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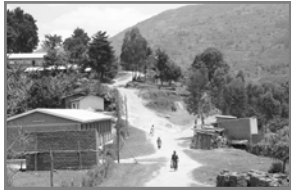
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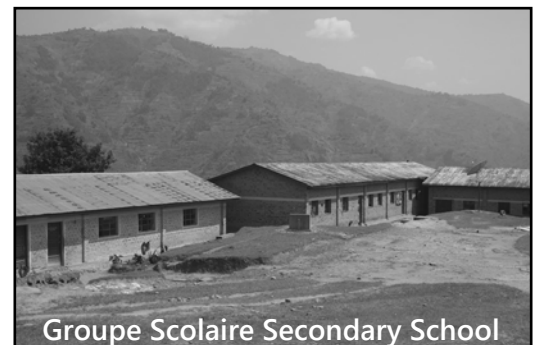
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Vicar – Revd Dr Matt Davis



From the Vicarage

Dear Friends

I've got a confession to make: I cause the magazine editors a lot of stress each month. This letter may appear first in the magazine, but it is almost without fail the last article to be written. I don't quite know what goes wrong: each month I have it on my to-do list to be done in plenty of time. And yet, each month I receive reminders (very polite ones, I might add) to submit it. Without fail, I seem to lose several days around the middle of each month and before I know it, I'm late and the magazine team are waiting for me so it can go to print.

Usually, I work reasonably well under pressure. But there's something about inspiration under pressure: it seems to evaporate. My mind goes blank. Even if I can think of something semi-interesting that has recently happened, I struggle to turn one introductory paragraph into a full page. Where am I going to go with it? What encouragement or challenge can I reflect on from it? How does it help me to understand something about life with Jesus that I can share with others?

I wonder what causes your mind to go blank. Is it when there's an important decision to be made? We can sometimes see both sides of the argument so well that we end up stuck on the fence. Or is it starting out: when faced with a blank slate, we don't know where to begin. How often things would seem easier if only we had something to work with. Or is it a fear of the future, a fear of the unknown? The status quo often seems preferable: we can cope with what we know.

What do we do when the future seems uncertain, when it seems blank, and we're not sure what to do? What can we do? What should we do? Where do we turn when we're lacking inspiration in life, or it feels like we're running on empty?

At the end of the Bible, in Revelation 21:6, John quotes the Lord Jesus Christ, saying:
"It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life."

Jesus describes himself as the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet (the language the New Testament was written in). He's saying he's the first and the last, the Beginning and the End. Not just that he was about at the beginning and will be about at the end, but he *is* the beginning and also the end. Jesus has the whole world in his hands because he is the one who began everything, and the one in whom all things will find their completion, their fulfilment. Jesus is the ultimate aim and purpose of the whole universe.

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And so, as we find ourselves somewhere in between the beginning and the end, we turn to Jesus: he's the one who provides for us. When we're thirsty, whatever it might be we thirst after, he is the one who can quench that thirst. All our desires, all our longings can be satisfied in him. This is why my letters in this magazine always try to point to Jesus.

Well, I hope you enjoy reading this month's magazine. I'm off now to start writing next month's letter...

With every blessing,

Matt

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CHURCH REGISTER FOR MAY
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No weddings and no baptisms.
Funerals and burials:
9th May – Maureen Calderwood
16th May – Peggy Jemmett (burial of ashes)
24th May – Doug Knight

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DATES AND NOTES
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SERVICES – The wearing of face coverings and social distancing are no longer necessary in church. However, it is totally acceptable for those who wish to wear face coverings and socially distance to continue doing so. Zoom is no longer in operation.

PRAYER CHAIN – Please contact **Philip Lowe** if you know of someone who would appreciate prayer support (p.h.lowe50@btinternet.com).

PASTORAL SUPPORT – if you, or someone you know would appreciate a visit from our pastoral team please telephone Hillary Griffin (871846) or Jean Watts (877662) (Pastoral Care Co-Ordinators). Jean is also Vulnerable Adults Officer.

WHAT'S ON AT ST LUKE'S IN JUNE – refer also to pages 3, 4 & 12 and weekly news sheets for details. Services can be found on page 10.

KIDS @ ST LUKE'S ON SUNDAYS –
June – 4th all in church; 11th, 18th, & 25th Kids @ St Luke's (Children's Church).
July – 2nd all in church; 9th & 16th Kids @ St Luke's (Children's Church).
Summer Break

LENT PROJECT - £2,082 raised by the Coronation weekend to support needy people in Shyira (Rwanda) and Lima (Peru) – thank you to all who donated!

TRINITY SUNDAY – 4th June. The first Sunday after Pentecost celebrating the three persons of God – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

SUMMER SOLSTICE – Wednesday 21st June.

MESSAGE TO OUR READERS -
Do you have any interesting stories, poems, photos befitting a parish magazine that we could publish? If so, we would love to hear from you – Editor contact details on pages 1 and 11. We want to try and make our magazine more varied in its content. Bearing in mind that its main aim is one of 'outreach', we are hoping you can help us further in achieving that aim.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES AROUND SHYIRA

In an email from Shyira, Revd Jacques told us, "During the night of 2nd May we had the catastrophe of floods and landslides in Shyira and in part of Western province. Many houses and crops were destroyed, and one person was found dead, and we are searching for three who are lost". Those of us who have been to Shyira have seen a gradual change of the climate with more storms and floods, but this is the worst so far.

