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COVER SHOT: Good Friday gathering on Harrock Hill

# Churchwarden's Message

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## **The Morning That Broke the World**

They came in darkness, expecting to find death where they had left it. The women walked through Jerusalem's sleeping streets carrying spices and sorrow, their feet following the now-familiar path to the tomb. Three days had passed since they watched him die, three days that felt like three lifetimes, like the end of everything they had hoped and believed.

The stone, they worried, would be too heavy. But when they arrived, they found it rolled away. And the tomb—the tomb was empty.

Empty.

Not the emptiness of loss, but the emptiness of escape. Not the void of ending, but the vacancy of beginning. The grave could not hold him. Death itself had died.

This is Easter: the moment when the universe lurched forward into a new possibility. When the narrative we thought was fixed, that death always wins, that darkness always has the final word, that the grave is always the end, was shattered by an empty tomb and a risen Christ.

We live in a world intimate with death. We know its touch in a thousand forms: relationships that die, dreams that perish, bodies that fail, hopes that wither. We build our lives around the certainty of endings. We make our peace with loss. We learn, painfully, to let go.

But Easter proclaims that death is not sovereign. That the grave is not final. That Friday's crucifixion does not write Sunday's story.

The resurrection is not about life after death, it is about life through death, life beyond death, life that meets death head-on and emerges victorious. Jesus did not avoid the cross; he endured it. Did not escape death; he conquered it from the inside. The resurrection does not erase Good Friday, it transforms it. The wounds remain, but now they are scars of triumph.

This is not wishful thinking or poetic metaphor. This is the hinge upon which all of history turns. As Paul wrote, "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith."

Everything stands or falls on this: Did death end Jesus, or did Jesus end death?

# Churchwarden's Message continued...

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The empty tomb answers with silence that shouts louder than words.

And because he rose, everything is different. Our pain is not meaningless, it is the birthplace of resurrection. Our failures are not final, they are the canvas on which grace paints redemption. Our deaths, when they come, are not full-stops but commas, not endings but transitions into a life we cannot yet imagine but can already taste.

"Do not be afraid," the angel told the women at the tomb. These are the first words of the resurrection, and they echo still. Do not be afraid of your brokenness, Christ was broken and made whole. Do not be afraid of your darkness, Christ descended into it and brought light. Do not be afraid of your dying, Christ died and lives forevermore.

The stone was rolled away not to let Jesus out, but to let us in, to let us see, to let us believe, to let us know that the impossible has already happened. That love is stronger than hate. That life is stronger than death. That morning always, always comes.

This Easter, we do not celebrate a memory. We celebrate a presence. The risen Christ who met Mary in the garden, who broke bread with disciples on the road to Emmaus, who breathed peace into locked rooms, he is here still, meeting us in our gardens of grief, walking with us on our roads of confusion, breathing life into our locked and fearful hearts.

He is risen. He is risen indeed.

And because he lives, we can face tomorrow.

Because he conquered death, we can embrace life, not naively, not cheaply, but with the fierce joy of those who have glimpsed the ending and know that love wins.

The tomb is empty. Death is defeated.  
Morning has broken.

*"I am the resurrection and the life.  
The one who believes in me will live,  
even though they die; and whoever lives  
by believing in me will never die."*

John 11:25-26

Happy Easter, Jonathan



# Mothers' Union

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Our February meeting began with a short service followed by a Notice from the Diocese reminding us that the Mothers Union is 150 years old this year and asking each Branch to raise £150 towards the Caravan Fund by the 1st October this year. More information will be available soon.

Our speaker this month was Kerry Molyneux from Home Start, a Charity based in Chorley. Kerry joined the Charity in 2019 and is a Family Support Manager for this Charity which started in 1973. The Charity will give help in building practical parenting skills including support with routines and boundaries. The support is led by the family and as much or as little as needed for a period of up to 12 weeks. Referrals can be accessed through Health Visitors, Schools or School Nurses. There is a leaflet about the Charity on the Church Hall noticeboard, or the Church noticeboard.

