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From the Rectory Study

You may have noticed that football has become a daily inclusion in the TV programming schedules. The 2026 FIFA World Cup is underway, having started on 11th June, and it will conclude with the final on 19th July. Interestingly, this is the first World Cup to be hosted by three nations (USA, Canada and Mexico) and games will be played in stadiums in sixteen different cities. Forty-eight different teams are taking part but there will, ultimately, be only one winner.

The World Cup is held every four years and the football pundits usually seek to try to work out who has the best chance of lifting the FIFA World Cup Trophy. Brazil, Argentina, Germany, France and Spain are always expected to do really well and reach the latter stages of the tournament. The supporters of England are consistently hopeful that football will return home for the first time since 1966. This year, there is no clear favourite for the World Cup and the early games have produced some fascinating results.



The team from Cape Verde has defied all expectations in achieving impressive draws with Spain and Uruguay. Headlines like *Cape Verde's Story Continues* are appearing in newspapers and the Cape Verde goalkeeper, Vozinha, has seen his number of Instagram followers rise from 40,000 to 15 million in just one week. He has emerged as one of the stars of the tournament and the quality of his goalkeeping against Spain has led many commentators to reflect that this was the performance of his life.

The World Cup has the potential to transform a footballer's life for ever. Owen Laverty, of *Ear To The Group* (a creative sports agency), recently reflected, "A World Cup can absolutely transform a profile. It can be a crowning moment for an icon and also a time to announce the arrival of the next great thing."

We may not all be international footballers or compete at the highest level of another sport, but we can all experience transformation that is truly life-changing. This is offered to each of us by Jesus Christ. Think about Saul who we read about in Acts of the Apostles. When we first encounter Saul he was involved in persecuting the Early Church. Then, one day on the road to Damascus, his life was to be changed forever (Acts 9). Jesus appeared to him, called him by name, and he was transformed from being a persecutor of Christians to being a proclaimer of the Good News. He was changed from being a doubter to become a believer.

Jesus Christ still offers transformation today. He is able and willing to speak into your life and mine. There is no situation that is beyond him and he cares deeply about every man, woman and child – including you and me. This summertime, I encourage each of us to spend time reading our Bibles and seeking God in prayer. As we do so, I pray that each of us would experience the wonder of his transforming power in our lives.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

21 st May	Christina Magowan	23 Waverley Road
25 th June	Lily Davey	32 Wynnland Avenue

HOLY BAPTISM

24 th May	Eriyah Snow	26 Larch Gardens
24 th May	Embry Snow	26 Larch Gardens
21 st June	Sunnie Collins	16 Beechgrove Gardens

MEMORY LANE

Our Memory Lane service for people living with dementia, their carers, friends and family will be held in the church building on the first Thursday of each month beginning at 2.30pm. More details on page seven.

ONLINE SERVICES

Although we are meeting for in-church worship on Sundays, Online Services and Bible Studies will still be available. You can find these on:

1. The Parish Facebook Page.
2. The Parish Website (www.mossley.org)
3. YouTube (www.youtube.com). On YouTube simply search for Church of the Holy Spirit Mossley and this will lead you to the videos.
4. For an audio service telephone 02893270073. Calls will be charged at a local rate but for many people will be included in your call package.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday

9am Holy Communion

11am Morning Service

6pm Evening Service

The particular services for each week, at 11am and 6pm, are outlined on page four of this magazine.

Wednesday

We have a short service of Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am. This usually lasts thirty minutes.

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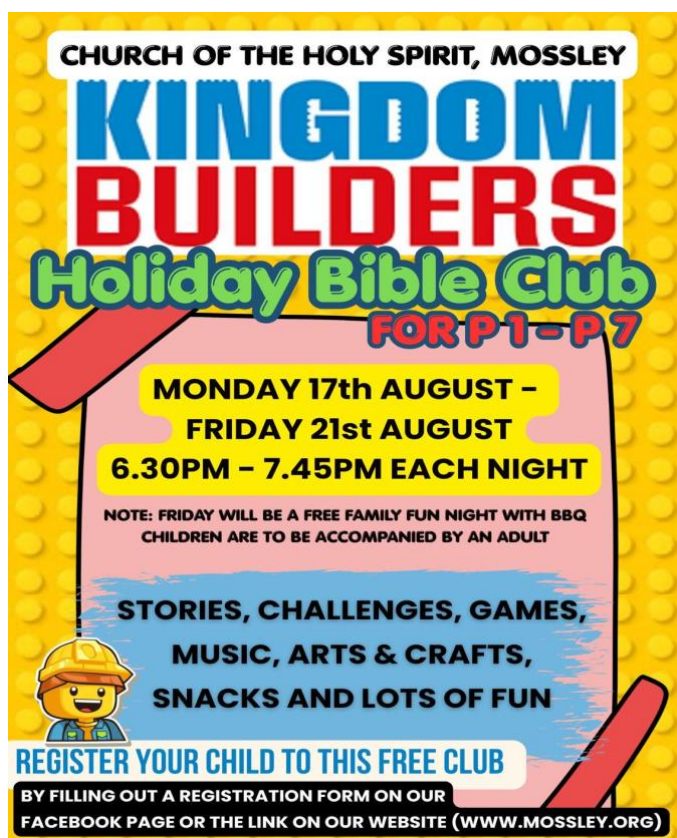
SELECT VESTRY

