

*Church of the Holy Spirit  
Manse Road, Mossley*



*The Dove Magazine*

*March / April 2026 Edition*

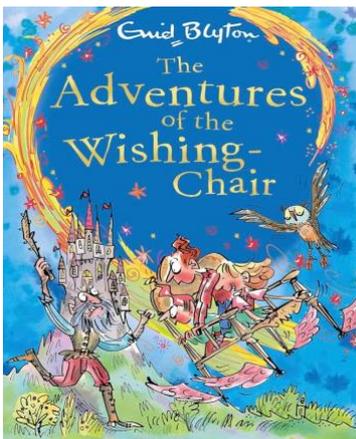
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## *From the Rectory Study*

Recently I was meeting with a group of Ordained Local Ministers and we were chatting about the nature and demands of ministry. I suggested that one aspect of ministry that I particularly enjoy is sharing at school assemblies. This is hardly surprising given my background in education. I really like hearing the children singing and I look forward to discovering who has been named 'Pupil Of The Week' in each of the classes. At these assemblies, I share a short Christian message, usually based on a particular verse or passage from the Bible. It really is a blessing to be able to share the good news of Jesus with the children in our local schools and I do ask you to pray for the schools regularly.

About a week ago, I was in Mossley Primary and I was asked an interesting question: what is your favourite children's book? That got me thinking! I could play it safe and suggest that it is *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, written by C.S. Lewis and released in 1950. After all, there is a very clear Christian message communicated in this book and C.S. Lewis has definite connections to the Church of Ireland. I do like all of Lewis's writings, however I found myself thinking (fairly quickly) about another book.



*The Adventures of the Wishing Chair* was written by Enid Blyton and published in 1937. A TV series was made in 1998 as part of Blyton's *Enchanted Lands*. I can remember this book being read to my class by our teacher when I was in primary school. It tells the story of Mollie and Peter, searching for a birthday present for their mother, when they stumble across an old antique chair. It turns out that this is a wishing chair and it has the ability to grow wings and fly Peter and Mollie to a series of new and exciting places, such as the Giant's Castle and the Land of Dreams. When our children (Timothy and Hannah) were younger, I bought them a copy of this book and read them the stories. On the back cover there is an invite extended to the reader: "Fly away with Peter and Mollie in this complete collection of Enid Blyton's much-loved Wishing-Chair series."

At times we might wish that we had a chair just like this, a means of getting away from the busyness of life and escaping the stresses and problems that are weighing heavily on our minds. In all seriousness, how do we deal with the challenges that come our way in life? The Bible encourages us to turn to God and seek His guidance and direction. In 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:7 we read, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." It is incredible to realise and accept that we are known by God and He cares deeply about us. When we face problems in life, which we all have and we all will, we should turn to God in prayer and read His Word. Psalm 46 challenges us to remember that "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." There is no situation that we can ever find ourselves in that is beyond the power and authority of God. We can trust Him at all times.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL

7 <sup>th</sup> January	Robin Simms	13 Kimberley Park
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Lee Whiteside	2 Woodford Crescent
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Maureen Meek	Maryland Care Home, Moneyreagh

## LENT SERVICES

Our Wednesday evening Lenten services began on 18<sup>th</sup> February and will continue each week up to and including Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

We look forward to a series of special services during Holy Week. More details can be found on page five.

## 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](http://www.mossley.org))
3. YouTube ([www.youtube.com](http://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.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

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Jacqui Eccles	Valerie Porter
Ken Jackson	Julie Robinson
Leeanne Kelly	Jim Sloan

