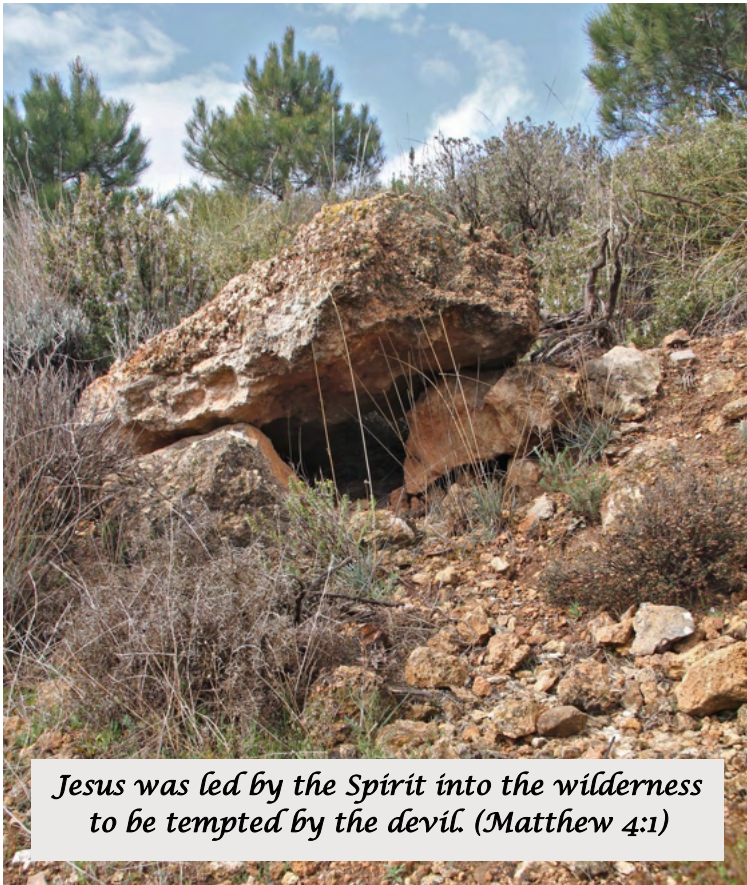




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Working In Unity To Share The Good News Of Christ

# PEWS NEWS EXTRA

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*Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness  
to be tempted by the devil. (Matthew 4:1)*

# Letter from the Vicarage...

Our Youth Group is currently studying the Beatitudes. You may know these sayings of Jesus, '*Blessed are the...*' This famous teaching gives us a description of the blessed life – the full life – the Christian life. Yet so often it sits at odds with what the world tells us the happy life is.



One such beatitude is '*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*' (Matthew 5:4).

It is a helpful beatitude to keep in our hearts as we enter into Lent on March 2<sup>nd</sup> (Ash Wednesday). The mourning Jesus had in mind here, is not primarily mourning in the face of bereavement (though Jesus, the compassionate shepherd, walks with his people comforting us in the painful journey of grief), but mourning over our sin.

Our culture would call this dour, introspective, negative, even damaging to consider the ways we have failed God. It often wants us to focus on our positives, and ignore our negatives.

This means moving into the period of Lent, which echoes Jesus' forty days in the wilderness fighting Satan on our behalf and where Christians traditionally take time for self-reflection, confession and amendment of life, seems not simply like an odd thing in our world, but even a harmful one.

Yet Jesus speaks differently. A right view of God and his good ways, which leads to a right view of ourselves, including ways we have been cold to him or disobedient to him, actually becomes the path of life.

## *1 John 1:9*

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

This mourning is not simply feeling bad about having failed God or an empty 'sorry' only to carry on the same path. It is not about self-loathing. But it is a mourning which leads us to turn back to God in repentance, to seek his forgiveness in Christ, and his Spirit's help to live anew. Jesus says this is not the way of damaging ourselves, but of being comforted; of finding the love, forgiveness, acceptance and empowering of our Father in heaven.

