

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 we celebrated on Easter Sunday we heard how Mary Magdalene, Peter and John reacted when they were confronted with the empty tomb. Mary was distraught and assumed that somebody had taken Jesus' body away; Peter was curious and went to have a look round; and John had a look inside and believed. Three completely different reactions to exactly the same thing.

This is true of daily life, isn't it? We can look at the same thing as our friends and family - a TV series, a problem, a news story - and react to it in a totally different way. We can have very different ideas about why something has happened, whether it's good or bad, and what it means for us and the world around us.

The same is still true about the empty tomb. On Good Friday Jesus' dead body had been laid in a tomb. That tomb had then been closed up with a stone which is estimated to have weighed between 1 and 2 tons. Not only that, but Roman soldiers had been posted outside the tomb to guard it. And yet on Easter Sunday we were reminded of the news that Jesus' friends found that tomb empty. We're each confronted with the same scene - an empty tomb - but we might have a completely different reaction to it.

Some of us will be like John - we have come to believe the tomb is empty because Jesus is alive. If that's you, fantastic! You might want to spend some time thanking God for this gift of faith, praying that others would have it too, and thanking him for the hope that Jesus' resurrection gives to the world.

Some of us will be like Peter - we're curious, we want to know more, we want to work out what it means for us. If that's you, keep going! Come along to church, read the Bible, pray that God would help you to see why the tomb was empty, chat to the Johns around you and be encouraged by them.

Some of us will be like Mary - we look at the empty tomb and struggle to see anything miraculous. We assume that someone must have stolen the body. Perhaps we desperately want to believe that Jesus is alive, but something is stopping us. If that's you, be encouraged by Mary. She encountered the risen Jesus when she turned away from the empty tomb - maybe God is encouraging you to do the same, to try not to focus on Jesus' death, but be open to the possibility that he really did come back to life, that you too can have an encounter with him.

Whether you're a John, a Mary, a Peter, or someone else entirely - be assured that I'm praying for you. I'm praying that each one of us and those around us would meet the risen Jesus, who showed that he is who he said he is - God himself, who loves us so much that he came into the world to die and rise again so that we could be forgiven for all we get wrong, and so that we can have a new life with him not just now, but forever. - Best wishes - **Bryn**

WARDENS REPORT

I trust that everyone is enjoying the sunny weather and although some days perhaps have not been as warm as they look from inside, does it not make everything seem better when the sun is shining and flowers are blooming?

I hope that you enjoyed the Easter services, where we had a real mix of services from the Palm Sunday donkey procession (see photos but don't mention the mishap in church), through to a Passover meal service, a reflective Stations of the Cross service and then Easter Sunday Communion.

Once again, we approach the Annual Parish meeting when Churchwardens are elected, so by the time you read this either I will have been re-elected, or Immanuel will have a new Warden. The APM will see Bryn, Churchwarden, Secretary & Finance reports, that will be my next task once I have completed this article and sent everything to the printer for the May magazine.

The amount of time a Warden spends ensuring the church remains open, safe, maintained, compliant with the law, compliant with Diocesan regulations, warm, welcoming and clean is disproportionate to the amount of time the church is physically open. These issues increase when, as Immanuel is, a Grade 2 listed building, while other churches in the area either are part of a modern school or hold services in a community hall. I would plead with all of you that there must be some way in which you could lighten the load, please ask Bryn or myself.

Immanuel needs to have sufficient income to allow the beautiful church we have to be maintained to the correct standards and that requires realistic giving to be undertaken by the parishioners. Currently our income from giving is substantially short of our expenses to cover the cost of a vicar and a listed building. Should we lose the income from the hall then our viability would be placed in severe doubt based on current giving.

On a positive note, we are seeing a response to our praying to grow Immanuel, with new people and returning people resulting in increased numbers attending. We have had 52 people complete forms to be on the church electoral roll at the 6-year complete revision. Furthermore, we have had over 20 people attend the Lent Prayer Course between Immanuel and St Francis (photo in Narthex of one session). Whilst several people have expressed interest in the 3 session Thursday evening course Bryn is running in May.

Immanuel has something for all, please continue praying for growth. Why not ask friends, neighbours and family to come with you on either a Sunday or Thursday when you attend.

