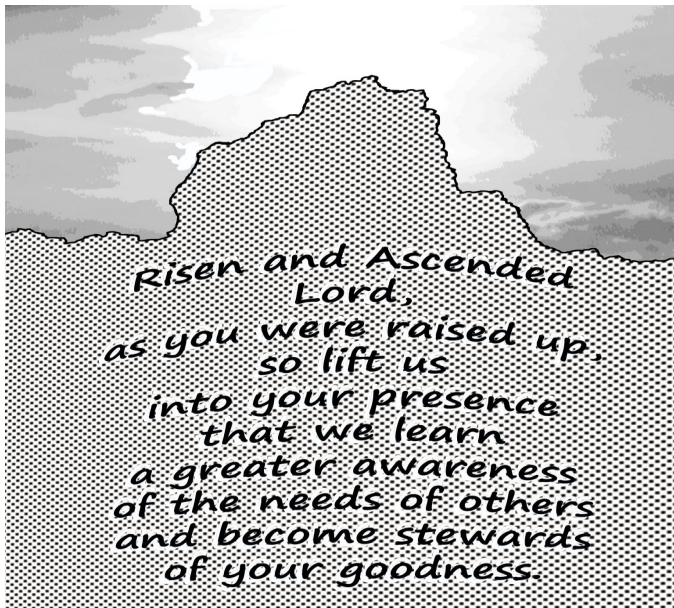


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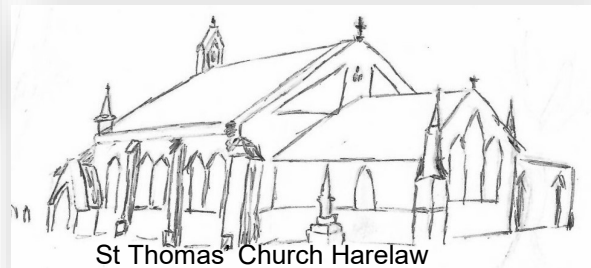
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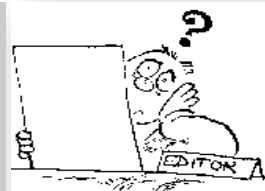
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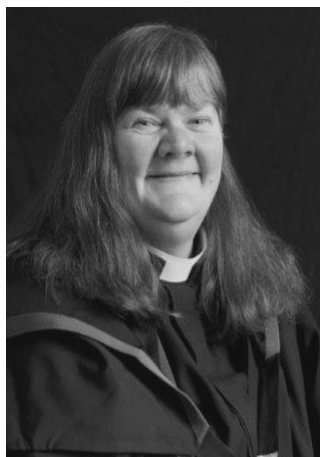
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The first weekend of June this year marks two significant events. One is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, for which celebration events are being planned in communities across the country.

This is the first time any British monarch has celebrated a Platinum Jubilee; after 70 years on the throne very few of us will even be able to remember anything other than living

in New Elizabethan times.

And those 70 years have been marked by almost unimaginable changes in society. The coronation was credited with kickstarting the television age- with many scrambling to buy a new television, get to grips with the aerial and host the neighbours as communities watched together. The Queen's first Christmas broadcast in 1952 was by radio; her latest in 2021 was accessible via TikTok, Twitter, Amazon Alexa and any number of other media platforms. Those 70 years have seen growing social diversity, the first woman Prime Minister,

England winning a World Cup, blended families, zero hours contracts, the end of the Cold War, lack of community cohesion, Brexit, pandemic and a new war in Eastern Europe...

It's a good job that our Queen has been a reassuringly constant presence in this changing world. It's a testament to her humility, faith and vocation to serve her country that, though scandals may have rocked the royal family and a great number of her governments, the Queen herself remains an inspiration to many.

Though the majority of her coronation was shown on television, there was one part that was deemed too sacred to broadcast. This was the moment when the symbols of royal status – the crimson robe, the diamond diadem, the coronation necklace – were removed, and the Archbishop of Canterbury anointed the new Queen with holy oil.

The Queen has spoken since of the momentous significance of this anointing, as in humility she was dedicated to a life of service and called to follow the example of Christ, who gave his life for others.

So it's fitting that the other significant celebration taking place on the first weekend in June is the Feast of Pentecost. At Pentecost we remember the gift of God's Holy Spirit to the Church, that Spirit of love and service which binds all people together in a new kind of community.

The early Christians, after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, dedicated their lives to one another. As the Acts of the Apostles puts it, "All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them."

As we approach this weekend with its multitude of celebrations we have even more need of that binding together, of that sense of community. My prayer for us all is that this June we will be inspired – whether by the Holy Spirit, by the many years of humble service of her Majesty the Queen, or both – to dedicate our lives to the service of our fellow humans, in our own communities and around the world.