A minister in Cambridge in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century, called Charles Simeon, described his Christian experience this way:

*“I have continually had such a sense of my sinfulness as would sink me into utter despair, if I had not an assured view of the sufficiency and willingness of Christ to save me to the uttermost. And at the same time I had such a sense of my acceptance through Christ as would upset my little bark [i.e., ship], if I had not ballast at the bottom sufficient to sink a vessel of no ordinary size.”*

This Lent, let us take time for prayerful reflection before God. Where we find ways we have or even currently are failing him, let us mourn those. Let us seek his help to turn from them that we might embrace the comfort our Lord Jesus holds out.

Might this Lent be a period where our reflection acts as a ballast to steady our ship as we enjoy in Christ, the strong wind of God’s mercy.

With love

*Paul*



# Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion

**WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 2022  
7.30PM**

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH  
ANSDELL AND FAIRHAVEN**



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## *Giving Review and Update March 2022*



As 2022 progresses, I felt it was important to update us on our church finances. You may already have received an information leaflet called 'Giving to the gospel at St Paul's in 2022'. If not, please do pick one up from the back of the church building.

In December 2021, following scrutiny of it, the PCC agreed a church budget for 2022. This seeks to anticipate our main expenses – the costs which directly and indirectly enable us to carry out our mission, as well as our income. This budget is available to view for any who would like to see it. Please speak to Loraine Lee for a copy.

*In 2022, we expect our church to need:*

**£2,141** per week for the work of ministry, worship, service and mission.

*Our expected income for the year looks like:*

**£1539** in weekly terms.

Our 2022 budget, has budgeted a 5% increase in our regular giving.

However, even with this increase, it is forecast we will use £31,000 of our reserves to cover our general expenses. We have also budgeted to use up to £20,000 on pressing works to the hall (from the Quinquennial Building Fund), leaving us with approximately £10,000 at the end of 2022.

Over the past years, the Lord has been so kind in providing for us. Last year, in particular through a significant increase in our regular giving, an extremely generous grant from the Diocese and a legacy, our needs were provided for. It brings great joy to see how the Lord worked amongst us last year in this way, and used us even in answer to our own prayers. It is right we pause to give thanks to the Lord for this expression of his grace.

However, we recognise that we face again a sobering situation. While we may seek to access a Diocesan Building loan to enable

us to spread the cost of works over several years, it is also right that as part of a yearly rhythm, that we again have a time of prayerful reflection on our own giving.

Leading up to March 12<sup>th</sup> we ask each individual to prayerfully reflect on their own circumstances, and the needs of the church, to consider their level of giving, and if they are able to increase it.

I recognise we live in uncertain times, with potential additional financial pressures on many of us. We must each work out what is right before the Lord. Every penny given in faith brings joy to the Lord and is honoured by us. Some will be able to increase by 5%, for others by less than 5%; others won't be able to increase at all; for some this last year might mean we need to decrease our giving. For some, it might be that we begin giving for the first time. If those decisions are taken in faith, we need not fear, nor feel guilt at all.

Whatever the outcome, can I encourage you, alongside your fellow church members to hold these matters before the Lord, and return the response slip found within the Giving leaflet with your response, even if you are not in a position to increase your giving?



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***The Apostle Paul encourages generosity amongst the Corinthians:-***

*Remember this:*

*whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,  
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.  
Each of you should give what you have decided in your  
heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*2 Corinthians 9:7*



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# Annual Parochial Church Meeting

## Sunday 3rd April

### 12noon

Please join us at this important meeting, reflecting on the Lord's work in the past year, appointing office holders, and looking to the coming year together.



## St Paul's Tots

St. Paul's Tots is a baby and toddler group for **0-3s**; their parents, carers and grandparents.

With toys, songs, crafts and Bible stories.

### Tuesdays

### 10am - 11:30am (Term time)

St. Paul's Church Hall, Lake Road North,  
Lytham St. Annes, FY8 1BZ

£1 per family, which includes a hot drink for adults.