Many houses are quite small, built with mud bricks and having a timber frame to secure a corrugated iron roof. They are not able to withstand the force of water, see the picture to the right, but are home for the families living in them. Our latest information is that 133 families with 540 family members are camped on Shyira hill in and around the old hospital buildings. The health centre that was in those buildings has moved into the new hospital.



Families have been given a mattress, just one per family, see the picture, but the needs are still great. Although Rwanda is increasing in prosperity, there is still extreme poverty in rural areas like Shyira. A pastor of Shyira once told me, "Poverty is rampant among my people", and little has changed.

Ultimately new homes must be provided for the 133 families, but for now the parish must provide emergency relief estimated to cost £36,600. Are we able to give them any help? Donations may be made through the Donate button on the parish website or in a clearly marked envelope in church.

Allan Hobson

REVD ROY BAKER

On June 19th Revd Roy Baker – who has taken many services at St. Luke's during interregnums and wrote a piece for our magazine every month until recently – will celebrate 60 years since his ordination at Liverpool Cathedral in 1963. He had been a Deacon at Holy Trinity, Southport and he then did a second curacy at Garston. His first incumbency as Vicar was at St. Cuthbert's Churchtown. He later moved to All Saints, Newton-le-Willows, for 5 years and then served another 8 years at St. John's in Crossens. His final incumbency was at St. Nicholas Church in Blundellsands where he served for 20 years before retiring in 2001. We wish him and Barbara a very happy day on June 19th.

NEW CAFÉ – this summer we are embarking on a new venture. June 3rd will see the opening of **Café@StLuke's**.

The Café will be open every other Saturday from 2-4pm, selling tea, coffee, and cakes. There will also be music groups performing on certain Saturdays (see below). Please keep an eye on our website, stlukesformby.org.uk and our Facebook page for the latest information.

The Café will be open on June 3rd (with music from Jill Fielding), June 17th, July 1st (Skiffle with Pete Connor), July 15th, July 29th (music from Northwind with Steve Waddelove), August 12th, August 26th (SOS Pete Connor).

Please come and join us for refreshments and a chat with friends. There will be a warm welcome waiting for you.

CRAFTY FOLK – alongside Café@StLuke's on the following Saturdays: June 3rd, July 1st and August 12th.



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1, 15 & 29 JULY
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8TH FORMBY BROWNIE GUIDES



The Brownies have had a busy term, with a scavenger hunt in the pine woods, Coronation crafts, and a Eurovision evening. They have been working towards a Girl Power badge, looking at energy use and being more climate friendly. We even managed bike maintenance and a family bike ride as part of the topic.

I decided to step down as Brown Owl – after just over seven years – and have enjoyed the first few weeks as Snowy Owl. We are thrilled to welcome four

new leaders to guiding after a Formby Bubble appeal and look forward to some Brownie fun with Arriane, Naomi, Dianne, and Meg as 8th St Luke’s new leaders.

Jenette Rowlands

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GOD IN THE SCIENCES

(From a series written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz – Church Engagement Director at the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge)

It’s difficult as a scientist to hear information that is fascinating, but which also involves so much suffering for other people. I worked for a time in a leukaemia research lab. We had to let other people’s pain drive our research without it crippling our ability to concentrate on our work. But, during lockdown, I found myself – as a biologically-educated bystander – avoiding looking into the science of COVID-19, because the reminders of its impact on people’s lives were everywhere that I looked.

One of the ways I managed my own feelings during the pandemic was by digging deeper into what God has revealed to us about His character, letting that fuel my faith, my prayers, and my actions. For more academic types like me, study – particularly of the Bible – can be one of the primary ways we connect with God and hear from Him. It’s not wrong to be comforted by books, so long as the contents turn our eyes upwards and outwards.

First of all, God hears: “The Lord is close to the broken-hearted” (Psalm 34:18a). “In Jesus God took on human form, and He showed us His heart for the world. When His friend Lazarus died, He wept” (John 11). God is “the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort” (2 Corinthians 1:3).

Human sin has affected the whole of creation, and I believe this is largely the direct impact of our mismanagement of creation and mistreatment of each other. COVID-19 may well be another animal’s friendly virus, pushed by human activity into causing havoc in bodies where it doesn’t belong.

But God’s world remains good. It is still fruitful, praising Him, as Psalm 19 describes. Even pictures of a deadly virus can seem beautiful – especially to a biologist! These good things are hints of the promised “new heavens and new earth” mentioned in the New Testament. One day “creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay” (Romans 8: 21), and for everyone who follows God, “He will wipe every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 21: 4).

Behind the debates about suffering is sometimes the assumption that God doesn’t care. My experience is that God does care deeply, and He invites His Church to care for those around them – especially the most vulnerable. He is with us, He hears us and grieves with us, He helps us and promises a better future.

(Extracted from Parish Pump website)

ST. LUKE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we head towards summer, the children of St Luke's Primary are proud of the way they have overcome their SATS. This can be a challenging time for some children but they have shown resilience and looked at this as an opportunity to celebrate all of their hard work over many years in school.

