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Tonge Moor and Hall i' th' Wood**

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Dear friends

The month of May is Mary's month, and a number of events associated with Mary take place during this month. At the very end of May we commemorate the Visitation of Our Lady to Elizabeth, her kinswoman, who - despite her "advanced years" - was six months pregnant with John the Baptist.

Right at the start in the month some of us are travelling to Our Lady's shrine at Walsingham for the day-long National Pilgrimage, joining pilgrims from all over Britain who are gathering in Norfolk to honour the Mother of the Lord. On the 14th May there is the more local pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady at lovely Ladyewell, just outside Preston, jointly organised by the Society of Mary and Forward in Faith. And for good measure, the image of Our Lady of Walsingham is travelling to Blackburn Cathedral for the Walsingham Regional Festival being held there on June 18th: this is a ticket-only event, and tickets have been obtained by the parish for all those who would wish to go.

Both the National and Ladyewell pilgrimages have been brought forward this year from their usual places in the calendar due to the special celebrations taking place at the beginning of June to celebrate the Queen's 70 years on the throne.

I do not expect every reader of this *Parish Paper* to be a monarchist, but I am sure that every reasonable person will be able to agree that she has exercised her role throughout these 70 years with dignity, wisdom and impartiality, service underpinned and informed by her Christian faith, unashamedly held.

It is right that the nation should mark and honour such devoted and selfless service, and our own social event in honour of such

an historic and record-breaking length of service is planned to be on Saturday 4th June.

As I have already mentioned, the Queen's understanding of service is informed by her Christian faith, which she refers to during each Christmas Address and on many other occasions, too. To what extent is our own service, our own work, our own life, informed by *our* Christian faith? I am sure we all hope that it is, but how can we be sure that it is?

Quite simply, it is by regular prayer, leaving time for God to speak to us as well as us speaking to God, so that He is able to inform our hearts and minds; by regularly receiving the Sacraments of the New Covenant so that we are nourished with Christ himself, with food for eternal life, nourishing ourselves for Christ's work; and by consciously taking advantage of the opportunities presented to us to show kindness and compassion, to offer forgiveness, and exercise humility.

In all these ways we allow God's Holy Spirit to work in and through us, moulding us more into the image of Jesus Christ. Our Christian faith isn't something we collect with our mass sheet and hymn book on a Sunday morning and put down with them after the service: it remains with us throughout the week. As we continue to rejoice in the Easter season, let us also rejoice in the Easter promise of New Life, and allow our Christian faith to inform every part of our lives, so that our service of those around us is valued every bit as much as is her Majesty's.

With my love and prayers

Fr Tony

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This important annual event will take place at St Augustine's on Sunday 15th May directly after the 10.30am Sung Mass, and is when the laity elect their Churchwardens and representatives on the Parochial Church Council. It is important that all members of our congregations attend to cast their vote.

Just as important is for each member of the church family to consider standing for election, whether as a church warden or member of the PCC. The PCC's role includes co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, and in so doing is channelling the teaching of the Bible into the life of the parish.

If you would like to share in this mission and contribute to it as a member of the PCC, please seriously and prayerfully consider standing. A Nomination Form is at the back of church.

As well as a ministry to the wider parish, the worshippers at our two churches also have a part to play in the wider Church, most immediately with other parishes in the Deanery. We currently have a vacancy for a representative on the Deanery Synod, who would be an *ex-officio* member of the PCC. If you would like to serve as one of our 3 representatives on Bolton Deanery Synod, please stand for election by putting your name on the Nomination Form at the back of church.

Closer to home, each church has a team of Sidespeople who greet worshippers and assist the Church Wardens in the exercise of their duties. Sidespeople informally morphed into Welcomers during the height of the pandemic, and part of that role continues in showing latecomers, especially, where in the church to sit in

order to maintain current social distancing and avoid them sitting in seats previously occupied by those in Sunday School) for very-late-comers!). If you would like to help in this way, please sign the appropriate list at the back of church: Sidespeople will be appointed by the PCC at its first meeting.

Fr Tony

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION

This annual event is the one at which Church Wardens and Sidespeople are formally admitted to their respective Offices. This year's for the Bolton Deanery is to be held at Bolton Parish Church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th June: a few other dates are available if this is inconvenient. In previous years PCCs have also been invited, to support their Church Wardens and Sidespeople, and our own PCC members are welcome to attend.

