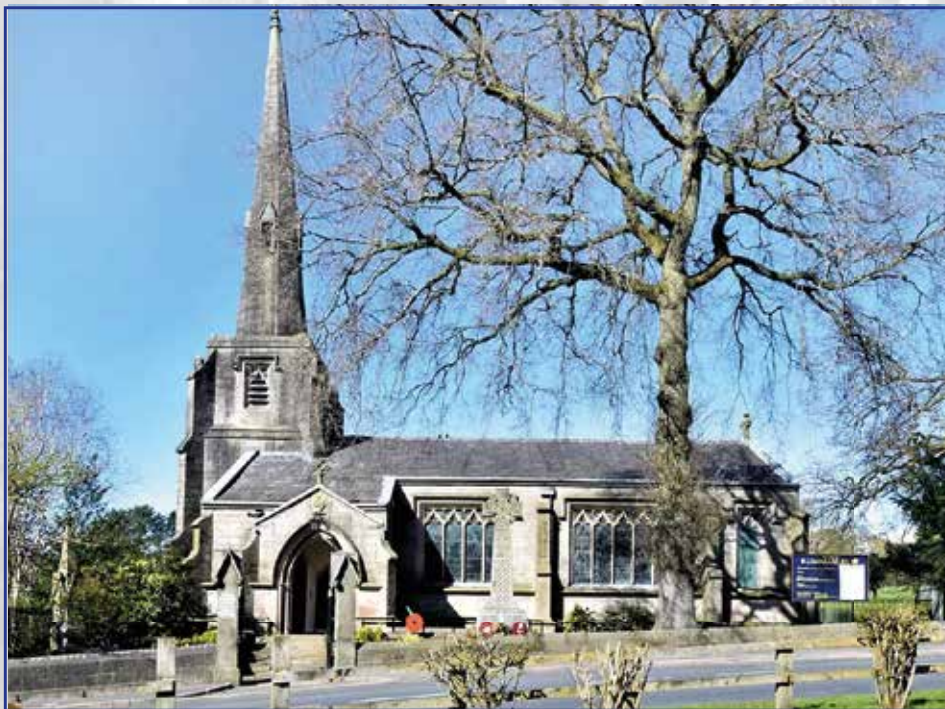


PARISH VIEW

**Immanuel  
Feniscowles**



**Lent 2022**  
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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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Our new web address is: **[Immanuelchurchfeniscowles.org](http://Immanuelchurchfeniscowles.org)**

Sunday Services: 9:30am – Parish Eucharist

2nd Sunday of the month: Café Church in the Church Hall 9.00am for a 9.30am start, Coffee Croissants and a family friendly church service.

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 the vicar to book weddings and baptisms on:

01254 201236, text or call - 07506 552784

email on - [d.roscoe@sky.com](mailto:d.roscoe@sky.com)

or come along to a Service and speak to the vicar.

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## Safeguarding

The Parish of IMMANUEL FENISCOWLES is committed to providing a safe and creative environment for all its work, including with children and young people and those who might be vulnerable.

Our first priority is to maintain a safe setting as the context for all our work and then work within procedures which will endeavour to keep us all safe from harm.

To see all of our safeguarding policies, procedures and contact numbers, please click on the 'Safeguarding' tab on the left hand menu on our website at [immanuelchurchfeniscowles.org](http://immanuelchurchfeniscowles.org). To contact us about any safeguarding issue please contact our parish safeguarding officer

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# Fenny Churches You Tube Channel

Immanuel and St Francis share our You Tube Channel 'Fenny Churches' with regular updates being posted:

**Sunday Service from each Church posted weekly alternately from each Church**

Regular Vicar David Sixty second Slots

**A weekly Friday BCP Matins Service with short address by David**

Occasional extra videos including school assembly addresses by David

**Occasional Offices (Funerals, Weddings etc) by arrangement with the family**

Just search for 'Fenny Churches' on You Tube to see all the back catalogue of videos and regular updates every few days

*While you are on please remember to subscribe (click the subscribe button in the top right hand corner) and give us lots of 'likes' thumbs up sign - both strengthen our internet presence and if you subscribe you'll receive a notification when new videos are posted.*



**Vicar David Happy New Year  
Snowy Slot 01/01/21**



**Vicar David Eucharist for  
Easter Day 04/04/21**

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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

9.30am - Parish Eucharist

The main service of the week which includes a full address by the vicar on either the Bible readings or a current event or theme.

