

# St. Luke's Formby Parish Magazine

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## April 2023



**Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess,  
for He who promised is faithful.**

*Hebrews 10:23*







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**Aim:** To provide a church in Butaka

### Achieved:

- Building completed
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### Challenges:

- Fund windows, doors and flooring



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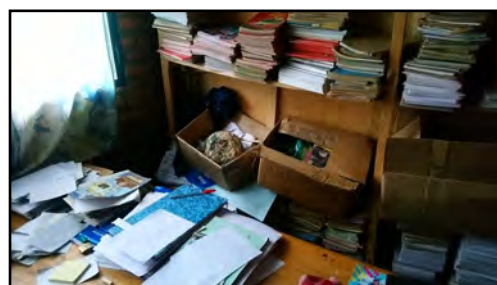
- Continuing to support needy students in Shyira



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Longings like this can only be satisfied by the one who invented time. Only God can make sense of such longings because he's the only one who understands them. In fact, he's given us these longings, so we'll reach out to him and search after him. What are you longing for? What are you searching after? I believe God knows the solution to all of them. That's why he sent his Son Jesus. Even if you don't agree with me, you'd be very welcome to find out more any Sunday, or to come along to our next What if? course, starting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Drop me a line if you'd like to know more.

With every blessing,

**Matt**

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## **CHURCH REGISTER FOR MARCH**

No weddings and no baptisms.

Funerals:

8<sup>th</sup> March – Betty Owen

28<sup>th</sup> March – Jean Roland

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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. For those still not happy about coming to church, you can watch and listen to our services on Zoom. Contact the wardens or Jean Cox for details.

**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.

**NEXT WHAT IF? COURSE** – begins Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

**WHAT'S ON AT ST LUKE'S IN APRIL** – refer page 12 and weekly news sheets. Services can be found on page 10.

**CHOCOLATE / EASTER EGG COLLECTION** – for Southport Soup Kitchen / Food Bank is taking place throughout Lent, in addition to normal food collections. All contributions gratefully received for needy families with children, and guests, to the SSK/FB. A separate box will be in the porch for this collection. Many thanks, Maggie.  
(Contributions are also expected from St Luke's School and Range HS).

**HOLY WEEK** – commences Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**PASSION PLAY** – organised by Churches Together on Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am in Formby Pool Garden. St Luke's church member, Mark Hogben, will be playing the role of Jesus.

**ST GEORGE'S DAY** – Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**APCM** – date to be confirmed.



## 4<sup>TH</sup> FORMBY ST LUKE'S GUIDES



Over the last month the girls have focused on the history of Girl Guiding and where it originated. They began to learn about what the Guiding trefoil represents and created posters showing this, as well as making guiding lights from old CD's.

This topic has been focused upon as World Thinking Day was on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, so we reminded ourselves what it meant to be a Girl Guide. Girl Guiding celebrates World Thinking Day every year; this is a celebration of millions of girls worldwide and has taken place since 1926.

Thinking Day remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

The girls were able to celebrate this occasion with other Guides, Brownies, and Rainbows in Formby, during a service followed by an afternoon filled with fun activities.



The girls had the chance to make mosaic coasters, rice crispy cakes in the shape of the Guiding trefoil and completed a Mexican foil art craft.

In the next couple of months, we will be starting our outdoor wildlife activities, along with participating in a county Eurovision song contest activity and celebrating the King's coronation. We currently have spaces for new girls, so if anyone aged 10-16 would like to get involved, please contact unit leader Julie Clark – 01704 833757.

**Rebecca Clark – 4<sup>th</sup> Formby St Luke's Guides.**



# WORLD BOOK DAY 2023 AT ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL



We all enjoyed dressing up and taking part in activities for World Book Day in March.

These are some of the things the children said:-

We loved that children could express themselves by dressing up as their favourite book character. My sister came as Matilda and was so excited. I took my inspiration from The BFG and came as Sophie. My teacher asked me to read the first chapter to my class.

## Jennifer 5W

I really enjoyed the night-time event when we came back to school in our pyjamas and had story time with milk and cookies. I liked the Book Blanket activity where we got to look at lots of books I'd never usually look at. We did a book character quiz and 'Don't judge a book by its cover'. When Mrs Wilson read the first few pages I rated it five stars, but when I saw the book cover afterwards, I only gave it two stars – that was interesting because I wouldn't have chosen to read it but now I would.