Best wishes - ***Phil Entwistle***

PALM SUNDAY



IN REMEMBRANCE FOR MAY

1st.	2001	Ethel Greenhalgh	2012	William Dagger
2nd.	2012	John Smith		
3rd.	1987	Henry Busby	1997	Ann Perries
	2008	Terry Douglas		
4th.	1999	Robert Smith	2003	Pat Mead
	2020	Margaret Curren		
5th.	1973	Fred Barrett	1988	Grace Ashworth
	1996	Calum Leyland	1998	Margurite Tattersall
	2003	Ewald Hoinkis	2016	Anne Gouldthorpe
6th.	1990	Henry Clayton	1993	Albert Hogg
7th.	1990	Constance Chadwick	1991	Alice Townley
	2013	Kenneth Ritson		
8th.	1992	Hannah Edna Bisby		
9th.	1991	Clifford Hocking	1996	Jim Collinson
	2011	Allan Booth		
10th.	1990	Andrew P. Swindlehurst	1992	Denis McCarthy
	2005	Bill Lowe	2019	Margaret Whalley
11th.	1989	Margaret Eastham	2000	Joyce Whalley
12th.	1994	Robert Houldsworth	1996	Vera Spreadbury
13th.	1987	Ted Halsall	1989	Stanley Shorrocks
	1991	James Ross	2002	John Percival Miller
14th.	1991	Fred Mashiter	1999	William McKel
15th.	2001	Caroline E. Haworth		
16th.	1987	John Mercer Brindle	1988	Kyle Harrison
	2006	Hilda Hedley	2011	Jack Laking
17th.	1988	Doreen Smith	1988	Donald C. Charleton
	1991	David Herberts	1996	Walter Hulme
18th.	1960	Joyce Peggy Jennison	1987	Alice Rishton
	1987	Noreen King	1997	Lillian Ormerod
	2001	Eveline Barton		
19th.	1989	Leonard Nixon	1992	Mrs. Abbott
	1995	Sydney Francis Knowles	1994	Theresa Burns
	2020	Josephine Iveson		
20th.	2020	David Dugmore Banks JP		
21st.	1992	Thomas Gorman		
22nd.	1997	Robert Greenwood		
23rd.	1994	Irene Gouldthorpe	2000	Lewis Logan
24th.	1972	William G. McGowen (Priest)	1969	Mary Alice Lucas
	1989	Hilda Butterfield	2000	John Curren
25th.	1972	Grace Shorrocks	2006	Horace Hodgkinson
26th.	1989	Colin Bailey	1993	Lester W. Rostron
		Doris Parkinson		
27th.	1977	James Grundy Harper	1988	Blanche Horobin
		Olive Sophia Kendall	2014	Stuart Proctor
28th.	1993	Hilda Smith		
29th.				
30th.	1989	Frank Coleman	1998	Roy Hedley
	2017	Elizabeth Monk		
31st.	1997	Florence Lawson		

