



St. Paul's Church Ansdell & Fairhaven
Working In Unity To Share The Good News Of Christ

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Letter from the Vicarage...

Seventy years is a long time. Seventy years as Queen means that Queen Elizabeth II is currently the longest reigning monarch alive. The third longest reigning in world history. There is a rightness in thanking God for her reign, and indeed its longevity, as we approach the Platinum Jubilee.



During those seventy years, empires have come to an end, wars have been fought, huge social changes have taken place, and humanity has reached the moon and plumbed the depths of the ocean. The means of the Queen communicating has gone from a radio broadcast on her 21st birthday, through to 'Zoom' meetings with people around the world since her health has declined. In that time there have been significant, and often sad, changes in her own family too.

Yet for all that change, she has remained a constant. In fact, for many of us alive, she has been the only monarch we have lived under. But in that time, 15 different Prime Ministers have served in her governments, 170 leaders across the commonwealth.

There is something about our national life, as a constitutional monarchy, with a hereditary monarch, set alongside an elected government, which is humbling, and almost parabolic. As politicians come and go over time, different policies or different parties, elected at the will of the people, the Queen has remained a fixed point. Her authority comes not from within – by election – but from without. She holds in herself a repository of experience in national life, which no one politician has. Her fixed presence a reminder to ourselves and those who serve under her, that our power is limited, our existence is fragile. It should lead us to humility, and to recognise that what is needed in the ever changing reality of life is an authority and a fixed point from without, rather than simply within.

But of course, while we celebrate the Jubilee, we also sadly recognise a time will eventually come, when even our own Queen will no longer be our monarch. Even her power is limited and time bound.

Which means this Platinum Jubilee, as well as giving thanks for Queen Elizabeth's reign, and continuing to pray for her, we must look through her and beyond her. To the King who never changes. To the King whose authority is not established by us, but we are established by him.

Moses writes in Ps 90:

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

Here is the eternal Monarch – creator and sustainer – that deep down we long for. That we most need. The one to find security and a fixed point in, in life and death.

So this June as we celebrate, and as we think much about our Queen, let her longevity in the face of a changing world, point us beyond to the everlasting to everlasting King.

With love

Paul



**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



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

This month we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As the longest reigning monarch in British history, she is a true inspiration for all of us.

Throughout her reign, the Queen has been an example of joyful, wise, and generous service on behalf of others. Even before she became Queen, she made a promise of servitude to her people, a promise which she has kept for over 75 years.

The Queen draws her strength from her Christian Faith and until recently, she attended church every week and still did a full week's work at the age of 96!

In the next article, you will be able to read some of her quotes and reflections on her Christian faith.



The Queen on THE KING

Her need of God

'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong. But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share it.'
(21st birthday radio address, 1947)



Our accountability before God

For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.

(From her Christmas Message, 2000)

Jesus the guide

I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning, I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.

(From her Christmas Message, 2002)

Jesus the needed Saviour

Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves – from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are) – but a Saviour, with the power to forgive.

Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families, it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God's love.

(From her Christmas Message, 2011)

Jesus the anchor

For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life.

(From her Christmas Message, 2014)



A Special Service of Sung Evensong marking the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen

Thursday 2nd June 3.30pm

St Paul's Church
Lake Road North FY8 1AG



What Kind of Queen?

*The Ven John Barton considers
a much-loved Queen.*



Traditional images of monarchy portray power, status, and superiority over other people. In biblical times, monarchs were to be feared. When teaching His disciples about leadership, Jesus said, “The kings of the Gentiles (pagans) lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors.” A benefactor was a conspicuously generous person who acted in a way that made the recipient feel obligated.

All this was in complete contrast to Christ's own style, which was to act like a servant. This radical stance was adopted by the young Princess Elizabeth, when she promised the British Commonwealth, “I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service ...”. It was just the same when she became Queen in 1952. Queen Elizabeth has consciously and deliberately applied Christ's teaching to her reign for 70 years. She has outlived scores of leaders, some with ambitions beyond their abilities, and a few with delusions of grandeur. Her ideals have outlasted theirs. Consistent, determined, charming, and single-minded, she has held before her the model of Christ, washing His disciples' feet.

Those closest to her also speak of the Queen's sense of humour. It emerged publicly at the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games in London, when she took part in a spoof scene with James Bond, before seemingly parachuting into the Stadium.

This year we celebrate her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. Over 50 countries will light beacons on 2nd June to start four days of events: a spectacular pageant, a live concert at Buckingham Palace, Jubilee lunches and street parties across the nation, plus a nationwide bake-off competition to create a new 'platinum pudding'.

From the northernmost tip of Scotland to the Channel Islands and beyond, 848 public events are planned, plus 1,171 parties or private events.

So popular is Britain's monarch, that there are calls to perpetuate the occasion with a new public holiday each year. This month we shall sing, 'God save the Queen' with more gusto than ever.

