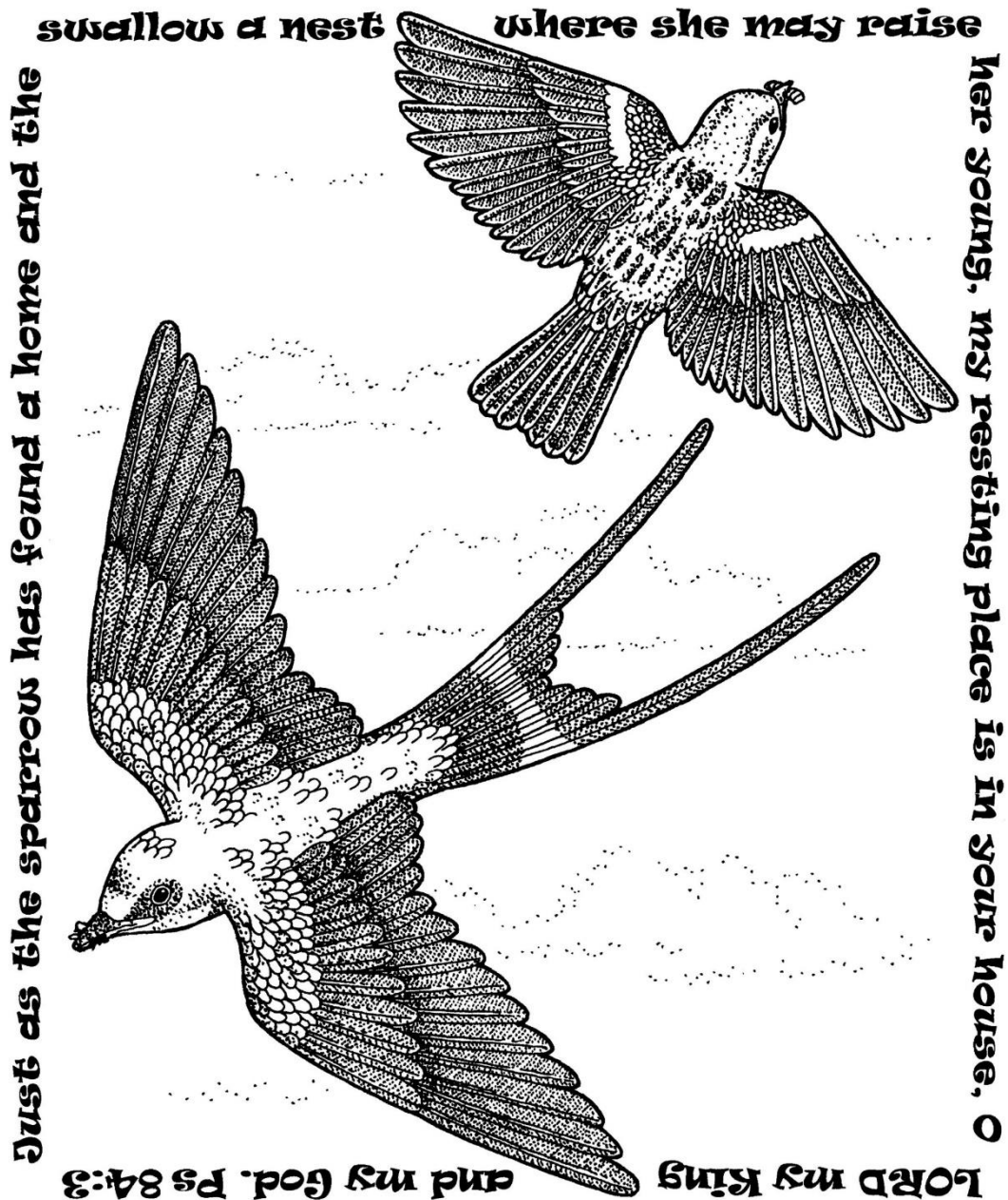


# Parish Magazine

May 2022

30p



## St. John's Parish Church

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

## Magazine Contents:

Letter from Rev Bill Watson	Page 3
Rotas	Page 6
Sudoku	Page 7
Wordsearch	Page 9
Children's section	Page 10

