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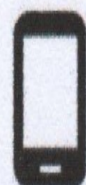
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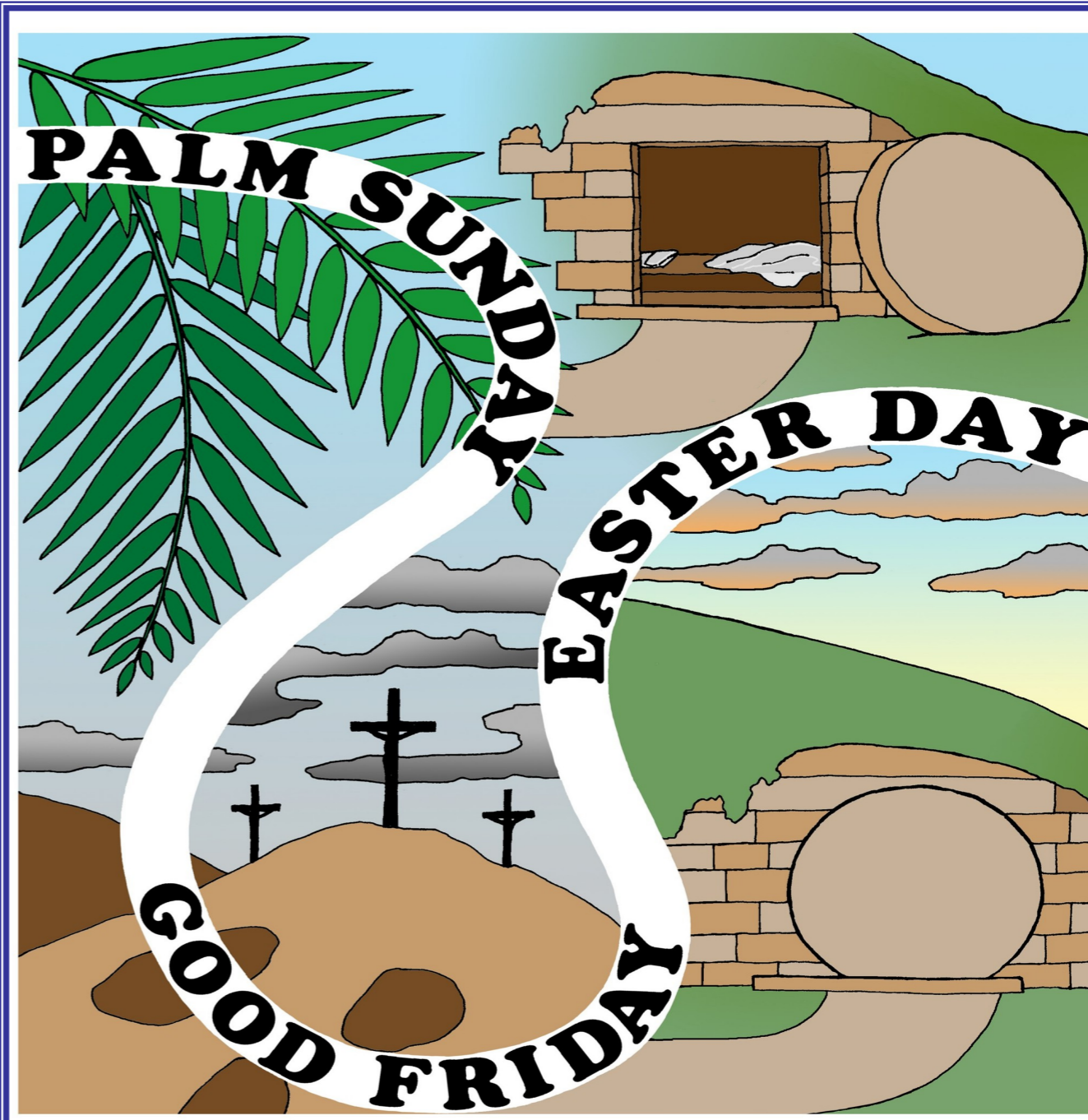
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2nd Tuesday each Month @ 7.30pm  
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During our time of vacancy, if you have any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant member of our Leadership Team (see page 4)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - APRIL 2025