Booking not required

[stpaulsfairhaven.weebly.com/st-pauls-tots](http://stpaulsfairhaven.weebly.com/st-pauls-tots)



## Organ Recital

Performed by Mrs Linda Carrington

Wednesday 16th March 2022

11.30am

St Paul's Church, Ansdell and Fairhaven  
Lake Road North, FY8 1AG

You are warmly invited to our organ recital this Lent.  
The recital is followed by soup and rolls  
in the church hall for any who are able to stay.



You are warmly invited to our upcoming organ recital on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am.

The recital will be given by Mrs Linda Carrington. There will be a variety of music, including some to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Elgar and Mozart will feature, and there will be a piece by Francis Jackson, a former organist of York Minster, who recently died at the age of 104. Lancashire will be represented with music by William Wolstenholme, a blind musician born in Blackburn in 1865. Johann Sebastian Bach, who wrote reams of music for occasions in the Church's calendar, will provide music appropriate for our Lenten observance.

*"Music gives a soul to the universe,  
wings to the mind, flight to the imagination  
and life to everything." —Plato*



# Observing Lent

Canon Paul Hardingham considers  
the spiritual disciplines

This month sees the start of Lent, the 40-day season of penitence, self-examination and fasting running up to Easter. Jesus began His earthly ministry by fasting in the wilderness for 40 days and taught His disciples to fast: *'when you fast.'* (Matthew 6:17).

The spiritual discipline of fasting involves missing one or two meals during the day, refraining from TV, alcohol or social media, and identifying the things that get in the way of our focus on God. What are the benefits of fasting?

The act of giving something up expresses my desire to put God first in my life. It shows me the things that I depend on rather than God, so that I can surrender *'my idols'* to Him. It encourages me to have a deeper hunger and dependency for God. It gives me space to focus on God for His strength, provision, and wisdom resulting in a more intimate relationship with Christ: *'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.'* (Matthew 5:6).

Fasting enables the Holy Spirit to reveal my true spiritual condition, leading to brokenness and repentance, and a transformed life along with heart that is more attentive and dependent on God.

Lent can also be a time to embrace new spiritual disciplines, eg: joining a study group, *'random acts of kindness'*, giving more time to prayer and Bible study or solitude, and reading a Lent book. Whatever you do, make Lent count this year!

*'Jesus takes it for granted that His disciples will observe the pious custom of fasting. Strict exercise of self-control is an essential feature of the Christian's life. Such customs have only one purpose - to make the disciples more ready and cheerful to accomplish those things which God would have done.'* (Dietrich Bonhoeffer).



## **Quotations with Lent in mind:**

The need of the world is to listen to God. - *Albert Einstein*

Time spent on the knees in prayer will do more to remedy heart strain and nerve worry than anything else. - *G D Stewart*

Some people treat God as they do a lawyer; they go to him only when they are in trouble. - *Anon*



## *A Prayer for Lent*

### *Lenten Contrition*

*During the middle of the tenth century the Bishop of Exeter, Leofric, presented a collection of prayers to his cathedral. The author is unknown, but the meditations present an insight into the Anglo-Saxon Christian spirit. Here is one considering Lent.*

Give me, O Lord, patience and sense of purpose in each of the things which you send to beset me. You know the many wicked deeds which burden my heart. But out of compassion you set aside all blame and receive me as your own. Please protect me through the dangers and confusion of my transient life on earth, ensuring that in all things I strive for eternal life in heaven.

I know that I am very slow to make amends for my sins, despite the many favours you grant me. Fix my trust, my timid hopes, upon yourself, so that I may stand on a secure foundation. Lift up my thoughts with your wisdom.

Stand by me, Lord, and hold me upright when the gales of sin blow round me. And when the dark stormy night of wickedness closes in on me, guide my steps. My soul is already battered by the temptations to which I have submitted. My spirit is crushed by the weight of past misdeeds. My mind is stained by the memory of the evil in which I have participated. Throughout my life you have been unfailingly generous to me, although I have deserved only punishment.