Fr Tony

WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP

The Wednesday Morning Coffee Shop has been an important and much-valued ministry offered by St Augustine's to the wider parish. Begun and run for many years by Margaret and John Harrison, it was suspended during the pandemic lockdowns and John thought the time appropriate hand over the mantle to others.

We would very much like to resume the Coffee Shop but need a group of volunteers to work alongside June Aspinall, who has kindly offered to oversee it. If you would like to help both the

church and the community in this way please have a word with either me or June.

Fr Tony

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

St Augustine's Patronal Festival on Friday 27th May will be celebrated with a Sung Mass at 7.30pm. Everybody is encouraged to come along to honour the parish's principal patron in the context of the Eucharist, obeying the Lord's command to "do this in remembrance of me", and to welcome our guests and friends who will be joining us from other parishes.

Coming a week before our planned Platinum Jubilee, we are asking a special effort for the catering for both events. Please do respond generously to appeals for help both with food itself and with funds to purchase food. Thank you.

Fr Tony



Congratulations and all our best wishes to Fr David & Lilian Schofield who celebrate their Diamond wedding on Thursday 2nd June 2022

This special couple were married at St Aidan's church 2nd June 1962.

100 CLUB NEWS

The first draw of this new term was in the Parish Hall on
Sunday 17th April 2022.

First Prize Number 45 - Colin Johnson - wins £25

Second Prize Number 13 - Jayne Butler - wins £15

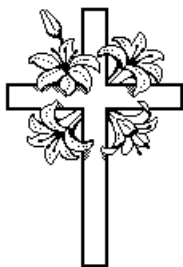
Third Prize Number 70 - Barbara Davis - wins £10

The second draw for this term will be on Sunday 1st May 2022,
in the Parish Hall

It is now time to renew your number/s.

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.



Grand Easter Draw

Thank you so much to those who donated prizes and bought & sold tickets for the 2022 Grand Easter Draw, this was drawn after the 10.30 Mass on Easter Day 17th April. A profit

of £253 was made.

	Prize	Ticket	Name
1	£100 Cash	519	Enid Butler
2	1l Bottle of Grouse Whisky	211	Dougie Smith
3	Large Easter Egg	557	Marie Stamp
4	Bottle Montagne Saint Emilion	194	Joyce Harwood
5	Box Milk Tray	543	Duxbury
6	Bottle of Merlot	270	Louise
7	Avon Far Away toiletries	277	Steve Krupp
8	Mug with mini eggs	329	Fr David
9	Kit Kat Easter Egg	458	Rainer Carr
10	Banrock Station Red Wine	481	Colin Johnson
11	Jigsaw	293	Steven Sharples
12	Mateus Rose Wine	41	Linda Parkington
13	Bottle of Shiraz	97	Jenny Hunt

14	Tin of Quality Street	386	Howard c/o Ruth
15	Bottle of British Rose Gin	289	Sandra Anderson
16	Yardley Lavender toiletries	580	Adam Taylor
17	Silver Bay Red Wine	40	Simon Paine
18	Tub of Quality Street	140	James Schofield
19	Shower Gel & Bunny	479	Colin Johnson
20	Bottle of Merlot	459	Adam Carr
21	Rose Sparkling Wine	497	J Butler
22	Box Milk Tray	582	Adam Taylor
23	Mug with mini eggs	400	Chris c/o Ruth
24	Bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon	360	Barbara Wild
25	Shower Gel & Bunny	324	Maureen Blackburn
26	Bottle of Chardonnay	335	Jackie Schofield
27	Fruity Rose Wine	38	Simon Paine
28	Bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon	210	Sandra Smith
29	Hotter Umbrella & Bag	275	Brenda Sherlock
30	Bottle of Bombay Sapphire Gin	292	Steven Sharples



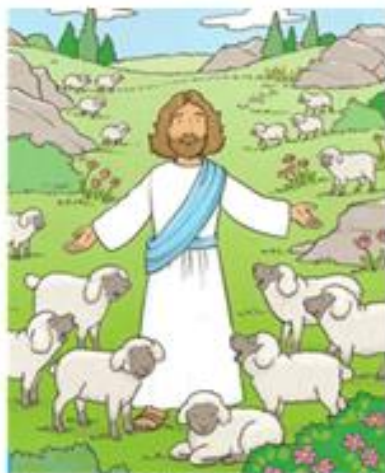
THE GOOD SHEPHERD!

The last Messy Church had Jesus entering Jerusalem riding a donkey.

