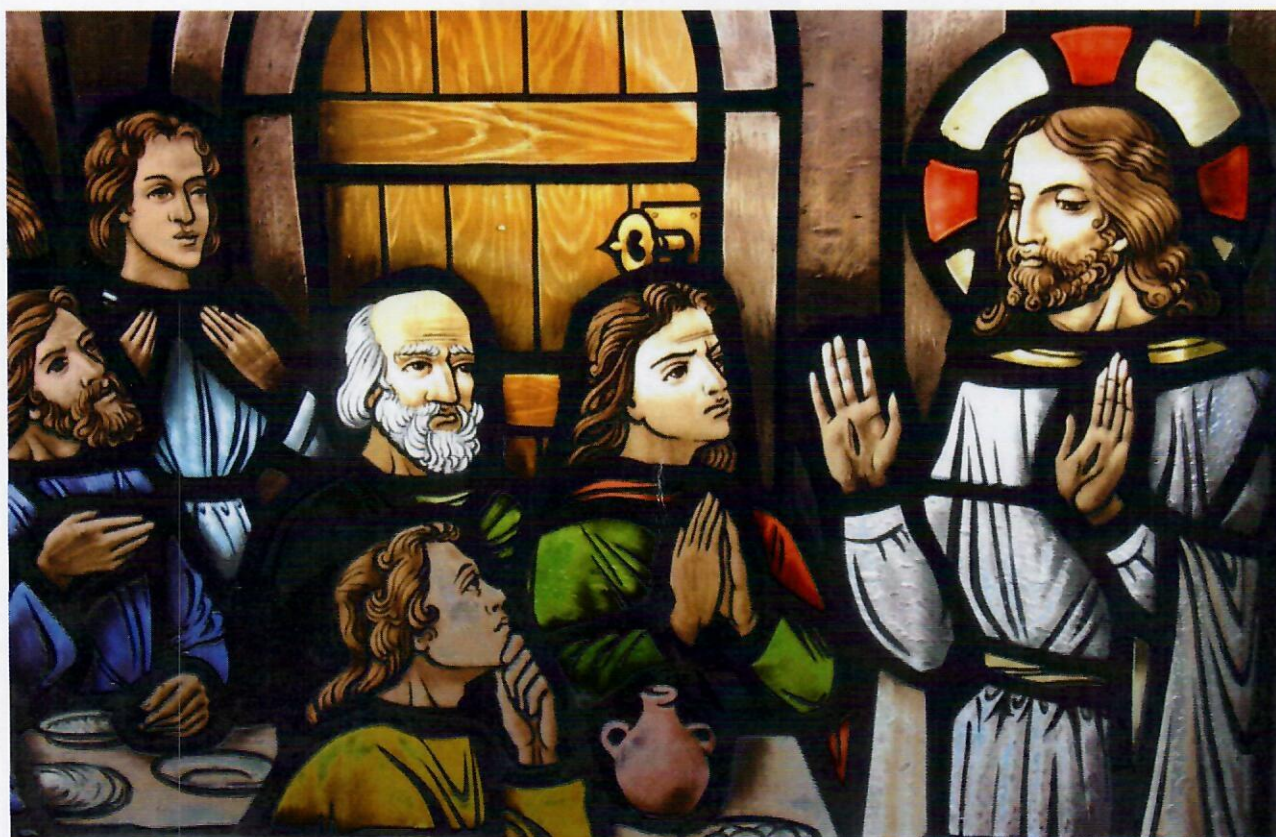
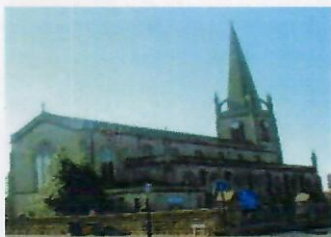


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Dear Readers

As we venture out more into a re-opening world our churches are gradually opening their doors once more to 'live' congregations. Music groups are allowed as is organ music, but not yet full church singing which I have to say I really miss, as I know do many people. Soon the rotas will start again as will the seasonal events like Summer Fairs. However the nature of church has changed there are at least 20,000 services and other online events are now listed on the Church of England's 'church-finder' website AChurchNearYou. A year ago there were none. As churches look ahead to an expected easing of restrictions and more public gatherings, many are assessing how to incorporate the lessons of the last year into their regular patterns of worship and outreach after the pandemic.

As Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury said "Yet amid all of this, God has been with us and has done something new which we could not have imagined a year ago. We have sung the Lord's song in a virtual foreign land. As we look and plan ahead it's not a question of either online worship or meeting in-person, but of how we will be shaped by the experience and commitments of the last year, to try new things, to value the things we perhaps took for granted before, and to reach out to more people with the invitation to participate in the good news of Jesus Christ."

Andrea Taziker and the Church of England Website

"The evil that men do lives after them; the good is they do is oft interred with their bones"

Shakespeare – Mark Anthony (Julius Caesar)

2021 PENTECOST REFLECTION



The power of God's Spirit to lead and show
the way to fulfil the Mission Communities.

Every time I reflection Pentecost, I realise that the season leading up to Pentecost Sunday and Trinity Sunday is often not given much attention. Perhaps this is because of that from Advent to Epiphany, to Lent and then to Easter, we are all mentally and emotionally exhausted. After the intense period of Lent and Holy Week, there is a certain psychological "fatigue" after Easter. But for the Church, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter would not have much to influence the mission of the Church without what happened at Pentecost.

As we read it in the Acts of the Apostles, the story of the gift of God's Spirit to the Church at Pentecost tells of how the seemingly impossible became possible and of the utmost importance (Acts 2:1-4). Pentecost is the day on which Jesus pours out God's Spirit upon the apostles and believers gathered in Jerusalem. The day of Pentecost was Inauguration Day as God's Spirit demonstrated the provision of God, the prophecy of the Old Testament (Joel 2:28-29) and the promises of Christ (Acts 1:4-8).

Pentecost represents God's gracious, enabling presence actively at work among His people, calling and enabling them to live out in dynamic ways the witness of being His people. Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate hope, a hope evoked by the knowledge that God through His Spirit is at work among His people. It is a celebration of newness, of recreation, of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God's people. It is a celebration of God's ongoing work in the world. It is also a recognition that His work is done through His people as He pours out His presence upon them.

Pentecost, and each day, is a time to reorientate our lives to the mission of God. When we appropriate the power of God available to us in Christ, we are closer to fulfilling the Great Commission, and in doing so we sing: "Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me." (by Daniel Iverson) God's Spirit is still the enabling power for our growth in holiness and the power that we need to be Jesus' witnesses to everyone around us, even "to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). And each day, we should heed the admonition of the apostle Paul: "Be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18), live Pentecost daily.

Pentecost reminds us that what God starts He completes. We are the means, but God is both the first mover and the glorious end himself. Pentecost is about the provision of God in our lives. By His grace He saves us, by His promises He keeps us. Therefore, we must remember as we gather in our churches, as we live our lives that Almighty God is fulfilling the redemptive mission of the ages by the empowering of his people to fulfil the Great Commission. The work of the church is to fulfil the mission of God in the world. And this is accomplished through the empowering of God's Spirit.

Pentecost is a time for vigour, excitement, energy, movement, rebirth, and fresh commitment. Let us wake up! Let us use the gifts that God's Spirit has given us to build up one another, the church, and the society as a whole. As we move from uncertainty, fear, despair, and hopelessness caused by the pandemic and the lockdowns, let God's Spirit re-energise us for His mission - for the unity and peace of God's people.

Jonathan Ruhumuliza

ASTLEY, TYLDESLEY, MOSLEY COMMON TEAM - MAY & JUNE SERVICE ROTA

In March, Rev Cox and the Local Ministry Team met to consider our local roadmap out of Lockdown. The approach taken is cautious but is in line with the national lifting of lockdown restrictions. As the magazine goes to print the following is the *draft* plan for services in May & June: details will not be confirmed until after the magazine print deadline *therefore it is subject to change*. Please check the church websites and Team Facebook page [*Astley, Tyldesley, Mosley Common Worship*] for updates.

Date	St Stephen's	St George's	St John's
2 nd May	Team Eucharist	-	Service of the Word
9 th May	Service of the Word	Team Eucharist	-
13 th May <i>Ascension</i>		<i>Team Eucharist @ 7.30pm</i>	
16 th May	-	Service of the Word	Team Eucharist
22 nd May	<i>Stepping Up/Out -via Zoom</i>	<i>Stepping Up/Out- via Zoom</i>	<i>Stepping Up/Out- via Zoom</i>
23 rd May <i>Pentecost</i>	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist
30 th May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	Service of the Word	Team Eucharist	-
6 th June	-	Service of the Word	Team Eucharist
13 th June	Team Eucharist		Service of the Word
19 th June	<i>Stepping Up/Out-via Zoom</i>	<i>Stepping Up/Out-via Zoom</i>	<i>Stepping Up/Out-via Zoom</i>
20 th June	Service of the Word	Team Eucharist	-
27 th June	-	Service of the Word	Team Eucharist

It is imperative that we continue to keep everyone as safe as possible. You are therefore asked to support us by noting:

- places at all services will still be limited and attendance must be booked in advance via the Team Clerk on 07873 149627 [***see note below**]
- to comply with Government guidelines for 'Track & Trace' we are required to ask attendees for a contact name & number [noted at time of booking] : this will be retained for 21 days
- face coverings are compulsory whilst in church
- social distancing must still be observed: bubbles and family groups [not exceeding 6] will be accommodated and seating will be allocated appropriately
- we must ensure that all our gatherings comply with government guidelines so we ask you to disperse quickly after services continuing to observe social distancing whilst in church grounds

***A plea from the Team Clerk.....**I think everyone is hopeful that we are negotiating our way through the final stages of the government's roadmap out of Lockdown; but for now restrictions remain in place. Churchwardens must ensure seating at services is Covid compliant - a major factor in supporting the preparation work is being able to supply accurate numbers in a timely manner. So, can I please ask that if you want to attend a church service within our Team that you contact me **before noon on Fridays to book places**. Recently calls and messages have come through as late as Friday and Saturday evenings after the lists have been sent to Churchwardens, seating organised and required service sheets printed. Whilst we try to be as accommodating as possible I cannot guarantee that late requests will be picked up and processed. Your cooperation and understanding is much appreciated.

