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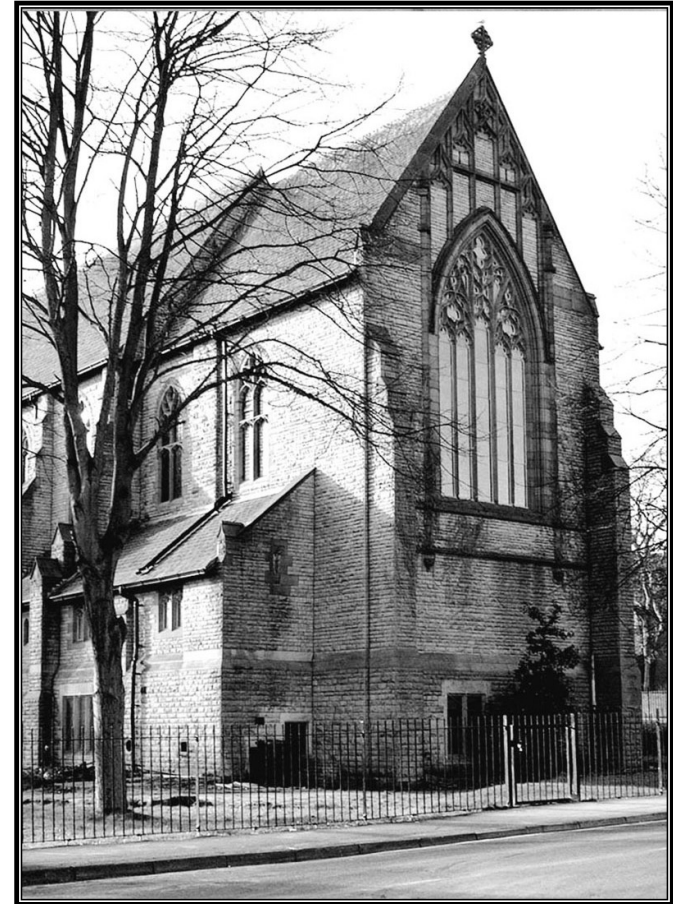
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PARISH MAGAZINE

SEPTEMBER 2022



**St. Augustine and St. Aidan
Tonge Moor and Hall i' th' Wood**

30p



Parish Priest - Father Tony Davies

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Calendar and Intentions for September 2022

Thu	1	feria: Those developing and administering Covid vaccinations
Fri	2	feria: That our lives might draw others to Jesus
Sat	3	S Gregory the Great: The Church in England
SUN	4	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God
Mon	5	feria: The work of local hospitals and hospices
Tue	6	feria: Those receiving the Blessed Sacrament in their homes this month
Wed	7	feria: The fire, police and ambulance services
Thu	8	BIRTHDAY OF THE BVM: The Parish and the People of God
Fri	9	feria: The Unity of Christ's church
Sat	10	feria: Those preparing for Holy Baptism
SUN	11	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God
Mon	12	feria: Confessors and their penitents
Tue	13	S John Chrysostom: The grace to speak boldly of our faith
Wed	14	THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS: Christian Unity
Thu	15	Our Lady of Sorrows: Those suffering from Covid-19 and Long Covid
Fri	16	Ss Cornelius and Cyprian: Those persecuted for their faith
Sat	17	feria: All who will share in our Messy Church today
SUN	18	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God
Mon	19	feria: The Bishop of Burnley, and all Bishops of The Society
Tue	20	Ss Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions:
Wed	21	S MATTHEW: The work of Evangelists
Thu	22	feria: The work of The Society and Forward in Faith
Fri	23	S Pius of Pietrelcina: All parish clergy
Sat	24	Our Lady of Walsingham: The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and its Priests Associate
SUN	25	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God
Mon	26	feria: The work of Bolton Urban Outreach
Tue	27	S Vincent de Paul: All who work with the vulnerable and disadvantaged
Wed	28	feria: Our Sunday School and the Schools in the Parish
Thu	29	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL: The Parish and the People of God
Fri	30	S Jerome: All Biblical scholars