Day	Date	Time	What's happening?
Tuesday	1-Apr	1015 am	Midweek Service in the Lodge
Wednesday	2-Apr	0930-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in the Lodge
Thursday	3-Apr	9.00 am	St Michael's School Easter Service
Sunday	6-Apr	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1030 am	Parish Communion with Sunday School
		1200 noon	Burial of Ashes for Maureen Field
		4.00 pm	Holy Communion at Old Mill Court
Monday	7-Apr	2.30 pm	Holy Communion at Ribble Court
Tuesday	8-Apr	1015 am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Wednesday	9-Apr	School Holidays	NO St Michael's Little Angels - Term Time Only
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13-Apr</b>		<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
		9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1010 am	Meet at St Michael's School and Process to Church
		1030 am	Morning Worship with Sunday School
Tuesday	15-Apr	1015 am	Midweek Service in the Lodge
Wednesday	16-Apr	School Holidays	NO St Michael's Little Angels - Term Time Only
Thursday	17-Apr	2.00 pm	Ladies Group Meeting at The Venue
<b>Friday</b>	<b>18-Apr</b>		<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
		1100 am	Adults Hour at the Cross in Church
		1100 am	Children's Hour at the Cross in the Lodge
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20-Apr</b>		<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
		9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1030 am	Parish Communion with Sunday School
Tuesday	22-Apr	1015 am	Midweek Service in the Lodge
Wednesday	23-Apr	0930-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Saturday	26-Apr	1000 am	Baptism of Noah Mutch - Rev Chris Boland
Sunday	27-Apr	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1030 am	Morning Worship with Sunday School
		12 noon	<b>APCM in the Lodge with light Refreshments</b>
Tuesday	29-Apr	1015 am	Midweek Service in the Lodge
Wednesday	30-Apr	0930-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in the Lodge



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MARCH 2025			
Day	Date	Time	What's happening?
Sunday	2-Mar	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1030 am	Parish Communion
		3.45 pm	Pancake Church at The Venue
		4.00 pm	Holy Communion at Old Mill Court
Monday	3-Mar	2.30 pm	Holy Communion at Ribble Court
Tuesday	4-Mar	1015 am	Midweek Service in the Lodge
Wednesday	5-Mar	0930-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
		<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>St Michael's School Ash Wednesday Service</b>
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Holy Communion</b>
Sunday	9-Mar	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1030 am	Morning Worship
Tuesday	11-Mar	1015 am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
		7.30 pm	Joint Ladies & Men's Group Meeting at The Venue
Wednesday	12-Mar	0930-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Sunday	16-Mar	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1030 am	Parish Communion with Sunday School
Tuesday	18-Mar	1015 am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Wednesday	19-Mar	09.30-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in the Lodge
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23-Mar</b>		<b>SPRING BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY</b>
		9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1030 am	Morning Worship with Sunday School
		5.00 pm	Pizza & Praise
Tuesday	25-Mar	1015 am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Wednesday	26-Mar	0930-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30-Mar</b>		<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>
		9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1030 am	Family Service with Sunday School

### CHURCH OPENING TIMES

St Michael & All Angels Church is open every day.

Opening times are:

Monday-Saturday inclusive: 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Sunday: 8.00am to 4.30pm

### Easter Greetings from the Leadership Team

As the days finally start to warm up, we are looking ahead at St Michael's to some special events around spring and of course Easter.

We started our year with the good news that our Parish Profile, drawn up by the PCC (Church Council), has been approved by Blackburn Diocese, and our advertisement for a new Rector is now live. We hope and pray that the right person will be attracted to lead our active church and develop all the ministry currently being led by our Leadership Team and supported by visiting Ministers. We continue to offer two services each Sunday, at 9.00 a.m. (quieter Communion service) and 10.30a.m (with music and Sunday School), and a small midweek service each Tuesday morning at 10.15 a.m. in our fully accessible Lodge. We also have monthly Family Church services at the Venue, Much Hoole; monthly services at Ribble Court and Old Mill Court; and a monthly Pizza and Praise service aimed particularly at those who enjoy informal worship.

Here are some special dates for your diaries:

**We are naming 23rd March 2025 "Spring back to church Sunday".** All three of our services that day will be focused particularly upon welcoming people who may not have been to our church for quite some time, and people who may be new to faith. We all know that, if attending church is no longer part of your routine, it can be a bit overwhelming to think about coming back. You might be concerned that you won't know what to do anymore, things have changed, you won't know anybody etc. Please do not let that put you off! St Michael's is a very friendly church, where everyone receives a warm welcome, and those who lead our services will be making sure they explain things as they go along, as well as providing everyone with food for thought. There is lots going on at St Michael's and we hope there will be something that appeals directly to you, wherever you may be in your thoughts about church. We are already looking forward to welcoming you back, so do come along, or bring friends with you if you are a more regular attender.

After that, we will be looking forward to Easter. Archdeacon Mark Ireland will be leading our 1030 service on Mothering Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> March), and on Palm Sunday (13th April) there will be special activities for the children at 10.30 Sunday School. On Good Friday we will be repeating our popular "Hour at the Cross" services, with a reflective service in church for adults and related activities for the children in the Lodge. Followed, of course, by special celebratory services two days later on Easter Sunday.

The Leadership Team continue to appreciate all the many ways in which members of the congregation are supporting us. It is wonderful to see everyone working together to keep St Michael's thriving as a living church community.