2nd Sunday of the month - Café Church in the Church Hall 9.00am for a 9.30am start, Coffee Croissants and a family friendly church service.

### 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!

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, The Parish Church of Feniscowles and Pleasington

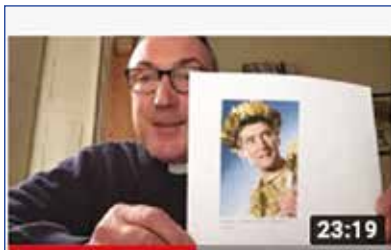
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God Bless you and stay safe!

## You can follow the vicar's daily vlogs on You Tube

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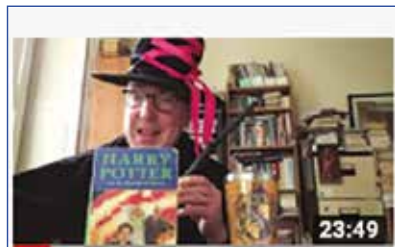
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Vicar David Update 02/04/20

## THE VICAR

Dear Friends

This month sees the start of Lent, the 40-day season of penitence, self-examination and fasting running up to Easter. Jesus began His earthly ministry by fasting in the wilderness for 40 days and taught His disciples to fast: 'when you fast.' (Matthew 6:17).

The spiritual discipline of fasting could perhaps involve missing one or two meals during the day, refraining from TV, alcohol or social media, and identifying the things that get in the way of our focus on God. What are the benefits of fasting?

the act of giving something up expresses my desire to put God first in my life.

it shows me the things that I depend on rather than God, so that I can surrender 'my idols' to Him.

it encourages me to have a deeper hunger and dependency for God. It gives me space to focus on God for His strength, provision, and wisdom resulting in a more intimate relationship with Christ: 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.' (Matthew 5:6).

Fasting enables the Holy Spirit to reveal my true spiritual condition, leading to brokenness and repentance, and a transformed life along with heart that is more attentive and dependent on God.

Lent can also be a time to embrace new spiritual disciplines, eg: joining a study group, 'random acts of kindness', giving more time to prayer and Bible study or solitude, and reading a Lent book. Whatever you do, make Lent count this year!

"Jesus takes it for granted that His disciples will observe the pious custom of fasting. Strict exercise of self-control is an essential feature of the Christian's life. Such customs have only one purpose - to make the disciples more ready and cheerful to accomplish those things which God would have done." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer).

Your Friend and Vicar - **David**

## MONTHLY £50 DRAW

**The first 2 draws of 2022 have taken place and the 2 winners both have more than 1 number. This proves the adage that the more tickets you have the better chance of winning.**

**There are some people who have yet to pass across their annual subscription, please can I ask those people to let the Treasurer have this as soon as possible. Payment can either be in cash, cheque or direct credit to the bank, Linda can provide the details.**

**Additional numbers are available as we aim to get to up to 200 and thus increase the income to church.**

**Thank you**

## WARDENS REPORT

As I am writing this, we are beginning to see the green shoots of spring, with the crocus and daffodils starting to appear. The first two months of the year have seen bad weather and reduced numbers at many of our services, although February Café Church bucked this trend.

January means that the PCC accounts need sending to the accountant for his independent examination and for the second year running the only reason we have been able to pay all our bills is that church has received legacies. Without the funds very kindly donated to Immanuel in the wills of people 2021 would have resulted in a **DEFICIT OF £4720**. Ideally legacies should be being used to improve the church, not pay the gas bills etc. Without the income from the hall the figure would rise to over £20,000 deficit!!! This is not sustainable.

The question I hope people will ask is how do I make a difference? There are several ways, some small others could have a huge impact.

Consider if you could give more regularly each month, standing order direct to the bank is best.

Could you support with larger amounts to assist with several projects we would wish to carry out to improve both the church and the church garden?

If you are kindly donating in your will, could part or all of it be donated now and you see the benefit of it at Immanuel?

Do you know anyone who could join the monthly draw for £12 for the year or do you want another number. We are aiming to move from 100 numbers to 200.

Are you aware of anyone who may be interested in taking the magazine?