## Sunday Services and Lesson Readers

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> Second Sunday in Lent 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Evening Prayer	 NT  OT	 John 3:1-17  Numbers 21:4-9	 Kay Thompson  Jacqui Eccles
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> Third Sunday in Lent 11am Holy Communion 6pm Late Evening Office	 OT G  OT	 Exodus 17:1-7 John 4:4-26  Joshua 1:1-9	 Harry Brolly Preacher  Bob Lee
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> Fourth Sunday in Lent ( <i>Mothering Sunday</i> ) 11am All-Age Service 6pm Healing Service	 NT  NT	 Ephesians 5:8-14  James 5:13-20	 Club J / Ignite  Winifred Clarke
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> Fifth Sunday in Lent 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Holy Communion	 NT  OT G	 Romans 8:6-11 Lamentations 3:19-33 Matthew 20:17-34	 Winnie Millar Caroline Rogan Preacher
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> Sixth Sunday In Lent ( <i>Palm Sunday</i> ) 11am Healing Service 6pm Service of the Word	 NT  NT	 Matthew 21:1-11  Philippians 2:5-11	 Adam Parkinson  Jacqui Eccles
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b> Easter Sunday 11am Holy Communion  <b>NO EVENING SERVICE</b>	 OT G	 Jeremiah 31:1-6 John 20:1-18	 Albert Patterson Preacher
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> Second Sunday of Easter 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Compline	 NT  OT	 John 20:19-31  Daniel 6:1-23	 Jacqui Eccles  Bob Lee
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b> Third Sunday of Easter 11am All-Age Service 6pm Healing Service	 NT  OT	 Luke 24:13-35  Haggai 1:13 – 2:9	 Club J / Ignite  Winifred Clarke
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Holy Communion	 NT  OT G	 John 10:1-10  Ezra 3:1-13 Luke 19:37-48	 Eugene Marron Caroline Rogan Preacher

## **Holy Week 2026**

This year, the title of our Holy Week journey will be **'The Cross Has Said It All.'** We will be looking at the scene of the Cross as we seek to reflect on the depth and magnitude of what God has done for us.

Each weekday evening at 7.30pm we will meet for a worship service. On Easter Sunday morning there is also the opportunity to join with neighbouring congregations for our Easter Dawn service in Bellevue Zoo Carpark. The various themes and service types for Holy Week 2026 are as follows.

### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Café Church in the Parish Centre

THEME: *The Cost of Commitment (Genesis 22:1-19)*

### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Service of the Word

THEME: *The Offer of Forgiveness (Luke 23:13-25)*

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Evening Prayer

THEME: *The Reality of Reconciliation (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:11 – 6:2))*

### **Maundy Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> April)**

Holy Communion

THEME: *The Suffering of the Saviour (Mark 14:32-42)*

### **Good Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> April)**

At the Foot of the Cross: a service of readings and reflections

THEME: *The Final Sacrifice (Hebrews 9:11-14)*

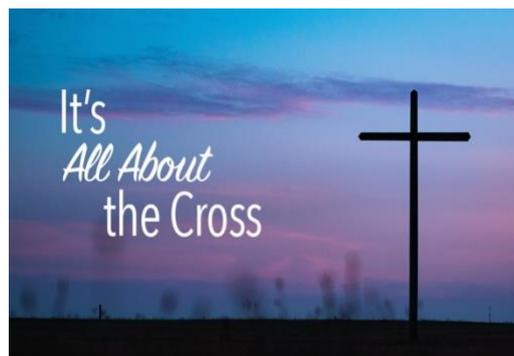
### **Easter Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> April)**

Easter Sunrise Service (Bellevue Zoo Carpark)

Holy Communion (9am)

Holy Communion (11am)

THEME: *From the Cross to the Empty Tomb (Luke 24:1-12)*



**Please note that there will be no evening service on Easter Sunday**

### **An Easter Prayer**

Almighty, all-powerful Father God, you brought light and hope out of darkness and despair. You brought life out of death when you raised Jesus that first Easter Day. Thank you that the tomb is forever empty and that Jesus is forever alive! No matter what is going on, no matter how little we understand, help us to hold on to the Easter truth – Jesus is risen! He is alive today and in him we can put our trust, completely and confidently. Because of Jesus, death is defeated. Because of Jesus, the best is yet to be. Love wins! Hallelujah! We praise you, Lord, in Jesus' name, Amen.

## Women's Guild

Hello everyone! What started as a very slow beginning to the year now feels as though time is running away from us! Both of our coffee mornings have come and gone in a flash, and we are now looking forward to a fun-filled night at the Barn Dance.

Our first Saturday morning together was a very cold morning but thankfully many of you managed to make it out. We had a lovely morning with Leah Kirkpatrick and she gave us an insight into her life and becoming Mayor. We are very grateful to her for sharing her story.

The February coffee morning brought more frosty weather and unfortunately our speaker was unable to attend. However, she has confirmed that she will speak at our meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm. We still managed to have a nice morning with plenty of conversation and even a little bit of tutoring on mobile phones.