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

July 24th Aurora Grace Lofthouse
August 21st Elsie Mae Fletcher
Isla Rose Fletcher

PARISH DATES

Fri 1st Parish Pilgrims return from Walsingham
Sat 3rd Litter Picking in the area
SUN 4th Back To School Sunday
Mon 5th 1.30pm: Crafts Group (Parish Hall)
Tue 6th Home Communion in the area
7.00pm: PCC Standing Committee
Fri 9th 2.00pm: Pastoral Visiting Course
SUN 11th 10.30am: Family Service
12.15pm: Holy Baptism
6.30pm Evensong & Benediction
Mon 12th 7.30pm: Bible Study group (Parish Hall)
Fri 16th 2.00pm: Pastoral Visiting Course
Sat 17th 11.00am: Messy Church (until 1.00pm)
SUN 18th 12.15pm: Holy Baptism
3.00pm: Baptism Preparation Course
Mon 19th 1.30pm: Crafts Group (Parish Hall)
Tue 20th 7.30pm: Mass, followed by PCC
Wed 21st 7.30pm: Mass and Mothers' Union
Fri 23rd 2.00pm: Pastoral Visiting Course
Sat 24th 10.00am: Mass and Devotions (Our Lady of Walsingham)
SUN 25th Harvest Thanksgiving
12.15pm: Holy Baptism
Churches Together in Tonge Moor Joint Harvest Service
Mon 26th 7.30pm: Bible Study group (Parish Hall)
Tue 27th Home Communion in the area
Wed 28th 9.15am: Moorgate School Assembly at St Augustine's
Thur 29th Clergy Formation Day (St Thomas, Pendleton)
Fri 20th 2.00pm: Pastoral Visiting Course
Sat 1st 3.00pm: Walsingham Festival



Dear friends

This month of September sees the start of the new academic year, and an article later in this magazine announces an exciting new relationship. September also sees the seasons changing, as the hot, sultry Summer morphs into the more temperate weather of Autumn.

This year, Summer has been unseasonably hot, something that is likely to get only more common. With it has come stunted crops and reduced yields, much-reduced rainfall and half-empty water reserves. And that is just in this country.

The Russian war in Ukraine has reduced both the supply of natural gas and the export of Ukrainian grain, both of which have had adverse effects on energy costs (and everything that is produced using energy) and the cost of food. We are feeling the effects of all this here in the UK, but it is being felt even more keenly in the developing and less-stable countries of the world.

It is also being keenly felt by the more disadvantaged and vulnerable in our own town of Bolton. The Grub Tubs are still available in each of our churches, and it would be good to have them supported as faithfully as they were before the pandemic. Whatever pressures we may be experiencing, those pressures are immeasurably worse for those who will benefit from your donations to the Grub Tubs.

There are also other ways in which we can help lessen the effects of the present situation. With our reservoirs being so low, we can play our part to save water. I am not going to resurrect the 1970s suggestion that we take baths or showers together (was that Kim Howells?) but we can turn off the tap while we brush our teeth, and turn on the dishwasher only when it is full (or we run out of crockery!).

To save energy, put only as much water in the kettle as you need; and wrap up warmly at home and turn the central heating down a degree or two. Remember, too, that we use inordinate amounts of energy to heat the churches: help us to delay turning the boilers on by wrapping up warmly when you come to church.

Thinking more widely, the collection taken at our Joint Harvest service on the evening of September 25th will be donated to WaterAid, an organisation that works to provide clean, safe water to those most in need throughout the world: please give generously. If you are unable to be present at the service, donations can be given to me or to Ruth Taylor.

The coming months may well present challenges on a number of fronts, but God continues to be present with us. He gives us strength and courage we are unable to match on our own, and his love and presence bring us a sure hope, resulting from the Resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. May you continue to know God's presence, and experience his love and blessings in your lives.

