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Dear friends

Elsewhere in this edition of the parish magazine, there are details of how we, as a worshipping church community, are slowly getting back to some sort of “new normal” following the closures and restrictions of the coronavirus pandemic. This is a reflection of the ever-increasing number of people who are fully vaccinated, and the very low cases of serious cases. Although there are still many cases of coronavirus, they are far less severe than during the lockdowns, and are far more like cases of flu.

Wider society is also reacting to the much-reduced danger posed by current strains of the coronavirus: shortly before writing this I donated blood, and there was not a face-covering in sight, whether among donors or the medical staff.

Despite this new freedom, things are not the same as they were. Working from home has its own acronym (WFH) and many businesses now have as many staff actively engaged from home via their computers and laptops as there are staff at their desks in the office.

Not all organisations can do that, of course. Those looking after me and the other blood donors could not do that remotely from home. Nor can the most important form of Christian worship be entered into fully from home, remotely or otherwise.

Of course, God can be worshipped anywhere and at any time, but the highest form of worship is the Eucharist, and to share in that is to gather together with our brothers and sisters around the Lord’s Table, and receive into our bodies the healing and life-giving Sacrament of the Lord. Those physically unable to attend mass have the Sacrament brought to them at home.

The lockdowns of the pandemic have left lasting changes, not only WFH. During the lockdowns many Christians got out of the

(good) habit of attending church, and are missing out on the spiritual strength we gain when we receive the Sacrament of the Lord, and even the comfort we receive from meeting together with our friends and neighbours at church.

We miss them - we miss you! - and I would encourage all those who have yet to return to church following the pandemic, to do so. While there possibly may not be hugs (another consequence of the pandemic) there will certainly be a warm welcome and familiar faces. Without you we are not the same; we are all less than we should be.

With my love and prayers

Fr Tony

TOWARDS THE 'NEW NORMAL'

In the Church of England the bread and wine are always offered to communicants **unless there is a clear and objective reason** (a 'necessity') to do otherwise. For some of the last two years the existence of Covid-19 in the general population, coupled with low levels of immunity and high numbers of serious cases, was that persuasive reason. However, with vaccination rates now high and serious cases low, this objective reason no longer exists.

At its recent meeting, the PCC therefore agreed to make available again the chalice at communion. However, receiving from the chalice is not - and never has been - compulsory, and those who wish to return to their seats after having received the host are free to do so: the fullness of Christ is present in each of the consecrated host and the consecrated wine.

For the time being the sacrament is still be administered from a central point, and is being both administered and received in silence. This means that, since we will already have acknowledged the presence of Christ in the Sacrament together

as a body, “The Body/Blood of Christ” is not said at the moment of communion, and we do not respond “Amen” as there is nothing to respond to!

With all but celebrants not having received wine from the chalice for over 2 years, it may be helpful for a few very basic reminders:

When receiving the chalice while standing up, the Eucharistic Assistant cannot see the position of the wine: please help by guiding the chalice;

When the chalice meets forehead or spectacles it cannot go any further: raise your head until the wine reaches your lips;

Do not take a sip of the wine: as much as a third of the wine in the chalice can be consumed in this way. All that is necessary is for it to touch the lips.

We hope that in the coming months, further progress will be made towards a more sustainable “normal”.

Finally, a reminder about Eucharistic Discipline. The Mass, or Eucharist, is an organic act of worship, each element either preparing us for what is to come, or building on what has preceded. Thus, having heard the Word of God, it is expounded in the homily and confirmed in the Creed.

The Penitential Rite, or General Confession, at the beginning of mass prepares us to both hear the Word of God in scripture and receive the Word of God in the Blessed Sacrament, by receiving God’s forgiveness. In many churches, members of the congregation do not receive communion if they have arrived late and missed the Penitential Rite (not that long ago, and for the same reason, Roman Catholics would not receive communion if they had not gone to confession the previous day).

In our parish, for better or worse, we are slightly more generous: communion is not received by those who arrive so late that they miss the proclamation of the Gospel. If you should find yourself in this position, come to the communion station with your arms

crossed upon your breast and receive God's blessing: while we still retain the opportunity, make your spiritual communion with those sharing our worship at home, by saying the prayer quietly with the priest.

Fr Tony

GOING ON LEAVE

The past 2 years have caused havoc with many people's holiday plans, and the current chaos at many of the UK's airports bears testimony to holidaymakers' renewed plans and the holiday and airport industries' poorly-made plans!

