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## Services for May 2024

5 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<i>Leader:</i>	Mr John Forshaw
	<b>St Marks</b>	<i>Preacher:</i>	Ven David Garnett
	Holy Communion	<i>Bible reading:</i>	Mr Max Jones                      NT- Acts 10: 44-end Gospel- John 15: 9-17
		<i>Prayers:</i>	Rev Stephen Foster
		<i>Welcomers</i>	Mrs Mary Jones and Mr Max Jones

9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ascension Day</b> Service at 10am in St Mark's Church.    Rev Eileen Heaney		
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12 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<i>Leader:</i>	Rev Eileen Heaney
	<b>St Marks</b>	<i>Preacher:</i>	Rev Canon Ross Moughtin
	Holy Communion	<i>Bible reading:</i>	Mr John Cooper    NT- Acts 1:15-17 and 21-end Gospel-John 5: 6-19
		<i>Prayers:</i>	Mrs Christine Nicholson
		<i>Welcomers:</i>	Mr John Cooper and Mrs Dawn Cooper

19 <sup>th</sup>	9am	<i>Leader:</i>	Rev Eileen Heaney
	PENTECOST	<i>Preacher:</i>	Rev Eileen Heaney
	<b>St Marks</b>	<i>Bible reading:</i>	Ms Jules Emmett
		<i>Prayers:</i>	Rev Eileen Heaney
	<b>11am JOINT SERVICE/GET TOGETHER</b> with Bickerstaffe, St Michael's Aughton and Christ Church Aughton- <i>PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE SHEET AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH IF YOU MAY NEED TRANSPORT.</i>		

26 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<i>Leader:</i>	Rev Eileen Heaney
	<b>St Marks</b>	<i>Preacher:</i>	Mrs Wen Dixon
	Holy Communion	<i>Bible reading:</i>	Mr Peter Smith                      NT-Romans 8:12-17 Gospel- John 3 :1-17
		<i>Prayers:</i>	Mrs Wen Dixon
		<i>Welcomers</i>	Mr Peter Smith and Mrs Jenny Smith

Dear Friends,

Well, we are all back from our adventure in Uganda. For me and others it has been a most amazing time of insightful blessings we can't wait to tell you about. We are planning a short Ugandan type service and presentation to include an example of the food we ate.



We will let you know the dates in our service and put notices on our notice boards at church.

The journey was mainly ups but also few downs

How did we deal with it all? Well, God sent us this to make us think:

“You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

“Because someone bumped into me!”

Wrong answer.

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup.

Had there been tea in your cup, you would have spilled tea.

Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen) whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled.

So we have to ask ourselves: “What's in my cup?”

When life gets tough, what spills over?

Joy, gratitude, peace, and humility?

Anger, bitterness, victim mentality and quitting tendencies?

Life provides the cup, YOU choose how to fill it.

Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joys, words of affirmation, resilience, positivity, and kindness, gentleness and love for others.

Love and Blessings,

Eileen

Could you join us in our prayer for St Marks Church



God of Mission who alone brings growth to your church  
Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning  
Joy to our worship, wisdom to our actions  
And Power to our witness  
Help our churches to grow in numbers  
and spiritual commitment to you and our local community  
through Jesus Christ Our Lord  
**Amen**

## Christian Aid Week 2024 : 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May

Will you help someone push back against poverty this Christian Aid week?

**7 days, so many ways**

With your help, we can work towards a world where families can escape the trap of poverty and fulfil their ambitions.

Seven days, so many ways to fund lasting change.

*Every action. Every prayer. Every one of us can change lives.*

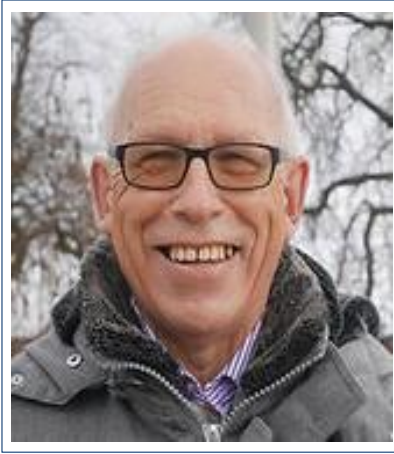
There will be a coffee morning at St John's church, Burscough

on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 to 11.30am**

£5 for a bacon barm and unlimited tea/coffee/juice -  
park on Tesco Car Park and walk across.

