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COVER SHOT: Rogation Sunday at St James with tractors and mowers
blessed in the service

Churchwarden's Message

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The Season of Growing Things

Dear friends,

Here at St James, we have passed through the high drama of the church calendar the waiting of Advent, the wonder of Christmas, the sorrow of Lent, the triumph of Easter, the fire of Pentecost. Now we enter what the liturgy calls Ordinary Time, and the very name feels like an exhale, a settling, a return to the rhythm of days unmarked by festival or feast.

But there is nothing ordinary about this season.

Look around you in Wrightington, in Heskin, in the lanes and fields between. June and July are the months when creation remembers what it was made to do. Seeds that lay dormant through winter's freeze, that pushed tentatively through spring's uncertain soil, now grow with abandon. The hedgerows thicken. The fields turn gold. The days stretch long and generous, light spilling over the edges of evening as if heaven itself is reluctant to let go.

This is the season of growing things. And we are among them.

In our urgency, we have forgotten the wisdom of summer. We have made busyness a virtue and rest a guilty pleasure. We have convinced ourselves that faithfulness means constant motion, that devotion requires perpetual doing. But creation tells a different story.

Even God rested.

On the seventh day, having spoken the universe into being, God ceased from labour not from exhaustion, but from completion. Not because the work was too much, but because rest is itself a kind of work. The work of receiving. Of allowing. Of trusting that what has been planted will grow without our anxious tending.

Summer invites us into sabbath not merely a day, but a posture. A willingness to be rather than to do. To notice rather than to achieve. To receive the gift of each long day as exactly that: a gift, not a task list.

Watch the tree outside your window. It does not strain to produce its leaves. It does not fret over the pace of its growth. It simply draws from deep roots, turns its face toward the sun, and becomes what it was created to be. And in that simple obedience to its nature, it offers shade to the weary, shelter to the birds, beauty to all who pass.

What might happen if we learned to grow the way the tree grows? If we trusted that the life of God within us planted at our baptism, watered by word and sacrament, tended by the Spirit will produce fruit in its season without our frantic forcing?

Churchwarden's Message continued...

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Jesus spoke often in the language of growing things. Mustard seeds and wheat fields. Vines and branches. Sowers and soil. He knew that the kingdom of God operates on the logic of the garden, not the factory. Growth happens in hiddenness. Transformation takes time. The harvest cannot be rushed.

In summer, we remember that we are not machines to be driven, but gardens to be tended. We are soil and seed, sunshine and rain. We are part of creation, not separate from it, and we are subject to the same rhythms that govern the turning of the earth.

So in these long days of June and July, perhaps our most faithful act is simply this: to rest. To walk slowly through the park and notice the extravagance of green.

To sit in the garden and feel the warmth of the sun on our skin, remembering that the same Creator who hung that sun in the heavens delights in us. To read a book not because it improves us but because it gives us joy. To linger over meals with those we love. To go to bed with the light still in the sky and wake to birdsong.

This is not laziness. This is participation in the rhythm God established at creation: work and rest, planting and harvest, effort and sabbath. This is trusting that we are held by a love larger than our productivity, sustained by a grace that does not depend on our usefulness.

The fields do not apologise for their seasons of rest. The trees do not feel guilty when they stop producing fruit and simply stand in winter's stillness. They know that fallow time is not wasted time, that rest is the soil from which the next season's growth emerges.

As your churchwardens, we want to remind you: you are permitted to rest. More than permitted you are commanded to. "Be still," the Psalm says, "and know that I am God." Not "be productive and prove that you are worthy." Not "be anxious and secure your own future." Be still. Be held. Be loved.

Let this summer be a sabbath for your soul. Let the long light teach you something about generosity. Let the growing things remind you that God is at work in ways you cannot see, producing fruit you did not plant, bringing forth life from your small obediences.

And when September comes, and the pace quickens again, and the calendar fills with meetings and ministries and all the good work of the church you will return with deeper roots, stronger branches, and the kind of fruitfulness that only comes from those who have learned to rest in the God who never rests from loving them.

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." - Matthew 6:28-29

With every blessing,

Jonathan

Mothers' Union



APRIL MEETING

Our Enrolling Member has had an accident and was hospitalized. We sent her our best wishes and prayed for a speedy recovery.

At Our April Meeting the speaker was Stuart Kirkman aided by his wife Kay who gave a humorous talk on the bizarre side of the Police Force. Stuart had served as a police sergeant in the Lancashire Constabulary based around Ormskirk and described himself as an old -fashioned street cop who spent most of his service supervising the experienced with a light touch and the inexperienced with a guiding hand.

