

St Oswald's Church

Lower Peover

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Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see. – Anon

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the season of looking forward....

In a time where we are all noticing our gardens springing into new life, there is also something else showing green shoots in our village too.

This last month has seen a couple of momentous events in the UK. First, we had the Coronation of King Charles at Westminster Abbey. It was a day of great pomp and ceremony. King Charles III was given a [shimmering golden coat to wear called the Supertunica](#), and presented with various items including the Orb and two Sceptres before the St Edward's Crown was placed on his head. More than 2,200 people from 203 countries were in Westminster Abbey. Afterwards, came a procession to Buckingham Palace, involving nearly 4,000 members of the armed forces. Thousands lined the streets. Millions watched the events unfold on television.

A week later, millions (*and I am one of those strange folks who loves to watch this song fest.. yah yah ding dong*) also watched Eurovision in Liverpool.

But as I reflected on both events; my mind turned to the fact that one day there will be even greater singing from people across the globe, praising the King of Kings, the Lord Jesus Christ and then the celebration of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, where; love it or hate it, (*a real marmite moment for some*) the church is joyfully decorated with bunting, alongside flame and dove balloons all symbolising the birthday of the church, that moment when we remember that there is no longer any Barr to Gods love and grace. If the Coronation was an impressive gathering of people from around the world and Eurovision was a fascinating collection of songs, and St Oswald's was a show of glitter, the colours of flames, and joyful song; heaven will be even more impressive with the best ever song. A song of endless love after the Ascension.

We do this because we have two things to celebrate, the gift of the Holy Spirit (*the part of God that is always with us, the one who brings us comfort when things are hard*). And then the great promise that this gift brings us, the promises of a new kind of world, a future, a kingdom where in the end, love conquers all.

One day, in God's new world, there will be great joy, as people see the Lord Jesus face to face, and where he wipes away every tear from our eyes.

There is much for the Christian to look forward to beyond death in the kingdom of heaven. So, this vision in Revelation encourages Christians to keep pressing on, even in the midst of trial and tribulation. Why keep going as a Christian when we battle

with hardship or when we face the pressures of this world in opposition of our faith? Because there is a great and glorious future, won for us by Jesus!

If that is something you would like to think more about or discuss, do be in contact with me or come along to St Oswald's and find out more. We might be a small Church but we are your church, a little congregation yes, but we have a big heart and we want to be here for you. In the good times and the bad.

Just remember Jesus welcomes all, so, come, come as you are, those who are hurting, angry, questioning, rich and poor, Jew or gentile, those of faith or no faith, we will love to welcome you and offer you a loving spiritual home.

Happy Pentecost.

Fr Murray

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)

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

**CALENDAR OF SERVICES for JUNE
LOWER PEOVER**

BCP-Book of Common Prayer. CW-Common worship

*Midweek Holy Communion services followed by prayer and anointing for Healing
and Wholeness are on each Wednesday morning at 10am.*

Saturday 3rd June: Wedding 1pm

Sunday 4th June - Trinity Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

11am All age service

1.30pm Baptism

Saturday 10th June: Wedding 1pm

Sunday 11th June: First Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

11am Holy Communion (CW) and Children's church

Sunday 18th June: Second Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

11am Family Communion (CW)

There is no Children's church

1.30pm Baptism

Friday 23rd June: 1pm Wedding

Sunday 25th June: Third Sunday after Trinity

8a.m Holy Communion (BCP)

11am Holy Communion (CW) and Children's church

Friday 30th June: Wedding 1pm (Over Peover)

Sunday 2nd July: Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 a.m. All age service.

Please note that services may change so please check the website.

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.

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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

Dear Father,

As we come to this beautiful time of year, the month of June, we thank you for the wonder of your creation and the way our spirits are lifted as we see all around us the freshness of a new summer.

This month we remember Barnabas, whose name means, *child of encouragement*. He was a good person, full of the Holy Spirit and faith. Lord, help each of us to be a *Barnabas* to someone today, to encourage and lift up, led by your Holy Spirit and full of faith.

Help us to share your love and goodness, especially with those whose circumstances are difficult. Help us all to trust you through good times and testing times, knowing you are always with us, always encouraging us, always faithful.

In Jesus' name. Amen

By Daphne Kitching

Butterflies Tots

Our new Butterflies and Tots Group has got off to a great start. We have now completed our first six weeks and have been so pleased to see many new faces coming along. On our busiest week we had as many as seventeen children, with a lovely mix of Mums, Dads and Grandparents and Nannies joining in the fun.