With my love and prayers

Fr Tony

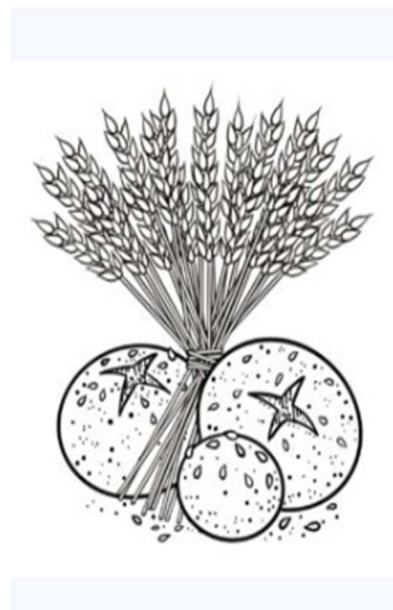
MOORGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

In a new chapter in our relationship with local schools, we are developing a new relationship with Moorgate County Primary School. The school straddles the boundary between this parish and St Chad's, and for many years the minister at St Chad's was active at Moorgate.

I am delighted to have been approached by the Head and Deputy Head, who are keen for the children to have as much experience of the Christian Church as possible. I will be leading fortnightly assemblies from the start of the new school term, which will alternate between school and St Augustine's: the first one at St Augustine's will be on Wednesday 14th September at 9.15am. It would be good for both staff and pupils to get to know other members of the church community apart from the Vicar, so if anyone would like to be on hand when assemblies are held at St Augustine's, and on other occasions when the school will be visiting, please let me know.

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ever	farmer	fantastic
corn	learn	path
difference	rocks	sower
thorn	birds	plants
sprouted	good	grew
soil	harvest	eaten
water	best	died



remembers our old acetylene plant in the churchyard, destroyed during one Mattins when the verger was unaware of the gas leak and lit up a cigarette. We still occasionally find pieces of his cassock when mowing the grass.

Mr Prentice, with a slightly malicious gleam, suggested building a treadmill, to be worked by the Young Farmers - which would also keep them out of the pub while Evensong was taking place. I couldn't help feeling that our Ladies Group would have far more determination to keep the thing rotating - probably providing enough energy to light the entire County. I was tempted to suggest we invite the vicar from our adjoining parish, St Agatha's, to preach every Sunday, as that would fill our church with more than enough hot air.

I finally stopped all further discussion on the subject when a solar panel consultant arrived at the Rectory and began his sales pitch with the phrase: "I've come to convert you".

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Please also pray for this new association, that through it the children of the area might know the reality of God's love for them through Jesus Christ.

Fr Tony

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

Following on from the previous article, though not as a direct result of it, we are joining with a new initiative to affirm youngsters in the parish as they step up a year at school, and in some cases move on to a new school.

"Bolton Back to School Sunday" is on the September 4th, and at our 10.30am sung mass prayers will be said for all those returning to school - pupils, teaching and other staff, and governors. Children will also receive a bag tag, with messages reminding them that God loves them and is near to them: there are also prayer cards for teachers.

If you - or a child you know - are returning to school this September, join us for our Bolton Back To School Sunday service. We'd love to see you.

Fr Tony



Our PCC bank account recently received a donation from AmazonSmile. Amazon will give 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT and other shipping fees) of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organisations selected by their customers - in our case, "The Parochial Church Council of the

Ecclesiastical Parish of St Augustine of Canterbury, Tonge Moor”. It’s a bit of a mouthful, but that is our ‘Sunday name’, and the one used by Amazon to identify us.

So how can you help raise funds for the parish in this way? The first thing to say is that items and prices on the smile.amazon website are identical to those on the usual Amazon site. Simply go to smile.amazon.co.uk, and you will be prompted to select a charitable organisation: St Augustine’s, Tonge Moor, or our ‘Sunday name’, as above. Having done that, bookmark the smile.amazon.co.uk website and delete the old amazon.co.uk bookmark.

Then, simply use the smile.amazon website to make all your usual Amazon purchases. It won’t cost you a penny extra, and Amazon will give to the parish 0.5% of your purchases’ net price. It’s that simple - and it all adds up.

Thank you to those of our parishioners who have already made the switch to smile.amazon. The more people who join them, the greater the donations Amazon will send our way!

