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From the Rectory Study

The location will be Birmingham and the dates will be 28th July until 8th August. There will be seventy-two different teams involved and a wide variety of sports will be on display. I am, of course, referring to the Commonwealth Games which will take place this summer. These will be the twenty-second set of Commonwealth Games and they are being held in England for the third time – London (1934), Manchester (2002), and Birmingham (2022).

The Commonwealth Games is an international multi-sport event involving athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations. The event was first held in 1930 and, with the exception of 1942 and 1946, has continued every four years ever since. We just love watching the Commonwealth Games in the Rectory, particularly because Lawn Bowls is one of sports which will be on display.



Kim and I have been fortunate enough to know some of the bowlers who have taken part in previous years. Kim (who was always much better at Lawn Bowls than I was) played for the Irish Women's team for several years so she will be looking to see if there are any familiar faces on our television screen this year.

The Commonwealth Games is something that we are looking forward to this summer. We are also looking forward to going to New Horizon, a Christian festival which is held in Coleraine during August, to hear some Bible teaching and be inspired by the worship. During the pandemic New Horizon, and indeed all conferences, had to go online. But now we can meet in person once again and I am delighted about this. On various occasions during previous years, I have been enriched and blessed by attending Christian conferences. They have afforded me the opportunity to spend time with God, to reflect on deeper questions, and seek to experience His refreshing. There are a number of Christian Conferences being held in Ireland this summer – Summer Madness, New Wine and New Horizon. If you can't make these conferences in person, please do check them out online.

During the summer months we also have increased time to read and pray. You may have some Christian books that you could lift off the shelf and enjoy in the tranquillity of your own home or garden. Or how about taking your Bible and choosing a specific part of it to read and study? In August, during our evening services, we will be taking a more detailed look at Philippians. You would be most welcome to join with us.

This summer, let us also pray for each other, for our community and for our Parish. If we can do this, it is my prayer that we will discover and experience the fullness of God's peace and presence, and that we will be refreshed in body, soul and mind.

May God richly bless you this summer.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

3 rd May	Jim Robinson	12 Archvale Avenue
17 th May	John Donovan	26 Forthill Drive
3 rd June	Alison Gannon	60 Kiln Park
9 th June	Betty Lyons	5 Farmlodge Walk
24 th June	Susan Morgan	7 Joanmount Park

HOLY BAPTISM

8 th May	Reggie James Beattie-Taggart (27 Fairview Crescent)
15 th May	Matthew Edward Lockhart (73 Fairview Road)
22 nd May	Sophie Ella Spence (3 Rushfield Drive)
22 nd May	Amelia Geraldine Muir (5 Ravelston Avenue)

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)
- 3. YouTube (www.youtube.com). On YouTube simply search for Church of the Holy Spirit Mossley and this will lead you to the videos.
- 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

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

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Parish Update

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6))

Dear Friends,

The past two years have been challenging and complex. We have journeyed through lockdowns, circuit breakers, and various stages of reopening. Yet through it all we have been so aware of God's presence, leading and guiding us every step of the way. We have also been aware of the goodness and support of you, the parishioners of Mossley, and we would like to offer our sincere thanks to you for your consistent encouragement during these difficult times.

It would be inaccurate to suggest that we are now living in a post-COVID world. Rather, we are now learning to live with COVID and we have sought to move forward progressively yet cautiously. Much progress has been made and it is heart-warming to see the Parish Centre busy virtually every day of the week. It has also been encouraging to see attendance at our Sunday services grow consistently each week. From where we found ourselves in March 2020, significant steps have been taken and we are gradually regathering and rebuilding.

During the summer months the pattern of services will remain as they have been (9.30am and 11.30am). This will be reviewed during the summer and further details will be released in the next edition of this magazine, which will be released in late August. Please note that there will be no evening service during July but there will be services at 6pm in August. Our midweek service of Holy Communion will continue each Wednesday during the summer months, with the exception of 13th July.

