

PARISH VIEW

Immanuel Feniscowles



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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 – BCP Holy Communion

10:30am – Parish Eucharist and Sunday School

(Third Sunday Family Service and Parade)

Thursdays 7:30pm Family Communion

Messy Church Every Fourth Tuesday

4pm St Francis' School

Everyone is welcome to have a family Baptism (Christening) at Immanuel or to arrange to be married here - please contact the vicar to book weddings and baptisms on; 01254 201236, text or call - 07506 552784

email on - d.roscoe@sky.com

or come along to a Service and speak to the vicar

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 (traditional language)

A quiet said service using the traditional language Church of England Prayer Book, the Book of Common Prayer. There are no hymns and the service lasts about 35 mins. The service includes a short talk by the vicar to help to think about either the Bible reading for the day or current themes or events. A contemplative, quiet start to the day.

10:30am - Parish Eucharist

The main service of the week which includes hymns and a full address by the vicar on either the Bible readings or a current event or theme. There are prayers led by members of the congregation and tea and coffee served after the service. The focus of the service is on receiving Holy Communion along with the words of the Bible readings, vicar's address, prayers and hymns.

Sunday School meets in the Church Hall at the same time as this service and joins the congregation for communion with the children showing the congregation what they have been doing in Sunday School at the end of the Service.

Every third Sunday of the month we don't have Holy Communion but instead are joined by all our Uniformed Organisations and lots of parents with young children for a child friendly family and Parade Service. In this Service children from the Uniformed Organisations receive the badges they achieved in the previous month.

Thursdays

7:30pm - Family Communion

An informal child friendly Communion Service with modern language and an all age address based around a modern language Bible story. The Service lasts about half an hour and children are chosen to take the collection and bring the bread and wine to the altar. Children are often also chosen to help in the all age address too!

Messy Church

Every Fourth Tuesday of the Month at St Francis School

3:30pm – 5pm. A Fresh Expression of Church, this is a fun filled time of play based worship for children and their parents

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!

Our Tree

The Priory Church of St Mary and St John the Baptist 200th Anniversary

As many of you will know, this year is the 200th Anniversary of the Priory Church of St Mary and St John the Baptist. Immanuel Church was asked to help celebrate the end of an eventful year by sponsoring a Christmas Tree for the final celebration. I was privileged to be asked to decorate our contribution. For those of you who have visited the display of trees you will have noticed that I'm not a tree decorator, especially when compared with the superb efforts of others. The brief was 'think outside the box' - and many did with examples in aluminium, re-cycled bottles, a newspaper tree, one made from drinks tins and another from hair rollers and scissors (that's thinking outside the box).

Our Warden and I attended the opening night on behalf of Immanuel and could not help but marvel at the immense effort the team at St Mary and St Johns had achieved. The church was lit to an enchanting standard both inside and out and entertainment was provided by Blackburn Choral Society. Even a musical philistine as myself could not help but wonder at the vocal range and choice of music.

Well done St Mary and St John the Baptist for your tremendous effort.

P Hodkinson



Christmas Carol Service

Here are a couple of photographs from our Carol Service held on Sunday 15th December 2019 at 6.00pm, a joint Carol Service with friends from St. Francis, Feniscliffe followed by refreshments in church.



Christingle Service

Christmas Eve, 24th December 2019 at 4.00pm

Thank you to Kathleen Hargreaves, our Children's Society Rep' for making our Christingles once again this year, to Abigail Hardman our Rose Queen and her retinue for giving the Christingles out and to Peter Hodgkinson for the photos. Once again we had a wonderful service and a great start to Christmas.



March / April 2020 Diary

The First Sunday of Lent (Purple)

Sunday 1st March

9:15am

BCP Holy Communion

10:30am

Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 3rd March

6:30pm

Junior Confirmation Class (Lower Hall)

Wednesday 4th March

7.00pm

Lent Study Course, Vicarage

Thursday 5th March

7:30am

Family Communion

The Second Sunday of Lent (Purple)

Sunday 8th March

9:15am

BCP Holy Communion

10:30am

Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 10th March

6:30pm

Junior Confirmation Class (Lower Hall)

Wednesday 11th March

7.00pm

Lent Study Course, Vicarage

Thursday 12th March

7:30am

Family Communion

The Third Sunday of Lent (Purple)

Sunday 15th March

9:15am

BCP Holy Communion

10:30am

Family Eucharist and Parade

Tuesday 17th March

6:30pm

Junior Confirmation Class (Lower Hall)

Wednesday 18th March

7.00pm

Lent Study Course, Vicarage

Thursday 19th March

7:30am

Family Communion

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Purple)

Mothers' Sunday

Sunday 22nd March

9:15am BCP Holy Communion

10:30am Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 24th March

6:30pm Junior Confirmation Class (Lower Hall)

Wednesday 25th March

7.00pm Lent Study Course, Vicarage

Thursday 26th March

7:30am Family Communion

The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Purple)

Passion Sunday

Sunday 29th March

9:15am BCP Holy Communion

10:30am Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 31st March

6:30pm Junior Confirmation Class (Lower Hall)

Wednesday 1st April

7.00pm Lent Study Course, Vicarage

Thursday 2nd April

7:30am Family Communion

Palm Sunday (Red)

Sunday 1st March

9:15am BCP Holy Communion

10:30am Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 7th April

6:30pm Junior Confirmation Class (Lower Hall)