Fr Tony

CHURCH CLEANING

There is a small group of parishioners who give up a morning each month. Apart from the cleaning they have tea/coffee, biscuits and social chat as well,



The next date for cleaning is
5th September 2022.
Meeting at 10.00am.

Many hands make light work!

The date/time could be subject to change, but usually decided by the Sunday, the day before, and is coordinated by Lilian Schofield 01204 303137

The Rectory St. James the Least



My dear Nephew Darren

Your church certainly seems to have taken to the idea of green electricity with a vengeance. To have covered the whole of your roof with solar panels was a brave move, and it makes quite a sight - especially when the sun catches them, dazzling motorists on the by-pass and causing multiple pile-ups. I pity the local pigeons, who try to land on it and then do a gentle glissade into the gutters.

I know there have been objections to your proposal to erect a wind turbine in your car park - although no one could claim that it spoils the aesthetic appearance of your church. Nothing, my dear Darren, could do that.

May I humbly offer you some further suggestions for reducing your electricity consumption. If you cut your sermons by half, then everyone could go home 20 minutes earlier. Similarly, if you only sang each chorus once instead of your customary 17 times, that should cut your service times in half. And why have lighting so good that everyone can see everyone else? That is the last thing our own congregation ever want to do.

I raised the issue at our last church council meeting, but having only recently gone on to electricity, there seemed little enthusiasm for yet more change. Major Hastings still fondly

The Bible is full of angels, from the early chapters of Genesis to the last chapter of Revelation, and often they had a key role in crucial events. It seems, from just two instances, that Michael was their leader, an 'archangel'. In many stained glass windows he's seen with a sword, because in a vision in Revelation he led the angelic host who fought and defeated Satan and his army.

In the Gospels, an angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah in the Temple, to tell him that his elderly wife was to have a son, the forerunner of the Messiah, John the Baptist. An angel - Gabriel - appeared to Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of the Messiah, the Son of God. An angel appeared 'in a dream' to Joseph, the village carpenter in Nazareth, to tell him to go ahead and marry his fiancée, Mary, and later - also in a dream - warned him not to go back to Bethlehem. A 'young man', whom we take to have been an angel, was sitting in the empty tomb on Easter morning, waiting to tell the startled women that Jesus wasn't there - He had risen (Mark 16:5).

Without going into every biblical reference to angels, those should be sufficient to show that the word covers an enormous diversity of experience. So the Letter to the Hebrews speaks of those who practice hospitality as sometimes 'entertaining angels unawares'. Sometimes people recognised angels for who they were, and sometimes they didn't. Angels, quite simply, are God's agents or emissaries, messengers and ministers of His will. Sometimes they are human; sometimes they seem to be spiritual beings.

Perhaps we could even say that *anyone*, in any situation, who is at that moment God's 'messenger' to us, or serves us graciously, is an 'angel'. So, when we say, 'Oh, be an angel and pop up to the chemist for my prescription', we may be nearer the heart of the matter than we think!

100 CLUB NEWS

The fourth & fifth draws for this term were drawn on Sunday 7th August 2022

First Prize Number 81 - Mildred Taylor - wins £25
Second Prize Number 17 - John Harrison - wins £15
Third Prize Number 96 - Nichola Smith - wins £10

First Prize Number 12 - Jenny Hunt - wins £25
Second Prize Number 119 - Liz Cheetham - wins £15
Third Prize Number 20 - Jean Turner - wins £10

The sixth draw for this term will be on Sunday 4th September

It is just £12 per number (£1 per month).

If you are not a member and would like to join or want to take an extra number, please see David or Ruth Taylor.

LITTER PICKING

The next monthly litter pick will take place on Saturday 3rd September at 10.30am after the morning Mass. Everyone is very welcome to come along to assist in this important task. Full equipment is provided.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Our Harvest Thanksgiving is Sunday 25th September. As we give God thanks for the bounty of the earth, we remember those who have suffered as a result of this year's terrible circumstances -

farmers unable to produce their usual crops, due a combination of unseasonably hot weather and the war in Ukraine; and the millions of people throughout the world suffering extreme food shortages.

