

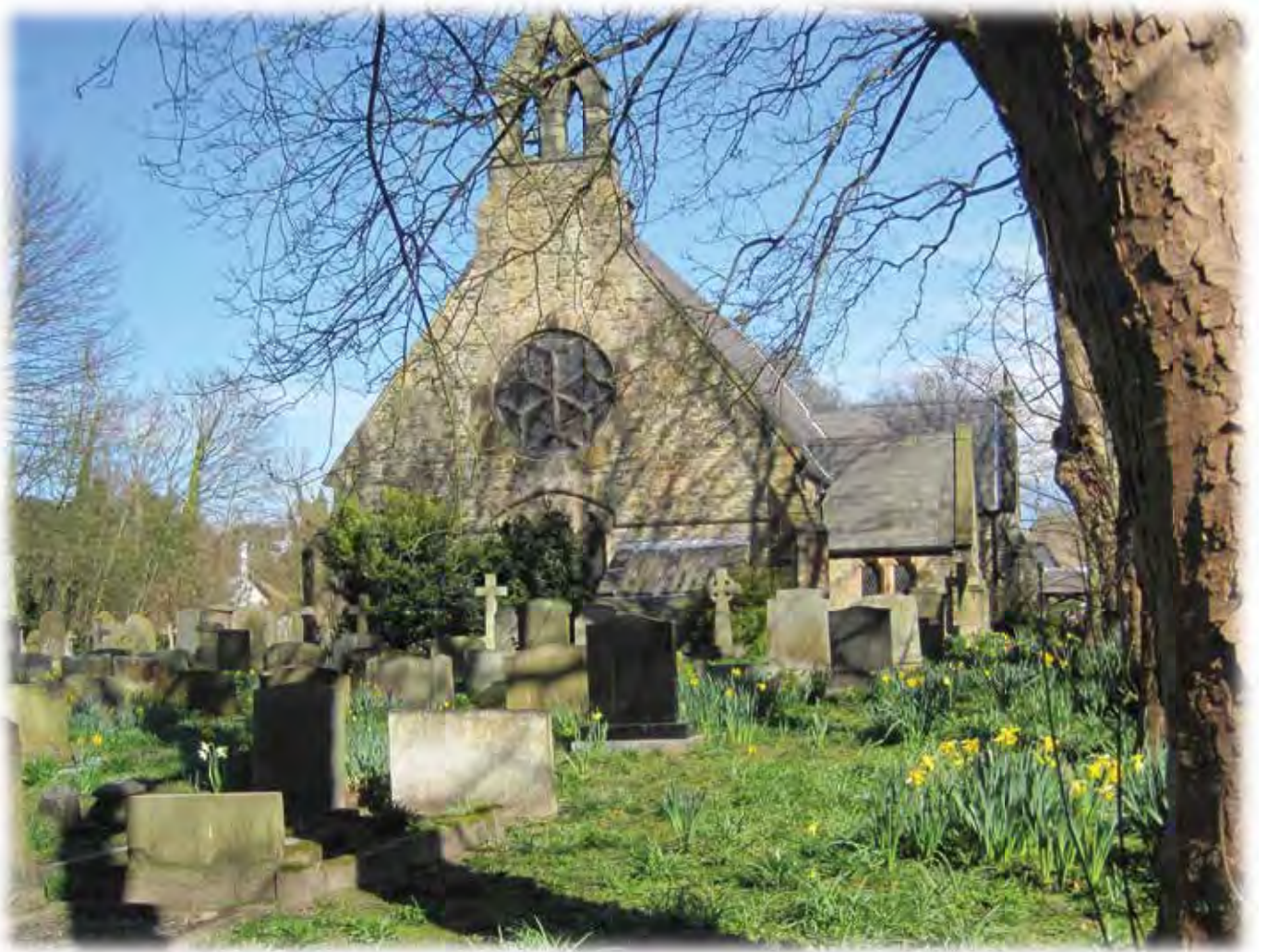
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Hebrews 10:23





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Vicar – Revd Dr Matt Davis

From the Vicarage



Dear Friends

This month St Luke's APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be taking place. As we prepare, we have to write things such as the Annual Report, and so have been thinking through what took place at St Luke's Church in 2022.

There is a lot to give thanks for over the past year and a bit. Our church has continued to grow. We have more children and adults coming on a Sunday to the services. We've started a Youth Group on a Sunday evening for young people in secondary school. A Beaver Colony has restarted, and the Cub Scouts has been boosted. There are now six Home Groups meeting each week, and regular monthly Prayer Meetings. Our links with the local primary and secondary schools remain strong. Our link with Shyira in Rwanda continues and we are planning a trip to visit in October.