Could you raise additional money in some way?

How do we get the message out to everyone in the parish that we need income to increase to ensure Immanuel is the beautiful church it is for weddings, baptisms and funerals?

Many may feel that I am regularly writing about money but with 2 very old buildings and the Parish Share the PCC have commitments of £70,000 each year, without any major repair requirements. If the hall stood alone then the facilities could be upgraded as income from the hall is vastly higher than expenditure, but church would deteriorate as the opposite is true.

Immanuel is always in need of people to help with a myriad of little tasks that need doing, jet washing the path, helping the gardeners, cleaning the brasses and making flower arrangements for times such as Easter and Christmas. Please shout up if you can spare a little time, especially as the weather gets better.

As we move into Lent and towards Easter it would be great to see larger numbers of people in church, more money in the church funds and a move towards at least one of the exciting projects the PCC have in mind beginning.



## IN REMEMBRANCE FOR MARCH

1st.	1988	John Thompson	1989	Dorothy Carrigan
	1991	May Earnshaw	1996	Jessie Hodgkinson
	2000	Moirra 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
	2021	Kenneth Winterburn (Churchwarden)		
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
	2020	Harriet Day		
13th.	1995	Alexander Baldwin	2021	Angela Durham
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

# Peter Aspinall, RIP

On Wednesday 16th February was held at Immanuel the funeral of our former Verger, Peter Aspinall. Peter was known to many at Immanuel before his time as Verger as he grew up in Feniscowles and was an enthusiastic member of the cubs, scouts and choir as well as his mother, Edith only passing away a few years ago and being up to then a regular weekly attendee at Church. During his many years as Verger Peter earned the affection of many at Immanuel through his kindness, humility and diligence in not only his Verger's role in Church, but also looking after the Church garden, Hall grounds and even cutting the grass at 'Fenny Rec', along with his residency in the Cottage along with his first wife, Madelaine who passed in 2005. We extend sincere condolences to Peter's wife Sue, their family and his many friends in Mellor where Peter has lived since 2007 and where he continued to keep busy looking after the 'old people's' gardens!

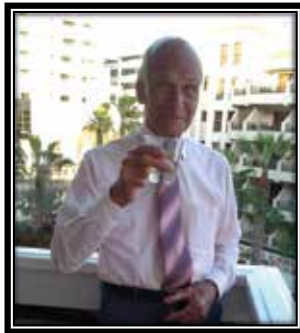
**Rest in Peace Peter and Rise in Glory**

A Service to Celebrate the Life of

**PETER ASPINALL**

26<sup>TH</sup> October 1939 - 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022

Aged 82 years



Immanuel Church

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 1pm

Followed by Committal at Pleasington Crematorium

This is a eulogy for a former verger at Immanuel who was known to many people, Peter Aspinall, given at his funeral by his brother, Paul.

# PETER ASPINALL

***A much-loved husband, father, Grandfather, great grandfather, brother, cousin, Freemason and friend to many.***

Peter was born on the 26th October 1939 and died on the 2nd February 2022 in his 83rd year, he was born the first son to the late Edith and William Aspinall and was born at 43 Preston Old Road Feniscowles though its original address was Silverdale The Arches Feniscowles and Peter had fun throughout his life saying that he was born in Silverdale which of course in a way was true.

He was the first of 4 children and his start in life was a little marred through it being during the war years and life was a little tough on everyone at that time, but he really enjoyed his formative years at 43, as we always referred to grandmothers house, he had his cousin Michael with him a lot in those days as Michael was born the year prior to Peter and subsequently they grew up very close and of course Michael being the eldest was the boss and they used to get up to lots of mischief together.

Peters life at 43 found him becoming very attached to his Grandfather Stocks and they became, for the best part inseparable and its was in those years that he spent with his beloved Grandad on his pen, with his greenhouse, hens, rabbits and during these war years the Donkeys from Blackpool Beach which came as lodgers to live on Grandads and it was through this that Peters love of animals and horticulture must have begun and would have been nurtured by grandad and this love stayed with him throughout his life, and in his later years was so proud of his garden at Mellor.