For clergy, leave prevented by the lockdowns were rolled over into 2021 and again into 2022, so I will be trying to take what I can during the remaining half of this year: I am very grateful to the clergy who have already offered to cover at least the Sunday masses during my absence.

A consequence of this is that two regular events have been moved this month. Our monthly Litter Pick in the parish will take place on Saturday 9th July, and Evensong & Benediction will take place on Sunday 17th July. Please make a note in your diaries, and support both events.

Fr Tony

WALSINGHAM FESTIVAL

Our Walsingham Festival, on Saturday 1st October, will soon be here, and I am delighted that Fr Ben Bradshaw, the Shrine Priest at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, is to be our preacher.

Fr Ben joined the Shrine staff in 2020 after serving as Bishop's Chaplain on the Isle of Man, so much of his Shrine ministry will have been bereft of pilgrims due to the pandemic lockdowns! While the Shrine is now able to receive increasing numbers of pilgrims, our Walsingham Festival will be an opportunity for him to meet pilgrims on their home turf, and for us to return some of the wonderful hospitality we receive from the Shrine each time we visit.

Please put the date in your diaries - Saturday 1st October at 3.00pm - and come together to worship and receive Our Lord Jesus in the holy mass, aided by the intercession of his glorious Mother, our Blessed Lady.

Fr Tony

100 CLUB NEWS

The third draw of this term was in the Parish Hall on Sunday 5th June 2022.

First Prize Number 62 – Katherine Taylor - wins £25

Second Prize Number 20 – Jean Turner - wins £15

Third Prize Number 87 – Marie Stamp - wins £10

The fourth draw for this term will be on Sunday 10th July 2022, in the Parish Hall

It is just £12 per number (£1 per month).

If you are not a member and would like to join or want to take an extra number, please see David or Ruth Taylor.

CHURCH CLEANING

There is a small group of parishioners who give up a morning each month. Apart from the cleaning they have tea/coffee, biscuits and social chat as well,



*The next date for cleaning is
4th July 2022.*

Meeting at 10.00am.

Many hands make light work!

The date/time could be subject to change, but usually decided by the Sunday, the day before, and is coordinated by Lilian Schofield 01204 303137

LITTER PICKING

The next monthly litter pick will take place on Saturday 9th July at 10.30am after the morning Mass. Everyone is very welcome to come along to assist in this important task. Full equipment is provided.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and best wishes during my recent stay in hospital.

Special thanks to Father Tony, Linda Parkington and Ken Fisher and to John Harrison, who has kindly given me lifts to church. I am pleased to say that I have now made an excellent recovery.

Thank you, everyone.

Barbara Davis

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*St Augustine's Church Tonge Moor
and
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A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our 2022 Lenten appeal for the Additional Curates Society. We have been able to send £417.01 to the Society thanks to your greatly appreciated generosity.

If you still have a collecting box at home, please return it to us and we will ensure that all the additional donations are sent to the Society.

Ken Fisher

St Augustine's Tonge Moor
Thicketford Road, Bolton

Summer Fair



Refreshments

Games

STALLS

Raffle



Saturday 23rd July 2022

Opening by

Tonge with the Haulgh
Community Choir

1pm - 3pm



Entry 20p
Prize Draw

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Can you help man and/or provide items for stalls?

Lucky Jars (jars, wrapped sweets, small toys)

Wine & empty wine bottles (screw top)

Chocolate Tombola

General Tombola

Raffle

Cakes

Bric a Brac, Books, CDs and DVDs

Contributions towards refreshments

A box is at back of church for your items

Please support this major fundraising event



THE GOOD SAMARITAN!

The last Messy Church had us finding out about The Holy Trinity.

The next session has us finding out, who is our neighbour

Find out more

Saturday
16th July 2022
11am – 1pm



St Augustine's Parish Hall

- Whatever your age – come and enjoy being creative!
- Join us for games, crafts, and a short period of worship then a simple meal.
- There will be no charge although donations towards the costs are welcome!
- Children will need to be accompanied by an adult at all times.

There will not be a Messy Church in August. The next session will be

Saturday 17th September 2022, 11am – 1pm



For our meeting this month the film Victoria and Abdul will be shown on Saturday 16th July, then on Wednesday 20th July we will meet to discuss and reflect on the film.

For our July monthly collection we are asking for donations of toiletries to donate to MU to go into backpacks or to night stop.

