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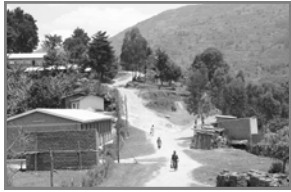
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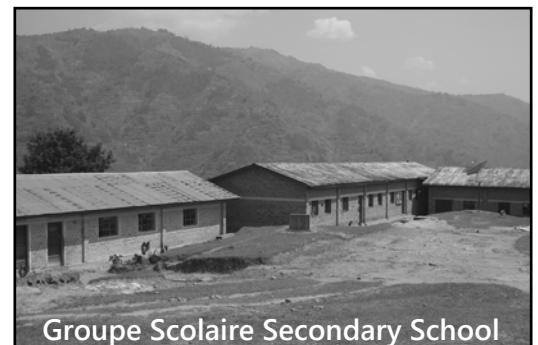
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**Vicar – Revd Dr Matt Davis**

From the Vicarage



I received some advice when I was thinking of getting ordained: don't become vicar at a pretty church, you'll have to take lots of weddings! Well, as it turns out, I am vicar of a pretty church, but thankfully I'm not overrun with weddings (yet!), and I do enjoy preparing and taking them.

As I write this, I took a wedding rehearsal last night and the wedding itself will take place tomorrow. It's always interesting to see the couple just before the 'Big Day' and see how their emotions play out. Some get a bit teary as they practise their vows, while others get the giggles. Everyone is a bit nervous with so many preparations over so many months: dresses, suits, flowers, speeches, menus and invitations. Will the families get on? Will the weather hold up? I always remind each couple that as long as they say their vows and sign their names, they'll be married and become husband and wife. Everything else is a bonus.

But there's more going on than just a man and woman becoming husband and wife on their wedding day. Each marriage is a picture, an illustration, of another marriage, a greater marriage. In the Bible, the apostle Paul writes this in his letter to the young church in Ephesus:

*"In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church – for we are members of his body. 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church."* (Ephesians 5:28–32)

One moment it sounds like Paul is talking about men and women getting married, and the next he says he's actually talking about Christ and the church. Marriage between a husband-and-wife points to the relationship between Jesus Christ and the church (all people who trust in Jesus).

Now, I'm very aware as I write this that not everyone is married and, among those who are or have been, plenty of marriages are not good marriages for a variety of reasons. But the very fact that we can describe any marriage as 'bad' means we have the idea of a 'good' marriage. When someone puts their trust in Jesus, they become spiritually married to Jesus. This sounds a bit strange, but this marriage is like no other. It won't be abusive in the slightest, but totally loving: Jesus gave himself up for us—he *died* for us! And 'till death us do part' doesn't apply: it'll continue into eternity.

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This is the kind of relationship we all long for, whether single, married, divorced or widowed. Only Jesus can satisfy. Only he can love us like no other. All other relationships will have their downsides, but not a relationship with Jesus. In fact, the closer we are to Jesus, the better we will be able to treat and care and love those we are in any relationship with, be that romantic, family or friendship. Jesus is the one who can strengthen and repair any relationship. We just need to get to know him and trust him. Will you?

With every blessing,

**Matt**

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## CHURCH REGISTER FOR JULY & AUGUST

### **Baptism:**

23<sup>rd</sup> July – Esme Dixon

### **Weddings:**

11<sup>th</sup> August – Charlotte Reynolds & Peter Hill

30<sup>th</sup> August – Loretta Birch & Chris Eadie

### **Funerals and burials:**

1<sup>st</sup> July – Jean Roland (burial of ashes)

11<sup>th</sup> July – John & Wendy Tebbit (burial of ashes)

11<sup>th</sup> July – Hazel Ross (burial of ashes)

13<sup>th</sup> July – Isobel Fawcett

13<sup>th</sup> July – Valerie Hale

16<sup>th</sup> July – Kathleen George (burial of ashes)

8<sup>th</sup> August – Gemma Owen

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## DATES AND NOTES

**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. Services for Sept on page 10.

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

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT** – If you would like to financially support the work of St Luke's, offerings may be placed on the plate near the back of church. There is also a card reader by the entrance or if you would prefer to donate from your bank account there are various ways including the Parish Giving Scheme ([parishgiving.org.uk](http://parishgiving.org.uk)) or ask Matt or the wardens if you need any further information.

**SOUTHPORT SOUP KITCHEN / FOOD BANK** – non-perishable items may be left in the church porch; ongoing.

**SHOEBOX APPEAL** – boxes in church for collection from 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Sept. Further details from David Moore email: [davjoy3@talktalk.net](mailto:davjoy3@talktalk.net) or tel: 01704 875101. David is happy to deliver in the Formby area.

