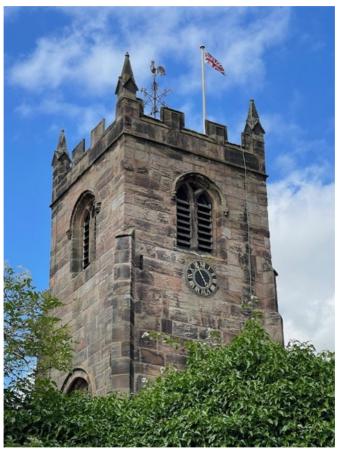


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Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'

Psalm 91 verses 1-2

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** Members of our team are very pleased to visit you in your home, to listen to you, talk with you, and pray with you. Nothing is too trivial, and nothing is beyond the reach of God's love and grace.

All you have to do is pick up the telephone and call.

We will be delighted to hear from you, and respond to your need.



July Letter

Dear Friends,

As I sit down to write this in June I am about to go off on a week's retreat to Iona, which is one of my favourite places in the world. I love going there for many reasons.

First of all there is the long journey there. Iona is a tiny island off the Isle (island) of Mull in the North West of Scotland, involving a journey by car or train to Oban and then two ferries. Because of this period of journeying, there is for me a sense of allowing all the things that usually fill my mind to fall away so that I arrive with the sense of feeling released from the everyday concerns, ready to be still and alone with God.

Then there is the history of the place. This was the island to which St Columba and his fellow monks came by coracle (tiny circular boat) from Ireland in AD 563. Here they founded a monastery which became one of the most important in Britain and from which the gospel was taken to many other places in Scotland and northern England, notably Northumbria by St. Aidan. The

Ionian monks spent countless hours transcribing and illuminating the Book of Kells, a Latin translation of the bible that now resides in Trinity College, Dublin. The abbey is 13th century and was the focal point of the Benedictine monks who worshipped there. The abbey and the standing crosses are still there, bearing witness to centuries of Christian worship.

Then there is the sheer beauty of this little island. The beaches have white sand and multi-coloured pebbles, and (when it's sunny!) the water is turquoise. The views across the bay to the western tip of Mull are stunning. It's not unusual to see basking sharks and seals off the northern shores, and a wide variety of birds.

At this time of year the sound of the corncrakes can be heard, especially near where I will be staying. There are wild yellow iris, bog cotton and marsh orchid along the paths and in some of the wetter sections of the machair grassland. Being so far north and close to the summer solstice means the evenings remain light (unless it's cloudy!) long after sunset with a quality of light that sort of glows. The abbey and standing crosses look especially beautiful, silhouetted against the sky. I have a tattoo of the one that stood immediately outside the abbey – the cross of St. John the Evangelist.

Best of all there is the worship. The abbey is now home to the Iona Community, a group drawn from many nations who come and live together and host retreats and conferences. They lead the morning and evening worship at the abbey using liturgy which follows the original Celtic Christian rhythms of St Columba. I really enjoy this pattern of worship, which is authorised by the Church of England for our use. On 29th September I will be using lona liturgy in our service of Evening Prayer service at 6pm.

I look forward to seeing you upon my return, and pray that you too will enjoy a time this summer when you can be still and alone with God, whether that's in your back garden, this country or overseas.

God bless, Heather Consumers or Disciples? Time Choices (Lk 10:38-42)

Martha is distracted, too busy preparing for the needs of the day. Not enough time... not enough time.

Mary is focused, taking time to meet the needs of the heart. Sitting still, seeing through the paraphernalia of every day with a new clarity that changes her world. Mary listens to Jesus. She chooses life.

There is time...there is time. We all have our life time. What will we choose?

By Daphne Kitching

Meru's Musings

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If six squirrels can eat 6 acorns in 1/10 of an hour, how many would it take to eat 100 acorns in 6000 seconds.

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You can use all nine digits (1-9) in this sum. The 4 has already been used. There are two possible solutions. What are they.?