MU Thursday Prayers are on 14th July at 12 noon and will be available via [Mothers' Union Manchester - You Tube](#)

Our Bolton Deanery Festival is at Christ Church Heaton on Wednesday 6th July at 7.30pm.

Elsie Hollinrake



Walsingham News

Our Cell members and others met for Mass and Devotions last month and enjoyed some social time afterwards. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

Planning for our special 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage at the end of August is afoot, so if there is anything you think it would be good

to include, please do mention it. It would be such a shame if we were back home and then somebody said, “We could have done...” There’s only one chance at it - no promises but we’ll do our best.

The Walsingham Festival in Exeter Cathedral in May was a huge success and the many photographs posted on-line showed a happy and well-supported event. It was the North- West’s turn on Saturday 18th June and a significant number from our parish enjoyed a wonderful day at Blackburn Cathedral. As the Image of Our Lady of Walsingham, very rarely away from the Holy House at the Shrine, was brought into the Cathedral to a resounding fanfare and Father Kevin Smith, the Shrine Administrator, beautifully led singing the Angelus we knew we were in for a real treat of a day. The Image was carried up the centre aisle to its place near the Altar and a warm and sincere welcome from Bishop Philip North followed.



The Pilgrimage Mass music which was sung by the Cathedral Youth Choir was stunning, and how wonderful it was to hear the congregation of several hundred sing with such joy and enthusiasm. In company of such numbers and gloriously familiar hymns, it’s pretty impossible to mumble your way through - forget who you’re standing near and just go for it!

I don’t think I imagined the sense of expectancy before the Homily. The Rev’d Carl Schaefer is always very good value and didn’t disappoint in either his humour or his thoughts on the signs which are there for us to read along the journeys in our lives. An inspired choice of preacher, who left us with plenty to think about and reflect upon. A lunch-break

followed and then a lecture on Mary among the Reformers for those who remained in the Cathedral's nave. Sprinkling and Ministries of Healing were on offer and how lovely to have Sprinkling with water from the well at the Shrine, administered back in the three ways we are used to, in the Cloister Garth - reflecting receiving the water in the fountain garden at Walsingham. The Ministries of Healing through the laying-on-of-hands and anointing were offered in the nave and then there was a chance to find friends and fellow pilgrims for a chat. Choral Evensong with Benediction brought things to a close and finally the Image was escorted out of the Cathedral Church.

How fortunate we were to have one of the Regional Festivals in this Jubilee year for the Shrine so close to home. Some pilgrims had travelled considerable distances, including Guardians and members of the Order of Our Lady of Walsingham, as well as Keith Tuck, the Pilgrim Engagement Officer with a 'Pop-up shop', and Caroline Ward, the Director of Education, with resources for the younger pilgrims. All our party agreed it had been a wonderfully uplifting day.

Back at home - congratulations to our Cell members who have recently celebrated significant wedding anniversaries. Fr David and Lilian, their Diamond, and David and Ruth, their Ruby.

Finally, a reminder that the final balance for our Parish pilgrimage is due at the end of July - before, if you are so inclined!

Linda Parkington

My invitation to Buckingham Palace

Some time ago, I believe I was recommended for an award in the Honours List for services to church music after service of about 60 years in that role. I am most grateful to those who submitted that application.

I heard nothing further from those responsible for making the awards decision, but much more recently Liz and I were honoured to be invited to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 25th May.

As the occasion drew nearer, I felt obliged to buy a new suit, shirt and tie, whilst Liz obtained a lovely fascinator, which perfectly matched her hair. I was a little surprised that she did not feel it necessary to purchase a complete new outfit!

We travelled by train to London (I thought on this occasion first class was appropriate) and stayed a very acceptable Premier Inn hotel in the old County Hall, just opposite the Houses of Parliament.

We set off from the hotel dressed to the nines and were fortunate to meet another couple going to the same occasion. I felt slightly underdressed - he was wearing a full morning suit and top hat!

We duly arrived by taxi at Buckingham Palace. I had been determined to ensure that we entered by the front gates, passing the crowds of onlookers. However, because of the arrangements for the Pageant, the front was closed to the public and we had to sneak in through a rear garden gate. I was slightly surprised by the fact that there were only minimal security checks. Perhaps it was the fact that we each had a named yellow Admission Card.



On passing through the gates, it became immediately apparent how extensive the grounds were. We had to walk a fair distance until the path opened on to the lawn at the rear of the palace and we could see a vast number of our fellow invitees.