Now that the assessments are over, we will still be continuing with a broad and balanced curriculum in school. Around this, however, the children have lots of other opportunities to look forward to. The children have already started the planning of their end of year leavers' show - a continuous highlight in the school calendar. With their creative ideas and individual talents on display, we're all sure that it will be bigger and better than ever.

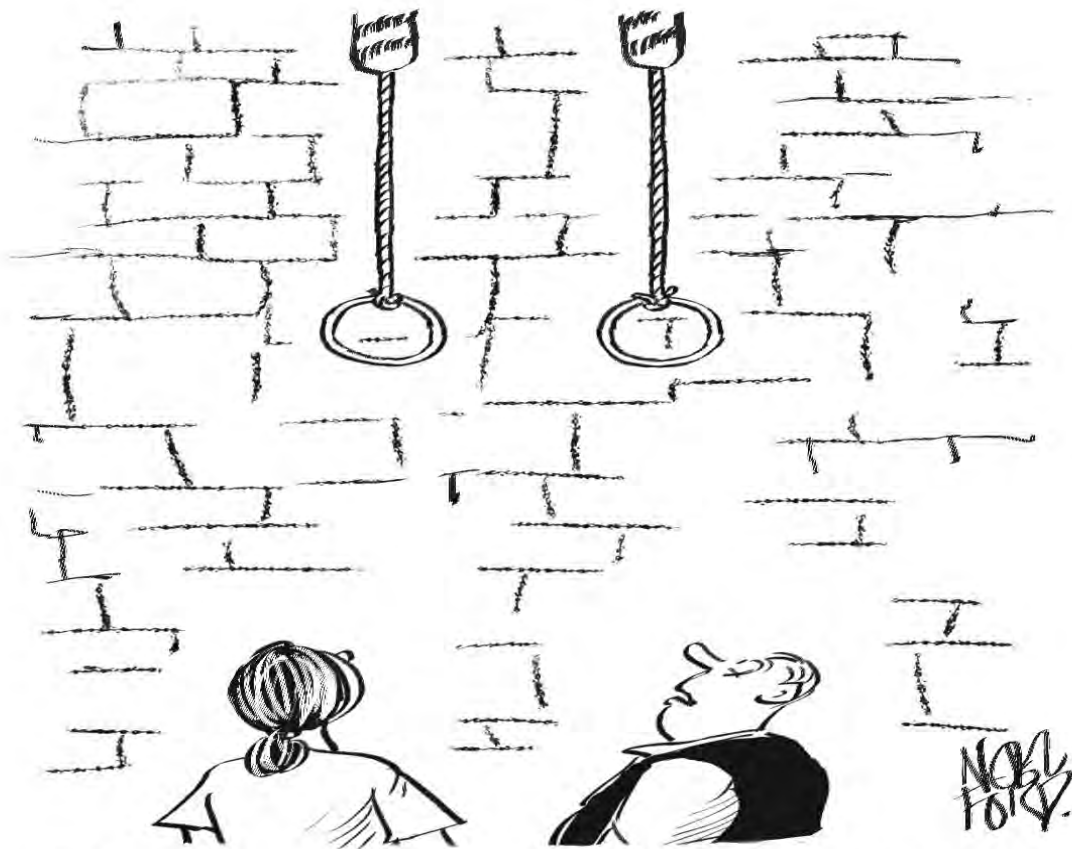
Very soon, we will also be going on our annual residential trip to Dearne Valley. This is an action packed experience with something for everyone. The children get the chance to learn outside of the classroom and overcome new types of challenges - building more resilience and confidence along the way.

In addition, the transition to high school process is also underway. The children will learn more about the next stage in their journey, and as sorry as staff will be to see them leave, they're almost ready for the next big step.

Summer term in Year 6 is always a busy one, but it is the most exciting in all that it offers.

The Year 6 Team

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"Apparently, the new member of the bell-ringing team is a keen gymnast"

FATHERS' DAY - 18TH JUNE



In the UK, USA and Canada, the third Sunday in June is Fathers' Day. It's usually a good time for sons and daughters to take their father to his favourite restaurant, or to watch a favoured sport, or whatever else he enjoys doing.

How will you celebrate it this year? If your own father cannot be with you, how about a Zoom meeting?

How do these special days ever get started, anyway? Well, Fathers' Day began because way back in 1909 there was a woman in Spokane, Washington, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd. That year she heard a

church sermon about the merits of setting aside a day to honour one's mother. Mothers' Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States at this time. But Sonora Louise Smart Dodd knew that it was her father who had selflessly raised herself and her five siblings by himself after their mother had died in childbirth. So, the sermon on mothers gave Sonora Louise the idea to petition for a day to honour fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart.

Sonora Louise soon set about planning the first Fathers' Day celebration in Spokane in 1910. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and a 'Fathers' Day' was appointed. Sonora Louise had wanted Fathers' Day to be on the first Sunday in June (since that was her father's birthday), but the city council didn't have time to approve it until later in the month. And so, on June 19th, 1910, the first Fathers' Day was celebrated in Spokane.

Gradually, other people in other cities caught on and started celebrating their fathers, too. The rose was selected as the official Fathers' Day flower. Some people began to wear a white rose to honour a father who was dead, and a red one to honour a father who was living. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Fathers' Day - a permanent, national holiday.

