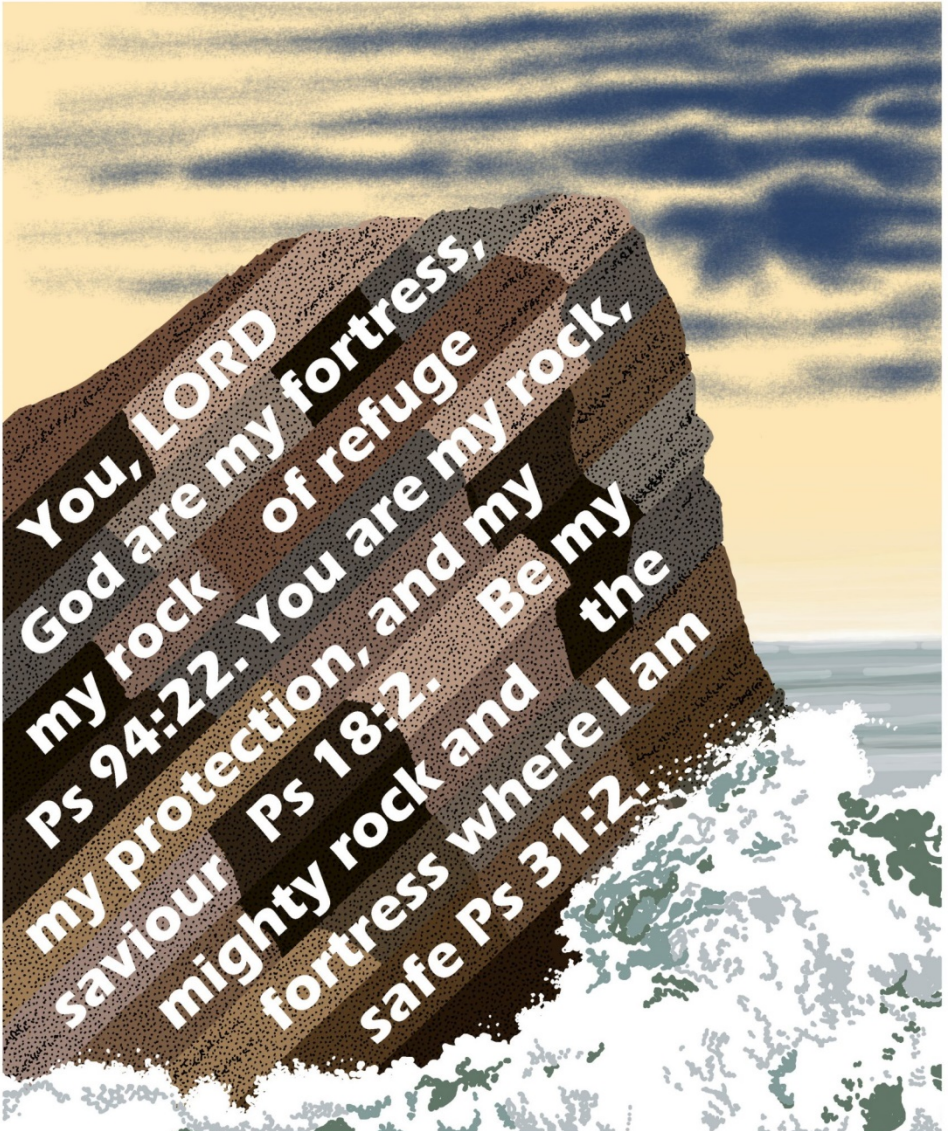




August 2020



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## **ORGANISATIONS**

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School – St Michael's Club – begins at 10.30 in church and usually takes place every Sunday.

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Our **Facebook** page is called “**St Michael and All Angels Church Hoole**”.

### **CHURCH OPENING TIMES**

St Michael's Church is open every day. Opening times are:

Monday to Saturday inclusive: 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Sunday: 8.00am to 4.30pm. Coronavirus restrictions are in place.

