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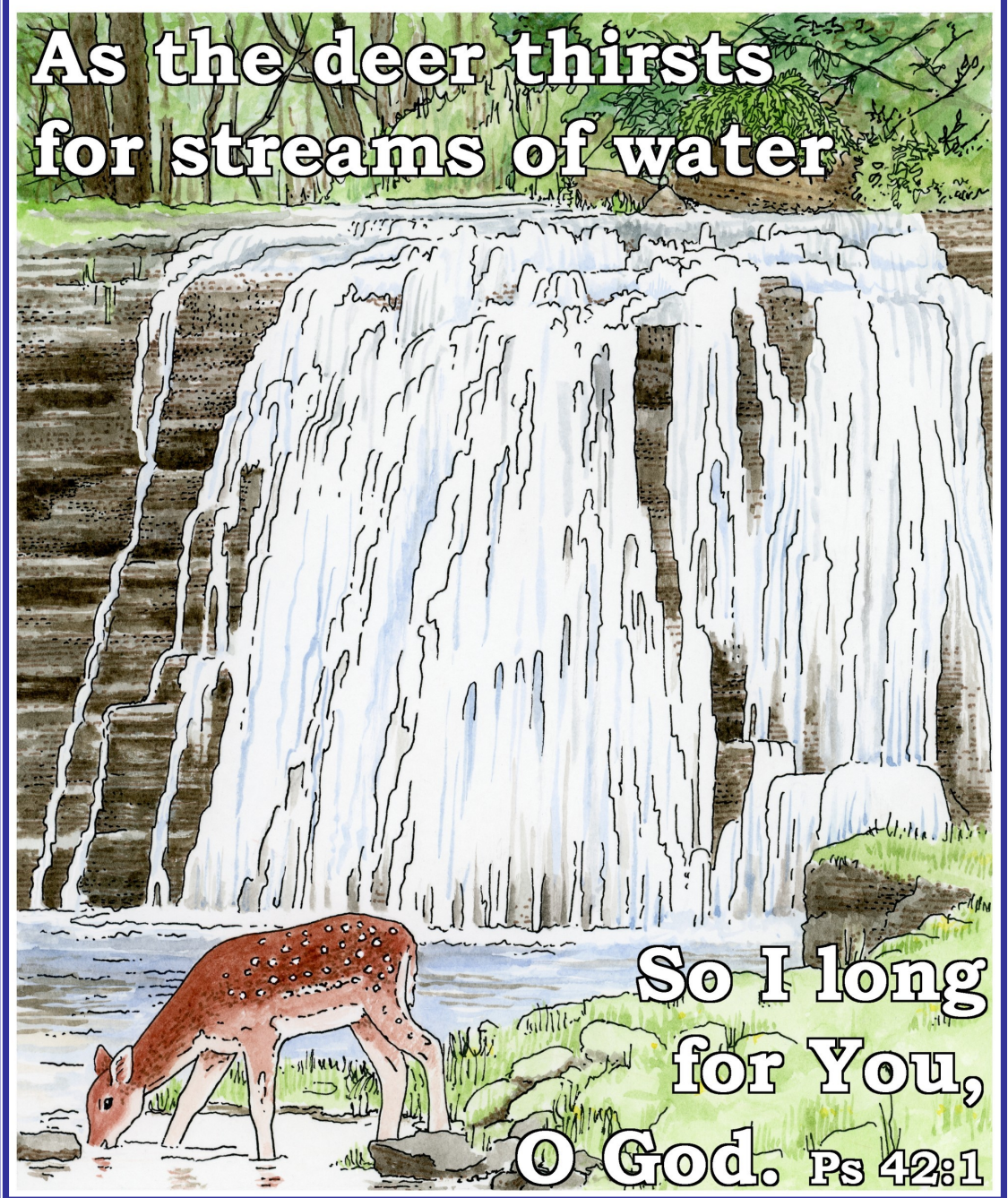
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3rd Thursday each Month @ 2pm
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please do not hesitate to contact the relevant member of our Leadership Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - AUGUST 2025

Day	Date	Time	What's happening?
Friday	01-Aug		
Saturday	02-Aug		
Sunday	03-Aug	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Parish Communion (NO SUNDAYSCHOOL)
		4.00 pm	Holy Communion @ Old Mill Court
Monday	04-Aug	2.00 pm	Holy Communion @ Ribble Court
Tuesday	05-Aug	10.15 am	Midweek Service in the Lodge
Wednesday	06-Aug	School Holidays	NO St Michael's Little Angels - Term Time Only
Thursday	07-Aug		
Friday	08-Aug		
Saturday	09-Aug		
Sunday	10-Aug	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Morning Worship - No Screen (NO SUNDAYSCHOOL)
		12.15 pm	Burial of Ashes - Towler Family - Rev Mandy Hughes
Monday	11-Aug		
Tuesday	12-Aug	10.15 am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Wednesday	13-Aug	School Holidays	NO St Michael's Little Angels - Term Time Only
Thursday	14-Aug	3.00-5.00 pm	Franciscans Meeting - The Lodge
Friday	15-Aug		
Saturday	16-Aug		
Sunday	17-Aug	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Parish Communion - No Screen (NO SUNDAYSCHOOL)
Monday	18-Aug		
Tuesday	19-Aug	10.15 am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Wednesday	20-Aug	School Holidays	NO St Michael's Little Angels - Term Time Only
Thursday	21-Aug	2.00 pm	Ladies Group Meeting at The Venue "An Adventure on Wheels"
Friday	22-Aug		
Saturday	23-Aug		
Sunday	24-Aug	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Morning Worship - No Screen (NO SUNDAYSCHOOL)
Monday	25-Aug		
Tuesday	26-Aug	10.15 am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Wednesday	27-Aug	School Holidays	NO St Michael's Little Angels - Term Time Only
Thursday	28-Aug		
Friday	29-Aug		
Saturday	30-Aug		
Sunday	31-Aug	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Communion/Morning Worship tbc (SUNDAYSCHOOL RETURNS)
		Includes:	Service of welcome for the New Head Teacher and Assistant Head



