

PARISH VIEW

Immanuel

Feniscowles



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Immanuel Feniscowles

Welcome - Immanuel is a church at the heart of our local community here in Feniscowles and Pleasington. We believe that God has called us to reflect the grace, beauty, love and peace of Jesus Christ to one another and to our neighbours here in Feniscowles, Pleasington, Livesey and Cherry Tree. God has blessed us with a beautiful and historic church building and with a heritage of prayer and Christian worship. We want to share all that God has given us, with those who want to experience more of God's grace and blessing in their lives - **Come and Worship**

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Sunday Services: 9:15am – Parish Eucharist

2nd Sunday of the month: Café Church in the Church Hall 9.00am for a 9.15am start, Coffee Croissants and a family friendly church service.

4th Sunday of the month: Eucharist following the BCP prayer book.

Thursdays: 7:30pm Family Communion

Everyone is welcome to have a family Baptism (Christening) at Immanuel or to arrange to be married here - please contact Rev Bryn to book weddings and baptisms on:

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or come along to a Service and speak to Phil.

Safeguarding

Our parish of Immanuel Feniscowles is committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults from harm. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). If you are concerned that a child or adult has been harmed or may be at risk of harm in our parish please contact our PSO, Joanna Duckworth-Crowell (contact details below) or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Cath Smith (contact details below). If you have immediate concerns about the safety of someone, please contact the police and your local authority's children or adult social care services. The Diocese of Blackburn's safeguarding pages contain further links and information and can be found here: <https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/overview>

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Welcome to Our Services

Everyone is very welcome at Immanuel. We have a range of Services on different days and of different styles, come along to experience more.

Sundays - 9.15am - Holy Communion

Our main weekly Holy Communion service with hymns, prayers, and a talk on one of the Bible readings.

2nd Sunday of the month - Café Church in the Church Hall 9.00am for a 9.15am start, Coffee Croissants and a family friendly church service.

4th Sunday of the month - Holy Communion in traditional language, using the Book of Common Prayer.

Thursdays - 7:30pm - Family Communion

A shorter, more informal Holy Communion service suitable for the whole family.

LOTS OF OTHER SEASONAL AND OCCASIONAL SERVICES ARE HELD THROUGH THE YEAR - KEEP AN EYE OPEN FOR THEM BY LOOKING AT THE WEBSITE, THE PARISH MAGAZINE OR, BETTER STILL, COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR REGULAR SERVICES TO FIND OUT MORE!

IMMANUEL YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Please don't forget to visit YOUTUBE at FENNYCHURCHES if you have been unable to attend worship. If you know someone who is ill and would like to keep up with our church services, please let them know. They can watch a fortnightly video on Youtube.



THE VICAR

As I write this, I find myself feeling very thankful.

Last weekend (20th June) we held our Vision Day, bringing together people from across our churches to pray, listen, reflect, and think about what God might be calling us to in the years ahead. It was a real encouragement to see so many people giving up their Saturday because they care deeply about our churches and want to see them flourish.

What struck me most wasn't any particular idea or suggestion, but the spirit in which the day was approached. There was a genuine sense of people listening carefully to God and to one another. There was enthusiasm, honesty, hope, and a shared desire to seek God's will rather than simply our own preferences. Many of us came away with a real sense that God's Spirit had been at work in and among us.

There's still much work to do as we continue to reflect on all that was shared, and so please continue to pray for this process. Pray for wisdom as we seek to discern God's leading. Pray that we would be united in purpose and completely focused on Jesus. And pray that, whatever emerges, our churches would become more and more the churches God is calling us to be.

We also have another reason to celebrate this month. By the time you read this, our curate Sara will have been ordained priest. This is a significant moment in her journey of following God's call, and a wonderful occasion for us as a church family. We give thanks for Sara's ministry among us and congratulate her on reaching this important milestone.

Sara's priesting, like our Vision Day, reminds us that God is not finished with us. He continues to call people to serve him, continues to guide his people, and continues to build his church. That should give us great confidence as we look to the future.

As we head into the summer months, then, there is much to celebrate and much to be thankful for. Above all, we can give thanks for God's faithfulness. The God who has guided his people in the past is still guiding us today, and we can trust him with whatever lies ahead.