In March our speaker was Angie Fletcher from Sewing Bee. Ange was a competitor in 2022 (series 8). It all began as we were coming out of Covid but still with restrictions on contact with others resulting in filming in a bubble for 7 weeks. Lots of confidentiality paperwork and restrictions on who you could and couldn't tell or show on your phone or social media. The filming was done initially in Leeds and contestants were accommodated in City centre apartments. As filming went on, the contestants were given weekly challenges, told which material to use, size of model etc. The format continued in a similar way throughout the time she was in the show. She brought some of the challenges she had made plus two garments she had made for her interview. There were very good things, and some not so good but all of them better than some of us could have done!!! She did in fact achieve 2 firsts and a fourth place. She did last through to the 6th show and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you Ange for a very entertaining evening.

Our April meeting tells us of the "Humorous and bizarre incidents of the Police" with Stuart and Kay Kirkman. In May our speaker will tell us about the work of the Air Ambulance – also in May our Deanery Festival will be held at St Peters in Mawdesley on Thursday 21st.

God Bless - Marie

# From our Remembrance Book for April

## *In Loving Memory of*

1st	Amy Trafford
1st	Stanley Havill
4th	Roy Dickinson
5th	Lewis Grime
7th	James Ormesher
7th	Kathleen Nelson
7th	Jean Dunsby
8th	Doris McLeod
8th	John Norris
8th	Robert Monk
10th	Elizabeth Evers
12th	Ursula Wynne
12th	Neville Mantle
13th	Dorothy Baxendale
13th	Mark Whittle
14th	Stuart Thomas Bennett
17th	Mark Lawrenson
18th	Elsie Baybutt
18th	James Baybutt
18th	Irene Mawdesley
19th	Jean Ball
20th	Jean Everingham
20th	Alan Carr
21st	Jean Chapman
21st	Allan Peter Fishwick
21st	Margaret McKinnon
21st	Audrey Morris
22nd	Harold Riley
23rd	Margaret Christie
23rd	Elaine Edwards
23rd	William Banks
23rd	Alexander Nicoll Murray
25th	James Norris
26th	Eric Hinton
27th	John Johnson
27th	Hannah Baybutt



# From our Remembrance Book for May

## *In Loving Memory of*

2nd	Cicely Parkin	23rd	Harry Clarke
3rd	Sharon Woodman	24th	Arthur Whittle
3rd	Constance Entwistle	25th	Joseph Eaves
3rd	Kenneth Grayson	25th	Alice Hinton
4th	Margaret Schofield	26th	Elsie Carr
5th	Ian Ross	26th	Hilda Doreen Walmsley
9th	John Mawdsley	26th	Thomas Edward Stuart Bimson
11th	Margaret Rosemary Jones	28th	Reginald Mc Cleod
12th	Margaret Woods	28th	George Thistlethwaite
12th	Gladys Sharples	30th	David Deaville
13th	Bernard Smith	31st	Ellen Stazicker
13th	Christopher Hitchen	31st	James Trevor Waugh
14th	Ted Lowe	31st	Elizabeth Peet
14th	George Marsden		
15th	Albert Eyers		
16th	Kathleen Havill		
16th	Dorothy Alldred		
16th	Chris Heap		
17th	Mary Dewhurst		
18th	James Wright		
18th	Christine Brown		
20th	Jane Chadwick		
20th	Joan Osborne		
21st	Pat Mather		
21st	Agnes Silcock		

If you would like a name added to the Remembrance Book, please contact the Vicar or Churchwarden

# Family Purse

DATE	STEWARDSHIP	GIFT AID	S.ORDERS	LOOSE PLATE
18 Jan	106.00			27.46
25 Jan	601.00	109.00	994.78	32.96
1 Feb	101.00	95.00		40.00
8 Feb	188.50	50.00		8.84
15 Feb	43.00	56.00	992.28	13.00
22 Feb	51.00	67.00		42.43
1 Mar	278.50	88.00		57.06
8 Mar	52.00	65.00		35.38

