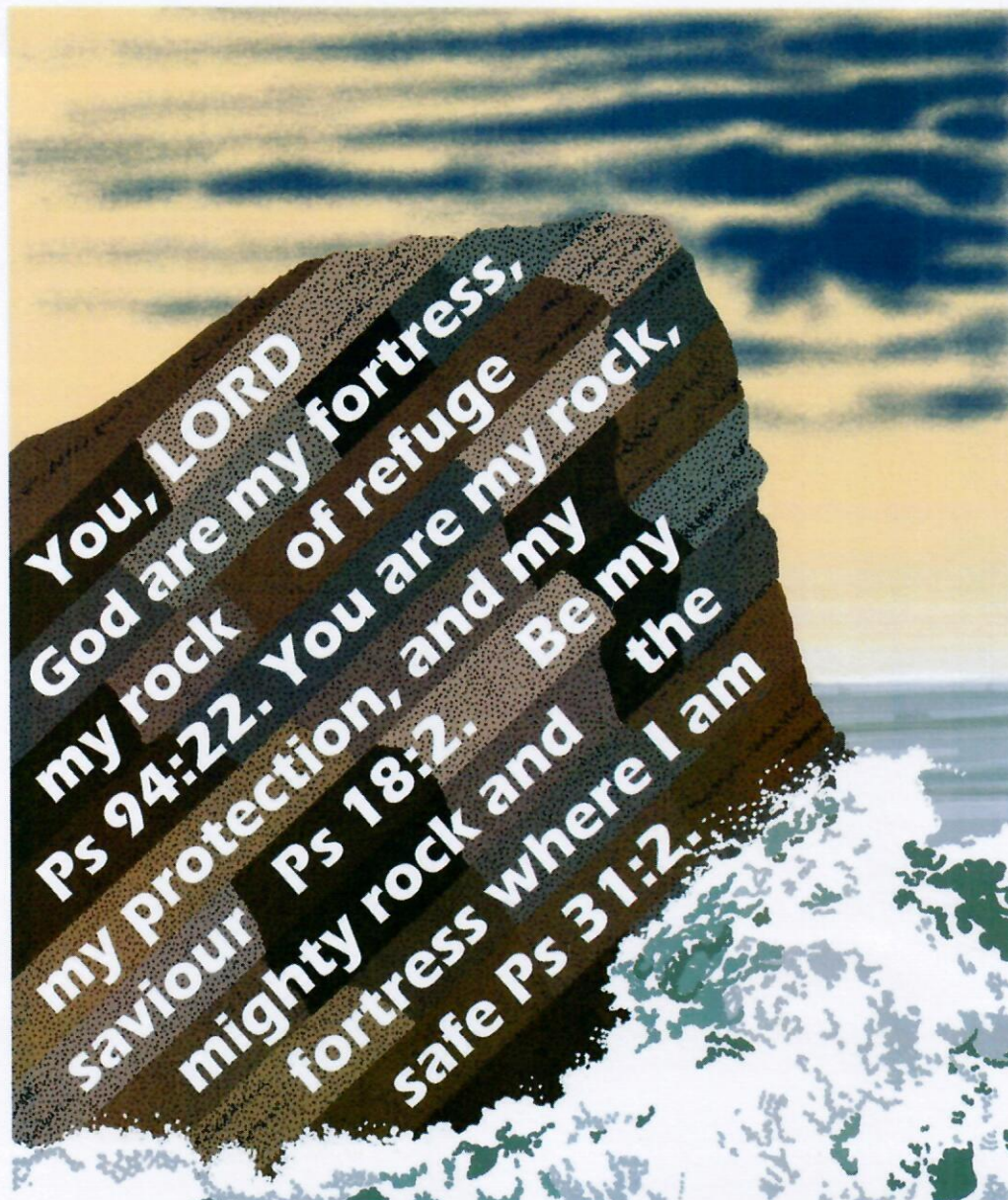
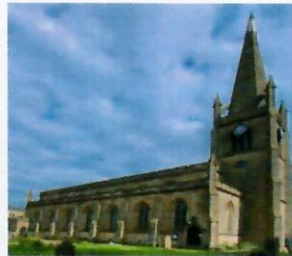


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Having just enjoyed the wonderful celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee I was extremely pleased to see how regularly Her Majesty's faith was mentioned during the various reports across the media.

The Queen has always maintained how important her faith is to her and how it has been a source of strength throughout the 70 years of her reign so far, and no doubt, will continue to be so. So, it was quite fitting that Her Majesty's faith was a topic which was included in the interviews and comment. I feel that, so often, the media hold back from mentioning faith of any kind, perhaps in fear of being seen as promoting one faith above others and therefore not being inclusive, but as always, the Queen has been the perfect role model in this field.

Whilst her majesty is Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church Of England she also acknowledges and celebrates religious diversity in the UK and the Commonwealth. The Queen often talks about other faiths in her Christmas and Commonwealth Day messages - addressing themes of inter-faith harmony and tolerance. She has been clear about what she feels her role entails "The Church has a duty to protect the free practice of all faiths in this country" (speech by the Queen at Lambeth Palace 2012).

The Jubilee was a wonderful opportunity for people to show appreciation of all that our Queen has achieved and to give thanks for the faith which undoubtedly guides her life. Her Majesty's faith has led her to be the very best example of humankind and we are all the richer for having such a wonderful role model.

Michelle Lewthwaite

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## GOD IS PERFECT. GOD NEVER MAKES A MISTAKE!

Thinking about Summer Holidays, it always reminds me about the "Back to Church Sunday". With the "Back to Church Sunday", the emphasis is on individuals giving personal invitations to family members and friends, which is really an encouragement to the Church to regain confidence in doing something that they know they should.

What we call "Going to church" is all about coming to God our heavenly Father, in and through his Son Jesus Christ and by the work of the Spirit of God. This is an individual experience and when you come in the Church, it is a shared one. God Himself is the Initiator, whatever happens to you, He knows why because God never makes a mistake. When we go on holidays, on journeys, even on our spiritual wilderness and come back; we share with others what we saw, lived, enjoyed or suffered, and even learnt. May this kind of sharing be our daily way of living as a Church. I would like to share with you this story.

*A king who did not believe in the goodness of God had a slave, whom in all circumstances said: "My king, do not be discouraged, as everything God does is perfect. He never makes mistakes."*

*One day the king was going hunting and, on the way, a wild animal attacked the king. His slave succeeded to kill the animal, but he could not stop the king from losing a finger. Angry and without showing any gratitude for being saved, the king said: "Is God good? If He was good, I would not have been attacked and I would not have lost my finger." The slave replied: "My king, despite all of these things, I can only tell you that God is good, and He knows the reason for all of these things. What God does is perfect. He never makes a mistake!" Displeased by the response, the king ordered the arrest of the slave.*

*Later, he went hunting again and he was captured by some wild men who carried out human sacrifices. At the altar, ready to sacrifice him, the wild men noticed that the victim didn't have one of his fingers and let him go. According to them, he wasn't complete enough to be offered to their gods.*

*Upon his return to the palace, he authorised the liberation of the slave, whom he gave a warm welcome. "My dear, God was good to me! I was nearly killed by wild men, but because I lacked a finger, they let me go. But I have a question: If God is so good, why did he allow me to put you in prison?" "My king, if I had gone hunting with you I would have been sacrificed in your place, as I don't lack any finger."*

*In light of this, remember, everything God does is perfect. He never makes a mistake. It is written in 2 Samuel 22:31, "As for God, His way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; He shields all who take refuge in Him."*

The COVID-19 Pandemic, which made the whole world paralysed, was and still is a horrible experience. But God knows why it happened because He never makes a mistake. Nothing is by coincidence; there is a purpose for everything. The COVID-19 seems to represent an alarm to us human beings, a sign that something is wrong somewhere. It was supposed and must have been for some people an eye opener. Whatever happens to us, God is good all the time, all the time God is good. God is perfect, He never makes a mistake.

Jonathan Ruhumuliza



## Services July to September 2022

*Please note that this service if pattern is provisional and is subject to change*

*According to availability of ministers during the summer holiday period.*

<b>Date</b>	<b>St Stephen's</b>	<b>St George's</b>	<b>St John's</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	10am Service of the Word	3pm ** Revd C Eccles 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist**	10am Café Church
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July Thursday</b>	10am Thursday not Sunday Communion		
<b>8<sup>th</sup> July Friday</b>		7.00pm Rwandan Cultural evening	
<b>10<sup>th</sup> July Sunday</b>	10am Café Church	10am Service of the Word	10am Team Eucharist
<b>16<sup>th</sup> July Saturday</b>	3pm -Stepping Out Angela & Cath		
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July Sunday</b>	10am Team Eucharist	10am Café Church	10am Service of the Word Officiant:
<b>24<sup>th</sup> July Sunday</b>	10am Service of the Word	10am Team Eucharist	10am Café Church

<b>28<sup>th</sup> July Thursday</b>	10am Thursday not Sunday Communion		
<b>31<sup>st</sup> July Sunday</b>	10am Café Church	10am Service of the Word	10am Team Eucharist
<b>7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	10am Team Eucharist	10am Café Church	10am Service of the Word



<b>14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	10am Service of the Word	10am Team Eucharist	10am Café Church
<b>18<sup>th</sup> August Thursday</b>	10am Thursday not Sunday Communion		
<b>21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	10am Café Church	10am Service of the Word  3pm Pet Service	10am Team Eucharist
<b>28<sup>th</sup> August Sunday</b>	10am Team Eucharist	10am Café Church	10am Service of the Word

