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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:

Sunday:	10am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	10am	Holy Communion

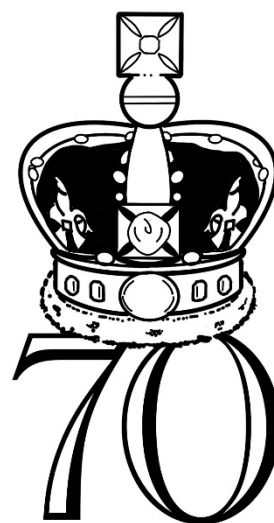
For the time being, these will be spoken services, with a few hymns. We are slowly returning to more normal services.

A letter from Roger Abram...

Dear Friends,

What comes to mind when you think of the word Jubilee? Like many visitors to London, it might well be London's 22-mile Jubilee underground line linked to the 2012 London Olympics. Indeed, for some it could be Jubilee Stout., even a Jubilee hose clip, but most likely a Royal anniversary. Dictionary definitions speak about fifty-year anniversaries. One such example given is of a gentleman when talking of the couple's golden wedding Jubilee describes it as 'fifty years of bliss with occasional blisters'!

However 'Jubilee's' biblical Old Testament interpretation is somewhat different than our modern common usage of the word, as we hear in the book of Leviticus (Chapter 25); where after a fifty year period a blast of the Ram's horn ushered in a 'Jubilee' year, when certain benefits were offered; typically, if you had sold yourself as a slave to cover your debts, you were freed, also if you had property that had been sold to pay off debt, this now reverted back to the families who were originally set to inherit it.



It's amazing how God's love for his creation is changeless and timeless down the centuries; as here in Leviticus, people are emancipated from slavery and property ownership restored. Then centuries later, about 750 years before Jesus' ministry, the Prophet Isaiah predicts how Jesus's Good News ministry will bring a new freedom as Messiah in a year of significant Jubilee; which Jesus Himself quotes during His sermon in Nazareth's Synagogue (Luke: Chapter 4, verse 21)

*To bring good news to the afflicted;
He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted,
To proclaim liberty to captives
And freedom to prisoners;
To proclaim the favourable year of the Lord*

So, we come to the present where the Hebrew word 'Yobel' or Jubilee has been translated into the Latin, where the Latin verb 'Jubilare' implying Joy and rejoicing, is the source of our word 'Jubilee'. We are reminded of the Canticle that we sing in our Morning Prayer namely the Jubilate (Psalm 100) which commences with '*O be joyful in the Lord*'.

6th February this year commemorates the seventy years since her Majesty the Queen ascended the throne and marks her Platinum Jubilee, a time for a National celebration signified by an extra day's holiday. A recent BBC radio four programme recalled how in 1977 during the Queen's Silver Jubilee, Union Jack mementoes stretched from matchboxes to underwear.

Surely there have been few times since the end of World War two in 1945 when the people of these Islands have needed to communally celebrate. This time; some loosening from Covid's grip: what better occasion then than combining with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which encompasses a yearlong celebration both here and in the Commonwealth. Interestingly the seventh Royal Jubilee medal, the first being struck by George the Third in 1809, will be awarded to around 450,000 Military and Emergency service personnel.

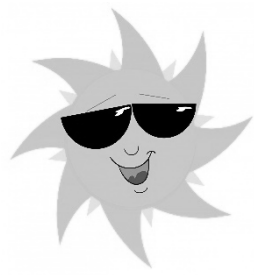
An occasion for a moment's reflection then, as we gratefully acknowledge Queen Elizabeth the Second, who as our coinage proclaims, is 'Defender of the Faith' or FD; but so too, an example of a Monarch with a living Christian Faith, and who on her Christmas day BBC broadcasts invariably states how her Faith is the bedrock of her life.

May this time of Jubilee be what it is: a time of thankfulness, joy, and rejoicing, not only for our Queen's steadfast faithfulness to her Coronation Oath, but with its timely reminder of our joyously celebrating Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension.

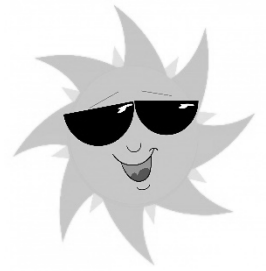
Yours in Christ

Roger.