With every blessing,

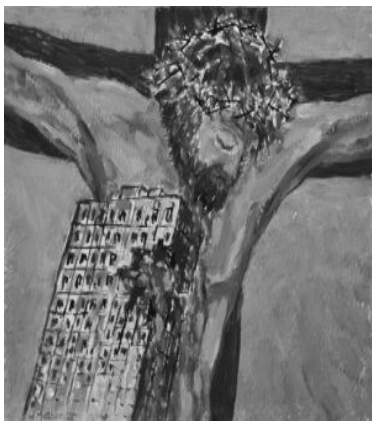
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Platinum

The Pain of Ukraine

By William Mather

Ideas for paintings come in all sorts of ways. The awfulness of the Soviet Aggression in Ukraine has been in all our thoughts and prayers. For me, it was that early image of the block of flats hit by a missile causing death, destruction and a gaping hole. With it came a reminder of Jesus on the cross and a gaping hole in His side from the soldier's spear. The two came together in my mind and so a painting idea was born. With it came thoughts of the great Spanish artist Goya and his powerful etchings 'The Disasters of War' in protest over the French invasion and occupation 1810-1820. The Christian teaching is that Jesus died on the cross for our sin. None of us is blameless, not least the soldier with the spear or the Russians with the missile. But the poignant promise through the pain – even the pain of Ukraine – is that the message of the cross is more powerful than any tyrant. Through it comes peace in the heart that lasts for ever.



Editor: The Revd William Mather is a retired vicar and still very active artist! He was moved to create this painting and wrote these words to accompany it. We offer them to you to use as your church continues to pray for the suffering people of Ukraine.

SourceThe Parish Pump

War in Ukraine Request for more Bibles

Bible Society is appealing for funds to send more Bibles to Ukraine. It says that Christians in the UK “can speak hope” into the crisis by providing Ukrainian pastors and churches with more Bibles with which to share “the love and power of God’s Word.” Oleksandr, who leads the Bible Society team in Ukraine, tells the story: “A few days ago, a pastor visited our office, asking for Bibles. When he heard that we had none left, he pleaded for Bibles that were damaged or even copies with pages missing. He said, ‘These Bibles would be of immense value to my congregation and the community!’ It was heart-breaking.

“God’s Word can help bring comfort, peace, and reconciliation to our nation. We long for more Bibles.”

Details at: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/donate/>

Source The Parish Pump

Coventry Cathedral – 60 years on

Sixty years ago, on 25th May 1962, the new Coventry Cathedral was consecrated. The previous one had been destroyed by German bombing during World War Two. The Queen had laid the foundation stone in 1956, and she was present for the consecration.

On the night of 14th November 1940, the old Cathedral – together with much of the centre of Coventry – was devastated by incendiary bombs, but the decision to rebuild it was taken the next morning. The Provost, Richard Howard, wanted to do so as a sign of faith, trust and hope, rather than as an act of defiance.

This rejection of bitterness and hatred led to the Cathedral’s Ministry of Peace and Reconciliation, which continues to give spiritual and practical support in areas of conflict. It is symbolised now by the Cross of Nails, made from three nails found in the roof truss of the old cathedral and set in the centre of the altar cross.

The place now called Coventry Cathedral, on the site of a Benedictine monastery, is in fact two buildings – a joining of the old and the new. The older building, still hallowed ground, was originally a parish church, and then given cathedral status in 1918. Its 295ft (90m) spire, containing 181 stone steps, is the third highest in England, behind Salisbury and Norwich.

The ‘new’ Cathedral was an inspiration to many celebrated artists, most of them yet to become famous. Among those commissioned by the architect, Sir Basil Spence, were Graham Sutherland (iconic Christ in Glory tapestry), John Piper (baptistry window), Ralph Beyer, John Hutton, Elisabeth Frink and Jacob Epstein, who created the striking sculpture of St Michael defeating Lucifer.

The famous Charred Cross was created when the cathedral stonemason, Jock Forbes, saw two wooden beams lying in the shape of a cross after the bombing and tied them together.



Source The Parish Pump

Lanchester and Burnhope

Deaths in April

Moira Newstead aged 82 years

Peter Jackson aged 63 years



'May they rest in peace and rise in glory'

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dark	day	everyone
everything	fish	good
land	light	lights
made	men	night
people	plants	rest
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sorts	universe	women

Grand Book Sale



The Grand Book Sale held in church on Saturday 9th April in aid of DEC Ukraine raised over £1600. Thank you to everyone who donated such good quality books and to all those who helped on the Friday and Saturday, working hard to make the sale such a success. It was a delight to see so many people browsing and buying books and taking the time to sit and chat over coffee and scones. We still have a good stack of fiction in store and many children's books which we intend to continue selling. Look out for future events giving you the opportunity to offer further support to our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Thank you all for your generosity.

Margaret Walters on behalf of the Social and Fundraising Committee.