We are inviting the following:

- Both fresh and packaged produce. If some can be brought to church the previous Saturday, to be placed around our churches as symbols of the food we eat, that would be wonderful. All food provided will be donated to Bolton Urban Outreach to help feed the hungry in our borough;
- Toiletries etc, to be donated to Bolton Food Hub, a branch of Bolton Urban Outreach. A list of items requested by the Food Hub is given on the opposite page.
- On the evening of the 25th September, the churches of Tonge Moor are gathering together at St Augustine's at 6.30pm to offer praise and worship, thinking about God's Creation during this most unusual of years. Do join us.

Fr Tony

*Congratulations and all our Best Wishes to
Brian Pye
who celebrates his
85th birthday on 26th September 2022
Also to*



Valerie Coward who celebrates her 80th birthday on 4th September 2022,

Doug Smith who celebrates his 80th birthday on 5th September 2022

And

Lilian Schofield who celebrates her 80th birthday on 12th September 2022

Also



*Anniversary wishes to
Doug & Sandra Smith*

*Who celebrate their Emerald Wedding (55 years) on
23rd September 2022*

and Stanmer (East Sussex) were dedicated to him. Bede mentions him. St Michael's Mount in Cornwall was believed to commemorate a vision there in the 8th century. By the end of the Middle Ages, St Michael had 686 English churches dedicated to him.

In art St Michael is often depicted as slaying the dragon, as in the 14th century East Anglican Psalters, or in Epstein's famous sculpture at Coventry cathedral. Or he is found (in medieval art) as weighing souls, as at Chaldon (Surrey), Swalcliffe (Oxon.), Eaton Bishop (Hereford and Worcester), and Martham in Suffolk. St Michael's most famous shrine in western Europe is Mont-Saint-Michel, where a Benedictine abbey was founded in the 10th century.

The 'All Angels' bit of this feast-day was added in 1969 when Gabriel and Raphael were included in with St Michael.

What is an angel? Easy, people think: a shining figure with glorious wings, who appears from time to time to do some mighty work for God or bring a very special message from him.



Well, that's right in one sense (apart from the wings, which owe more to stained glass windows than the Bible). But the fact that not all 'angels' in the Bible are 'glorious' or 'shining' should make us hesitate to categorise them in this spectacular way. After all, the three apparently ordinary men who visited Abraham and Sarah to tell them that she would have a son even though she was long past child-bearing age had none of those outward embellishments. Nevertheless, Abraham recognised them as divine messengers.

On Holy Cross Day, we recall Jesus' wonderful promise: "And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)

22nd SEPTEMBER: St. Matthew

St Matthew was one of 12 apostles. But he began as a publican i.e. a tax-collector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left all at the call of Christ. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Matthew is in correct, concise style, very suitable for public reading.

His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because his genealogy emphasised the family ties of Christ. In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles.

Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.

29th September: St. Michael and All Angels

St Michael is an archangel, whose name means 'who is like unto God?' He makes various appearances throughout the Bible, from the book of Daniel to the Book of Revelation. In Daniel, he is 'one of the princes' of the heavenly host, and the special guardian of Israel. In Revelation, he is the principal fighter of the heavenly battle against the devil.

From early times, St Michael's cult was strong in the British Isles. Churches at Malmesbury (Wiltshire), Clive (Gloucestershire)



Please use this list as a guide to what we need to help make up our food parcels.
Items highlighted with * are what we need the most.
For food safety / quality reasons, please don't donate any bakery products or items that require refrigeration or freezing.

Thank you!

