

St Anne's,
Sale with
St Francis,
Sale Moor

e-Spire

March
2024

Lent

Sundays

Sunday 3 March at 8.00 am - Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer

And at 10 am - Revd Becky Mathew from St Paul's will be talking about Sri Lanka. Also anointing and prayers for healing. This will be followed by Lent Lunch - all welcome.

Sunday 10 March at 10 am - Mothering Sunday

Sunday 17 March at 10 am - Passion Sunday, followed by Lent Lunch

Sunday 24 March at 10 am - Palm Sunday. Ricky the donkey will be joining us again.

Lent Lunches on 3 & 17 March

Please join us for a frugal lunch of soup and roll, at 12 noon on these Sundays as we reflect upon the needs of people around the world and especially those in our own community.

Our Lent studies continue:

Paul Edwards will continue to lead studies on the Gospel readings set for the Sundays of Lent. These will be on **Wednesdays at 11 am** in the Choir Vestry.

6 March "Jesus cleanses the Temple." (John 2:13-22)

13 March "For God so loved the world." (John 3:14-21)

20 March "Jesus prays; My soul is troubled." (John 12:20-33)

27 March Stations of the Cross

And a group using the USPG study course called "Freedom in Christ" continues to meet on **Mondays at 10 am** at Margaret Ward's house.

You're all welcome at either or both of these study groups.

Holy Week and Easter

Wednesday 27 March - 7 pm Tenebrae meditation in church for 40 minutes. This service uses short bible readings, periods of silence and the gradual extinguishing of candles (Tenebrae = darkness) to help us express the sorrow and mourning of this week.

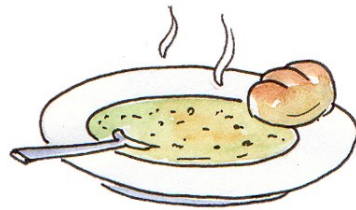
Maundy Thursday - 28 March - 6.30 pm We gather for a shared meal in the hall during which we mark the foot washing of the Last Supper and celebrate Holy Communion. We move over to the church for the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday - 29 March - 12 noon: Meditation at the Cross (please note the new time for this service this year).

Easter Sunday - 31 March - 10am We celebrate Christ's Resurrection

Lent lunches 3 and 17 March

The Overseas group are hosting two Lent Lunches in March this year. These will consist of a frugal meal of soup, roll and water and in so doing help us to reflect upon the needs of the world. Please join us after coffee about 12 noon in the church hall. It would be helpful if you can let us know you are attending (at the Fair Trade stall) but not essential, just turn up. Donations are invited towards one of our link mission partners, USPG and Education for Change Sri Lanka. Everybody will be made very welcome.



A Fairtrade Easter

Lent

We have a range of Easter goods on the Fair-trade stall. Do have a look at the range of Easter cards. And they're not expensive. We have Divine Speckled Eggs which proved popular last year. And we have the Real Easter Egg - the popular milk chocolate one. Other varieties are available online [here](#) if you'd like to order direct - dark, special edition, fun pack, Easter Blessings bar and so on.

New branding, same products

Traidcraft used to be the main importer of products from Meru herbs. True Origins have now taken this on. They're a fairtrade distributor based in Scotland and were formerly known as Just Trading Scotland. They are now selling Meru Herbs products like Mango Jam (yes, it's back in stock

at last!), Tomato and Basil cooking sauce, chutney and so on under their own name so you may not recognise the label, but it is Meru, honest.

Tea

We have bought up remaining stocks of Traidcraft tea wherever we can and you've still been drinking it on Sunday mornings, but we're genuinely now coming to the end of it. We've looked for alternatives and Clipper Everyday Tea seems to go down well so we've started selling that. But you'll find other fairly traded brands in the supermarkets and if you prefer them, that's fine.

A Fairtrade Place of Worship

St Anne's has signed up to be a Fairtrade Place of Worship. Janice Mason spoke of this at the 10am service at the end of February but you can find out more [here](#).