As always, please pray for me as I pray for you.

Best wishes - **Bryn**

WARDENS REPORT

This time of year, is usually quiet, having had Christmas, Easter, Ascension Day, there are no festival services until we come to Harvest in October, however we have been very busy:

- There has been the Parish AGM where we appointed a new Treasurer and Secretary and 3 new PCC members, but you are stuck with me for another year as Warden.
- A fundraising quiz night, an excellent evening, thank you Linda for organising.
- Had an away day to plan the vision for Immanuel & St Francis for the next decade.
- Sara's Priesting is on the 28th of June, followed by her first service presiding at Holy Communion, which is a joint one at Immanuel at 10am on the 5th of July.
- There is the Dog Show & Street Food event on the 4th of July where the aim is to look to raise £2026.
- There is planning for the Mission Weekend in September (something that every church in the Blackburn Diocese is expected to undertake as part of the Diocese 100 years anniversary).
- The disabled/only toilet at church is being put back together after being reroofed and dried out. See myself to discuss how you may be able to help.
- By the time you read this, we will have had a big clean and tidy up at the hall following the closure of Live & Kicking After School Club and a massive loss of income.

It is great to see how well Bryn and Sara are leading the Benefice; they make a superb team. Stephen Norcross continues to grow as he moves towards ordination and based on his latest sermon he is obviously growing in confidence. We must ensure that they are only dealing with matters related to the pastoral leadership and care for the Benefice. Therefore, I still need people to help in many and varied ways, everybody needs to participate and there is a part for all to play.

Phil Entwistle

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WINNING NUMBERS

March - 118 - April - 145

May - 3 - June - 2

Reminder - the more numbers you have, the better the chance of winning. The more numbers sold the bigger the contribution to church funds. There are spare numbers available

Why Join The Electoral Roll?

Joining the electoral roll is an important way of confirming your commitment to the Feniscowles Immanuel community and to the vision of the church. But it also opens up the way for greater involvement in the life of the Church of England, at Deanery, Diocesan and national levels. By joining, you become entitled to participate in the government of the church and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in May each year, where the elections take place for:

The Parochial Church Council

The parish's representatives on the deanery synod

Any person entitled to attend the APCM may raise any question of parochial or general church interest. In addition, those who live outside the Parish but are on the Electoral Roll enjoy all the rights and privileges that go with being resident in the parish (for example, baptisms and weddings). However, if you live outside the Parish and want to be on the Electoral Roll, you have to have been worshipping at Feniscowles Immanuel for a minimum period of six months.

Joining the roll is an important statement of witness and a step along the path of discipleship. With your name on the electoral roll, the strength of the Church can be seen in our local area, and across the Diocese. If you're a regular at Feniscowles Immanuel, you should be on the electoral roll!

The electoral roll is refreshed every 6 years, so anyone already on it does not need to reapply until 2031. You can join the Electoral Roll at any time, just complete a form (available at the back of church) and hand to the Electoral Roll officer (Peter Smith), Church Warden (Phil Entwistle) or Deputy Church Warden (Peter Hodgkinson).