## Acknowledgements

**The PCC would like to thank all those who have kindly made donations to St James' Church**

- 18 Jan Donation from Play and Praise – 150.00
- 18 Jan Donation from Mothers Union – 200.00
- 16 Feb Donation of 36 Club prize - Carol Hodgkinson – 40.00
- 16 Feb In Loving Memory of Barbara Berry - John and Sue – 20.00
- 22 Feb Barbara (Berry) was a lovely lady - Evelyn Grundy – 20.00
- 22 Feb In Loving Memory of Barbara Berry – Josie Robinson – 20.00
- 22 Feb In Loving memory of Barbara Berry – Joan Crompton – 50.00
- 22 Feb In Loving Memory of Barbara Berry – David Berry – 100.00
- In Loving Memory of Barbara Berry – Doreen Hoddinott – 20.00
- In Loving Memory of Barbara Berry, Cake, Jam, Chutney and Marmalade maker extraordinaire – Muriel and Roy Fox – 30.00
- 23 Feb Donation – Margaret Rimmer – 20.00
- 23 Feb Anonymous donation – 30.00
- 1 Mar In Loving Memory of my son Mark Lee Whittle and loving husband Arthur Whittle – 50.00
- 1 Mar In Loving memory of Barbara Berry – Alan and Eileen Gerrard – 20.00
- 1 Mar In Memory of John and Joyce Blundell – Phil Blundell – 20.00, Wendy Marr – 40.00 and Paul Blundell – 20.00

# Acknowledgements

## Graveyard Donations

- 22 Feb Happy memories of Barbara – Brenda Carr – 20.00  
1 Mar In Loving Memory of Barbara Berry – Syd and Mavis Johnson – 25.00  
2 Mar In Loving memory of John and Joy Blundell – 20.00
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# From the Registers

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL

*“May the Souls of the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace”*

16 February – Barbara Berry

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# 36 Club Draw January 2026

PRIZE	TICKET NO	NAME
£50	131	Les Richardson
£40	28	Margaret Tasker
£30	122	Anne Sharples
£20	41	Paul Britton
£20	18	Pauline Chick

# 36 Club Draw February 2026

PRIZE	TICKET NO	NAME
£50	62	Maree Fiddler
£40	123	Phoebe Clementson
£30	89	Karen Strong
£20	98	Catherine Trafford
£20	51	Eileen Gerrard

Please see Sue Wild if you wish to join the scheme

*Here is the next thrilling episode of the History of our area by Jonathan Ormesber*

## **FAITH AND VALOUR REBUILDING THE HOMELAND**

### *Chapter 1 - The Broken Land*

Spring 1660

*“...a time to break down, and a time to build up.” — Ecclesiastes 3:3 (KJV)*

Morning light slanted across the worn flags of South Tunley Hall, touching dust motes that drifted in the still air. Thomas Wilson stood framed in the open doorway, his broad shoulders filling it, his work-scarred hands resting against the oak lintel polished by generations. Beyond him the fields of Wrightington lay damp with new growth, lambs bleating on the rising ground. The sight should have gladdened him.

Instead, a heavy ache pressed behind his ribs.

Only twelve years had passed since Cromwell's soldiers had bivouacked in this very yard, their pikes stacked against the wall, smoke from their cook-fires clinging to the eaves. He could still recall the clatter of hooves and Oliver Cromwell's plain voice at supper, thanking Elizabeth for her broth and speaking of God's providence in battle. Those days had burned bright with purpose. Now the fire was ashes.

The sound of distant crows drew his gaze eastward. Over the hedgerow, the faint bell of Parbold Chapel tolled Prime. Once he had heard that bell as a summons; today it rang like a warning. Word from London told that Charles Stuart had been proclaimed King. The Commonwealth for which so many honest men had laboured lay in ruins, its cause branded rebellion. Thomas's jaw tightened. He had prayed for peace, yet this peace came shod with vengeance.

Behind him the house creaked awake: the scrape of tongs in the hearth, Mary humming a psalm tune softly enough that only God might hear. He listened a moment, letting the melody steady him, then straightened his back and stepped into the yard.

