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Christ Church Aughton Parish Newsletter

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Curate's reflection . . .

'Have you tried praying'

THE words 'Please, God!' can be an instinctive response to a crisis in our lives. So perhaps it should not be surprising that a new survey has found that one in five adults pray despite saying they are not religious.

As curate I get to meet lots of people and to listen to their stories. It is a wonderful privilege to offer a prayer for someone going through a difficult time or facing a crossroads in their life. I suppose many people are driven to pray at some point in their lives, even if they are not religious. However, the more I meet and pray with people the more convinced I am that prayer does make a difference.

Jesus was a man of prayer and often prayed all night in privacy. He taught his disciples how to pray in the words of the familiar 'Lord's prayer'.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.



Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Amen.

And so during May we are opening up Christ Church for 10 days to give people an opportunity to come away from the 'busyness' of life to sit quietly, reflect and if needed, to pray.

We are encouraging our community to 'Try praying,' if you are a person of faith or no faith, give it a go what have you got to lose.

Try praying booklets are available in church from Thursday 10th May to Sunday 20th May, 9.00am-9.00pm or you can download a mobile phone app from www.trypraying.co.uk

*'Why don't you try praying for a week
and see what
happens in your life'* 

Ross writes . . .

"We had a wonderful send-off last month as I completed over 25 years of being vicar of Christ Church. For my final weekend, 7/8 April, we enjoyed every minute of the party in the Ministry Centre on the Saturday evening while we appreciated the heart-felt farewells during my final Sunday services.

We were moved to see so many friends from our previous three churches making the journey to Aughton. They too spoke of the warmth of the people of Christ Church.

We can only say a simple thank you to those who sent cards and gifts along with a special thank you for the special gift from the family of Christ Church, Aughton.

As a newly retired clergyperson of the Church of England, Ross will not have permission to officiate in any church for his first six months. Then in November he will be deciding along with Jacqui what ministry God is leading them into. Up to them they are on holiday!

News from the Bell ringers

WELL, it's been just over a year since we rang a peal for the 150th celebrations. Since this time we have had a couple of inspections on the status of the bells, fittings and frame, which have both highlighted a lot of work that needs carrying out in order to secure ringing at Christ Church well into the next century. Part of this is to keep more of the damp weather out which has been key in deteriorating the condition of the bells, fittings and frame.

We are well on the way with this now, working with builder Peter Tinsley who has been installing the weather proofing for us. The last few Fridays mornings have seen lots of sweat, groans and dodgy knees, especially Edmund's (though not bad for 80) carrying around 240 solid

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Wednesday, 2nd May

2.00pm: Holy Communion in the Ministry Centre

Sunday, 6th May

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Holy Communion
No evening service

Thursday, 10th May

Church will be open from 9.00am to 9.00pm for prayer and reflection ~ every day until 20th May

Sunday, 13th May

8.15am: Holy Communion
Breakfast served in Café Vista
10.45am: Parade service
6.30pm: Evening Worship

Friday, 18th May

7.30pm: Praise and Worship evening as part of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer event

Pentecost Sunday, 20th May

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Family Service and celebration with Baptism
6.30pm: Evening Prayer

Trinity Sunday, 27th May

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Family Service
No evening service

Sunday, 3rd June

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

breeze blocks up the tower, a big thank you to all who have helped, especially Edmund, Richard, Judith and Dominic.

News from 'Girlie Night In'

'GIRLIE, Night In' is proving a popular evening out with over 100 ladies joining us on the 3rd Friday of the month. In May we are supporting the Parent Helper Association from Christ Church School in hosting a fashion show on **Friday, 18th**

May. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased from the school. Money raised goes to the school.

On **Friday 25th May** 'Girlie Night In' will be showing the musical the 'Greatest Showman'. Join us 7.45-10.00pm. All ladies over 18 welcome no need to book, bring your own drinks.

News from the Scouts

THE Nomads Explorers held their annual  'I'm A Nomad, Get Me Out Of Here' camp at Tawd Vale during the Easter holidays. They had to complete a number of trials or tasks in order to achieve 'stars' which they could trade for food! The tasks included building a raft and paddling it to find stars on the lake, eating a variety of bugs and insects and sliding their way around an obstacle course which involved an excessive amount of mud. The Explorers were all keen to take on the challenges and succeeded in earning their Fajitas on Saturday night!