<b>Date</b>	<b>St Stephen's</b>	<b>St George's</b>	<b>St John's</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> September Sunday</b>	10am Service of the Word	10am Team Eucharist	10am Café Church
<b>8<sup>th</sup> September Thursday</b>	10am Thursday not Sunday Communion		
<b>11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10am Café Church	10am Service of the Word	10am Team Eucharist
<b>18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10am Team Eucharist	10am Café Church	10am Service of the Word  ** additional Café Church in St John's Primary School time tbc
<b>25<sup>th</sup> September Sunday</b>	10am Service of the Word	10am Team Eucharist	10am Café Church
<b>29<sup>th</sup> September Thursday</b>	10am Thursday not Sunday Communion		



## July, August and September Calendar

July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.30pm	Proms on the Lawn at Dam House
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am to 4.00pm	Velocette Annual Bike Rally - at Lancs Mining Museum
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Rwandan Cultural Evening at St Georges Parish Church, Tyldesley
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am to 12.00pm	Coffee Morning at St Stephen's
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	7pm-9pm	Mosley Common Historical Society. Gentle guided history walk of Mosley Common. Walk lasts about 1hr. Refreshments after. Meet in St Johns Church Lounge. Contact; a.taziker@gmail.com
Jul 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	St Stephen's Men Group - meet at Union Arms
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-noon	MCIB Village Litter Pick. Meet by the Christmas Tree.
July 20 <sup>th</sup>		Mothers Union Day Trip
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	10am-4pm	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Mosley Common Scarecrow Festival Judgement Day. Closing date for entries 12 <sup>th</sup> July. Contact; <a href="mailto:mosleycommoninbloom@gmail.com">mosleycommoninbloom@gmail.com</a>
Aug 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	St Stephen's Men Group - meet at Union Arms
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	St Stephen's Mothers Union Meeting - Games Night Meet in church vestry
Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>	10am to 12pm	Coffee Morning at St Stephen's
Aug 28 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am to 3pm	Makers Market - at Lancs Mining Museum
Sep 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Men's Group Family BBQ at St Stephen's (Raffle tickets on sale soon in aid of Mission Aviation Fellowship and HSP Charity in Leigh. Tickets £1 each - First Prize £100 voucher plus other prizes)
Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>		#MOSCOMROCKS. Free music event on the common in Mosley Common with stalls, funfair and bar
Sep 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am to 12.00pm	Coffee Morning at St Stephen's



Sep 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Dam House Heritage Weekend - ring Dam House for times 01942 876417

Sep 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

St John's School Mosley Common Bicentenary Heritage Weekend  
See poster in magazine for details or phone Andrea Taziker on 07967096555

Sep 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm

Polly Pilkington - Charity Bike Rides

Sep 30<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm

Lancashire Evening including Hotpot Supper - ring Dam House for tickets 01942 876417

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### Place of Welcome @ St Georges

Weekly drop in every Friday morning in church between 10am and 12noon. Free cuppa, biscuits/toast. An opportunity to come and have a natter with others or just find a quiet space.

For the crafty among you bring your knitting/crochet and join the group of ladies who have relocated from Tyldesley library and now knit and natter in church on a Friday morning.

### St John's Mosley Common. Place of welcome Café

Come and join Jean and Joan for our weekly café in the church lounge  
Tuesdays from 10.00 - 12.00  
Contact Jean 07817857988 or Joan 01942870095 for any queries

### Welcome to CAMEO. Come And Meet Every One'

CAMEO is a local friendship group based in Mosley Common meeting every other Tuesday at St. John's Church lounge from 1:30pm

Everyone is welcome just come along and join in the activities or just have a good chat no admission or membership fees. Refreshments tea or coffee and biscuits only £1. Everyone welcome.

### Social Walks: Boothstown Medical Centre and PPG in association with Wigan Leisure Culture Trust

Everyone is welcome to join in our FREE hour long Social Walks. Suitable for all including beginners/those returning to exercise and Walking to Health Accredited Walks. Wear comfortable clothing and footwear. Meet outside St John's Church, Mosley Common, M28 1AN at 10.30 every Thursday. All welcome - tea, coffee, biscuits, and toilet facilities afterwards in the church lounge. For more information: [www.Inspiringhealthylifestyles.org](http://www.Inspiringhealthylifestyles.org)

If anyone has anything they would like including in the "Whats On" page then please email details to [jennymevans@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jennymevans@blueyonder.co.uk)





July 2022

Dear Friends in Christ

'There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens.' (Ecclesiastes 3 verse 1)

On 7th July I will have served as your Team Rector for six years. It has been a privilege to do so but it has been a far more demanding role than I anticipated when I was first licensed and it is a role that cannot be adequately summarised on paper.

There are aspects of our common life together that can be summarised. As a team ministry during this time we have experienced: the departure of treasured colleagues and the arrival of new colleagues; the joy of a new roof canopy being installed at St Stephen's and the frustration of ongoing significant building issues; the beginning of the development of St George's as a multi-purpose building through the generosity of a substantial legacy; the creativity of an outreach programme at St John's. We have also lived through two years of an ongoing pandemic with all that this has meant for us individually and collectively and have reshaped our worship pattern as a team ministry in the Diocese of Manchester as we seek to be churches serving a different world. There has been the ongoing ministry in our three church schools; to the bereaved; to those who bring their children for baptism and those who seek to be married in one of our churches. I was privileged to be invited to serve as the final Area Dean of Leigh Deanery from July 2019 to May 2021 following Julian and Pam's move to Astley Bridge in the summer of 2019. I am very grateful to the Local Ministry Team and Churchwardens team for their support over these six years.

As stipendiary clergy we can take an additional three-month period of extended leave known as a sabbatical every seven to ten years in our ministry. This summer I will have served in parochial ministry in the Church of England as a stipendiary minister for 21 years and will be taking my first sabbatical from 1st August to 31st October. This was identified in my Ministerial Development Review in 2020 but has been delayed due to the pandemic. I will share with you that the time is now right for me to take a sabbatical as I am in need of extended spiritual as well as physical and emotional rest and refreshment. Up until this point in my ministry I have not discerned the need for a sabbatical but now is the right time so that I can press the recharge button for the next phase of my ministry in your midst, which God willing will lead into my retirement. There is much still for us to do together across our team as we continue to worship Almighty God in the dynamic and evolving Anglican tradition and in the name of Christ and power of the Holy Spirit serve our communities.

So, what will my sabbatical involve? Heather and I will be travelling to Iona for a short retreat at the beginning of August and will then spend time with members of our family.

At the beginning of September, I will be walking from Lichfield Cathedral to Chester Cathedral via Stoke-on-Trent following what is known as the Two Saints Way. Many places on the journey have a personal significance for me. I will be travelling to Madrid and Malaga to visit cathedrals and other places of interest at the beginning of October. Heather and I will then have a short city break holiday



in Bruges at the end of October with a family member to end the sabbatical. Throughout I will be reading and reflecting. I will be back in your midst from the beginning of November in time for our team weekend at Scargill and services linked to Remembrance Sunday.

This will very much be a once in a ministry sabbatical and I am very grateful for the opportunity to take one at this point in my life and ministry. Please continue to support the Local Ministry Team during this period, especially Jonathan who will inevitably have more responsibilities whilst I am away. Please also continue to pray for us and our family as we continue to pray for you. You will of course continue to see Heather around during this period as she works in one of the community schools in our parishes.

With my prayerful best wishes

Martin

Revd Martin Cox

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## **7<sup>th</sup> July      St Willibald – the first ever Anglo-Saxon travel writer**

Where do you go on your summer travels? If you enjoy including a Christian element to your trips, such as making a pilgrimage, or visiting places rich in Christian history, then St. Willibald (d. 876) is the saint for you this month. He was one of the most widely travelled Anglo-Saxons of his time.

Willibald began life in Wessex, becoming a monk at Bishops Waltham (Hants). But he obviously had the curiosity that besets all keen travellers – what is it like over there...just over the next hill, round the next corner? And so Willibald set out... for Rome, Cyprus, Syria and above all, Palestine. It was an amazing achievement, just to survive such journeys back in the early 8<sup>th</sup> century.

In Palestine, Willibald made his way round all the Holy Places associated with Jesus, as well as the numerous communities of monks and hermits living there. On his eventual return to Europe, Willibald decided to tell his story. He dictated an account of all his travels to a long-suffering nun, Hugeburc, who wrote it up under the title of *Hodoeporicon* – the first ever travel book to be written by an Anglo-Saxon

After a long stay in Constantinople, the year 730 found Willibald back in Rome, where he settled at the monastery at Monte Cassino. Under his reforming influence, the monastery began to prosper. That got Willibald 'noticed', and soon Boniface asked Pope Gregory III to send him on to Germany, where Willibald was made bishop of Echstatt. Here he founded a monastery that became an important centre for the diffusion and development of monasticism. After 45 years as Bishop at Echstatt, Willibald died in c. 786. His relics remain there till this day.

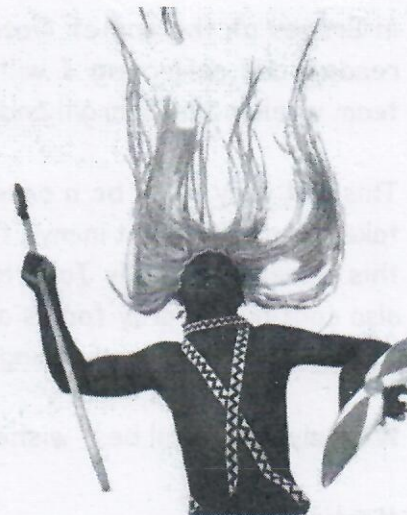
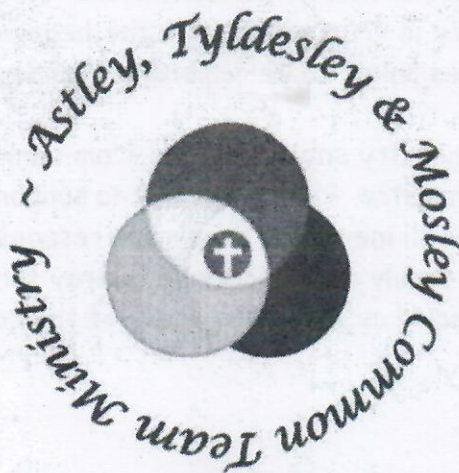
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## **Sky fright**

An airliner flew into a violent thunderstorm and was soon bumping around in the sky. One very nervous lady happened to be sitting next to a clergyman and turned to him for comfort. "Can't you do something?" she demanded forcefully.