He started school at Feniscowles and left at eleven to move to his big school in Oswaldtwistle, Rhydding's Secondary Modern High School for Boys until he left at 15, I think he enjoyed his school years and Peter developed a strong attachment to Scouting, here at the Immanuel Scout Group as well as spending time with the Worthington's up at Lower Whitehalgh Farm, a time and place he loved so much.

When Peter left school it was very apparent that he had to pursue a career in farming and he started at Smiths farm at Abbey Village and then moved to Dr Lyons farm in Lancaster, to serve an apprenticeship and when completed he came back home to work at Hordens Farm Feniscowles for Mr Thistlethwait, a place of work he loved very much and when the daughter, Jean, left home to get married, Peter was asked to take over Jeans roll in delivering the milk, he fell into this role like a duck to water as Peter was always a people person and he stayed in this roll until he started courting Madeleine and as things were getting serious the need for more income arose so he finished at the farm and when on to drive for Bill King at Tockholes a general haulage contractor but for the most part it involved hauling China clay from the docks to the Star Paper Mill. We would accompany him on many occasions and I for one, loved being in the lorry with him and Catherine often went with him too and it was on these trips he introduced Catherine to the Transport Caf and I mean the original transport caf which I think open Catherine's eyes a little as she would never ever would have experienced anything like that and would not have known places like that even existed but the breakfasts were always great.

Peter was the typical older brother, my mother found him on our front practising his golf swing with an iron bar, nothing wrong with that I hear you say, but the only

problem was he did not have a ball so he was using my head instead and to this day I still have the scar over my right eye, he used to use John and I as target practise to improve his aim with his air rifle, fortunately for us he did not use air gun pellets but substituted them with ears of corn from the hens food, they still hurt as we were in short trousers then and he always aimed for our legs. He often threatened to throw me in to the channel if he felt I was being a nuisance to him which I often was and the canal in those days was not pleasant as it was still a working canal and very black and dirty. Peter used to rear capons on the pen and John remembers him chasing him around the pen threatening him with the caponising gun, sheer fear.

We used to help him at weekends when he was doing the milk round and we would leave home around 5am and he caught me out on a couple of occasions before I learnt better, in so much as, he would waken me up when it was time to go and I would get up half asleep, go to the bathroom, get dressed, go downstairs as he always put some cereal out for me and there would be no sign of him, I would go back up to his bedroom and there I would find Peter snoring his head off, he was not getting up at all but just coming to bed after a night out, it was certainly cruel growing up in our house if you were younger than Peter and you had to have your wits about you, of course he just thought it all a huge joke.

Peter married Madeline in 1964 and went on to have 7 children, 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

The love of farming still pulled at Peters heart and after the birth of Jayne he took on a farm managers job at Adlington where Melanie was born, but always eager to improve himself and following the birth of Melanie, he got the chance to take the licence to the Royal Arms at Tockholes, where the rest of their children were born, Laura, Twins Peter and Paul, Madeleine and Louise.

But I think we all missed him when he left home to get married and went on to make his own way in life, but I will always be eternally grateful for him for introducing me to Freemasonry which we shared together for over 30 years.

***Written by Paul Aspinall on behalf of Peter's family.***



**Easter Flowers** - Easter Sunday this year will be on 17th April which is later 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 either 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.

### **Flowers for January**

#### **Altar**

16th January The Waring Family

#### **Memorial Desk**

9th January Mrs C Thurston

16th January The Waring Family

23rd January Mr C Leighton

### **Flowers for March**

#### **Altar**

27th March Mothering Sunday

#### **Memorial Desk**

27th March Miss K Ainsworth

### **Flowers for April**

#### **Altar**

17th April Easter Sunday

24th April St George's Day

#### **Memorial Desk**

10th April Miss K Marsden

### **Flowers for February**

#### **Altar**

20th February Mr K Coulthurst

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### **Please pray for those who are ill:**

Celia Nuttall, Margaret Greenwood, Linda Hodgkinson, Alan Banks, Marj Williams, Louise Childs, Elizabeth Hargreaves.

### **And those who have died:**

David Roberts, Roy Haworth, Kathleen Matthews, Peter Aspinall.