Ambient / Long-Life Items

Tinned Soups (Any)
*Tinned Minced Beef
*Tinned Corned Beef
*Tinned Stewing Steak
*Tinned Meat Stews
*Tinned Chicken Stews
*Tinned meat or chicken curry
Tinned Veg Curry
*Tinned Ham
*Tinned Meat Pies
Tinned Fish (any)

Tinned Carrots
*Tinned Mushy Peas
*Tinned Garden Peas
*Tinned Processed Peas
*Tinned Mixed Vegetables
*Tinned Tomatoes
*Tinned Potatoes
*Instant Mash
Dried Rice
Microwave Rice
Dried Pasta
Cuppa Soup

Small cooking oils (max 200ml)
Cooking Sauces (jars)
Gravy granules and cubes
Herbs & Spices (any)
Salt & Pepper
Tomato Puree
Pickled beetroot, onions or cabbage
Salad Cream
Tomato Sauce
Brown Sauce

Coffee Powder
Instant Hot Chocolate
Long Life Fruit Juice (1 ltr or similar)
*Cordial
*Long Life Milk

Tinned Sweet Pie Fillings
Tinned Sponge Puddings
*Tinned Fruit (any)
* Instant Custard Powder
Tinned Custard
Rice Pudding
Sugar
Biscuits
Baking Products
Flour (Plain & Self Raising)
Angel Delight
Evaporated Milk
Trifle Mixes
Jellies

Cleaning Equipment

*Large food bags
Antibacterial Spray
Dish Cloths
Bleach
Toilet cleaner

Toiletries

Shampoo and Conditioner
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Toilet Rolls
Baby Wipes
*Nappies (all sizes but especially size 4 upwards)

Fresh Fruit and Veg

Apples and Oranges
Carrots, greens and potatoes
Salad items (not containing 'use by' dates)

Thank you for your help and support

URBAN
OUTREACH (BOLTON)

Messy Church

BEING LOST!

The last Messy Church had us finding out a Good Samaritan

The next session has us finding out about things that have been lost.

Find out more

**Saturday
17th September
2022
11am - 1pm**



St Augustine's Parish Hall

- Whatever your age – come and enjoy being creative!
- Join us for games, crafts, and a short period of worship then a simple meal.
- There will be no charge although donations towards the costs are welcome!
- Children will need to be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Messy Church is normally 3rd Saturday of the month,

the next session is a week earlier

8th October 2022

Helena was a devout Christian, and after her son, Constantine, was converted, they agreed that she should travel from Rome to Israel, and seek out the places of special significance to Christians.

Of course, much of Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Romans around 135 AD. But even so, Helena finally located what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (and modern archaeologists think she may well be correct). The sites were so close together that she built one large church over them - the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

That church, built in honour of the Cross, was dedicated on 14 September 335.

The sign of the Cross has been used by Christians since early times. Tertullian, writing his *De Corona* (3:2) around AD 211, noted that Christians seldom did anything significant without making the sign of the cross.

What is its significance? Well, people often put their initials or some sort of personal mark on something to show that it belongs to them. The Cross is the personal mark of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we mark it on ourselves as a sign that we belong to him. Even in the book of Revelation, we read that the servants of God are 'sealed' or 'marked' on their foreheads as a sign that they are His.

A preacher once put it this way: if you were explaining to someone how to make a cross, you would say: "Draw an I." That is you standing before the Lord, saying, 'here I am'. Then cancel that vertical stroke with a horizontal stroke - as if to say: "Lord, I abandon my self-will and make you the centre of my life instead. I abandon myself to your love and service."

background. During Jesus' public life, she is mentioned only occasionally, as at the wedding at Cana. She reappears at the foot of the Cross (John's Gospel), and is given into John's care. In the early chapters of Acts, Mary is with the Apostles, and received the Holy Spirit along with them on Whitsunday. But her role was not the active one of teaching and preaching.

Mary's significance grew with the centuries. By the fifth century she was called *Theotokos*, The Mother of God, and from the seventh century onwards, she was given four festivals: the Presentation in the Temple (2nd February), the Annunciation (25th March), the Assumption (15th August) and her Nativity (8th September).

Marian devotion has played an enormous role in the church down the years. Mary has been the object of countless prayers, accredited with performing many miracles, and the subject of thousands of artistic endeavours. She has had hundreds of chapels or parish churches named after her. During the Reformation many images of Mary were destroyed. The Second Vatican Council 1962 made an extended statement on her, stressing her complete dependence on her Son, and regarding her as a model of the Church.

