

*Church of the Holy Spirit
Manse Road, Mossley*



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From the Rectory Study

Here we are at the beginning of yet another New Year. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and I wish you God's richest blessings for 2023.

A couple of days ago I was in a shop and, much to my dismay, there was a row of Easter eggs. I found myself embracing the vocabulary of the famous fictional character Victor Meldrew, from the popular 1990s BBC series *One Foot In The Grave*. The phrase "I don't believe it" would have accurately reflected my feelings! Christmas Day and Boxing Day were just about over for another year and our attention was being drawn towards Easter. Although Easter Sunday is a little earlier this year (9th April), there are still three months before we turn our attention to Easter. During this time, we have much to look forward to. For example, we have the return of the Bible Week in later January (details of which are included on page six) and we will be embarking on our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, 22nd February.

Despite my initial reaction, my encounter with the chocolate eggs also challenged me to think a little more profoundly. Their very presence in the shop caused me to reflect on Easter, a season which is the very definition of hope. Perhaps January is the month when we all need a little encouragement, a reminder that there is always hope.

Recently I read an article about the 'January Blues.' It began by saying that, for many people, January is a depressing month. After the excitement and busyness of Christmas, January brings with it cold and dark mornings, personal struggles with New Year Resolutions, and increased financial pressures. The third Monday of January is often referred to as Blue Monday.



The article that I read offered seven tips to beat the January Blues. They included eating properly, getting enough sleep, and enjoying as much daylight as possible. But I felt that an eighth tip should be added to this list! It's a Christian declaration, the reality that Easter is coming and all of us can experience lasting hope by trusting God and spending more time with Him. This declaration simply, yet powerfully, reminds us that no matter what is going on in our lives, God is always greater. It is this assurance that led the Apostle Paul to famously declare, "*Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*" (1st Corinthians 15:55-57).

We can journey through 2023 with confidence because of Easter hope, the victory that was achieved for all of us by Jesus. Let us embrace this hope and may it strengthen and sustain each of us as we face the joys and challenges that await us in this new year.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

2 nd December	Isobel Caulfield	7 Carntall Court
9 th December	Roy Black	14 Christine Park
15 th December	Roy Moore	11 Waverley Avenue
30 th December	David Flint	232 Ballyclare Road

LENT SERVICES

Lent begins on Wednesday 22nd February 2023. We will have an Ash Wednesday service in Church at 7pm and continue with Lenten services each week up to and including Wednesday 29th March.

ONLINE SERVICES

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

1. The Parish Facebook Page.
2. The Parish Website (www.mossley.org)
3. YouTube (www.youtube.com). On YouTube simply search for Church of the Holy Spirit Mossley and this will lead you to the videos.
4. For an audio service telephone 02893270073. Calls will be charged at a local rate but for many people will be included in your call package.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday

9am Holy Communion

11am Morning Service

6pm Evening Service

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

Wednesday

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

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Ken Jackson	Valerie Porter
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Sunday Services and Lesson Readers

Sunday 8th January First Sunday After The Epiphany 11am Holy Communion 6pm Evening Prayer	OT G NT	Isaiah 42:1-9 Matthew 3:13-17 Luke 3:15-22	Jacqui Eccles Preacher Bob Lee
Sunday 15th January Second Sunday After The Epiphany 11am All-Age Service 6pm Healing Service	NT NT	John 1:29-42 Galatians 1:11-24	Club J / Ignite Caroline Rogan
Sunday 22nd January Third Sunday After The Epiphany 11am Morning Prayer NEWTOWNABBEY BIBLE WEEK (7.30pm)	NT NT	Matthew 4:12-23 NO EVENING SERVICE	Winnie Millar
Sunday 29th January Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany 11am Healing Service 6pm Holy Communion	NT OT G	Matthew 5:1-12 Genesis 28:10-22 Mark 1:21-28	John McQuillan Winifred Clarke Preacher
Sunday 5th February Third Sunday Before Lent 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Evening Prayer	NT NT	Matthew 5:13-20 Mark 1:29-39	Eugene Marron Jacqui Eccles
Sunday 12th February Second Sunday Before Lent 11am Holy Communion 6pm Service of the Word	OT G NT	Isaiah 49:8-16a Matthew 6:25-34 Revelation 4:1-11	Julie Parkinson Preacher Bob Lee
Sunday 19th February Sunday Before Lent 11am All-Age Service 6pm Healing Service	NT NT	Matthew 7:21-29 Matthew 17:9-23	Club J / Ignite Caroline Rogan
Sunday 26th February First Sunday In Lent 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Holy Communion	NT OT NT	Matthew 4:1-11 Deuteronomy 6:16-25 Luke 15:1-10	Tom Buchanan Winifred Clarke Preacher
Sunday 5th March Second Sunday In Lent 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Evening Prayer	NT OT	Matthew 17:1-9 Numbers 21:4-9	Maureen McCrea Jacqui Eccles