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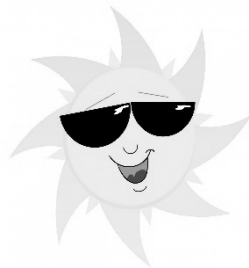


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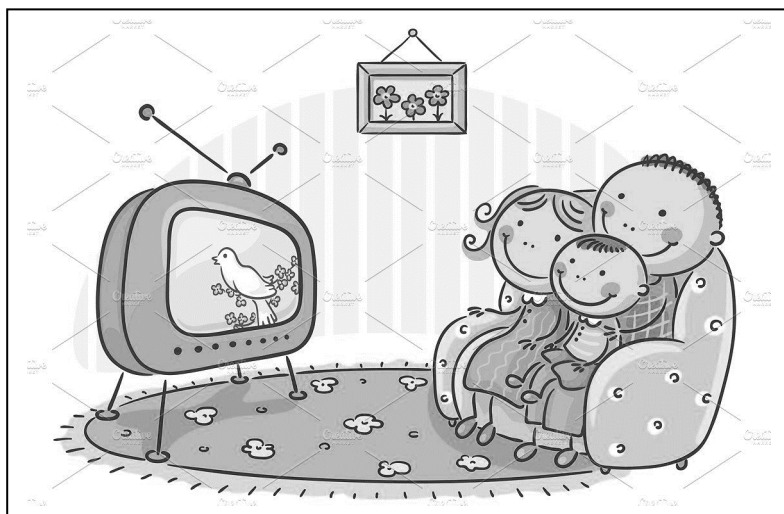
COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 11th June
10am-12.00



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ROTAS

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

5 th June	Chris / Bill
12 th June	Kath & Jane
19 th June	Nicola & Chrissy
26 th June	Chris D & Eileen Baldwin
3 rd July	Heather & Jenny



WEDNESDAY COFFEE ROTA

1 st June	Brenda & June
8 th June	Jean & Mavis
15 th June	Chris & Janet
22 nd June	Brenda & June
29 th June	Jean & Mavis
6 th July	Chris & Janet

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

Sanctuary Flowers

June 5 th	Whitsunday	Mr John Iveson
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Thank you to all who have contributed to our Flower Fund.ECB

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"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.

Churches Together

(in North Meols)

Our first post – Covid meeting!

Tuesday, 14th June 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]



Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham considers the Third member of the Trinity.

Christian Basics: What Does the Holy Spirit Do? (Pt 1)

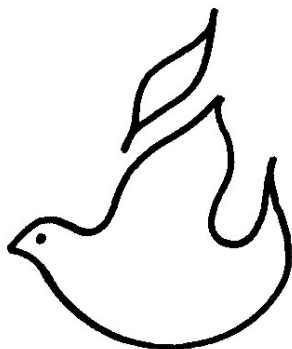
As we celebrate Pentecost this month, it's appropriate to ask the question: what does the Holy Spirit do in our lives? Everybody who has committed their life to Christ possesses the Holy Spirit, *'if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.'* (Romans 8:9). It is the Spirit who brings us new birth into the family of God.

The Spirit assures us of God's love and acceptance, despite our fears, doubts or failures. As adopted children we can address God as our father: *"God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.'"* (Galatians 4: 6). By using the same word used by Jesus, we can grow in intimacy with our Father and pray to Him, especially when we struggle to find the right words.

The Holy Spirit is committed to producing a family likeness in those who follow Christ. This Jesus likeness enables us to live as Jesus would in our place, ie: work, family, time, interests etc. Paul describes this as the fruit of the Spirit: *'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.'* (Galatians 5:22,23). He talks about fruit not fruits! We can't pick and choose, as they come as a total package to be developed over a lifetime!

The Spirit is committed to producing new desires for God: reading the Bible and praying, forgiving others, meeting with other Christians and sharing our faith. He will also give us the motivation to overcome wrong habits, attitudes or lifestyle in our lives.

'Let the church return to Pentecost, and Pentecost will return to her. The Spirit of God cannot take possession of believers beyond their capacity of receiving Him' (Andrew Murray).



WORDSEARCH

This year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

Celebrations will include **The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour)** on 2nd June when more than 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians will come together. Beginning at Buckingham Palace, the Parade will move down The Mall to Horse Guard's Parade, joined by Members of the Royal Family on horseback and in carriages. The Parade will close with the traditional RAF fly-past, watched by The Queen and Members of the Royal Family from the Buckingham Palace balcony.