"I'm sorry ma'am," said the minister gently. "I'm in sales, not management."





The Local Team Ministry of Astley, Tyldesley and Mosley Common  
United Benefice in Manchester Diocese - Church of England  
invites you to a

**Rwandan Cultural Evening**  
**on Friday 8 July 2022**  
**at 7 PM**



**St George's Parish Church, Tyldesley**  
**45 School Street**  
**Tyldesley - Manchester**  
**M29 8GX**

\*Parking available on the streets and nearby Aldi shop.





The Archdeacons Visitation Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

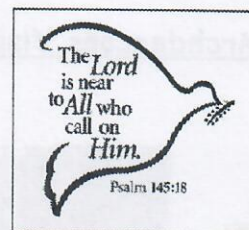


The Archdeacons visitation was held in the beautiful church of St Marks, Worsley on a lovely sunny evening in June. The church was full and the singing was marvellous and moving. The organ has a lovely sound and the church is full of colour and joy and light. It was a marvellous evening that was manna for the soul and spirit.

Whoever said "Out of sight, out of mind" never had a large spider disappear in the bedroom.



# PRAYERS



- Continue to pray for a resolution to the war in the Ukraine and for a lasting peace, for the safety of all involved and for God to give them grace and strength. Thank Him for the work of all who have stepped up to deal with the crisis especially those who have opened their homes to the refugees.
- Remember in your prayers all the young people who will be preparing for the next step in their education over the summer and those who will be taking the first step in their working lives. Pray particularly for those who will be leaving home for the first time and the families they leave behind. Pray too for those who, for whatever reason, have limited options and opportunities.
- Pray for yourself, give thanks for everything and everyone you hold dear. Ask God for the strength to release you from the chains of grudges, anger and fear. Take time to listen to His reply. Remember that, when you pray, you are not alone but part of a global wave of praise and devotion.

*Contributed by Sara Yarwood*

## **Dear Creator God**

We thank you for Your wonderful creation. Your Word tells us that in the beginning You worked and then You rested when Your work was done. You didn't rest because You were tired, but because You saw that Your completed work was good. So, the seventh day became a time of celebration and blessing.

Help us, in these days of non-stop, sometimes intrusive means of communication, to follow Your pattern - to work and then to rest; to be restored and blessed by You. Help us to keep one day - Jesus' Resurrection Day - special for You.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



St Swithun's Day, if thou dost rain  
St Swithun's day, if thou dost rain,  
For forty days it will remain;  
St Swithun's day, if thou be fair,  
For forty days 'twill rain na mair.

Ancient rhyme. St Swithun's Day is on 15th July





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Good crops are amazing. God only knows. But DO we distribute much of our excess to the poor nations? Nature herself can have tantrums too, high winds, too much rain, too little, an unexpected frost. A good harvest is a miracle, surely God meant us to share its goodness by taking only what we need. What else can we pray for this harvest?

Our Father, who art in heaven  
Give us today our daily laughter, kindness, humility and freedom  
from oppression  
Give your children their daily bread, their naan, their rice.  
Help us to be in this day and know that all we have comes from you  
When we long for more than enough, soften our hearts and teach us  
to give,  
for we are your children. It all belongs to you and you grant so  
much.

Father, forgive us when we hate what you love  
Forgive us when we squander the grace and freedom you have given  
us  
Forgive us when we despise our own bodies,  
bodies you have made in your image.  
Father we thank you that your grace and forgiveness toward us  
enables us to forgive others.

Deliver us from harmful religious and national division  
Deliver us from depression and self-loathing  
Deliver us from fear and failure to know where you are in our lives  
And help us to know that you are in fact here, now.

Though we claim your promises as our own, Father  
Some of us don't know if we believe in you, some are distracted-  
Just going through the motions, some truly love you....  
But ALL of us are your children  
AMEN

Marian  
(with permission to share from Dorothy)



## KINDNESS, KINDNESS, KINDNESS!

*"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see" (Mark Twain).*

*"Kindness is the most important tool to spread love among humanity. Kindness is doing what you can, where you are with what you have" Raktivist.*

I would like to share my experience of kindness in Leigh town with you. Last year around Christmas time, I went to do some shopping in Leigh Town Centre. As I was coming out of one of the shops, I lost my purse but I did not realise till I reached the till in the next shop to pay for the goods I had bought from there. I searched my bag but could not find the purse; then I decided to go back to the previous shop to ask if I had left it there. By this time it was getting late and the shops were closing but I managed to see the shopkeeper as he was walking out after closing. He then told me that somebody had seen me drop the purse outside of the shop, picked it up and had brought it to him. He asked the shopkeeper if he knew me, then he had said no to him as it was my first time in that particular shop. But this shopkeeper took his time and listened to me and then reassured me. He told me not to worry as the person who had picked my purse up was local and well known in the Leigh town as a good man. The shopkeeper then gave me his number and asked me to call him the following day as he would try to look at their cctv footage to get number plate of this person's car and hopefully try to get his contact details for me.

During that same evening, the person who picked my purse up tried all his best to get to me. He saw a card inside the purse with my names on it and another card with my previous workplace details. He called the place then up but got no satisfying answer as he was told that the place had now closed. He then tried to find me on Facebook and sent me a message which I did not reply to as I did not see it in time then he googled my name and found out that my husband had preached at St George's Church Tyldesley. This man really tried hard to find me that evening! He then called Susie, the Church Administrator and informed her that he has my purse and gave her his contact details to give to me. Susie immediately called us and spoke to Jonathan (my husband). The following day Jonathan got in touch with him and went to pick the purse up for me and with all my purse's content.

An unknown person said: *"Kind people are the best kind of people."* Also, Raktivist said *"Kindness is spreading sunshine into people's lives regardless of the weather"*. May God bless Lee Hickey who brought sunshine in my heart and in my whole family that day. And I was so happy to ring the shopkeeper and informed him that I got my purse back and I told him all that had happened. He was also happy for me.

To conclude my story, I would like share with you some quotes on kindness:

*"Kindness gives birth to Kindness."* (Sophocles)

*"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible."* (Dalai Lama)

*"No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted."* (Aesop)

*"Where there is a human, there is an opportunity for a kindness."* (Lucius A. Seneca)

*"When you are kind to others, it not only changes you, it changes the world."*

(Harold Kushner)

**MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS US WITH MORE  
KINDNESS AND LOVE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES.**

Asnath MUKAMABANO



CMS has been doing pioneering ministry for some years now and has various courses available that work alongside and complement the whole church. Pioneers mostly work in England.

Jay Lilley is from East London and as a boy was pushed into church going for a time because his mother wanted his sister to go to a Catholic school and needed to be baptised and confirmed.

It was rather a tough area and you could get mixed up with gangs and bad things. He became a soldier, then got a civvy job but the firm went bankrupt and he was homeless. He met the girl he later married, moved in with her and found two jobs to get the money he wanted.

However, across the road was the Good Shepherd church... David Harrigan was the Vicar. He was a Pioneer Minister who trained at CMS and a neighbour. They used to say hello and then chat a bit, then David discovered that Jay was into boxing, though unfit at the time. He told him "We have a spiritual boxing community at the Good Shepherd, you should come along", Jay went. David had started the boxing community to reach young men. Jay needed to be fit for a fight "I was used to a boxing gym where you go in, you work out and you spar. It's on your own motivated by your trainer. But this boxing group was a community.... You go there to be with people. For me it was completely different"

After a while David invited him to church one Sunday. He says he always felt he had a gap in his life and his wife said "Why don't you go and check it out?". He did - and says "he felt somehow different there - it scared me a bit" David encouraged him to keep in with the boxing group and he started going to church a bit more. The Good Shepherd people were mostly from the same flats as he lived in. "They were my kind of people, I just didn't know my kind of people went to church" he said.

He found the community is much more than boxing. They talked, shared stories, life, prayer etc. When five of the men were baptised David transformed the church into a boxing ring with a pool in it! The church also runs an Alpha course and David started a follow up group where Jay re-affirmed his faith. Then his wife and children were baptised- godparents from the group.

Jay was asked by the Youth Worker to help with the church youth (some leaders had left because they were unruly !). Jay was part of a team. "The second I got there - I finally felt at peace doing something as a vocation" he said.

Eventually when the Youth Worker moved on David offered Jay the responsibility. He was also introduced to Graceworks, a Christian work in school and he felt he wanted to develop this area. So he got in touch with CMS and was accepted to study for the Certificate on the youth work pathway preparing for pioneer ministry.

He says "Basically my life at the moment is amazing"

*Contributed by Michael Williamson*

#### **Hospitality**

*"Hospitality.....means primarily the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place"*

**Henri Nouwen**

*Contributed by Michael Williamson*



# Mosley Common Historical Society

## MCS200



*St John's School, Mosley Common Bicentenary*

*Heritage Open Days*

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Come and visit our wonderful 200 year old Georgian School, with the original building still standing and in school use!

St Johns School the school will be open to visit with displays on the history of the school and of the local area including: Mosley Common Village, the Pit - Mosley Common Colliery, Garret Hall, the City, the Roman Roads. Documents will be on display such as school record books, maps of Mosley Common and old plans of the school. Many pictures of Mosley Common people and its buildings - come and see if you can spot yourself! During the day there will be guided tours of the school where you can learn in more detail about its history, a sitdown slideshow talk on the history of the school and video showings of the 1987 Church/School Bazaar and Whit Walk. Craft activities for children. Sunday 10-11.00am Café Church in school to celebrate 200 years of serving the education of the children of Mosley Common.