See <https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk/events/>.

*The Church of England has offered these two prayers
for use during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.*

Your Servant Elizabeth

*Gracious God, we give You thanks
for the reign of Your servant Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service
which she has shown among us.
Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to You and to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*O Lord, the Way, the Truth, and the Life,
we give You thanks for Your servant Elizabeth our Queen.
May she ever be provided with all she may need
for her ministry among us,
strengthened to meet every demand
which her office may make,
and in all things nourished by Your word and example,
who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign,
world without end. Amen.*



Jacob King/PA Wire/PA Images

Pentecost in Jerusalem

Sunday 5th June 2022



On that long ago first morning of Pentecost, Jerusalem was crowded with thousands of visitors, for it was one of the most popular feast-days in the Jewish calendar – the Feast of First Fruits, looking forward to the wheat harvest.

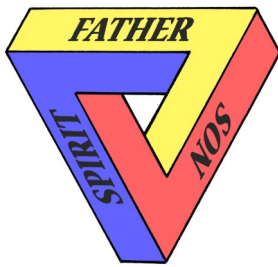
In one small room of that great city, a small group of people who had followed Jesus were praying.

There was nothing else for them to do: Jesus had died, He had risen, and He had ascended, promising to send them ‘a Comforter’. They were left alone, to wait at Jerusalem. And so they waited – on Him, and for Him.

They were not disappointed, for that morning the Holy Spirit fell upon that small room, and transformed those believers into the Church, Christ’s body here on earth. Pentecost was not the first time that the Holy Spirit came to the world – throughout the Old Testament there are stories telling of how God had guided people and given them strength. But now His Spirit would use a new instrument: not just isolated prophets, but the Church, His body on earth.

Acts opens with the preaching of the gospel in Jerusalem, the centre of the Jewish nation. Within 30 years the Gospel had spread throughout the northern Mediterranean: Syria, Turkey, Greece, Malta... to the very heart of the Roman Empire: Rome. The Church was on the move – God was on the move! He was calling people from every nation to repent, turn to Jesus for forgiveness of their sins, and to follow Him.

*Come Holy Spirit,
ignite in us
your Holy Fire
strengthen our Faith,
increase in us
your Gift of Love,
and revive
your Church
to live out
your message
of Love and Hope.*



Trinity Sunday, Celebrating Our God Who is Three Persons

Sunday 12th June 2022

Trying to explain the doctrine of the Trinity has kept many a theologian busy down the centuries. One helpful picture is to imagine the sun shining in the sky. The sun itself – way out there in space, and unapproachable in its fiery majesty – is the Father. The light that flows from it, which gives us life and illuminates all our lives, is the Son. The heat that flows from it, and which gives us all the energy to move and grow, is the Holy Spirit. You cannot have the sun without its light and its heat. The light and the heat are from the sun, are of the sun, and yet are also distinct in themselves, with their own roles to play.

The Bible makes clear that God is One God, who is disclosed in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. For example:

Deuteronomy 6:4: 'Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one.'

Isaiah 45:22: 'Turn to me and be saved... for I am God, and there is no other.'

Genesis 1:1-2: 'In the beginning God created.... and the Spirit of God was hovering...'

Judges 14:6: 'The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power...'

John 1:1-3: 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.'

Luke 24:49 actually manages to squeeze the whole Trinity into one sentence. Jesus tells His disciples: 'I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power (the Holy Spirit) from on high.'

In other words, the sun eternally gives off light and heat, and whenever we turn to its brilliant light, we find that warmth and life are there as well.





Please watch the weekly sheets to see how you can support Queen Aisha and her retinue at this year's Lytham Club Day and Rose Queen Festival. With two cancelled Club Days, Aisha has been in office for three years.

Thank you, Aisha for representing St. Paul's so faithfully; and thank you to your retinue and to all the mums, dads and helpers who have supported you along the way.



Lytham Club Day and Rose Queen Festival is on Saturday 25th June 2022



Father's Day

by Lester Amann (edited)

On 19th June it will be Father's Day. This is an occasion to remember the role our dads are playing now or have played in our lives. Hopefully, we have good memories and recall times of loving care they showed to us.

Unfortunately, some people do not know their fathers, or they have been absent for long periods or may be neglectful, deceitful, or abusive. Sadly, some children and adults would rather not remember their fathers, having suffered some trauma or family breakdown.

It is good to know that God is not like this. Jesus came to reveal God as our Heavenly Father, who is loving, compassionate, merciful, forgiving, and caring. God is the model father who knows what is good for us and wants the best for us.

So, Father's Day can be a reminder that we are God's children, and that we can possess the blessings He has kept for us. In the story of our lives God has revealed Himself in a surprising way. He says to each one of us 'I am your Father'. Now that is something to celebrate!