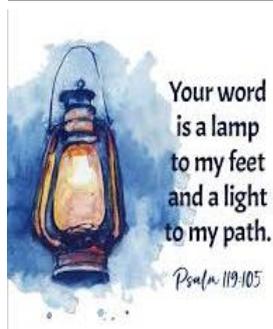


The planning for our Barn Dance on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm is well underway. We are really looking forward to a fun-filled evening of dancing. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets, please see Julie P, Julie R, Emma, Karen or myself and we will ensure you receive your tickets in good time. We have been very lucky to have received some lovely donations of gift vouchers from local businesses and members of the committee - raffle tickets will be available on the evening. We also hope to have a few on-the-spot prizes, so there's a lot to look forward to. We hope to fill the hall again! Many thanks to those who have already offered to help with our supper on the evening. Anyone else who would like to help, please let me know. As always, we will need a lot of help on the evening, during the event and afterwards with the clean-up. All helpers will be greatly appreciated.

See you all soon. Take care and God Bless.

Leeanne

## Guild of Lesson Readers



Thank you to everyone who has offered to read lessons and to all who have already done so. The 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.

## Bible Week 2026



From Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January we met in Mossley Primary School at 7.30pm each evening. This year our main speaker was Pastor Pip Kerr and he shared a series of talks with us, all relating to our theme of '*In Christ.*' Using Paul's letter to the Ephesians as his text, Pastor Pip spoke with great enthusiasm and passion. For anyone who was unable to attend the Bible Week or missed some of the talks, these are

now available online. Please go to [www.newtownabbeybibleweek.org](http://www.newtownabbeybibleweek.org)

It was really encouraging to see more churches involved with Bible Week and this led to good attendances throughout the week. Our thanks are also due to the various praise groups who led us in our worship of God each night.

There was a great sense of togetherness and we were richly blessed by all that took place during Bible Week 2026. Plans are already well underway for Bible Week 2027. God willing, we will meet from Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January until Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2027. It is hoped that our speaker will be announced in the very near future.

## Memory Lane



Our Memory Lane gathering in February offered a gentle and meaningful time for those living with dementia, along with their carers, families and friends. Together, we reflected on God's love - a theme that brought comfort and reassurance to many. The familiar hymns we sang were especially enjoyed, sparking memories and creating a lovely sense of togetherness.

This month also carried sadness as we shared the news that two of our dear friends had passed away since our last meeting. We held a moment of quiet reflection and extended our heartfelt condolences to their families. Their presence will be deeply missed within our Memory Lane community.

We continue to meet on the **first Thursday of every month at 2.30pm**, with the exception of July. The dates for the year are listed below and everyone is warmly welcome to join us as we continue to share companionship, music and faith together.

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**4<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
**1<sup>st</sup> October 2026**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**  
**6<sup>th</sup> August 2026**  
**5<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

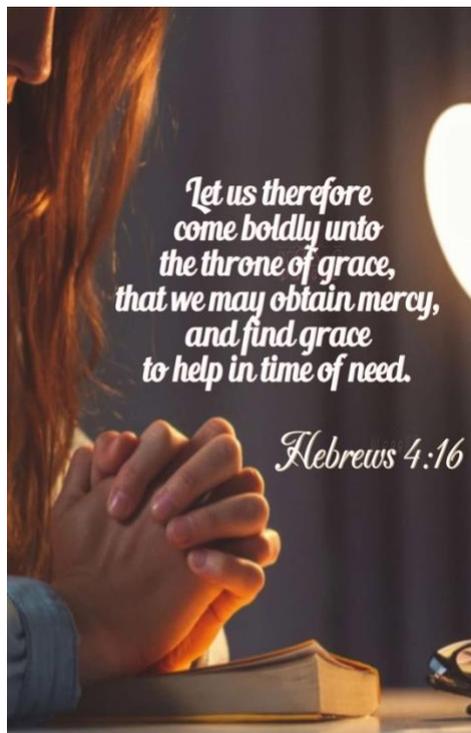
**7<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2026**

With every blessing,

Rev Louise

## Prayer Fellowship

A wise and elderly Belfast City missionary was known to say to his flock, who came to him with concerns, "Claim the promises of God." He knew he had a faithful God who could be relied upon, whatever the hardships of life. He did not seek to minimise the tough times people faced and he often gave practical help as well. With compassion and concern, he often pointed them to the God of all comfort who could meet the needs of their soul.