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JULY 2025			
Day	Date	Time	What's happening?
Tuesday	01-Jul	10.15 am	Midweek Service in the Lodge
Wednesday	02-Jul	0930-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Thursday	03-Jul	1.15 pm	Parish Walk & Quiz - Southview, Gill Lane
Friday	04-Jul		
Saturday	05-Jul		
Sunday	06-Jul	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Parish Communion with Sunday School - No Screen
		4.00 pm	Holy Communion @Old Mill Court
Monday	07-Jul	2.00 pm	Funeral & Burial - Shelagh Bracewell
		7.00 pm	PCC Meeting in the Lodge ** Please note new start time**
Tuesday	08-Jul	10.15 am	Midweek Service in the Lodge
		1.00 pm	Leadership Team Meeting - Lodge
Wednesday	09-Jul	0930-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Thursday	10-Jul		
Friday	11-Jul		
Saturday	12-Jul		
Sunday	13-Jul	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Morning Worship - No Screen (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)
		3.45 pm	Picnic Church at St Michael's School
Monday	14-Jul	2.00 pm	Holy Communion @Ribble Court
Tuesday	15-Jul	10.15 am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Wednesday	16-Jul	0930-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Thursday	17-Jul	3.00-5.00 pm	Franciscans Meeting - The Lodge
Friday	18-Jul	2.30 pm	St Michael's School Year 6 Leavers Service
Saturday	19-Jul		
Sunday	20-Jul	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Parish Communion with Sunday School
			(Includes Sunday School - End of Year Party)
		4.00 pm	Pizza & Praise
Monday	21-Jul		
Tuesday	22-Jul	10.15 am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
		7.30 pm	The History of St Michaels at Church plus Refreshments
Wednesday	23-Jul	School Holiday	NO St Michael's Little Angels - Term Time Only
Thursday	24-Jul		
Friday	25-Jul		
Saturday	26-Jul		
Sunday	27-Jul	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Morning Worship (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)
		12:15 pm	Baptism - Crankshaw - Rev Michael Woods
		12.15 pm	Burial of Ashes - Ian McIntosh - Rev Mandy Hughes
Monday	28-Jul		
Tuesday	29-Jul	10.15 am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Wednesday	30-Jul	School Holidays	NO St Michael's Little Angels - Term Time Only
		7.30 pm	Leadership Team Zoom Meeting in Lodge
Thursday	31-Jul		

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

St Michael & All Angels Church is open every day.

Opening times are:

Monday-Saturday inclusive: 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Summer Greetings from the Leadership Team

The Leadership Team has been kept very busy over the last couple of months, with every member using and developing their skills so that we keep our church active and moving forward during this extended time of vacancy. You will find articles and photos in this magazine about some of the highlights, as well as a look forward to church life in July and August. Two articles will, we hope, illustrate our current focus, and how you can help us to achieve further growth at St Michael's:



Margaret Kirkman writes "Love is the Greatest Gift", and indeed how well illustrated that has been over the last few months in our church.

We, as a congregation, have welcomed two children and their families in baptism, one family to a baby naming service, three couples, their families and friends to weddings, and two people who confirmed their faith in June at a moving service with Bishop Joe. These special services all involve spiritual preparation, and we are grateful to Revd Barbara Wilson in particular for her assistance with the weddings, but from within our own team, Margaret Kirkman, Mandy Hughes and Liz Boland have all used and developed their skills in worship leading considerably over the last few months – not only with these special services, but also with leading Sunday worship at 10.30 and 9.00, midweek worship, Family Church, Pizza and Praise, services at Ribble Court and Old Mill Court, and All Age Worship. Mandy and Margaret have also led a very successful restart of Bible Study, using Bishop Philip's powerful series about prayer as their template.

From the Church Wardens, our article "Your Church Behind the Scenes" gives a little snapshot of some of the things we have learnt since our vacancy started last October, and how we are (hopefully) keeping the general running of the church on track. We are usually the first point of contact, and we want to ensure that everyone receives a welcome and information appropriate to their needs – for example as well as the happy occasions mentioned above, we have also had quite a few funerals recently. A lot of our work involves liaising with other people – the Diocese about our responsibilities during vacancy and to the PCC, organising visiting ministers to lead our worship, families regarding funerals, and professionals who assist us with maintenance of our churchyard and building. Inevitably, paperwork and money feature often in relation to our role, and you can read more about this in the article.

As we move into the summer months, some of our activities will be taking a break, but not before some special events. Family Church will be taking the lead with Picnic Church, which is open to all on July 13th, at St Michael's School field, and which will include our popular football game organised by Colin Wilson, plus delicious refreshments. Sunday School will have their party on 20th July before the summer break – during which Liz Boland will be off on the Beach Mission she and her family lead in Lincolnshire. Bible Study and Pizza and Praise will also take a break over the summer, restarting in September. Another date for your diary is August 31st, when our 10.30 service will include a special welcome for our newly appointed Head Teacher and Deputy Head at St Michael's School. We are delighted they are both able to join us for commissioning prayers and a welcome, just before the start of the new school year.