Thank you,
Susie

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ORDINATIONS 2021

After a disruptive period in all our lives due to the COVID-19 pandemic we look forward with great joy to this year's Ordination weekend in the Cathedral, which falls this year over the weekend of Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 July.

It will be our privilege to support Debbie (Deb) Clarke as she is ordained Priest on Saturday 3 and Cath Eccles who will be ordained Deacon on Sunday 4 July. We are uncertain at this moment what the precise arrangements will be for these services.

We have been richly blessed by the ministry of both Deb and Cath during their period of training with us. We have charged by the Bishop to continue to support them through what is known as their Curacy as they serve as Assistant Curates in the team. Deb will continue to serve as a Self-Supporting Minister (SSM) and Cath will be a Stipendiary Curate.

Please pray for them as they prepare for their respective ordinations. We will organise a formal 'welcome' service for them both once we know what restrictions, if any, will be in place at that time. Pray too for yourself, that God will continue His work and grace in and through you that His kingdom may come and His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Grant, O God, we beseech you, that the same mind may be in all the servants of your Church that was in Christ Jesus: his self-forgetting humility; his interest in common things; his love for common people; his compassion for the fallen; his tolerance for the mistaken; his patience with the slow; and in all our work and conversation make us continually sensitive to your guidance and open to your will for our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (based on a prayer in The Methodist Church Book of Offices)

ORDINATION

Ordination is the Church's official recognition of a sense of calling to be a priest or a deacon. It gives someone the authority to do certain things in the name of God and the Church. It's also a sacrament—an outward sign of the grace of God, given to the deacon or priest through the laying-on of hands by the bishop, to enable them to fulfil their calling.

People in ordained ministry point to the life of Christ crucified and risen, encouraging Christians to live more Christ-like lives. They also proclaim the gospel of Christ to people who are not Christians. They share in people's life journeys, walking with them and sharing their joys and sorrows.

There is no formal career path for priests, but there are lots of opportunities, including for further education and training throughout your ministry. Some ordained people work full-time within the Church of England; others do it as part of their ongoing occupations. There are stages in the process of being ordained, and there are different roles available afterwards for example

Deacons. A person who is accepted for ordination as a priest is first ordained as a deacon. The ministry of a deacon is that of servanthood, within the Church and the wider community. Usually after a year, a deacon is ordained as a priest; however, some people are called to remain life-long distinctive deacons.

Priests. The ministry of a priest is one of leadership and mission, helping all Christians to realise their potential as they witness to Christ. They help to build up the Church, through the celebration of the sacraments including baptism and holy communion.

Florence's story

A woman sings a deep, joyful tune.

Her song lifts the spirits of the other women on the farm. This is Florence.

Florence could easily have been defeated. But Florence is a fighter, and she shows the women in her farming group that they can be fighters too. Christian Aid Week donations like yours have provided Florence with strength to withstand even the most unpredictable weather. She is full of life, love and laughter. The women in her farming group look up to her.



Florence is courageous, kind and a survivor. A few years ago, her husband died, leaving her a widow. At that time, she had no water to grow crops. Her children were hungry. She had to walk for hours on a dangerous journey to collect water. 'Life was miserable,' she told us.

Florence could easily have been defeated. But Florence is a fighter, and she shows the women in her farming group that they can be fighters too. Next to her farm, Florence is proud to show us something remarkable – a dam, full of fresh water. It's thanks to Christian Aid Week donations like yours that Florence and her community have built this water dam, with the help of our partner ADSE, just a short walk away from her village.

"I have been sustained by the earth dam. My life has changed. I am very happy. You can see it in my face: my face is shining. I have strength and power." - Florence Muthiani.

With this dam, Florence can grow tomatoes, onions, papayas and chillies on her farm. Her children can eat healthy, nutritious vegetables. It's her source of life and joy. She also uses the water from the dam to keep honey bees. She sells the rich, golden honey for cash at the market. Now, Florence is reaping a good life for herself and her family.



Florence at the onion harvest

The dam gives Florence strength to withstand even the most unpredictable weather. It's a reliable water source, whether she faces long drought or relentless rainstorms.

"I am thankful to people who have donated to build this earth dam. I am praying God will increase their giving."

- Florence Muthiani.

Florence is generous, and she knows other people are struggling to cope without a reliable water source. 'There is a village nearby – they don't have an earth dam. They travel for a long way to come to this water point. They are suffering.' Your generosity this Christian Aid Week could help more people like Florence to stop this climate crisis. Your donations could help another community build a dam so that many more people can have the water they need to sustain their families.



Florence praying at her church

YOU CAN DONATE IN DIFFERENT WAYS :-

1. You can use a Christian Aid envelope, available in church, to make your donation and hand it back to one of the church wardens.
2. You can go on-line to the Christian Aid website www.christianaid.org.uk and click on "Donate" to make a donation on-line.
3. You can make out a cheque payable to "Christian Aid" and post it to - Processing Team, Christian Aid, PO Box 100, London, SE1 7RT.

A Prayer For Christian Aid Week

Great God,
Who makes the sun to rise, and opens the heavens
Hear the cry of the people
Who sow in hope for rain, but reap only despair
Hear the cry of the people Seeking shelter from the storm, their hopes and homes submerged
Hear the cry of the people,
When creation is hitting back, with rage and resistance
Give us hope, grant us salvation,
Give us a new relationship with creation
With reverence to tend this gift from You
And say once again of the earth and all you created
It is GOOD.

(Bob Kikuyu Global Theology Advisor, Christian Aid)

Contributed by Michelle Lewthwaite

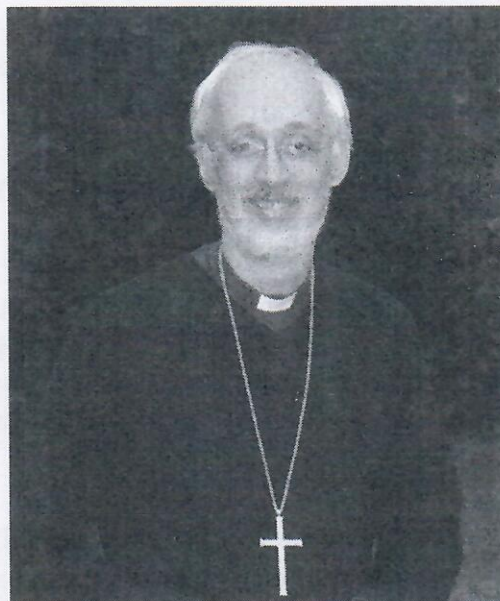
MARKING ASCENSION

Easter fell late in the year of my birth. In consequence I was born, at the end of May 1957, on Ascension Day. So I can't help but reflect on Ascension this month.

Being exactly forty days after Easter, the day always falls on a Thursday, and in consequence is often poorly marked in our churches. But it really matters to our faith, because it signals the end of one particular relationship between Jesus and his disciples and prepares them for a new one.

From this moment on, that motley group of women and men, still coming to terms with the momentous events of the previous few weeks, have to take primary place in furthering the good news of Jesus. Theirs will be the hands and feet that work for his kingdom, theirs the voices that need to tell others about the purposeful life he offers to all who follow him. God's Holy Spirit will guide and sustain them, but they will have to take the lead.

For the last few years we have marked the season between Ascension Day and Pentecost by encouraging everyone to follow the lead of the first disciples; using these ten days to act and pray for more people to come to know the love of Jesus Christ in their lives. The more of us who take up this challenge, the happier my birthday will be!



David Walker, Bishop of Manchester



"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now.

Let me not defer it nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Thomas Carlyle 1795- 1881

MORE THAN SUNDAY - SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

He bounded up to me in the tinned fruit aisle, his face radiating excitement. "What do you reckon?" he said. I'd say two-nil to England! His job may have been stacking shelves in Sainsbury's, but his heart was clearly on that evenings European Cup game. It never occurred to him I might not be as interested in the football as he was. Enthusing to a complete stranger about the football didn't strike him as odd.

We all talk naturally and enthusiastically about whatever grips us, whatever we're passionate about: music gigs, holiday destinations, sports, favourite foods. But something seems to happen when it comes to talking about our faith. Many of us become tongue-tied and hesitant. Even those of us who have been involved in church all our lives can be nervous of talking about what and why we believe, and the difference faith makes to our everyday lives.

Why the nerves? Speaking personally, I guess it's sometimes a fear of being out of my depth. What if my friend asks me hard questions about why God allows suffering, or about the dodgier moments of church history? What if they expect me to know my Bible inside-out? Or I may feel a touch of impostor syndrome: I don't feel I'm a terribly good Christian, so who am I to represent the faith to the world? Wouldn't it be better if an expert did the talking about faith: somebody who knows their Bible, has thought about all possible objections, and has a great prayer life?

I wonder if it might help to lower anxiety levels if we can separate out two ideas: being an evangelist, and being a witness. Being an evangelist is a special calling. Some people are called by God to be sharers of the good news and are clearly gifted at doing it, whether in public events or one-to-one conversations. Being a witness, on the other hand, simply means being open to talk about something I've seen or experienced for myself.

Being an evangelist is a calling for a few. Being a witness is something any of us can do.

At its simplest, being a witness means having a down-to-earth reply if a colleague or friend asks why I have a faith: "I find it brings me inner peace", "My church is such a loving community", "My faith motivates me to make a difference in the world", "The life and teachings of Jesus inspire me".

Being a witness is simply me talking honestly about my own journey, in my own words. It's not preaching, and it's definitely not an invitation to an argument! It's me saying: "Well, all I know is... it's made a difference to me".

The way most adults find faith is through getting to know a Christian. The journey to faith nearly always begins with friendship. And an essential aspect of any friendship is me sharing naturally what matters to me, what makes me tick.

All I need to do is keep it simple, and keep it honest. That's being a witness.

