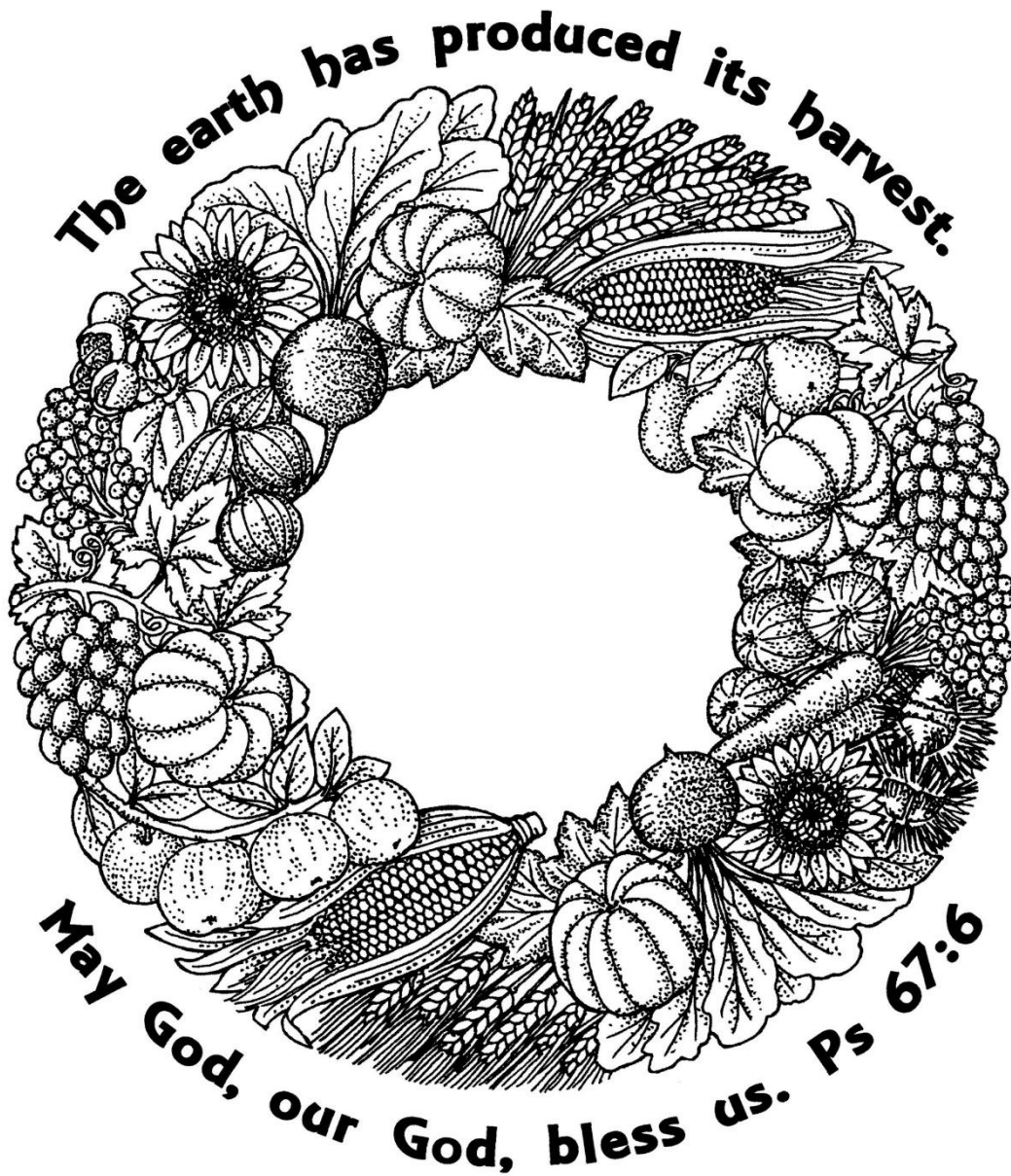


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St. John's Parish Church

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

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Sunday (10am)

Holy Communion 6th October, 20th October, 27th October, 3rd November
Morning Prayer 13th October

Wednesday (10am)

Holy Communion 9th October, 23rd October, 30th October
Morning Prayer 2nd October, 16th October

****The Wednesday service on 6th November is at St Cuthbert's****

A letter from Pam Finch.....

Hello Friends,

Have not really had the opportunity to write a letter for the parish news before, hence my first letter, please be kind to me!

I consider it an honour and a privilege to be able to write this, I just hope I can do it justice.

The last few weeks have been difficult to understand and process for us all. Suffice to say we are secure in the knowledge that God is a God of Love.

I was given a little ray of hope in this awful time, the birth of my second granddaughter this year, I am truly blessed.

We are called to 'love our enemies', love those who want to harm or hurt us. As Stephen was stoned to death he said, 'Forgive them for they do not know what they do'. These are also the words that Jesus said, on the cross at Calvary.