IN REMEMBRANCE FOR JUNE

1st.	1990	Maureen Draper	1996	Hugh Hartley
	1997	Jack Ainsworth		
2nd.	1994	Jack Grimshaw	1996	Alice Holden
3rd.	1993	Harry Hargreaves	1997	William Tempest
	1999	Gertie Smith	2009	Maggie Twist
4th.	1994	Roy Kenyon	2001	Ken Simmons
	2010	Robert Wilson	2021	Elsie Hallett
	2022	John Ernest Clarkson		
5th.	1972	Ernest Riding	1991	Albert Bisby
	2008	Alan Whyte (Francis)	2022	Jacqueline Thompson
6th.	1990	Eleanor May Garner	2000	Victoria Anne Hammond
7th.	1999	John Patterson	2003	Don Waring
	2004	Bryan James Gisbourne		
8th.	1965	Richard Draper	2004	Kathleen Douglas
	2007	Jason Lee Smith		
9th.	1992	Olwen Vaughan Goulden	2003	Irene Aspin
10th.	1988	Marjorie Chambers	1989	William Snape
11th.	1999	Marion Lloyd		
12th.	1985	Nellie Newby	1982	Ada Broome
13th.	2004	Edith Lucas		
14th.	1907	Thomas Seddon	1991	Malcolm Heald
	1991	Evelyn Leigh	1997	Michael Mought
	2010	Robert Wilson	2017	Howard Leslie Rawsthorne
15th.	1984	William Holt	1994	Muriel Carter
	2011	Norman Smith		
16th.	1990	Jack Moffat	1998	Elaine Kathleen Hill
	2008	Hilda Watson		
17th.	1982	Thomas William Pearce	1994	Robert Ellison
	2012	Susan Elizabeth Round	2014	John Wright
	2018	Keith Patefield		
18th.	1987	Neil Plummer	2013	Michael Connor
	2016	Lance Stuart Symcox		
19th.	1992	Frederick George White	2012	Philip Edward Ramsbottom
20th.	1995	Emily Harrington Challenger	1998	Alan Lawson
	1997	Margaret Francis Ainsworth	2000	Fred Wright
	1994	George Lumb	2016	Richard Stanley Haworth
	2020	John Durham		
21st.				
22nd.	1990	Edward Marshall Crook	1995	Mabel Fitzmaurice
	2002	Clifford Woods	2010	Rita Smith
23rd.	1990	Austen W. Waterhouse	1993	Dorothy Cooper
	1995	Jack Walsh	1996	Gordon Twentyman
	1997	Ellen Wild		
24th.	1983	Margaret Olander	1991	Doris Reid
	2005	Violet Edwards		
25th.	1998	Emma Duckworth		
26th.	1997	Bill Sutton	2003	Cathy Parker
	2016	Stuart Hill	2016	Ethel Bury
27th.	1997	Margaret Frances Ainsworth		
28th.	1991	Edith Alice Mickle	2001	Alice Crossley
	2015	Constance Gouldsborough		
29th.	1988	Len Foley	1989	Derek Deffern
29th.	1991	Christine Yates		
30th.	1998	Edith Barrett	2000	John Bolton

Prayer Page

from Christine

I am writing this in Lent which is a time for us as Christians to reflect through prayer and for some people self-denial in one form or another, about the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

It is very hard for us to understand what happened so long ago and though we live in a very different era than Jesus did when he came as a human being, we now have a much greater knowledge of science in many forms, the emergence of AI which clearly has the capacity not only to imitate humanity, but to become superior in many ways in the speed of learning, acting, moving and generally being superior to us, which is very threatening to our future.

Last year I saw a video of a robot woman being interviewed by a journalist about being a robot and what she could do in general terms. She answered all the questions quickly having brief seconds to think about them and giving reasonable responses to some quite complex questions. At the end she was asked one last question 'What makes you different from a human?' Her answer amazed me, she said: 'I have no soul' Nothing had been mentioned about faith or religion in the interview, she had reasoned in far more depth than most people would and I was truly shocked.

We are on the edge of great changes to our world and as Christians we need to understand our faith and what we believe.

The Bible is often called a 'Living Book', by that we believe that ancient though some of it is, it contains the truth of the history of the world and as Christians we believe that the Holy Spirit can speak to us through it. The New Testament has first person testimony of the life of Jesus which blends with the Old Testament which professes from thousands of years ago, about a 'Messiah' who would come to save 'His people' and was discussed by Jesus in the Synagogues where he went. 'What has that to do with praying you might ask? That is why I am writing this page to try to explain why we pray.

Like me many of your parents or carers would have put you to bed and read to you following it with a little prayer before you settled down to sleep. Mine from my mother Was;

'Gentle Jesus Meek and mild, look upon this little child. Fain I would to thee be brought, gracious God forbid it not. In thy Kingdom of thy Grace give this little child a place.' She would end the prayer by asking God to bless our family and friends and sing to me until I went to sleep. I felt loved, protected and unafraid.

We come before God in prayer wherever we are if we are His. The 23rd Psalm describes this nearness as our 'Shepherd' who goes before us through the valley of our life and death.

Sometimes we may feel cut off from God, faith is a hard school to belong to, it is not easy, particularly if you are a 'Thomas type of person' as I am. You may remember that he was a disciple of Jesus and after the resurrection when Jesus returned to see the disciples he was not there and when he heard that Jesus had returned alive he did not believe and so Jesus returned a week later to assure Thomas and instructed him to touch his wounds in order to help him believe.