### **CHURCH ROTAS**

Please note that the only rota in place at the moment is that of the Flower Ladies to be found on page 25.

# FROM THE RECTORY

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS. AGAIN I SAY  
REJOICE

Dear all

It is wonderful to be back in our beautiful church again -we have indeed much to rejoice about. We have now held live services on three Sundays and it has been brilliant to worship together again, to see people in person and catch up on news. Of course, it has felt strange to be seated socially distanced in alternate pews with sanitised hands and frustrating not to be able to sing yet in church. However, it has been perfectly ok and we are getting used to it. We have our two excellent organists and we now have a data projector to project the words of the service attractively when it is not possible to use service books. It has been great to be able to broadcast the service outside and around 15 people each Sunday have been seated in chairs outside in the sunshine to worship, thus enabling some of the vulnerable members of our country to be able to attend.

We have started up Sunday school too outside which has worked well as the rain has held off. This has been a great opportunity for some children to meet up with their friends once more, especially for those without siblings who have not yet been able to return to school.

We are continuing with Sunday school throughout the summer this year and are delighted that Liz Boland our young people's minister is going to be able to give us more time in the coming year.

We are holding a **PRAISE PICNIC** for all the family on Sunday 9th August at 12 noon on the school field. Please bring your own lunch and something to sit on. And bring a teddy too if you have one. There will be songs and hymns and readings as well as games and a bouncy castle.

Families please note that **HOGWARTS** Church will be at 3.45 on Sunday 13th September in St Michael's Church. This will be suitable for



all the family with clips from the Harry Potter films, a Harry Potter quiz and Hogwarts games. Come in costume if you have one.

A group of us have been looking together on Zoom each week at Paul's letter to Christians in Philippi, written when Paul was in prison in 'Rome. Despite his terrible situation – he knew he was facing execution – he is able to put his sufferings in an eternal perspective – 'For me to live is Christ and to die is gain' and so helps the Philippians to do the same. It's a letter that speaks very powerfully and practically to our situation too.

In an inspirational section in chapter 4, Paul gives his readers them a command and then a promise. He tells them not to be anxious about anything but in everything with thanksgiving to present their requests to God. And he gives them the promise that the peace of God which passes all understanding will keep their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Sound too good to be true? Try it! Thanking God daily for all the good things He showers upon us and asking him for all that we need will help enormously to put all the real suffering and anxiety so many of us are going through in an eternal perspective. Love – God's eternal love – changes everything.

Rev Ann

**St Michael's Sunday School** meets each Sunday morning (except on days when Family Church meets in the afternoon) at 10:30. In the current circumstances of the Coronavirus we start at church (obeying the social distancing rules), and then go outside in the churchyard for 20 minutes of Bible stories, games, crafts and fun. We then re-join the adults in church for the end of the service and refreshments.

All children, age 3-11 are welcome to join us. There are toys in the back of church for younger children, or they are welcome to come to Sunday School with an adult.

For more details about Sunday School, contact Liz Boland, Children and Young People's Worker on 07903 200204 or [lizboland@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizboland@yahoo.co.uk).



Sunday 18th October **09.00** Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
**10.30** Parish Communion with Sunday School

Sunday 25th October **09.00** Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
**10.30** Morning Worship with Sunday School

Sunday 1st November **09.00** Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
**10.30** Parish Communion with Sunday School  
**4.00** Service of Thanksgiving for loved ones.

Friday 6th November **VE Day** Celebration Social in Walmer Bridge Village Hall  
Hall (if permitted)

Sunday 8th November **10.00** REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE WITH  
THE BISHOP OF BLACKBURN

## SAVE THE DATES!



### PRAISE PICNIC

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August at Noon at St Michael's School



### HOGWARTS CHURCH

Sunday 13th September in church at 3.45pm



### HARVEST QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 25th September in Hoole Village Hall at 7.00pm (if permitted)



### VE DAY CELEBRATION SOCIAL

Friday 6th November: VE Day Celebration Social in Walmer Bridge Village Hall Hall (if permitted)



**Intercessions: Please let the Rector or Margaret Kirkman know of anyone you would like including on our prayer list, by text or 07786 543581.**





St Michael's Church invites  
you to a

# PARISH PRAISE PICNIC

## 9 AUGUST AT 12:00

## St Michael's School Field

Please bring:

- Your lunch and drink
- Something to sit on (mat/chair)
- Your teddy bear (optional)



Please join us for songs, story,  
a bouncy castle and some  
sports day style races.

