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St. John's Parish Church

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

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Sunday (10am)

Holy Communion: 7th June and 5th July
Morning Prayer: 14th May, 21st May and 28th May

Wednesday (10am, unless otherwise stated)

Morning Prayer or Holy Communion

For later dates, please check the website: www.stjohncrossens.co.uk

A Letter from the Roger Abram

Dear Friends,

As I write May to date daytime temperatures have been below normal maybe John Steinbeck's quote from his novel 'The winter of our discontent' could see June in a contrasting light

'In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different.

That said June is not without some noteworthy UK wide events, the annual Trooping of the Colour, this year the women's T20 World Cricket Cup, Royal Ascot and the beginning of Wimbledon, and not forgetting within our Team Ministry the St Cuthbert Summer Fair with Rose Queen on June 20th - an outreach opportunity.

But June has three significant Church of England Holy days, that of St Barnabus, the Birth of John the Baptist, and that of the Apostles Peter and Paul. In essence these four Saints span and represent the before and after of Jesus' earthly ministry with John the Baptist as the announcer and forerunner and after Jesus' return to His Father three of the Apostles who emblazoned the Gospel across the then known ancient world.

St John telling his followers that he was not even worthy to perform the lowliest duty to untie the dusty sandals of the one coming, who unlike John's baptism with water, would baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire.

As for St Barnabus, St Luke describes him in Acts 'As a good man'- 'Full of the Holy Spirit and of faith', he clearly was generous as he gave up his property for the common good.

St Peter was one of the first Disciples, despite his impulsiveness he became their nominal leader and spokesman. Peter was at Jesus' transformation. Following Jesus' great commission (Mt 28-18) Peter assumed the leadership of the new Christian community in Jerusalem. One of Peter's principal tasks was to manage the incorporation of Gentiles into the new Church. Additionally, he had to deal with the Jewish hierarchy. Despite what must have been a 24/7 week Peter wrote two Epistles.

Sixteen years after Jesus' Ascension Peter's management now of an expanding Church led to the Council of Jerusalem and a chance to debate issues such as the requirement for circumcision.

To bring the Gospel to a world of idol worshippers God decided to use Saul the Jewish arch persecutor of the new Christian sect, whose Damascus road conversion to Paul

led him to become the world's greatest evangelist. Tellingly the Roman Empire had provided roads and sea routes to enable the Gospel to travel; without which, such journeys would have been nigh on impossible. Paul's three missionary journeys led to the establishment of Christian communities over a seventeen-year period which he supplemented by thirteen letters (authorship of three in doubt)

Paul had an indestructible faith despite dangers and near-death experiences, assisted by God's miraculous interventions which brought the Gospel to heathen populaces from Asia and Europe

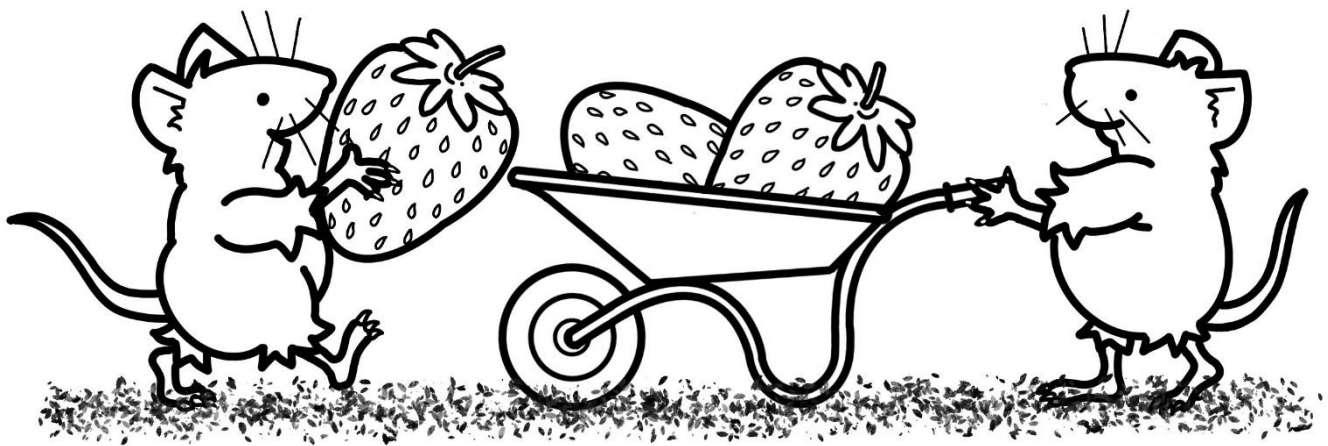
All of these Saints and more were the instruments of our loving God's overall plan for His creation.