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 The **deadline** for including anything in the **June** magazine is **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024**   
Contact [pamluscombe@yahoo.com](mailto:pamluscombe@yahoo.com) or phone 0771961111



Rev. Canon Ross Moughtin's blog

## When we would glimpse heaven

Hi Folks!

Heaven is not what you think. Certainly not harp-strumming angels, with little lambs cared for by a carefully coiffured, blue-eyed Jesus on a verdant landscape. Neither some distantly remote galaxy hopelessly removed from human reality.

This week especially, as we celebrate Jesus' victory over death, what is the hope we would enter into as we pledge our lives to him?

What does it actually mean "We go to heaven," even though the phrase does not appear in the New Testament?

So many of us hold the wrong image, derived not from the Bible but from classical Greece and subsequent Roman culture. This is what we see, for example, in Ridley Scott's *Gladiator* as the character played by Russell Crowe, prepared to die, glimpses the Elysian Fields. Very pleasant, of course: but not the heaven as taught in scripture.

So what does the Bible hold out for us? Very simply, as I shared the other week, a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21:1), a kingdom where God's will is done and all relationships restored to his original purpose. It will be a place of love and beauty, purpose and plenty, as glimpsed afar by the prophet Isaiah: "Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away." (Isaiah 51:11)

This is the "new Jerusalem," where there is both continuity and discontinuity, "It's Jerusalem, Jim – but not as we know it." Remarkably, as Isaiah foresees, there are both wolves and lambs but in an entirely new relationship as they feed together not one eating the other!

This is a future we dare to hope for and certainly for Christians, enduring terrible hardship and even cruel persecution, a hugely important cause for encouragement. So the apostle Paul, for example, writes of his longing to be with Christ. He explains: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21)

So in Eugene Peterson's somewhat over-the-top translation, we read: "As long as I'm alive in this body, there is good work for me to do. If I had to choose right now, I hardly know which I'd choose. Hard choice! The desire to break camp here and be with Christ is powerful. Some days I can think of nothing better. But most days, because of what you

are going through, I am sure that it's better for me to stick it out here." (v22f, *the Message*)

So how do we hope for heaven, for God's glorious future, for creation healed? I haven't got the book to hand but I recall Pete Greig, in *God on Mute*, encouraging us to actively hold onto the hope of heaven as an integral part of the Christian life. Something far more wonderful than merely hoping for a pie in the sky when we die.

So wonderful, in fact, it is beyond our understanding.

So the apostle Paul quotes Isaiah: "'What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived' - the things God has prepared for those who love him." (1 Corinthians 2:9). In other words we simply cannot even begin to imagine God's glorious future, it's beyond our intellectual grasp.

As a sixth former I was encouraged by a crazy book I found in the school library: *"Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions."* It's a Victorian novella of life in a two-dimensional world where everything and everyone is flat. And when a three-dimensional sphere appears, the flatlanders experience this as a circle. They simply lack the ability to appreciate another dimension, like us limited to our three-dimensional world.

Again the world of cosmology helps us to glimpse what we cannot see. I find all this wonderfully fascinating as theoretical physicists, like Stephen Hawking, use mathematics to explore our wonderful universe, so weird it's amazing. How about the anthropic principle? This suggests that the existence of a multitude of universes, each with different physical laws, could explain the fine-tuning of our own universe for conscious life.

We can't understand this, of course, but it's a strong argument for humility, of how to live with our very limited understanding of reality. The fact that we cannot understand God's glorious future is simply par for the course.

However, C S Lewis has a fascinating approach to all this, in that he encourages in the ordinary affairs of life to be prepared to glimpse heaven in our peripheral vision. Such insights are sudden and transient, like glimpsing a kingfisher on a country walk.

But more, a sense that we are made for more than this. So he writes: "Most people, if they had really learned to look into their own hearts, would know that they do want, and want acutely, something that cannot be had in this world. There are all sorts of things in this world that offer to give it to you, but they never quite keep their promise."