Mike Starkey

Suggested Actions

- * Write down your faith story for yourself and thank God for what He has done.
- * If you feel able, share your story with a Christian
- * If you feel able, share your story with a non-Christian
- * If you feel able, share your story on social media-make sure to add #MoreThanSunday to your post

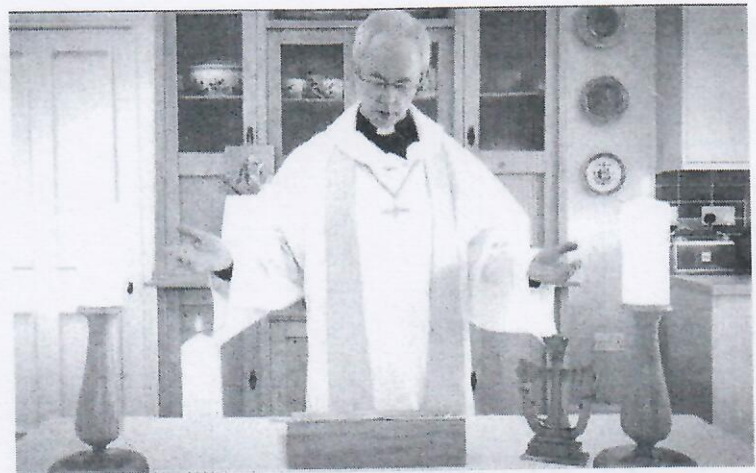
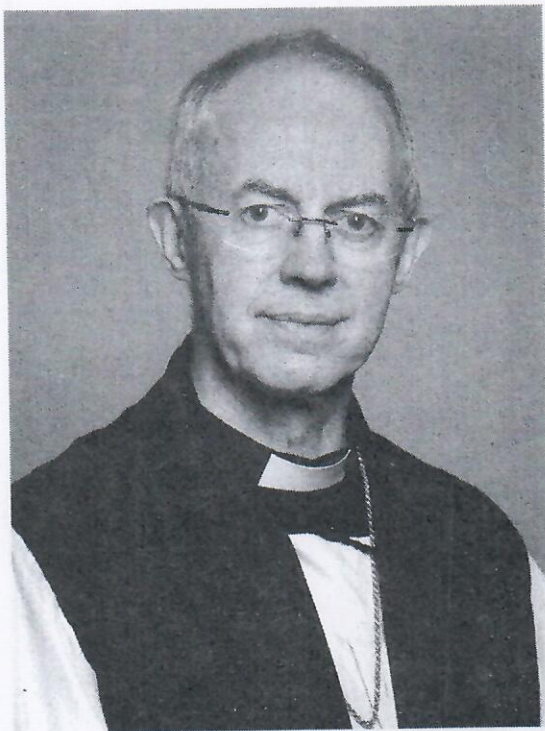
(Acknowledgement - extract taken from the Manchester Diocese website)

ARCHBISHOP: I REGRET NOT ALLOWING PRAYER IN CHURCHES

The Archbishop of Canterbury has admitted he "got quite a few things wrong" on the closure of churches during the first lock down, saying he was "too risk averse".

The Church of England came under fire last Easter as churches remained closed, with many parishioners frustrated that the Archbishop did not fight harder to keep them open.

Critics said the church went beyond Government guidelines by barring clergy from their own church buildings. "I got quite a few things wrong at the beginning, and I learnt very quickly," the Most Rev Justin Welby said in an interview with the Financial Times.



The Easter Service during the first lockdown was broadcasted from the Archbishop's kitchen.

"I didn't push hard enough to keep churches available for at least individual prayer in the first lockdown. We also said that clergy couldn't go in, and personally I feel I made a mistake with that. I can make all kinds of excuses. I still think I was too risk averse." Asked when did he realise, he added "May. June. May." It is the first time he has admitted that he regretted his decision.

The Archbishop also spoke about the Royal family. He recently had to deny that he married the Duke and Duchess of Sussex in private before their Windsor castle wedding in 2018. The Archbishop said that he expressed sympathy with their situation, however, to have presided over a "secret wedding" before the official ceremony would have been to commit "a serious criminal offence".

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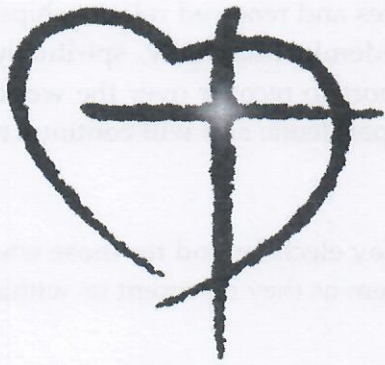
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EMBRACE WHO GOD IS

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Yahweh, the great I am
Created by the one who made the heavens and the earth, I am
Inspired by the one who breathed life into all living things, I am
Rescued by the one who gave Noah the blueprint for the ark, I am
Confident in the one who kept the promise to Abraham, I am
Appointed by the one who gave Joseph purpose, I am
Freed by the one who broke the chains of injustice in Egypt, I am
Restored by the one who brought Israel back from exile, I am
Forgiven by the one who cries out forgiveness from the cross, I am
Awakened by the one who awakens the dead, I am
Renewed by the one who will renew all things, I am
Made in the image of the one called "I am who I am", I am
Amen

Graeme McMeekin (Director of Tearfund Scotland)

Contributed by Michael Williamson (St Stephen's)

THE GOOD OLD WAYS

I came across an ancient method of reading the Bible recently. It is thought by some to be as old as the desert fathers in Egypt in the early centuries. It is called "Lectio Divina" or Holy Reading. Try it on a passage you choose – here is an example - Luke chapter 4 verse 18-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoner and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour"

It is a practice of meditation and traces its origins to the Jewish Shema. Basically, slow down and hear what God is saying to you! These are the steps as we meditate on our place in Jesus' mission:

1. Find a quiet place and be aware of God's presence
2. Read the passage a few times until you are really familiar with it
3. Read it again and notice a word or phrase that catches your attention
4. Meditate on this
5. Ask God why He highlighted this and have a conversation with Him about it. Write it down if you want
6. Rest in God's presence.

Well worth while I think, though many of us have used the SU method for years. What is your method?

Michael Williamson (St Stephen's)

Thank God for the signs of Spring, for rebirth, lighter days, new opportunities and renewed relationships. Remember all those whose lives have been so badly impacted by the pandemic, financially, spiritually, physically and emotionally. Pray that they will find the strength and support to recover over the weeks and months ahead. Pray particularly for those who were lonely before the pandemic and will continue to feel that isolation despite the easing of restrictions.

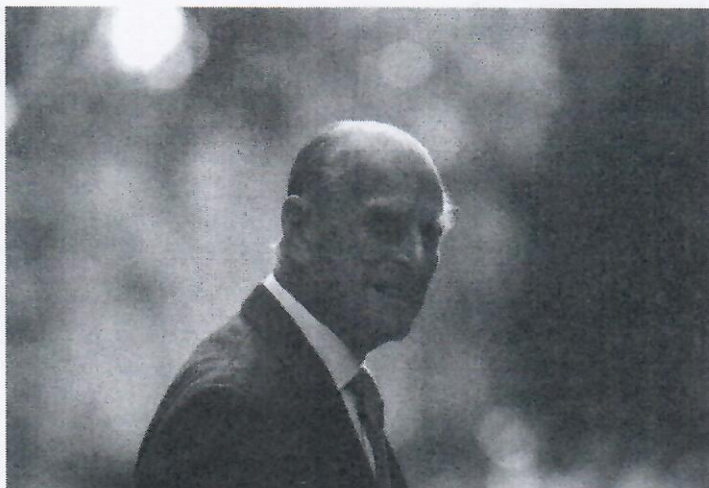
Pray for all those who have put themselves forward for public office at the May elections and for those who already hold local and national elected posts. Ask God to help us support them as they represent us within our communities and our country.

Christian Aid Week is May 10th to 16th this year. Remember to thank God for the work of this organisation across the world. The Christian Aid website asks us to pray that the spirit of joyful giving will transform communities across this nation and the world and to reflect on John 15:12, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you".

June 21st is Fathers' Day. Ask God's blessing on all dads, remembering particularly those who live apart from their children, those bringing up their families alone and those who act as Dad to other people's children. Thank God for the love and support of all dads and granddads, including those who are no longer with us but who will be remembered with love and gratitude on Father's Day.

Contributed by Sara Yarwood

Please continue to pray and give thanks for those who work hard for us within our Team Ministry, contributing their time and talents, and supporting us during this period of great change for our Diocese. Particularly pray for Cath Eccles, our Ordinand, who will be ordained in June.



We are saddened to hear of the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. We pray for Her Majesty The Queen, her family and for all who mourn. May the Risen Lord be their strength and comfort.

**A prayer on the death of
HRH The Duke of Edinburgh**



God of our lives,
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
for his love of our country,
and for his devotion to duty.
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Acknowledgement - From the Manchester Diocese website

LATEST UPDATE FROM ANDREA AND ANDREW YOUNG

Andrea writes, "We never thought we would be watching the approach of Spring and still be living in England. We have been here now for over a year but we give thanks for technology because the use of zoom has enabled us to communicate with our UMN colleagues even though we are thousands of miles apart.

Andrew's ministry has evolved as he has become more adept at offering online worship. He has had regular monthly services with UMNers in Tansen Hospital and a virtual communion at a Christmas service for the whole of the mission and these were very special times.

Uncertainty has become part of our lives. When will we be able to return to Nepal? Will we be able to get a visa to stay? These are a couple of questions that have dominated our thinking over the past few months.

Nothing is certain but the Covid vaccine roll-out is giving us hope that we should be able to travel before long because Nepal too has begun a programme of vaccination."

We pray for Andrea and Andrew with all the uncertainties of their life and work in Nepal.

Jean Williamson

DEAR ENGLAND

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, has written a book called "Dear England": finding hope, taking heart and changing the world" (£12.99 Hodder & Stoughton)

In it he says;

"The heart of the Christian faith has always been about this is a new way of inhabiting the earth, in community with others.

And key to this understanding is the local church. He draws a parallel between it and the NHS. "Quite often you would hear people moaning about the NHS; there is a lot of bureaucracy, it's badly led, it's inefficient. And then you ask them about their local GP and their local hospital and they say "Oh. Well, that's different – my local GP and my local hospital. It's fantastic, that; the service I've received". I think it's a bit like that with the Church of England As soon as you ask people about their local church they are full of pride and admiration"

As you can see he puts a great value on our local congregation.