The vast majority of COVID restrictions have now been removed. We do, however, still strongly encourage you to use the hand sanitiser which is available in the Church and Parish Centre porches. Some parishioners have been asking about the current position in relation to face coverings. The wearing of face coverings is now a matter of personal choice. You may, however, wish to wear a face covering when moving around inside the buildings and then remove it when seated.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped ensure the provision of in-person and online services. There is a tremendous amount of work which goes on behind the scenes to ensure that these happen. We have come a long way and there are still a few significant hurdles to clear. But we are confident that, with the help of God, we can continue to move forward progressively yet cautiously. Thanks once more for your support.

Every blessing.

Rev Peter Jones Rev Louise Bowes

Sunday Services

Sunday 3 rd July			
Third Sunday After Trinity			
9.30am / 11.30am Morning Prayer	NT	Luke 10:1-11	
Sunday 10 th July			
Fourth Sunday After Trinity			
9.30am / 11.30am Holy Communion	OT	Amos 7:7-17	
	G	Luke 10:25-37	
Sunday 17 th July			
Fifth Sunday After Trinity			
9.30am / 11.30am Service of the Word	NT	Luke 10:38-42	
Sunday 24 th July			
Sixth Sunday After Trinity			
9.30am / 11.30am Morning Prayer	NT	Luke 11:1-13	
Sunday 31 st July			
Seventh Sunday After Trinity			
9.30am / 11.30am Healing Service	NT	Luke 12:13-21	
Sunday 7 th August			
Eighth Sunday After Trinity			
9.30am / 11.30am Morning Prayer	NT	Luke 12:32-40	
6pm Service of the Word	NT	Philippians 1:12-30	
Sunday 14 th August			
Ninth Sunday After Trinity			
9.30am / 11.30am Holy Communion	OT	Isaiah 5:1-7	
	G	Luke 12:49-56	
6pm Evening Prayer	NT	Philippians 2:1-11	
Sunday 21 st August			
Tenth Sunday After Trinity	N		
9.30am / 11.30am Service of the Word	NT	Luke 13:10-17	
6pm Healing Service	NT	Philippians 3:1-14	
Sunday 28 th August			
Eleventh Sunday After Trinity			
9.30am / 11.30am Morning Prayer	NT	Luke 14:1, 7-14	
6pm Holy Communion	NT	Philippians 4:4-20	

Rector's Annual Leave

Please note that the Rector will be on annual leave from Tuesday 12th July until Tuesday 2nd August (inclusive). During this time all pastoral emergencies should be directed to Rev Louise Bowes. Rev Louise's contact details can be found on page 3 of this magazine.

World Day of Prayer



As many of you will know, World Day of Prayer is a women-led, global, ecumenical prayer movement and the Glengormley committee is made up of women from various churches in the local area. On the first Friday in March every year, the committee organises a locally held service in helping raise awareness of the lives and concerns of others throughout the world, especially those who write the service.

Mrs Isobel Jack has been the representative for Mossley Parish on the local Glengormley branch of World Day of Prayer for more than twenty years and has served as Secretary on

the committee for much of that time. She was also a member of the Belfast WDP Committee and the Northern Ireland WDP Executive Committee for many years too.

Isobel has decided that it is time for her to 'retire' as Mossley Parish representative, and Secretary on the Glengormley committee. On Sunday 16th June, Rev Louise made a surprise presentation to Isobel to thank her for all her hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to the movement, especially in the local context. Again, a big thank you to Isobel and we wish her every blessing on her 'retirement'.

Online Services

We have continued to provide live broadcasts of our Sunday morning service each week. It is incredible to realise that these services are watched by parishioners and other people who live in the greater Mossley area, as well as people from much further away. Thank you to everyone who makes this possible and it really is a blessing to many people who join with us faithfully each week through the wonders of technology.



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.

Bible Study

Last year we focused on Acts of the Apostles and met faithfully each Tuesday evening, either in-person or online, for a total of thirty-one different Bible studies. We concluded our journey on Tuesday 17th May with an end of year Holy Communion service.

Next year we will be making a return to the Old Testament as we study the book of Judges together. There will certainly be



much to wrestle with and reflect upon as we delve into Judges. Leon Morris, a former Principal of Ridley College in Melbourne, once said, *"There is so much in Judges to sadden the heart of the reader; perhaps no book in the Bible witnesses so clearly to our human frailty. But there are also unmistakable signs of the divine compassion and long-suffering."*

Few periods in Israel's eventful history are as thought provoking and challenging as the period of the judges. The incoming season of Bible Study will be an interesting one and we would love you to join with us. Do plan to come along when we recommence on Tuesday 6th September.

