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Men's Group Meet:

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JUNE 2025

Day	Date	Time	What's happening?
Sunday	01-Jun	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1030 am	Parish Communion with Sunday School
		4.00 pm	Holy Communion @Old Mill Court
Monday	02-Jun	2.30 pm	Holy Communion @Ribble Court
		7.00 pm	Bible Study in the Lodge "Hopeful Prayer"
Tuesday	03-Jun	1015 am	Midweek Service in the Lodge
Wednesday	04-Jun	0930-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Friday	06-Jun	1230 pm	Wedding of Luke & Chloe
Saturday	07-Jun	1000 am	Ladies Group - Coffee Morning at Banks Farm
Sunday	08-Jun	9.00 am	Holy Communion
PENTECOST		1030 am	Morning Worship **No Sunday School**
		3.45 pm	Family Church (Theme to be confirmed) @The Venue
Monday	09-Jun	7.00 pm	Bible Study in the Lodge "Communal Prayer"
		7.30 pm	Archdeacon Visitation @Holy Trinity, Hoghton
Tuesday	10-Jun	1015 am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Wednesday	11-Jun	0930-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Sunday	15-Jun	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1030 am	All Age Service ***NO Sunday School***
		4.00 pm	Joint Confirmation Service with St Andrews - Bishop Joe
Tuesday	17-Jun	1015 am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Wednesday	18-Jun	09.30-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in the Lodge
Thursday	19-Jun	2.00 pm	Ladies Group Meeting @The Venue
Saturday	21-Jun	2.00 pm	Wedding of Lucy & Lee
Sunday	22-Jun	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1030 am	Morning Worship with Sunday School
New Time		4.00 pm	Pizza & Praise in Church
Monday	23-Jun	7.00 pm	Bible Study in the Lodge "Constant Prayer"
Tuesday	24-Jun	1015 am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Wednesday	25-Jun	0930-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Saturday	28-Jun	1030 am	Ordination of Mandy Hughes @Blackburn Cathedral
Sunday	29-Jun	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1030 am	Morning Worship including Baptism of Luca Jensen
			led by the Rev Mandy Hughes **No Sunday School**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MAY 2025			
Day	Date	Time	What's happening?
Thursday	01-May	1.00 pm	RE Lesson in Church with School
Sunday	04-May	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1030 am	Parish Communion with Sunday School
		1215 pm	Thanksgiving Service for Ollie Whitehead
		4.00 pm	Holy Communion @ Old Mill Court
Monday	05-May	2.30 pm	Holy Communion @ Ribble Court
		7.00 pm	Bible Study Returns in the Lodge "Personal Prayer"
Tuesday	06-May	1015 am	Midweek Service in the Lodge
Wednesday	07-May	0930-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Sunday	11-May	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1030 am	VE Day 80th Anniversary Service & Sunday School
New time		4.00 pm	Pizza & Praise in Church
Monday	12-May	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting in the Lodge
Tuesday	13-May	1015 am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
		7.30 pm	Men's Group AGM - The Venue
Wednesday	14-May	0930-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Thursday	15-May	2.00 pm	Ladies Group Meeting at The Venue
Friday	16-May	3.45 pm	Parish Walk & Supper - Meet at The Dolphin - see the poster
Sunday	18-May	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1030 am	Parish Communion **No Sunday School**
		3.45 pm	Family Church (Theme to be confirmed) @ The Venue
Monday	19-May	7.00 pm	Bible Study in the Lodge "Ambitious Prayer"
Tuesday	20-May	1015 am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Wednesday	21-May	09.30-1100 am	St Michael's Little Angels in the Lodge
Thursday	22-May	3.00 pm	Franciscan Group Meeting in the Lodge
Sunday	25-May	9.00 am	Holy Communion
		1030 am	Morning Worship with Sunday School
		1215 pm	Baptism of Jude Poulton
Tuesday	27-May	1015 am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Wednesday	28-May	Half Term	***NO*** St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Saturday	31-May	1.30 pm	Wedding of Autumn & Sam

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

Spring greetings from the Leadership Team

The weather is finally warming up, and we give thanks for the beauty of the natural world around us in our lovely corner of Lancashire. St Michael’s has been a very busy church over the last couple of months, and the Leadership Team have been working hard to provide a good variety of services and activities for all members of our congregation. In March, we interviewed for a new Rector, but unfortunately it was not possible to appoint somebody suitable. We will continue to advertise, but in the meantime St Michael’s remains in vacancy and we continue to pray for the right person to apply. We have, however, appointed Mrs Sharon Gregson as our part time administrator – and she has written an introductory article in this magazine. A warm welcome to Sharon who is already becoming a key part of the team.