Principal Marian shrines of today include Lourdes (France), Fatima (Portugal), Walsingham (England), Loreto (Italy), Czesochowa (Poland) and Guadalupe (Mexico).

14th September: Holy Cross Day

On Holy Cross Day the Church celebrates the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as the sign of Christ's victory over death. Holy Cross Day goes right back to 14 September 335, and we have the mother of a Roman Emperor to thank for it.

BOLTON BUS PRESERVATION GROUP

presents

An Evening Slide Show
of

BOLTON ROAD AND RAIL

A nostalgic look back at roads and railways of Bolton from a
bygone era
to be held at

St Augustine's Parish Hall

Monday 3rd October 2022

7.30pm

Admission £5.00

Including refreshments

All proceeds to the continued work of the Bolton Bus Preservation
Group

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



Last month we went to The Monastery, Gorton for our outing and on the way home we called at Wetherspoons for a meal. Thank you to Margaret Mullen for providing us with an informative and interesting talk about The Monastery at the start of our visit.

This month our meeting 'Malaria Awareness' will be at St. Aidan's on Wednesday 21st September. The meeting will start with Mass at 7.30pm followed by a bring and buy sale to raise funds to buy malaria nets, a project supported by MU.

Our monthly collection is bring and buy items: boxes are at the back of both churches

Thursday prayers this month will be on youtube at 12 noon on 8th September.

There will be craft afternoons on Monday's 5th and 19th starting at 1.30pm in the parish hall.

Elsie Hollinrake



Walsingham News

Our pre-pilgrimage social afternoon seemed to be enjoyed by all and at the point of submitting this, we are anticipating the pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine when we shall be celebrating the 75th anniversary of that first Tonge Moor visit in 1947. Hopefully, 'Somebody' will write a report of our five day visit which should find its way not only into the October magazine but also into the Walsingham Archives. (That's ours and theirs!). How will future pilgrims know how we celebrated this significant event if nobody had actually got round to writing it? Photographs of our visit, which are only part of the evidence, should be up on the board in the parish hall about a fortnight after we return.

Members of the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham should have received their copy of the Assumption-tide *Walsingham Review*, which includes a page about our unique record and the significance of pilgrimage for us seventy five years on. Cell members and this year's pilgrims have had a small publication which contains rather more detail of how it all began and about Fr Humphrey Whistler, the first Tonge Moor pilgrimage leader. If you haven't seen a copy and would like one, please ask. A sincere 'thank you' to all who have said how much they enjoyed reading

Whichever version of the Bible you have and/or study, please bring it along. You will be most welcome. If you prefer to listen, rather than to talk, that is fine. It is possible to learn a lot by listening to what other people say.

The meetings last for about an hour (maybe a little longer if there is a lot to discuss). The atmosphere is relaxed and purposeful and we enjoy light refreshments and each other's company.

It is helpful to read the relevant chapters before each meeting so that you have an overview of the 'themes' presented in them.

We look forward to seeing you.

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8th September: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In both eastern and western Churches, Mary has always been held as pre-eminent among all the saints. The unique, extraordinary privilege of being the mother of the One who was both God and Man, makes her worthy of special honour. Thomas Aquinas believed she was due *hyperdulia*, or a veneration that exceeds that of other saints, but is at the same time infinitely below the adoration, or *latria*, due to God alone.

The gospels of Matthew and Luke give Mary most mention. Luke even tells the story of Jesus' infancy from Mary's point of view. Her Song, or *Magnificat* appears in Luke 1:46-55.

The virginal conception of Christ is clearly stated in the gospels. But after Jesus' birth, Mary fades quietly into the

Watch out for details of our quiz on

15th October 2022



Fortnightly Bible Study Meetings

The focus for the next Bible Study meetings in St Augustine's Parish Hall is *The Acts of the Apostles*.