The next session sees Jesus as The Good Shepherd

Find out more

**Saturday 21st
May 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.

Platinum Jubilee



Saturday 4th June 2022 2pm - 5pm

St Augustine's Parish Hall



Sing-a-long

Optional Fancy Dress

Celebrating 70 years reign

Raffle



Quiz

Tickets £2.50 (£1 for accompanied children)
including Picnic Afternoon Tea

From Linda Parkington or Elsie Hollinrake



This month the Bolton Deanery Afternoon Tea is in St. Augustine's Parish Hall on Saturday 21st May from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. We have decided that this will be our M.U. May meeting. Any members who will be attending please let me know so that I can inform the Deanery of numbers for 7th May.

Going forward we will be collecting items to support different projects each month. A box is at the back of church to place your items in. During May we are collecting cleaning items for The Beeches.

Advance notice our June meeting will be held as part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebration on Saturday 4th June when we will have a Bake Off .

There will be craft afternoons on Mondays 9th, 16th and 30th starting at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall

Bible study group

Fortnightly Bible study meetings are held in the Parish Hall. The meetings alternate between afternoon and evening meetings to enable those who cannot attend in the afternoon to do so in the evening. The meetings last for approximately one hour. The programme to early July is below -

Day/dates	Start times	Topics
Monday, 9 May	7.30 pm	The letter of James and its relevance today
Monday, 23 May	1.30 pm	
Monday, 6 June	7.30 pm	
Monday, 20 June	1.30 pm	My favourite psalm and what it says to me
Monday, 4 July	7.30 pm	

Collectively, we shall decide upon the next topics at our meeting on 20 June.

Each meeting begins and ends with a prayer and those who feel able to discuss the topics are encouraged to do so. However, nobody should feel they have to contribute; they can think about the topics and listen to what other people say. Incidentally, we also find time for coffee and tea!

This study group is fulfilling a greatly expressed need for regular meetings to explore God's word and its meaning in the 21st century.

Please join us. We should love to see you and you will be most welcome.

A gifted writer of popular hymns -

No doubt you, like me, have noticed the name 'Mrs C F Alexander' at the end of many popular hymns. My internet research for our recently formed Bible-study group that was discussing favourite hymns revealed that, amazingly, she was the author of

approximately 400 hymns. These include "All things bright and beautiful", "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult", "Once in Royal David's city" and "There is a green hill far away". Although Mrs Alexander wrote many so-called 'elaborate' hymns, she is best known and remembered as a skilled writer of hymns for children.

Cecil Frances Alexander was born in Dublin in 1818 and died in Londonderry in 1895 at the age of 77. She married the Rt Revd. William Alexander in 1850 and they had four children. Her husband subsequently became head of the Anglican Church in Ireland.

Mrs Alexander was, clearly, an immensely energetic and highly considerate woman who lived out her Christian faith in very practical ways. In addition to her prolific writing of hymns and poems, she frequently travelled considerable distances to offer solace and encouragement to sick and poor people. She took food, clothes and medication to them to alleviate their suffering and hardship. Mrs Alexander and her sister also established a specialist school for deaf people.

Apparently, the Oxford Movement and John Keble's highly acclaimed and time-honoured book "Christian Year" had a profound influence on Mrs Alexander's Christian philosophy and on her hymn and poetry writing.

Have you considered joining us for an hour, or so, each fortnight to focus on the Word of God? We should love to see you. You will find information about the Bible-study meetings in the Parish Magazine and on the Mass Sheet.

Ken Fisher

Who is the Patron Saint of Chiropodists?

Don't know?

It's Saint Ann - because

"Ann did those feet in ancient times"!

1st May: May Day and unbridled merriment

May is the month when the ancient pagans used to get up to 'all sorts'! The Romans held their festival to honour the mother-goddess Maia, goddess of nature and growth. (May is named after her.) The early Celts celebrated the feast of Beltane, in honour of the sun god, Beli.

For centuries in 'Olde England' the people went mad in May. After the hardship of winter, and hunger of early Spring, May was a time of indulgence. One Philip Stubbes, writing in 1583, was scandalised: 'for what kissing and bussing, what smooching and slabbering one of another, is not practised?'

Henry VIII went 'maying' on many occasions. Then folk would stay out all night in the dark rain-warm thickets and return in the morning for dancing on the green around the May pole, archery, vaulting, wrestling, and evening bonfires.

The Protestant reformers took a strong stand against May Day, and in 1644 May Day was abolished altogether. Many May poles came down - only to go up again at the Restoration, when the first May Day of King Charles's reign was 'the happiest Mayday that hath been many a year in England', according to Pepys.