O Come All Ye Faithful



On the evening of Thursday 8th December at 7.30pm our Christmas Festival, *O Come All Ye Faithful*, began with an opening service. After all the plans and preparations, the arrival and decorating of the trees, and making all those last-minute tweaks, it was wonderful to see such an incredible display of creativity. All the trees which were decorated by our parochial organisations and guest exhibitors looked amazing, and the displays of floral art were spectacular. The Rector even took the opportunity to record one of his Thoughts for the Day with the trees providing a seasonal backdrop!

Despite the rather inclement weather, we were delighted to welcome people from near and far to Mossley Parish during the weekend of the festival. After the challenges and trials of the past few years, it was encouraging to see people gathering in the Church and Parish Centre. A particular highlight was on the morning of Friday 9th December when we were joined by our Mayor (Alderman Stephen Ross) and his Chaplain (Pastor Robert Ginn), as well as the choir from Earlview Primary School and the handbell ringers from Mossley Primary School. What a morning that was! The choir sang *Silent Night* in English and German, and the handbell ringers played with skill and elegance. We also enjoyed a Christmas Trail and reflected on the Nativity story together.




An extensive level of preparation went into our Christmas Festival and we would like to offer our sincere thanks to the Festival Committee for their vision, creativity and enthusiasm in overseeing the planning of the event. We also had teams of parishioners who gave generously of their time in welcoming people and providing refreshments. Thank you to each and every one of you! We would also like to express our sincere thanks to Hilary Richardson and Kilcronaghan Parish for kindly permitting us to display their Christmas quilts and banners.

It was a pity that the event had to end on Sunday 11th December and the various decorations were then taken down. We were delighted to raise £2044. Once again, many thanks to everyone who helped in any way and all who came along to support *O Come All Ye Faithful*.

Bible Week 2023

NEWTOWNABBEY CHURCHES FELLOWSHIP
BIBLE WEEK 2023



YOU ARE INVITED TO
HOPE 23
LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF PETER
SPEAKER: BISHOP KEN CLARKE (FANTA)

SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY – THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY 2023
7.30 PM EACH EVENING

LOCATION: MOSSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL,
HAZELBURN ROAD, NEWTOWNABBEY, BT36 5NA

WORSHIP GROUP & TESTIMONIES (JOINT NEWTOWNABBEY CHURCHES)
FREE EVENT // EVERYONE WELCOME

We are delighted that Bible Week 2023 is almost here! From Sunday 22nd January until Thursday 26th January we will be meeting in Mossley Primary School at 7.30pm each evening. Once again, our main speaker will Bishop Ken Clarke. He will be focusing on the theme of hope and particularly a series of lessons from the life of the Apostle Peter. This event is being organised by the Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship and is open to everyone. There will be no charge for attending this event but voluntary offerings will be received. A book stall will also be available each night, selling a range of Christian books and resources.

The response to our last Bible Week in January 2020 was really encouraging. In recent weeks we have received correspondence from people

throughout Newtownabbey, and further afield, indicating their delight that the Bible Week has returned. We are encouraged that more churches have agreed to get involved this year. In preparation for the event, three evenings of prayer have been arranged. Each evening begins at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 3rd January in St Brigid's, Glengormley.