Holy Week

All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life. - *James Francis*

The In-Between Time

EASTER TO PENTECOST

Easter
LUKE 24.1-12

PENTECOST
50 DAYS

Road to Emmaus
LUKE 24.13-35

Jesus appears to
the disciples
LUKE 24.36-49

Great Commission
MATTHEW 28.16-20

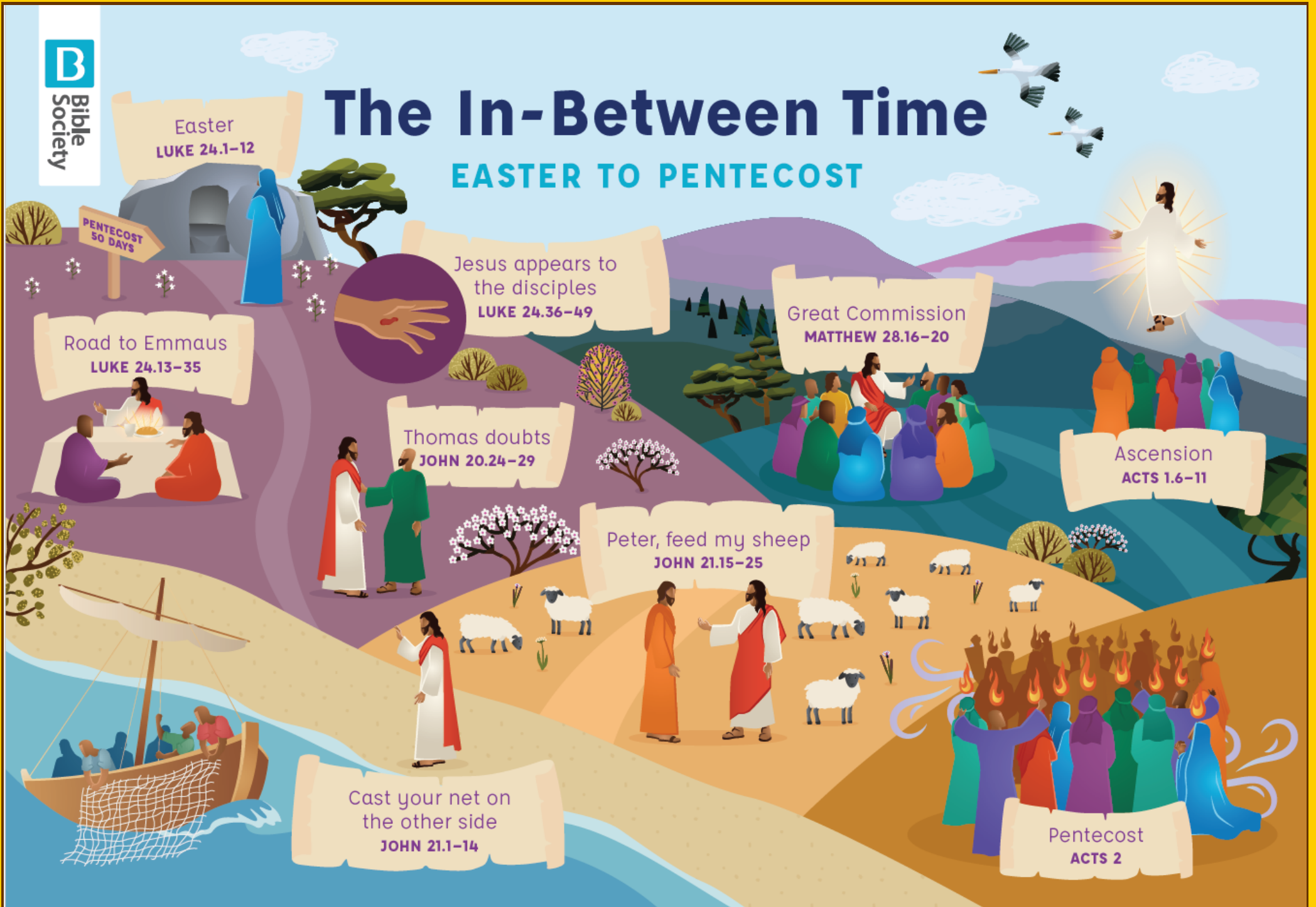
Thomas doubts
JOHN 20.24-29

Ascension
ACTS 1.6-11

Peter, feed my sheep
JOHN 21.15-25

Cast your net on
the other side
JOHN 21.1-14

Pentecost
ACTS 2



Eco Warriors Recognition

In January, Chester Diocese Board of Education launched their decarbonisation campaign. During this year, they aim to learn more about how we can decarbonise our family of schools. Each month they are sharing quick videos to share how we can make a few simple changes to move towards becoming Net Carbon Zero. Simon Geddes, heard about the inspiring work of our Eco Warriors and came to St. Anne's last half term to find out more. February's inspirational video, from Chester Diocese, is all about our dedicated Eco Warrior team!

Find out more by clicking [this link!](#)

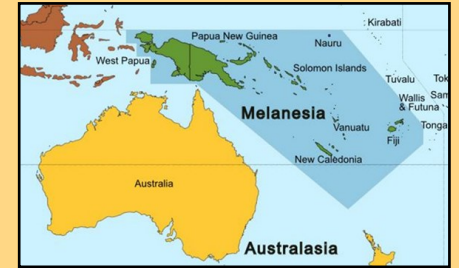
Together, we can take small steps that make a significant difference.



Melanesia Link

This term we have launched our Melanesia School Link with Big Bush Bay School, in Vanuatu, part of Melanesia. Chester Diocese have a long-established connection with Melanesia.

Our Y1 and Y2 children have written to the children of Big Bush Bay School to tell them all about life at St. Anne's. Our Y3 and Y4 children have been learning about the natural disasters that impact the people of Melanesia. Our Y5 and Y6 children have learned about the rising sea levels and will be learning more about how this impacts Melanesia and its islands. We look forward to building our partnership and finding out more about life at Big Bush Bay School.



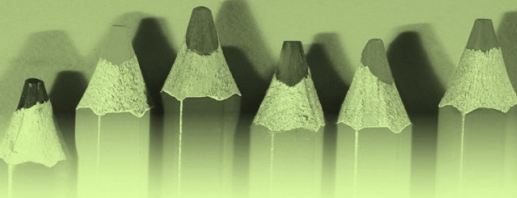
GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