And finally, we are continuing to work towards recruiting a new minister for St Michael's. Thank you to everyone who has supported us recently in so many ways, especially the PCC, all who attended our Annual Parish Meeting, all who attend and contribute to our services, and everyone who encourages us. It would be a lot harder and lonelier without you to share our faith.

The Leadership Team

Liz Boland, Jock Davidson, Jane Elphick, Rev Mandy Hughes, Margaret Kirkman, Barbara Wood

**WHO CAN YOU CONTACT DURING OUR VACANCY?
AND WHEN ARE THEY AVAILABLE?**


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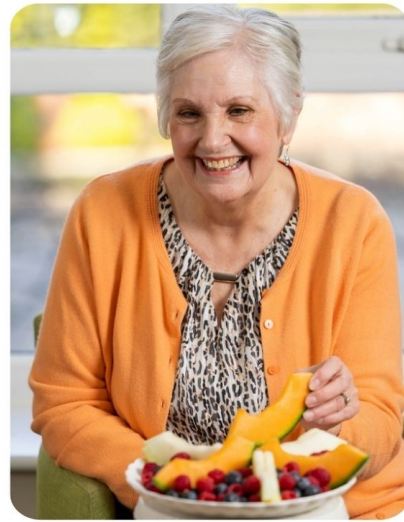
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LOVE IS THE GREATEST GIFT

I have always experienced an overwhelming sense of love at our church.

By the time you read this we will have had 3 weddings quite close together at church. Three weddings where the feeling of love is almost tangible - in the choice of readings and hymns, in the beauty of the various outfits and of course the wedding dress! And in the intimate glances between bride and groom.

In the same short space of time, we have had a number of funerals and again the feeling of love filled the church - a service crafted to reflect the wishes of a loved one, eulogies to make you feel you had missed knowing someone really special, tears of remembrance and recollection of times spent with a loved one. Again, an outpouring of love that is almost tangible.

This month we also celebrated Pentecost, the birthday of the church, an occasion to share love with each other. At Pentecost God sent his long-promised gift of the Holy Spirit - not just on his disciples but on all of us. A gift for which we have to give unending thanks - but a gift that has to be used and passed on.

In his letter to the Corinthians Paul talks about the many and varied gifts of the Spirit but all sent by the same God, distributed as He determines, and designed to be used for the common good and certainly not to be hidden under the proverbial bushel!

You might think life would be easier if we all shared the same political beliefs, all liked the same music and all read the same books - but that's not how we are made - and not how God intended. Paul likens us to the parts of the human body in which every bit is entirely different and every bit is absolutely essential. A few months off with a broken leg certainly taught me that! Imagine you were an alien blob faced with a pile of human bits - could you put them together correctly? Could you "join up the dots" and finish with a fully functioning human? Yet look what God can do!

So, with our church community, we have to figure out a way to put all "the bits" together to make it work, to grow and flourish. Take a moment to look at St Michael's today. Some people are gifted in prayer, some in preaching, some in organising social events, some in baking cakes, some in encouraging children to learn about Jesus, some in welcoming visitors, some in balancing the books - I could go on. All very different gifts but all working together and all very necessary for the good of our church community.

Do you have an as yet undiscovered gift? The Old Testament talks about people being filled with the knowledge and gifts of the Spirit like being on a learning curve, like training as an apprentice, so don't be put off if you think your gift is tiny - God will help it grow.

And all of this will happen in the name of Love. Paul says without love we have nothing - love is kind, love is patient, love is eternal, love never dies, love conquers all, love changes everything, love is the greatest gift. Be guided by and in love as you pray about and seek out the gift you have been given by the Holy Spirit that you can offer to our church our community and our God

Margaret Kirkman – Occasional Preacher

OUR CONFIRMANTS

An auspicious and very special service took place at St Michael's on Sunday 15th June at 4.00pm when Matthew Kolodzieczak and Esmae Sharp took their next step in their journey of Christian Faith and Discipleship at their Service of Confirmation.

This beautiful service was led by the Rt Revd Dr Joseph Kennedy, the Bishop of Burnley (better known to us as Bishop Joe) and more than ably supported by our CYP Minister, Liz Boland.

Their testimonies of faith were truly moving and heartfelt. Matthew stated that the church family have all helped him in his journey into faith and that Esmae's faith helps her to always know that she has someone to pray to and will help her.

Matthew and Esmae were wonderfully supported by their families, friends and members of our congregation. And to cement that support in fellowship and celebration, we all subsequently enjoyed a wonderful range of refreshments in the lodge, provided by their families and church.



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As Church Wardens, our responsibilities increase in just about every area of church life during a period of vacancy, and we thought you might be interested to read a little snapshot of what we do.