David Boyd	John Nesbitt
John Caldwell	Julie Parkinson
Winifred Clarke	Valerie Porter
Jacqui Eccles	Julie Robinson
Pamela Marron	Jim Sloan
Elaine Maxwell	

Sunday Services and Lesson Readers

Sunday 5th July Fifth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer	NT	Matthew 10:40-42	Eugene Marron
Sunday 12th July Sixth Sunday After Trinity 11am Holy Communion	OT G	Psalm 45:10-17 Matthew 11:25-30	Jacqui Eccles Preacher
Sunday 19th July Seventh Sunday After Trinity 11am Service of the Word	NT	Matthew 13:24-30	Julie Parkinson
Sunday 26th July Eighth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer	NT	Matthew 13:44-52	Bob Lee
Sunday 2nd August Ninth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Evening Prayer	NT OT	Matthew 14:13-21 1 Kings 10:1-13	Pamela Marron Jacqui Eccles
Sunday 9th August Tenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Holy Communion 6pm Compline	OT G NT	Genesis 37:12-28 Matthew 14:22-33 1 Kings 11:41 – 12:20	Kay Thompson Preacher Winifred Clarke
Sunday 16th August Eleventh Sunday After Trinity 11am Service of the Word 6pm Healing Service	NT NT	Matthew 15:21-28 John 6:51-58	Maureen McCrea Bob Lee
Sunday 23rd August Twelfth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Service of the Word	NT NT	Matthew 16:13-20 John 6:56-69	Harry Brolly Caroline Rogan
Sunday 30th August Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Healing Service 6pm Holy Communion	NT OT G	Matthew 16:21-28 2 Kings 7:3-20 Mark 7:1-8	Adam Parkinson Jacqui Eccles Preacher
Sunday 6th September Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Evening Prayer	NT NT	Matthew 18:15-20 Mark 7:24-37	Albert Patterson Winifred Clarke

Holiday Bible Club 2026



We are really looking forward to our Holiday Bible Club which, this year, is called *Kingdom Builders*.

Kingdom Builders will begin on Monday 17th August and continue until Thursday 20th August. As ever, there will also be a family fun night on Friday 21st August.

Each night we will meet at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre and finish up at 7.45pm. During the week we will be looking at how the kingdom of heaven is like treasure, who the King of the kingdom is, and how we can become part of the kingdom. We will also play games, take part in challenges and learn more about the Bible. We always have great fun together!

Our Holiday Bible Club is for all children of primary school age. We kindly ask that all children wishing to attend should be pre-registered. Registration forms will be available from our website (www.mossley.org) and can also be downloaded from our Parish Facebook page. **Registration for this particular event will go live from Tuesday 30th June.**

Please spread the word to others about this exciting week planned for young people in the Parish Centre.

Community Lunches

We met for the final time before the summer break on Wednesday 24th June and we enjoyed some sandwiches, sausage rolls and traybakes. Many thanks to everyone who has supported the Community Lunches during the past year.

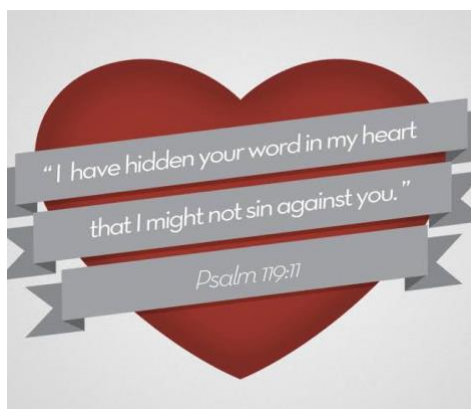
After the summer break, we will recommence the Community Lunches on Wednesday 9th September. We will continue as before on the second and fourth Wednesday in the month from 12noon until 2pm. We look forward to seeing everyone in September. Enjoy your break.



Kay Thompson – 07969835916

Hilary Gillies – 07840243427

Prayer Fellowship



As a member of the Prayer Fellowship, I want to share with you how God speaks to His people through Scripture, how doing daily readings opens and deepens the conversations God has with us.

Recently, in both the Old and New Testament readings, God has made known something He has sought and something He has found. In 1st Samuel 13:14 we read that "The Lord has sought for Himself a man AFTER HIS OWN HEART."

This is the type of person, male or female, that God has sought and He has sought that person for Himself. What a privilege it is to be sought out by God and He wants that person exclusively for Himself.

This is the type of person (Christian) who is blessed, who knows the peace, the joy and the excitement that comes when we walk in the favour of Almighty God.

Turning to the New Testament and Acts 13:22, which is accepted as having been the second volume written by Luke, we read Paul's words as he reflects on how God had removed King Saul after forty years reign and He raised up David as king. God declared "I have found David the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART WHO WILL DO ALL MY WILL."

We, who claim to be a Christian, should continually examine ourselves and test whether we actually have a heart after God's heart. Are we always obedient to God's WORD AND WILL?