Love will conquer all, loving acts shown by our community, coming together as one with many acts of kindness.

Reading CS Lewis 'The Four Loves', he talks of affectionate love or 'storge', affectionate love that ignores barriers of age, sex, class and education. Ignoring barriers of species, love between dog and man and even between dog and cat.

So, we too can show the affectionate love towards each other.

Wherever we are on our journey of restoration and recovery we can lean into scripture, Psalm 139 is a psalm of Love, 'You know everything I'm going to say before I start the first sentence, I look behind me and you are there '.

In Jeremiah 29.13 'I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.'

I always see this time of year as the year 'growing ancient', Autumn approaching, and the years' harvest gathered in. A beautiful time of year heralding 'peace' as the growing spell slows, fruit, vegetables slow in their growing, leaves start to fall from the trees, pesky spiders and other critters of the outside try to seek refuge in our homes.

A time, maybe to reflect and take comfort in the long days slowly diminishing and time to snuggle in our homes. I have celebrated the long-awaited arrival of grandchildren, not one, but two little girls, such blessings and bringing immeasurable love, fun and laughter, my beacons of hope in our crazy world.

A blessing from Ephesians:

"May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it, and may you be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God." (Ephesians 3:16, NLT).

Remember too that if you are struggling, the clergy, readers and wardens are here to help in any way that they can.

Yours in Christ,
Pam Finch



This Quarter's Team On-Line Magazine is now available for viewing on our YouTube Channel

[NORTH MEOLS TEAM MINISTRY SOUTHPORT]

This edition includes:

Two Hidden Windows - Persecuted Christians - Personal Poems - Living by Faith - St. Stephen's CE School - St. John's Brass Band Evening

Sanctuary Flowers

October 6 th	In memory of Yvonne Sandiford
October 13 th	Mr & Mrs G Boden
October 20 th	In memory of E Empson
October 27 th	_____



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

FREE Stair gate available. Could be delivered.

See Chris Jowett if interested.

ROTAS

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

6 th Oct	Nicola & Andrew
13 th Oct	Brenda & Mavis
20 th Oct	Louise J
27 th Oct	Chris J
3 rd Nov	Kath & Jane
10 th Nov	Nicola & Andrew



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

WEDNESDAY COFFEE ROTA

2 nd Oct	Brenda & June
9 th Oct	Chris & Janet
16 th Oct	Eileen & Trish
23 rd Oct	Jean & Mavis
30 th Oct	Brenda & June
6 th Dec	Service at St. Cuthberts

Readings rota

Oct 6 th	Maggie	19 th after Trinity	Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12
Oct 13 th	Joan	20 th after Trinity	Hebrews 4:12-end
Oct 20 th	Andrew	21 st after Trinity	Hebrews 5:1-10
Oct 27 th	Chris J	Last after Trinity Or, if Bible Sunday	Hebrews 7:23-end 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

St John's Church, Crossens

HARVEST



COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 5th October

10am-12.00



Cakes, Raffle, Games!

St John's Church, Crossens

HARVEST

SERVICE

Everyone welcome



Sunday 6th October

10.00 am

Family Service

PUZZLES - SUDOKU

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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.

COFFEE MORNING

HOSTED BY THE CHAIR-BASED EXERCISE GROUP
SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER IN CROSSENS
COMMUNITY CENTRE – 11am till 1pm

**TEA, COFFEE
SANDWICHES, ETC**

**QUERIES: CALL JENNY
07814834065**



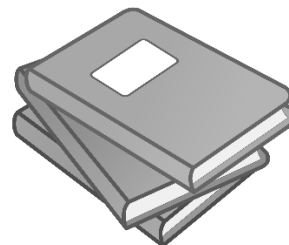
CAKE STALL

SOFT TOY TOMBOLA



BOOKS & JIGSAWS

**NAME THE TEDDY
PLANTS
RAFFLE**



**TO RAISE FUNDS TO RELAY THE MAIN PATH AT ST. JOHN'S
CHURCH**

Nexus
Churches
Together

(in North Meols)

Tuesday, 8th October 2024
7.30 p.m.
at Cornerstone Methodist 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

Michael and All Angels

The Church remembers angels this month, with the feast day of Michael and All Angels on the 29th. The Bible is full of angels, where they often had a key role in crucial events. It seems that Michael is their leader, an 'archangel'. In stained glass he's often seen with a sword, because in the Book of Revelation he leads the angelic host who fight and defeat Satan and his army.