Maybe a quiet moment to reflect on God's plan for each of us, whilst we consider how the lives of these four Saints may help us.

Have a great Summer. as we walk with Christ.

Roger.

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Editor: Nigel Beeton writes: The Thursday after Trinity is celebrated in the Catholic Church as the feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ. I understand that it is essentially a celebration of Mass, or Holy Communion to non-Catholics. Whatever our denomination, whatever time of year, we should never take the service for granted.

Miracle at the Table

Thy table is set, but no lavish spread
A simple communion of red wine and bread.
Simple yet holy – where heaven bends low
That those knelt before Thee Thy true grace may know.

We follow where firstly our Saviour has led
We listen to words that Jesus first said:
'This is My body, it's broken for you
And this is My blood, shed for you too.'

The bread that is broken, the wine seen outpoured
They tell of the sacrifice made of our Lord.
His body was broken that we might be saved
But death was defeated – He rose from the grave!

So, kneel in the stillness of this holy place
Gladly receiving these tokens of Grace.
Then go from here knowing His Spirit in you
Will help you to do what He'd have you do!

By Nigel Beeton



ROTAS

Sunday Coffee Rota

7 th June	Louise J & Heather
14 th June	Kath & Jane
21 st June	Nicola & Andrew
28 th June	Brenda & Chris
5 th July	Louise J & Heather



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

Wednesday Coffee Rota

3 rd June	Eileen & Trish
10 th June	Brenda & June
17 th June	Jean & Chrissy
24 th June	Chris & Janet
1 st July	Eileen & Trish

Readings Rota

7-Jun-2026	Hayden	1st after Trinity	Romans 4.13-end
14-Jun-2026	Roisin	2nd after Trinity	Romans 5.1-8
21-Jun-2026	Joan	3rd after Trinity	Romans 6.1b-11
28-Jun-2026	Andrew	4th after Trinity	Romans 6.12-end
5-Jul-2026	Nicola	5th of Trinity	Romans 7.15-25a
12-Jul-2026	Simon	6th of Trinity	Romans 8.1-11
19-Jul-2026		No service at St John's	
26-Jul-2026	Maggie	8th of Trinity	Romans 8.26-end
7-Jun-2026	Hayden	1st after Trinity	Romans 4.13-end

Intercessions

June 7 th	2 nd after Trinity	Andrew
June 14 th	3 rd after Trinity	Karen
June 21 st	4 th after Trinity	Joey
June 28 th	5 th after Trinity	Simon

*St John's Crossens
Summer Concert*



BANKS BRASS



BAND



Friday 10th July – 7.30pm
at
St John's Church, Crossens
Rufford Road

*£6 entry fee
Pay on the door*

On our YouTube Channel every Wednesday...

You are invited each week to take a...

Mid-Week Pause

A time for God in maybe a busy week
with hymns - a Bible Reflection - prayers

NORTH MEOLS TEAM MINISTRY SOUTHPORT

begins Wednesday 6th May

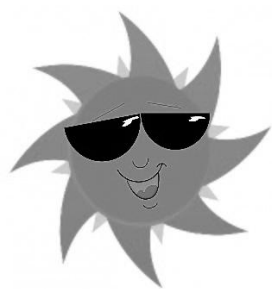
Shining Brass

Once a month, if you would ever have the need to go into our vestry, then you would have found Brenda and Mavis rubbing and cleaning our brass and silver furnishings. They have regularly kept this work going for several years and we thank them most sincerely for it!

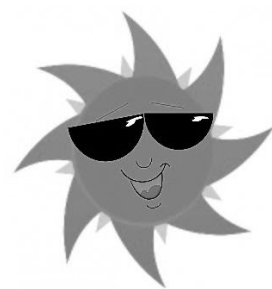


They now feel that it is time to stop, and they would be grateful to hand over to someone else.

If you feel that you would like to continue this work, then they would be very grateful. Please contact Chris Jowett if you would like to help in keeping our church well cared for.



Summer



Coffee Morning

St John's Church

10am-12.00

Saturday 27TH JUNE



Classic Raffle
Books, Cakes etc
+
Refreshments

Puzzles – Sudoku

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Sanctuary Flowers

7th June _____

14th June In memory of the Iveson family

21st June _____

28th June _____

Thank you to all who support our Flower Fund. ECB.



"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.