As before, the group will meet fortnightly, alternating between 1.30 pm and 7.30 pm, as follow -

Dates	Times	Focus of each meeting
15 August	1.30 pm	Chapters 1, 2 and 3
29 August	No meeting - Parish pilgrimage to Walsingham	29 August to 2 September
12 September	7.30 pm	Chapters 4, 5 and 6
26 September	1.30 pm	Chapters 7, 8 and 9
10 October	7.30 pm	Chapters 10, 11 and 12
24 October	1.30 pm	Chapters 13, 14 and 15
7 November	7.30 pm	Chapters 16, 17 and 18
21 November	1.30 pm	Chapters 19, 20 and 21
5 December	7.30 pm	Chapters 22, 23 and 24

Race Night

How much does it cost?
(It's up to you!)

You could be a Race Sponsor
(There will be 5 races - £5 each)

With 6 horses in each race and each horse will need

an owner (chooses the name)
a Trainer
a Groom
and a Jockey
(£1 each)



Family friendly

You will need money to bet on the night.
Tea/Coffee/Juice provided but feel free to bring your own.

Contact Ruth Taylor or Elsie Hollinrake

Saturday
24th September 2022
7.30pm
St Augustine's Church Hall

it. It would be really good to have future volumes such as 'Continuing through the 1950's & 1960's' and 'Into the 21st Century' but it's highly unlikely if former pilgrims don't start jotting down some memories or agreeing to let me listen to your recollections. Please, please do consider doing this. I am really grateful to Howard and Sandra Anderson who have already started the ball rolling. Are you the person/people who can claim to be next?

August's Youth Pilgrimage with its theme of 'Homeward Bound' went off very well. Quite a number attending were new to both Walsingham and the event, so that was very good indeed. Bishop Philip is usually the leader of the Ministry Team, but this year, along with 649 Anglican bishops and their spouses, he had a prior engagement at the Lambeth Conference. According to Twitter, during this time he had his first experience of Zumba, watched the Lionesses secure Euro 2022 glory on Sunday evening and then broadcast the following morning's Radio 4's Thought For Today. Hands up all those who think he'd rather have been in Walsingham!



The Catholic Charismatic Family Pilgrimage 'New Dawn' Conference at the National RC Shrine coincided with the Anglican Youth Pilgrimage. As the healing, children and youth ministries 'down there' were in tents located on the field opposite the main site and the Youth Pilgrimage is mostly based in a field by the Wells & Walsingham Light Railway station (and not actually at the Shrine) it was a sure way of expecting some much needed rain. Not a drop of it!! On enquiring how the vegetables were doing in his back garden, Keith Tuck told me the potatoes were roasting in the soil! I suspect we'll appreciate how much greener everything is up here as we travel through Lincolnshire and north Norfolk on Bank Holiday Monday.

During the second week of September, a group of brave and inspirational pilgrims will walk 37 miles over 3 days along a new(ish) walking/pilgrimage route from Norwich to Walsingham. Three notables to us are Fr Kevin, Sr Carol and Keith Tuck, so prayers for them will be much appreciated. The photo was taken on a risk assessment trip - presumably the dinosaur was unexpected! Hopefully the walk will result in some good publicity for the Shrine and promote an interest in pilgrimage for people of all faiths and none. Surely I'll hear some interesting stories when I'm at the Priory Craft week a fortnight later. We'll see how many are fit for publication.

Looking forward to this month, on Thursday 8th September we keep the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a 7.30pm Sung Mass. There will be a 10.00am said Mass with Devotions for the day kept as Our Lady of Walsingham on Saturday 24th September - both followed by light refreshments in the parish hall. We look forward just a week later to our annual Walsingham Festival on Saturday 1st October. We are sure to be joined by fellow pilgrims and friends from across the Diocese (and maybe even further) and will warmly welcome Fr Ben Bradshaw, the Shrine Priest, as the Preacher. Our special 75th Anniversary Year theme continues and it would be wonderful to have full pews both at the front and the back of church! As usual, there will be a Sung Mass at 3.00pm, followed by a sumptuous buffet, and will fittingly end with Benediction at some point around 5.30pm. Cash donations towards the cost of wine, other drinks and cakes/sweets are very welcome as are offers of items in the dessert line. Please sign the forthcoming list at the back of our churches or speak to Ruth, Elsie or Linda.

Thank you for your anticipated support and generosity.

Linda Parkinson