Mossley Prayer Fellowship



Do you remember as a child how we were taught to put our hands together when we pray? Probably to keep them out of mischief and encourage us to focus on our prayers.

Hands can bring healing and love, or death and destruction. The Bible speaks often of the Hands of God. One of the most powerful images is in Exodus, when God told Moses He would put him in the cleft of the rock and cover him with His hand.

God's hands are the ones we can trust. He is loving, compassionate and faithful. In Jesus we see hands that

touched the untouchable, blessed the children, and as we learned during Holy Week, endured the nails, to bring us the promise of forgiveness.

As children we sang "He's got the whole world in His hands?" He can be trusted with everything that happens and everything that's going to happen, even when we can't understand or make sense of it.

We hope you can join us at Prayer Fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm as we seek, together, to place all people and situations into God's powerful hands.

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-abrac team who give so willingly of their time. Our thanks are also due to Alec and Grace Orr who did a fantastic job selling beautiful garden plants again this year.



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).

MusicMakers @ Mossley Parish



The MusicMakers have been extremely busy this term! They are very enthusiastic and really enjoying our weekly sessions. Two boys are currently learning to play the piano, alongside theory and musicianship activities. New MusicMakers would be very welcome, but spaces are

limited! Any potential MusicMakers who would be interested in joining are encouraged to participate in a few trial sessions during August. Please contact me as soon as possible to sign up!

Who? Children who will be P3-P6 in September, preferably who have never had any music lessons.

When? Thursday from 4.30pm.

Where? Carntall Room.

Jane

"I love that I can use	"I think it is amazing.	"He's really loving
can play songs	It's my 2 nd favourite place to be after	MusicMakers and enjoys
already!"	Bible Club"	learning"

Christian Aid

Sincere thanks to everyone who donated to Christian Aid during our recent collection. We are delighted to announce that £433.31 has been raised.

Men's Society



The Men's society has not met since March 2020. It is hoped to reactivate the group after the summer break.

If you would be interested in attending meetings please speak to Clifford Holmes or Alastair Jack as soon as possible. If there is a positive response, we hope to arrange a full programme of talks and outings for the 2022-23 season.

It is proposed that, as previously, the Society will meet at 7.30pm on the second Monday of each month from September to May. All men of the Parish and their friends are warmly invited to attend.

A cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit or two and a chat bring our regular meetings to a close.

(Alastair Jack, Secretary)

Bowling Club

The Summer Fun Bowls started on 4th May and as I was making my way there I kept wondering if anyone would actually turn up. As I entered the car park I had my answer. We had members from our own club here in Mossley and visitors from local churches and clubs, all eager to start bowling.



Having not seen or spoken to our visitors in over two years it was great to welcome them back, and they in turn thanked us for getting the fun bowls started again. Many stories were exchanged about how COVID-19 had changed their lives. Spirits were uplifted that evening and bowlers were smiling again.

Each evening, since then, there have been four bowling mats in use and numbers have averaged out at thirty-five. A few people have come along not for the bowling but for the craic.

On 1st June there was a visit from Rev Williamn Orr, Rector of St. Mark's in Portadown. He was on his '*Rector On A Tractor*' travels and we presented him with a cheque from the bowling club towards his appeal for the SANDS charity.

In early July the Bowling Club will have members of the Streetreach team coming to visit and perhaps have a go at shortmat bowling. Remembering what their last visit was like in 2019, it will not be a quiet evening! In mid-July the fun bowls will have a short break on 13th July and restart again on 20th July.

(George Curry)

Youth Club

The Youth Club will recommence on Saturday 10th September from 7.00 - 9.00pm. The Youth Club is open to children from P4 up to second year (Year 9) and any new members will be made welcome. The Youth Club meets every Saturday during term time from 7.00 - 9.00pm in the church hall costing £1 per night.



We will be doing arts & crafts, playing games, football, pool, hockey, the Wii and board games and we also have a tuck shop which is very popular.