Nexus

Churches Together

(in North Meols)

Tuesday 9th June

At Cornerstone Methodist Church
7:30pm

Everyone is very welcome!

“A new commandment I give unto you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another”

John 13:34-35

WORDSEARCH

Mary - the virgin mother of Jesus. Her visit to Elizabeth, when both were pregnant, is a moving account of two humble, ordinary women, suddenly caught up in a great event that would shape world history. Their trusting faith in God and acceptance of His will, shine through.

After Jesus is born, Mary makes few appearances: when the family visits Jerusalem and she loses her Son on the way home; when she urges Him to help the wedding party in Cana with its wine problem; and when Jesus gives her into the keeping of the beloved disciple when He is dying on the cross. Mary's last appearance is in Acts, just before Pentecost.

Mary, chosen to be the mother of Jesus Christ, one who is both God and Man, holds a unique place in history. Down the centuries that have followed, the Church has paid special honour to Mary – and well deserved it is. "All generations shall call me blessed..."

Mary
Virgin
Mother
Elizabeth
Pregnant

Ordinary
World
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Great
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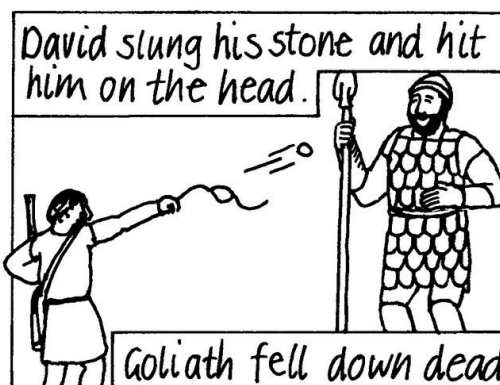
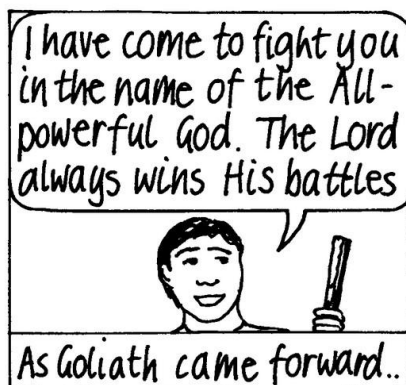
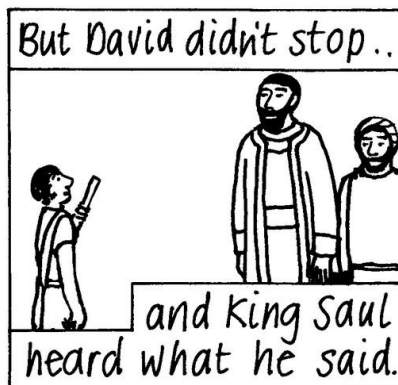
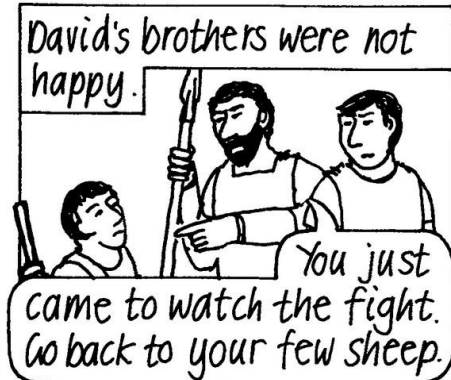
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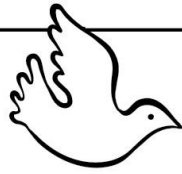
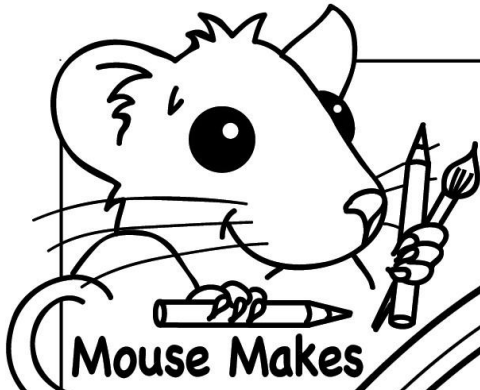
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Samuel 17:1-50

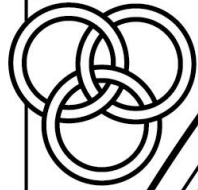
The Philistine and Israelite armies
faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic
Philistine champion, Goliath, taunted them..





"May the grace of the Lord
JESUS CHRIST and the
 love of **GOD** and the
 fellowship of the
HOLY SPIRIT be
 with you all."

2 Corinthians
 13:14



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