- We have a duty to provide services every Sunday, and services for the community such as weddings and funerals. Some churches have retired Ministers as part of their congregation, who are authorised to take over, but we have none. However, what we do have is three people (Mandy, Margaret and Liz) who are skilled in leading worship, and we have developed links with a good number of clergy who are helping us out with Communion and other services. The support we have received has been fantastic, and visiting Ministers really value the welcome they receive from our church.
- As a Leadership Team of six, we plan the church programme and try to provide variety, consistency and new ideas in everything we organise. We have retained a commitment to supporting Liz in her Children and Young People's Work, to the provision of three weekly services, Bible Study, and social events, and to providing services to our community at Old Mill Court and Ribble Court. This makes us busy, but it has been extremely rewarding.
- We retain a responsibility to maintain the church and churchyard, to manage the graveyard and liaise with a variety of experts regarding work undertaken.
- We respond to and research information about a whole range of things for discussion at our regular PCC meetings – financial, legal, administrative – so that decisions about St Michael's are made collectively and using the skills and expertise of our church members.
- We try to spend time with the congregation. We have a duty to meet people at the door and make everyone feel welcome, and for this we rely heavily on the support of our sidespeople. St Michael's has always been proud of our reputation of being a welcoming church, and we know that, like us, many members of the congregation valued that welcome when they started attending. So many people contribute to making St Michael's a special church – sharing talents in music, flowers, administration, designing publicity, finance, DIY, cleaning, organising events, hospitality, as well as pastoral care and taking on roles within services, and so much more. Every regular member of our congregation does at least one thing to contribute to the running of the church, and we value your support so much.



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We are all committed church members, but we have something else in common – most of us are volunteers. The amount of work we cover between us would cost a fortune to provide. However, due to the sheer volume of work, and our commitment to keep growing our church, we do employ people with specific skills – in Youth Ministry, administration, magazine production, website, media and database management, and we do want to employ a minister as soon as we can. Currently, we have enough money to cover the costs of running our church and employing the people we need, including a part time minister in the future, due to the generosity shown in our Giving in Grace campaign. However, in the last 12 months as we all know, in both our personal and professional lives, the cost of living has risen, and churches are not exempt from this. We, like everyone else need to try and keep ahead of inflation to cover the costs of our ministry.

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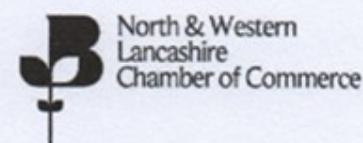
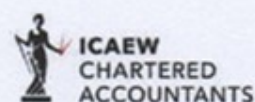


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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism – “We welcome into the Lord’s Family”

26th April NOAH GRAHAM JOHN MUTCH son of
John Mutch and Alice Rigby of Walmer Bridge.

25th May JUDE JAMES POULTON son of
Keith and Kim Poulton of Walmer Bridge.

Confirmation - “I Believe and Trust in Him”

On Sunday June 15th by The Rt. Revd. Joseph Kennedy – Bishop of Burnley
MATTHEW PAUL KOLODZIEJCZAK

ESMAE JAYNE SHARP

Both newly Confirmed are from Much Hoole.

Holy Matrimony “Those whom God hath joined together”

31st May SAMUEL JOHN ROBERT HILTON & AUTUMN LUANNA MURPHY
Both of Bolton.

6th June LUKE MATTHEW BANKS and CHLOE REBECCA SLATER
Both of Hutton.

21st June LEE ROBERT BETHELL and LUCY JANE HOUGH
Both of Longton.

The Departed “Rest eternal grant unto them”

28th May RICHARD JOHNSON aged 87 years of Longton.
Interment followed in the Churchyard.

5th June ERIC PILLING aged 97 years of Much Hoole.
Cremation took place on the following day.

9th June SUSAN FITZELL aged 76 years of Rufford.
Interment followed in the Churchyard.

13th June JAMES KENNETH (KEN) BUCK aged 79 years of Much Hoole.
Interment followed in the Churchyard.

13th June ROY GREENWOOD aged 90 years of Longton.
Interment followed in the Churchyard.



Picnic Church!

HOOLE ST MICHAEL CHURCH
TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Sunday 13th July 3:45pm
at St Michael's School

Football Match at 4:00pm

Short Act of worship during half time

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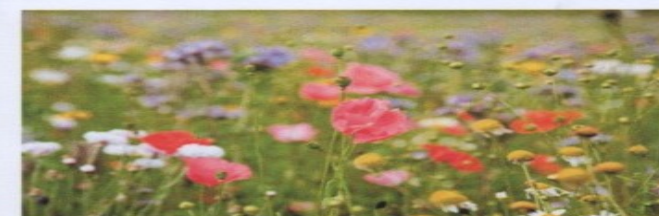
We do hope you are enjoying our magazine, which on average, is produced bi-monthly.

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If you would like to subscribe to our magazine which helps towards the costs of its production this would be very much appreciated.

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Churchwarden: Barbara Wood
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Music for a Summer Evening

Concert

In support of
Christian Aid



Sung by students of Joyce Tindsley

Friday 18th July

7.30pm

At **Hope Methodist Church**

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Tickets: £7 on the door

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PM Dance, Theatre & Fitness Weekly Timetable

VENUE KEY:

- Priory Lane Community Centre
- 'The Venue' Much Hoole
- St. Teresa's Club Penwortham