# Everyone welcome



*Please join us for*

# HOGWARTS CHURCH



**Sun. 13th September**  
**3.45pm**  
**at St Michael & All Angels**  
**Church**



**Harry Potter Film Clips /**  
**Quiz / Crafts /**  
**Fancy Dress (optional)**

*All Aboard to the Magical Celebration*



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school for the  
summer holidays.  
Sunday school but  
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**Reconnecting with  
God by connecting  
with His creation**

**St Michael's  
Church 10:30  
each Sunday  
(except 9th  
August)**

**Games, storytelling,  
nature hunts and so  
much more**

# **St Michael's Harvest Supper & Quiz Night**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm at**

**HOOLE VILLAGE HALL (if permitted)**



**We hope that people of all ages will want to join us for our Harvest social event. The Quiz questions will be wide-ranging and include as many different interests as possible. Why not make up a table!**

**Tickets will be available as soon as lockdown conditions are lifted. They will cost £7.00 each and include delicious Hotpot and mushy peas followed by fruit pie and cream. Tea and coffee are included and the bar will be open to purchase other drinks.**

**Here's hoping!**



**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, HOOLE**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**Sunday 4th October**

**at 10.30am**



**ALL HARVEST  
GIFTS ARE  
MOST WELCOME**

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## Hoole St Michael CE Primary School

## **FROM OUR TREASURER**

### **WATER AID COLLECTION 2019/2020**

FINAL TOTAL: £552.16

WITH GIFT AID: £637.05

A cheque was sent to Water Aid in June and their very grateful thanks for our 14 years of support were received shortly thereafter.

### **WATER AID 2020/2021**

At this time I do not know if we will be launching Water Aid again this Harvest through to Easter (2020-2021).

Our Harvest Service is scheduled for Sunday 4th October. It will hopefully be on the PCC agenda for our meeting in September. Check out the October magazine or Sunday Service Sheets for any update.

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER NEEDED**

We have been so blessed for years and years and years(!) with a volunteer independent examiner of our Church books, who is Michael Harrison.

Unfortunately, due ill health, he will no longer be able to carry out this role so we are in real need of a replacement volunteer to take this on **BY THE END OF THE YEAR.**

- Are you a book- keeper?
- An Accountant?
- Just good with figures?
- Do you know anyone who might fit one of the above?

If so, please get in touch with me as the PCC and the all the Church groups really, really need someone do to this.

### **A quick summary of the role:**

Every January/February, after the financial year end on 31<sup>st</sup> December, I gather in all the ledgers and files from all the Church groups. I check through them within the limits of my ability, then pass them onto the Church examiner who goes through them with a fine toothcomb. The examiner needs to check all figures are correct and that relevant information has been disclosed in the reports to match the financial reports.

Then the reports and accounts need to be signed off in good time for the APCM – usually scheduled in April of each year.

If you think you might, just possibly might, be able to assist at all, or know anyone who might be able to assist – please contact me to discuss.

All enquiries treated as just that, an enquiry, and no obligation comes with an enquiry.

Please put your thinking cap on and help if you can either by making an enquiry yourself or making an enquiry with someone you know perhaps?

It is a once a year job.

Many thanks

Barbara Wood

Treasurer to the PCC

## **CHARITABLE DONATIONS FROM ST MICHAEL'S**

As most of you will be aware, our Church regularly supports FOMO, Okorom Village and Churches Together in Penwortham (the foodbank).

\*\*\*By the way – the foodbank box for donations is still in the front porch and regularly emptied by Margaret and passed on\*\*\*

Please do keep your food donations coming in.

