

St Oswald's Church

Lower Peover

Parish Magazine



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Dear Friends,

It was really good to see our church so full-on Easter morning – from the ancient first communion with all its chants and candles to the later service with all ages coming together in celebration of what is vital about the Christian faith, namely, that light always, and in the end, triumphs over darkness, Jesus beating death for us all. (And an Easter egg hunt!)

From now until Pentecost – or Whitsunday as we used to call it – we are in the great period of Eastertide – this is a period of recognising the blessing of new life, purpose and joy; , it is not easy to escape this season of joy whether you are in church or not. The gardens and fields around the parish are full of new growth, lambs, blossom and occasionally some warm sunshine too.

So too is the nation invited to join in with another source of joy this May. The King's Coronation. When the King's coronation takes place, it will include three significant ceremonies: his taking of oaths, his anointing and then the crowning. It is the anointing which is the most sacred moment and what I want us to think about as we look forward further into 2023 and the king's new reign.

It signifies God's blessing being conferred on the new king during the ceremony, just as anointing does during baptism, confirmation and a vicar's ordination. While water, used in baptism, signifies being spiritually washed clean, this sticky oil represents the 'sticking' or lasting nature of a God's blessing.

Anointing a chosen leader in this way is mentioned several times in the Old Testament. Saul was singled out as a ruler through anointing. There are several moments that tell us about king David being anointed by his priest and then there is Solomon, David's son, who is recognised as the ideal king in the British coronation tradition. For more than 1,000 years the words of 1 Kings 1:38–40 have been said during the coronation, and since the 18th century sung as an anthem specially composed by Handel for the coronation of George II: *Zadok the Priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon King. And all the people rejoiced and said: God save the King! Long live the King! May the King live for ever, Amen, Hallelujah.*

The anointing is so powerful a moment that it should help to spiritually sustain the king for the rest of his life. Perfumed with sesame, rose, jasmine, cinnamon, neroli, benzoin, amber and orange blossom, the oil symbolises the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Christian virtue.

So, why am I telling you this? I am telling you this as we are all at a cross roads in our lives, for some it is being crowned, for others it is thinking about what the new king means for us as a nation, some of us may be dealing with changing situations at home, illness, some of us are struggling at work, some giving birth, getting married, others are bringing new lives onto their farms, lambing, which is demanding and costly.

Whatever the changes we face, mMay we take heart, and find encouragement, in that God's anointing does not just stick on kings at their coronations, his blessing touches and strengthens anyone who asks for it, he is always with us, he is always with you, that is what his love and Jesus' Easter Resurrection bought us all. The promise that we are held and loved. So, as you walk around our villages, take note of the blossoms or the bird song, as you watch the coronation of King Charles, try to remember that they are signs of God's anointing and blessing holding us all and that he has a plan to watch over us, king and pauper alike, that is full of hope and worth celebrating.

May God bless us all this May. Fr Murray

Coronation Prayer 2023

Almighty God, On the occasion of the crowning of King Charles 111, we, the people, pray for him.

We thank you for him and for the calling on his life and we recognise the weight of responsibility that puts upon him. We know that he will need your help, Lord. We know that he will face many challenges, as did his mother, Queen Elizabeth.

We ask that, as he is anointed with oil, you will anoint him with your Holy Spirit, so that he will know in his heart, as his mother knew, that Jesus is alive and able to help him fulfil his unique vocation.

We pray that in all the days he serves as King, he will be aware that first and foremost he serves you, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. May his reign be one of wisdom, vision and integrity, inspired by your Kingdom values.

May your name be honoured and glorified throughout this land, Lord, as we pray, ***God save the King!***

By Daphne Kitching

Income and Expenditure for	February	March
Gift Aid	£1,856.00	£1,795.90
General collections	£ 214.40	£ 269.15
Card reader	£ 248.12	£ 263.81
RIP donations		£ 30.00
Total	£2,318.52	£2,358.86
Expenditure	£6,145.38	£5,514.63

Colin has been our Treasurer for many years and has done a sterling job. He has now resigned from the post and been replaced by Mrs Gerry Jones, (details at the front of the magazine.) On behalf of the PCC we give a huge thank you to Colin for his considerable time and excellent commitment to keeping the church accounts in such good order. We also offer our thanks to the auditor for examining the accounts.