Wednesday 8th April

7.00pm Lent Study Course, Vicarage

Thursday 9th April

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Passover Meal (Lower Hall)

Friday 10th April

Good Friday

10.00am Stations of the Cross
(Meet in the Upper Hall)

Easter Day (Gold)

Sunday 12th April

9:15am BCP Holy Communion

10:30am Parish Eucharist

Thursday 16th April

7:30am Family Communion

The Second Sunday of Easter (White)

Sunday 19th April

9:15am BCP Holy Communion

10:30am Family Eucharist and Parade

12 Noon AGM (lower Hall)

Tuesday 21st April

6:30pm Junior Confirmation Class (Lower Hall)

Thursday 23rd April

7:30am Family Communion

The Third Sunday of Easter (White)

Sunday 26th April

9:15am BCP Holy Communion

10:30am Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 28th April

6:30pm Junior Confirmation Class (Lower Hall)

Thursday 30th April

7:30am Family Communion

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (White)

Sunday 3rd May

9:15am BCP Holy Communion

10:30am Parish Eucharist

Tuesday 5th May

6:30pm Junior Confirmation Class (Lower Hall)

Thursday 7th May

7:30am Family Communion

David, our Vicar, considers himself to have been appointed to the whole community and not just to those who go to church. He would like to hear from you if you want to arrange a baptism, wedding, funeral or if you would just like him to drop in for a cuppa.

Immanuel Church is your parish church. It is primarily a place of worship but it is also a place where you can go when you need a bit of peace and quiet or simply to marvel at the skills of the craftsmen of yesteryear.

From the Registers

Memorial Service

Friday 6th December

Janice Kenyon (60)

Baptisms

Sunday 22nd December

Jasmine Morini (14.6.17)

Sunday 5th January

Chritian John Seedall (13.3.19)

Sunday 26th January

Louis Colin Noctor (23.7.19)

Sunday 9th February

Madison Ainsworth (20.12.08)

Oliver George Mason (12.4.16)

Sunday 16th February

Coby James Lord (11.7.12)

George Olivia Lord (1.6.17)

Wedding

Friday 14th February

Stuart William Fairbrother
and Stacey Diana Withers

WARDENS REPORT

Welcome to the second edition of the magazine for 2020, we continue to get excellent feedback for the new look, which has both higher quality articles and printing. Ideally we would wish to achieve a small increase in advertising to cover the additional cost.

There are several items that are being worked upon, a new website, communicating with the new houses, safeguarding training and attempting to finally get the Church roof and stonework repaired following the lead theft some considerable time ago, to name a selection. The Church organ is in an extremely poor condition and following estimates to repair the current system and to install a new electric system it was concluded that both were not feasible on cost grounds and following discussions with previous Rose Queen's they have kindly allocated funds they raised for the purchase of a new stand alone electric organ which has been installed. A big thank you to Kate, Sophie, Charlotte and Leah Pomfret and their retinues, we now have an organ which will produce the notes pressed by the organist.

Blackburn Foodbank who we supported in 2019 has advised that they provided 535 people with a Christmas dinner of which 301 of them were children. In December alone they gave out parcels of food and essential toiletries to 1575 people, 500 more than in 2018 and for the first time ever they have supported more children than adults. Given that the UK has the 7th largest Gross Domestic Product in the world the amount of need for the Foodbank is frightening.

It is disappointing that I have had no offers or suggestions of people who could take the magazine co-ordination away from David; it is not what he should be undertaking as a Vicar. We have a fantastic looking magazine, now we require a person whom has good computer skills to allow David to concentrate on ecumenical matters. David is a Vicar not a superhuman and cannot be expected to be carrying out administration and pastoral duties at the same time.

This lack of additional/new people volunteering is something that Immanuel must address. Currently there are 10 people including David on the PCC and the band of people who carry out everything which keeps the church working smoothly is ever reducing!! The Summer and

Christmas fairs, preparing for services on a Thursday and Sunday, having heating, brass cleaning, paying the bills, church and hall cleaning etc to name a few do not just happen, these are either carried out or organised by volunteers, not by divine intervention!! Who do you know who can help? The beautiful church we have at Immanuel is much in demand from people wishing to worship or to get married or to have their children christened here. In order to continue to provide a fantastic facility it requires all who are connected with Immanuel to do their bit, whether that is volunteering, supporting events or financially providing.

Phil Entwistle, Warden.

Passover Meal

A Christian Celebration of Freedom

7pm, Immanuel Lower Hall, Maundy Thursday, 9th April

The meal remembers Jesus' Last Supper held with his disciples and follows the same traditional Jewish Passover Meal order along with communion for Maundy Thursday. The meal is based around lamb, herbs and chutney with glasses of wine or juice. It is suitable for all but the youngest ages and is a good way to commemorate Easter.

There is no charge for the meal, just a contribution asked for at the end to offset costs.

Please sign the list at the back of Church if you plan to come so that numbers may be adequately catered for – you won't need to eat before you come, the meal will end around 9pm.

Thank you to everyone who regularly brings donations of food to support Blackburn Foodbank. The Foodbank has been in touch to say they are desperately short of tinned tomatoes and tinned meat. Donations may be left in the box at the back of Church.

Immanuel AGM - Sunday, 19th April

12 Noon in the Lower Hall

Bishop Julian is now one of the 26 Lords Spiritual

The Diocesan Bishop for The Church of England in Lancashire is the newest member of the House of Lords and has thanked the many people across Lancashire who have sent good wishes.