We held a very successful “Spring Back to Church Sunday” in March, where all three services were aimed at people returning to church after a break, or people newer to our congregation. It has been wonderful to see people being made welcome and encouraged by some of our more established church members, and continuing to come along to learn more about our church community. We also welcomed a lot of families to our Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday and Easter services, when activities for our Sunday School children proved very popular.

At this time of year, we have also been preparing for our annual church meeting (APCM), when reports prepared by members of the PCC and all the various groups within our church are discussed. This is a particularly busy time, and thanks are extended to several people in particular who have worked hard to prepare for the meeting: our Treasurers, Barbara Wood and Andy Smith, for preparation of the Annual Accounts and approval by independent examiners; our Electoral Roll Officer, Jean Dewhurst, who has been required to undertake a complete review to ensure the roll is up to date; and our PCC Secretary, Andrea Susnik, who has the task of co-ordinating reports, and taking minutes.

We also have two specialist projects ongoing related to church maintenance – repointing of the porch, and renovation of the Carillon Bells, for which Jock Davidson is our hard working co-ordinator.

Looking ahead, we will be holding a special service on May 11th to mark the Anniversary of VE Day. We are also delighted to announce that Bible Study will be re-starting from May 5th when all are welcome to join us in the Lodge for teaching about prayer. Bishop Joe Kennedy, the Bishop of Burnley, will be presiding at a Confirmation Service on June 15th, and we have three weddings and several baptisms taking place in May and June.

June 28th is a particularly special day for us, as Mandy Hughes will be ordained as a Deacon at Blackburn Cathedral, and as part of her celebrations Mandy will lead our service on June 29th, which will also include the Baptism of her grandson.

You will find details of all these events inside this magazine. In the meantime, St Michael’s is open daily for prayer and quiet reflection between 9.30 – 4.00 p.m.






The Leadership Team – Liz Boland, Jane Elphick, Mandy Hughes, Margaret Kirkman, Barbara Wood

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AND WHEN ARE THEY AVAILABLE?**

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MONDAY					Working from Home
TUESDAY			Preferably morning only		Working in the Parish
WEDNESDAY					
THURSDAY					Working in the Parish
FRIDAY					
SATURDAY					
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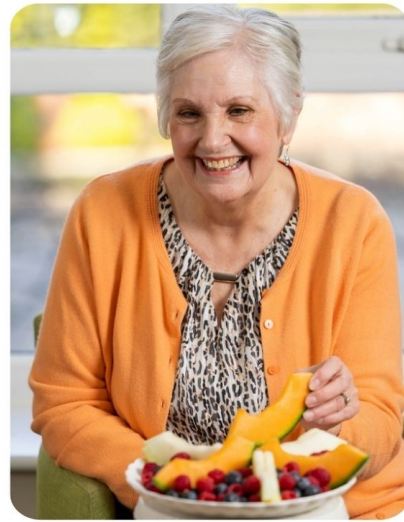
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The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost Acts 2 v1-4



“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them”.

As I write this article, we are still in the season of Easter, which continues until Pentecost on June 8th. We have celebrated Jesus rising from the Dead, and we await his Ascension into heaven (which will be celebrated on May 29th). This is when Jesus goes up into heaven to sit at the right hand of his Father, until he comes again. In the meantime, he promised he would send the Holy Spirit to strengthen and support the Disciples to do the work he had commissioned them to do – to make Disciples of all the nations.

For the Disciples, this was a time of fear and trepidation. They locked themselves in the “upper” room terrified to go out in case they suffered the same fate as Jesus at the crucifixion. They were told to wait. They had watched Jesus go to Heaven, and having been a bit slow on the uptake, many times when Jesus was with them (they never quite “got” the message that he would not always be with them in bodily form), they didn’t know what to do. Does this sound familiar?

However, God promises us the gift of the Holy Spirit, to strengthen us and help us in our daily lives. June is a busy time for me. I will be Ordained (Made a Reverend) in Blackburn Cathedral on June 28th, Bishop Philip will lay hands on me and the Holy Spirit will be invited to send me and others on our way into Ministry, without the Holy Spirit helping us we would not be strong enough in our own strength, to do what God has asked us to do. I can assure you I would be locked away saying -Help I can’t do this why me Lord?!! I’m sure we all do the same in challenging times.

