ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH GRIMSARGH Parish Magazine May 2023



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(Taken from the church magazine in 2015)

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Contact

Joanne Lander - joannelander@hotmail.co.uk

SERVICES 10:00am Morning Woeship every 1st and 5th Sunday

Holy Communion every 2nd and 4th Sunday

Family Service every 3rd Sunday

11:00am Holy Communion every 3rd Thursday of the

month

MOTHERS' UNION Every third Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm

In the school. Contact N Cowell Tel: 651772

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PARISH LETTER

The Rev Jill Mack writes:

Please pray this month for those living with dementia and their carers



Is your church dementia friendly? The vast majority of older adults never experience significant memory decline; therefore, many churches are not overly concerned about being dementia-friendly. Full participation in worship, activities, and special events by people with dementia requires special allowances by their churches.

It is important for churches to anticipate that some church members may develop dementia so that this illness doesn't rob both the church and its members with dementia, of significant relationships. The simple fact is: most church leaders do not even know if their church is dementia friendly.

How would you feel if dementia affected you?

If I get dementia:

- I want my friends and family to embrace my reality. If I think my spouse is still alive, or if I think we're visiting my parents for dinner, let me believe those things. I'll be much happier for it.
- Don't argue with me about what is true for me, versus what is true for you.
- I am not sure who you are, do not take it personally. My timeline is confusing.
- If I can no longer use utensils, do not start feeding me.

 Instead, switch me to a finger-food diet, and see if I can still feed myself.
- If I am sad or anxious, hold my hand and listen. Do not tell me that my feelings are unfounded.
- I don't want to be treated like a child. Talk to me like the adult that I am.
- I still want to enjoy the things that I've always enjoyed. Help me find a way to exercise, dance, listen to music and visit with friends.

Those that know me know what I want to listen to.

- Ask me to tell you a story from my past.
- If I become agitated, take the time to figure out what is bothering me.
- Treat me the way that you would want to be treated.
- Make sure that there are plenty of snacks for me in the house.
- Don't talk about me as if I'm not in the room.
- Don't feel guilty if you cannot care for me 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It's not your fault, and you've done your best. Find someone who can help you or choose a great new place for me to live.
- If I live in a dementia care community, please visit me often.
- Don't act frustrated if I mix up names, events, or places. Take a deep breath. It's not my fault.
- If I get dementia, make sure I always have my favourite music playing within earshot.
- I pick up items and carry them around, help me return those items to their original place.
- Don't exclude me from parties and family gatherings.
- Remember I still like receiving hugs or handshakes.



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Sourced from Facebook. Advice to relatives and carers.

A 'DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY CHURCH' WOULD:

- (1) accept and value people regardless of cognitive abilities,
- (2) ensure that the person who has dementia, and those who support them, are cared for through **all** the stages of the illness.
- (3) make sure that the person who has dementia, and their friends or family members, are both spiritually and pastorally supported and nurtured, in order for them to continue to enjoy being a part of a worshipping community in every sense.
- (4) be open to what people with dementia have to **offer**, look for strengths and abilities, then support and encourage the use of these gifts so that that they may participate in the community that is the body of Christ. Is your Church dementia friendly? I leave the question with you.

Coronation Prayer 2023

Almighty God,

On the occasion of the crowning of King Charles 111, we, the people, pray for him.

We thank you for him and for the calling on his life and we recognise the weight of responsibility that puts upon him. We know that he will need your help, Lord. We know that he will face many challenges, as did his mother, Queen Elizabeth.

We ask, that, as he is anointed with oil, you will anoint him with your Holy Spirit, so that he will know in his heart, as his mother knew, that Jesus is alive and able to help him fulfil his unique vocation.

We pray that in all the days he serves as King, he will be aware that first and foremost he serves you, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. May his reign be one of wisdom, vision and integrity, inspired by your Kingdom values.

May your name be honoured and glorified throughout this land, Lord, as we pray, *God save the King!*

By Daphne Kitching (Parish Pump)

Bishop Phillip's Visit – A Special Occasion

Making almost any physical change to a church building or land, requires permission. After nearly two years after the initial planning permission was granted by Preston City Council and gaining a Faculty, that is permission from Blackburn Diocese, the newly installed Bishop of Blackburn, Bishop Phillip visited Grimsargh Church on the 28th March to consecrate our

graveyard extension. The extension is at the rear of the existing graveyard

and can be accessed by the wooden gates installed in the back wall.