May Day to most people today brings vague folk memories of a young Queen of the May decorated with garlands and streamers and flowers, a May Pole to weave, Morris dancing, and the intricacies of well dressing at Tissington in Derbyshire.

May Day is a medley of natural themes such as sunrise, the advent of summer, growth in nature, and - since 1833 - Robert Owen's vision of a millennium in the future, beginning on May Day, when there would be no more poverty, injustice or cruelty, but harmony and friendship. This is why, in modern times, May Day has become Labour Day, which honours the dignity of workers. And until recently, in communist countries May Day processions were in honour of the achievement of Marxism.

There has never been a Christian content to May Day, but nevertheless there is the well-known 6am service on the top of Magdalen Tower at Oxford where a choir sings in the dawn of May Day.

An old May carol includes the lines:

*The life of man is but a span, it flourishes like a flower
We are here today and gone tomorrow - we are dead within an hour.*

There is something of a sadness about it, both in words and tune, as there is about all purely sensuous joy. For May Day is not Easter, and the joys it represents have always been earth-bound and fleeting.

22nd May: Rogation Sunday (Sunday before Ascension)

Rogation means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. It is appropriate in any emergency, war, plague, drought or foul weather.

The practice began with the Romans, who invoked the help of the gods Terminus and Ambarvalia. In those days a crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and driving away Winter with sticks. They wanted to rid the cornfields of evil.

In about 465 the Western world was suffering from earthquake, storm and epidemic. So Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the popular pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields on the days leading up to Ascension. With his decision, 'beating the bounds' became a Christian ceremonial.

Rogation-tide arrived in England early in the eighth century and became a fixed and perennial asking for help of the Christian God. On Rogation-tide, a little party would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. At the head marched the bishop or the priest, with a minor official bearing a Cross, and after them the people of the parish, with schoolboys and their master trailing along. Most of them held slender wands of willow.

At certain points along the route - at well-known landmarks like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the Cross halted, the party gathered about the priest, and a litany or rogation is said, imploring God to send seasonable wealth, keep the corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At some point beer and cheese would be waiting.

In the days when maps were neither common nor accurate, there was much to be said for 'beating the bounds.' It was still very common as late as the reign of Queen Victoria. Certainly, parish boundaries rarely came into dispute, for everyone knew them. (Do you know yours today?)

26th May: Ascension Day, 40 Days with the Risen Christ

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. These are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to His disciples, following His death and resurrection. (*Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.*)

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those 40 days. Jesus was seen by numerous of His disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged His disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent Him, He was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as His witnesses.

Surely the most tender, moving 'farewell' in history took place on Ascension Day. Luke records the story with great poignancy: 'When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands - and blessed them.'

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with His return to His Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless His disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years of public ministry and miracles - persecution and death - and resurrection! Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: 'While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven.' (Luke 24:50-1) He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: 'I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God...' (John 20:17)

The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and to have Him look on you with love. No

wonder then that Luke goes on: ‘they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.’ (Luke 24:52,53)

No wonder they praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! ‘I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.’ (John 14:2,3) In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth.

27th May: Augustine of Canterbury, apostle to the English

Augustine, a 6th century Italian prior, holds a unique place in British history. He became the ‘apostle to the English,’ although it was with great reluctance.

In 596 Augustine was chosen by Pope Gregory to head a mission of monks whom he wanted to send to evangelise the Anglo-Saxons. Augustine was not a bold man, and by the time he and his band of priests reached Gaul, they wished to turn back. But Gregory would not hear of it, and he bolstered their confidence by sending some more priests out to them, and by consecrating Augustine bishop. Finally, the little party, now 40 in number, landed at Ebbsfleet, Kent in 597.

It would be fascinating to have a detailed description of that first meeting between Bishop Augustine and Ethelbert, powerful King of Kent. Whatever Augustine said, it must have been effective, for Ethelbert granted the 40 priests permission to stay in a house

in Canterbury. He even allowed them to preach to his people, while he himself considered their message of Christianity. His wife, Bertha, was a Christian princess from Paris, but she does not seem to have played any role in the conversion of Kent.

By 601 Ethelbert and many of his people had been baptised Christians. The mission to the English was well underway. More clergy, some books, a few relics and several altar vessels arrived from Rome. At Gregory's wise urging, Augustine decided to consolidate the mission in one small area, rather than try and reach all of Kent. So, Augustine stayed in Canterbury, where he built the cathedral and founded a school. He left only temporarily to establish a see in London.