On Thursday 14th March, our children and families will be taking part in The Great British Spring Clean. We will walk to Worthington Park to complete a litter pick 3.45 - 4.30 pm.

All members of the St Anne's Church and School family are welcome to join us. There will be refreshments for everyone helping out!



School News



Amazing Light

Year 3 and Year 4 had a wonderful time at our Amazing Light workshops in January. The children explored light through experiments and then explored the metaphor of light in the Bible. Both classes investigated how we see objects, how light changes the projection of an image, the way light travels and how light is reflected. They also created a fantastic stained-glass window to show what Jesus is like.



The Bible Society is one of the mission agencies we support at St Anne's. They have a great range of resources for Easter designed for children, families and adults. We've shown their "In-Between Time" poster of the events between Easter and Pentecost elsewhere in this magazine, but see the full range for yourself [here](#).

"Looking out of the window"

Our first tall daffodil of the year opened on 10 February - a day earlier than last year. Hugh started keeping a graph of such events back in 1982 and it makes convincing reading that the world in which we live really is warming up.

The tiny Tête-à-tête daffodils are now in full bloom, contrasting cheerfully with the purple, yellow, and white crocus. Two weeks before them the snowdrops heralded the start of Spring, emerging from all parts of the garden and edges of footpaths.

A blackbird is singing lustily by 7 am each day on the front fence; the magpies are pecking furiously at the moss in the lawns for nesting material; and the parakeets are, as ever, eating large amounts of peanuts. The blue tits are very busy too, getting their heads into the nut holders and flying off to secret places with their bounty.