In the midst of all this growth, it's difficult when some things don't work out how we hope. Many readers of this magazine will know and love the Lifeboat Tea Room which has welcomed thousands of people each summer for coffee and cake, or soup and a sandwich. It has been a resounding success as a place to socialise and listen to live music. This is in no small part due to the commitment of a large team of volunteers, and in particular the management team. Last summer the management team decided that it was time for them to retire and since then we have been unable to find anyone to fill their (metaphorically) large shoes.

As a church, we still want to put on something this summer, so the PCC (church council) has reluctantly decided to reduce things quite drastically to make them manageable: we'll be open from 2–4pm every other Saturday from June to August for tea/coffee and cake. We still hope to have live music, and we'll have more details in next month's magazine.

In John 15:1–2 Jesus says:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."

Of course, in context Jesus is talking about a person's relationship to him (in verse five he explains: *"I am the vine, you are the branches."*). If someone remains in Jesus they will bear spiritual fruit, and even if they remain in him, they will sometimes experience the pain of being pruned. Christians go through difficult experiences sometimes. These happen so we will grow closer to Jesus, trust him more and end up being more fruitful. Pain has a purpose.

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It is my hope and prayer that as we “prune” the Lifeboat Tea Room, the Lord would use this time of change to make us even more fruitful. Just as when the Tea Room was started, we don’t want to be seen as “*just another coffee shop*”. We hope that through time with us on a Saturday afternoon, people will want to find out more about the wonderful Lord Jesus Christ. He’s the One we long to introduce people to.

With every blessing,

Matt

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CHURCH REGISTER FOR APRIL

No weddings and no baptisms.

Funerals and burials:

19th April – Mavis James (burial of ashes)

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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).

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 MAY – refer pages 3, 12 and weekly news sheets for further details. Services can be found on page 10.

ASCENSION DAY – Thurs 18th May. 7.30pm Joint Service at St Luke’s.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNTY – Mon 22nd-Sun 28th May. See page10 for local prayer services published by Churches Together (CTiFAH). St Luke’s will hold a Christian Unity Service on Sun 28th May at 4.00pm.

PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY) – 28th May.

KING’S CORONATION – Sat 6th May. Coronation Picnic Sun 7th May after 10.30 service on church site (bring own food and drinks).

APCM – Wed 10th May 7.30pm in Meeting Room.

PCC MEETING – Wed 24th May.

EARLY SPRING BANK HOLIDAY – Mon 1st May

LATE SPRING BANK HOLIDAY – Mon 29th May.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Installation of Bishop John Perumbalath - Bishop John Perumbalath was installed as the 9th Bishop of Liverpool at a special service in Liverpool Cathedral on the 22nd of April 2023 at 3.00pm. From all at St Luke's we send Bishop John our very best wishes for his term as Liverpool's 9th Bishop.

Fundraising for Ukraine – Rotary would like to thank all at St Luke's who supported their event at the Guild Hall on 23rd March. They write, "A big thank you from Formby Rotary to everyone who supported our fundraising concert in aid of Ukraine. To Mike Byrne and the Sun Rockers, and Formby U3A Skiffle Group, everyone who bought a ticket, donated prizes and money, and those who helped promote it. And especially our Ukrainian friends for their support. It was a great night of Rock & Roll, and best of all raised £1500 for Ukraine. If you like what your local Rotarians do, why not join us? You can find us on: www.Formby.rotary1180.org".



NO Lifeboat Tea Room 2023 – read Matt's letter on pages 1 & 2 for alternative.

What If? Course – a free five-week course for *anyone* asking questions about the Christian faith. No question too basic or too hostile!

What if God exists? What if Jesus died for me? What if death is not the end? What if I read the Bible? What if I became a Christian?

Latest course started Thursday 20th April 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.

Courses running regularly throughout the year.

For further details email: revmattdavis@gmail.com

Kids @ St Luke's on Sundays –

May – 7th all in church; 14th & 21st Kids @ St Luke's (Children's Church); 28th all in church.

June – 4th all in church.