Michael Williamson

"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less"

Marie Curie

BACK IN THE DAYS

Back in the days of tanners and bobs
When Mothers had patience and Fathers had jobs
When football team families wore hand me down shoes
And TV gave only two channels to choose

Back in the days of threepenny bits
When schools employed nurses to search for your nits
When snowballs were harmless; ice slides were permitted
And all of your jumpers were warm and hand knitted

Back in the days of hot ginger beers
When children remained so for more than six years
When children respected what older folks said
And pot was a thing you kept under your bed

Back in the days of Listen with Mother
When neighbours were friendly and talked to each other
When cars were so rare you could play in the street
When Doctors made house calls and Police walked the beat

Back in the days of Milligan's Goons
When butter was butter and songs all had tunes
It was dumplings for dinner and trifle for tea
And your annual break was a day by the sea

Back in the days of Dixon's Dock Green
Crackerjack pens and Lyons ice cream
When children could freely wear NHS glasses
And teachers all stood at the front of their classes

Back in the days of rocking and reeling
When mobiles were things that you hung from the ceiling
When woodwork and pottery got taught in schools
And everyone dreamed of a win on the pools

Back in the days when I was a lad
I can't help but smile for the fun that I had
Hopscotch and roller skates; snowballs to lob
Back in the days of tanners and bobs.

Author Unknown

(Contributed by Sylvia Thomas – St Stephen's)



FLOWER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Last year, prior to the Covid 19 outbreak and first lockdown, some members of the congregation had already given me donations for Easter flowers. Obviously, Easter flowers did not happen - so I intended to roll the donations over to Christmas and acknowledge those donation at Christmas -once again – didn't happen.

So, moving on a year I intended the same this Easter – and as we only had one service in church at which flowers would have been appropriate it was requested that we just put a small number of flowers into church.

I would like to thank Enid Gallimore who provided the flowers for Easter Sunday "in remembrance and thanks for all past and present members of the Higson family "

I would also like to thank the members of the congregation who donated last year – your donations will be rolled forward and used when we can get back to "normal" and have the beautiful arrangements we at St Stephen's are used to seeing.

The contributions carried forward are:

Claire and Michael Wright – in memory of loved ones
 Evelyn Marsh – in memory of Joyce and loved ones
 Jenny Evans – thanksgiving for lovely family and friends
 Laura & Ken Ramsden – in memory of loved ones
 Jean and Richard Russell – in thanksgiving

Jean and Richard – since this contribution was made last year we have lost Richard – and our love and thoughts are with Jean as she reads this.

Jenny Evans

FROM THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**May**

John Harris Thompson
 Alice Edwards
 Robert Johnson
 Joyce Wright
 Frances Reece
 Doris Grundy
 Jessie Tooley
 David Crompton
 Owen Hennessey
 Ellen Hennessey
 William Thorne
 Harry Gregory
 Gladys Jones
 George Shallcross

June

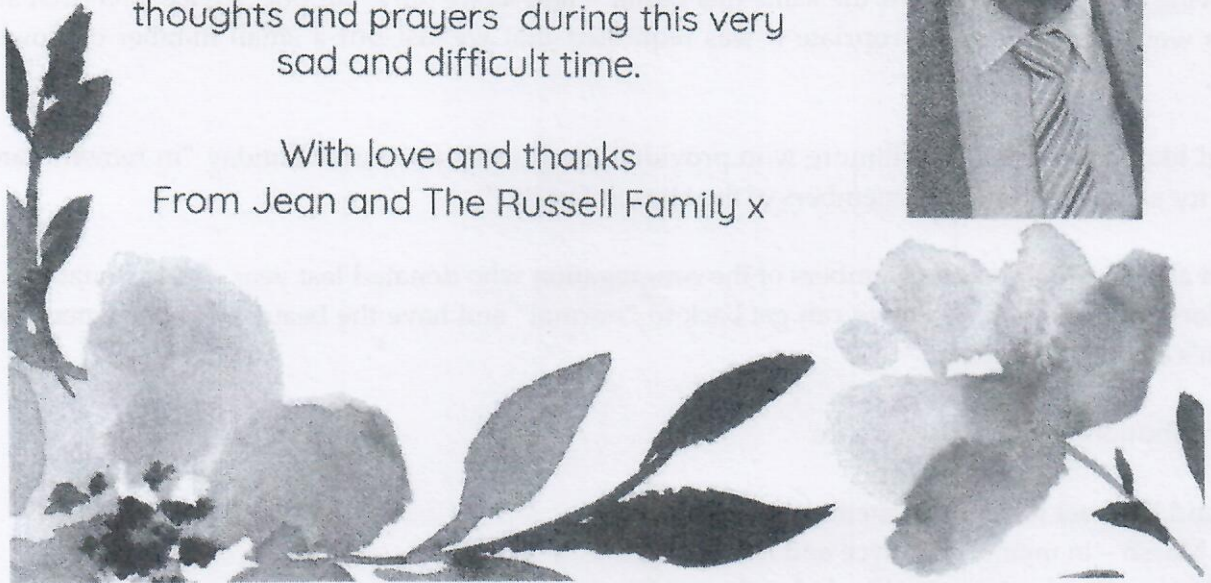
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 Emily Clare
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 William Eaves
 Linda Dunning
 Stanley Whittam
 Dorothy Bruen
 Jack Pottinger
 Jackie Broom
 Michael Marks-Parker



My family and I would like to thank you
for your kind words, support
and donations.

Thank you for keeping us in your
thoughts and prayers during this very
sad and difficult time.

With love and thanks
From Jean and The Russell Family x



THE HAPPY LIFE

How happy is he born and taught
That serveth not another's will;
Whose armour is his honest thought,
And simple truth his utmost skill.

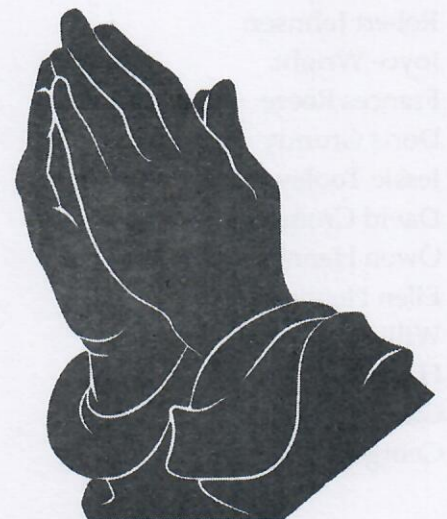
Whose passions not his masters are,
Whose soul is still prepared for death,
Not tied unto the world with care
Of public fame, or private breath.

Whom God doth late and early pray,
More of his grace than gifts to lend,
And entertains the harmless day
With a well-chosen book or friend.

This man is freed from servile bands
Of hope to rise or fear to fall;
Lord of himself, though not of lands,
And having nothing, yet have all.

Sir H. Wotton 1568-1639

(Contributed by Denis Crompton)



FRIENDSHIP

Finding things to do together

Relying on each other

Impossible on your own

Enjoying being together

Never selfish

Depending on someone else

Sharing hopes and dreams

Happiness and laughter

Including others

Precious

(from the Redhorn Parishes Magazine, Wiltshire.
Contributed by Michael Williamson (St Stephen's)

KINGDOM

In the book of Daniel chapter 3 the tyrant King Nebuchadnezzar sets up a golden statue for everyone under his rule to bow down and worship. Failure to do so gets you thrown into a fiery furnace. I suppose the King sees it a test of his supreme authority over everything that involves his subjects.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refuse. Why are they making this point? – seems pretty dangerous to do so. All dictators must be challenged and encouraged to see the truth that we all have a higher eternal authority. Failure to see this results in a life lost from truth and heading for disaster. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were ready to witness to the ultimate truth of God. They acknowledged Nebuchadnezzar as ruler under God and were willing to serve his administration, but they also knew the eternal ruler. Why wasn't Nebuchadnezzar satisfied with this?

Nebuchadnezzar wanted to dominate, but God encourages us to seek after true fullness of life. Nebuchadnezzar became a bully, pushing down the vulnerable so he could look great and overawe his world. When Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to bow down they were showing this up and pointing a better way – the Kingdom of God. Nebuchadnezzar was marginalising people, being in control, his kingdom centred on himself. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego chose the Kingdom of the God of Love, which sets free, includes all, serves and pours itself out to bring to maturity all who accept Him.

Michael Williamson (St Stephen's)



The Church Mission Society's Pioneer Mission Leadership Training Scheme is ten years old this year. Jonny Baker, the Director of mission education, celebrates 10 years of great progress and new initiatives.

Pioneers concentrate on making Jesus know in our modern culture. This can involve projects independent from the usual parish setup and free from our existing models with fresh ideas. Various lessons have been learned over the past 10

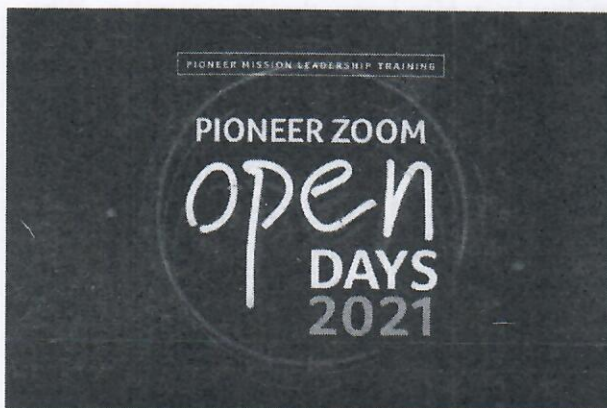
years. Of course students come with some idea of what to expect. This includes finding new ways and possibilities or building up a new project. Starting a new form of church where the church is absent is a call for some, or maybe a plan to respond to injustice and make a better world. Some or all of this will form the background.

Now after 10 years the need to adapt our own life to fit in with what we see is God's mission to people who know little of Jesus. These people are often on the very edge of society and we need to shed our own approach and listen. We cannot just copy what others have done, but learn from them and do our own thing. Surprisingly (!) we need academic training as well. Here is growth in discipleship, a depth of formation and the fellowship of a real community. There have been difficulties e.g what the church culture expects. So there is need to build up support structures and people who understand the ethos of the work.

Over the past 10 years Pioneers have found some challenges. The biggest is that whilst some progress has been made on the margins of the church, this is not so in some areas that are much farther away. It's too easy to think in the old ways. We have had problems in appearing to have white British attitudes even though there are African, Brazilian, Spanish and Korean students on the course! Yet there is also need of the low level vision because not all proven work is dramatic "out there" stuff. Quite ordinary things have been achieved. These include football clubs, health and gym training groups, an allotment and gardening fellowship as well as toddler and parent groups.