He entered the police force on the advice of his headmaster who had stated that he was not clever enough to become an ordnance field surveyor; too clever for planting trees in Scotland and an officer in the Merchant Navy was no job for a married man but as he was over 6 feet tall suggested joining the police force.

He recounted many incidents, one in particular when he was asked to investigate the circumstances of an old man who had passed away in his lounge to discover that the man had kept his money (£2500) in his false wooden leg. Stuart had been trained as a riot training public order instructor and was part of the taskforce in Derbyshire during the Miners' Strike. They were billeted in a psychiatric hospital where he was on duty for 16 hours and then rested 8 hours. During this time a patient (Little Tommy) had taken it upon himself to direct the police traffic as they left for the day's work very early morning. Subsequently they bought him a hat to wear 'on duty' only to find that one morning he was wearing the inspector's coat!

Kay his wife was also a member of the police force which resulted in Stuart on duty when his wife was not and vice versa. On a brief meeting he shouted across 'are you sleeping with me tonight.' A solicitor who was in the station to represent a prisoner heard this and repeated this around the court etc.

MAY MEETING

The speaker at the May meeting was Hayden Harrington, a representative of the North West Air Ambulance Charity. There are 21 air ambulance services throughout England, the North West is the biggest outside of London covering the entire North West from Carlisle to Crewe, an area of 5,500 square miles.

Mothers' Union continued...



The service founded in 1999 is run as a charity and receives no government funding. They have approximately 600 volunteers who help raise money towards their costs (over £18 million each year) through bucket collections, presentations given to groups, donations, gifts in Wills, lottery etc.

The North West service has three helicopters and four critical care cars (helicopters do not fly at night) bringing consultant-level doctors and critical care paramedics to a scene. They provide enhanced pre-hospital care: blood transfusions, surgical procedures and administer a broad range of drugs such as antibiotics or advanced pain relief 365 days a year.

This means that patients, when stable, are taken to the most appropriate hospital not just the closest. On average the service is called out 11 times each day at an average cost of £4500 per call-out.

An air Holy God, we pray for our church leaders, that they will be guided in their ministry by the influence of the Holy Spirit and that the Church, in the power of the Spirit, may make the Gospel understandable to people of every race, language, and culture. That the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of the earth, bringing an end to war, hatred, and discrimination.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Ambulance is able to land on a site the size of a tennis court – this had been shown when one of our parishioners had recently been airlifted from a field opposite the village Spar shop to hospital after his car accident. The rapid response of the North West Air Ambulance team saved the life of a little girl called Ayda who had fallen into a lake and after pre care hospital treatment at the scene had then been flown to Alder Hey hospital. Her survival was in doubt but eventually she was declared fully fit and well. Her mum is now a volunteer for the service.

Good news Marie is now at home. All our good wishes from members.

God Bless



*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.

Summer is finally here and the warmer weather means a lot more fun outside, either on the field, on our trim trail, in the Heskin Hideaway, on the MUGA or in the school gardens.

Our Nursery children are certainly making the most of the lovely weather, and are taking every opportunity to play, learn and grow in our outdoor areas. The nursery has been a successful addition to our school and we are all very proud of the progress made by all of our Pemberton Pups this year. As many of these children will be moving on to become our Reception pupils after the summer holidays, we have now started to register applications for Nursery places for September, 2026. If you have a child eligible for a nursery place at Heskin, please contact Mrs Carrier on 01257 451365 or by email via bursar@heskinpembertons.lancs.sch.uk

Our older children have been completing their end of Key Stage SATs assessments. As a school, we pride ourselves on developing the whole child and preparing them for the next stage in their education. We all know that the results of these tests can only show a small fraction of the wonderful, unique strengths and talents of our Year 6 children. However, they have certainly helped to demonstrate just how determined and resilient our pupils are. They are all amazing and we are very proud of them. As a reward for all their hard work, not only during these tests, but during their whole time at Heskin, we had a special non-uniform day, a BBQ breakfast and a very exciting water fight!



This term, children in Year 5 have also ventured away from the school grounds. They've been exploring the local area on their bikes. You may have spotted them, cycling around the village, completing their Bikeability Training. All of the children demonstrated excellent cycling skills and also showed superb maturity in completing this very important course. Well done, everyone!

