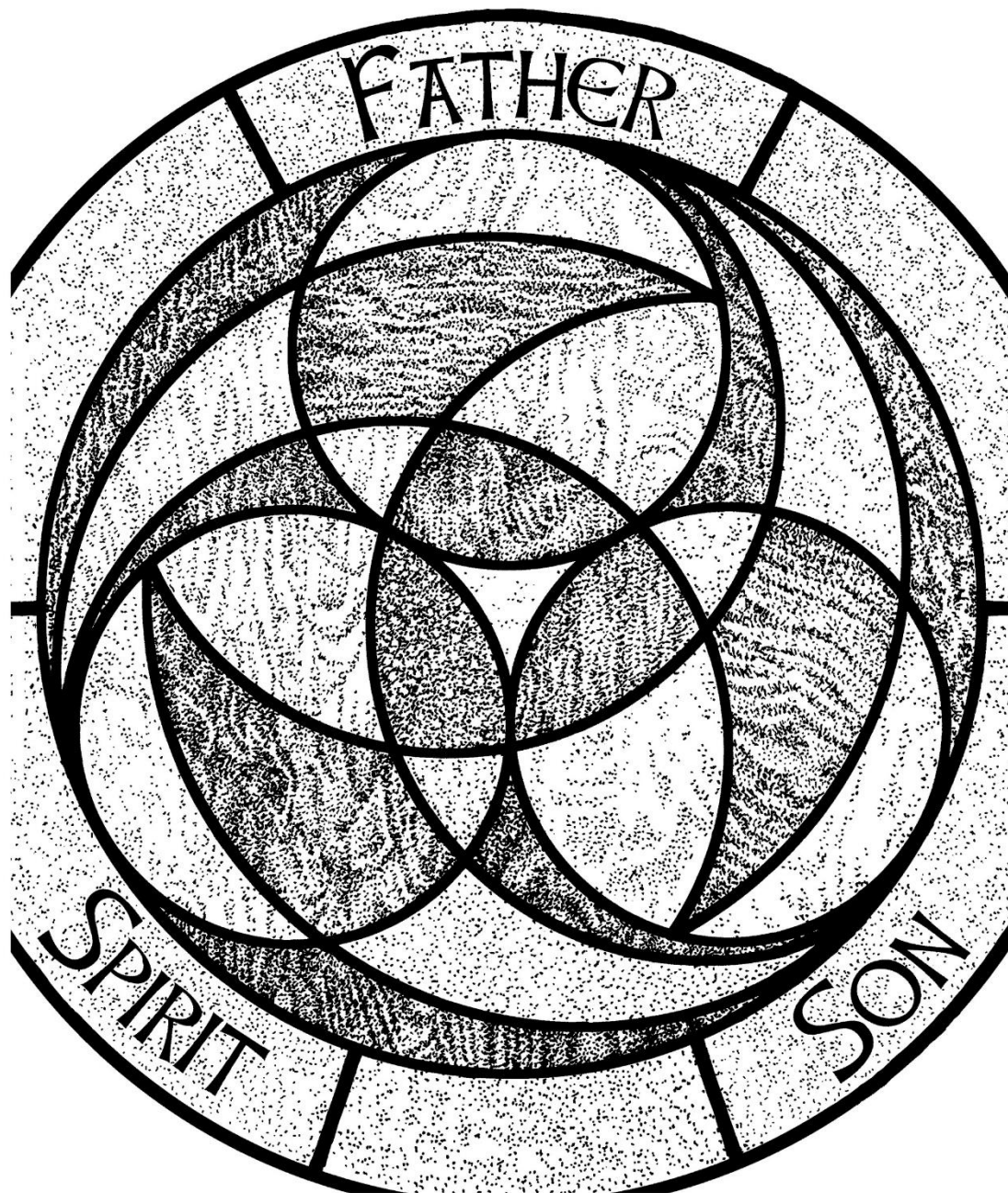


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St. John's Parish Church

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

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Sunday (10am)

Holy Communion June 4th, June 11th, June 18th
Morning Prayer June 25th

Wednesday (10am)

Holy Communion June 7th, June 28th
Morning Prayer June 14th, June 21st

Dear Friends,

We have recently celebrated Jesus' Ascension which we might see as the ultimate Coronation as He returns to Heaven in glorious, majestic splendour to sit at His Father's right hand; heralded in Matthew Bridges Hymn 'Crown Him with many crowns'. Jesus's crown is that of righteousness, and Divine authority.

Yes King Charles III's Coronation may be a few weeks past, but it will be some considerable time before that superlative occasion will be a distant or indeed faded memory. Let's face it, some of us can conjure up the images on nine inch black and white television screens, of our late Queen Elizabeth's Coronation seventy years ago.

For many people, the most visible symbol of our monarch is the crown, this being a mark of Royal authority. The evident acceptance of that Royal authority by our own nation state can for example be found on our postal pillar boxes, Beefeater's uniforms, military dress uniform buttons and cap badges.