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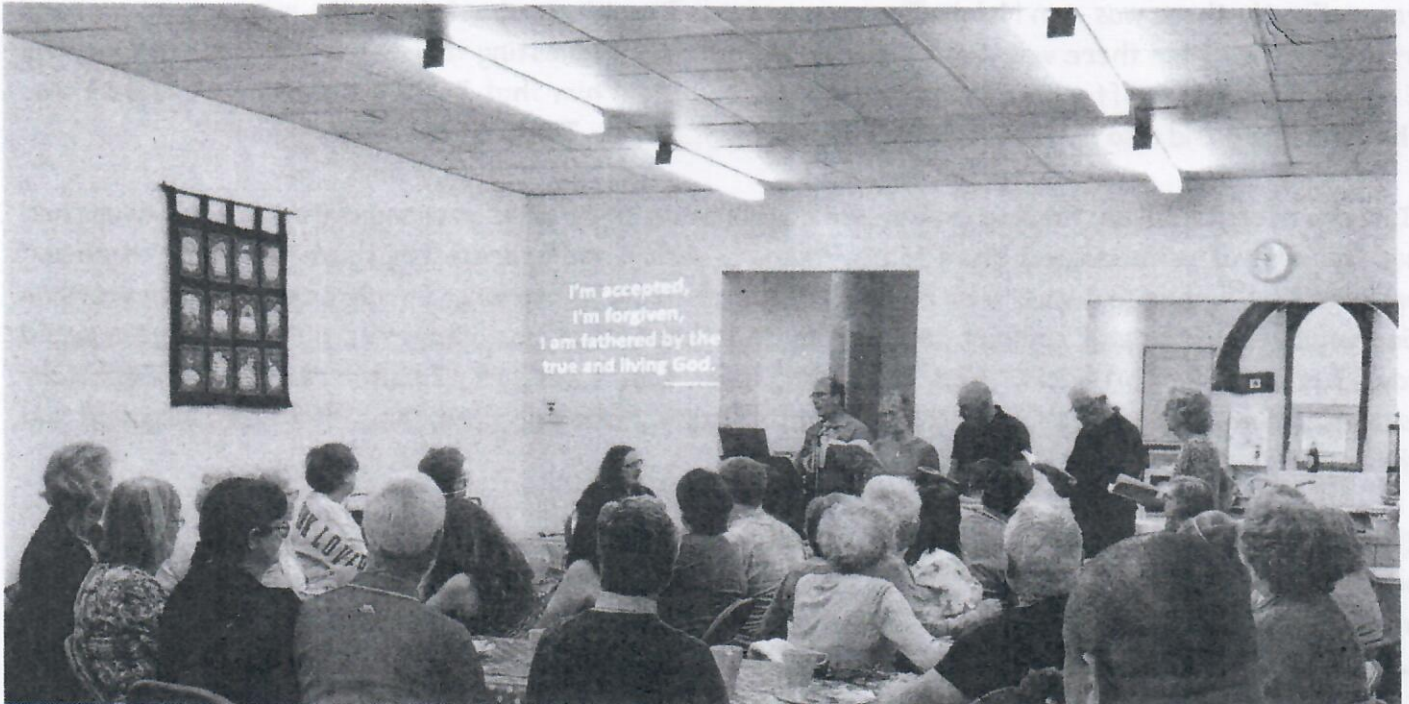
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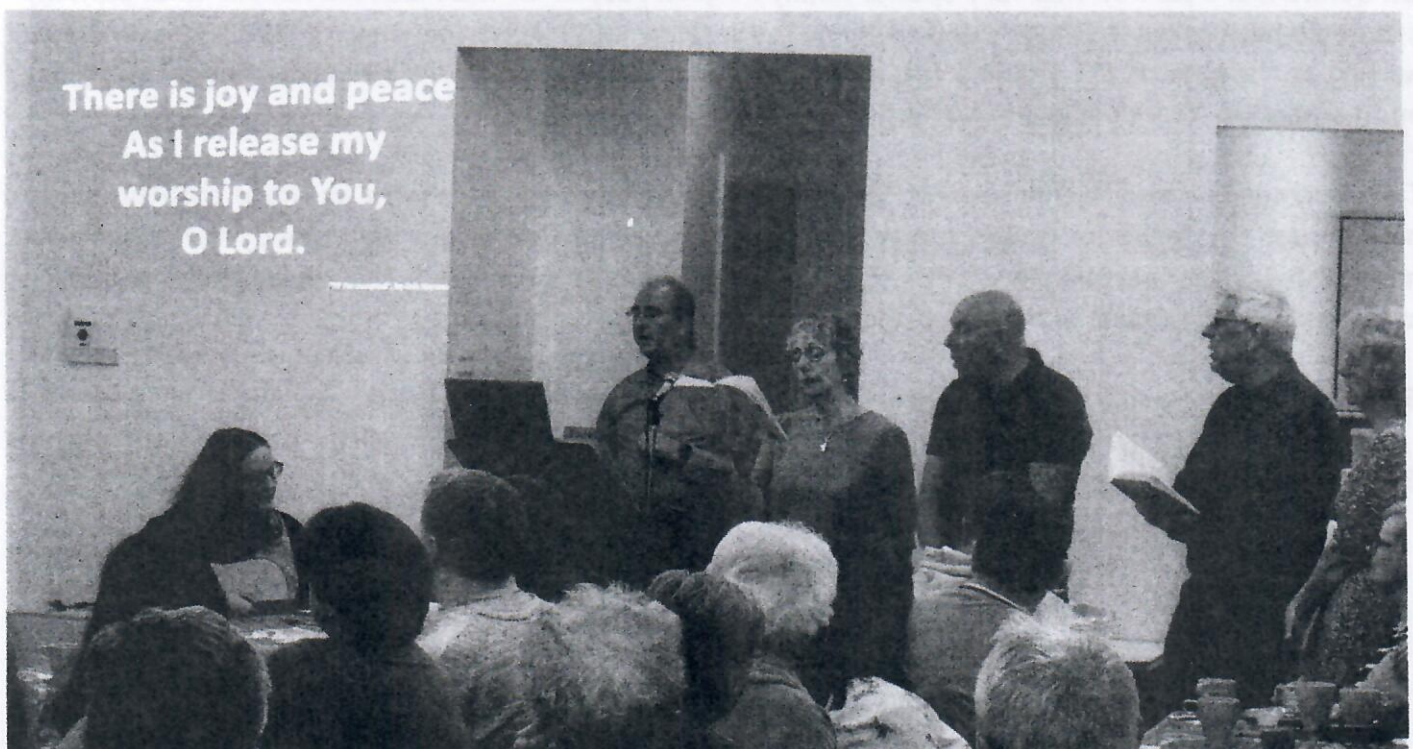
## Café Church at St John's

'What a wonderful feeling of family' were the words on everyone's lips at the latest Café Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. We sang, we laughed, we prayed and we ate and drank! There were croissants with lovely little pots of jam and butter, toast and gluten free crumpets (burned or inedible!) and lots of tea and coffee and chatter! A marvelous atmosphere filled with laughter and praise!



"I will give thanks to you Lord, with all of my heart. I will tell of all your wonderful deeds"

Psalm 9 Verse 1





### From the ex-Secretary's pen

At St. John's Annual Meeting in May this year I decided to step down as a member of the PCC. I had been a member for some twelve years and ten of those years as Secretary. I never thought how that decision would affect me though. I felt quite emotional afterwards. Twelve years at meetings with some very special people. I remember in particular two PCC members who died during my secretary years. Firstly there was Ann Haigh. There is so much I could say about Ann. She was very special and irreplaceable. Then there was Keith Worthington, always interesting to listen to. He was someone who I could never win a difference of opinion with. I once told him that I was in the right because I was the Secretary and also the proud holder of the blunt pencil. That did the trick.

I mustn't forget Julian, the Rocket Rev. He could have happily taken meetings into the early hours had not the rest of us developed brain fog by then. I wish I had appreciated those ten years more and realised how fortunate I was to be able to take on the role for so long. I truly enjoyed those years as Secretary except when I couldn't decipher my shorthand. That was always the time when Julian would say, "Just read that bit back". Very toe curling it was too. I was sorry I had to retire but a Secretary is supposed to take minutes and I was having difficulty picking up everything that was being said and there was certainly always a lot being said.

I have been worshipping at St. John's for twenty years now. I would say that those twenty years have been fulfilling and happy years. I came to St. John's that first Sunday morning, some three or four weeks after our Mum's funeral service was held here, and I just felt the need to return. The first person to welcome me at the door that Sunday morning was that lovely gentleman Walter Smith. When I was leaving after the service, he asked me if I would be returning the following Sunday. To be honest I was quite bewildered with life generally at that point. I said I didn't know, but Walter promised me that he would be waiting for me at the door. Obviously, I did return and he was waiting at the door as promised, bless him. I felt then what a warm and welcoming place St. John's was, and still is. So many very special people have come and sadly gone since then. All of them have contributed to the life of our Church using their various talents without expecting thanks, and all have made some lovely memories. I am sure we will all remember them for years to come. I am blessed to be part of St. John's and a part of this very special family of good people. It has made me wonder what path my life would have taken if I hadn't walked through those doors all those years ago, If Walter hadn't been waiting at the door and If I hadn't felt so welcome. So, lesson learned. We should treasure every day on this beautiful earth of ours and never take things for granted.

I am glad my Mum and Dad married at St. John's so many years ago otherwise we would probably never have chosen St. John's for Mum's funeral and I would never have returned that Sunday morning. Funny how life takes that certain path for us. I believe that it was no coincidence that these things happened at a time when I needed to be put on that path.

Sorry if I am going on a bit whilst writing this., but as Captain Sir Tom would have said -

*'Tomorrow will be a good day'.* Yes it will.

Mavis Wright

"Only when it's dark enough can you see the stars."  
Martin Luther King



# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke chapter 2 verses 41 to 51

Every year Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem  
for the Passover festival with their family  
and friends. This year Jesus was twelve.