## Church Contacts:

Team Rector: Rev'd Rebecca Clarke, [revdrebecca@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:revdrebecca@hotmail.co.uk), 01704 233738

Associate Priest: Rev'd Stewart McTaggart, St John's Vicarage, Rufford Road  
Tel: 01704 227662

Assistant Priest: Rev'd Chris Gregory, 18 Manor Rd, Churchtown. Tel: 212124

Reader: Mrs Karen Corbett, 40 New Lane, Crossens. Tel: 220192

Churchwardens: Mr Bill Donohoe, 145 Rufford Road, Crossens, Tel: 231434  
Mrs Chris Jowett, 25 Brook St, Crossens. Tel: 227507

Treasurer: Mrs Louise James

PCC Secretary: TBC

Rainbows: Mrs Nicola Macdonald. Tel: 233580

Brownies: Mrs Shelly Eland 07720 922891

Guides: Mrs Tracy Boden. Tel: 228189

Mumford Room Bookings:  
Mr Andrew Boden. Tel: 228189

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

**Sunday: 10am Holy Communion**

**Wednesday 10am Holy Communion**

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

## "THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD".

The *Greatest Story Ever Told* is the title of a film released in 1965. It evokes such famous film stars as Shelley Winters, John Wayne and Charlton Heston, remembered affectionately by many of the older generation.

Wikipedia describes the film as, "A 1965 American Epic film. It is the retelling of the Biblical account about Jesus of Nazareth, from the Nativity to the Ascension".

It is a common practice that the last frame of a film, or the last page of a novel will conclude the matter with the words, "The End".



Although it is true to say that the Ascension marks the end of the earthly life of Jesus of Nazareth, it is also true to say that 'The Greatest Story Ever Told' is a story which has no ending. I am reminded of Winston Churchill's famous WW11 speech in November 1942 when the tide seemed to be turning in our favour, "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning".

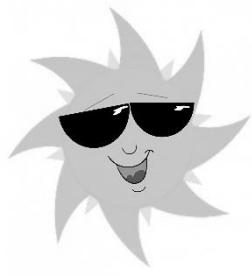
At the Ascension, Jesus said to the Apostles, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". Ascension Day this year is Thursday 26th May, when we are reminded once again that we are required to continue as Christ's witnesses to truth, justice and peace.

It is not inappropriate to quote Winston Churchill when humanity is once again in a war situation in Ukraine with so much human suffering. There are still many atrocities in many parts of the world, political prisoners, hostages and the like.

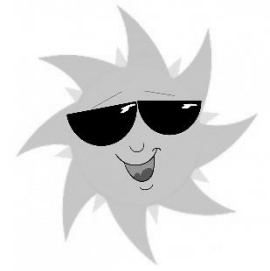
It must be said that even cynics and unbelievers who ridicule and persecute Christians, must agree that peace is better than war, love better than hatred and that harmony is better than aggression. They may think our message is 'pie in the sky when you die' but Jesus' first words after his return from the forty days in the wilderness were, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand". It begins here and now for those who believe and accept the Gospel, because 'The Greatest Story Ever Told' begins now and goes on into eternity.

So we continue to pray that people will come to accept that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world and the Prince of Peace.

BILL WATSON.

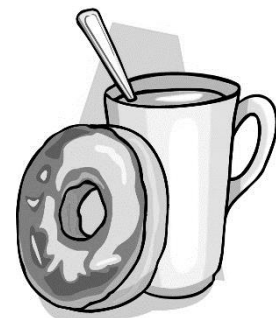
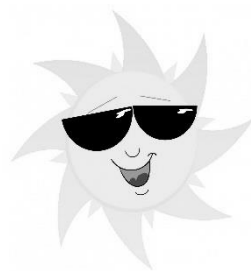