When I first realised about becoming a Christian, though I had always gone to church, been christened and confirmed, I did not really understand, I thought it was a given that I was. I heard the gospel and that you needed to ask Jesus to come into your life and ask for forgiveness for your sins, I was 17 so the list wasn't long! I went to various big rallies, bible studies, hearing about peace, joy and prayer. I knelt by my bed and prayed for all of that, no joy! I read my scripture union notes and prayed but nothing happened. Nothing...So I said I was sorry and that I would read my bible opening it where it fell open and write anything I felt was for me. That in 3 months I would read what I had written and asked him to show me that he had heard me. After that time, I read the whole text I had written each day and received a full, logical answer from God even though it had come from those random pages across the bible! I fell to my knees and from that day I know I am a Christian. I still do the same today and have quite a pile of words from my Lord in answer to prayer or guidance for me life which has been a hard one at times, like many others.

Jesus loves us so much, knows us through and through and waits patiently for us to realise that he wants to be in our lives, but we are not puppets. What would be the point of what he did if having created us he just sat back to pull the strings?

One blessing of being older is that I can look back on my life and see where Jesus brought me back from times when life took me away for a while from him. So, through Easter, even when you are eager for your Easter eggs, sit a while at the base of his cross in your mind, look up and see the marks of his love for YOU on his body. His skin ripped, His Head bleeding from the thorns, His hands and Feet bearing 6 inch nails, He did it all to end original sin and He offers you His redemption, He has bought your Salvation by dying and overcoming the power of evil that we have within us all, just thank him and if you have not asked him in why not do it now?

My prayer for you all will be that you will ask and receive the joy and peace that comes from the knowledge of His enduring love for us, fragile though we are at times.

I will be having an operation soon and will be away for a while from church, and so this is rather lengthy, but I hope that it helps you to perhaps see Easter through a different lens.

With Christian love, from Christine - Shalom.

THE BISHOP OF BLACKBURN

The Bishop of Blackburn, Rt Rev. Philip North, delivered a wide-ranging Presidential Address to the latest meeting of the Diocesan Synod

'It is a privilege as always to be able to address you as president of the Synod. Just two things before I start. First there is sometimes an uneasy silence when I finish, but there really is no need to applaud a presidential address. And second, the views I am about to express are my own and you are entirely free to disagree.

In the first few weeks of 2025, the world has been turned upside down with consequences that no one can yet predict. The Trump presidency has seen the dramatic tearing up of the post-war alliance between Europe and the United States and a sudden rush across Europe to increase defence budgets and re-arm. Trade wars between the US, Canada, China, Mexico, the European Union and now the UK threaten the stability of the global economy, and as we learnt in 2008 and 2020, when the world economy is shaken, the people who fall out of the tree are always the poorest.

But perhaps the most frightening impact is on Ukraine, the victims three years ago of an unprovoked attack from Putin's Russia which has left hundreds of thousands of people dead and has seen many more lives destroyed and traumatised. Of course, some of you here have direct connections with that battered country, having made space in your homes and churches for refugees.

The news of a possible ceasefire in Ukraine is very welcome and we must pray that Russia also agrees to it as an important first step. However the pressure that has been placed on the Ukrainians and in particular Volodymyr Zelenskii, a man of raw courage who has led his people with such distinction, has been alarming in the extreme. It has included the public humiliation of a shouting match in the White House, the sudden withdrawal of military aid leading to needless loss of life and the condition of signing an unfavourable minerals deal as a bargaining chip for the restoration of that crucial aid.

Such tactics might lead to an uneasy ceasefire, but this kind of bludgeoning can never be the foundation for peace. For peace is about more than the cessation of violence. Peace can only come with justice, and for there to be justice, then stolen land must be returned, reparations must be paid and future security guarantees must be in place. I hope that European leaders will not weaken in those basic demands.

As Christians, it is so easy to feel powerless against such a backdrop. We watch on as world events unfold with very little idea what to do or say. The words of Jeremiah, which many of us read on Monday morning, all too often come to our lips.

My anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain! Oh, the walls of my heart!

My heart is beating wildly; I cannot keep silent;

for I hear the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

Disaster overtakes disaster, the whole land is laid waste.

But for the Christian, whilst we may be tempted to despair, we know it can never win the day. If Jesus has won the victory, there can only be hope. So in such dangerous times, what do we do?

First we pray. I am delighted with the way that our Year of Prayer for Growth and Renewal has captured imaginations across traditions in every part of the Diocese and the resources which have been made available on the Fruitful app by our outstanding discipleship team are being hungrily devoured.