**Happy Easter Blessings Everyone**  
Jane, Barbara, Mandy, Liz & Margaret



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

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MONDAY				Working from Home
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WEDNESDAY				
THURSDAY				Working in the Parish
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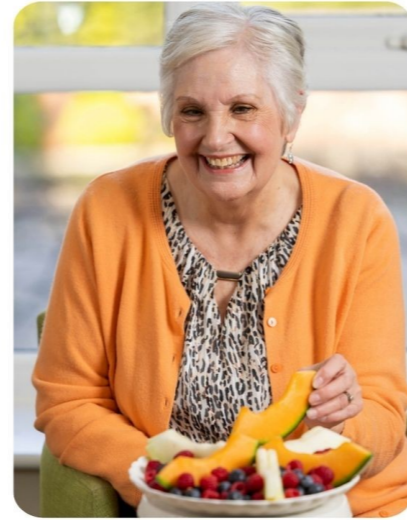
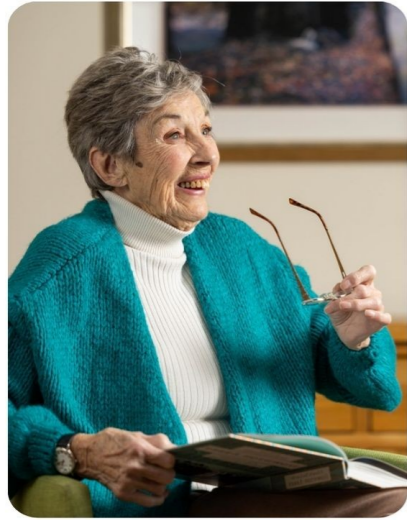
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## Wonderful news!

Many of you will know that Mandy Hughes was accepted for training as an Ordinand last year, and her training has been progressing at St Michael's - initially under the guidance of Revd Ann Templeman, and more recently Revd Sam Crossley from St Andrew's Longton.

We are delighted to announce that Bishop Philip has recently advised Mandy that her training has progressed successfully, and she is on track to be ordained as a Deacon on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Even better, Bishop Philip has confirmed that Mandy will be appointed as Assistant Curate at Hoole St Michael's upon Ordination.

Bishop Philip said,

*"I am very pleased that it has been possible to get your curacy arranged. I pray that your final year in training will be richly blessed and that all will go smoothly as you approach ordination".*

Mandy still has a great many assignments and requirements to complete, some of which take place away from the Parish, but she will remain a key person in our Leadership Team and we are all praying for her as she works towards Ordination.



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## Thoughts on Prayer

Rudyard Kipling wrote – “I keep 6 honest serving men; they taught me all I knew. Their names are What and Why and How and Where and When and Who”.

When we start our Christian life – and sometimes even when we think we’re well on our way on our journey – we can often be completely at sea, when we try to pray. I’ve come up with some pointers-not conclusive by any means but maybe a bit of a lifeline to fellow strugglers and stragglers.

### **WHO - to pray to.**

As a child I was taught “our Father”, but people leading prayers in Church start with “Dear Lord”, “Heavenly Father” “Dear God”, or lots of other titles. Any of these will get you tuned into the right wavelength, and you can be sure that God will be waiting patiently and listening very carefully. He really does know this call is important to both of you.

### **WHERE - to pray**

Again, as a child I said my prayers in bed. My lovely neighbours pray before each meal. On Sundays/Tuesdays, most of us go to pray in Church. But you can pray anywhere/anytime. Surrounded by hungry ducks at the Brickcroft, I find is an ideal spot to celebrate God’s natural creation. A room filled with friends and family may be a bit noisy but a wonderful opportunity for a moment of thanks.

### **HOW - to Pray**

Again, as a child I was told to be on my knees, eyes tightly closed, and hands pressed together – but one of the most prayerful moments I can remember is walking by a river in the sunshine. I love singing (it will be in tune when it reaches God). Some hymns carry me on a crescendo of glory or an agony of repentance and I am in the presence of the Almighty.

### **WHEN – to Pray**

Again, I was taught morning, evening and Sundays, yet that is not really enough -anytime you are faced with joy or sorrow is right, so that is almost all the time.

### **WHY – Pray**

God loves you and me. God sent his only son to die for us, so perhaps the question should be **WHY NOT?** We all have times when our faith wavers and ebbs, but God is constant, and he wants us to talk with him and to open our hearts to him.

### **WHAT -to Pray**

There is a simple formula called teaspoon prayers (TSP). Thank you, sorry and please. That covers about everything you could think of. There is always something to be thankful for, always something we haven’t done right or wish we hadn’t done at all, and always something that we want for our world, our friends, family and ourselves.

A little word of warning, there will be answers, but they will be his answers-they will come, but you may need to be patient. So just take a moment from your busy life, and let your heavenly Father help you.