In Hebrews 4:16 we have a great promise, "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

We all have needs which we can talk to God about, and also pray about the needs of others as well. You can put your name into that promise and claim it for yourself and those you are burdened for.

Jude is one of the shortest books in the Bible and it ends (v25-26) with a great promise and blessing, one which is often used to conclude the Prayer Fellowship: "To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen."

At the Prayer Fellowship, which meets every Wednesday night from 7.30pm until 8.30pm, we gather and simply claim and rely on the promises of God. Some people pray aloud, others within the silence of their own hearts. What we have in common is that we love Jesus and want to worship him, and we all leave with a sense of peace, knowing that we have met with our Father God who knows, loves and cares for us. You will be made most welcome. You don't have to stay for the whole hour and can stay for as long or as short a period of time as suits you.

If you would like to find out more, do speak to the Rector or leave your details in the prayer request box in the church porch. Come to the Prayer Fellowship and leave your burdens at "the throne of grace" and be blessed in your soul.

### Prayer List

Each week we publish a prayer list in our weekly Parish Bulletin. Names can be added to the prayer list by filling out a prayer card and placing the card in the box on the table in the church porch. If you are submitting the name of someone else, please ensure that they permit their name to be added to the prayer list.

## Online Services



We continue to offer an online service each Sunday morning. It is available on YouTube from 11am and it is then released on Facebook, our website and the dial-in facility at 12.30pm.

Since the last edition of this magazine our videos have been watched almost 1600 times and this equates to approximately 201 hours of watch time. We also have a number of parishioners who avail of the dial-in facility and they faithfully listen to the Sunday Service and Bible Study each week.

Thank you to everyone who makes this possible and it really is a blessing to the many people who join with us faithfully each week through the wonders of technology. 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, Rev Louise or Bob Lee.

## 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.

1 <sup>st</sup> March	Wesley & Lillian Smyth
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Cynthia Markwell
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday (Pat Flint)
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Available
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Karen Henry
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Available
31 <sup>st</sup> May	John Nesbitt



## 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

## **Bowling Club**

As I write this, the Indoor Bowling season is quickly coming to an end and I wonder just where it has gone. When we started last September, organizing the nights and matches, March 2026 seemed so far away. Now, it is fast approaching and this is confirmed by all the Easter Eggs on sale in the shops.

During January and February, we have played two matches in the Glengormley & District Churches League, with one still to play. Then the League is over for another year. One of those matches was a win and one was loss, so I think (at the moment) we are sitting around mid-position in the league table.

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February we played St. Brigid's in a Charity Cup competition and, after a very tense finish and checking the score cards more than once, we won by three shots. Our next opponents in that competition will be Glengormley Methodist, with the match to be played at home in early March. All monies collected at these matches will be donated to the Children's Hospice.



Recently, the Club competition for the Men's Jubilee Shield was played over two nights. The final was a keenly fought game between Steven Horner and Brian White, with Brian emerging as the eventual winner. Well played Brian. There is still one more in-house competition to be played and this is the Pairs competition – which can take up to three nights to complete. Then that will be the bowling concluded for another year.

Over the past few months some of the Bowling Club members and their families have experienced health problems. We send them every good wish for a speedy recovery and ask for God's healing hand upon them.

Each evening at the Bowling Club we enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee with biscuits and buns. I would like to thank all who make this happen, and also to the helping hands who tidy and clean up afterwards.

The Bowling Club hopes to finish on 25<sup>th</sup> March with our AGM. I'm sure there will be plenty of items to be discussed.

(G. Curry)

### **Parish Magazine (March / April 2026)**

We plan to have the next edition of the Parish Magazine ready for release on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Could all articles and notices please be with the Rector before Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April?

## Spring Fair



We are looking forward to our Spring Fair in Mossley Parish. This year's Fair will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 10am until 1pm.

We plan to have gift stalls, craft stalls, baked goods, sweets & treats, a tearoom, games and so much more.

Any help from parishioners and parish organisations would be gratefully received. We would love to be able to fill the Parish Centre again, as we did as Christmas, and it's such a blessing to see everyone having a great time.

