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## *From the Rectory Study*

It really is hard to believe that the summer is over for another year. The schools have restarted and as the saying goes, "...it's back to porridge." I do hope that you had a lovely summer and that you were able to take things easier for a little while. It is important, even necessary, for all of us to enjoy times of rest and relaxation. These are opportunities for us to pause, reflect and prepare ourselves for the new season which is about to begin.

The busyness of Mossley Parish did slow down a little during the summer months but there was still plenty happening. We were delighted to host Streetreach in early July – an event which had been postponed for two years because of the COVID pandemic. This was a time of tremendous blessing for our Parish and it was encouraging to see many new faces in our Parish Centre. A specific report of this event can be found in this magazine and a further report will also be published in the next edition of *Connor Connections*. Our Holiday Bible Club, which was held in August, was another successful and enjoyable week and you can read more about this on page 16. During the summer we also had the visits of Bishop Seth and his wife Yvette (from Burundi) and Bishop Nelson and his wife Marisol (from Chile). These visits had a profound impact upon us and drew our attention to the challenges of mission and ministry in other parts of the world.

As you will see from this edition of the Parish Magazine, life in Mossley Parish will be getting very busy over coming weeks. Our Parish Centre is in use literally every day of the week and it is wonderful to see our parochial organisations reconvening after the summer break. We are also delighted that our Sunday morning services can return to their pre-COVID times. There will be a short service of Holy Communion at 9am and then our morning service at 11am. Our Sunday evening service will continue at 6pm.

The past two and a half years have been immensely challenging for all of us and I am thankful to all of you for your continued support of our Parish. I would also like to thank everyone who has worked hard to ensure the provision of online services, the reopening of our church building and Parish Centre, and to the leaders and members of our parochial organisations for their faithfulness and dedication. As I reflect on the journey that we have been on, I am thankful to God for His continued presence with us and for the guidance that He offers us. I truly believe that we can, most certainly, join with the Psalmist who declared "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." (Psalm 118:1)

It is essential that we continue to seek the leading of God as we move forward together. Please do pray regularly for our Parish, all the parochial organisations and for our local community. As we have often concluded, there is no better place for any of us to be than in the hands of God.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL

4 <sup>th</sup> July	Dorothy Watson	30b Fairview Road
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sarah Madden	22 Wynnland Park
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Grace Darragh	29 Uppertown Drive
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Naomi McCullough	9 Highgate Grove

## HOLY BAPTISM

10 <sup>th</sup> July	Chloe Gray (37 Forthill Gardens)
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## 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](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.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

From Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September we will be returning to our pre-COVID service times. This means that the service at 9am will be a said service of Holy Communion and will last approximately thirty minutes. Our main Sunday service will be at 11am, while our evening service will continue at 6pm.

We also look forward to the return of the Sunday School in September.

Our Wednesday morning service of Holy Communion will continue each week at 10am.

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## Sunday Services

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twelfth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer	NT	Luke 14:25-33
6pm Service of the Word	NT	John 5:30-47
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b> Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Holy Communion	OT G	Exodus 32:7-14 Luke 15:1-10
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b> Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Family Service	NT	Luke 16:1-13
6pm Healing Service	NT	John 7:14-24
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b> Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer	NT	Luke 16:19-31
6pm Holy Communion	OT G	Nehemiah 2:11-20 John 9:1-12
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b> Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Harvest Thanksgiving		To Be Determined
6pm Harvest Thanksgiving	OT	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:11-22
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Holy Communion	OT G	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings 5:7-15 Luke 17:11-19
6pm Evening Prayer	NT	John 15:12-27
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b> Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Family Service	NT	Luke 18:1-8
6pm Healing Service	NT	John 16:1-11
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b> Fifth Sunday Before Advent 11am Morning Prayer	NT	Luke 18:9-14
6pm Holy Communion	OT G	Psalms 119:1-16 Matthew 22:34-46
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b> Fourth Sunday Before Advent 11am Morning Prayer	NT	Luke 19:1-10
6pm All Saints Service	NT	Hebrews 11: 32 - 12:2

## Mossley Flower Guild



It was a delight for the members of Mossley Flower Guild to meet together on 3<sup>rd</sup> August for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic. The members and guests enjoyed a delicious Afternoon Tea and were treated to lots of beautiful food. The food, which was catered by *Indulgence by Natasha*, was thoroughly enjoyed. Everyone in attendance was impressed by the beautiful floral art displays that were on show. We are truly blessed

with such talent here in Mossley Parish!