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### **From the Registers**

#### **Baptisms:**

Sunday 2nd January

Emi Lua Bowman, 29/9/20

Sunday 9th January

Harvey Ryan Connor, 15/4/21

Albie Andrew Connor, 15/4/21

Sunday 30th January

Harry David Thomas, 8/7/20

Joseph Daniel Thomas, 8/7/20

Sunday 13th February

Aubree Mae Townsend, 17/5/19

Sunday 20th February

Lucie Mai Fenton, 14/2/20

Sunday 27th February

Thomas William Storr, 15/5/19

#### **Funerals:**

Tuesday 25th January

David Roberts (70)

Wednesday 2nd February

Roy Haworth (74)

Thursday 3rd February

Kathleen Matthews (50)

Wednesday 16th February

Peter Aspinall (82)



*We are entering a new phase ('Unlock') of our work to serve the people of Lancashire and the Bishop's Leadership Team has written to all parishes to share more about the way ahead. The letter is below, split into its key sections.*

### **A challenging year**

Following an enormously challenging period during the pandemic we, Bishop Julian and the Bishop's Leadership Team, are writing to encourage you and to offer a way ahead that we hope will be inspiring for you and your parishes over the coming months. The last 20 months have been traumatic for our world, our nation and our church. We are so grateful to you for the dedication and courage that you have brought to ministry as you have led your people through times of anxiety, darkness and pain. The capacity of our parishes to adjust to constantly changing regulations, to be faithful in worship, to be generous in giving and to be compassionate in service has been incredible and we give thanks for you each day. But we are now presented with huge challenges and equally huge opportunities as we look to the future of Christian life in our nation and we know that many of you are anxious about things such as your ministry to families which has proved so challenging during lockdown or PCC finances. Others of you are concerned about people who have not returned to church. And yet at the same time, there seems to be an awakening of faith in our nation, with new fringes, stronger relationships, and seemingly a fresh openness to the gospel. So we are writing to you now with a way ahead for the diocese that we hope will inspire and encourage.

### **Unlock: Paul and Silas (Acts 16: 25-34)**

In Philippi, Paul and Silas endure a lockdown. For bearing witness to the Gospel, they find themselves chained up in prison and undergoing dreadful suffering. But the way in which this experience of trauma is transformed into a springboard for the mission of the Church carries rich wisdom for us in the year ahead. First, Paul and Silas endure real pain. They must have been frightened, isolated and anxious with no idea of their fate. Our people too have suffered over this past year and they will need times to share experiences, to remember the departed and to come to terms with the trauma they have endured. So in the year ahead we need to make space for lament. Many of you will be planning memorial services or healing liturgies, but equally important is simply giving people time to talk. But amazingly when in prison, Paul and Silas never fell into despair. In fact we read that in the middle of the night they were praying and singing hymns to God and that their fellow prisoners were listening to them. In the same way for us, even in lockdown we have gone on worshipping and praying. We have found new ways to come together and bear witness to our faith, including online by recorded or live-streamed services. We have encouraged and supported the amazing frontline workers who are seeing us through the pandemic.

Many churches have built a new fringe and have seen new people come to faith. We need to make space for thanksgiving for all that God has done for us. But the most remarkable aspect of the story is what happens when the earthquake destroys the prison. As the walls fell, any sane person would have run back home to a place of safety and hidden away for a bit. Not Paul and Silas! Instead, they stay put to minister to the jailer who is on the verge of killing himself out of shame for losing his prisoners. They bring him to faith, baptise him and his family and then they sit and eat together. In response to a crisis, it would be very easy for us to look backwards, to want to retrench, rebuild, reminisce, or even simply run away. But as Paul and Silas demonstrate, healthy churches evangelise their way out of crisis, looking not backwards but forwards to what God is doing next. We will never 'recover' church life as it was in March 2020 and nor do we want to, because the potential of something much better is happening now. We will only emerge from this crisis with a new commitment to the mission of God in his world.

### **Unlocking the Diocese of Blackburn**

Inspired by Paul and Silas it's time for us to Unlock. Over the past few months and in the months still to come, there have been and are a number of initiatives and resources which are all intended to support our Parishes as we emerge from this time of lockdown and pandemic. To help us to speak the Word of the Lord as Paul and Silas did to the jailer saying, "believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16.31). Here are a few of the main ones: Thy Kingdom Come. Paul and Silas prayed in their cell and then leapt into action as they shared their faith. From May 13th to 23rd we invited you to call your people to ten days of prayer, each person praying for five family members or friends, that they might come to faith. Launch of the next phase of Vision 2026. Over the past year we have been refreshing and renewing our Diocesan Vision and it was formally launched at a special service on May 23rd, the Feast of Pentecost. This was a key moment in the life of our Diocese because the Vision gives us a blueprint for growth as we look to the future with confidence in God. You can find out more about the refreshed Vision on the Blackburn Diocese website.



