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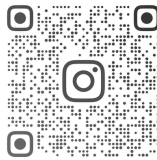
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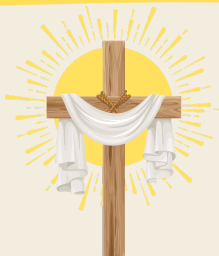
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THE REV'S REVIEW



Following the celebration of Easter, we are currently in the season of Eastertide which extends for 50 days until Pentecost. This is the day which is known as the 'Birth of the Church' when Jesus ascended into Heaven and charged his disciples to spread the Christian faith. This year, it falls on the 24th of May, which also happens to be my birthday making it extra special for me! At Pentecost, Jesus's friends and followers got together in the upper room just like they were told, waiting for the Holy Spirit. Even though they felt nervous at first, they trusted that this gift would give them the strength and courage to keep going. After that, they were able to go out and talk about Jesus rising from the dead and how it meant a fresh start. And this chance is open to everyone. Easter at St Michael's was truly blessed this year.

Starting with Palm Sunday, we walked to Church in the rain (of course!) waving our palms and remembering how quickly joy turned to hate as the week unfolded. We focused a lot on prayer during Holy week and met daily in Church for morning prayer. Our hour for children and adults at the cross on Good Friday, helped us to consider the enormous sacrifice of Jesus and what that meant to us all. It was emotional and quiet, focussing on the cross in front of us and imagining what it would have been like to stand with Jesus on that day. Our thoughtful 'Hunger Lunch' followed where we raised funds for FOMO, one of our dedicated Charities working in Malawi. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and effort to make Easter at St Michael's a truly special occasion.



Easter Sunday was joyful, with a full Church, and the children enjoying the egg hunt outside in the shining sun. Signs of new life were everywhere, as spring emerges from the darkness of winter. But even in the darkness, we must remember Jesus, our shining light is with us. He was resurrected and defeated death in fulfilment of the ancient Scriptures, telling us time and again of the arrival of Messiah.

The next few weeks will be very busy as usual. Excitingly, and an open invitation to all, is my service of ordination when I will become a Priest (I'm now a Deacon). This will be celebrated on June 28th at St Francis Church Feniscliffe near Blackburn at 4pm. After this, I will then be able to preside at Holy Communion and officially offer blessings, anointings with oils and absolution in confession. All very grand stuff. However, I remain as a servant in leadership, always a Deacon, and never forgetting that I am a sinner too in need of all of the above!

We have now come to the time where we start preparation for confirmation. Our confirmation service will take place on the 5th July at 10.30 when Bishop Joe will join us.

if you would like to join us in coming forward for confirmation, or to renew your Baptism promises, please get in touch. I promise that while important, it is not too intense, and there is no exam!! And it's not too late for whatever stage of life you are in to confirm your faith in Christ.

Finally, I cannot close this review without mentioning our Jewish brothers and sisters. Jesus was a Jew, and our Christian faith, would not even exist without them. Under the very dark cloud of antisemitism that unfortunately has reared its ugly head again, I would urge all Christians to pray for this to be wiped away, and respect, peace and tolerance restored. We thank Rabbi Ariel who sang a beautiful blessing at our Easter Service in Hebrew (Rev David offered the blessing in English), which moved many of us. Let us remember, Jesus's repeated call for us to love our neighbour as ourselves.

All Blessings and prayers as we move on together in our Ministry at St Michael's and thanks to you all for the warmth and welcome that our Church is well known for.

Rev'd Mandy



Joining the family of God



We warmly invite you to join the Family of God, especially our community at St. Michael's Hoole. As you navigate through life, we offer unique opportunities from birth to beyond, there's truly no age limit to being welcomed into the Kingdom of God.

Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child: This beautiful, simple service allows us to thank God for the precious gift of a child. During this ceremony, we give the child their name and pray for them and their families. This can occur before a baptism, which they may choose to undertake later, or at any time during childhood. **Baptism:** These can happen at any age, and everyone is welcome. From 0-100+ there is no age limit to a welcome in the Kingdom of God. **Confirmation:** At any age from 11 and beyond, those who have been baptized can confirm their faith in church. If you haven't been baptized yet, don't worry; we can assist you with that beforehand! **Renewal of Baptism Promises:** Many people wish to renew the promises made at their baptism, either by their families or themselves, after experiencing a deeper faith. This is typically done at our annual Confirmation Service.