Rt Rev. Julian Henderson, the Bishop of Blackburn, took up his seat as one of the 'Lords Spiritual'[2] on February 6.

- The ceremony was streamed live and a recording of the full event can be watched now on our diocesan YouTube channel.
- That video and the selection of still pictures on this page from the ceremony are all courtesy of www.parliamentlive.tv

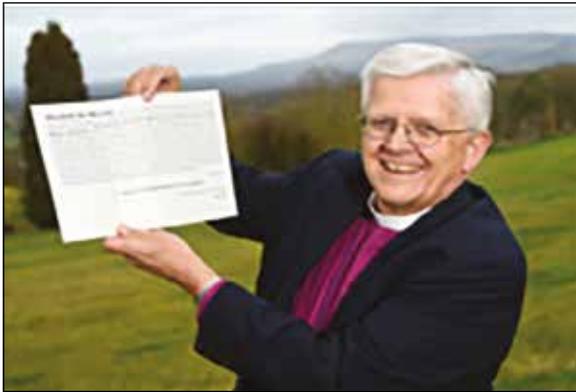


The Bishop becomes one of 26 Church of England bishops in the House of Lords. He continues as Diocesan Bishop, with Lords responsibilities now forming part of his ongoing workload.

Bishop Julian, pictured recently holding his 'Writ of Summons'[1] for the Lords, said: " I have been very touched by the prayers and good wishes for my introduction into the House of Lords. To be entrusted with this privilege and responsibility is an honour which I take very seriously.

"It will no doubt take some time to become used to the workings of the Lords, to learn how much time I should give to its agenda and what implications there are for us as a Diocese.

"I am looking forward to being a new voice for the County; to engaging in debates on matters of public interest from a Christian perspective and to joining other Lords Spiritual and Lords



Temporal[3] in holding the Government of the day to account.” You can listen to Bishop Julian speaking in person recently about his forthcoming elevation to the Lords on BBC Radio Lancashire here, from 01h 17m 10s.

Bishop Julian will participate in a variety of debates as and when the opportunities arise. As one of the Lords Spiritual, from 2021 onward he will also take turns to be ‘duty Bishop’ in the House twice a year. One of the key tasks of the duty Bishop is the offering of prayers at the start of each Parliamentary sitting day. (The House cannot legally sit without a Lord Spiritual in place and prayers being said).

Bishop Julian may also represent a particular ‘portfolio’ in due course; in other words, becoming an official spokesperson for the Lords Spiritual on a particular subject aligned to his own expertise and/or interests.

“Lancashire has many vibrant and active faith communities and I hope to be a voice of support for all faiths; in particular the importance of respecting people of faith, their beliefs and their right to hold those beliefs in our free and democratic society.”



At the ceremony in the Lords Bishop Julian was supported by members of his family watching from the gallery, including his wife Heather; and on the floor of the House itself by current Lords Spiritual, the Bishops of Carlisle and St Albans.

Immanuel News

Confirmations 2020

Junior Confirmation Classes are to be held on Tuesdays in Immanuel Lower Hall at 6:30pm to 7:30pm and will run weekly in term time thereafter until the Confirmation Service. The classes will begin on Tuesday 3rd March. If you would like your child to be Confirmed this year please have a word with David or just bring them to the first Confirmation Class where registration forms will be available. Adult Confirmation classes will also be held weekly at the Vicarage - please would any adult wishing to be Confirmed this year contact me for further details. If you wish to discuss any aspect of Confirmation please don't hesitate to speak to David.

200 Club Winners

December 2019 - Marj Williams. January 2020 - Marj Williams.
February 2020 - Sandy Woods.

Palindrome Day

Did you realise that our Services at Candlemas (The Presentation of our Lord in the Temple, or The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary) on Sunday 2nd February occurred on 'Palindrome Day'? A Palindrome is something which is the same backwards as forwards, so it could be written as 02.02.2020, which backwards is, 0202.20.20 But it was also unique as a Palindrome as it also occurred on the 33rd day of the year, with 333 days left, ie 33-333, which, of course backwards is, 333-33, so, 02022020 - 02022020 / 33333-33333!

Church of England Children's Society

I would like to thank everybody who ordered Christmas cards from the Children's Society. The amount I sent to the Society was £107- 23. The amount raised from the Christingle candles was £150-07. Thank you to everyone who brought their candles back. It is still not too late to return you candles. Please leave them at the back of the Church. My thanks also go to Jean and Sheila for their help in preparing the Oranges. Thank you, Kathleen Hargreaves. (children's Society Rep.).

Thank you to Ken Winterburn, Peter Dobson and Sandy Woods for continuing to keep the Church garden so tidy and inviting during the winter season.



Flowers for March

Altar	22nd	Mothering Sunday
Memorial Desk	15th	Mrs S Haworth
	29th	Miss K Ainsworth



Flowers for April

Altar	12th	Easter Sunday
Memorial Desk	12th	Miss K Marsden

Easter Flowers

Easter Sunday this year will be on 12th April which is two weeks earlier than last year, but this is a reminder for anyone who would like to make a donation for the Easter flowers to be placed in church in memory of our loved ones. The names of those to be remembered should be written on the sheet of paper which will be placed at the back of church. Money should be placed in an envelope marked only "Easter Flowers" and handed to any of the Wardens, the Treasurer or the Vicar. If you would like to make a general donation, ie without naming any particular person, please would you follow the guidance described. Donors' names are not required, only those to be remembered and these will be printed in the church magazine.