Flowers for July and August

Altar

19th July

Mrs J Smart

16th August

Mrs L Davidson

Memorial Desk

19th July

Mrs J Smart

23rd August

Miss K Marsden

30th August

Miss K Ainsworth



IN REMEMBRANCE FOR JULY

1st	1959	Florrie Kemp	1986	William John Pascoe
		William Pye	1990	Ernest Shepherd
	2003	Marjorie Readfern	2014	Lavinia (Betty) Coldcleugh
	1916	Edgar Brindle Haydock		
2nd	1995	Lance Brewin		
3rd	1993	Henry Rowland Crowther	1972	William Parkinson
4th	1976	Janette Patricia Livesey	2003	David Tattersall
	2015	Rose Hannah Bennett	2019	John Francis Howarth
5th	1915	Sidney Albert Ling	1988	John Gregory
	1997	David Barker	2004	Hilda Fletcher
	2007	William Small	2017	Jeanne Toogood
6th	2001	Barbara Butterworth	2011	Elsie Haworth
7th	1988	Robert Woods	1988	Christopher Finder
	1997	Harold Bullen	2000	Marjorie Porter
	2008	Norman James Pickup	2015	Susan Hatton
8th	1985	Wilfred A. Gouldthorpe		Robert Gorton Scott
9th	2005	Madeleine Aspinall	2012	Dorothy Bury
10th	1985	Eric Ernest Linley	2003	John Barker
	2003	Wilfred Parker		
11th	1993	Dorothy Ann Courland	1995	Richard Clayton Mather
	2001	Mavis West	2015	Philip John Wiggett
	2016	May Magee		
12th	1996	Fred Doughty	1998	Edna Lord
	2014	Dennis McDonald		
13th	1972	Irene Burke	1995	Richard Fred Readfern
	2001	Stephen Robinson	2010	Norma Leighton
	2011	Joanne Ruth O'Toole		
14th	2001	Russell Bury	2016	Benjamin Tecwyn Jones
	2020	Garfield Grieve		
15th	1998	Robert Stanley	1999	Edith Stephens
	2018	David Gwynne Jones	2021	Valerie Riley
16th	2010	Grace Clark		
17th	1991	Edith Turner	2001	Harry Ramsbottom
18th	1994	Freda Hadfield		
19th	1993	Jean E. Nightingale	2020	Bill Cockcroft
20th	2003	May Parker	2012	Margaret Hilda Busby
21st	1996	Hugh Chippendale	1998	Edith Barrett
	2009	Edna Ainsworth	2011	Edna Jeffereys
22nd	1994	Mable Jackson		
23rd	1996	Colin Pearson		
24th	1991	Muriel Grundy	1995	Bernard Hammond
	2002	Richard Keith Burke		
25th	1996	Robert Ormerod		
26th	1995	John Billington	2002	Thomas Melling
27th	1998	Alan Eaves		
28th	1975	Annie Riding	1990	Irene Hodgon
	1996	Francis Mary Cooke	1997	Elizabeth Walmsley
29th	1991	William Derbyshire	1992	Alice Gilman
	1993	George Halton	1997	Betty White
	2020	Garfield Grieve		
30th	1976	George Reginald White	1999	Mr. Barton
31st	1988	Katie Proctor	2004	Frederick Hugh Howarth
	2020	Mabel Cockcroft		

IN REMEMBRANCE FOR AUGUST

1st	1976	Mrs. Harriet Northey	1994	Mrs. Hartley
	1998	Arthur Pomfret		
2nd	1987	Ronald J.Carr		
3rd	2012	Dorothy Pearce		
4th				
5th				
6th	1987	Mary Halliwell	2001	Thomas Robert Mears
7th				
8th	1917	Albert Walsh	1994	Jean Marsden
	1995	Donald Sutherland McKay	2007	Patricia Bolton
9th	1989	Hestor Dean		
10th	1984	William Golding Oldnall	1995	Mrs. Harrison
	2004	Lily Bickerstaffe		
11th	1993	Robert Almond	2016	Alan Parker
12th	1992	Harold Chambers	1993	Margaret Ainsworth
13th	1991	Nancy Livesey	1993	Lucy Fleming
	1993	Agnes Walker	1998	Kenneth Ramsbottom
	2024	Eric Greenwood		
14th	1989	David John Richards	1998	John Ainsworth
15th	1992	Fred Broadley		
16th	1976	Hannah Baron	1990	Freda Hennesy
	1992	Phillis Westall	1993	Stanley Harrison
	1996	Lorna Walmsley	2000	Doris Catterall
17th	1987	James Bottomley	1987	Kenneth Simpson
	2001	Elsie Dinham		
18th	1991	Gladys Taylor	2025	Abigail Garside
19th	1988	Stanley Bell Broadley		
20th	1992	Beryl Forrest		
21st		Harold Rhodes	2006	Marion Winstanley
	2010	Grace Barbera Clark		
22nd	1991	Mrs. Barnard		
23rd	2019	Ian Benjamin Westall	2022	Roger Colin Taylor
24th	1982	Harry Aspin	1996	Mrs. Williams
	2001	Dorothy Heathcote	2022	John Seddon McNeil
25th				
26th	1998	Dr. Margaret Gisbourne		
27th	1986	Mrs. Hartley	1986	Mrs. Clay
28th	1954	William Magee	2001	Florence Hargreaves
	2012	Marion Newbury	2015	Marion Holden
29th	1973	James Ingham	1997	Betty White
	2000	James Burrow	2005	Betty Withoff
	2014	Rowland Berryman		
30th	1991	William Hazel Sutton		
31st	1992	Clara Geddes	1999	Jessie Holmes
	2008	Ida Walsh		

The Story of the 2308 Hats

Hello everyone,

As most of you already will know, I have been knitting hats for the babies in Ukraine since the war started in 2022. I have no links to Ukraine but felt that God was asking me to do this. So, I started knitting but did not know who to send them to either in this country or Ukraine.

