



# **St. John the Divine, Coppull**



## **March/April**



## **2020**

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We apology for no March Newsletter, you will find included in this edition details of events happening towards the end of March.

### **From the Vicarage (and beyond): Discipleship**

As we continue to think about a Vision for our churches, I thought it would be good to go through the 4 points of the Diocesan Vision, starting with Making Disciples of Jesus Christ.

#### **What is a disciple?**

- **A disciple is a learner.** That is the literal meaning of the word. A disciple of Jesus is someone who wants to know Jesus better (not simply know about Jesus, but know *him*) and wants to learn to follow his teaching.
- **A disciple is a follower.** The most common image used in the New Testament for Discipleship is following Jesus on a journey. A disciple is not static. A disciple continues to make progress in knowing Jesus and becoming like him.

**Therefore, discipleship is about us!** The “Being Witnesses” strand (that we’ll think about next month) is about helping other people come to know Jesus and follow him. Making Disciples is about those who already know and follow Jesus making sure we continue to do so more and more.

The Venerable **Mark Ireland, Archdeacon of Blackburn**, has written about the importance of discipleship on the Diocesan website:

“Forming individuals as disciples for Jesus Christ is surely the primary calling of every local church, and so discipleship ought to be at the top of our agenda not just for a year but every year. However, forming disciples is not something we are very good at. Traditional habits of personal Bible study and prayer get squeezed out in our busy lives. Fewer people belong to small groups, and when we think about lay training too often we are equipping people to take on roles in church; rather than empowering them to live distinctively Christian lives from Monday to Saturday in their place of work, recreation or with family. And when churches are short of money, this is often not a financial problem, but rather it can be a sign of a deeper problem of discipleship.

“As part of our renewed focus on discipleship there are a number of resources and events to support you and to help members of your church to grow as disciples of Christ and discover their particular calling from God. These include:

- Bishop Julian’s Bible Challenge – encouraging children and adults to read the Bible regularly.
- A great video course on DVD designed to help small groups think about money and giving, in the context of the generosity, gift and grace of God.
- A programme of retreats and quiet days at Whalley Abbey beginning in 2019 and continuing beyond, designed to help individuals and groups take time with God in this ‘blessed place’ at the heart of the diocese.
- Pathways to Prayer – a series of taster days across the diocese led by a new team of workshop leaders available to come and teach different ways of prayer in parishes and deaneries.

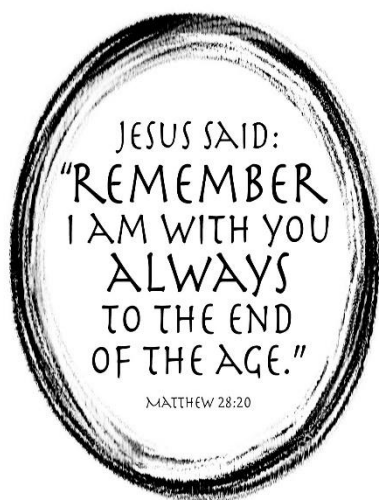
“I invite you to join with me in praying that each of us will grow deeper in our relationship with Christ and discover afresh how we can make a difference for God in our daily lives.” Archdeacon Mark Ireland

I (Matt again, now) would commend all the above, but would also like to add that we can grow in discipleship at a parish level, too, as we continue to meet with one another on Sundays, as we read God’s word and pray, both individually and together in small groups.

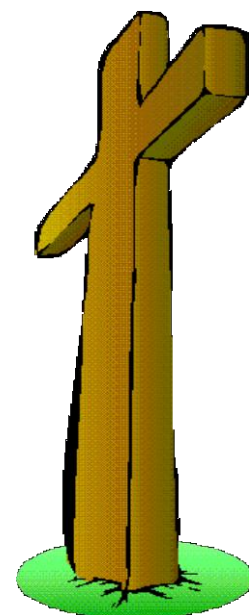
Yours in Christ,

Matt

Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders. Give us eyes to see Your vision, ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen



TREASURER'S REPORT	
	<b>Stewardship</b>
02-Feb	164.00
09-Feb	110.00
16-Feb	72.00
23-Feb	100.00
Standing Orders	147.00
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Plate Collection	442.00
Fees	791.00
In Memory	120.00
Misc. Income	2,843.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<hr/> <b>£ 4,789.00</b> <hr/>
Income	4,789.00
Expenditure	912.00
Balance for Month	<hr/> <b>£ 3,877.00</b> <hr/>



## ***From the Registers:***

### BAPTISMS

**We welcome you into the Family of God**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Carter James Son of L.M. Holmes & M.L. Hawkes

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Erica Louise Daughter of Mr & Mrs A.P Magrath

### **Christian Funerals**

11<sup>th</sup> February James Pemberton

To the relatives & friends of James  
we offer our sincere sympathy  
and the promise of new life  
in God's Eternal Kingdom.



**Children we will have Easter Eggs for you after the**

**9.30 a.m. Service on Easter Sunday**





# SERVICES DURING April 2020



## March

Sunday 22nd **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month & Mothering Sunday**  
9.30 a.m. Morning Worship & Baptism J. Harrison & A Leigh

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 10.30 a.m.** **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month** Mrs C. Taylor & Mrs. M. Magrath  
**Parish Communion with Coppull Parish Church followed by  
Jacobs Join Lunch in the Church Hall**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> **Palm Sunday**  
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion



Mrs N. Danify & Mrs T Unsworth

Maundy  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion

Good Friday 10.00 a.m. Reflective Service at Coppull Parish Church

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> ***Easter Sunday - He Is Risen***

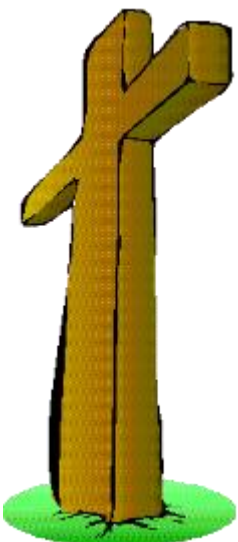
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion J. Harrison & A Leigh

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month Mrs D Appleton & Mrs S Williams  
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion & J.A.M. Club

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month Mrs C. Taylor & Mrs M Magrath  
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion



## **LENT A TIME TO THINK, REFLECT AND TO TAKE STOCK**

Once again a basket has been placed at the back of Church and during Lent if you have any non-perishable foods, which we can donate to the Living Waters Church, Food Bank in Chorley then please just drop the items in the basket.  
Would you kindly check the use by dates as we would not want to donate food that is out of date. Thank You,

**THINK, REFLECT AND TAKE STOCK**

# The Friends of St. John's

At our Annual Meeting of the Friends of St. John the following were elected to office:

Chairperson – Mrs S Williams

Secretary – Mrs. M Magrath

Treasurer - Mrs. S. Wood

We hope that the next 12 months are as successful as the last and we hope to build up on what we have done for St. John's during the past year. New members are most welcome to join us at any time. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & (5<sup>th</sup>) Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. A new programme for the forthcoming year is currently being drawn up.

## social Committee News

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Function</i>
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bingo
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair
	On going	Summer Draw
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> November	Christmas Fair
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle and Grand Christmas Draw

### Easter Bingo



We will be holding an Easter Bingo on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March in the Church Hall

Doors open at 6.00 p.m. for an eyes down at 6.30 p.m.

50p admission 1.00 per book refreshments available

Families welcome

We are also appealing for prizes Easter Eggs or anything with an Easter Appeal or even bottle or two would be welcomed

We are always very appreciative of any unwanted good quality items which would make good raffle, tombola prizes etc., please leave them on the back pew in Church to be used at various events during the year. Thanking you.

### A senior moment

I made a list. I checked it twice. I left it at home.

## **April 9<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday – time to wash feet**

Maundy Thursday is famous for two things. The first is one of the final acts that Jesus did before his death: the washing of his own disciples' feet. (see John 13) Jesus washed his disciples' feet for a purpose: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The ceremony of the 'washing of the feet' of members of the congregation came to be an important part of the liturgy (regular worship) of the medieval church, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

But Thursday was also important because it was on that night that Jesus first introduced the Lord's Supper, or what we nowadays call Holy Communion.