**“Rejoice always Pray without Ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”. 1 Thessalonians 5v16-17.**

**Margaret Kirkman**

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**holy  
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PALM  
SUNDAY



**Palm Sunday**

**Sunday 13th April**

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.10am Meet at school, process to Church for  
10.30am Service with Sunday School. Donkey  
themed activities to enjoy.

**Good Friday**  
**Friday 18th April**

11.00am

An Hour at the Cross in Church &  
Children's Hour at the Cross in the Lodge



**HAPPY  
Easter**

**Easter Sunday**

**Sunday 20th April**

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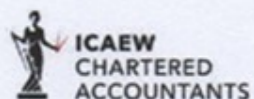
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ST MICHAEL'S & ALL ANGELS  
CHURCH HOOLE

# Sunday 30th March

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Mothering Sunday Service with  
Sunday School and Distribution of Flowers.

LED BY  
ARCHDEACON REV MARK IRELAND

## Children and Families at St Michael's Church

### A day/week/month in the life of your Children & Young People's Minister

Five years into my employment at St Michael's, I am conscious that a lot of what I do is done during the week, and most of the congregation have no idea what the church is paying for me to do! So, I thought I would give you an insight into the things I do each week and month.

Each week, these things happen:

Sunday School

I attend the midweek service on a Tuesday morning, as this is MY chance to go to church, as I am so busy on a Sunday morning.

I run Worship Group at St Michael's School on Tuesday lunchtime. These children work towards leading Worship at school once each term.

I lead Worship at St Michael's School each Tuesday

I run a Bible Craft Club at St Michael's School on Thursday lunchtime

Confirmation prep sessions (fortnightly) on Thursday after school

Each month/term, these things happen:

Family Church

Pizza & Praise

Assembly at Little Hoole Primary School

Collective Worship at Holmeswood School

RE support in each of the 4 classes at St Michael's School

I chair the Ethos Committee at St Michael's School

Occasional extras:

School services in church

The extra services around Christmas and Easter



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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
<p><b>'STAGE &amp; STREET' DANCE &amp; DRAMA</b></p> <p>Act I Drama (7-12yr) 4:45-6pm</p> <p>Act I Dance (7-12yr) 6-6:45pm</p> <p>Act II Dance (13-17yr) 6:45-7:30pm</p> <p>Act II Drama (13-17yr) 7:35-9:20pm</p>	<p><b>STRETCH OUT</b> Stretch Class 9:30-10:30am</p> <p><b>TEA DANCE - SOCIAL</b> Ballroom/Latin/Sequence 2-4:15pm</p> <p><b>'LATIN IN LINE'</b> Line Dance Class 7-8pm</p> <p><b>BALLROOM &amp; LATIN SPARKLERS</b> Small Group Class 8-9pm</p>	<p><b>STRETCH OUT</b> Stretch Classes 9:30-10:30am 10.30-11.30am</p> <p><b>UPBEAT AEROBICS</b> Dance Exercise Class 7-8pm</p> <p><b>BALLROOM/LATIN &amp; SEQUENCE</b> Improvers Class 7-7:40pm</p> <p>Advanced Class 7:40-8:15pm</p> <p><b>SOCIAL DANCE NIGHT</b> 8:15-10:45pm</p> <p><b>BALLROOM &amp; LATIN</b> Beginners Class 8-9pm</p> <p><b>STAGE &amp; STREET</b> Adult Drama (18+) Starting in 2025</p>	<p><b>POPULAR SEQUENCE</b> Beginners Class 1:30-2:30pm</p> <p><b>POPULAR SEQUENCE</b> Intermediate Class 2.30-3.15pm</p> <p><b>BALLROOM/LATIN &amp; SEQUENCE</b> Intermediate Class 7.00-7.30pm</p> <p>Intermediate Class 7:30-8:30pm</p>	<p><b>BALLROOM/LATIN, &amp; STREETDANCE</b></p> <p>Starlites (4-7yr) 9:30-10:30am</p> <p>7-10yr 9:30-10:45am</p> <p>10-18yr 10:45-12:45pm</p> <p><b>COMPETITION &amp; EXAM REHEARSALS</b> 12:45-1:45pm</p> <p><b>1 to 1 tuition available - various days/times, by arrangement</b></p>



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And then there are the meetings and training!

PCC

Regular meetings with Jane as my Line Manager

Termly meetings with Rob Steward from Scripture Union, for spiritual guidance and a slightly more distanced view of my work.

Two annual retreats put on by Blackburn Diocese – Advent Retreat and Children's Ministry Conference.

St Michael's School Governors (where I am vice chair)

Leadership Team

The planning, preparation and leading of all these things take up most of my time and of course, extra things such as pastoral visits, baptism preparation for older children and so on.