Children's Aprons for Sale

Lovely cotton fabrics

Over 50 sold already

3 sizes (excluding straps):

16 inch length for 2-4 year old £2.50

20 inch length for 5-7 year old £3

24 inch length for 8-12 year old £4

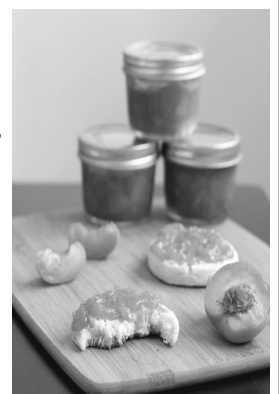
All proceeds to Church Funds

Ring Margaret on 521214

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Mothers' Union Lanchester



The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be on Tuesday, 10th May at 2.0pm. Our guest speaker is David Butler and is entitled "A Nice Bit of Garden and a Very Fine Prospect." There will not be a meeting on the 14th June as this is the date of the Festival Service in Durham Cathedral, and several members are hoping to attend. We are hoping to arrange an outing for afternoon tea in June and details will be given out at our next meeting.

We will be holding our AGM on July 12th which will be followed by refreshments. Many of our members, together with members of the congregation, have knitted lovely daffodils and they have been used to decorate a wooden cross which now stands in the church. Thank you to all who contributed to this. Following on from our donation of small gifts to two wards at Lanchester Road Hospital last Christmas, we decided to send some chocolate mini eggs as an Easter gift. Once again our members have been very generous and a basket containing over 160 eggs was delivered for patients, staff and visitors.

Eileen Matthews

Mothers' Union Burnhope



Our meeting was held on Monday the 4th of April. We welcomed Mrs Pauline Hall, who was enrolled on the 27th March, to our meeting. Mrs Hockaday and Mrs Park delivered 36 toiletry bags to Durham University Hospital.

From the Prayer Journal, we discussed a passage from 1 John, chapter 4, verse 7, the theme being Love. Mrs Park read from church magazines dated 1990, in which there was a letter from Canon Lindsay to the Parish on the occasion of his retirement.

Muriel Molloy

Padded mobile phone cases and spectacle cases (lightweight for ladies' handbags)



*Some with cross body strap
some with belt strap
or for handbag
£2.50
All proceeds to Church
Funds*

Ring Margaret on 521214

The Language of Flowers Innocence—Daisy—Bellis perennis

*"A very pearl of flowers indeed,
This little firstling of the mead.
So innocent it is, so sweet,
It bears the name of Marguerite.
The poets call it 'eye of day'
Daisy the children fondly say
Thus pretty Bellis still we see
Dancing right gently in the lee
Emblem of innocence is she."*



The Daisy is the flower of innocence. Together with the buttercup it is one of the first flowers of childhood making daisy chains and plucking the petals off while chanting rhymes. Chaucer calls it "the eie of the daie"

"All beneath the unrivalled rose

The lowly daisy sweetly blows" Robert Burns

Childishness— Buttercups and Kingcups Ranunculus bulbosis.

*"Oh I can now recall the unthrift delight that filled my
basket and my tiny hand Miss Twamley*

To Shakespeare the buttercup was cuckoo bud. Children adore them. 'Do you like butter?' they say holding a buttercup under another child's chin to see its golden reflection.

'Fair ox-eye, goldilocks and columbine, pinks, gentian kingcups and sweet sops in wine'



Flowers have played a large part in the traditional May Day. Both young and old would go a-maying after midnight and return home at sunrise with garlands to place over doors and windows. Shakespeare refers to the custom in Henry V 111

Tis as much impossible unless we sweep them from the doors with cannons - To scatter 'em as 'tis to make 'em sleep On May day Morning

Audrey Newton

Cats

A Cheshire vicar has two cats. Their names are Ancient and Modern - because they are both him.



100 Club News

The April draw was made in the Chapter House on Sunday 10th April
By Olga and Hazel
The numbers drawn were:

All £5.00 35, 34, 72, 113, 15, 6

Sue Smith and Olga Walker



DEC Ukraine

It is with grateful thanks to everyone who has responded to the appeal. The total sum to date sent to DEC Ukraine from our booksale and the plate-collections after services currently stands at almost £2700. An amazing response. Thank You.

Editor

Children's Society

I will be calling to collect in your Children's Society boxes, cheques and other contributions starting in May as usual. You can, of course bring boxes, etc. to me at 38 Briardene. Last year, despite Covid and a late start, we raised £1684=30 which is more than many parishes raise. Can we do better still?

Steve Craddock

Church Flowers

1st May	M Walters. J Harrison. H Gaskill. M Rigdon
15th May	D Bell (Mr Richardson) G Nichol. P&J Smith M King
22nd	A Stephenson. A Newton
29th	S Ward G Harrison



Julian Prayer Meetings

2pm in the Chapter House



May – Monday 2nd
(May Day Bank Holiday
to be confirmed)
June - Monday 6th
July – Monday 4th

Church Wives

It may be sunny or it may be rain,
We really do not know.
May however is a lovely month
When everything seems to grow.
Enjoy the colour which is all around
As nature comes to life.
Take time to remember Jesus
The Way, the Truth and the Light.
He died a very cruel death,
Nailed to a wooden cross.
Those who loved him mourned Him
Aghast at their great loss.
But three days later, there he was
Alive for all to see
Death was conquered and for us,
This means E-ter-ni-ty
Two meetings this month and both will be good
Try to come along if you possibly could
On May 12th it is Gareth Morrell
His subject not one that we know well.
The topic is 'Ocean Rowing'
And some slides he will be showing.
"On 23rd of May we play 'Call My Bluff'
With a very special panel.
In fact it is much better than
A certain TV channel.