Half Term

June – 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

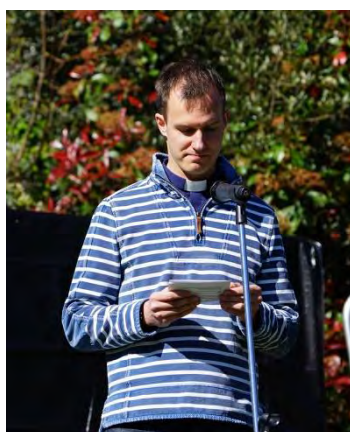
Easter chocolate collection from parishioners, St Luke's School, and Range High School for Southport Soup Kitchen / Food Bank – a big thank you!



FORMBY CTiFAH PASSION PLAY GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7TH



Fiona giving opening talk



Matt Davis addressing audience



Palm Sunday – waving palm branches



High priests plotting against Jesus



Judas plots to betray Jesus



Jesus carries the cross



Jesus on the cross

The Easter Passion Play took place on Good Friday 7th April in the grounds of Formby Pool. This was preceded by a 'Walk of Witness' by local church members which started outside Boots the Chemist and everyone was asked to wear yellow or purple if possible. The procession arrived at Formby Pool at about 11.15am. Fiona Grieveson in her role as Chair of Churches Together in Formby, Altcar and Hightown (CTiFAH) welcomed everyone. Reverend Dr Matt Davis addressed the audience with a short talk before the Play then began. Mark Hogben took the part of Jesus and gave a very moving performance.

David Hogben and June McGibbon

Beaver Sleepover – Chester Cathedral 24th February 2023

With an air of trepidation our new Beavers Leaders made the bold decision to take some of our Beavers on our first sleepover. Travelling by train from Formby we joined over 200 other Beavers from across District for a fun filled night of activities that enabled us to get crafty, get up close to the GAIA, discover the Cathedral, faiths, our planet, and how we can all do our bit to live sustainably.



The Gaia

We all agreed that the Gaia was stunning, especially lit up at night. The children really enjoyed being able to walk around and under it as it spun around.

It also proved a great spot for some group photographs!

Scavenger Hunt

Our eagle-eyed Beavers were keen to follow the trail and learn more about the Cathedral, including finding out how many arches there are in the naïve, how many fish there are on the Altar Cloth and how many solar panels there are on the naïve roof – there are 48 solar panels by the way! The Lego model (right) was a particular wow factor.



Late Night Movie

After being treated to a hot dog and soup supper (and brushing our teeth of course) we settled down in our 'sleeping zone' within Naïve where we were treated to a story and a late-night movie.

It is probably not the best night's sleep any of the leaders have ever had, but certainly a fantastic experience that we will certainly look to do again.

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CUBS - OPEN NIGHT MONDAY 27TH MARCH 2023

The impact of COVID lockdowns has in recent years had a big impact on our Scout Group, which has meant our Cub numbers have been really low for a while now. With 4 Beavers ready to move up to Cubs after Easter, we decided this was an opportunity to see what we could do about increasing our numbers.

So, with a flyer sent out to parents of children in St Luke's School and with the kind agreement of the 4th Formby Brownies to share facilities at the Meeting Room we had an 'Open Night' in the Meeting Room to which twelve young people came along.

Our pioneering activity was designed to test our knot and lashing skills as each team attempted to build the biggest tower that would support an egg (Easter theme) without it falling to the ground. I think we can safely say that the Brownies built the best tower- better luck next time, Cubs!



With our Camp Fire hollow outside and the longer nights coming, we couldn't miss the opportunity to light a Camp Fire (which I am informed is an activity our Vicar doesn't like to miss) - thank you Rev Matt for supplying the wood from the vicarage garden and lending your assistance on the night. Everyone enjoyed the Jacket Potatoes and Smores, and as new friendships were formed it will hopefully not be too long before we can do this again.

A Change of Start Time for Beavers and a Change of Venue and Time for Cubs

Following a meeting of the Scout Executive Committee on Wednesday 29th March 2023 we have taken the decision to move our Cub night to a Thursday night and move our start time to 6.45pm. This will ensure that we always have enough Leaders available to be able to run the Beavers and Cubs.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at St Luke's Church for enabling us to have the use of the Meeting Room now on a Thursday evening for our Beavers and Cubs until 8pm.

The 37th Great Escape Tawd Vale Saturday 1st April 2023 Viking Explorer Unit

Ethan - our Young Leader who has been helping us Beavers - recently attended the 37th Great Escape at Tawd Vale Adventure Centre.

It was a privilege to be able to attend Ethan's investiture there. We are blessed to have you with us, Ethan, and our best wishes go with you as you commence your scouting journey.