As the afternoon continued, we were thrilled to have local musician, Billy Edwards, who played his guitar and sang lots of well-known songs from years gone by.



It was a truly wonderful Afternoon Tea. A massive thank you to everyone who helped make the regathering so special. The Flower Guild members are excited about the recommencing of in-person group meets and at the earlier time of Wednesday afternoons.

A few photos taken at the Afternoon Tea are included with this article.



## Online Services

For the past two years we have provided online services each week. In more recent months these have been livestreamed services. These services are watched by parishioners and other people who live in the greater Mossley area, as well as people from much further away (including Canada, USA and New Zealand). Thank you to everyone who makes this possible.

From the beginning of September our weekly service can be watched live on YouTube each Sunday morning from 11am. It will then be made available on Facebook, our website, and the dial-in facility from 12.30pm. 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.



## Christmas Festival



We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a Christmas Festival in Mossley Parish from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December until Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022. This will include displays of Christmas trees and floral art, as well as an exhibition of Christmas craftwork. There will also be involvement from some of our local schools.

The title for this year's festival is '*O Come All Ye Faithful*' and we look forward to being able to gather together, with friends from near and far, to celebrate and reflect on the Christmas story and be reminded about the hope that Jesus offers each of us.

Plans are already well underway for our festival and more specific details will be released very soon. The festival will begin with an Opening Service on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm and then conclude with a Closing Service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Please do keep these dates free and help us by telling others about this special event.

## From Burundi and Chile to Mossley

Following the conclusion of the Lambeth Conference in England, CMS and SAMS Ireland hosted a week-long event called Kingdom Voices. This saw thirty-six church leaders from throughout the world come to Northern Ireland. In Mossley, we had the opportunity to meet some of these leaders.



We were delighted to welcome Bishop Seth and his wife Yvette (Burundi) to Mossley from 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> August. On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August we had a Coffee and Cake evening in the Parish Centre. Thank you to everyone who came to meet Bishop Seth and Yvette, and to hear about their ministry in Matana Diocese. We were absolutely delighted that £580.81 was raised in support of Bishop Seth's ministry.

Then on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August, Bishop Nelson and his wife Marisol (Chile) spent some time with us in Mossley. Bishop Nelson preached, via an interpreter, at our service of Holy Communion on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August. He gave us an insight as to what life was like in Santiago, Chile, and he outlined some of the challenges that he encounters in his ministry.



Please do continue to pray for Bishop Seth and Yvette, as well as Bishop Nelson and Marisol.



## Streetreach 2022



It really was worth the wait! After having been delayed for two years because of the COVID pandemic, Streetreach returned to Mossley in early July. Forty-one young people and leaders from thirteen parishes in Connor Diocese took part in the four-day outreach programme.

It all began on the evening of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July when the Streetreach team met together in the Parish Centre for

a meal, after which some board games were played. Shortly after 9.30pm everyone met in the Church for a debrief session (something which occurred on a nightly basis during Streetreach). On this opening night, various hopes and aspirations were discussed and time was spent in prayer.

Early on Wednesday morning the Streetreach team travelled from their accommodation at the University of Ulster, Jordanstown, to the Parish Centre for breakfast. Following their morning worship, final plans were made for the day ahead. Before bedtime the team would oversee the running of a Children's Club, engage in practical work at Earlview



Primary School, undertake a series of prayer walks, pay a visit to the summer bowls in the Parish Centre, pray with people in New Mossley and Ballyduff, and oversee detached youth work. At the debrief session in the Church it was inspiring and moving to hear of all that took place during the day, and to listen to the many ways in which God had blessed these young people.



The next day, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, the programme followed a similar pattern and it was encouraging to see the team build solid relationships with various people who live within the Parish. These relationships were evident in the large number of people who came to the Community Fun Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, where we had all sorts of games, a BBQ, and even cage football.

Streetreach 2022 was another wonderful time in the life of our Parish. We are thankful to Christina Bailie and the Streetreach team for all their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication.

## Bible Study



Our Bible Study Group will recommence on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm. After meeting online and then regathering in the church building, we can now return to the Carntall Room. This will enable us to engage in discussion more readily, just as we did before the COVID pandemic began.

This year we will be returning to the Old Testament and our focus will be the Book of Judges. There will be much for us to reflect on

and engage with. The Study Programme is now available on our website and Facebook page. Paper copies are also available in the church porch. As you will see, we have kept the Bible passages reasonably concise and this will permit us to undertake a more focused and fulsome study of Judges.