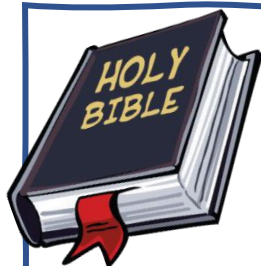
So he argues: "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

So again as a sixth former I read in his *Mere Christianity*, which has been with me ever since. "I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country and to help others to do the same."

So secure in the love of our victorious Christ, we can handle whatever life would throw at us, knowing that God's glorious future has already arrived. We do so, in the words of the apostle Peter, as exiles. "residing temporarily in the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and West Lancashire." (1 Peter 1:1, my translation).

Alleluia, Christ is risen  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

You can read this blog at <https://rossmoughtin.wixsite.com> where you can subscribe to future mailing



## **Bible Fellowship Group - SEEKERS**

For those who have recently started on their journey with God, or those who have had a life-long relationship with their Maker through church.

**This is an opportunity to develop your faith  
by turning to God's word.**

On **alternate** Tuesdays of each month at 2:30pm.

Led by Rev Stephen Foster  
**Bescar Lane Methodist Church** (*until further notice*)

*Future meetings are 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June*

### **Our verse for 2024**

**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.**

*Romans 8:28*

## ST. MARK'S PENSIONER'S LUNCHEON CLUB



We are a friendly group of ladies and gentlemen who meet in the Parish Hall, Usually on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, for a meal and friendship.



**This month, due to a clash with the Local Elections, we will be meeting on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**

The doors open at 11am for tea, coffee and biscuits to greet friends.

At noon, we serve a 3 course freshly cooked meal of soup, main course and dessert with a cold drink. Tea and coffee are available afterwards.

**The total cost is £4 per meeting.**

In normal years we also enjoy a half day trip out with afternoon tea provided.

In December, we have a Christmas party.

**New members will be very welcome.**

If you would like any more information on joining us, please contact  
ANN LILLY on 01704 541855(evening)

## Parish Magazine subscription

The annual subscription of £8 for the 10 issues was due in **February**

DONATIONS for EMAIL DELIVERY of the MAGAZINE.

Please use either the collection box at the back of the church for your donation, or pay St.Marks direct into the bank.

BACs direct :

**PCC of St Marks Scarisbrick Sort Code: 16-32-10 Account: 13460435**

Please put "Magazine" in the reference box  
for our treasurer *Janet Hinton*



# Digital Giving is here...

## Did you know?

We know accept Gifts and Donations  
via **Give A Little** and **Sumup**

It's really easy via your mobile...  
Just scan one of the **QR codes**  
dotted around the church and  
follow the on-screen instructions.

The QR codes look like this >>>  
**Why not give it a go now!**



Don't forget, however you Gift or Donate... *giftaid it*

Gift Aid allows us to claim an extra £2.50 for every £10 you donate



## Commonwealth War Graves Awareness Week

On **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May** between 2 and 4pm

**Located in the Churchyard at St John the Baptist, Burscough**

St John's graveyard.

Guides will be taking visitors to 5/6 of the Commonwealth War Graves  
(there are 22 in total) and giving information about the men buried there.

There will also be two talks during the afternoon in church regarding the

'East Window' and its links to the First World War.

It is free of charge and no booking is required.



~Down Our Way~

## Martin Mere



In the early 1690s Martin Mere was described as the largest lake in England. It was originally formed in the Ice Age by a depression in the boulder clay and filled with fresh water from the melting ice.

Leland described the Mere, a freshwater lake, in 1543 as 4 miles in length and 3 miles in breadth. Greenwood's map, drawn in 1818, long after the initial drainage of the Mere shows it as 5 miles across. It was immense!

The current Wildfowl and Wetland Trust Reserve occupies only a very small corner of the original Mere, which was said to have had a circumference of 20 miles.

In the 1690s Thomas Fleetwood proposed that the Mere be drained to dry land, and he thought he had been successful. However, large areas have been flooded from time to time over the following centuries. If you look at Mitchell's Floodwater map of 1848, you can see how close the Mere is to Scarisbrick. Indeed, Scarisbrick was described as a "cluster of farmsteads perching just yards from the undrained Mere".