Indeed in the Old Testament, (2Kings11-12). we read of some linkages between the crowning of King Joash of Judah in 835 BC and the UK in 2023 - "Jehoiada brought Joash outside, where he placed the crown on his head and gave him a copy of instructions for ruling the nation. Olive oil was poured on his head to show that he was now king, while the crowd clapped and shouted, "Long live the king!"

On the 11th June, the St Cuthbert annual Rose Queen Festival and Summer Fair will include the joyful crowning of our Rose Queen, a custom derived from the late Victorian era, and believed to originate in the then much larger County of Lancashire.

In 1888 the Mayor of Southport in crowning a Rose Queen is recorded as saying:
"We bend, fair sovereign, 'neath your gracious sway.
And hail you queen! On this our festive day.
Upon your head this bounteous crown we place.
Deck's with the flower most dear to England's race."

Of course a head wreath or circlet used in the same way as a crown in the ancient world, known in Greek as 'stephanos,' was employed in various ways, one was to mock royalty, as with Jesus' cruel crown of thorns, another as a reward.

In modern times, people are rewarded for significant service albeit not with laurel wreaths. We may occasionally see a posthumous recognition for Sainthood like Mother Theresa, or an award for valour. The late George Masters VC lies buried in the St Cuthbert graveyard.

Similarly in the first century AD, winners in an athletics race could be rewarded with a head worn laurel leaf wreath. In his letter to the church in Corinth; St Paul distinguishes between the laurel wreath or crown awarded to the victorious athlete, which will inevitably fade and perish; with the complete opposite; namely the heavenly reward of an imperishable laurel wreath, as the crown and certain hope of eternal life, the honour and blessing that awaits for all who choose to lead a Christian life by following Jesus's two great commandments.

Yours in Christ,
Roger.

Rev Chris Gregory RIP

4th Jan 1953-21st May 2023

Chris was a member of our North Meols Team and served across all three churches. He was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in the autumn of 2022. Chris continued in his ministry until the symptoms of his illness began to increase and sadly, he had to retire in November 2022. He was originally due to retire in Jan 2023.

Chris loved every single minute of being a priest and serving the churches and communities across our parishes.

His loss to his family, to our churches and especially to St John Crossens, a church he particular loved is huge indeed. There will never be another Chris!

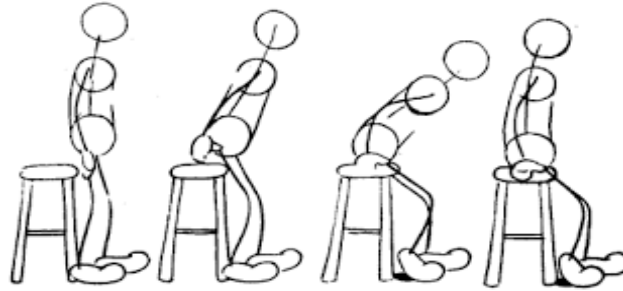
All through his illness Chris never wavered in his faith and spoke to others from a strong belief that he knew where he was going after death and that he would be with the God he had loved and served all his life.

So we continue to pray for Chrissy, (Chris's wife) and all his family as they grieve the loss of a true family man and send them our love and support.

May Chris rest in peace and one day may he rise in glory.

Rev Rebecca Clarke
Team Rector.

SATURDAY 17th JUNE



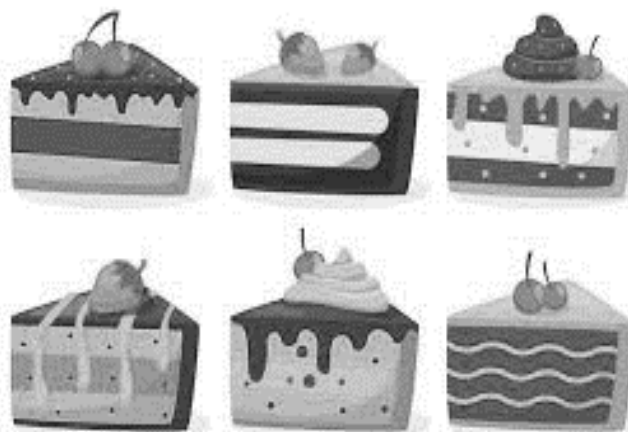
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**STEPHEN WILL SIT ON EVERY PEW IN
CHURCH! PLEASE SPONSOR HIM – ALL
PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS.**

**TEA AND CAKE WILL ALSO BE
AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO SUPPORT
STEPHEN.**



ROTAS

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

4 th June	Chris & Bill
11 th June	Kath & Jane
18 th June	Nicola & Andrew
25 th June	Brenda
2 nd July	Chris D & Eileen



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

WEDNESDAY COFFEE ROTA

7 th June	Jean & Mavis
14 th June	Chris & Janet
21 st June	Brenda & June
28 th June	Jean & Mavis
5 th July	Chris & Janet

Sanctuary Flowers

June 4 th	In memory of Mr & Mrs Iveson
June 11 th	In memory of Rev Chris Gregory
June 18 th	_____
June 25 th	_____



Thank to all who support our Flower Fund. ECB.



SUMMER COFFEE MORNING



Saturday 1st
July 10 - 12



Cakes and Raffle

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.