Due to lockdown, we the PCC were unable to have our normal annual review on this matter so a contingency decision was made in April to give to the above charities (£300 each) as they needed it more than we did.

We normally do this about 3 times a year. The second round of donations went out in July with full PCC approval. The third round has not yet been decided upon.

If you are aware of any charity that you feel may benefit from our assistance please let me know.

We do generally prefer to donate to local charities or ones that have a local connection but that is not set in stone.

Our first thank you has arrived from Elizabeth Swarbrick, our connection with Okorom Village, with an update on their situation:

*Thank you for your email and the continuing support of St Michael's.*

*I have heard from Afrinspire (the organisation that channels our donations to where it is needed) that the money has reached them and it will be transferred in August – we just missed the July transfer.*

*I have been in touch with folk during the lockdown and many are in difficulty. Those who have land are relatively Ok with food but there are many who are struggling. We have been able to distribute food and the children are receiving work from school to do at home but it is hard; as it is here. A bigger problem is the rise in domestic violence but they have already formed groups to help deal with this, there have been teaching sessions and there is someone in each area who has been trained to identify the problem and help the families concerned. Worship has not resumed in churches but each week there is a lot of teaching on the local radio with Sunday Worship as well.*

*On-line stuff is limited but there are some who can access it on their phones – this is particularly difficult for those children who are doing their “O” levels in November My foster daughter’s eldest has gone to Mbale to stay with a family friend who has a lap top – we’re managing to get round problems as best we can. So far the virus hasn’t claimed lives in Uganda but folks are taking as many precautions as they can.*

*Thank you again for your help.*

*God bless you*

*Elizabeth*

Our financial support enables the people of this area to get that little bit of extra support which is most definitely gratefully received and they thank you all.

## **THE FOODBANK SEND THEIR APPRECIATION**

“Once again many thanks to all at Hoole Parish Church for your generous donation of £300 to Penwortham Foodbank. Due to problems caused by the Covid 19 Virus, donations from our usual sources of food, etc. are much reduced and we are having to buy more food than usual to keep up with demand. Cash donations are therefore very welcome at this time.

## **DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR ST MICHAEL’S DURING LOCKDOWN**

Thank you once again for all your continued support during lockdown, keeping up your church donations either by envelope or standing order – that has been invaluable for our day to day finances.



A big thank you to everyone who has returned to Church and very kindly donated their backlog of envelope donations covering the last three months or more.

An even bigger thank you to those who have given substantial private or group donations which have gone towards the cost of our new projects that had to be instigated at short notice when our church services started again at the beginning of July. The projects were: screen, projector, outside sound system, an upgrade to our loop system and audio recording facility used for our 10.30 service (now available on our website every Sunday afternoon) – [www.hooleparishchurch](http://www.hooleparishchurch).

Do keep your support coming in.

Barbara – Treasurer to the PCC of St Michael's



## Ladies' Group

Hello Ladies – unfortunately, I'm not able to report the resumption of our meetings but felt I should mention the sad news that two of our members have recently died.

Pearl Read was the New Member Hostess for the group, but she did much more than that. She enjoyed helping out in all sorts of ways and took on the job voluntarily (from Heather Johnson) of bringing flowers for the front table each month. She was a lively, sociable person and we shall miss her. You will find below the eulogy given at her funeral.

Nancy Mawdesley had been suffering ill health for many years but up until she became less mobile, always enjoyed our meetings and keeping up with the news with other members. She was for ever cheerful despite her disabilities and an example to us all.

The committee and I hope to see you all again before too long and may you all keep well and safe in these strange times.

Erika

## Eulogy for Pearl Read which was written and given at the funeral service by Stan Pickles

Everyone here knew Pearl, but all of us only knew some aspects of her life. I'd like to tell you about the whole Pearl.

If she was here today Pearl would say - *'Don't be sad because I'm gone – be happy that I was here. Remember all our good times, laugh at all my crazy times, and smile when you think of me – knowing that I lived my life in my own unique style'*.

