# St Oswald : Lower Peover Parish Magazine



## May 2021 50p



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Dear Friends,

The modest Rose puts forth a thorn, The humble sheep a threat'ning horn: While the Lily white shall in love delight, Nor a thorn nor a threat stain her beauty bright.

The Lily by William Blake.

Welcome to the month of May! Many of you will probably already be familiar with this, but (*not being a great gardener*) I was delighted to recently discover that May has two special flowers associated with it, the Lily and the Hawthorn.

The Lily often represents fullness of life and the return of happiness or sweetness (and let us not forget that May and Lilies are also associated with Mary, Jesus' 'mum' who, tradition tells us, was the Icon of love, grace and beauty walking alongside her son despite all the challenges they both faced all those years ago).

The 'Hawthorn flower' is also a symbol of hope too, (*beauty in the midst of the spikey thorn*). Both flowers speak in a relevant way to these challenging times. And I am grateful for them as signs of a return of happiness and sweetness after months of challenge and loss.

For me the Lilly also connects our recent Easter celebrations to this month's focus on new life and the hope we all have in Jesus' message that although there may be struggle, ultimately love conquers all, and God's light can never be snuffed out! There is always hope!

Each week in our Book of Common Prayer Service we are reminded that Jesus said: "Come unto me, all who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls". Both messages, the flowers, and Jesus' words I hope will inspire us all as we look forward to the coming weeks.

May in church means we will come together for Rogation, when we give thanks for all that God provides for us that we may have fullness of life and *ask* him to bless all those who toil the lands.

We will think about Christ's Ascension when we remember that glorious moment when Jesus is re-united with his Father after his resurrection. And then we will celebrate that great church festival of Whitsun or '*Pentecost*' when we give thanks that we have been blessed with the presence of the promised comforter (*The Holy Ghost or Spirit*) continues to this very day to ensure us that we are never truly alone. All three festivals are ones that celebrate Joy and Hope!

May therefore is a month of great delight, wonder in, and celebration of, life. So, whatever it is that will mark this new month of May for you, whether you rumble up to St Oswald's for a service or simply walk the lanes surrounded by all the wonder of new life in the warmth of the sun, my prayer is for all of the community here in Peover to be blessed by God's constant light, hope and an abundance of Joy.

May God Bless you all. Fr Murray, Vicar

#### In our prayers...

At all our services we ask God's blessing on those known to us who are ill or infirm, particularly those with whom we have close connections as members of the congregation. If you would like to be named in our prayers of intercessions because you are undergoing treatment or know of someone who has requested prayer please contact Fr Murray or our Reader, Ann.

### **Children's Church**

Children's Church takes place on the third Sunday of the month at 9.30am. This is a short service with activities for families and is currently taking place outdoors. The next time we meet is on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May. If you would like to be kept updated on activities for families please email Ann (hannbarlow@btopenworld.com) to be added to the mailing list.

### From the Registers

Baptism – We welcome into the church family Ottilie Dora Boulton

**In memoriam** – We give thanks for the lives of Malcolm and Miriam Morfitt May light perpetual shine upon them and give them peace

Winners for March 100 Club were:

No. 94 - Simon Twaits - £70

No. 11 - Ann Barlow - £30

### Love your Burial Ground Week Saturday 5th June – Sunday 13th June 2021

Love your Burial Ground Week is an annual event to celebrate local burial grounds as places of peace, calm and historic interest as well as havens for wildlife.

This year churches are being asked to use Love Your Burial Ground Week as a springboard to start recording wildlife in their churchyard by taking part in the **Churches Count on Nature** initiative.

St Oswald's will be registering to take part in this initiative with the Little House and Lower Peover Primary School already committed to undertaking surveys. Results of surveys will be displayed in church and will also be submitted to the National Biodiversity Network, a nationwide database of wildlife in the UK.

If you would like to be involved, either by recording wildlife on your walks around our churchyard or by organising other churchyard activities during that week please contact Ann (01565 722989, <u>hannbarlow@btopenworld.com</u>).

More information can be found at <u>https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/</u> with a free digital starter guide to recording species available at <u>https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/resources/starterguide-2/.</u>

### Safeguarding

St Oswald's and St Lawrence's take their duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at <u>www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding</u>.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Oswald's is Tracey Wallace. If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues concerning a safeguarding matter within the parish please contact Tracey in confidence on 07724 840753 or by email at ktwallace@hotmail.co.uk

The Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Lawrence's is Louise Corlett and she can be contacted by email at <u>loucorlett@btinternet.com</u>

### **Daily Hope phone line**

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line is free and available 24 hours a day on 0880 804 8044.