The Bible Study Group is open to everyone and new members will be made most welcome. We plan to release weekly online Bible Studies which will also be based on the Book of Judges.

## Mossley Prayer Fellowship

The world in which we live is so busy, our lives can become so frantic, that we can so easily forget about the importance of spending time with God. There is so much to squeeze into a day, so many people to see, so many jobs that need done. Then, on top of everything else, a recent survey suggests that we spend 18 hours a week watching TV, and between 51 and 109 minutes a day on social media. These numbers are absolutely startling!



This situation can directly impact our Christian journey and impinge on our prayer life. Do we bring this sense of rush and busyness into our quiet times with God? Do we set aside a regular period of time each day to spend with God?

Two verses of the Bible challenge us to spend time with God, to seek His peace, and grow closer to Him. Psalm 46:10 is a reminder to "**Be still** and know that I am God." While Ecclesiastes 3:7 indicates that there is "...a time to **be silent** and a time to speak..." Note that there is no action here, no busyness, no activity. There is simply being still and waiting in God's presence.

Each Wednesday evening, we have an opportunity to spend time with God. Our Prayer Fellowship meets in the Pentecost Room at 7.30pm and we sing praises to God, read and reflect on His Word, and spend time in prayer. Everyone is welcome to join with us.





“Music should belong to everyone” said Zoltan Kodály and everyone has the ability to engage in a musical activity, whether singing or playing an instrument. It’s never too late to learn!

## Church Choir

Occasional Thursday evenings 7.30 – 8.30pm and Sunday Mornings after 11am service (September – December, February – May). New members very welcome.

## MusicMakers

Every Thursday from 4.30pm, a music club for children who would like the opportunity to learn an instrument and engage in musical activities.

Initially for children who will be P3- P7 in September 2022, who are complete beginners in the instruments below, and not having lessons with another teacher.

- Introduction to Music – pulse, rhythm, notation, pitch
- Sing in a small children’s choir
- Learn to play an instrument -piano, recorder, ukulele
- Engage in music games and activities

Instruments are not required for the first 4 – 6 weeks, so any children who think they might be interested are welcome to come along to help them decide.

(Recorders cost £10 to buy, Ukuleles approximately £20, the only other additional cost would be around £10 for books)

## Instrument Ensemble

Anyone from P4 – Year 12 who has been playing an orchestral instrument for over a year is welcome to join. This does not require a weekly commitment, just 3 or 4 rehearsals before performances at Christmas and Children’s Day.

Places for MusicMakers are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To sign up, please contact me for a registration form.

Best wishes,

Jane

## Choir Notes

What a lovely summer we have had. I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weather either abroad or at home. Hopefully all your travel plans went smoothly. The disruption and chaos caused by new regulations, overbooked airlines and staff shortages must have ruined so many people's carefully laid plans.



On a brighter note, things at Mossley Parish are slowly but surely returning to normal. Being able to sing without a mask has been one of my greatest pleasures. Also, to be able to meet up after the service in the Parish Hall for a chat and a wee cuppa! How much did we take for granted??!!

Choir Practices have been suspended for over two years but we hope to have a choir meeting and practice on Thursday 1st September at 7.30pm. We need to practice for our upcoming Harvest Services on 2nd October and we are so looking forward to fulfilling our Choir duties in leading Parish praise in the important months to come. Singing is a great pleasure and has many benefits. We would love to see you in our choir. If you feel you might like it, give us a try. Speak to Jane or any choir member. You will be so welcome 😊

Best wishes,

Joan

## Bric-A-Brac



What would a Saturday morning be without a visit to the bric-a-brac sale in Mossley Parish Centre? It is wonderful to see so many people coming from near and far to grab a bargain, and then enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. Please do pop over to the Parish Centre any Saturday morning.

The sales have been going well and we are thankful to the bric-a-brac team who give so willingly of their time and show such devotion and dedication.

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).

## Ordination of Lee Boal

We look forward to welcoming Lee and Beth Boal to Mossley Parish on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Lee is in his final year at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and the Bishop has placed him with us for his Deacon-Intern year.

Lee will be ordained as a Deacon in Lisburn Cathedral on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September. The service begins at 3.30pm and is open to anyone who would like to attend. Please note that there will be no evening service in Mossley on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September.



Please do pray for Lee and Beth as they prepare to join us. Please also pray for Lee as he journeys towards his ordination and then begins his ordained ministry among us in Mossley.

