

*Church of the Holy Spirit
Manse Road, Mossley*



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From the Rectory Study

In recent weeks and months one song has been consistently in my mind. It is a piece of music which was released in 1966 and was performed by John Denver. The opening line of this song contains these words: "All my bags are packed, I'm ready to go." These little clues may have helped you guess the title of this song. It is, of course, *Leaving On A Jet Plane*.

On 12th May 2021 the Department of Transport introduced a traffic light system for international travel. There was a profound sense of optimism that foreign summer holidays may be possible and that some sense of normality would be returning after the challenges and trials of the past fifteen months. I started to look at holiday pictures from previous years, I checked out the deals on travel agents' websites, and I even went into the roof space to get the suitcases dusted down!

Since that initial flurry of activity and excitement it has become clear that the word "staycation" will once again define most of our holiday plans this summer. For many of us this will be disappointing, and we find ourselves waiting a little longer before we can think about leaving to go anywhere on a jet plane.



Waiting has been an all too familiar experience during the past fifteen months. We waited patiently to see schools, churches and non-essential retail reopen. We waited eagerly to be able to meet up with friends and family, even though certain COVID restrictions remain in place. Are you good at waiting? In all honesty I am quite an impatient person. I do not like queues, I like traffic congestion even less, and I prefer to see progress being made.

The Bible has much to say about waiting. Perhaps one of the most famous references to waiting is recorded by the prophet Isaiah, "*...they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint*" (Isaiah 40:31 KJV). Waiting is by no means a pointless endeavour. It provides time for preparation and reflection. It is an opportunity for reflection and assessment.

As we enter the summer months we can, and should, take some time to wait upon the Lord. Let us spend a few moments each day being still before God, seeking God in prayer, and studying His Word. Let us pray for each other, for our community and for our Parish. If we can do this, it is my prayer that we will discover that there is deep blessing to be found in the waiting.

May God richly bless each of you this summer.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

1 st May	Florrie Greer	21 Wynnland Avenue
25 th May	Eleanor Shirley	Four Seasons Care Centre, Doagh Road
7 th June	Margaret Beck	Carrickfergus Manor Care Centre
24 th June	Hazel Beatty	18 Tudor Park

PARISH OFFICE

Our Parish Office is currently closed due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. It is advised that all correspondence should be forwarded to the Rector.

ONLINE SERVICES

Although we are meeting for 'in-church worship' on Sunday mornings, we are still uploading Online Services and Bible Studies. You can find these on:

1. The Parish Facebook Page.
2. The Parish Website (www.mossley.org)
3. YouTube (www.youtube.com). On YouTube simply search for Church of the Holy Spirit Mossley and this will lead you to the videos.
4. For an audio service telephone 02893270073. Calls will be charged at a local rate but for many people will be included in your call package.

PARISH CENTRE

We are delighted that our Parish Centre is now gradually reopening. All the necessary COVID regulations are being strictly adhered to.

Any Parish Organisation that may be considering reconvening should contact the Rector so that the necessary risk assessments can be undertaken.

MIDWEEK SERVICE

It has been wonderful to be able to meet for our Midweek Holy Communion services on Wednesday mornings at 10am. Booking will not be necessary for this service, but all the other COVID precautions will remain in place.

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Pat Flint	Valerie Porter
Joan Mackey	Ken Jackson



COVID-19 Update

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.”

(Psalm 107:1)

Dear Friends,

Since our last COVID-19 update we have continued to offer Online Services, Bible Studies and Coffee Time Challenges, as well as Zoom prayer meetings and discussion groups. Our Dial-In facility continues to be well received by parishioners and people from further afield. We give thanks to God for the provision of technology and how it has enabled us to continue our worship of God during this most difficult of seasons. We also have two in-church services each Sunday morning and it has been encouraging to see increasing numbers of parishioners in attendance. Please do continue to contact John Nesbitt (07954150067) or Winifred Clarke (07749064808) if you would like to attend either of our in-church services on Sundays. Thank you to everyone who works hard to ensure the provision of both online and in-church worship.

We are delighted that the midweek service of Holy Communion, each Wednesday at 10am, has now recommenced. Attendance at this service does not require prebooking. It is hoped that our Sunday evening service will resume in September. More details about this will be released in August.

We are also pleased that our Parish Centre has now reopened. The Bowling Club and Dove Tots have both resumed, with the necessary COVID restrictions in place, and discussions are underway with other parish organisations about the prospect of recommencing. Every organisation will have to complete a risk assessment before reopening. For further details please speak to the Rector. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way with the reopening of the Parish Centre.

Parish visitation is now possible, and we have really enjoyed being out and about meeting many of you in your gardens. We hope to be able to catch up with as many parishioners as possible during the summer months.