Pearl was born in 1942 a first child for Annie and Stanley Melling. It was war time and it was quite a few months before Pearl's dad set eyes on her. It was a time of hardship, rations and uncertainty. After the war, with the country trying to rebuild, Pearl's brother Dave was born in 1946. It didn't matter that money was tight, they had a happy childhood and Pearl always remembered her mum and dad taking them out for the day on a Sunday - first in a motorcycle and side car, and then in a car.

When Pearl left school she worked at the Co-op and loved her job. She was trained in all aspects of the grocery business and could remember the price of everything and mentally add up customer's bills like a professional. She carried that skill all through her life and always knew where to get the best deals.

As a teenager Pearl was never short of admirers as she had a natural beauty and a wit to go with it. In 1960 she met George and boy did he have to step up to the mark! They had different personalities, and as they say 'opposites attract', but they wanted the same things from life, so they shared the same goal. They married in 1962.

When they decided to start a family they agreed that George would be the breadwinner and Pearl wanted to be a 'stay at home' mum. David was born in 1964 followed by Elaine in 1966 and their family was complete. As with all children they could be good, but also mischievous and naughty at



times - and perhaps here, in God's house, it's not the best place to bring up certain escapades!

In 1970 Pearl gained a new sister-in-law, Denise, who remembers that despite some hard times Pearl never wavered from wanting to be a mum at home to bring up her children, her way. She remembers the time Pearl told her about when she had only 3 pence in her purse, which was not enough to buy the bread the family needed. So, she opened her cupboards and baked her own, which lasted till payday. Pearl was a wonderful cook and could create a delicious meal from almost nothing; something her sister-in-law admitted she could never do to this day, no matter how hard she tried.

As the children grew, and David went to school, Pearl began some part-time work; but only when George was home to watch the children or she was able to take Elaine into work with her for a couple of hours. This extra bit of money enabled them to buy their first car. Sunday family trips became something they all looked forward to, sometimes on their own or sometimes with other family groups. Pearl loved walking and the countryside. She loved anything that grew in the ground and would talk to every animal or bird that came into sight. She was a real animal lover – dogs, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits, birds; in fact, anything that lived on God's earth she was in awe of, all through her life. She loved the birds coming into her garden, feeding them daily; and she even got George to make a hedgehog house as she once saw a hedgehog in her garden.

In 1980 Pearl met Doreen, who was to become her lifelong best friend. They met when Pearl began working at New Manor and, on her first shift, Doreen was allocated the 'new girl'. Doreen remembers asking Pearl if she could spell "diarrhoea" as she always struggled with it, and it was a word that was written many times in client's notes. They bonded immediately and they would travel life's bumpy road together.

They developed a love for shopping and spent many a day together in Southport or Liverpool. Over the years (as their children flew the nest) they gained a taste for the finer things in life. With shopping bags on their arms they'd finish their day in perhaps a bar or hotel as they pondered their purchases. Sometimes, they'd have to work out how many overtime shifts they'd need to work; to make up for what they'd spent.

Pearl and George became grandparents, as David and Ann welcomed three beautiful girls – Gemma, Natalie and Louise into their family. They

loved them dearly and were so proud of them as they grew into young ladies.

It was during this period that Pearl and George began to travel overseas and experience foreign holidays and cruising. Pearl saw the wonder of all these new places and when one holiday was finished, she was thinking of the next.

Once Denise's children had flown the nest the two of them began experiencing small trips away together. First there were coach Christmas market or concert trips, then – over the years they developed into holidays further afield. When Dave and Denise went to Australia one time, Pearl flew out for a week to join them; stopping off in Singapore on the way back. Singapore became a place Pearl loved and they visited many times.

Although not a regular church-goer in her early life, there was always this underlying faith and belief which resurfaced, and she began to explore and deepen her faith.