Each week at the end of our play time the children have enjoyed a snack and then we gather on the carpet for singing and a story. The children have heard stories about Adam and Eve, Moses, David and Goliath, to name but a few, and have really got the hang of our theme song "If I were a Butterfly." They have a great time playing lots of instruments and making plenty of noise with the guitar or piano.

Lots of the parents and grandparents have given us positive feedback and said that they have enjoyed coming along. A big part of this has been down to a brilliant team of volunteers who have made sure that everyone has had a decent cuppa and a homemade cake, and taken time to play with the children and chat. A huge thank you to everyone who has baked for us, and especially the church volunteers who have served with a smile and thought on their feet.

The group runs every Tuesday morning during term time, from 10am - 11.30am. We start back up after half term on Tuesday 6th June, and will run weekly until Tuesday 18th July. New visitors are welcome to just turn up and can enjoy their first week free. Attendees can 'Pay As You Go', or book ahead for the whole term and get one

week free! Payments can be made by cash, Bank Transfer or PayPal. The cost is £2.50 for one child, plus an extra 50p per extra sibling.

For more information text or call Rosie on 07916 129153.

**We are looking for a few more to add to our baking rota! If you think you can help then please give Rosie a call. This would usually entail baking once every six weeks - one cake/loaf, tray, or 12 individual portions. Pick up can be arranged if you cannot make it down to Plumley Village Hall. Thank you.*

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

4 June - Rosemary Warnes
11 June - Ellie Beharrell
18 June - Emma Hough
25 June - Yvonne Coates

Rosemary Warnes

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/>

From the Registers

Baptisms

Harper Evans

Marriages

Holly Parrish and Harry Pennington

Funerals

Iaian McCulloch

Mark Ashley

24th June - John the Baptist, preparing the way for the Messiah

John the Baptist is famous for baptising Jesus, and for losing his head to a woman. He was born to Zechariah, a Temple priest, and Elizabeth, who was a cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus. John was born when his mother was advanced in years, and after the foretelling of his birth and the choice of his name by an angel, we hear nothing more of him until he began his mission of preaching and baptising in the river Jordan c27.

John was a lot like an Old Testament prophet - he lived simply on locusts and honey in the wilderness, and his message was one of repentance and preparation for the coming of the Messiah and His Kingdom. He went on to baptise Jesus, at Jesus' firm request. When John went on to denounce the incestuous union of Herod Antipas with his niece and brother's wife, Herodias, he was imprisoned and eventually beheaded at the demand of Salome, Herodias' daughter.

John is the only saint to be remembered three times in the Christian calendar, in commemoration of his conception, his birth (June 24), and his martyrdom. When John saw Jesus he said that Jesus was the "Lamb of God", and he is the only person to use this expression of Jesus. In art John is often depicted carrying a lamb, or with a lamb near him.

Clock

I am the keeper of time, I hold each small, set span
within its own appointed bounds.
Then one by one, I let them go. They meet their fate with man.

Used or squandered at his will, each passes by,
full charged with hope to change a waiting world.

Mine is the grace to give. For me, the privilege to offer time.
For man, the power to make it work in man's own interest and good.

So, grasp the challenge while you may.
This moment will not live to see another day.

by Megan Smith

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.

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

Father's Day

In the UK, USA and Canada, the third Sunday in June is Father's Day. It is usually a good time for sons and daughters to take their father to his favourite restaurant, or to watch a favoured sport, or whatever else he enjoys doing.

How will you celebrate it this year? If your own father cannot be with you, how about a Zoom meeting?

How do these special days ever get started, anyway? Well, Father's Day began because way back in 1909 there was a woman in Spokane, Washington, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd. That year she heard a church sermon about the merits of setting aside a day to honour one's mother. Mother's Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States at this time. But Sonora Louise Smart Dodd knew that it was her father who had selflessly raised herself and her five siblings by himself after their mother had died in childbirth. So, the sermon on mothers gave Sonora Louise the idea to petition for a day to honour fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart.

Sonora Louise soon set about planning the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane in 1910. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and a 'Father's Day' was appointed. Sonora Louise had wanted Father's Day to be on the first Sunday in June (since that was her father's birthday), but the city council did not have time to approve it until later in the month. So on June 19th, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane.