I thank God for the way He challenges through His written Word, and how He uses it to teach us His ways and how He opens His heart to us in conversation every time we read and obey what He has written in Scripture.

My prayer is that all in our land will know that they are sought and found by Almighty God according to His Word.

May God richly bless and strengthen everyone who can say with the Psalmist.

"Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You" (Psalm 119:11)



Thank You!

On behalf of our family, we would like to thank all who sent cards, attended dad's funeral and generally supported us at this very sad time. Dad would have been so touched at the attendance at his funeral.

Many thanks,

Jim, Stephen, Karen & Angela

Spring Fair



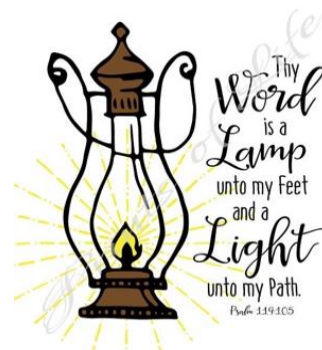
On Saturday 16th May we hosted our annual Spring Fair. From 10am until 1pm there was plenty for all the family to engage with and enjoy. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to the organising committee for their hard work and oversight. Thanks are also due to all the parishioners and parish organisations who offered such generous support. There was a range of different stalls and activities, and we were blessed that the rain stayed away for the most of the morning.

It was wonderful to see the Parish Centre so busy and we were pleased to have raised £2479. Well done to everyone!

Guild of Lesson Readers

The reading rota for the next two months can be found on page four of this magazine. Any changes to allocated readings can be made by speaking to either of the churchwardens.

We are always on the lookout for more readers! If you would be interested in reading lessons during church services, even if you have done so before, please speak to either the Rector or Rev Louise.



Memory Lane



As we move into the long, light days of summer, our Memory Lane community - those living with dementia, along with their carers, families and friends - remains very much in our hearts and prayers.

Please note that **there will be no Memory Lane services in July or August**. We hope this short summer pause gives everyone a chance to rest, enjoy the sunshine and spend time with loved ones. We look forward to regathering on **Thursday 3rd September at 2.30pm**, when our services will resume for the autumn season.

During the weeks ahead, may God's peace surround each one of you. For those moments when reassurance is needed, hold on to this simple but steady promise from Scripture:

"I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20)

A verse short enough to remember, strong enough to carry. Wishing everyone a blessed, gentle and joy-filled summer until we meet again.

With every blessing, Rev Louise

Bowling Club



As this is my first article as Club Secretary, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome everyone to another exciting season of Summer Bowls and to thank everyone for their continued support.

This year marks the eleventh year of our Summer Bowls. It is a wonderful achievement and a testament to the enthusiasm and commitment of our bowlers. The only interruption to our run came in 2020 when COVID restrictions prevented us from meeting and playing together. Since then, it has been fantastic to see the club continue to grow and thrive.

The 2026 Summer Bowls season has started exceptionally well. Attendance has been very encouraging, with numbers regularly reaching the high 30s and low 40s. It has been particularly pleasing to see all four mats in constant use, creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere. Whether members are experienced bowlers or simply looking for an enjoyable evening out, there has been something for everyone.

One of the great strengths of our Summer Bowls is that it is about far more than competition. It is about fun, friendship and fellowship. The evenings provide an opportunity for everyone to catch up with old friends, welcome new faces and enjoy the social side of the club. The conversations over a cup of tea or coffee are often every bit as important as the action on the mats, helping to maintain the strong sense of community that makes our club so special.

The Bowling Club Committee has also agreed the charities that will benefit from our fundraising and donations during the summer. We are delighted to support Lifeline and Kidney Research as our chosen charities for Summer Bowls 2026. To date, our fundraising efforts have raised £11,245 for numerous charities over the past eleven years.

Looking ahead, normal club bowling will recommence on Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm. We hope to see a strong turnout as we move from the Summer Bowls into the regular club season, welcoming back those that have braved the cold for the outdoor bowls and we also hope to see a few new faces.

Finally, I would like to thank all the volunteers, committee members and participants who help make our Summer Bowls such a success. Your hard work, enthusiasm and commitment ensure the Summer Bowls remains a friendly, welcoming and enjoyable place for everyone.

Here's to another successful summer season of good bowling, good company and plenty of tea, coffee, laughter and friendship along the way.

(Gavin)

Parish Magazine (September / October 2026)

We plan to have the next edition of the Parish Magazine ready for release on Sunday 30th August. Could all articles and notices please be with the Rector before Monday 24th August? It would be great to have a wide variety of articles and photos from all parish organisations.

Choir News



Hello Mossley Parishioners,

I hope you are all enjoying the warmer and brighter days and are looking forward to some relaxation during the summer.

As I am writing this, the Mossley Parish annual trip to Rathlin is happening on Saturday and forty of you have signed up to go. I have undertaken the trip three times and two were great, warm and dry. Unfortunately, the last visit (which I had arranged as a birthday present for my daughter) was wet and cold. It got to the stage that we were so wet that it didn't matter anymore and we sat in a field and had our picnic in the rain! The kids loved it - daughter not so much. I will be thinking about you all on Saturday and wishing I could be there.