Latin names for plants, how many do you recognise?

Latin Name	Common name	
Echinacea	Conctlower	
Echinops	Globe thistle	
Elaeagnus	Oleaster	
Erica	Heather	
Eryngium	Sea holly	
Erysimum	Wallflower	
Eucalyptus	Gum Tree	
Euonymus	Spindle tree	
Euphorbia	Spurge	
Exochorda	Pearl bush	

Latin Idiom

Amicus curiae - Friend of the court Ars gratia artis - Art for art's sake Ars longa vita brevis—Art is long, life is short.

Bona fide— In good faith Carpe diem— Seize the day (Grab the opportunity)

Caveat emptor—Let the buyer beware

Sayings of our elders

Hostility:

Hostility comes from fear.

In time, resentment becomes hate.

Humility:

The fruits of humility are love and peace.

Be very humble, for man's destiny is the worm or fire..

Wisdom begets humility.

Hunger:

When hunger comes through the door, love flees through the window. Those who are sated don't believe those who are hungry.

Love and hunger can't live together.

Husbands:

When a man is too good for this world, it's too bad for his wife. The man who marries for money earns it.

Ideas:

Those on the other side of the fence have different ideas.

Idleness:

The hardest work of all is to do nothing.

Meru Ullah



9.00am Sunday 14th July 'Team Jesus'





In Messy Church children and their parents/ carers have fun learning about the Christian faith together through different activities crafts, cooking, games, songs...

If you would like to know more about Messy Church please contact Jackie Moss on 01782 771067 Or come along on the day.



The Olympic Games



This month sees the start of the Olympic Games in Paris. In describing the Christian life as a marathon race, the writer of Hebrews (12:1-2) challenges us to finish well.

'throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles' (1)

As in a normal race, we have to get rid of any burdens that weigh us down (eg possessions, worries, what others think of us) and besetting sins (wrong habits or attitudes). We can cast our burdens on the Lord (Ps 55:22) and be assured of His forgiveness (1 John 1:9).

'run with perseverance the race marked out for us' (1)

The Christian life is like a marathon not a sprint race, which calls for

endurance. The course is marked out for us, as we all have a unique race to run, with its opportunities and difficulties. God knows our path and will provide all that we need to complete the race.

'fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith' (2)

The runner keeps their focus on the finishing line and avoids all distractions. Our focus is on Jesus, who has run the race before us ('author'), but is the one who can show us how to finish well ('perfecter').

We are also surrounded by a 'great cloud of witnesses' (1). These are God's people, both past and present, who are cheering us on!

During the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the British athlete Derek Redmond was running in the 400 metres semi-finals. About 250 metres from the finish his hamstring tore, and he fell to the ground in pain. However, his father ran on to the track to support him in completing the race. Let's not forget that whatever we face, God is there beside to enable us to finish the race!

> Canon Paul Hardingham looking forward to Paris...



Murder Mystery

All Saints' Church Friday 19th July at 7pm Bring & Share Meal

For more information: 01270 876363



God in Music

'Glorious the song when God's the theme': J S Bach's joy and dance



In1956 a small novel by a German writer, Johannes Rüber, appeared in an English translation. It was called 'Bach and the Heavenly Choir' and tells of Pope Gregory XIX's desire to elevate Bach to the ranks of the saints. To bring together the Lutheran bishop and his own cardinals, he organises a great Bach festival in Rome. At the festival he announces his plan and the reasoning behind it: that in J S Bach 'faith has become music.'

In that realisation lies the grace and glory of Bach's achievement, and why we treasure his works today. The irony is that the bulk of his music was never published in his lifetime. The six Brandenburg Concerti, beautifully copied out and offered, were never performed and the music put in a cupboard. His music in all probability would have been lost for ever had it not been for a young Mendelssohn, who just happened to find a manuscript of the St Matthew Passion in his music teacher's house. He recognised it for its brilliancy and beauty and ordered a massive search to unearth the decaying manuscripts.