The Camellia bush is producing deep pink flowers, and the pale pink hellebores beneath add to a colourful border. The lengthening hours of daylight lift the spirits as we move through Lent and Holy

Week to the triumph of Easter, and we continue to see the garden waking up through both front and back windows.

Bridget

Chat and Craft Group (formerly Needles & Natter)

We meet every Thursday at 1.30pm in the Church Hall. £1.50 per session including refreshments.

We also have fun with craft workshops on the first Thursday of every month. Why not come along, enjoy a chat, and maybe renew forgotten skills or learn a new one. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday 7 March... **Crochet and Knitting Workshop**. Start as a beginner, bring along a difficult pattern you need help with or just come and share your skills.

Thursday 4 April... we will be exploring **Dorset Buttons**, maybe not quite what you imagine!!

Sale Debt Advice Centre Update

St Anne's is one of six churches in a partnership running a debt advice centre in Sale in conjunction with Christians Against Poverty. This is the fourth year we have been running and with Debbie Walters as our part time Debt Centre Manager. Things are going well.

We have seen 82 clients and ten have gone debt free since we started, five in the last year. Four more are going debt free in the next few months. What an achievement! It might've taken a few years to become debt free but the system has changed and is becoming shorter so that the anxiety should be less for clients.

As in previous years Christmas hampers were given to 30 clients and families. We brought together clients with those from Altrincham and Partington Centres.0 and Partington for a Christmas evening full of cheer and a meal.

We have between 25 to 30 volunteers helping in a variety of roles such as Befriender, baking cakes, making up and delivering hampers. All sorts of help is needed. Can you help?

We piloted a CAP Job Club last year which went well. From the three courses, 25 attended the first session, 12 completed the course, five people found employment and three voluntary work. The resignation of the part time Job Club Manager coincided with Trafford MBC setting up seven job clubs in locations across Trafford so we have paused the scheme.

We're hoping to run a CAP Money course this year, which is a great way to learn how to budget and manage your money. Watch out for dates and details coming soon.

Please do ask Debbie to come and meet and speak to your church group. Please do tell family, neighbours and anybody who might be struggling with debt to contact CAP at 08003280006.

Please pray for Debbie , clients and the work that goes on in Sale. Thank you.

Janice Mason
St Anne's rep on the Sale Debt
Advice Centre Steering Group

Double your money to CAP!

CAP - Sale Debt Advice Centre - is looking to raise more money towards the running costs so that we can continue this vital service. We now have support from the Aviva Community Fund. This is through a crowdfunding page live **till 17 March**. We are aiming to raise £2,000 in this way. We're already part of the way to the target and **Aviva will double the money given** in this short period.

Please can you help? Any amount, however small, will be very welcome. You can donate via this [link](#) or by going to this QR code. Thank you so much for your support.....



{This giving site, like others, asks you for a "tip" on top of what you've just said you want to give. But there is a slider to change the amount prompted and you can click *Custom amount* and input 0. Don't feel you have to top up your donation in response to this technique.]

It's Manchester!

The fundraising website GoFundMe receives a donation every second of every day. But where is the most generous place in the UK?

The generosity of the British can be broken down into regions. Last year Manchester was the most generous place in the UK, with 43,135 donations, while Liverpool (36,739), Brighton (19,641), Lisburn (11,122) and Saint Albans (10,474) came in second, third, fourth and fifth respectively.

Thomas Cranmer Archbishop of Canterbury

If you have ever been caught up in a great event at work, which has gone on to change your own life, then Thomas Cranmer is the saint for you. He was the first ever Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury, following King Henry VIII's decision to pull away from Rome, and set up the Church of England.

Born in Nottingham in 1489, Thomas Cranmer became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1533. He was adviser to both Henry VIII and Edward VI. He helped Henry with the annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon, and along with Thomas Cromwell, supported the principle of Royal Supremacy (where the king is sovereign over the Church in his realm).

Under Edward VI, Thomas Cranmer made major reforms to the Church of England. He put the English Bible into parish churches, compiled the first two versions of the Book of Common Prayer, and worked with continental reformers to change doctrine on everything from the Eucharist to the veneration of saints.