IN YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER:

Margaret Curren, Val Riley, Celia Nuttall, Tom Whittle,
John and Angela Durham, David Banks, Margaret Thompson,
Margaret Greenwood, Linda Hodkinson, Bill Read,
Conor and Ciaran Mcmenamin, Revd Peter Hallett, Elizabeth Hargreaves,
Theo Power, Alan Banks, Marj Williams.

Those who have died:

A Lent Study Course for both St Francis and Immanuel will run every Wednesday in Lent at 7pm at the vicarage beginning Wednesday 4th March, all are welcome to attend any session, each stands alone and it is not necessary to attend each one to enjoy the course.

Immanuel £50 Draw

It is now time to sign up to our £50 draw which should give £600 to the church and £600 paid out in prizes. Please would you leave your money (£12 per number) and names at the back of church or with a warden for us to collect. **Thank you**, Sheila.

IN REMEMBRANCE FOR MARCH

1st.	1988	John Thompson	1989	Dorothy Carrigan
	1991	May Earnshaw	1996	Jessie Hodgkinson
	2000	Moira Henson	2003	Irene Tattersall
2nd.	1988	Betty Hindle	1997	June Dickinson
	2012	Jeffrey Barry		
3rd.	1994	William Hargreaves	1995	Ernest Mercer
	1996	Mary Haworth	2017	Hilda Mary Boardman
4th.	2000	Robert Heyes	2001	Peter Holmes
5th.	1982	Lillian Walker	2005	Susan Allaire
6th.	1991	Frank Hennesy	2008	Kenneth Gore Winstanley
7th.	1992	Tom Rockley	1991	Isabel Thistlethwaite
	2013	Mary Geyer		
8th.	2019	Pamela Devine		
9th.	1989	Sarah Ann Gouldsborough	1991	Ann Fowler
	1998	Elizabeth Gouldthorpe	2014	Jane Harling
10th.	1813	Jonathon Beiby	1998	Arthur Hamer Jones
	2000	Jessie Jowitt	2000	Ronald Vincent Clough
	2006	Harry Woodhead		
11th.	1976	Thomas W. Hill (ex.Verger)	1998	Freda Maud Taylor
	2003	Susan Hargreaves	2015	Ronald Chew
12th.	1979	James Henry Mole (ex.Verger)	1977	Mary Gill
13th.	1994	David Tompkins	1997	George Braysford
	2001	Elsie Simmons	2006	Bill Rishton
	2018	Sheila McDonald		
14th.	1999	Susan Valerie Catlow	2013	Amy Durham
15th.	1989	Marian Leonard	2013	Frank Wade
16th.	1980	Ethel Chadwick	2001	Kenneth Booth
17th.	2018	Grace Livesey		
18th.	1991	Tabitha Clarkson	1997	Edith Schofield
19th.	1977	Joseph Barrett	1996	Ella Margaret Spencer
20th.	1975	Phyllis Harling	1991	Jack Greenwood
	1991	Barbara Baker	1996	Percy George Pratt
	1999	Annie Knowles	2000	James Granville Crompton
	2001	Frank Smith	2004	Muriel Brogden
	2012	Edna Abbott		
21st.	1991	George Thistlethwaite		
22nd.	1986	Florence E. Hogg	1995	Jack Woods
	1995	Jane Wood	2013	Noel Gouldthorpe
23rd.	1994	Ronny Smith (in Canada)	1998	Dorothy Grimshaw
	2001	John Gorner		
24th.	1998	Lois Colard	1999	May Pomfret
25th.	1991	William Bastone		
26th.	1998	Robert Reid		
27th.	1990	Edgar Fell	1998	Gwyn Daniel
28th.	1998	Christianan Goodwin	2006	Marion Halsall
	2016	John Jenkins		
29th.	1993	Joan Wright	1999	Bernard Howson
	2004	Brian Parkinson		
30th.	1995	George Noblett	2003	Ann Martin
	2005	Brenda Bodley IN Bodley	2011	Lilian Wilson
31st.	1983	Margaret Gladys Heyes	2000	Millicent Baxter