**Alice 5W**

Miss Trunchbull was pulling Imogen's plaits and Miss Honey was shocked! Then Imogen saved Isabelle from 'The Chokey'. We really liked the quiz where we had to guess the teachers' favourite books when they were children.



## Imogen and Isabelle 3WM

## SMILE LINES

**Palm Sunday visit** - It was Palm Sunday, but because of a sore throat, five-year-old Bobby was kept home from church with his grannie. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds and Bobby asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by," his father explained. Bobby was aghast. "I don't believe it! The one Sunday I don't go, and He shows up!"

**Violets?** - When my husband was six years old, he thought the creed included the line: "He suffered under a bunch of violets." It took him years before he realised that he should have been saying: "under Pontius Pilate."



## HABLA - A BILINGUAL DAY NURSERY

It's lovely to have the opportunity to update you all on how we are getting on at Habla. We can't believe it has been 18 months since we first opened our doors. We remain so grateful to Steve, Pete, Matt, and everyone at St Luke's who have supported us and made us feel so welcome as part of your wider community.



The last 18 months have seen the nursery go from strength to strength, with our staff team growing and the number of children who attend growing too. We have now fully established our baby room for children aged 6 months to approximately 24 months, our toddler area for 2-year-olds and our preschool area for children aged 3-5 years. We have waiting lists for some age groups on certain days but are still looking to welcome more children. To support local families to access our service we are able to accept tax free childcare as well as offering 15 hour and 30 hour funded places for eligible 2-, 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds.

There have been many highlights over the last year, but here are a few to share with you. In June we celebrated the Jubilee with a party for all of the children and their families. We had a fantastic afternoon, with a red-carpet welcome, lots of games, delicious party food and a raffle

to raise money for Claire House. It was great to celebrate all together and for the children to share the time in nursery with their families.

We have also enjoyed our Christmas sessions with Matt; in 2021 some of the children visited the church for a special Nativity and in 2022 we were thrilled that Matt came to visit us in the nursery. We invited our families to come along too, and everyone enjoyed listening to Matt's story and helping make his Nativity scene. Of course, at Christmas we have also enjoyed celebrating the Spanish tradition of Day of the Kings, especially as the Kings brought us some extra presents! We have been lucky to be able to explore our surroundings too and take advantage of our fantastic location. We regularly go on walks to the woods or the beach and we have also enjoyed trips to the park, to the duck pond and to the library. Of course, we also spend a lot of time in our outdoor area, which was one of the biggest changes that we made before we opened the nursery. We love having such an amazing space with our boat to play on and explore!



It has also been fantastic for us to see the children growing in their knowledge and confidence in speaking Spanish. We love hearing our babies say their first Spanish words alongside their first English words! We can now start to see all of the other benefits of a bilingual environment for the children, not just learning a second language.

Thanks again to the St Luke's community for all of their support; we look forward to updating you again soon.

**Jenny Birch – Director (See flyer on page 6 for further details about Habla)**



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## REMEMBERING CORRIE TEN BOOM

It was 40 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1983, that Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch writer, watchmaker, and Holocaust survivor, died. She wrote about her experiences in Christian books that became best-sellers.

Corrie's family were Calvinist Christians in the Dutch Reformed Church, and served their neighbourhood by offering shelter, food and money to the needy. They believed the Jews were precious to God and that all people were created equal. During the Second World War, she – and the rest of her family – helped many Jews and others to escape from the Nazis at great risk to themselves. She later received the rare accolade from Israel of being named Righteous among the Nations.

The Dutch Resistance helped them to build a secret room in their house behind Corrie's bedroom, which became known as The Hiding Place – later the title of her most famous book. The room held six people, had its own ventilation and an alert buzzer, and was astonishingly successful. It is estimated that about 800 Jews in all were saved through Corrie's efforts, which included obtaining at least 100 false ration cards.

Eventually an informer gave them away, and the family were arrested in February 1944 – though not the six people in the Hiding Place at the time. After months in prison, Corrie and her sister Betsie were sent to Ravensbrück concentration camp in September 1944, where they continued to worship and share the message of forgiveness, hope, love, and salvation. Betsie died in the December, but Corrie was released later that same month, apparently because of a 'clerical error'. A week later all the women in her age group were sent to the gas chambers.