Ah Lord, you are the only remedy. Let my suffering bring me true contrition, that I may receive your forgiveness, and so be made fit for the everlasting joy of heaven.

*Photo by Aaron Burden on Unsplash*

# *Christian Basics: Why the Cross?*

*Paul Hardingham looks at the very foundations of our Christian faith.*

*The cross is a picture of violence, yet the key to peace;*

*a picture of suffering, yet the key to healing;*

*a picture of death, yet the key to life;*

*a picture of utter weakness, yet the key to power;*

*a picture of capital punishment, yet the key to mercy and forgiveness;*

*a picture of vicious hatred, yet the key to love;*

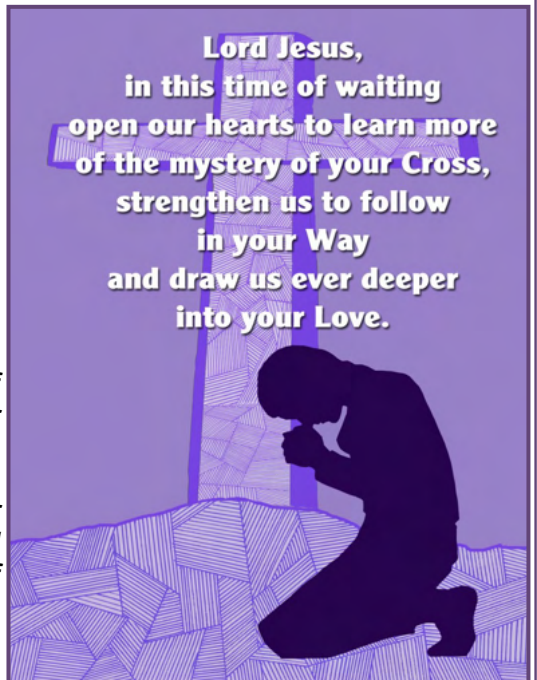
*a picture of supreme shame, yet the Christian's supreme boast.*

The cross really is the key to everything! Although a horrifying instrument of torture and death, it is also a symbol of love and peace. On the cross Jesus died to deal with the problem of our sin and defeat the powers of death and evil. He identified with our sufferings and set us an example of self-sacrificial love.

As Peter writes, *'He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed ... Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God'* (1 Peter 2:24, 3:18). Jesus died in our place on the cross and took away our guilt, to pay the full penalty for our sin. Access to God's presence is now open to all, symbolised by the Temple curtain being torn in two from top to bottom. The barrier between us and God was torn down in order *'to bring us to God'*.

Jesus is the bridge providing access between us and God. *'If Jesus Christ is to be our Saviour then He must be able to place a hand upon a pardoning God and another hand on a penitent sinner and draw them together in an act of reconciliation'*

(Bishop Handley Moule).



# Remembering Mothers

by Lester Amann



The honouring of mothers goes back to Roman times. Each Spring, a pagan festival honoured Cybele, supreme Goddess of Fertility and Mother of all the Gods. Other celebrations paid tribute to Mother Earth. From the Middle Ages, in England, it became traditional for outdoor labourers and craftsmen to have a day off in Lent. Later, domestic servants were also given short leave to visit their mother and family.

These brief holidays became opportunities to go to church. This might have been their home church or their nearest cathedral. The Services at the 'mother' church symbolised the coming together of families. The term 'Mothering Sunday' dates from the 16<sup>th</sup> century. This year it falls on the 27<sup>th</sup> March.

'Mother's Day' is a secular festival. It originated in 1908 after a woman called Anna Jarvis held a church memorial service for her mother in West Virginia, USA. She was a peace activist and a nurse. She founded Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna wanted people to honour the mother of the family, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. Before she died Anna regretted the commercialism that followed and expressed that this was never her intention.