### FINANCE

As you may be aware, a substantial part of our income is received through collections at our regular services. Given the current circumstances we will not be able to receive such donations so we would be grateful if you would consider making your usual contribution by cheque or by standing order.

### For more information contact the treasurer Colin Gidman on 01565 722313

Income and Expenditure for March						
General cash collections: Gift Aided	£ 32.00 £1510.50					
Donation gift aided	£ 300.00					
Total	£1842.50					

### New book helps mark Christian Aid's 75th anniversary

Christian leaders, activists, writers and theologians world-wide have written prayers for a new book to celebrate Christian Aid's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

*Rage & Hope: 75 Prayers for a Better World* includes prayers on climate injustice, Black Lives Matter, violence against women, discrimination against Dalits in India, the coronavirus pandemic, from extreme poverty in Burundi, and inequality in Myanmar.

Christian Aid's work began in 1945, when it was founded by British and Irish churches to help refugees following the Second World War. Since then, it has provided humanitarian relief and long-term development support, while speaking out against injustice.

Christian Aid helped during the Biafra war, advised Martin Luther King during the civil rights movement of the 1960s, campaigned to make poverty history in the 2000s, and is now fighting climate injustice in countries around the world.

*Rage & Hope: 75 Prayers for a Better World* from: <u>https://spckpublishing.co.uk/rage-and-hope</u>

With apologies to Alfred, Lord Tennyson for crimes against his masterpiece, here is my poem:

#### A Lady with the Shot

On either side the dangers lie We may sicken, we may die; We cannot drive, we cannot fly, We must wear masks, but some ask, "why?" "It's just a massive plot!"

Though some may protest loud and shrilly We have to tell them, "don't be silly," There's just one route from fear so chilly: The covid vaccine shot!

Through long and anxious toilsome days They sought for virus-killing ways, It's hard to find the words of praise – Their skill and knowledge just amaze! They loosed a Gordian Knot!

For months the news had gone so badly How nice to turn from thinking sadly And go and meet so very gladly A lady with the shot.

And now must all folk gladly share The vaccine which, with equal care Protects all people, everywhere If it's use is wise and fair. We must share what we've got.

And then at last this virus stealthy Will threaten no-one – poor or wealthy No more masks to keep us healthy This clever vaccine shot!

By Nigel Beeton

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### **Being brave?**

Some time ago I was helping my grandson George into his car seat in the back of my car, when I accidentally banged his head. He started to cry. 'Come on, George, be brave,' I said. 'But I don't *want* to be brave,' he objected.

I guess we all know that feeling. Sometimes life is hard, and we know we have a need for courage, but somehow, we just do not want to be brave. We would rather give in, surrender to the difficulties, and wallow in self-pity. The Bible seems to constantly exhort us to be brave, to be strong, to take heart, to be courageous. Life during a pandemic certainly calls for us to make a courageous response, but occasionally we may feel overwhelmed and ready to give in or give up.

Perhaps you are reading this at just such a moment. Maybe this comes as a message to you from God so that you do not lose heart. He knows you, and He sees your situation, a He speaks to encourage you, as He did to the church at Philadelphia: 'I know that you have little strength' (Revelation 3:8). He is the compassionate and understanding God who draws alongside us, to give strength to the weary and power to the weak (Isaiah 40:29). You do not have to do anything, simply turn to Him in your need and ask for help.

You will discover, as the apostle Paul did, that when you are weak, then you are strong. His power will be demonstrated through your weakness. You can do whatever is required of you because He will give you strength.

### Tony Horsfall considers what happens when you have no courage left.

### Ascension Day: 40 Days with the Risen Christ

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. These are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to His disciples, following His death and resurrection. (*Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.*)

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those 40 days. Jesus was seen by numerous of His disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged His disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent Him, He was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as His witnesses.

Surely the most tender, moving 'farewell' in history took place on Ascension Day. Luke records the story with great poignancy: 'When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands - and blessed them.'

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with His return to His Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless His disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years of public ministry and miracles – persecution and death – and resurrection!

Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: 'While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven.' (Luke 24:50-1). He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: 'I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God...' (John 20:17).

The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and have Him look on you with love. No wonder then that Luke goes on: 'they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.' (Luke 24:52,53)

No wonder they praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! 'I am going to prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.' (John 14:2,3) In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth.