Probably there will be fewer resources in the church soon and therefore the insights of pioneer work will be invaluable because there will be the temptation for the church to cut back on new things. The real challenge is to persevere. The CMS will be needed more and more.

Michael Williamson (St Stephen's)



Find out more about CMS Pioneer Mission Leadership, join us for an open day and find out more about what we offer, could we be the place for you to study and explore your future? We are pleased to invite you to one of our virtual open days via Zoom. Either on Mon 10 May from 1pm to 2.30pm, or the final zoom open day for this academic year on Mon 21 June. Timing will be available on request.

At our open days via zoom you know we cannot offer you coffee and sandwiches – but we can share the pioneering vision, which we have been doing since we started

teaching on the Pioneer Mission Leadership Training programme over a decade ago.

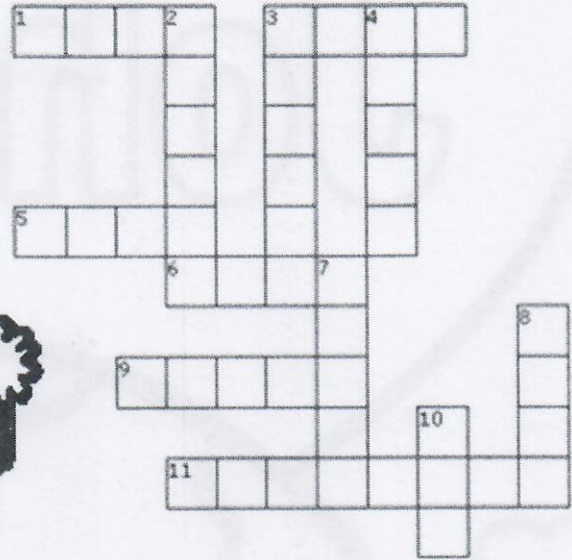
John 3:16



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. Wild animal that looks like a dog and hunts in packs
3. The period from birth to death
5. A strong feeling of affection
6. Goes faster than walking
9. What we use to speak
11. One who takes care of the sheep

DOWN

2. The male parent
3. To hear or pay attention to something
4. A group of sheep herded together
7. Woolly animals which are similar to goats
8. The opposite of bad
10. A small place where animals are kept

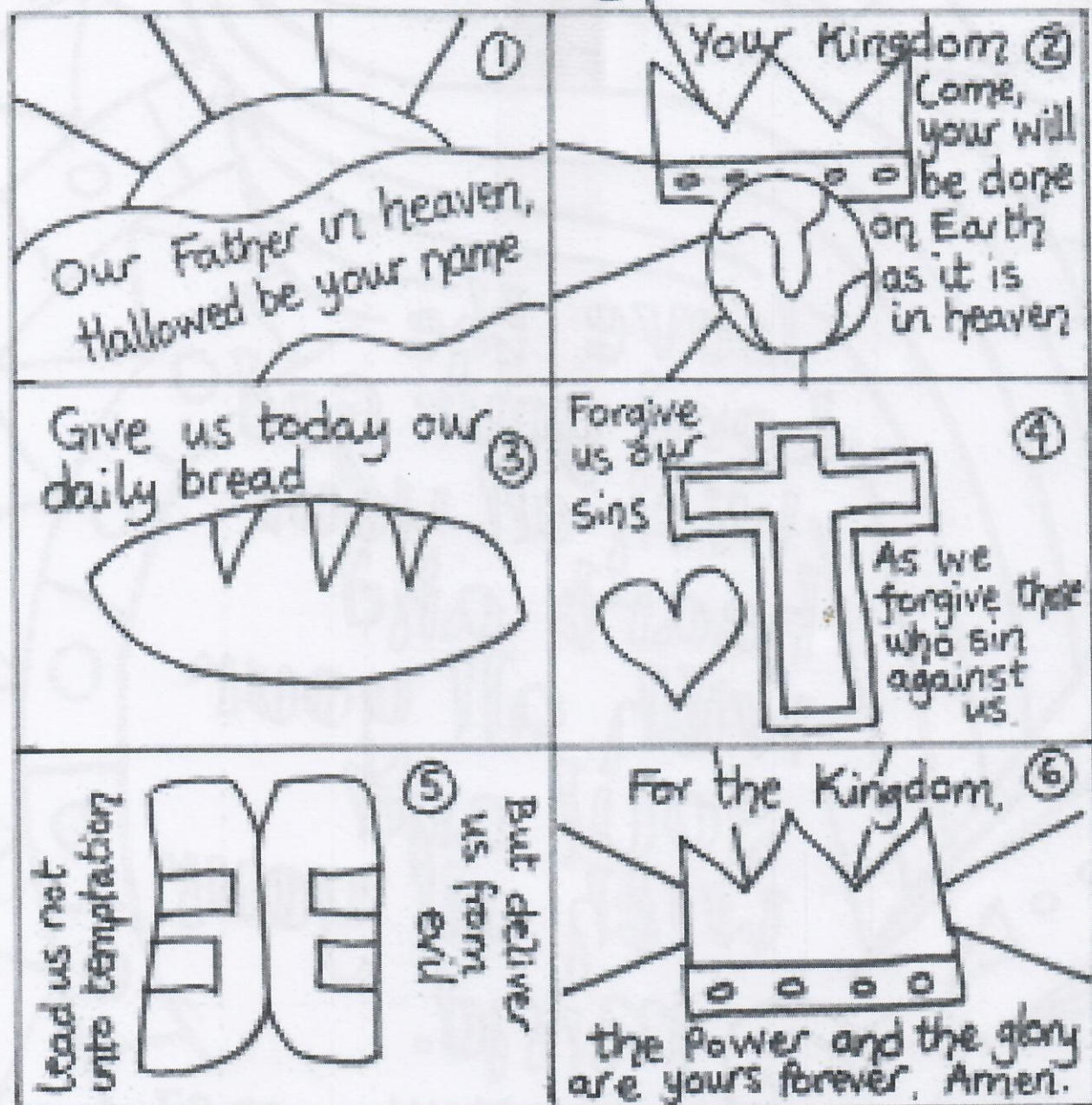
Words Used

good	sheep	runs	listen
shepherd	wolf	father	pen
life	flock	voice	love

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.


I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Lord's prayer cards



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- * cut out
- * order
- * play matching games
- * discuss the pictures

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Love the
Lord your God
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heart and
with all your
soul and
with all your
mind.

Matthew 22:37

THE RAINBOW CHILDREN

The history books will talk of now, that time the world stood still
 When every family stayed at home, waved out from window sills
 At those they loved but could not hold, because they loved them so
 Yet, whilst they did they noticed all the flowers start to grow

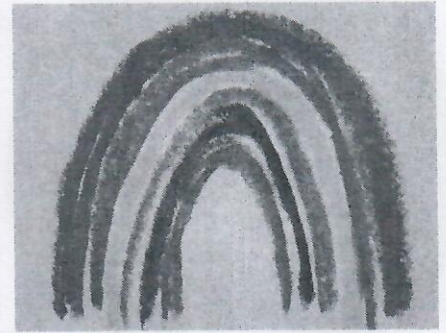
The sun came out, they can recall, and windows, rainbow filled.
 They kicked a football in their yards, until the night drew in
 They walked each day but not too close, that time the world stood still
 When people walked straight down the roads that once the cars did fill

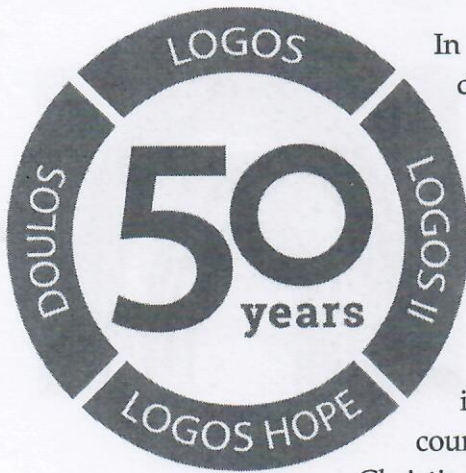
They saw that people became ill, they knew the world was scared
 But whilst the world stood still they saw how much the whole world cared
 They clapped on Thursdays from their doors, they cheered for the brave
 For people who would risk their lives, so others could be saved

The schools closed down, they missed their friends, they missed their teachers so
 Their Mams and Dads helped with their work, they helped their minds to grow
 The parents used to worry that, as schools were put on hold,
 Their children wouldn't have the tools they'd need as they grew old

But history books will talk of them, now adults fully grown
 Those little boys and girls back then, the ones who stayed at home
 They'll tell you that they fixed this world, of all they would fulfil
 The RAINBOW children building dreams, they dreamed whilst time stood still.

Author Unknown (Contributed by Sylvia Thomas – St Stephen's)



O.M. SHIPS 50th ANNIVERSARY

In 1970 after 6 years of prayer and fundraising for a ship which would be dedicated to world evangelism - the ship "Umanak" was purchased. The story began 6 years before when a group of students and young professional people were praying around a world map at a conference in Bolton. They became aware just how many countries were bordered by sea and so the idea of a ship wholly dedicated to God and to the task of worldwide evangelism took shape.

Finding the necessary crew presented the greatest challenge to faith, yet it was here that a whole series of miracles took place. From more than 10 countries they came, many of them at the time not even committed Christians, but they were highly skilled people prepared to give up their jobs for a year or two to work on the ship.

On September 8th 1970 during a leader's conference in London, word came that the "Umanak" was free for negotiations. She was a 2300 ton Danish passenger liner used between Copenhagen and Greenland and was 21 years old. A French and a Nigerian shipping company were already interested in the vessel. Meanwhile a night of prayer was held in London and Christians in countries around the world were also praying. In a dramatic turn of events the French company was unable to complete negotiations and the Nigerian company was unable to take its money out of Nigeria.

And so the ship became the property of "Operation Mobilisation" or O.M. She was renamed "M.V. Logos, the Greek word meaning "the word". In John ch1 v 14 "Logos" represents Jesus Christ.

After an overhaul and refit, in February 1971, O.M.'s pioneering ship launched into ministry from London on her 12,000 mile voyage to South East Asia calling at ports in Europe as well as Africa on the way where thousands came to look at the large book exhibits on board and hundreds also gathered for the Christian Leaders conferences on board. The "Logos" team comprising 130 volunteers from over 30 nations engaged in a very active and challenging array of ministries from educational book exhibits and seminars to mass distribution of Christian literature. Some went into villages with books packed into vans and visited door to door as well as preaching in the open air.