The earliest inhabitants of these 'damp and remote' places were more likely to have been wildfowlers, fishermen and egg collectors than farmers occupied with agriculture.

The land boundary of Scarisbrick ran from Parrock Ditch (Wyke Ditch) on the edge of North Meols and ended at Dicks Garden Ditch near the Dohile – a pasture land in Burscough.

Early 18<sup>th</sup> century sketch maps, drawn up at the time of draining, indicate that there were three islands in the Mere. One, named Great Peel, is the mound of land where Berry House Farm is built. Little Peel, the second island, was at Fish Lane. Midway between where the two islands lay, in the hedge opposite the road leading to the Windmill, is the boundary stone between Scarisbrick and Burscough. It can still be seen.

It is fascinating to look at the local maps on the internet. Check out Leighs map of 1700, Bowens map of 1745, Yates' map of 1786 and Atkins' map of 1794.

If you can get hold of the book: Martin Mere Lancashire's Lost Lake by W.G.Hale and Audrey Coney, published in 2005 by Liverpool University Press, it is well worth reading. It is full of fascinating facts, maps and photographs, too many to write about here in our little magazine. Thank you to Ray for lending it to me, it's a long read, but I promise to return it!

*Pam*

## FLOWERS ROTA 2024

<b>Jan</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Christmas Flowers</i>	<b>July</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>
	14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mrs M Jones</i>		14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>
	21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Mrs M Jones</i>		21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Mrs S Tatlock</i>
	28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mrs M Jones</i>		28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mrs S Tatlock</i>
<b>Feb</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mrs P Luscombe</i>	<b>August</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mrs D Cooper</i>
	11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mrs P Luscombe</i>		11 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mrs D Cooper</i>
	18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Lent 1</i>		18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>
	25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Lent 2</i>		25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>
<b>March</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Lent 3</i>	<b>Sept</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Mrs K Griffiths</i>
	10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Lent 4</i>		8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mrs K Griffiths</i>
	17 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Lent 5</i>		15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>
	24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>		22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>
	31 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Easter Sunday Mr D Sutton</i>		29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>
<b>April</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Easter Flowers</i>	<b>Oct</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Harvest Flowers</i>
	14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Easter Flowers</i>		13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Harvest Flowers</i>
	21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Mrs S Williams</i>		20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>
	28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mrs S Williams</i>		27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>
<b>May</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mrs G Donnelly</i>	<b>Nov</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>
	12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mrs G Donnelly</i>		10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Remembrance Wreaths</i>
	19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mrs S Williams</i>		17 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Remembrance Wreaths</i>
	26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mrs J Maguire</i>		24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>
<b>June</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>	<b>Dec</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Mrs H Pitman</i>
	9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mrs S McDonald</i>		8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Rev'd Eileen Heaney</i>
	16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mrs S McDonald</i>		15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Rev'd Eileen Heaney</i>
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>		22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Christmas Flowers</i>
	30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Flower Fund</i>		29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Christmas Flowers</i>

If you have a special date you would like to remember with Church Flowers, please let Mrs Mary Jones, our Flower Secretary, know. telephone 01704 840538



## Art and Craft Group



Parish Hall St Mark's

If you would like to come to an Art and Craft group; beginner, doodler or expert all welcome, contact Pam Luscombe or Wen Dixon in church or 07719611149

Free of charge, bring your own materials,  
*(although there are a few resources in the store cupboard)*  
some tuition/ guidance is available if needed.

**We will be meeting on alternate Tuesday afternoons from 1pm until 4pm**  
**next meetings 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> June**



## COFFEE AFTERNOON

Usually on the first **Monday** of each month, there is a get-together in the Parish Hall , **2-4 pm**. Come and have a chat, tea, coffee and some home-made cake.

Next meetings: **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

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## The Men's Group *(Ladies also welcome)*

Come along for a pint, a chat and a snack

We meet on the last Wednesday of the month

**7pm – 9pm at Master McGraths.**  
**(men and ladies welcome)**

*Easy to remember:*

*It is the **LAST WEDNESDAY** of the month.*



# Bescar Lane Church Coffee Morning

## Every Thursday morning

*NB: This will continue until further notice*

A happy time with Mums and babies, toddlers and other local people.  
Cakes, biscuits, tea and coffee are on offer.