After she was set free, Corrie travelled the world for 33 years, from 1944 to 1977, speaking in 64 countries. She suffered three severe strokes from August 1978 and died on her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.

*(From Parish Pump website)*

## POSIES FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



The gentlemen of St Luke's met together on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March to make posies to give out to the ladies on Mothering Sunday, the next day. It was a great turn out and the gentlemen showed excellent flower arranging skills. Well done, men, your mothers would have been proud of you!  
**June McG - PCC**



## THOUGHT FOR APRIL

Trying to think of something topical to predict and write about roughly one month in advance is often not easy. We are not blessed with the necessary foresight. Plenty of hindsight when the month comes around of course. Easter is perhaps my saviour for April – in more ways than one! The Christian message of Easter from church leaders throughout the world is well documented and publicised. There is much about it in this issue of our parish magazine.

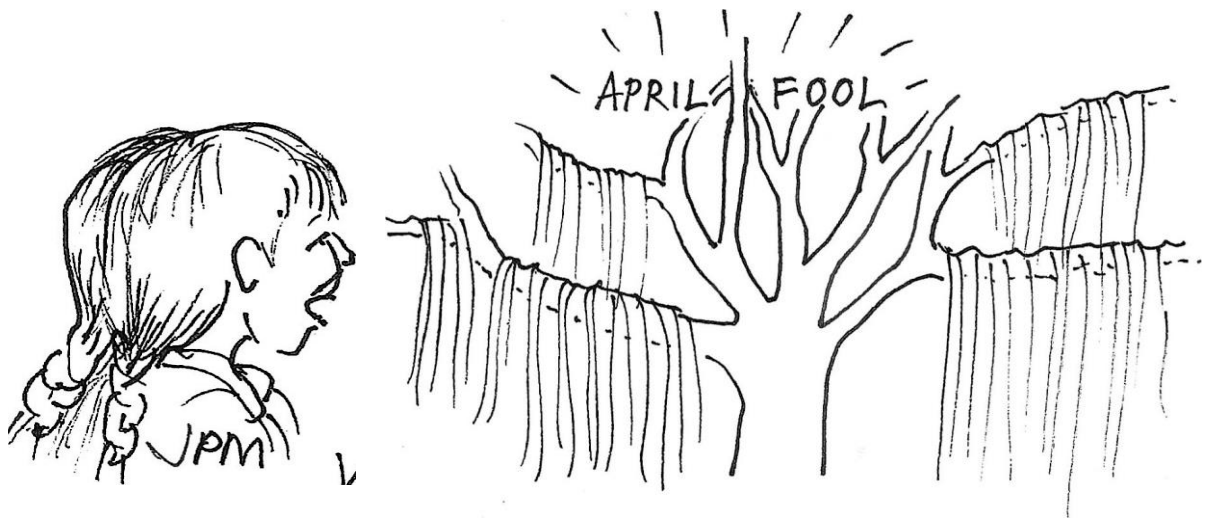
'Awakening' is a good caption for April – emerging from the darkness and cold of winter into the light and warmth of spring. It is about renewal. Nature provides us daily with abundant evidence of life stirring once more and always moving forward. Flower and tree buds open up to reveal their beauty. Blossom adorns our gardens and sidewalks. Birds can be seen with beaks full of nesting materials. Red squirrels race around frantically trying to remember where they buried their stash of nuts. Humans welcome the increasing daylight hours and opportunity to get out and about more. Life is full of energy – like recharged batteries!

This is what Jesus, after his cruel and humiliating death on the cross followed by the joy of his resurrection, would have wanted from all his earthly creatures. I'm sure of that. Be ever grateful, grasp and cherish any heart-warming moments that may come your way this month - and look out for more!

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### 1ST APRIL - ALL FOOLS' DAY



**"WOW! A SPAGHETTI TREE!"**

In years gone by, the rules surrounding April Fool were this: between midnight and noon on 1<sup>st</sup> April, everyone is 'fair game' to be made a fool of. It is the morning of the practical joke. But the aim is not just to discomfort the victim: he must be tricked into taking action himself, sent on a 'fool's errand'.