Finally, our amazing PTFA organised Heskin Colour Run this month! This event has always been popular and this year's was no exception, with almost 100 runners taking part. If you've never seen a colour run before, it's basically a really enjoyable fun run for people of all ages. Our competitors lined up at the start line, looking pristine, in white, and at every corner of the race track a member of staff threw paint at them! Some threw it more vigorously than others and by the end of the fun run, everyone was covered from head to foot in bright, colourful paint. What a great day and what an enjoyable way to raise money for our children!



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

Love, prayers & best wishes, Alan Brindle, Head Teacher

From our Remembrance Book for June

In Loving Memory of

1st	Margaret Armstrong		
2nd	Matilda Glover		
2nd	Nellie Littlefair		
3rd	Eileen Strange		
4th	Mary Martin		
4th	Gwenllian Mawdsley		
6th	Ena Stringfellow		
6th	Elizabeth Hunter		
6th	Joseph Laithewaite		
6th	Mary Laithewaite		
6th	Harry Gregson		
7th	Susan Kay		
9th	John Marsden		
9th	Ruby Slater		
10th	Hannah Collier		
10th	Melissa Garner		
10th	Anthony Curtis		
11th	Jean Mutch		
12th	Albert Norris		
12th	Michael Hill	21st	Edith Ellen Pierson
13th	Rev. Tom Walker	22nd	Merrick Whaite
13th	Eunice Collier	22nd	Alan Everingham
14th	Bert Carr	23rd	Robert Mawdsley
14th	David Nelson	24th	Dick Jolley
15th	Doris Lowton	24th	Gladys Taylor
16th	Mary Hailwood	26th	Ivor Kenyon
16th	Bill Welch	27th	Matthew Morris
20th	John Barton	29th	Maggie Hinton
21st	Edith Alice Carr	30th	David Dean
21st	May Rowley	30th	William Hunter

From our Remembrance Book for July

In Loving Memory of

2nd	Jean Bullivant	24th	Frank Wright
3rd	Colin Green	24th	Nigel Mark Fox
6th	Janet Westhead	24th	Eric Burton
6th	Jane Coles	25th	William Bromiley
6th	Victoria Dawber	28th	Jim Rowley
7th	Winifred Davenport	29th	Elsie Wright
8th	Daniel James Blackledge	31st	James Stazicker
9th	Robert Collier		
10th	Richard Waring		
12th	Margaret Martland		
12th	Alexander Holding		
12th	Edna Roberts		
13th	Richard Green		
15th	Kenneth Somers		
15th	Harry Aspinall		
16th	Lynne Carol Foster		
17th	Elsie Pomfret		
18th	Katie Wilcock		
18th	Karen Ball		
19th	Doris Mantle		
19th	Frank Bowling		
19th	Harold Taylor		
22nd	William Magrath		
22nd	George Clays Guest		

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
15 Mar	90.50	163.80		38.00
22 Mar	66.00	109.00	992.28	26.19
23 Mar	School Easter Service			15.00
29 Mar	61.00	45.00		53.00
5 Apr	130.00	153.00		38.78
12 Apr	86.00	74.50		135.60
19 Apr	113.50	108.90		82.42
26 Apr	67.00	57.00	988.52	82.42
3 May	291.00	65.00		41.50
10 May	67.10	88.00		52.00

Acknowledgements

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

- 15 Mar Wedding of Katie Simm and Christopher Herringshaw – 95.00
- 22 Mar Anonymous donation – 36 Club win – 50.00
- 13 Apr Easter flowers – 81.40
- 20 Apr Michael and Barbara Banks – 10.00
- 20 Apr Thanks to Joan Crompton, Anne Sharples and Sue Wild for help at Cycle Jumble sale – Doreen Hoddinott – 50.00
- 20 Apr Baptism of N Chesterton – 100.00

Graveyard Donations

In Loving Memory of a dear Husband George, from Phyllis Thistlethwaite - £60

From the Registers

HOLY BAPTISM

“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”

- 19 Apr Lydia Louise Morgan
- 19 Apr N Chesterton

From the Registers

HOLY MATRIMONY

“Those whom God hath joined together”

15 Mar Katie Simm and Christopher Herringshaw

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

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

12 Apr Mary Baldwin

12 Apr Alan and Joan Davies

36 Club Draw March 2026

PRIZE	TICKET NO	NAME
£50	16	Dorothy Moulton
£40	99	Rachel Dodd
£30	116	Muriel Fox
£20	37	Doreen Hoddinott
£20	63	Eynd Richardson