Since Easter, the Choir have really enjoyed learning several new hymns including *Bless the Lord, There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, All I Once Held Dear* and *Come People of the Risen King*.

Choir practices resume on 3rd September and we will be working towards our Harvest Festival. Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to sing with us at the Harvest? Talk to any member of the Choir. We would be so happy to have you there.

Have a lovely summer and remember to keep singing 🎵 🎶 🎷

Joan

Bible Study

Last year we studied Galatians and Ephesians and we met faithfully each Tuesday evening, either in-person or online, for a total of twenty-eight different Bible studies. We were consistently challenged to draw close to God and remain entirely committed to Him. We concluded our journey on Tuesday 12th May with an end of year Holy Communion service.

Ruth and Esther



We will commence our new study series on Tuesday 15th September at 7.30pm in the Carntall Room. This year we will be focusing on two books from the Old Testament – Ruth and Esther. These two remarkable books focus on the lives of two incredible and faithful women. Our new study series will look at how God works in individual lives, even during really challenging times, ensuring that His will is done.

As we embark on a new season of study, please do plan to join with us. If you have never been to the study group before, or haven't been recently, we would be delighted to have you with us as we gather around God's Word.

Bakery Stall



It is hard to believe that we have just completed our second year with the Bakery Stall. This year we contributed £2,085 to Church funds making a total of £4104 since we started this venture.

We hope that everyone who has baked for us or who has visited the stall knows how much we appreciate their efforts. We are always looking for more bakers and, of course, new faces at the stall.

We are open on the first Saturday of each month (except January) at the later starting time of 9am. For a trial run we will be starting a 'Taste Before You Buy' where there will be a couple of items to taste before you make a decision.

All proceeds go directly to Church funds, so do try to come along. You will be very welcome!

Don't forget that there is also tea, coffee, toast, hot dogs, sausage rolls and bacon rolls available in the Parish Centre.

See you soon,

Barbara & Lianne

Online Services



We continue to offer Online Services and Bible Studies. These are made available on YouTube, Facebook, our website and the dial-in facility. Thank you to everyone who makes this possible.

Each week, our online service is livestreamed on YouTube from 11am and it is then released on Facebook, our website, and the dial-in facility at 12.30pm. If anyone would like to learn more about the livestream system or be willing to help on a rota basis, please speak to the Rector or Rev Louise.

Badminton Club

The Badminton Club has now concluded for the summer but plans to recommence in September. During the past year it was great to see everyone having fun and playing badminton on Thursday evenings. All new members will be made very welcome in September.



Flower Rota

We are blessed to have beautiful flowers in our church building every week. Sincere thanks to those who work so faithfully in providing beautiful displays and everyone who donates so generously in memory of loved ones.

July / August	Silk
6 th September	Liz Holmes
20 th September	Edith Kearney
4 th October (Harvest)	Lillian Smyth
18 th October	Cynthia Markwell



Tea Brew



We all enjoy being able to gather for a cup of tea / coffee after our 11am service each Sunday. Sincere thanks to everyone on the Tea Brew rota and Mrs Winnie Millar who organises the monthly rota.

July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Pat Moore & Sylvia Sloan

August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Pat Flint & Grace Orr

If you haven't yet come along for a cuppa after the service, you will be made most welcome! We would also like to say a massive "THANK YOU" to all who join the fellowship after the Sunday morning service for tea/coffee.



Christian Aid

Sincere thanks to everyone who donated to Christian Aid during our recent collection. We are delighted to announce that £277 has been raised.

Rector's Annual Leave

Please note that the Rector will be on annual leave from Thursday 16th July until Tuesday 4th August (inclusive). During this time all pastoral emergencies should be directed to Rev Louise Bowes. Rev Louise's contact details can be found on page three of this magazine.

Safeguarding Trust



We are happy to report that we now have forty-four volunteers who have completed the Safeguarding Trust training. There will be some new sessions available for those who still have this to complete. Please speak to the Rector for further details.

The Rector is now working with all the volunteers to ensure that Access NI applications are completed. All forms need to be returned to the Rector as soon as possible. If you require a form, please speak to any member of the Parish Panel.

Safeguarding Trust

Our Parish is committed to the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust policy. Should you have any concerns regarding the welfare of children in the Parish, please contact a member of the Parish Panel:

Rev Peter Jones	028 90 832726	Carolyn Caldwell	028 90 844040
John Nesbitt	07954150067	Joan Mackey	028 90 775366

Women's Guild

That's a wrap for this year. It's been a busy few months and I want to thank everyone for all their help with the Spring Fair back in May. It was a great success and the fact that not a single baked good was left over is always a fantastic sign.

Our last evening together was when we welcomed the lovely Carolina from Santiago, Chile, and Rev Geoff 'Titch' Hamilton from SAMS Ireland. We had a fun night attempting Geoff's South America quiz — surprisingly difficult, as many of us discovered. Carolina's story was truly inspirational and it was wonderful to have some of the prayer group join us as well.



Unfortunately, interest in the Clifton House trip wasn't as high as we had hoped so I've had to cancel our provisional booking for August. Thank you for your understanding.