Also, at Gregory's wise urging, Augustine did not destroy the pagan temples of the people of Kent, but only the idols in them. In this way, familiar rites were taken over and used for the celebration of the Christian feasts. Meanwhile, before his death in 604, Augustine helped Ethelbert to draft the earliest Anglo-Saxon written laws to survive - and so influenced British law for centuries to come.

The Rectory
St James the Least



My dear Nephew Darren

A Spring parish picnic is always a good idea - although you must bear some details in mind. First, whatever date you choose will turn out be the wettest of the year. English picnics are invariably eaten under umbrellas while wearing Wellingtons and the sort of determinedly cheerful look that defies anyone to admit they would rather be home in front of the fire.

Second, no matter how early in the year, wasps will emerge from hibernation in huge numbers, and terrorise Mrs Hornby with the picnic baskets. And thirdly, someone will bring along their (hungry) dog. Last time Colonel Psmith's spaniel outdid herself: she leapt up, head butted a piece of Madeira cake out of Mrs Horngirdle's hand - and ate the lot - before even a crumb could touch the ground. A good piece of field work, that.

Half-way through the afternoon, some over-excited member of the party will decide to arrange a game of rounders. (Mr Poppinjay tried this one year, as in his youth he had been athletic. Fortunately, the ambulance got there quickly, and the ankle healed well.) Then the mothers who join in will completely ignore the ball sailing past them, while they discuss some burning topic of Mother's Union gossip.

In the meantime, the young choir members, who were the reason for arranging the game in the first place, will have drifted off to the lake to throw stones at the ducks while no one is looking.

For our annual picnic, I use my own car, making sure it is so full of clerical robes and church magazines that no one else can fit in. Throughout the day, I keep returning to it to make sure no one has broken in to steal the Communion wine - and taking the opportunity to catch up on the cricket scores. By the middle of the afternoon, I usually remember that some urgent duty, such as blessing a traction engine, demands my departure.

The rest of the party, by now soaked, cold and knowing the coach to take them home is still several hours off, only wish they had such demanding work to tear them away.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

BBQ - RULES AND REGULATIONS

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

We are about to enter the BBQ season, so it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this sublime outdoor activity.

When a man volunteers to do the BBQ, the following chain of events are put into motion:

Routine:

The woman buys the food

1. The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables and makes the dessert
2. The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces and takes it to the man, who is lounging beside the grill - beer in hand
3. The woman remains outside the compulsory nine feet exclusion zone where the exuberance of testosterone and other manly bonding activities can take place

Here comes the important part:

4. The man places the meat on the grill

More routine:

5. The woman goes inside to organise the plates and cutlery
6. The man thanks her and asks if she could bring another beer while he flips the meat

Important again:

7. The man takes the meat off the grill and hands it to the woman

More routine:

8. The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces and brings them to the table
9. After eating, the woman clears the table and washes the dishes

And most important of all:

10. Everyone praises the man and thanks him for his cooking efforts
11. The man asks the woman how she enjoyed “her night off” and, upon noticing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there is no pleasing some women!

Last night my wife sent me a text, saying she was in casualty.

When I got home, I watched all 50 minutes of it, but never saw her once.

She still hasn't come home yet. I'm starving.

“Whoever sings, prays twice” (St. Augustine)

Here at St. Augustines, we have a wonderful church and a very loyal and committed congregation.

We also have the benefit of a good hard-working choir, but its numbers are very small. We need to find a way of encouraging members of the congregation to move from the nave into the choir stalls!

I would like each of you to think seriously about joining the choir. You may be able to think of several reasons why you could not possibly be a choir member - here are a few suggestions!

I can't sing - I can't read music - I can't find the time - I would feel uncomfortable being “on show”

Let me answer each of those potential problems:

1. In my experience there are very few people who can't actually sing or sing in tune. Most people only need the encouragement and the support of other singers. It is largely a matter of confidence.
2. There is a comparatively limited number of choir members who can read music properly. This should not be a problem because there are rehearsals and other choir members to help you. Much of what we sing is well known.
3. Commitment to the choir involves a total of no more than about two hours each week - one hour on Thursday evening for a rehearsal and further hour or so on Sunday morning (when you are in church already!)

4. There is absolutely no need for you to be embarrassed by standing in the choirstalls or by wearing choir robes. You should be able to feel very proud of leading the worship in our church and encouraging the congregation in the singing and spoken parts of the service.