Father's Day 2022 ~ Sunday 19th June

The Meaning of Colours Pt 2

by The Revd Dr Jo White

Last month we looked at the changing of colours in the church's vestments and altar cloths during March, April and May this year. This month of June sees them changing again, but this time for around 20 weeks.

We start the month still in the season of Easter; strictly speaking, in the time after the Ascension. The first Sunday in June is the feast of Pentecost. This was and remains a Jewish Festival. At the time of Jesus, it was a joyful celebration of the first fruits of the Harvest, which was why all the apostles were gathered together in Jerusalem, as was expected of all Jewish men.

As they gathered following Jesus' Ascension, the Holy Spirit came upon them. This is what Christians celebrate at Pentecost, and therefore the colour is red. The following day the colour changes to green, and remains green until the 30th of October, the Feast of All Saints' which will be white.

This gives us approximately 20 weeks of 'green' with the occasional day in between of white or red to celebrate an apostle, saint or a specific feast day. So the question is 'Why?' Why so long?

This time is often referred to as 'Ordinary' time. So what is 'ordinary' about it? I don't know about your life but mine tends to go along fairly steady with just the odd up or down time. Most of my days are 'ordinary'.

In church lectionary terms this period of 'X Sunday after Pentecost' follows one main gospel's teachings and miracles of Jesus. It's almost like He gathers us together for a summer school and takes us up a mountainside and teaches us there. It's a time for leaning and growth.



This month

Like the green grass feeds the animals, this month spend some time just looking at a patch of grass or the leaves on trees from a distance.

See the different shades and hues and when you next hear the gospel reading imagine sitting under those trees on that grass with Jesus Himself.

Ukraine

As we continue to pray for peace between Ukraine and Russia; that the Lord may be merciful and cut short these days of suffering, conflict and displacement, it is becoming apparent that unfortunately, other issues around the world are being overlooked.



Starving in the Shadow of Ukraine

The huge outpouring of support for Ukraine is now eclipsing other crises around the world, which in turn is threatening millions with starvation.

So warns a number of charities and other humanitarian organisations. The UN reports that the situation in Somalia, where 4.5million people are at risk of starvation owing to the worst drought in a decade, is deteriorating quickly. Somalia urgently needs some £1.1billion in aid, of which only three per cent has been secured.

As one spokesman at the UN explains, “The outlook for Somalia was already grim prior to the outbreak of the Ukraine crisis, but we were then overshadowed by the crisis in Tigray, Yemen, and then Afghanistan. Now, Ukraine seems to suck all the oxygen that is in the room.”

The international director of Tearfund, Veena O’Sullivan, said: “While the eyes of the world have been fixed on Ukraine, other horrors have been taking place.”

These range from a “hunger crisis of massive proportions” in the Horn of Africa, which includes Somalia, and the ongoing violence and famine in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, as well as humanitarian crises in Afghanistan, Yemen and Syria.

The director of CAFOD, Christine Allen, said: “It is right that we support a response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, in whatever way we can, but this cannot be at the expense of vital funds meant for tackling the root causes of global poverty.”

Meanwhile, church leaders in Africa have warned that the war is already affecting their food security, as 40 per cent of Ukraine’s wheat and maize is exported to the Middle East and Africa. The poorest are the most affected, as market prices rise.

*With all the anxiety around at the moment, Psalm 143
is helpful when it comes to seeking God in prayer.
It literally is a cry to God to 'incline His ear to us'...*

Hear our Prayer

O hear our prayer, dear Father
To us incline Your ear!
O righteous, loving Father
Allow us to draw near;
With heartfelt supplications
We seek Your loving grace
With earnest intercessions
We come to seek Your face.

Your kindness ev'ry morning
We trust we'll find in prayer
We lift our hands before You
We reach out for Your care;
O teach us, Father, teach us
Your gentle, loving way,
For You alone are able
To guide us every day.

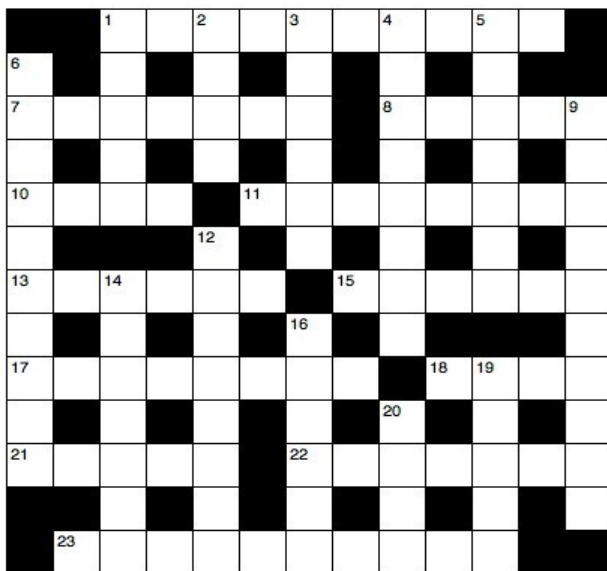
By Nigel Beeton



To You, O Lord, we lift our hands in prayer.