Gradually, other people in other cities caught on and started celebrating their fathers, too. The rose was selected as the official Father's Day flower. Some people began to wear a white rose to honour a father who was dead, and a red one to honour a father who was living. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day – a permanent, national holiday.

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.

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,
Raffle and Hook-a-duck.**


And Music from City of Chester Band

Join us for a Tea Party

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EVERYONE WELCOME.



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Contact Stevie,
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E: mail@stephanieingram.co.uk

Bible Society to sponsor a garden at RHS Tatton Park

Bible Society says it is “excited” to be sponsoring a garden based on Psalm 27 at the RHS Flower Show Tatton Park in July. Psalm 27 is a profound meditation on loss, fear and faith.

Inspired by designer Ollie Pike’s reflections on burial grounds – “scenes of sadness, but also of hope and spiritual refreshment” – the Psalm 27 Garden will aim to lead visitors on a journey through pain to peace.

Ollie Pike first heard the psalm when attending a funeral. “Its hopeful message was very comforting at a time of sadness,” he said.

“The psalm speaks to me of protection and to be hopeful. It gives a feeling of comfort in difficult moments and to have faith that things will improve.”

The garden follows Bible Society’s sponsorship of Sarah Eberle’s Psalm 23 Garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 2021. The Psalm 23 Garden won a gold medal, Best Sanctuary Garden and Best Construction.

Bible Society hopes to use this garden to “introduce people to biblical wisdom, and to help them see that the Bible can speak to them today.”

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.

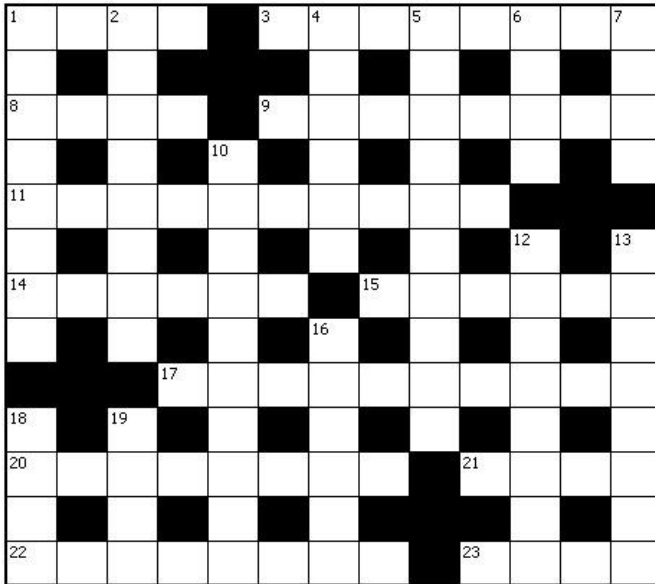
Hope Central was established in 2019, supported by three churches: Vine Life Wilmslow, St Chad's Handforth and St John's Knutsford.

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



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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**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 Thursday of the month
at 7.30pm in Plumley Village Hall**

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

The measure of your real wealth is how much people would still value you if you lost all your money. – *Anon*

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

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.