John Gelder – Beavers Leader

SPECIAL VISITORS AT RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

VOICES OF THE HOLOCAUST

Towards the end of the last academic year, we were contacted by a charity theatre company, Voices of the Holocaust, which teaches Holocaust Education through Drama. 'Voices' was founded with the objective of ensuring that the voices of survivors and victims of the Holocaust would not be lost in the post survivor era, and that, if the stories were told in the right way, theatre can be the surrogate human voice to continue telling stories that needed to be told.

We decided that the Drama, History and RE departments could collaborate and invite the company in to perform for some of our students. All of year 9, Year 10 Drama and RE and Sixth Form History students were invited to watch the performance, and some attended a Q and A session afterwards. At Range High, students learn about the Holocaust in their History lessons, which also ties in with what they learn in RE with regards to the impact of the Holocaust on faith and belief. In Drama, pupils learn about verbatim plays and set design, so this play was the perfect opportunity for the three subjects to collaborate.

'Kindness' is the true story of Susan Pollack, a Holocaust survivor. In this play it tells her story, layered with stunning complementary narratives and woven with historically accurate Holocaust history. Talking to the creative director Cate afterwards was very interesting and gave us a real insight into how the piece came about and the challenges faced when portraying such an important subject matter on stage. The performance incorporated our new lighting system to great effect and the multi-use set was very creative. The play was truly heart wrenching and very thought provoking.

Mrs Grace, Mrs Murray, Mrs Bridge

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THOUGHT FOR MAY

History seems to be the theme in my head this May – from the coronation of our new King Charles III in early May to the above article kindly supplied by Range HS, from Easter last April to Ascension and Pentecost in May. Different backgrounds at different times with different narratives, but all, nevertheless, examples of history in the making. Politically, the world is in a mess. Conflict is becoming an unwelcome norm. Perhaps it was ever thus? I have recently been watching the excellent repeat on BBC TV of the Simon Schama series 'A History of Britain' (first transmitted 2000-2002) along with his new current series titled 'Simon Schama's History of Now', and a line from Alan Bennett's drama 'The History Boys' (2006 film) brings to mind what history is really all about – "one.....thing after another"! Yes, a very simplistic definition of history, I admit, but one which rings true for us individually as well as nationally and globally. Every single day in our lives, once passed, becomes part of our own personal history. We can never change it. We can never escape it. Our past, for better or worse, grows with us as time moves on.

I suppose the big question is, can we learn from history and the mistakes of our past? Sadly, history has shown us that in the main we don't learn. We keep repeating mistakes. Most of us want peace and harmony, but usually on our terms. We sit constantly in judgement of others. Therein lies the rub.

So, I repeat, can we ever learn from the wrongs of our past – individually and collectively in this broken world? Well, there is a chance of us achieving such - at least to some degree - and the answer, as you may have guessed, is to follow Jesus, our Saviour and one and only judge!

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COUNTDOWN TO THE CORONATION

Of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort.

On Saturday 6th May the Coronation will take place.



It is based on a solemn religious ceremony which has remained largely unchanged for more than 1000 years. For the past 900 years, the ceremony has taken place at Westminster Abbey, and is conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

King Charles III will be crowned, and then in a similar, but simpler ceremony at the same service, the Queen Consort will also be crowned.

From 6th to 8th May Coronation Big Lunches will be held up and down the UK, and also across the Commonwealth.

On Sunday 7th May a Coronation Concert will be held at Windsor Castle, with iconic locations across the UK lit up using projections, lasers, drone displays and illuminations.

On Monday 8th May there is a special Bank Holiday, giving everyone the opportunity to join in with their communities and good causes through Big Help Out activities. (More details at: <https://thebighelpout.org.uk>)

What is a coronation?

A coronation is both the symbolic religious ceremony during which a sovereign is crowned and the physical act of placing a crown on a monarch's head. It formalises the monarch's role as the head of the Church of England and marks the transfer of their title and powers. However, it is not actually necessary for the monarch to be crowned to become King/Queen. Edward VIII reigned without a coronation – and Charles automatically became King the moment Queen Elizabeth II died.

What happens at a coronation?

Coronations have remained much the same for over 1000 years. The British ceremony is the only one remaining of its type in Europe. However, it is likely to be shorter and smaller in scale than Queen Elizabeth's 1953 coronation, with a wider range of religions represented.

The monarch's procession is also expected to be modest. Queen Elizabeth's procession had 16,000 participants and took 45 minutes to pass any stationary point on the 7km (4.3miles) route.