While the graveyard is not yet full, the graveyard extension will provide many more graves for years to come.

Bishop Phillip conducted a short service and a dozen parishioners attended it. Bishop Phillip said that graveyards were associated with death and sadness, but when situated next to a church, graveyards acted as very tangible reminders of the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, central to our faith. Bishop Phillip said that Jesus "kicked down" the door of the tomb and that by his rising again, we are reminded of the Christian Hope.



Following the service, Bishop Phillip chatted informally to the parishioners, while enjoying coffee and biscuits.

Easter Decorations

Thank you to all who contributed to the Easter flowers in church and thank you to those who gave their time to help with the fantastic display. It is great to have school and young families involved as well as our small group of more mature volunteers!!

The contrast from the bare church in Lent to the colourful Easter display helped us to reflect on Jesus' journey to and through the cross, culminating in the wonderful news of His resurrection. "He is risen indeed Alleluia."

Christian Aid Week

A concert given by the National Methodist Choral Society will be held in Christ Church, Longridge on Saturday May 20th at 7.00pm. Tickets are free with a suggested donation of £5.

They are also hoping to have a quiz on Friday May 26th. This is to be confirmed ans details will be announced in church.

Electronic Giving Machine...a new way to support your local church

As well as the cash collection plate you will be familiar with at each service we now have a simple to use cashless payment machine situated near the entrance/exit to the Church where you are able to make an electronic 'one off' donation of your choosing by just a tap of your card.

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St Michael's Church is maintained by those who come through the doors. We do



not receive any financial support from the government, Church of England or public purse. It's your donations that go directly towards the day to day running costs of your local church.

Giving what you can by whatever means really does count and your generosity is gratefully received.

News from FAF...

Garden Party Saturday 17th June, 1pm

Please save the date – Saturday 17th June.

The Garden Party is a fantastic occasion when we come together to have fun and raise funds for church. The children will be performing their dances, and it will be an occasion for the whole community to join together and share an afternoon of sunshine, hopefully, cake and games!

However, we will need more helpers and stall holders, we will need more ideas for stalls and ideas for games. We will need plants for the plant stall, cakes for the cake stall, bottles for the bottle stall and non-perishable items for raffle prizes. If you think that you can help in anyway, if you can spare a few hours to run a game or a stall, please speak to Nellie or any FAF member.

The Big Summer Raffle

The "Big Summer Raffle" will be drawn on Sunday 16th July, following the Family Service. As last year, the raffle will be drawn following a family picnic and children's games. Please put a note in your diaries.

Choir memories

I went up to the churchyard at Longridge after church on Easter Day and met Terry Lewis. Many of the older members of the congregation will remember Terry. He told me he was celebrating 65 years in a church choir at Easter this year. Quite an achievement!! Terry pestered The Rev John Brindle to join the choir here in Grimsargh and was told he could join when he could read quickly. At the age of 7 he was finally allowed to join and served our church loyally for over 30 years. It was a sad day when he moved to Longridge and joined the choir there. Congratulations Terry!! May you enjoy many more happy years singing in the choir. Nellie

It's All Greek to Me (cont)

Of the 7 wonders of the ancient world, 3 were outside the Greek world, namely the Pharos lighthouse at Alexandria and the Egyptian pyramids at Giza, the only ancient wonder still to exist; and the hanging gardens of Babylon. The other 4 not only pertain to the Greek world, but also were within a remarkably small geographical compass, around the Aegean Sea. There was the huge statue of Zeus at Olympia, site of the athletic games, in the Peloponnese, now reduced to a few rocks at the site, which is still very evocative as a venue, and well worth a visit; for example, the running track site with slopes for the spectators is still there, and there are other ruins in an extensive area. The Colossus of Rhodes which bestrode the entrance to the harbour, like the Pharos lighthouse, long ago collapsed into the sea. The temple of Artemis (Roman version being Diana) is at Ephesus, but is a ruin, while there are other more impressive buildings there, in particular, the theatre where St Paul addressed the crowd, and the city's library, the façade of which has been extensively reconstructed.