**Lay Ministry Framework.** During lockdown an excellent resource was produced which describes a huge range of lay ministries. For more details or for copies, contact Amy White using [amy.white@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:amy.white@blackburn.anglican.org)

**Clergy Study Days.** After so long apart, this was a golden opportunity for clergy to gather together to reflect on their calling to serve the whole people of God. As well as a chance to share experiences, we learned about new local congregations as a way to advance the church's mission. If you have not yet booked, then email [joy.rushton@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:joy.rushton@blackburn.anglican.org)

**Beacon Course.** Bishop Jill gathered together small groups of church leaders of all traditions to reflect more deeply on how to start a new congregation. Please contact Joy Rushton for more details.

**Learning Communities.** Many are concerned about the loss of young people during this crisis, and these communities, set up by Archdeacon David, will provide a space where we can learn from each other how to renew youth ministry. The DBE have a huge range of other resources to support parishes in this critical area of our life.

**Living in Love and Faith (LLF).** A period of discernment has been set in the Church of England to discover what God's call to a holy life looks like and then how we live in faithfulness and obedience to it. We must remember that disobedience and disunity are the enemy of mission and so this is an urgent piece of work to engage with for the sake of our witness to Jesus Christ, Parishes and deaneries are invited to share in the Living in Love and Faith conversation as together we discern God's will for His Church. You can find out more by visiting this page on the website which has regularly updated information and resources.



Or you can get in touch with our two LLF advocates, Canon Dr Rowena Pailing and Revd Jon Scamman. Details to contact them are on the LLF page.

**Whalley Abbey.** Our precious retreat house has reopened as a Centre for Christian Discipleship and Prayer with Revd Adam Thomas as the new Centre Director. There is a huge range of programmes on offer that can support you and your parish.

### **Unlock: Looking further ahead**

There can be no doubting the formidable challenges that face our Diocese, along with every other, in the years ahead as the pandemic magnifies a range of pre-existing issues around attendance, finance and buildings. We will need to look closely at how best we minister to the people of Lancashire in the decades ahead and make some significant decisions. But we will never 'manage' or 'decline' our way out of a crisis. Only faith can do that. As a Diocese we remain committed to parish life, to maintaining our current numbers of stipendiary clergy, to forming excellent priests and lay leaders and to investing in the front line. We need more vocations to the priesthood and more lay leaders. And we need you! It was with joy that Paul and Silas evangelised their way out of the lockdown crisis in Philippi. Similarly, "the jailer was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God, he and his whole family" (Acts 16.34). In the same way our ministry must be rooted not in fear, or anxiety, or dread, but in the joy of the Gospel. The risen Christ has set us free for ever, and if we share with the world the joy we find in Him, then beacons of fire will be lit up across Lancashire to the glory of God.

This comes with the assurance of our prayers.

Yours in Christ

***Bishop Julian and The Bishops' Leadership Team***

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## **MOTHERS WAY - (Luke 2:19,51)**

You treasure those things,  
Keep them safe in your heart,  
Where did the years go?

Everything still so fresh ...  
The birth, those moments alone,  
Your first looking  
Into each other's love.

And the visitors  
With their wonder and wisdom,  
With their gifts and their gazing,  
Everything still so fresh...

Then the growing years,  
Baby into boy, Into man,  
Into joys and sorrows,  
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# Valuable and Precious

My last ramblings for those who have short memories, like mine, was, My Heroes for Epiphany 2022. I was not going to write a magazine letter this time. However, my dislike for the BBC mis-use of words and the daily news that is only opinion, I felt a little rant might be OK.