Jesus invites everyone to embrace faith or rediscover Him anew. There are no restrictions based on age or any other factors; all are welcome. We encourage you to visit us and discuss these meaningful moments. There are no fees associated with these special occasions, and a grand celebration is not necessary! The joy is genuine among all believers, and a relationship with God is a wonderful celebration in itself! We will meet with you to prepare for these services, ensuring you make informed decisions and understand their significance. Please feel free to call or email us through the parish email or our contact page on the website.

Our prayers are with you.

Revd Mandy

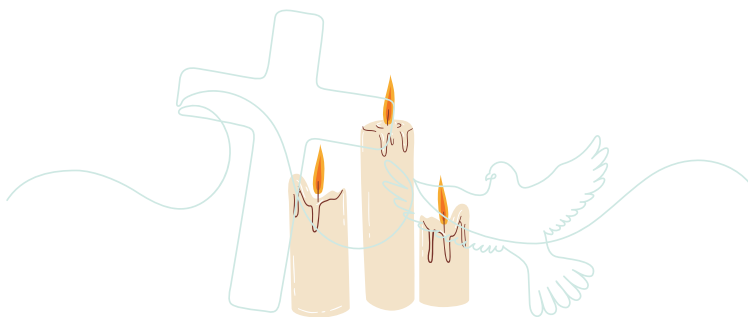


Space for prayer

Those of you that visit our church will see that we have a space for prayer at the front. It is an opportunity to hang a prayer on our prayer tree, and take a moment for private prayer. We are also available for prayer on the Sundays when we have a Communion Service. If you have particular prayer needs please contact me and we can add you/or the person you want prayer for, to the weekly prayer list, which is read out in Church, or we can pray for you after the service.

We can also guide you towards prayer resources or people who can help in special situations. You don't need to attend Church to receive prayer, but we would love to welcome you to our family, where you can find peace and comfort.

Thank you, our prayers are with you,
Rev'd Mandy Hughes



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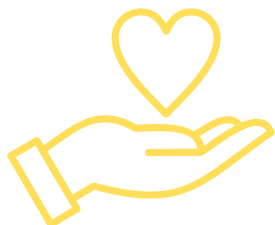
14th June
The Venue
15:45



Giving at St Michael's

The Church relies completely on the generosity of donations and gifts from both members and visitors. If you wish to contribute, you have several options:

- Place cash in a yellow envelope, available in the church, and drop it into the gifts bowl by the door.
- Use a credit or debit card with our card reader located in Church
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IN THE PAST, AND
INTO OUR FUTURE
TOGETHER**

Your support of your Church is always so very much appreciated when we recognise your time volunteered, your skills shared and your donations given.

In order to meet our commitments, we know your support is our primary source of revenue. You ensure our church continues to thrive by funding clergy, the necessary running costs and a variety of worship which includes welcoming family-friendly services of all types.

We would therefore respectfully ask each and every one of you to continually review your Giving to God's work via His Church. Ideally, we would ask you to do this on an annual basis. So, if it is about a year since you last reviewed your giving, could you please take time out now to think, reflect and pray for guidance.

Thank you most especially to our planned givers; those of you who donate via standing order or the regular giving envelope system because this is an essential element in our budgeting for the year ahead.

2026 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

(they are pink this year)

These have been available for collection from church since the beginning of December, so if you haven't got yours and you were expecting one, please check church or get in touch.

Not a Planned Giver?

If are a tax payer and do not donate via one of the above methods and would like to know more, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As a result of ALL the donations we have received in 2025, by whatever method, our projected Gift Aid & GASDS refund claim, to be submitted to HMRC in 2026 is **£10,500.00**.
once again, thank you to you all

Barbara Wood on behalf of the PCC
Treasurer & Gift Aid Recorder



OUR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Report by Liz Boland,
Children & Young People's Minister



Since the last magazine, the children and families have been keeping ourselves busy! Children's Church is now well established in place of Sunday School with the children knowing the new routines and there is now less of a focus on crafts and games and more on teaching. We use crafts and/or games every week to consolidate our learning, but we are focussed on God and the Bible much more. After Easter the children started a 6-week series called Time Travel, which takes us back right through the Bible and helps us think about God's promises to us throughout time and how we learn from these famous Bible stories. It has been written by the Diocese, as part of their Centenary celebrations, so our Bible questions have been "set" by Archbishop William Temple,

the founder of the Diocese of Blackburn.