**All ages welcome.**

The Post Office will also be open at this time until further notice.

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St Mark's website is at [www.stmarks-scarisbrick.co.uk](http://www.stmarks-scarisbrick.co.uk)

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## **Civic Service**

**With Scarisbrick Parish Council**

Will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 11am in St Mark's Church

Refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall

## **Pentecost Sunday**



The churches of St Michael's Aughton, Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe, Christ Church Aughton, St Mark's Scarisbrick and St James' Westhead will join together to celebrate Pentecost on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May on the Parish Field in Bickerstaffe.



The service will be 11am, and following the service we'll enjoy a picnic. There will be a craft tent for the children and other activities. Please put the date in your diary and invite friends and family.

*If you would like to go but have no transport,  
we are hoping to provide a bus if enough people wish to go.*



# St Mark's Walking Group

## 2024 Programme

### Walk Programme .....All are Fridays at 10am prompt

April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Rivington: Tower and Pike	10km. 1,000ft ascent	John and Dawn
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Billinge Hill		
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Silverdale: A quart in a pint pot!	9.5km. 520ft ascent	Peter
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sawley		
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Yarrow Country Park		Paul
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Glasson Dock		
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Scorton and Nicky Nook		Peter
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thurstaston		
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Daresbury: Lewis Carroll walk	10km. Flat	Peter

### ***What you can expect:***

Walkers meet at 10am prompt at St Mark's Parish Hall.\*

These walks will usually be led by either: Paul, Peter, Dawn and John  
 Walks will be between **5 and 6 miles** but the difficulty depends on the terrain and the weather! Local wet weather in the days before the walk and tides for coastal walks can all have an impact. These walks are published walks and will not necessarily be "recce'd" by us beforehand.

**You will need full gear: boots, socks, weatherproofs, hat and refreshment.**

Journey is by private car so if any walker can drive and take passengers that helps.

If car park or toll charges are incurred the driver would appreciate the passengers chipping in!

The walk will usually finish at a coffee house or pub for fellowship.

For more information or to book a place contact either of us or email:

[stmarksscarisbrick@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksscarisbrick@gmail.com)

*\*We don't want to leave anyone behind so please let us know no later than the Wednesday before the walk so that we can finalise the arrangements*



## Blast from the Past



**St Mark's Square Dancing Troupe** *Submitted by Rev. Eileen.*

Left to right: Back row:

John Pilkington, Ronnie Marshall, Philip Scarisbrick, Michael Cox, John Halsall.

Front row:

Mary Core, Olive Davies, Margaret Core, Dorothy Foster, Jane Hutchinson

### **Unexploded Mine!**

This news item appeared in The Kentish Times and Mail On 26<sup>th</sup> April 1952.

*Imagine this happening on Southport beach!*

“A naval mine disposal squad raced from Chatham to Ramsgate on Thursday after a heavy metal object was discovered just beneath the surface of the sands adjoining the East Pier.

The sailors cleared some of the sand away from a domed surface and attached a rope to a handle-like fixture.

Watchers held their breath as a team of men tugged the ‘mine’ clear.

It was a dustbin lid.”

## Dates for your Diary

10.00am: **9<sup>th</sup> May** Ascension Service at St Marks

11.00am: **19<sup>th</sup> May** at Holy Trinity Church joint Pentecost service with surrounding churches.

11.00am: **2<sup>nd</sup> June** Civic Service at St Marks

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Half Night Vigil Prayer Time  
to pray for preparation of the  
**Holy Spirit at Pentecost.**

5:30-6:30 : a time of Bring and Share

6:30-12 midnight :Prayer time.

People can stay for the whole time, come and go as they wish, or join us during this time at home.

# Children's Church

It has been good to see and hear our children in church. They are all back at school now after their Easter break, and move forward into the Summer Term.

