

# **PARISH MAGAZINE**

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**St. Augustine and St. Aidan  
Tonge Moor and Hall i' th' Wood**

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*This month the Queen makes history by celebrating her Platinum Jubilee. 70 years in the job!*

*We join with millions across Britain and the Commonwealth who thank God for Queen Elizabeth's dedication, wisdom, and steadfastness over the past seven decades.*

*The world has changed so much since 1952. But through it all, our Queen has kept her long-ago promise to the British people, to serve them with all her heart and might. And, because the Queen is a Christian, we know that God has honoured her and helped her in her role.*

*Truly, God has blessed Queen Elizabeth II, and we thank Him for her.*



Dear friends

In my Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on May 15th, I referred to the increasing shortage of priests in the Church of England. In part, this is due to the bulge of priests born in the late-50s who are coming up for retirement: fewer new priests are being ordained than are retiring, thus the national shortage.

Furthermore, the Diocese of Manchester, in common with other dioceses, is struggling financially, a situation made worse by the prohibition of communal worship during the pandemic lockdowns and the resultant lack of income from collections, which go towards paying for clergy.

Many clergy throughout the Church of England have responsibility for more than one parish - some have more than a dozen! Society parishes such as ours are not immune from the effects of the shortage of clergy, and some of our priests already have the care of multiple parishes.

The nearest Society parish to Tonge Moor is St Matthew's, Little Lever, and it has been intimated for some time that it would be extremely unlikely that either parish would be granted its own priest without him having another role or responsibility.

Because of this, there has been an informal understanding between St Matthew's parish priest, Fr John Wiseman, and I that when one of us leaves or retires, the other will take on responsibility for his parish. Fr John has announced that he is to retire in November, so (subject to more formal conversations taking place) it is likely that I will be looking after St Little Lever as well as Tonge Moor.

This will necessitate some changes in both parishes, not least as I cannot be in two places at once. We will need to reconsider our mass times, and accept that I will have to split my time during the week between the two parishes.

In the meantime, it would be good for us to get to know each other, for example by issuing invitations to each other's events - and sharing in those events.

Please pray for the parishes of Tonge Moor and Little Lever, their priests and people, as we begin to work together to shape our shared futures.

With my prayers and best wishes

*Fr Tony*

## **CHURCH ELECTIONS**

Congratulations to Ruth Taylor, who was elected Churchwarden at our Meeting of Parishioners on Sunday 15th May, to Gill Browne-Townley who was elected to Deanery Synod, and to John Harrison, Elsie Hollinrake and David Taylor who were elected to the Parochial Church Council.

At its first meeting, which followed immediately afterwards, the PCC appointed John Harrison, Linda Parkington, Ken Fisher and Barbara Davis as Sidespeople and Fr David Schofield an Assistant Sidesman. Charles Nzeh, was admitted to the Electoral Roll after the APCM and will be appointed a Sidesman at the PCC's meeting on Tuesday 31st May.

All Churchwardens are Officers of the Bishop, and are required to attend an Archdeacon's Visitation to be admitted to Office: likewise Sidespeople, who are the Churchwardens' assistants. The nearest Visitation is at St Peter's Bolton on Wednesday 15th June at 7.30pm. If any Sidespeople cannot attend this (the last in the series) alternative dates and venues are pinned to the church door.

*Fr Tony*

## **IRONMAN**

The Iron Man UK competition is coming to Bolton again at the beginning of July, and road closures will be put into effect on Sunday 3rd July. However, access to both our churches can be gained as follows:

Access to St Aidan's will not be affected except from the areas to the south of Thicketford Road. Travel westwards will not be affected, and there will be a crossing point on Thicketford Road at Tonge Moor Road to allow travel northwards up Tonge Moor

Road. The return journey would be via Harwood and New Lane and Winchester Way.

Access to St Augustine's can be gained from the north either via Harwood and New Lane/Winchester Way or coming down the A666 to Bradford Street/Bury Road and up Ainsworth Lane.

For the map showing road closures, Google "ironman 2022 bolton town centre", click on "IRONMAN UK - course" and then "Traffic Impact".

*Fr Tony*

### **ONE VOLUNTEER IS WORTH....**

During the pandemic, a number of roles were either put into abeyance or taken on by me, out of necessity, but now it is appropriate that they resume, or are taken on by others. The main one is the Friday Office, at which bookings are taken for weddings and baptisms. In the past this has been staffed by the Wardens, but Sidespeople (as their assistants) or any other lay volunteers are just as capable of staffing the Friday Office. Full training will be given, do not fear. Another role on offer is the washing of the small linen used at mass at St Augustine's: a small role, but an important one.

If you would be interested in either of these opportunities to help the parish, please have a word with me.