The ship could carry at least six 3 ton lorries and 30 VW vans. Empty vehicles provided storage for tons of literature as well as large supplies of used clothing and medicines.

This "miracle ship" would demonstrate that God is alive and active as people encountered her volunteer crew of passionate believers from many different nations who trusted God to meet their needs and the running costs of the ministry.

Over several years, momentum increased for the purchase of a second ship to share in the ministry and an Italian vessel "Franca C" was inspected and purchased, so she was renamed "Doulos" meaning slave. "Doulos" entered ministry in Europe before heading for Latin America. On her maiden voyage over 60 extra volunteers joined the ship and sailed with her to work with churches in Spain and Portugal while the ship was in northern Europe.

Sadly, in 1988 disaster struck and "Logos" ran aground on the rocks off Tierra del Fuego, Chile - where she still remains today - but miraculously all 141 crew were rescued with no casualties. The miracle ship which served faithfully for 17 years was lost but confirmation came from all over the world to find a replacement and by October 1988 the former "Antonio Lazaro" became "Logos II".

And now 50 years on since "Logos" began her first maiden voyage with the "Good News" to countries far and wide, helped along the way by "Doulos" and "Logos II" O.M has another ship "Logos Hope" with an English captain.

It is said "There can only be one captain of a ship". In the case of "Logos Hope" the current captain is James Berry whose home is in Nottingham, but the one steering the captain's life – and of course "Logos Hope" – is God himself.

An encounter with O.M.'s founder George Verwer one Sunday morning at a church in Cambridge where James was in his final year studying Maths started the whole process. The sense of calling from God first took James aboard the "Logos II" in 2006 as part of the deck team. 15 years on James continues to serve at sea and in 2019 he became the first British captain of "Logos Hope" in charge of a crew numbering around 300 people.

Summing up the past 50 years, George Verwer O.M.'s founder reflects "We rejoice over all God has done through our four vessels. At least 100 million people worldwide have come into contact with the gospel in some way. We know thousands have professed faith, but only heaven will tell the full story"

Jean Williamson



Prayer plays a central role in OM Ships International and is a foundation for everything crewmembers are involved in.

Unite with us in asking God to move in five key areas:

1. Pray for sufficient crew to serve on board the ship. In particular, ask God to provide enough qualified deck and engineering officers to bring the ship from port to port.
2. Pray for those who visit the ship, that they will be impacted by God's love when they step on board.
3. Pray that doors will open for the crew to serve people in many different countries. Ask God to bless the crew with favour in the eyes of authorities.
4. Pray for God's provision in the areas of finance. OM Ships International remains dependent on the generous giving of supporters.
5. Pray for good relations with the local Church. Their support and partnership is vital to follow-up contacts crew make.



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The funeral of Lee Robinson took place in St. George's Church on 24th March 2021. Our sincere condolences go to his family and friends, with the assurance of our prayers.

The funeral of Vivienne Gould took place in St. George's Church on the 21st April 2021. Our sincere condolences go to her family and friends, with the assurance of our prayers.

The Wedding of Mr Rhys Hurst and Miss Grace Owen will take place in St. George's Church on the 30th April 2021. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.

Many thanks go to Mrs. Margaret Stublely for her donation of £51.00 to Church Funds and to Mrs Margaret Connor for her donation of £50.00 to Church Funds and £25.00 to the Restoration Fund for the sale of her home made jams.

Names from the Memorial Book

May			June		
1 st	1988	Joseph Blears	2 nd	1998	Maggie Howcroft
1 st	2002	Paul Trowbridge	3 rd	1997	Joyce Ridings
2 nd	1970	Mary Jane Howarth	5 th	1935	Elizabeth Marsh
4 th	1998	Margaret Barker	6 th	1968	William Mercer
5 th	2011	Fred Greer	7 th	1963	Muriel Constance Dehra Cole
6 th	1999	Norah Tyldesley May	11 th	2002	Jack Hilton
9 th	2013	Frank Mort	12 th	1949	Hendrik Ralph Bakker (Priest)
11 th	1972	Leslie William Colloby	13 th	1969	Frank Marsh
11 th	1999	Nettie Clementson	13 th	1989	Elizabeth Hulme
12 th	1979	Gladys May Louise Kay	13 th	2013	Nancy Richards
12 th	2005	Gladys Tomlinson	14 th	2011	Samantha Gilfoy
12 ⁶ th	2010	Nellie Green	15 th	1984	Ella Mercer
13 th	1960	Mary Ann Walker	15 th	2002	Owen Roberts
13 th	1997	Philip Sandiford	16 th	2001	May Pearson
16 th	1981	Charles Jones	16 th	2006	Margaret Hall
16 th	2004	Paula Morris	18 th	1992	James Openshaw
19 th	1953	Agnes Mary Hodcroft	20 th	1983	Benjamin Hughes Coffey
19 th	2015	Patricia Taylor	20 th	2012	Lynn Johnson-Medley
20 th	2007	Joyce Dodd	21 st	2014	Nancy Little
21 st	1981	Fred Fell	22 nd	1998	Henry West
21 st	2011	Josephine Powell	25 th	2002	Marjorie Pearson
23 rd	2007	Anne Williams	26 th	1996	Fred Beswick
24 th	1957	Sarah Kerfoot	26 th	2005	Derrick Whitworth
24 th	1967	Joanne Crowther	27 th	1991	William Hadcroft
24 th	1976	Doris Gorst	27 th	1999	Harold Hadcroft
27 th	1970	Paul Smith			
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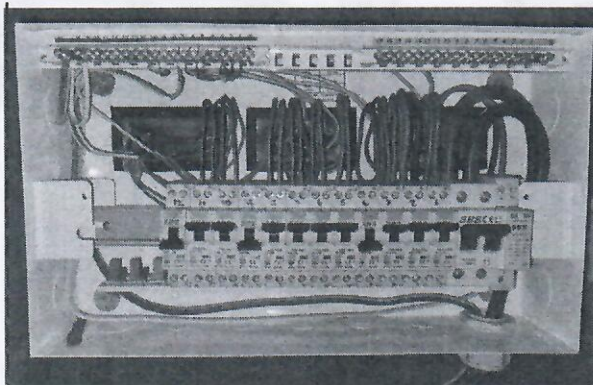
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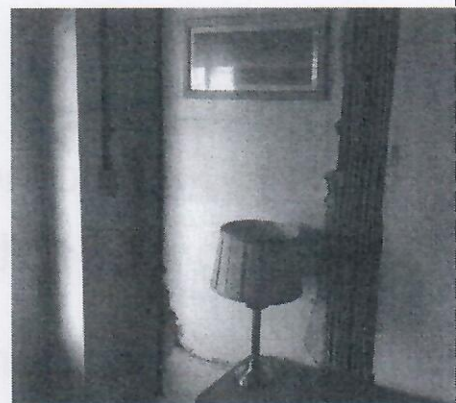
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2020 by Mavis Wright

2020, what a year that was, a year we will never forget. A year when we were locked down, locked up, locked in, masked up and isolated from our family and friends. It was also a year when the country came together and helped each other. For many thousands it was a year of bereavement, sadness and sorrow. I lost two old friends to the virus, both workmates from many years ago. We were very good friends in our youth. In later years our lives took different paths but we always met up at Christmas and exchanged presents and also remembered our birthdays. For me and for many it was a year of discovery. The silence in itself was a new discovery. Silent skies, silent roads and silent towns. Purer air to breathe and what seemed like purer birdsong and of course that glorious weather. When out on my walks I took advantage of taking cuttings from any plant or bush I found with a flower on. I now have a couple of baby trees growing in pots, so maybe that's a case of me doing my bit for the environment. The peace and tranquillity was beautiful.

2020 however was another milestone year which unfortunately got lost in the pandemic and due in part to the closure of our Churches. In normal years the milestone wouldn't have gone unsung. It was the 135th anniversary of the laying of St. John's Church Foundation Stone. I just wanted it to be recorded although I am sure some will have noted it and remembered. Apparently in 1883 at an Easter Vestry Meeting of St. George's Church, it was eventually decided that the spiritual needs of Mosley Common were not being met. At that time, monthly Sunday Services had for some years been held at the School. Sidesmen to represent Mosley Common were appointed help to form the new Parish and Revd. T.R Pennington appointed as Curate in Charge. Revd. J Morris succeeded Revd. Pennington as Curate in Charge the following year. Revd. Morris served the Parish for 21 years, firstly as Curate in Charge and the remaining years Vicar. His essential work was to secure the funding and see to the building of the new Church. There were some notable donations to the Church fund but the majority of moneys were raised by the local inhabitants and from fund raising events. It is still the sure way to raise money even in the 21st Century. The total cost was £4248.



The land on which the Church stands was donated by the Earl of Egerton. The Foundation Stone was laid on the 14th September 1885 by The Right Hon. Katherine, Countess of Ellesmere and the Service was opened by the Vicar of Tyldesley. The Church took some two years to build but it was finally opened for public worship on the 25th September 1887. Maybe in two years time our lives and our Churches will be back to normal and we can celebrate that. As far as I know we still haven't been able to locate the Foundation Stone.

Some information for this article has been taken from St. John's Centenary Brochure. It was interesting to note that the "artistic work" included in the brochure and on the cover was done by Andrea's much loved Mum Sylvia.

JUST FOR A LAUGH –

The ladies of our Church have now cast off clothing of every kind.....
They can be seen in the Church lounge on Friday.

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, MRS ROGERS RETIREMENT



31st March 2021

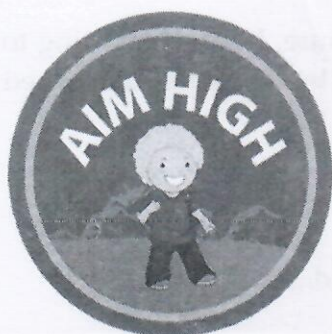


"Today we are saying 'happy retirement' to a very special member of staff. Mrs Rogers, who has worked here for over 20 years, is taking early retirement to spend time with her new grandchildren. We had a special Zoom assembly this morning to say a huge thank you to her for her years of dedication to the children, families, governors, nursery and staff of St John's. We are sure she won't be able to stay away for long!"