(Parish Pump website)

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THOUGHT FOR JUNE

June has always seemed a 'quiet' month to me here in Formby – a 'neither here nor there' kind of month, a time to look back as well as a time to look forward to the second half of the calendar year. I remember The Kinks' song from the 60s (giving my age away) 'Sunny Afternoon' with lyrics like, "Now I'm sittin' here... Sippin' at my ice cold beer...Lazin' on a sunny afternoon...In the summertime, In the summertime, In the summertime". Ah, dreamy summer days – if you enjoy a glass of cold beer, that is! But I think you catch my drift.

Sadly, the possibility of such doesn't exist for many in other parts of the world. We, in 'Formby -By-The-Sea', are thankfully immune from the horrors we witness daily on our TV screens. The way certain nations and communities treat fellow human beings is quite deplorable. It can never be justified whatever case the perpetrators put forward. Most of us can only pray for an end to the tyranny and suffering that many have to endure day after day.

So, back to Formby this June. Let's pray the weather is pleasant and kind to us as we make the most of God's beautiful world on our doorstep. Let's be thankful for what we have and smile! Jesus would approve, I'm sure!

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**EXTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT ENDING 31ST
DECEMBER 2022 PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL
CHURCH MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH MEETING ROOM ON
WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY 2023 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

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5. Taking of religious assemblies in schools.
6. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings, and the distribution of literature.
7. Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers, young people, and other special needs groups.
8. Supporting other Christian charities in the UK and overseas.

Review of activities during 2022:

This year our Sunday services have returned to some sense of pre-covid normality, with many new people joining us. The two morning services continue to complement each other with traditional and more contemporary forms of liturgy and music. We replaced the Church Bibles with the modern and easy to read NIV translation, to make it easier for people to follow along as the sermon is preached. Our second service at 10.30am has again been streamed on Zoom for those continuing to isolate at home. Both services have tea and coffee served afterwards, to allow people the chance to catch up and get to know each other. Our monthly Parish Breakfasts have continued, and we held our first Church Picnic in September, which brought together many from both services. Our Sunday Children's Groups and Creche in the Meeting Room have grown and some of the new congregation members have started to help lead and teach the children. A Youth Group began in the summer term on Sunday evenings, hosted at the vicarage involving food, games and a chat about Christianity. The Pastoral Visiting Team aids the Vicar in bringing spiritual support and encouragement to those unable to come to church on a Sunday morning.

Special services throughout the year have continued to welcome local people into church who don't come regularly. These have included the Memorial Service for those recently bereaved, Christingle, Candlelit Carols, Blue Christmas, Crib Service and Christmas Midnight Communion. St Luke's hosted Christmas services for Habla Nursery, St Luke's School, Range High, and Rotary. The uniformed organisations join us at all-age parade services for Mothers' Day, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday. In January we held a centenary memorial service for the world-famous Irish playwright, poet and artist Percy French who is buried in the graveyard. Representatives from the Irish Government, Percy French Society and Formby Civic Society took part in the celebrations after the service. Our midweek activities have continued and grown. In the summer term we hosted the Bible Society's Bible Course and from this re-launched Home Groups which now see six groups meeting each week in people's homes to study the Bible together and pray for each other. Once a month the home groups met together for a Church Prayer Meeting. The Lifeboat Tea Room returned to a full offering from May to August, welcoming over a thousand people onto our church grounds. Tuesday lunches and Saturday drop-ins continued the hospitality for the rest of the year. The Woodland Workshop met once a month to take care of the wooded area of the churchyard.

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The PCC have worked through the Leading your Church into Growth course material and have been considering how to 'join up' the various outreach events we put on by linking them with evangelism and discipleship activities. In addition to activities already mentioned, we regularly host the What if? Course to give people the opportunity to hear more about the Good News of Christianity and ask questions in a relaxed setting. Baptism families and a wedding couple joined the course this year.

St Luke's continues to financially support over a dozen Christian charities in the UK and abroad. These include local charities such as Southport Soup Kitchen, and long-term partners in Shyira, Rwanda. Our links with St Luke's Primary School continue through providing governors, taking assemblies and services, hosting church visits, giving each pupil an age-appropriate Christian book for a Christmas present and retired members of the congregation helping children with their reading. Through Churches Together we continue to support joint Christian mission in our local community, such as the Nativity and Passion Plays and the Formby Food Pantry. All in all, 2022 has been a busy year for St Luke's Church with many encouragements.

Future plans:

As we look to the future, our main aim is to continue and to grow what we currently do: sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with people in our community and building up the whole congregation to know, love and trust the Lord Jesus better. As we do this, we will continue to review our Sunday services, midweek activities, and outreach events to welcome everyone and make disciples.

We hope and pray the children youth activities will continue to grow, and we will need to consider how this work may expand with our current resources. Already we are finding the Meeting Room is reaching capacity on Sunday mornings. As the Scout and Guide groups increasingly use the building throughout the week, it is making it more difficult for evening midweek church events. The congregation, and in particular the PCC, now need to consider the possibility of a building project to expand the Meeting Room.