Hoofbeats sounded on the lane—slow, measured, familiar. Thomas's heart gave a small leap. Captain James Standish came riding from Heskin side, cloak faded, boots caked with mud. Once they had served together under Parliament's banner; now each bore the same weariness of conscience.

“God give you good morrow, James,” Thomas called.

The rider dismounted stiffly, favouring his left leg. “And you, Thomas.” His eyes, once quick and fierce, had turned cautious, scanning the hedges before he spoke again. “It's done. London has hailed the King. Monck's army joined him without a blow. The Restoration's complete.”

Thomas had known the tidings would come, yet hearing them from a comrade's mouth struck deep. He motioned toward the paddock path. Together they walked beside the moss-green wall, boots sinking in wet earth.

A rook flapped overhead; otherwise the morning was still.

“They’ll be coming for old Roundheads,” James muttered. “The talk in Wigan is of pardons, aye, but only for those who bend the knee. Sir Edward Redmond’s returned to Wrightington Hall already—swaggering about the place as though he never fled.”

Thomas’s lips thinned. “Redmond’s memory is long. He’ll not forget who sat on the Presbytery when his tithes were seized.”

“Nor who quartered soldiers in his barn,” James added dryly. “As for Heskin Hall, Sir Alexander Mawdesley’s back as well. He held a feast to welcome the King—had musicians brought from Ormskirk.”

Thomas looked across the valley where the roofs of Heskin glimmered through haze. “So the old order rises again,” he said quietly. “We had best tread softly.”

James gave a grim nod. “Softly—but not spinelessly.”

Within the hall, Elizabeth Wilson knelt before the hearth coaxing flame from the embers. The kitchen smelled of yeast and wood-smoke. Mary stood beside her, sleeves rolled, shaping oatcakes on the board. Sunlight caught in her dark hair.

She hummed the hundredth Psalm, the tune rising and falling like a prayer half-remembered.

Her mother glanced up with a smile. “That song will have Redmond’s men saying we’ve turned psalm-singers again.”

Mary’s lips curved. “Let them say it. The Lord hears us whether they approve or no.”

Elizabeth shook her head fondly. “Your father frets enough for us all. Best you keep your defiance for the right hour.”

Moments later Thomas and James entered, shaking rain from their cloaks.

The men’s grave faces told the women the news before words were spoken.

Elizabeth set down her ladle. “So it’s true?”

“Aye,” Thomas answered. “The King is restored.”

Mary met his gaze steadily. “Then the Lord must have purpose yet for His people.”

Her quiet faith pierced his gloom more than any sermon. Thomas managed a weary smile and kissed her brow. “Spoken like your grandfather. Keep that courage, lass.

We may soon have need of it.”

They sat to a plain meal of bread and small ale. Conversation turned to neighbours—who prospered, who hid their Roundhead sympathies, who had gone to ground. Outside, the April wind sighed in the chimneys. The peace of domestic life felt fragile, as though a single harsh knock might shatter it.

Later that afternoon the rain cleared, leaving the hedges sparkling. Thomas walked with James along the boundary fields to mend a broken gatepost, but their talk strayed to darker things. From the ridge they could see both Heskin Hall, its chimneys smoking again, and Wrightington Hall beyond the woods.

“See there,” James said, pointing with his stick. “Redmond’s raising his banner again. And hear this—he’s to be made Justice of the Peace.”

Thomas frowned. “Then God help the godly in these parts.”

They paused by a drystone wall thick with moss. The smell of damp earth hung in the air. Thomas rested his hands upon the stone. “We fought for a nation governed by conscience, not by crowns,” he said softly. “Yet conscience seems now the one thing unwelcome.”

James leaned on his stick, eyes on the horizon. “We can still keep our faith, though not our offices. My Robert works hard enough under Sir Alexander. Perhaps honest labour will shield him.”

Thomas nodded. “Robert’s a good lad. Mary thinks highly of him.” He said it with a faint smile, though the thought stirred unease—love in such times was perilous.

They stood awhile in silence, listening to the bleating of sheep and the distant clatter from Heskin’s rebuilding works. The world seemed both reborn and ruined at once.

Night settled early. In the parlour, candlelight trembled against the low beams.

