

# **St Oswald : Lower Peover Parish Magazine**



**May and June 2020**  
**50p**



## **Sunday Worship:**

8.00am	Holy Communion [Prayer Book Service]
11.00am	First Sunday - Family Communion
	Second Sunday - Family Service
	Third Sunday - Family Communion
	Fourth Sunday - Morning Prayer and Sermon [Prayer Book Service]
	Fifth Sunday - Morning Prayer and Sermon
6.30pm	Evening Prayer & Sermon [Prayer Book Service]

Weekday Services: [Additional Services are shown on the monthly Calendar and on the web at <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/lower-or-nether-peover-st-oswald/> ]

## **Occasional Offices**

Baptisms: Please contact one of the church wardens – details below

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## Resources for personal prayer

While we may not be able to meet for regular worship there are many resources which we can use to maintain times of prayer and bible study.

**The Book of Common Prayer** offers prayers and readings for all occasions and the orders of Morning and Evening Prayer can be read aloud in one's own home. The Psalter which is included in the Book of Common Prayer identifies a psalm or selection of psalms for each day of the month.

### Radio and television

The BBC offers a **Daily Service** on Radio 4 Long Wave every day at 9.45am as well as **Sunday Worship** at 8.10am on Sunday mornings on Radio 4. There is **Choral Evensong** on Radio 3 every Wednesday at 3.30pm which is repeated on Sundays at 3.00pm. In addition, **Songs of Praise** is televised on BBC1 at 1.15pm on Sunday. Programmes are also available on BBC iPlayer or the BBC Sounds app.

### Digital Resources

There are several apps available for smartphones and tablets including the Church of England **Daily Prayer** app which offers Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline in either Contemporary or Traditional Language. **Time to Pray** similarly offers an Order for Prayer During The Day as well as an order for Night Prayer. The app **Pray as you go** offers a short daily audio meditation with music. The Church of England publishes a **Prayer for the Day** both as audio and text on its website as well as on several social media platforms. Many Church of England resources can be accessed through **smart speakers** such as Alexa or Google home by asking 'Alexa open The Church of England' or 'Hey Google, talk to the Church of England.' As well as answering questions, the apps can be asked to read a range of prayers along with such things as the Apostle's Creed and The Beatitudes.

**Chester Cathedral** will provide worship through online streaming at 5.30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and at 10am on Sundays.

There are many Bible Study resources available as apps or on the web. The ones which we have mainly been using for Exploring the Word of God can be found on the following websites:

**Yale Bible Study** [yalebiblestudy.org](http://yalebiblestudy.org)

**The Bible Project** [bibleproject.com](http://bibleproject.com)

**St John's Timeline** [stjohnstimeline.co.uk](http://stjohnstimeline.co.uk)

Finally, we can keep in touch with each other by telephone, email or text messaging.

## Thought for the month

### Sundays in Isolation

I wonder where you have been worshipping recently. As I write this we have just experienced the tenth Sunday with churches closed for services. I imagine most of us who are used to attending church regularly will have tried to fill the gap in some way or another. Or maybe not. It might have felt like a great relief not to have to get up on a Sunday morning to play one's part as sidesperson, lesson reader or coffee provider. After all, we have now learnt that worship can happen without the building, maybe it can happen without us too.

Having said that, the scope for engaging in worship has become enormous. I don't think I have ever celebrated Easter so thoroughly before. I must have spent the whole day at a service of one kind or another. I have modified my intake a bit since but I am still finding that I pack much more worship into my Sunday.

Where have I found my services? The BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship was part of my regular Sunday routine in any case. For my main morning service it has been a choice between Sunday Worship on BBC1 or the live streaming of the Eucharist from Chester Cathedral – the choice based to some extent on where the BBC service was televised from. I still think of St David's Cathedral as my mother church. For me though, the main joy has been the ability to worship virtually in my mother tongue, and as the day goes on I engage with hymns, prayers and meditations from a range of Welsh speaking churches of all denominations, taking me back to the roots of my faith through Facebook. Finally, I end my Sunday with Compline over a telephone conference led by one of my Reader colleagues.

It is not to say that this plethora of opportunity isn't a matter for debate. There have been quite fierce arguments about whether this is the way of doing church for the future. While some clergy seem desperate to reopen their buildings others cite the numbers recorded at their YouTube videos as a good reason never to worship in a building again. So where will we end up?