But the Holy Spirit is with us always, God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit to help and guide us. We just need to ask. He came as tongues of fire and a roaring wind but we can experience him through the still small voice and the heartfelt knowledge of “God with us”.

Come, fill our hearts with power and strength to serve our God in all he asks us to do, and amidst the challenges of life, in the precious name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Amen

Mandy Hughes Ordinand

South Ribble Borough Council 50th Anniversary Volunteer awards

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of South Ribble as an independent borough, and to celebrate the occasion the council decided to grant awards to organisations and individuals who have gone 'over and above' to make South Ribble a better place to live.

Since its construction our New Village Hall has been something of a flag-ship in this corner of the borough, not only as a great venue to hire for 'life' events, but also by becoming a regular meeting place for many people through the many events which take place there. So we were very pleased when the Village Hall and its team of volunteers won one of the awards in the class "Group Volunteer". We were well represented for the presentation which was received on behalf of all our volunteers by our Chairman Howard Davidson.

As part of the nomination of the Village Hall in the Group section of the awards, Stan Pickles was nominated as the individual volunteer, I can't think of another person more deserving of this award. Stan has been involved with the Village Hall since he was a boy and helped his dad, who was a member of the founding committee. It would be easier to list what Stan doesn't volunteer for than what he does! Stan was appointed our President over 20 years ago and fills that roll with style. Added to which, he is the driving force behind the 250 Club, the Local's Lunches, The Domino Drives and the Sunday Concerts: South Ribble in Tune, helping a team of volunteers to provide enjoyable community activities for all. This particular event also raises money for local and national charities, as well as the village hall. Stan does all these things cheerfully and with good will. When the citation was read out at the awards dinner on 29th March the Village Hall group roundly cheered as he accepted his certificate. The Trustees know how lucky they are to have him on the team.



In addition, Much Hoole Parish Council nominated Richard Lee for the stalwart work he does with publicity, in the promotion of such a lot of these wonderful events which take place locally. He also of course, is a major driving force behind the large annual events, such as the Spring Fair, Classic Vehicle Rally and Christmas Market all of which take place each year at the Village Hall. Having three award winners we were allocated fourteen places in all at the awards evening and were honoured to have the Mayor and Mayoress seated with us at our table, where we enjoyed a lovely meal. There were seventeen winners in all each of which received a framed certificate and a floral gift in the form of a large pot plant or hanging basket. It was good to see that awards were also included to junior sections to recognise the good work carried on by younger members of the borough.

Whilst it was a great honour to receive the awards it was also a very humbling occasion, with the realisation that we had been selected amongst such a wonderful array of talented and dedicated people throughout the borough. Well done to South Ribble for recognising this and putting on the celebration; and possibly an even greater well done to all those present (and so many others not present) for the stalwart work each and every one is doing for the benefit of others in the South Ribble area.



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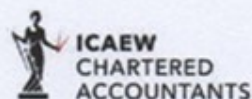


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Seeing Answers to Prayer Liz Boland

A friend of a friend of mine has been faithfully praying for me since I first got ill in November 2022. He commented recently that he was still praying, but it was hard when we weren't seeing any answers. This got me thinking about what we expect as an answer from God. Ideally, I would love God to take away my pain and heal my insides fully, but there have been lots of lessons for me from God and answers to prayer over the last couple of years. It's easy to miss them, when we're only looking for the "ideal answer."

Living with chronic pain, especially without a definite diagnosis is not much fun, but I have seen God work in it. I have always been someone who just gets on with things, and someone who finds it difficult to open up to others, but I've learnt to be more open and vulnerable with people; asking people to help, to pray for me and being more open with people about struggles and insecurities.

Perhaps most importantly, I've had to rely on God more. I am fortunate that before all this, my faith hadn't been hugely tested, but I can't do all this on my own, so my prayer life has improved. God has spoken to me very clearly at times, either through things people have said, or directly to me. When I was in hospital for my bowel surgery, I had a very clear picture of God being with me in there and walking with me through it. I have attended hospital appointments where I've specifically asked God for definite answers or plans to come from those appointments, and seen that happen. The answers the doctors have given me haven't always been what I want to hear, but they have been answers that give me an idea of what's happening.