Thomas knelt beside Elizabeth at the wooden settle, their hands clasped. Mary slept upstairs, her psalm-book beneath her pillow. Outside, rain began again, soft on the window-lead.

“O Lord,” Thomas prayed, voice low and rough. “Thou hast broken down, and now Thou biddest us build again. Teach us how. Keep us steadfast when kings and bishops change their faces, and let not fear master us. Make this house a refuge of truth, though the world call it treason.”

Elizabeth whispered amen. The flame wavered, then steadied. Somewhere in the dark a barn-owl called.

Thomas rose slowly, joints stiff from years of toil, and crossed to the window.

Beyond the glass, the land lay silver under the moon—scarred yet beautiful. He thought of all they had lost: comrades fallen, hopes of a godly Commonwealth scattered like chaff. Yet in the hush he felt the smallest stirring of peace. The Lord still ruled, though men forgot it.

He turned back to Elizabeth and smiled faintly. “Whatever comes, we’ll hold fast. The soil can be sown again.”

She touched his arm. “Aye. And perhaps our children will reap in quieter days.”

Together they banked the fire and went to rest. Outside, the wind moved through the hedgerows like the breath of something newly born—or newly risen from long sleep. In that uncertain spring of 1660, England’s broken land waited to be rebuilt.

# Musical Mindfulness...

Can you match the Song with the Musical Show it features in. At present they are all incorrect.

	Title of Song	Name of Musical	Answer
1	Don't Cry for Me Argentina	Paint your Wagon	
2	Money Money	Evita	
3	It's a Hard Knock Life	Showboat	
4	Memory	Pal Joey	
5	I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair	Cabaret	
6	You are my Lucky Star	Wicked	
7	Aquarius	A Little Night Music	
8	Not Fade Away	Annie	
9	Music of the Night	Porgy and Bess	
10	Any Dream Will Do	Cats	
11	You'll Never Walk Alone	South Pacific	
12	All that Jazz	Funny Girl	
13	This is the Hour	Annie Get Your Gun	
14	One Night in Bangkok	Singing in the Rain	
15	I Hope I Get It	Sweeney Todd	
16	I Dreamed a Dream	Hair	
17	Marilyn Monroe	Oklahoma	
18	Wouldn't it be Lovely	42 <sup>nd</sup> Street	
19	If I Were a Rich Man	Buddy	
20	Who Wants to be a Millionaire	Phantom of the Opera	
21	Goodbye	Rocky Horror Show	
22	You're the One That I Want	Tommy	
23	Circle of Life	Joseph	
24	America	Carousel	
25	Food Glorious Food	The Wizard of Oz	
26	Getting to Know You	Chicago	
27	Somewhere Over the Rainbow	Miss Saignon	
28	Pinball Wizard	The King and I	
29	The Time Warp	Oliver	
30	You're Getting to be a Habit With Me	Chess	
31	Kansas City	Chorus Line	
32	The Worst Pies in London	West Side Story	
33	There's No Business Like Show Business	The Lion King	
34	Don't Rain on My Parade	Les Miserables	
35	Summertime	Blood Brothers	
36	Send in the Clowns	Grease	
37	Defying Gravity	The Producers	
38	Bewitched Bothered and Bewildered	High Society	
39	O! Man River	Fiddler on the Roof	
40	They Call the Wind Maria	My Fair Lady	



*Let all that you do be done in Love.  
1 Corinthians 16:14*

A school family built on Love, strengthened by Faith and enriched by Joy.

Hello from everyone at Heskin Pemberton's School.

Our Spring Term has got off to a great start with our Reception children improving their cycling skills with the help of the instructors from Chorley Schools Sports Partnership. As well as working hard to develop their understanding of safety, they've also participated in a Balance Bike Competition at Clayton Green Leisure Centre. They competed in a number of races against schools from all over Chorley and every single member of our Reception Class deserves a massive **WELL DONE!** You never know, we might just have the next Sir Bradley Wiggins or Lizzie Deignan on our hands!