PRIORITIES

*I hope my children look back on today
And see a mother who had time to play!
Children grow up while you're not looking.
There'll be years ahead for cleaning and cooking.
So quiet now cobwebs; dust go to sleep
I'm rocking my baby and babies don't keep.*

How many times have you said to your children while they were growing up 'just go and play' but I wonder if we realise the true importance of play in their lives. Did you play with your children? That means spending time with them, trying to enter their world, answering their questions with patience, delighting when their imagination runs free and leads into all kinds of exciting games and conversations. Playing is important. We can be disconcerted when the answer to our question, 'What did you do at school today' is 'Nothing, we just played' but be reassured play is not just nothing. In fact when I was at Teacher Training College, long long ago, we had lectures about the Montessori Method of Education which was based on PLAY. Maria Montessori was born in 1870 and died in 1952 and she believed that play for children is work. The right environment and teaching material is of course very important and must be provided for the method to work but Maria believed that if children worked independently they could become self motivated to reach new levels of understanding. They could develop initiative and natural abilities through practical play. The poem 'Priorities' at the beginning of this article is not mine. It is anonymous but it sparked my thinking about PLAY and I hope it gives you food for thought. 'Playing' for children is never a waste of time.

Brenda Craddock

Pauline's Reflection

"I give you a new commandment - that you love one another as I have loved you."

This was Christ's last commandment to his followers and a whole day of Holy Week is dedicated to it. Three years of teaching summed up in a single sentence- in fact, a single word - LOVE. The easiest thing in the world, and yet the hardest. Jesus gave that commandment at an important and significant time - The Feast of the Passover - a celebration of freedom from slavery and the establishment of a holy nation.

During that meal, Jesus rose from the table, stripped to his loincloth and washed his disciples feet, as they, no doubt looked on in horror. Feet, in Middle Eastern culture, then as now, were considered obscene. The greatest insult you could offer someone was to show them the sole of your foot or shoe. Speaking of Judas, Jesus had quoted Psalm 41 v9 "The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me". The ultimate insult! Yet here, Jesus fulfilled the task that it was forbidden to ask of a Jewish slave; one that would be demanded of a Gentile slave, who was unclean anyway. Jesus washed the feet of those he knew would soon scatter in fear; of Peter, who would deny him; of Judas who would betray him, and when Judas, surrendering to the darkness that filled his soul, slipped into the darkness of the night, Jesus, knowing how little time he had left summed up his teaching: "There is only love".

He was telling them - warning them, that they would face times more terrible that they could ever imagine and would need to support each other; that none should think themselves better than another - if he, their Lord could wash feet like the lowest slave, then they could treat each other, and others, with respect and consideration. He was telling them that if he could treat his betrayer with honour, then they could be welcoming of everyone, and grow a community which showed the all-embracing nature of God. At the end of the day, when all doctrine has been debated, all traditions considered, all hymns sung, all liturgies read, we are left only with love.

Whatever else the Christian church is about, it needs to be a place where people encounter the love of God in those they meet, and where all can feel loved and accepted without feeling the need to hide behind a mask for fear of judgement. But why did Jesus feel he had to say this? He had been demonstrating it for three years, in words and deed. And there was nothing new about it. The two Great Commandments of the Jewish Faith in Deut 6.5 and Lev 19.8, said it all. "You must love the Lord your God, and you must love your neighbour as yourself". Old words that Jesus repeated to them, so why did he call it a New Commandment? It is new because now we must love as Jesus loves us. Not as we love ourselves. Often we don't love ourselves - often we may be selfish, put ourselves first, deny ourselves nothing, but that's not love. Real love has qualities beyond self-indulgence, and Jesus demonstrated them that night.

At the beating heart of Christian faith is the fact that Jesus died on the cross - an apparently meaningless, cruel, and shameful end - but it wasn't an end; it was just a beginning. Jesus sacrificed everything so that we could live - a sacrifice without limit because there was no limit to his love. We, too, are expected to make sacrifices, for God and for each other - of time, of effort, of emotion. "We love, because he first loved us" (1John 4:19). To put it simply: Love hurts.

Think of Jesus' unconditional love as he tenderly washed the feet of Judas, knowing what he planned to do. Among the most precious things we can offer anyone are gentleness and acceptance. In what seems to be an increasingly angry world, we need gentle people. Everyone seems so quick to judge and quicker to condemn. Social media lends anonymity to bullying and spite; violence seems to be a first resort for so many in any disagreement. There are even TV programmes based around publicly humiliating people in the name of entertainment. We are called instead to kindness, not to being doormats - God doesn't put anyone on earth to be abused, but to recognise that God loves everyone - even the people we don't like, accept that fact and treat others with respect. Jesus didn't die for us because we are worthy - we aren't - but because he sets no conditions on his love.

Jesus washed his disciples' feet - a practical act. Real love is intensely practical: the mother pacing the floor with a sick child; the hospice nurse holding the hand of the dying; the volunteer at a foodbank. These are worth 1,000 sonnets or red roses. Jesus fed people, healed people - offered love in action to meet the needs of others. We are commanded to do the same. "Without works, faith is dead". (James 2: 17).