Family Church had Grandparents Church in March. It's lovely to have multi-generational worship and celebrating how amazing our grandparents are. We made crafts with our grandparents (although it turns out finger knitting isn't a skill any of us possess!), thanked God for our grandparents, watched a bit of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory where Charlie sits on the massive bed containing all 4 of his grandparents, and talked about how much God loves all of us. It's great when families come together to worship God and see that having fun is part of worship – we don't have to stand still and keep quiet to worship God!

In April, we celebrated Easter together, firstly on Good Friday with our Children's Hour at the Cross and then on Easter Sunday

when 27 children came out to the Lodge for some Easter crafts and an Easter egg hunt. Both these gave the children time to pause and think about the amazing love Jesus has for us, so much that He was willing to die on the cross and rise again, and what that means for us now.

We are looking into setting up a new monthly group for older children (roughly school year 5 upwards) in September. We will have more details soon, but please keep praying for this development of our church's ministry.

We will take a break over the summer, from Children's Church and Family Church. There will be things for children to do if you come to church, so you are still more than welcome. Children's Church finishes on 12th July and is back on 30th August. Family Church finishes on 19th July with Picnic Church and is back on 20th September with Party Church, celebrating 100 years of the Diocese of Blackburn.

Dates coming up for children and families:

7 June – 10:30 Children's Church

14 June – 3:45 Space Church in the Venue

21 June – 10:30 Children's Church

28 June – 10:30 Children's Church

5 July – 10:30 Children's Church during our Confirmation service

**12 July – FINAL CHILDREN'S CHURCH OF THE YEAR
(Back on 30 August)**

19 July – 3:45 Picnic Church at St Michael's School

30 August – 10:30 Children's Church restarts



Children's Church Easter Sunday 2026

The Big Get-Together

Feedback by Jane Elphick, Churchwarden

In March, Revd Mandy invited everyone to attend a Big Get Together of our church. This was a drop-in day providing an opportunity to share what people like about St Michael's, along with fellowship and refreshments, and make suggestions about potential changes as Revd Mandy develops her Ministry. All the comments have been collated, shared at our recent Parish Meeting (APCM), and considered within future planning. Here are some of the most popular comments:

Discussion around prayer, study and reflection drew the most responses, showing this is an area of particular importance to our congregation. There were many positive comments about Bible Study, with people particularly enjoying small group discussions and video presentations, as well as fellowship within the group. A suggestion to start a What's App group for urgent prayer was well supported, and Revd Mandy has already set this up. Our annual Quiet Day at Whalley Abbey is also popular, and some people would like to learn more about Pilgrimage.

A lot of suggestions were made in relation to our Children and Young People's Ministry, with several good ideas about how this might be broadened to include older children. Liz Boland, our CYP Minister, has also consulted with our young people in school about their priorities for worship. Suggestions were made about when is the right time for Children's Church to re-join the church service on Sundays, and we are already trying to give the children more time for their activities while also keeping a calm atmosphere for the adults, particularly during Communion.

Another change already enacted is to provide a clearer and more reverent start to our services, by asking the congregation to stand quietly as we begin worship. Several other suggestions were made about including specific parts of the liturgy, although inevitably people don't always agree about these areas. Quite a lot of people suggested holding special services occasionally, with ideas ranging ¹⁵

from Songs of Praise to evening services, Compline and healing services. All of these will be considered, although not all at once!