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 prayers please contact one of the churchwardens.

Lower Peover Church Fete

1 July 2023 from 12 noon until 4pm

This year we are joining with Lower Peover School to create a really enjoyable afternoon.

There will be the usual attractions with more, and of course we are calling on you to buy raffle tickets, quiz sheets, bring books, bake cakes and of course help in any way you can.

Thank you. Joan Drye. Tel: 07812 655493

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Knutsford Floral Design Club

Knutsford Floral Design Club meets every third Wednesday in the month at 1.30pm for 2pm in Plumley Village Hall (except June - the second Wednesday, August – no meeting, and December when we hold our Christmas lunch)

We have a floral demonstration by qualified demonstrators, followed by tea and biscuits. Visitors are very welcome for a small fee of £8

For more information telephone Lynda on 01477 534291

Services at St Oswald's

St Oswald's is now open every day for individual prayer

First Sunday of the month 11am - All Age Worship

Second, third and fourth Sundays of the month 11am – Morning service

Third Sunday of the month 9.30 am - Children's Church (except in August)

Fifth Sunday of the month 10.00 am - Benefice service
(alternately at St Oswald's and St Lawrence's)

A day to remember

It is hard to believe that a year has gone by since I attended my last service at Lower Peover. I have now eventually spent that wonderful cheque you gave me at the time. As you may remember I promised to treat myself (and Roger, who deserved it for supporting and being a very faithful chauffeur over the years). I had had a long-held ambition to take a trip on a Pullman train so on 22nd April, Roger and I joined the Northern Belle at Chester for the Settle-Carlisle special.

On board the restored coach 'Harlech' we were welcomed with drinks and our journey up the West Coast mainline was pleasantly filled with a three-course brunch. We then had a two-hour stopover in Carlisle. It was somewhat cold and rainy but it gave us an opportunity to visit the cathedral. It is very historic and well worth a visit and, as we had not been there before, filled the time nicely.

Unfortunately, the promised steam engine had developed a valve fault during the week so our entire journey was vintage diesel hauled by the engine named Scarborough Castle (something the train buffs among you need to know). From Carlisle our journey continued to Appleby for a brief stopover and then on to the Ribbleshead viaduct. Thankfully the weather had improved by then so we were able to enjoy the spectacular views before returning to Chester via Preston, tucking in to a magnificent dinner along the way.

I will now be able to watch Hercule Poirot on the Orient Express knowing what it is like to travel in style, so thank you very much St Oswald's congregation for giving me and Roger a very special treat.

Ann Barlow



From the Registers

Marriages

Ceri Strachan and Mathew Webb

Deaths:

James Wilson

Margaret Hoey

Jeanette Ashley

Ian Curbishley

Judith Cartney

Stanley Wainwright

Joan Knowles

Kathleen Morton

Elizabeth Milner

Heavenly Father,

In these troubled times we need your help, just like those first disciples did when Jesus came back to you after his resurrection. They must have wanted him to stay with them. They must have felt puzzled and bereft – and wondered how to go on.

But you, Lord, knew a better way. You sent them a helper, the Holy Spirit to fill them with your life. We thank you so much that the same Spirit will be our helper too, if we are willing to ask you for him. We will be able to face each day, each challenge, with your Spirit living in us to guide and empower us, to enable us to carry on even when we do not understand.

So, we pray: *Come Holy Spirit, fill us, encourage us to carry on sharing your love and life and truth*, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Daphne Kitching

Plenty of people wish to become devout, but no one wishes to be humble. – *Anon*

If you want the rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain.- *Anon*

When the late Dean of York was asked why he called his stumpy-tailed fox terrier 'Mark', he explained: "The New Testament contains the life-stories of our Lord by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Mark's is the shortest tale!"