I think I fit a lot into my 15 hours per week, but I consider it a huge privilege to be able to share God with over 300 children every school term, as well as their families. The lunchtime clubs at school allow me to build up good relationships with the children and staff at school, which is so important. You may look around church on a Sunday morning, and think that if I meet 300 children every term why aren't there more in church? Part of the answer to that is that there is a good number of people who come to Family Church or Pizza & Praise, but not on a Sunday morning. They are still coming to church. I am a great believer in "church" being more than what happens in the building on a Sunday. Every child who takes part in a school Worship, or leaves an assembly thinking more deeply about how they live and how God fits into their lives, is part of our church. I don't do my job to get more people through our church doors (although when they do come, obviously that's fantastic!) but to spread the Good News of Jesus to more people in our community.

I love this job and the joy the children give me. It is what God has called me to do, and in His strength, I aim to do it as best I can.

Liz Boland

Children & Young People's Minister



**HOOLE CHURCH LADIES' GROUP  
PROGRAMME FOR 2025**

We hold our meetings on the third Thursday of each month at The Venue, Hoole Village Memorial Hall, Liverpool Road, Much Hoole, starting at 2.00pm. Come along and join us – new members will be made very welcome!  
For more information please call Erika Penrose on 01772 613816 or Rose Brown on 07967 696533



<b>16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	AGM
<b>20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch
<b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<i>Invitation from the Men's Group – Please note: this is a Tuesday evening meeting at 7.30pm in the Poppy Lounge</i> "My Life & Career with Lancashire Constabulary" (Part 2) Speaker: Mebs Ahmed
<b>17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	The Work of the Bowland-Pennine Mountain Rescue Team Speaker: Paul Durham
<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	"Belly Dancing – Styles & Costuming". Speaker: Sarah Garrish
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Summer Coffee Morning at Banks Farm PR4 5LE
<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	"Sweet Memories" – Speaker: Jackie Mafi
<b>No meeting in July</b>	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	"An Adventure on Wheels" (Part 2) Speakers: Yvonne and Matt Pinder
<b>18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	"Edith Rigby – Preston's Most Famous Suffragette" Speaker: Judy Beeston
<b>16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<i>Invitation to the Men's Group</i> "Why WE LOVE A TOWN CRIER" Speaker: Rawden Kerr
<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Coffee Morning at The Venue, Hoole Village Hall
<b>20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	"Victorians Unbuttoned" – Speaker: Fiona Smithson
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Christmas Celebration Evening for Charity with local celebrity Katy Bradley ( <i>Open Evening – all welcome</i> )

**Extra dates for your diary**

Tuesday 11th March 7.30pm Joint Men's and Ladies' Groups meeting in the Poppy Lounge, Village Hall

Thursday 17th April 2.00pm Ladies' Group meeting in the Village hall



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or phone Rose 07967 696533 or Sam 07845 37307  
For upcoming events and meetings etc. visit our website

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Church General Fund (including GASDS)	£10,000
The Buildings, Fabric & Churchyard (previously the Friends Fund)	£1,393
The Children & Young People's (CYP) Work Fund	£12
The Children & Young People's (CYP) Minister's Fund	£2,836
The Flower Fund	£77
The Platinum Jubilee Lodge Fund	£53

This is quite a significant increase on donations received in 2023 (approx. £2,000) due to your ready responses to our Giving in Grace Campaign in the summer of 2024. Don't forget, that is an ongoing campaign and we would actively encourage you to continually review your regular Giving to God in preparation for the appointment of (and payment for) our new Rector.

**If you would like to donate now – please check out our QR Code above.**  
**If you would like to know more about other methods of donating, please give me a call.**

**Barbara Wood**  
Churchwarden, Joint Treasurer & Gift Aid Recorder

## Hoole Church Ladies' Group



Our AGM in January was very well attended. We needed all our members for a photograph to celebrate our 50th anniversary this year and nearly everyone was able to attend.



After the business of the meeting, we all had a slice of the delicious sponge cake Lynn had kindly baked together with a glass of Prosecco to toast the group!



The next excitement is to be our celebration lunch at the Rufford Arms on 20th February which will have taken place by the time this magazine is printed. Everyone will receive a copy of the group photograph and a coaster with a picture of St Michael's Church superimposed.

After all that, we'll be getting back to normal! On 11th March (second Tuesday) at 7.30pm the Men's Group are inviting us to the Poppy Lounge for a second talk by Mebs Ahmed about his life and career in the Lancashire Constabulary. Mebs came to us fairly recently so we know he is a very interesting speaker.

On Thursday 17th April at 2.30pm, Paul Durham from the Bowland-Pennine Mountain Rescue Team will be telling us about their work. Not to be missed!

If anyone reading this would like to try our group you would be most welcome.

Just give me a call on 07791 068360.