IN REMEMBRANCE FOR APRIL

1st.	2000	Fred Cottom		
2nd.	1990	Jane Rose Houson	2012	Jeffrey Barry
3rd.	1947	Elizabeth Ann Devine	1976	Margaret Hargreaves
	2011	Hetta McManus		
4th.	1991	Evelin Carol Ann Cottam	1998	Harry Halliwell
	2006	Margaret Carpenter		
5th.	1991	Gladys Jones	1993	Elsie Dewhurst
6th.	1995	James Yates	1997	Edna C. Cumberland
	1997	Grace Wright		
7th.	1994	Elizabeth McLean		
8th.	1969	John Dixon	1988	Maud Donnelly`
	1989	Clair Agnes Broadley & John Robert Broadley		
	1995	John Fallon		
9th.	2013	Marjorie Cowburn	2011	James Birchall
10th.	1989	Edith Coulthurst	2001	Eva Bradshaw
	1997	Robin Marsden		
11th.	1987	John William Baxter	1986	Edith Hammel
	1996	George Geoffrey Britnell		
12th.	1991	Florry Taylor	1992	Elizabeth Alice Barry
	1996	Harold Vose	1999	John Morley
	2007	Reg Entwistle	2010	Violet Day
13th.	1995	Alexander Baldwin		
14th.	1980	Vincent P. Banks		
15th.	1973	John Slack	1983	Sarah Eveline Slack
	1996	Thomas Hoyle	1996	Llewelyn Davies
	2014	Rose Rostron		
16th.	1984	Nora Old		
17th.		Elizabeth Mole		
18th.	1982	Albert Wood	1987	George Kemp
	2006	Eric Woodruff	2006	Donald Pomfret
19th.	1994	John Fitzmaurice	2004	Betsy Hannah Pedder
	2006	Harry O'Hare		
20th	1976	Kathleen Duckworth	1989	Florence Whalley
	2007	Edward Burrows		
	2012	Edna Abbott		
21st.	1978	Jack Aspden	1987	James Hacking
	2000	Hannah Cristie	2017	James Terrence Gavigan
22nd	2009	David Henri Heathcote		
23rd.	1999	Marion Smith	2001	Pauline Birch
	2012	Irene Smethurst		
24th.	1906	Alexander Gallaher	1950	Annie Ainsworth
	2007	Kathryn Hinds		
25th.	1941	Evelyn May Johnson	1991	Agnes Brindle
	2007	Albert Reed		
26th.	1992	Ivy Walmsley		
27th.	1992	Olive Fletcher	1996	Norman Haworth
	1998	Brian Lambert	1998	Margaret Kenyon
	1999	Nellie Harrison		
28th.	1976	Mildred May Woodhall	1985	Agnes Barbara Hodgkinson
29th.	1961	Iain David Kellett	1988	Lilly Greenwood
30th	1998	Sheila Smethurst	2010	Peter Dickinson Holme

Holy Land and Jordon Pilgrimage

(continued)

Back across the Jordan

This is my final report on our Pilgrimage and again I would suggest you have your bible and a hymn book to hand.

I was woken by the call to prayer at 5am, I know we have an early start but not that early. We returned on the same road across the desert that we had come in on, having Morning Prayer as we crossed, stopping only once on our four hour journey to Allenby Bridge. Again crossing the border was straight forward and after going over the Jordan and gone through no man's land we entered Jericho. Having lunch at the Green Valley restaurant after which we had a reading below the hills where Jesus was tempted from Luke 19:1 - 10 (Zacchaeus)

Carrying on towards Bethlehem, stopping only for a short visit to St Gerasimus Monastery, we began to climb out of the Jordan Valley. One interesting fact that technology provides us with is that at some point been three under and twenty four metres below sea level and at that time where eighty six above.

We turned off the main road into the desert to Wadi Oelt and on the top of a hill with three hundred and sixty views of the desert, we had our Eucharist with readings from Exodus 3: 1 - 12 (Call of Moses); Matthew 4: 1 - 11 (Temptation of Jesus), prayers and a hymns which from memory were "Forty days and forty nights" and "O Lord hear my prayer". What an experience on a desert hill top, with little wind and a baking sun shining down on us.

Returning to the main road we entered Bethlehem past high separating walls and a guarded frontier with a reading from Micah 5: 2 - 5a (Messianic Prophecy), to our four night stay at the Manger Square Hotel.



Again I was woken before 5am by the call to prayer this time not from across the city but from the mosaic across the road, ten minutes later again and at 5.30am a peel of bells.

Some of the party do not feel fully fit for the day ahead and stayed in the hotel. This morning we did not have Morning Prayer on the bus, only a reading from Ezekiel 34: 1 - 6, 10 - 16, (God the true Shepherd), as it was only a short journey to our first stop, The Palestine Christian Salt Al Liqa in Beit Jala. Here we met Lonny Shawan its leader. The house of encounter seeks to be a place of fellowship and a place to meet the living God whose doors are wide open to young and old. They believe God has called them to proclaim



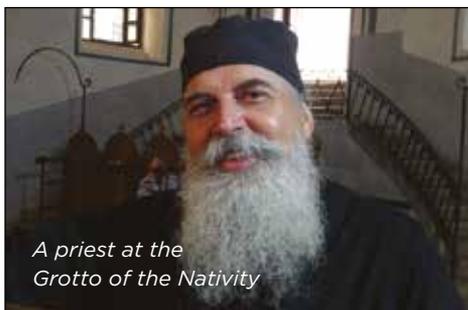
Christ's message in Bethlehem and are called to light a beacon of hope with one message "Jesus loves you". I came away thinking even today there are modern day disciples.



Leaving we went to the Shepherds Fields and in a cave we had readings from Psalm 23 (The Lord is my Shepherd) and 1 Samuel 16: 6 - 13 (David the Shepherd boy), sadly the caretaker was not happy that we had taken longer than the allotted five minutes and were asked to leave. On

exiting we carried on continuing with a further reading Luke 2: 8 - 20 (Host of Angels) and sang "While Shepherds watched". Lunch was appropriately in the Shepherds Valley Restaurant and a tent, following which we returned to the hotel to drop our bags off in preparation to going to the Grotto of the Nativity.

We had a short walk to the Grotto where we found crowds, it was decided that we would visit the church and have a short reading from Luke 2: 1 - 7 (The Birth of Christ) singing "Mary did you Know" and return to the Grotto later when the crowds had died down.



A priest at the Grotto of the Nativity

On returning there were still crowds which tended to spoil the atmosphere, there was no time for thought or reflection as you were pushed and squeezed past the point believed to be of Christs birth and swiftly moved on to allow others entry. There were lots on nationalities present our moving in the crush with a group of Roman Catholic from Southern India, fortunately everyone was friendly and chatted.