I don't think we can tell. After all, as we are reminded at this time of year, the Holy Spirit gets involved. I doubt the first disciples ever saw themselves rushing out to speak in the streets of Jerusalem after they had been hiding in the upper room (Acts 2) but that was the beginning of what we now call church. So, as we envision the nature of church after lockdown, perhaps we should just pray that, whatever the form, our worship is, as it is meant to be, a channel for the Holy Spirit to work in us and in our world. **Ann**

## **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**

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### **Mark Tanner named as new Bishop of Chester**

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Downing Street announced that the Rt Reverend Mark Tanner is to be the next Bishop of Chester. Bishop Mark is currently the Bishop of Berwick in the Diocese of Newcastle, a post he has occupied since 2016.

In taking up the post, Bishop Mark will be returning to where he first began in ministry as he was ordained and served a curacy in Chester Diocese. He and his wife Lindsay have published a video on You Tube in which they say how much they are looking forward to coming to Chester, where both of their children were born.

Videos of Bishop Mark and of the meetings that took place to welcome him to the diocese can be found on the Chester diocese website at

<https://www.chester.anglican.org/news/what-happened-on-tuesday-12may.php>

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### **In Remembrance**

We give thanks for the lives of:

Mary Race

Peter Fairclough

Reverend Kenneth Burghall

Let light perpetual shine upon them and give them peace

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### **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.

## In our prayers

We hold in our prayers all whose lives are affected by the current situation:

... new babies and their parents

... grandparents who aren't able to meet with their new grandchildren

... those due to be baptised at our church but who have had to postpone the service

... those planning to get married and have had to defer the celebration

... all who are ill, especially those identified with Covid-19

... families who are unable to spend time with loved ones in hospital or care homes

... all who have been bereaved in recent months.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Prayer taken from *Prayers for use during the coronavirus outbreak* available at [CofE.io/ChurchOnline](http://CofE.io/ChurchOnline) )

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## Letter from Maureen Burghall

Dear friends,

I would like to thank you very much indeed for your many cards, letters and gifts of flowers and also for your support at the funeral which was quite amazing. It has been a great comfort to me to know how much Ken was loved. He was a wonderful companion, kind, compassionate, caring and generous, with a lovely sense of humour and we were together for fifty-nine years to the day. We married on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 1961 which was Ascension Day and he died on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 at 2.50 a.m. I miss him terribly. We have wonderful memories of our time spent with you, our Lower and Over Peover family, and I thank you for those years. I hope it may be possible to have a thanksgiving service at Lower Peover when we are once again allowed back into our churches.

Much love always

Maureen

## **It is with sadness we report the death of Reverend Kenneth Burghall.**

As a brief history of his life he was born in 1934 and spent his younger days in the Chester area. He attended Selwyn college Cambridge and Queens college Birmingham, gaining BA in 1957 and MA in 1963. Ken was Priested in 1960 being at St Michaels Macclesfield from 1959 to 1963. Following St Michaels Macclesfield he became an Army Chaplain 1963 to 1967.

His priesthood then continued at St. Marks Birkenhead 1967 to 1971, then to St. Pauls Macclesfield until 1987 when he moved to Lower Peover. In 1992 Lower Peover and Over Peover became a joint benefice.

His time in Lower Peover was a very busy period. Under his ministry the Church became a focal point for Peover and the wider community. Along with the three Sunday services and two mid-week communion services, daily 7am services were introduced which drew a small but regular number of worshippers. There was also a focus placed on the social aspects of ministry which developed a wider involvement and under his leadership the Church thrived. This enabled the Church to become financially stable and also enabled extensive building renovation works to be undertaken, ensuring a sound future for the parish.

Ken was a man who could easily be described as “one of life’s characters”. He could often be found in the Church (and often with Maureen) in the early hours of the morning preparing for a service or festival. He was a real conversationalist, and would keep any individual, group or dinner party entertained for whatever time was available with stories on many topics from wartime Gas busses in Chester to matters of faith. His knowledge and ability to recall dates, events and people was legendary. One of his special birthday celebrations was a day out in a Rolls Royce organised by a group of parishioners, which he thoroughly enjoyed. His arrangements for the many parish coach trip outings were always interesting and always involved food. His great loves outside his devoted Parish life were of course his family followed closely by cricket and steam trains.