Prayer gives us a superpower stronger than any weapon, any aggressive social media post, any war-mongering diplomatic communication or any trade tariff. Prayer throws open for us the court of heaven and brings God's kingdom breaking into the present. Prayer silences the powerful and raises the lowly high.

We are offering prayer this year for the growth of our churches, and we are also surrounding the process to discern our future strategic vision with prayer. But at the same time we must go on praying and fasting with conviction for a fair and lasting peace in Ukraine.

Second, we strive for justice. The scriptures offer us a rich vision of human dignity and of human flourishing. Jesus, by his Incarnation, demonstrates to us the infinite preciousness of every human person made in the image and likeness of God. And then, in the common life of the community he builds, he models for us right relationship with God and with each other. That vision of God's kingdom is the heart of our understanding of justice as Christians. That is what motivates our work with schools, our community projects, our pastoral care and our passion that all should know right relationship with the God we meet in Jesus.

We may not be able to engineer justice in Ukraine. But we can bear witness to God's kingdom in the way we strive for justice in our own parishes and in our daily lives. I am delighted that our theme in this synod will be racial justice, because lying behind the work of the Church of England's Commission for Racial Justice is a rich vision of God's kingdom.

In the same way our desire to be a safe church and repent of safeguarding failures expresses our desire for the justice of the Kingdom in which all are precious, all are beloved and all know the safety of God's eternity. Fr Alex Frost's work in battling against the scourge of ketamine on our estates is another vivid example of Christians bearing witness to God's justice. So, what can you do to build justice locally?

And third, we work for peace. We are in the season of Lent. Very soon we will be at the table of the Last Supper with the Lord when he will promise the disciples a 'Peace the world cannot give.' Then just three days later, having endured the cross and risen from the tomb, he will return to the same Upper Room to greet them twice with the words, 'Peace be with you.' That peace which he promised at the table will be the gift he shares with them.

The peace which Christ gives is not a peace that the world can give because it flows from the cross. It is a peace that is rooted in the defeat of sin and in restored relationship with the Father. It is peace with each other only because it is first and foremost peace with the Father, wrought through the blood of his Son.

That is our gift to the world. The greatest contribution we can make to global peace is to introduce people to Jesus Christ so that they can know in their lives that peace which is the gift of the cross.

A frightening world. It is so easy to start to believe that the loudest voices will be those that hold sway and that we in our little churches can do nothing. Don't believe that for a moment. Keep praying. Strive for the justice of the Kingdom. Share the peace that comes from Christ. And in a world of fear, we will be bearing quiet witness to a deeper truth, the truth of God's own kingdom.'

Philip Blackburn - March 12th 2025

Collecting or Collections

(Professional Hoarding)

Maximalist, Minimalist or On Trend, I'm sure one or two readers fit into the opening categories. If it was not for Linda's controlling influence, I would be a top end maximalist. From the very first day I set foot in Blackburn's wonderful museum the scene was set to collect. It is often said in the ever-changing world, we are now in a period called the I.o.T (Internet of things), however, I'm a C.o.T a (Collector of Things). From that very first museum moment I have wanted my own museum or collection of things. Do you have a collection of items? Then perhaps you might write about them and let us all know why and what you collect. Here are some of the bits and bobs that have become 'dust catchers.



Books. I'm not a reader of novels, but a collector of useful books from gear cutting to high voltage transmission, maps to atlases, mathematics to natural history, geology to Christian Worship, model engineering to photography. Do I sit and endlessly read through this collection of books (about 500 in total)? No, I see them like a bag of pick and mix sweets,

a collection to dip into when the grey cells need topping-up, an ever-increasing problem these days. As I sit and write this article and scan the bookshelves, I spot a pile of CD's and forgot to mention my collection of technical papers (sad?) Why collect books? The number of times people say I read it on the internet and now can't find it again, and when they do find a similar topic, it is from the USA. Same language, different ideas and



standards. Having a personal library avoids internet withdrawal and plagiarism. I'm semi-retired and still undertake engineering tasks. When the phone rings the answer often lies in one of the many books or collection of notes and provides for a quick answer – time is money when you have a business to run.