When I had my emergency surgery in the summer of 2003, the timing felt awful, as it meant I missed the whole of the Beach Mission that I lead and have been involved with since 1997, but looking back, I can see God's hand in it - we had just appointed a new assistant leader so my role could be spread out more amongst the team; if I'd taken ill a few days earlier, things wouldn't have been ready or if a bit later, I'd have been a long way from home and so on.

God has given me a very supportive and good GP, and a Consultant who is determined to find out what's wrong, and has gone above and beyond what he needs to do. I am grateful to God for these 2 men who are doing all they can for me.

As a church, you have given me a huge amount of support. I am grateful that God has called me to work in a church and a diocese who are committed to praying for me and support me in tricky times.

These are just a few examples of what I've learnt. I could say more, but whilst I haven't had complete physical healing, I know that God will walk with me for as long as this pain is there. So many times over the past couple of years, I have been reassured of this through Bible verses I've read or things people have said. There are times when I

despair, when I cry out to God, when I lie in bed and cry about it all, and there are definitely times when I wish it would all just go away, but answering the question about answered prayer, has made me think back and find God in the situation.

I wanted to share this, to encourage you to look for the answers to prayer, that may not be the answers we hope for or expect, and maybe “smaller” than we want. God promises to hear us and to answer prayer. I have been greatly encouraged by this verse from Isaiah: “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41v10.) As we pray, let’s look out for answers and let’s look out for how God is working through situations, and let’s be encouraged for ourselves and encourage others in what we see.

COMING SOON.....

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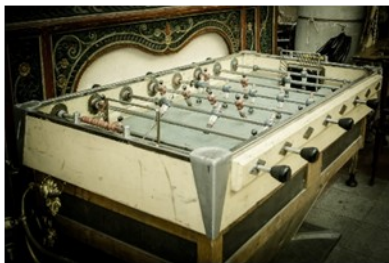


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CHURCH MAGAZINE FOR 2025

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

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If you would like to know more, please give me a call or drop me an email.

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Children and Families
at St Michael's Church

Family Church and Sunday School

In recent months we have enjoyed Pancake Church, Grandparents Church and our Easter services, including the Children's Hour at the Cross and our annual Easter egg hunt, as well as our regular Sunday morning Sunday School sessions. All of these have been 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

Pizza & Praise took a brief break during April, as we couldn't find a Sunday to meet on, but in March we concluded Back to Church Sunday thinking about standing firm in our faith, even in bad times. In February, we were quite close to Valentine's Day, so took the theme of love – God's love for us and how we show that love to others.

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 11 May, at the new time of 4:00, and we'd love to see lots of people there.

Liz Boland

Children & Young People's Minister

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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Coming Up for families and children.

4 May: 10:30 Sunday School
11 May: 10:30 Sunday School
4:00 Pizza & Praise
18 May: 3:45 Family Church in the Venue
25 May: 10:30 Sunday School
1 June: 10:30 Sunday School
8 June: 3:45 Family Church in the Venue
15 June: 10:30 All Age Service in church –
no Sunday School, but plenty for everyone.
22 June: 10:30 Sunday School
4:00 Pizza & Praise
29 June: 10:30 Sunday School



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Hoole Church Ladies' Group

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MORNING

SATURDAY 7th JUNE

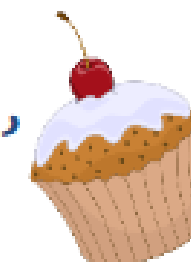
10.00am–12.30pm at

Banks Farm, Station Road, Little Hoole



Bring & Buy stall, Raffle,

Bottle Stall and Quiz



£5.00 entry includes Tea/Coffee (plus refill) and Scone/Cake

All welcome!



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Hoole Church Ladies' Group

We all enjoyed a superb lunch at the Rufford Arms in February for our 50th anniversary celebration – a very sociable occasion as you can see from the photos. We were delighted that Heather Johnson, a former member, was able to join us.

Thanks to the Men's Group for hosting us at their meeting in March. Paul Durham from the Pennine-Bowland Mountain Rescue Team gave an informative and fascinating talk about their work in April.

We now look forward to our meeting on Thursday 15th May at 2.00pm which has a very different theme from anything we have had before – Sarah Garrish will be talking about "Belly Dancing – Styles and Costuming". I wonder if she will ask for volunteers!