Thursday 12th January in Glengormley Methodist.

Wednesday 18th January in Church of the Holy Spirit, Mossley.

If you can make it to one of these prayer meetings you would be made very welcome. It is really important that we join together in seeking God's blessing on the Bible Week.

After not being able to meet for the past few years, we are very excited about Bible Week 2023. This will be a marvellous opportunity for us to gather together as God's people, to worship Him, and to study His Word more fully. Bishop Ken is an excellent speaker and consistently challenges each of us to grow closer to God.

Please do take note of the dates, plan to come along, and bring a friend or two with you!

Jurassic Ark Encounters

There was much excitement in the Parish Centre on Monday 31st October. We had organised a special half-term event for children and invited back our friends from Jurassic Ark Encounters. From 10am until 12noon we engaged in a range of activities. We had a Bible story, a quiz and some songs in the church building. There was also the opportunity to decorate our very own Gecko lizard in the Carntall Room. Then, in the Main Hall, we had a number of interesting guests!

Jurassic Ark Encounters brought with them a range of snakes and lizards. Johnny offered an excellent talk relating to all the animals and we discovered so many new facts. The highlight for many of the children, albeit less of the leaders, was the opportunity to hold the various animals. The expression on Rev Louise's face, as recorded in the photo below, was simply priceless.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped organise this event and to all the leaders who gave up their Monday morning during the half-term! Many thanks to all the boys and girls who came along and had such a great time. Some photos of the event are included below.



Online Services

We are delighted to be able to offer livestreams of our Sunday morning services each week and we are encouraged to know that these are watched by parishioners, and friends of Mossley Parish who live in other parts of the United Kingdom and Ireland.

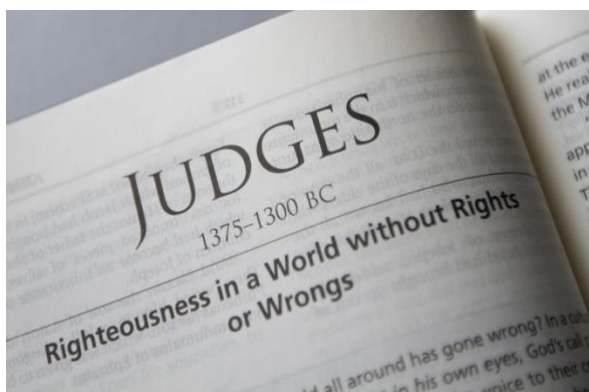
This is an important provision within the mission and ministry of Mossley Parish and

we would like to offer our sincere thanks to everyone who contributes to the provision of our online services.



Our Online Services are also made available on Facebook, our website, and the dial-in facility from 12.30pm each Sunday. If anyone would like to learn more about the livestream system or be willing to help on a rota basis, please speak to the Rector or Rev Louise.

Bible Study



Our journey through the Book of Judges is now well underway and we have been focusing significantly on the importance of remaining faithful to God. We have observed how the Israelites consistently found themselves drifting away from God, and this has often challenged us to think about our own relationships with God.

Just before Christmas we reached the end of Judges 10 and, as we enter the New Year together, we will begin to look at issues of leadership and character as we journey through the remaining chapters of Judges. There will be much for us to engage and wrestle with. As ever, it is an absolute pleasure to be able to meet around God's Word for an hour each Tuesday evening. If you have never been, or perhaps haven't been able to make it recently, please do join with us in 2023. You will be made most welcome.

We will continue to meet faithfully each Tuesday evening at 7.45pm in the Carntall Room. We also offer an abbreviated and pre-recorded version of each Bible Study online from 7pm.