# Summer



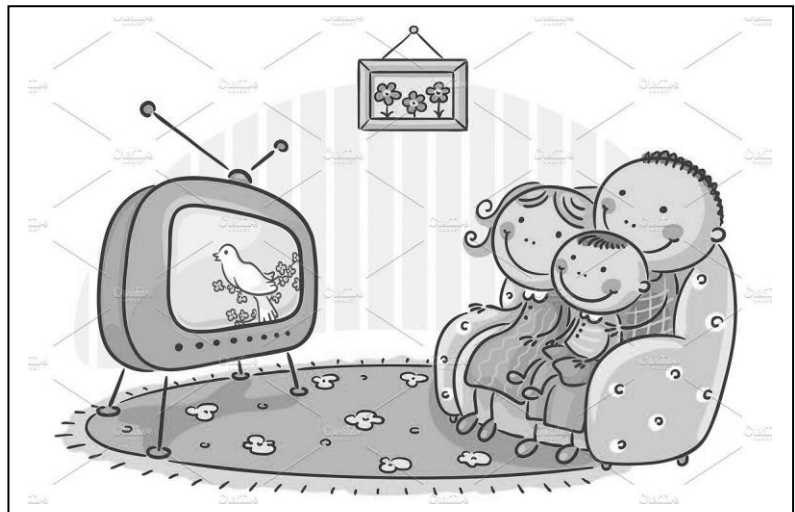
# COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10am-12.00**



# CAKES & RAFFLE

Our Team Ministry's  
On-Line  
Monthly Magazine



Check out the latest magazine  
on our YouTube Channel  
& the St. Cuthbert's Web Site

Church events...Local history...Interviews  
Christian reflections  
and Christian Action...Diocesan News...  
Topical and Local Interest Items  
and much more



YouTube Channel:  
"North Meols Team Ministry Southport"

# ROTAS

## SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

1 <sup>st</sup> May	Chris / Bill
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Kath & Jane
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Nicola & Chrissy
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Chris D & Eileen Baldwin
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Heather & Jeny
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Chris / Bill



## WEDNESDAY COFFEE ROTA

4 <sup>th</sup> May	Brenda & June
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Jean & Mavis
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Chris & Janet
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Brenda & June
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Jean & Mavis

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

## Sanctuary Flowers

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Audrey Stanley
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	_____
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	_____
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	_____
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	In memory of Mrs B Empson.



Thank you to all who gave so generously to the cost of the Easter flowers and helped in the decoration of the church. ECB.

# PUZZLES - SUDOKU

	3	7	1	8		4		
2				9	3	7		
5			2			6		
	5		8		6		2	
8		2	5		4	3		6
	7		9		2		5	
		3			8			9
		5	4	2				3
		4		5	1	2	6	

© 2008 KrazyDad.com

*Easy*

	2				1	4		6
9					3	8		
				4				3
	6		2					
	5						4	
					9		7	
6				2				
		3	9					1
8		1	5				9	

© 2008 KrazyDad.com

*Medium*

## "SCHOOL - RESCUE ME!"

As part of their work to support charities, school are supporting an animal rescue centre called "Rescue Me". The children have been asked to collect postage stamps from envelopes, unwanted foreign currency and any pre-decimal or pre-euro currency people may have hidden in old socks!!!

If you have any such items, please can you pass them to Karen Corbett and she will take them into school.

Many thanks - from the children and all the animals!"

# **Churches Together**

*(in North Meols)  
Our first post – Covid meeting!*

***Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022***

***7.30 p.m.***

***at St Cuthbert's C of E Church***

**Everyone is very  
welcome!**

***The meeting will be led by:***

***Cornerstone Methodist Church***

***"Be completely united, with only one thought and one purpose."  
[1 Corinthians 1: 106]***



# WORDSEARCH

## A prayer for Ukraine

Lord, we pray for Ukraine, a nation in which 70% of the population call themselves Christian. You, Lord, make wars cease to the end of the earth; you break bows, shatter spears, and burn shields with fire [Psalm 46:9]. And so, we ask you now to save the lives of many people in Ukraine. De-escalate this crisis. We hear of wars and rumours of wars (Matt. 24:6), but you Lord are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. Our hope is in you. And so we address the nations now. In the name of Jesus we say: "Be still and know God! He is exalted among the nations; He shall be exalted in the earth [Psalm 46:10]. *Kyrie eleison - Lord have mercy.*

