

JOHNPAUL PARISH MAGAZINE



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PARISH INFORMATION

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SERVICES

Services St. Paul's: Sunday 9.00am as announced:

Morning Worship, All Age Service, Communion Service

Communion will include wafer and wine

Choir and Hymns

Refreshments after the service.

Families@ Five:5.00pm twice a month (in the Church Hall)

(see church rota for details)

Services St. John's: Sunday 10.30am including Children's Church

First Sunday Communion

Third Tuesday 10am to Noon

Communion followed by a coffee morning

Mission Statement

We worship Jesus, welcome everyone, care for one another as family and serve God with generosity in our community.

Safeguarding

The welfare of any person who is or feels vulnerable-child or adult-is of the greatest importance to us. Safeguarding protects their health, wellbeing and keeps them safe from harm, abuse or neglect. We have church members who will respond to signs of abuse particularly in children and young people and work to prevent this happening. We will also take care to identify where a person may present a risk to others and offer support whilst taking steps to mitigate such risks.

Church Organisations

Junior Church: Currently closed but children are welcome at all services.

Mothers Union:

Branch Closed

Branch Leader:

Brownies (age 7-10)	Thursday in Church Hall	
Angie Johnson		07523026031

Rainbows: (age 5-7)	Monday in Church Hall	
Kelly Johnson		07756660090

Knit and Natter	1 st Thursday in the month	381657
	See weekly notices for venue	07527551672

Flowers: St. Paul's	Mrs Hilary Davies	301286
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Flowers St. John's	Pam Stewart	382051
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Keep Fit:	Monday in the Church Hall	235791
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Latest News:

The food donated at the Harvest Festival Services by the church and school families has been given to the food bank run by Accrington Christians Together.
The Afternoon Tea Party at the Dunkenhall.

Bishop's Harvest Appeal 2025



Last month Bishop Phillip cycled across Lancashire to promote his Harvest Appeal and encourage people to raise money for the Diocese of the Free State (formerly-Bloemfontain). There is a longstanding link between the two dioceses.

The city of Bloemfontain – ‘*the fountain of flowers*’ houses a large and diverse Christian population including: The Anglican Diocese of the Free State with the Cathedral of St. Andrew and St. Michael.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Bloemfontain with the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

Africaans Baptist Church

Dutch Reformed Church

Christian Revival Church

New Covenant Ministries Int.

This year parish raised £111 from the Harvest Coffee Morning and donations. The money will go towards ministry to boys / young men; and in supporting

MU's work in gender-based violence.



The Cathedral of St. Andrew and St. Michael

ST. JOHN'S GOSPEL

The Gospels of Mark, Mathew and Luke are synoptic – and they all record, with a few exceptions, the same events in Jesus' ministry.

St. John's Gospel was written from a different point of view:

1. to proclaim *Jesus = God*
2. written to *Inspire belief*
3. to make sure everyone understood the offer of *Eternal Life*

There is no record of who wrote this gospel but it is often attributed to John as '*the disciple whom Jesus loved.*'

1. Coming of Christ '*When all things began the Word already was. The Word dwelt with God, and what God was, the Word was. The Word was then with God at the beginning, and through him all things came to be: no single thing was created without him.*'

The Word ? C1 v14 '*so the Word became flesh; he came to dwell among us, and we saw his glory as befits the Father's only Son.*'

2. Record This Gospel was probably written between AD 80-100. The maps show how far Jesus and his disciples walked to spread the gospel. The 192mile Coast to Coast Walk usually takes 10/12 days. Bethany to Cana which is @ 75 miles and would take at least 5 days.



The Sea of Galilee

Map of Palestine



Distances: Bethany to Cana is 75 miles

Ephraim is thought to have been NE of Jerusalem. The bible records the names of many kingdoms, tribal areas, towns and villages which no longer exist.