So, children would be sent to the dairy for a pint of dove's milk, or to the bookseller for *The Life of Eve's Mother*. Practical jokes on a bigger scale were played: in 1860 a vast number of people received an official looking invitation to the Tower of London that read: 'Admit the Bearer and Friends to view the Annual Ceremony of Washing the White Lions.' Precisely the same trick had been played in 1698.

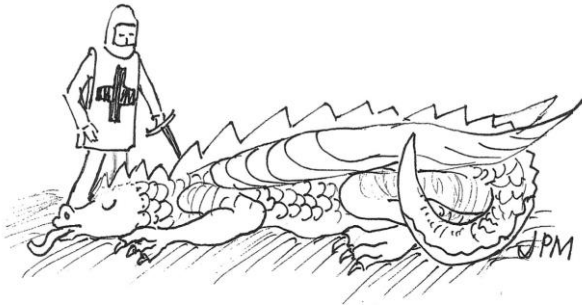
Then, on the stroke of noon, tradition decrees, April Fools is finished. If anyone attempts devilry thereafter, even while the clock is still striking, it recoils on his own head. A child would then race through the sing-song formula: 'April-Fool-Day's-past-and-gone-you're-the-fool-and-I-am-none!'

JMacD/PP



## 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL - ST GEORGE, HICCUP, AND THE DRAGON

Have you seen the film *How to Train your Dragon*? It's set in a Viking village under attack from dragons, who steal livestock and burn down houses. Hiccup, the Village Chief's son, invents a machine to capture dragons. However, when he catches one of the most dangerous dragons, he cannot kill it, when he sees that the dragon is just as frightened as he is. Through this friendship, the people and dragons eventually learn to live in harmony.



This month we celebrate St George, the patron saint of England. He is famous for slaying a dragon, a tradition which became popular in the Middle Ages. Whether he killed an actual dragon is open to question! However, we do know that the original George was a Roman soldier at the time of Emperor Diocletian. He refused to renounce his faith, as commanded by the Emperor, resulting in his death on 23 April 303. The contrast is clear: St George slayed the evil dragon, while Hiccup

refused to kill one. However, they also have something important in common. Both acted according to their conscience, defying the popular understanding of those around them and not worrying about the personal cost to themselves. St George was martyred for standing up for his faith in Jesus before a pagan emperor, while Hiccup risked rejection by his father and village because of his compassion.

Today, we are still called to stand for Christ against wrongs and injustice in daily life, whatever the personal cost. However, we also need to be ready to look our enemies in the eye and meet their hostility with love and compassion. This is why we also remember this month that Jesus died and rose again, so that we might have God's power to do this in our lives. **JMacD/PP**

### CHOCOLATE BY NIGEL BEETON (FROM PARISH PUMP)

*If there was nothing like chocolate  
How dull would this world of ours be!  
A world without wonderful chocolate  
Would not be a good world for me!*

*For chocolate's a way to say, 'thank you'.  
Or 'please' if you want something done.  
It's better than mere words or phrases.  
Cos eating it's terribly fun!*

*If someone went and banned chocolate  
The consequence of his dread fault  
Would be dire beyond contemplation.  
The world – it would grind to a halt!*

*For nothing gets done without chocolate  
Whether milky or silky or sweet,  
Some folk will do wonders for chocolate  
For a taste of a chocolaty treat!*

*So go out and purchase some chocolate  
There's lots on your local shop's shelf!  
Give someone a gift of some chocolate –  
But also – keep some for yourself!*

**(Why not donate chocolate and Easter eggs to the Southport Soup Kitchen / Food Bank for needy families this Lent/Easter? Refer page 2 for details).**



## SERVICES FOR APRIL 2023

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Palm Sunday

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

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Holy Communion CW

### Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am All-age Service  
(11.00am Passion Play by CTIFAH  
In Formby Pool Gardens)  
2.00pm Reflection

### Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April

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

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Easter 2

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

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Easter 3

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

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Easter 4

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

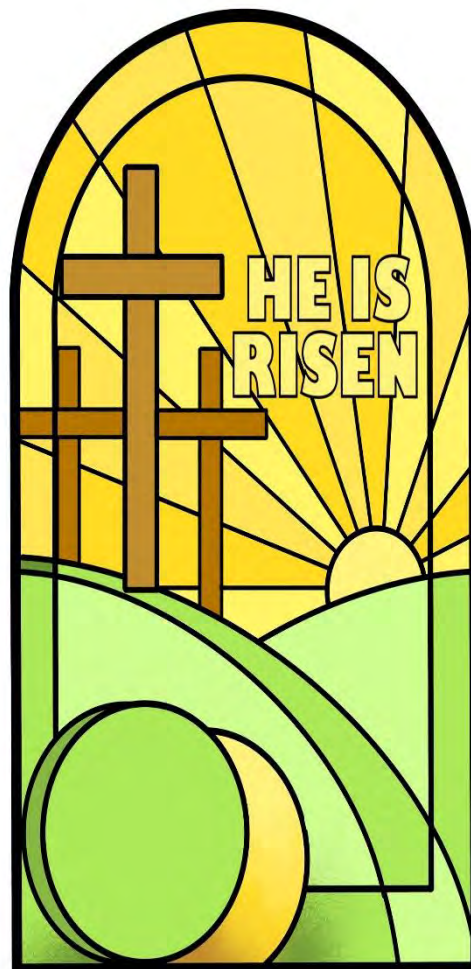
### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May

9.15am Holy Communion CW

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 5

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

## PRAYERS FOR APRIL

*Pray* for a lasting significance of Easter in our daily thoughts, words, and actions.

*Pray* for a refreshing of our hearts and minds as we journey into spring.

*Pray* for a more loving, caring, compassionate, and peaceful world.



## WHO'S WHO

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## 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 16<sup>th</sup> Jan at various venues and times. If you would like to join a group, please speak to Matt.

**Exciting new initiative - 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.

**Open Doors** – Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April (plus Crafty Folk), last for the winter, 10-12 for tea/coffee and a chat in MEETING ROOM.

**Tuesday Lunch** - in MEETING ROOM on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month (4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> April) between 12 and 2.00pm for food, drinks, and a chat. Donations for lunch welcome.

**Parish Breakfast (between Sunday services)** – in MEETING ROOM, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month (2<sup>nd</sup> April), subject to volunteer availability.

**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>					
4th Formby	Monday (In Meeting Room)	6.00pm	Julie Maher	07811	907003
8th Formby	Wednesday	6.00pm	Jenette Rowlands		
<b>Guides</b>					
4th Formby	Wednesday	7.30pm	Julie Clark		833757
<b>Beavers</b>	Thursday (In Meeting Room)	6.00pm	John Gelder		876456
<b>Cub Scouts</b>	Monday	6.30pm	Bob Ford		873026
<b>Gp 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 monthly at home.

**Baptisms, Weddings** - Contact the Wardens after the 10.30am 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), Mrs Christine Payne (Secretary).

**Other PCC committee members are** Mr Andrew Cox, Mr Ken Davies, Mrs Ann Dennison, Mrs Anne Dixon, Mr Peter Griffin, Prof Allan Hobson, Mrs June McGibbon, Mr David Moore, Mrs Rachel Patterson, Mr James Patterson, Mrs Sheila Rodger, Mrs Jean Watts.

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

**St Luke's Church** - P2 Dates & Notes, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, everyone welcome, regardless of ability (or none), so join us for light-hearted singing with free refreshments.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Singing for Fun
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Singing's Good for Your Brain! (With Maggie & Mandy)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – Chaos Fun Choir
- Bacon Barm and Banter – Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10.30-12noon in The Bier House (on church site). 1<sup>st</sup> Mon of each month (except bank holidays). Free admission, breakfast butties and hot drinks with vegetarian option available. Especially suitable for carers and their loved ones.
- Past Times Community Choir – every Tues 2-3.30pm in Parish Hall. Free fun community choir. Refreshments provided. Dementia friendly.
- Relaxed Easter Service – Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2.30pm.

### Formby Methodists

- Coffee Club 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of each month (4<sup>th</sup> April) 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 – 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) 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> April.
- Warm Hub Activity (Quiz) and Soup Lunch drop in once a week - hopefully to be continued throughout April every Tues 11-1pm.
- Creative Writing Group (Fri 2.00pm) - contact Library for April dates.
- Visually Impaired Meeting Group – contact Library for dates in April.
- Percy French & his links to Formby – a talk by John Phillips of Formby Civic Society, accompanied by musician Ian Clark who will perform some of his works on Wed 26<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm. Booking in advance essential – see page 13 for details.