Wishing you all a lovely, relaxing and restful summer.

Take care and God Bless,

Leeanne

Bric-A-Brac



Our Saturday morning bric-a-brac sale continues to meet faithfully in the Parish Centre. We are thankful to the bric-a-brac team who give so willingly of their time.

We are really pleased that the sale of homemade cakes, buns and breads is continuing on the first Saturday of each month (please see page ten for further details). Sincere thanks to all who make this possible. Please do come early and grab yourself a treat for the weekend!

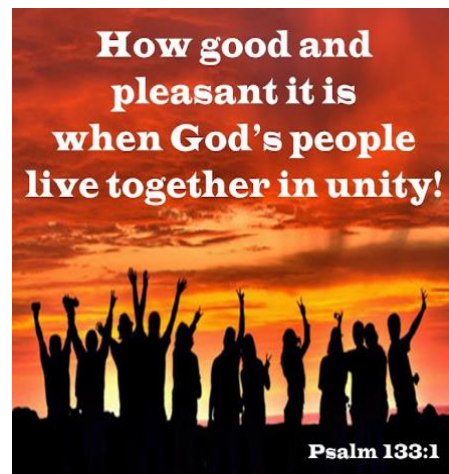
The bric-a-brac will meet on Saturday 4th July before taking a well-deserved break during the remainder of July. The sale will recommence on Saturday 1st August at the usual times.

We would also like to appeal for volunteers who could offer some of their time in helping to set the bric-a-brac out on a Friday afternoon or putting it away around noon on Saturdays. If you can help, even on a rota basis, please speak to the Rector or Alec Orr (02890836286).

Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship

On Sunday 24th May we gathered with other local churches in Glengormley Methodist for a Pentecost Praise Service. The church building was well filled and members from a number of local denominations took part – by either singing, reading the Bible or praying. Rev Jacob Mercer (St. Brigid's, Mallusk) was the preacher.

Further plans have been made for us to be able to join together in mission and ministry with other local churches. Work is underway in relation to the Great Glengormley Get Together and Bible Week 2027.



Please do pray for the continued work of the Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship, particularly that even more churches would get involved.

Dove Tots



Dove Tots concluded for the summer break on Friday 15th May. It was great to see so many children with their parents / carers and we had extra treats for our final session. A massive thank you to all who came along on Friday 22nd May to help with the toy clean and cupboard clear-out. Many hands do indeed make light work!

We have been really blessed to see so many children in the Parish Centre each Friday and we look forward to starting back again in September.

Trip to Rathlin

It was great to see a large group from Mossley Parish make the journey to Rathlin Island on Saturday 20th June 2026. Just over forty people signed up for the trip as we returned to Rathlin for the first time since the COVID pandemic. The little café that was a regular fixture for the parishioners of Mossley in previous years is no longer open. However, alternative locations were sought so that the tradition of having a cooked breakfast could continue.

The journey from Ballycastle to Rathlin took approximately forty minutes. Upon arriving on the island our eager ramblers soon got down to business, no doubt encouraged by the brilliant weather. After his experiences in previous years, the Rector was given some sun cream!

On Rathlin there are several beautiful walks which showcase the incredible scenery and wildlife. There really are routes for all ages and abilities. Some of our ramblers headed off in search of the famous Rathlin puffins while others visited one of the lighthouses and saw some of the resident seals.

For many of our ramblers, the day concluded with another Mossley tradition – getting fish and chips in Ballycastle. It was great to see so many people embark on the trip this year and a good time was had by everyone. The Rector still managed to get sunburnt again! Perhaps it needs to be total sun block for him next year!

Our thanks are due to Alan Bowes for organising this brilliant outing and we are very much looking forward to next year.



Kidz Klub



Kidz Klub has concluded for the summer months but will return on Saturday 5th September. We were delighted to see many new children coming along this year and we look forward to welcoming everyone back after the summer break.

Kidz Klub meets on the first Saturday night of each month in the Parish Centre. This is a club for children from nursery school age to P3. Each night, Kidz Klub begins at 5.30pm and finishes at 6.45pm. There are games, crafts and other activities for the children to enjoy. For further details please speak to Elaine Maxwell.

Youth Club

The Youth Club concluded for the summer break on Saturday 9th May and the tuck shop was significantly depleted. We will have to undertake a major restocking exercise before September!

It is hoped that the Youth Club will recommence on Saturday 12th September from 7pm - 9pm and it is open to children from P4 up to Second Year (Year 9). Any new members will be made welcome.



The Youth Club meets every Saturday during term time in the Parish Centre costing £1 per night. There will be plenty of arts & crafts, as well as football, badminton, pool, the Wii, Xbox and board games.

Last year the places at Youth Club were filled in a couple of days and we had to open some extra spaces after Christmas. This is a tremendous blessing and we are incredibly thankful. However, it also means that we do require more leaders in order to comply with the necessary safeguarding ratios. If anyone is able to help out on a Saturday night, even on a rota basis, this would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to the Rector or Rev Louise for further details about what would be involved.

Boys' Brigade



Plans are well advanced in relation to the return of our BB company. We hope that this will take place in September but we are currently working through all the necessary details and requirements with BBNI. We are exploring the possibility of Monday being our new company night. More details will be released very soon.