Please speak to the Rector, Rev Louise, or Mrs Kim Jones for further details.

## Community Lunches

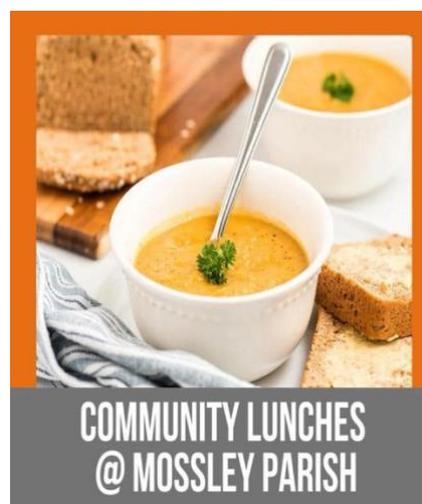
The Community Lunch Group continues to meet on the second and fourth Wednesday in the month. We have been greatly encouraged by the good numbers attending and at times have had almost thirty people.

Again, I ask if anyone would like to help by making a pot of soup (once a year) it would be very much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing everyone again soon. For further information please contact:

Kay Thompson (07969835916)

Hilary Gillies (07840243427)



## Tea Brew



It is encouraging to see the Parish Centre busy each Sunday morning after our 11am service. Meeting together for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat is really important as we seek to grow together as a community of faith.

Sincere thanks to everyone on the Tea Brew rota and Mrs Winnie Millar who organises the monthly rota.

If you haven't yet come along for a cuppa after the service, you will be made most welcome!

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

Kay Thompson, Hilary Gillies & Deborah Blair

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

Ann McCutcheon & Hilary McCoy

## **Easter General Vestry**

It's hard to believe that Easter is fast approaching! This year, our Easter General Vestry will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. This is one of the most important business meetings in the life of our Parish and is, in many ways, very similar to an Annual General Meeting. It is the occasion when we reflect on the past twelve months and are presented with our annual accounts.

**GENERAL**

*EASTER VESTRY*

**MEETING**



A new Select Vestry will be elected at this meeting, as will a People's Churchwarden and People's Glebewarden. The Rector will also appoint a Rector's Churchwarden and a Rector's Glebewarden. As this is a triennial year, we will also be electing Parochial Nominators and supplementals, as well as Diocesan Synod Representatives and supplementals.

Any member of the Parish can attend the Easter General Vestry and can speak at the meeting, but only those who are on the Register of Vestry Persons can vote or hold office.

Please make a note of the date of this very important meeting. It would be great to see you there! Tea / Coffee and refreshments will be served following conclusion of our business.

## **Bric-A-Brac**



Our Saturday morning bric-a-brac sale continues to meet faithfully each week. The Bake Sale on the first Saturday of each month continues to be really popular! There is always a great selection of bread, scones, cakes, pastries etc. The next Bake Sale will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> March. We would love to see you there and all proceeds will go to Church funds.

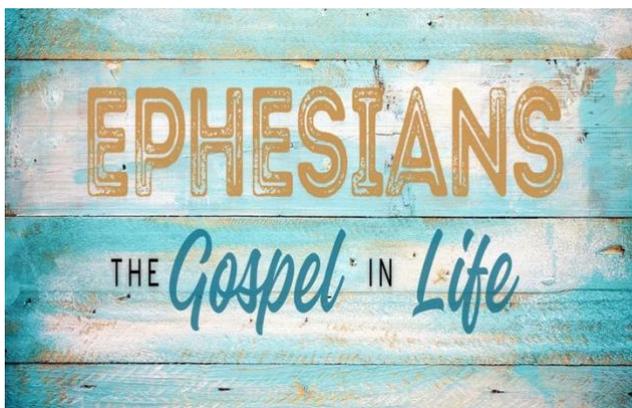
The sales have been going well and we are thankful to the bric-a-brac team who give so willingly of their time. There have been some very generous donations of bric-a-brac in recent weeks and many of these items have sold quickly! If you would like to grab yourself a bargain and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee (or even a bacon bap), pop over to the Parish Centre any Saturday morning from 8.30am onwards.

Anyone who has any donations of bric-a-brac should contact Alec Orr (02890836286).