## Harvest Thanksgiving



On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October we will be giving thanks to God for His goodness towards us and His provision of all our needs. We will be having celebrations of Harvest Thanksgiving at our 11am and 6pm services. It will be lovely seeing the church fully decorated this year, just as it always was pre-COVID.

All donations of fruit, vegetables and flowers are most welcome and can be left in the church building on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 6pm until 8pm or Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 9am until 10am.

Please do plan to come along as we give thanks to God for His many blessings, not least His faithfulness to us during the pandemic.

## Dove Tots



Hello to all our Dove Tots families and friends!

We had a wonderful time at Dove Tots last year and it was great to see so many children each Friday morning. The Parish Centre was really busy each week and we had such good fun! We are starting back on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 10am and look forward to seeing all the boys and girls after our summer break.

We would like to wish all our little ones who are moving on to Nursery School in September all the very best. We will miss you!

## **Bowling Club**

Since the starting night of the fun bowls in May, we have had a fantastic fourteen weeks of bowling. The visiting bowlers and our own club members have joined together and made the whole period a very happy time.

Using a fully charged calculator (and not relying on my own little grey cells) it has been established that since bowling started in May, the number of bowls bowled (in total) has exceeded 10,000. Many of these were, as we say, touchers. Quite a lot of others stayed on the mat and sadly some when off the mat into the ditch. On a few evenings when the hall temperature was quite high and the internal doors were left open to let some fresh air in, some of the bowls had to be stopped before they reached the parked cars in the car park!

During July the young people from Streetreach came to visit us. By the end of the evening, we had people from the USA, who had never played before, or never heard of indoor bowls, playing as good as some who had been playing for ages. Members of the St. John's Ambulance group who were overseeing the Streetreach events, also ended up playing a few ends too.

Rev. Louise and Tom Irwin were encouraged to come onto a mat and give it a go. We may now have two new members for the bowling club.

On 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August we held a competition for the bowlers who have supported us during the past fourteen weeks and the fun bowling was destined to become a bit more serious.

We say a big thank you to everyone who has made the summer fun bowls 2022 so successful. As the summer bowls concludes for another year, we are delighted to announce that we have raised £1000 for charity. This will be divided as follows:

£300 Alzheimer's Society N.I.

£300 Martin Residential Trust

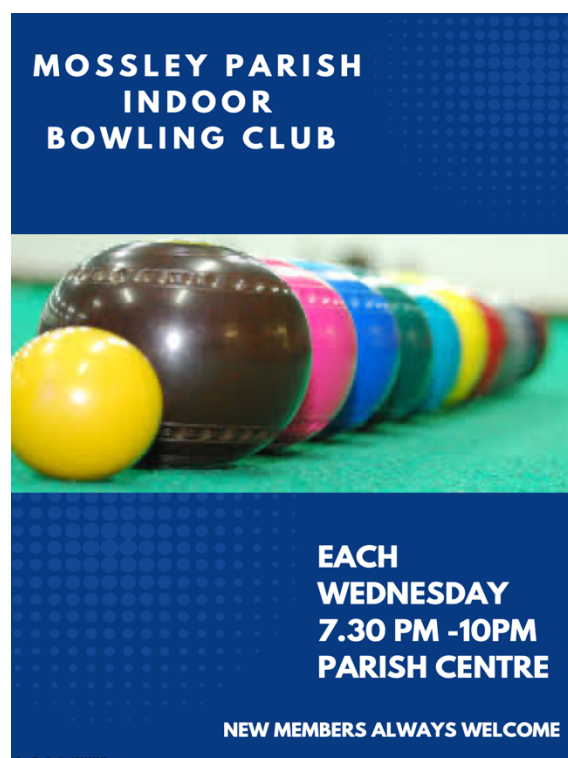
£300 Cancer Research

£100 Sands N.I. (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Support )

We are also looking forward to a bowls church service which is being planned for later in the year. More details will be announced soon.

Mossley Parish Indoor Bowling Club will restart the season on Wednesday 7th September.

(G. Curry)





## Youth Club

The Youth Club will be restarting on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm. The Youth Club is open to children from P4 up to second year (Year 9) and any new members will be made very welcome. The Youth Club usually meets every Saturday from 7.00-9.00pm in the church hall, costing £1 per night.

The children enjoy arts and crafts, playing football, pool, air hockey, hockey, games and board games. The tuck shop is also very popular.