Moving up the scale are artifact for measuring. Measurement old and new is one of man's greatest achievements. Noah of biblical fame built his Ark to a measure of 'cubits' as directed by God. To quote Joseph Whitworth, one of the great engineers and a proclaimed pacifist, "If we cannot measure it, we cannot hope to reproduce it" How true this is, when your car, if you have one needs a spare part, you expect the replacement to fit. The cost of living and the living standards we enjoy are only possible because we can mass produce items to consistent standards. My love of measuring devices began in primary school when I realised that with a good wooden rule and a sharp pencil, I could repeatable draw and capture my imagination on paper. I use the word rule as a measuring device and not ruler. One of my primary school teachers said, "rules are for measuring, rulers wear crowns". If you used the words incorrectly you

received a painful reminder usually by a rule across the back of your hand. Have you considered what every day measuring tools you have in your home? Tape measure, kitchen scales, bathroom scale, 5ml medicine spoon, graduated jugs and perhaps many more. My list of measuring tools would fill the page; however, I have divided them into groups.

Engineering measuring tools, micrometers, vernier callipers, height gauges, slip gauges, digital machine scale etc.

Wood working tools, rules, callipers, form gauges, memory sticks (probably the oldest form of measurement)

Building tools, Laser levels, spirit levels, water levels, rafter squares plumb line, tape measures and so on.

These are just some of the items that a G.o.M (grumpy old man) has collected over many years and finds them useful. Perhaps you spotted the pun at the start of this paragraph.

More decoratively are those visual collections that people have on shelves.



Stamp Collections.

The joy of philatelists and their collections, often worth many thousands of pounds. Often these collections are thematic or nationalistic and when viewed with the collector's eye reveal a pathway through history not noted in books. We had a good friend who lived locally and collected Helvetica (Swiss) thematic stamps. His collection included letters from Napoleon, one such letter I believe was written while Napoleon was crossing lake Lucerne and posted in Switzerland. His collection and knowledge became such that he was invited to be Chairman of the Helvetica Society. I believe the first non-Swiss person to hold the post.

Coin Collections.

Do you have a coin collection? Many people have some form of coin collection, be it English coinage by date and denomination or a friend of mine collects only Roman coins. Alan falls, I think into



the categories of 'numismatist' and or detectorist. I have in the past shown a photo of a pierced gold coin from Alan's collection. I also have a collection of coins not spectacular just odd cons that have a story. In the photo of 12 English coins, you may think what are those worn-out copper discs doing in a coin collection. These copper discs have a story; they are almost pure copper and were given to our son Philip by a parishioner of Immanuel named Alice Marsden. Alice in her youth had been a nurse and these copper coins were used by her when laying out the deceased. The coins being heavy were place on the deceased eyes to keep them closed. 'The dead should have closed eyes to stop the soul from leaving before God had made His choice'. Do you have tales of such use of these heavy coins – please let me know.



In my enthusiasm to 'hoard' I have persuaded Linda to indulge with me in collecting 'crested china ware' These small porcelain creations we believe were started by W H Goss in the 1880 and followed by Carlton Ware, Crafton and Arcadian Ware and others.

The beauty of these miniature of museum artifacts is they take up little space, were affordable, decorative and gave people of the day the chance to bring home a souvenir from a travel experience. The factories producing these delicate items soon realised the potential of recording the mood of the time This resulted it items from the war-torn trenches of WW1. Many other war time memorabilia were produced including replicas of artillery, tanks and hand grenades. We only collect the replicas

of artifacts and hope to find a crested item depicting the town or locality in which it was found. I'm always amazed at what people collect and the cost range, I know people in the engineering society of which I'm a member, collect



Austin 7 cars, motor bikes and one collects aircraft memorabilia. That's not the end I (we) have visited private collections of tanks and artillery which occupy acres of land.

I'm lucky that Linda is a minimalist otherwise I think I might be sleeping on the lawn in some canvas shelter.

Peter Hodkinson

MAGAZINE

I need to advise readers that we desperately need new volunteers to take on roles to enable the continued ability to publish your church magazine.

The following roles are required;

Editor – pulling all the articles together to send to the printer and then proof reading what he produces.

Distribution Co-ordinator – receives and sorts the magazine for those who deliver to people at home.

Distributors – take out the magazine.

Advertising Co-ordinator – brings in new advertisers and contacts existing advertisers.



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February - 16

March - 108

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April - 145

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED/VOLUNTEERS

There are a huge number of jobs which require doing around church and the gardens/grounds, it is unsustainable for the existing small number of volunteers to continue to undertake them.

