

Consider

Christ Church Aughton Parish Newsletter

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Curate's reflection . . .

'How blessed we are'

THE word 'Bless' is a powerful word. 'Our words have great influence in the lives of those around us, and speaking a blessing can bring hope, encouragement, and direction to our families, friends, and others. A quick look at Facebook and Twitter shows how many people today feel #blessed.

English Privateer, Eugene Nathaniel Butler who later served as the colonial governor of Bermuda during the early 17th century spoke about blessings: "Sometimes we must look outside our own backyards to realize how big the world is and how blessed we are."

Spending time meeting people out and about in the community visiting our local school and nursing homes makes me appreciate how Blessed we are in Aughton.

Even to be able to sit and look out of Café Vista and see the lovely view of the fields we are truly blessed.

The word Bless appears

frequently in the Bible in particular in the Old Testament. One of the most ancient blessings can be found in Numbers 6:24,25.

*"The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his
face toward you
and give you peace."*

Jesus also spoke about blessings in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3-11). "Blessed are the peacemakers" The Beatitudes teach what it means to be blessed and show the attitudes that followers of Jesus should have.

With this in mind we are hosting the first ever 'Bless Fest' in Aughton from 7th – 9th September.

The aim of 'Bless Fest' is to Bless everyone by offering events that bring the community together. Whether you have a faith or not we want to dedicate the month of September to reaching out to our community and blessing people. We hope you will join us at some of the events and feel blessed.



Bless Fest events timetable

What's happening over the weekend

Friday 7th September

From 1.00-3.00pm there will be a **Cream Tea** and optional **Dance** for over 60s in



the Ministry Centre. Come along and enjoy a cream scone and some live music as we Bless our over 60s and recognise how much they give

in service to our community. This is a free event, but booking is essential tickets available from the Ministry Centre Office.

From 4.00pm-9.00pm we will be blessing our Secondary school children with a **youth event** on Coronation Park. Between 4.00-6.00pm we will be hosting games and activities on the park, this will be followed by a **Free BBQ** 6.00-7.00pm. From 7.00pm there will be live music from Brightline and Soul Box.

An information tent and a place to hang out and chill will be available.

Saturday 8th September

Join us for **breakfast in Café Vista** 10.00am -1.00pm. As usual there will be cooked breakfast available and a film to entertain the kids.

11.00am-1.00pm: The Family Pet Show

Pets are a blessing and to acknowledge this we will be hosting a family pet show at the front of the Ministry Centre. Come from 11am to enter your pet. There will be different categories and a chance for your pet to win a rosette. We will also be joined by vet Charlotte from PDSA who will be on hand to give advice.

2.30pm-4.00pm: Family Talent Show

'Do you or your children have a talent?'

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Sunday, 15th July

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Family Service and celebration with Baptism
4.00pm: St Michael's Aughton
No evening service

Sunday, 22nd July

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

Sunday, 29th July

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

Sunday, 5th August

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Holy Communion
4.00pm: St Michael's, Aughton
No evening service

Sunday, 12th August

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

Sunday, 19th August

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Family Service
4.00pm: St Michael's, Aughton
No evening service

Sunday, 26th August

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Family Service
4.00pm: St Michael's, Aughton
No evening service

Sunday, 2nd September

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Holy Communion
4.00pm: St Michael's, Aughton
No evening service

Sunday, 9th September

8.15am: Holy Communion
10.45am: Bless Fest Service
6.30pm: Evening Prayer

If so why not enter our family talent show taking place in the main hall of the Ministry Centre. To enter go to our website www.christchurcaughton.org.uk and complete the online booking form or complete the form in this edition of Consider and hand it into the office before 31st August.

7.30pm-10.00pm: Country Band Ashton Lane

Adults join us and blessed by a fabulous Country Band, Ashton Lane. Booking is essential. Tickets are £5 including a curry. These can be purchased from the Church office. All proceeds will be going to bless the work of the Samaritans.