Due to other commitments some of the leaders cannot be there every Saturday night, and we urgently need new leaders and helpers please. If anyone is able to help out on any Saturday night this would be a great help. 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)

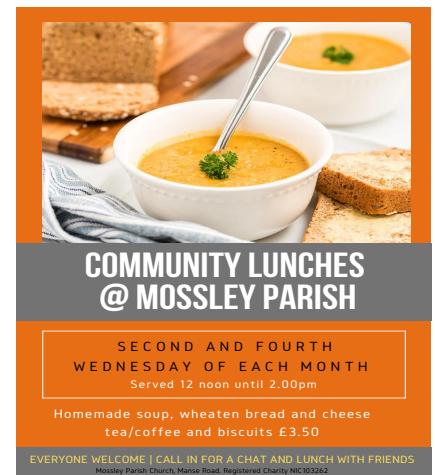
## Community Lunches

The Community Lunches will re-commence on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon. Soup, cheese and a selection of breads will be served, and the cost will be £3.50.

We will continue, as before, on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. All dietary requirements will be catered for. We look forward to welcoming old friends and new.

For further information please telephone:

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## 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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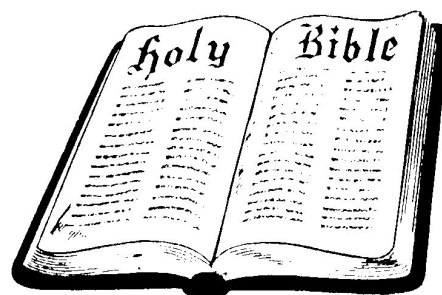
Carolyn Caldwell  
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028 90 775366

## Bible Lesson Readers

Sincere thanks to everyone who has offered to read Bible lessons during our Sunday Services. We will be getting a rota established over coming weeks and it will be encouraging to see parishioners taking part in the services once again.

We would love to see a good number of parishioners involved in this ministry. 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



It has been lovely to see increasing numbers of parishioners join together for a cup of tea or coffee after our morning service. We do hope that even more people will be able to gather in the Parish Centre when our service returns to the more familiar time of 11am. Everyone is welcome.

Thanks to the kind donations of parishioners who meet for this time of fellowship after our morning service, we were delighted to be able to give a donation of £200 from Tea Brew to Bishop Seth during his recent visit.

Our sincere thanks are offered to everyone on the Tea Brew rota and Mrs Winnie Millar who worked to get our after-service tea/coffee up and running once again.

4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> September  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> October

Julie Parkinson, Freda Luney, Julie Robinson  
Liz Holmes, Karen Henry, Isobel Jack

## Badminton Club



After a well-deserved summer break, the Badminton Club will resume on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

If you would like to have some fun and a little friendly competition, please do come along. You will be made most welcome!

A father had been teaching his four-year-old daughter the Lord's Prayer. Then one evening at bedtime she attempted it solo. He listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer. "And lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some emails. Amen."

## Club J, Pre-Sunday School/Crèche and Ignite Youth

Sunday 18th September will see the recommencement of all our Sunday morning children and youth groups at Mossley Parish.

Yes! Club J, Pre-Sunday School/Crèche and Ignite Youth are back!



We are very much looking forward to regathering in Church at 11am, just like the format pre-COVID. The young people will then continue their worship in the various groups in the Parish Centre, after a short time in Church.

It is hoped we will have children and young people involved throughout the year at our Family Services, which take place on the third Sunday of each month.

**\*Club J / Sunday School** is open to all children P1-P7 and will be based in the Main Hall. During their time, the children will learn more about Jesus through story videos, quizzes, challenges, crafts, games and music. Not forgetting the snack time to conclude!



**\*Pre-Sunday School / Crèche Facilities** are available for adults with their child/baby. The Carntall Room is well equipped with Bible story books, toys and Bible themed colouring sheets - all of which give a lovely foundation to introduce your child to learning about Jesus.

**\*Ignite Youth Group** is open to all young people Year 8+ and will meet in the Links Room. The plan is for young people to meet and learn more about Jesus and to encourage one another. There will be opportunities for listening to worship music, Bible readings, discussions, prayers and snacks. We will also be joining in with Diocesan Youth Events throughout the year.

It would be great to see all the children and young people of the parish engage with these various groups. Please spread the word to others, as new young people would be very welcome.