36 Club Draw April 2026

PRIZE	TICKET NO	NAME
£50	2	Liz McEvoy
£40	98	Catherine Trafford
£30	102	Judith Burton
£20	60	Jonathan Ormesher
£20	117	John Carr

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 2 - Shadows of Conscience

“We ought to obey God rather than men.” - Acts 5:29 (KJV)

The year 1661 settled over Lancashire like a damp cloak—heavy, watchful, and full of whispers. At Tunley Hall the early summer mornings still broke fair across the meadows, yet the peace that followed the King’s return felt brittle. Every traveller on the Wigan road brought rumour: the bishops were to be restored, the Puritan preachers silenced, and Parliament would soon make uniformity the law of England once more.

Thomas Wilson heard it first at the ale-house in Parbold while collecting a sack of meal. A merchant fresh from London thumped his tankard and declared, “The new Act of Uniformity is near passed! Come August, no man may preach unless he kneel to the Book of Common Prayer.” The words struck Thomas harder than any blow.

He walked home through the rain thinking of Reverend Schofield at Douglas Chapel—faithful, learned, uncompromising. Would the King’s decree silence him too?

By midsummer the rumours proved true. Parliament’s parchment seals carried the royal command across the realm: every minister must conform or be expelled.

In Parbold the news fell like a funeral bell. Reverend Jonathan Schofield gathered his flock one final Sabbath. The tiny chapel overflowed; farmers stood in the porch, women clustered beneath dripping eaves. Candles guttered in the draught while Schofield’s voice, rough with emotion, filled the low rafters.

“I have served you in sincerity,” he said, “and will obey God rather than men. If I must preach no more within these walls, yet the Word of God is not bound.”

Mary Wilson clutched her mother’s hand; Elizabeth’s eyes shone but did not weep. Thomas felt the weight of every sermon past press upon his heart. When the final psalm rose—sung through tears—the melody trembled like wind through bare branches. Many lingered after the blessing, unwilling to step outside lest the act truly take effect. But the church door must close; by law, Schofield’s ministry ended that day.

That same evening, when the moon had climbed above the coppice, a creaking cart came up the Tunley lane. Thomas waited by the gate with a lantern hooded in his cloak. Robert Standish held the reins, his face drawn with strain. On the seat beside him sat Reverend Schofield, his wife, and their three children huddled under a quilt. The youngest boy clutched a worn Bible to his chest.

Elizabeth met them at the door. No word was spoken—only nods, the swift lifting of trunks, the hush of feet on stone. Mary took the sobbing girl’s hand and led her inside. When the bolt slid home behind them, Thomas said softly, “You are safe here, brother. Our house is your refuge.”

Schofield's eyes glistened. "The Lord reward your kindness. This night we come out of Egypt indeed."

They supped quietly on broth and bread before the fire. Even the children sensed the solemnity; only the ticking of the hall clock broke the silence. Before retiring, Schofield knelt and prayed aloud that the house might be blessed like that of Obed-edom when the Ark rested there. Thomas and Elizabeth knelt beside him, sealing a covenant of friendship and faith.

Two nights later, the families gathered again by candlelight. Schofield read from the Book of Psalms—words newly forbidden in public worship—and his steady voice filled the low kitchen:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

They sang the tune softly, barely above a whisper. Outside, a fox barked in the meadow; inside, hearts kindled with quiet fire. Thus began the Tunley conventicle unrecorded by any clerk, yet noted in heaven.

Mary felt the thrill of holy defiance. As the final amen faded, she glanced at Robert across the firelight. He met her gaze with the same fierce resolve. Neither spoke, but something unspoken was set between them: a bond born of shared danger and faith.

When dawn came pale over the fields, Thomas stepped outside and breathed the chill air. Mist hung over the hedges; in the east a cock crowed. He could almost hear the echo of psalms lingering among the trees. Elizabeth joined him, shawl about her shoulders.

"Will this bring ruin on us?" she asked quietly.

Thomas looked toward Parbold where the chapel roof gleamed faintly in the sunrise. "Perhaps," he said, "but I think the greater ruin would be silence." He took her hand. "Let us trust Providence, as our fathers did in sterner days."

Together they returned indoors, where Reverend Schofield was already at the table teaching his eldest to read by the dim light. The sight steadied Thomas's heart. The world beyond their door might fall into tyranny again, but within these walls the Word still lived.