This time, the King and Camilla, the Queen Consort, will travel to Westminster Abbey in a relatively modern horse-drawn carriage which has electric windows and air conditioning. They will ride in the Diamond Jubilee State Coach, first used in 2014, before returning in the Gold State Coach used in every coronation since the 1830s. (www.bbc.co.uk)

DAVID LIVINGSTONE

It was 150 years ago, on 1st May 1873, that David Livingstone, the Scottish missionary and explorer, died. He was best known for his search for the sources of the Nile, and for going missing (and being found by the American journalist Henry Morton Stanley) in the wilds of Africa.

Livingstone was born in Blantyre, near Glasgow, and died of malaria and dysentery in what is now Chipundu, Zambia. He was the first European to cross the African continent from west to east and to discover the Zambesi River, the Victoria Falls and many major lakes.

His mother and father were both strict Christians, and the family was poor: he was one of seven children brought up on the top floor of a tenement. But he felt called to be a medical missionary in China; so he spent two years studying to become a doctor and was accepted by the London Missionary Society.

But the political situation in China prevented his going there, and a meeting with Robert Moffat, a well-known Scottish missionary in southern Africa, persuaded Livingstone that he should go to Africa instead. He arrived in Cape Town in 1841.

He felt that Christianity, commerce and civilisation were destined to open up Africa, and he was strongly against slavery, often clashing with the Boers and Portuguese because of their treatment of the Africans.

He was awarded a gold medal and money by the British Royal Geographical Society for the first European sighting of Lake Ngami, now a birdlife conservation area in Botswana. He also found fame through the publication in 1857 of his *Missionary Travels and Researches in South Africa*, which sold more than 70,000 copies, bringing a vastly improved lifestyle for his wife Mary (Moffat's talented daughter), who had put up with his repeated absences.
(from the Parish Pump website)



SMILE LINES - LESSON

A nervous Head Boy was reading the New Testament Lesson in School Assembly for Pentecost: "Here beginneth the first Actor of the Chaps".

SERVICES FOR MAY 2023

Thursday 4th May

9.15am Holy Communion CW

Sunday 7th May – Easter 5

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

Sunday 14th May – Easter 6

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

Thursday 18th May – Ascension

7.30pm Joint Service

Sunday 21st May – Easter 7

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

Sunday 28th May - Pentecost

8.30am Holy Communion CW
10.30am Morning Service
with Children's Church*
4.00pm Christian Unity Service



(*Term time only)

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – CTIFAH (Morning Prayer 9.15am every morning 22nd-27th May)

Monday – 22nd May Lighthouse Church (formerly Elim Pentecostal), 93 Church Road L37 3NB.

Tuesday – 23rd May St Peter's Church, Green Lane L37 7DL.

Wednesday – 24th May Our Lady of Compassion, School Lane L37 3LW.

Thursday – 25th St Michael's Church, Altcar L37 5AA.

Friday – 26th May St Stephen's Church, Hightown, L38 0BL.

Saturday – 27th May Formby Methodist Church, Elbow Lane L37 4AF.

(**Sunday** – 28th May St Luke's Church, St Luke's Church Road L37 2DF – Christian Unity Service @ 4.00pm).

Please come and join us in praying for *Unity Amidst Injustice* - locally and globally.
All welcome.

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 16th 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.

What If? Course – started Thurs 20th April 7.30pm in MEETING ROOM.

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

Tuesday Lunch - in MEETING ROOM on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month (2nd & 16th May) 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) – NONE in May due to King's Coronation (Sat 6th May) weekend.

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), Mrs Christine Payne (Secretary).

Other PCC 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.

(Toilet facilities are available in the Meeting Room throughout services)

NATIONAL TRUST WALKS AND TALKS IN MAY

MESSAGE FROM THE RANGERS

Throughout May, the Ranger team will be hosting some more walks and talks about the important woodland work which took place this last winter. For those of you who have been keeping up to date with how our woodland management plan has been developed, and is now being implemented, you will undoubtedly know what a huge and exciting step this last winter has been for us here at Formby.

An integral part of what we want to achieve with our woodland plan is to share, engage, and inform the local community about what we are planning to do, and have done, regarding woodland management. Therefore, we will be hosting 8 more events this May to share the valuable work that has taken place this winter. If you are able to share this information with colleagues, family, and friends, it would be much appreciated, as we would love to have as many people from the community as possible attend the walks.