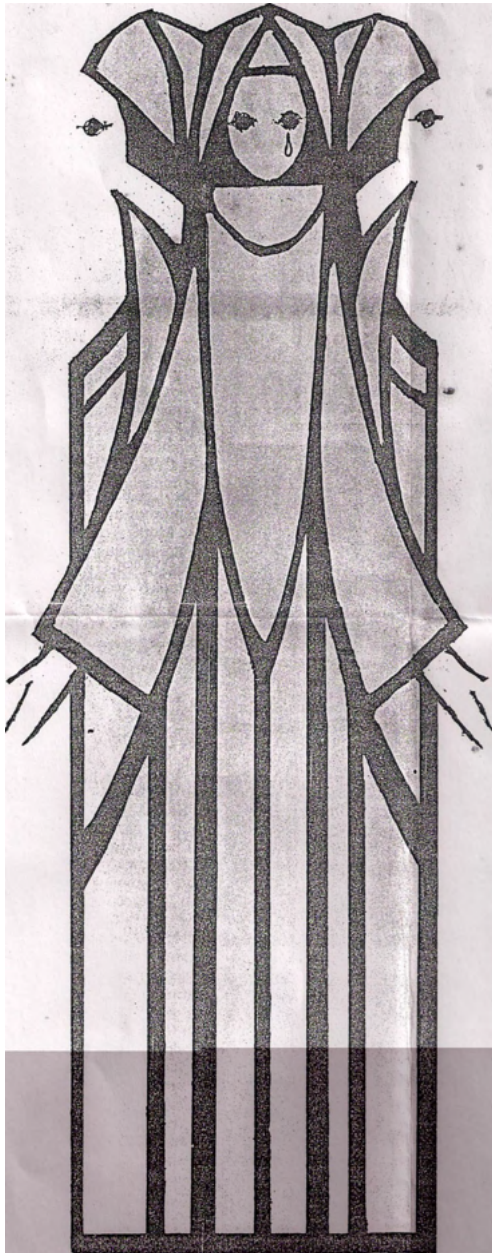
Many mothers are mentioned in the Bible along with interesting stories about them. These include Eve, Hagar, Leah, Ruth and Bathsheba, to mention only a few. A few times God enabled childless women to have a baby: Rachel, Rebekah, Manoah's wife (unnamed) and Hannah who eventually gave birth to Joseph, Jacob, Samson and Samuel respectively. There was also Sarah, wife of Abraham, who aged 90 became the mother of Isaac.

It is possible that these miraculous births were remembered by the Virgin Mary. She was certainly aware that her elderly relative was pregnant. These events foreshadowed angel Gabriel's announcement that Mary was going to have a baby. Then added "For nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)

On our Mothering Sunday, what else can we remember about mothers and give thanks to God for them?

# AND GOD CREATED MOTHERS

Editor: The following article was originally published in the March 2013 PNE.



When the good Lord was creating mothers, he was into his 6th day of overtime when an angel appeared, and said "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one".

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specifications on this order? She has to be completely washable but not plastic ... have 180 movable parts, all replaceable ... run on black coffee and left overs ... have a lap that disappears when she stands up ... a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair; and six pairs of hands".

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands? No way!"

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have".

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded, "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, "What are the children doing in there?" when she already knows.

Another in the back of head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know. And of course, the one in front that can look at a child when he gets himself into trouble and say "I understand and love you" without so much as uttering a word.

"Lord" said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "Go to bed, tomorrow is another ..."

"I can't" said the Lord, "I'm so close now. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of 6 on 1lb of mince and can get a 9 year old to have a bath".

The angel circled the model of the mother very slowly. "It's too soft" she sighed.

"But tough" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure".

"Can it think?"

"Not only think, but it can reason and compromise" said the Lord.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

"There's a leak" said the angel.

"It's a tear".

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride".

"You are a genius" said the angel.

The Lord looked sombre. "I didn't put it there."

*(With thanks to Bronwyn, for this little gem!)*





The 4th Sunday in Lent is celebrated as **Mothering Sunday**. Originally families would get together for a special service at the 'mother' church, often at the local cathedral.

Today Mothering Sunday is celebrated as a family day, a time to say 'thank you' to our mothers and to all who look after us.

There are many wonderful Mothers in the Bible, look up the Bible verses and find out who they are....