**DATE OF NEXT PCC MEETING** – Wed Sept 27<sup>th</sup> in the Meeting Room 7.30pm.

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

### CAFÉ@STLUKE'S SAT 29 JULY NORTHWIND



Steve Waddelove of Northwind writes

*'Northwind is a Formby-based acoustic band consisting of Ray Robertson, Paul Stafford, Phil Carroll, and myself. Between us we play guitars, mandolin, banjo, and bass, and specialise in vocal harmonies.*

*We play an eclectic mix of popular songs across many genres including folk, country, blues, 50s/60s pop, as well as some of our own material.*

*Originally founded by Ray and Paul some 10 years ago as The Folk*

*Buskers, the band has evolved through a few line-ups and names (eg The Country Folk), but the commitment to playing high-quality entertaining music has stayed the same.*

*Our current line-up made its first appearance at a recent Café@StLuke's afternoon (see above). We've always enjoyed playing at St Luke's 'Tea Rooms' – it's great to have an enthusiastic, appreciative, and participating audience in such a lovely setting, and generally we've been lucky with the weather!*

*If you'd like to see more of us, we play every second Wednesday of each month at the Gild Hall, 7.45pm.'*

**Steve Waddelove**

### **TUESDAY LUNCH, OPEN DOOR SATURDAYS & CRAFTY FOLK**

Café@StLuke's and the summer season may be over, but we are still here to welcome you at: **Tuesday Lunch** – soup, sandwiches, cake & company from 12 – 2 on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays each month, 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September. Donations for lunch welcome.

**Open Door Saturdays** – coffee, tea, cake, and a chat from 10 – 12 on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Why not drop in and say 'hello' – you will be made very welcome.

**Crafty Folk** - Do you like your crafting? Is it hard to find time to sit down and enjoy your craft? We are a small group who like to meet up once a month to knit, sew etc. How about joining us? We meet during an Open Doors coffee morning so there are always refreshments! If you fancy a couple of hours to yourself, time to craft, time to chat, speak to Anne, Gwyneth, or Jean.

### **CHURCH VISIT TO SHYIRA (RWANDA)**

8 members from St Luke's, including Matt our Vicar, will be visiting Shyira from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October. As most of our readers will know, St Luke's is linked with St Mark's parish in Shyira. This will be the first visit since before the pandemic. We pray they have a safe and rewarding visit in God's name and that new relationships between our two churches are established.

### **NEW VICAR AT ST STEPHEN'S HIGHTOWN**

The Revd Keith Thornborough was licensed at St Stephen's on 25<sup>th</sup> June by Bishop John. He will serve as Vicar on a House for Duty basis and will continue part-time in Alder Hey Children's Hospital as a Specialist Diabetes Nurse. All at St Luke's wish Keith every blessing in his new ministry.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Kath Nelson and Mary Williamson who retired recently after many years from helping with the collation of our magazine. Their monthly help will be ever valued. The magazine team send their very best wishes for the future to them both. We will miss them!



## THOUGHT FOR SEPTEMBER

In our last two editions we have appealed to our readers to make contributions to the written content in our magazine. The emphasis last July-August was very much for St Luke's and its wider parish to take more of a 'collective ownership' of the magazine – *your* magazine – and thereby to develop its outreach element. Personal written testimonies are powerful ways of doing this, even if expressed in a few short sentences. Why people turn to Jesus and follow the Christian Faith tends to command the highest interest. I have not researched this, so my comment is open to question. But it is my gut feeling.

The magazine also has a duty to keep readers regularly informed as to what is happening within and around the Church. This in itself is outreach for it tells the monthly story of life at St Luke's in hopefully attractive and positive ways.

It has been said, and with perhaps some truth, that in essence the magazine 'preaches' to the converted. If the case, do we need to be encouraging more people – doubters or non-believers - to subscribe to our magazine? Can you help with this in some way by telling others what value it has for you? After all, you must be getting something out of it - otherwise you wouldn't be paying an annual subscription of £10 for the privilege. Currently, there are 140 plus paid-up annual subscribers with a few complimentary copies going to care homes, schools, advertisers et al within the parish. The magazine is now also published online – since the lockdowns and restrictions associated with Covid – but it's difficult to gauge how many people log-on to read it via our Church website. Are we communicating and engaging enough with the people of the parish through our magazine? If not, do you have any ideas as to how we can increase readership? Annual subscriptions and monies received from our advertisers go to pay for its printing and production. The magazine is not produced for financial profit. The income it generates merely helps to cover its cost.

The current volunteer work – over many hours each month - done by our magazine team with its research, editing, printing, collation, and distribution is thoroughly professional. However, we feel that the magazine as a vehicle for outreach could be immeasurably improved with your help. Do you have any ideas/comments which could help us draw closer to that goal?