Why not give it a try by coming along to a choir rehearsal on Thursday evening at 7.30p.m. In the winter we rehearse in the parish hall - when the climate is more favourable, we are in church. We are a very happy and friendly bunch. You will be made most welcome and should find the experience most rewarding - and fun!

If you would like to discuss your possible entry into the choir, please do not hesitate to contact me (01204 391963) or Father Tony.

Michael Cheetham

Organist (St. Augustines)

Phoebe Hesketh - Poet - takes her class

Chatter ceases,
Then,
Within the glass dome of silence,
Reflecting us all with rainbow transformation,
The dim, grey hurried day slips by
And eager minds wait in the timeless space.
Then, words flow into still expectant air
And crash with impact on the listeners' ears.

Drip, drop into the mind - there simmer, grow
And flow into the very consciousness of being.

Voices, low murmuring - loud assertive
God and man fragmented lie.
Adam rises and the eye of God is shut,
The glass dome splinters and refracted
Light, sharpens and scratches every nerve.
Faith, reason intervene and smooth and heal
(Such a subtle defence of the Creator!)
Then argument, dissention, assertion, rejection,
Affirmation and quiet pools of contemplation
Voices stop - against the singing glass
Then,
Minds begin.

Jocelyn Darbyshire

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

April 24th Lily-Grace Noremberg

CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

April 6th Gladys Pearl (86)

PARISH DATES

- SUN 1st 12.15pm: Holy Baptism
3.00pm: Baptism preparation Class
4.00pm: Marriage Preparation Class
- Mon 2nd National Pilgrimage to Walsingham (transferred)
- Tue 3rd Home Communion in the area
- Sat 7th 9.30am: Deanery Synod, Bishop Bridgeman School
(no 10am mass)
10.30am: Litter picking (meet in Parish Hall)
- SUN 8th 12.15pm: Holy Baptism
6.30pm: Evensong & Benediction
- Fri 13th 9.30am: Clergy Formation Day (no 10am mass)
- Sat 14th 12.00pm: Ladyewell Pilgrimage (transferred)
- SUN 15th Annual Parochial Church Meeting (following
10.30am mass)
- Sat 21st 11.00am: Messy Church
1.00pm: Holy Matrimony
2.00pm: Bolton Deanery Mothers' Union get-together
- SUN 22nd Interment of ashes - Ella Hampson (following
10.30am mass)
12.15pm: Holy Baptism
3.00pm: Tonge & The Haulgh Community Choir
concert (St Augustine's)
- Thur 26th ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Sung Mass 7.30pm
- Fri 27th PATRONAL FESTIVAL: Sung Mass 7.30pm followed
by buffet

Calendar and Intentions for May 2022

SUN	1	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER: The Parish and the People of God
Mon	2	S Athanasius: Teachers of the faith
Tue	3	SS PHILIP AND JAMES: The Church in the Holy Land
Wed	4	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS: The persecuted
Thu	5	feria: Those preparing for Holy Baptism
Fri	6	feria: The People of Leadership of Ukraine
Sat	7	feria: Bolton Deanery, its churches and congregations
SUN	8	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: The Parish and the People of God
Mon	9	feria: The homeless, the unemployed and the lonely
Tue	10	feria: The work of The Society and Forward in Faith
Wed	11	feria: Those receiving the Blessed Sacrament in their homes this month
Thu	12	feria: The work of ACS and Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood
Fri	13	feria: The Bishop of Manchester and his staff
Sat	14	S MATTHIAS: The work of missionaries
SUN	15	5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: The Parish and the People of God
Mon	16	feria: The work of local hospitals and hospices
Tue	17	feria: Our newly-elected PCC and Church officers
Wed	18	feria: The work and mission of the Mother's Union
Thu	19	feria: The fire, police and ambulance services
Fri	20	feria: Those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage
Sat	21	feria: Those attending Messy Church today
SUN	22	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: The Parish and the People of God
Mon	23	feria: Our local tradespeople
Tue	24	feria: Those suffering from Covid-19 and Long Covid
Wed	25	S Bede the Venerable: Tonge Moor Primary Academy and St Bede's Academy
Thu	26	feria: The Bishop of Beverley, and all Bishops of The Society
Fri	27	S AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY: The Parish and the People of God
Sat	28	feria: The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and its Priests Associate
SUN	29	ASCENSION OF OUR LORD: The Parish and the People of God
Mon	30	feria: The work of Social Services
Tue	31	VISITATION OF THE BVM: Families, especially expectant mothers

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