*Fr Tony*

## **100 CLUB NEWS**

The second draw of this term was in the Parish Hall on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

**First Prize Number 61 – Katherine Taylor - wins £25**

**Second Prize Number 102 – Sylvia Oliobi - wins £15**

**Third Prize Number 114 – Steve Jones - wins £10**

The third draw for this term will be on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 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.



**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2022**

**1pm – 3pm**

Can you help and provide any items for the stalls?

Lucky Jars (empty jam jars, wrapped sweets, small toys)

Wine & empty wine bottles (screw top)

Chocolate Tombola

General Tombola

Raffle

Cakes

Contributions towards refreshments

*A Box is at back of church for your items*

**CAN YOU SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS TO HELP ON THE  
DAY?**

***Please support this major fundraising event.***



## 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  
**6<sup>th</sup> June 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, 4<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30 after the morning Mass. Everyone is very welcome to come along to assist in this important task. Full equipment is provided.

## BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP

We begin and end each meeting with a prayer, read a chosen chapter of the Bible and then simply share our feelings related to the passage. As with all spiritual feelings, one quickly becomes attuned to the calm atmosphere created by openly sharing our thoughts and feelings related to God's words and the message this invokes during the study.

We warmly invite anyone looking for peace of mind and a desire to come closer to the words of the Bible. Please remember the group in your daily prayers, and we hope that God will fill you with a desire to attend.

We meet fortnightly, alternating between the evening or afternoons. Our next meeting will be on 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm, meeting in the Parish Hall. We will be looking at James chapter 5. The following meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm when we will be discussing our favourite psalm, or part of a psalm.

*David Morley*



Last month The Bolton Deanery MU 'Getting to know you' afternoon tea was a great success, with only one church from the Deanery not represented.

Our meeting this month will be a bake off at The Platinum Jubilee Celebration on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

For our June monthly collection we are asking for donations of cakes which we can then give to Messy Church.

Thank you to everyone who donated cleaning items for The Beeches last month.

MU Thursday Prayers are on 9<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon and will be available via [Mothers' Union Manchester - You Tube](#)



## THE HOLY TRINITY!

The last Messy Church had us learning about Jesus The Good Shepherd.

The next session has us looking at The Holy Trinity

Find out more

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>  
June 2022  
11am – 1pm  
St Augustine's  
Parish Hall



- Whatever your age – come and enjoy being creative!
- Join us for arts, 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.

*Messy Church is a week earlier than normal, as there is the Walsingham Festival at Blackburn Cathedral on 18<sup>th</sup> June*

# St Augustine's Tonge Moor

Help Keiran Get to Uganda



Brunch on a Barm Sunday

Please Join us for your choice of Brunch on a Barm from a variety of options. Vegetarian options also available.



All proceeds to help raise funds for Keiran's trip to Uganda with the Fountain of Peace  
From £1.00 Per person

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022**  
Following 10:30am Mass

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **Forward In Faith Manchester**

St Margaret's, Chapel Road,  
Hollinwood,  
OL8 4QQ.

Thursday 9th June 2022  
beginning with Mass at 7.30pm,  
followed by the AGM and a buffet.

*It would be great to have a good representation  
from our parish at the AGM.*

To help with catering, please let Linda  
Parkington know if you are hoping to attend.

## **QUIET DAY**

### **Forward in Faith, Manchester**

St Hilda's,  
Beaufort Street, Prestwich  
M25 1EX

Saturday 25th June 2022  
10.00am to 3.30pm

Led by Fr David Sutton

Please bring your own lunch,  
tea / coffee provided.

A contribution of £5 is asked  
towards the cost of the day.

To help with planning, please let Linda Parkington  
know if you are hoping to attend.



## WALSINGHAM NEWS

The 2022 Pilgrimage season at the Shrine has got off to a good start. Having experienced it several times before, for me the week-end of Low Sunday always seems to have that 'new term' feeling of excitement and anticipation - particularly so this year as confidence with being away from home, travelling and being with others is growing. It is a great joy, if you are fortunate enough, to be part of the first Wednesday Candlelight Procession of the Image of Our Lady of Walsingham and the Sunday afternoon Procession of the Blessed Sacrament of the year. Many parish groups will be making their way to England's Nazareth in the coming months, a good number of whom haven't been since 2019. The Shrine is being very pro-active with developing a network of Cell contacts to keep us all in touch more and also with contacting parishes which haven't been to the Shrine in recent years. The Festival at Exeter Cathedral at the end of May was a great success and of course we are eagerly anticipating the Festival at Blackburn Cathedral on 18<sup>th</sup> June. We still have tickets and places on our coach so if you know someone who doesn't know much about Walsingham and all it stands for, why not invite them along and let them find out?

