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St. John's Parish Church

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

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Holy Communion March 5th, 12th, 19th
Morning Prayer March 26th

Wednesday (10am)

Holy Communion March 8th, 15th, 22nd
Morning Prayer March 1st, 29th

Dear Friends,

Well, here we are in March and I can hear some of you saying “Where is the time going? We are already a quarter the way through the year.” That is true, but as the months go on the days get longer and, hopefully, a little warmer.

Spring seems to be bursting forth and we witness the wonder of the beauty of nature as the bulbs explode into flower and the trees become greener. The words of Psalm 19 - a Psalm of God’s glory in creation - come to mind. Yes, March is the month which demonstrates the power of God in nature.

March, too, is a month when we celebrate two famous saints - David and Patrick. However, the whole month has a calendar of saints of whom we may have no knowledge. I decided to do some digging and one saint in particular really drew my attention. The lady in question is Saint Frances of Rome whose commemorative day is the 9th March.

Frances was born into a wealthy family in Rome; she wanted for nothing. However, the area in which she and her family lived suffered from a famine. In order to relieve the suffering of her fellow citizens, Frances and her sister-in-law often distributed food and supplies to beggars. This did not go down well with their father-in-law. He confiscated the keys to the granary and sold off all the corn only leaving enough for the family.

Frances was not to be deterred. She had more determination than her father-in-law gave her credit for. She went to the barn and after sifting through the straw for any remaining kernels to give to the poor, her father-in-law returned to find the granary filled to the brim with beautiful yellow corn. He returned the keys to Frances and she was able to continue all her charitable work.

Frances was aware that her family had more than enough to live on and wanted to help the less fortunate.

During the time of Lent we are constantly asked “What have you given up?” Well, I have got a suggestion.....why not take something on? We still have weeks left in Lent so we, too, could become a “hidden Saint” just like Frances by helping someone through a difficult time in life.

Just as the month of March demonstrates God’s glory in creation, let us make the time of Lent a time when we demonstrate the power of God in our lives by helping others which is, after all, the story of Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

Karen

**Our Team Ministry's
On-Line
Quarterly Magazine**



Watch out at the beginning of March for our Quarterly On-Line Team Magazine.

You can find this on our YouTube Channel - NORTH MEOLS TEAM MINISTRY. Features this quarter include:

The story of Shrimping - Church and King - Lent Events - Is reconciliation always possible? - a Church Reredos with a story

“North Meols Team Ministry Southport”

Church grounds tidy up

Come and join us on Saturday 18th March to help tidy up the Church gardens, (Weather permitting).

Time: 10am to Noon

Please bring your own tools and gloves.

Tea and coffee available.

Sorry, but in the interest of safety, please don't bring children.

Rev. Chris Gregory's son Tom is undertaking the Lake District Ultra Challenge - a 2 day, 100 km walk in June this year to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. If you would like to sponsor him, please visit his JustGiving page (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tom-gregory10>), or sign the sponsorship form in church.



THE NORTH MEOLS TEAM MINISTRY
WEDNESDAY EVENING LENT TALKS 7.30pm
FOLLOWED BY COMPLINE 8.00PM
HELD AT CHURCHES ACROSS OUR TEAM

THEME 'PSALMS FOR THE LENTEN JOURNEY'

MARCH 1ST St CUTHBERT CHURCHTOWN
REV REBECCA CLARKE

MARCH 8TH
ST JOHN CROSSENS
REV JAN FRASER

MARCH 15TH
ST STEPHEN'S IN THE BANKS
REV MARTIN ABRAM

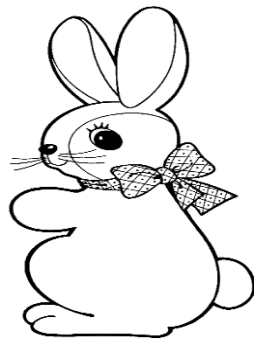
MARCH 22ND
ST CUTHBERT CHURCHTOWN
FR NEIL BRUNSKILL

MARCH 29TH
ST JOHN CROSSENS
REV REBECCA CLARKE

ALL VERY WELCOME TO COME AND JOIN US!

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EASTER COFFEE MORNING

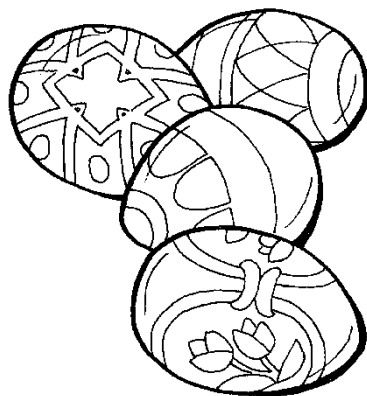


SATURDAY 8th APRIL

10AM - 12 NOON

**COME FOR A COFFEE AND START TO
CELEBRATE EASTER!**

**THERE WILL BE CAKES, GOODIES
AND A RAFFLE!!!!**



ROTAS

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

5 th March	Nicola & Andrew
12 th March	Brenda & Mavis
19 th March	Chris D & Eileen
26 th March	Chris & Bill
2 nd April	Kath & Jane



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

WEDNESDAY COFFEE ROTA

1 st March	Chris & Janet
8 th March	Brenda & June
15 th March	Jean & Mavis
22 nd March	Chris & Janet
29 th March	Brenda & June
5 th April	Jean & Mavis

Sanctuary Flowers

No flowers in Lent

Thank you for all support of our flower fund. ECB.

Easter Raffle

I'm hoping to run an Easter raffle. Donations of small Easter eggs welcome.