News from school

HELLO Everyone! Our school continues to be a very busy and exciting place to be. It seems a long time ago now but it's worth reflecting back on some key events as we approached the Easter break. Firstly, all of our children in school enjoyed visiting Church to take part in the Easter Experience and learn about the true meaning of Easter. Also, on the very last day just before the Easter break, we particularly enjoyed one last opportunity to have worship in school with Mr Moughtin.

Whilst his role in our school as a Governor and Chair of Governors has been significant, he has been perhaps best known to the children in school for coming in to lead us in Worship.

Over 25 years, he has shared with us his own experiences, bible stories and values that reflect the teachings of Jesus and help make our school such a special place. Mr Moughtin has welcomed over 700 new Reception children into school and helped to guide them all through their first years of education ensuring the messages of Jesus lie at the centre of their lives. Throughout their time with us he has provided guidance and support, not only for the children but for the staff and parents of our school. Our school is a Caring Christian Community and for 25 years Mr Moughtin has supported and led this vision for everyone.

The worship on the last day of the Spring term was an opportunity to reflect on the wonderful times we have shared together and to wish Mr Moughtin every blessing as he retires and moves on to a new stage of his life. But it was also a time to be thankful.

To be thankful for all the years of support and dedication that have helped to shape our school into the wonderful place it is today. On behalf of all of the children who have passed through Aughton Christ Church C of E Primary School, their parents and the staff who have worked here, we offer a very sincere thank you for his dedication, support, leadership and care. We would also like to wish him a thoroughly well-deserved, happy and healthy retirement with his wonderful family.

As we started the Summer term, our year 4 children held a fantastic class assembly in just the second week back showing what a tremendous and group of children they are. Also upon our return to school, we all really enjoyed considering our new school value of 'service'. Everyone in school understands the value of service and the children reflect this in

their school lives all of the time by the way they support each other and the wider community in all that they do. All the children in school continue to work incredibly hard in school in their classwork but in particular.

Year 6 and year 2 have been outstanding in preparing for their end of Key stage assessments in May. We are all extremely proud of the hard work and dedication they have shown in all of their work in school this year.

So, as we start our final term of the year ~ we are very excited about what it holds. Summer is always such a wonderful and vibrant time in school with a tremendous variety of activities and learning experiences planned for the children. I look forward to keeping you all informed.

DAVID KENNEDY, Headteacher

Diddy Disciples

A FORMER member of Christ Church and daughter of Ross and Jacqui Moughtin has won a prestigious publishing prize.

Sharon Moughtin-Mumby, who now lives in central London, has been awarded the Eden prize for the best Christian resource book for 2018. Her book, Diddy Disciples, published by SPCK, is currently an Amazon best seller.

We congratulate Sharon on this news and celebrate that we have a Diddy Disciples group at Christ Church which runs on Sundays 10.45am for children aged 3-5. For more information contact **Sarah** on 07847 931323.

Thy Kingdom Come

ALL welcome. From **Thursday 10th May** until **Sunday 20th May**, 9.00am-9.00pm Christ Church will be open for those who want to pray or escape from the 'busyness' of life.

Christian Aid Week

CHRISTIAN Aid week **13th-19th May**. We have the power to transform lives and to help take a stand against poverty. Join us on **Saturday, 19th May** 10.00am-12 noon in Café Vista for the Big Brekkie event.

Coffee morning

ON **Monday, 21st May**, 10.00am until noon a Coffee Morning will be held in Café Vista. All proceeds in aid of Ormskirk Food Bank and West Lancs Debt Advice.

Volunteers wanted

COULD you volunteer in Café Vista?

Do you enjoy meeting people and have a few hours to spare?

Café Vista is a key part of our ministry at Christ Church and is run by a wonderful team of volunteers.

We are looking for friendly, reliable people who will be welcoming to customers. You should be able to carry out instructions as well as being able to use your own initiative. You won't be required to do any cooking. Hours are flexible. For more information contact **Vicky Sime** in the Church Office.

From the Registers

FUNERAL

3rd April: **Barbara Goodwin**, of Carmel Close

Ministry Centre Office

This is open Monday to Friday, 9.00am-1.00pm. For any information, including requests for baptism and thanksgiving services, weddings, funerals and room bookings, call in or ☎ 424 530, or email:

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