We would love to be able to welcome some extra leaders, even on a rota basis. If this is something that you might be able to help with, please speak to the Rector or Julie Robinson.

Crèche, Club J & Ignite Youth

On Sunday 17th May, our Parish family gathered for a joyful celebration for Children & Youth Sunday during the 11am service. Creche, Club J and the Ignite Youth Group led us beautifully, sharing the fruits of a year filled with learning, creativity and God's generous blessings.



This year, both Creche and Club J focused on the theme *God with Us*, helping the children to explore how God has been present with His people throughout Scripture and how He continues to be with us today. The children proudly shared their coloured-in symbol work, each picture representing a biblical teaching or reminder of God's faithfulness. A particular highlight for the children was the short drama, dressing up as different Bible characters and bringing the stories to life. Their enthusiasm and confidence made the theme feel real and meaningful, showing how God has journeyed with His people and how He can journey every situation with us today.



After the drama, we enjoyed a joyful moment as the children led us in the song *All Through History* by Nick and Becky Drake - a perfect fit for the theme and a wonderful reminder that God has always been with His people and continues to be with us today. The Ignite Youth Group then shared insights from their study of the Book of Judges, reflecting on the courage, struggles and faithfulness of some key biblical characters. Their thoughtful contributions showed real maturity and a growing understanding of how Scripture speaks into our lives today.

As the service concluded, we celebrated the achievements of our children and young people with a prize presentation. We also thanked the parents, guardians and especially our dedicated leaders (whose commitment, patience and love make a meaningful difference each week). To finish the morning on a high note, everyone enjoyed a surprise visit from the ice-cream van. With sunshine overhead, and laughter all around, it was the perfect ending to a truly memorable celebration.

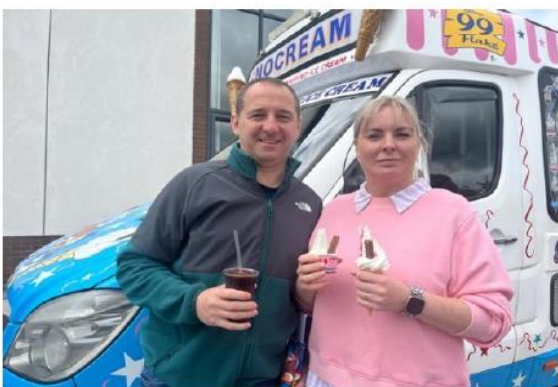
As we move into the summer months, we continue to pray for our children - that they may be safe, refreshed and return in September ready for another year of discovery, fellowship and faith.



Every blessing, Kim

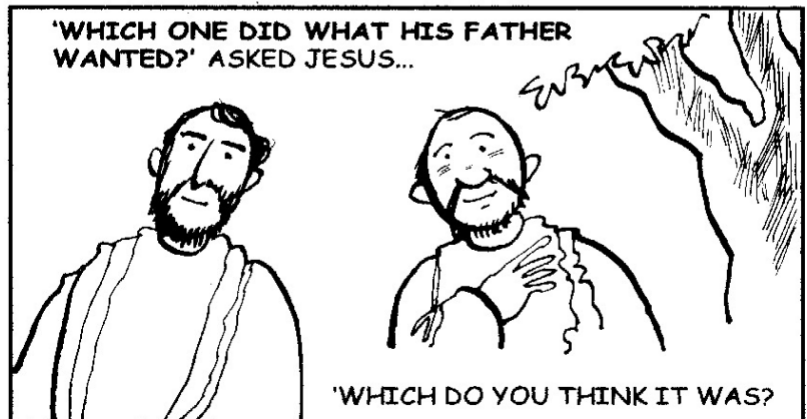
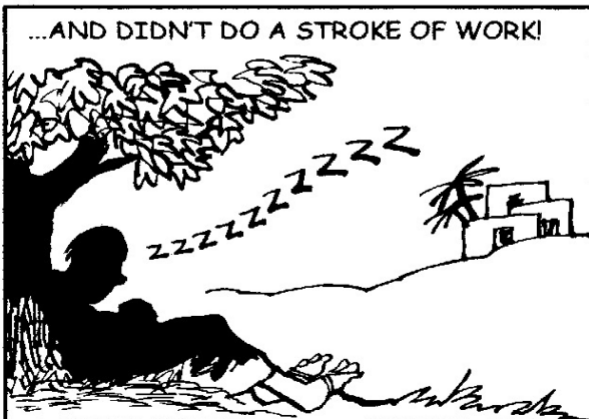
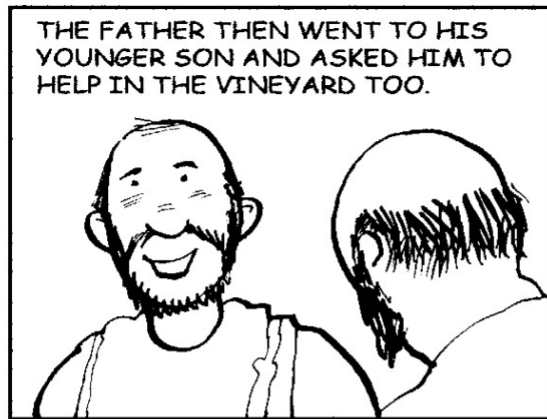
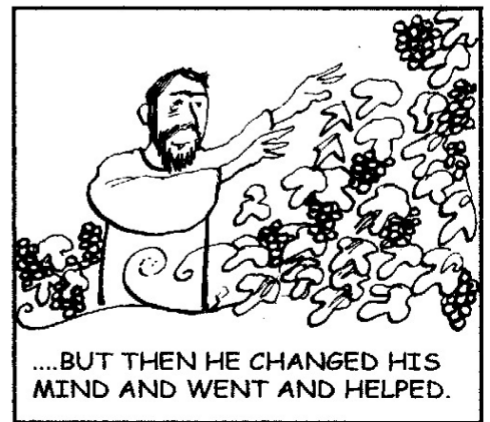
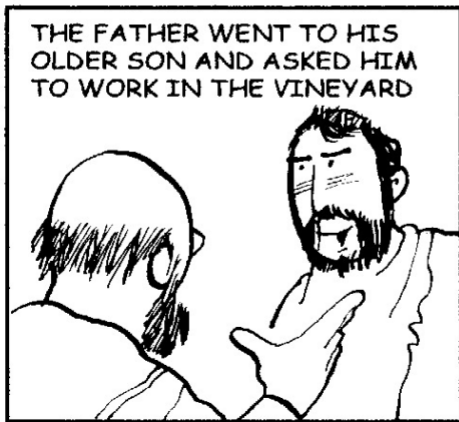
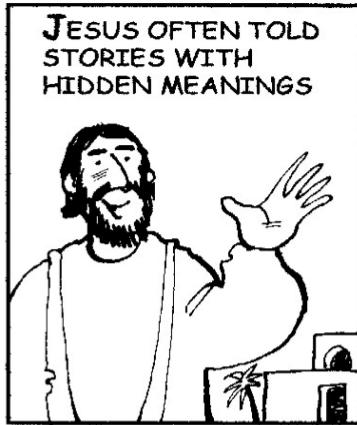


