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Christ Church Aughton Parish Newsletter

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Vicar's Viewpoint ...

## 'Gossip, rumour and innuendo'

“People like to say that the conflict is between good and evil. The real conflict is between truth and lies.”

*Don Miguel Ruiz*

**W**E'VE always had gossip, rumour, innuendo and insinuation.

However, such is the power of social media that such false information takes on a life of its own, even on an industrial scale.

What is alarming is when fake news is fabricated for the purpose of damage or defamation. Amazingly only this year Facebook targeted 30,000 accounts related to the spread of misinformation regarding the French presidential election.

Even more so when it comes to spiritual truth ~ how we communicate the nature of reality, the entire context of how we live our lives.

Jesus made some astonishing truth-claims for the God who made us ~ that he knows us intimately and yet still loves us with a passion. And he invites us to know him as our Abba, our father.

But even more radically Jesus claims not simply to report the truth but to



personify truth. “I am the way, the truth and the life,” he asserted.

In fact, this was one of the last things he said before he was crucified.

As he suffered this cruel and lonely death, Jesus clearly had got everything wrong. Another false hope, another failed Messiah.

It was his resurrection, his defeat of death, which changed everything. As an event in history, it promises to transform the entire created order ~ and me too.

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,” proclaims the apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 15:20). He has no doubt that it actually happened. “Just ask those who were there,” he tells his readers.

And for those who decide to entrust their lives to him, on the basis of this truth, all will share in his victory.

Good news indeed! And *Ross Moughtin* that's a fact.

## Our Christingle Service

... takes place on **Sunday, 3 December** beginning at 4.00 p.m. This lively service is very much directed towards the very young and it is followed by a tea party for everyone in the Ministry Centre.

Each piece of the Christingle holds special symbolism to help children understand the importance of Jesus and the Gospel, and its relevance at Christmas time.

The **orange** represents the world

The **red ribbon** (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ

The **sweets and dried fruit** represent all of God's creations

The **lit candle** represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

There will be a special collection for the work of the Children's Society .

## Lest we forget

WE mark Remembrance Day on **Sunday, 12 November** with a special Parade service during which the warden reads out names of those men of Aughton who gave their lives during the Second World War.

One of those named is **George Wright**.

George, born in 1923, was the son of the village policeman. With his parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Wright lived in Church Hill villas in Liverpool Road. They had two younger children.

George was a pupil at our church school and then at Wigan Road School.

On leaving school he became an apprentice turner at Hesfords. A tall man, some 6' 2" George was known for his great sense of humour.

At the outbreak of the war George was 16 and he was 'always talking about the RAF'. His father was in the Home Guard, As soon as he could, once he turned 18, George naturally volunteered for the RAF, becoming an aircraftsman 1st class of Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

He was initially stationed at RAF Odiham, allocated as ground crew to Bomber Command, number 18 Squadron

In 1942 the Squadron, equipped with the with the Blenheim light bomber, moved to North Africa where it took up day bombing duties. This meant using forward airfields which meant it was frequently attacked.

The Allies managed to push Germans out of North Africa to Sicily, where the squadron began to use the Grebin Airfield captured from Germans.

However, the squadron had had a tough time

## November

### Wednesday, 1 November

2.00pm: Holy Communion in the Ministry Centre

### Sunday, 5 November

8.15am: Holy Communion

10.45am: Holy Communion

*Preacher: Michael Follin*

6.30pm: Evening Worship

### Remembrance Sunday, 12 November

8.15am: Holy Communion

10.45am: Parade Service with

Act of Remembrance

6.30pm: Evening Worship

### Sunday, 19 November

8.15am: Holy Communion

10.45am: Family Service

6.30pm: Evening Worship

### Sunday, 26 November

8.15am: Holy Communion

10.45am: Family Service

6.30pm: Holy Communion

### Advent Sunday, 3 December

8.15am: Holy Communion

10.45am: Family Service

4.00pm: Christingle Service

*This is followed by a tea party for everyone in the Ministry Centre*

### Wednesday, 6 November

2.00pm: Holy Communion in the Ministry Centre

with high casualties and so on 25 September it was stood down from operations until further notice.

