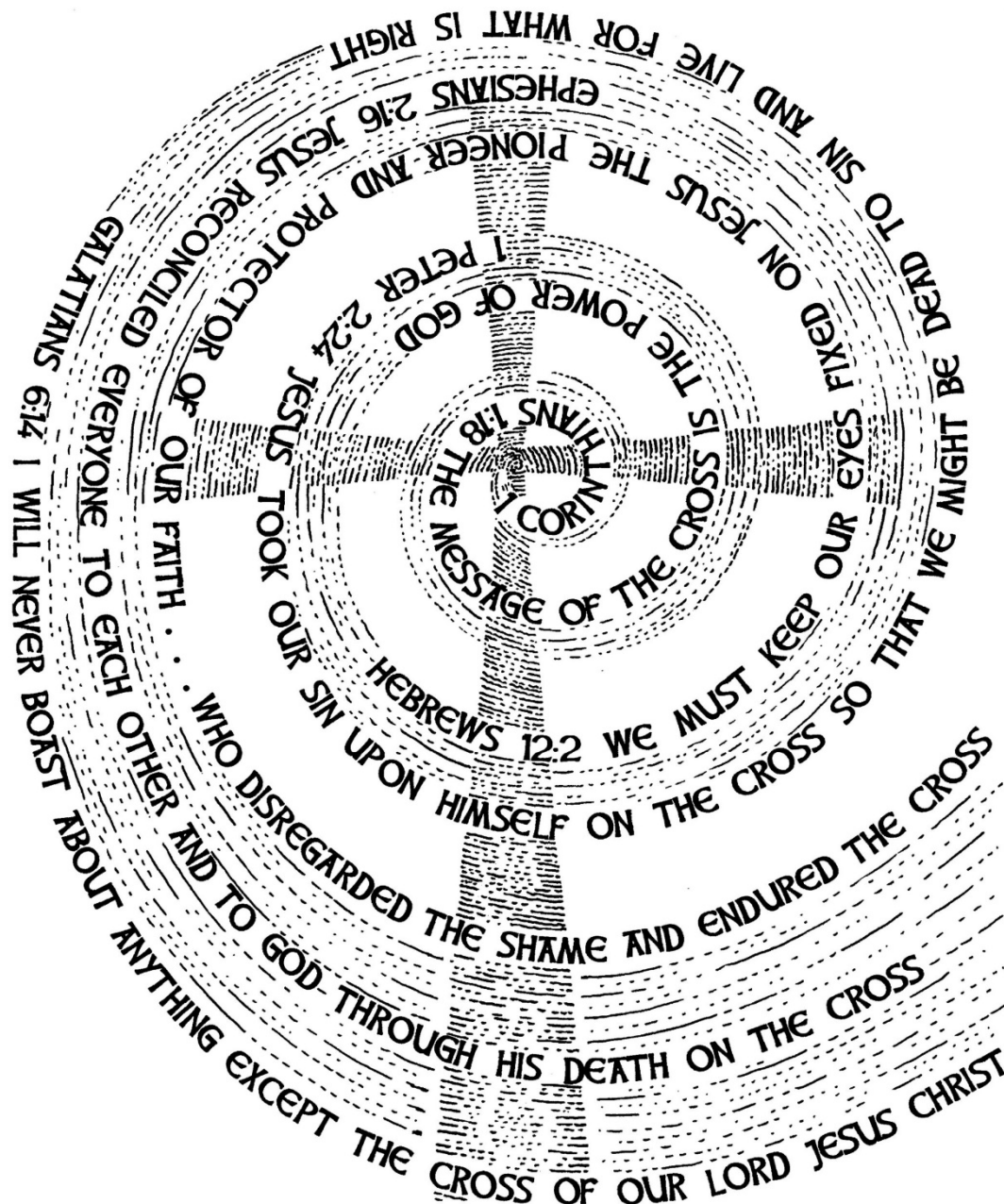


# Parish Magazine

April 2022

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## St. John's Parish Church

Rufford Road, Crossens  
(A member of the North Meols Team Ministry)

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**The church will be open for regular services on Sunday and Wednesday. Service times:**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

For the time being, these will be spoken services, with a few hymns. We are slowly returning to more normal services.

Dear Friends,

In the March magazine, Karen wrote about the bleakness in church during the season of Lent, no flowers, no singing of the Gloria, no saying or singing the great Alleluias!



So, for me one of the joys of Easter, as I open the great doors of our churches, is to be met with the wonderful smell of fresh flowers, and then as I walk in, I see the glorious altar frontal, intricate needlework, glorious white and to know in that moment we are once again celebrating something very wonderful indeed. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Just a couple of days before, many of us had attended services in church and entered into the deep and profound darkness of Good Friday when as Christians we recall the agonising death of Jesus on the cross, taking upon himself the sins of the whole world.