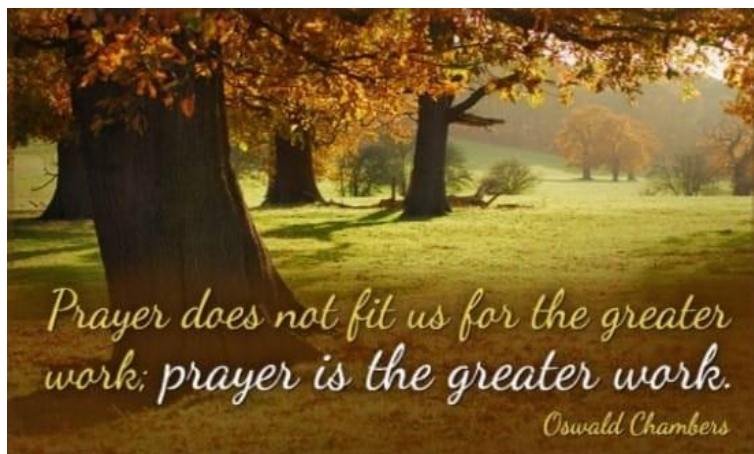
Please note that there will be no Bible Study on Tuesday 24th January because the Newtownabbey Bible Week will be taking place. We do strongly encourage everyone to come along to the Bible Week as Bishop Ken Clarke focuses on the theme of hope and unpacks a series of lessons from the life of the Apostle Peter.

Mossley Prayer Fellowship

During the COVID pandemic, the results of several Christian surveys indicated that prayer had become a regular practice for increased numbers of people. During the initial period of lockdown in 2020, Google reported a dramatic increase in the number of people searching for prayers. In fact, in March 2020 the share of Google searches for prayer reached the highest level ever recorded! This indicates that people were thinking about, or engaging in, prayer during lockdown.

Almost three years later I can't help but wonder, has this hunger for prayer continued? Does prayer remain an integral part of our daily lives?

Prayer is a wonderful blessing for each of us. It is an opportunity to be still, to step back from the busyness and the stresses of everyday life and spend time with God. There is a famous quote which says, "Time spent alone with God is never wasted." Millions of men, women, and children, all over the world, would agree with this and they believe that prayer brings them peace, comfort, and hope.



The opportunity to pray to God is an awesome privilege. The Bible teaches us that He loves us and cares deeply for us. He knows us by name and is aware of what our troubles and stresses are. He longs to help us through our difficult times and journey with us when life is brighter. God is always there for us and we can develop a

meaningful relationship with Him. Someone once said, *"It is an undeniable fact that the closer you draw your heart to God, the closer he draws to you."*

As a church family, we have the opportunity to pray together every week. The Prayer Fellowship meets each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in the Pentecost Room for about an hour, to sing praises to God, read and reflect on His Mighty Word and spend time in spoken and silent prayer. If you have never been to the Prayer Fellowship before, please be assured that you will be warmly welcomed. We would love to have you join us!

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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Destination Youth: Christmas Event

December saw a few of our young adults and teenagers from Ignite attend the Connor Diocesan Christmas Youth Event: Destination Christmas. This was hosted in All Saint's Parish Centre in Antrim.

The event was a great encouragement and many youth groups from across the diocese came along. The evening began with a plentiful supply of pizza and fizzy drinks before the young people were split into groups to engage in various activities. These included snowball dodgeball, in which one team attempted to put the other out by throwing 'indoor' snowballs at each other. A dance competition followed next and the activities concluded with a gingerbread house making completion - which proved to be quite a challenge.

The night transitioned to a more reflective pace as the young people gathered together in the hall for teaching and a powerful time of worship led by the Ballyclare Parish youth band, followed by a short time of prayer led by Bishop George. The evening then drew to a close with hot chocolate before it was time to head home.

Destination Christmas was very much enjoyed by all those who attended from Mossley and we look forward to engaging with further diocesan youth events in the coming months. On Sunday 15th January at 7pm, Ignite have been invited to join with St. Brigid's Mallusk, Carnmoney Parish, and Templepatrick Parish for a new youth event called CONNECT. This is for young people aged 11-18 and anyone interested in attending should speak to Nicole or Rev Lee.