The women and children went  
in front to set the pace



Next year, Jesus, you'll be walking  
at the back with the men.

The Passover feasting  
lasted eight days...



..and then they set  
off for home again



but without Jesus.

Mary and Joseph didn't find  
out until the evening



I thought he was with you!

So they walked back to  
Jerusalem and started  
searching for Jesus....



Sorry, I haven't seen him.

..and the next day,



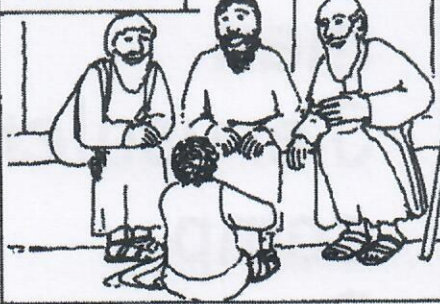
then on the third day

they went to the temple



Look!

He was talking with the  
teachers.



You must be very proud  
of your clever son



But Mary was not happy.

How could you treat your  
father and I like this?



Didn't you know I'd be here?



I needed to be where my  
birth father, God, is working.

Mary thought about  
this all the way home



...and all her life.



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# The Lost Coin

Read Luke 15: 1-8



Can you find the lost coin?  
Can you also see the lost sheep?  
There is a mouse hiding in the picture too, can you find him?  
What else can you see in the picture?



## TWO SOUPS?

I have long felt called to be a 'feeder', having catered professionally, socially and in the community for big events, small gatherings, special occasions and even over a camp fire! When I heard about *Café Church* I knew it was right up my street, that God was calling me to feed more of his flock and in doing so, to spread his word.

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 25 of us squeezed into the meeting room at church. Supported by Philip, Angela, and Elaine and with a Jubilee theme, Michelle, Cliff and I served up the morning's refreshments. Led by Martin, we celebrated being together, enjoying God's gifts and singing his praise. The first *Café Church* at St Stephen's was joyous!

We hope this is just the beginning and that many more will come to *Café Church*. With that in mind, we'd very much like to have a *Café Church* team, a group of us to work together to share in the task and the pleasure!!! So, if any of you would like to unleash your inner waitress you would be very welcome and your help sincerely appreciated.

The next *Café Church* at St Stephen's will be held on Sunday 10th July at 10am. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you

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## MOTHERS' UNION SUMMER TRIP PLANNED

St Stephen's Mother's Union are having a summer trip this year. It is on Wednesday 20th July and we have hired a coach to take us to Llandudno for the day. The cost (for the coach only) is £20. If anyone would like to go please see Linda or any member of the MU. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you

Linda Leese

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"It's not as picturesque as the old steeple  
but it's saving a fortune in electricity bills!"



Perhaps he's heard that we're  
losing our churchwarden



## Heart and Mind

"Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of mind"  
Philippians 2:2

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

A way needs to be followed. Truth needs to be put into practice. Life need to be lived.

Christianity is a journey, not a destination. At the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus himself says 'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven' (Matthew 7:21

In other words, to listen to and worship Jesus is not enough. We need to walk the walk.

All this begs the question: what, in essence, is the way - this beautiful truthful path?

That's the question that James is answering in these verses. To 'look after orphans and widows' is Biblical shorthand for reaching out to marginalised and oppressed. To look after those in need. To love; because love changes everything - because love is the only faultless religion.

*Jesus, help us to follow your way. Help us to practice your truth. Help us to live your life.*

*(From Tearfund) Contributed by Michael Williamson*

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## Love in Action

'To act justly and to love mercy' Micah 6:8

Like in Nehemiah's day, when the builders of the wall had to fight off their enemies, people living in poverty have to deal with the reality of climate crisis. In their extreme scarcity, they contend with droughts and floods that wash away their roads, bridges, houses and livelihoods.

On the other had they need to address the causes of these challenges using climate-smart solutions that they cannot afford. It is unjust, since thought the poor have contributed least to the climate crisis, they are the worst affected. This injustice requires unified action by the global church.

Jesus looks to his church in the global south to address society's problems, but they will need their brothers in the global north to stand alongside them. Through prayer, material generosity and speaking truth to people in power - in other words, thorough love in action - the global church can overcome the climate crisis and extreme poverty, as one.

*Lord, show us what it means to act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with you when it comes to tackling the climate crisis. Reveal to me how I can help my church stand with those in need. Amen*

*Hannington Muyenje*

*Hannington is part of Tearfund's global campaigns team*

*Contributed by Michael Williamson*



## Mothers Union

### **April Meeting**

Our opening service this month was led by Jean Russell who read some Easter thoughts followed by the hymn 'All Heaven Declares'. We then had prayers ending with the MU prayer.

The money raised by last month's Bring and Buy stall was split between 3 MU charities within the 'Make a Mother's Day' Project. We then had a short discussion regarding the choice and cost of coach for our summer trip to Llandudno. The branch made a donation of £50.00 to the MU general Fund.

Our speaker this month was Carol Entwistle, a Macmillan volunteer for 10 years. Starting as a volunteer driver to working on reception and is now a training relaxation class leader at Trafford General Hospital. Carol ran through a typical session with our group by using breathing and relaxation techniques with soothing music playing in the background. Patients with cancer and stress related problems connected with their treatment can be referred by their key worker for a 6 week course of classes when going through difficult situation. Our group certainly felt the benefits of Carol's demonstration as we all felt chilled out and relaxed by the end of the evening.

As it had been a member's big birthday a few weeks ago our meeting closed with tea and cakes.

### **May Meeting**

Before our usual service began Jean Williamson gave all those present a Queen's Platinum Jubilee badge as the Queen is patron of the MU.

Jean began the service with prayers and then told of sailing across the Sea of Galilee on a trip to the Holy Land. She chose the hymn 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind' as they had sung this hymn during the crossing.

Our poetry evening began with Jean W reading a poem on how the river Jordan links the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea. We had contributions from several members with a mixture of humour and seriousness and included Pam Ayres 'Fish and Chips on a Slate' read by Linda. Margaret's contribution included poems about 'Happiness', 'Be Glad Your Nose Is On Your Face' and 'Friendship'. Jean R read 'The Elephant', 'The Church' and 'Pay at the Pump' ending with her then 9 year old grandson's poem for a poetry competition called 'The Snake'. Jennifer's contribution of short readings ended with 'Aids Warning, For Elderly People, Zimmer Frames' etc. The whole evening was very enjoyable.

If you wish to come along to our meetings everyone is welcome - 7.30pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of each month in the church meeting room (vestry). We always end with a cuppa and biscuits.

July 20<sup>th</sup> - Annual Day Trip - Llandudno

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> - Games Night

Sep 21<sup>st</sup> - Speaker - Polly Pilkington on Charity Bike Rides

*Contributed by Pauline Roberts*

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

*Audrey Hepburn*



## New Manager

Joan Busolo joined CMS (Church Mission Society supported by St Stephen's) at the beginning of the year. She is regional manager for the work in Africa, based in Nairobi, Kenya.

She says that really Jesus found her rather than the other way round. She was a church member but "just going through the routine of religion without ever thinking about it". She says she took part in everything and was a leader. She was given all sorts of responsibility but she says she couldn't really say "Yes, this Christ I want and yes, he died on the Cross for me"

Unexpectedly someone spoke to her about Christ and she realised that all along the Spirit of God had been beckoning her. "This was about six years ago" she says. "I received Christ as Lord and Saviour and every day since then I have been partnering with the Spirit of God, growing in the person that he created me to be, learning to love him, learning to read the Word and live it"

She goes on to say that after she was saved she wanted to do work that would glorify God and she began to look to specifically Christian groups to see if she could offer herself. She saw the CMS advert for work in Africa. She is part of the culture. She realised that CMS is well resourced and well prepared in the African context and she feels she knows the terrain, understands the problems and has Christ in her heart. So she applied.

She looks for renewed mind sets, transformed attitudes and new hope in Jesus.

*Contributed by Michael Williamson*

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## What Next?

In the current SU prayer paper, Lesley Lewis from a Baptist church in Westcliff-on-Sea writes about her experience in children's work.

It appears she helped to run a group called "Waves" mainly with church-going families. During lockdown it had to stop and the connection with children was lost. It was daunting to have to start again from scratch when the restrictions were lifted. They wondered - what if God was calling for a different approach? So they contacted Sam Fowler, a Mission Enabler from Scripture Union. He introduced them to the SU "Revealing Jesus" framework. The stages made sense and Lesley became a Faith Guide and Sam was there for the training, with other volunteers to assist. Sam enabled them to plan a strategy to reach outsiders that they could work with.

In 2020 something was needed for the holiday period. They got together a community event involving a meal, board games, table tennis and crafts. Restrictions limited them to 45 people but word got around and every place was booked - they were doing something people wanted. Last summer the event was repeated with no restrictions and over 100 people turned up.

Sam warned them that they must always think about "What next". They had reached the stages, connect and explore of the "Revealing Jesus" framework. They restarted "Waves" offering what children wanted and sharing their faith. Children have been very keen to ask questions. There was a good session on emotions as they said what they thought. Numbers average 27



A "Go Deeper" group was started and issues shared that were important to them. One older teen was baptised and now helps in the group. The 'respond' and 'grow' stages are clearly ready. They are now planning a monthly service with more activities Bible based.

The holiday events were a means to an end - to reach the 95% of children today unattached to any church. SU say, if you genuinely care about the child they can sense that and respond and so the point of SU's mission to the 95 is made.