**Formby Befriending Scheme** - FBS will be holding their Open Coffee Club on the first Tues of each month (4<sup>th</sup> April) 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** – For further information, please contact Justine Shenton at: [Justine.shenton@seftoncvcs.org.uk](mailto:Justine.shenton@seftoncvcs.org.uk) or via link on Home Page of St Luke's Church website.

**SEE PAGE 16 FOR WARM SPACES IN FORMBY THIS APRIL**



## WARM SPACES IN FORMBY THIS WINTER

(Compiled by Churches Together)

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### MONDAYS

9am - 10am St Jerome's Lounge, Greenloons Drive, tea & coffee.  
10am - 12noon Holy Trinity Church, Rosemary Lane, café & chat in the church.

### TUESDAYS

10am – 12noon Formby Luncheon Club, Rosemary Lane.  
11am – 1pm Formby Library, Duke Street, quiz & soup lunch.

### WEDNESDAYS

10am – 12noon Formby Luncheon Club, Rosemary Lane.  
10am – 12noon Formby URC, Church Road, coffee morning.

### THURSDAYS

9am – 10am St Jerome's Lounge, Greenloons Drive, tea & coffee.  
11am – 1pm Gild Hall Activity Centre, Church Road (behind Gild Hall), chat, quiet space, school uniform hub, café, cake & hot lunch.  
3.30pm – 5pm Formby Elim Church, Church Road, grub club for families with games, activities, & a hot meal in a friendly environment. Text 07876 545057 to book.

### FRIDAYS AND EVERY WEEKDAY

7am – 9.30pm Formby Pool Café, Elbow Lane, Mondays to Fridays refreshments extra\*.  
10am – 5pm Formby Library, Duke Street, Mondays to Fridays.

### SATURDAYS

10am – 12noon The Workshop, Holy Trinity Church, Rosemary Lane, refreshments extra\*.  
8am – 4pm Formby Pool Café, Elbow Lane, refreshments extra\*.

### SUNDAYS

12.30pm – 3pm Formby Methodist Church, Elbow Lane.  
8am – 4pm Formby Pool Café, Elbow Lane, refreshments extra\*.

\*Refreshments are available at a charge in these venues. In all other venues any refreshments provided are free of charge.

More information on warm spaces throughout Sefton is available on:

<https://seftoncvvs.org.uk/warmspaces/>

The above information has been extracted from a Churches Together in Formby, Altcar and Hightown (CTiFAH) flyer.

### SMILE LINES

For their elderly vicar's 70th birthday, the congregation at St Mary's decided to give him a present of a new suit. The vicar was so moved by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and began his homily with a tear in his eye, "Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit".



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Monday 3 April

- 10:30 Chrism Eucharist (for Chrism see below)
- 17:30 Choral Evensong

Tuesday 4 April

- 08:30 Morning Prayer
- 12:05 Eucharist
- 17:30 Choral Evensong

Wednesday 5 April

- 08:30 Morning Prayer
- 12:05 Eucharist
- 17:30 Said Evening Prayer
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Maundy Thursday: 6 April

- 08:30 Morning Prayer
- 12:05 Eucharist
- 19:30 Liturgy of the Last Supper

Good Friday: 7 April

08:30 Morning Prayer

- 10:30 The Way of the Cross - a Good Friday Procession
- 12:05 Eucharist from the reserved sacrament
- 15:00 Evening Prayer
- 19.30 No Story So Divine

Holy Saturday: 8 April

- 08:30 Morning Prayer in the Derby Transept
- 12.05 Eucharist at the Nave Altar
- 15.00 Evening Prayer in the Chapter House

## Easter Day Services: 9 April

- 05:30 Dawn Eucharist
- 08:30 Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
- 10:30 Choral Eucharist
- \*13.00 Sepas in the Lady Chapel
- 15:00 Choral Evensong
- 16.00 Eucharist

\*Sepas refers to the Persian community.

**CHRISM**

The Chrism Mass is one of the most solemn and important liturgies of the Christian liturgical calendar. The ancient Christian Apostolic Tradition (c. 200 A.D.) described a "ceremony taking place during the Easter Vigil" at which the holy oil for anointing the sick was blessed by the bishop. Maundy Thursday is the usual day on which this Mass is celebrated.