Chris Hunter

DATES AND TIMES

VICTORIA RD – Meet at the Woodland Car Park noticeboard

TUES MAY 9TH – 18.00 – 20.00

WED MAY 10TH – 13.00 – 15.00

TUES MAY 16TH – 18.00 – 20.00

WED MAY 17TH – 13.00 – 15.00

SAT MAY 20TH – 10.00 – 12.00

LARKHILL FIELD – Meet on the Field

SAT MAY 20TH – 14.00 – 16.00

TUES MAY 23RD - 18:00 - 20:00 and

WED MAY 24TH - 13:00 - 15:00



All the above walks are free and suitable for accompanied children 8 years plus and well-behaved dogs on leads. Normal parking charges apply for non-members.

Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear – walking boots or gumboots on the beach.

FORMY FOOTPRINT WALK – Meet at Victoria Road car park trailer, near the toilet block

Join National Trust Archaeologist Jamie on a walk to discover the fascinating archaeology found underfoot on Formby beach.

FRI MAY 5TH – 13.00 – 15.30

There is a £5 charge for this event, and you will need to check availability.

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WHAT'S ON FOR THE 'ELDERLY' IN MAY

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 11th – Singing for Fun
 - 3rd Thursday 18th – Singing's Good for Your Brain! (With Maggie & Mandy)
 - 4th Thursday 25th – Chaos Fun Choir
- Bacon Barm and Banter – NONE for May as Mon 1st is a Bank Holiday. Normally in The Bier House (on church site). 1st 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.

Formby Methodists

- Coffee Club 1st Tues of each month (May 2nd) 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 and Chat Royal Reminiscences Fri 5th May 2-4pm – see poster p18.
- Seed Swap event Sat 13th May 10-1.30pm for all ages – bring your own seeds you're not using and take away what others have brought which you may want for planting.
- Tea & Treasures Coffee Morning – Thursdays (10.30-12noon) 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May.
- Creative Writing Group (Fri 2.00pm) - contact Library for May dates.
- Visually Impaired Meeting Group – contact Library for dates in May.
- 'May Library Talk' – enquire at the Library for details.

Formby Befriending Scheme - FBS will be holding their Open Coffee Club on the first Tues of each month (2nd May) 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

Sefton Dementia Action Alliance – For further information, please contact Justine Shenton at: Justine.shenton@seftoncvcs.org.uk or via link on Home Page of St Luke's Church website.

KD



Saturday 20th May 9-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m.
Holy Trinity Church Hall Rosemary Lane,
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Admission - Adults £1 - Refreshments Included

At the beginning of Holy Week St Luke's Pastoral Team was thrilled to see the launch of a monthly mini church service, to be held in the lounge of Formby Manor on the 1st Monday morning of each month (including bank holidays). This came about in answer to a request from a lovely lady whom Val Mizen and I have been visiting since January at the Manor.

Following consultation with the manageress of Formby Manor and then with Jean Watts, who put us in touch with readers Ruth Woodward and Sylvia Beardsell from Holy Trinity, in whose parish Formby Manor stands, the plan gradually grew. It would be a joint venture for the two churches. On the morning of Monday 3rd April, Val and I, plus David my husband and his guitar, duly arrived - with some trepidation - and began tuning and setting up in the lounge. With 10 minutes to go, there was just one lady sitting waiting for us.

We were relieved to see Ruth and Sylvia arrive 5 minutes later with their orders of service and communion elements, which made it official. By 11 o'clock three or four other lovely residents had joined us and we got ready to begin... but this was just the start! Suddenly others began arriving, some wheeled in by members of staff, others under their own steam. Our 12 orders of service ran out in no time and had to be shared, while extra chairs had to be brought closer. It was wonderful!! The readers from Holy Trinity led the short service beautifully and everyone joined in heartily with the three hymns played. One of the guests was Christopher Mulford, a retired reader from St Luke's.

We were overwhelmed by the welcome we received from residents and staff alike, and felt greatly blessed to be working with Holy Trinity too. We look forward to the next service on 1st May.

Valerie Hoqben

When the late Dean of York was asked why he called his stumpy-tailed fox terrier 'Mark', he explained: "The New Testament contains the life-stories of our Lord by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Mark's is the shortest tale!"

There was a fire at the main Inland Revenue office in London, but it was put out before any serious good was done. - *Ronnie Corbett*

VISITING UGANDA WITH TWAM



Three years ago, I started volunteering with a charity called Tools With A Mission (usually known as TWAM). Their mission is “to help anyone in need irrespective of tribe, ethnic background, gender or religion”, and by doing so “to bring glory to the name of Jesus Christ and to give practical effect to the Christian principles which underpin our ministry”.