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is developing really well and has become an integral part of church life. They are now called SOCC St. Oswald's children's church. They meet in church at 11a.m and stay for the beginning of the service and after a blessing from Father Murray go out to the Little House for their own activities. Rosie, Rebekah and Sofia are coping incredibly well. I am now able to step back but will continue to be back up and supporter.

The children have lots of fun learning about Jesus and listening to his stories, singing, praying and doing crafts. The 3rd Sunday of the month has had a focus on singing. They return to church for Holy Communion or a blessing. Father Murray has been giving the children a lovely blessing altogether. Before the last hymn, Father Murray asks the children and leaders to talk about what they have been doing and show any craft activity. Numbers have remained steady with extras on various occasions.

At the All-age service the children and families have been involved in leading the family prayers and singing their own song with actions. During Lent the children watched in awe as Father Murray snuffed out the Candles on the Lenten Wreath as we travelled towards Holy Week. The children distributed gifts to the mums and all ladies on Mothering Sunday and palms to the congregation on Palm Sunday.

All were glad to see the large Easter or Paschal Candle already lit upon Easter Sunday which saw the children enjoy a special children's church outside with an Easter egg hunt, songs and fun.

The first Family Communion service took place on Low Sunday. The children stayed in church for this and were more involved in the service, the talk and the collection. This was a lovely service and a great beginning to a new venture. It is lovely to see these young families joining in our services and they need our welcome and encouragement.

Dates for May 2023

May 7th- All age service 11am -in church

May 14th— Children's church at 11am -beginning in church

May 21st - Family Communion -in church

May 28th - Children's church at 11am -beginning in church

June 4th - All age service 11am -in church

Felicity Wilshaw

CHILDREN'S CHURCH Continued

WE DO NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US!!

A DBS check will be necessary but this is not difficult. Leaders and volunteers would work on a rota basis.

If you are interested in being a helper or just want to find out more information or if you want your child to join, please contact:

Rosie on 07916129153, Rebekah on 07879854335

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

6th May – Coronation
14 May – Laurie
21 May – Sylvia Hankinson
28 May Carol Charlesworth

Rosemary Warnes

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.

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 <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/lower-or-nether-peover-st-oswald/>

St Oswald's Church

Memorabilia goods for sale

There are various items including postcards, tea towels, aprons, mugs and greeting cards for sale at the back of the church

Memorabilia price list

Many thanks for supporting the upkeep of this beautiful old church.

Please put your money in the pot which is emptied daily. However, if you have spent a larger sum of money, and prefer to put it in the wall safe in the Bell Tower that is appreciated. Please use the envelopes provided. It is also possible to make contactless card payments using the device adjacent to the display of goods.

Greetings Cards: 'Millennium Window' design (blank inside):

Single Card - £1.25 each. Pack of 5 cards: - £5 per pack

Photographs of the church cards: Pack of 2 - £2.50

Postcards - three designs: 'Millennium Window', 'The Church by day' and 'St. Oswald's on a starry night' all 50p each

Aprons

'Church and Flowers' design - Green or Blue on white - £5 each

Tea Towels

'Celebration with Flowers' design - Black on Cream or Blue on White - £5 each

Mugs - Bone china, dishwasher and microwave proof

'Celebration with Flowers' design - Blue on White only - £7 each

Booklet – 'Beside the Bright Stream' - £2 each



THE LITTLE HOUSE CORONATION FETE

The Cobbles Lower Peover

SATURDAY 17th JUNE 2023

2.30 – 5pm

**Games and stalls for all the family including a Cake stall, Tombola,
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And Music from City of Chester Band

Join us for a Tea Party

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Available at £10/copy with all proceeds going to The Christie. Please help us to raise as much money as possible.

Contact Stevie,

T: 07885 235100

E: mail@stephanieingram.co.uk

United

An ancient ornate wooden seat and an historic stone
Shall once again be joined and meet to form a royal throne.

Our kings and queens, anointed there o'er seven hundred years.
Upon this Anglo-Scottish chair they heard their people's cheers!

The throne was formed of English Oak and gilded with fine gold.
It bears the marks of common folk – who slept there, so we're told.

The stone was used by Scottish kings. Upon the Stone of Scone
Was marked the destiny it brings in time-eroded rune.