But kings and queens, like American presidents, change, and the Catholic Queen Mary I was determined to wipe out Protestantism. Thomas Cranmer was imprisoned for two years, found guilty of heresy, and burned at the stake on 21st March 1556 and the Church remembers him each year on that day.



Fair Trade Fairer Future



COME AND CELEBRATE FAIR TRADE

- ★ Fairtrade Refreshments
- ★ Smoothie Bike
- ★ School Choirs
- ★ Fair Trade Speakers
- ★ Fair Trade Artist
- ★ Fair Trade Stalls
- ★ Fair Trade Chocolatier
- ★ Craft Activities

Saturday 16th March 2024

Drop in 10:30am - 2:30pm

Rochdale Parish Church OL16 1QT

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Being a Christian in Eritrea

Eritrea has been described as the “North Korea of Africa” and not without reason. According to Human Rights Watch the Eritrean government’s human rights record is among the worst in the world. Since its independence in 1993 the country has been ruled under the iron hand of its president, Isaias Afuwerki. As far as religious rights are concerned, at least in theory, those belonging to the Catholic, Orthodox and Lutheran churches or the Islamic faith are granted freedom of religion.

However, the situation on the ground is very different and members of other churches are persecuted relentlessly. Added to this, military service is required of every citizen. By law it should last for 18 months, but in reality it is indefinite. One group to suffer from this requirement to do military service is the Jehovah’s Witnesses, who often refuse to enlist and, as a result, are detained indefinitely.

In April 2023 a group of 103 young Eritreans were arrested while trying to record a worship video to share online. “My life is in your hand,” they sang, full knowing that public and private acts of worship outside the



parameters of Eritrea’s three permitted denominations put them at severe risk. They were taken to Mai Serwa prison, a place infamous for its unsanitary conditions, overcrowding and inhumane treatment of prisoners. It needs to be stated that prisons in Eritrea are nothing like the prisons we have in the West. For many to be sent to prison means spending months or even years cooped up in a shipping container in the desert. With temperatures reaching nearly 50 degrees during the daytime and plunging to near freezing at night it is hardly surprising that many do not live to tell the tale.

One who did live to tell the tale was the Gospel singer, Helen Berhane (pictured above at Pursue Justice in 2017). She was imprisoned in the harshest of conditions for 32 months before being released into house arrest. Soon after, through the help of a Christian friend, she was able to flee the country. Now a Dutch citizen living in the Netherlands, she enjoys the sorts of freedoms we all take for granted in the UK, though still bearing life-changing injuries suffered through her time in prison. [It should be noted that CSW was very much involved in bringing about her release in 2006.]

As regards the young people arrested

last year, we have been informed that 51 of them were released in early September, but the latest news we have is that 52 are still in prison. Please pray for them and for the advocacy work of CSW at the UN, as it seeks to shine a light on the appalling human rights record of the “North Korea of Africa” and to bring about real change.

If you want to find out more about the work of CSW why not visit their website, www.csw.org.uk where you will find lots of information about the work we do and how you can get involved?

Keith Davies
Regional Ambassador, CSW

We welcomed Keith at St Anne’s to preach last August and his talk went down very well with the congregation. Do have a look at their website for more about their work.

There’s a new wooden sculpture in Worthington Park to join the koala and the armadillo. We think it’s a raccoon. See if you can find it and see what you think it is.

Do you miss having a hymnbook?

No, I'm not advocating that we go back to hymnbooks at our services, the giving out, the collecting back up, the rustling as we find number 397 and remembering to omit verses 2,5 and 6 but I do occasionally wonder what we may have lost in the helpful move to words on screen.

I do like to see something about the origin of a hymn - its author, its age, where it came from. Is it a Wesley classic? a modern treasure from John Bell? one of John Mason Neale's Anglo-Catholic translations of a Latin gem? Mediaeval or Taizé? We know that Guide me O thou great Jehovah is Welsh, that Silent Night is German (from Austria) but who knew that Through the night of doubt and sorrow was Danish? And we've got hymns of African and Caribbean origins too. Hymn books also usually have listings of hymns for particular Sundays and feast days.