Chris Jowett

PUZZLES - SUDOKU

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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)

Tuesday, 14th March 2023

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

St Patrick's Day - Mothering Sunday - Annunciation - Lent

Leeks for St David's day, daffodils for the rest of the month: March brings us Spring. St Patrick, who brought Christianity to Ireland, is remembered with parades. Mothering Sunday and Mother's Day are celebrated with more daffodils and Sunday lunch 'out'. March brings us the Annunciation, when the angel first appeared to Mary to tell her of her coming pregnancy. March is the month of Lent, of prayer and preparation for Easter.

Leeks

Daffodils

Spring

Patrick
Day

Mum

Mother

Angel

Ireland

Wales

Sunday

Lunch

Pregnancy

preparation

prayer

parades

Mary

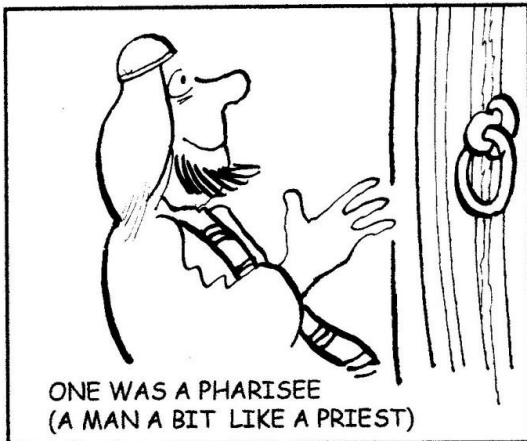
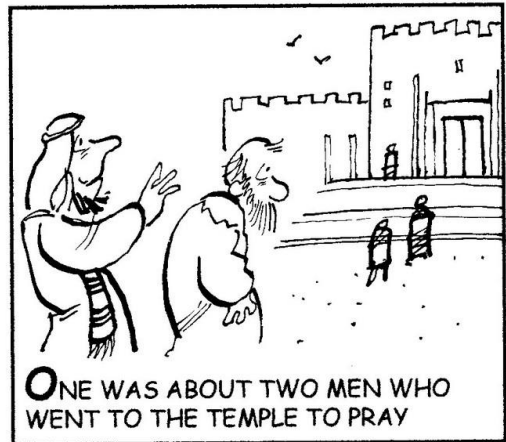
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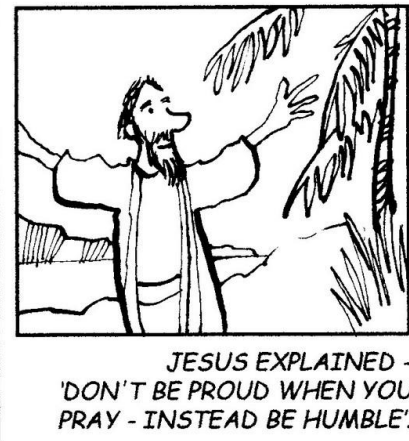
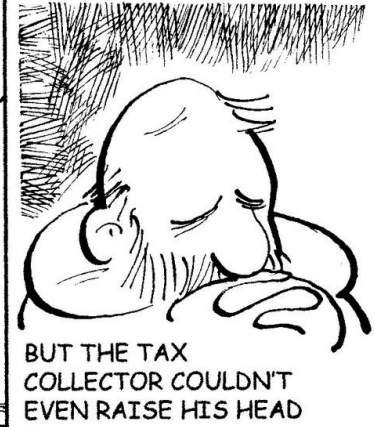
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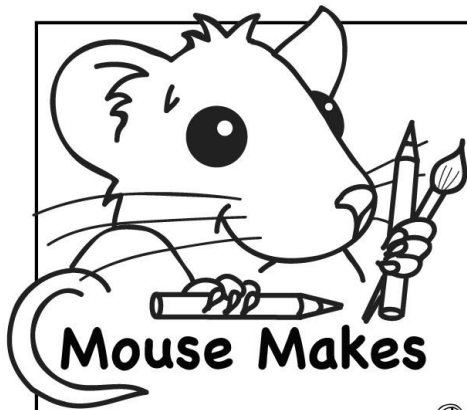


The
Tale of the
**TWO MEN
SAYING
THEIR
PRAYERS**



**THE OTHER WAS A TAX
COLLECTOR. (NOT A POPULAR
MAN IN JESUS' DAY!).**





BIBLE MOTHERS

Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?

___ _ _
Genesis 4:1-2

Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?

___ _ _ _ _
Genesis 17:19

Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?

___ _ _ _ _
1 Samuel 1:20

Who was Ruth's Mother-in-Law?

___ _ _ _ _
Ruth 1:1-5

Eunice was Timothy's mother, but who was her mother?

___ _ _ _ _
2 Timothy 1:5

Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

___ _ _ _ _
Exodus 6:20

Look up the Bible verses and find out who the Bible mothers are.

M ___ _ _ _
Matt 1:16

O ___ _ _
2 Tim 1:5

T ___ _ _ _
1 Kings 1:11

H ___ _ _ _
1 Sam 1:20

E ___ _ _
Gen 34:1

R ___ _ _ _
Gen 30:22

WHO IS MY MOTHER?



- | | |
|---------|-----------|
| CAIN | ELIZABETH |
| ISAAC | HANNAH |
| JESUS | RACHEL |
| JACOB | REBEKAH |
| TIMOTHY | EVE |
| JOSEPH | MARY |
| SAMUEL | SARAH |
| JOHN | EUNICE |



How many other words can you make from:

MOTHERING SUNDAY

?

Look up the Bible verses then find the answers and the names below in the word search



- REBEKAH
- ELIZABETH
- EUNICE
- RUTH
- MARY
- RACHEL
- LEAH
- ZIPLAH
- MOTHER
- MUM

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