I don't think I need to say what happened at 5am the following morning but we were off nice and early, with Morning Prayers on the coach to Jerusalem and a reading from Luke 19: 28 - 40 (The triumphal entry to Jerusalem" singing "at the name of Jesus" in the Mount of Olives. I have never seen as many coaches and our driver did well to park near.



From the Mount of Olives there is a panoramic view of the walled city and the Kidron Valley our having a series of stops and bible readings; on entering Psalm 122: (praise and prayer for Jerusalem), at Dominus Flevit Luke 19: 41 - 44, (Jesus weeps over Jerusalem), Church of Peter Nester, Luke 11: 1 -4, Garden of

Gethsemane 22: 39 - 53 (Jesus agony and betrayal), Church of St Peter in Gallicantu Luke 22:54 - 62 (Peters denial) and Psalm 88 (My only companion is silence). Each stop and reading gave us an inkling of what Christ suffering, even with crowds of tourists about we seemed to obtain a silence whilst the readings were made.

Leaving we had lunch at St Andrews Guest Hose and later visited the Via Dolorosa in the old city singing "My song is love" to the Holy Sepulchre, where again we were beaten by the crowds, but not before having to listen to the out of tune bells of the Church of the Resurrection, very much like our own here at Immanuel. We left the crowds and visited the Garden Tomb being shown





where it is thought Christ was laid after his crucifixion, followed by a service of Eucharist a reading from John 20: 1 - 9 (The Resurrection) and hymns "As we are gathered father we adore", "Thine be the glory" and "Be still".

The following day Sunday, we went to 10.00 worship at St Georges Cathedral and on the way we had a reading from Ephesians 2: 13 - 18 (Jesus breaks down the dividing wall of hostility). Sadly as we drove we past the high walls separating the two nations. In some respects it was a service I have never before encountered, said in both Arabic and English, with alternative prayers and verses in each language and a sermon given twice. After we had a meeting with Dean of St Georges College who explained how he had come to serve there and his role, then having lunch.

We visited Christ Church located by the Jafa Gate in the Old City where the congregation is mainly Jewish Christian and festivals of both sects celebrated. Unfortunately there is no communication between either church.

I cannot believe I slept through the call to prayer this morning! In our Morning Prayer on the coach into Jerusalem we had a reading from Ezekiel 47: 1 - 12 (Water flowing from the Temple). This being our last day we spent most of it in and around the Old City, having a reading at Warrens shaft, 2 Samuel 5: 6 - 10, (David makes Jerusalem his capital),



Hezekiah's Tunnel 2 Chronicles 32: 27 - 30, (Hezekiah's building works). There are two tunnels and we walked through the dry one and it is amazing to think how working from both ends they met. Finally at the Davidson Centre we read from Luke 4: 9 - 13 (Jesus at the pinnacle of the Temple), before going on to Ben Gurion Airport for our flight home.

I have been asked often in church what was it like and can I recommend a trip. If you can put up with a busy schedule, crowds and heat I would recommend a trip of this nature with a religious based group, you will get far more out of it. I returned feeling refreshed and with a calmness I don't often experience.

Do you believe in Divine Intervention

I DO - THIS IS ONE OF MY STORIES - BY PETER DOBSON

I would be 18 years of age and Maureen 16. When my 17th birthday was in the March as Maureen's 15th was in the April I first met Maureen two weeks after that birthday and realised then that Maureen would be my first serious girlfriend. I was invited to Maureen's 15th birthday party and from that moment on neither of us had any other boy or girlfriends.



At this time I was serving a five year indentured apprenticeship in the local shipyard on the River Tees in the trade of carpenter/cabinet maker. This period of the mid 1950's meant that, on reaching the age of 21, I was to be called up for National Service. I would see my fellow mates join the army and three months later make a visit to the shipyard as a trained soldier in full uniform, filling our minds with the joys of army life. At 18 years of age I must have been very vulnerable (I had been courting Maureen now for 18 months, playing my trumpet most nights in dance

bands), to allow myself to be persuaded to enrol as a regular soldier.

Maureen, my parents and grandparents were devastated. Why would I want to leave a good job in the shipyard, my home, and my social life to join the army? I attended interviews and passed the army medical and it was agreed that I would sign the final papers in the second week of September of that year.

Traditionally my parents, my younger sister and my grandma would take their annual holidays during the first week in September at a B&B in Blackpool. As it would be prior to me going into the army, my mam and dad invited Maureen and I, with Maureen's parents' permission, to accompany them on the holiday; dad and I staying in one B&B and the rest of the family in the B&B next door.

During the first few days of the holiday the conversation would always hinge around my future in the army; grandma and Maureen would cry and my dad would get angry, but I was adamant that I wanted to go ahead with the arrangements. It would be on the Wednesday of the holiday



that Maureen and I attended a variety show on North Pier. After the show we came out onto the promenade and crossing the road saw a large corner hotel (I think it was the Talbot Hotel and that its still there). Although Maureen was only sixteen she would have a lime and lemon and I would have a beer. On entering we found the lounge bar to be quite crowded so, after getting our drinks, we found a corner table occupied by an elderly married couple. There being two seats spare we asked if we could sit at their table. The elderly couple were quite friendly and we immediately got into conversation with them. Eventually, Maureen said to the lady that she would be losing Peter next week as he will be joining the regular army. At this, the lady leaned forward, grasped my hand, and said "Don't do it, son, you will regret it. Go back to the shipyard and your trumpet playing and in due time marry this lovely girlfriend of yours."