The last Greek wonder was the Mausoleum, a large construction to house the body of King Mausolus. The site of this wonder is in the modern town of Bodrum, Turkey, (ancient Greek name being "Halicarnassus") on the coast opposite the island of Cos. This is also a disappointment. In the words of my brother, whose wife is Turkish and who has a holiday villa near Bodrum, the site is now a hole in the ground. Much of the masonry used in its construction was re-used by the Crusaders to build the Crusader castle at Bodrum; in parts of the castle you can still see the Greek inscriptions on the walls. The remainder of the masonry was pilfered by the locals for their farms, leaving the site in the middle of the bustling Turkish town one of the least evocative places I have visited. There is however a nightclub nearby called Halicarnassus Mark



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St James the Least of All

Beware those modern choruses

The Rectory

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I am afraid we shall have to agree to disagree on yet another topic – although I suspect the list of items that



we agree to agree on would be considerably shorter. I like to think my appreciation of hymns resembles a connoisseur of fine wines savouring a grand cru claret, yours seems to resemble a Russian female tractor driver who is a Hero of the Nation.

We at St James the Least are more than happy with *Hymns Ancient & Modern* – the original 1861 edition, naturally - the later editions display a dangerous tendency towards modernism. Sadly, St. Paul was not able to sing *Onward, Christian soldiers*, but I am sure he regretted the fact that it had yet to be written. The hymns our grandparents pretended to sing when they were in church are quite good enough for the ones we pretend to sing when we sit in the same pews.

At least when we come to the last verse, we know that we can then sit down, mission accomplished. The last time I attended your church, just as I saw the last words and therefore the finishing line of one of your choruses coming into sight, we were told it would be splendid to sing the thing another three times. At least it gave me another analogy to use when I next preached on eternity in hell.

And your method of singing would plunge our congregation into an existential crisis. What do they do with their hands when they don't have books to hold and are obliged to look at a screen? To be deprived of being able to hold a book in church is like a smoker who is trying to give up being unable to grasp a cigarette when in the pub.

The ladies do not know whether to clasp their handbags, which then makes it look as if they suspect the rest of the congregation of theft, or to hold some flowers, which looks a little too matrimonial. The men experiment with putting hands in pockets, which they then realise looks scruffy, so they try to hold on to the pew in front, which is inevitably too low, so they have to adopt some form of half crouch, which makes them look as if they have recently had hernia operations.

Your choral tradition – if I can flatter it with such a description – also seems to require half an hour before the Service spent singing for our congregation, that time is more usefully spent discussing Government

incompetence, livestock prices and why Miss Threlfall always wears a red felt hat with her tangerine coat.

Should we ever have a joint Service, I can't imagine how we'll all get through the first hymn together.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

MOTHERS' UNION

This month's meeting is a double celebration! It is held on Thursday 18th May which is Ascension day, so we will remember Jesus' return to His Father in heaven with a service in church at 6.30pm





Then we go over to school to celebrate the Mothers' Union in Grimsargh's 92nd birthday with a party!

Please bring donations of food for the buffet tea. (We are going back to having a Jacobs Join)

Also invite a friend!

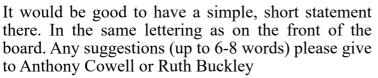
Also ... there will be entertainment!

Introducing David Wiles, who served in the Police Force for 30 years, many of them in Lancashire. He is now retired and works part-time as a driving instructor. His real love is painting and he learnt his impressive technique after watching 'The Joy of Painting' with Bob Ross on television. Today he is a qualified tutor and teaches regularly. His pictures are quick, vibrant and skilfully accomplished.

An entertainment not to miss!

St. Michael's Church New Noticeboard

We are very pleased with the new board, letting the community know that St. Michael's is very active, despite being in the interregnum. (Without a vicar) Those who are observant will notice that the back of the board is very big, blue and empty! An ideal opportunity to catch the eye of those travelling towards Preston!





SCHOOL REPORT

We were excited to welcome our children and their families back on Monday 17th April after enjoying our Easter break. We have an exciting half-term ahead with many exciting events and opportunities for our children, both in school and in our local community. During this half-term our year 2 and 6 children will sit their SATs; we have classes looking forward to educational visits; we again have entered all sporting opportunities available and we will celebrate both St George's Day and the King's Coronation.

We celebrated our school choir who took part in 'The Last Choir Singing' competition at King George's Hall. They absolutely sang their hearts out, with lots of confidence, and made us all extremely proud! We can't wait to enter again next year.