*Michael Williamson*

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### Expectations

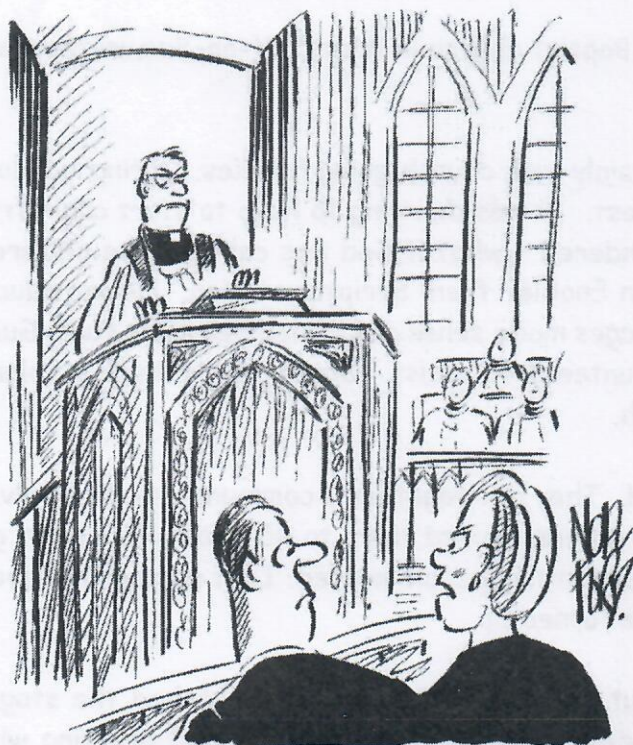
Plant a seed - but don't expect it to grow  
And if it does - don't expect it to survive  
But if it does - don't expect it to thrive  
But if it does, well.....What a lovely surprise

From Redhorn News, Wiltshire  
Contributed by Michael Williamson

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Martin Niemoller, the theologian and pastor, was imprisoned in Hitler's Germany. In prison he was visited by the chaplain, who asked him incredulously "Why are you in prison?" Niemoller replied "Why are you not in prison?"

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Have you noticed how the English language is changing?  
New terms and phrases are creeping in such as "it`s a big ask"; but when did you last hear someone say "I`m pegging out, it`s a good drying day", or "it looks like a carbon copy", or "don`t forget to pull the chain"?

A committee is a group that keeps minutes and loses hours

It was bad enough your mobile ringing half-way through his sermon, without the ring-tone being the 'Christians Awake' tune!



## St John's SINGATHON



As a fund raiser at St Johns Church, we held a Singathon on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 10am to 2pm. We asked people to was to choose their favourite hymn or worship song. They could decide whether to have the song sung in the morning or afternoon and could come along and sing along with us, which many of whom did especially the young children who had a whale of a time!

The songs requested varied greatly from the Old rugged cross to Cornerstone one of the more modern songs. Running alongside the music the ladies had a church lounge Saturday morning cafe which was very successful raising around £94. The total raised by the event was an amazing £370! The money raised will be used towards improving the equipment used by the music group and updating the songs being sung.

We would like to thank everyone who donated and helped to make it a successful day.

(David Barnes)

### Pay for what you get

A man and his ten-year-old son were on a fishing trip, miles from home. At the boy's insistence, they decided to attend the Sunday worship service at a small rural church. The father forgot to bring any cash, so he reached in his pocket and gave his son 10p to drop in the offering plate as it was passed. As they walked back to their car after the service, the father complained. "The service was too long," he lamented. "The sermon was boring, and the singing was off key." Finally, the boy said, "Daddy, I thought it was pretty good for 10p."

### Seagull

A woman went to the beach with her children. Her four-year-old son ran up to her, grabbed her hand, and led her to the shore where a dead seagull lay in the sand. "Mummy, what happened to him?" the little boy asked. Not wanting to upset him, she said: "He died and went to heaven." The child thought for a moment and said, "And God threw him back down?"





## St John's Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea

For those of us who came to the Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea on Wednesday June 1st, what an unforgettable get together it was! We had to have two sittings to accommodate everybody, the first one at 12-30pm and the second at 3pm. I don't have exact numbers but I believe about 60 people came in total.

The ceiling of Saint John's Church Lounge was wonderfully decorated in Union Jacks, with a line of white lights running down the centre. All the tables were beautifully dressed, including red white and blue crepe ribbons down the length



of each table, complete with china plates, china cups and saucers, and, of course, glasses to take the very popular Prosecco!

The afternoon tea itself was excellent, and could not have been better presented! For the chocolate lovers amongst us, there was a Chocolate Tombola organised and run by Lucy. The only thing I can say is that there must be some chocoholics at Saint John's! "



A HUGE thank you to ALL the people - too many to name - who worked so very hard to make our Platinum Afternoon Tea so enjoyable.

We certainly know how to celebrate at Saint John's!





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## ST JOHN'S. IN MEMORY.

This is a longer page than usual as I somehow managed to leave the pages for May and June and there are 3 months to this edition. I apologise for the omission.

### Church Flowers

#### MAY

- 8 Mike and Marie Stuckey in memory of her parents
- 15 In memory of Betty and Derek Jones and Doris
- 22 Ann Hilton in memory of Mark and Tom Woolley
- 29 Mavis and Joan in memory of their sister Phyllis

#### JUNE

- 5 Janice Harrison in memory of her mother, Mary Pendlebury Cooke
- 12 Barbara Wilson and Maureen Anders in memory of Sandra Phillips
- 19 Glenys Robinson in memory of mother, dad and Eddie
- 26 Marian Blundell and family in memory of Marianne

#### JULY

- 3 Cliff Howarth in memory of his wife Margaret and son David
- 10 Mavis and Joan in memory of their mum and dad
- 17 Glenys Worthington in memory of Keith
- 24 Leah and Arthur Bezeck in memory of their parents
- 31 Elaine Kidd in memory of her parents John and Olive Hill

#### AUGUST

- 7 Sybil Hall in memory of her mum, dad and Auntie Annie
- 15 Andrea Taziker in memory of her mum and dad
- 21 Susan and Alan Howarth
- 28 Ellen Fenwick in memory of her husband Leslie

#### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Marie and Mike Stuckey in memory of her parents
- 11 Susan and Alan Howarth
- 18 Glenys Robinson and family in memory of Eddie
- 25 Christine and David Darlington in memory of their parents Elizabeth, Arnold, Phyllis and Tom

### 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

13th 1987 Annie Hill  
 15th 1976 Samuel Kenneth Cunliffe  
 15th 1977 Albert Powell  
 16th 1988 Alice Goddard  
 16th 2021 Eddie Connor  
 19th 1977 Margaret Smith  
 19th 1987 Horace Ravlen  
 19th 2019 Jean Baker  
 20th 1989 George Sharman  
 22nd 1998 Dorothy Mather  
 23rd 1951 James Hilton  
 27th 1952 Robert Hilton  
 28th 1965 Margaret Ellen Hilton  
 28th 2014 Edna Edwards  
 28th 2017 Victor Alfred Haigh

### July

2nd 1988 Frederick Richard Taylor  
 3rd 1929 Robert Horace Hilton  
 4th 1982 Marianne Blundell  
 5th 1972 Christopher Wallace  
 5th 1968 Arthur Johnson  
 6th 1991 Cyril Vernon Bushell  
 8th 1979 Harold Battersby  
 15th 1998 William Yarwood Sansome  
 18th 2006 Vera Smith  
 20th 1988 Roy Millard  
 23rd 1966 James Berry  
 23rd 1973 Beatrice Unsworth  
 23rd 1985 Albert Shaw  
 24th 2020 James Baker  
 25th 1989 William Millard  
 27th 2019 Margaret Howarth  
 31st 1991 Norman Hird

### September

2nd 1997 Brian Bayliss  
 2nd 2004 Jean Scanlon  
 3rd 1964 William Hulme  
 3rd 1965 William Mann  
 3rd 1995 Leslie Fenwick  
 5th 1994 Thomas McWalters  
 5th 1997 Brian Neville Baylis  
 8th 2001 Mary Forbes  
 9th 1946 Thomas Cooper  
 12th 1994 Albert Williamson  
 12th 2009 Edith Emma Brookes  
 18th 2004 Walter James Smith  
 22nd 2000 Edward Henry Robinson  
 23rd 1987 Eric Brobbin  
 24th 1990 Sarah Agnes Gaskell  
 25th 1984 Emily Aldred  
 27th 1982 Mary Ann Owens (Brobbin)  
 28th 1960 Harold Weaver Millard  
 30th 1973 Lorraine Sharman

### August

1st 1971 Dr Robert Kee  
 2nd 1967 Thomas Gaskell  
 2nd 1998 Ronald Rowson  
 2nd 2000 Bessie Brookes  
 3rd 1991 Jack Wignall  
 7th 1996 Wilfred Duckworth  
 12th 1990 Alan Malcolm Forbes