Once more, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support of our Parish. We continue to ask you to pray for the ongoing mission and ministry of Mossley Parish and for God’s leading as we seek to discern His will.

Every blessing,

Rev Peter Jones

Rev Louise Bowes

Worship Services

Sunday 4th July The Fifth Sunday After Trinity A Service of Morning Prayer	NT	Mark 6:1-13
Wednesday 7th July Holy Communion 2	G	Matthew 10:1-7
Sunday 11th July The Sixth Sunday After Trinity A Celebration of Holy Communion	G	Mark 6:14-29
Wednesday 14th July Holy Communion 1	G	Matthew 11:25-27
Sunday 18th July The Seventh Sunday After Trinity A Service of the Word	NT	Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56
Wednesday 21st July Holy Communion 2	G	Matthew 13:1-9
Sunday 25th July The Eighth Sunday After Trinity A Service of Morning Prayer	NT	Ephesians 3: 14-21
Wednesday 28th July Holy Communion 1	G	Matthew 13:44-46
Sunday 1st August The Ninth Sunday After Trinity A Service of Morning Prayer	NT	Ephesians 4: 1-16
Wednesday 4th August Holy Communion 2	G	Matthew 15:21-28
Sunday 8th August The Tenth Sunday After Trinity A Celebration of Holy Communion	NT	Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2
Wednesday 11th August Holy Communion 1	G	Matthew 18:15-20
Sunday 15th August The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity A Service of the Word	G	Ephesians 5: 15-20
Wednesday 18th August Holy Communion 2	G	Matthew 20:1-16
Sunday 22nd August The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity A Service of Morning Prayer	NT	Ephesians 6: 10-20
Wednesday 25th August Holy Communion 1	G	Matthew 23:27-32
Sunday 29th August The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing	NT	James 1: 17-27
Wednesday 1st September Holy Communion 2	G	Luke 4:38-44

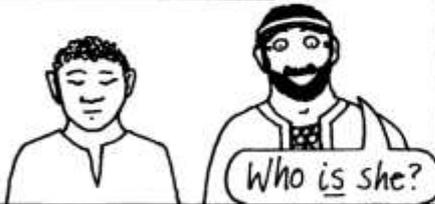
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
2 Samuel 11: 1-12: 25

Kings normally led their armies to battles but David had sent his army with his commander, Joab, to fight the Ammonites.

David was strolling on his palace roof when he saw a beautiful woman.



She is Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah.



Later, Bathsheba sent a message to King David.

I'm pregnant!
B x

David tried to cover up what he had done. He sent a note to Joab.

Send Uriah to me now
D

When Uriah came, David sent him to his home, but he didn't go.

Why didn't you go home?



How can I go home to my wife when my fellow soldiers can't?

David had Uriah stay to dinner and got him drunk.



But he still didn't go home.

So David wrote a letter to Joab

Put Uriah at the front of the fighting where he will be killed.
D

He gave it to Uriah to give to Joab.



Joab did what was asked.

Bathsheba was now a widow and David married her.



But God was angry and He sent Nathan the prophet to David.

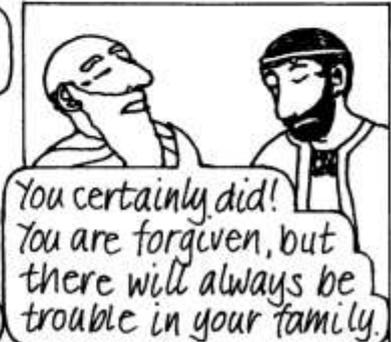


God says He chose you to be king of Israel and kept you safe.

You took Uriah's wife and then you murdered him by having him killed.



I disobeyed God.



You certainly did! You are forgiven, but there will always be trouble in your family.

Teambuilders 2021

Last year we really missed our Holiday Bible Club. But we are delighted to announce that we are back this summer from Monday 16th until Thursday 19th August. We will also be having a family fun night on Friday 20th August. This year our Club will be called *Teambuilders*.



Each night we will meet at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre, with all the usual COVID-19 guidelines being fully implemented, and we will be thinking about what it means to be part of a team. We will play games, take part in challenges, and hear wonderful stories from the Bible.

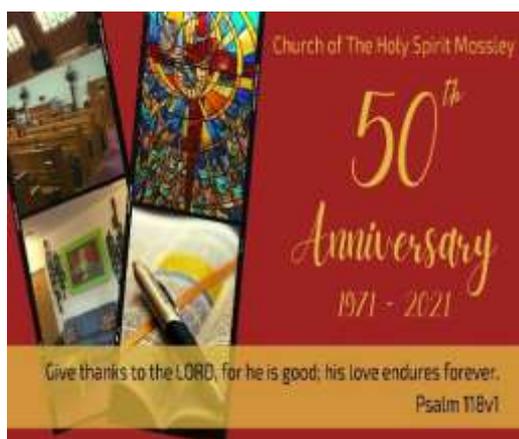
Teambuilders is for all children of primary school age, and we kindly ask that all children wishing to attend should be pre-registered. Registration forms are available from our website (www.mossley.org) and can also be downloaded from our Parish Facebook page. All the necessary COVID guidelines will be fully implemented.