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 after we recommence in September and join in the fun. Please contact June Meighan or the Rector for further details.

(June Meighan, Leader in Charge)

Community Lunches



Due to the amazing response and support for the Community Lunches in May and June, we are delighted to be able to recommence again in September.

The lunches will be held again on the second and fourth Wednesday in each month. We will begin at

the earlier time of 12noon and finish around 2pm. The cost will be £3.50.

We wish everyone an enjoyable summer break and look forward to meeting up again with friends, old and new, on Wednesday 14th September.

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

Bible Lesson Readers

Sincere thanks to everyone who has offered to read Bible lessons during our Sunday Services. It is envisaged that the readers rota will be reintroduced in September.

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.

Tea Brew



Since Easter Sunday we have been able to meet for a cup of tea or coffee immediately after our 11.30am service. It has been encouraging to see increasing numbers of parishioners making their way to the Parish Centre for a time of fellowship.

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

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th August

3rd. 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st July Joan Mackey, Siobhan and Anna Campbell, Celia Catherwood Grace Orr, Pat Flint, Sarah Kerr

Choir Notes

The Choir were so happy and thankful to be able to regroup for Sunday worship on 15th May. We kept in touch by Facebook and a WhatsApp



group set up by Jane during the first lockdown. On Thursday nights, instead of Choir Practice, we listened to some lovely hymns, anthems and pieces of music, but nothing compared to the joy of being able to sing together (even with a mask) on 15th May. We had so many favourable comments from parishioners who were glad to see us back. And so, we progress, slowly but surely, taking it one step at a time. On Sunday 11th June we took a major step and chose to sing without our masks. We are very much looking forward to preparing for our first Harvest in three years!

Take care and keep singing!

Joan

Thank you, Joan!

It's wonderful to have our choir back again and I am delighted that Joan and Winnie have decided it was too soon for them to retire! This is particularly good news for me as Joan is much better at writing Magazine notes than I am!!

Hope everyone has a great summer holiday!

Jane

Streetreach 2022



After all the planning and preparation, Streetreach 2022 is almost here! On Sunday 19th June we were delighted to welcome Bishop George Davison and the Streetreach team to Mossley for a Commissioning Service. This took the form of Café Church and we were all suitably encouraged and inspired for the Streetreach event itself, which will begin on Tuesday 5th July.

The team will come to us after having spent a long

weekend at Summer Madness, a Christian festival which is being held this year in Portglenone. They will get settled down on Tuesday evening and then the busy programme will commence at 9am on Wednesday 6th July. On Tuesday and Wednesday the timetable will be very similar. Each day will begin with breakfast in the Parish Centre and this will be followed by morning devotions led by Preston and Kyleigh Vaughn (all the way from USA). There will also be team discussions and preparations for the afternoon activities. In the

afternoon the team will engage in practical work, community outreach, prayer ministry and a kids club. After dinner, which will be served in the Parish Centre, there will be detached youth work and a final evening debrief in the church building. Each day the programme concludes at 11.30pm!

On Friday 8th July the programme does change somewhat. The morning pattern will be similar but in the afternoon a Community Fun Day will be held in and around the Parish Centre. There will be all sort of activities, games and a free BBQ. Please do pop down. We would love to see you there.

We do ask that you would pray for Streetreach 2022, particularly each morning as the programme takes place. We have written a short prayer which you can find below. Three years ago, when we first partnered with the Streetreach team, we were greatly blessed. We hope that God will richly bless the Mossley community and the Streetreach team again this year.



Heavenly Father, I thank you for Streetreach 2022. Thank you for every member of the team who will be serving you today. Bless all the ministries and outreach initiatives that will take place today. May the power of the Christian message shine brightly in the Mossley community today. We ask this is Jesus' name. Amen.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea

We had a great time at our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea. It was wonderful to see the Parish Centre filled and everyone celebrating and enjoying themselves. We had music, a Royal quiz, plenty of chat, and even a visit from our new mayor.

Sincere thanks to everyone who came along to the event, to the team who worked hard to ensure that it happened, and to Antrim & Newtownabbey Council for awarding us a grant to cover the vast majority of the cost. Special thanks must also be extended to *Indulgence By Natasha* who catered for the event.