Our largest outreach activity is the Lifeboat Tea Room. At the end of this year's season the management committee stood down after many years of service. With no obvious replacements, the Tea Room may need to undergo some changes and the church will need to decide how best to continue this ministry.

Membership:

The Electoral Roll on 31st December 2022 stood at 132.

Weekly Sunday Worship Attendance for 4th quarter of 2022:

8.30 service – 17 adults

10.30 service – 65 adults and 13 children

Vicar and PCC

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SMILE LINES

I burn about 2000 calories every time I put on fitted sheets by myself.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

As long as there are exams, there will be prayer in schools.

SERVICES FOR JUNE 2023

Thursday 1st June

11.00am Holy Communion CW

Sunday 4th June – Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am All-age Service with
Holy Communion CW

Sunday 11th June – Trinity 1

8.30am Holy Communion CW
10.30am Morning Service
with Children's Church*

Sunday 18th June – Trinity 2 (Fathers' Day)

8.30am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Holy Communion with
Children's Church CW*

Sunday 25th June – Trinity 3

8.30am Holy Communion CW
10.30am Morning Service
with Children's Church*

Sunday 2nd July – Trinity 4

8.30am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am All-age Service with
Holy Communion CW

Thursday 6th July

11.00am Holy Communion CW

(*Term time only)



**Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.
(Hebrews 10:23 NIV)**

Prayer for June 2023

Dear Father,

As we come to this beautiful time of year, the month of June, we thank you for the wonder of your creation and the way our spirits are lifted as we see all around us the freshness of a new summer.

This month we remember Barnabas, whose name means, *child of encouragement*. He was a good person, full of the Holy Spirit and faith. Lord, help each of us to be a *Barnabas* to someone today, to encourage and lift up, led by your Holy Spirit and full of faith.

Help us to share your love and goodness, especially with those whose circumstances are difficult. Help us all to trust you through good times and testing times, knowing you are always with us, always encouraging us, always faithful.

In Jesus' name. Amen

By Daphne Kitching – from Parish Pump website

WHO'S WHO

Vicar	Rev Dr Matt Davis
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Church & Mid-African Mission	Mrs June McGibbon
Church Administrator	Mrs Valerie Hogben

WHAT'S ON

Monthly Prayer Meetings – See weekly news sheet for details. Monday or Tuesday evening likely day/s, 7.30pm in MEETING ROOM.

Weekly Home Bible Groups – restarted w/b Mon 16th Jan at various venues and times. If you would like to join a group, please speak to Matt.

St Luke's Youth Group for Y6 children and above from 7.45-9.00pm each Sun during term time. It is led by Liz & Matt in the MEETING ROOM. There are pizzas/snacks; games; and a chance to explore and grow our faith in Jesus.

Café@StLuke's – opening Saturday June 3rd – see pages 3 & 4 for details.

Crafty Folk - see page 3 for details.

Open Doors – (Sat mornings), closed for the spring and summer.

Tuesday Lunch - in MEETING ROOM on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month (6th & 20th June) between 12 and 2.00pm for food, drinks, and a chat. Donations for lunch welcome.

Parish Breakfast (between Sunday services, first Sun of the month) – 4th June.

Woodland Workshop – contact Peter Griffin (871846) for details.

Creche - a creche is available at all 10.30am services.

Uniformed Organisations in the Church Hall unless otherwise stated –

Rainbows	Contact District Commissioner		Sheila Kirk	875393
Brownie Guides				
4 th Formby	Monday (In Meeting Room)	6.00pm	Julie Maher	07811 907003
8 th Formby	Wednesday	6.00pm	Jenette Rowlands	
Guides				
4 th Formby	Wednesday	7.30pm	Julie Clark	833757
Beavers	Thursday (In Meeting Room)	5.45pm	John Gelder Beavers8thFormbyStLukes@outlook.com	876456
Cub Scouts	Thursday (In Meeting Room)	6.45pm	Bob Ford Cubs8thFormbyStLukes@outlook.com	873026
Group Scout Leader			Gordon Hilbert	874167

Confirmation classes for juniors and adults are held annually.

Home Communion – The Wardens welcome the names and addresses of the sick and elderly who would like Holy Communion at home.

Baptisms & Weddings – Contact the Wardens after the 10.30 service.

PCC – if you would like to communicate a concern to the PCC, **the Standing Committee members** are Rev Dr Matt Davis (Vicar), Mr Hugh Dixon (Treasurer), Mr Steve Ginn (Warden), Mrs Fiona Grieveson (Warden), Dr David Hogben (Secretary).

Other PCC Members are Mr Andrew Cox, Miss Debbie Davies, Mr Ken Davies, Mrs Ann Dennison, Mrs Anne Dixon, Dr Peter Griffin, Prof Allan Hobson, Mrs June McGibbon, Mr David Moore, Mrs Sheila Rodger, Mrs Jean Watts.

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St Luke's Church - P2 Dates & Notes, P3 Miscellaneous News, P12 What's On, & Weekly News Sheets for information.