This all started with how the word absolutely has been mis-used. Very few events or ideas are absolute – death and the laws of thermo dynamics being amongst the few. What has happened is, that many people use ‘absolutely’ when they really mean ‘I agree or concur’ – don’t end by saying ‘absolutely’. The other great annoyance is the use of the phrase ‘We all want or know’, when many of us thinking people in the North have not been asked. Whilst listening to a programme on the buying and selling of antiques I jumped on my ‘high horse’ about the use of the terms ‘valuable and precious’. Since checking two respected dictionaries one term merges into the other – so BBC I must eat a small slice of ‘humble pie’



For me the value of some object is what is it worth if sold, or how important it is to current events, precious on the other hand is its intrinsic value to a person or group of people. Suddenly as I write this article I find myself crossing from one to the other.

This is my question if you are still reading this article

## ***What is the most valuable or precious Gold or Iron?***

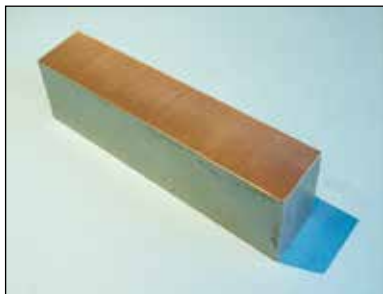
Gold (Symbol Au, atomic No 79) is one of the few metals that is found in its native state and only in small amounts. Its shiny un-tarnishing appearance and the ability to shape the material gave it a value to be traded. When worked



into an object for a loved one it took on a precious quality. The scarcity of gold and man's desire to possess material or rare objects has given gold these properties. A friend of mine and his wife are keen metal detectorists and spend time with archaeologists searching for lost items. One such find is a gold coin and in the photo you can see two holes. The act of piercing the coin changed it from treasure to artifact. Why? Examination by the British Museum declared it could have been an amulet (I'm a supporter of the King) or more likely it

was the person's wealth and the holes used to stitch the coin into their clothing to safeguard the wealth from robbers. More on this coin at the end - Many thanks to Alan and Kath for allowing this photo to be used.

If you have a mobile phone or high tech. electronic device it contains a quantity of gold not used for its glitter but used for one of its properties – electrically conductive and does not readily oxidise, making gold an ideal electrical connector. Some readers might be aspiring to be astronauts or jet fighter pilots. Their eye sight will be protected by a layer of gold on the helmet visor



just a few molecules thick. Why? Another of gold's properties is its high emissivity value - its ability to reflect heat and remain as gold. Platinum would do the same job but is hard to vaporise at a practical temperature.

Iron (Fe atomic No 26) is the most abundant element by weight on our planet, more so than Oxygen. So how can iron take on a precious aura? History seen through the eye of archaeologists, as they uncover artifacts, tell

us how the two minerals have been treasured. Long before the 'Iron Age' man was making objects from iron. Analysis of the rusty finds show the iron to have a high nickel content and steel did not arrive until much later. It is now known that this iron was highly prized for sword making and came from meteorites.

If you are a fan of the author Philip Pulman's book – Northern Lights - transcribed to film as the 'Golden Compass'. Here the two elements share the stage. The Alethiometer (golden compass a device for seeing into the future) and Iorek Byrnison (King of the Armoured Ice Bears) who had his armoured vest of Sky Iron stolen. Here the two elements take on the properties of being both valuable and precious depending on ownership and perspective.

If you think that 'sky iron' is a figment of an author's imagination then why not collect some for yourself. If you can manage to walk stony paths that have not been used by shod horses or cart you can collect your own small sample of sky iron. All you need is a powerful magnet and a piece of string. Drag the magnet along or better still close to the path and after 20 minutes or so a collection of tiny brown particles will have adhered to the magnet. Sky Iron is more correctly meteorite remnants. I believe the largest known meteorite is the Hoba meteorite in Namibia at 60 tonnes and is a preserved monument. An American explorer discovered a group of Arctic natives reinforcing the tips of Narwhale tusk spears with meteoritic iron.



The photo shows two wedding rings which are more precious than their intrinsic value. However, even more precious is the Haemoglobin – the blood of all mammals. This metalloprotein which uses iron to transport oxygen around our bodies and carries away other waste gases away is vital to our very existence and no amount of gold could replace it. Sadly people have been killed for less.

Finally, I would like to end with the following little bits on what is valuable and what is precious.

After the bombing of Coventry during the second world war the rector of the cathedral picked up three medieval iron nails that had fallen from the decimated timbers. The rector bound them together with wire in the form of a cross. Material value nil, precious beyond measure as a symbol of peace.