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
'STAGE & STREET' DANCE & DRAMA Act I Drama (7-12yr) 4:45-6pm Act I Dance (7-12yr) 6-6:45pm Act II Dance (13-17yr) 6:45-7:30pm Act II Drama (13-17yr) 7:35-9:20pm	STRETCH OUT Stretch Class 9:30-10:30am TEA DANCE - SOCIAL Ballroom/Latin/Sequence 2-4:15pm 'LATIN IN LINE' Line Dance Class 7-8pm BALLROOM & LATIN SPARKLERS Small Group Class 8-9pm	STRETCH OUT Stretch Classes 9:30-10:30am 10:30-11:30am UPBEAT AEROBICS Dance Exercise Class 7-8pm BALLROOM/LATIN & SEQUENCE Improvers Class 7-7:40pm Advanced Class 7:40-8:15pm SOCIAL DANCE NIGHT 8:15-10:45pm BALLROOM & LATIN Beginners Class 8-9pm STAGE & STREET Adult Drama (18+) Starting in 2025	POPULAR SEQUENCE Beginners Class 1:30-2:30pm POPULAR SEQUENCE Intermediate Class 2:30-3:15pm BALLROOM/LATIN & SEQUENCE Intermediate Class 7:00-7:30pm Intermediate Class 7:30-8:30pm	BALLROOM/LATIN, & STREETDANCE Starlites (4-7yr) 9:30-10:30am 7-10yr 9:30-10:45am 10-18yr 10:45-12:45pm COMPETITION & EXAM REHEARSALS 12:45-1:45pm 1 to 1 tuition available - various days/times, by arrangement



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One small request, if possible,
please retain a border of about 1/4" around the stamps.

DID YOU TAKE PART IN THIS?

IF YOU DIDN'T YOU MISSED A TREAT.....

On Friday May 16th on a beautiful Spring afternoon, 23 people set off from the Dolphin Inn carpark and enjoyed a leisurely walk, wonderfully led by Gill Slinger.

We walked around the Longton marsh area and on private land populated by horses. The walk lasted about an hour.

On arrival back at the Dolphin, 6 more people joined us for a delicious fish and chip supper and liquid refreshment.

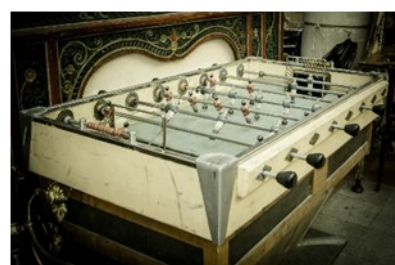


Jane Elphick won a bottle of prosecco
picking the winning team on the rugby card

Colin Wilson, Chair – Fund-raising & Social Committee

Watch out for the next one in early July – poster in this magazine

COMING SOON.....



Bullseye Quiz & Game show
For all you darts fans
GAMES' NIGHT IN
THE LODGE PER-
HAPS?

table football, chess, air hockey??

Colin Wilson – 07905 719831

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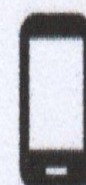
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If you are new to the area come
along—you will be made welcome.

12.00pm every 2nd & 4th Thursday

Village Hall LOTTERY

The 250 club lottery drawn on the
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Just £2.50 per month
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Thursday July 3rd arrive 1pm

(1:15pm start)

Parish Quiz

Walk

MEETING POINT

**South View, Gill Lane,
Walmer Bridge, PR4 5GN**

What's happening

- QUIZ ALONG THE WALK
- ENJOY TEA/COFFEE AND DELICIOUS CAKES
BACK AT SOUTH VIEW
- RAFFLE
- FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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SORRY NO DOGS

Family Church and Sunday School

In recent months we have enjoyed Spring Church in May and Birthday Church in June.

These were both lots of fun, as we celebrated God's creation in spring, and the promise of new life and 2nd chances when we mess up. We planted seeds, did an obstacle course, watched a timelapse video of a caterpillar turning into a butterfly, made our own butterflies, and thought about the passage in Ezekiel of the dry bones coming back to life and the second chances God was willing to give to the people at the time, and to us.



Then in Birthday Church, we celebrated the Church's birthday at the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We thought about what difference the Holy Spirit makes to us, as we played "Fruits of the Spirit pass the parcel", we prayed using popcorn, made kites, birthday cards and flame headbands, and ended with a birthday cake.

In Sunday School, we have tried to follow the same themes as in church as we meet together each Sunday morning. Family Church & Sunday School are well attended and lots of fun, as we worship God in very interactive ways. The crafts we make give us time to think about what we've learnt and give us something to take home to remind us of the session. We play games to introduce themes as well as to have fun and burn off a bit of energy! We always look at the Bible and think about what the passage means to us. We may not read things straight from the "proper" Bible, but we watch videos or read from a Children's Bible or sometimes act the stories out. Every Family Church and Sunday School contains some type of prayer – again, not necessarily sitting still prayers, but running around, or popping bubbles, or wiggling our toes all give us active ways to engage with God.

Pizza & Praise

In May, we thought about money and how we use it. We looked at the passage in Mark's gospel about the widow who gave all she had to God, and thought about whether we give God the best of us, or a little bit we have left over at the



Lee & Lucy
21st June 2025
Mr & Mrs Bethell



CONGRATULATIONS
TO YOU ALL FROM ALL AT ST MICHAELS

St Michael's Flower Team.

Today marks the summer solstice, around which time is the traditional wedding season, so here are just a couple of photographs of recent arrangements celebrating love.



*SUMMER WEDDINGS AT ST MICHAEL'S
CONTINUING THE THEME OF
"LOVE IS THE GREATEST GIFT"*



*Sam & Autumn
31st May 2025
Mr & Mrs Hilton*

end of the day. We thought about this in terms of money and also our time and talents. In June, we were thinking about being part of God's family, and we had a lot of interactive prayers based around the first Church, as described in Acts 2.