Choir Notes



Hello and Happy New Year to all our parishioners! Our choir have been extremely busy in the weeks up to Christmas. Although we have been short in numbers on one or two occasions, the choir rose to the challenge and led the praise for the Nine Lessons and Carols and also the Christmas Festival. Both these events were a great success and it was so good to see so many people involved. We are delighted to welcome Pamela Marron to the choir and hope both Pamela and Pat Moore enjoyed their first Carol Service as choir members. Now, our Choir begin to look forward to Easter and practicing on brighter nights (fingers crossed). Thank you for all your support and encouraging words. New members will be made very welcome.

Keep singing!

Joan

Bric-A-Brac



The bric-a-brac sale continued each Saturday morning up until 17th December and then enjoyed a well-deserved Christmas break. In early December the bric-a-brac team presented the Rector with a cheque for £5000 for church funds. In April 2022 the team also donated £4000 to the Church, bringing their 2022 total to an amazing £9000. Raising this amount of money is an incredible achievement and it will be used to support the ongoing mission and ministry of Mossley Parish.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the bric-a-brac team who give so willingly of their time to ensure that everything runs smoothly and effectively. It is a joy to see so many people in the Parish Centre each Saturday morning, spending time with each other over a cup of tea / coffee – and even a sausage roll!

There have been some very generous donations of bric-a-brac in recent weeks and many of these items have sold quickly! It is always good to get new items and if anyone has a donation of bric-a-brac, please contact either Alec Orr (02890836286) or Albert Burns (02890840992).

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

The Revision of the Register of Vestrypersons

GENERAL

EASTER VESTRY

MEETING



A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held on Monday 20th February 2023 at 7.30 pm. Just before this meeting, at 7.15pm, the annual *Revision of the Register of Vestrypersons* will take place. At this meeting all necessary changes to the Register will be made – including adding on any new names!

Any resident 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 15th January until Monday 20th February 2023. Only those parishioners who are registered can vote or stand for election at our Easter General Vestry (Wednesday 19th April 2023). Please ask the Rector or churchwardens if you would like to register.

Bowling Club

When bowling restarted in September, there was an air of excitement in the club with the prospect of internal club competitions, playing home and away matches again in the Glengormley and District Churches Bowling League (G&DCBL), and the anniversary church service celebrating forty-five years of the Bowling Club in Mossley Parish.



The first competition, the Harry Morrow Trophy, was played over two nights and was won after a tight finish by Sarah Kerr. The second competition, the Jean Rea Cup, was also won by Sarah Kerr.

So far, four matches have been played in the G&DCBL. Two of these have been fantastic wins for Mossley Parish while, sadly, the other two are best forgotten. Some matches have had to be postponed until 2023 as clubs, for various reasons, have found it difficult to have enough bowlers to play a full match.

On Sunday 20th November our 45th Anniversary Service for Mossley Parish Bowling Club



took place, and I'm certain that everyone at the service enjoyed a very uplifting experience. From the parishioners and visitors, to the singing by the B.B. Centenary Choir, and Rev Louise's though provoking address (which included many bowling terms), we had a special anniversary service.

On the evening of 14th December, a number of important things happened.

The Bowling Club Chairman, Clifford Holmes, presented the Rector with a cheque for £800 towards church funds. Other cheques were forwarded to the Black Santa Appeal at St. Anne's Cathedral for £50, and £100 was given to the Christmas Hamper Appeal. Also, that evening, the competition for the Rector's Christmas Hamper took place. Although attendance was down due to the very bad weather, the bowling was to a high standard. After playing three games (a total of fifteen ends), and the scores were double checked, the winner was declared...yours truly!

The Bowling Club has recently lost two faithful members and has had a spate of sickness. We ask that, in your prayers, you remember the Bowling Club and its members. From everyone in the Bowling Club, may we wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

(G. Curry)

Youth Club



The Youth Club will be restarting on Saturday 14th January at 7.00pm. The Youth Club is open to children from P4 up to second year (Year 9). The Youth Club usually meets every Saturday during term time from 7.00-9.00pm in the church hall, costing £1 per night. The children have been doing arts & crafts, playing games, football, badminton, pool, the Wii and board games. Everyone enjoys a visit to the tuck shop!