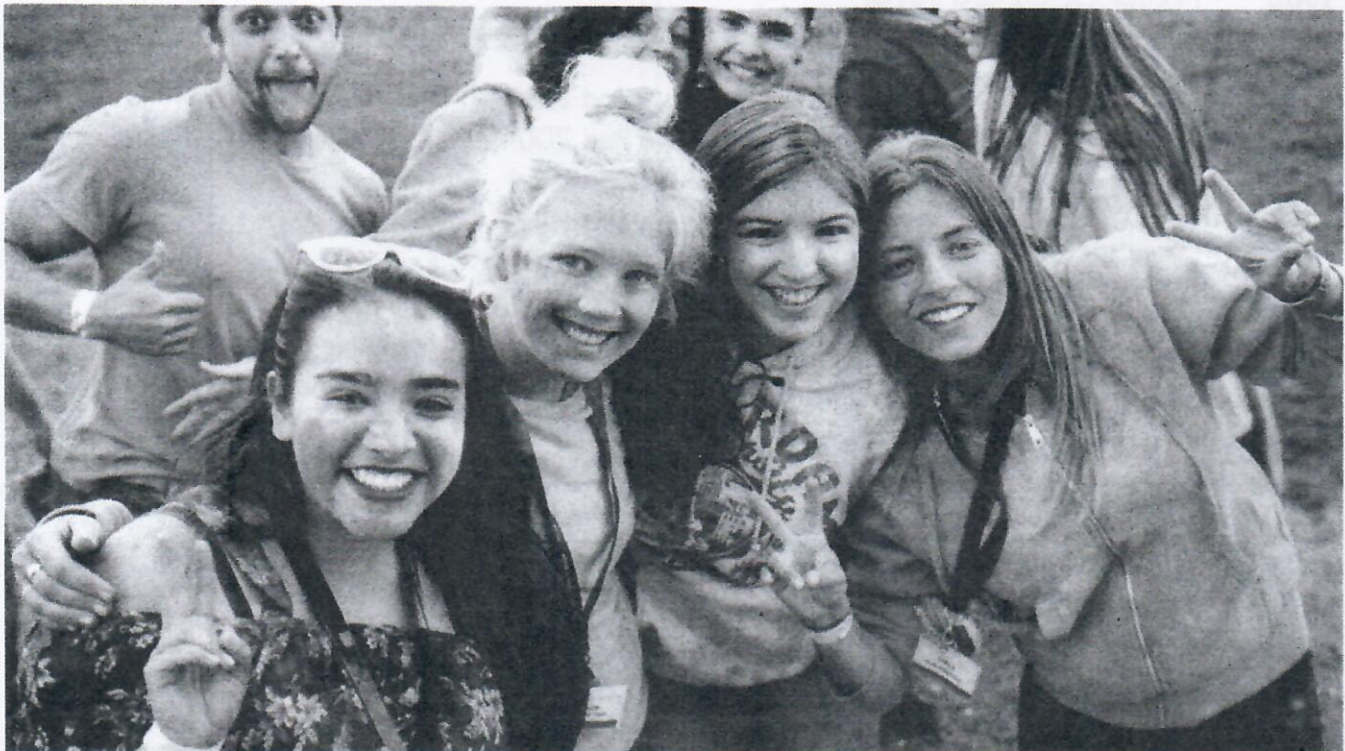


## Young Carers

Young carers are children who look after a friend or family member. Their extra responsibilities often mean they miss out on school and hanging out with friends. It can sideline their whole childhood. We help them find balance, give them space to enjoy being young and support them into adulthood so they can pursue their dreams outside of caring.



800, 000 young carers aged 5-17 care for an adult or family member in the UK. 27% of young carers aged 11-15 miss or have difficulties at school due to their caring responsibilities. This can include picking up mum's prescription, dresses dad, takes their little sister to school. Life is demanding. But they still have to study for exams, look after themselves, and not lose sight of their dreams. We make sure that young carers get the same opportunities in life as those who do not have to care for someone. Caring should not hold them back.



Our Include nationwide programme for young carers works so young carers don't let their extra responsibilities get in the way of school work or having fun. We make sure they understand their rights and put themselves first every once in a while. We also raise awareness of young carers and give them a voice on issues that affect them. They are the experts on their own lives and only they know what needs to change.



### Molly's story:

*'From the age of about 10 I've been looking after my mum, my nan, my dad and step dad. I started off looking after my mum who had a slipped disc and a pacemaker fitted.*

*My nan is registered blind, my dad had a head injury a few years ago and he lost a lot of his memory, and then my step dad had an aortic valve replacement four years ago that went wrong.'* Molly cooks, cleans, picks up medicine and pays the bills. But she hasn't let that stop her, she's grown in confidence and she's finding the time to pursue her dreams. Molly only found out she was a young carer at 14. She was then referred to our young carer programme. *'It helps to give young carers a break once in a while, which we so desperately need. They do this through one-on-one or group meetings and trips to take our mind off things, like the annual Young Carers Festival.'*

She is now a champion for young carers. It has given her a new focus. *'I'm very keen to help other young carers, as there are so many out there, younger than me, who do so much more. I raise awareness about the issues that young carers face and what my life is like being a carer.....Sometimes we just need to look at the world around us and see what's changing and what we can do about it.'*

Through our young carer programme, Molly has grown in confidence. She's made friends and discovered a life beyond caring. *'I've managed to talk on radio, talk in newspapers about being a young carer about how it's changed my life.....I've won an award from David Cameron for my work volunteering with young carers, which was amazing. And then it's influenced me in my degree choice - journalism - talking about things, talking to the media and influencing change and everything like that, it's just insane.'* Molly later graduated with a First Class degree in Journalism.

### **Good News!**

I'm Charlie. I now work for The Children's Society, but I first got involved back in 2014 when I was a 16 year old young carer. Young carers are children who take care of another person. This might mean getting mum dressed, making breakfast, doing the laundry, and taking a sibling to school. All before your day begins. This can take a real toll. It can leave you feeling worn out, anxious, isolated. You might end up missing school or not seeing your friends, as you have too much to do at home. It's often hard to get the help you need. That's why I'm thrilled to let you know that there's been a big breakthrough! It's just been announced that from next year, schools in England will have to record on the school census whether a child is a young carer.

We've been campaigning for this for years - as it will help more young carers get support. One of the big problems has been that we just don't know how many young carers there are. Figures range widely - from 160,000 to 800,000. Without the right numbers, there's no way to know how much support is needed.

There are many hidden young carers. Unless they have reached out for help, it's unlikely that anyone knows they're out there. This means that schools often don't know what these children are going through, and miss the chance to offer extra help. By including young carers on the school census, this is set to change.

This news means so much to me and all the young carers I've campaigned with over the years.

Thank you, all who support the work of the Children's Society, for being part of our movement. With supporters like you, we can shape a society which is built for all children.



## News from Andrew and Andrea Young - Church Mission Partners in Nepal

Dear Friends,

Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade (1 Peter 1 v 3-4 ).

It is wonderful to see this living hope increase and grow within the Nepali setting. The church we attend, a Nepali version of an Anglican church, is preparing a group of young people for baptism in the next few weeks. It is a picture of what is happening across the country as the church continues to spread in the cities, towns and villages in the foothills of the Himalayas.

70 years ago there were hardly any Christians in the country and its borders were closed to mission work. Now 1 in 30 people is a follower of Jesus Christ.

The Church of Christ the Nazarene, as our church is called, now has 3 congregations. Two of them meet on Saturday morning with the service in Nepali and one on a Sunday morning in English. Our Vicar Rev Rinzi Lama, who is also the associate Dean of Nepal, is busy planting and supporting new churches in different parts of the country. We have become part of the Sunday congregation and Andrew has been asked to join the preaching team.

Please pray that his preaching will cross the cultural divide.

What a relief Andrea has just finished her third semester exams at Tribhuvan University. It has been a long hard term. Only one more semester to go and a dissertation to write, then it will all be over.



*Andrea with some of her student friends*



United Mission to Nepal (UMN) is facing an uphill struggle with the negotiations for our new project agreements. It seems like the powers that be have a down on international non-government organisations, not only UMN, but others also working in the development area especially those with a Christian background. Your prayers that these agreements can be signed are much needed. Linked to them are visa posts for people waiting to come and work in Nepal, held up till the visas are granted.

The prayer space we have created is starting to be used regularly as a place of counselling during the working week. We've also begun a weekly Bible study mainly for UMNers but open to anyone in our area to join. It's growing but we pray for others to start coming too.



HR meeting in the Prayer Space



Bible Study Roof Picnic

This week we had some wonderful news from the UK. Our daughter Anna gave birth to her first child, a beautiful baby girl whom they have named Mia. We are overjoyed that mother and baby are both doing well.

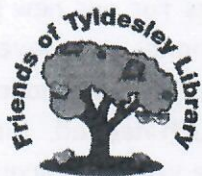


Find such strength in your partnership with us in mission. Thank you for your support.

God's peace

Andrew and Andrea





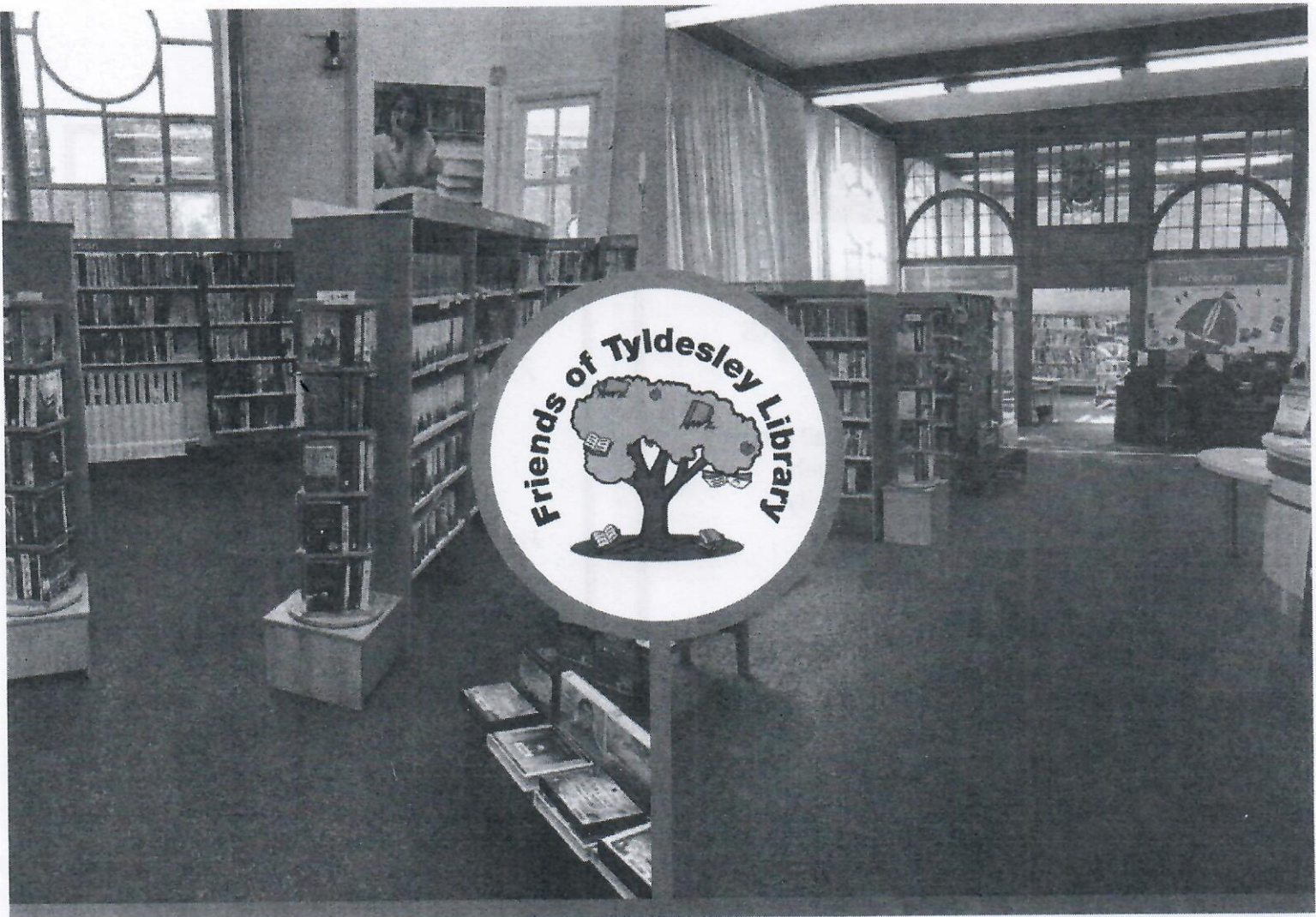
# Keep our historic Library **in the heart of Tyldesley**