The Parish registers will show he carried out extensive work under the heading of “occasional offices”. Lower Peover became a very popular Church for weddings, not just for the building but for the welcome and support shown to couples, and as a natural progression many baptisms followed. Due to his welcoming approach Ken was called upon by many in times of difficulty and was known to be very generous with his time and effort to assist. Many families were also helped in times of bereavement. His ministry was greatly appreciated by many and he was very greatly missed on his retirement.

Following his retirement from Lower Peover in 2004, Rev. Burghall went to live in Congleton and continued ministry at various churches in the Macclesfield and Congleton area, filling in during interregnums and incumbents' holidays etc. He also officiated at many funerals and other services.

During his recent time in hospital he celebrated his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday and also his and Maureen's 59<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 restrictions a formal funeral was not possible, and a private burial took place at Henbury Church. It is planned to hold a service at Lower Peover when matters return to normal. There was a large gathering on the road outside the Church, the internment being conducted by Bishop William Pwaisiho, formerly of Gawsworth.

We should also remember Maureen Burghall at this time. Whist without a formal appointment in Lower Peover her work and support in many ways in the parish was extensive. Our sympathy is extended to Maureen at this sad time, and also to Christopher (son) and Sharon (daughter) and their families.

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### **St Oswald's Website**

The website has been updated with new photographs and additional material. Thanks to Edwina, Tony, Marilu and Walton for their contributions. The Resources for Worship page is being updated every week with a reflection from Ann on one of the Sunday Readings. We also have a page on 'A Church Near You'. Do keep an eye on our websites for information on future activities including resuming services and welcoming the new vicar.

[peoverchurches.org.uk](http://peoverchurches.org.uk)

[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12789](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12789)

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### **Charles Dickens - prolific writer with a social conscience**

Victorian novelist Charles Dickens died 150 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1870. He died of a stroke in Gad's Hill Place, his country home in Kent, when halfway through writing *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. The last novel he completed – most of them were written in regularly released parts – was *Our Mutual Friend*, in 1865.

He was born in Portsmouth in 1812, the second of eight children, to a relatively poor family. He wrote 15 novels and was also a staunch social campaigner, particularly for children's rights and education.



## **Caring for the bereaved**

The Church of England in Chester Diocese is launching a programme of additional support for people experiencing a family bereavement.

Bereaved families can still arrange Church of England funerals and, in addition, families will be offered the opportunity to organise a memorial or remembrance service at a time when we can freely meet again.

In normal times, the vicar would discuss with a bereaved family exactly how they would like to say goodbye. They would meet with them in person and discuss which music, Bible readings, and prayers they would like.

Much of this has not been able to happen because of restrictions limiting the length of a funeral. Social distancing measures have also reduced the number of people able to attend, and family members have been unable to hug and console each other, adding to their grief.

The Acting Bishop of Chester, the Rt Revd Keith Sinclair says we are living through an incredibly difficult time but urges people to know that the Church is there for them, whatever they may have been through, wherever they are.

“We are living through a profound moment for our nation and the world, the effects of which will be felt for a long time to come. “But the Church remains a constant Christian presence in every community and an anchor of hope for many. I would wish for everyone to know that the Church is here for you. Talk to us, we can help”.

“Contact your local vicar if you would like to talk to us about arranging a funeral, memorial service or attending a remembrance service, and the Church is here for you if you simply want someone to listen to your story.”

At Lower Peover, our Reader, Ann Barlow, is also licensed for bereavement ministry and is available to conduct funerals, particularly at this time when we have no vicar. She can be contacted on 01565 722989 or by email at [hannbarlow@btopenworld.com](mailto:hannbarlow@btopenworld.com) if you would like to talk to her.

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Teacher: “What is the difference between results and consequences?”

Bright pupil: “Results are what you expect; consequences are what you get.”

## Farm Kids

There are kids that grow up normal and drink milk out of a bottle.  
And then there are the farm kids who have lives lived at full throttle.

To farm kids it is normal to spend days out in the sun.  
Climbing trees and getting muddy is their idea of fun.

Helping to move cattle, standing in a gap.  
Knowing the small difference between a mushroom and Death Cap.

Feeding lambs by bottle, holding the torch for Dad.  
Helping with a calving, the happy times and sad.

Knowing the importance of shutting all the gates.  
Talking to the chickens with a dog that's your best mate.

A little pair of overalls, spending life in wellies,  
helping in the parlour not caring if you're smelly.

Knowing names of flowers, picking out the weeds.  
Pulling up the thistles before they make the seeds.

Taking out the sandwiches and sitting in the fields.  
Listening to the cowman talking about the yields.

