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Palm Sunday March 24th

10.10am meet at school to process to Church with Donkey. 10.30am Palm Sunday Service with donkey rides.



Maundy Thursday March 28th
Passover Meal & Holy Communion 7pm
At the School.

Good Friday March 29th

Service starts 11.00am An Hour at the Cross in Church with A Children's Hour at the Cross in the Lodge.
Followed by Hunger Lunch in the Lodge.



Easter Sunday 31st March
9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Easter
Sunday Service
with the
Children's
Easter Egg Hunt



ST MICHAEL'S TIMES

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FROM THE RECTORY

Dear all

We were flying to Madeira. The plane was already an hour and a half late. We were nearly there when the pilot suddenly announced that we were going to be circling Madeira for a while as he couldn't see the runway. Now landing at Madeira required special skills - no ordinary pilot can do it as the runway is very short and finishes at the sea- you have to have special training.. So it was seriously scary to know that the pilot could not see the runway. And we were seriously scared. So we circled and circled the hidden airport for about 45 minutes. Then suddenly we started to descend. We gripped our seats and eventually bumped onto the hidden runway. The whole plane burst into spontaneous applause.

We eventually reached our hotel, more than usually conscious of our mortality. As we entered the hotel, blaring out of the bar was the well known song Knocking on heaven's door which keeps repeating the theme – knocking on heaven's door, knocking on heaven's door. ...as we had been!

Heaven keeps cropping up at the moment. We often just use the word to mean where we go when we die. But the bible passages we have been looking at recently show us that heaven is real now; that behind the scenes of this world there is a much greater reality underpinning and shaping what happens here.

We looked at the famous vision of the disciple John in the book of Revelation. He hears the voice of Jesus inviting him to go through the open door of Heaven. First thing he notices is a throne. John is in the throne room, the control room of the universe. See it like the throne room in the Palace of Versailles where Louis X1V sat and wielded his enormous power over his vast empire Or like the control room of Supreme HQ in World War 11 where the greatest battle in the Universe, the battle between good and evil is managed, fought and won .

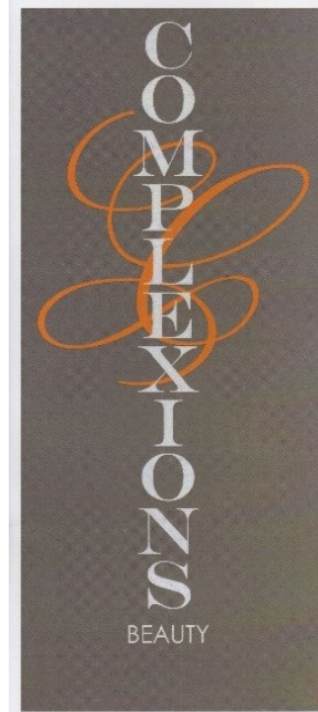


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And what is going on? First and foremost the worship of God himself, Father Son and Holy spirit is taking place. John is given a glimpse of the eternal reality of God on His throne with Jesus the Lamb who was slain being worshipped by 10,000 upon 10,000 of angels alongside the whole population of the Universe.

Worship is the most central human activity. Certainly it's the most central Christian activity. It's very easy to be busying yourself with all sorts of Christian activities teaching and learning and Bible study, serving others and yet forget the most important of all activities which is simply worship. Worship is what we were made for. it's what marks us out as real human beings.

How often do you worship? In church yes of course but what about at home? There are a number of wonderful songs of praise in the book of Revelation, do use them in your own worship.

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise” Rev 5 v 12

Rev Ann January 2024



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Sunday 4th February	9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday School
Tuesday 6th February	10.25am Holy Communion in the lodge
Wednesday 7th February	9.30am-11.30am St Michael's Little Angels
Sunday 11th February	9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 3.45pm Pancake Church in the Village Hall
Tuesday 13th February	10.25am Holy Communion in the lodge
Wednesday 14th February	NO St Michael's Little Angels– half term 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Service
Sunday 18th February	9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday School
Monday 19th February	7.30pm in the Lodge -Bible for Beginners
Tuesday 20th February	10.25am Holy Communion in the lodge
Wednesday 21st February	9.30am-11.30am St Michael's Little Angels
Sunday 25th February	9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship with Sunday School 5.00pm Pizza & Praise in Church & the Lodge
Tuesday 27th February	10.25am Holy Communion in the lodge
Wednesday 28th February	9.30am-11.30am St Michael's Little Angels

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

St Michael & All Angels Church is open every day.

Opening times are:

Monday-Saturday inclusive: 9.30am to 4.30pm.