(From Miss Heaton, Headteacher)

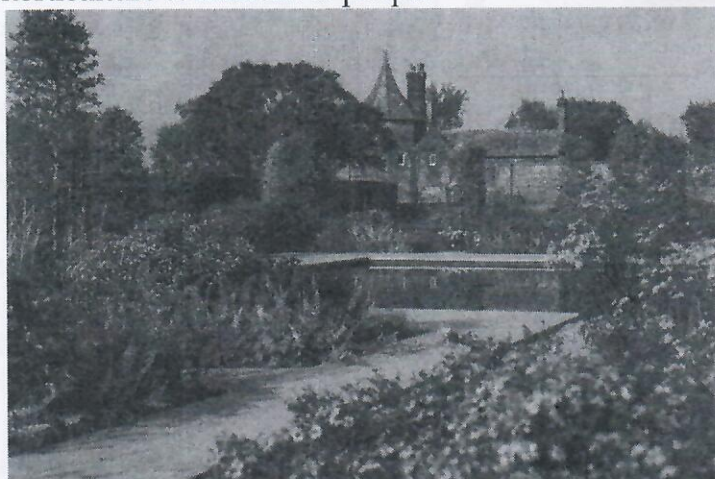
The Governors thanked Mrs Rogers for the support she has provided for them and for her strength and encouragement in all the schools activities. They send her best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

The members St John's Church also sent their thanks for her many years of service to the school and for her enthusiasm and support in many church and school events. They sent their kind wishes for her retirement.



BRIDGEWATER OPENING IN SPRING 2021

"Our fifth RHS garden, RHS Garden Bridgewater, is to open on 18 May 2021, bringing world-class horticulture to millions of people



RHS Garden Bridgewater will open its gates on Tuesday 18 May 2021 after the Coronavirus pandemic delayed opening plans by almost a year. Tickets for the highly anticipated opening weeks will go on sale to the public on 19 April 2021 on our website.

The 154-acre garden in Salford, Greater Manchester, is the biggest hands-on horticultural project undertaken in Europe since planning permission was granted in 2017. Around 7.8 million people living within an hour's journey time of the garden will be able to access world-

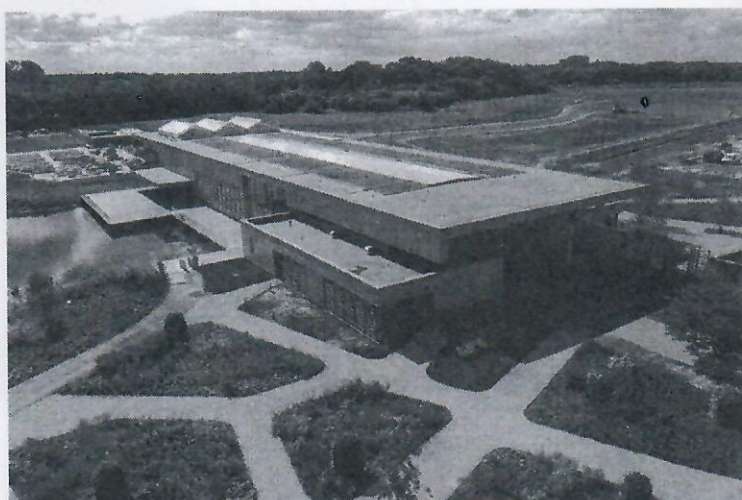
class horticultural inspiration and expertise at the first-ever RHS Garden to be located in an urban area.

A monumental achievement

Sue Biggs, RHS Director General, said: "RHS Garden Bridgewater is the result of years of hard work by a dream team of designers, gardeners, contractors and many, many others and we are all enormously proud of what we have created. Together with our partners and donors, including Salford City Council and The Peel Group, we are thrilled to finally be able to celebrate this monumental achievement on 18 May." Head of RHS Garden Bridgewater Richard Green added: "A huge thank you must also go to our incredible team of more than 700 local volunteers who freely give their time to pitch in with everything from bricklaying to giving tours, and without whom none of this would be possible. This collaborative approach is what has made RHS Bridgewater such a unique and special project, and we can't wait to open the gates and share it with everyone."

Meet the Bridgewater team

A beacon of gardening inspiration



Featuring cutting-edge design by RHS Chelsea Flower Show Gold medal winners alongside numerous dedicated community spaces, RHS Garden Bridgewater will be a beacon of gardening inspiration, education and engagement in the heart of the North West. More than a quarter of a million plants have gone into the ground ahead of the opening, representing a huge boost for biodiversity in the area. Jewel in the crown

From 18 May, visitors will discover areas including the 11-acre Weston Walled Garden, the jewel in the crown of RHS Garden Bridgewater, believed to be the largest publicly-accessible working walled garden in the UK. It is home to the spectacular Paradise Garden by Tom Stuart-Smith, showcasing exotic planting inspired by Asiatic and Mediterranean gardens. The nearby Kitchen Garden by award-winning Harris Bugg Studio showcases a cornucopia of productive growing techniques and both familiar and more unusual edibles."

IMAGES OF THE PAST 2; ST JOHN'S SCHOOL BICENTENARY 2022

Next year St Johns School is 200 years old and if everything had gone to plan we would now have had 2 years research behind us, a book ready to publish and all sorts of events would have taken place. But then came The Covid and no archives open thus no research and no book ready and no group events and probably none for some time. The first day of lockdown in 2020 was the inaugural date of the Mosley Common Historical Society, posters produced and email ready! Nevertheless, we are plodding on, next half term I will be starting work with pupils in the school and we hope to have an event in September and are planning to have a number of events in 2022.

However we need the help of the people of Mosley Common, we need any stories you have of our village and its past and any images that we can use for display and in our book. If you could email them to me at, drop them in at the school or at church services. I hope to have a drop in evening this year at the school and The Beehive so that people can come and share their memories. All help will be most enthusiastically received!

I am putting here a few more images from our collection, if you can any information about these views and/or more images I would love to hear from you!



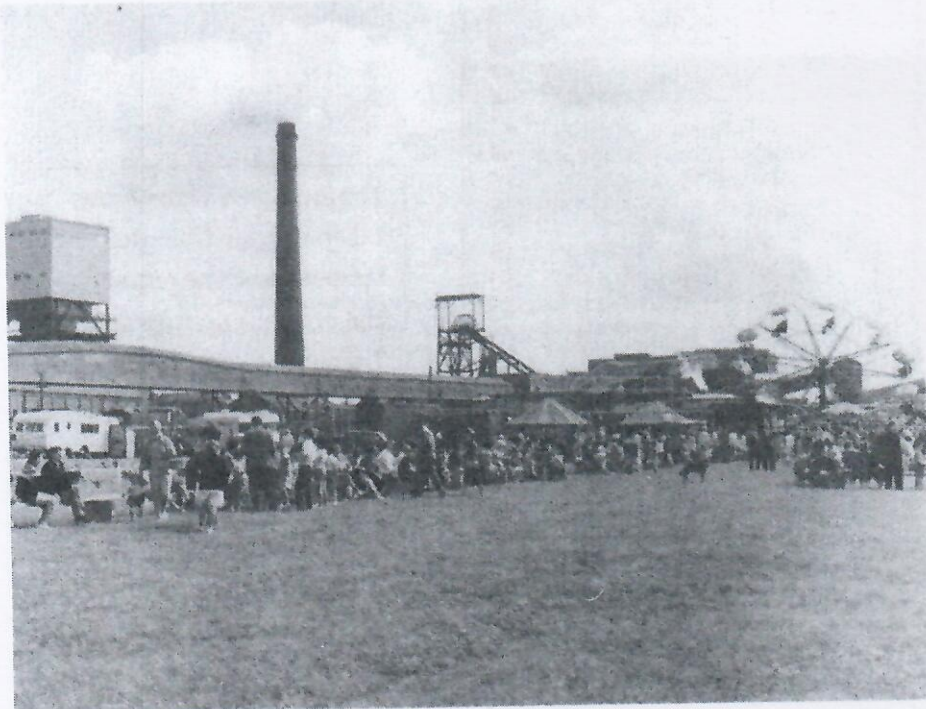
Ellenbrook Station.
Mosley Common did
not have a station but
this was the nearest.

The shop parade at
Mosley Common c1980's.
Notice the awning is still
over the Spar shop. Next
is Johnsons Newsagents
and then Bukley's
Butcher's.

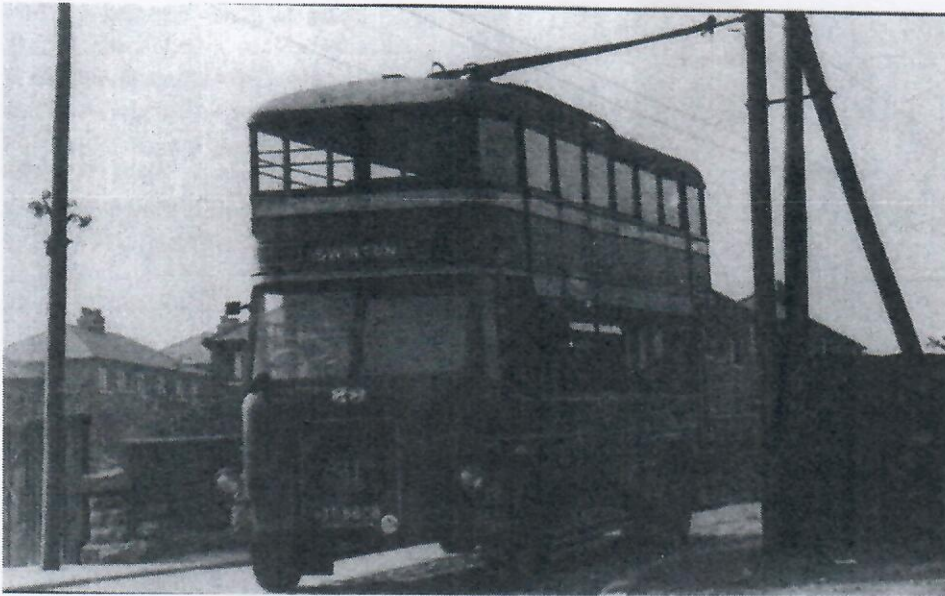




The trolley bus passing the Common, would say turn of the century?



Trolley Bus on the corner of Bridgwater Road with the children's playground – in the same place today! – and the pit in the background.