- Matt 1:16     M \_ \_ \_
- Num 26:59    \_ O \_ \_ \_ \_
- Luke 1:57-60 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ T
- 1 Sam 1:20    \_ \_ \_ \_ H
- Genesis 4:1    \_ \_ E
- Gen 25:21-26 R \_ \_ \_ \_
- Gen 21:1-2    S \_ \_ \_ \_



Thank you Mum  
for all you do,  
For all your  
love and care,  
For helping me  
as I grow up,  
For all your  
loving prayers.  
For teaching me  
about Jesus,  
Of how he loves  
me too.  
Thank you Mum  
for loving me,  
**I LOVE YOU!**

A bookmark gift for Mother's Day. Cut out the bookmark above, glue onto card and colour in.

*A Book Review by Gordon Barratt*  
***Cuthbert of Farne***

*A novel of Northumbria's warrior saint*  
by Katharine Tiernan.



Cuthbert



Oswy



Hilda

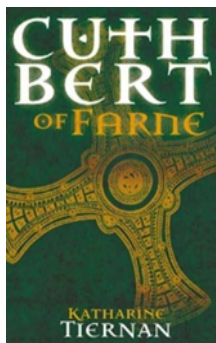
Reading this book brought back very happy memories of the time I lived in Sheffield and worshipped at All Saints Church (Ecclesall). This church has a number of stained-glass windows, none better than the one in the south transept: it is a magnificent sight on a sunny morning in spring when the sun is low in the sky. The window displays portraits of 20 individuals: five columns each with four. When I saw this window, I was intrigued by one figure holding a severed head wearing a crown - indicating it belonged to a royal person. With the help of binoculars more could be seen: mitre and crosier indicated the main figure was a bishop and the nimbus that he was a saint. He holds a scroll on which is written 'Tellentes vibiscum mea ossa' which reads 'Carry with you my bones'. The inscription at the base 'Stos Cuthbertos' indicates that the person represented is St. Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne. I later discovered that when Cuthbert died the head of King Oswald (killed in a battle at Oswestry in 642) was placed in his coffin. The message on the scroll refers to the journey made by the monks carrying the body of Cuthbert from Lindisfarne to its final resting place at Durham. According to tradition this journey passed along Church Road in Lytham.

Large-print photographs of each individual portrayed in the window provided names and indicated they were kings, queens, princes, princesses, bishops or heads of convents/monasteries - all linked with the church in northern England in the seventh century. These were the men and women who helped change England from a pagan to a Christian country and still have an influence today.

This is a remarkable window: it influenced my life in a small way. Searching for information about the individuals represented in the window and reading

about the church in northern England in the seventh century gave me new interests which led to holidays close to Lindisfarne, Iona, Bamburgh, Hexham, Lastingham, Ripon and Sunderland with opportunities to visit places of historical interest mentioned in Bede's *Ecclesiastical History of English People*.

By the seventh century England had settled into seven independent kingdoms: the largest was Northumbria extending from the Firth of Forth in the north to the Humber estuary in the south. The other six were Mercia, Wessex, East Anglia, Sussex, Kent and Essex



Katharine Tiernan's novel is based on her research into the history of the church in northern England in the seventh century. In a few places quotations from Bede's *History* tell part of the story or confirm the accuracy of what has been written. Violence is correctly shown to have been an integral part of life in seventh century England: disputes were settled and ambitions curtailed by wars led by kings. There is no mention of personalities or emotions in Bede's *History* so the author has imagined what might have been the characters - even the physical appearances - of the people involved and relationships between them. The contrasting personalities of Cuthbert and Wilfrid as perceived by the author, are described in detail. In the novel it is clear people lived in an age of faith: any unusual event was seen as a sign of God's intervention in human affairs.

The main characters in the novel are King Oswy (642 - 670) of Northumbria, his wife Queen Enflada and daughter Aelfred - given as a child to Abbess Hilda for service to the church. Also, Bishops Cuthbert and Wilfrid.