**Erika Penrose**



## Diamond Wedding Celebration



On the 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024, prayers of thanksgiving were said in our service for Stan and Irene Pickles, who had celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary the day before with many friends and family members.

Irene and Stan were the first couple to be married at All Saints Church New Longton, in 1964, when snow added a festive touch to their wedding photos.

Since then, they have become very well-established members of our congregation, and many congratulations, flowers and a celebratory tune on the organ were shared on their special weekend.

Heartfelt thanks were also extended for all that they do for our church community. Over the years, Stan and Irene between them, have taken responsibility for lay roles as varied as Churchwarden, Verger, choir members, joinery, laundry, Communion preparation, cleaning, church registers, refreshments, fixing things and much, much more. Not to mention generally knowing everyone and the answer to everyone else's questions!



# SPRING BACK TO CHURCH

and grow in faith



## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

You are warmly invited to join us for the following services

9:00 am Holy Communion

10:30 am Parish Communion

5:00 pm Pizza & Praise

*As the seasons change 'spring back' to what truly nourishes us*



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*To know Christ, and make him known*



## The Appointment of Mr Jock Davidson as Churchwarden Emeritus

Jane and Barbara are delighted to announce that Mr Jock Davidson was appointed as Churchwarden Emeritus by the PCC on 7th November 2024. Prayers of thanks and welcome were led by Revd Barbara Wilson at our 1030 service on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024.

The title "Churchwarden Emeritus" is an honorary title, which churches can choose to give to a retired Churchwarden. Most churches do not have anyone with this title, but at St Michael's there is a precedent as Mr Bill Carr was appointed to the role some years ago following his retirement as Churchwarden.

Following Bill's death in the summer of 2024, we felt it was fitting for the title to be offered to Jock, to reflect his many years of commitment to St Michael's, and the standing and respect in which he is held by the congregation.

Jock remains a wonderful source of knowledge and support for us as Wardens, and as Churchwarden Emeritus he will deputise for us at services if required, and co-ordinate matters relating to the churchyard and maintenance of our historic church.

### **Many Congratulations Jock.**



## St. Michael's Men's Group.

We began 2025 with a visit on January 14<sup>th</sup> from Mrs Currell from Freckleton, who during World War II was a child attending Freckleton primary school when an American plane crashed on to the school. Many children and teachers sadly died, however Mrs Currell was one of only three children, in the damaged area of the school, to survive the disaster and she told us of her first-hand experience of the happenings at that time and of the aftermath and great care afforded to them by the American forces for many years which followed.

In February one of our own members, Howard Davidson, gave us an insight into his years spent as a prison officer, covering his experiences, some humorous, some less so, and some quite scary and alarming. His illustrations showed the vast area covered by the local prisons of Wymott and Garth and the adjoining land for the new proposed prison as an extension to that site.

Our forthcoming meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> will be our joint meeting when we invite the members of the Ladies Group to come along and join us. This meeting will be Part Two of a talk by Mebs Ahmed on his experiences as an Officer in the Lancashire Constabulary. Mebs has given part one of his talk, separately to both the Ladies and Men's Groups, so we felt it appropriate to come together for this, part two of his talk. This meeting is open to anyone and even if you did not hear the first part of his talk, this meeting will still be of interest and can be enjoyed as a stand-alone talk.

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

#### Baptism – "We welcome into the Lord's Family"

12<sup>th</sup> January JOSIE ADALYN LENNON daughter of  
Matthew Lennon and Emma Ashbridge of Australia.

#### Marriage "Those whom God hath joined together" NO MARRIAGES

#### The Departed "Rest eternal grant unto them"

10th January FRANK GLEAVE aged 98 years of Much Hoole, and  
formerly of Longton. Interment followed in the  
churchyard.

### Deadline for the Magazine

May/ June 2025 deadline

**Monday 21st April 2025**

All articles to be sent to [stmhoolechurchmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:stmhoolechurchmagazine@gmail.com)