There were two military bands playing (not at the same time!) and in the distance we could see the large tea tent. Little did we realise that to reach the tent we would have to pass the thousands who were already positioned, several deep, to catch a glimpse of members of the royal family. We never did make it to the tea, which was somewhat disappointing.



At 4p.m. there was a fanfare which announced the arrival of the royal family. On this occasion HRH Prince William and HRH the Duchess of Cambridge, together with HRH Prince Edward and HRH the Countess of Wessex, were representing the Queen and Princess Beatrice was also there.

Liz and I waited patiently in the crowd for over an hour. During that time it started to rain: fortunately we had umbrellas, so did not get too wet. It was very difficult to see because of the multitude of umbrellas and the fact that we were behind people who seemed much taller. I vainly raised my mobile to attempt some photos, but only succeeded in photographing people's

backs. Liz did rather better, capturing glimpses of William and Kate and a better one of Sophie.



I was intrigued by seeing the Yeomen of the Guard, resplendently dressed in full state uniform and providing a ceremonial escort to the royals. Also, there were a number of well-dressed men, apparently Gentlemen Ushers, who preceded the royals and obtained personal details of people to be subsequently introduced to the royals.

As 5p.m. approached, the royal family entered the royal tea tent. I was pleased to see that a young couple, who were in RAF uniform, had been noticed by the Gentlemen Ushers and they were invited into the tent to join the royals. Liz and I remained unnoticed!.



It was undoubtedly a very special occasion and a great honour. We completed the afternoon by leaving the palace by the front gates and were photographed accordingly.

The only downside was the problem of finding a taxi to take us to Euston, We did eventually find one, but because of the enormous amount of rush

hour traffic, it took over an hour to reach the station. We made it to the train on time, but it is worth noting that the old days of grand dining have now passed and I had to content myself with a cheese and ham toasty!

Mike Cheetham

MORE FROM PAST PARISH PAPERS

Continuing my search through past magazines, I found this in Feb. 1950. I wonder if anything ever came of it?

‘WITH AN AUDIBLE VOICE’

If we read carefully through the rubrics (directions) for Morning and Evening Prayer in the Prayer Book, we shall notice that constant reference is made to the ‘loud’ or ‘audible’ voice which is to be used by the priest.

But even a loud-voiced priest cannot solve the problem for those who are hard of hearing and only those who are deaf know what a difference it makes to be able to hear a sermon or prayers clearly with the aid of a mechanical device.

It has often been suggested that install in some of the pews earphones such as are available in some cinemas. We are anxious to do this and we hope to be able to have this valuable ‘deaf-aid’ system working before long. It will cost between £30 and £40.

*In March 1950 we read: **CONFIRMATION***

Sixty-four candidates – 23 adults and 41 children – were presented to the Bishop to be Confirmed by him on S. Matthias’s Day, Feb 24.

A wonderful number but it made me think of the logistics of preparing the 64 candidates and organizing them on the day...

*In September 1950 we read: **CRI DE COEUR***

As this is written, the outlook is very dark and the editorial mind is somewhat eclipsed. For a very simple reason – that despite repeated appeals, the various organizations do not send in details of time, places, and prices, etc., of events that are to take place. He has to compile the magazine with the aid of a defective memory, recollections of snatches of conversations on buses, a telephone and a limited imagination. And

then he has to endure countless remarks such as, 'Oh! But it wasn't in the magazine.'

But of course now it's so much easier by e-mail...

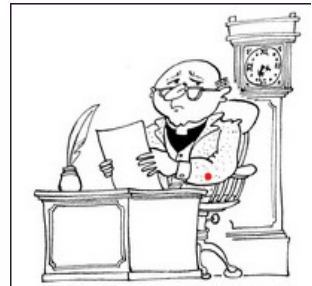
And in November 1950 we read about the circulation of the magazine: The magazine at present has a circulation of 850 per month, although its readers run into thousands. The printers will soon be printing the covers for the next year's magazines and so they need the numbers required. Can we 'bounce' the circulation to 1,000 a month?

Linda Parkington

On why our church is safe from vandals

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear nephew Darren,



I was sorry to hear that your church was broken into last week. Since your sound system rivals that of any concert hall and your projection equipment would put most cinemas to shame, it is not surprising that is what they had their sights on. Your bemusement that they never touched your library of recordings is less understandable. I would have thought that few thieves would have been much interested in renditions of 'Shine Jesus, Shine' and other such artistic gems.