Platinum Jubilee Beacons: The United Kingdom's long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons will also continue. Over 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

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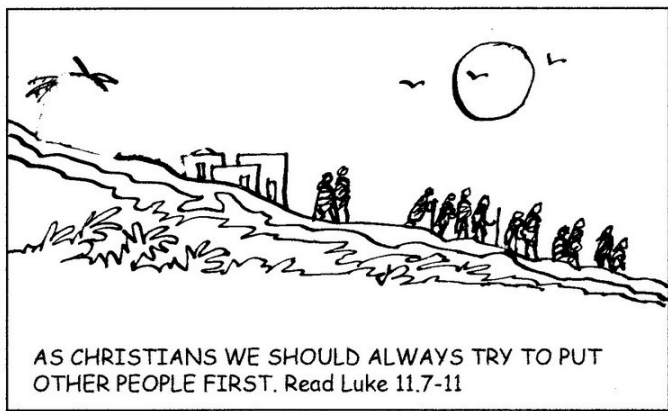
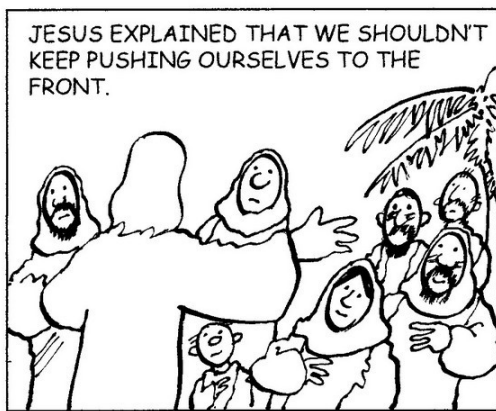
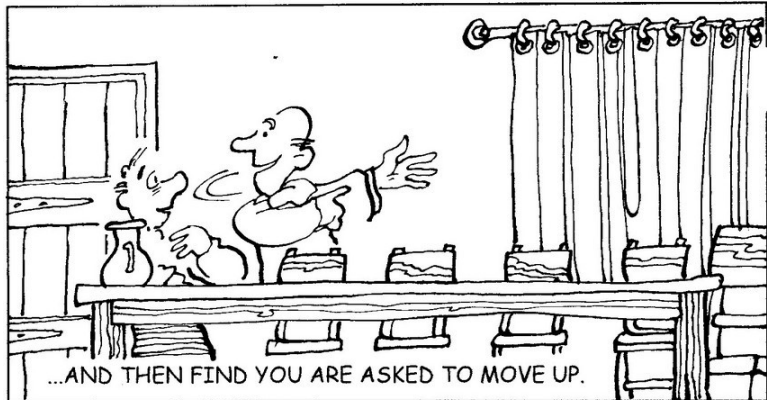
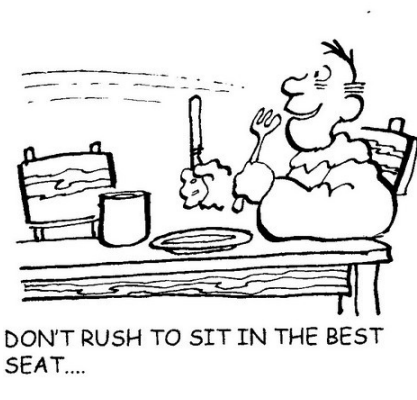
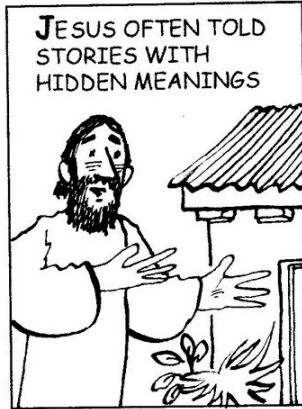
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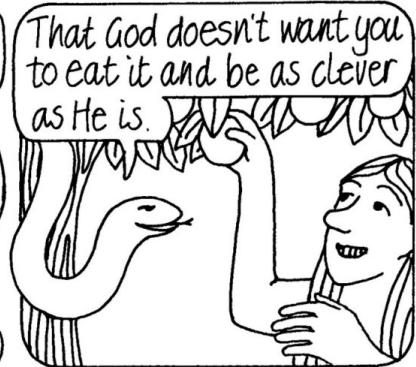
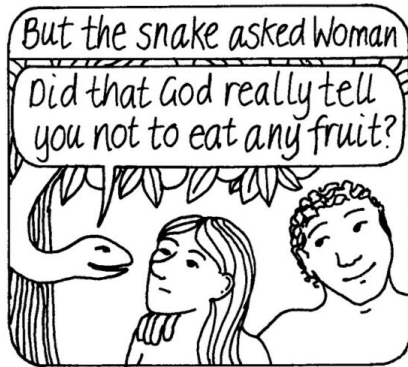