These themes are brought out using songs, some old and familiar songs, along with some brand new ones, prayers, Bible thoughts and fellowship. This is such a different service to the 9:00, or the 10:30 service, so if you haven't tried it yet, why not give it a try and come and meet God in a new and refreshing way?

After the service in church, we go across to the Lodge for pizza and a time of fun and fellowship. We'd love to welcome more people of any age who want to worship God in a new way and enjoy eating pizza! We're back on 20 July, at the new time of 4:00, and we'd love to see lots of people there.

During the Summer

Most of our activities will stop for the summer but there will be summer activities at the back of church for any children to do during any of the services they are at.


**Our final Sunday School is on 20 July at 10:30
We are back on 31 August at 1030**

Pizza & Praise will be back on 21 September and Family Church is back on 8 September.

Have a wonderful summer everyone.


CYP Minister – Liz Boland

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!!

 **31ST AUGUST @ 10:30 AM**

PARENTS AND CHILDREN PLEASE MEET IN CHURCH FOR THE 10:30AM SERVICE
CHILDREN WILL GO OUT INTO SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING THE SERVICE
AND WILL BE BROUGHT BACK BEFORE THE END OF THE CHURCH SERVICE

THE SERVICE WILL INCLUDE A WELCOME TO MRS REBECCA HOLLAND AND MRS KATY HEYWORTH TO THE PARISH AS THEY START WORK AT ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL AS HEADTEACHER AND ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER


HOOLE ST MICHAEL CHURCH
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Games *Bible story*

 *Pop on over to*

**Sunday School
End of Year Party**

Sweets **Sunday 20 July 10:30**

Contact Liz at
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St Michael and All Angels Church, Liverpool
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For more details: Lizboland@yahoo.co.uk



Junior Bowls at Hoole Bowling Club

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A great way for children age 7 to 16 to get involved in crown green bowling! Learn the skills of the game with qualified coaches via fun games and practice matches. All equipment provided.

Junior bowling sessions will run for 6 weeks on Saturday mornings from 7th June - 12th July. Arrive at 9.45am for registration, 10-11am bowling.

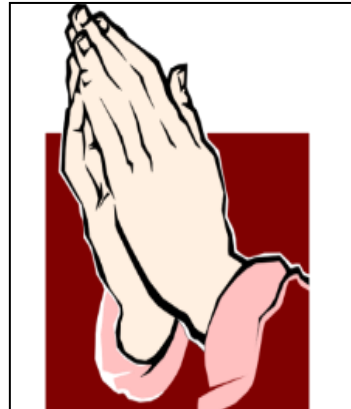
Just £1 per session per child.

- ♦ Please arrange for children to arrive 15 minutes before the session to sign in and allow the coaches to prepare enough equipment for all.
- ♦ A child does not need to attend all sessions, however, skills are built upon each week so it would be beneficial to attend as many as possible.
- ♦ Parents/guardians are encouraged to stay and watch with a cuppa.
- ♦ If you would like more information or have any questions, please phone Janice on 07968 487102 or send us a message via our website at www.hoolebowlingclub.co.uk/contact/

SPACE FOR PRAYER

There is a space in church (in front of the pews) for anyone to come and sit and pray or just have a quiet time. There are materials to read and we hope it will provide a place to leave prayer requests. Prayer is a time when we have our conversations with God, but equally times of silence and quiet so that we can listen to what he has to say to us. God wants us to come to him in prayer and gives us the Holy Spirit to help us. Prayer is our breath. If you would like us to get in touch please contact me:

Rev Mandy Hughes
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SUNDAY

@ 1045 AM

AT GOD'S ACRE CHAPEL IN THE WOODLAND BURIAL GROUND
MOSS HOUSE LANE, MUCH HOOLE

WHERE YOU WILL FIND A WARM WELCOME

Hoole Church Ladies' Group

At our May meeting Sarah Garrish presented "Belly Dancing - Styles and Costuming". Sarah is a local belly dance teacher who specialises in the Egyptian style. We thoroughly enjoyed watching her perform four graceful belly dancing routines with a different costume for each one. She passed around some dazzling outfits so members could inspect them closely. Thanks to our programme secretaries, Sheila and Helen, for providing an afternoon's entertainment so very different from the norm!

Many thanks to all who came along to our Coffee Morning and spent so freely as well as enjoying the lively social event. Our house was bulging at the seams! The quiz as usual taxed a few minds and there was great concentration amongst those taking part. As last year the morning, rather unkindly, dawned wet which continued until after lunch but this didn't prevent folks from coming along. We made the amazing amount of £702 - a record for a coffee morning - which will be distributed, along with the funds from other events, to charitable causes at the end of the year.

At the time of writing we haven't had our June meeting and I will report on this in the next magazine.

Anyone who may be interested in coming along to our meetings would be made very welcome. We are a friendly group and welcome new members. Do give me a call on 07791 068360.

Erika



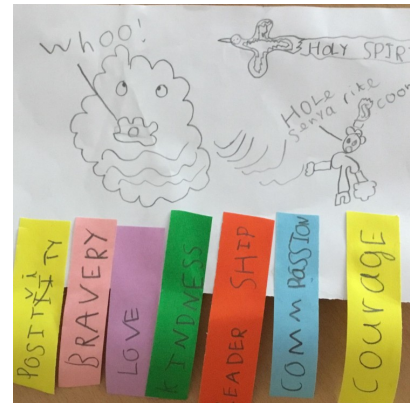
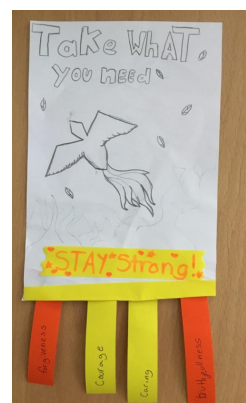


Hoole St Michael CE Primary School.

