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Christ Church Aughton Parish Newsletter

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Vicar's Viewpoint . . .

Banking plays a key part

“Justin Welby isn't easy to dismiss. He has more banking experience than Osborne and Cameron combined.” ~ Redpeter99

IT STILL seems strange to have the Archbishop of Canterbury as one of the members of the Parliamentary Commission for Banking Standards whose report is due in the next few weeks.

But Archbishop Welby knows what he is talking about when he argues for British banks to be recapitalised, broken up and staffed with professional workers. The UK is in a 'depression', he said, and it will take 'something very, very major to get out of it'.

For banking as we all now know has a key part to play in the life of our nation with an influence far beyond the economy. The lives of real people are directly affected, even ruined, when banks are not properly functioning.

Just ask any young people in Spain how their lives have been damaged, possibly irreparably, through bad banking.

In all this Archbishop Welby makes clear his main objective: "My key mission is to lead the Church in worshipping Jesus Christ and encouraging people to believe in him and follow him. That's my mission."



For the cross of Jesus makes the astonishing claim that his sacrificial death is for all people,

irrespective of any category we may chose to impose.

Even as he breathed his last the curtain of the Jerusalem temple was torn in two from top to bottom. This was a vivid demonstration that all barriers, everything that would separate us from God and from each other, are now destroyed.

For now the risen Christ is acclaimed as Lord of all before whom every knee shall bow. There can be no one or nothing beyond his authority. And that includes the full financial sector.

The Bible does not allow us to separate life into the spiritual (which is very important) and the ordinary (which is mundane and somehow beneath God's dignity). We stand before God as complete individuals; you cannot compartmentalize the spiritual.

For the victorious Christ would gladly assume responsibility for any life surrendered to him. He longs to be directly involved in each area of our life, however we may have wronged him, such is his amazing grace. And every area of our life means just that, everything. Such is his overwhelming love. *Ross Moughtin*

Bite back at hunger

CHRISTIAN Aid Week takes place this month, 12-18 May. There is enough food for everyone in the world, but one in eight people will go to bed hungry tonight.

This year's Christian Aid Week tells the story of how Christian Aid is helping communities to bite back at hunger through the lens of land rights in Bolivia, new technology in Kenya and innovative agriculture in Zimbabwe.

'It's very rewarding to know that Christians of different traditions are working together for one common aim during Christian Aid Week.' Christian Aid Week volunteer

Thousands of churches will stand together this Christian Aid Week to speak out for change. Some 100,000 committed volunteers will go out and put their faith into action, raising funds to help some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

This includes Britain's largest house-to-house collection, an extraordinary act of

witness ~ demonstrating to our communities that we care about ending poverty and injustice.

Please give generously as we organise this year's street collection. Our thanks to the organisers, Jan Lovelady and Irene Critchley.

Christ Church services on the net

THE Christ Church website at www.ChristChurchAughton.org is designed and updated each week by Liz Wainwright to include our weekly notices and the most recent CONSIDER along with the vicar's weekly blog. Each week the Sunday 10.45 am services is uploaded on the internet, Just click the Videos menu at the top of the page and choose this week's service. You can see these services anywhere in the world provided you have an internet connection. Last year 1587 people watched one of our services online.

Welsh Away Day

MEMBERS of our Luncheon Club will be spending the day in Llandudno on Wednesday, 22 May. The Luncheon Club meets each Wednesday in the Luncheon Club, enjoying a first-class three course meal.

For information, contact the church office.

Ormskirk Food Bank ... the story so far

ORMSKIRK Foodbank is now formally established with a constitution and a bank account and we are in partnership with the Trussell Trust ~ a national charity that has setup over 300 foodbanks in the UK.

We are going to use the Boiler Room in Burscough Street for the storage and distribution of the food. Although it is a perfect location for the distribution of the food, it is not ideal for its storage and we are still looking for alternative premises – anyone with any ideas then let the church office know.

Our aim is to be operational in June, so it's going to be a busy month getting the premises set up, establishing all the procedures and training the volunteers. If you would like to help contact the church office.

MAY 2013

Every Sunday

8.15am: Holy Communion

10.30am: Re:vive for young people of secondary school age

Wednesday, 1 May

2.00pm: Holy Communion in the MC

Sunday, 5 May

10.45am: Holy Communion

6.30pm: Evening Prayer

Ascension Day, Thursday, 9 May

8.00pm: Holy Communion

Sunday, 12 May

10.45am: Parade Service

6.30pm: Evening Worship

Pentecost, 19 May

10.45am: Holy Communion

6.30pm: Evening Worship

7.30pm: Pentecost Praise in the MC

Trinity Sunday, 26 May

10.45am: Family Service with Baptism

6.30pm: Holy Communion

Sunday, 2 June

2.00pm: Holy Communion

Wednesday, 5 June

2.00pm: Holy Communion in the MC

West Lancashire Debt Advice

THIS new church-led debt advice service was formally inaugurated last month by the Bishop of Warrington and by the Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire. This is a free service run by specially-trained volunteers from local churches, offering confidential advice and support three times a week.

Along with St John's church in Burscough, members of Christ Church have been offering some simple money management courses. However, visiting St Andrew's Clubmoor church, in Liverpool, to see their debt advice service showed the potential of Ormskirk churches working together as part of a network of over 100 advice centres overseen by Christian charity Community Money Advice.