In the October issue my Thought for the Month will probably get back to 'events of the day', the seasons of the year and the wonders of God's natural world – all with a bit of thanks to Jesus thrown in for good measure! A monthly contribution by A. N. Other would be fantastic and welcomed by all, I'm sure!

**KD**



"But I said you'd be happy to lead a House Group this autumn"

## POEMS & ILLUSTRATIONS FROM PARISH PUMP

### **The Water of Life by Megan Carter**

She came to the well around midday,  
To avoid all the gossip she came alone,  
She met a Man there who told her all things  
Five husbands she had and one not her own.

He asked for a drink and they started to talk,  
A Samaritan woman there with a Jew  
Breaking all barriers to meet her need  
He told her how she could be made new.

The water of life that He would give.  
Would mean that she never would thirst again  
This transforming draught He offers to all  
Once tasted you never will be the same.

At Cana He turned the water to wine  
A miracle no-one but He could do  
Just as the water was wondrously changed  
If you drink from this Fount it can happen to you.



### **The Ancient Lanes of England by Nigel Beeton**



The ancient lanes of England  
May wend their winding way  
From who knows where to Goodness knows  
To 'where are we today?'  
Twixt walls of ancient stonework  
O'er hills and valleys steep  
The ancient lanes of England  
Their grassy way they keep.

The ramblers now of England  
May walk each stony street,  
And think, as they are rambling  
Of all those ancient feet  
That trod those lanes of England  
On each succeeding day  
From where they lived to where they worked  
They trod their working way.

Those ancient lanes of England  
As vital, in their day  
As rail tracks or aircraft routes  
Or any motorway!  
From farms they brought their produce  
Their cereals and grains  
Their cattle, milk, and butter too  
Along those grassy lanes.



## 8<sup>th</sup> FORMBY ST LUKE'S SCOUT GROUP - BEAVERS AND CUBS

Who would have thought it, but this time last year we had no Beaver Colony at the 8<sup>th</sup> Formby St Luke's Scout Group and only a handful of Cubs. Now as I come to write this article, we have 18 Beavers and 10 Cubs who meet each week during term time on a Thursday night in our Meeting Room, and more children keen to join.



In our summer programme of activities, we have been so blessed to be able to take full advantage of the fantastic natural environment we have here at St Luke's. We began the term thinking about our environment and some of our world's environmental issues.

As the weather improved and the lighter nights arrived, we have been out in the grounds of Church, building Bug Boxes, following Nature, studying maps and using compasses to find our way around. We have also found out facts about our new King – Charles III.

Alongside looking at the History of Scouting we launched our Beaver Challenge – whereby we are encouraging everyone independently to complete an Activity or Staged Badge at home. So far, we have seen the skills of some fantastic swimmers, photographers, builders and gardeners, and more!

We have taken part in the District Water Sports Day at Waterside Lodge - the Water Fight with Super Shooters being a particular highlight for the children and a very 'wet experience' for the Leaders.



In July we held our first joint Beaver/Cub Day Out Camp. After visiting Southport's Model Village, we played Crazy Golf, explored the Park, had Ice Cream, and travelled on the miniature railway all before travelling back to Formby on the Train with our stick of Southport rock. Thanks to the generosity of Church and Habla Nursery we were able to use the facilities at the Parish Hall to set up our camp. We weren't deterred by the rain and even managed a campfire to make Smores.

We were privileged to host a visitor from America to our meetings in July, as Jack the grandson of Squirrel Beaver neighbours joined us and told us about scouting in America, bringing with him his uniform to explain how their badges and awards are gained over there.

Thanks to everyone who has helped in many ways - from simply asking about the group and what we have been up to, to helping with resources, and providing ideas about helping and leading.

God continues to bless us with this work with our children and young people, and we pray that the group will continue to grow and develop in God's love and fellowship in the forthcoming year.



**John Gelder - Leader**

## A BIG "THANK YOU" FROM PERU

I am pleased to say that I was able to send £1,424 – mainly from donations to the Lent Project, plus some gifts from members of the congregation - to Isabel Montoya in Lima, Peru, to help in the running costs of the school she runs for the children who live in a shanty town. She is very grateful to all who gave donations and asks me to pass on how much she appreciates your gift.



The shanty town spreads over a large area on the outskirts of Lima. For as far as the eye can see, people are living in shacks made up of anything that can provide shelter. Isabel grew up nearby - her father, Julio, whom I first came across several decades ago, was the local pastor. He's long retired, but still plays an active role in church community life. Isabel's husband is now the pastor there.