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### ACROSS

- 1 Sense of right and wrong (1 Corinthians 8:7) (10)
- **7** Coming (*John 11:17*) (7)
- **8** 'All I have is , and all you have is mine' (*John 17:10*) (5)
- **10** Smarten (Acts 9:34) (4)
- **11** Hold back (*Job 9:13*) (8)
- 13 Member of the Society of Friends (6)
- **15** At ague (anag.) (6)
- 17 Citizen of the Greek capital (8)
- **18** So be it (*Galatians 6:18*) (4)
- **21** Twentieth-century poet and dramatist who wrote *Murder in the Cathedral*, T.S. (5)
- 22 Empowers (Philippians 3:21) (7)
- **23** Imposing (1 Samuel 9:2) (10)

#### Down

- 1 Healed (Luke 7:21) (5)
- **2** Central space in a church (4)
- **3** Co-founder of Spring Harvest and General Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance 1983–97, Clive (6)
- 4 Moses killed one when he saw him beating a Hebrew labourer (*Exodus 2:12*) (8) **5** P (4 + 4, 12) (7)
- **5** Bravery (*Acts 4:13*) (7)
- 6 It interrupted Paul and Silas singing hymns in a Philippian jail (Acts 16:26) (10)

9 Transgression (*Psalm 36:1*) (10)
12 Irish province in which Dublin is situated (8)
14 Same hit (anag.) (7)
16 'The Spirit of God was hovering over the — ' (*Genesis 1:2*) (6)
19 Author of the immortal stories of Winnie the Pooh, A.A. — (5)

# Knutsford Floral Design Club has suspended all club meetings and events until further notice.

For more information telephone Lynda on 01477 534291

### Give Thanks appeal raises funds for vulnerable people

Christian Aid's latest appeal, which enables people to give thanks for their Covid-19 vaccine and help others in crisis across the world, has raised  $\pm 130,000$ .

Many people in the UK are feeling a sense of relief as loved ones receive their vaccines. Christian Aid's Give Thanks appeal encourages people to pass the blessing on, by helping others who have little protection from the pandemic.

Funds from the appeal are helping vulnerable communities around the world access soap, water, food and vital health information as Covid-19 continues to destroy lives and livelihoods. Christian Aid partners have so far directly helped over half a million people in 27 countries.

A <u>donation page</u> has been set up where people can give to Christian Aid's Coronavirus Appeal.

### Sportsmanlike

During a game, the coach asked one of his young players: "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?" The little boy nodded yes. "Do you understand that what matters is winning together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes. "So," the coach continued, "when a strike is called, or you are out at first, you do not argue or curse or attack the umpire. Do you understand all that?" Again, the boy nodded yes. "Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain it to your mother."



A group of lads took a trip to France and decided to attend Mass in a small town, even though none of them understood French. They managed to stand, kneel and sit when the rest of the congregation did, so it would not be obvious they were tourists. At one point, the priest spoke and the man sitting next to them stood up, so they got up, too. The entire congregation broke into hearty laughter.

After the service they approached the priest, who spoke English, and asked him what had been so funny. The priest said he had announced a birth in the parish and had asked the father to stand up.

A teacher posed the following problem to one of her maths classes: "A wealthy man dies and leaves ten million pounds. One-fifth is to go to his wife, one-fifth is to go to his son, one-sixth to his butler, and the rest to charity. Now, what does each get?"

After a very long silence in the classroom, one little boy raised his hand and suggested: "A solicitor?"



The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark

The Vicarage

My dear Nephew Darren

On reflection, inviting your parishioners to join in our annual Rose Queen celebrations may not have been entirely wise. It was cheering to see that your people arrived on carnival floats, although it was less happy that some of them should have chosen to dress up as coronavirus bugs, full of those nasty spike proteins – that startled some of the timid residents in our community.

Once the procession started, your drivers did not seem to have grasped the fact that the vehicles were expected to tour the village slowly, for the benefit of spectators, instead of treating it as a competitive race. I noticed that numbers on your floats gradually diminished as they were flung off while careering round corners. Those who had a walk of several miles back home while dressed as pirates and ballerinas had my sympathy. Our tea ladies, however, were less sympathetic when one of your hay bales was spun off on a tight corner and went through our Women's Guild like a row of skittles.

The local police normally use the afternoon to do a little gentle point duty while drinking gallons of sweet tea; this year, the number of tickets issued for speeding, and not social distancing, should boost our constabulary's figures for the next 12 months.