So much of Bach's music was inspired by his joy in believing. Just consider one of the six motets, 'Jesu, meine Freude' (Jesus, my joy). It was probably written for a memorial service in July 1723. In his other works, freude, or 'joy', releases new movement. In this motet, the word is kept within the constraints of the chorale melody that acts as a framework for the motet. The word that brings a joyous release is Geist, Spirit when it appears, then each voice joins in the chase as notes spill over the page and into our ears, proclaiming the inspiration of God's Spirit in human life.

This spirit of joy helps us realise that what makes Bach's music so vital and rewarding is that total sense of movement and dance. Wilfred Mellers wrote a book 'Bach and the Dance of God,' showing how so much of Bach's music is dance-inspired from lively gavottes to more stately sarabandes that can be heard in both the instrumental and choral music. Widor, like Bach a great organist, wrote that 'For me Bach is the greatest of preachers.'

And what does he preach? That in the end, all is dance and life in the power of God's Spirit. In 'Jesu, meine Freude' as in all his music we hear and relish the movement and pulse of his compositions that open up for us a world where all is joy and dance. That is how Dante ended his vision of Paradise, where everything is movement and dance, and what moves the sun and the other stars is love.

The Revd Michael Burgess looking at great works of music

Book Review



Shaped by the Spirit – being formed into an outwardfocused people

By Kate Pocklington, SPCK, £10.00

Shun self-help in favour of spiritual-help and become the other-focussed disciple that Jesus is inviting you to be. In recent years, the Church in the West has witnessed a growing hunger to engage in spiritual disciplines that help us become more like Jesus. And yet, if our practices cause us to look inwards without looking outwards, then we can unwittingly distance ourselves from Him instead.

Jesus was inherently otherfocussed, and in this immensely practical book, Kate Pocklington invites us to explore why being formed by the Spirit is only the beginning of the picture. .

From the Registers

Funerals

On	24th May	Elsie Hancock	Age 93 years
On	26th June	Robert Lee Williams	Age 90 years

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

(23rd Psalm)

Baptism

On 26th May Ottilie Elspeth Louisa Carr Age 4 months

"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Ephesians 3:18-19

Church Collections for May 2024

Week Beginning	5th May	£912.68
Week Beginning	12th May	£964.36
Week Beginning	19th May	£712.00
Week Beginning	26th May	£201.22

Our thanks to everyone who has helped us by giving faithfully and generously towards our costs of mission, ministry and maintenance.

During this unprecedented challenging time, you can also keep up to date via our website where you can find out about our worship, church life, giving and accessing our monthly parish magazine.



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This 34-musician band has toured Europe & the USA, playing classical, musicals, jazz & pop music. The band, which celebrated its 50th birthday in 2023, now presents a concert

Saturday 19 Oct. starting 7 30pm (doors open 7pm)

at the Civic Centre Alsager (ST7 2AE)

Tickets £15, available from the Home Coffee Shop, Alsager.

The event includes free refreshments and a raffle.

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Laugh lines etCetera...

Hole for one

A golfing priest, after having been beaten by an elderly parishioner, returned to the clubhouse somewhat depressed. "Cheer up," said the layman. Remember, you'll eventually be burying me some day." "Yes," said the priest. "But even then, it will be your hole!"



Those church bulletin notices that went wrong somewhere....

~ Glory of God to all and peas to his people on earth

~ Join us for a skirt presented by the Drama Team.

~ We will have a Super Bowel party this Sunday night. We will also have our regular service.

~ Applications are now being accepted for two-year-old nursery workers.

~ The pastor will light his candle from the altar candles. The ushers will light their candle from the pastor's candle. The ushers will turn and light each worshipper in the first pew.

~ (For the group of ladies called 'Mums Who Care' and pray for the children in school). When their meeting was cancelled one week: There will be no Mums who care this week.