Another trolley bus on Parr Bridge over the railway line – now the guided busway. Notice how narrow the road is! Probably 1930's?



The view down Parr Brow, taken roughly from the lamp post on the left of the previous photograph. There are mainly fields with the buildings to the middle left being Parrs Farm.

Walking Day in front of the shop parade, probably 1950's? Notice the awning over Johnsons Newsagents, the village Queen with her attendants and the brass band behind.



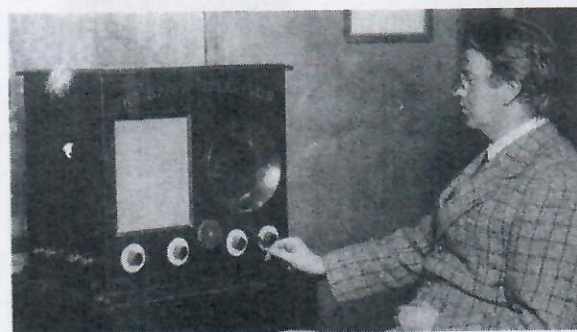
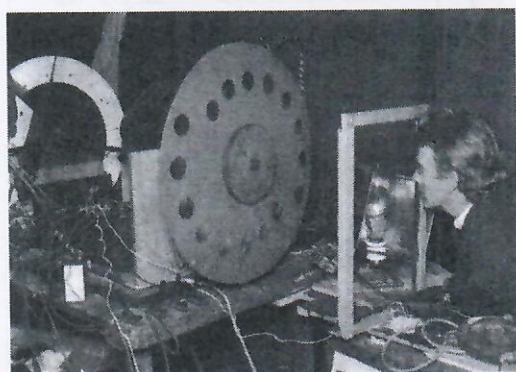
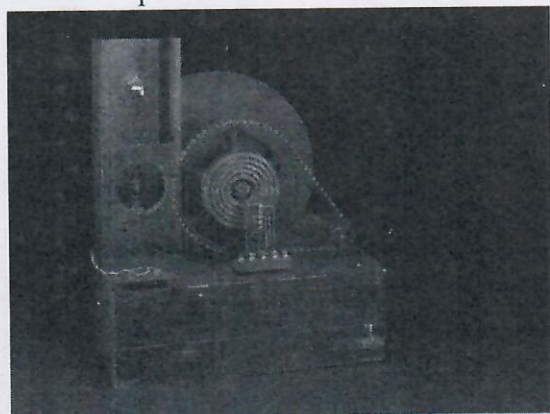
JOHN LOGIE BAIRD

On the 14th June it is 75 years since the death of John Logie Baird. He is an innovator, inventor and engineer famous for being the first person to demonstrate a working television. He is known as the 'Father of Television'. He was dogged by ill health, had little funding, was a poor businessman and often improvised with scrap material.



He was born in Scotland in 1888 the son of a clergyman and from an early age liked pulling machines apart and putting them back together in new and interesting ways. His degree studies at Technical College were interrupted by World War I but he was declared unfit to be a soldier due to ill health and served as an electrical engineer in munitions work never completing his degree. After the war he moved to the south of England and soon became involved in the dream of many scientists in creating a television. He made the world's first television from items that included a pair of scissors, an old hatbox and tea chest, darning needles, and a few bicycle lenses! Despite being electrocuted, one of his TV discs flying around the room and being thrown out of his building he continued to experiment and on the 2nd October 1924 he transmitted the first television picture first of a puppet and then a person! This was the dawn of

television! On the 26th January 1926 he gave the world's first demonstration of true television before a room full of 50 scientists from the Royal Institute in his south London laboratory, an attic room. A year later he transmitted television over the telephone between London and Glasgow and by 1928 his company achieved the first transatlantic television transmission between London and New York and colour television. He was now ready to begin public broadcasting and the first televised programme was introduced in 1929. The BBC initially used his transmitters at Alexander Palace for a small number of programmes. He began producing the worlds first mass produced television set, the Televisor. The reception of TV was limited to London and the television sets were very expensive.



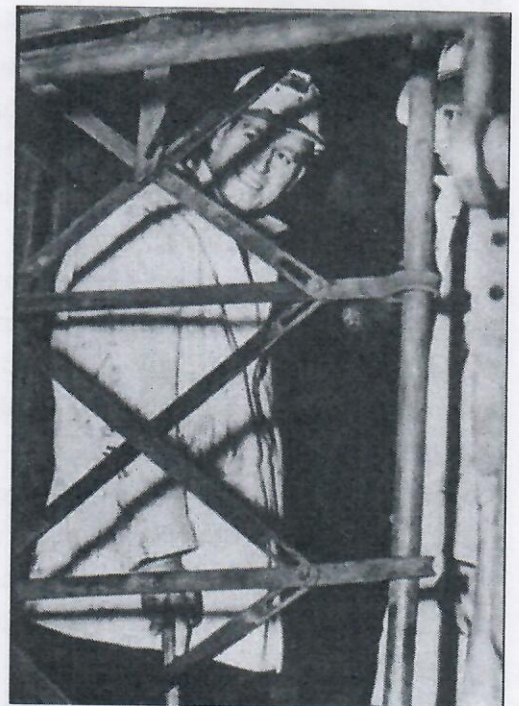
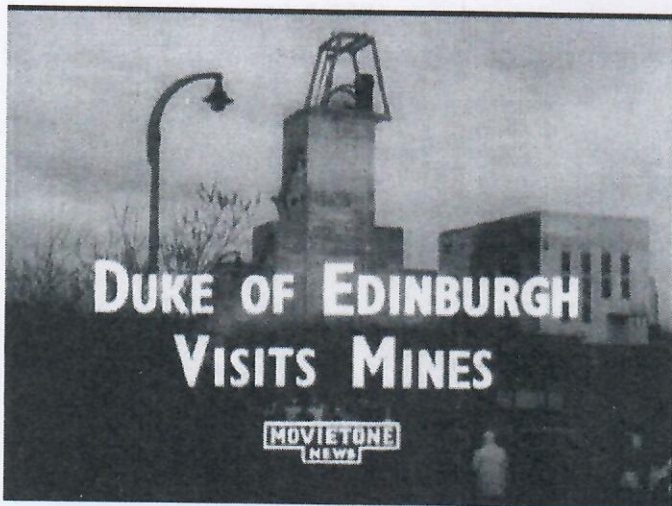
However, as the 1930's passed his mechanical systems were out of date as new electronic systems were developed and his company failed. The service went off-air at the outbreak of war as the government feared the signals would help the enemy to target. J L Baird continued to experiment producing the 3D images and the worlds first fully electronic colour television in 1944, infra-red television (huge stir in the military and scientific world and what CCTV cameras use today. In 1928 he had developed 'Phonovision' a way of recording TV programmes onto discs 23 years before the world's first video recorders!

He died in 1946 after a stroke in Bexhill on Sea.

PRINCE PHILIP AND MOSLEY COMMON

In the past days since Prince Philip die many have been telling their stories of the personal meetings and visits that he made around our country and indeed around the world. Mosley Common has its own such reminisces as Prince Philip visited our village and our colliery on the 4th April 1952 as part of his tour of coal mines.

Here a young and smiling Duke of Edinburgh meets pitmen in an interesting white coat. On the Duke's left is Clr Joe Derbyshire, chairman of Tyldesley Urban District Council.



Here the Duke rides in a bucket, 'hoppit', down the 975 yard shaft with Mr C.H Richards who was the manager of number 4 pit.

A film was made about this visit and you can see this at [DUKE OF EDINBURGH VISITS A COALMINE !](#)
[AP Archive](#)

ST JOHN'S. IN MEMORY

Church Flowers

MAY

- 3 Andrea Taziker and Margaret Goddard in memory of Thomas Cook
10 Mike and Marie Stuckey in memory of her parents
17 In memory of Betty and Derek Jones and Doris
24 Ann Hilton in memory of Mark and Tom Woolley
31 Betty Hartley and Lucie

JUNE

- 7 Janice Harrison in memory of her mother, Mary Pendlebury Cooke
14 Barbara Wilson and Maureen Anders in memory of Sandra Phillips
21 Glenys Robinson in memory of mum and dad
28 Marian Blundell and family in memory of Marianne



From the Book of Remembrance

May

6th 2002	Alan Duckworth
7th 1987	Alice Romans
10th 1999	Ian Peter Unsworth
23rd 1984	Fred Grundy
23rd 1984	Frank Farrimond
23rd 1986	Ernest Lewis
24th 2002	Frank Murray Yates
26th 1984	Thomas Woolley
28th 1978	Thomas Duckworth
28th 1984	Nora Jolley

June

2nd 1993	Enid Boydell
5th 1994	Evelyn Hewitt
6th 2004	Michelle Jane Boydell
8th 2003	Harriet Jean Bayliss Shotton
9th 2019	Olwen Hill
10th 1990	Fred Unsworth
18th 1986	Dorothy Tennant
22nd 2014	Shelagh Anne Lowthian
23rd 1988	George Gregory
24th 2006	Mary Smith
27th 2005	Thomas Roy Lilly
28th 1965	Minnie Johnson
29th 1995	Annie Millard

A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the

shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

For You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of
my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

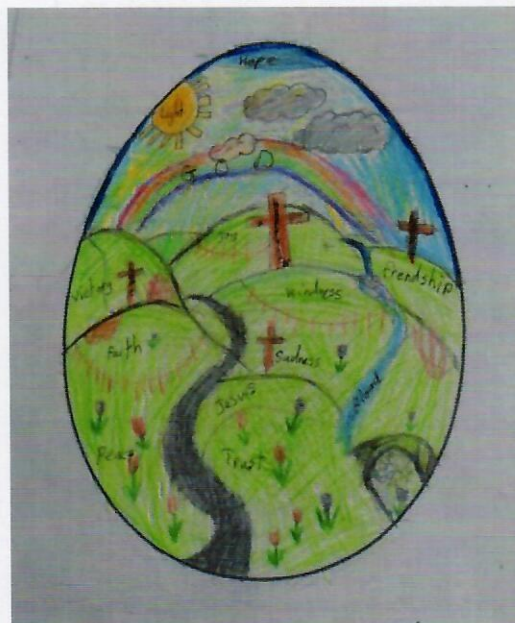
My cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord

Forever.



Some of the winners of the decorate an egg for Easter competition at St John's School, Mosley Common.