A date for everyone's diary – it's time for our summer Coffee Morning at Banks Farm on Saturday 7th June, from 10.00am to 12.30pm. All parishioners will be made very welcome and it's bound to be another enjoyable occasion. See the poster on page 14.

This will be followed by Jackie Mafi on 19th June talking about her "Sweet Memories".

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



St Michael's Flower Team.

As on every Holy Saturday, the St Michael's Flower Team came together this year to decorate our beautiful church to welcome the Risen Jesus. At the end of the morning the church was brimming with beautiful spring arrangements, mainly in sunny yellow to mimic the beautiful weather, and to welcome our Lord into our midst. Every available space was decorated with joy, and the team rightly deserves our gratitude for another amazing job – the cake was amazing too!. A small selection of images is shown here.





SUNDAY 11TH MAY
10:30 SERVICE
MORNING WORSHIP
& SUNDAY SCHOOL







Greetings!

My name is Sharon Gregson and I'm excited to share a little bit about myself. I'm the new St. Michael's & All Angels Parish Administrator, bringing a love for organisation, problem-solving, and connecting with others.



Outside of work, I'm happily married to Russ, and we live in the charming village of Walmer Bridge with our cheeky rescue Patter-Jack terrier, Minnie, who keeps us on our toes. When we're not laughing at her antics, we love exploring the UK with our touring caravan, spending weekends and weeks away in nature. Whether it's a peaceful walk (when my knees and hips allow!) or finding a cosy country pub for a well-earned drink and lunch, we always make time to enjoy life's simple pleasures.

Family is at the heart of everything I do. We're blessed with a wonderful family and two delightful grandchildren, aged 5 and 2. I cherish every moment spent with them, as time seems to fly by so quickly.

Outside of family adventures, I have a variety of interests. I'm passionate about walking, cycling, and embracing the joy of the outdoors. I also love cooking, baking, sewing, and experimenting with watercolour painting — each creative outlet brings me joy, even when I'm not always very good at it.

Life is about the people we love, the places we explore and the moments we cherish. Every day brings new joys and challenges and I'm excited to see where the next adventure takes me.

Feel free to come & say hello when I'm working away in the Rectory (*generally, on a Monday and Thursday morning but this is flexible*)

"The Voices of Morebath Reformation and Rebellion in an English Village" By Eamon Duffy

Yale University Press 2001 – Churchwardens' Accounts

Surely, I thought, this cannot be as dull as the title suggests?

Indeed it was not and proved to be an interesting and an enlightening read.

Sir Christopher Trychay (priests at that time were often given the title "sir") kept the accounts of his Devon parish from 1520 to 1574, and of the more than 200 sets of Tudor accounts that survive, these are some of the best known and most widely used. The originals are kept in the Devon County Records Office and have been available in print since 1904.

Duffy gives the historical background to the then times of turmoil, and concentrates on changes in the West of England. Quotations are given in Elizabethan English with modern English text. His advice to read the English of Tudor England out loud is certainly good advice.

This work describes the lives of ordinary country people, their births, marriages and deaths and the importance of agriculture – especially the flock of sheep that belonged to the parish, the care of which was shared amongst several families.

Although this was a very difficult and violent time, what particularly struck me was the fact that in the end, the Reformation did in fact settle matters without too much bitterness.

I leave you to reflect on these lines.....

"His traditionalism must of course, have had a doctrinal content, of the kind spelled out in the rebel demands of 1549 – loyalty to the Mass, the ancient faith, the sacraments – but it was before everything else, informed by the genius of place, his religion in the end was the religion of Morebath.

The strength and weakness of such a religion were the same – the local character of its conservatism, the binding of its practitioners to a place, whatever change befell. Not for priests like Sir Christopher to walk away from the protecting known into the wilderness, undertaken by Protestant Separatists and Catholic Recusants alike, men and women in the pursuit of principle at the cost of the new and familiar. The unthinkable alternative to conformity was to leave his vicarage and the people he had baptised, married and buried for 40 years"

These words have helped me in particular to have a better understanding of the Reformation.

Barry McManmon

Bible Study Returns!

St Michaels Church Hoole In the Lodge 7pm- 8.30pm
Cake and Tea/Coffee served



You are warmly invited to join us for our next series of Bible Studies which will be looking at Prayer from the Diocese of Blackburn's Lent Course, over 5 sessions.