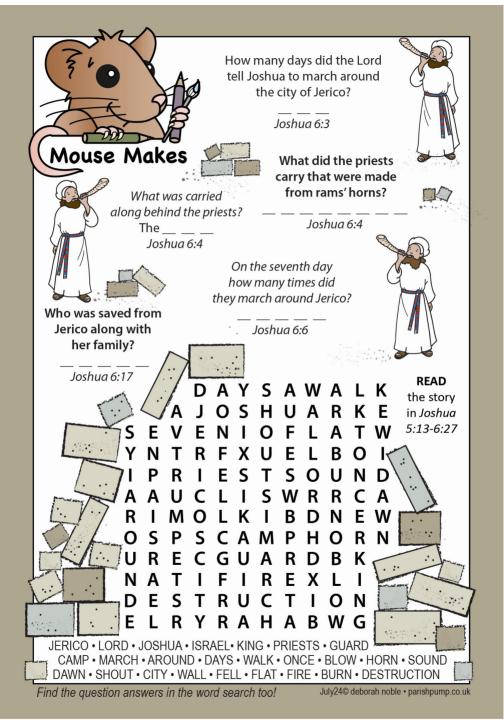
~ Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.

 For the word of God is quick and powerful...piercing even to the dividing asunder of soup and spirit.
We pray that our people will

jumble themselves.

~ Childcare provided with reservations.

What do you call a typo on a tombstone? A grave mistake.



Recycling & Green Living Tips

Don't take pebbles from the beach

Tempting as it is to take pebbles and shells from the



beach to improve your rockery or smarten up your garden - do not. The presence of shells and pebbles on a beach helps to reduce coastal erosion which is increasing with climate change. The UK Coast Protection Act states it is unlawful to remove any natural material from a beach no matter the amount. Cumberland council are now going to fine people as much as £1,000. Others may follow.

Donate your old Lego bricks

Don't throw your old Lego bricks away when you are finished with them. Lego Replay is a programme which allows you donate your old bricks when you are finished with them. They are transformed into learning opportunities for children around the UK and avoids waste. Find out more and get your free shipping label at https://www.lego.com/en-gb/ sustainability/replay/donate-now

Make sure you recycle batteries

So many people are not recycling batteries or electrical/electronic items that contain them but are putting them in their landfill waste. This has led to so many fires on the recycling lorries and at the waste centres. All shops which sell batteries must have somewhere to recycle them so check and use that for individual ones. Mobile phones, ear pods and vapes are being put in landfill waste but this must change. The local recycling centres have electronic waste containers. Sainsburys also recycle some electronics:

Recycling electronic items in-store:

If you have an old electronic item, we can safely recycle these items instore, for free, with the following guidelines:

- Our store must sell a similar item to the one you're recycling

- You have purchased a replacement item from us within the last 28 days

- You can provide proof of purchase
- Only one item can be exchanged when purchasing a new one

 Electrical equipment that has a crossed-out wheelie bin symbol can be recycled

- If your old product doesn't have this symbol, we'll still accept it as part of an equivalent purchase and recycle it to the best of our ability. By recycling electrical and electronic equipment and diverting it from landfill, you're helping prevent the lead and the other harmful toxins they contain from polluting the soil and water. These toxins are harmful to our environment, wildlife and also detrimental to human health. This service is being offered in accordance with The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations (2013). From providing drinking water to leaving grass to grow, here are some easy ways to help wildlife this summer

- #1 Give birds a drink
- #2 Top up garden ponds
- #3 Make a bee bowl
- #4 Leave windfall fruits in situ
- #5 Grow the grass long
- #6 ... and say no to pesticides

Happy recycling!

Carol Henshaw

Helping wildlife in summer

Here are several changes you can make to reduce your energy; water use and waste.