Jesus and his close friends had met in a secret upper room to share the Passover meal together – for the last time. And there Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying, 'this is my body' and 'this is my blood' as he, the Lamb of God, prepared to die for the sins of the whole world. John's gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were killed.

## **April 10<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY: the day the Son of God died for you**

Good Friday is the day on which Jesus died on the cross. He was crucified at 9am in the morning, and died six hours later, at 3pm. It is the most solemn day in the Christian year and is widely marked by the removal of all decorations from churches. In Lutheran churches, the day was marked by the reading of the passion narrative in a gospel, a practice which lies behind the 'passions' composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750). Both the St Matthew Passion and the St John Passion have their origins in this observance of Good Friday.

The custom of observing a period of three hours' devotion from 12 midday to 3 pm on Good Friday goes back to the 18th century. The 'Three Hours of the Cross' often take the form of an extended meditation on the 'Seven Last Words from the Cross', with periods of silence, prayer, or hymn-singing.

## **April 12<sup>th</sup> EASTER – the most joyful day of the year**

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in his joy! Hallelujah!

The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will be still be 'growing' in their Christian walk with God.

Why does the date move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for Good Friday: Friday 7 April 30 AD or Friday 3 April, 33 AD, with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these the most likely.

Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are complicated and involve something called an 'ecclesiastical full moon', which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22 March, which last fell in 1818 and won't fall again until 2285. The latest is 25 April, which last happened in 1943 and is next due in 2038.

Why the name, 'Easter'? In almost every European language, the festival's name comes from 'Pesach', the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word 'Easter', however, seems to come from Eostre, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in 'Eostur month', but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like Eos and Aurora, whose names mean 'shining in the east'. So Easter might have meant simply 'beginning month' – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

Finally, why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it's easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.

## **Annual Parochial Church Meetings**

### **The Election of Churchwardens & P.C.C. Members**

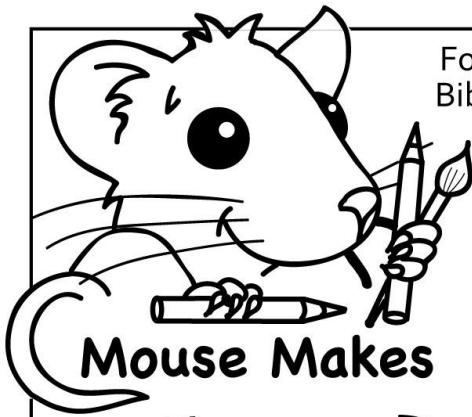
Nomination Forms for the Office of Churchwardens and Membership of the Parochial Church Council are available from the Literature Table at the back of Church. Anyone interested in serving the Church as either a Churchwarden or as a Member of the P.C.C. should have a form completed and hand it in prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meetings, which this year will be held on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April @ 7.00 p.m. in the Church Hall, Lounge** All signatures on the forms must be by persons whose names are on the **Electoral Roll**.

All those whose names are on the **Electoral Roll** should attend the Annual Meetings in order to vote for the various Church-Officers and P.C.C. Members here at St. John's for the next 12 months. You will also hear and read various reports on the work of the past 12 months. If you feel you would like to play a bigger part in the life of St. John's why not consider joining the P.C.C. Nomination forms are on the Literature Table at the back of Church. Give it some thought, Prayer, and have a chat with a current P.C.C. Members to see what is involved.

### ***Mothers' Day & Easter Gifts & Cards***

Tina Unsworth has made some lovely Mothers' Day & Easter Gifts & Cards which are available from the back of Church and why you are looking at them, browse through her other cards as well splendid value for money. All proceeds are for Church Funds.

Thank you once again Tina for your time & generosity




Follow the **Easter story** using the Bible references, then look for the words in the puzzle.


