

# Consider

Christ Church Aughton Parish Newsletter

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Curate's reflection . . .

## Timing is everything

**T**HOSE of you who are currently watching 'The Great British Bake Off' will know that timing is everything in order to get the perfect bake! Or perhaps you have been following the cricket and Alistair Cook's ability to time the right shot. Sitting having a cappuccino in Café Vista you become aware of the changing seasons and the farmers who are currently reaping the harvest.

Timing is important in most everything. The right timing affects the outcome of an event ~ timing dictates the order things happen and it also sets the pace.

In the book of Ecclesiastes there is a whole chapter devoted to time and seasons. September is the season of new starts, school year, University courses; it's also the season of invitation at Christ Church as we approach our Tower open day and Harvest Festival.

Over the 'Bless Fest' weekend we trust people in our community were blessed by the tea dance, youth concert in Coronation Park, pet show, talent show and curry and country band night. Inviting our community to be

part of God's blessing and inviting you to join in our events is very much the season and time at Christ Church.

In life it's so easy to miss the timing, to miss the blessings. In this season of invitation and fresh opportunities why not accept an invitation to join us, come along to the Café, to our forthcoming events, which you will read about in this edition of Consider.

In the Gospels, we read that Jesus' whole life was lived in perfect timing. He was born at the correct time, visited towns and villages at just the right time to heal people, talk to them and encourage them. Jesus ordered his life according to God's will and perfect timing, ultimately going to the cross at the right time and rising from the dead at the time he had promised. He was willing to suffer in this life. He was willing to give his very life for us, so that we might have a new life of joy and peace now and the hope of a perfect life to come.

It's all about timing. The time is now for each of us to hear this good news again.



## Evening services from 28th Oct

AS the clocks go back our Sunday evening service will move from 6.30pm to 4.00pm on the 2nd, 4th and 5th of the month.

## Forthcoming Events

### Girlie Night In returns

Ladies, we extend a warm invitation to come to our 'Girlie Night In ~ a relaxed evening of joining together, making new friends and having fun. We will be hosting an evening of traditional board games, come along and 'Take your turn'. Please bring your friends along to the Ministry Centre 7.45-10.00pm. Over 18s welcome and bring your own drinks. Entry free.

### 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 see the bells.

### Pop-Up Restaurant

There will be a pop-up restaurant in Café Vista on **September 29th** at 7.30pm cooked by our own Gavin Barker. A fantastic preliminary menu is planned. Soft drinks available at normal café prices. Cost is £15 per head payable in advance. Book your table and pay at the Ministry Centre office **01695 424 530**

### Harvest Festival Service . . .

. . . **Sunday 14th October** at 10.45am. We will be welcoming our guest speaker from Tear Fund. Our focus this year is on poverty ~ globally and locally. All donations will be going to our local Foodbank.

## September/October 2018

### Sunday, 23rd September

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

### Sunday, 30 September

8.15am: Holy Communion  
10.45am: Informal service in the Ministry Centre  
6.30pm: Evening Prayer

### Wednesday, 3rd October

2.00pm: Holy Communion in the Ministry Centre

### Sunday, 7th October

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

### Sunday, 14th October

8.15am: Holy Communion  
10.45am: Harvest Festival and Parade Service  
6.30pm: Evening Prayer

## News from Bless Fest weekend

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Bless Fest weekend. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying time together. A big thank you to all the people who made the whole weekend possible. Highlights of the weekend can be found on our Facebook page Christ Church Aughton or our website [www.christchurchaughton.org.uk](http://www.christchurchaughton.org.uk)

On **Friday 7th September**, 100 over 60s were blessed with a cream tea dance. Joined by local residents and residents from Hillcroft and Aughton Park everyone enjoyed a cream scone and were entertained by **Tookie** and **Bill Casey**.

During Friday evening Bless Fest moved down to Coronation Park. Young people from our local secondary schools were blessed with sports activities, free BBQ and two amazing bands Bright Light

and SoulBox from Manchester. The event was well received by all the young people who attended.

**Janice Mercer writes:** On the Saturday of Bless Fest we had a fun Pet Show, which was very well supported with 23 entries, many taking part in multiple classes and totally over 80 individual entries altogether! Although predominantly a dog show, we did enjoy the participation of two ducks, Jemima and Bolt, ably shown by **Willow** and **Atticus**, and Tato the guinea pig, pet of **Joshua, Isaac** and **Daniel**.

The mammoth task of judging was undertaken by our friendly Vet, **Charlotte Chappell**, and sweets and dog chews were all supplied by **Doreen Horrocks**. The trophy for 'Best of Show' went to Charlie, shown by **Iris**, and her cousin **Grace** with Reggie took the 'Reserve Best of Show'.

