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Upcoming Services

27/02/2022 10:30 at Eccleston

Choral Communion - Priest:
Rev Elizabeth Inall

20/02/2022 10:30 at Pulford

Parish Communion – Priest:
Archdeacon Michael
Gibertson.

13/02/2022 10:30 at Eccleston

Choral Communion – Priest:
Rev Canon Chris Samuels.

06/02/2022 10:30 at Pulford

Parish Communion – Priest:
Rev Canon Stephen Attwater

Dear Reader,

I've taken over compiling the eBulletin from Rob Hughes and hope that I can do justice to Rob's excellent efforts over the past few months.

I would be very grateful for any church news or religious articles that people would like to share with other members of the congregation.

Kind Regards

Stephen Hutchinson

Announcements:

Since January 27th it is no longer obligatory to wear face coverings in church. However, if you feel you would still like to wear a face covering for personal reasons that is perfectly fine too.

Important News and Reminders

Food Bank:

A reminder from Rachel Williams

Top ten items needed at the foodbank as of 16/1/22

- Tinned meats, fish, desserts and puddings.
- UHT milk and UHT fruit juice
- Custard
- Instant coffee (small jars please)
- Jams and spreads
- Instant mashed potatoes.
- Pasta sauce
- Biscuits

The list changes from time to time. Both donation stations are emptied on the last service in the month and for those parents who receive the magazine we collect from school the last week of each half term.

General:

A reminder that Jeanette will be happy to collect food items from both churches and take them to the drop off points. For more details, please visit the link Samaritans-Purse.org.uk or feel free to contact Jeanette directly.



In the Community

No events this week.

Jeanette's thoughts for the weeks ahead

A poem by Anne Morrow Lindbergh:

"Live from day to day,
Just from day to day.
If you do so, you worry less
And live more richly.
If you let yourself be absorbed completely,
If you surrender completely to the moments as they pass,
You live more richly those moments".

Jeanette has asked me to share this video of her grandson feeding ducks:

<https://share.icloud.com/photos/049FwwTod3N4OPTmSOfiOsDyw>

A prayer by Anne Morrow Lindbergh:

Lord, let the fire of heaven touch my lips today and transform my judgements into intercession, my gossip into encouragement, my self-pity into praise and my complaining into gratitude.

Pause and pray.

I think of a missionary who is living out the words of Isaiah: 'Here I am, send me'. [Isaiah 6: 3b-9a]

Lord, pour your Spirit out upon all missionaries today and shine your face upon their lives. Anoint the words of their mouth and bless the works of their hands.

Taken from the Lectio 365 app



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Steve's thought for the day (3/2/22)

Who's really in charge?

Back in the day, a Roman legion was approximately 6000 soldiers. 12 legions of angels would have been therefore $6000 \times 12 = 72,000$ angels. 2 Kings 19:35 tells us that 1 angel is approximately equivalent in strength to 185,000 men. Therefore 12 legions of angels would be equivalent in strength to $185,000 \times 72,000 = 13.32$ billion men.

At the moment, the population of the world is 7.9 billion. I find great comfort in the fact that God's angels will always be stronger. After watching the daily news, or reading a newspaper, it is always reassuring to remember that God is most definitely in charge here.



Steve's book recommendation of the week:

Imagine Heaven by John Burke.

John Burke (a pastor from the Gateway church in Austin, Texas) interviews over 100 people who claim to have had a NDE (Near Death Experience) and finds many people share the same experience. He describes in this book the experiences of people from all walks of life who have been pronounced clinically dead, and what they experience beyond the grave. It is a fascinating and important book written from a Christian perspective that is both illuminating and very comforting.



Bible Verses

[Matthew 26:53]

"Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my father and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels".

[2 Kings 19:35]

"That night the angel of the Lord went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp".

Update from Rob Hughes (3/2/22)

I'm pleased to be a contributor to Steve's new-look Newsletter and website. As you may know, now that the new means of communication are in place, I am no longer able to retain the address information of parishioners and Electoral Roll details under GDPR regulations.

I will, however, continue to provide weekly, e-mailed, Home Worship resources **to those who have already requested them** (no need to do anything else).

I've been asked for the links to the prayer resources I use in the Home Worship File - which are as follows:

- The Anglican Chaplaincy of Costa Blanca website

<https://costablanca-anglicanchaplaincy.org/prayers-and-intercessions/>

- The *ThisIsChurch* website

http://www.thisischurch.com/prayer_worship/weekly_church_prayers.htm.

Both sites clearly state that these resources may be used and/or adapted freely on the basis that **'God's word has no copyright'**. I would ask, though, that if you publish them on, please simply attribute the words at the end. **To print them off and read them out, so to speak, does not require this courtesy.**

Note: For those who are not already on Rob's Home Worship email list and wish to continue receiving the Home Worship guide, please contact Rob at bob.hughes251@mac.com

Rob's Home worship can be downloaded from the Church website at <https://www.ecclestonchurch.org/homeworship>



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