At Hoole St Michael's we all enjoyed our Spirituality Day learning about Pentecost.



Our KS2 children acted out the story for our younger children. Throughout the day we completed lots of exciting activities and crafts.



We finished our day with a Pentecost Party to celebrate the birthday of the church.



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

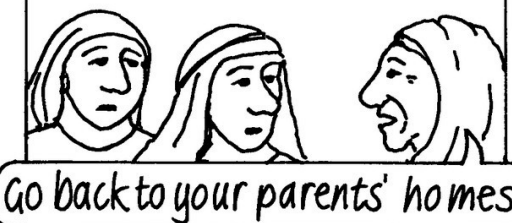
It can be read in the Bible in Ruth chapters 1 and 2

When famine came to Bethlehem, Elimelech took his family to the nearby country of Moab. The two sons married local girls.

But Elimelech and his sons died, leaving Naomi, Orpah and Ruth as widows.



Naomi told her daughters-in-law she was returning to Bethlehem.



Go back to your parents' homes.

The girls cried, and Orpah left, but Ruth stayed.



I will stay with you. Your people and your God will be mine.



So Naomi and Ruth went back to Bethlehem.

Call me 'Mara' not 'Naomi' because God has made my life bitter.



*'Naomi' means 'Pleasant' 'Mara' means 'Bitter'

It was the start of the barley harvest. Poor people were allowed to glean - to pick up the ears of grain that had been dropped. Ruth went out to glean.



She picked a field, asked if she could glean, then worked hard



The field's owner, Boaz, arrived.



Who's that girl? That's Ruth, who came from Moab with Naomi.

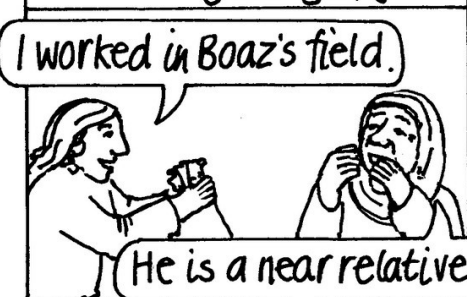


Boaz told Ruth she was welcome to work in his fields.

He told her to join his workers at lunch-time, and made sure she had more than enough to eat.



Ruth worked hard and took home a huge bag of grain.

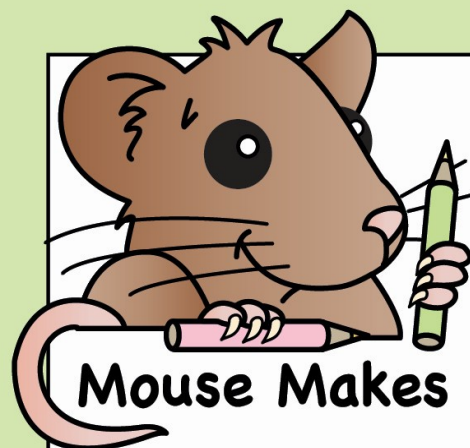


I worked in Boaz's field.

He is a near relative!

Ruth worked all through the barley and wheat harvests in Boaz's fields.





"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray...' And He said to them, 'When you pray, say...'"



Our _____
in _____,
hallowed be your
_____, your
_____ come,
your _____ be done,
on _____ as it is in
_____.
Give us today our daily
_____.
_____ us our
S _____ as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into

but _____
us from _____.
For the kingdom,
the _____ and
the _____ are
yours now and forever.
Amen

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Fill in the missing words of the Lord's Prayer then find them and these extra words in the word search:

LORD'S PRAYER
DISCIPLES
JESUS
GOD
WORLD
NEEDS
FORGIVENESS
TRESPASSES
PROTECTION
REPENTANCE



The versions of **The Lord's Prayer** we say today come from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Which version do you use in your church?



Read Matthew 6:9-15 and Luke 11:1-4



Hoole St Michael CE Primary School



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EVERYDAY IS AN OPEN DAY-Come and visit our wonderful school.

This is what our parents say.....

'Hoole St Michael's is a fantastic community church school which both my children have loved attending. Smaller class sizes mean children are known everywhere they go in the school and this is not only comforting as a parent but also helps a child feel safe and included. Christian values are taught and rewarded and the school has an excellent equality ethos.'

Small, friendly supportive school. 'A hidden Gem.'

Hoole St Michael is a wonderful school which nurtures and supports all children. Both of my children are flourishing from the safe environment, care and high level of education provided by our school. The extra curricular activities are also great, as is forest school, which our children love. As parents, we have found the teachers very easy to communicate with and who always reply with a prompt response. Our children always look forward to attending school, and return home happy after having a brilliant day. Hoole St Michael is absolutely the best primary school for our children.

This is what our children say.....



Our Honeybees Nursery



Everyone around me is kind, helpful and always includes me. We treat each other with remarkable respect. Amazing teachers, a lovely place to learn and have fun. We do lots of sports and go on exciting trips.