**Into Jerusalem**

read *Matthew 21:1-11*

DONKEY • ROAD • COATS  
BRANCHES • PALMS  
KING • HOSANNA

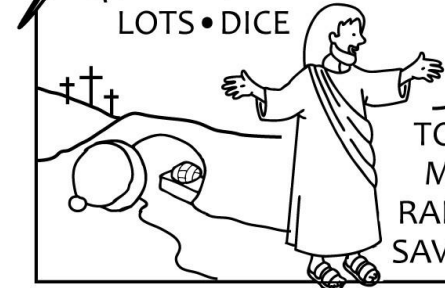



**The Last Supper**  
read  
*Matthew 26:17-30*  
TWELVE DISCIPLES  
PASSOVER  
ROOM • BREAD  
WINE • SON • MAN  
BODY • BLOOD  
CUP • MEAL



**Betrayal and Death**  
read *Matthew 26:36-27:56*  
GETHSEMANE  
PRAY • BETRAY  
KISS • ARREST  
MESSIAH • CHRIST  
SON • ACCUSED  
CRUCIFY • JESUS  
CROWN • THORNS  
ROBE • TREE  
NAILS • CROSS  
DARKNESS  
QUAKE • DEATH  
LOTS • DICE

B R A N C H E S S E T S  
C E L O R D O N K E Y H K O  
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**Burial and Resurrection**

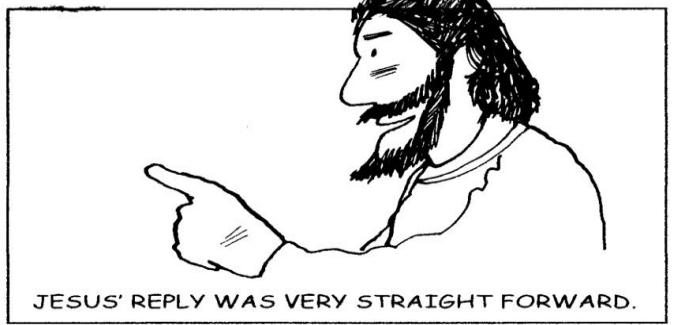
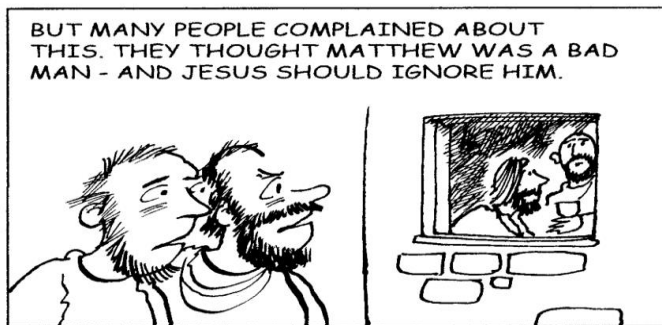
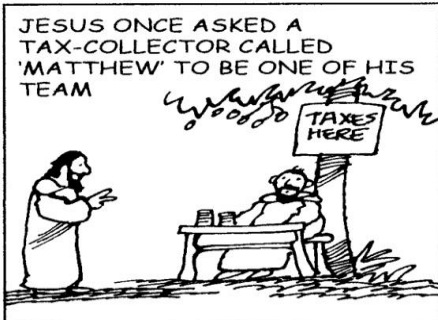
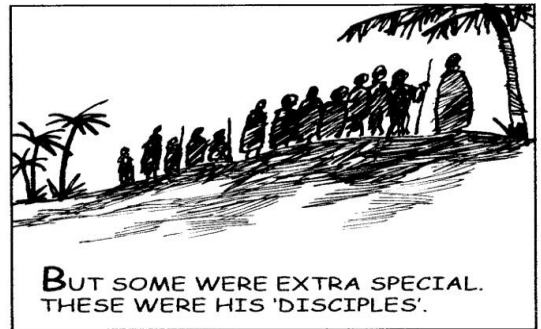
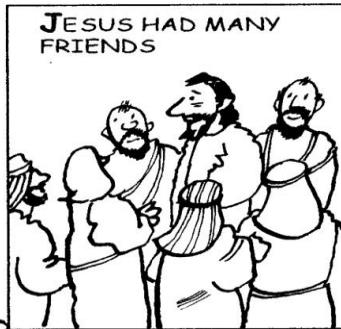
read *Matthew 27:57-28:20*

TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS  
MORNING • MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • LORD • GOD  
RAISED • JOY • GO TELL • GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT  
SAVIOUR • PRAISE • EASTER • I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS



**E** is for **E**aster coming again soon  
**A** is for **A**ngels near the Tomb  
**S** is for **S**tone which was rolled away  
**T** is for **T**omb found empty that day  
**E** is for **E**arly morning the women were glad  
**R** is for **R**isen Lord no need to be sad

## The Doctor and the Patient





# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Luke 22:24, John 13:3-17

Jesus and his disciples were celebrating the Passover with the special meal. The disciples were bickering again.