I finally got in contact with Dr Natalia and Dr Tetyana at British-Ukrainian Aid who were the founding members of the charity. They said they would be so grateful but I explained that it was just me making the hats so it would take time for me to finish them, after which I would send a box to them. I set a goal of knitting 100 hats in total.

The great thing was that I sent the hats directly to Dr Natalia and she allocated which hospital they were being sent to. Most of you will have seen the photos Dr Natalia has sent me of the hats arriving at the places that they were most needed, usually where the doctors, midwives and mothers were desperate for help.

Then, I felt the need to ask if anyone at Immanuel and St Francis would like to help me by donating a ball of wool. I have been overwhelmed by the amount of wool that has been donated by so many people and money that I have been given to purchase some balls of wool. Some friends at Immanuel even knitted some items to add to the ones that I had knitted.

So, it is with a heavy heart that I have to tell you that my hospital consultant has advised me to stop knitting because of worn rotator cuffs in both shoulders and needing injections in both hands and shoulders. I only had another 20 hats to knit to reach my final goal and so carried on until I finished knitting them, with the last box posted to Dr Natalia at UAID/British-Ukrainian Aid a month ago.

When I started this endeavour I was aiming for 100 hats but have just carried on knitting each day for four years, finally managing to knit 2000 hats with another 308 knitted by friends at Immanuel. Look how far we have come by working together.

I truly feel that God asked me to do this, and to ask for help from our church families with donating wool. I do feel sad and rather guilty about stopping knitting the hats but the focus should be on how many babies we have been able to help.

I want to thank everyone who has donated wool, money or knitting over the past 4 years to enable me to keep on knitting hats for the new-born babies in war-torn Ukraine. The mothers, midwives and doctors in Ukraine are extremely grateful to us for all the hats.

"The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others."

"Even if it is a little thing, do something for those who have need of help." - Albert Schweitzer

With grateful thanks from Marje Williams and the new-born babies of Ukraine



Prayer Page

from Christine

How the weeks are moving on, indeed the years also. When we are young and have busy jobs and family responsibilities there is not always time to sit and think about ourselves; our lives are so full of responsibilities, ambition, and general challenges and planning our daily routine.

As I have become older and retired from my former many responsibilities I have time to reflect upon life in general and my own in particular, so I am writing this piece with some of my reflections on my life and observations of the world today.

My garden is a wild life garden; I have the only piece of hedge row left on our row, all the rest are crafted in the latest trends of garden furniture, flags or hard core and some with artificial grass. They look pristine but there is no sense of connection to nature at its best.

We had fields as far as the eye could see when I came here at the age of 12; sheep, cows dogs, and natures seasons clear for all to see; but as I write they are building houses very close together and surface drains that will fill with water that has to be managed by the house owners according to the initial paperwork from the builders. I understand fully that people need houses and have no problems with that, but there is little care for those who have been extant here for 70 years, in terms of dust, dirt and constant noise which has depleted the annual visitors to the gardens. O.K. I have not missed the rats that plagued us as the site was formed, although I must confess that I think they are handsome creatures with great intelligence and adaptability; but the hedgehogs, the birds, the mice and no doubt many other creatures have not been seen in my garden to the same degree as before. The bees are rarer than ever and if that decline goes on as people spray insecticide it will lead eventually to our decline, in 4 years a fact I have been told.

It might sound like I am being very harsh and need something to do, but it matters to me and to those who love the beautiful creation our God gave to us on the earth.