Music attracted a good amount of positive comments too. People generally enjoy singing the variety of hymns, and we do seek to offer a mixture of newer and more traditional hymns, in keeping with the different services. There was interest in learning new hymns, holding inter-generational and ecumenical services, and the inclusion of musical instruments on occasions. We are already enacting a suggestion to include better known and family-friendly hymns at the beginning and end of services. People were also asked to suggest ideas for social events and fund raising, which attracted a good list of possibilities. The social committee have already considered these and are working on several plans. Due to the popularity of our walks, we have already set up “St Michael’s Walkers”, which will hope to organise sociable walks regularly during the spring to autumn months, usually with

refreshments or a pub meal at the end. Our first two walks have been very well supported.

It was great to have so many people attending this Big Get Together event, contributing good ideas, and talking about the many things they enjoy about worshipping at St Michael’s. As you can see, quite a few changes have already been made, and future planning will continue to incorporate people’s priorities and suggestions.



Picnic Church

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19TH JULY 2026

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by Rebecca Holland, Headteacher



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Ladies Group

Coffee Morning

Monday 27th June

Banks Farm, Station Road, Little Hoole

10am-12:00pm

**£5 (includes coffee and
cake!)**

ALL WELCOME



**Raffle,
Buy and Sell stall,
Bottle Stall,
Quiz**



All proceeds go to charity

Okorom Tididiek Community

by Elizabeth Swarbrick

In 2004, at the time of the Transit of Venus Celebrations, Betty Gilkes put forward a suggestion to send money raised to the Okorom Tididiek Community, Ngora District in Eastern Uganda. My family has been involved with the church for many years; I was baptised and became part of the congregation, and when I worked overseas with the Church Mission Society at Ngora Hospital as a midwife and teacher, the church officially supported me. Betty had a continued interest in the work to rebuild the community after years of war, insurgency and ethnic cleansing. At the forefront we provided medical care, and improving access to education for children.

In 2001 Kumi Diocese came into being and the new bishop asked for more churches and schools to be built. Our first church congregation met under the trees, exposed to the elements. Two structures were built, consisting of poles with an mbati (corrugated iron) roof, the school building having a blackboard nailed at one end! Unfortunately, after a very strong wind the school blew down! No-one was injured but what to do?! It was decided that the school should use the church building and Hoole aided in building a school classroom block of 4, headteacher's office and storerooms. The head teacher's desk, computer and filing cabinet were sent from Hoole. Since then, the school has expanded with a kitchen, library, staff room, medical room, special bathroom for girls and a growing reputation. PLE results (Primary Leaving Exam) are improving every year, many in Division 2 and a few gaining division 1. Church services were held in a classroom until work began on the church building. It was roofed in 2013, when Rev. Derek Baines came with me to Uganda, with his wife Sharon.

We still had only a dirt floor (mud and cow dung – not a bit smelly!) but nevertheless had a wonderful time of dedication and festival. A wooden cross made by Stan Pickles looked beautiful on a table with a white cloth. Now the building is completed with shutters, doors, a cement floor, Altar table, pulpit, font, bishop's chair, lighting and will soon have running water. "We borrow the church from the Lord and He enjoys our times together".

Each Sunday there are 2 collections, one for the church's growth and quota payments and one for the building fund. The priest's house is almost completed, there are no shutters at the windows yet and the house is just a shell. The new bishop is talking about developing a new archdeaconry (like our deanery) with a priest at Okorom – all thanks to you. The church is very active in the community, with Mothers' Union, an Intercessors and mission group, and Sunday School. There is a Micro Finance Group, for people who have become disabled through sickness who meet weekly, each paying into the fund from which they can borrow in emergencies. My friend, Margaret, who handles the money donated, says that the community is really growing and very proud of their identity. The church has given a real sense of belonging.

There is now a Deacon at the church, so the priest's house needs to be completed. A kitchen is being added so food isn't being cooked outside (it's now the wet season) and plastering is underway. The congregation has also grown and the church is not big enough! Growth is due to a rapidly increasing youth congregation who attend the main service as well as having their own time of prayer and praise on Sunday afternoons. Plans for extension are being made!

So, thank you for your constancy and all that your support has meant to this community deep in the bush in Uganda. You would be made so welcome and a visit there would be a cause for great rejoicing.

St Michael's Flower Group

The dedicated flower group decorates St Michael's weekly with beautiful arrangements funded by generous sponsors.

