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Christ Church Aughton Parish Newsletter

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Vicar's Viewpoint . . .

His new beginning . . .

“I suppose when we wake on 1st January the world will look the same. But there is a reminder of the Resurrection at the start of each New Year, each new decade. That's why I also like sunrises, Mondays, and new seasons. God seems to be saying: 'With me you can always start fresh.'” Ada Lum

AND that is why the resurrection of Jesus is so important. It is God's guarantee that his fresh start, his new beginning, has already begun.

Clearly we are not there yet. In the words of the apostle Paul, “this creation is still in bondage to decay.” (Romans 8:21). We still face sadness and hardship every day.

But this is not God's purpose for his creation, even for us. In Christ he seeks to make all things new so that sorrow and sadness should, as the Hebrew prophets foresaw, flee away.

Hence victory won by Jesus in occupied Judea over the power of death and tyranny of evil. This event some 2000 years ago



is simply the opening act of God's wonderful performance ~ a new heaven and a new earth. He's started ~ and so he will finish.

So as we enter a new year, we may do so with the confidence that God is with us and that God is for us. All he does is look to us for a response of faith as we freely decide to entrust our lives to him.

The risen Christ promises us a glorious future which by the gift of his Holy Spirit we may experience even today ~ irrespective of our past failures.

Such is the promise of God as we begin a new year.

Every blessing for
Ross Moughtin
2018!

Christmas Fair

OUR Christmas Fair each December aims to be a good time for fun and fellowship for the whole family. We also aim to raise money for a good cause outside of Christ Church.

Last month the Fair raised a remarkable **£1772** for Queenscourt Hospice in Southport. Thank you to all who helped organise this event, especially Claire Heyes.

Café Vista is closed for a major refit until **Saturday, 27 January**. This also gives our hard-working volunteers a welcome break.

Café Vista welcomes anyone and not just church members ~ and we look forward to improved facilities next month.

Diddy Disciples Book Launch

THE Christian publisher SPCK are holding a book launch in our Ministry Centre on Thursday, **11 January from 6.00-7.30pm**. This is for the second volume of Diddy Disciples written by the daughter of our vicar, **Rev Dr Sharon Moughtin-Mumby**.

The first book of Diddy Disciples was launched in June 2017. Endorsed by **Archbishop Justin** and Godly Play's **Rebecca Nye**, it soon became an Amazon best seller used in churches and school alike.

Diddy Disciples is a creative and playful new worship and Bible storytelling resource for babies, toddlers and young children. It aims to encourage participation, discipleship and leadership from children's earliest years, using storytelling, singing, colour, repetition, art and lots and lots of movement!

January 2018

Sunday, 7 January

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Holy Communion with Act of Dedication for the New Year

Wednesday, 10 January

2.00pm: Holy Communion in the Ministry Centre

Sunday, 14 January

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Parade Service
4.00pm: Evening Worship

Sunday, 21 January

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Family Service with Baptism
4.00pm: Evening Worship

Sunday, 26 January

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Family Service
6.30pm: Holy Communion

Sunday, 4 February

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Holy Communion
6.30pm: Evening Worship

Diddy Disciples came as a result of Sharon, an Oxford Old Testament academic having three daughters in the space of just 14 months. Undeterred she put this testing experience to good use and produced a resource for young children engaging in worship and discipleship.

Father Richard Peers, the Diocesan Director of Education and an active supporter of Diddy Disciples will be speaking at the launch to which everyone engaged in teaching young children is invited.

You can visit www.diddydisciples.org or follow on Facebook and Twitter at @diddydisciples.

Diddy Disciples is available at all booksellers and is now available on Kindle.

News from Christ Church school

OUR head teacher, Mr David Kennedy writes:

Firstly, can I wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

I hope you have all had a really enjoyable and peaceful Christmas! We certainly had a lovely Christmas in school.

Firstly, our School Choir sang at the Rotary Club Carol Concert and performed for the Luncheon Club.

Reception performed a wonderful first Nativity in school and were amazing considering they had only been in school for just one term. Year 1 and 2 performed a super version of the Nativity with wonderful songs to retell the Christmas Story.

All of the Juniors went to Church as the Year 6 children sang carols by candlelight to start our Christmas Service and then led all the Juniors as they presented 'Stable Story' which ensured a very special end to the term.