Several years ago, Isabel realised that the only way to give the children in the shanty town a way out of the poverty trap was to educate them so that they could find good employment. So, she started a school. The last time I saw any photos of the school, it was part of a row of old houses – looking fairly solid, but not in good condition. A few years ago, the roof fell in. It was then a case of "every hand to the pump" for repairs.

Although the school building isn't up to much, the education is second to none. She plays a very active role herself. I've seen photos of Isabel with the under 11s football team proudly displaying the cup they'd won; on school trips to see the alpaca farm; with the cast of the school nativity play - she employs high quality teachers, even if at the end of the day she has to make up the wages by taking some out of her own purse. She does get some help from the local authorities, but it doesn't cover everything. Knowing the background to the school, I was amazed when she sent me some photos of KS2 (juniors) pupils learning about the rain cycle, and older pupils doing experiments in science lessons, complete with lab coats and safety glasses.

Shortly after the school started several years ago, Isabel realised that many children were coming to school hungry. So, she started giving them a meal, which all adds to her costs, but it has had a really positive effect on the health of the children as well as on their education.

In all my contact with Isabel, what really comes through is her faith. Prayer plays a really important part in her life and in the life of the school. I've seen lots of photos of the children in prayer. I know that her faith carries her through when other lesser mortals might have given up. She is really grateful for our help, and our prayers. She asked me if we had any prayer requests, and I have given her the names of several families in our congregation. They now know that prayers are being offered for them from Lima, Peru, as well as from us in Formby. We really are part of the world-wide Christian family!

**Joyce Eddlestone**

## WHY JOIN A HOME GROUP?

Last September, Home Groups were relaunched at St Luke's following the relaxation of COVID restrictions. There are currently six groups, meeting at different times and on different days to accommodate the differing needs of a congregation with a wide age range. After several years in one group, a change of choir meant I also needed to change Home Group, and it was with some trepidation that I signed up to a new group. However, Home Groups usually have similar characteristics, and it was easy to settle in. So, what is special about Home Groups?

- Meeting in a home! This may sound obvious, but a home setting is more relaxed than a church meeting room. This helps to encourage discussion and prayer.
- A group of six to ten people. There are lots of theories about what makes groups work, but essentially there needs to be enough people to ensure that there can be a discussion but not so many that quieter members of the group are unable to contribute.
- Bible Study. Normally groups follow a series based on a book of the Bible or a theme such as prayer. Videos or study guides may be used, which include discussion questions. The same person may lead all the sessions, or the leadership may be shared by several people.

Over the past twelve months we have studied St Luke's Gospel. This includes passages that many of us will have read or heard sermons on many times, but the joy of Home Groups is finding new perspectives when you discuss a passage with other people.

- Prayer for members of the group and their concerns. Modern technology also allows members to share prayer concerns during the week which can be a huge support at times of crisis or immediate need. During the first COVID lockdown, our Whatsapp Group provided valuable encouragement through some dark days.
- A cuppa and chat at the beginning or end of the session, a chance to build friendship and fellowship that is not always possible on a Sunday morning.

Over the years, and at different churches, I have attended several Home Groups: with young adults, mums, and preschool children (yes, with the children playing as we talked!), mixed groups, ladies only. Looking back, the successful ones all shared the features above. This should not surprise me, as the need for this type of fellowship was recognised by the writer of Hebrews almost two thousand years ago. Immediately after our verse for the year, he writes:

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another..."*  
Hebrews 10: 24-25a (NIV)

**Hillary Griffin – PCC**

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### SMILE LINES –

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

## SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Trinity 13

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

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

11.00am Holy Communion CW

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 14

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

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 15

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

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 16

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

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October – HARVEST

8.30am Holy Communion BCP  
10.30am PARADE

(\*Term time only – Kids@StLuke's)



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

## PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER

Dear Father in Heaven,

September is a time of change, a change of season, changes in many areas of our lives as a new term begins and new opportunities present themselves. It can be a time of challenge and uncertainty for many of us as well as excitement. Thank you Lord, that You never change, Your promises never change, Your Holy-Spirit inspired Word never changes. You are constant and rock-solid, always.

Help us to remember that You make all things new when we put our trust in Jesus. You give us new life and new ways of understanding but help us also to remember that You never contradict Your revealed self. Help us always to check out our thinking with what You say in Your Word. Help us to be faithful to You as we take each step forward, each new day.

In Jesus name, Amen.

**By Daphne Kitching – from Parish Pump website**

## WHO'S WHO

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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. Resuming in Sept after summer break.

**Weekly Home Bible Groups** – If you would like to join a group, please speak to Matt. Resuming in Sept after summer break. See also page 9.

**Next What If? Course** – courses throughout the year – email: [revmattdavis@gmail.com](mailto:revmattdavis@gmail.com) for details.