During Easter, Harvest, and Christmas, the group collaborates to enhance the church's beauty for congregations and visitors. We also provide arrangements for various events throughout the year, including Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals. New sponsors and arrangers are always welcome.

Get in touch today!

Contact Lisa Redshaw
for more information on
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*'Beneath the patient sun, flowers open like quiet smiles in
nature's endless beauty.'*

Consider the Lilies of the Field

by Hillary Newman, The Flower Group

Flowers play a big part in the liturgical life of the church. Christ taught us to ‘consider the lilies of the field’ and how God made them so naturally beautiful. Each week members of our flower team decorate the church to God’s glory, but how often do we actually consider the beauty and meaning of those flowers.

This year our Easter Lilies have been dedicated to loved ones who now reside in God’s fertile garden. They were bought through the generosity of congregation members, for whose kind donations we were extremely grateful. An In Memoriam list was displayed in the church during the Easter period and is now on view in the Lodge.

White Lilies of every type are synonymous with the Easter season - the Easter lily signifies Christ's resurrection and the hope of eternal life, and in some cultures also symbolises the presence of God. The rose too is mentioned in the Song of Solomon (2v1) as ‘the Rose of Sharon’, signifying divine love and delight. Among many others, Narcissus and Saffron Crocus represent the fleeting nature of life, and Almond Blossom vigilance and divine promise (Numbers 17v8, and Jeremiah 1v11).

The team would also like to thank those who contribute so generously to our flowers throughout the year, and to the members of the team who give so willingly of their time to arrange them.

We are always looking for new sponsors, particularly for the following dates – 17th May, 28th June, 2nd August, 30th August and 15th November, and new experienced and beginner arrangers are all very welcome - we have no gender bias. All we ask is that you have a real love of flowers.

If you would like to join us, and/or become a sponsor, or would just like more information, please contact Lisa Redshaw on 07795 371628



He is Risen

He is Risen Indeed - Alleluia

In Memoriam



Steven Hughes
George Samuel Lincoln
John Aughton
Harry Sutton
Steve Newman
Isaac Craig Mahon
Michael Lawrence
Kitty Parkinson
Hugh Bamford
Alice Gaszarth
Duncan Flynn
Tom Mitcheson
Alan Fleetwood
Alfred Lunt
Ana Sumik
Sandra Palmer
Isobel Wooldridge
Philip Hughes
Ron Bull
Peter Carter

David Jennings
Hughes
John Westell
Domingos Silva
Joan Gleave
Michael Harrison
Bill Dewhurst
Tom Parkinson
Jane Alice Bamford
Bob Gaszarth
Janice Stephens
Harriet Mitcheson
Colin Clark
Betty Lunt
Majsa Mortimer
Gordon Palmer
Tom Wooldridge
Vera Hughes
Elizabeth Skellorn
Nicholas Slinger
Tony Brogden

Sybil Wigham
Mike Redshaw
Joyce Redshaw
George Redshaw
Frank Gleave
Tom Bracewell
Sheila Bracewell
Sarah Bracewell
Samuel Bracewell
Anne Duckworth
Lionel Duckworth
Alice Taylor
David Taylor
Peppi Robinson
Ronald Nelson
Rolf Mösch
Tom Wignall
George Houghton
Linda Taylor
Wally Taylor

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our wonderful Easter flowers in memory of loved ones.

Men's Group Update

by Stan Pickles

Our most recent meeting in April, saw a change to our advertised programme when we welcomed Peter Dyer to give us a talk on the iconic boy's magazine 'Eagle'. This was a very popular publication during the 1950's and 60's and it brought back happy memories to many of our members. The editor had been an Anglican clergyman and he wanted this to reflect in the publication, which drew its name from the lectern in many churches in the form of an eagle.

The magazine had been published in nearby Southport and the visual display showed the very basic premises in which the magazine was produced. Everyone remembered Dan Dare who featured on the front cover and a look through some of the copies which were on display brought back memories of the other regular features of the publication, which sadly, due to lack of funding, came to an end during the late 1960's.

On May 12th we meet for our AGM when we plan our programme for the next 12 months, we would welcome suggestions from our members regarding topics of interest and we look forward to a good and varied programme being produced.