We would also like to make an appeal for volunteers who could offer some of their time in helping to set the bric-a-brac out on a Friday afternoon. If you can help, even on a rota basis, please speak to the Rector or Alec Orr.

## **Bible Study**

After the Christmas break, we started to look at Ephesians and there has been much for us to engage with. We have been focusing on what it means to live according to God's will and embrace the eternal hope that He gives us. Each week the passages are fairly short but they are incredibly rich. This is evident from the excellent discussions that we have with our *Time to Reflect* questions.



The in-person Bible Study, at 7.30pm each Tuesday evening, incorporates short video clips. We would love to see even more parishioners come along to the Carntall Room for our gathered meetings. It really is a great blessing to be able to sit together around God's Word and discuss it with each other. Please do consider joining with us.

Our Bible Studies will continue during March but will pause for Holy Week and Easter Week. Please note that there will be no Bible Study on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April due to the Easter General Vestry. When we reconvene on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, we will have only three studies remaining before our end of year Holy Communion on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Safeguarding Trust Training**



Sincere thanks to everyone who has attended Safeguarding Trust training in Holy Trinity, Woodburn, and St. Peter's, Belfast. For anyone who is yet to complete this training, we are pleased to announce that a session has been arranged and it will be held in our Parish Centre on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Please speak to the Rector if you would like to attend this meeting.

Safeguarding Trust training is required once every three years and further training sessions will be organised at other locations throughout the Diocese. For more details, please speak to any member of the Parish Panel.

Access NI forms will also be distributed during March and we are seeking to get these completed before Easter. The Rector needs to sign each form. We will arrange suitable times with each parish organisation for this to be completed.

Thank you for your cooperation and compliance with the safeguarding policy. We were delighted to receive a positive report from our inspection in the autumn and we want to maintain this high standard of practice.

## **Badminton Club**

The Badminton Club meets on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. It is great to see everyone having fun and playing badminton. If you would like to try your hand at badminton, and engage in a little friendly competition, please do come along. You will be made most welcome!



## **Dove Tots**



After a well-deserved Christmas break, Dove Tots returned in January and was as busy as ever! It's been just wonderful to see the children with their parents / carers on a Friday morning in the Parish Centre. We are delighted to see the Main Hall so well filled each week.

We have enjoyed the fun and the tasty treats each Friday. Thank you to everyone who comes along! We look forward to all the exciting things that we have planned for the next few months, especially as we get closer to Easter!

## **Kidz Klub**

On the first Saturday night of each month Kidz Klub meets 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**



Following our Christmas break, Youth Club resumed on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. The tuck shop was well stocked, there were plenty of arts & crafts, and lots of board games. The football and badminton prove to be ever popular.

We were delighted to be able to provide an extra ten spaces for Youth Club and these were taken very quickly. This was made possible because several new leaders have offered to help. Sincere thanks are due to all the leaders who give so willingly of their time. We have established a rota for the leaders and this seems to be working well. If anyone would like to help out, even once a month, please speak to the Rector.

The Education Authority have, once again, awarded an operational grant to the Youth Club and this has enabled us to purchase some new equipment and crafts. We are also planning another outing before we conclude for the summer break.

## Girls' Brigade



GB is always busy in Mossley. As well as all our usual Monday evening activities such as Scripture, skipping and games, the girls have been learning a new skill. Shannen has been busy teaching our Juniors and Seniors the art of crochet. It has been slow going but I am sure the results will be worth it.

In February we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with the usual pancakes and all the goodies that go along with them. They went down a treat.

It seems like no time at all since we were preparing for Christmas, but here we are preparing for Parents' Night. Emma has been busy choreographing our dance routines and the girls have started to learn them. So, be prepared for lots of singing and dancing at home.

We will be taking our Easter break on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March** and **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April**, although we do encourage the girls to attend Holy Week services if they are able.

Parents' evening, this year, will be held on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm**

We break for May Day and then return for our final meeting on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** when we will have our end of year party.

Thank you for your support throughout the year.

*Seek, Serve and Follow Christ*

## Boys' Brigade



After several years, we are excited to share that 14<sup>th</sup> Newtownabbey Boys' Brigade is planning to make a return to Mossley!