Ukraine

War  
Cease  
Earth  
Break

Bows  
Shatter  
Spears  
Burn  
Shields

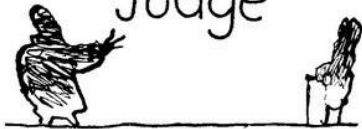
Fire  
Save  
many  
Lives  
Crisis

Lord  
Our  
Rock  
Fortress  
Deliverer

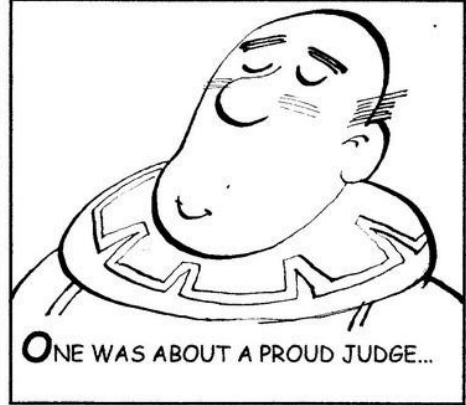
Hope  
In  
You  
Be  
Still



The  
Tale of the  
The Widow  
and the  
Judge



JESUS OFTEN TOLD  
STORIES WITH  
HIDDEN MEANINGS

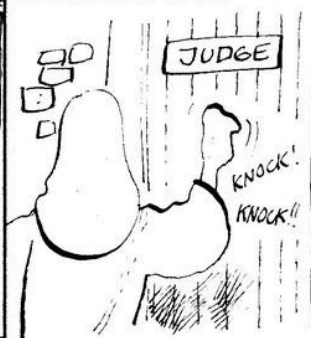


ONE WAS ABOUT A PROUD JUDGE...



...AND A POOR WIDOW

THE WIDOW NEEDED HELP  
FROM THE JUDGE.



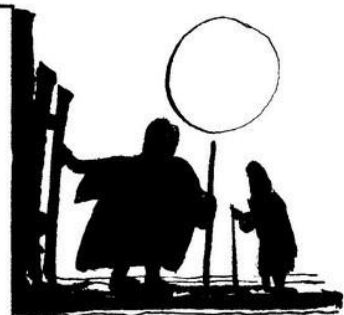
BUT HE WAS FAR TOO PROUD  
AND BUSY TO LISTEN



BUT THE WIDOW  
WOULD NOT GIVE UP



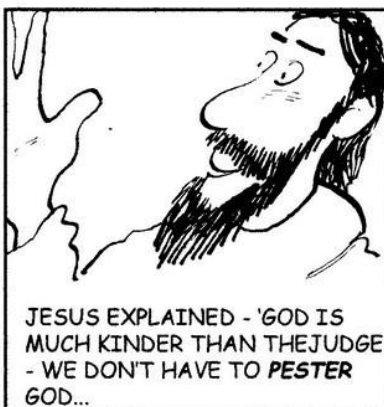
PLEASE COME AND SORT OUT  
MY LEGAL PROBLEMS



AT LAST THE JUDGE  
GAVE IN - AND WENT  
TO HELP THE WOMAN



I'M ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE  
YOU KEPT PESTERING ME!



JESUS EXPLAINED - 'GOD IS  
MUCH KINDER THAN THE JUDGE  
- WE DON'T HAVE TO PESTER  
GOD...



...HE HEARS OUR PRAYERS  
WITHOUT OUR NAGGING HIM!

# Bible Bite

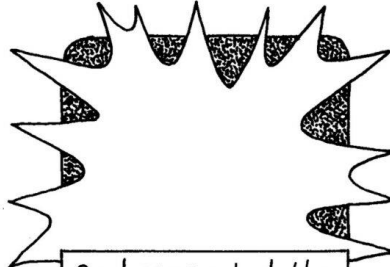
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 1 to 2 verse 3.

This story is at the start of the Bible, and the start of time...