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FUTURE DATES MARCH 2024

Sunday 3rd March	9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion 3.45pm Grandparents' Church in the Village Hall
Monday 4 th March	7.30pm in the Lodge -Bible for Beginners
Sunday 12th March	9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE Morning Worship with Sunday School
Sunday 24 th March	Start 10.10am from the school Palm Sunday with a donkey procession
Thursday 28 th March	7.00pm Maundy Thursday Passover Meal with Holy Communion at the School
Friday 29 th March	11.00 am Good Friday Service An Hour at the Cross in Church and A Children's Hour at the Cross in the Lodge. Followed by Hunger Lunch in the Lodge.
Sunday 31st March	EASTER SUNDAY 9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Easter Sunday Service with Children's Easter Egg Hunt

SPACE FOR PRAYER



We have created 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.

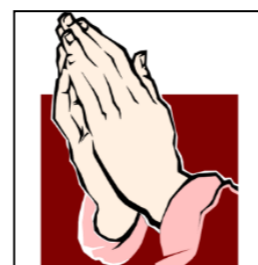
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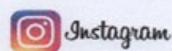
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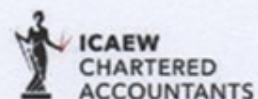
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17th March.	Carole & Lynn
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First of All - Thank You All

We hope you enjoyed your Christmas/New Year magazine which was, for the very first time in glorious

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This was very efficiently put together by our parish administrator, Jeanette Calderbank, who did a sterling job. We would also like to say **A VERY BIG THANK YOU** to our volunteer distributors (both newly recruited and old hands) who got that magazine out in record time with great feedback – well done.

With especial thanks to Elsie Kirkham who regularly organises the distribution of each and every edition of the magazine destined for our subscribers.

The Next Big Production is **Easter** (March & April)

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The Finance

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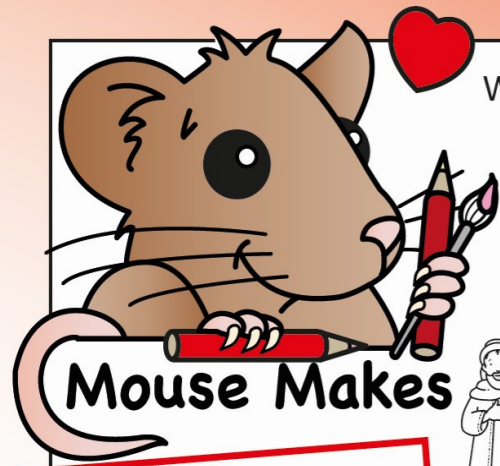
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_____ Genesis 19:26



Which of Laban's daughters did Jacob love?
_____ Genesis 29:18

Who was Moses' wife?
_____ Exodus 2:21

Who married Boaz to become King David's great-grandmother and a distant relative of Jesus?
_____ Matthew 1:5



Which couple helped the Apostle Paul in his ministry?
_____ and _____ Romans 16:3

FIND THE BIBLE VERSE
Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

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MFU OPU NBO
TFQBSBUF.

NBSL
UFO WFSTF
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THIS WOULD ALSO BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

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Our Facebook page is called “St Michael and All Angels Church Hoole”

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

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

26th November SAMUEL GEORGE BAMBER son of
 Lee Bamber and Shelly Telford of Much Hoole.

Marriage “Those whom God hath joined together”

28th December ALEXANDER GEORGE REDSHAW and JESSICA BETH
 BODELL Both of Bretherton.

31st December RICHARD JACK TAYLOR and DANIELLE PHILIPPA
 BAMFORD Both of London.

The Departed “We give thanks for the lives of those who have died and pray for their families and friends.”

1st November PHILIP CLEECE aged 90 years, of Much Hoole.
 Interment followed in the Churchyard.

3rd November SYDNEY BRIAN KEARNEY aged 81years of
 Much Hoole. Interment followed in the Churchyard.

17th November LESLEY KENNARD aged 68years of Walmer Bridge.
 Interment followed in the Churchyard.

13th December MAVIS BARNISH aged 87years of Ormskirk.
 Interment followed in the Churchyard.



St Michael’s Flower Group Rota



Date	Arrangers	Sponsor/s	Notes
4th February	Lisa	Mrs E Reed.	Red Roses
11th February	Lisa	Mrs J Smallwood	Red Roses
13th February	Lisa & Julie		Lent
30th March	ALL		Easter

Honey Bees Nursery 

- Ages 3-4 years
- Early Years Foundation Stage Standards for Learning
- Forest School Provision
- Early Education Funding can be used
- Access to before/after school care- 7:45am-5:45pm
- We offer an Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Ofsted 2021: "Leaders promote reading well. Staff teach phonics in a logical order. This supports pupils in Key Stage 1, and children in the early years, to learn sounds."

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**Get practising for Pancake Church
 Sunday 11th Feb at 3.45pm in
 the Village Hall.**



News from Hoole St Michael's CE Primary School

Endeavour Class has been exploring our Christian value of courage through the story of Imagine. It tells the story of a child who starts a brand new life in a country where he does not speak the language or have any friends or family. We saw how he had the courage to follow his dreams and achieve great things. We thought about the great things we wanted to achieve in our life that would need us to have courage. We made courage balloons so that our dreams could fly high.