In 2013 Pearl lost George, her soul-mate, and she was devastated. Elaine became a massive daily support as her Mum adjusted to a different life. Pearl would often say how lucky she was to have such a wonderful daughter. She tried to fill the great void in her life and threw herself into many activities – WI, Ladies' Group, flower club, and arts and craft. During this time Pearl also supported her sister-in-law as they both cared for Pearl's brother, Dave, after he was diagnosed with cancer. Sadly Dave passed away only 10 months after George.

From a chance meeting with an old friend, Winn, another close friendship blossomed. And it wasn't long before Pearl, Denise and Winn were off enjoying days out, trips and holidays.

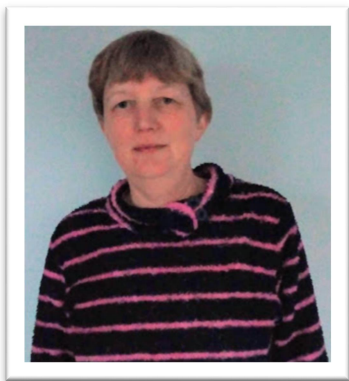
Looking back Pearl did not live an average life, she packed enough diverse experiences into her life that would take the average person two lifetimes. Each of us will have our own wonderful memories we shared with Pearl over the years. So how can we sum up Pearl – a loving wife, mother and Grandma, who adored her family. She was bubbly and high spirited but was also a trusted, loyal and generous friend.

So here we are, as we make ready to lay her to rest with her beloved George; we should each say our final farewell, remembering our own private memory of Pearl and know that she will be with her loving God who supported her throughout life, and loved her unconditionally.

Night, night and God Bless, Pearl.

# Thoughts from the Children's Worker

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During this time of lockdown, and not being able to meet together at church, I have been brought back to the verse: *“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another”* (Hebrews 10 v24-25.) For all the difficulties of lockdown, imagine how much harder it would have been without all the technology we have at our fingertips. We have been able to video

call family and friends, watch 24 hour television, phone people, stream our services and Sunday School on the internet and so much more.

As I write this, I should be preparing for two weeks of Beach Mission in Lincolnshire, but for the first time since 1886, apart from the World Wars, we have had to cancel. But like so many things, we are carrying on online. I have an amazing team of people busily recording and editing videos, and preparing live Zoom meetings with all our children, young people and adults. We will carry on meeting together, but as I reflected, I wondered about the team. A lot of what makes the Beach Mission great is the team – we eat together, work together, live together, pray together, laugh together, clean toilets together and so on. We can't do that. So we will have meals together via Zoom; we are still in prayer triplets to encourage each other and pray together and we will get together online each evening of the mission to pray together.

Now that church is open again, Sunday School has been running for a few weeks and it has been such a great thing for some of the children who haven't played with or spent time with other children since school closed on 20<sup>th</sup> March. This year, we will carry on with Sunday School during the summer holidays, but it is to be different. We will be Summer Explorers (see poster on page 9) as we look at God's amazing world and our place in it. Please do join us if you can and let us keep on encouraging one another as life begins to return to some sort of normality.

Liz Boland

## **Kathleen Leigh, a member of our congregation and one of our Sunday School teachers, has published a novel**

*Taken from Wigan Today and written by Andrew Nowell*



The book tells the tale of a young woman who is settled in her work as an art teacher and has a group of friends but finds her life turned upside down when it is revealed her biological mother is actually a famous actress who wants to be part of her life.

The creation of the book is a remarkable tale as Kathleen worked on it during two long spells of illness when she could not go to her job on the family business Clunan's Market Stall.

And now, with the help and encouragement of Tarleton Creative Writing Group, the book is out for readers to buy.

Kathleen commented: "When I was very poorly writing and using my imagination became the thing I could do. I would sit at my laptop and work when I was well enough. I joined the writers' group and they gave me a lot of encouragement".

The book is about how Christie's personality evolves. It has been described as Bridget Jones' Diary meets Long Lost Families. "She's well established with a job and friends but then this famous woman says she wants her back and she has to negotiate this as her life cascades into chaos. "It's about relationships really. There's a lot of typical chick-lit things in there: romance, comedy, friendships, families."

