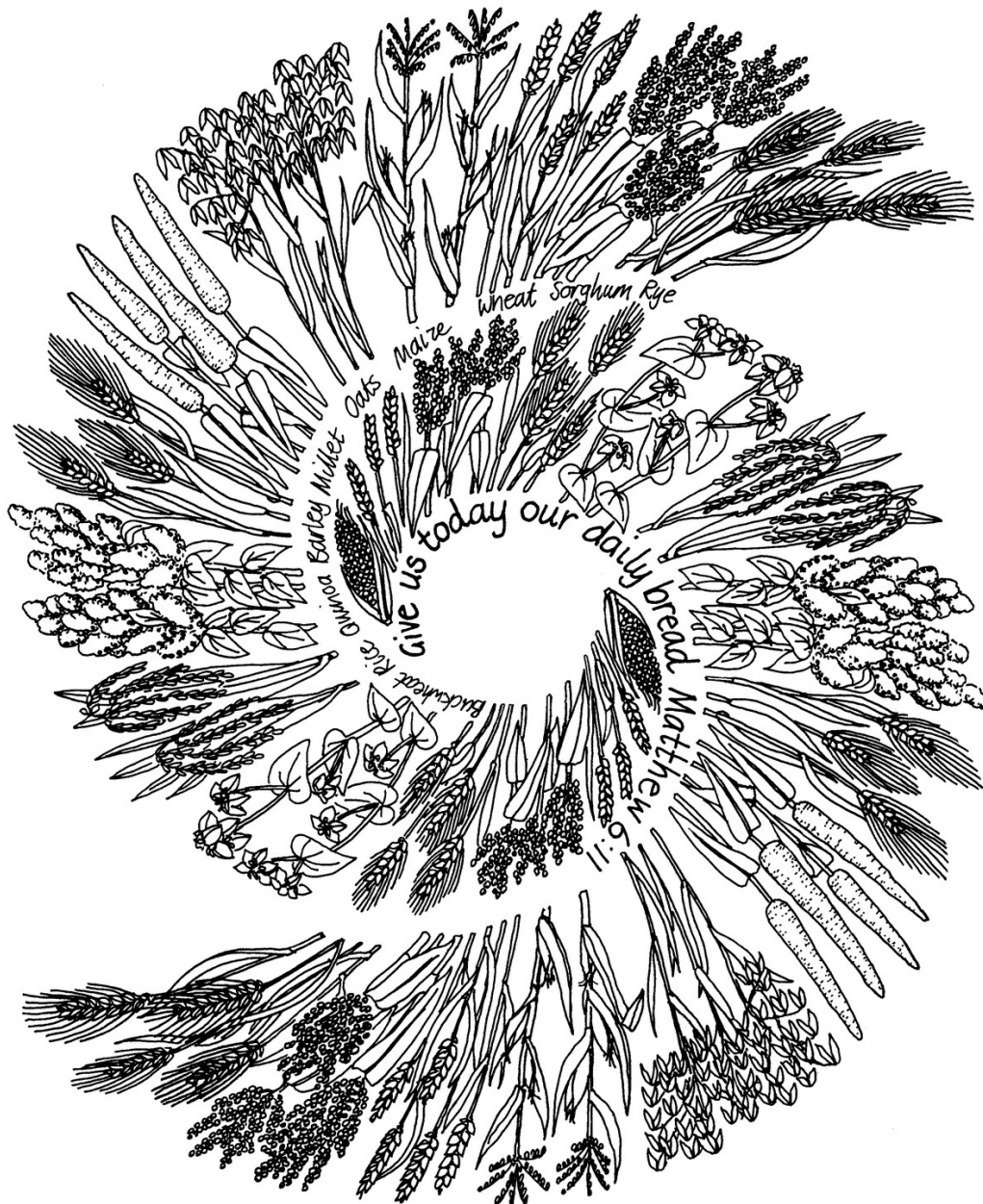


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St. John's Parish Church

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

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Holy Communion 1st September, 15th September, 6th October

Morning Prayer 8th September, 22nd September, 29th September

Wednesday (10am)

Holy Communion 11th September, 25th September

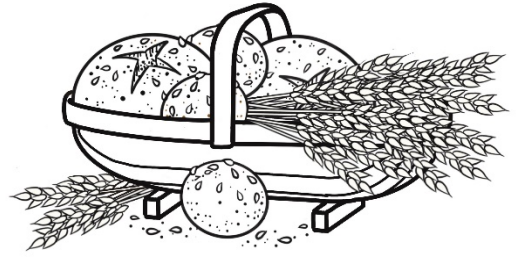
Morning Prayer 4th September, 18th September, 2nd October

A letter from Janet Yardley.....

Dear Friends,

On Saturday September 30th, 2023, I was licensed as a Reader for the Liverpool Diocese. It has been an amazing year. I have been very fortunate in becoming a member of the North Meols Team. I

have been welcomed into St John's, St Cuthbert's and St Stephen's. I have been involved in a variety of services which has enabled me to gain experience and knowledge.



In addition to the Reader Training sessions, which I have found both informative and enjoyable, I have attended our North Meols Reader Training Evenings which has enabled me to meet with other readers and share God's word. I was also fortunate in being able to attend the Leading Your Church into Growth conference at Swanwick. I found this extremely rewarding and on reflection gave us time to reflect on our time within our local community and ways to move forward.