**A few photos
from after the
Children and Youth
Celebration Service
on
Sunday 17th May**



Picture Parable

The tale of
the
Two Sons



Street Pastors



We have completed our training for the current session and are busy arranging our next sessions for September. Whilst most of this training cannot stray from what was delivered before, we do have to bring it up-to-date with current trends and expectations.

This helps to equip us for the challenges we experience when we are out and about on duty, as well as enable us to engage meaningfully with people from a wide variety of backgrounds. As we go out into the world, we seek to communicate the Good News by word and deed. We can't simply sit in the comfort of our church buildings and wait for people to come to us. We need to meet them where they are.

Recently, a few of us were up on the Antrim Road speaking with rioters and trying to persuade them that God cares deeply about everyone and not just a few. I am not suggesting that we get involved in the middle of a riot. These things have a periphery and I know of a few people who were there trying to make a difference.

Street Pastors was formed because someone (Les Isaacs) thought, what is the Church in London doing to resolve or reduce the instances of knife crime in London? He concluded that the Church was stuck in its pews and doing little. It was offering nothing to the society from whence it was trying to increase its numbers. Les Isaacs started Street Pastors to change that. I believe that he has made changes. But has enough been done? Only time will tell.

How does this impact me, personally? Through the ministry of Street Pastors, I no longer think of myself as Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglican or Catholic. I am, first and foremost, a Christian. Will I sit in the pews of a church building and hide my Christianity there? Not a chance! As often as I can, I will be in the shops, on the streets and in the homes of my friends. I will avail of every opportunity to speak about the Christian faith and the last service that I heard within the Church - how it made me feel.

Muckamore Presbyterian Church has joined Street Pastors in Antrim and Newtownabbey within the last month. As I write this, one of their members has come out with us in Ballyclare while we have been on patrol, to see if he might become a Street Pastor or perhaps a Prayer Pastor. Maybe you would like to explore more about Street Pastors. Please come and chat with me

Thank you for your continued support and God bless you all on behalf of Antrim and Newtownabbey Street Pastors.

(Bob)

Update from SAMS Ireland



A key focus of the ministry of Revd. Marcos Humacata (pictured teaching) is the development of contextual Christian education in the Wichí language. He has helped translate and implement two key courses, *Vida Abundante* (Abundant Life, eighteen sessions) and *El Amor de Dios* (The Love of God, eight sessions), both designed for Wichí speakers. The courses use a dual learning model that combines independent study with small-group discussion led by

trained Wichí tutors. This structure allows participants of varying educational backgrounds to engage meaningfully and progress at their own pace while also learning collaboratively. Revd. Marcos emphasizes that teaching Scripture in the people's first language, rather than Spanish, enables faith to be understood more deeply and personally. In this way, biblical teaching is not distant or abstract but becomes part of everyday life, helping nurture hope, identity, and spiritual growth within the Wichí community strengthening community engagement and long-term sustainable faith formation process.