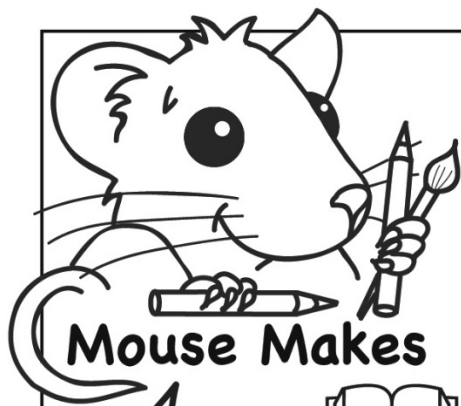
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 2:4-9,15-25 and ch.3

This story is about the wonderful start to the world, and the first mistake...



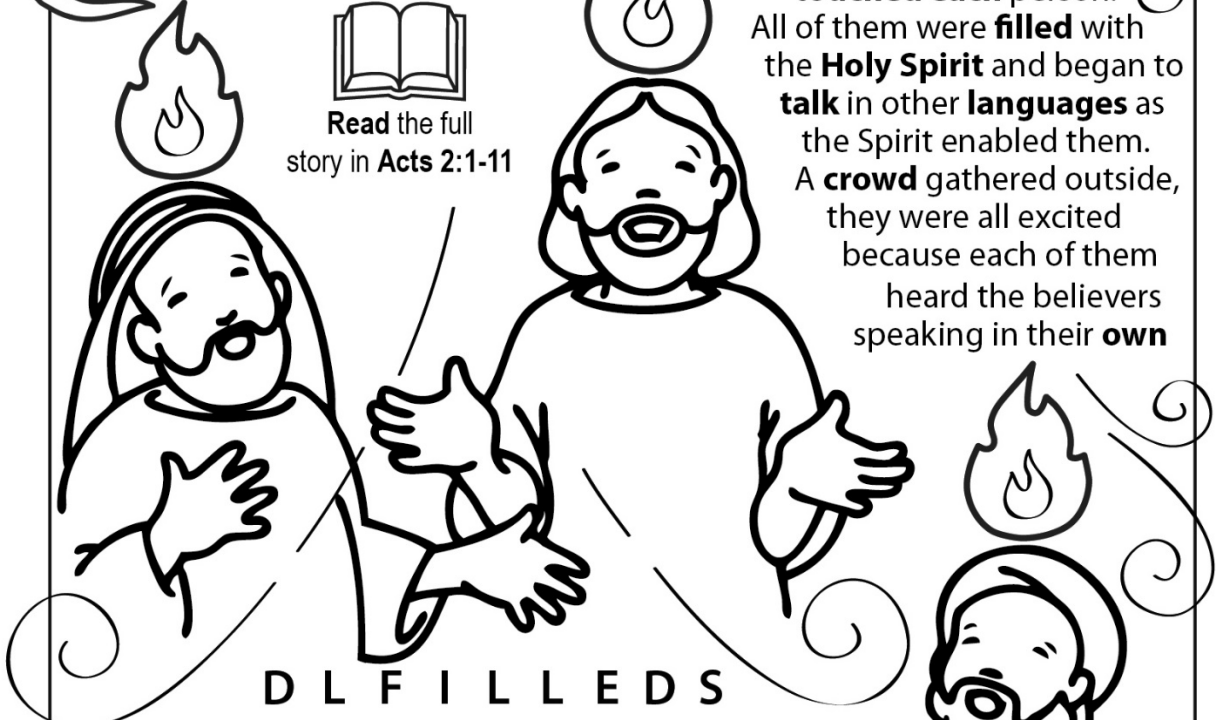


It was the **festival** of **Pentecost**, **fifty days** since **Passover** and **Jews** from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to **celebrate**.
 The **Apostles** and other believers were all **together** in one place when they heard a **sound**

like a strong **wind** and **saw** what looked like **tongues** of **fire** which spread out and **touched each** person.
 All of them were **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and began to **talk** in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.
 A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their **own**



Read the full story in Acts 2:1-11

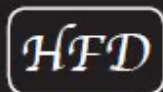


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language about the great things **God** had done. About 3,000 people **heard**, **believed** and were **baptised** that day!

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