That summer of 1662 would be remembered in Tunley not for harvest or weather, but for courage. While bishops regained their thrones and magistrates sharpened their quills to prosecute dissenters, one humble farmhouse became a sanctuary of conscience. And when the date of the King's enforcement—St Bartholomew's Day—arrived, the Wilsons and Standishes knelt together in prayer, whispering the same verse that had guided their every choice:

"We ought to obey God rather than men".

Save the date!

11th – 13th September 2026

Diocesan Centenary Mission Weekend

To celebrate and give thanks for the past 100 years of all that the Diocese has achieved under God, every parish will hold a weekend of events, a bit like a big birthday party!

The events will be simple where people can come along and enjoy themselves, engage with other Christians, hear a simple gospel message and at very little cost. This is not a fundraising opportunity for the church, more a time of fellowship and thanks.

Friday evening – Social event in the church hall

Saturday – events at Christ Church Charnock Richard

Sunday – Family worship at 10:30am followed by Jacob's
Join lunch and then activities for families.

Please spread the word to family and friends to save the date and try to join us over this special weekend.

On behalf of the PCC

Cathy Pass
(Vision Champion)



St James the Great Church Wroughtington with Heskin

Summer Fair

On Saturday 13th June 2026

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Diary for June 2026

1	Mon	2.00-4.00pm	Craft & Chat in the Church Hall
3	Wed	10.30am	No Play & Praise Toddler Group
7			FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
		9.00am	Holy Communion – Alex Baker
		10.30am	Holy Communion - David Ward
		5.00pm	No 30@5
8	Mon	9.00am	Heskin School re-opens after half term
9	Tues	9.00am	Mothers Union Trip to Levens Hall
9	Tues	12.30pm	Funeral for Tom Norris at St James
10	Wed	10.30am	Play & Praise Toddler Group
13	Sat	12–3.00pm	SUMMER FAIR AT ST JAMES
14			THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
		9.00am	Holy Communion – David Gaskell
		10.30am	Holy Communion - David Ward
		5.00pm	30@5
15	Mon	2.00-4.00pm	Craft & Chat in the church hall
17	Wed	10.30am	Play & Praise Toddler Group Teddy Bear's Picnic
21			THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
		9.00am	Holy Communion – TBC
		10.30am	Holy Communion - Alex Baker
		12.00 noon	36 Club Draw
		5.00pm	30@5
23	Tues	7.00pm	PCC Meeting in the Church Hall
24	Wed	10.30am	Play & Praise Toddler Group
28			THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
		9.00am	Holy Communion – David Gaskell
		10.30am	Holy Communion - David Ward
		5.00pm	30@5
29	Mon	2.00-4.00pm	Craft & Chat in the church hall
29	Mon	7.00pm	The Vineyard @ 398 Mossy Lea Road
30	Wed	10.30am	Play & Praise Toddler Group

July 2026

5		THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
		9.00am Holy Communion – TBC
		10.30am Holy Communion - TBC
		5.00pm 30@5
6	Wed	10.30am Play & Praise Toddler Group visit to Windmill Farm
12		THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
		9.00am Holy Communion – TBC
		10.30am Holy Communion - TBC
		5.00pm 30@5 last one before holidays
13	Mon	2.00-4.00pm Craft & Chat in the church hall
14	Tues	7.30pm Mothers Union Strawberry Fair with Jeff Hilton entertaining
15	Wed	10.30am Play & Praise Toddler Group
19		THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
		9.00am Holy Communion – TBC
		10.30am Holy Communion with Baptism - David Ward
		12.00 noon 36 Club Draw
		2.00pm Holy Baptism
		5.00pm No 30@5
21	Tues	7.00pm PCC Meeting in the Church Hall
22	Wed	10.30am Play & Praise Toddler Group
22	Wed	2.00pm Heskin School closes for Summer
25	Sat	1.30pm Wedding – Vikki Fowler and Stuart Bradburn
26		THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
		9.00am Holy Communion – TBC
		10.30am Holy Communion - TBC
		2.00pm Holy Baptism – Rev Tracy
		5.00pm No 30@5
27	Mon	7.00pm The Vineyard @ 398 Mossy Lea Road
29	Wed	10.30am - 12 Bikes, Brews and Board Games

August 2026

2		THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
		9.00am Holy Communion – TBC
		10.30am Holy Communion - TBC
		5.00pm No 30@5

Diary Dates

**DATES FOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2026 AT
ST JAMES THE GREAT, WRIGHTINGTON WITH HESKIN**

June 13th Saturday

Summer Fair on the Church Field - 12noon to 3pm

July 14th

MU Strawberry Fair Tuesday 7.30pm in the Church Hall

Sunday September 6th

Massam & Marshall - Concert in Church 6pm

Play & Praise Toddler Group

Our Toddler Group meet every Wednesday morning from 10.30am to 12.00noon in a safe and friendly environment at St James Church Hall. It provides a great opportunity for Toddlers to learn to play and interact with each other and a brilliant chance for mums and grandparents to chat together whilst the children' are having fun. There's lots of lovely play equipment available and space to work off steam on the many ride on toys.