There is a board at the back of church which lists just a few things which need to be done and if people look around, they will see others. I am very keen to look to save money because workmen are not cheap, can be unreliable and not overly interested in relatively small jobs as there is plenty of work around.

However, if we are unable to get the people then commercial terms will have to be agreed with tradesmen and this will only increase the cost of keeping your church open.



A NOTE FROM A SCOUT *(The chosen one!)*

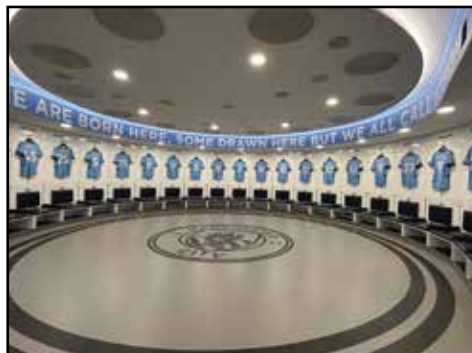
I would like to say thank you to the leaders of my group for putting my name forward for this valuable experience. I was one of four chosen in Lancashire to represent scouting and look into the next ten year of Scouting.

I arrived at the Etihad Stadium on my own and was in awe of the size, however, I soon made friends with other scouts. There were over 100 scouts from across the British Isles.

The event was held at the Etihad Stadium, Manchester. We were involved in a mix of workshops from designing scouting to inclusivity for all. I was even lucky enough to get a tour of the stadium involving changing rooms, pitch side views and even able to sit in the managers seats.

A special thank you to all those who ran the event

Oscar Dickinson



OUR TRIP TO THE CATHEDRAL

(Bell Ringing)

One Thursday the Explorers (under the leadership of Mr Marrow) were lucky enough to have a go at bell ringing and to see the mechanism in the Cathedral. We all had a turn at ringing the bells to which I was surprised the bells pull back and raise you up. After we all had a go, we were fortunate enough to get a tour of how the bells work and some background information on them.

Fun fact, one of the many bells weighs more than one tonne. After all this we got to listen to the bell ringers (campanologists) who play on a Sunday morning and also for other occasions.

Thank you to all who made this very much an enjoyable experience (and a very noisy one).

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1) Join the Parish Giving Scheme;

We know that things are tough, but the church cannot survive without regular giving, the church needs funds daily even if you only attend once a month. Please consider what you give to church, remember we do not receive any other income than that which we generate from renting the hall and the money people directly give.

2) Gift Aid your giving;

If you Gift Aid your donations, then for every £10 you give the HMRC gives us £2.50 for nothing – it is money you paid in tax returned to the church.

3) Join the 100 Club; Annual Payment Now Due

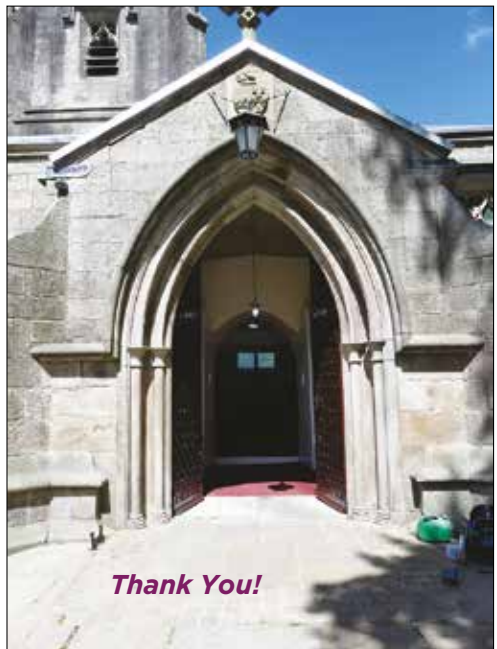
This monthly draw allows you the opportunity to win £50 each month. It costs £12 to join for the year and if we can get up to 200 numbers sold from the current 121, then we will be able to increase the prizes with a monthly second prize.

4) Church Magazine;

As well as encouraging you to buy a magazine, why not buy an extra one and give it to a friend, neighbour, someone who is lonely etc. If you really cannot afford the extra £1 then let Phil know and we will organise something to allow you to pass on to others about our church.

5) Volunteer;

There are always things which need to be done, how can you help? Please approach us and offer a little time, it doesn't need to be weekly but a couple of hours here or there can always be put to good use.



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