Something happened within me. Her words must have gone deep into my mind. I turned to Maureen and said "I'm not going into the army, pet, I'm staying with you."

A question that Maureen and I have asked ourselves many times is, since no one in the family could make me change my mind, why would a chance encounter with two total strangers, who I had never met before and would never see again, have had such an influence on me? We imagine the consequences had I become a regular soldier; no marriage to Maureen, no two daughters, Bridget and Angie.

Even to this day the lady's words still ring clear in my ear, "*Don't do it son, you will regret it.*"

New Stand Alone Electric Organ

Following discussions with previous Rose Queens they have kindly allocated funds they raised for the purchase of a new stand alone electric organ which has been installed. A big thank you to Kate, Sophie, Charlotte and Leah Pomfret and their retinues, we now have an organ which will produce the notes pressed by the organist!

Pictured are Sophie and Charlotte with the plaque commemorating their gift as rose Queens at the Family Eucharist and parade on Sunday 16th April 2020

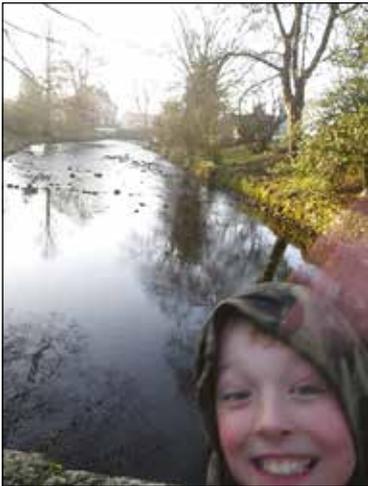
Thank you from us all!



Man, and Boy

(twix sod and rock)

Walking for pleasure or fitness is an activity most of us can undertake. For Oscar and me it is for pleasure and adventure. This will probably be the last walk from the A65, at least for some time. The next walk will be further into the dales to explore waterfalls and caves. This rambling walk to Ingleborough was to reduce my intake of Christmas calories as directed by the rising number on the weighing scales.



The adventure started before our walk. Weather was bright and full of the low winter sun with frosty patches touching the tops of the hedge rows and white-washing the shaded areas of fields that border the M6 north. The boy had been fiddling with a loose tooth, the sort that annoy but don't hurt. I pointed out to Oscar a low flying Buzzard - bit too low. The bird made a gliding turn for some road kill, hit the car wind screen. BANG that frightened both man and boy but 'big bird' was only dazed. Then exclaimed my walking friend the 'tooth fairy' owes me £2 - out pooped the annoying blood-stained tooth. The shock of the buzzard impact and

an inquisitive tongue had dislodged this infant mauler. Later examination of the car revealed no more than the waxy imprint of the primary feathers. Leaving the M6 at Lancaster and following the winding roads along the Lune brought the odd twitch of the car steering wheel reminded one to proceed with a little more caution where 'jack frost' had had his icy fingers. Oscar's eagle sharp vision scanned for the sign to Clapham and we pulled off the A65 into the Dales National Park Carpark, Clapham- £4:50 for all day and good clean toilets - not too bad. The walk starts from the carpark, crosses Clapham Beck on the old footbridge as you head up stream and take in the waterfall. Ahead is the entry office to a private nature trail.



Here one is confronted with a ticket machine £1 adults 50p children. When I cycled this area 1 shilling was the fee then 20p, how profits move on. Pay the money and enjoy this Victorian engineered walk. The path traverses the ornate tree lined redundant reservoir for Clapham with surprises scattered along the route. Typical Victoriana, a bench made from water distorted limestone, a grotto of huge proportions, a hydraulic water hammer pump which uses the stream to raise water some 20m up the hill side and Ingleborough Cave. The cave was open up in 1837 at the start of Queen Victoria's reign when workmen instructed by the landowner broke through a limestone curtain to reveal the 1km of caverns and passageways. It was known that water from Gaping Gill flowed in this direction and cave divers from Bradford finally made the connection in the 1980s. Time for a snack.



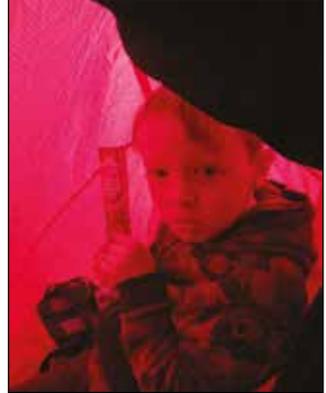
'Man, and Boy' now refreshed pressed on up the gorge (Trow Gill?) as we shouted to hear the returning echo bouncing from the towering walls. "Grandad" came the call as a I looked round only to see Oscar raising himself off the ground "not so much limestone as sliimestone" was Oscar comment. The path narrows at this point and the many thousands of walkers have polished the limestone to a glass like finish.