I, Daniel Robinson, and Adam Parkinson really enjoyed our time growing up through the BB under Maureen's leadership and were sad when it ended. We feel that now that we are of an age to undertake a leadership role, we should encourage other young boys and teenagers to join and share fellowship, while learning about the life and teachings of Jesus.

Since BB ended at Mossley there have been a few changes within the organisation. For example, we are now under the umbrella of BBNI (Boys' Brigade Northern Ireland). Plans are in motion to ensure that all leaders are fully trained and we are thankful to Peter for taking the lead and co-ordinating this - especially for undertaking the role of Captain.

Once all the necessary training is complete, we will confirm a start date. It is likely that this will be in the autumn. The plan is to return on a Monday evening. We would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining either as a leader or a member.

Daniel & Adam

## Christmas Hamper Appeal



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Lifehouse

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Ref: Donation

Rector Peter Jones  
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Dear Rector Peter Jones,

I am writing to thank you for your donation of 30 hampers. We are so grateful for your kindness at this Christmas time as we seek to support homeless families.

Please do pass on our appreciation to all involved.

Thank you for thinking of us and the work that we do.

Yours sincerely,

PP Chris Ferris

### **Thank You!**

Mr Larry Lennox would like to express his sincere thanks to everyone who attended the funeral of his wife Gladys and donated generously to NI Chest, Heart & Stroke. Your thoughtfulness, support and kindness are greatly appreciated.

### **Thank You!**

On behalf of Louise and John, George and Ann McCutcheon wish to thank everyone who sent cards and gifts on the birth of their granddaughter Ruby. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.



## **Crèche, Club J & Ignite Youth**

### **Memory Verse Goals**



During the past month, the children in Club J have been taking part in a Memory Verse Goals Challenge. Each week they learn a new memory verse and record their progress on their rewards chart. This has brought great excitement and a real sense of achievement. Memory Verses are a powerful way to help children, and indeed all of us, carry Scripture into the different circumstances that we experience in life. Many of the children have already shared how certain verses have encouraged them during their week, reminding us how God's Word continues to speak into every situation.

### **Lent Focus: The Chaco Garden Project**

During the season of Lent, the children are using the excellent resources produced by the South American Mission Society, focusing on a missional project in North Argentina - *The Chaco: The Garden Project*. Both children and leaders have been amazed to learn how God's provision and love are expressed through something as essential as growing food. The stories and activities have opened their eyes to how faith, community and practical care come together in mission work around the world.



### **Dates for Your Diary**

- Sunday 15th March: All-Age Family Service
- Sunday 19th April: All-Age Family Service
- Sunday 17th May: Children & Youth Sunday Celebration Service

These services are wonderful opportunities for the whole Parish to worship together and celebrate the gifts and contributions of our children and young people. We will be beginning to practice for the Children & Youth Sunday Celebration Service soon.

### **Please Keep Our Young People in Prayer**

We ask you to continue to hold all the children and youth of our Parish in your prayers. Pray for their growth in faith, their joy in learning, and for the leaders who guide and support them each week. Their energy and openness are a blessing to our whole church family.

Every Blessing,

Kim

## Mossley Mission Group

In this edition of the magazine, we are focusing on Dr Rachel Karrach and all that she has done to help develop Tansen Hospital.

Dr Rachel grew up in a Christian home. Her father was a doctor and her mother a primary school teacher. Her father (Rev Herbert Karrach) was born to Jewish parents in Vienna, but his mother decided to have him baptised in the local Lutheran church. In 1938, as life became increasingly unsafe for them in Vienna,



they escaped to southern Ireland, where the family who took them in as “working guests” was originally hoping that Herbert would become apprenticed to their butler. At the age of 18, however, he came to faith and immediately felt a calling to medicine. After winning a scholarship to Trinity College, Dublin, there followed medical jobs in Ireland and England. He then joined the British Colonial Service in Uganda, where he met Mollie (a British missionary teacher). They were married in 1953. Returning to England in 1962, he joined a general practice in Bedford, where he worked until his retirement in 1988 and then served in the church until he was 90.

Dr Rachel found encouragement from the faithful example set by her parents and acquired their passion for the medical profession. She came to faith as a small child at a beach mission when she invited Jesus into her heart. As she grew up, Dr Rachel grew to understand the Christian faith more fully and she committed herself to following Christ’s continual leading.