Hoole Church Ladies' Group

We had three successful events in November and December – the coffee morning at Banks Farm went well and the chocolate quiz turned out to be a bit of a challenge to most people! Later in the month Tracey Taylor entertained us with the story of her dance school and followed up with a fun demonstration with volunteers. The Christmas Coffee Evening was very successful and the Mawdesley Ukes3A Ukulele group got everyone tapping their feet and joining in. We had several compliments on the quality of the buffet provided – the hard work of our committee! The event made just



under £700. Our committee topped it up from funds so that we were able to send £350 to each of our chosen charities, Alder Hey Children's Hospital and Brain Cancer Research.

I can't report on the AGM and Social Afternoon yet as this article needs to be with the parish magazine editor before it takes place, but we're expecting to have the usual enjoyable time – our first afternoon gathering!

At our meeting on Thursday 15th February at 2.30pm, Matt and Yvonne Pinder will be talking about "An Adventure on Wheels". In March we have an invitation from the Men's Group on Tuesday 19th March – please note this is an evening meeting at 7.30pm in the Poppy Lounge – and will be a talk on "How Art Décor helped shape the 20th Century" with Keith Hicks.

If anyone needs a lift for any meeting or you know of anyone, do please give me or Sheila (01772 616850) a call.

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 01772 613816.

Erika

The Flower Ladies once again did a wonderful job on the church Christmas decorations!



Family Church – a busy Christmas!

*Children and Families
at St Michael's Church*

We had a busy time over Christmas with our Toy & Christingle Service at the beginning of December and then our Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Both services were very well attended with full a full church and happy families! In the Toy & Christingle, as well as thinking about the meaning of the Christingle and Jesus as the Light of the World, we had a nativity tableau and we thought about we thought about Jesus as the best present.

During the Crib Service, the children did a great job of walking us through the nativity story, and then we played Pass the Parcel to help us think about different aspects of the Christmas story.

Pizza & Praise

Our new service for young people and adults continues to grow. We had a great time in November thinking about prayer and then in January thinking about God's call to us. It has been lovely to join with young people from New Longton in this service and are hoping this can lead to more working together.

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!

Sunday School

Sunday School continues to meet regularly during the 10:30 service in the Lodge. It has been lovely over recent months to welcome some new families. We are, however struggling a bit with leaders. If you would like to join our team, please speak to me or Ann about how you can help. Full training and help with planning will be given.

Coming Up for families and children

4 Feb 10:30 pm	Sunday School in the Lodge
11 Feb 3:45pm	Pancake Church in the Village Hall
18 Feb 10:30pm	Sunday School in the Lodge
25 Feb 10:30pm	Sunday School in the Lodge
25 Feb 5:00pm	Pizza & Praise in Church & the Lodge
3 Mar 3:45pm	Grandparents Church in the Village Hall



PCC reflects on 2023

At the beginning of the year, I was leading an all age service and I got to thinking about whether 2023 had turned out as we expected or not. Personally, in some ways, the year seemed a fairly ordinary one, until I thought more deeply and then realised that both my children passed their driving test last year, giving them more freedom and us being less of a taxi service! My son got his first job, and then managed to buy his own car, giving him even more freedom! Then right at the end of the year, my daughter turned 18, making us a family of adults, although I'm not sure I'm quite ready for that yet! For me, a spell in hospital in the summer after 8 months of illness, brought major emergency surgery (an operation I knew would come eventually, but not quite like it did!) and missing the Scripture Union Beach Mission I lead and then many more hospital appointments as I haven't recovered quite as I should have done!

Then I got to thinking about us, as a church. I asked PCC for their reflections on the year, and these are their highlights (in no particular order)

- Increased use of the Lodge and settling into how we can use it for the best both for children and youth ministry, but also some of the social events and Bible studies in there.
- The success of Alpha and our new Bible Studies using The Chosen to prompt discussion.
- The Parish Quiet morning at Whalley Abbey in November.
- There have been lots of weddings and baptisms as well as our Confirmation service and equally lots of funerals, including the very full funeral of Sam Burns in June.
- Our celebrations of the King's Coronation
- Celebration of marriage service in September
- Starting Little Angels & Pizza & Praise
- Mandy starting her ordination training.
- Increased visits to Ribble Court and continued visits to Old Mill Court.
- Continued visits to St Michael's School and increased visits to Little Hoole and Holmeswood schools.
- New faces coming along to services and events as well as more established church members. People taking on new roles within church.
- Lots of people coming to church over Christmas, and especially staying for refreshments after Carols by candlelight, some of whom were unexpected.

What were your highlights of 2023, either personally or in church?

I wonder what 2024 will bring. Of course, we can't possibly know that yet, but let's trust God with the year whatever it brings. Let's make sure that God is our focus, so that whatever the year throws at us, we know He is by our side.