## QUOTE FOR EASTER

All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life. – *James Allan Francis*



## UK CHURCHES USE LIGHTS AND PRAYERS TO SUPPORT UKRAINE

Cathedrals were floodlit in the colours of the Ukrainian flag, candles were lit, and services, prayer vigils and other events were recently held across the country in churches to mark the first anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Many of the Church of England's cathedrals and churches held prayer vigils that included contributions from Ukrainian refugees.

In rural as well as urban areas, many parishes where families are still hosting Ukrainian refugees, opened their doors for prayer, reflection and music.

The Bishop of Bradford, Toby Howarth, said: “Russia’s brutal invasion of Ukraine one year ago has caused misery not only for Ukrainians, but has led to immense hardship for many others across the world.”

Mary Gregory, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral, said: “The vigil gave us an opportunity to acknowledge the terrible pain and loss of the last year, to remember those who have died, and to pray for those in danger.”

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S SOCIAL IMPACT INVESTMENT PROGRAMME TO INVEST £1.1M IN CHARITY BANK

The Church of England's Social Impact Investment Programme has recently made a £1.1m investment in Charity Bank, and will take a 3.6% stake in the bank.

Charity Bank uses savers' money to provide much-needed loans to UK charities and social enterprises working to drive positive social change – bringing benefits for people, communities, and the environment.

The recent investment will enable Charity Bank to make more than £8.8m in new loans to charities, social enterprises and faith-based organisations serving their communities.

**Vanessa Morphet, Head of Social Impact Investment at the Archbishops' Council, commented on the investment:** "Charities, social enterprises and faith-based organisations provide key services to communities in areas such as housing, social care, food banks, skills development and tackling loneliness."

“Charity Bank loans are a vital part of the funding landscape for these organisations enabling them to sustain, improve and grow their services.”

*(both items from the Parish Pump website)*

## SMILE LINES - SEA OF GALILEE

A vicar planning an Easter pilgrimage to the Holy Land was shaken when he found it would cost him £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. He protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous. "That might be true," replied the travel agent, "but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord Himself walked."

“Well,” said the vicar, “at £50 an hour for a boat, I am not surprised!”





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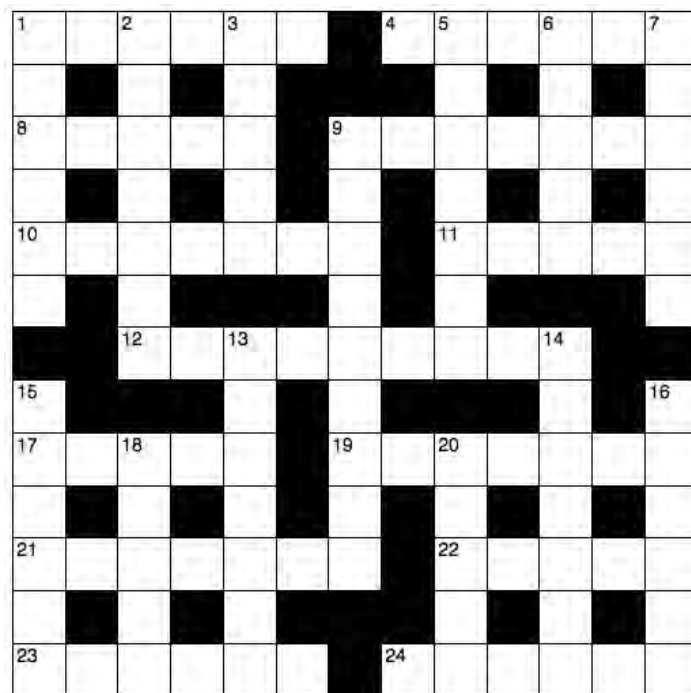
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## CROSSWORD



### Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)  
 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)  
 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)  
 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)  
 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)  
 11 'Look, here is —. Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)  
 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)  
 17 Port from which Paul

sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)

19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)

21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)

22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)

23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)

24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

### Down

1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)

2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)

3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)

5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)

6 11 Across is certainly this (5)

7 He reps (anag.) (6)

9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)

13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)

14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)

15 The human mind or soul (6)

16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)

18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not —' (Matthew 11:17) (5)

20 Bared (anag.) (5)

(SOLUTION ON PAGE 24)

**SMILE LINES** – five exercises you're better off avoiding this Spring – jumping on the bandwagon; wading through paperwork; running around in circles; pushing your luck; adding fuel to the fire.