As well as celebrating Christmas through our nativities and Christmas parties, the Juniors went to watch Cinderella at Southport Theatre, the Infants watched Cinderella in school and the Infants had a visit from Father Christmas at a very special breakfast.

As the children finished their curriculum work, Year 5 also held a great Greek Day to complete their topic and Year 3 held a super Roman Day in school. Year 3 also held a special concert for parents to show off their new Ukulele skills.

All in all it's been as very exciting time at school and I'm sure the children were all in need of the rest as they broke up for Christmas.

In particular, it was exciting to once



again watch the final of 'Christ Church Has Got Talent' as members of our drama club competed on stage to be voted champion.

As we start the spring term our School value is now 'perseverance' and everyone at School is excited about the prospects that 2018 holds.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year from everyone at Aughton Christ Church C of E Primary School.

Monday 8 January

School re opens

Tuesday 9 January

Dance talent assembly

Monday 15 January

Dance talent class starts – session 1

Thursday 18 January

Year 5 and 6 Sports hall athletics

Friday 19 January

Beetle Drive PHA event

Wednesday 24 January

Year 3 and 4 Sports Hall athletics

'Girlie Night In'

WE are celebrating our first birthday on **Friday, 19 January** with a Burns Night in the Ministry Centre, 7.45-10.00pm.

Wear something tartan, sample haggis and a dram of whiskey.

All ladies are welcome over 18.

Bring your friends, everyone is welcome.

Through the week with Christ Church

SUNDAY

There is a **Holy Communion Service** every Sunday morning at 8.15

9.45am **Children's Choir**

Charlotte Chappell 422 079

10.00am **Music Group Practice**

John Raynor 576 138

10.45am **Family Service**

First Sunday with Holy Communion

Second Sunday with uniformed organisations

Third Sunday with Baptism or Thanksgiving for the birth of a child

Tiny Church This supervised crèche is provided in the choir vestry for the under 3's during the 10.45am service. Tricia Slater 423 681

Diddy Disciples (3-7) meets in the Ministry Centre when there is not all-age worship at 10.45 : Charlotte Chappell (340 528)

Xplore (8-11) meets in the Ministry Centre when there is not all-age worship at 10.45 : Jane Lake (573 260)

Momentum, for those of secondary school age. Fiona Craig 0151 546 2204

6.30pm **Evening Service:**
Fourth Sunday with Holy Communion

MONDAY

10.00am **Knit and Knatter** meets on the 4th Monday of each month in the Ministry Centre
Eileen Evans 07817 333 002

5.45pm **Brownies** (for girls 7+)
Jill Ryan 01257 432815

6.00pm **Rainbows** (for girls 5+)
Charlotte Chappell 422 079

7.15pm **Guides** Alison Perry 422 850

7.30pm **Bell Ringers** Paul Coggon 422 079. (First Monday in the month)

TUESDAY

10.00am **Parents and Toddlers**
Ministry Centre, Wendy Arthur 423 055

2.00pm **Mother's Union** (monthly - second Tuesday) for women of any age, married or single in the Ministry Centre. Audrey Laird 423 302

5.45pm **Brownies**
Victoria Foster 422 157

6.00pm **Rainbows**
Sue Kerrigan 424 621

7.30pm **Scouts**
Annette Marshall 573 292

8.00pm **Parochial Church Council**
(monthly - second Tuesday)

8.00pm **Wives Group** – fortnightly, 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month in the Ministry Centre. Lynn Seddon 577930

WEDNESDAY

12.30pm **Luncheon Club** in the Ministry Centre, for senior citizens - lifts available

2.00pm **Holy Communion** in the Ministry Centre, first Wednesday

5.00pm **Beavers 1.**
Pauline Taylor 581 956

6.00pm **Beavers 2.**
Pauline Taylor 581 956

7.00pm **Cubs.**
Steve Hull (577 499)

8.00pm **Explorer Scouts.**
David White 422 008

THURSDAY

6.30pm **Cubs.** Jeff Roberts 575 708

FRIDAY

7.45 to 10.00pm **'Girlie Night In'** (3rd Friday of the month except July, Aug)
Ministry Centre. Sarah O'Donoghue (07847 931 323)

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