**Debs Raynor writes:** In the afternoon we were treated to an amazing talent contest including a wide variety of splendid acts. These included superb singers, dynamic dancers, a marvellous magician, fantastic footballers, a riotous recitation, and a joking juggler! This was all hosted by our very own Ant'n'Dec-alike **Neil Heyes**, and judged by Simon Cowell and Amanda Holden, aka **Bill Evans** and **Gay Wells**. A fabulous time was had by all, and we can't wait for next year's contest.

**Jane Lake writes:** Ashton Lane is a smart place to eat in Glasgow and it is the inspiration for the name of a two piece country band who played at the Ministry Centre on Saturday night. Not only did we enjoy a wonderful evening of great music and chat but the 100 or so who were there were fed handsomely with seven home made meat and vegetarian/ vegan curries.

## Christ Church School

**Our Headteacher Mr Kennedy writes:**

I can't believe a whole year has passed since I last wrote my notices for consider at the start of a school year. Time really does seem to fly and here we are once again at the start of another exciting school term.



At the start of this school year, it is important to reflect back and mention the fantastic end of school year we had in July. After so much hard work and success from all of our children, we celebrated the contributions and achievements of our Year 6 children in particular and wished them luck as they moved onto the next stage of their journey.

So as we start another year, we are especially pleased to welcome all of our new Reception children as they start their learning journey at Aughton Christ Church C of E Primary School. There are 30 children starting school this September and everyone in school is enjoying getting to know them and their families and help them to settle into school life. We know they will have a fantastic experience with us over the next seven years.

Our school Christian value this term is 'Generosity' which will form the basis of our worship. Throughout every aspect of school life we see wonderful acts of generosity from our children as they support and help each other and reach out to our community in so many ways.

School really is starting to once again buzz with excitement as the children are all settling in to their new classes and beginning to learn and experience exciting new things. I am very much looking forward to sharing with everyone the exciting things the children do through consider over the coming academic year.

## Bell Ringers - Paul Coggan

I joined the ringing team at Chiswick, last Sunday, a ring of 8, similar in weight to our bells. I was warmly welcomed and even invited to help install a slider before we started . . . good for me I wasn't in my best Sunday outfit ! St Nicholas, Chiswick is a ground floor ring, like St Michaels' and a different ringing experience compared to being 'hidden away' up the tower.

## News from the Scout Group

The Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers are now back in full swing after the holidays but some events have taken place for 9th Ormskirk during the summer. During the first week of the school holidays, nearly forty Scouts, Explorers and Leaders went on a week long summer camp to the Lake District, camping in patrol tents in the beautiful oak woodland of Great Tower Scout Camp, near Windermere.

We also had our annual Family Camp over the August Bank Holiday Weekend which meant more wet tents. After all the dry weather during the summer, there was more wet canvas to dry out! Fifteen families with children in Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers braved the rain. The Explorers have been working towards the Canoe Two Star Award, learning rescue techniques and capsizing drill. They undertook a full day's journey on the canal, paddling from Tarleton to Heaton's Bridge and have all passed this award.

Some of the Beavers and Cubs have been working hard on the top awards in their sections, so congratulations to Beavers, **Maisie Virgo** and **Patrick Dobson**, for achieving the Chief Scout's Bronze Award and to Cub, **Alex Goldman**, for achieving the Chief Scout's Silver Award. **Annette Marshall**

## News from the Girl Guides

In the lead up to the summer break we were taking part in many varied activities and working towards many badges. As Commissioner for the Christ Church Units I am really proud that some of our Guides have taken part in Patrol Camps, which sees a member taking full responsibility for her patrol by camping without immediate supervision. It's great to see such independence.

**Girlguiding UK** has launched a new programme ~ no significant change to the type of activities which we undertake and certainly no change to the Guiding Essentials which govern our overall approach. There is however now a clear linkage between the different sections (*Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers*) to support a member on her Guiding journey no matter when she starts it. The programme is built around six key areas which aim to broaden members' horizons and develop their skills to the best of each member's ability. We will be transitioning to the new programme over the next few months. Exciting times are ahead.

**Sue Kerrigan, District Commissioner**

## From the Registers

### BAPTISM

15th July: **HUNTER SYDNEY HOLLEWELL**  
**ROWAN JOSHUA NOTTINGHAM**

### WEDDING

4th August: **DAVID MUTCH AND**  
**PRIVANKA JANARDAN MORE**

### FUNERAL

21st July: **KATHRYN OWE, of Standhouse Lane**

31st July: **WILLIAM NELSON, of Lynwood**  
Drive

2nd August: **AUDREY BLACKBURN, of Carlton**  
Avenue, Upholland

3rd August: **MARGARET HUYTON, of Rothwell**  
Drive