**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. Resuming in Sept after summer break.

**Tuesday Lunch** - in MEETING ROOM on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month (5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Sept), between 12 and 2.00pm for food, drinks, and a chat. Donations for lunch welcome. See also page 3.

**Open Door Saturdays & Crafty Folk** – see page 3.

**Parish Breakfast (between Sunday services, first Sun of the month)** – NONE in Sept. Sheila and Ann are retiring after several years of excellent breakfast service. We thank them for their contribution. Staff needed if it is to continue.

**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 –

<b>Rainbows</b>	Contact District Commissioner		Sheila Kirk	875393
<b>Brownie Guides</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Formby	Monday (In Meeting Room)	6.00pm	Julie Maher	07811 907003
8 <sup>th</sup> Formby	Wednesday	6.00pm	Jenette Rowlands	
<b>Guides</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Formby	Wednesday	7.30pm	Julie Clark	833757
<b>Beavers</b>	Thursday (In Meeting Room)	5.45pm	John Gelder <a href="mailto:Beavers8thFormbyStLukes@outlook.com">Beavers8thFormbyStLukes@outlook.com</a>	876456
<b>Cub Scouts</b>	Thursday (In Meeting Room)	6.45pm	Bob Ford <a href="mailto:Cubs8thFormbyStLukes@outlook.com">Cubs8thFormbyStLukes@outlook.com</a>	873026
<b>Group Scout Leader</b>			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, Mr John Gelder, Mrs Hillary Griffin, Dr Peter Griffin, Prof Allan Hobson, Mrs June McGibbon, Mrs Chris Payne, Mrs Sheila Rodger, Mrs Jean Watts.

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## WHAT'S ON FOR THE 'ELDERLY' IN SEPTEMBER

**St Luke's Church** – Refer to pages 2, 3 & 4; page 10 Services; page 12 What's On; & Weekly News Sheets for details.

### **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.
- Singing Thursdays! (except for 1st Thurs of the month). Thursdays continue to 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.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept – Singing for Fun.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Singing's Good for Your Brain! A person has now been found to lead the singing!
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Singalong Fun Choir.
- Past Times Community Choir – every Tues 2-3.30pm in Parish Hall. Free fun community choir. Refreshments provided. Dementia friend

### **Formby Methodists**

- Coffee Club 1st Tues of each month (Sept 5<sup>th</sup>) 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](mailto:info@formbybefriendingscheme.org.uk)

### **Formby Library (01704 874177) – Mon to Fri 10.00-4.30pm and Sat 10.00-1.30pm**

- Limited delivery service on offer; enquire at Library for details.
- Open for browsing and computer use.
- Monthly talks – contact Library for updates. Booking a place in advance is always advisable.
- Regular Coffee Mornings (every Thursday 10.30-12noon).
- Creative Writing and Formby Hub drop-in are still happening - enquire at Library for details.
- Community Garden project for all ages is recruiting volunteers, so contact the Library if interested and also if you want to go on the mailing list to receive updates on forthcoming sessions. These sessions are continuing throughout Sept and are usually announced at short notice.

**Formby Befriending Scheme** - FBS will be holding their Open Coffee Club on the first Tues of each month (5<sup>th</sup> Sept) 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](mailto:info@formbybefriendingscheme.org.uk)

**Sefton Dementia Action Alliance** – contact Jan Campbell: [jan.campbell@seftoncvcs.org.uk](mailto:jan.campbell@seftoncvcs.org.uk) for further information.

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### **SMILE LINES -**

I don't understand why people have to 'get ready for bed'. I'm always ready for bed.

Some days I amaze myself with my intelligence. Other days I put my keys in the fridge.

## FORMBY CIVIC SOCIETY TODAY

The Society walked into the Formby community for the first time in 1953 and has achieved much ever since. In the 20<sup>th</sup> century – that doesn't seem so long ago, does it? – it was a typically British local group working in several different areas and finding both interesting activities for members but also fighting battles for the local community to protect and preserve the community that people so loved. However, times change, and society develops along new lines. A 'Civic Society' is something that may be difficult to explain to younger people today and, like so many other small groups in the community, membership reduces, and it is harder to find either the means or the demand to keep going. Even at the Millennium, our membership figures were much higher and the place of the Formby Society within our community was simply accepted.

We have since then become one of the nation's 'Civic Societies' and, whilst we are still available with our contacts and supports to help local people tackle their problems in the community, we tend now to find ourselves providing items and activities for our members – and seeking to preserve and record our local heritage. We are not yet a 'history society', though that would be my own strength. We do, though, want to maintain Formby's identity and beauty in the face of modern developments especially if they aim to put individual or corporate financial gain before community. We are always happy to provide talks on agreed topics to local social and community groups, and over the past few years we have provided local history input for all our local Primary Schools. It is always a pleasure to meet other people in the community and to help!



