

A BIG THANK YOU

The Friends of Hollinfare Cemetery wish to express our sincere appreciation to those who have set up a monthly standing order of £5 in support of the Friends group.

Your kind donation is being used to help us continue to improve the look and feel of the Cemetery.

The Friends Group has been going since 2010 and thanks to our hard working volunteers we have made a huge difference in the cemetery. However, despite our best fundraising efforts, we are in need of further funds to continue to maintain and improve the Cemetery.

If you would like to support the work of the group by making a one-off donation, or by setting up a standing order, here are our bank details:

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Any donation however small is gratefully received - Thank You
Mandy Eccles (Chair)

HOLLINFARE

St HELEN

August 2026

Farewell to Bob

Special edition



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six and seven*

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Vacant

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Thank you to Sharon at Conexus for printing our magazine

50 years ago in August 1976

Father Philip O'Callaghan completed his four weeks' stay with us in the absence the Rev and Mrs Corble who were on holiday and in his farewell message he pre-empted by several decades the description of our church made by the Right Rev Richard Blackburn, Bishop of Warrington.

"I think your church is a little gem." said Father Philip "and is very carefully looked after by the church people. I was most grateful to Ray Shaw for transporting me from and back to the vicarage to church on Sundays.

"My impression is that the church people are very keen and have been well instructed in their worship and devotion at the Holy Eucharist. I found everyone very friendly and willing to accept a strange priest's ministrations."

Just £4.67 was placed on the collection plate during the five Sunday services for the month but many more parishioners than today were subscribers to what we now call parish giving. Attendances were down because of holidays and varied between 24 and 37.

Catherine Cox and Christopher Edwards were married on the 21st.

New priests and deacons



Among 10 new priests ordained at our cathedral last month was Rev Martin Fuller who, as a curate with Newchurch and Croft parishes, conducted several of our services during the past year or so including officiating at our annual Remembrance Sunday gathering around our war memorial. He is pictured above with the other ordinands and Bishops Ruth and Simon.

Also last month one of 10 ordained as deacons was Peter Naylor of Christ Church, Padgate, husband of Norma who was with us during the spring and early summer. Please remember all our ordinands in your prayers as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

A 'thank you' from Bob

May I express my special thanks to everyone for both the very generous gift I received and the wonderful send off you gave to Pauline and myself.

This morning will live long in my memory and I feel blessed to have been able to share the last three years with you all.



Stuart surprised Bob at the farewell party in Church House with a poem he wrote in the style of Rabbin Burns, a bottle of Glenmorangie whisky - and a red card!

Diary dates for August

- 2 Shared Holy Communion 9.30 Trinity 9
- 6 Thursday service and lunch Noon
- 9 Holy Communion 9.30 Trinity 10
- 16 Holy Communion 9.30 Trinity 11
- 23 Holy Communion 9.30 Trinity 12
- 30 Holy Communion 09.30 Trinity 13



Readers

- 2 LIZ AND SHARED: Romans 9 1-5, Matthew 14 13-21
- 9 ALAN: Romans 10 5-15, Matthew 14 22-33
- 16 MARGARET: Romans 11 1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15 21-28
- 23 MIKE: Romans 12 1-8, Matthew 16 13-20
- 30 ROY: Romans 12 9-21, |Matthew 16 21-28

Prayers

- 2 ALAN 9 ROY
- 16 ROY 23 ALAN
- 30 ALAN

Cleaning rota

- 2 SHEILA, VIRGINIA, IRENE C and JANINE
- 9 to 30 VACANT

Coffee morning

- 22 10.0-noon

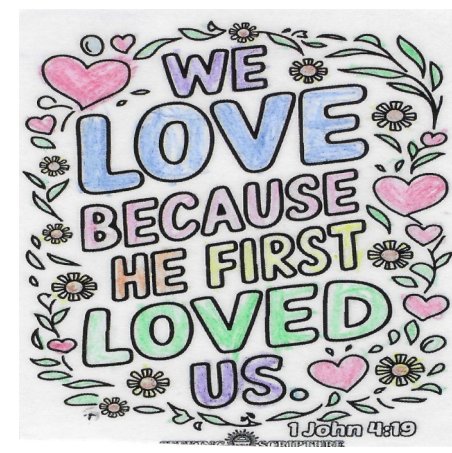
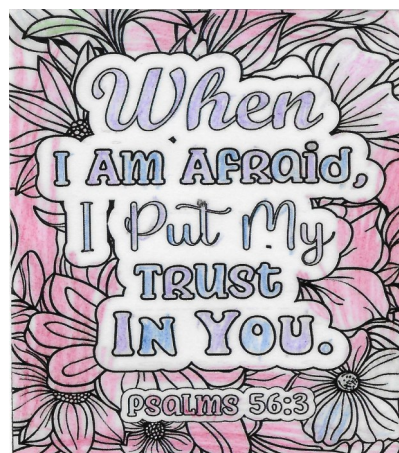


The feast
day of the
Assumption
of the
Blessed
Virgin Mary
is August 15.

A tea party for the PCC

Members of the PCC were invited to a tea party organised by the children in Year Two at our day school last month.

It was a wonderful occasion. The children were very welcoming, took a keen interest in our church life and activities and sang for us. They also made for each PCC member colourful bookmarks containing biblical quotes.



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Thursday 9 to 7.0 Friday 9 to 5.30

Saturday 8.30 to noon

New area dean

Rev Martin Cox has stepped down from his role as area dean to concentrate on the Fit for Mission initiative in our deanery.

He has been succeeded by Rev Michael Vyse.

Our Parochial Church Council will next meet in Church House on Monday, September 14 at 2.0pm. If you have any matters you wish to be raised please contact Roy, our secretary.

Our Social Committee's strawberry afternoon tea, held on July 11, raised £189 and this has been specifically set aside for helping to finance the refurbishment of our cupola. Thanks to everyone who supported this event.

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New "super parish" is named

As we work towards the adoption of the Fit for Mission initiative in 2028 it has now been decided that the single parish church within our deanery, currently St Oswald's at Winwick, will be known as the Church of Christ the Good Shepherd. It was chosen from the shortlist carried in our magazine and by a majority of the votes throughout our cluster. Each church will retain its name and so we will be officially described as the church of Hollinfare St Helen in the parish of Christ the Good Shepherd.

At the time of going to press our immediate future regarding cover for our services had not been finalised. However, our PCC have accepted that we may have to bring forward our start time to 9.15 and supported a suggestion that we share our Sunday worship with All Saints on the first Sunday in each month.



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Bob and Pauline pictured with Warden Emeritus Ray and wardens Veronia and Alan before Bob's final service as our priest in charge and the festivities that followed.

Pictured opposite are some of our parishioners and members of the Rainford family. Liz read the Epistle and Gospel at Bob's final service.