With just 7 employees and a lot of volunteers, they collect second-hand tools and equipment from around the UK, refurbish them to a high standard and send them out to schools and training colleges across central Africa. They are then used to provide technical training, mostly to people who dropped out of school or are single mothers, in order to help them create a livelihood. Despite all the challenges of 2021 lockdowns in both the UK and the receiving countries, TWAM sent out 13 shipping containers stuffed with 9,989 toolkits and machines to support 341 skills centres. The target for 2023 is 20 containers, back to pre-covid levels.

I have two roles for the charity. The first is to rewrite their IT systems to manage applications more efficiently. It can take two years or more from the initial application to receiving tools, and our target is to halve that time. That means streamlining internal processes, refurbishing and sending out more tools, and also improving how we identify the organisations most able to pay the small contribution we ask of them.

So, my second role is to manage follow-up assessments for tools sent to Uganda, though all the hard work is done by Chris Wandege, who has the local knowledge and expertise to understand which organisations are using tools well and can make best use of a further consignment. As part of this, I was recently invited to Uganda to visit the local TWAM team and some of the projects we support. Part of the objective was to check how tools are being used and to gauge whether we are still sending the right tools to meet evolving needs. Part was to show them the new IT. And part was to collect stories of people who have been helped, which I loved doing. It was such a privilege to talk to so many people and learn about their lives.



Jovia was one of the first I met. She is profoundly deaf, and her parents couldn't communicate with her, so when she was 10 they sent her away to her grandmother as a home help. With little schooling, her prospects were bleak until she met Barbara and her husband Faustin. Barbara has severe mobility issues while Faustin is also deaf, but they decided to set up a training centre to help other disabled people locally.

Barbara is skilled in lip reading, so is slowly teaching Jovia to communicate and to do basic maths, as well as teaching her to make clothes. Now 15, Jovia still helps her grandmother but has ambitions to become a tailor. She would love to have her own sewing machine and make dresses and skirts for ladies and shirts from vibrant African fabrics for men.

Charles (standing tall in the background on the right), was also very keen to show off the child's shirt he was making. He has cerebral palsy, cannot speak, and can only learn very slowly, but Upendo provides a supportive environment where he can gain the skills that may one day help him earn a living.



Where can I hear more?

If you would like to hear more stories of people like these, I will be giving a short talk with photos on Sunday 14th May at 12.00 in St Luke's Meeting Room (next to the church), and you are very welcome.

How can I help?

Last year St Luke's sent £900 to TWAM to support the work they are doing, and now we would like to send them some tools. If you have old tools or a sewing machine, you can donate them between Sunday 14th and Saturday 20th May. However, the collection point is not at church so please do not bring them there. Instead, please contact Maggie at [reddun.maggie@gmail.com](mailto:redhun.maggie@gmail.com), as she has offered her garage for storage. Or contact me at rpatter98@gmail.com.



What can I donate?

The tools in highest demand are sewing machines, along with tools for carpentry, building, motor mechanics, plumbing, gardening, and power tools. Plus, fully working IT equipment and Bibles (any modern English version). Tools can be rusty or blunt but should not be broken, as they do not have the capability to repair them. Please check www.twam.uk/donatetools for a full list of what they can and

cannot accept.

Rachel Patterson

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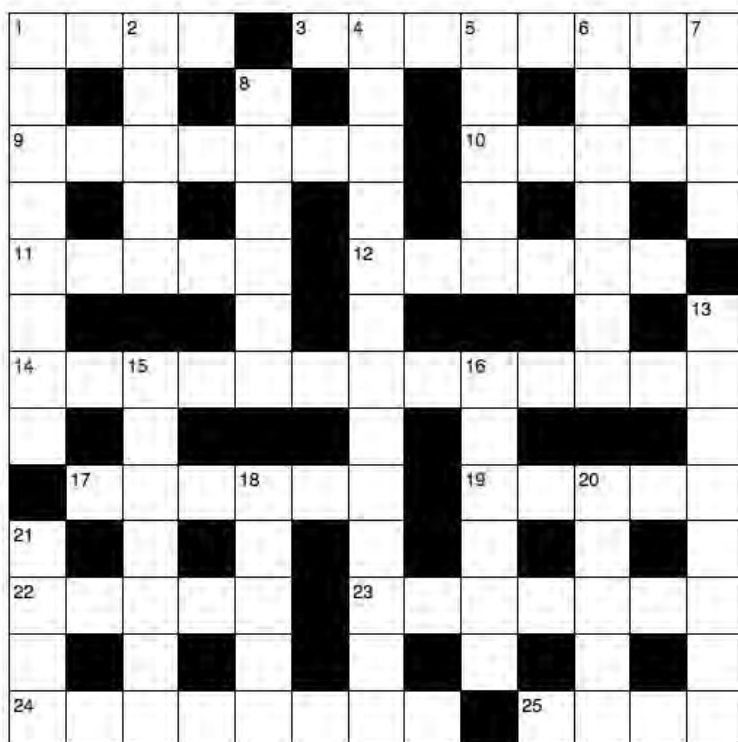
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CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
 10 Group of eight (5)
 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)