Men's Group

**Tuesdays (2nd of every month)
19:30**

The Venue, Much Hoole

**for enquiries please contact
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sgtmajor@talktalk.net**

Ladies Group Update

Thanks to our speakers for February and April and for the invitation from the Men's Group in March. Sheila Walsh gave us a very interesting talk in February about her travels to Canada; in March Mebs Ahmed talked about his life after he left the police force and Angela Danby gave a fascinating account of her life as a journalist and brought along a dilapidated first copy of the Southport Visiter dated 4th May 1844 which included in the Births, Marriages and Deaths section a notice of a lady giving birth to her 24th child! How times have have changed since then...We will be welcoming Roger Woods on Thursday 21st May at 2.00pm whose topic is "Magic, Magicians & Mystery".

We have a busy June ahead when at our meeting on the **18th Cheryl Sandford** will be talking about her Repair Shop experience (many of us will know of this programme on the television and find it to be entertaining). Then on **Saturday 27th June our Summer Coffee Morning** from 10:00am to 12:00pm will take place at Banks Farm, Station Road, Little Hoole (see poster elsewhere in this magazine). There will be a bring and buy stall, bottle stall, raffle and quiz. Entrance will be £5.00 which includes a hot drink, a refill and a cake. Everyone is welcome. Maybe it'll be third time lucky with the weather and we'll have a sunny day!

In July we are having a break and hope that, if any of our members are going on holiday, you have a great time. On to August, it will be time for our trip to Derby House in Wrightington for a spot of retail therapy.

If you are reading this and are interested in coming along to our meetings you would be made very welcome – you could try us for a month before committing to membership. We are a friendly group and do welcome new members. We also offer a lift to anyone living locally who is unable to drive. Do give me a call on 07791 068360 or 01772 613816.

Erika Penrose

Leader



Ladies Group

MONTHLY MEETING
2PM (3RD THURSDAY)

The Venue, Much
Hoole

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Parish Registers

**Holy Matrimony "Those whom
God hath joined together"**

**Renewal of marriage vows and blessing for
Jessica and Martin Eagleton
Saturday 4th April, St Michael's Church**

"How can we even begin to thank you for renewing our marriage vows in the most wonderful way.... St Michaels is a very special Church, your care has been an absolute God-given blessing throughout ".

It was a wonderful service full of love our very best wishes and prayers continue for Jess and Martin in the future.

Holy Baptism "We welcome into the Lord's Family"

**26th April DELILAH MAEVE CRANKSHAW daughter of
Oliver Crankshaw and Claudia Fogarty of Broughton, Preston.**

**26th April OSCAR FREDERICK CRANKSHAW son of
Daniel and Judith Crankshaw of Neston, Cheshire.**

Delilah and Oscar are cousins and their fathers who are brothers are both originally from Much Hoole. The baptism service was conducted by Revd. Michael Woods, a friend of the family.





The Departed “Rest eternal grant unto them”

**11th February SHEILA GREENWOOD aged 85 years of Much Hoole.
Following the service in Church, cremation took place at Burscough.**

Sheila was a Hoole girl through and through, and lived the whole of her life in the village. Unfortunately, whilst still a child she contracted polio, which did leave her with mobility problems. She never let this get the better of her and was determined to succeed in life. This she did by becoming the first female bus driver in the north west of England and one of the very first nationally. Her long-time friend and partner, Michael was particularly proud of her enthusiasm and achievements.

**16th February HILDA MARY THOMPSON aged 84 years of Little Hoole.
Following the service in Church, cremation took place at Burscough.**

Mary, a member of the Bretherton family, spent her early years in nearby Whitestake and New Longton. Following her earlier career spent abroad, she and her husband Frank settled in Hoole, where her family had long time association. She was a well- respected teacher in Hesketh bank and a regular worshipper at our 9.00am service of Holy Communion, until her illness made this not possible. Due to her illness the Alzheimer's society was supported at her funeral.