And, of course - the "F" word; Forgiveness. Of all the aspects of love perhaps this is the greatest and most difficult. In Matthew's gospel Peter asks "How many times should I forgive?" and Jesus replies "Seventy times seven times." Never stop forgiving. Forgiveness is perhaps the hardest thing of all because we are trying to heal our own wounds, and because our sense of justice - or injustice - cries out against letting someone get away with something. We can even quote the Bible "An eye for an eye" - but as Ghandi famously added "Leaves the whole world blind." Forgiveness is hard, but worth it. Marion Partington, whose sister Lucy was one of the victims of Fred and Rose West, described how she hated them with a passion so great that it consumed her - a "murderous rage". Then she learned of the abuse Rose had herself suffered as a child, and resolved to forgive. It took her many years to free herself from that blackness that filled her soul, but she finally did - and it set her free. It isn't easy. It's not like flicking a switch. It can take a lifetime and is often a "work in progress", but with God's help we can forgive any wrong done to us. It is one tiny forward step at a time - and often a few back.

"Love, as I have loved you"

Love sacrificially - and be prepared to be hurt.

Love unconditionally - in spite of everything

Love practically - get your hands dirty.

Love forgivingly - take that tender seed, which can't be forced, and nurture it gently until it blesses everyone.

Love - a moment to say and a lifetime to master.



Pauline Meek

Supporting Ukraine Music and Ukrainian Buffet Evening

Many of us have a real desire to help the Ukrainian people and here in Greenside Parish, one of our aims is to reach out into our local community as well.

And so an evening is planned in Greenside, which will help raise money for Ukraine (via donations) and bring us together for music and food!

On Saturday 21 May, starting at 4.30pm in St John's Church Greenside, Craig Davies from Lanchester church, will come to Greenside with a small group from Lanchester, who can perform and sing.

Our own Greenside musicians will not be idle though, as a good few of them are helping in the arrangements for a Ukrainian Buffet at St John's Hall from 6pm.

We are grateful for Michael Hardisty from Ryton, who is applying his culinary skills in arranging for some traditionally Ukrainian recipes to be provided, such as Salo - cured Pork belly, Borshch - beetroot soup, Pampushky - Ukrainian garlic bread, Holubtsi - stuffed cabbage leaves filled with mince, rice veg etc., Varenyky - stuffed pasta filled with cheese, cabbage or potato and Paska - traditional Ukrainian Easter Bread, similar to Panettone. Please feel free to bring your own drinks.

Michael is also happy to share his book of recipes for any other suggestions to come to light.

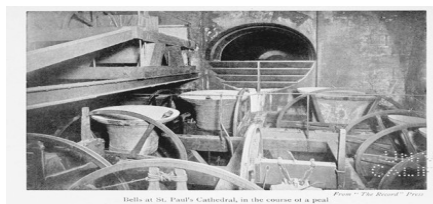
Revd Tom Brazier, vicar of Greenside Parish and Revd Lesley Sutherland from Lanchester Parish are both supportive of this outreach event, as is local Councillor Helen Haran. It is an inclusive event for our local community, one without priced tickets, in order for everyone to join in. We simply ask that folk willingly give whatever they can, as a donation, to help the Ukrainian people. More information can be found on the Greenside Parish Facebook page at <https://tinyurl.com/hrrvv822> or just message us and we'll be glad to help.

And if you could include this event in your daily prayers, that would be great!

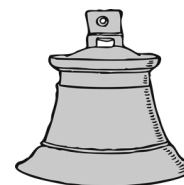
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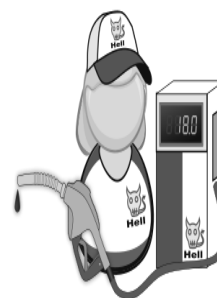
We have eight bells in the tower at All Saints as most of you are aware, and to ring them all, we need eight ringers! Around the Diocese you will find that those churches that have bells are having a recruitment drive, to promote the art of church bell ringing and Lanchester is no exception. We ring for the Sunday morning service, weddings, usually St. George's Day and this year The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is important that we nurture this old tradition, to keep our bells ringing! So, please if you are interested in any way and would like to join us, even if it's a visit to see us ring, please get in touch. Furthermore, if you live in the village and you used to ring in past years, we would love to hear from you! We run a practice most Friday evenings from 7.30pm until 9pm.

Olga Walker

The Cost of Petrol

Here is a sobering thought: petrol selling at £1.649p per litre in the UK is equivalent to £7.50 a gallon!

Source The Parish Pump





An Extract from the Parish Magazine of May 1898

My dear Friends,

If March came in like a lion it certainly did not go out like a lamb, for such a storm of six days' duration would be very bad to beat, however, it was better to have a spell of rough weather than later on, and late as was the touch of winter it reminded us that God's promise in Genesis had not failed "While the earth remaineth summer and winter shall not cease."