Our own pilgrims have now paid their 2<sup>nd</sup> deposit and filled in their accommodation form so we know the weeks until the end of August are ticking down! A gentle reminder that the balance is due by the end of July.

Huge thanks to Fr Tony and Pam for sharing the drive, which allowed a small group of us to travel down to the National Day Pilgrimage on the first Monday in May. We joined Ken, who was already down there; Mary who lives locally and joins us during our visit in August and Sheila from Chesterfield (who along with her husband Andy and Molly their dog) has joined us in recent

years, too. The weather was absolutely brilliant and it was wonderful to see so many pilgrims there after the 2020 and 2021 gaps. I have it on the best of authority (because I asked the right person!) that between 1,500 and 2,000 pilgrims made it. In the words of the hymn, 'Lo, from the North they come, from East and West and South.' (Note to Fr Tony - we don't seem to have sung that for a while...) Bishop Philip's homily was outstanding and inspiring (when isn't it?) and worth every moment of the long day.



Sr Angela is 80 at the beginning of this month and although the Sisters celebrate Profession Anniversaries, being that significant age is rather special. A card was sent from us all, with our love, prayers and best wishes. Sr Carol recently attended a conference with other Religious to talk about spreading the Gospel in a digital age. I'm part of a group of Associates of the Priory who 'meet' through Zoom every Friday evening and also in St Margaret's Associates Reflecting Together (SMART) which is a Facebook Group, both led by Sr Carol. She may wear a habit and veil and be part of a 'Traditional Anglican Community' formed in the 1850's but there are aspects of her life which are very 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

Not Walsingham but with a pilgrimage theme, several of us went to Ladyewell, near Preston. Again, a two year gap since the last time and describing the conditions of the two years before that as 'inclement' would be an understatement. However it was well worth the wait, with glorious sunshine and a really enjoyable, spiritual day.

Our Walsingham Cell meets on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm for Mass and Rosary, followed by light refreshments. As always, this is open to everyone.

*Linda Parkington*

### “SOME THINGS DON’T CHANGE”

I have been searching for some specific information in our old Parish Magazines but found all kinds of interesting snippets along the way. The following extracts are from the 1947 April & May editions.

In the Vicar’s Letter, Fr Kenneth Child wrote

*‘Well, what has this Lent meant to you? This year it coincided with a weather crisis, a fuel crisis, a food crisis and an economic crisis’.*

Rising costs aren’t new as in the same edition appeared:

#### THE PARISH MAGAZINE

Cost of Printing	1944	1945	1946
	£67	£69	£100

Cost of the magazine 2d. Consider paying 2/- for the year.

The following month offered:

#### LENT BOXES

*‘Thirty per cent still not returned. Shame on you that you should have to be reminded as late as the month of May!’*

#### ANNUAL ‘SERMONS’ – TRINITY SUNDAY

7.15 Low Mass

8.0 Low Mass

9.15 Parish Mass

10.45 Solemn High Mass

1.30 Procession of Witness

3.0 Family Service

6.0 Organ Recital by Mr. Mather

6.30 Solemn Evensong, Procession & Devotions

Do remember that there was a Clergy team back then!

*Linda Parkington*



## **G. A. W. - Writer, Poet and Mystic**

She is like a crisp, dry leaf in Autumn,  
Curled towards it's dying day,  
Curled gently, as in the womb; towards death  
Or is it birth again - when cold and crushed  
It joins the earth to make the circle whole?  
But what vitality the bud has known!  
What surge of spring sap rising to unfold!  
The pulse of summer throbbed through these thin veins  
And lustrous halo of completeness wore,  
This literary being, still beautiful in fading autumn tone.  
Now gilded with the wisdom of the years and  
Cleansing hoar frost touch of special blessing, waits.  
No buffeting or breeze can harm this fragile thing  
No soaring wind unnerve the central core.  
The fearful equinoxal gales can't touch the ancient tree  
Nor savage, desperate flow of storm uproot the vigorous growth  
So spirit firm - entrenched, with rocklike force stands fast.  
Towards that splendid day the body blows, and leaf is tossed.

*Jocelyn Darbyshire*

OLD AGE COMES AT A  
BAD TIME!  
WHEN YOU FINALLY  
KNOW EVERYTHING,  
YOU START TO FORGET  
EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.

## Beware all donations!

The Rectory  
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

This has been an unusual month: we have moved from hysterical excitement to deep disappointment within the space of days.



For many years, our vestry has displayed an oil painting generously donated by the Dowager Duchess of Stansby – given to us, I suspect, because her son, the tenth Duke, would not allow it in his house. It was supposed to depict Daniel in the lions' den, although I always thought it looked more like a prospective adopter visiting a dog rescue centre. The Dowager was less than pleased when it wasn't made the centrepiece in the sanctuary, but we managed to persuade her that her exceptional work of art would be safer from theft if locked away.