It may have been an act of Christian charity to put a sign outside saying 'Thieves will be forgiven', although since they took this as an invitation to burgle your house the following evening, I hope your forgiveness still operates. Especially as they also stole your favourite guitar.

Last year, we had unwelcome visitors. The thieves must have spent several hours breaking down the church's 400-year-old oak door to get in. Shame about that. Had they bothered to try the handle, they would have discovered that we never lock the church anyway.

Since we have yet to leap forward into the 19th century, there was little to attract them. Had they removed the marble sarcophagi of the Earls of Lincombe, the money they may have made wouldn't even have paid for the subsequent hernia operations. Inevitably, there was general outrage that the poor box had been broken into - although as far as I can remember, for many years it had contained nothing more than an old three-penny piece and a button.

For many of our congregation, this represented the End of Civilisation as We Know It. Calls were made to have a permanent armed guard on the premises, and a few even speculated about the possibility of having strategically placed land mines about the place. Mrs Beaufort offered to lend us her fierce Pekingese, and Colonel Beauchamp generously offered us his collection of man traps.

Perhaps our thieves may be forgiven their crime, but until that three-penny piece and button are returned, it will not be forgotten.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

May 26th Ivy Murphy (88)

PARISH DATES

SUN	3rd	12.15pm: Holy Baptism
Mon	4th	7.30pm: Prayer/Bible Study group
Tue	5th	Home Communion in the area 7.00pm: PCC Standing Committee
Wed	6th	12.00pm: Live-stream of Centenary Mass from Walsingham (tbc) Mothers' Union Festival at Christ Church, Heaton
Sat	9th	10.30am: Litter picking in the parish (meet in the Parish Hall) 4.00pm: Holy Matrimony
Mon	11th	1.30pm: Crafts Afternoon (Parish Hall)
Sat	16th	11.00am: Messy Church (until 1.00pm) Film Afternoon 7.00pm: Tonge & The Haulgh Community Choir concert (St Augustine's)
SUN	17th	Interment of Ashes (Doris Smith RIP - following 10.30am mass) 6.30pm: Evensong & Benediction
Mon	18th	1.30pm: Prayer/Bible Study group
Tue	19th	7.30pm: Mass and PCC
Wed	20th	Mothers' Union mass and meeting
Sat	23rd	1.00pm: Summer Fair (until 3.00pm) 3.30pm: Holy Matrimony
SUN	24th	12.15pm: Holy Baptism 3.00pm: Marriage Preparation class 4.00pm: Marriage Preparation class
Tue	26th	7.30pm: Mass and Devotions (Walsingham Cell)
Wed	27th	7.00pm: Church Together in Tonge Moor (via Zoom)

Calendar and Intentions for July 2022

Fri	1	feria: Those preparing for Holy Baptism
Sat	2	feria: St Matthew, Little Lever, its priests and people
SUN	3	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God
Mon	4	feria: A greater appreciation of the riches of the Bible
Tue	5	feria: Those receiving the Blessed Sacrament in their homes this month
Wed	6	feria: The repose of the soul of Alfred Hope Patten
Thu	7	feria: Our local Councillors and Borough officials
Fri	8	feria: The General Synod, meeting today
Sat	9	feria: Those couples being married in the parish this month
SUN	10	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God
Mon	11	S BENEDICT: Europe
Tue	12	feria: The work of Social Services
Wed	13	feria: The Bishop of Beverley, and all Bishops of The Society
Thu	14	John Keble: All parishes under the patronage of Keble College
Fri	15	S Bonaventure: Religious Communities
Sat	16	feria: Those attending our Messy Church today
SUN	17	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God
Mon	18	feria: Religious communities and vocations to the religious life
Tue	19	feria: Our PCC and Church officers
Wed	20	feria: Bolton Deanery, its churches and congregations
Thu	21	feria: The success of our Summer Fair on Saturday
Fri	22	S MARY MAGDALEN: Those preparing for Baptism
Sat	23	S BRIDGET OF SWEDEN: the UK's relationship with the EU
SUN	24	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God
Mon	25	S JAMES: Evangelism
Tue	26	S Joachim and S Anne, parents of BVM: The Christian upbringing of children
Wed	27	feria: The Churches Together in Tonge Moor
Thu	28	feria: The fire, police and ambulance services
Fri	29	S Martha: The work and mission of the Mother's Union
Sat	30	feria: The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and its Priests Associate
SUN	31	18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God

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