St Peter's Church and Parish Hall (Paradise Lane) – 01704 871171

- Bingo for the elderly every Sun 8.00-9.30pm and Mon 2.00-4.00pm of the month. Tickets 50p each. Refreshments 20p tea/biscuits. Raffle £1.00 a strip with prizes on a Sun night and money prize on Mon afternoon.
- Singing Thursdays! (except for 1st Thurs of the month). Thursdays will be full of singing in the parish hall. All groups will meet at 2pm and finish approx. 3.30. Free entry and refreshments. Everyone welcome, regardless of ability (or none), so join us for light-hearted singing.
 - 2nd Thursday 8th – Singing for Fun.
 - 3rd Thursday 15th – Singing's Good for Your Brain! **CAN YOU HELP US!** We urgently need someone to help lead the singing on this 3rd Sunday of the month. We do have music, lyrics, and the lovely Geraldine playing the keyboard, but we do need a fun person to lead the music part of the group. Contact Vicky on office number above for more information – a once a month commitment!
 - 4th Thursday 22nd – Singalong Fun Choir.
- Bacon Barm and Banter – See page 16.
- Past Times Community Choir – every Tues 2-3.30pm in Parish Hall. Free fun community choir. Refreshments provided. Dementia friendly.

Formby Methodists

- Coffee Club 1st Tues of each month (June 6th) 2-4pm – see FBS below.
- The Carers Support Group meets every Fri afternoon 2.00-4.00pm at the Methodist Church. The group is open not only to all carers and the person/s they care for, but also to anyone who needs some additional company or support. Contact Irene for further information on Tel: 876219 or Email: info@formbybefriendingscheme.org.uk

Formby Library (01704 874177) – Mon to Fri 10.00-4.30pm and Sat 10.00-1.30pm – also open for browsing and computer use

- FL can offer a limited home delivery service. Please contact Library if interested.
- Tea & Treasures Coffee Morning – Thursdays (10.30-12noon) 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th June.
- Creative Writing Group (Fri 2.00pm) - contact Library for June dates.
- Visually Impaired Meeting Group – contact Library for dates in June.
- Garden sessions for all ages will be advertised in the Library and on our social media sites as dates are arranged.
- 'The Birth of the Beatles Story' – started up by a Liverpool couple who knew the Beatles in the 1960s - Wed 28th June talk. Contact the Library for more information and to book a place.

Formby Befriending Scheme - FBS will be holding their Open Coffee Club on the first Tues of each month (6th June) 2-4pm at the Methodist Church. It is open to older adults who would like to make new friends or just to have some company. For more information, ring: 07437 479 417 or email: info@formbybefriendingscheme.org.uk

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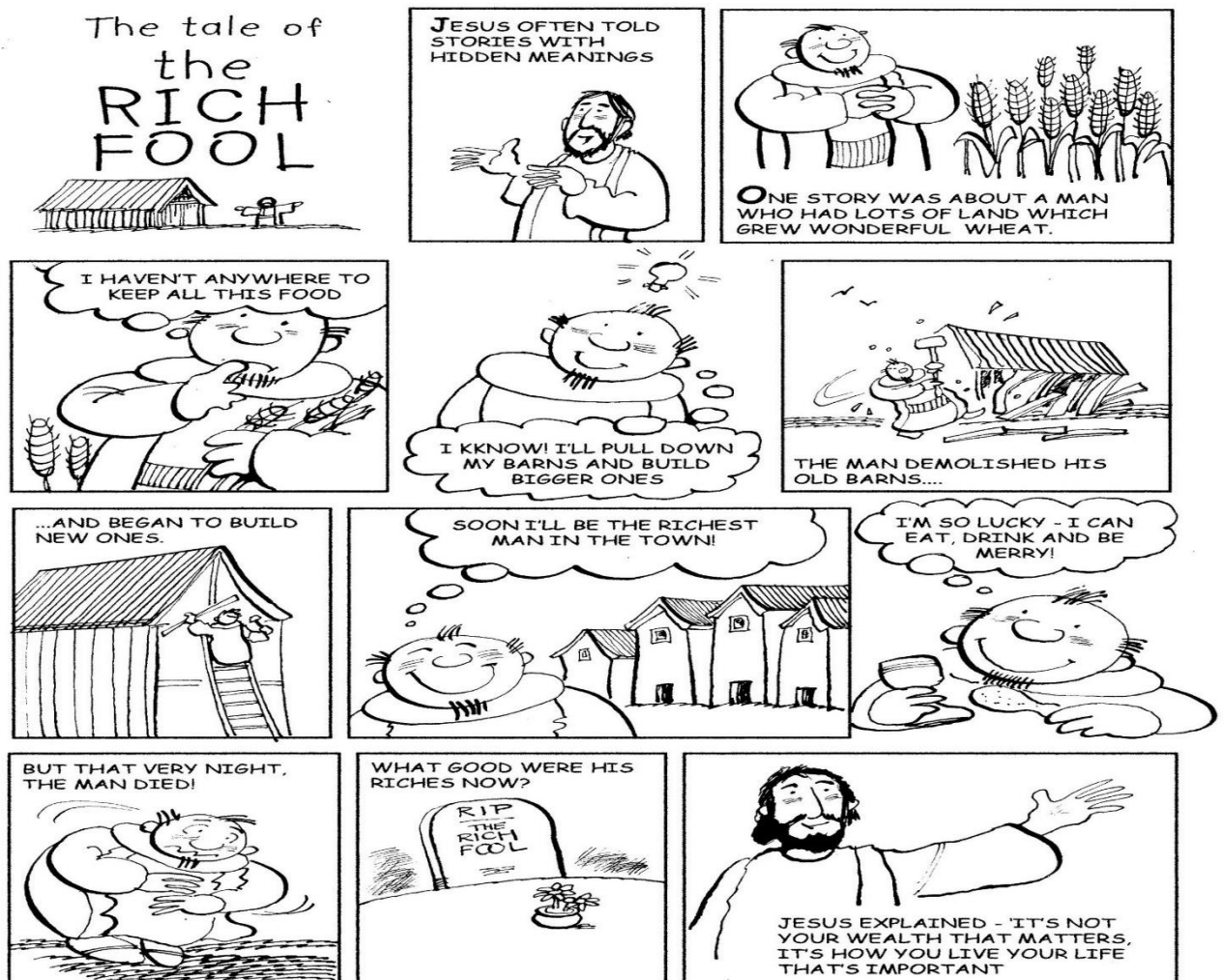
A 17th CENTURY NUN'S PRAYER