We soon emerged into a grassy valley with plenty of mud. I have walked many parts of this country and

nothing is as 'gloopy' and tenacious as carbonaceous clay. Onward and upward and soon the vista opens up to 'hummocky' sheep grazed course pasture. I had warned Oscar of the many sink holes and vertical entrances to the underworld as we progressed to Gaping Gill, I was then instructed to keep to the path. Gaping Gill a huge cavern whose entrance lies in a hollow into which runs Fell Beck and forms the



largest single drop waterfall in England. The first recorded attempt to venture into this 'hole' was made in 1842 but it was not until the great French speleologist EA Martel completed the decent in 1895 that the vastness of the underground cavern was known. I often marvel at the strength and self-confidence of EA Martel to descend into the unknown using hemp rope ladders, an oil-lamp for illumination and perhaps an oilskin and tweeds for protection from the water and cold – what a man. The weather had turned to cloudy and cold with an icy wind blowing across the moorland plateaux and Oscar was wanting to eat. With word of caution we descended the steps into the Gaping Gill crater to seek comfort from the wind. I like to be prepared when I venture out onto the hills with all eventualities covered in the rucksack – “have you got the bivvy tent Granddad?” “Yes” so yet again we ate in the protection of this pink wonder.



Oscar can burn up calories almost as fast as I can turn them into excess weight. As a result of this energy consumption he was feeling the cold and Ingleborough Summit was now out of the question. Retreat was the order – we can always come another day. Oscar was layered up with garments to point were his arms could hardly move. We retraced our



path passing on route a small group of professional cavers preparing to descend into Gaping Gill via Bar Pot/Wades Entrance not a ladder in site, all done on ropes. This single rope technique is now the preferred method by many cavers for the decent and ascent from caves. Caving was at a time past an interest of mine and I still have many pleasant memories of time spent

underground always hoping to discover a new passage where no man had been before. My copy of 'Pennine Underground' by N Thornber is much the worse for excessive wear, but still a treasured possession and reminder of DIY caving. Now cave/pothole details are available with excellent information from CNCC (Council of Northern Caving Clubs).

After a little while we were now facing the decent into Trow Gill as Oscar issued his safety instructions - "slippery here Grandad, don't get your foot stuck etc". Within minutes we were at the foot of the gorge passing through a pair of access land gates and considering the next direction. "Right Grandad" "No what about straight ahead and onto the bridle way". "OK" then said with a reluctant voice.

After a short uphill walk, we reached a ladder stile and the bridle way. Three men were walking the bridle way when one called out my name. I

must have had a special blank expression as he felt it necessary to mention his name 'Paul'. I last saw Paul some 20 years ago. He sat in front of me in the works office. The world gets ever smaller. These three men walk faster than we would, so well-done Oscar, his legs were moving at a blur. Eventually we had to let these 'speed merchants' go and as I held Oscar's hand, I could tell the cold spell had gone and his body temperature was now at a maximum.



At the end of the bridle way we turned right onto a country estate road and soon saw the two tunnels that lead back into Clapham Village. As we approached the first tunnel, we could hear that now familiar country sound of an ATV and the bleating of sheep. We stood to attention against the wall and watched as 50 pairs of eyes followed by the head lights of the

ATV passed by. Sheep have a very distinctive smell and both Oscar and I felt lucky that they are timid and had the same feeling for humans as we had for them.

Conversation soon became that of hot chocolate (perhaps with marshmallows) and coffee. Every café was closed but not the New Inn pub. So busy was this establishment that we had to sit outside and they were turning people away from the restaurant. Always nice to see busy village amenities. - Another happy day.

Oscar and Peter.

Ian Milne

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9.15 Sidespersons	D. Entwistle	B. Woodhead	U. Hassan
9.15 Readers	M. Duckworth Page 129	B. Woodhead Page 1131	P. Dobson Page 133
10.30 Sidespersons	D. Smith D. Woods	S. Greaves K. Pomfret	K. Ward T. Smith
10.30 Readers	K. Winterburn Romans 5:12-19	D. Woods Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	S. Woods Romans 5:1-11
Coffee	S. Haworth C. Roberts	S. Dobrashian J. Marsh	Rose Queen Committee
Brass Cleaning			

	Sunday 22 nd March 4 th in Lent	Sunday 29 th March 5 th in Lent
Warden	P. Entwistle	P. Hodkinson/ S. Haworth
9.15 Sidespersons	S. Ainsworth	A. Woods
9.15 Readers	P. Hodkinson Page 135	M. Duckworth Page 137
10.30 Sidespersons	M. Curren J. Marsh	V. Riley D. Smith
10.30 Readers	S. Haworth Ephesians 5:8-14	K. Winterburn Romans 8:6-11
Coffee	Nina & Millie Ellement	J. Winterburn L. Woods
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	Sunday 5 th April Palm Sunday	Sunday 12 th April Easter Sunday	Sunday 19 th April 1st Sunday after Easter
Warden	Ken Winterburn	P. Entwistle	P. Hodkinson/S. Haworth
9.15 Sidespersons	B. Woodhead	D. Entwistle	U. Hassan
9.15 Readers	B. Woodhead Page139	P. Dobson Page 176	P. Hodkinson Page 183
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10.30 Readers	D. Woods Matthew 21:1-11	S. Haworth Colossians 3:1- 4	S. Woods 1 Peter 1:3-9
Coffee	K. Pomfret V. Riley	S. Haworth C. Roberts	Rose Queen Committee
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	Sunday 26 th April 2nd Sunday after Easter	Sunday 3 rd May 3 rd Sunday after Easter
Warden	K. Winterburn	P. Entwistle
9.15 Sidespersons	S. Ainsworth	A. Woods
9.15 Readers	M. Duckworth Page 185	A. Woods Page 186
10.30 Sidespersons	J. Marsh V. Riley	D. Smith D. Woods
10.30 Readers	K. Winterburn 1 Peter 1:17-23	D. Woods 1 Peter 2:19-25
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