Dates

May 5th session 1 Personal Prayer

May 19th session 2 Ambitious Prayer

June 2nd session 3 Hopeful Prayer

June 9th session 4 Communal Prayer

June 23rd session 5 Constant Prayer.

The course will include videos, readings and discussion.
Bishop Philip Presents in the inspiring videos.

Contact Mandy Hughes 07791532461

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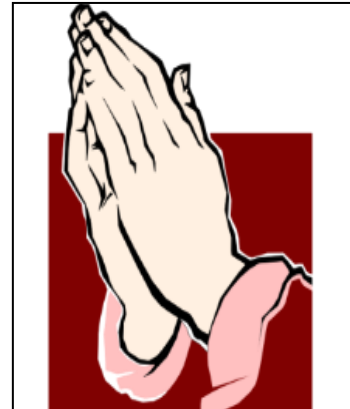
SPACE FOR PRAYER

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



St. Michael's Men's Group.

The talk at our most recent meeting was something of a joint presentation by two of our own members, namely Ken Bishop and Colin Wilson. Ken had decided that he would like to document some of his experiences whilst working at Leyland Motors, (later to become British Leyland) so he invited Colin to come along and help him with this. Colin too had worked at Leyland Motors at a later time than Ken. However, it was only when collecting together these memoirs that, even at a different period in time, their working life had followed a similar pattern and many coincidences and similarities became apparent.

Whilst Ken provided most of the information, Colin acted as narrator, which led to an interesting evening, highlighting Ken's own views on the downfall of the company and also triggering off memories of other members present, who too had spent a number of years at Leyland Motors during their working life.

All that remains for this season is our AGM which will take place on May 13th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. At this meeting we will review our past years activities and also plan the programme of events for the following year. If anyone would like to offer a talk or can recommend a talk by someone else, please come along to that meeting or let our bookings secretary Colin Wilson know of this in advance.

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27th February MICHAEL COLLINS aged 85 years of Much Hoole.
Interment followed in the churchyard.

28th February GEOFFREY ERNEST HARRISON aged 82 years of Walmer
Bridge. Interment followed in the churchyard.

6th April MAUREN FIELD aged 86 years of Rochdale.
Interment of ashes only in the churchyard.

8th April ELAINE READ aged 58 years of Longton.
Cremation followed at Charnock Richard.



Hoole St Michael CE Primary School.

Holy Week: In the week beginning the 31st March we enjoyed an Easter Prayer Trail, going from Genesis to Revelation in one week!



Easter Service:

We had a lovely Easter Service in church on Thursday 3rd April led by Liz. All our children took part beautifully and we all enjoyed the True/False quiz.

Worship Group:

Our wonderful worship group led worship on Tuesday 1st April. They spoke about ensuring that we have time to fit God into our lives. We loved the rice Experiment Liz showed us demonstrating we must put God first in our lives. The children have grown in confidence throughout the year and all spoke very clearly.

Easter Cards for the community:

Our Endeavour Class made Easter cards for our church community. Wishing everyone a Happy Easter.



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

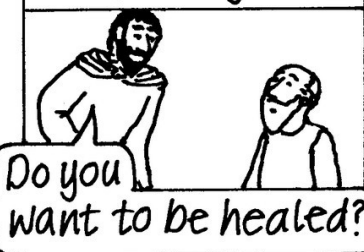
It can be read in the Bible in John chapter 5 verses 1-18

Jesus was in Jerusalem for a festival, and he visited the pool of Bethesda. People said that an angel sometimes made the water ripple.

Sick people waited for the water to ripple, because they thought that the first person in would be healed.



Jesus went up to a man who had been sick for 38 years.



I've got no-one to put me in the pool, so I can never get in first.



Do you want to be healed?

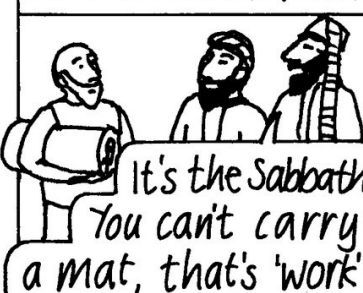
Pick up your mat and walk!



He was healed! The man picked up his mat and walked around. But it was the Sabbath.

God had given the Law that the Sabbath day was a rest day (Ex 20: 8-11)... but to make sure it was kept, the Jewish leaders had made up rules, and then more rules so that anything that even might be work was banned.