Dr Rachel was sure that God wanted her to study medicine and eventually work overseas. She took science A-Levels, even though these were not her strongest subjects. She would be accepted by the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine in London University.

Dr Rachel did not know much about Nepal. Friends from her medical school, who were also in her church in Shrewsbury, were sent to Nepal for three years and she was part of their



support group. She learnt more about Nepal and went to visit her friends in 1990. She fell in love with Nepal immediately and, sitting on a hill outside Tansen, told God she would be willing to come back and work there.

After completing her training, Dr Rachel was accepted by Interserve and seconded to UMN. She set off for Nepal on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 1994 (for 3 years only!). The first five months

were spent in language study. After three weeks in the UMN guesthouse, she moved to stay in a Nepali household and was also sent for three weeks “village stay” near Tansen. This helped Dr Rachel develop her language skills – although, once she started work, she realized how much more she had to learn. It took one year for her to feel comfortable functioning in Nepali language all day, three years to understand a sermon and five years to talk to someone at a deeper level.

Dr Rachel began her work in Tansen Hospital in February 1994 as a general practitioner and has since risen to become the Director of Tansen Hospital (2004). She has overseen the expansion of the hospital and the development of many services which were outlined in the article in the last magazine.

Dr Rachel’s favourite Bible verses are:

“See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we should be called the Children of God.” (John 3:1a)

“Rejoice in the Lord always.”  
(Philippians 4:4)



Prayer points

- Give thanks for God’s leading on Dr Rachel’s life and that He would continue to bless and guide her.
- Pray that God would raise others up to work in Tansen Hospital, to meet the needs of the local people.

### SAMS Ireland



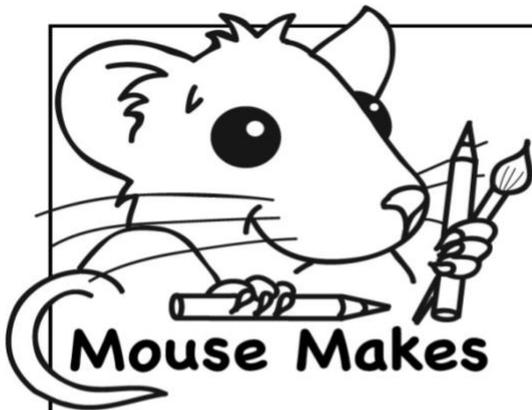
Flipside will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm until 9pm in Vic-Ryn T3 Conference Centre, Lisburn. This will be an evening packed full of stories and reports about how SAMS Ireland is partnering with the Church in South America. The Rector will be taking part at this event and everyone is very welcome.

We are also delighted that Club J are focusing on the SAMS Ireland Lent Project, which is also being supported by Connor Diocese. Further details can be found on page seventeen.

### Future events

- **Table Quiz** (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm) in the Parish Centre. This is to raise funds for the Mission Group to help support SAMS Ireland and the work of Tansen. Both organisations were most grateful for the support we sent to them at Christmas.

**Challenge Time**



The Bible has many stories of mothers who had great faith in God. With their love, care, encouragement and prayers their children grew up to be great people of God.



Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

*Exodus 2:1-3 and 6:20*

A crossword puzzle grid with 9 numbered squares. The grid is composed of black and white squares. The numbers are: 1 (top right), 2 (middle right), 3 (top left), 4 (middle left), 5 (middle), 6 (middle right), 7 (middle left), 8 (middle left), and 9 (bottom left).

Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?  
*Genesis 17:19*



Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?  
*1 Samuel 1:20*

**Across**

- 3. **Obed's** mother  
*Matthew 1:5*
- 4. **John's** mother  
*Luke 1:57-60*
- 7. **Reuben's** mother  
*Genesis 29:32*
- 8. **Joseph's** mother  
*Genesis 30:22-24*
- 9. **Jesus'** mother  
*Acts 1:14*

**Down**

- 1. **Boaz's** mother  
*Matthew 1:5*
- 2. **Solomon's** mother  
*1 Kings 1:11*
- 4. **Timothy's** mother  
*2 Timothy 1:5*
- 5. **Ishmael's** mother  
*Genesis 16:15*
- 6. **Jacob and Esau's** mother  
*Genesis 25:21-26*



Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?  
*Genesis 4:1-2*