JUNE 2022 CROSSWORD

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



Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—'(2Corinthians4:8)(4)
- 11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force;they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)
- 21 'As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)

- 22 Or I live (anag.)(7)
 23 Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)

Down

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son'
 (John 3:16) (5)
 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they
 settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her
 mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8)
 14 Aceturn(anag.)(7)
 16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)
 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"
 (Mark 7:23) (5)
 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!'(Revelation19:7)(4)



**Crossword Solution
 May 2022**

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Many of the articles and pictures in the Pews News Extra are sourced from the Parish Pump Website.



ARTICLES FOR THE JULY PNE

If you have an article for inclusion in the July PNE, please make sure that I have received a copy by **Friday 10th June**. Please note that any articles received after that date will be included in the August edition. My contact details are on the inside back page. Thank you.
Janet Kimber

Time for a Smile

Weight

Signing the register at a wedding, the groom had difficulty in making his ball-point pen work. "Put your weight on it," said the vicar. So the groom complied: 'John Smith (12 stone, four pounds)'

Stairs

As you get older, you've got to stay positive. For example, the other day I fell down the stairs. Instead of getting upset, I just thought, "Wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years."

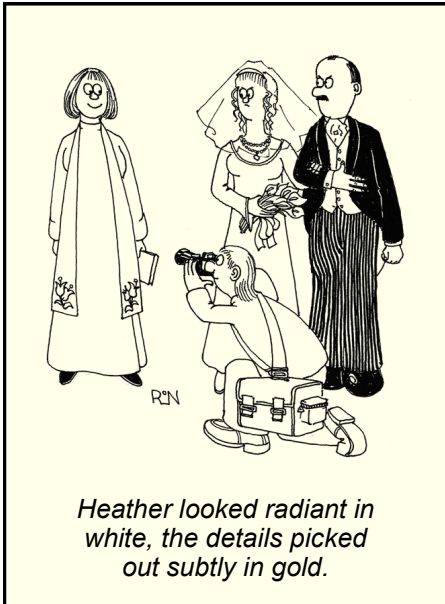
Don't fool me

A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Sam, your shoes are on the wrong feet."

He looked up at her and said, "Don't kid me, Mum, I KNOW they're my feet."

Be sticky

Consider the postage stamp. Its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.



Heather looked radiant in white, the details picked out subtly in gold.

Maths lesson

The only place where you can buy 64 watermelons without anyone wondering why.

A child's definition

'Ecclesiastic': material used to fasten a minister's robes.

Raise Needed

I told my boss that three companies were after me and therefore I wanted a raise from him. My boss asked what companies wanted me. "Gas, water and electricity."

Church Services of the Future?

*How will services at our churches run in the years to come?
Like this...?*

PASTOR/PRIEST & OTHER CELEBRANTS. "Praise the Lord!"

CONGREGATION: "Hallelujah!"

PASTOR/ETC. "Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone and Kindle Bibles to our reading for this morning.

And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon."

P-a-u-s-e.....

"Now, let us pray committing this week into God's hands.

Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook, and chat with God"

S-i-l-e-n-c-e

"As we take our Sunday tithes and offerings, please have your credit and debit cards ready."

"You can log on to the church wi-fi using the password 'Lord909887'."

The ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the worshipers:

- ~ Those who prefer to make electronic fund transfers are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of the church.
- ~ Those who prefer to use iPads can open them.
- ~ Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your smart phones to transfer your contributions to the church account.

The holy atmosphere of the Church becomes truly electrified as ALL the smart phones, iPads, PCs and laptops beep and flicker!

Final Blessing and Closing Announcements...

This week's ministry meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in and don't miss out.

Thursday's Bible study will be held live on Zoom at 1900hrs GMT. Please don't miss out.

You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this weekend for counselling and prayers.

Prayer Cards for Comfort and Hope

More than a million free prayer cards are being delivered to cathedrals and churches of all denominations to help people find comfort and hope.

The cards, which will be available for visitors in cathedrals and other churches, are designed to help people discover prayer - whether to express grief, loneliness, fear or worry, or simply to say thank you. They are among resources produced by the Explore Project, an initiative shaped by people's experience of the pandemic.



More details at: <https://www.englishcathedrals.co.uk/latest-news/prayer-cards-for-comfort-and-hope/>

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

Enquiries and further information:

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**Telephone: 01253 732939 (and leave a message)
or via our Facebook page**

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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

St Paul's Church takes safeguarding very seriously.
You can view all of our safeguarding information at:-

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

If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others please seek advice from the Parish or Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary, report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.