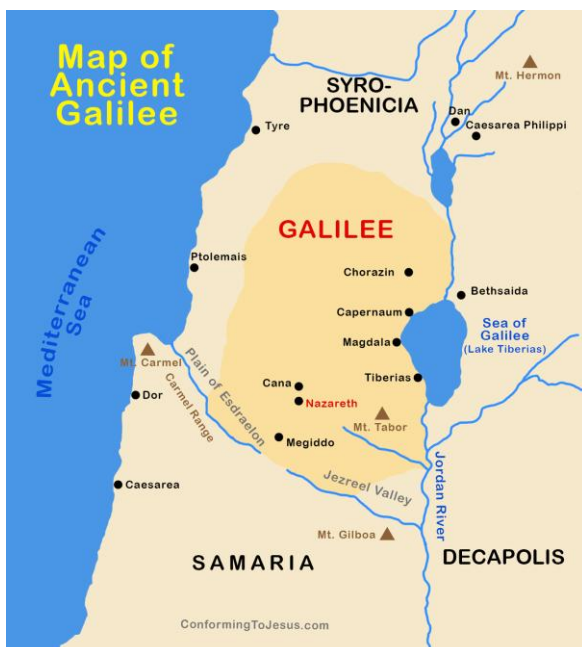
Map of Galilee

This is a recent view of Samaria. Jesus and his disciples had to walk across Samaria to get from Bethany to Cana.



The Word is God

God existed before the world began and then he decided to create the wonderful world we see all around us. His next step was to create us in his own image, and he laid out great plans for us to look after his creation. These he explained using words we could understand.



God is the Word and the Word is God.

But God had a real problem getting his creation to accept his messages and so he sent his son Jesus as a human missionary. His life is recorded in the New Testament and we now have an image of the human face of God.

Out of the mouth of the Holy One
onto the page I read
Voice of the great provider
Everything I need
Shelter in time of fear
Telling me God is here.

This is the word of God
Open your hearts, believe
This is the word of God.

Humble yourself, receive it.
Listen, try and understand
You hold it in your own two hands
The one and only masterplan
The word of God.

This is the word of God
Open your hearts, believe
This is the word of God
Humble yourself, receive it.
And in the darkest hour
You've only light
alive with heaven's power
to win, to win the fight.
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Humble yourself, receive it.

[Big Tent Revival: Album 'Choose a Life' 01/01/1995 See [UTUBE](#)]

Harvest Festival Service





The donations from the church and school families

The Great Afternoon Tea Party

Members of St. Paul's and St. John's churches were invited by the Let Education Trust to an afternoon tea at the Dunkenhall Hotel. This is an annual event where young volunteers from The Hollins and Rhyddings High Schools send out invitations to older generations in the local area. The aim is to re-connect young people with earlier generations and that this will continue throughout their lives. To: *The Great Afternoon Tea Party* to enjoy some amazing entertainment, beautiful conversation and afternoon tea. They certainly achieved all they set out to do.



There were seventeen tables with 150+ guests and 40 young volunteers who had prepared the food, served the guests and entertained us. We all enjoyed talking to this younger generation, swapping stories and asking the LET BE volunteers what their plans were and telling them what our experiences had been -or are. We knew quite a number of people on the other tables, some of whom we hadn't

seen for quite a while. People we had worked with, knew through other local clubs and societies and inevitably those we had a school connection with.



Sorry didn't get everyone; should have said '*Pay attention*'





A closer look at what we enjoyed. By the end of the afternoon the plates were empty!

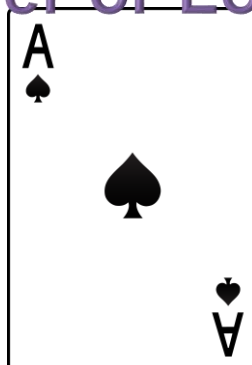
Games Evening



Bingo



Higher or Lower





Waiting for Beetle

All you need for a game beetle is a beetle
a dice and ruthless determination.



Our bingo caller

AUTUMN FAIR









Our Autumn Fair is always fun