**18th February WILLIAM LIONEL PRESCOTT aged 90 years of Longton.
Church Service followed by Interment in the Churchyard.**

Apart from his years doing National Service in the Royal Air Force, Bill's home was in either New Longton or Longton, yet Hoole became central to him, where he spent much of his working life as a highly respected HGV mechanic. Following his marriage to local girl Joan Miller, Hoole also became his spiritual home, with he and Joan becoming regular worshippers at St Michael's. Whilst they were making plans for their retirement, sadly Joan died rather suddenly, so in order to then put his retirement to good use, Bill became a volunteer driver, taking day patients and visitors to and from St, Catherines hospice.



12th March RAYMOND JOHN COOKSON aged 80 years of Much Hoole.

Following the service in Church, cremation took place at Charnock Richard.

Whilst his home was in Leyland, Ray was originally from Hoole and had been baptised and married at St. Michael's and in addition his primary school education had been here in our church school. So it was fitting that his funeral should also be held here at St Michaels, where, following a fitting service, donations were invited in support of the Alzheimer's society and St Catherine's hospice, both of which had been a great support to Ray over recent times.

24th March DOROTHY ELLEN SCOTT aged 93 years of Little Hoole.

Church Service followed by Interment in the Churchyard.

Dorothy will be remembered by many people as the proprietor of the village shop in Walmer Bridge, which she ran alongside her husband Edward. She had two children Jane and Michael, but sadly both had pre-deceased her, however as part of her funeral service, a moving and fitting tribute to her was written and delivered by her grandchildren. It testified to her adventurous and sometimes traumatic life, through which she always maintained a positive and cheerful outlook.

30th March ANNIE DUFF PARR aged 81years of Leyland.

Church Service followed by Interment in the Churchyard.

Whilst Annie was originally from Northern Ireland, she did spend a little of her childhood in Hoole, However, after marrying local man Harry Parr, and whilst living in Leyland, Hoole was to figure much more prominently in her life when strategic events took place at St Michael's, some happy occasions, others less so. Annie was essentially a home builder, greatly loved by her large family, a figurehead and roll model to follow. Donations at her funeral were received on behalf of both Parkinson's and Dementia UK, which had helped her during her final years.

9th April Jean Gleave aged 88years of Little Hoole.

Interment of ashes only in the Churchyard.

A tribute to Jean appeared in the previous edition of the magazine at the time of her funeral

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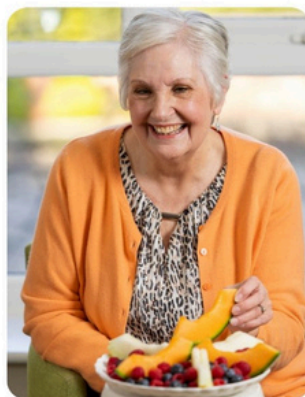
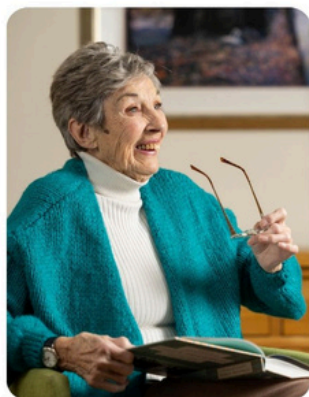
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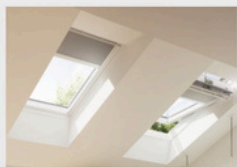
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3 rd June			Little Angels 9:30
7 th June	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	
9 th June			Midweek Service 10:15
10 th June			Little Angels 9:30
14 th June	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Family Church Space Church 15:45
16 th June			Midweek Service 10:15
17 th June			Little Angels 9:30
21 st June	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	
23 rd June			Midweek Service 10:15
24 th June			Little Angels 9:30
28 th June	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	4pm Priesting of Mandy Hughes at St Francis Church, Fenisc Cliff, Blackburn
30 th June			Midweek Service 10:15

July Schedule of Services

Date	9:00 service	10:30 service	Other
1 st July			Little Angels 9:30
5 th July	Holy Communion	Service of Confirmation	Bishop Joe
7 th July			Midweek Service 10:15
8 th July			Little Angels 9:30
12 th July	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Children's Church
14 th July			Midweek Service 10:15
15 th July			Little Angels 9:30
19 th July	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Family Church Picnic Church 15:45
21 st July			Midweek Service 10:15
26 th July	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	No Children's Church
28 th July			Midweek Service 10:15