The Jewish leaders saw the healed man.



It's the Sabbath! You can't carry a mat, that's 'work'!

The man who healed me told me to carry it.



Which man?
I don't know.

Later, Jesus found the man in the temple.



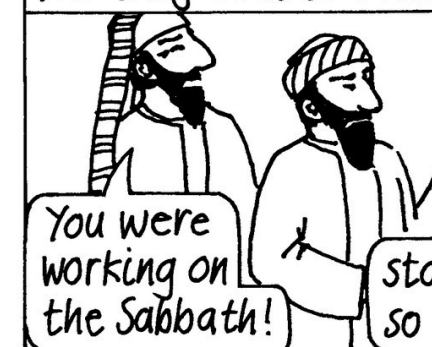
You are healed now, but don't sin any more, or something worse might happen to you.

Now the man knew who Jesus was...



he went straight back to the Jewish leaders to tell them.

and they went to Jesus



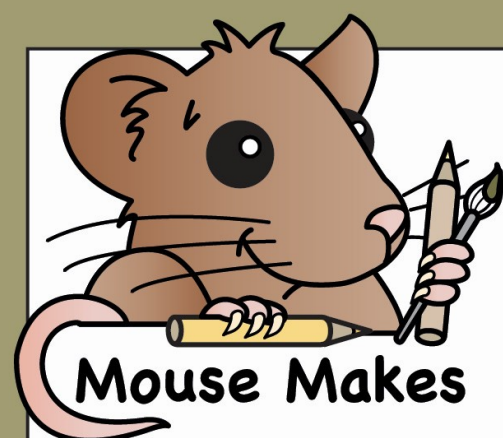
You were working on the Sabbath!

My father, God, doesn't stop working on the Sabbath so I keep on working as well.

Not only does he disobey our Sabbath rules, but he says he is equal to God!



We definitely have to kill him.



MIRACLES OF PETER

At which temple gate
did the crippled man lay?

Acts 3:1-10



Who were the man and wife
who lied to God?

and

Acts 5:1-11

People carried the sick into
the streets so that when Peter
came by at least his

might fall on them.

Acts 5:12-16

How long had Aeneas
been paralysed for?

years

Acts 9:32-35

Where had Tabitha's body been laid?
in the

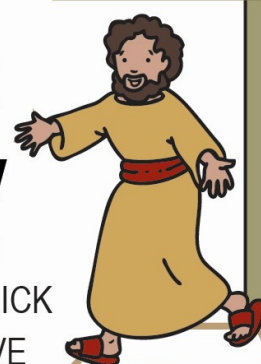
Acts 9:36-42



"And the word
of God
continued to
increase,
and the number
of the disciples
multiplied
greatly."
Acts 6:7

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ascended into
heaven, the
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came upon
the Apostles
and Peter was
able to perform
many miracles
in Jesus' name.
*See the book
of ACTS*



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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.'

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.

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

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.

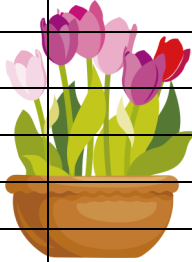


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Maths Mastery School



Flower Arrangers' Rota - May to July 2025		
Date - 2025	Arranger/s	Sponsor/s
4th May - VE Day	All arrangers	Joyce Maxfield
11th May	Jean / Hilary	Cleece Family
18th May	Claire	Mrs Susnik
25th May	Lisa	Mrs Bracewell; Mrs Ball
1st June	Julie	Mrs Bracewell; Mrs Ball
8th June	Jean / Sue	Mrs Barker
15th June	Betty / Maureen	Mrs Bowker
22nd June	Elsie / Janet	Mrs Blakely
29th June	Jean / Sue	Mrs Aughton
6th July	Jean / Hilary	Mr & Mrs Taylor
13th July	Claire	Church Men's Group
20th July	Julie / Elaine	Mrs Leigh
27th July	Lisa	



Rota for Tea/Coffee in the Lodge May & June 2025

May 2025

04/05/25. John & Honey
11/05/25. Carole & Lynn
18/05/25. Joan & Mike
25/05/25. Gill & Nick

June 2025

01/06/25. Shirley & John
08/06/25. Pat & Nina
15/06/25. John & Honey.
22/06/25. Carole & Lynn
29/06/25. Joan & Mike



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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