**Please pray for the children, their parents, and their teachers and the wonderful work they are doing in our church and our school**



**New**

# Mary's Ministries

We are piloting a Women's Breakfast morning

The last Saturday of May:

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**9:30-11am**

Come along and bring your friends.

Breakfast, chat and fellowship.



So what if I don't know what 'armageddon' means.  
It's not the end of the world.



What is the difference between ignorance and apathy?  
I don't know and I don't care.



I broke my finger last week.  
On the other hand, I'm okay.

Known as "Dad Jokes !!"

## The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

**Nine qualities** or gifts that result from the work of the **Holy Spirit** within a Christian's life:




1. **Love:** This foundational virtue represents selfless, sacrificial love for others, exemplified by Jesus Christ.
2. **Joy:** Christian joy transcends circumstances and stems from a deep contentment and gladness derived from a relationship with God.
3. **Peace:** Refers to inner peace, reconciliation with God, and living harmoniously with others.
4. **Patience:** Involves being slow to anger, showing forbearance, and maintaining patience even in challenging situations.
5. **Kindness:** Demonstrates friendliness, generosity, and consideration toward others, often prioritizing their needs over one's own.
6. **Goodness:** Signifies moral excellence and integrity in character and actions.
7. **Faithfulness:** Relates to loyalty, reliability, and trustworthiness in commitments and relationships.
8. **Gentleness:** Involves having a gentle and humble spirit, displaying meekness and compassion toward others.
9. **Self-Control:** The ability to exercise discipline and restraint over desires and behaviors, especially in the face of temptation.


## The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

There is some dispute as to the exact nature and number of gifts of the Holy Spirit. The origin of spiritual gifts can be traced back to the Holy Spirit's work in the life of a believer. See Acts 1:8

The Gift of Wisdom:	The Gift of Miracles:
Fear of the Lord:	The Gift of Prophecy:
The Gift of Knowledge:	The Gift of Discerning Spirits:
The Gift of Faith:	The Gift of Tongues:
The Gift of Healing:	The Gift of Interpreting Tongues:



**Faith sees the invisible, believes  
the incredible and receives the  
impossible!**



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Wed	1	Prayers: church 10- 11am.	
Thur	2	Bescar Lane Coffee morning 10-12. <i>Happy Thursdays 7pm</i>	
Fri	3		
Sat	4		
Sun	5	<b>11am</b> Holy Communion and Children's church	
Mon	6	Coffee Afternoon 2-4pm Parish Hall	
Tue	7	Bible Study and Fellowship at Bescar Lane 2:30pm	
Wed	8	Prayers: church 10-11am	
Thur	9	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b> service 10am. Bescar Lane Coffee morning 10-12. <b>*St Mark's Luncheon Club 11am</b> <i>Happy Thursdays 7pm</i>	
Fri	10		
Sat	11		
Sun	12	<b>11am</b> Holy Communion, Children's church. Half Night Prayer Vigil	
Mon	13		<i>Christian Aid Week</i>
Tue	14	Art and Craft Club 1pm-4pm Parish Hall	<i>Christian Aid Week</i>
Wed	15	Prayers: church 10- 11am	<i>Christian Aid Week</i>
Thur	16	Bescar Lane Coffee morning 10-12. <i>Happy Thursdays 7pm</i>	<i>Christian Aid Week</i>
Fri	17	<b><i>Magazine Articles Deadline</i></b>	<i>Christian Aid Week</i>
Sat	18		<i>Christian Aid Week</i>
Sun	19	<b>PENTECOST</b> service <b>9am St Mark's</b> <b>11am on the Parish Field at Bickerstaffe</b>	
Mon	20		
Tue	21	Bible Study and Fellowship at Bescar Lane 2:30pm	
Wed	22	Prayers: church 10- 11am..	
Thur	23	Bescar Lane Coffee morning 10-12 <b>*St Mark's Luncheon Club 11am</b>	
Fri	24	Walking Group 10am	
Sat	25	Mary's Ministries 9:30-11 (Women's Breakfast)	
Sun	26	<b>11am</b> Holy Communion and Children's church	
Mon	27		
Tue	28	Art and Craft Club 1pm-4pm Parish Hall	
Wed	29	McGraths Men's group 7pm	
Thur	30		
Fri	31		



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