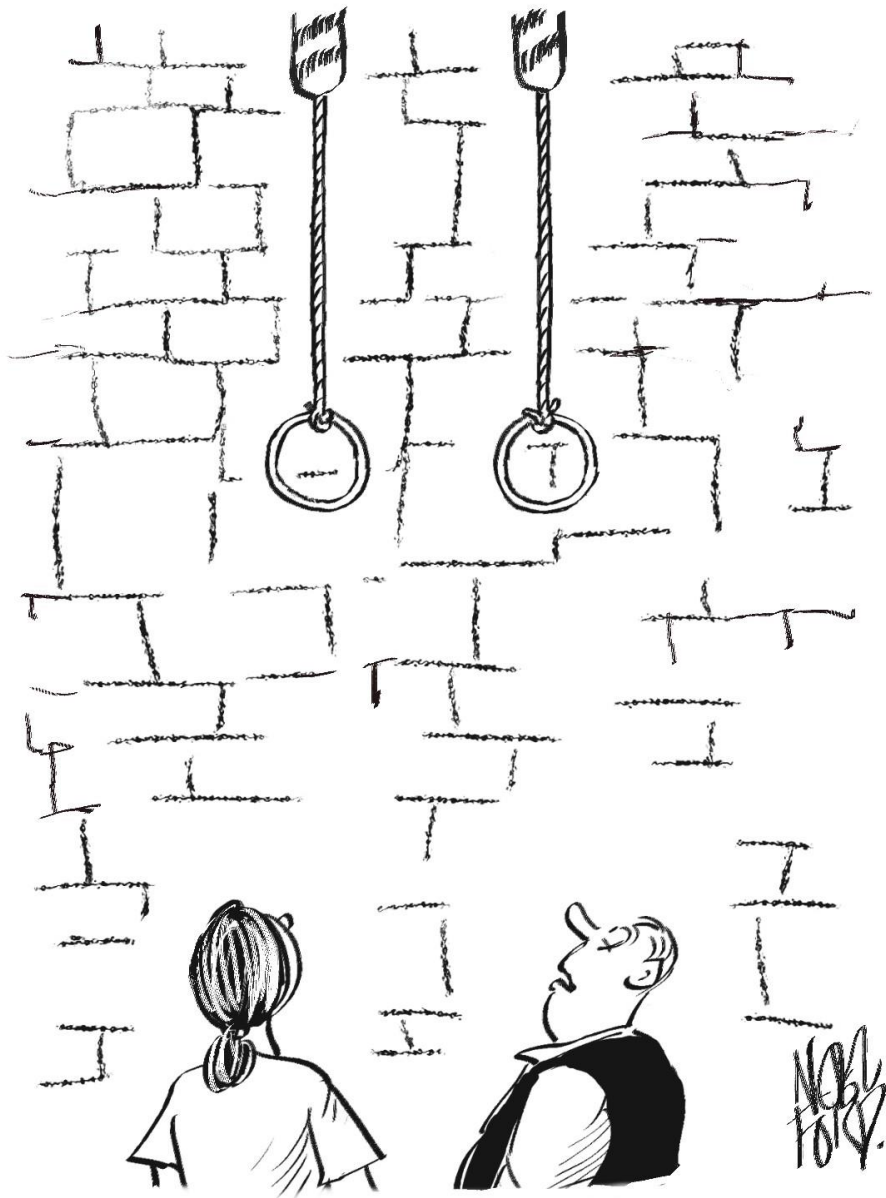
In John 9 Jesus said: “I am the light of the world.” He was not comparing Himself to the summer solstice, but preaching at a Jewish occasion which celebrated light every bit as much. It was the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:14), which was a celebration not only of God’s provision of water, but also of 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 20 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.



"Apparently, the new member of the bell-ringing team is a keen gymnast"

The Rectory St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Despite my assurances that it was unnecessary, it was kind of you to loan us your sound equipment, so we could experience the advantages of using radio microphones in church. Your assurance that everyone would then be able to hear with absolute clarity seemed to miss the point that everyone does *not* necessarily want to do so.

I have no doubt that members of your congregation hang on to your every word, eager to make sure you remain theologically sound. But for us, those who had blissfully slumbered throughout my sermons for the last 30 years found themselves unable to filter out a single syllable.

Colonel Wainwright decided to change the start of his Bible readings from the customary “Here beginneth...” to “Testing, Testing” before giving the microphone a good biff, which made the verger dash outside to check if yet another medieval gargyle had fallen from the roof. Also, forgetting that microphones pick up asides just as effectively, his own comment to his wife in the front pew “I thought I read that rather well” did nothing for the pride he has always cherished for his humility.

I was also not convinced that the 16th century workmen who had devoted the greater part of their lives reverently carving the Lady Chapel altar had intended it to support an electronic console that would have looked more at home in an aeroplane cockpit.

However, the event which finally decided us against microphones came about an hour after the service. Several of the choir boys had crept back into the church and decided to improvise a rock concert with their guitars and the mikes turned up full blast. The church exploded in a perfect cacophony of noise which panicked a horse and rider going by. The horse bolted down the road, which caused two cars to veer violently to avoid it. One car ended up in a pond, the other in a field, having ripped off a great deal of old fencing.

Whoever fixed the fencing failed, and later that night all 43 cows in the field escaped, and ended up in the Colonel’s flower-filled front garden, where they spent a comfortable night slicing his velvet turf with their sharp cleats, and chomping everything in sight.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

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. 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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A local DJ was introducing a record at our annual church fete. “This next one,” he said, “is for Charlotte, a choir member, who is a hundred and eleven! Congratulations Charlotte, on reaching a ripe old age!”

There was a short pause and then the DJ said in a somewhat more subdued voice, “I am sorry, I got it wrong. This next one is for Charlotte, who is ill.”

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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