A date to keep in mind is the Teddy Bear's Picnic on 17th June where you are invited to come along with your little ones and their favourite Teddy. There will be a "best dressed" competition for the Teddy Bears and a whole lot of fun and games besides.

If you haven't tried us before, come along and sample our famous tea and toast, we're sure you'll find it will become a regular fixture in your calendar and all this at a cost of only £3.00 each session.

From the Play & Praise Team



Good News!

With the proceeds from the Attic Sale, we have been able to purchase 2 new mowers and a strimmer enabling us to keep the graveyard tidy. Thank you to all who have donated items to the Attic Sale and also to anyone who bought the goods on offer.

Hot off the Press!

The next Attic Sale will be at 251 Mossy Lea Road, Wroughtington
Thursday 4th June to Sunday 7th June.

Christian Aid Brunch

Thank you everyone who supported our Christian Aid Brunch on 17th May, we raised a magnificent total of £378.00, possibly our best total to date. Many thanks go to the wonderful team in the kitchen, Joan C, Josie, Joan D and Lorna, who kept us supplied with delicious bacon sandwiches, hot dogs and toast, and to those waiting on and serving whether it was with Brunch items or an endless supply of tea and coffee.

Give yourselves a well earned pat on the back.

Mother's Union

Following on from Dorothy's report on the Mother's Union meetings, a collection on the night of the visit by Air Ambulance raised a wonderful total of £115.00. This, I'm sure, will be gratefully received by the organisation.

Recipe for June - July

Santiago (St James) Almond Cake

Ingredients

4 large eggs
1 tspn ground cinnamon
200gms/7oz sugar
grated zest of 1 lemon
200gms/7oz ground almond
2oz icing sugar

Method

Preheat oven to 170c
Grease and flour an 8" loose bottomed tin.
Beat together eggs, sugar, lemon zest and cinnamon until thick and creamy.
Gently fold in the ground almonds.
Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and bake for about 40-50 minutes until set through.
Leave to cool in the tin before removing.
Dust with icing sugar and serve with double cream and/or stewed/fresh fruit.

Bikes, Brews and Boardgames

The ever popular Bikes and Brews is coming back in the summer holidays with the addition of Boardgames for this year. The sessions will run from 10.30 to 12.00 on ednesday mornings over 29th July, 12 August and 26th August. Cost is £3.00 per child, bring your own bike.



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7 th June	M Rowley	M Mason	A Sharples	J Robinson
1 st Sunday after Trinity	J Crompton	E Nelson	D Hoddinott	S Wild
14 th June	G Speakman	C Pass	J Crompton	J Dearden
2 nd Sunday after Trinity	P Rowley	E Gerrard	P Rowley	M Barlow
21 st June	M Morris	M Morris	J Fowler	D Hoddinott
3 rd Sunday after Trinity	M Barlow	C Pass	P Wellby	C Heydon
28 th June	H Orme	H Orme	A Sharples	M Walsh
4 th Sunday after Trinity	A Sharples	M Fiddler	E Gerrard	S Crawford
5 th July	M Rowley	M Mason	S Crawford	J Crompton
5 th Sunday after Trinity	J Fowler	A Sharples	D Hoddinott	P Waring
12 th July	G Speakman	M Mason	J Crompton	M Green
6 th Sunday after Trinity	P Britton	E Nelson	P Wellby	C Pass
19 th July	M Morris	M Morris	A Sharples	J Deardon
7 th Sunday after Trinity	J Crompton	J Fowler	E Gerrard	M Barlow
26 th July	H Orme	H Orme	J Fowler	J Robinson
8 th Sunday after Trinity	P Rowley	E Gerrard	P Rowley	S Wild
2 nd August	M Rowley	M Mason	S Crawford	D Hoddinott
9 th Sunday after Trinity	M Barlow	M Fiddler	P Wellby	C Heydon

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