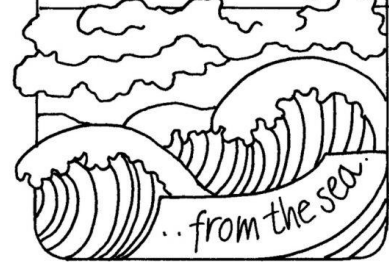
When God first made the universe it was empty and shapeless. God said..

Let there be Light!



God separated the light and dark.

On the next day, God separated the sky...

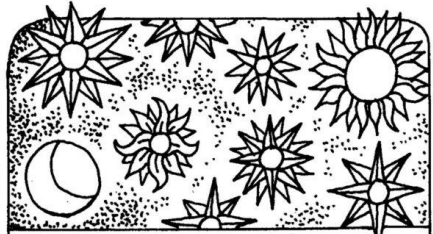


..from the sea.

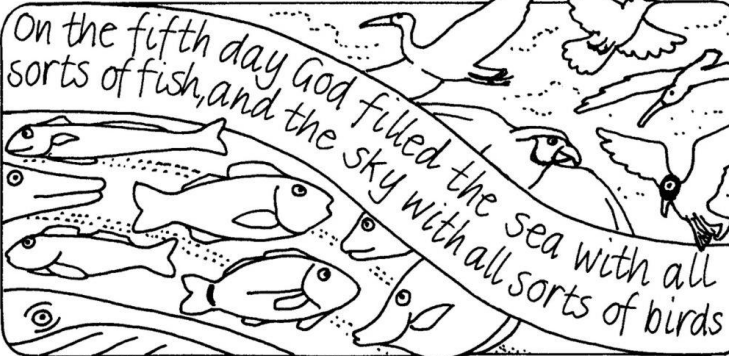
On the third day God separated the sea...



..from the dry land. Then He made plants of all kinds grow on the land.



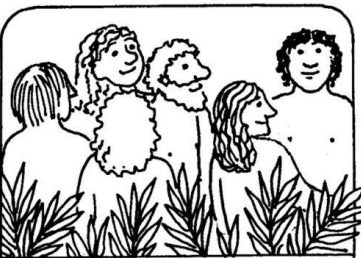
On the fourth day God made lights shine in the sky for day and night.



On the fifth day God filled the sea with all sorts of fish, and the sky with all sorts of birds.



On the sixth day God made all kinds of animals...



and then He made people, men and women.

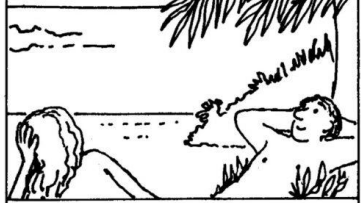
God told the people....

Take care of all I have made.

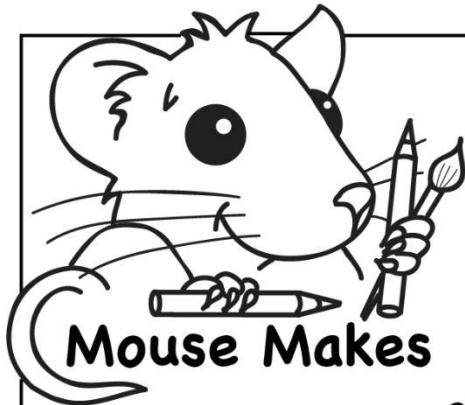


God saw that everything He had made was very good.

On the seventh day God rested...



and so did everyone else!



"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever"  
Psalm 136:1

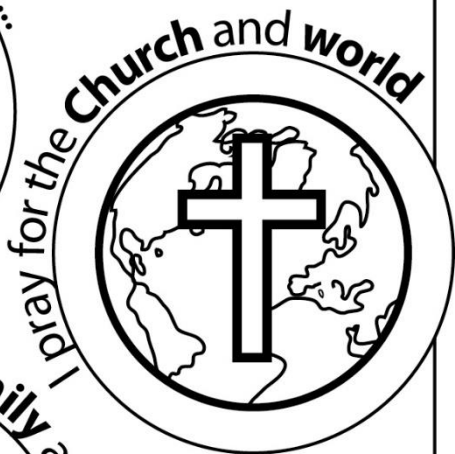


Jesus said,  
"This, then, is how you should pray:

Our \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_  
hallowed be your \_\_\_\_\_  
your \_\_\_\_\_



come,  
your \_\_\_\_\_ be  
done, on \_\_\_\_\_  
as it is in \_\_\_\_\_.  
Give us this day our  
daily \_\_\_\_\_.  
And \_\_\_\_\_



"Never stop praying."  
1 Thessalonians 5:17

us our \_\_\_\_\_,  
as we also have  
forgiven our debtors.  
And \_\_\_\_\_  
us not into  
temptation, but  
\_\_\_\_\_ us from the  
\_\_\_\_\_ one."



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."  
Philippians 4:6

Read Matthew 6:9-13 to fill in the words.



**Howard's Funeral Directors**  
*PROVIDING AFFORDABLE EXCELLENCE*

Family run funeral directors established for over 30 years. We pride ourselves in going the 'EXTRA' mile & providing continuity of care for you and your family.

Prepaid funeral plans available

- Outstanding premises, facilities & reputation
- Beautiful Chapels of Rest, all on one level
- First class service without compromise
- Low cost options available

1-5 Roe Lane  
 Southport  
 PR9 9DR  
 01704 500 086

82 Station Road  
 Ainsdale  
 PR8 3HW  
 01704 577 786



[www.howardsfuneraldirectors.co.uk](http://www.howardsfuneraldirectors.co.uk)

**TURN TO US  
 FOR HELP AND SUPPORT**

In your time of need we'll take care of all the funeral arrangements.

Call us 24 hours a day.

- Funeral Plans
- Memorials

**H JOHNSON & SONS  
 FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

1A Ralph's Wife's Lane, Banks  
 Southport PR9 8ER

**01704 505252**

147 Roe Lane, Churchtown  
 Southport PR9 7PW

**01704 227067**



Part of Dignity plc. A British Company.



**Astec** ELECTRICAL SERVICES LIMITED

**Electrical Engineers and Contractors**

**Domestic • Commercial • Industrial**

11 Harrogate Way  
 Crossens  
 Southport  
 PR9 8JN

**01704 320500**

**07754 821696**

[www.electriciansouthport.net](http://www.electriciansouthport.net)

[sales@astecelectricalservices.co.uk](mailto:sales@astecelectricalservices.co.uk)



# Crossens Pharmacy

....making your life a little easier

Did you know that we can:

- **Collect** your prescription from your GP?
- **Deliver your medication** to your door?

**ALL FOR FREE**

We are open Monday—Friday 9:00am—5:30pm

164 Rufford Road, Crossens, Southport, PR9 8HU

**Tel: 01704 229120**

*Lathams The Bakers*   
*Baking excellence since 1967*



FRESHNESS AND  
QUALITY ARE OUR  
TRADEMARK

86 OAK STREET  
SOUTHPORT

BRANCHES ALSO AT CHURCHTOWN, CROSSENS  
BIRKDALE AND TARLETON

SOUTHPORT 537929

[www.lathamsthebakers.co.uk](http://www.lathamsthebakers.co.uk)

# M. RUSHTON FUNERAL DIRECTORS

*24 Hour Personal,  
Professional Service*



*Independent & Family Owned*

Serving  
the Bereaved  
with Dignity and  
Respect Since  
1986



Michelle & Michael Rushton Dip.Fd

*Monumental Masonry • Funeral Plans Arranged*

**100 Marshside Road, Southport PR9 9TG**

**Tel: 01704 214118**

**[www.rushtonfuneraldirectors.co.uk](http://www.rushtonfuneraldirectors.co.uk)**



# chapter living solutions

**feefo**

Independent customer feedback

**Checkatrade**



TRADINGSTANDARDS.UK

Your Local Southport Engineer Is:

**David Gwynne**

Call For A Free No Obligation Quote:

**07967 228 870**

Find Us At:

**[www.chapterlivingsolutions.co.uk](http://www.chapterlivingsolutions.co.uk)**



**Straight Stairlifts**



**Curved Stairlifts**



**Mobility Bathrooms**