Knowing what needs doing, learning common sense.  
Handing out the staples when Dad's mending an old fence.

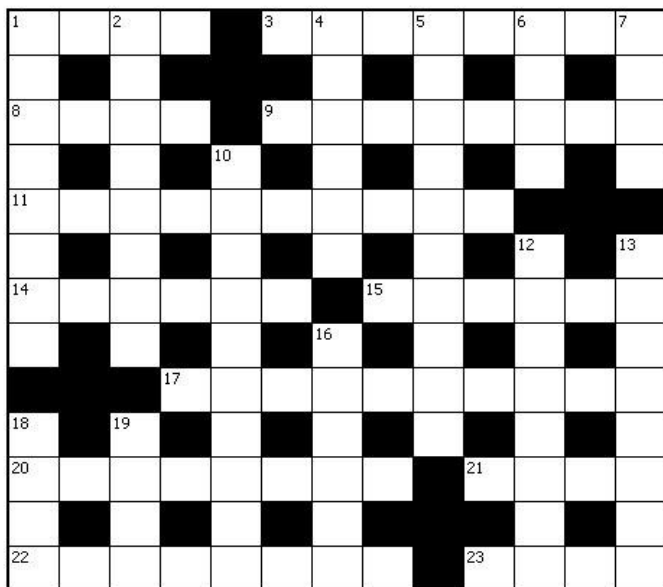
Learning to drive a tractor before you're even ten.  
You'll know when you are ready, no one can tell you when.

Riding a small pony over little home-made jumps.  
Not caring about bruises, scratches, lumps and bumps.

Sliding down snowy hillsides on bags stuffed full of straw,  
making dens in tree tops who could want for more.

Going home exhausted with a smile upon your face  
pockets full of conkers a life no one could replace!

Jan Millward



### Across

- 1 See 23 Across  
 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)  
 8 Invalid (4)  
 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)  
 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)  
 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)  
 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)  
 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)  
 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)  
 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)  
 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)  
 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

### Down

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)  
 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)  
 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)  
 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in — , faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)  
 6 St Columba's burial place (4)

- 7 Swirling current of water (4)  
10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)  
12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was — , to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)  
13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night  
(2 Kings 19:35) (8)  
16 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet'.  
(2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)  
18 David Livingstone was one (4)  
19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)
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### ***Be our hope***

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light; through Him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory.

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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### **May our kindness be witnessed by all**

When the things of the world seem so dark and so grim,  
When disease and despondency call,  
Rejoice in the Lord and the nearness of Him —  
May our kindness be witnessed by all!

When the pillars of life seem to crumble and creak  
When our walls seem to tumble and fall.  
In prayer and petitions our Father we seek —  
May our kindness be witnessed by all!

The tempest may rage, but His wondrous peace  
Stills the storms that may rage in our soul.  
In our hearts and our minds shall the turmoils cease  
And our kindness is witnessed by all!

*By Nigel Beeton*

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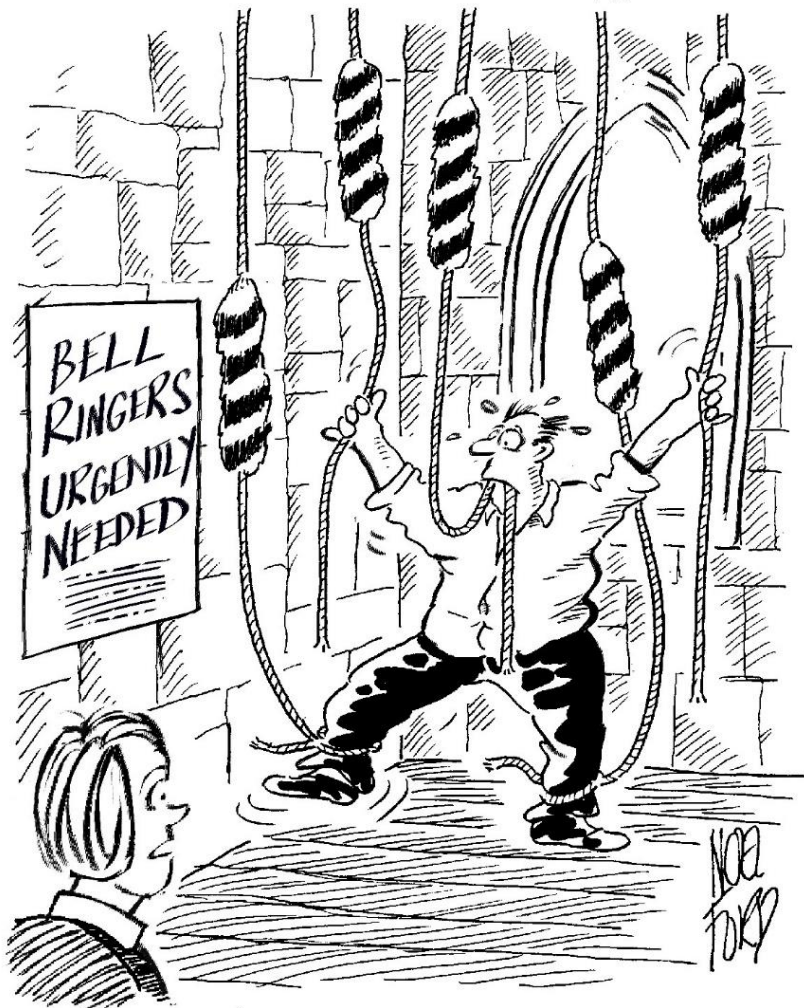