Good Friday was observed with the usual services morning and evening, and a goodly number of people were to be found taking part in the solemn Services of that Holy Day. As regards the weather, Good Friday was a perfect spring day, whilst Easter day was very different in that respect, and so prevented some at a distance from coming to Church for the Easter Communion; the Services were, nevertheless, well attended, the number of Communicants being much larger than usual, a most encouraging sign; notwithstanding the absence of some of the Choir through illness the hymns and anthems were very creditably rendered.

The annual vestry meeting of the Ancient Four and Twenty was held in the Parish Church on Tuesday, the Rev. George Jepson, M.A. (Vicar) presiding. The vicar re-appointed Mr. Brotherwood and Mr. Thompson as his wardens, and the meeting appointed his Honour Judge Greenwell and Inspector J.P. Daley as parishioners' wardens. The urgent necessity of enlarging the churchyard was discussed at length, the present one being almost filled up. It was considered a great hardship on the parish of Lanchester to find burial-ground for all the inmates dying in the Workhouse, no less than about 500 having been interred during the last 16 years from all parts of the Union, whilst only about half that number had been interred belonging the whole parish of Lanchester. The Vicar, his Honour Judge Greenwell, Mr. W. Brotherwood, Mr. G. Hedley and Mr. W. Cumming were appointed a committee to ascertain on what terms land could be got for an enlargement.

In some of the early records of the Parish the name Greenwell appears many times, shewing the interest that the family took in parochial matters then, and it should be a source of satisfaction to all the parishioners to find that the present occupier of Greenwell Ford has come forward to take his share in the affairs of the parish with which his name has been associated for over 200 years.

Yours faithfully

GEORGE JEPSON Vicar and Surrogate

Peter Smith

From the Wardens

We are pleased to be almost back to normal as we worship in our Churches despite the continued outbreak of Covid cases which are still prevalent. Several of our congregation have been poorly with the virus over the last few weeks, but fortunately their symptoms have generally been mild and not too debilitating. However we continue to 'listen to the data' in order to respond to any upturn in cases locally and will respond accordingly. We are also proposing that a small amount of testing kits be purchased for use by volunteer staff now that we are unable to order direct from the Government for free.

We have to report that we shall not have Sue with us as Churchwarden as she has had to step back for a while due to health reasons. We send Sue our best wishes for a good recovery and look forward to having her with us again. Our thanks to Eric Gaskill who has offered to lend a hand when needed. We are most grateful. We have had as Holy Week loomed, a most wonderful event organised by the fundraising committee, a grand book sale in aid of DEC Ukraine (See Margaret's report elsewhere in the magazine) It took a lot of work by a lot of people but all felt exhilarated and quite satisfied at the result. A brilliant village affair I heard it described.

As expected Holy Week was full on for Clergy but also for the wardens ensuring that the Church was prepared for a full week of services, testing our new photocopier preparing orders of services (often testing the patience of the user but once we all work out the 'bells and whistles' that are available to us I am sure it will be fine.)

The clock has had its annual service

We have finally been able to inter the ashes of Kathleen and Michael Heslop and the small memorial has been installed in accordance with the terms of the faculty.

We are still chasing Wensley Roofing to get the roof repairs to the east end done and a quotation for repointing of the ridge at St John's. The next project to pursue will be the replacement of the Notice Boards for both Churches. In preparation for the APCM on Wednesday 25th May we shall update the log books and terrier for inspection at that meeting.

For The Wardens

Rob Matthews

The young minister took his wife to the Maternity Hospital and was told it would be a long labour. So, he agreed to ring at lunchtime for news. But when he phoned, he dialled the wrong number and got the County Cricket Ground. He said: "I brought my wife to your place early this morning. Is there any news?" He was surprised to be told: "Yes, there are seven out and the last two were ducks."



LANCHESTER E.P (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



I am sitting writing this to you all on Easter Sunday – Happy Easter to each and every one of you! I am fortunate to be up the Northumberland Coast with my family for the week and we all attended the Easter Sunday service in the Methodist Church in Seahouses this morning. The last time I was in that church was three years ago, also on Easter Sunday, when we bumped into Steve Bailey and his family. I certainly remembered Steve in my prayers in church this morning.

It is quite fitting that his wife, Cath, is now our new Foundation Governor for school and I am delighted to welcome her to our governing body. I am also very grateful as I know she will have a lot of expertise to bring to the role. Steve audited our school funds for many years and we will always be very grateful to him for that. Tom, his son, also taught one of my daughters Maths and of course Rachel's two sons currently attend the E.P. School. It is great that the family connection will continue for a few years to come! My thoughts and prayers remain with Cath and the family.

It was wonderful to be able to hold our Easter Service in Church last week even though it did feel rather strange (but special) to be sitting in a packed church! Our Year 2 and Year 5 children led the service, 'From Tragedy to Triumph' with the choir singing and Revd Lesley sharing her thoughts and leading the final prayers. There is certainly something to be said for getting back to normality and it is certainly benefitting all the children. They are thriving on it!