I am not completely void of little friends from nature, I have a Blackbird family, 2 blue tits in the hedge and 2 dunnocks, one of whom has made friends with a small statue on the patio when he or she is taking a break whist flying, probably a male, to and from the nest, looking puzzled because she does not respond to the obvious tweets for food and to the flapping wings; Such a tiny little soul with

legs too thin, wings twitching, beak full of gatherings and such energy to ensure the future of their line. By now you will think that I have lost the plot as there is no sign of a prayer so far here.

But through my months of recovery I have had time to watch and pray not only for the shattered world; the wars caused by ignorance, greed and evil; the natural disasters and devastations the drying up of rivers and poisoning of the rivers. The friends who are ill, the many I have lost in the last 4 years which we all must face in this journey called life. The emergence of AI which has fantastic power to aid us but also to destroy us and yet we have no world policies to govern the growth as yet.

A couple of years ago I watched a programme on humanoid-like robots in Japan. I like science and was interested in observing what they have produced. A journalist was interviewing a 'woman' robot that was definitely very realistic, so much so that I thought that she was a human woman. The questions had not been shared prior to asking and they were detailed and at time very hard to answer on various issues and facts, the interview ended by the male journalist asking the robot what difference she had from a human woman, she answered after a very short time of thinking, 'I have no Soul.' I was shocked and amazed at that response.

In the Book of a thousand Prayers compiled by Angela Ashwin (2002) Zondervan; there is one from Simon Bailey:

***They say we can destroy the world
Twenty times over with nuclear bombs -
It's probably more by now,
I see those pictures of the mushroom cloud
And I shiver -
The world is too beautiful for that
People are too beautiful.
Father, it's so wrong - and so frightening.
Jesus told us to love our enemies
... (Edited slightly for magazine space)
We want to live in peace together
So send your Spirit to remind our leaders
How beautiful things are ... we want to live in peace together.
Amen Lord.***

Love in Jesus from Christine.

OUR ACTIVE CHURCH





A Letter From Our Bishops

The date may have passed, but still worth praying for!

Dear Friends,

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5, 18)

Our nation is living through times of heightened tension. In recent days we have seen serious rioting in Southampton following the stabbing of Henry Nowak and just this week violence flared on the streets of Belfast and other parts of the UK following a stabbing incident.

As many of you will know, Lancashire is not immune from these tensions. Whilst we have not seen anything like the violence in other parts of the country, social cohesion appears to be under growing strain for a wide variety of reasons.

As Anglican clergy and church leaders, our task is to listen to all voices and that can leave us feeling, at times, vulnerable. We understand the fears of GMH communities and asylum seekers.

We also understand those who feel threatened by changes to their communities they may not understand and over which they have little or no power. All of these groups are represented within our congregations, as well as within the wider communities we serve. We can all too easily feel stuck in the middle, wondering quite what to do to carry out our ministry of reconciliation.

So first, don't forget the importance of simply being present. At times like these a nation that can feel divided critically needs people who will speak to all sides and seek to understand the emotions and responses of people on all sides.

And second, we remember the transformative power of coming to God in prayer.

On **Wednesday June 17th**, as three Bishops we are going to have a day of prayer and fasting for healing in our nation, and we are writing to invite you and your people to join us. We will be praying:

- For our nation: its peace and harmony
- For those who feel afraid or threatened: that they might find comfort and security
- For peacemakers and reconcilers: that their work of healing might be richly blessed
- For those who hold power: that they might use it wisely and for the common good, so we might live peaceful and quiet lives
- For the Risen Christ to bring transformation and healing to our nation and our world through his almighty power

Please share this letter as widely as you like. If you have a midweek Eucharist or public prayer that day, please pray for these intentions.

If you are leading worship in school, pray for our national life. And in your own prayers, please ask the Lord to strengthen us in our ministry of reconciliation.

Yours, ***Bishop Philip, Bishop Jill and Bishop Joe***

A Christian Prayer For Our Times

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love.

Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.

Where there is discord, let me bring union.

Where there is error, let me bring truth.

Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.

Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.

Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love,

for it is in giving that one receives,

it is in self-forgetting that one finds,

it is in forgiving that one is forgiven,

it is in dying that one awakens to eternal life.

Note – this prayer has wrongly been attributed to St. Francis, having actually first appeared in this form in a French text in 1912. It is, however, recommended by members of the Franciscan order, and was set to music in 1967 by Franciscan songwriter Sebastian Temple.