Mossley @ 50

On Sunday 30th May we were delighted to welcome Bishop George Davison to Mossley as we gave thanks to God for our fifty years as a Parish. It was encouraging to see both services so well attended. We would have preferred to have been able to meet without restrictions or limitations, but we do look forward to being able to hold a fuller celebration in the near future.

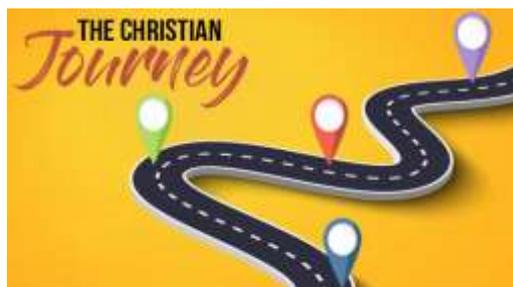


During the next twelve months, and as COVID restrictions are eased, we do hope to be able to hold a series of events as part of our fiftieth anniversary celebrations. Work is also underway to produce 'A History of Mossley Parish' and we hope that this book will be completed in the autumn.



As we give thanks to God for His faithfulness during the past fifty years, we also look to Him for His continued blessing in the future. Please pray for the future of our Parish and that God would lead us to develop our Christian mission and ministry in new and innovative ways as we seek to reach out into our local community.

Bible Study



During the past eleven weeks we have been reflecting on 'The Christian Journey' and particularly some of the key traits of the Christian faith. It has been encouraging to see so many people join with us to watch the videos on Tuesday evenings, and we have also greatly enjoyed the Zoom discussion groups on Thursdays.

The Bible Studies will now pause for the summer months and resume on Tuesday 7th September. In our new season we will be looking at the Acts of the Apostles. As we journey through this incredible book of the Bible, we will encounter an energetic and driven church, one which is mission-focused and evangelistically driven. As the biblical scholar David Cook highlights, we will see how *"...the gospel, focusing on Jesus, was...preached fearlessly in country, city, synagogue, marketplace, and field; and hearers were called upon to repent and trust in Jesus Christ."*

It is hoped that we will be able to meet in person on Tuesday evenings once again, but we will also seek to make the teaching videos available on YouTube, Facebook, our website, and the Dial-In Facility.

Daily Hope

Daily Hope is a free dial in service offers music, prayers, and reflections from the Church of England. You even get a personal message from the Archbishop of Canterbury at the beginning. There are a series of options for you to select using the buttons on your phone.



Coffee Time Challenges



Each Monday morning at 10am, for the past fifty-two weeks, the Coffee Time Challenge has been released. We have had wordsearches, anagrams, dingbats, and various picture rounds. Some have been relatively easy, others much less so. Each Friday evening, we got regular updates as to how many people got on with that week's Challenge.

Our final Coffee Time Challenge was released on Monday 28th June. Thank you for your willingness to join with us each week and we do hope that you enjoyed taking part in these little Challenges.

Mossley Prayer Fellowship

Our Prayer Fellowship still meets faithfully, on Zoom, every Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm. It is nice to be able to have a time of fellowship together and then to gather before God in an attitude of prayer. We enjoyed being able to gather in the church building on Friday 28th May for a half-night of prayer and thank you to everyone who joined with us on that occasion.

You are very welcome to join with us for a time of prayer on Wednesday evenings. Simply speak to any member of the Prayer Fellowship. Equally, if you have a person or a situation that you would like prayed about, please contact Peter, Louise, or any member of the Prayer Fellowship. You can also email your prayer requests to mossleyprayers@hotmail.com



A Prayer for Mission and Outreach

Lord Jesus, we remember the work of your disciples who served You faithfully during the early days of the Church. They went out among the people, who were often hostile, and spoke of their faith. They also encouraged others by their written testimonies. Together, they spread the word of Your teaching and of the joy of serving You, regardless of their own fate and well-being.

We ask You to help us today to continue Your work by witness and example. May we continue to draw comfort and inspiration from Your teaching, and so acknowledge and confess our faith wherever we go and to those we meet. We ask this in Your name and for Your glory. Amen.

Safeguarding Trust

Our Parish is committed to the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust policy. Should you have any concerns regarding the welfare of children in the Parish, please contact a member of the Parish Panel:

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An Update From Tansen (by Dr Rachel Karrach, Hospital Director)

The second wave of COVID infections have affected Palpa district severely. The hospital management predicted that the district would experience a surge in cases as we were watching the figures go up in Kathmandu and the cities in our province which borders India. There is frequent travel between Tansen and Butwal / Bhairawa in the plains 40-50km away. Migrant Nepali workers again returned as lockdown measures were announced in India. Also, people returned from Kathmandu ahead of the lockdown there.