## Women's Guild



Following on from our evening with Canon Derek Kerr, we look forward to a meeting of the Women's Guild in the Carntall Room on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm. There will be an activity for everyone to enjoy, some refreshments will also be served, but the main point of business will be to discuss the future direction of the Guild and begin to establish a programme for the year ahead. It would be encouraging to see a good number of women at this meeting. New members are very welcome.



## Diary Of A Disciple



What a fantastic week! This year we held our Summer Holiday Bible Club, which was called *Diary of a Disciple*, in the Parish Centre from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August. The Friday evening was our annual Family Fun Night and BBQ.

Each evening kicked off at 6.15pm when we enjoyed video stories, quizzes, music, games, challenges, craft time and snacks.

As the theme of the week suggests, we looked at how the Bible encourages us to become a disciple of Jesus. The stories we focused on each night were *The Good Samaritan*, *The Lost Sheep and Coin*, *The Ten Talents* and *The Prodigal son*.

The Friday evening was very encouraging and the children brought along family members and friends. The BBQ was enjoyed by everyone and the children (and some adults!) enjoyed the bouncy castle and the 8ft inflatable slide in the Parish Centre.

A massive thank you to everyone who made the week possible. Your help, donations, prayers and support were greatly appreciated. A final word of thanks to all the children who came along and to their parents/guardians for bringing them each night. We look forward to more children's ministry events in the very near future.

We have a few photos of the Holiday Bible Club with this article. More photos are on our Facebook page.





## Girls' Brigade

It seems like such a long time since GB has operated normally, but after two years of uncertainty we have finally been given the all clear to resume our full programme! To that end, things will be slightly different this year as we attempt to create our new normal.



We are really excited to once again be able to have PE and games for all sections now that restrictions have been lifted.

Our first session will be on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September** and please take a note of our new meeting times:

Tinies and Explorers: 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Juniors, Seniors, Brigaders: 7pm – 8.30pm

## Boys' Brigade



Our BB Company met faithfully in the Parish Centre each Tuesday night last year. We would like to thank all the boys and officers for their dedication and faithfulness, particularly during the past two years of the COVID pandemic.

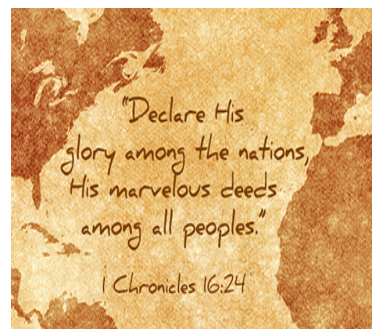
After twenty-five years of devoted service, and most recently as Captain of the Company, Mrs Maureen Steenson has decided that the time is right for her to retire. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Maureen for all that she has contributed to BB and the positive impact that she has made on the lives of so many boys during the past twenty-five years.

The Boys' Brigade has always been an integral part of Mossley Parish and to ensure that this remains the case we do need some new leaders. If you would be interested in helping out, please speak to the Rector. Further details about the BB will be released in due course.

## Mossley Mission Group

We would like to thank the parishioners of Mossley for their continued support of Tansen Hospital and SAMS Ireland. The mission boxes continue to be a great source of income and, as you read in the last edition of this magazine, this enables us to offer financial assistance to our mission partners.

During the incoming year we look forward to hosting several events which will keep us informed about what is happening in Tansen and South America, and will also be a source of raising further financial support. The Mission Group will be meeting shortly to make some initial plans. Further details will be released in the Parish Bulletin in coming weeks.



# Children's Challenge

We have a little challenge for the boys and girls. This challenge is based on the well-known Bible story of the wise and foolish builders.



**Mouse Makes**



Everyone who hears Jesus' words and **does** them will be like a \_\_\_\_\_ man.

On what did he build his house?

\_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 7:24



Everyone who hears Jesus' words and does **not** do them will be like a \_\_\_\_\_ man.

On what did he build his house?

\_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 7:26



Matthew 7:24-27 and Luke 6:46-49

What happened to the houses? Read Matthew 7:25 and 27

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M	A	N	H	S	A	N	D	W	S	J	I



What was the reaction of the crowd to Jesus' teaching? Read Matthew 7:28-29



Look up the Bible references to find the missing words then look for them and the words below in the word search

JESUS • HEAR • LISTEN • WORDS  
DOES • BUILT • FOUNDATION • MAN  
DUG • DEEP • SOLID • GROUND  
STREAM • RIVER • BURST • FLOODS  
TORRENT • HOUSE • FELL • COLLAPSED  
RUIN • DESTROYED



How many other words can you make from the word  
**FOUNDATIONS**