If you're lucky enough to have an edition with music there's more to be learned, not just key and time signature but the fascination and fun of the names of hymns. For example Come thou fount of every blessing and Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus are sung to Ton-y-botel, Welsh for "tune in a bottle", and it's also known

as Ebenezer from the lyrics: "Here I raise my Ebenezer" though Wikipedia suggests that it is named after the Ebenezer chapel attended by its composer and the Welsh name from a myth promulgated by the Daily Mail in 1902 that it was found in a bottle on a beach on the Llyn Peninsula.

I also like to see the whole thing as a composition, to get an overview, perhaps to look back or ahead, discern the structure. It's about how we interact with the words and that's difficult where we blindly follow short sections popping up on screen and quickly disappearing. For similar reasons I prefer a book to a Kindle, I like to know where I am in the whole work.

What really matters of course is that the words are good theology, good poetry, that the tune is a good one and that we sing it with full commitment. Hymns on screen not only free us from the routine of giving out and collecting up the books but more importantly allow us to draw on more sources than the one book. And I can always look up a hymn at home after the service. I could even join the choir, they still have books....

Howard Mason

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

2pm Friday 1st March 2024

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Christian women of **Palestine** prepared this service months before the carnage of 7th October and the ensuing war atrocities.

Its theme: **"I beg you, bear with one another in love."** could not be more poignant!

Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer.

Kingsway Church

Carrington Lane Methodist Church,
Ashton on Mersey, M33 5NE
at the Firs Rd/Harboro Rd triangle.

For further details contact: 07875 564 502



Mothers Union

This time of each month certainly seems to come round quickly. As I write this the weather is slightly warmer than normal and as I was out this morning I ended up carrying my coat as I was so warm. I don't suppose it will last. As long as we see less rain I don't mind what it is like.

A couple of weeks ago I had the pleasure of having my two Grandsons to stay as Claire and Anthony went to Prague for three days. I am not quite sure who looked after who but I must admit that it was really nice having my eldest Grandson keep asking if I was OK. During half term they have all gone to the Cotswolds for a few days and then on to Richmond, London for one day to watch Sale FC play Richmond. They will be staying at a friends house.

At our AGM at the-start of February we managed to get through the Agenda fairly quickly as we were going to listen and watch slides of Alison and Julia's cycling holidays from Lands End to Manchester and John O'Groats to Manchester over the period of two summers. Before Alison's talk we did have a discussion on how we could manage to slow decline of MU Membership in the Bowdon deanery. St. Anne's Sale and Timperley are still quite strong on membership but a few branches have had to close. This has been due to declining new membership and ageing older members. All of us are thinking of ways we can manage the membership and hopefully we can keep going for some time.

It was really interesting watching the slides and listening to Alison about where they went and the places they stayed. We did discover though, that neither of them were very good at taking 'Selfies' but they did improve by the end of their journey.

On the Saturday before Mothering Sunday we will be making posies in church at 2.30 pm. The Daffodils and cotton wool will be provided but we do need greenery to go with each bunch of flowers, so any would be very welcomed. We will be using the quotes that Margaret Ward has provided and we do thank her for these.

On the following Monday, 11 March, our Speaker will be Helen West and she will be talking about 'Children in distress in Romania'. All are welcomed to this and any of our meetings.

Just to confirm that I have sent all details of our Accounts to Chester together with a list of the names and addresses of all members, so hopefully everyone will be sent all the communications that are issued over the next twelve months. Dawn at Chester does work hard at keeping all things up to date.

Easter is very early this year, so Carol and I wish you all a prayerful, happy and peaceful Easter.