Civic Society members on the dunes near the Devil's Hole with Dr. Phil Smith at the end of July

In July and August we delivered for members – and their friends and family – a programme of activities that we thought would be interesting and engaging. We have taken a group of walkers, a few of whom require sticks to support them, on a visit to see the famous Devil's Hole in Ravenmeols. It was led by the national expert on this area, Dr. Phil Smith (an FCS member, of course). We have also strolled around

the heart of Formby Village attempting to identify the sites of key features of Formby in the 1600s. We used a selection of old maps to help us. We also met up at Sefton Church to walk around the area covered by what was Sefton Village and to trace the place of the church in 1000 years of history. We walked around the inside and attempted to find a range of pointers to its fascinating past. Towards the end of the month, we enjoyed a talk from a local expert on 'WWII – The War on Merseyside' which followed on from a talk by FCS member Joan Rimmer and myself on 'Formby and WWII' given recently at Formby Library.

We charge very little for what we offer, which includes a glossy full-colour magazine/newsletter three times a year and a set of monthly talks throughout autumn and winter, with mince pies available in December! The cost is only £15 per family per annum – and, as said before, friends and family are always welcome.

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Finally, I must mention our major challenge for this year: the opening of a **Heritage Centre in Chapel Lane** to display and explain the key elements of Formby's past. We are doing so as part of a team with local group 'Imagine Formby' and the Parish Council. There is still a lot of work to be done before our initial opening, hopefully in late September. The Centre will be based on the first floor of Woodward's Wine Bar, and the premises will also serve the community as a venue – which will be known as 'The Loft' – for meetings of small arts groups. We are all very excited about the prospect, but aware of just how much we must do yet.

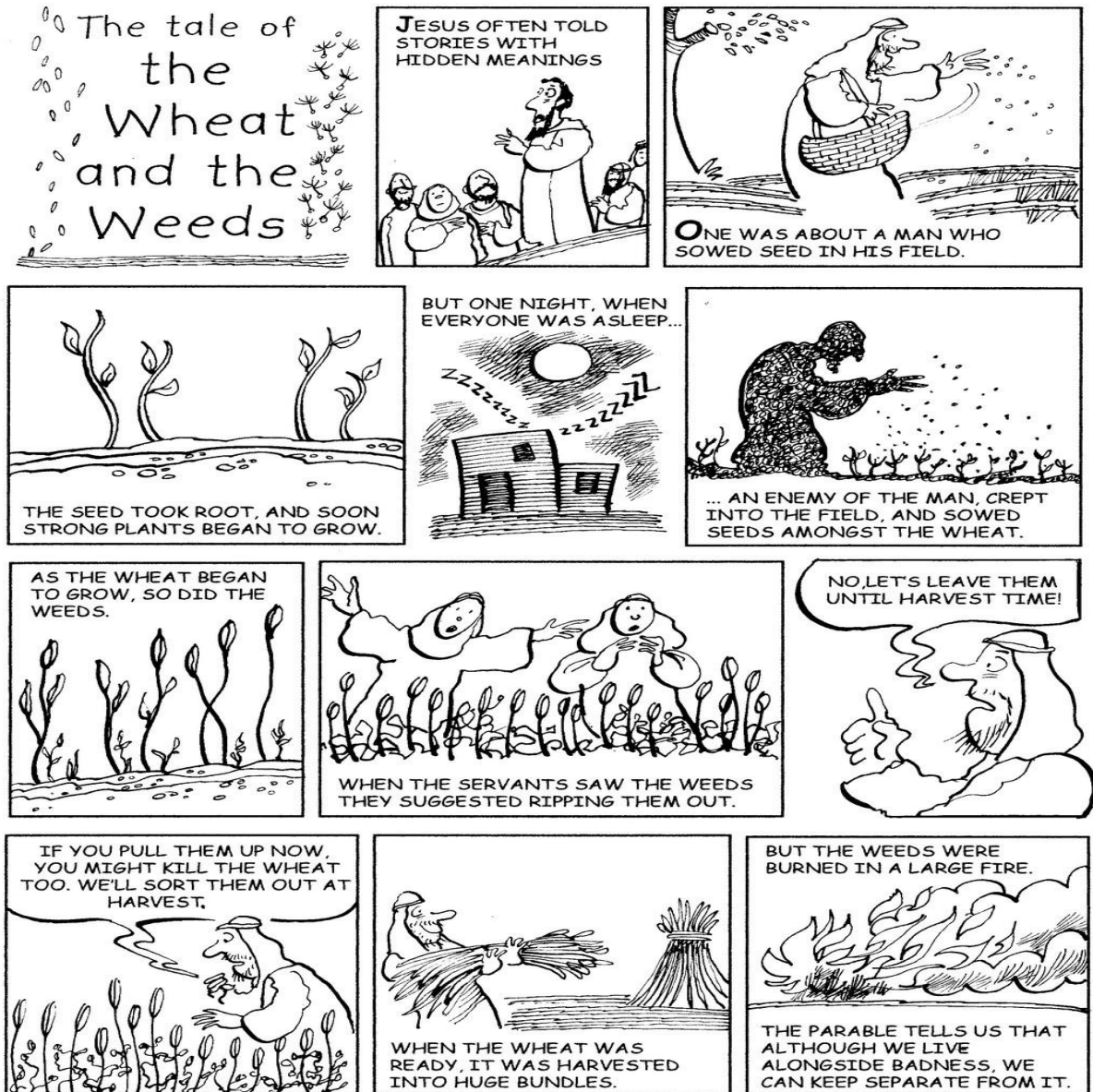
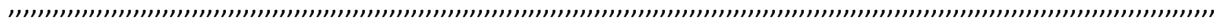
If you wish to know more about Formby Civic Society, we have a website:

[formbycivicsociety.org.uk](http://formbycivicsociety.org.uk)

You may find particular interest in looking at our 'Flickr' pages that display our images of Formby over time:

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### John Phillips (Chair of Formby Civic Society)



## A REPORT FROM THE SHYIRA TRUST

### BISHOP AUGUSTIN (KIVU DIOCESE RWANDA) SENDS HIGHLIGHTS OF A TWO-DAY TRAINING COURSE IN JOB CREATION – GISENYI, JULY 07-08, 2023

Bishop Augustin writes -

*'One hundred participants from Gisenyi and Nyamyumba ecclesial districts went through a two-day training in job creation. They comprised jobless young people and women below 40 years of age, all having completed at least three years of secondary education, and at most six years of secondary education. The aim of the training is to equip the women and youth with entrepreneurship skills that enable them to fight poverty and improve their living conditions.*

*The training emphasised the following:*

- *Developing the desire for entrepreneurship*
- *Overcoming fear and trusting self-ability to make it*
- *Choose what you can do best, based on everyone's gifting*
- *Engage in a business that comes to address a real need on the market (need of market assessment/study)*
- *Good project design*
- *The implementation of the project: How to get capital if there is no self-funding ability*
- *5 Cs that determine the eligibility for a loan (Character, Capacity, Capital – own, Conditions to meet, and Collateral – mortgage)*

*The testimony of an active entrepreneur helped deepen the determination of trainees to go and start something. The areas of interest included farming (fruit trees, sugarcane, other crops...); small businesses, livestock (pig, chicken...).* Below are pictures showing how the training went.'



Entrepreneurship is one of the five major projects that the Shyira Trust is currently supporting in Kivu Diocese.

The Trust has transferred £3000 from its unrestricted funds in aid of last May's Flood Appeal for Kivu along with a more recent £25 individual donation. The Flood Appeal for Kivu is now closed.



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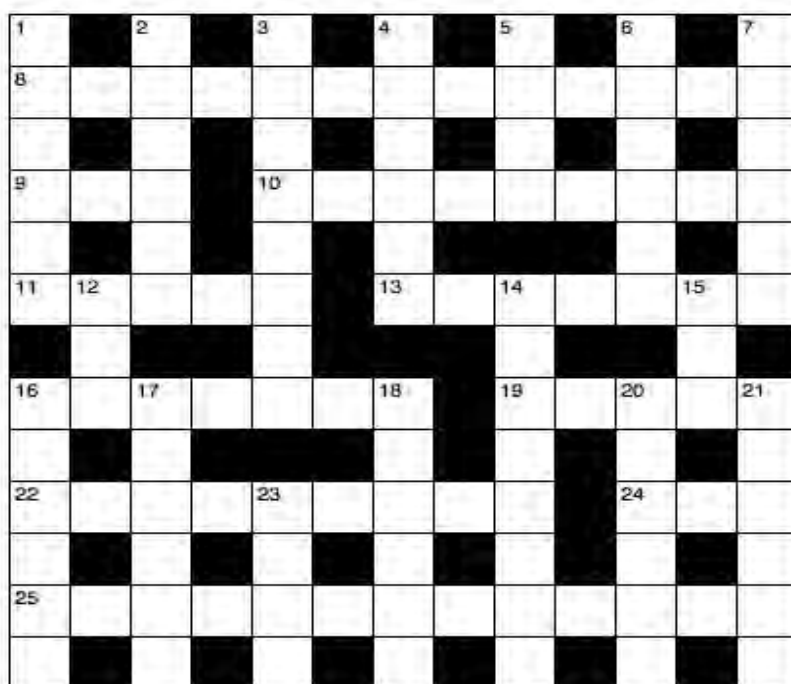
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## CROSSWORD



### Across

- 8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4)
- 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have —' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus

and Numbers (9)

24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the —' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)

25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

### Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus —' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
- 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

(SOLUTION ON PAGE 24)

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### SMILE LINES –

Mother to young daughter after first day at school: "Well, dear, what did they teach you today?"  
 Daughter: "Not much. I've got to go back again tomorrow."