Peter S.

Friday 11th to Sunday 13th September 2026

Centenary Mission Weekends

The revd Steve Haskett and his team have visited many Deaneries already, to invite every parish to venture out on a weekend of mission and outreach between 11th and 13th September 2026.

The invitation is to host some simple events and invites those who wouldn't ordinarily come to church to share in fellowship, and also to hear something about Jesus and be invited to learn more.



The foodbank has urgent need of the following items:



Tinned Vegetables • Shampoo

Deodorant • Biscuits

Tinned Custard

*Please leave donations in, or next to, the white basket on the left of the glass doors as you leave church.
Thank you! - Peter S.*

God of Mission:

Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen





Recently the cubs and scouts have taken on a huge job of doing some community work at the bridge at the bottom of Moulden brow. They have stripped all the ivy off one of the sides, sanded it down and now they are getting on with painting it. Well done to the cubs and scouts who made this possible - Thank you.



The beavers and cubs got the opportunity to go and visit some new born lambs. We met at the scout hut and went on a short walk to Links Lane to visit a farm. We got to see the new born lambs and some horses. We even got a talk on sheep from Susie. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. - **Oscar D**



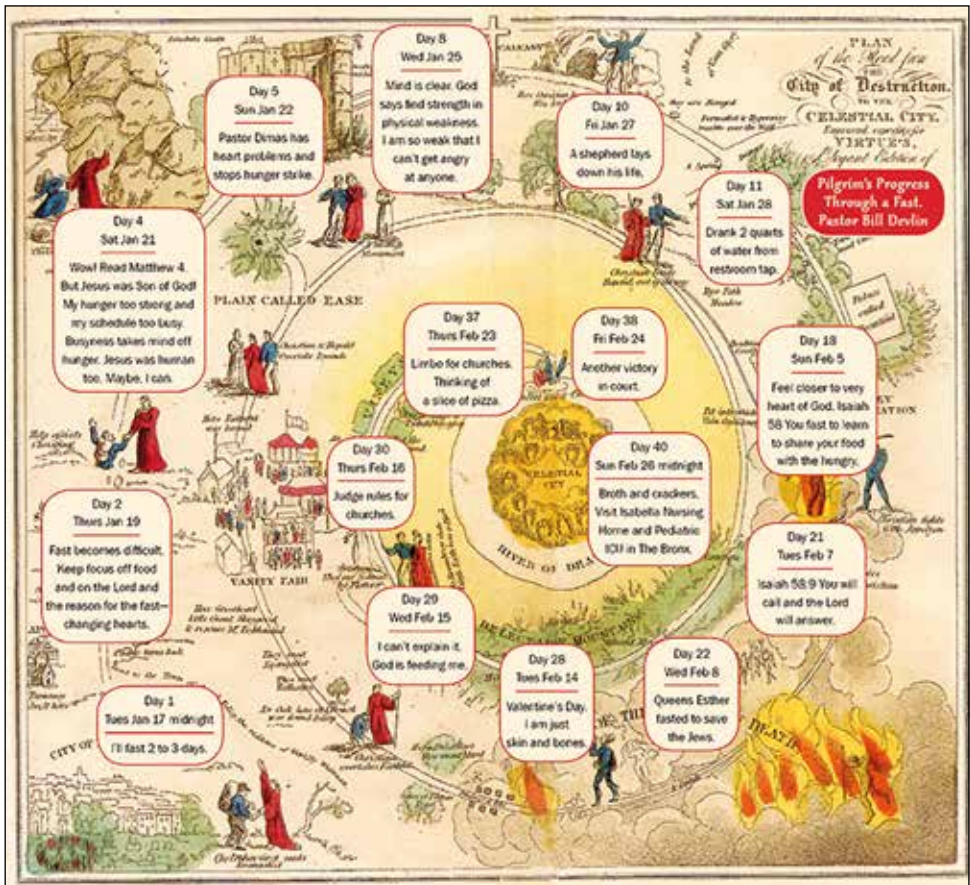
To Be A Pilgrim

(What's Your Journey In Life?)