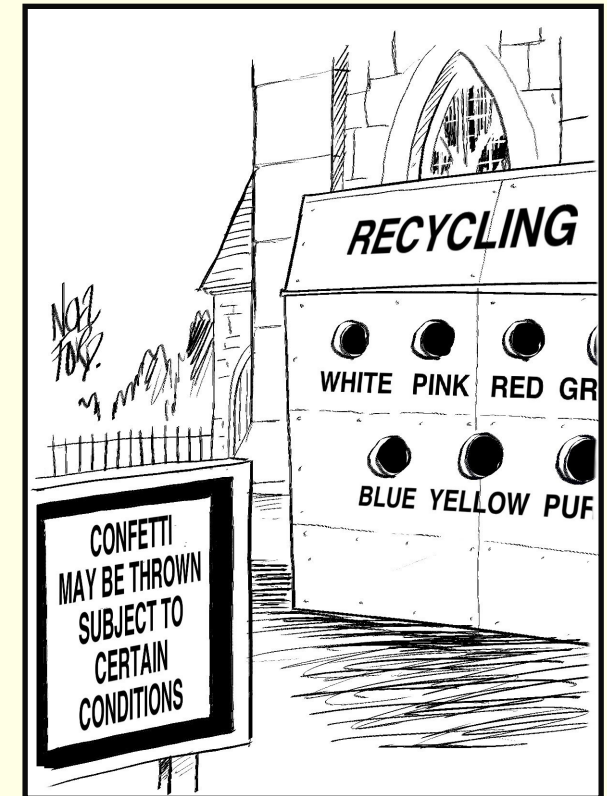
Love Jackie and Carol

The Moira Garnett Prize 2024



The children from Year 5 St Anne's School will be presenting the Moira Garnett Prize 2024 at the **10a.m. Service in church on Wednesday 6th March.**

It is a joyous occasion and the parish look forward to welcoming the children, their teachers, families and friends to this annual event.



3 Dads Walking



You'll remember Mike Palmer who came to tell us about his campaigning following the suicide of his daughter Beth. Some of us recently signed the petition "Make suicide prevention a compulsory part of the school curriculum" and there has been progress on the issue since then including the 3

Dads meeting with the Prime Minister.

Now the Petitions Committee, a cross-party group of MPs, has nominated the 3 Dads Walking campaign for the Petition Campaign of the Year Award. The three winners will be announced shortly.

Men and doctors

Men do not like doctors. Eight out of ten men would prefer to endure an illness rather than seek help from their GP. (This will not surprise many wives.)

Despite recent campaigns urging them to take their health seriously, a survey by BUPA has found that 48 per cent of men would only go to the doctor if they absolutely had to. And 39 per cent of men would actually let the pain become unbearable, before they sought any help.

The **e-Spire** is our replacement for a hard-copy parish magazine. It is to supplement what appears on our website and in the weekly pastoral letter and newsheets from our clergy. If you don't receive these by email, please send your email address to Alison:

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We are keen to receive feedback on e-Spire and contributions for future issue; just mail the **editors**, Howard & Janice Mason at howard.mason1@btopenworld.com

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Mums & Tots:	Fridays 9.15 - 11am, contact Janet Plumb	0161 905 3895

Guiding

Rainbows

- 1st Sale Moor : Mondays 5 - 6 pm in the Church Hall
email 1stsalemoorrainbows@gmail.com
- 2nd Sale Moor : Mondays 6.15 - 7.15 pm in the Church Hall
email 2ndsalemoorrainbows@gmail.com

Brownies

- 1st Sale Moor: Weds 6.30 - 8 pm, Clarendon Rd Scout Hut 973 3894
- 2nd Sale Moor: Weds 6.30 - 8 pm in the Church Hall 0161 976 5972
- 3rd Sale Moor: Tues 6 pm at Moorlands School
- 7th Sale Moor: Tues 6 pm in the Church Hall 0161 973 2108

Guides

- 2nd Sale Moor: Mondays 7.30 - 9pm in the Church Hall 0161 286 1623
- 7th Sale Moor: Tuesdays 7 pm at Sale Moor Methodist Church

Rangers

- Sale Moor Unit: Thursday evenings at Trinity Methodist Church