- 19 Attend to (3,2)
 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
 25 Test (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
 2 'The playing of the merry —, sweet singing in the choir' (5)
 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
 8 Minister of religion (6)
 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
 20 Establish by law (5)
 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

(SOLUTION ON PAGE 24)

SMILE LINES – Proof-reading needed!

Man kills self before shooting wife and daughter; Something went wrong in jet crash, expert says; Panda mating fails, vet takes over; Miners refuse to work after death; Juvenile Court to try shooting defendant; War dims hope of peace; If strike isn't settled quickly, it may last a while; Cold wave linked to temperatures.

WORDSEARCH



Facts about King Charles

He was born at 9.14pm
on 14th November 1948
at Buckingham Palace.

He has been heir-apparent to the throne since he was three years old.

He is the first monarch in British history to have earned a university degree.

He can speak Welsh.

He is a qualified pilot and diver.

He is a keen watercolour painter, a published author and played the cello at Cambridge.

As Prince of Wales, he founded about 20 charities which raise about £140million each year for good causes.

Aged 73, King Charles III is the oldest monarch ever to be crowned in British history.

He became King on 8th September 2022, after the death of his mother, the Queen, in Balmoral.

As King, he is also now head of the Commonwealth.

Author

Pilot

Cello

Balmoral

Commonwealth

Palace

Welsh

Charles

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November

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King

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Easy Sudoku

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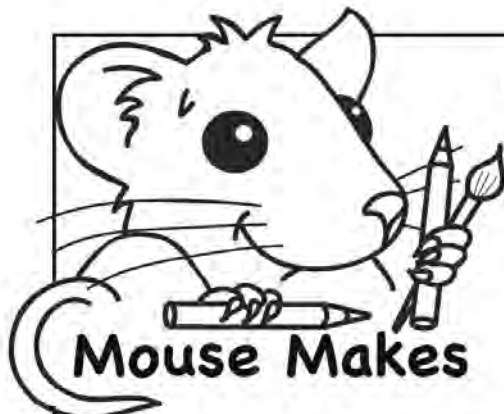
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Medium Sudoku

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

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(SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 24)



Mouse Makes

Find the answers in the word search

What did Jesus say from the Apostles?

a _____
Acts 1:9

Where was Jesus taken up to? _____
Luke 24:51

Where did the Apostles return to?

Acts 1:12

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and **ascended** into heaven.



READ
Acts 1 4-17

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?

_____ to be Jesus' witnesses.
Acts 1:8

Who appeared to the Apostles?

Two _____ and what were they dressed in? _____
Acts 1:10

Where is Jesus seated?

At the _____ of God.
Mark 16:19

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SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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Easy Sudoku Solution

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

Medium Sudoku Solution

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1, Stop. 3, Call upon. 9, Regular. 10, Octet. 11, Inner. 12, Hudson. 14, Holy Communion. 17, Myself. 19, See to. 22, About. 23, Iterate. 24, Monarchy. 25, Stet.

DOWN: 1, Straight. 2, Organ. 4, Abraham's faith. 5, Lloyd. 6, Puteoli. 7, Note. 8, Cleric. 13, Innocent. 15, Lay down. 16, Ussher. 18, Enter. 20, Enact. 21, Balm.



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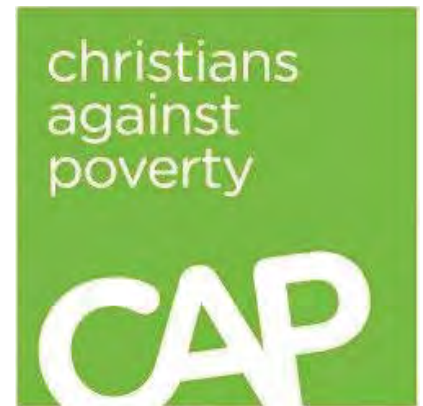
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