Kathleen has worked on the Clunan's stall, which sells cooked meats, pies and other similar food items, in Wigan for years and the business is now a real family affair, with her husband Jeremy, sister Danni, son Joe and daughter Lydia all involved.

Kathleen began writing her book while suffering with rheumatoid arthritis and was then off work again after being diagnosed with an autoimmune disease.

She discovered her love of literature at high school, having initially found reading hard, and says it is the page-turning quality of a book and the ability to get engrossed in a good tale that she enjoys most.

She is already working on another book and says she hopes people currently chafing against the lockdown due to Covid-19 can take inspiration from how she found an outlet in writing at a time in her life when her health meant she could not do much.

She said: “I always thought I could write but I used to really struggle and was a very poor reader. At high school my English teacher gave me books which I found very interesting and that was when I got the reading bug. The writing bug came afterwards. I love the escapism of a book and not being able to put it down.

I’ve had some really nice reviews for my writing already. One person read the book in two days and then asked when the next one would be out.

This pandemic is really affecting people badly, but they could look at it as an opportunity. That’s how I looked at being ill. You’ve got to look at what you can do and make the most even of pretty rubbish situations. It looks awful at first, but you need to embrace the trauma and come out of it stronger, otherwise it just diminishes you.”

Kathleen is currently getting a website developed and is hoping to do a book signing in Wigan once it is safe to do so.

***The Evolution of Christie Harris*, by Kathleen Clunan, is out now and available from leading online bookstores.**



## Update from the Churchyard Warren – Rabbits converted!

Hello there fellow Hooligans, further to my reporting on the church garden and graveyard over the last few months, I – William Reginald Rabbit of the 10th Warren of Much Hoole – would like to update you on our activity.



We have been keeping the churchyard trimmed and tidy – feeding certain areas with our very nutritious offerings – and it is lovely to see more people visiting the church every day now that it is unlocked (even though we have to watch from a distance!)

But now, I want to introduce a very contemporary angle on things. We, at the 10th Warren of Much Hoole, hold our responsibilities very deeply. Indeed, I remember in my last report, describing how keen we were to keep the flower border under control once they were planted in late Spring. But a strange smell appeared which I assured you would not stop us fulfilling our duty. Well – and I know this is very radical – while we were trying to solve the problem of getting to the new plants, we were amazed to see what effect that the beautiful plants, all growing together, had on us. Hard to explain – but, they were too pretty to eat!



So, after an in-depth discussion with all in the Warren, we request your permission to not eat the flowers in the border, hoping that we can all share in the beautiful sights, smells and touch of all that God has sent us.

God bless you all,

William Reginald Rabbit





## From the Parish Registers

### The Departed

**“As in Adam all die, so in Christ may all be made alive”**

We give thanks for the lives of the following people whose funerals took place at the graveside due to the Coronavirus lockdown requirements.

**Dorothy Rimmer**, aged 84 years of Walmer Bridge on 15th April 2020.

**Michael Andrew Redshaw**, aged 59 years of Much Hoole on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Mike was a PCC member, sidesperson and also on our rota of readers. He will be greatly missed; our thoughts and prayers are with Lisa, Alexander, Henry, Charles and all the family.

**Bernice Elizabeth Hesketh**, aged 71 years, of Longton and formerly of Embley's Nurseries Much Hoole, on 8th June 2020.

The funeral of **Pearl Anita Read**, aged 78 years of Walmer Bridge, took place on 18th June 2020 in the form of a restricted Church Service, followed by interment in the churchyard.

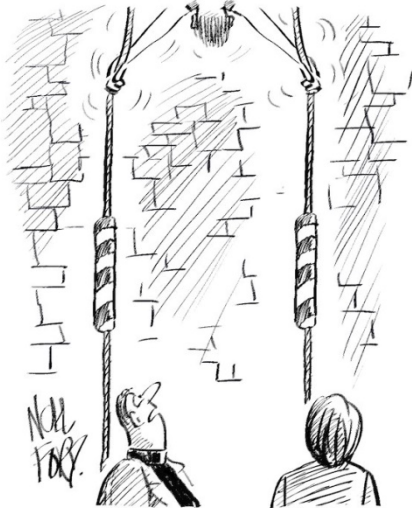
Pearl was a member of our Ladies' Group and one of our Church Flower Arrangers.