As well as being super cyclists, we also celebrated our love of reading at Heskin Pemberton's by dressing up as characters from our favourite stories during World Book Day. We had a school full of Cruella de Vils, BFGs, Harry Potters and Gangsta Grannies. The costumes looked amazing and the whole school was buzzing with conversations about books, stories and our favourite characters.

We also had a special competition, sponsored by Jessie, the owner of Lost Between The Pages Bookstore at Heskin Hall. Jessie challenged us to design a poster to encourage people to pick up a book and enjoy reading. If you're passing Heskin Hall, pop into the bookstore and see all of our amazing designs.

Finally, we have been working extremely hard this term, in preparation for our special Easter service, which took place at St. James the Great Church, Wrightington. It was great to see so many people from our school family and from our local community join us for such a special service. The children read their Easter poems, sang songs, retold the Easter Story and led the congregation in prayer. What a wonderful time we had! Well done, Heskin!



I hope you've enjoyed reading about the fun and enjoyment we all share at Heskin Pemberton's. Please feel free to visit our website if you would like to know more about our school. [www.heskinpembertons.co.uk](http://www.heskinpembertons.co.uk)

Love, prayers & best Wishes,

Alan Brindle - Head Teacher

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9	Music of the Night	Phantom of the Opera
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24	America	West Side Story
25	Food Glorious Food	Oliver
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36	Send in the Clowns	A Little Night Music
37	Defying Gravity	Wicked
38	Bewitched Bothered and Bewildered	Pal Joey
39	O! Man River	Showboat
40	They Call the Wind Maria	Paint your Wagon

# Diary for April 2026

1	Wed	10.30am	No Play & Praise Toddler Group
1	Wed	10.00-12.00	Pick up sticks in churchyard (parents and children)
2	Thurs	6.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service
3	Fri	11.00am	<b>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE</b> – David Ward Followed by lunch in the church hall and Walk to Harrock Hill
<b>5</b>		<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
		9.00am	Holy Communion – David Long
		10.30am	Holy Communion - David Ward
		5.00pm	No 30@5
8	Wed	10.30am	No Play & Praise Toddler Group
8	Wed	10.00-12.00	Pick up sticks in churchyard (parents and children)
<b>12</b>		<b>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
		9.00am	Holy Communion – Pat Belshaw
		10.30am	Holy Communion - David Ward
		5.00pm	No 30@5
13	Mon	9.00am	Heskin School re-opens after Easter
14th	Tues	7.30pm	Mothers Union – Stuart & Kay Kirkman Humorous incidents of the Police
15	Wed	10.30am	Play & Praise Toddler Group
18	Sat	7.30pm	Parkside Colliery Male Voice Choir In Church
<b>19</b>		<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
		9.00am	Holy Communion – Alex Baker
		10.30am	Holy Communion - Alex Baker With Holy Baptism -Lydia Louise Morgan
		12.00 noon	36 Club Draw
		5.00pm	30@5
20	Mon	2.00-4.00pm	Craft & Chat in the Church Hall
21	Tues	7.00pm	PCC Meeting in the Church Hall
22	Wed	10.30am	Play & Praise Toddler Group
<b>26</b>		<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
		9.00am	Holy Communion - Andy Meeson
		10.30am	Holy Communion - Andy Meeson
		5.00pm	30@5
27	Mon	7.00pm	The Vineyard @ 398 Mossy Lea Road
29	Wed	10.30am	Play & Praise Toddler Group