Going to college – Lecturing is transferring information from the notes of the lecturer to the notes of the students without passing through the minds of either.

# SUDOKU

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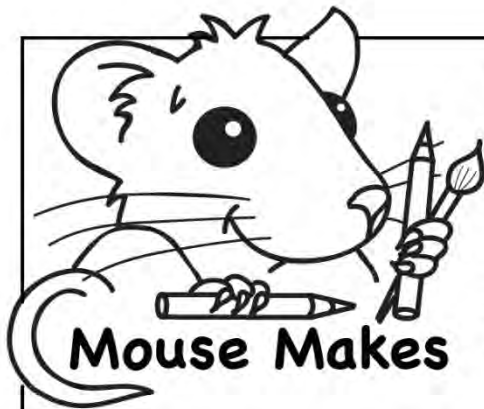
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For some reason, the Church gives thanks for angels in September. The 29<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of Michael and All Angels. Since the days of Genesis, these messengers of God have been sent many times to intervene for the good in human affairs. Angels guarded the Garden of Eden, they led Lot away from Gomorrah, they helped Gideon, they stopped Balaam, they closed the mouths of lions for Daniel, and, most important, the archangel Gabriel was sent to tell Mary that she would mother the Messiah. Angels sat in the

empty tomb of Jesus and told of His Resurrection. Revelation is teaming with angels, sent on all sorts of missions by God in the last times. Today, many Christians in the world's hot spots report having had angels help them when in mortal danger.

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|---------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Thanks  | All        | Intervene | Balaam    | Gabriel    |
| Angels  | Genesis    | Garden    | Mouths    | Mary       |
| Church  | Messengers | Eden      | Lions     | Mother     |
| Feast   | God        | Lot       | Daniel    | Teaming    |
| Michael | Sent       | Gideon    | Archangel | Revelation |
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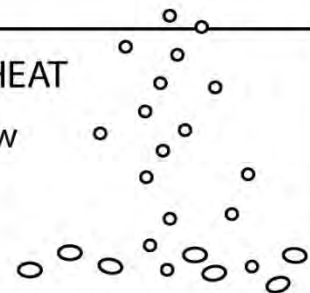




THE WEEDS AND THE WHEAT

What did the enemy sow amongst the wheat?

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Matthew 13:25



READ

the parable in

Matthew 13 v24-30, and v36-43

At harvest time the weeds are gathered, bundled then

\_\_\_\_\_ but the wheat is stored

in the \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 13:30

Who sows the good seed?

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Matthew 13:37

What does the field represent?

the \_\_\_\_\_

and who is the good seed?

The people of the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Matthew 13:38

Who sows the weeds?

The \_\_\_\_\_

Who are the harvesters?

The \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Matthew 13:39

"He who has ears, let him \_\_\_\_\_"

Matthew 13:43



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## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

**ACROSS:** 8, Kiriath Jearim. 9, Toe. 10, Ill at ease. 11, Hated. 13, Miletus. 16, Started. 19, Micah. 22, Leviticus. 24, Eli. 25, Mary and Joseph.

**DOWN:** 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Samizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast. 7, Embers. 12, Art. 14, Limassol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb. 18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21, Height. 23, Tear.

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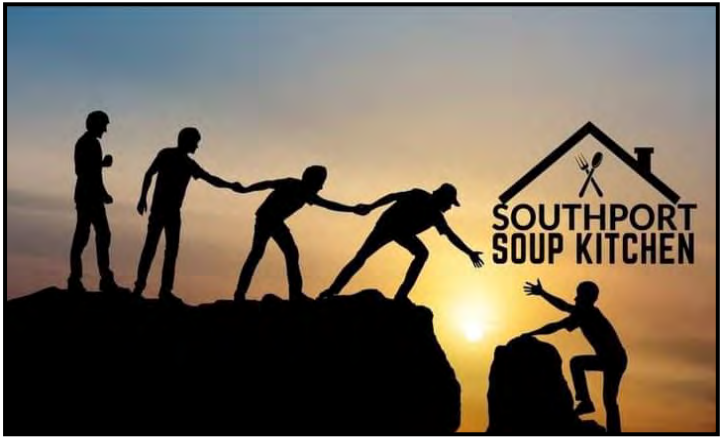
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