The funeral of **Austin Spencer**, aged 83 years, of Walmer Bridge, took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 in the form of a restricted Church Service, followed by interment in the churchyard.

The ashes of **Dorothy Mary Linton**, aged 89 years, of Penwortham, were interred in the churchyard on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Many people will remember Dorothy as the wife of the former Rector, Alan Linton.

The ashes of **Dorothy Margaret Watkinson**, aged 79 years, of Longton, were interred in the churchyard on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020.



*Eric took social distancing while bell ringing very seriously.*



*Our church warden is not letting people into the church just now*



## **Flower Rota**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Arranger(s)</u>	<u>Sponsor(s):</u>
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Rota	Mrs Jane Elphick
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Julie	
6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Averil and Betty	Ladies' Group
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Claire and Lisa	Mrs Swarbrick
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Jean and Sue	Mrs Christine Barker
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Averil and Betty	Mr & Mrs John Penrose

The other rotas have been suspended until the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted. Sorry folks, no tea or coffee are being provided for now – please bring your own to the services!

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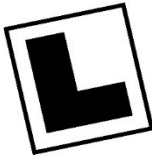
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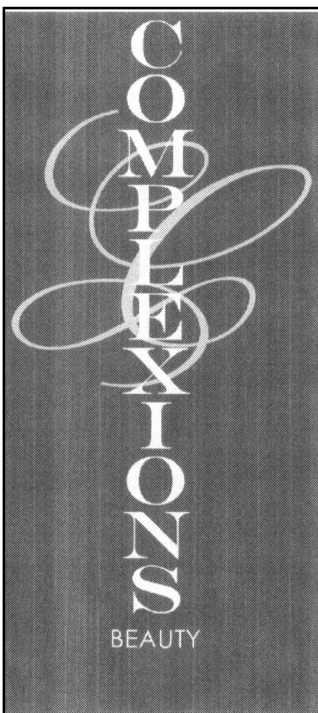
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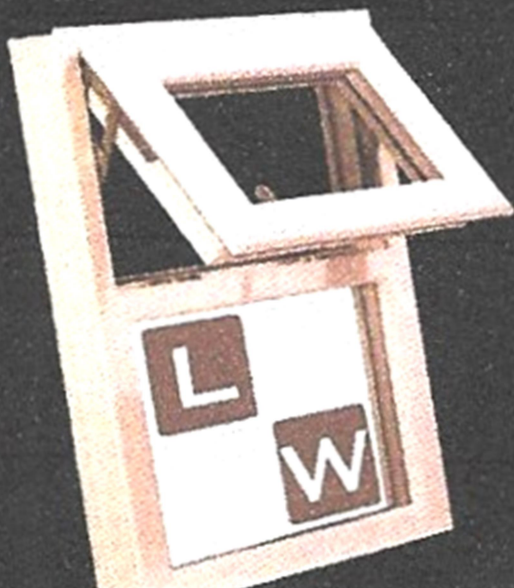


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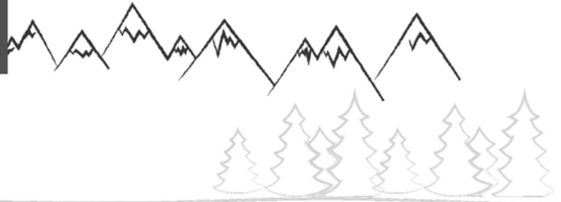
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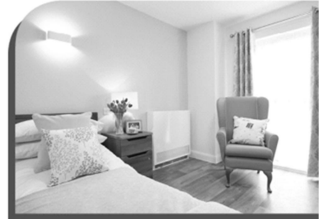



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