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All Saints' Community Page



The D-Day Commemoration took place on Thursday 6th June starting with All Saints' Bells ringing for peace at 6.30pm followed by the raising of the Union Jack at 7pm. The fish and Chip Peace Supper followed in the memorial Hall along with a quiz and making peace doves. Chairman of the Parish Council Gareth Mitchell set the scene followed by the Proclamation and Tribute read by Deputy Lieutenant Dr Denis Dunn MBE JP DL on the church steps. The Beacon was then lit at 9.15pm by Councillor Roger Young. The commemoration continued on Saturday evening with a forties dance and Bring and Share supper. The community singing was led by Caroline McCarthy supported by Every Song Singers from Lancaster.

The Parish Council, Lawton Memorial Hall and All Saints' church came together to put on this event for the community.











Friday 19th July 7pm Murder Mystery and Bring and Share Supper

Saturday 18th August 3 pm – 5.30pm Afternoon tea at the Rectory



Saturday 28th September 10.30am to 12.30pm Douglas Macmillan Coffee Morning



All Saints' Church Lawton is open daily

The church is open daily for private prayer 10am to 4pm.

Come in and spend a few quiet moments in the tranquil and peaceful setting. There is a prayer station at the front of church or simply choose a pew.



Rev Sister Heather Kemball warmly invites you to join her for Morning Prayer at 8.30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Prayer for July 2024

Father,

Thank you for summertime, when thoughts turn to holidays and relaxation.

July is a month of endings for many; the ending of the school or college year and for some a moving on to the next stage of education or work. Often, there is uncertainty or trepidation about the future.

Whatever stage of life we are at, whatever season of the year it is, we can feel uncertain and concerned in a world which seems increasingly secular and confusing.

Remind us Lord, of Your promise to be with us always, every step of every way, when we put our trust in You, through Jesus.

Thank you that in the ups and downs of life, You never change. You are the rock on which we stand securely, eternally. Help us to move forward confidently, trusting in that truth.

Thank you, Lord.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Bible Readings for July Services

Date	Epistle	Gospel
7th	Psalm 51	Luke 6. 37 - 42
14th	Psalm 63	John 4. 1 - 14
21st	Psalm 121	Matthew 6. 25 - 34
28th	Psalm 91	Matthew 10. 26 - 31

Teasers



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A. House number at 14p per digit

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Ans= 300

If six squirrels can eat 6 acorns in 1/10 of an hour, how many would it take to eat 100 acorns in 6000 seconds.

Ans= It would take six squirrels to eat 100 acorns in 6000 seconds (100 minutes)

You can use all nine digits (1-9) in this sum. The 4 has already been used. There are two possible solutions. What are they?

Ans= 2963 and 1738 X 4 x4 7852 6952



Please send any material for inclusion in the August edition of Lawton Light!

by July the 10th

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Services & Speakers July 2024

	8.30am	10.45am	6.00pm	
	Trinity 6			
7th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	
	Heather Kemball	Margaret Cruxton	Margaret Cruxton	
	Trinity 7			
14th		Praise and Prayer	Holy Communion	
		Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball	
	Trinity 8			
21st	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer	
	Heather Kemball	Bev Boulton	Bev Boulton	
	Trinity 9			
28th		Praise and Prayer	Holy Communion	
		Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball	



July Rotas

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Prayers
7th July	8.30am	Holy Communion		
	10.45am	Holy Communion	Yvonne Banks	lan Massey
			Paul Cruxton	
	6.00pm	Service of the Word	Kieran Hutchinson	Bev Boulton
			Bev Boulton	
14th July	9.00am	Messy Church		
	10.45am	Praise & Prayer	Linda Jones	Jane Baker
			Janet Parker	
	6.00pm	Joly Communion	Chris Preston	Jane Baker
			Jane Baker	
21st July	8.30am	Holy Communion		
	10.45am	Holy Communion	Jane Baker	Yvone Banks
			Bev Nixon	
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Kieran Hutchinson	Harold Dowler
			Heather Kemball	
28th July	10.45am	Praise & Prayer		
			Ruth Griffiths	Alan Kemball
	6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP	Di Williams	
			Chris Preston	Margaret Cruxton
			Harold Dowler	





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