The service can be accessed by email debtadvice@wlda.org.uk, telephone - 01695 573348 (answer phone) or drop in sessions on Thursdays 2pm - 4pm at The Boiler Room, 37 Burscough Street.

The appointment service is open Monday evenings and Saturday mornings and Thursday afternoons for drop-in sessions.

New Wardens and Church Council

OUR annual meeting last month appointed new wardens, Stephen Marsh, of Marians Way and Jaime Craig, of Moss Lane Simonswood with deputy warden, Ann Roberts, of Prescot Road.

Elected onto the Church Council for three years were Jennifer Coppelov, of Daniels Lane, Skelmersdale, Dave Price, of the Paddock and Caroline Thomas, of Charlesbye Close.

Standing down after six eventful years as PCC treasurer is Alan Thompson, of Prescot Road, Melling. Ross writes: "We thank God for Alan who has just completed six demanding years as our church treasurer during which we completed the building of the Ministry Centre. Our church accounts have now become highly complex and for any volunteer to assume the task as our treasurer shows a real commitment. Alan took over at a difficult time

in our church finances and he has faced the task with diligence and with good humour."

The annual meeting also affirmed members of our Ministry Team and appointed others as sides people.

Bank Holiday Fun

A SPRING attic sale to raise money by one of our house groups for the Ormskirk food bank takes place in the Ministry Centre on Bank Holiday Monday, 6 May from 12 noon to 2.30 pm. An event for all the family with barbeque, bouncy castle, fashion exchange, stalls and refreshments.

Male Fry-Up

OUR Men's Breakfast in June takes place in the Ministry Centre on Saturday, 8 June, from 8.00 am with guest speaker Neil Rees, lead minister at Cottage Lane Mission. Neil along with his wife Lynn Rees worked full-time with World Horizons in Spain for nearly thirty years.

Knitting Teams meet at Ministry Centre

ON Monday, 15 April, knitting groups from churches in Carnforth, the Wirral, from Maghull, and from St Anne's in Ormskirk met with our own Christ Church ladies at Café Vista to discuss their 'team efforts' in helping 'New Life Home Trust' in Kenya. A dvd was shown and Gordon Greenwood spoke briefly to the ladies. Then they all had lunch together.

Around 60 people attended – quite a squash in Cafe Vista . . . but a morning well spent in combining ideas for the continuation of this valuable 'knitting for Kenyan babies' project.

Supporting our uniformed organisations

THE Christ Church Scout and Guide AGM takes place in the headquarters building on Wednesday, 22 May, beginning at 7.30 pm.

This is an opportunity to thank all those people who willingly volunteer their time and energy in serving our uniformed organisations. Everyone welcome!

Word Alive

FIFTEEN members of Christ Church joined over 3000 other Christians at 'New Word Alive 2013' last month in Prestatyn. Phil Weston, our curate, writes:

Word Alive is an annual Easter holiday week offering fun and Christian fellowship for all the family, and this year didn't disappoint! Adults were able to enjoy morning Bible talks from Mark's Gospel, followed by afternoon seminars on topics as diverse as science and faith, prayer, parenting, and the needs of the persecuted church worldwide. Our children enjoyed a full programme too, including singing, crafts, sports, soft play and Bible stories.

At other times, all ages came together for food at the onsite cafe or in our chalets, for family worship in the great marquee, or simply to take turns on the bouncy castle! We were also all able to stock up on Christian books and CDs at the massive onsite shop. Overall it was an inspiring and enjoyable week, which left us all looking forward to next year.

News from Christ Church School

WE are very sad to announce that two of our teachers will be leaving our school at the end of term.

Mrs Carr, who has been part of our school for the last twenty one years, firstly in our Nursery and then as our Reception teacher, is retiring. It is will be a very sad loss for school but we wish her very well.

Mr Clare, who has been with us for nearly seven years, firstly as a graduate teacher trainee and then as a teacher of year 5 and 6 will be taking up a new post as deputy headteacher of St. Michaels School. Again a sad loss to our school but we are sure he will enjoy his promotion and do well.

Om Saturday 18 May we will be holding our Spring Fair. We are holding a traditional English Country Fair with lots of attractions and entertainment for the whole family. The Fair will open at 12 o'clock and finish at 3.00 pm.



One of new attractions will be 'The Great Aughton Bake Off'. There will be many different classes to enter. Full details of our Spring Fair are on our school website:

www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk

Thursday 2 May: Tennis coaching for years 3 and 4 and cardio tennis for Year 2

Wednesday 8 May: Our new Reception parents are invited to a welcome meeting at 7.00 pm.

Thursday 9 May: Tennis coaching for years 3 and 4 and cardio tennis for Year 2.

Thursday, 9 May: Year 6 will be going to church as part of their RE work.

Monday 13 May: This is the week when Year 6 do SATS tests

Wednesday 15 May: We welcome our first group of new Reception children into school.

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Saturday, 18 May: Spring Fair 12-3pm

Monday 20 May: Year 4 will be visiting our link school, St. Matthews in Preston

Tuesday 21 May: Termly Governors Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 22 May: We welcome our second group of new Reception children into school.

Thursday 23 May: Tennis coaching for years 3 and 4 and cardio tennis for Year 2.

Friday 24 May: INSET

Monday 27 May: Half term week

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

21 April: Annie May Chalk, daughter of Ian and Katie

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FUNERALS

17 April: James Ernest Haskayne, of Long Lane

3 May: Glenys Austin, of High Wray residential home.