Wigan Council are currently consulting on the future of Tyldesley library and the historic Stanley Street library building. They are proposing to make the temporary move of the existing library to the Town Hall a permanent move, which means the Stanley Street building may be sold.

## **Why should the Library stay where it is?**

1. We don't think the Council have sufficiently investigated opportunities to retain the Stanley Street building.
2. If moved to the Town Hall, the library service will be far reduced. A similar thing happened with the closure of Atherton Library recently.
3. Public transport options are more limited at the Town Hall, especially for those with mobility issues. Parking is also a real challenge at the proposed new location.
4. Moving the Library to the edge of the town will result in reduced footfall, both for the Library and for the businesses around Stanley Street.
5. We think that losing public access to the beautiful Stanley Street building and our historic Carnegie library would be a loss for the entire community.
6. The Town Hall's position next to a busy road junction poses a risk to pedestrians.





## **What can you do?**

1. Join our Facebook group: **"Friends of Tyldesley Library"**  
**[www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsofTL](http://www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsofTL)**

2. Make your voice heard by attending the consultations at Tyldesley Town Hall on:  
**Sat 9th July 10am – 1pm**

3. Respond to Wigan Council's online consultation.

Go to **<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Consultations/Current/Tyldesley-Library.aspx>** or  
search the council website for **"Tyldesley Library Consultation"**, then:

- 3.1. Scroll down to "Have Your Say"
- 3.2. Click "have your say on the proposal for the relocation of Tyldesley Library"
- 3.3. Complete the questionnaire, paying particular attention to question 12
- 3.4. Use question 15 as your opportunity to provide your views on this proposal

4. Sign our petition at local businesses: Dawsons Pie Shop, Prestige Tanning Studio, Whittakers Pies, Hudsons Pet Shop, Market Snack Bar, Skenning Bobs, Pen To Paper, Chic Ribbon and Scroll, Tyldesley Vets, The Pelican Centre

**"We need to stand together as a community to protect  
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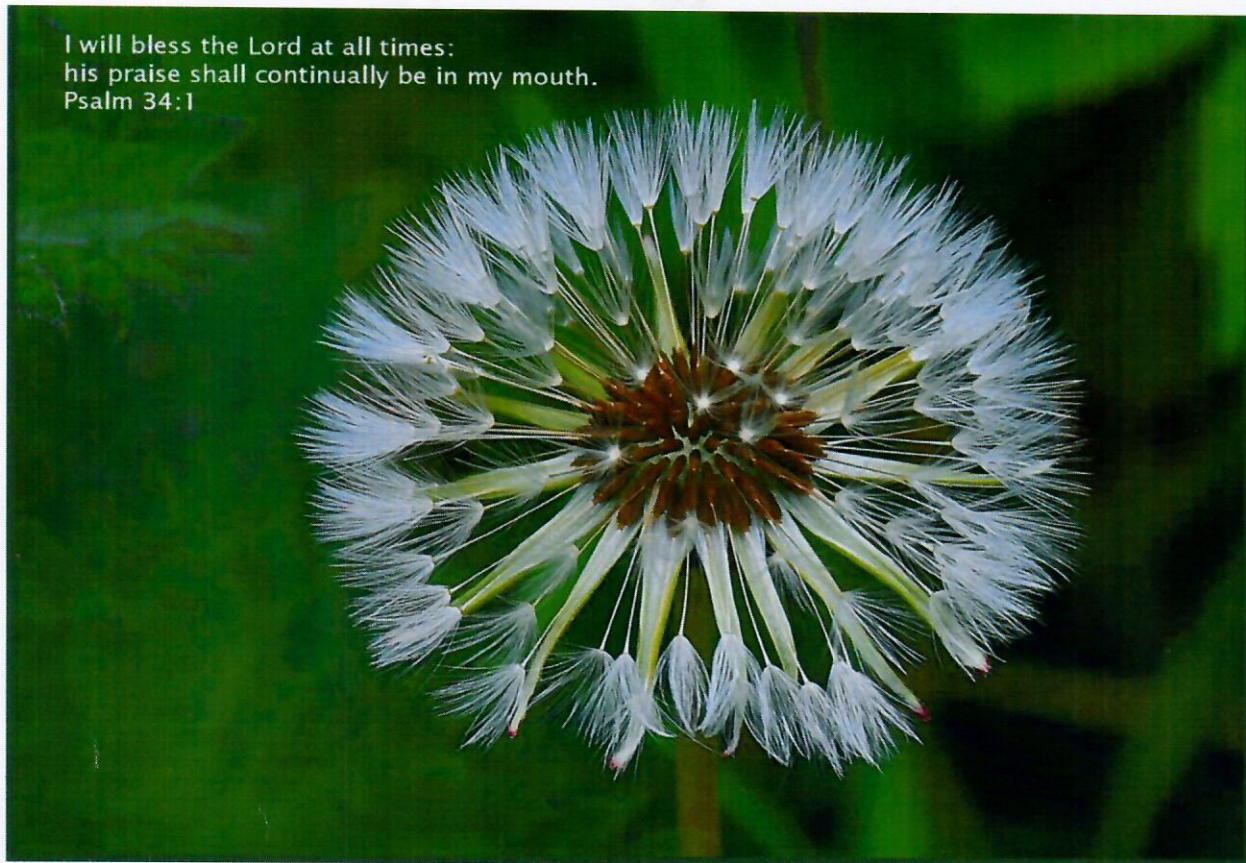
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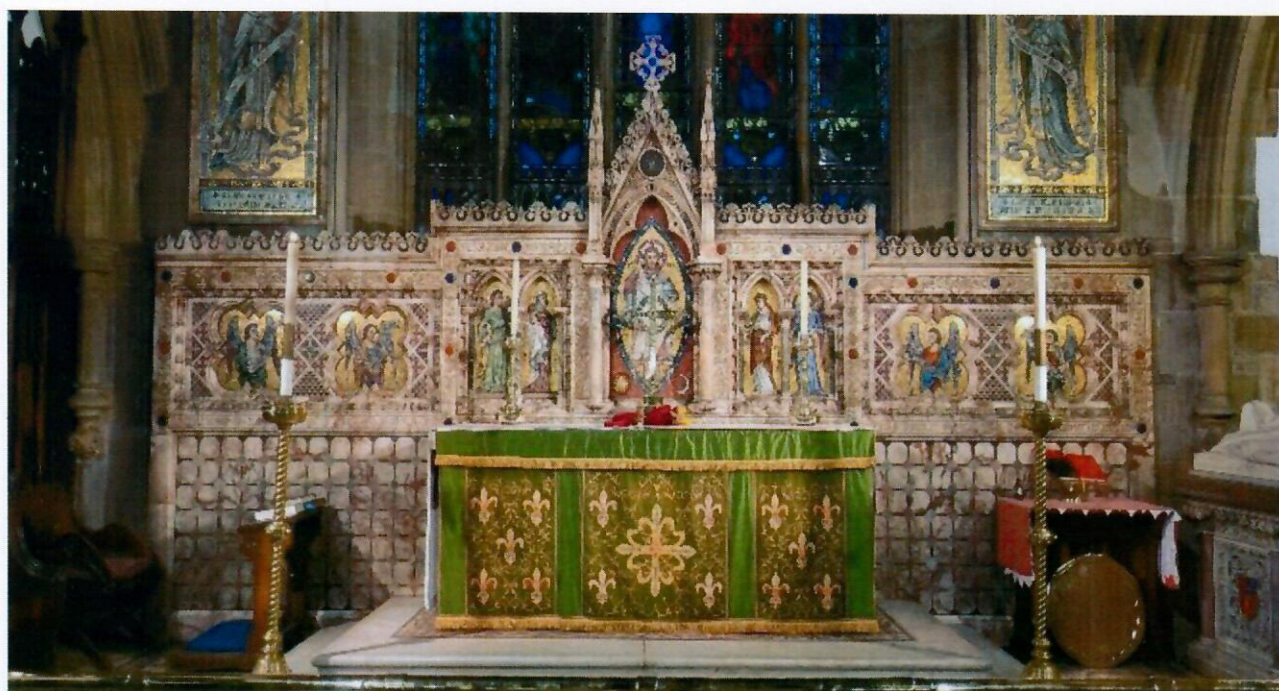
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I will bless the Lord at all times:  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
Psalm 34:1



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