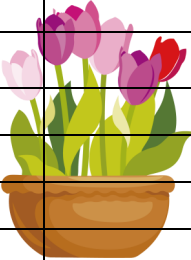


Forest School and Extensive Outdoor Areas

Maths Mastery School



Flower Arrangers' Rota - May to July 2025		
Date - 2025	Arranger/s	Sponsor/s
6th July	Jean / Hilary	Mr & Mrs Taylor
13th July	Claire	Church Men's Group
20th July	Julie / Elaine	Mrs Leigh
27th July	Lisa	
3rd August	Sue / Jean	Mrs Westell
10th August	Claire	Mrs Parker
17th August	Elise / Janet	Mrs Clark
24th August	Julie / Elaine	Mrs Elphick
31st August	Sue / Jean	Mrs J Oak, Mrs M Ferguson
7th September	Betty / Maureen	Mrs Wignall
14th September	Betty / Maureen	Mrs Sutton
21st September	Lisa	Mrs Jump
28th September	Julie / Elaine	Mr & Mrs Wood



Rota for Tea/Coffee in the Lodge

July & August 2025

July 2025

- 06.07.25. Gill & Nick
- 13.07.25. Shirley & John
- 20.07.25. Pat & Nina
- 27.07.25. John & Honey

August 2025

- 03.08.25. Carole & Lynn
- 10.08.25. Joan & Mike
- 17.08.25. Gill & Nick
- 24.08.25. Shirley & John
- 31.08.25. Pat & Nina

September 2025

- 07.09.25. John & Honey
- 14.09.25. Carole & Lynn
- 21.09.25. Joan & Mike
- 28.09.25. Gill & Nick

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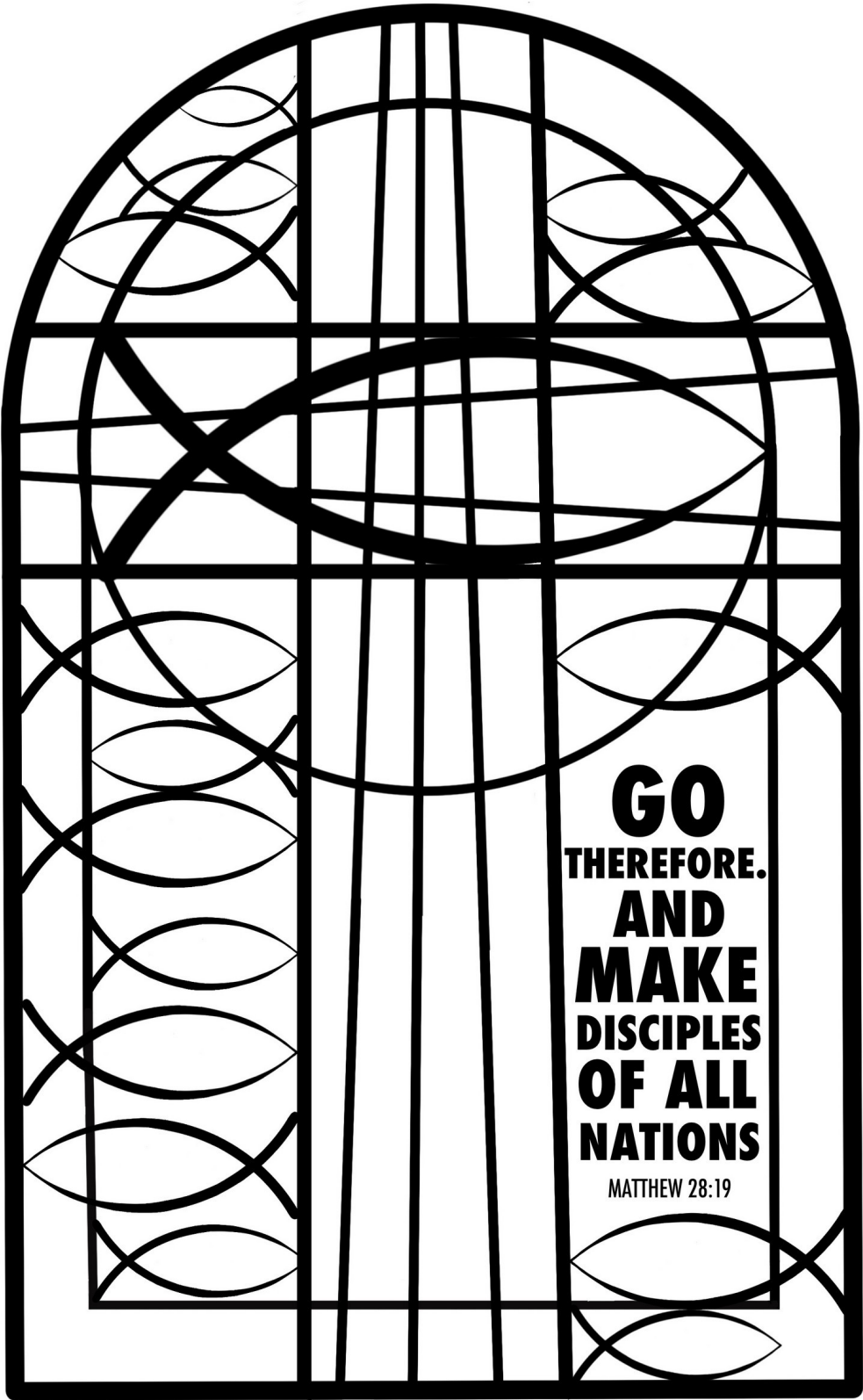
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