On Easter morning it's no longer deep gloom but now a realisation that the cross was not the end because when Jesus rose from the dead, he put an end to death once and for all. Easter is a time to celebrate, to sing loudly once again the Gloria, to fill the church with singing glorious alleluias, time to indeed rejoice in a God who loves us so much and triumphed on the cross.

But the Christian faith is never a faith where there is untainted joy because we live in a broken world and that world will and should impact upon us. After all Christianity began with the cruel death of Jesus a young man.

So, as we celebrate the great festival of Easter, in our 'joy' and thankfulness for so many blessings we have received, we are mindful of the peoples of Ukraine, those who have fled, those injured, those who have died.

So, as joyful 'alleluias' ring out in our churches may such a proclamation also hold the people Ukraine in prayer and love.



May the peace of God enfold Ukraine this Eastertide and beyond  
Amen

Yours in Christ, Rebecca (Rev Rebecca Clarke Team Rector North  
Meols Team)

## LENTEN SERIES

# PEOPLE WHO JESUS MET

This year we will be looking at people Jesus met, those ordinary men and women, mostly unnamed, and not all followers of Jesus. However, they knew about Jesus and knew that he could help them.

**March 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** St John's Church  
Jesus and the Syrophenician Women

**March 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** St Cuthbert's Church  
Jesus and the centurion

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm** St Stephen's Church  
Jesus and the Adulterous Women

**March 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** St John's Church  
Jesus and the leper who came back

**April 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** St Cuthbert's Church  
Jesus and the Emmaus Road Meeting

Each session will last 30 minutes and will include a reflection on these encounters with Jesus

Please tell as many people as you can. This is the first time in two years that we have been able to do a Lenten Series so let us try and make this an extra special time as we travel through Lent.

Chris



# Holy Week

**COME AND JOIN US THIS HOLY WEEK AND EASTER FOR SERVICES  
ACROSS OUR CHURCHES IN THE NORTH MEOLS TEAM.**

**APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> PALM SUNDAY**

ST CUTHBERT CHURCHTOWN

10.30am Holy Communion / Blessing of the Palm Crosses

ST JOHN CROSSENS

10.00am Holy Communion / Blessing of the Palm Crosses

ST STEPHEN IN THE BANKS

10.30am Morning Prayer / Blessing of the Palm Crosses

**APRIL 11<sup>th</sup> HOLY MONDAY**

ST JOHN CROSSENS

7pm Stations of the Cross followed by Compline

**APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> HOLY TUESDAY**

ST CUTHBERT CHURCHTOWN

7pm 'A Reflection' followed by Compline

**APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> HOLY WEDNESDAY**

ST STEPHEN IN THE BANKS

7pm 'A Reflection' followed by Compline

**APRIL 14<sup>th</sup> MAUNDAY THURSDAY**

ST JOHN CROSSENS

7pm Service of Holy Communion

**APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> GOOD FRIDAY**

10.00am The walk of witness from the village church to St Cuthbert,  
Churchtown

10.30am Service for Good Friday.

**ST CUTHBERT CHURCHTOWN**

2pm The Last Hour

**ST JOHN CROSSENS**

10.00am Anti-Communion and Liturgy

2pm The Last Hour

**ST STEPHEN IN THE BANKS**

10.30 SERVICE FOR GOOD FRIDAY

**APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> HOLY SATURDAY**

**ST JOHN CROSSENS**

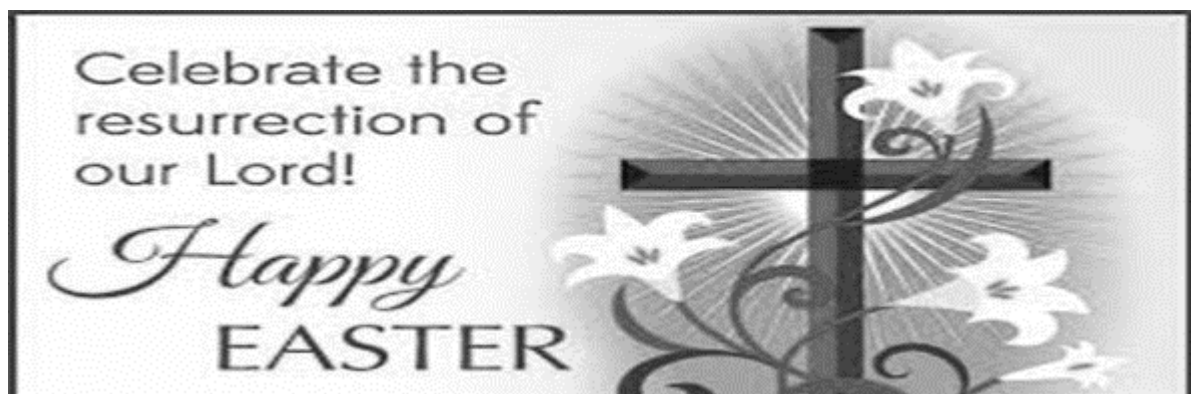
7pm Easter Vigil and Lighting of the Easter Candle

**APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> Easter Sunday Holy Communion**

10.30am St CUTHBERT CHURCHTOWN

10.00am ST JOHN CROSSENS

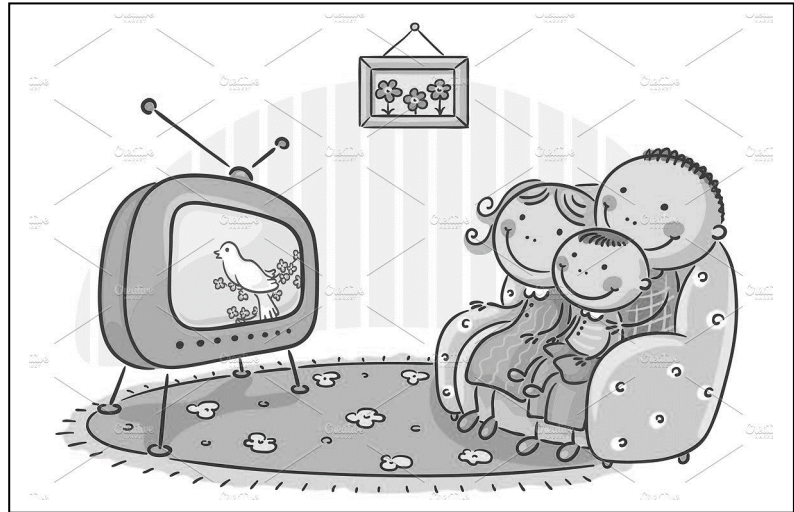
10.30am St STEPHEN IN BANKS



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# ROTAS

## SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Jane & Kath
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Nicola & Chrissy
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Chris D & Eileen Baldwin
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Heather & Jenny
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Chris/Bill



## WEDNESDAY COFFEE ROTA

30 <sup>th</sup> March	Jean & Mavis
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Chris & Janet
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Brenda & June
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Jean & Mavis
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Chris & Janet
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Brenda & June

Help is urgently needed to maintain a weekly rota. If you are willing to volunteer, please see me. Chris Jowett

## Sanctuary Flowers

April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	-----
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Palms
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Day
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. and Mrs J Sutton



Thank you to all who have given so generously to our flower box collection. Thank you to Keith Broadbent for making the box. Have a lovely Easter. ECB

# PUZZLES - SUDOKU

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# WORDSEARCH

## The last Passover

On the night before He died, Jesus ate His last Passover meal with His disciples. He then transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying of the bread and wine that, 'this is my body' and 'this is my blood'. Jesus, the Lamb of God, was preparing to die for the sins of the whole world. John's gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died *at the same time* that the Passover lambs were killed.

Jesus then astonished the disciples by washing their feet. He said: "A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another. In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is '*mandatum novum do vobis*'. The word 'maundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command).

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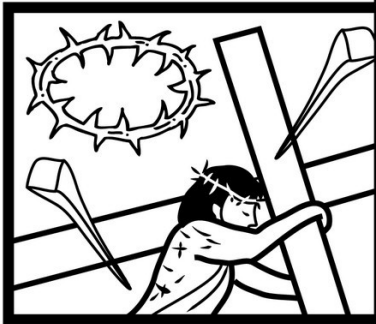
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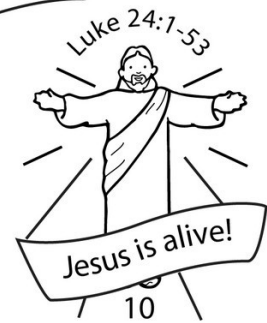
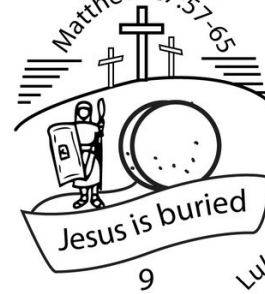
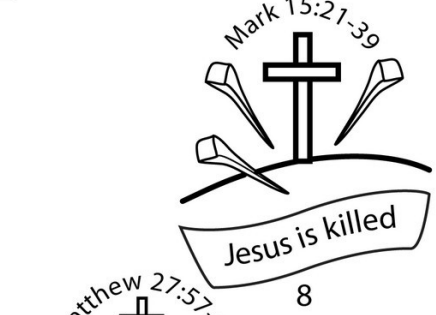
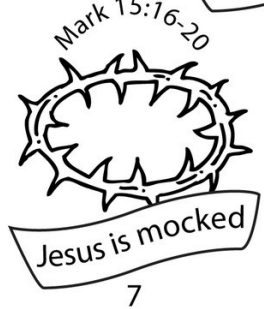
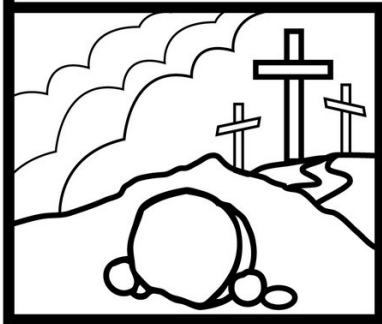
# Some colouring - for all ages...