Sunday 9th September

10.45 am Parade service in Church

Everyone is welcome to join us at our Parade service. A chance to hear about all the Bless Fest events and to celebrate being part of a wonderful community. We will be serving bacon rolls after the service to conclude our weekend of blessings.

Other events in September

'Girlie Night In' returns on Friday 21st September

Ladies; keep Friday 21st September free for 'Girlie Night In' after our summer break. All ladies over 18 welcome. Join us 7.45-10.00pm. No need to book, bring your own drinks.

Annual Tower Open day

On **Saturday 22nd September** from 12 noon-4.00pm there will be an opportunity to climb the 105 steps to the top of the tower and see Blackpool Tower and the Welsh hills. This is a timed ticket event (available on the day) and only suitable for children 3 feet tall and above. There

will also be an opportunity to hear and see the bells. Refreshments will be served in church.

Pop- Up Restaurant in Café Vista Saturday 29th September 7:30pm

There will be a pop-up restaurant on **September 29th at 7.30pm**, cooked by our own Gavin Barker. The preliminary menu is: Vine tomato & red pepper soup with basil pesto herb croutons, followed by slow roasted loin of pork with apricot farce, Madeira jus and seasonal vegetables (vegetarian option available on request). Dessert is pistachio meringue nest with a fresh fruit duo of strawberry and mango, coulis and Chantilly cream. Bring your own refreshments. (Soft drinks are available at normal café prices.) Cost is £15/head payable in advance. Book your table and pay at the Ministry Centre office **01695 424530**

News from our Bell Ringers

Over the first weekend in **August** from **4th – 6th** you will be hearing the bells. On Saturday we will be ringing the bells to celebrate a wedding and then on **Sunday 5th August** the bells will be rung for a branch meeting. We thank our local residents in advance for their patience and understanding over the August weekend.

News from the Scout Group

9th Ormskirk Scout Group has had a very busy summer term with the Beavers enjoying activities at their weekly meetings such as fire lighting and toasting marshmallows and learning how to use a map and compass to complete the Navigator badge. Twenty two **Beavers** enjoyed a sleepover in the HQ on a lovely, warm evening in June. They

had games outside, followed by hot dogs and a film, then crawled into their sleeping bags to settle down and after a lot of wriggling and squirming they did eventually go to sleep!

The **Cubs** have been to camp at Bispham Hall where they took part in archery and climbing. At their weekly meetings they have been canoeing at Tawd Vale and cooking on wood fires at the HQ as well as completing badges.

The **Scouts** had a three night camp to Tawd Vale during half term where they worked in patrols, cooking all their meals on wood fires. They also went canoeing and kayaking and took part in team activities. Four Scouts successfully completed the Expedition Challenge Badge by planning an overnight hike, completing route cards and carrying their own equipment. They walked to Bispham Hall from our HQ, camped overnight, cooked on hike stoves and walked back the following day. One of the Scouts is a volunteer at the Ribble Steam Railway in Preston and organised a fantastic visit for the Scouts, taking them 'behind the scenes' to observe repairs and renovations as well as experience riding on a steam engine.

The **Explorers** have had a brilliant time White Water Rafting in North Wales. They camped in Cheshire and drove to Llangollen for the day wondering whether there would be any water in the river! They were not disappointed and had a great time in the rapids on the River Dee. Five Explorers have also successfully undertaken their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award Expedition. A couple of weeks later, they gave a presentation of their Expedition to the other Explorers, Leaders and Parents demonstrating their excellent teamwork skills.

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

Cafe 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 between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

If you are interested please contact Vicky Sime on 01695 424530

Saturday Breakfast – Café Vista

Saturday breakfast will be having a break over August but will be back on **Saturday 1st September** and will be serving cooked breakfast from 10.00am -12 noon. Come along and join us for great coffee and food, we even have a film to keep the children entertained.

From the Registers

BAPTISM

17th June: **FELIX DURNION, AMELIA-ROSE SCHINDLER**

FUNERAL

5th June: **IAIN MCKENZIE**

22nd June: **RONALD BURGESS**

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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