The children made various Christmas tree decorations to decorate the Youth Club tree which was part of the church's Christmas Festival in December. Congratulations to Emma Lynn for making the longest paper chain! The children also enjoyed making Christmas tree decorations for their own trees.



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

June Meighan (Leader-in-Charge)

Community Lunches



Our Christmas Dinner was held on Wednesday 14th December and everyone had a wonderful time. The food was excellent and we all enjoyed a singalong and even a visit by Santa after the meal. We would like to say a massive thank you to the catering team and to everyone who came along to the Christmas Dinner. It was so encouraging to see the Parish Centre so well filled on such an enjoyable occasion.

As we enter 2023, the Community Lunches will continue on the second and fourth Wednesday each month from 12noon. We have soup, cheese and a variety of breads, as well as tea, coffee and biscuits for just £3.50 per person. Please do come along and bring a friend.

We look forward to seeing you all soon and we would also like to wish each of you a very Happy New Year.

For further information please telephone:

Kay Thompson 07969835916. Hilary Gillies 0784024342.

Tea Brew

We have all enjoyed being able to gather for a cup of tea / coffee after our 11am service each Sunday. As we seek to grow closer together as a community of faith, this is a great opportunity to continue in fellowship and get to know each other even better.



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

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

January 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th	Pat Moore, Valerie Porter & Winnie Millar
February 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	Barbara Boyd & Carolyn Caldwell
March 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	Kay Thompson, Hilary Gillies & Dorothy Thompson

Badminton Club



The Badminton Club continued to meet each Thursday evening at 7.30pm until the beginning of their Christmas break in December. Although the usual friendly competition paused until the New Year, the members of the club expressed their creative side in decorating a tree for the Christmas Festival. Please see the attached photo.

Normal club evenings return on Thursday 12th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. If you would like to have some fun, and burn off the Christmas calories, please do come along. New members will always be made very welcome.

Guild of Lesson Readers

During the autumn months we were delighted to see more parishioners reading Bible lessons during our Sunday services. We are now moving to recommence the weekly reading rota, as you will see on Page 4 of this magazine. Any changes to allocated readings can be made by speaking to either of the churchwardens.

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



Club J (Sunday School)

Firstly, Happy New Year to everyone!

Looking back over the past couple of months in 2022

It has been a busy few months in the Parish Centre each Sunday for Club J.



The Club J leaders have engaged with the children, presenting interesting story times, active learning demonstrations, crafts, and even a little competition during quiz times. Our weekly worship

is a highlight of our time together as the children and leaders enjoy the music and singing. Thank you so much to each of the Club J leaders who give of their time and talents to create an interactive and enjoyable environment for our children to learn more about Jesus.



Club J Christmas Tree

In the middle of November, the children started preparing crafts to decorate our Club J Christmas tree, which would be part of the Christmas Festival. Each child created their own set of six Christmas bauble images and these portrayed the entire Christmas story as people journeyed around the tree.

Nativity Service

We had our annual Nativity Service on Sunday 18th December. It was a wonderful service, with all the children eager to participate. Parents, grandparents, family, and friends gathered to support the children as they took part. The service featured a wide range of poems, readings, singing, and acting. Thank you to everyone who helped make the service possible and go so well - including all the children and parents who worked so hard on completing their parts.

We look forward to everything that happens in Club J in 2023 and we pray that God will continue to bless the children who attend each week.

Dove Tots



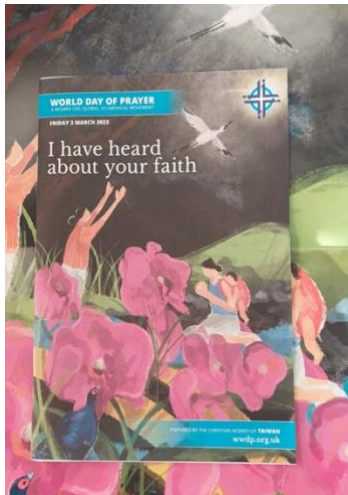
It was encouraging to see so many children and their parents/carers in the Parish Centre each Friday morning in 2022. On Friday 1st December Dove Tots had their Christmas Party and everyone had a fun-filled morning with Jo Jingles and a visit from Santa Claus!