The Christian faith reached Northumbria by two different routes - too complicated to describe in detail but included here, in summary:

The Irish tradition - from Ireland to Iona, then to Lindisfarne through the bishop-evangelist Aidan. This was supported by Oswy (*who became a Christian when in exile on Iona*), Cuthbert, Hilda (*though baptised in the Roman tradition*) and Aelfred.

The Roman tradition - from Rome to France and to the royal family in Kent. This was supported by Enflada (daughter of a former princess of Kent) and Wilfrid.

In the stained-glass window Hilda holds a scroll on which are the names of five bishops who trained at Whitby. Included is Wilfrid who, despite training according to the Irish tradition favoured that of Rome.



When Oswy married his cousin Enfleda the two different traditions of worship, doctrine and church organisation came together in the royal palace. An important difference was the way the date of Easter was calculated: the king celebrated the feast of Easter when the queen was observing Palm Sunday. For this reason Oswy convened a meeting of church leaders at Whitby in 664 to decide the date of Easter. This was a significant event in church history and is described in the novel. The book goes on to describe the possible aftermath of the Synod focusing on Cuthbert and Wilfrid.



***St. Cuthbert's Resting Place on Church Road, Lytham.  
(Opposite Lowther Gardens)***



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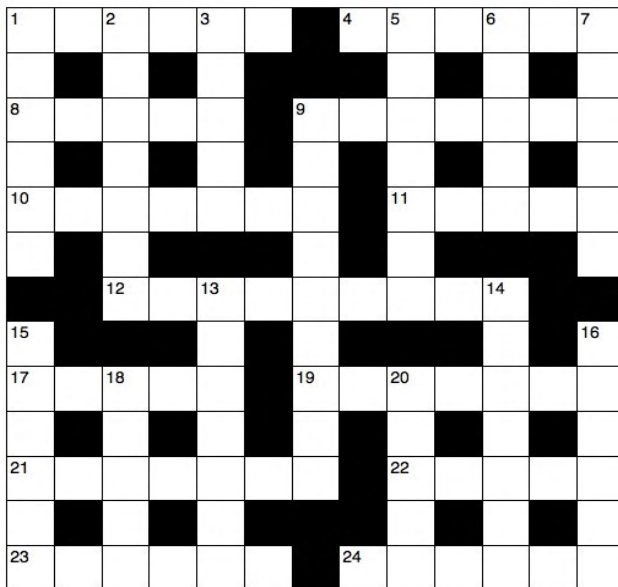
*The Collect for 20th March, the day on which we commemorate:*

***Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687***

Almighty God,  
who called your servant Cuthbert from following the flock  
to follow your Son and to be a shepherd of your people:  
in your mercy, grant that we, following his example,  
may bring those who are lost home to your fold;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

# MARCH 2022 CROSSWORD

(The Bible version used in these crosswords is the NIV.)



## Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 ““They — — ,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt!” (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 ‘A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies’ (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 ‘Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature’ (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 ‘As you can see, he has done nothing to — death’ (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 ‘All the people — — one man, saying, “None of us will go home”’ (Judges 20:8) (4,2)

24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)


**Down**

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 'But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — —' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)



**Crossword Solution  
February 2022**

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**ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL PNE**



If you have an article for inclusion in the April PNE, please make sure that I have a copy by **Thursday 10th March**. My contact details are on page 2. Thank you.

*Janet Kimber*

# Time for a Smile

## Less calories

A minister took his young daughter to the grocery store with him. In addition to the healthful items on the carefully prepared shopping list, they returned with a box of sugar-laden biscuits. The minister noticed the glare of his wife and quickly said, "It's okay, this box of biscuits has one-third fewer calories than usual."

"And why is that?" she asked.

"Because we ate a third of them on the way home," he replied.

## Hereafter

The minister came to see me the other day. He said that at my age I should be thinking of the hereafter.

I told him, "Oh, I do it all the time. No matter where I am - in the bedroom, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement - I ask myself, 'Now, what am I here after?'"