My ramblings were triggered this time during my morning's walk. As I meet people, I try to offer a cheerful greeting (I'm not good with people and often say the wrong thing, however, it is with good intent). On this particular morning my path crossed with a lady taking her dog out for its or her morning exercise, I passed the remark "Good morning, it is a bit chilly". Back came the reply "I'm on my morning's pilgrimage with the dog. I could have done with staying in". The word 'pilgrimage' stuck in my mind, I knew what she meant, but was pilgrimage the correct use of the word? On returning home all other duties were put on hold as I scoured our many dictionaries to find a reliable definition of pilgrim/pilgrimage.

Definitions ranged far and wide:

Wanderer/ a holy journey/ a flat-bottomed bottle with side lugs to attach a cord/ a pilgrim's shell left at a shrine to show that you have visited/ new settlers as 'Pilgrim Fathers' and lastly; (I guess if are a regular reader you would expect something completely different) – a nut.



More about this last item later. While having an evening meal with Oscar I thought I would ask the question "who or what are pilgrims?" the reply was "People on a religious journey" It is with the response that I'll start. Each year at Easter time the BBC put on an excellent programme about pilgrimage with the pilgrims being a mixed collection of TV personalities, all with differing faiths. The first of these programmes that I remember was the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain. The journey started in Camino Francés and is about an 800km walk. The pilgrim's journey ends at Santiago St James Cathedral. With the aid of the BBC and some clever planning the celebrities arrived in



Santiago to receive a blessing from the Pope. During our interregnum we shared many of our services with the Rev. Jane Berry who loaned me a copy of a DVD titled 'The Way'. The story features Martin Sheen completing the Camino Francés journey which his deceased son started and Martin Sheen becomes a pilgrim on the 'way' to Santiago de Compostela. The video shows the ups and downs a pilgrim might endure on their journey. The path is way marked with the symbol of the

pilgrim's shell and to this day pilgrims mark their presence with a stone or shell. I would like to make this journey of discovery; however, I could not afford to take 45 days to complete this journey, let alone I might not be fit enough, 'To be a Pilgrim'.

At primary school I was often told not to sing, why, I'll leave that for you to decide. This early damming of my grunts and groans has probably led to my general lack of interest in singing and to some extent music. The parting words of the last paragraph do remind me of one hymn I liked and we don't appear to sing it any more. The hymn is John Bunyons hymn starting 'Who would true valour see...' Each verse ending in the words 'To be a Pilgrim' (words from Hymns Ancient and Modern revised). I feel this hymn speak to any person on a journey not to give up regardless of the setbacks that lie ahead. John Bunyon wrote many books, probably the most famous being 'The Pilgrims Progress' in 1678, still in print and translated into over 200 languages. How many of you who read these articles can reflect on a journey in life where you gave up and wished you had not. Alternatively, a journey you have taken that was full of setbacks, but in the end when you completed the journey the rewards made even the dark moment diminish. I have had a few journeys like this, to become a 'Chartered Engineer', Walk 100miles in 5 days (was 6) to support charities, write these articles when I continually failed at English and then only got an 'O' in my late 20's. These journeys and many more have given me the courage and support to attempt other things.



The joint benefice walks which are now regular events caused great worry - would anybody attend? Why in these days of extreme risk aversion would any person go on a walk to 'wander' around some unknown place with a person who has no paper qualifications. So where do our benefice journeys go? I have reported on many of these wonderings which have included photos of our pilgrims. I will cover only the last two walking trips. The journey to 'Fairy Steps' in the Arnside area of Lancashire, seldom have we had such weather. The journey started from the promenade in Arnside with bitterly cold winds pushing you off your footing, to no wind and warm sunshine, allowing lunch in T-shirts. It was some 30 years since I last visited the Fairy Steps (a narrow cleft in the limestone escarpment) on a 4-day 80 mile walk from Lancaster to Ambleside. At the fairy steps a placard tells of the myth which goes like this 'If you can climb the steps without touching the side you could possibly see fairies!' We like our coffee and cakes, no chance of the fairy visit. The upsides of these walks are that we have become a happy band of pilgrims and enjoy the people we meet who we engage in conversation. The same people we would pass by in a crowded town. I feel it is because we are connected by being on a journey whatever the direction of travel. Part of the walk takes a path around the end a large stone quarry. As I looked down onto the ever-deepening ledges, I thought of the quarry men of old who



laboured every day to make a simple living. The down side of this walk was crossing Arnside Moss. The path looked green with soft grass cutting across the meadow to a footbridge. The grass was floating on 100mm of water, I should have guessed from the word Moss on the map – wet feet all-round.