I must concede that the group who decided to make a *papier mache* swan for one of your floats showed great imagination. It was such a pity that they did not know a 15-foot-high swan would be driven under a 12-foot bridge. The drama of its emergence, headless, was only exceeded by the following float which appeared to have a group of Brownies being savaged by a demented, bodiless, vulture.

I am sure that some of your people's offers to help this year's Princesses campaign for election for Rose Queen next year were well-meant. However, I don't think our parish really wants a full-blown social media campaign for next year's Rose Queen, and so we will have to decline your offer.

The crowning of the Rose Queen is always a high point to the afternoon, but could I point out that the 'gold' crown is only metal foil, and the 'diamond' sceptre is only a piece of glass? So, whoever it was in your crowd who walked off with them, please may we have them back before next year?

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### **Dates in May**

175 years ago, on 30<sup>th</sup> May 1846, Peter Carl Fabergé was born. This Russian goldsmith and jeweller was best known for his fabulously decorated Fabergé eggs

150 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1871, John Herschel, British astronomer, mathematician, chemist and pioneering photographer died. Amongst other things, he named seven of Saturn's moons and investigated colour blindness. He was also President of the Royal Astronomical Society three times.

100 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1921, the British Legion was founded in the aftermath of the First World War, to provide support to veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependants.

70 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1951, the Lake District National Park was established. It was Britain's second national park.

60 years ago, on 28th May 1961, Amnesty International was founded in London.

### Please join the 'St Oswald's Lower Peover 100 Club'

Dating from 1269, St Oswald's church has been central to the village of Lower Peover for centuries. Throughout that time, it has been the spiritual home of many people, and not just those living in the village itself.

It still fulfils that role today, a peaceful haven in an ever busier and complicated world. As a Grade 1 listed building, it enjoys a setting of particular importance, and the assumption is that it always will be. But escalating costs mean that we can no longer take that for granted. Buildings such as St Oswald's are hugely expensive to maintain and ever-increasing running costs need to be found.

It is a sobering thought that our Parish Share (the money we pay to Chester Diocese for our church and a vicar) is £51,395. That is £988 each week. That is before any lighting, heating, maintenance etc. is taken into consideration, and, contrary to what many people still think, the State does <u>not</u> pay towards a church's upkeep.

We launched the 100 Club in May 2008 and membership currently stands at 71, although it has been as high as 106. The club currently raises about £2,500 each year (after prizes) and really does make a huge difference to our resources. So far it has raised over £25,000 for the running costs of our church. And all for the minimal cost of £1 per week to members!

The 100 Club works in this way:

We collect £1 a week from each member per number held, which can be paid either as an annual fee of £52, or £13 per quarter, by standing order. Members are allocated individual numbers and each month two numbers are drawn. The first receives a prize of £70, the second receives £30. The remainder of the proceeds go to the church. You may individually hold more than one number and indeed, past winners have often had multiple holdings. It really is as simple as that!

The 100 Club is designed to appeal to regular churchgoers and those people who may not be able to worship regularly with us, but who also think it is important that the church remains open as an important part of village life.

We really would like to get our membership back up to at least 100 and hope that if you are reading this you may feel able to help – all for £1 per week! Please do join the 100 Club by completing the membership form at the back of this magazine or online at our website, and simply post it back to me.

Likewise, if you have any queries or questions about the 100 Club, please call me, Keith Phillips on 01270 878259 or mobile 07973 900032. Email <u>kphil61@hotmail.co.uk</u>

Many congratulations to all our winners - and our thanks to all members who are currently supporting the 100 Club. Stay safe and thank you.

**Keith Phillips – Churchwarden** (Lottery Registration No. 08/LO/77)

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### **Crossword Answers**

ACROSS: 8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan.
16, Nearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate.
DOWN: 1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand.
7, As a son. 12, Hoe. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up.
20, Ararat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome.

### Lower Peover WI – meets on the first Wednesday in the month In Lower Peover School at 7.30pm

For information contact Sally Geake LP 722489

### Plumley WI meets on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm in Plumley Village Hall

### Lower Peover Church Website

News and events can be found on our website www.peoverchurches.com



Smartphone users can access the site by scanning the QR code

You can

also find a full calendar of events on <u>http://www.achurchnearyou.com/lower-or-nether-peover-st-oswald/</u> If you have any items which you would like included on the website or the online calendar contact Ann on <u>hannbarlow@btopenworld.com</u>

### The deadline for the next issue of the magazine is Monday 25 May 2021

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#### I wish to join the 'St Oswald's Lower Peover 100 Club'

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