## Daily prayer

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

**JONAH:** The original 'Jaws' story.



*Steve put the finishing touches to Peter's Lent array*

## Best

The reporter was interviewing the town's oldest woman. "And what do you find is the best thing about being 104?" he asked.

"That's easy," she said. "No peer pressure."

## Young and old

A baby-sitter is a teenager acting like an adult, while the adults are out acting like teenagers.

# Why God Made Mums

*These were the answers given by some seven- year-olds...*

## **Why did God make mothers?**

- ◇ She's the only one who knows all the passwords we use online.
- ◇ Mostly to clean the house, I think.
- ◇ To help us out of there when we were getting born.

## **How did God make mothers?**

- ◇ He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
- ◇ I've heard it was some amazing experiment on men that got out of hand.
- ◇ God made my mum just the same like He made me. He just used bigger parts.

## **What kind of little girl was your mum?**

- ◇ My mum has always been my mum and none of that other stuff.
- ◇ I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
- ◇ They say she used to be nice.

## **Why did your mum marry your dad?**

- ◇ My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mum eats a lot.
- ◇ She got too old to do anything else with him.
- ◇ My grandma says that no one will ever know.

## **Who's the boss at your house?**

- ◇ Dad is, because mum says so. She just helps by reminding him what to do each day.
- ◇ Mum. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
- ◇ Dad was, until Mum found what he had written on Facebook about Granny.

## **What's the difference between mums & dads?**

- ◇ Mums work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
- ◇ Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
- ◇ Dads are taller and stronger, but they panic when the dishwasher overflows.

## **If you could change one thing about your mum, what would it be?**

- ◇ She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
- ◇ I'd make my mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
- ◇ She'd be more relaxed about me not doing my homework

## And now for something different:-

### A Wordsearch for March

March brings us Lent and Mothering Sunday. Lent is a time of spiritual self-assessment as we prepare for Easter. It is a time to turn to God, and grow closer to him. Mothering Sunday reminds us of not only the mothers that have loved and raised us, but of Mother Church, who has spiritually loved and nurtured us throughout our Christian pilgrimage. How many words can you find on these themes in this month's Word Search?

lent	e e f e p d n t l y r l g p i	mothers
spiritual	l c r t r r y f a m i l y n u	love
easter	a a n e e i a g i e t e n u h	care
preparation	c g u a d s h y n n e i i r e	nurture
fasting	u s n t t i o r e i d w r s i	learning
prayer	o t n i i n w l d r n i t i t	teaching
desert	y r n r h r e d f w n r n n t	disciples
self-denial	k g d i s c i p l e s g a g u	worldwide
repentance	n o i t a r a p e r p r k e f	flowers
seeking	a g g n i k e e s r o o r r l	thankyou
finding	h l n t k t a h t i e w t u o	nursing
growing	t a h r i y s e t h l i n t w	family
	a o e l e l t i a o c n a r e	
	t i i p t r e e v l m g d u r	
	p i l d e t r e s e d m f n s	



## Church Hall Hire

We have vacancies on Monday/Thursday Evenings and all day on Saturdays. The hall is ideal for children's parties and other activities requiring large space

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# Meeting Together at St. Paul's

## Sunday

- 9:45am Short prayer meeting (Church Hall)
- 10:30am Our morning service with a common liturgy incorporating traditional and more contemporary elements and music across each month. Refreshments served after the service.  
1st Sunday - Service of the Word;  
2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays - Holy Communion  
Sunday Club meets on the 2nd & 4th weeks for 3-11s
- 4:00pm Our new complementary, multigenerational service seeking to reach and disciple all ages of the church together with a deliberate intention of incorporating children, young people and families. Followed by refreshments.
- 5:30pm Our sung service of Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer to mark selected Christian festivals six times a year.

## Wednesday

- 10:00am Our mid-week Holy Communion service from the Book of Common Prayer; followed by refreshments.

## Thursday

- 3:30pm Our weekly service of Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer, alternating between said and sung forms.

## Safeguarding

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<https://stpaulsfairhaven.weebly.com/safeguarding.html>

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