And now, united once again as royal anthems ring;
We sing, united just like them, our hymn 'God save the King!'

By Nigel Beeton

The Rectory - St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Beware those modern choruses

I am afraid we shall have to agree to disagree on yet another topic – although I suspect the list of items that we agree to agree on would be considerably shorter. I like to think my appreciation of hymns resembles a connoisseur of fine wines savouring a grand cru claret, yours seems to resemble a Russian female tractor driver who is a Hero of the Nation.

We at St James the Least are more than happy with *Hymns Ancient & Modern* – the original 1861 edition, naturally - the later editions display a dangerous tendency towards modernism. Sadly, St. Paul was not able to sing *Onward, Christian soldiers*, but I am sure he regretted the fact that it had yet to be written. The hymns our grandparents pretended to sing when they were in church are quite good enough for the ones we pretend to sing when we sit in the same pews.

At least when we come to the last verse, we know that we can then sit down, mission accomplished. The last time I attended your church, just as I saw the last words and therefore the finishing line of one of your choruses coming into sight, we were told it would be splendid to sing the thing another three times. At least it gave me another analogy to use when I next preached on eternity in hell.

And your method of singing would plunge our congregation into an existential crisis. What do they do with their hands when there are no books to hold and they are obliged to look at a screen? To be deprived of being able to hold a book in church is like a smoker who is trying to give up being unable to grasp a cigarette when in the pub.

The ladies do not know whether to clasp their handbags, which then makes it look as if they suspect the rest of the congregation of theft, or to hold some flowers, which looks a little too matrimonial. The men experiment with putting hands in pockets, which they then realise looks scruffy, so they try to hold on to the pew in front, which is inevitably too low, so they have to adopt some form of half crouch, which makes them look as if they have recently had hernia operations.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

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Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it. - *Anon*

## **Food Basket for Hope Central**

As a church we appreciate that a lot of people are struggling at this time. So, what can we do practically to help?

From Sunday 6th November, a basket will be placed in Church on a weekly basis for non-perishable food donations. This will be taken each Monday for distribution by Hope Central, a local Christian Charity.

Hope Central is an Ecumenical project based in St John's Church Knutsford and covers North East Cheshire, so our donations will be distributed locally. It is a Christian charity committed to bringing hope and relieving poverty in Cheshire East.

At Hope Central we recognise that everyone needs a helping hand at some point and we want to provide support to anyone in need. We do this because we believe in a heavenly Father who loves everyone unconditionally, and we want to express that love in practical ways by supplying food to people in difficult circumstances and helping people address underlying reasons that contribute to their distress.

As well as the usual staple tins and packet foods which are so necessary, why not put a few extra goodies in for Christmas. We all need treats.

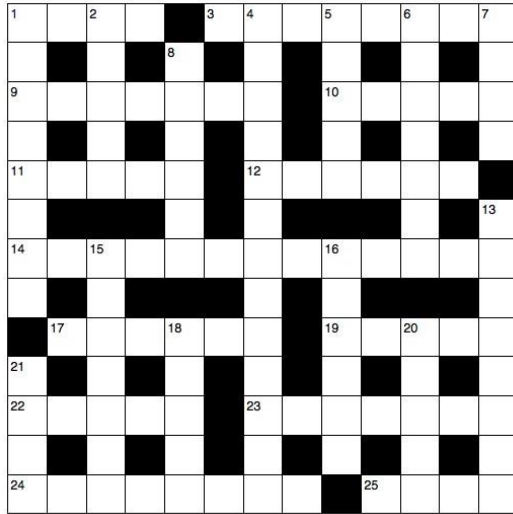
Hope Central was established in 2019, supported by three churches: Vine Life Wilmslow, St Chad's Handforth and St John's Knutsford.

As well as meeting people's immediate need for food, we also want to support people to get back on their feet, so as well as providing a Foodbank we offer a Job Club, Money Course, Life Skills Course, Fresh Start Course, Debt Centre, Hope Centres and Refugee support.