I'm most important because I've known him the longest

But I'm the oldest!

I've given up the most to follow him!



There was a reason why no-one wanted to be the least important - the roads were mud and everyone's feet got very dirty.

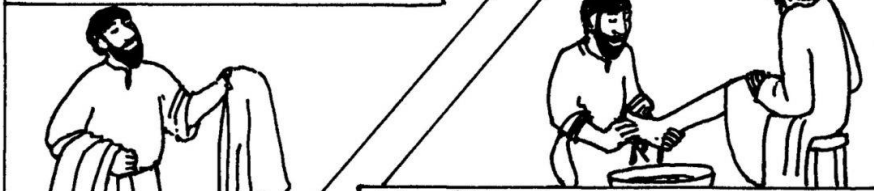
It was the job of the least important servant to wash everyone's feet...



The disciples didn't have a servant, and none of them wanted to do the feet washing...



Jesus took off his outer robe and tied a towel around his waist.



He filled a large bowl with water and started washing the disciples' feet.

Peter couldn't believe what he was seeing!



Are you really going to wash my feet?

You will understand later why I am doing this.



I can't ever let you serve me like this!

If you don't let me, you will no longer be my disciple




Then wash all of me!

If you've had a bath, then you only need your feet washing!



Once Jesus had washed all their feet, he put his robe back on and sat down.



Do you understand why I, your teacher, did this? I am setting you the example of how you are to serve each other. Do it, and God will bless you.

## 200 Club Winners:

### January £10 Winners

No. 16 V Moss      No. 35 G Crow      No. 104 P. Holden      No. 108 B. Moss

### February £10 Winners

No. 27 J. Scott      No. 38 S. Wilson      No. 100 B. Lowe      No. 101 E. McNamara

### March £10 Winners

No. 22 S Brooks      No. 39 G Crow      No. 69 E. Entwistle      No. 196 G Pennington

The 200 Club is drawn on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, in the Church Hall during Coffee after the 9.30 a.m. Service, if you would like a number in the draw and **we do need new members please remember it's only £1.00 per month**, then please see Dot Appleton or give her a ring on 792456. Thank You.

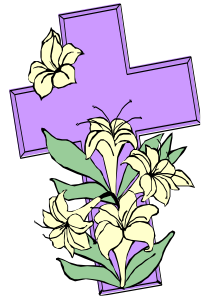
### **Donations given to Church Funds:**

For Baby Alexandra from Mummy, Daddy, Adam & Gemma, Bethany & Gareth  
In Loving Memory of a Dear Mother Elizabeth (Nellie) Stringfellow from Leslie, always in my thoughts  
In Memory of All Loved Ones from Marjorie & Ian  
Birthday Memories of a Dear Dad 100 on 18<sup>th</sup> April from Graham

Our Paschal Candle this year has been donated in Loving Memory Alex Scott from Jackie, Christopher, Richard and Jennifer always in our thoughts.

### **Donations of Flowers & Money give to the Flower Fund:**

In Loving Memory of Margaret Taylor from Gerald  
In Memories of my Husband John from Lily Holden  
In Loving Memory of Joyce Entwistle from Eric  
All my Love for Easter John from Lily  
Easter Memories of Mum & Dad Vera & Cecil Riding from Ann, Stephen & Charlotte  
Flowers beneath the Cross for Easter, Love & miss you so much, Mum, Dad, John  
Philip, Bill from Joyce & David



### **A Reminder of Easter Services**

#### **at St. Johns Church**

*Maundy Thursday 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion*  
*Good Friday 10.00 a.m. Reflective Service*  
*At Coppull Parish Church*  
*Easter Sunday 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion*