The present surge started at the middle of April and within a week of reinstating the medical ward as an isolation ward the number of COVID admissions rose from 8 to 25 within a week. We soon discovered that these patients required very high flow oxygen, and that if we exceeded our oxygen plant's capacity then the percentage of oxygen produced suddenly drops. The average flow required per patient is 7L/min but it was not unusual for several patients to be requiring 15 L/min. Any sudden drop could prove fatal for the sickest patients. So, with a capacity for 113 litres/min of oxygen from the plant we had to limit our sick COVID patients to 20. Sometimes we could add a few more when we had more recovery cases than really sick people. The maximum number on the ward was 28 but this included COVID positive patients admitted for non-COVID problems. At the height of the epidemic, we had to send patients away and even had deaths in the fever clinic as patients received oxygen from cylinders while waiting for a bed or transfer to another centre.

At the start of this wave cylinders were not being refilled as the industrial plants in the Terai had no spare capacity and our own plant also lacked capacity to refill and supply the ward. We had difficulty accessing extra empty cylinders too. We sent two truckloads of empty cylinders 250 km to be refilled and the second load was held at the district border of the city it was sent to as they are restricting movement of oxygen out of their district. Eventually the district ensured that the hospital could have ten cylinders refilled daily. This only just covered routine needs and was not enough for reliable emergency backup.

We are still trying to access a second compressor to boost production due to lockdown and flights being cancelled but this is taking time. This may be in place in time for the next wave but the urgent need to increase our oxygen capability for this wave was met by adding oxygen concentrators to decrease the load on our plant.

The hospital also continues to treat general emergencies, some of whom tested COVID-19 antigen positive despite being asymptomatic. Among these, we delivered 10 COVID positive mothers, including one by Caesarean Section.

An Update from South America

Brazil

Give thanks for the work of St Luke's Church in Rio de Janeiro. Recently in São João de Meriti they made 60 take away meals complete with fruit juice and dessert. They were given out to people on the streets, especially the homeless population which has grown tremendously during the pandemic. They are not the only people doing this but sometimes the only ones on that day. Please continue to pray for Helen and the rest of the team in Rio.



Paraguay



Vicar General Agustín Maidana, held a special service in La Herencia (Chaco region), in which he renewed Elvio Cabañas' licence as an Anglican pastor. Elvio has been faithful over many years. He worked on the Enxet New Testament (with Tim Curtis CMS partner) in the 1990s and was ordained in 1997. We praise God that his work in the Lord "has not been in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58)

There has been a new wave of infections infecting the country over the past 6 weeks. Some church partners have been affected. Continue to pray for the introduction of vaccines and oxygen supplies.

Bolivia



Pray for Cristo Redentor church and Pastor David in La Paz, Bolivia. They have recently begun a new initiative in teaching people, who are out of work due to the pandemic, some new skills. These include sewing, cooking, flower arrangements, crafts amongst other things. The idea is that they will be able to make new things to sell at the local market to help support their families.

Walking for Hope

A former mission director of SAMS Ireland, Mr Denis Johnston, has recently undertaken a sponsored walk as part of his 70th birthday celebrations. He has been seeking to raised funds to help provide a toilet block, kitchen facilities and a shelter for the indigenous community in Paraguay.

Please give thanks for Denis and his passion for the ongoing work in South America.

All In The Month Of July



100 years ago, on 30th July 1921, the hormone insulin was discovered by Frederick Banting and Charles Best at the University of Toronto.

80 years ago, on 19th July 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill launched his 'V for Victory' campaign.

60 years ago, on 1st July 1961, Diana, Princess of Wales, was born.

40 years ago, on 29th July 1981, the marriage of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer took place at St Paul's Cathedral in London.

25 years ago, on 5th July 1996, the first cloned mammal was born. Dolly the sheep was born at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh.

15 years ago, on 15th July 2006, Twitter, the micro-blogging social network, was launched.

Perspectives On A Crazy Era

In a recently published article, the following perspectives on the past year were put forward.



The world has turned upside down. Older folks are now sneaking out of the house and their children are yelling at them to stay indoors!

Every few days, try your jeans on just to make sure fit. Pyjamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.

The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.

Talking and Listening

Bishop Douglas Feaver, a notoriously outspoken former Bishop of Peterborough, was presiding at his first Diocesan Synod and a man at the back had been droning on and on for some length of time. Finally, a lady called out to protest that she could not hear what he was saying. Bishop Douglas replied: "You should thank God and sit down."