It is hard to believe that we will be starting the final term in the school year next Monday. Parents and Carers will find out on Tuesday whether they have been successful in gaining a place at our school to start Reception in September and I anticipate that we will be full in that year group, once again. It is also the time when many of our Year 6 children are appealing for various secondary schools. It is a very anxious time for them all and we will continue to do as much as possible to support each and every one of them.

We have booked Consett Empire Theatre for the evenings of Wednesday 13th July and Thursday 14th July 2022 for our next musical extravaganza. It will be 3 years since we performed 'Ocean World' and we have another wonderful production planned – this time, 'One Sun, One World'. This will, once again, be very topical as the musical looks at our amazing world and the need for us all to care for it. Tickets will be on sale nearer the date but auditions and rehearsals will be starting as soon as we return to school. I know that this will, once again, be a very special production and hope that some of you may be able to come and see it.

We are all looking forward to the next half term. Our Year 2 and Year 6 children will be sitting their statutory tests which will be tough bearing in mind how much school they have missed over the last two years. However, I know that they will all try their best and that is all we can ask of them. We will be holding a Garden Party during the last week of the half term and just hope and pray for some fine weather.

Before long, we will be planning our Year 6 Leavers' Service – another academic year is flying by.

Mrs Jane Davis

Head Teacher, Lanchester Endowed Parochial (Controlled) Primary School

When did you last read the Highway Code? Various 'fundamental' changes were recently made which will surely affect you. For example, there is a new hierarchy of road users, where drivers now have new responsibilities to watch out for people who are walking, cycling, or riding a horse. Another example is that cyclists are now advised to cycle in the *centre* of lanes in slower-moving traffic. Finally, do you even know how best to open your car door? According to the Highway Code, you should use your hand on the opposite side to the door you are opening; for example, use your left hand to open a door on your right-hand side. This will make you turn your head to look over your shoulder. You are then more likely to avoid causing injury to cyclists or motorcyclists passing you on the road, or to people on the pavement. Read all about the new rules at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code>



Dates for your Diary May 2022

- Sunday 1st** 9.15am Eucharist St John's
9.45am Service of the Word St Thomas
10.30am Parish Eucharist
- Mon 2nd** 2.00pm Julian Prayer Meeting Chapter House
- Tues 3rd** 11.00am Meditation and Mindfulness drop in
7.00pm Zoom Compline Margaret and Adrian
7.00pm Churches Together Chapter House
- Wed 4th** 9.45am Holy Communion All Saints
- Sun 8th** 8.00am Eucharist
9.45 St Thomas Eucharist
10.30 All Saints Joint Service of the Word
6.30 pm Evensong at All Saints
- Tues 10th** 11.00am Meditation and Mindfulness drop in
2.00 pm Mothers' Union David Butler 'A Nice bit of Garden and a Very Fine Prospect'
6.00pm St John's Café Church Community Centre
7.00 pm Zoom Compline Margaret and Adrian
- Wed 11th** 9.45 am Holy Communion All Saints
- Thurs 12th** 7.00pm Church Wives Chapter House
Gareth Morrell Slides on Ocean Rowing
7.30 pm Churches Together in All Saints RC Church
- Sun 15th** 9.15am Eucharist St John's
9.45am Service of the Word St Thomas
10.30am Parish Eucharist
- Tues 17th** 11.00am Meditation and Mindfulness drop in
7.00pm Zoom Compline Margaret and Adrian
- Wed 18th** 9.45 Holy Communion All Saints
- Sat 21st** 4.00pm St John's Greenside Supporting Ukraine
Musical Evening with Ukrainian Buffet
- Sun 22nd** 8.00am Eucharist
9.15 am Service of the Word St John's
9.45 St Thomas Eucharist
10.30 All Saints Service of the Word
6.30 pm Evensong at All Saints
- Tues 24th** 11.00am Meditation and Mindfulness drop in
7.00pm Zoom Compline Margaret and Adrian
- Wed 25th** 9.45 Holy Communion All Saints
6.30 pm All Saints APCM in the Chapter House
- Thurs 26th** 7.00pm Church Wives Chapter House 'Call my Bluff'
- Sun 29th** 9.15 Service of the Word St Thomas
10.30am Joint Eucharist All Saints

Time to welcome your slugs and snails

So says the Royal Horticultural Society, as it recently began a campaign to encourage us to see the gastropods in our gardens in a better light. The RHS says that the species play a key role in garden ecosystems, and thus are in need of 'positive PR'. It seems that only nine of the 44 known species in the UK are likely to threaten our gardens, and that all of them play a vital role in recycling dead plant material and animal waste, and acting as a food source for hedgehogs, frogs, birds, beetles and flies. In fact, the RHS's principal entomologist says that we should consider our slugs and snails not as marauding pests bent on eating our flowers and vegetables, but rather as 'garden visitors'. "Our gardens would be duller and messier without them."

Source The Parish Pump



ALZHEIMER'S (by Angela Graham)

How very sad our lives can be
when those we love lose their memory
We speak, and repeat, but it doesn't sink in,
their minds have gone blank, and can't let us in.

We hug and we kiss
and they're so pleased to see us,
but the very next day
they'll forget that they've seen us.
Gone are the memories they've shared in our lives.