Reequipped with new American Boston bombers, the crews started formation flying training. This meant learning to fly these new aircraft in groups of three.

However, on the second day of training there was a collision between two aircraft as they prepared to land. One just managed to land safely but the other Boston crashed just off the aerodrome and all the occupants, the pilot, the gunner along with George were killed.

We assume that George, although usually ground crew, was with the plane in order to test the new instruments.

He, aged just 20, was buried close to where he fell, in Catania, in Sicily.

His parents died within six months of each other in 1956 and are buried in our church yard.

**Those we remember are:**

**Daniel Draper Ashcroft, Edward Baker, George Minto Blundell, Thomas Burke, Leonard James Frost Collins, Ronald John Corf, Henry Clifford Davies, James Duncalf, Thomas Duncalf, James Richard Harrison, Arthur Hyder, John Richard Davies Jones, Frank Gibson Smith, George Brian Smith, Benjamin Herbert Stockley, Henry Francis Thomas, Thomas Ullivero, John Neville Wheldon and George Wright.**

Following the service at church the annual Ceremony of Remembrance will be held at the War Memorial in Granville Park at about 12.15pm. gathering at the village hall from 12 noon onwards. Organised by the Parish Council, light refreshments will be served in the hall after the service.

## Knit & Knatter

... takes place on **Monday, 13 November** from 10.00-11.30am in Café Vista. This is to raise money for the New Life Home Trust working with abandoned babies in Kenya.

## News from the Scouts

THE **Beavers** are working towards the Safety Activity Badge and have been learning about Water Safety and Road Safety as well as what to do in emergencies. They have also baked chocolate crispie cakes and made spiders.

A team of four Beavers took part in the District Orienteering Competition at Tawd Vale in October and had great fun learning how to use their map to find the orienteering controls.

One of the Beavers has achieved the highest award in the Beaver Section, the Chief Scout's Bronze Award, so congratulations to **William Skirenko**.

**Wednesday Cubs** have had a treasure hunt around Ormskirk Town Centre and have visited Ormskirk Tennis Club for an evening of tennis.

**Thursday Cubs** have had an evening learning Street Dance moves and then put together their own dance which they performed with great enthusiasm.

Three teams, made up of both Cub Packs, also took part in the Orienteering Competition.

The Scouts have been taking part in activities with an International theme and have contacted Scouts in other countries via the internet. They also had a fire lighting night at the Scout and Guides Headquarters Building and toasted marshmallows

and twists.

Seven Scout teams took part in the Orienteering with one of the teams coming third!

**The Explorers** have been Dry Skiing and had a visit to Blackpool to see the Illuminations although the real attraction was the fish and chips! One of the Explorers took part in the Orienteering and came second!

## News from School

HEAD TEACHER, *David Kennedy*, writes

WOW! What a very busy and exciting first half term it has been.

All the children have now broken up for the October holiday and I'm sure they will be looking forward to a well-deserved rest and thinking ahead to all the exciting things that lie ahead in November and December.

We started October with our Harvest Service in Church led by all of the children. It was so nice to be joined by many of our parents, families and friends for what was a truly enjoyable Service.

Year 6 visited Ormskirk High School to watch a fantastic production of 'Macbeth' by the children of Ormskirk High School. It was lovely to see many of our former pupils performing on the day as well.

Year 6 have also visited the cathedral and synagogue in Liverpool as part of their R.E studies.

Our football team have performed well in their games so far and we have recently held a really enjoyable evening welcoming all of our parents for the first parents evening of the year.

Reception have enjoyed a fantastic autumn walk learning lots about the season whilst year 3 visited Ribchester and were out on the school field replicating Roman army battle manoeuvres. They are also clearly enjoying the challenge of learning to play the ukulele.