Limestone country offers a varied landscape from stone walls marking out field boundaries, tithe barns tucked away in corners of fields, exposed geological features, mines, caves and an extensive array of river crossings all provide some point of discussion. The Malham area is no exception. The Middle-Craven fault passes just to one side of the village and is one of three, North Craven and South Craven faults. Again, this is the richness of the English language, fault is not 'wrong' but a massive geological upheaval at the earth's surface. To the North-west we can see the flat top of Ingleborough. The top of Ingleborough is grit stone on limestone; some short distance away the same gritstone series lies deep underground and

is below sea level. Without these snippets of information and comments from the other pilgrims, our journey would be without learning. Part way through the journey to Pikedaw we had a small map reading malfunction. We now correct our journey as we wander across cow meadows and gaps in walls checking maps with high tech GPS. This must have been a



snippet of what pilgrims of old may have experienced thus the definition 'Wanderer'. Near to the summit of Pikedaw is 'Nappa Cross' a simple stone upright now set in the wall and still serves as a marker to wanderers as it did to travellers from Fountains Abbey. The cross was moved to its current location to make way for mining exploration. Pikedaw calamine caverns provided an excellent source of zinc carbonate $ZnCO_3$ used in the production of Brass and anti-itching lotions. From Pikedaw we follow a trod that aligns with the foot weary pilgrims of old going along St Alkeda's Way (on route to Fountains Abbey). From here the landscape opens up and we know we are on the return leg home. Another couple of miles to beyond Malham Cove and we will be having coffee and cakes

To answer your curiosity, what is a Pilgrim Nut? No, it is not a humorous Pilgrim it is in fact a hydraulic nut designed to pre-load steel structures and take out the guess work of manually tightening. If you have ever been on a journey that involved you crossing wide span bridges, been on a large ship, turned on a light or filled your car with fuel, it is more than likely that Pilgrim nuts have been involved. The nuts were invented in Manchester and was named after Tom Bunyon working for P&O as chief engineer who claimed his ancestor was John Bunyon and thus the connection with 'Pilgrim'.



To close this circle of ramblings I return to what provoked me to investigate what the lady dog walker said, perhaps she was correct, we are all on a journey and that journey should have its rewards and we should perhaps leave our good mark on the path we follow.

Thanks for putting up with my ramblings and perhaps by the next magazine article, the subject will be more light hearted or not. If you fancy walking 6 to 8 miles in good company why not join us (pilgrims).

Thanks again to all who read and comment. Regards, **Peter Hodgkinson**

A little more on Pilgrims

On the 3rd of May this year we had the happy occasion of welcoming Reuben and Grace into our wider church family on their baptism - the twins of Chris and Joanna. For many of us we have watched the twins grow week by week as they start on their journey in life, a journey on which I'm sure we will all wish them well. For Chris and Joanna their journey has now taken on a new pathway which I hope we will all support.

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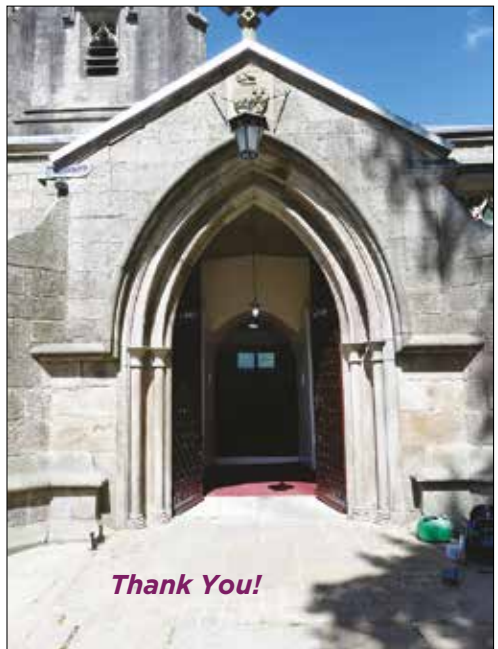
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