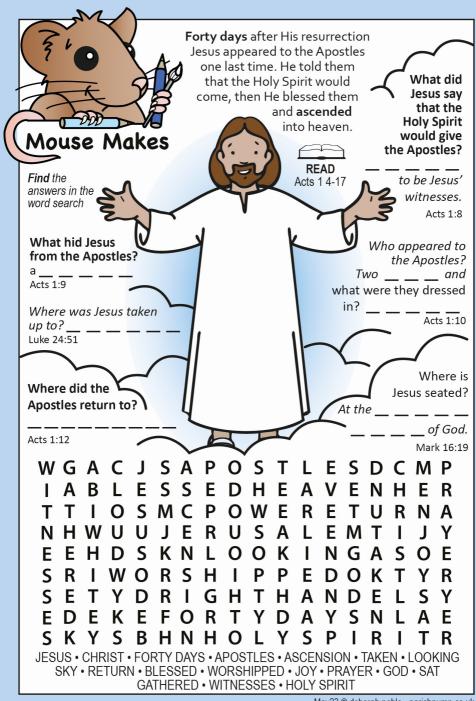
Before we finished for Easter, our children enjoyed learning about Holy Week during RE lessons and through gathering to worship together. On Thursday 23rd March, Reverend Jeff kindly took the lead during our church service. He shared the story of Easter with the children. We were delighted that our children sang beautifully and enjoyed participating in a variety of ways.

The PTFA Easter Bingo, in the last week before we finished for Easter, was a huge success. The evening was enjoyed by many of our children and families. The total money raised was just under £1,000 which is a fantastic amount of money- all of which will be spent on our children. This half term we are incredibly excited about the Circus coming to our school on Saturday 22nd April. There will be two performances during the day (1pm and 5pm) with opportunities to play some games, have a bounce on the bouncy castle, soak me in the stocks and have some food, before each performance!

Search 'grimsarghstmichaels' on Instagram and 'Grimsargh St Michael's C of E Primary School' on Facebook to have a snapshot of some of the things our children have been doing.

On behalf of our school staff, I wish everyone within our Grimsargh community well and hope you all continue to support each other and stay safe.

Kind Regards Mr Stuart Booth Headteacher



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| March | 26th | £169.70 | |
| April | 2nd | £291.91 | |
| | | £55.00 | Ecumenical Service |
| April | 7th | £246.00 | Good Friday |
| April | 9th | £316.85 | |
| April | 16th | £183.50 | |

Grateful Thanks to John Cowell for his donation of £200 in memory of Marlene

FLOWER ROTA

| May | 7th | Vacant |
|-----|------|------------|
| May | 14th | Linda Fisk |
| May | 21st | N Cowell |
| May | 28th | Joan Moon |

SIDESPERSONS, READERS AND COFFEE ROTAS

| | 8.30am | 10.00am | Communion Assistant | Readers Coffee |
|----------|--------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| May 7th | | R Woollam | N Cowell | R Woollam Vicar |
| May 14th | | John Cowell | B Mackley | D Rusling Vicar |
| May 21st | | K Thompsor | ı | Youth Reader |
| May 30th | | N Maudsley | S Cowell | L Wood Vicar |

FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

| | Leader | Duty | | Welcome |
|----------|----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| May 7th | Nellie | Helen | Eileen | Jean |
| May 14th | Marlene | Maureen | Kate | Linda |
| May 21st | Jean | Christine | Helen | Janet |
| May 28th | Jennifer | Eileen | Maureen | Marlene |

ST MICHAEL'S DIARY DATES FOR MAY

14th Easter 6 (St. Matthias)

10.00am Holy Communion and JIGSAW club followed by the Church Annual Meeting

18th Ascension Day

11.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
6.30pm Holy Communion in Church followed by the Mothers' Union 92nd birthday party in school.

19th 9:30 - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club

20th 7.00pm Concert at Christ Church, Longridge for Christian Aid Week

21st Easter 7

10.00am Family Service

26th 9:30 - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
Possible quiz at Christ Church, Longridge, details in church

28th Easter 3 (Whit Sunday)

10.00am Holy Communion and Jigsaw club

6.30pm Ecumenical Service with Alston Lane in Grimsargh Church

DEADLINE for the June magazine is 15th May.

Articles to be sent to Mrs Cowell (pandncowell@hotmail.co.uk) and/or B Mackley (bjmackley@aol.com)