## JESUS IS ALIVE!



"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life."

John 3:16



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# The Big Bash!



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY

HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS

OH! NO!!

BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES

ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT

ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR

ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!

SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.

THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mark 16:1-8, John 20:1-18


Jesus' tomb had been sealed with a large stone.  
Very early Sunday morning, some of Jesus' friends went to put spices on his body.

How will we move the stone from the entrance?




But when they got there ...


the stone had been moved and the tomb was empty... except for an angel.




Don't be afraid! God raised Jesus to life and he isn't here. Go and tell the disciples.



They fled to tell the others... but they didn't believe them.



Peter and John ran to the tomb to look.



They saw the tomb was empty and only the cloths that Jesus' body had been wrapped in lying there. So they went back to the others.

Mary Magdalene stayed by the tomb, crying. She didn't understand that Jesus was no longer dead. When she looked in the tomb there were 2 angels.

Why are you crying?




I don't know where his body is!

Someone behind her asked Who are you looking for?




Have you taken his body?

Mary



Then she recognised Jesus!

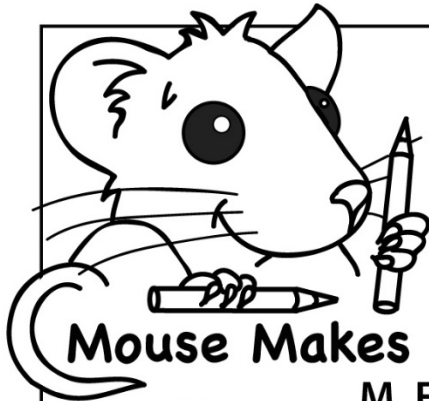
Teacher!



Don't cling on to me - I can't stay now. Go and tell my disciples I am alive.

So Mary went back and told the others the amazing news!





HAPPY EASTER!  
 Jesus has risen!  
 Jesus is with us!  
 Jesus will come again!



What did Jesus send the disciples to find?  
 What did the crowd do?

**Read**  
 Matthew 21:1-11

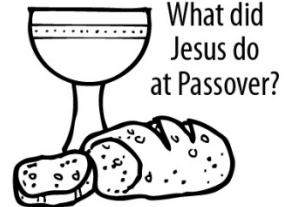
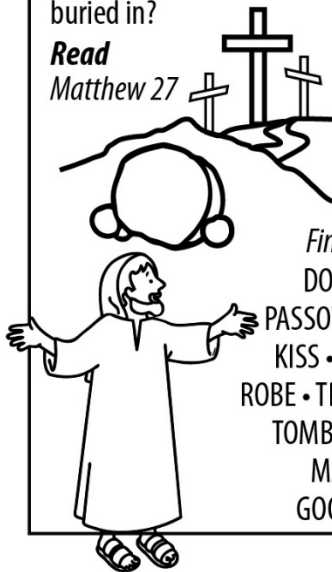


Who betrayed Jesus?  
 Who denied Jesus?  
**Read** Matthew 26:17-75



What did the soldiers put on Jesus at his crucifixion?  
 What time did Jesus die?  
 Whose tomb was Jesus buried in?

**Read**  
 Matthew 27

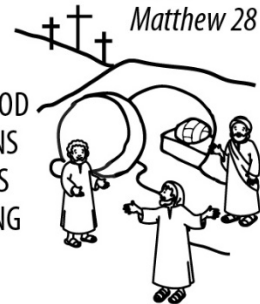


**Read** Matthew 26:17-30



On the third day who rolled away the stone covering the tomb?  
 What had happened to Jesus?

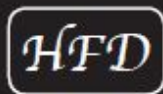
**Read**  
 Matthew 28



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