Dove Tots resumes on Friday 13th January at 10am in the Parish Centre. Happy New Year everyone.

World Day of Prayer 2023

(A women led, global, ecumenical movement)

“I HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOUR FAITH.”



World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. In March every year, women in over 170 countries join together in a common Day of Prayer. Throughout the year, we come closer in fellowship, understanding and action.

This year, women from Taiwan have prepared the service and they will be sharing details relating to the geographical, political and social issues that they experience. They will also be highlighting their hopes for the future. Let us join with them as we give thanks for the beautiful island and people of Taiwan and encourage one another in our Christian Faith.

Local Service 2023

In the Glengormley area it is the turn of Ballyhenry Presbyterian Church to host the World Day of Prayer service at 11am on Friday 3rd March. The Glengormley Committee of WDP will plan the service and hope that there will be a good attendance from local churches.

Following the retirement of Isobel Jack from the Glengormley WDP Committee, the new Mossley Parish representative on this committee is Julie Parkinson. We wish Julie well in this role.

Lent 2023

Lent officially begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year is 22nd February. On that evening we will be holding a service in the Church beginning at 7pm. In the remaining Wednesday evenings of Lent, we will have a short service, beginning at 7pm on each occasion. The last of these services will take place on Wednesday 29th March.



Lent is a special time of reflection and faith, practiced in prayer and by the act of giving up something. That “something” depends on the person observing Lent. Usually chocolate, coffee, chips, crisps, and social media top the lists. Interestingly, gossip made it onto one survey list last year, as did ‘screen time before bed.’

If we choose to follow such a pathway, we are engaging in a period of discipline – but our motivation for doing this needs to be right if we are to succeed. We are encouraged to make our Lenten journey a spiritual discipline, and seek to spend more time with God. Please do join with us each Wednesday evening as we journey through Lent together.

Women's Guild



The last few months have been very busy for the ladies of the Women's Guild. We had a lovely Christmas craft evening where we made personalised Christmas baubles that adorned our tree at the Christmas Festival.

Our Christmas Fun evening in December was a fun-filled evening with games, carol singing, a Christmas quiz and a lovely supper. Unfortunately, the severe cold weather affected the level of attendance, but a good time was had by those who were able to make it.

We are looking forward to Wednesday 11th January for our annual Bring and Buy Sale. That evening we will also have some advice from the community police and we can enjoy fellowship with one another. The programme is now available and will be given out on this evening. New members will be made most welcome.



Mossley Parish Day of Prayer

We are looking forward to holding a Day of Prayer on Saturday 21st January. This will begin at 9am and conclude at 6pm. There will be prayer stations available and the opportunity to receive prayer ministry at various stages throughout the day. Everyone is welcome to come and go at times that are suitable to themselves.

Please do come along to the church building and take this opportunity to be still in God's presence and seek His leading for this New Year. This is also a good opportunity to pray for others, to remember our forthcoming Bible Week, and also seek to grow closer to God. Further details will be released in the Parish Bulletin very soon.



"True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that - it is spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth."

(Charles Spurgeon)

Girls' Brigade



It has been a busy few months for our GB Company! On Sunday 6th November we were delighted to see such a great attendance at our annual Enrolment Service. The girls were brilliantly behaved and looked so smart in their uniforms.

As we journeyed towards Remembrance Sunday, the girls made poppies and the company was well represented at the Parish Remembrance Service on Sunday 13th November. The very next week (Sunday 20th November) we hosted a soup and cheese lunch, following the Family Service in Church, and we would like to thank everyone for their amazing support.

The weeks before Christmas are always busy in GB. We prepared decorations for our tree in the Parish Christmas Festival, we learnt more about the Christmas story, and we had lots of fun playing various games and completing different crafts.

Just before our Christmas break, we had our Christmas Party on Monday 12th December. The girls had a great time – enjoying party food and even getting wrapped up in Christmas paper!