Then - our cleaner happened to knock it off the wall. If it had landed in her bucket of disinfectant and been totally destroyed, it would have been a sadness I suspect I could have learned to bear. But something more interesting happened. Some of the Dowager's oil was chipped off – to reveal a painting underneath of what looked like a cherub.

The cleaner told the churchwarden, who instructed her not to tell anyone about the find. This inevitably meant that, within the hour, the entire parish knew of the discovery of what had already been transformed into a priceless pre-Raphaelite treasure. Our churchwarden has yet to learn the fact that if you tell someone something in complete confidence, they assume it means they can only tell one other person at a time.

By evening, mutually opposed camps had already formed. Miss Timmins wanted the treasure to be placed in a side chapel, as a shrine, preferably with candles permanently burning beside it. She envisaged St James the Least of All becoming a place of pilgrimage, and that this yet-to-be revealed cherub may work miracles of healing. She was already asking for opinions about where the car park should be built to cater for the thousands of tourists who would soon be flocking here. Another group wanted to sell it as soon as possible and use the money to repair our church tower. A third group insisted the fortune it would raise be given to African missionaries. Meanwhile, the tenth Duke was consulting his solicitors to see how he might get the canvas back to his castle.

We compromised by getting the thing X-rayed, to see what work of art lay underneath. It turned out to be by a local artist who had painted an advert for the village pharmacist to sell his own brand of gripe water.

Shrines, towers and good deeds were quietly forgotten and the last we heard of the tenth Duke was that he was consulting a second set of solicitors to see if he can get out of paying the first set for the work that they had done to retrieve the painting.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

# FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

## HOLY BAPTISM

May 1st	Noah David Warburton
	Myles Eardley
22nd	Eric Paul Siddall

## PARISH DATES

Sat	4th	Litter Picking in the area (from 10.30am)
Mon	6th	7.30pm: Prayer/Study Group (Parish Hall)
Thur	9th	7.30pm: Forward in Faith AGM, St Margaret, Hollinwood
Sat	11th	9.30pm Diocesan Synod
		11.00am-1.00pm: Messy Church
SUN	12th	6.30pm: Evensong & Benediction
Mon	13th	1.30pm: Crafts afternoon
Wed	15th	7.30pm: Archdeacon's Visitation (Bolton Parish Church)
Sat	18th	Walsingham Regional Festival at Blackburn Cathedral
SUN	19th	3.00pm: Baptism Preparation Class
Mon	20th	1.30pm: Prayer/Bible Study
Tue	21st	7.30pm: Mass and Rosary
Thur	23rd	12.30pm: Holy Matrimony
Sat	25th	10.00am: Society Quiet Day, St Hilda, Prestwich
Mon	27th	1.30pm: Crafts afternoon

## Calendar and Intentions for June 2022

Wed	1	S Justin: Those persecuted for their faith
Thu	2	feria: Her Majesty the Queen
Fri	3	Ss Charles Lwanga and his Companions: The Church in Africa
Sat	4	feria: Those who care for the well-being of our parishioners
<b>SUN</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>PENTECOST: The Parish and the People of God</b>
Mon	6	Mary, Mother of the Church: The Bishop of Burnley, and all Bishops of The Society
Tue	7	feria: Those receiving the Blessed Sacrament in their homes this month
Wed	8	feria: Bolton Deanery, its churches and congregations
Thu	9	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest: All those preparing for ordination to the Sacred Ministry
Fri	10	feria: The work of The Society and Forward in Faith
Sat	11	S Barnabas: Pioneer and Missionary priests
<b>SUN</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY: The Parish and the People of God</b>
Mon	13	S Antony of Padua: All who preach the Word of God
Tue	14	feria: The Bishop of Manchester and his staff
Wed	15	feria: Our Churchwarden, Church officers and all members of the PCC
Thu	16	feria: Our local Councillors and Borough officials
Fri	17	feria: Confessors and their penitents
Sat	18	feria: The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and its Priests Associate
<b>SUN</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI: The Parish and the People of God</b>
Mon	20	S Alban: The Church in England
Tue	21	S Aloysius Gonzaga: All who care for those suffering from Covid
Wed	22	<b>SS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE:</b>
Thu	23	feria: Those preparing for Holy Matrimony in the parish
Fri	24	<b>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS: The Parish and the People of God</b>
Sat	25	The Immaculate Heart of Mary: The Parish and the People of God
<b>SUN</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God</b>
Mon	27	feria: The work of Social Services
Tue	28	S Irenaeus: For all peacemakers
Wed	29	<b>SS PETER AND PAUL: The Parish and the People of God</b>
Thu	30	feria: The Churches Together in Tonge Moor

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