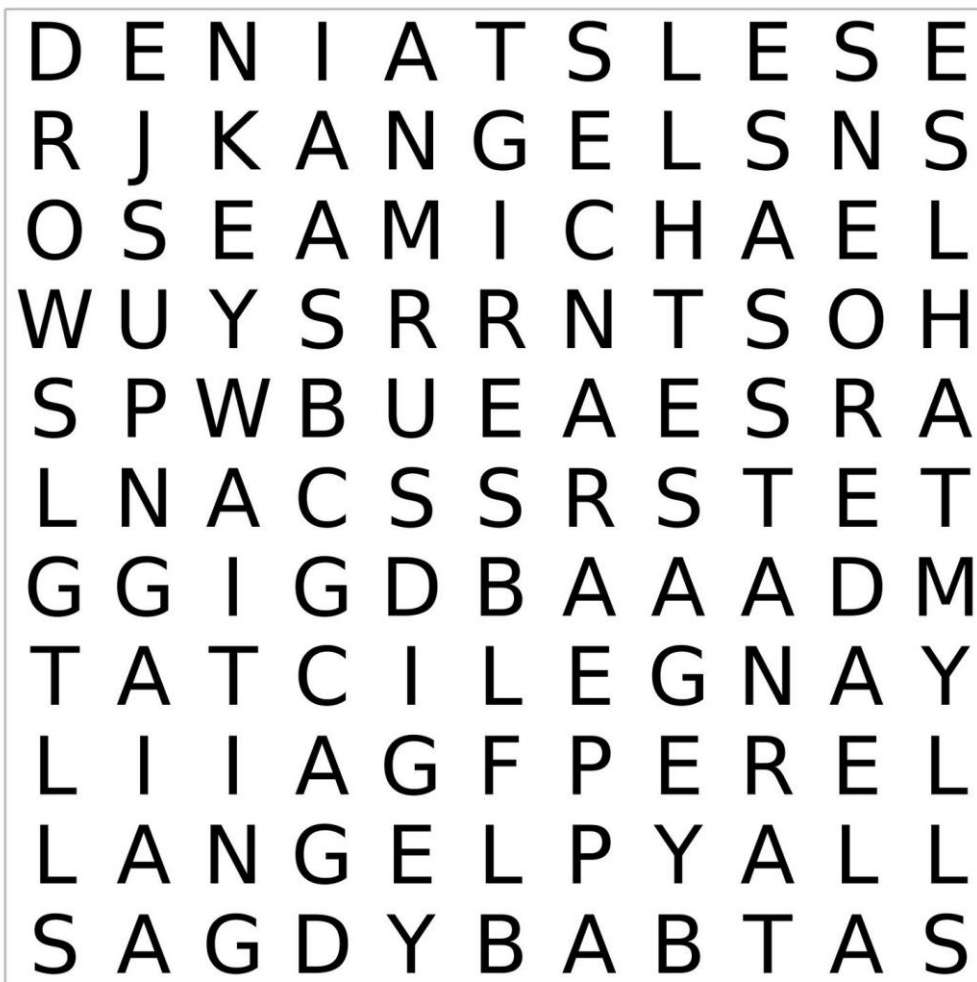
In the Gospels, angels make numerous appearances. Just two examples: Gabriel was sent to Mary to announce the coming of her baby, Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God. Another angel was sent to sit in the empty tomb on Easter morning, waiting to tell the startled women that Jesus wasn't there - He had risen (Mark 16:5)!

Michael
All
Angels
Key
Crucial

Leader
Stained
Glass
Sword
Angelic

Host
Defeat
Satan
Appearances
Gabriel

Mary
Baby
Jesus
waiting
Angell



One for your Diary!

Christmas Concert

from

Banks Brass

Band



FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER 7.30pm
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,
RUFFORD ROAD, CROSSENS

Only £6 everyone welcome
(pay on the door)
Light Refreshments available



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew chapter 20 verses 1-15

Jesus told a story to describe God's kingdom.
A vineyard owner went to the marketplace
at dawn to hire workers to pick his grapes.

I'll pay you the normal
wage for a day's work.



He went out again
at 9 o'clock ...



and mid-day ...

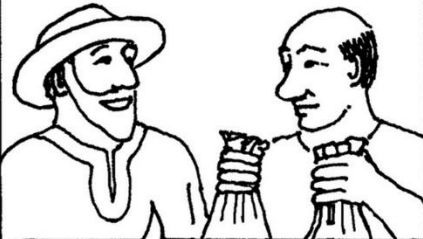
and 3 o'clock ...

and again with just 1 hour
to go before sunset.



I'll pay you a fair wage

At the end of the day..



Pay the last workers first.

They were given a
whole day's wage..



and so were those who
had worked all day.



You paid them the same
and we worked all day!



My friend, you agreed to
work for a day's wage

I want to give those
who were hired last
the same as you got.



Can't I do what I want
with my own money?



Or are you jealous because
I'm good to others?



Jesus concluded...

So those
who are
now last will be
first, and the first last.

Some colouring for all ages....



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