# May 2026

<b>3</b>		<b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion – David Long
	10.30am	Holy Communion - David Gaskell
	5.00pm	30@5
4	Mon	Heskin School closed for May Day
6	Wed	10.30am Play & Praise Toddler Group
<b>10</b>		<b>THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Rogation Sunday)</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion – David Gaskell
	10.30am	Holy Communion - David Ward
	12.00 noon	<b>APCM in the Church Hall</b>
	5.00pm	30@5
12	Tues	7.30pm Mothers Union – the work of the Air Ambulance
13	Wed	10.30am Play & Praise Toddler Group
<b>17</b>		<b>THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion – David Long
	10.30am	Holy Communion - David Long
	12.00 noon	<b>36 Club Draw and Christian Aid Brunch in the Church Hall.</b>
		<b>Kids eat for a £1.00 donation</b>
	5.00pm	30@5
18	Mon	2.00-4.00pm Craft & Chat in the Church Hall
19	Tues	7.00pm PCC Meeting in the Church Hall
20	Wed	10.30am Play & Praise Toddler Group
21	Thur	Mothers Union Deanery Festival St Peters Mawdesley
22	Fri	3.30pm Heskin School closes for Half Term
<b>24</b>		<b>PENTECOST</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion – TBA
	10.30am	Holy Communion - David Ward
	5.00pm	No 30@5
25	Mon	7.00pm The Vineyard @ 398 Mossy Lea Road
27	Wed	10.30am No Play & Praise Toddler Group
<b>31</b>		<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>
	9.00am	Holy Communion – Alex Baker
	10.30am	Holy Communion - TBA
	5.00pm	No 30@5

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*Thank you from St James*

A very big thank you to Wrightington Windows (Joseph Stock) who has very kindly, and at no cost, cleared out all the gutters around the Church Hall. We are most grateful to Joseph and his team.



*Recipe for April - May is in memory of Barbara Berry*

# Carrot and Pineapple Health Cake

## **Ingredients**

450g (16oz) Wholemeal S R Flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
½ tablespoon each of ground cinnamon & mixed spice  
110g (4oz) dark muscovado sugar  
125mls (4 fl oz) light olive oil or corn oil  
2 eggs lightly beaten  
350g (12oz) grated carrots  
25g (1 oz) dessicated coconut  
50g (2oz) chopped walnuts  
110g (4oz) raisins  
250g (9oz) crushed pineapple in natural juices

## **Method**

Preheat oven to 180C/ Gas 4  
Line /grease an 9" loose bottomed tin  
Mix all dry ingredients together in large bowl, add the remaining ingredients and mix well until evenly combined.  
Transfer to the tin and level the surface. Bake in the centre of the oven for one hour until risen and golden and fine metal skewer comes out clean when inserted. Leave to cool for 15 minutes then transfer to a wire rack.  
Freezes well. Wrap in greaseproof paper.

# Save the date!

## Friday 3rd April

### Worship, Fellowship and Companionship

Join with us for our Good Friday events  
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11:00am – Worship in Church

12 noon – Soup and Sandwich lunch in the hall  
(no need to book)

1:00pm – Walk up Harrock Hill (set off from church or  
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DATE	SIDESPERSION	READER	STEWARDSHIP	TEA/COFFEE
5 <sup>th</sup> April	M Rowley	M Mason	J Crompton	J Robinson
Easter Day	A Sharples	M Fiddler	P Wellby	S Wild
12 <sup>th</sup> April	H Orme	H Orme	D Hoddinott	P Waring
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	J Fowler	A Sharples	S Crawford	J Crompton
19 <sup>th</sup> April	G Speakman	M Mason	A Sharples	M Green
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	P Britton	S Crawford	M Taylor	C Pass
26 <sup>th</sup> April	H Orme	H Orme	J Crompton	J Dearden
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	J Crompton	E Nelson	P Wellby	M Barlow
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	M Rowley	C Pass	S Crawford	J Robinson
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	P Rowley	S Crawford	P Rowley	S Wild
10 <sup>th</sup> May	G Speakman	M Mason	M Taylor	D Hoddinott
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday	M Barlow	M Fiddler	A Sharples	C Hayden
17 <sup>th</sup> May	H Orme	H Orme	D Hoddinott	M Walsh
7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	A Sharples	E Gerrard	E Gerrard	S Crawford
24 <sup>th</sup> May	TBC	TBC	S Crawford	P Waring
Pentecost	J Fowler	J Fowler	M Taylor	J Crompton
31 <sup>st</sup> May	H Orme	H Orme	J Crompton	M Green
Trinity Sunday	P Britton	A Sharples	P Wellby	C Pass
7 <sup>th</sup> June	M Rowley	M Mason	A Sharples	J Robinson
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	J Crompton	E Nelson	D Hoddinott	S Wild

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