We are now approaching the wonderful festival of Harvest. A time very dear to my heart. Being brought up on a farm, Harvest is a very special time. This year has been a very difficult time for farmers with the inclement weather which has caused major delays in all aspects of food production. As a Christian family, we truly valued the lyrics of those famous Harvest hymns "All is safely gathered in; Er the winter storms begin". We substituted the words to "Prater tops and Everything". It may seem strange but very relevant. We are truly grateful for all the Harvest.

I am extremely grateful to all who have enabled me to be a lay reader and supported me over the last three years. I will endeavour to spread God's word in all I do. I feel God has led me all the way and enabled me to conduct my work.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengths me." Philippians 4:13

It is with sadness that I end my letter with the sad news concerning the atrocities and the loss of lives of the three young girls from Southport this week.

May God's blessing rest upon you and rise within you. May your heart beat to the rhythm of His peace.

Janet x



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

September 1st In memory of Yvonne Fee
September 8th In memory of Mrs Audrey Wilcox
September 15th Mr & Mrs R Corbett
September 22nd _____
September 29th _____

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

1 st Sept	Nicola & Andrew
8 th Sept	Brenda & Mavis
15 th Sept	Louise J
22 nd Sept	Chris J
29 th Sept	Kath & Jane
6 th Oct	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

4 th Sept	Brenda & June
11 th Sept	Chris & Janet
18 th Sept	Eileen & Trish
25 th Sept	Jean & Mavis
2 nd Oct	Brenda & June
9 th Oct	Chris & Janet

Readings rota

Sept 1 st	Nicola	14 th after Trinity	James 1.17-end
Sept 8 th	Simon	15 th after Trinity	James 2.1-10, 14-17
Sept 15 th	Andrew	16 th after Trinity	James 3.1-12
Sept 22 nd	Joey	17 th after Trinity	James 3.13-4.3, 7-8
Sept 29 th	Eileen	St Michael & All Angels	Revelations 12.7-12 <i>Or</i> Hebrews 1.5-end

St John's Church, Crossens

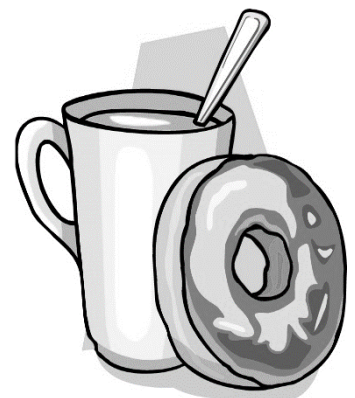
HARVEST



COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 5th October

10am-12.00



Cakes, Raffle, Games!

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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.

St John's Church, Crossens

Saturday 7th September
10 am until 2 pm

Crossens history in photos
Various displays

Also, visit the Scarisbrick Mausoleum

Everyone welcome!

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Nexus
**Churches
Together**

(in North Meols)

Tuesday, 10th September 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: 10]



Prayer for September 2024

Lord, here we are in September - a beautiful month at the end of the summer, but before the autumn has taken hold. A month of excitement and new starts for many, a month when courage is needed for our children and young people.

And Lord we pray for courage, compassion and integrity for our new Prime Minister and our new government. We pray for justice and peace in our country and in the world.

Help us Lord, to know that you are Lord of September; you are Lord and giver of every new month, every new day, every new minute. Help us to put our trust in you for our adventures and for our mundane everyday routines.

You are our generous, loving Father and promise that you will never leave us or forsake us when we trust in you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

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
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Appearances
Gabriel

Mary
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

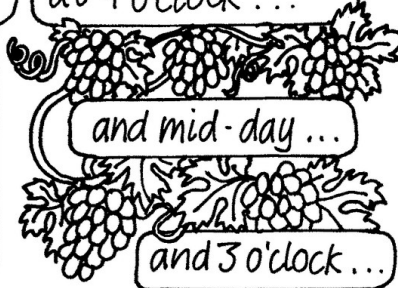
It can be read in the Bible in Matthew chapter 20 verses 1-15

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 ...

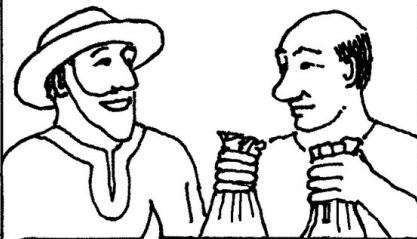
and 3 o'clock ...

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.

The gardener and the Vine




JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS


ONCE HE TOLD HIS FRIENDS ALL ABOUT A GARDENER.

THE GARDENER'S JOB WAS TO CARE FOR THE VINES





HE WOULD LOOK AT EACH BRANCH CAREFULLY..

... AND IF IT WAS PRODUCING GOOD FRUIT, HE WOULD CARE FOR IT AND NOURISH IT.



IF IT WAS PRODUCING BAD FRUIT...






...OR NO FRUIT AT ALL...

... THEN THE GARDENER WOULD CHOP IT OFF, AND BURN IT IN THE FIRE!!



JESUS WANTED HIS FRIENDS TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS - THAT'S LIKE THE VINE BEARING GOOD FRUIT.

YOU CAN READ THIS SPECIAL PARABLE IN JOHN'S GOSPEL, CHAPTER 15.

Some colouring for all ages....



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