We look forward to starting back on Monday 9th January 2023. Happy New Year everyone!

Coffee Time Challenge

Read Jonah 1:1-4:11. Find and circle the words below.

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R E W K B I S V O K Y W H X A
H I L H J Z S R E U P F E L I
K B N L U O N T A T O Y O V L
L T K C Y G J S R E Z F L E O
S Y Z Z K P C A O E L T F J R
B P W T I R B W C S S I R X S
H R X F A A P T H J E S T I P
Q I L M I Y U X T K Y A Q E R
P W J Z B E V D J O N A H U O
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K I N G O F N I N E V E H M E
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F N E G R E A T F I S H S K K

PRAYER

SAILORS

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PROPHET

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GREAT FISH

KING OF NINEVEH

Mossley Mission Group

In the last edition of this magazine, we announced our intention to provide food hampers to families who are finding life difficult during the ongoing cost of living crisis. We worked alongside Mossley and Earlview Primary Schools with the intention of distributing hampers just before Christmas.



From Sunday 6th November the response to this appeal was simply overwhelming. Each week bags of groceries were left in the church porch and generous donations were given to buy further items. In only a few weeks we had tables full of groceries and these were made into hampers on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th December. On the morning of Friday 16th December, we had 59 complete hampers and these were distributed to the families who needed them. Thank you so much for your incredible generosity and thanks are also due to the team of parishioners who came along to build the hampers.

Just two days before Christmas the Rector received a message which offered sincere thanks to the parishioners of Mossley for “...your incredible generosity towards the people of our community. You have brought light and hope at a dark time.”

The work of the Mission Group continues, and on Sunday 19th February we will be hosting a soup and cheese lunch after the 11am service. We are looking for eager volunteers who could help us at this event. Please speak to the Rector or Rev Louise if you could help out in any way.

We continue to pray for the ongoing mission and ministry of Tansen Hospital. As we enter 2023, we have been asked to pray for the expansion of the maternity ward at Tansen. Very often, expectant mothers who come to give birth at Tansen are sadly turned away because there is no bed, or they have to give birth on a visitor bed or be moved to another ward soon after delivery. Tansen Hospital is currently seeking to provide 18 further beds in the maternity ward. Please pray for the success of this project.

We also continue to pray for the work of the South American Mission Society. As you may have noticed in the weekly Parish Bulletin, there is great political and social unrest in parts of South America at present – particularly Brazil, Peru and Bolivia. The level of economic instability is also increasing rapidly throughout much of South America.

In just a few weeks, on Friday 3rd February, SAMS Ireland will host their annual ‘*Friday Night Live.*’ This event includes various reports about what is happening within the churches and local communities of South America. Further details are on the SAMS Ireland website (www.samsireland.com) and in the Buena Vista magazine which is available in the church porch.

Children's Challenge

We have a little challenge for the boys and girls. This challenge gets us thinking about "Jesus's Special Meal."



Mouse Makes

What was the special meal Jesus was preparing to eat?

Matthew 26:18



What did Jesus give thanks for and share?

Matthew 26:27

What did Jesus say this represented?

His -----

Matthew 26:27-28



Jesus instructed his disciples to continue to break bread and share the cup "in ----- of me."

1 Corinthians 11:24-25

What did Jesus take, bless and break?

Matthew 26:26

What did Jesus say this represented?

His -----

Matthew 26:26



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M	U	I	N	A	N	E	S	L	V	I	S	O	S
L	C	V	C	D	E	C	O	V	E	N	A	N	T
B	H	E	O	C	I	N	V	E	N	K	B	I	B
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SUPPER
LAMB • LORD
DISCIPLES
TOGETHER
EVENING
ROOM • JAR
WATER • TWELVE
JESUS • CHRIST
NIGHT • TOOK
THANKS
BLESSING
BROKE • GIVEN
COVENANT
DRINK • EAT
FORGIVENESS
SINS • HOLY
COMMUNION
EUCHARIST

Find the words from the questions too!