With all of our hearts we wish we could re-vive
the life that they had before they took ill.

O



Lord, please help them to do your will

THINK FOOD BANK

As a church we are committed to supporting the Food Bank in Consett
(There are now 29 Food Banks operating in the Durham Diocese)

Please don't forget those who depend on the foodbank at this difficult time. Lanchester All Saints is **open** for you to leave donations at present and we have liaised with the Foodbank in Consett to see how we can help. Lanchester donated over a ton of food in the year before lockdown, and many people would struggle without that generosity of spirit.

As it is difficult to collect food for the food bank we have spoken to them and they are happy for us to circulate their bank account details if anyone wants to make money donations on line.

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The new location for Consett foodbank is at Consett Methodist Church, Station Road, Consett DH8 5RL Their opening times remain unchanged. The foodbank keeps opening times / closures and locations up to date on

<https://durham.foodbank.org.uk/>



And from St Thomas



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Apology

My apologies to all who have made comment. The poem that was in last month's magazine 'If You stand very still in the heart of a wood' was written by Patience Strong. The reference to Ann Whiteley was meant to indicate that she had submitted the poem for the magazine. I request if poems are submitted please add the author to ensure clarity.

Editor

Turbine Mills

(with apologies to William Wordsworth)

I wandered lonely as a cloud,
That floats on high o'er vales and hills
When all at once I saw a crowd
Of monstrous misplaced Turbine Mills.
Beside the lake, above the trees
Grotesque and garish in the breeze.

A parody of the stars that shine
And twinkle in the Milky Way,
They stretched in a distorted line
Desecrating the Pennine Way.
Great clusters saw I in a glance
Twirling their arms in a ghastly dance.

Moors and meadows below them lay
But they despoiled the scene in glee,
A poet has to turn away
From such unnatural company.
I sighed, and sighed, and sadly thought
What grief the alien view had brought.

For oft when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude
And then my heart in sorrow fills
With images of those Turbine Mills.
(Author unknown)



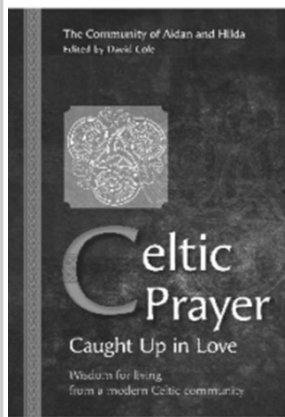
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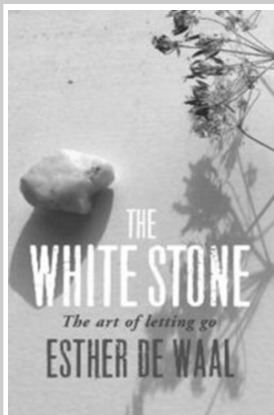
Celtic Prayer – Caught Up in Love **Edited by David Cole** **(Brother Cassian), BRF,** **£12.99**

This rich collection of essays, conversations and reflections from 30 members of the Community of Aidan and Hilda distils the ancient wisdom of the Celtic Christians and applies it to

the lived reality of contemporary readers.

It can be helpful for anyone drawn to explore teachings about prayer from a Celtic perspective. It offers deep spiritual truths woven beautifully with usable prayers, 'like a piece of Celtic knotwork flowing around the page of an illuminated scripture.'

As David Cole writes in his introduction: "Celtic Christian spirituality is about embodying the Divine in every aspect of your life, and prayer is a significant part of that."



The White Stone – the art of letting go **By Esther De Waal, Canterbury Press, £12.99**

This book reflects on the changes and losses that come with growing older. Esther De Waal reflects on solitude and, following a period of illness, saying goodbye to a family home and the Welsh

border landscape she had known for decades which inspired some of her greatest writing, and adjusting to a new city environment. In her characteristic style, she sees everything as a portal into a deeper spiritual understanding.

She draws on the wealth of the Christian tradition to help her navigate her way through not only the inevitable sense of loss that accompanies such change, but also to embrace the new possibilities it brings.



Prayer Tip for the Month

Pray for someone who has no faith, that they will come to know Jesus and their life be transferred by the knowledge of his love



Smile Lines



...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...

Prayer for May

Dear Father in Heaven,

As we thank you for May, this most beautiful of months, we are aware that not everything in your world is beautiful; not every attitude or action is beautiful, or kind, or just.

There is so much pain and suffering in the world that we can sometimes feel overwhelmed. Help us, Lord to remember that Jesus came to bring all this brokenness together, to bring reconciliation and wholeness. Thank you that by His life, death and resurrection Jesus overcame death for ever. Thank you that He ascended into heaven so that the Holy Spirit could come to live in believers, to give strength and power and resilience, so that Your work goes on.

Thank you that nothing in all creation – no evil attacks, no illness, no human powers, no circumstances at all – can ever separate us from Your love.

We will not be overwhelmed as we keep our eyes on You.

We may not always understand, but we acknowledge You to be the Lord, who reigns over all – and we are thankful.

In Jesus name. Amen.

Daphne Kitching





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