The Coronation Regalia - part of the Royal Crown jewel collection. Their precious symbolism of our Nation is in my opinion beyond value. The collection



in the photo has been used by Monarchs since 1661 and today gives stability which many countries envy.

Lastly is my personal project- a block of steel from which I will form it into a 'sine bar'- just another measuring tool. However, it will be to me more valuable than a purchased item. It will contain my love of making things.

If you have an opinion on what is valuable or precious to you, why not write a paragraph or two and help make our church magazine more interesting.

**Peter Hodgkinson**

## ***A few notes from Alan and Kath***

As a member of the Detectorist Club if we find a suspected treasure item, we have to first report it to our Finds Liaison Officer. This is a member of a Museum who is attached to the various Clubs, and they can be contacted for identification purposes. Ours is at Liverpool Museum. They then send the item to the British Museum in London where it is examined and identified, and if they do not want to purchase it, it is then sent back to the finder. Also an attachment we received from the Portable Antiquities Scheme, from the British Museum. This identifies the item.

See - <https://finds.org.uk/database/artefacts/record/id/741891> which gives a description. The information regarding sewing the coins into their clothes was found on another website. There is also an attachment from the Coroner's Report, where Treasure Items have also to be sent to.

If you are interested in artifacts, please check out the web link. PH

Mrs Jennifer Leeming  
H M Coroner for Greater Manchester - West District (Bolton)  
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04/02/2016

Dear Mrs Leeming,

**Treasure Act 1996: 2015 T661 Charles 1<sup>st</sup> Gold unite coin with two holes punched into it, from Irlam, Barton Moss, Manchester.  
Finder: Kathleen Read**

The Finds Liaison Officer, Vanessa Oakden, or the finder will have reported this find to you.

It has since been assessed at the British Museum where the relevant specialist, Barrie Cook, has examined it. In Barrie's opinion the evidence does not seem clear enough to justify a verdict of treasure according to the terms of the Treasure Act 1996. (see enclosed report)

As such an inquest will not be necessary, and the item will be returned to the finder after a period of six weeks has elapsed, unless we hear otherwise from you of course.

The find is currently in The British Museum and will be collected by Vanessa Oakden, Finds Liaison Officer for Liverpool.

The finder is reminded to keep a copy of this letter with the find, and to advise any purchaser of the find to do the same, as it constitutes formal evidence that the find has been considered under the Treasure Act 1996.

Yours sincerely,



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*Please note: This letter is intended for H M Coroner. A copy is sent to the finder, landowner and Finds Liaison Officer for their information.*





## IMMANUEL FENISCOWLES BLACKBURN



### ***What a good year we have had.***

At the start of the year during lockdown the group was down to about 20 young people and that was including Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. And here we are going into 2022 with over 60 yps and even a waiting list for Beavers. My personal thanks to all the leaders who have contributed to this success and hopefully we can expand even more in 2022. Thank you, **Sandy**



## **Confirmations 2022**

This year's Confirmation Service for Immanuel and St Francis will take place at Immanuel on Monday 6th June at 7:30pm with +Jill (Rt Revd Dr Jill Duff, Bishop of Lancaster). All children aged school Year Six and above are welcome to be confirmed. Confirmation classes will be held on Tuesday evenings in term time in Immanuel Lower Hall at 6:30pm. Please contact David if you would like more information. Adult Confirmation Services will be held at the Vicarage by arrangement with all those involved at a (hopefully!) mutually convenient time, please see David if you would like to find out more.

## **Easter Services**

**Monday in Holy Week - Eucharist with homily, St Francis, 7:30pm**  
**Wednesday in Holy Week - Eucharist with homily, Immanuel, 7:30pm**  
**Maundy Thursday - Passover Meal, St Francis, 7.00pm**  
*Sign the list in Church to book and please indicate if transport is needed*  
**Good Friday - Stations of the Cross, The Last Hour, Immanuel, 2.00pm**  
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**2) The 100 Club** - the monthly draw with a prize of £50. For £12 per year there is a monthly prize of £50 for one lucky number. This should be an easy way of providing revenue for the church. 100 numbers at £12.00 per year, £600 given back in prize money and £600 for church funds. We are coming up to the year end so please think about taking part in this draw.



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