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“Dad,” said the son, “what is a financial genius?”

“A financial genius,” said his harassed father, “is a man who can earn money faster than his family can spend it.”

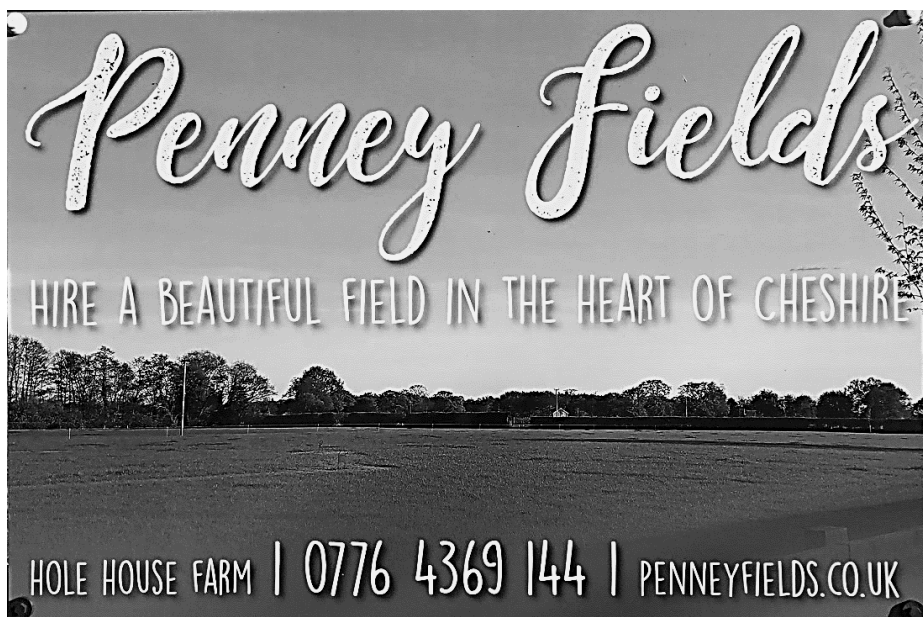


"Ready when you are, George..."

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Physics Professor: "What happens when the human body is immersed in warm water?"

Student: "The telephone rings."



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at 7.30pm in Plumley Village Hall**

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or

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### **Crossword Answers**

#### **Across**

1 Care, 3 Paradise, 8 Null, 9 Profaned, 11 Legalistic, 14 Closed, 15 Stores  
17 Missionary, 20 Covenant, 21 Thai, 22 Trade-off, 23 Eden

#### **Down**

1 Conflict, 2 Religion, 4 Arrest, 5 Affliction, 6 Iona, 7 Eddy, 10 Allegiance,  
12 Preached, 13 Assyrian, 16 A son of, 18 Scot, 19 DVLA

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**Unfortunately, due to the present  
coronavirus situation we are unable to  
hold the annual church fete.**

## Lower Peover Church Website

News and events can be found on our website [www.peoverchurches.com](http://www.peoverchurches.com)



Smartphone users can access the site by scanning the QR code You can also find a full calendar of events on <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/lower-or-nether-peover-st-oswald/> If you have any items which you would like included on the website or the online calendar contact Ann on [hannbarlow@btopenworld.com](mailto:hannbarlow@btopenworld.com)

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## COFFEE ROTA

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