### 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:



**Mandy Hughes (Ordinard)**

**Mob 07791 532461. Email [amandahughes945@gmail.com](mailto:amandahughes945@gmail.com)**

### COMING SOON.....

#### Parish Walk and Supper



#### Bullseye Quiz & Gameshow for all you darts fans



**Colin Wilson – 07905 719831**  
**Chair of the Fundraising & Social Committee**

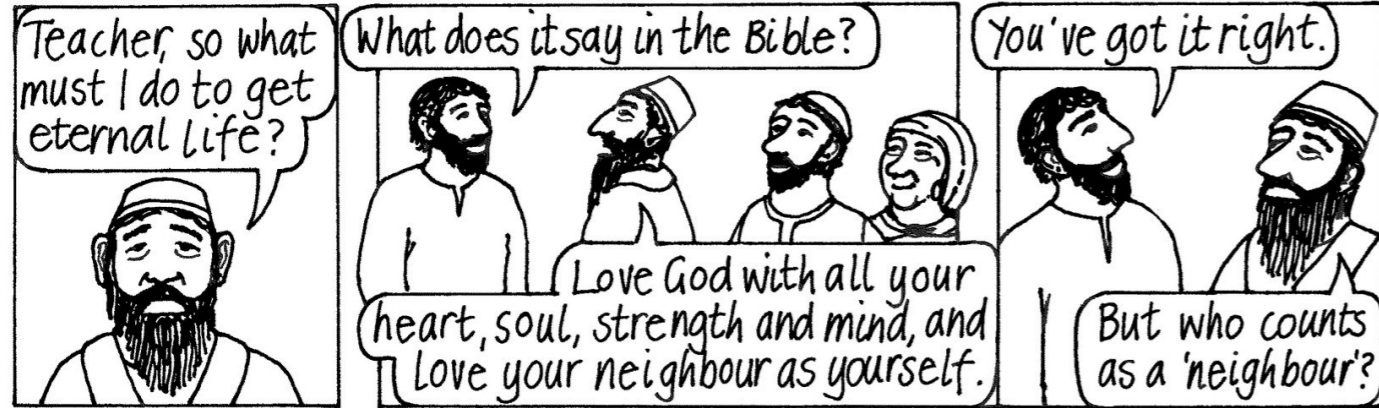
*Check out our website or follow us on face book  
Watch out for posters around the parish  
Or give Colin a call for more information*

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the Law of Moses wanted to test Jesus' knowledge of the laws in the Bible, so he asked Jesus a question.



## Hoole St Michael CE Primary School.



Our wonderful worship group led worship with Liz on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. They shared the story of Peter in Prison. We learnt how we can pray to God and he will help us through difficult times. We also enjoyed singing together-'My Lighthouse'

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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.



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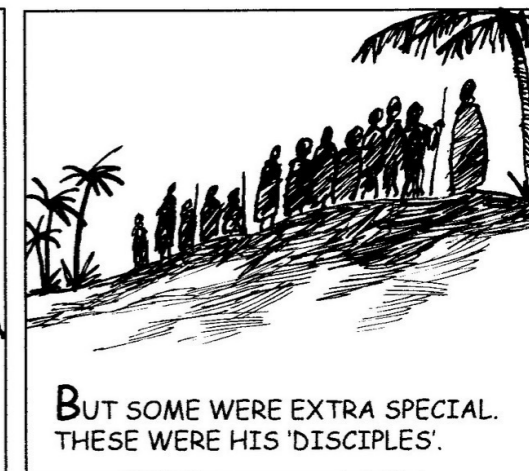
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## The Doctor and the Patient



JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS



BUT SOME WERE EXTRA SPECIAL. THESE WERE HIS 'DISCIPLES'.

JESUS ONCE ASKED A TAX-COLLECTOR CALLED 'MATTHEW' TO BE ONE OF HIS TEAM

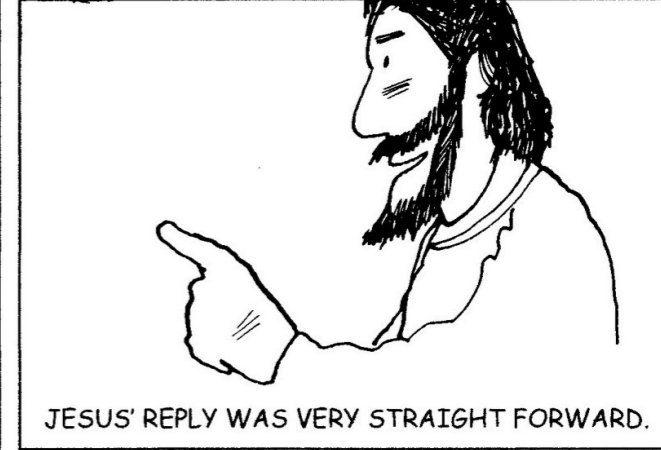


MATTHEW AGREED TO FOLLOW JESUS

JESUS WENT TO HAVE A MEAL AT MATTHEW'S HOUSE

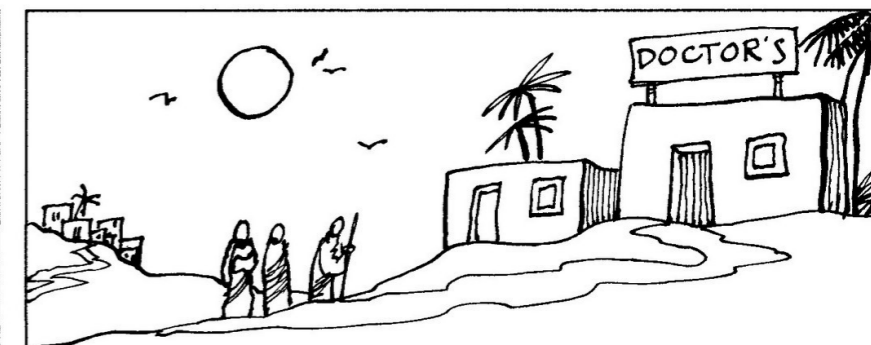


BUT MANY PEOPLE COMPLAINED ABOUT THIS. THEY THOUGHT MATTHEW WAS A BAD MAN - AND JESUS SHOULD IGNORE HIM.