Lord, Thou knowest better than I myself that I am growing older and someday will be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release from me the craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of other's pains but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory but for a growing humility and lessening cock sureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint; some of them are so hard to live with. But a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see the good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen.

Sent in by Church Member, Joyce Eddlestone



CORONATION PICNIC AT ST LUKE'S - SUNDAY MAY 7TH

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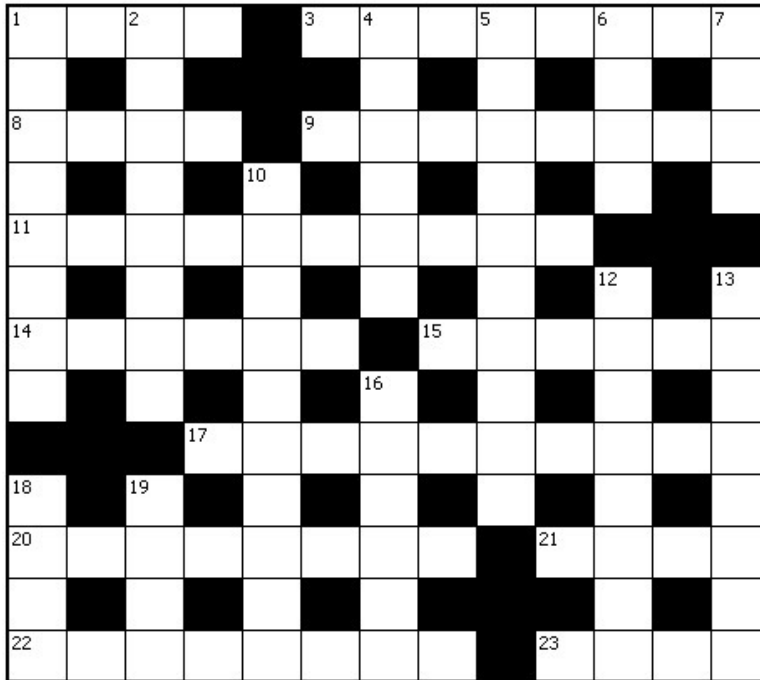
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CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 See 23 Across
- 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
- 8 Invalid (4)
- 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
- 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
- 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
- 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
- 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
- 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)

- 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
- 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
- 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

Down

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
- 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in —, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
- 7 Swirling current of water (4)
- 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was —, to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
- 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
- 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

(SOLUTION ON PAGE 24)

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SMILE LINES

Reasons for marriage:

Studying our wedding photos, my six-year-old asked, "Did you marry Dad because he was a vicar?"

"Not at all," I replied.

"Did you marry him because he was good-looking?"

"No, not that either," I replied.

"Did you marry him for his money?"

"Definitely not," I laughed. "He didn't have any."

"So," he concluded sadly, "You just felt sorry for him."

WORDSEARCH

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Each June, the Church of England holds its Petertide ordinations, to coincide with the feast day of the great apostle Peter, who led the Church at Pentecost. Simon had been a fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee, when his brother Andrew introduced him to Jesus. When Simon made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus gave him a new name – Cephas, or Peter, which means rock. The ‘gates of hell’ would never prevail against Jesus’ Church, and He gave Peter the power of ‘binding and loosing’, and also the ‘the keys of the kingdom of heaven’. Peter witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and

Jesus praying in Gethsemane. Peter betrayed Jesus but after the Resurrection, Jesus entrusted him to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ’s flock. Peter was the first apostle to work a miracle.

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| Simon | Andrew | Daughter | Crowed | Keys |
| Peter | Jesus | Garden | Feed | Kingdom |
| Fisherman | Rock | Gethsemane | My | Gates |
| Bethsaida | Transfiguration | Betrayed | Lambs | Hell |
| Galilee | Raising | Cock | Sheep | Binding |
| | | | | Loosing |

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Easy Sudoku

2				6		8	4	1
	4	1			3			
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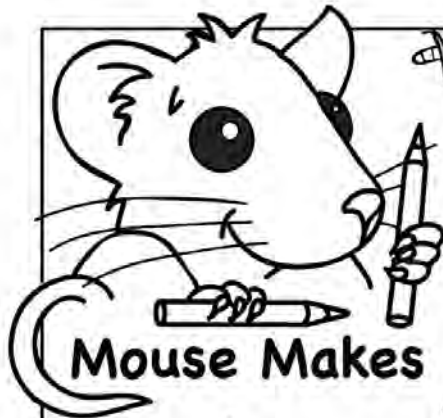
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Medium Sudoku

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	7			1	2			
8	9						4	1
			3	9			2	
		7	9	4		2	3	
		5	7					
							8	6

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(SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 24)



The Lord said to Moses,
 "Your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh
 to let the people of Israel go out of his land...
 The Egyptians shall know that I AM the Lord
 when I stretch out my hand against Egypt..."
 As Pharaoh's heart was hardened against the
 Israelites, God sent ten plagues upon him...