All the staff and volunteers working with Hope Central are passionate about seeing lives changed for the better. As Christians we believe in a Heavenly Father who loves everyone unconditionally and we want to express that love in practical ways, especially to people who find themselves in difficult circumstances. Everyone needs a helping hand at times. So please donate.

Thank you. A link for further information is attached below.

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



**Across**

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
- 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
- 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
- 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
- 19 Attend to (3,2)
- 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
- 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
- 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
- 25 Test (anag.) (4)

**Down**

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
- 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
- 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
- 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)



- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)  
7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)  
8 Minister of religion (6)  
13 ‘I am — of this man’s blood. It is your responsibility’ (Matthew 27:24) (8)  
15 ‘Greater love has no one than this, that he — his life for his friends’  
(John 15:13) (3,4)  
16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)  
18 ‘No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit’  
(John 3:5) (5)  
20 Establish by law (5)  
21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)
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### **UK foodbanks busier than ever**

More food parcels were given out in the UK this past year than ever before. During December 2022, an emergency food parcel was handed out the equivalent of every eight seconds. These are the most recent figures from the Trussell Trust, which supports more than 1300 foodbanks in the UK.

In all, the charity says it gave out nearly three million food parcels between April 2022 and April 2023. More than one million of these were for children. These three million parcels from the charity’s foodbanks represent a 37-per-cent increase in England on 2021. And more than 760,000 people used a foodbank for the first time, which is up more than one third in 2021-22.

Soaring inflation and energy costs have driven the increase in demand. The charity reports an unprecedented rise in the number of employed people using their foodbanks, because they are “no longer able to balance a low income against rising living costs.”

The problem now, says the trust, is that food donation levels are not keeping up with the need. “This is putting us under a lot of strain.”

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As long as there are exams, there will be prayer in schools.

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## **Worshipping online looks set to carry on**

We still enjoy ‘going to church’ online. In fact, recent viewing figures for the Cof E’s national online services reveal that they continue to receive about 150,000 views a week. Overall, in 2022, they attracted more than eight million views.

It was in March this year that the C of E marked three years since the start of the online services, which were begun during the Covid lockdown. By the end of that first year, it was found that clips and content from the services across the country had been seen 40 million times on social-media channels.

The current figure of 150,000 a week is thought to be conservative. As a Church House spokesman in London said: “Our analysis in May 2022 showed that 20 per cent of viewers watched with at least one other person, so this would have meant at least another 30,000 views.” The C of E online service on New Year’s Day gained 800,000 views alone.

And weekly production of services continues. Services are broadcast on social-media channels every Sunday, via YouTube and Instagram. They cover all the C of E traditions, and include estates churches, military chaplaincies, rural parishes, multiple church benefices, big county town churches, and cathedrals.

As one vicar said, “Worship online has made such an enormous difference. Now we live-stream absolutely everything, and I am really passionate about that.”

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**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**

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**Plumley WI meets on the first Thursday of the month  
at 7.30pm in Plumley Village Hall**

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**Over Peover WI meets on the last Thursday of each month  
at 7.30pm in Over Peover Village Hall.  
Contact June Leach – 07500 250969**

## What makes June so special

June is the month of light – the month of the summer solstice, when millions of people in northernmost Europe stay out late to enjoy the sight of the midnight sun. To have light and glory where there is usually darkness is something we celebrate, we welcome.

In John 9 Jesus said: “I am the light of the world.” He was not comparing Himself to the summer solstice, but preaching at a Jewish occasion which celebrated light every bit as much. It was the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:14), which was a celebration not only of God’s provision of water, but also of the light of God’s presence with the Israelites in the wilderness.

During the Feast of Tabernacles there was a joyful celebration. The priests would light four huge lamps in the Court of Women. The flames would reach as high as the temple walls and would provide a light that could be seen all throughout Jerusalem. Men of deep piety would dance throughout the night for the entire week of celebrating. A choir, accompanied by an orchestra of instruments, would sing psalms like Psalm 27, which declare “The Lord is my light and my salvation.”

At the height of this grand celebration, the Lord Jesus had the temerity to stand and say that HE was the light that was foreshadowed by the light for the Israelites in the wilderness.

