and we even had a very special visitor!

We would like to thank all the parents / carers for engaging so well with the booking system and adhering to the COVID regulations. We look forward to all the exciting things that we have planned for our spring term which will begin in early February.



## **Badminton Club**



The badminton club resumed during the autumn months on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. It has been great to see everyone back, having some fun, and playing badminton. If you would like an opportunity to burn off some of the Christmas calories and engage in a little friendly competition, please do come along. You will be made most welcome!

## **Bowling Club**

Well, we've managed to reach the end of 2021 without any more hiccups. Indeed, in many ways, we are beginning to return to some form of normality. Bowling has continued every Wednesday evening without interruptions and our numbers have remained fairly constant – around 20 each evening. It is pleasing to note that we have acquired a number of new members, some from as far away as Carrickfergus, and they too turn up faithfully every Wednesday.

We are now beginning to run our competitions again. Over a few weeks, around the start of December, we competed for the Harry Morrow Trophy. This was eventually won by the Rector – for the second year in a row. At present we are working out some suitable form of handicapping system for him for next year! The Rector was also kind enough to donate a generous prize for competition by all members, and on our penultimate night this was won by Russell White.

On our last bowling night of 2021, we had a “fun” night, competing for a number of valuable prizes – a bag of crisps, sweeties etc. It was a nice way to end the year.

At the start of 2022, we are planning to organise our competitions for our other three trophies, beginning with the Jean Rea Cup – a competition for our lady members.

On other matters, we contributed to the Church's work repairing the big Cross and we also contributed to the Newtownabbey Foodbank and to Black Santa. So, all in all, it been an enjoyable and busy autumn for us.



John McQuillan (Hon. Secretary, Mossley Parish Bowling Club)

## **Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade**



Our GB and BB companies both resumed in-person meetings during the autumn. It was really encouraging to see the girls and boys, along with their leaders, back in the Parish Centre on Monday and Tuesday evenings engaging in all sorts of fun activities.

GB starts back on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in the Parish Centre. Tinies and Explorers meet from 6.30pm – 7.30pm, while the Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders meet from 6.45pm – 7.45pm. BB will resume later in January or early February, on Tuesday evenings. Details will be released in our Parish Bulletin nearer the time.

New members are always welcome at both BB and GB. Thank you to all the leaders who give so generously of their time and talents.

## 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 have been busy doing arts & crafts, playing games, football, badminton, pool, the Wii, and board games. Everyone always enjoys a visit to the tuck shop! The children enjoyed making Christmas tree decorations and we had a competition for the longest paper chain. Congratulations to all the winners! A big thank you to Nicole Rea for organising the Christmas crafts.



All being well we will be doing special crafts for Valentine's Day, Mothers' Day and Easter as well as making cards.



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 can help on Saturday nights, 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.

(June Meighan, Leader in Charge)

## Sunday School



Sunday School has been able to meet on a fortnightly basis since Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September in the Parish Centre. It has been wonderful to see so many of the boys and girls back on a Sunday morning, and the adults have also enjoyed being with us each week. We would like to say a massive 'Well Done' to everyone who took part in the Online Nativity. It was a lovely part of our Christmas celebrations in Mossley Parish.

We will continue to meet in the Parish Centre at 10.30am every other Sunday, starting back on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January. We will sing some songs, engage in crafts, and there might even be a challenge or two! Please do let other boys and girls know that Sunday School is back. Everyone will be made very welcome.

## News from Tansen

Tansen Hospital recently obtained registration with the Ministry of Health, Population and Family Welfare of Lumbini Province. The management team of the hospital have also been busy with planning for improvements in the future. The wastewater project is progressing but awaiting approval from the forest office. A survey of infrastructure was conducted in November by architects and engineers, and funding is now needed to complete suitable buildings in the near future.



On 8 December a successful dental/medical camp was conducted in the local prison where 30 dental patients and 220 patients with other medical issues received treatment. Meanwhile, the Municipality has asked Tansen to restart the Maternal and Child Health clinic in a new location in partnership with them.

After the second wave of Coronavirus, the hospital is again getting busier. Outpatient numbers and inpatients numbers are increasing significantly. Tansen is still waiting for reimbursement from the Health Insurance Board for three months' work. This is causing severe cash flow issues - over 70% of the hospital work is under this scheme.

## News from South America

South America has been hugely affected by the COVID pandemic and Peru has the highest COVID death rate as a proportion of population in the world. Since the start of the COVID outbreak, Peru has recorded around 150% more deaths than were expected in the projections. It is estimated that between 400-1000 pastors have lost their lives due to not having access to medical services or adequate oxygen. Please do pray for the people of Peru and the ongoing mission and ministry of the churches as they seek to bring hope during this most testing of times.



Each year, the first Friday night in February is set aside by SAMS Ireland for their annual 'Friday Night Live.' Several years ago, a number of parishioners from Mossley went to this event in Craigavon Civic Centre and heard various reports about what is happening within the churches and local communities of South America. After being online last year it is hoped that Friday Night Live will take place in-person this year. Tickets do need to be prebooked and further details are on the SAMS Ireland website ([www.samsireland.com](http://www.samsireland.com)).

## The Revision of the Register of Vestrypersons

### GENERAL

## EASTER VESTRY

### MEETING



A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at 7.15 pm. Just before this meeting, at 7pm, the annual *Revision of the Register of Vestrypersons* will take place. At this meeting all necessary changes to the Register will take place – including adding on any new names!

Any resident parishioner or accustomed member of the congregation who is eighteen years of age and over may have his/her name added to the Register if he/she fulfils the following requirements.

- Signs a declaration form that he/she is a member of The Church of Ireland.
- Is either a resident parishioner or an accustomed member of the congregation.
- Contributes financially to Mossley Parish.

Declaration forms will be available from Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January until Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022. Only those parishioners who are registered can vote or stand for election at our Easter General Vestry (Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022). Please ask the Rector or churchwardens if you would like to register.

### A Short Coffee Time Challenge

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stories	teaching	listen
lost	teachers	light
Pharisees	small	repent
coins	sheep	heaven
Jesus	watched	everyone
special	sweep	celebration
friends	woman	found
angels	person	rejoice

## All You Need Is Love!

Before the next edition of our Parish magazine we will have St. Valentine's Day (14<sup>th</sup> February). Valentine was an actual historical figure! He was a Roman doctor who was also a Christian priest during the days of the Early Church. This was at a time when Christians saw tremendous persecution.

In one version of the Valentine legend, it is claimed that Valentine was so loved by the children of the town that they would constantly write him notes speaking of their affection - hence the origin of exchanging valentines.

The big theme of Valentine's Day is love. The most famous verse in the Bible, John 3:16, reminds us that we are all deeply loved by God.