We have collated a highlights video of the event which you can find on our YouTube channel. A few photos of this special day are also included below.



Diary Of A Disciple



We are really looking forward to our Holiday Bible which is called *Diary Of A Disciple*. This year it will begin on Monday 15th until Thursday 18th August. We will also be having a family fun night on Friday 19th August.

Each night we will meet at 6.15pm in

the Parish Centre and finish up at 7.30pm. During the week we will be thinking about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. We will play games, take part in challenges, and hear wonderful stories from the Bible.

Our Holiday Bible Club is for all children of primary school age, and we kindly ask that all children wishing to attend should be pre-registered. Registration forms will be available from our website (www.mossley.org) and can also be downloaded from our Parish Facebook page. **Registration for this particular event will go live from Sunday 10th July.**

Coffee & Cake With Bishop Seth

We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Seth and his wife Mama Yvette to Mossley Parish from $10^{th} - 12^{th}$ August. The Rector has mentioned Bishop Seth in church and during Bible studies. He previously spent a day in the Parish in February 2018, with a floral art demonstration being held in October 2018 to raise financial support for him.



Bishop Seth initially met the Rector just over five years ago in Charleston, South Carolina. He is a deeply humble man and offers exemplary leadership within the Diocese of Matana, Burundi. Financial pressures are severe in his diocese and Bishop Seth seeks to ensure that the needs of his diocesan clergy are met before his own needs, and those of his family, are taken care of. This is real servant leadership!

During their time with us, Bishop Seth and Mama Yvette will be staying with the Rectory family. On Thursday 11th August we intend to hold a special evening for the parishioners of Mossley to meet Bishop Seth and Mama Yvette. We will have tea and coffee, some traybakes and cakes, and an opportunity to get to know more about life and ministry in Burundi. This event will begin at 7.30pm. Please do plan to come along.

Mossley Mission Group

We would like to begin by thanking you for your continued support during the pandemic. The mission boxes have been coming in steadily and our mission funds have been rising. As such, we were delighted to be able to send £2000 to Tansen Hospital and £2000 to missionary work in South America. Thank you so much for your generosity.

On the previous page of this magazine, you will have read that Bishop Seth and Mama Yvette are visiting Mossley in August. You may recall from the last magazine that another bishop will also be in Mossley during the summer. Bishop Nelson Ojeda from the Anglican Church in Chile and his wife Maria will be visiting us in Mossley from $12^{th} - 15^{th}$ August. Bishop Nelson and Maria will be at the church services on Sunday 14^{th} August. We look forward to meeting them.



You might very well be wondering, what is going on with all these bishops turning up in Mossley? Every ten years the Lambeth Conference is held and this is a gathering of Anglican archbishops and bishops from all over the world. The Fifteenth Lambeth Conference will be held from 27th July – 8th August in England. After it concludes, CMSI and SAMS Ireland have invited thirty-six church leaders from Africa, Asia and South America to visit Ireland and engage with local churches. This has been given the title *'Kingdom Voices Week'* and a series of special events will be held. The headline event is an evening celebration in St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, on Friday 12th August starting at 7.30pm. This is a free event and no pre-registration is required. You would be most welcome at this event. There will also be an All-Age Fun Day on Saturday 13th August from 2pm until 4.30pm in Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park, Belfast.

We have also received the following recent update from Tansen hospital.

"As part of the mental health project, we have had two modules of training: two days of psychosocial training for field workers and counsellors, and then prescribers' training for 16 doctors and paramedics. We are planning an expansion of the maternity ward. A film crew from the Netherlands recently visited to prepare a related TV appeal in Dutch. Look out for more on this later in 2022! The hospital was a bit quieter over the local election period but we did have one major accident in the run-up to elections when a jeep carrying 22 people



crashed in a rural area. Fortunately, only four people had injuries bad enough to need admission and all did well."

Please do continue to pray for the ongoing work of Tansen hospital.

Children's Challenge

We have a little challenge for the boys and girls. This challenge is based on the miracles of Jesus and we will also be thinking about some of these miracles in our Holiday Bible Club in August. Can you complete all the challenges?