Lord God, we give You thanks for the ministry of Revd. Marcos and for his commitment to Christian education among the Wichí people. We praise You for the *Vida Abundante* and *El Amor de Dios* courses, and for all who engage with them in both study and community learning. Bless the Wichí tutors who guide small groups with care and faithfulness. May the dual learning model combining personal study with shared reflection, open hearts and minds to Your truth, and allow each participant to grow at a pace that works for them. Lord, we thank You for the gift of language and for the way Scripture speaks deeply when heard in the mother tongue. As Your Word is taught in Wichí rather than Spanish, may it be received not as something distant, but as living truth that shapes daily life. Strengthen identity, nurture hope and bring spiritual renewal to the community. May this work build lasting faith, strengthen relationships, and deepen engagement across generations, so that Your love may take root and flourish among the Wichí people. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Please pray for Rev Geoff Hamilton and the Rector as they travel to Paraguay in early September for a series of special events celebrating the life, mission and ministry of Captain Allen Gardiner. Captain Gardiner's work and example inspired 175 years of mission work in South America. While in South America, the Rector and Rev Geoff will also stop off in Salta, Argentina, as we seek to continue to build relationships with the Diocese of North Argentina.

Update from Tansen Hospital



Another insight into the great work of Tansen to encourage you. An 11-year-old boy was brought to Tansen by his family after visiting several other health facilities - each of which sent him on. His problem was severe: painful spasms, all over his body, every few seconds. His trunk would stiffen suddenly and his back would form an arch with a jerk and his face grimaced strangely with pain. Even his

jaw clenched tight with every spasm and eventually he was barely able to open his mouth to sip water. The diagnosis was evident in each facility he visited: tetanus. This disease is rare these days because of effective vaccination. The boy's family felt sure he had been vaccinated but it is possible the vaccination was not stored properly before he received it. Almost half the patients who get tetanus die, unable to even breathe or swallow safely.

For many weeks the young boy patiently lay in a darkened room at the hospital, receiving infusions – which helped but could not completely stop the painful spasms. With good nursing care, family attention, medical help and great bravery on his part, the disease finally began to lose its grip on him. After nearly two long months, the young boy was able to return home with his family.

This experience reminds us of the importance of vaccination programmes. It also highlights how United Mission Hospital Tansen is often the 'last chance' for patients with problems that are likely to take a long time and that other facilities cannot manage – like those with burn injuries, or complex bone fractures, or this young boy's tetanus infection.

Points for prayer / praise:

- Pray for safe travel for patients and staff during the monsoon season. Landslides are quite common at this time of year.
- Pray especially for Dr Rachel as she travels to Windsor Castle at the end of June to receive her award.
- Praise God that more people are using Tansen which helps its financial sustainability.

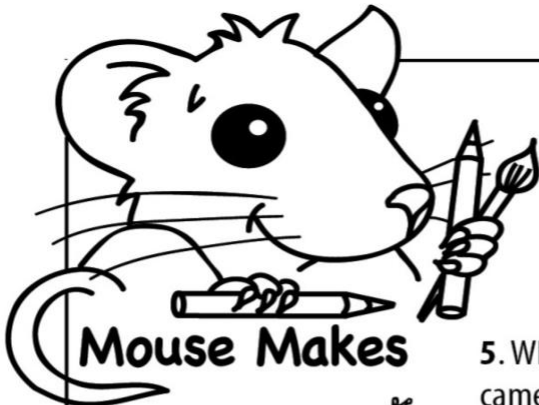
Mossley Mission Group Update

Thanks to all who continue to support our mission partners. It was great to have Carolina Schmidt with us in the Parish to learn first-hand what God has done in her life and how she is now serving God in Santiago.

Future events

Autumn Concert (Friday 18th September). More details will be released in the weekly Parish Bulletins. We look forward to a really special night together.

Challenge Time



1. What bird makes its nest on high?
Job 39:27



2. What ate the seeds along the path?
Matthew 13:4



3. The hair of which animal was used to make curtains?
Exodus 36:14



4. What insect can we learn from?
Proverbs 6:6

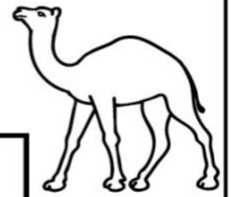
7. Which animal was Jesus compared to?
John 1:29



5. What plague came out of the River Nile?
Exodus 8:6



6. What animal would go through the eye of a needle easier than a rich person?
Luke 18:25



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8. What bird did Noah release from the ark first?
Genesis 8:7



9 across.
In what creature's mouth was a coin found?
Matthew 17:27



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9 down.
What lives in holes?
Matthew 8:20

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10. What insect would God send to destroy the enemy?
Deut 7:20



12. Which bird did the Holy Spirit appear as?
Luke 3:22



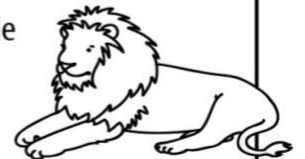
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13. Which animal did Jesus ride on?
Matthew 21:7



14. What bird did God provide for food in the wilderness?
Exodus 16:13



15. What insects did John eat in the wilderness?
Matthew 3:4



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16. Which animal is the "mightiest among beasts"?
Proverbs 30:30