Dial-a-Prayer for atheists – you call up, and it rings and rings and nobody answers.



## WORDSEARCH



Even as Jesus ate that last Passover meal with His disciples, He warned them He was about to be betrayed. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them; He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink. The Old Covenant, based on Law, was ticking away its final hours; the New Covenant, based on Christ's body and His blood, was about to be ushered in. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane that this fearful cup of suffering might be removed from Him, but even more, that God's will might be done. And it was. Because of Easter we can approach God through his Son, Jesus Christ. He has opened the gates to heaven for us!

Jesus  
Ate  
Last  
Passover  
Meal

Disciples\*  
Warned  
Betrayed  
Bread  
Blessed

Wine  
Thanks  
Drink  
Covenant  
Law

Old	Cup
New	Removed
Body	Will
Blood	Easter
Gethsemane	Approach
	God

(\*Misspelling)

## Easy Sudoku

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

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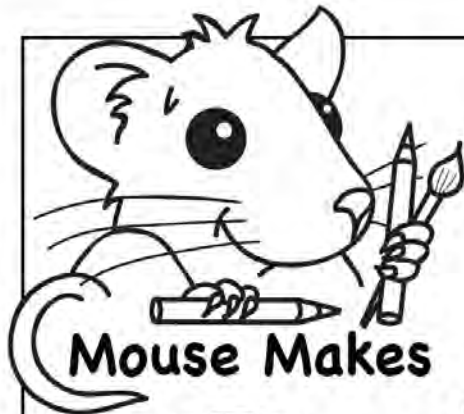
## Medium Sudoku

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7								
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	2	5				7	1	
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	3	6	8			9		
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			5		6			

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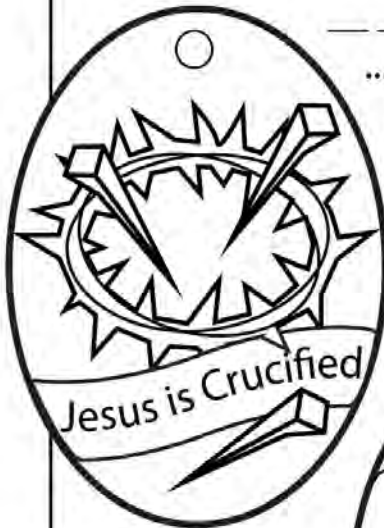


**HE IS RISEN!**  
Read the story of  
The Resurrection in  
*Matthew 28:1-20*



How many other  
words can you  
make from  
**RESURRECTION**

An \_\_\_\_\_  
of the Lord came down from  
\_\_\_\_\_ and going to the  
\_\_\_\_\_ rolled back the \_\_\_\_\_  
... the \_\_\_\_\_ said, "Do not be  
\_\_\_\_\_, for I know you are  
looking for Jesus who was  
\_\_\_\_\_, He is  
not here; he has \_\_\_\_\_,  
just as he said."



Glue this page onto  
card. Cut out the  
ovals then colour in.  
Punch a hole at the  
top and hang up  
for Easter



## SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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

Easy Sudoku Solution

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

Medium Sudoku Solution

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

**ACROSS:** 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

**DOWN:** 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

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*Among their demands were bourbon  
biscuits, double fees for weddings, and  
Sundays off*

**SMILE LINES** – You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance.





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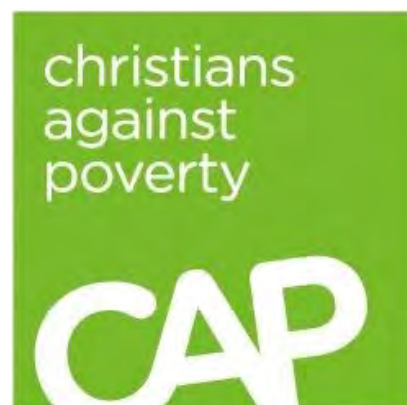
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