1
Water turns to Blood
 Which water turned
 to blood?
Read - Exodus 7:19

2
A Swarm of Frogs
 In which
 places were the
 frogs found?
Read - Exodus 8:3-4

3
A Plague of Gnats
 When Aaron struck his
 staff on the ground
 what became Gnats?
Read - Exodus 8:16-17

4
Swarms of Flies
 In which land were the
 flies not be found?
Read - Exodus 8:22

5
Death of Animals
 Which animals that belonged
 to the Egyptians died?
Read - Exodus 9:2

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 MAN • BEAST • LOCUSTS • WIND • LAND
 DARKNESS • FIRSTBORN • MIDNIGHT

6
A Break out of Boils
 What did Moses throw into
 the air before boils appeared
 on people and animals?
Read - Exodus 9:10

7
A Rain of Hail
 What also rained
 down with the hail?
 Where did it not hail?
Read - Exodus 9:24-26

8
A Swarm of Locusts
 Where did the wind
 come from that brought
 the locusts to the land?
Read - Exodus 10:13

9
Darkness over the Land
 How many days did
 it remain dark?
Read - Exodus 10:21-22

10
Death of the Firstborn
 At what time would the
 firstborn in the land die?
Read - Exodus 11:4-6

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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Easy Sudoku Solution

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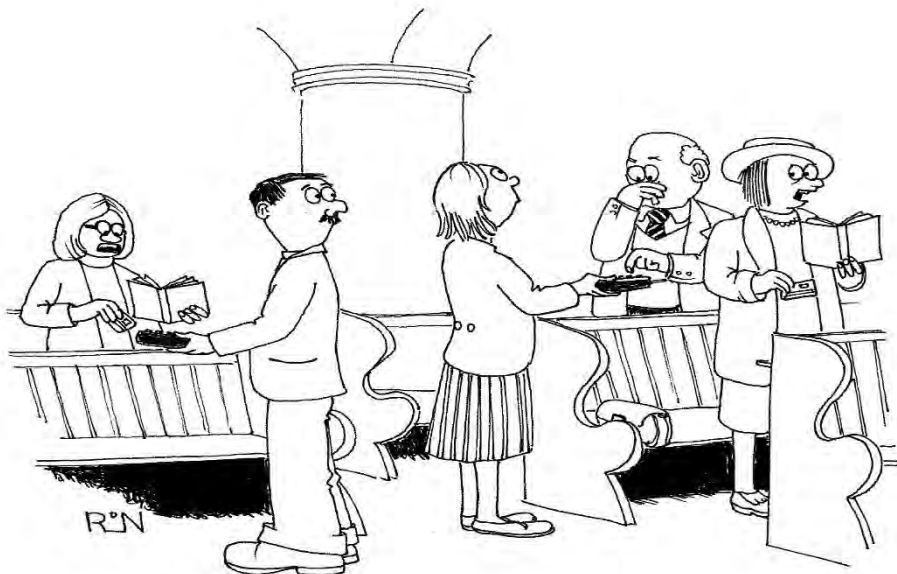
Across

1 care; 3 paradise; 8 null; 9 profaned; 11 legalistic; 14 closed; 15 stores; 17 missionary; 20 covenant; 21 Thai; 22 trade-off; 23 Eden.

Down

1 conflict; 2 religion; 4 arrest; 5 affliction; 6 Iona; 7 eddy; 10 allegiance; 12 preached; 13 Assyrian; 16 a son of; 18 Scot; 19 DVLA.

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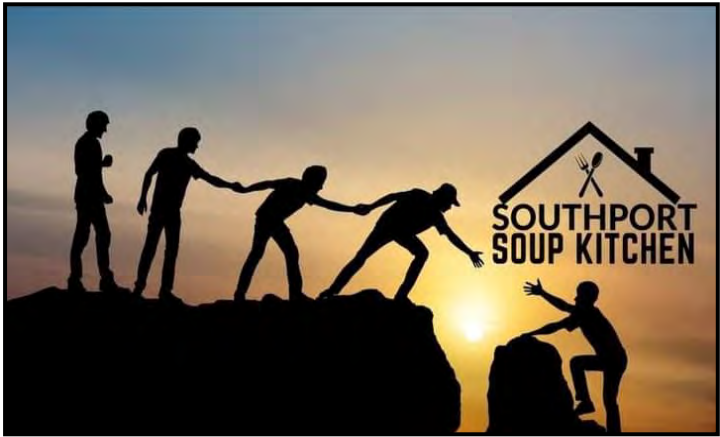
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