Year 4 really enjoyed a recent visit to Speke Hall and Year 5 have been busy learning all about the Ancient Greeks. They children in Year 5 visited Liverpool investigating how the Ancient Greeks have left a lasting legacy as their architecture is replicated throughout the city.

Year 1 have been really enjoying learning about the different parts of the United Kingdom and Year 2 had a fantastic visit to Ormskirk Fire Station.

It's also been a busy time for the school council who have selected new playground games once again and talked lots about the projects they could do this year. The children are all looking forward to using the new games at play time after half term.

As the term drew to a close, we all reflected

about the many things we are thankful for in line with our school value.

We have all been particularly inspired by our WOW group who have led worship for us again. I look forward to keeping you updated next time when our thoughts will be very much turning towards Christmas!

**Monday 6 November**

Return to school

**Tuesday 7 November**

Open morning for prospective parents

**Friday 10 November**

Year 6 WW2 trip to Liverpool

**Thursday 16 November**

Year 2 Fire safety

**Friday 17 November**

Children in Need

**Friday 24 November**

Great Fire of London Workshop

**Saturday 25 November**

PHA Christmas Party

**Wednesday 29 November**

Key Stage 1 Sports Hall athletics

PHA event 7.00-9.00pm Christmas wreath making

## 'I Daniel Blake' film

ORMSKIRK Churches Together are showing this film in Christ Church Ministry Centre on **Monday 13 November**, 7.30pm to raise awareness of the food bank. We will also be joined by volunteers from the food bank who will give a short presentation after the film

There is no charge to see the film, just turn up, but we ask that you donate one of the following items for the Christmas hampers.

Please remember that any food needs to be non-perishable: Christmas puddings (*with NO alcohol in them*) or sponge puddings, Tins of ham, packets of biscuits, boxes of chocolates, mince pies, savoury items, e.g. peanuts, jam/Pickles, Christmas crackers, toiletries.

## 'Girlie Night In'

LADIES come and join us for our 'Girlie Night In' on **Friday 17 November** 7.45-10.00pm. We will be joined by June from Hartley's flowers for Christmas floral demonstrations.

Flowers will be sold on the night. This is a free event for over 18s, all welcome, bring your own refreshments.

We will also be collecting items for food bank Christmas hampers.

## Christmas Fair

OUR Christmas Fair this year takes place on **Saturday, 25 November** in the Ministry Centre from 1.00 to 4.00pm. This is to raise money for the Queenscourt Hospice.

There will be even more stalls with games and Christmas teas, handmade crafts from local artists, homemade cakes, festive floral decorations with books and toys for Christmas.

This is very much an afternoon for the whole family, along with Father Christmas who will be appearing during the afternoon.

Café Vista will be open for coffees and homemade cakes.

***Café Vista in the Ministry Centre welcomes all people, not just church members. It is open Tuesday to Friday 10.30am-3.30pm with cooked breakfasts being served on Saturdays from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Everyone welcome, not just church members***

## From the registers

### BAPTISM

**15 October: GABRIELLA and FRANK**

**CROSS**, daughter and son of Daniel and Navina

**15 October: JODIE TAYLOR**, of The

Serpentine

### CONFIRMATION BY THE BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL

**15 October**

**Audrey Taylor**, of the Serpentine

**Emily Fallows**, of Beech Road

**Honour Craig**, of Simonswood

**Jessica Harrison**, Cromwell Close

**Jodie Taylor**, of the Serpentine

**Thomas Harrison**, of Cromwell Close

### FUNERAL

**27 October: AGNES CARBIN**, of Hillcroft residential home.

## Church Office

THIS is open Monday to Friday 9.00am- 1.00pm in the Ministry Centre

For any information, including requests for baptism and thanksgiving services, weddings, funerals and room bookings, call in or phone **424 530**, or e: [ChristChurchAughton@gmail.com](mailto:ChristChurchAughton@gmail.com)