The Jewish leaders were furious, and tried to stone Him to death. Jesus did not fight back, He simply illustrated His claim to be the Light of the World by immediately giving sight to a man born blind. (John 9).

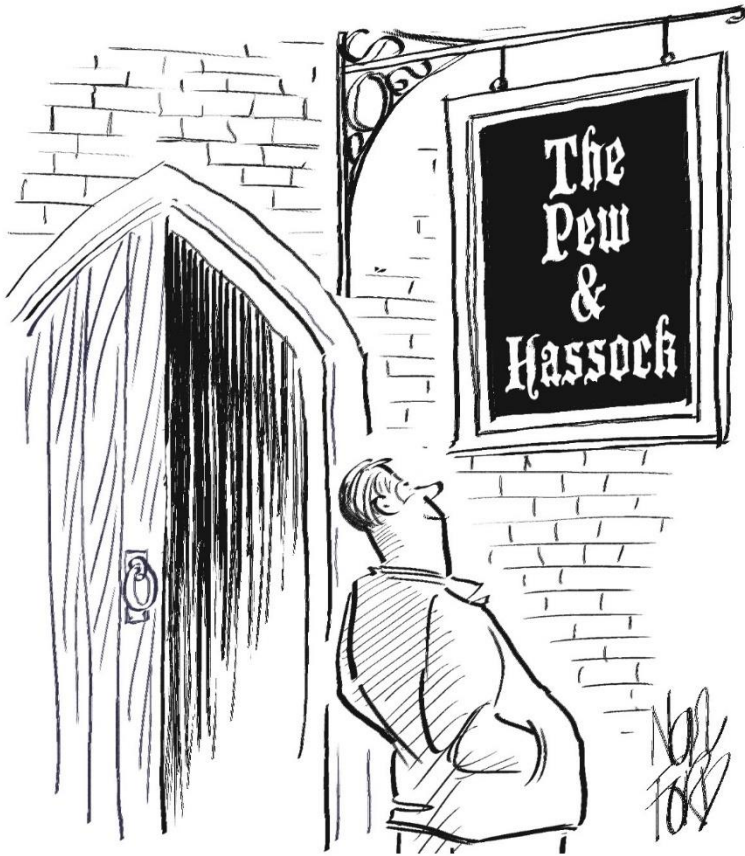
In the twenty centuries since then, the Word of God, when it is proclaimed, has drawn people out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus. The Word is, as the psalmist said, “a lamp to my feet and a light for my path” (Psalm 119:105). David said, “In your light we see light” (Psalm 36:9b). Today, by the light of the Word of God, we can see Jesus as He is: truly the Light of the World.

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## Crossword Answers

**ACROSS:** 1, Stop. 3, Call upon. 9, Regular. 10, Octet. 11, Inner. 12, Hudson. 14, Holy Communion. 17, Myself. 19, See to. 22, About. 23, Iterate. 24, Monarchy. 25, Stet.

**DOWN:** 1, Straight. 2, Organ. 4, Abraham’s faith. 5, Lloyd. 6, Puteoli. 7, Note. 8, Cleric. 13, Innocent. 15, Lay down. 16, Ussher. 18, Enter. 20, Enact. 21, Balm.



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services

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Our churchwarden has the courage, but not always the skills, to tackle any DIY job that needs doing around the church. For example, in the church shed are still pieces of the church lawn mower that she once tried to fix. So, our vicar was not surprised the day he found her in the vestry, attacking the vacuum cleaner with a screwdriver. "This thing won't cooperate," she complained. The vicar thought for a moment: "Why don't you drag it out to the shed and show it what you did to the lawn mower?"

## 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 [www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding). The Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Oswald's is Tracy Knott. If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues concerning a safeguarding matter within the parish please contact Tracy in confidence.

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### St John the Swift

St John was quite swift of the feet  
Indeed – he was so very fleet  
He thought it so fine  
He told us three times  
That he could run faster than Pete!

*By Nigel Beeton*

## **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 **not** 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. Many congratulations to all our winners – and our thanks to all members who are currently supporting the 100 Club. Stay safe and thank you.

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