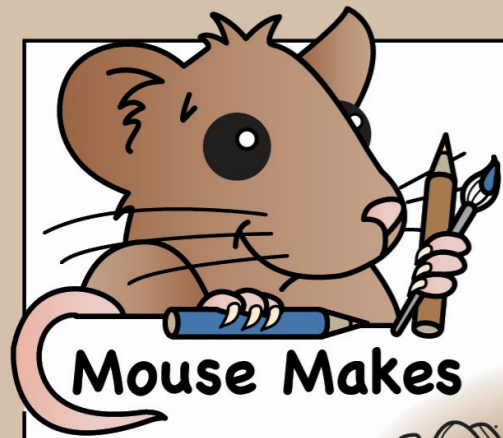


JESUS' REPLY WAS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD.

HE EXPLAINED THAT MATTHEW NEEDED HELP, NOT CRITICISM,



"IT'S NOT THE WELL THAT NEED A DOCTOR - BUT THE SICK!"  
see Luke 5:27-32



THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised who led him into the wilderness?

Luke 4:1

For how many days was Jesus tempted by the devil?

Luke 4:2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into?

Luke 4:3

What happened after the temptation of Jesus? see Luke 4:14-15



Who did Jesus say you should ONLY worship and serve?

Luke 4:8

Jesus said not to put the Lord your God to the...

Luke 4:12



READ the story in Luke 4:1-13

JESUS • LED WILDERNESS DESERT TEMPTATIONS DAYS • DEVIL HUNGRY • SON STONE • ROCK KINGDOMS WORLD • GLORY WRITTEN SCRIPTURE WORSHIP • ONLY SERVE • LORD JERUSALEM HIGH • TEMPLE THROW • DOWN JUMP • ANGELS HANDS • HOLD LIFT • FOOT

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Find the words from the questions too!

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH APCM (ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING)

on Sunday 27th April 2025 at approx. 12noon (after the 10.30am service)

In the Lodge when light refreshments will be available.

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This invitation is open to all but only members of the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote.

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The Year End Reports & Accounts 2024 will be published on or before the 13th April 2025.

NOW HERE IS AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT FOR YOU ALL!

- Who knows about GDPR? Who has heard about Data Protection?



Most of you I should imagine, so here is the thing.....

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping St Michael's Church growing, and to comply with GDPR rules, we are trying to ensure that we are only sending information to people who are still interested in coming along and/or finding out what we're up to as a church.

Some of you have indicated in the past that you wish to be kept up to date with church services, events and special occasions, but we need up to date confirmation of your wishes, in order to comply with GDPR. If we have your email address, you will have received an email from us asking for a response about this.

If you think you may be on our database but don't use email, or have overlooked it, you can still contact us at any time to confirm or change your details or preferences. We would really appreciate knowing your wishes, which must be in writing – email or letter, and look forward to receiving your update.

Please email our CYP Minister - Liz Boland, (details at the front of this magazine) who is co-ordinating responses until we can appoint an administrator.

If you cannot make contact by email, please drop your written authorisation off at The Rectory, 69 Liverpool Old Road, Much Hoole, PR4 4RB

Many thanks The Leadership Team



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Barbara Wood – Churchwarden & Joint Treasurer

# Junior St Michael's Times



Thank you!

**St Michael's Flower Group Rota**

Date	Arrangers	Sponsor/s	
2nd March	Lisa		
4th March	Flowers out at Church		
	LENT NO FLOWERS		
Easter Saturday 19th April	Easter Flowers All Flower group in church For 10am		Mr & Mrs Wood Mr & Mrs Slinger Mr M Coxhead
26th April	Julie and Lisa		

**Rota for Tea/Coffee in the Lodge**

March 2025 April 2025

**March 2025**

- 02.03.25 Gill & Nick
- 09.03.25 Shirley & John
- 16.03.25 Pat & Nina
- 23.03.25 John & Honey
- 30.03.25 Carole & Lynn

**April 2025**

- 06.04.25 Joan & Mike
- 13.04.25 Gill & Nick
- 20.04.25 Shirley & John
- 27.04.25 Pat & Nina



Colouring Sheet

Can you make a colourful stained glass window?