Churches Together

(in North Meols)

Tuesday, 13th June 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

Each June, the Church of England holds its Petertide ordinations, to coincide with the feast day of the great apostle Peter, who led the Church at Pentecost. Simon had been a fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee, when his brother Andrew introduced him to Jesus. When Simon made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus gave him a new name - Cephas, or Peter, which means rock. The 'gates of hell' would never prevail against Jesus' Church, and He gave Peter the power of 'binding and loosing', and also the 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. Peter witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and Jesus praying in Gethsemane. Peter betrayed Jesus but after the Resurrection, Jesus entrusted him to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ's flock. Peter was the first apostle to work a miracle.

Simon
Peter
Fisherman
Bethsaida
Galilee

Andrew
Jesus
Rock
Transfiguration
Raising

Daughter
Garden
Gethsemane
Betrayed
Cock

Crowed
Feed
My
Lambs
Sheep

Keys
Kingdom
Gates
Hell
Binding
Loosing



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis ch 25:19-33, 27:1-42

Jacob had cheated his father and brother, and had run away to stay with his uncle Laban. On the way there..

Jacob saw angels and heard God.

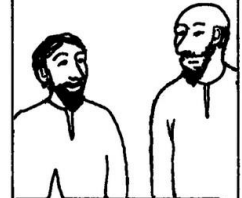


At Laban's house, Jacob met his cousin Rachel



Work for me for 7 years and you can marry her

7 years later



Can I marry Rachel now?

But Laban tricked him into marrying her sister Leah

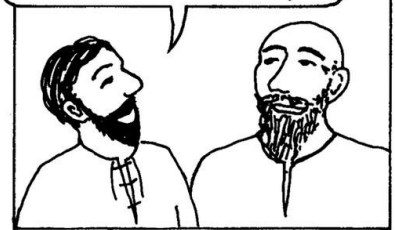


So Jacob worked 7 more years to marry Rachel



Then he said to Laban

As you aren't paying me wages, can I have the black sheep?



Laban agreed, but that day he moved all the black sheep far away



But God blessed Jacob and his black flock grew



Laban became very jealous of Isaac



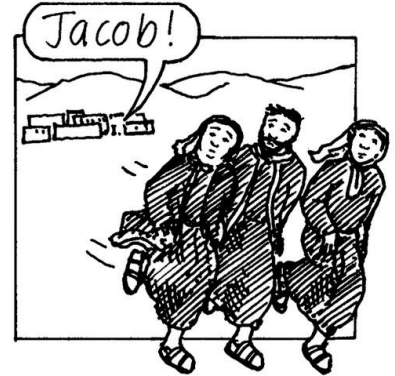
Your father doesn't like me any more. We need to go back to my home.

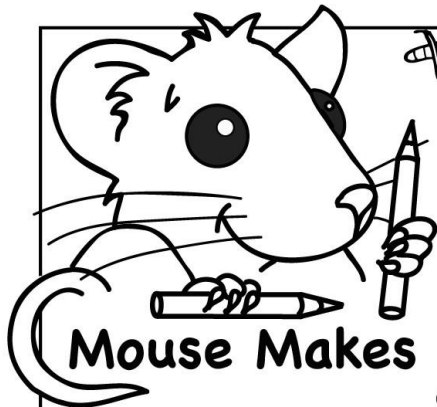


They waited until Laban was away..

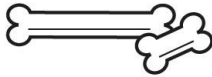


but he was told ...





The Lord said to Moses,
 "Your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh
 to let the people of Israel go out of his land...
 The Egyptians shall know that I AM the Lord
 when I stretch out my hand against Egypt..."
 As Pharaoh's heart was hardened against the
 Israelites, God sent ten plagues upon him...



1
Water turns to Blood
 Which water turned
 to blood?
Read - Exodus 7:19

D F G B O I L S L
 L S O O T O P I B
 A W D P E O P L E
 N A N I M A L S A

6
A Break out of Boils
 What did Moses throw into
 the air before boils appeared
 on people and animals?
Read - Exodus 9:10

2
A Swarm of Frogs
 In which
 places were the
 frogs found?
Read - Exodus 8:3-4

D R S N G N A T S
 U M I D N I G H T
 S S T A F F U U O
 T A A R O N E N O

7
A Rain of Hail
 What also rained
 down with the hail?
 Where did it not hail?
Read - Exodus 9:24-26

3
A Plague of Gnats
 When Aaron struck his
 staff on the ground
 what became Gnats?
Read - Exodus 8:16-17

D E B K D F S D G
 T M A N W A T E R
 M O S E S R W R O
 C R F S N I L E U

8
A Swarm of Locusts
 Where did the wind
 come from that brought
 the locusts to the land?
Read - Exodus 10:13

4
Swarms of Flies
 In which land were the
 flies not be found?
Read - Exodus 8:22

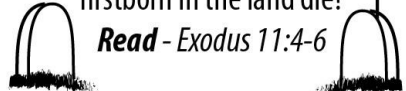
I V O K N L C F D
 R E G H W O U I E
 E R S A K O S S A

9
Darkness over the Land
 How many days did
 it remain dark?
Read - Exodus 10:21-22

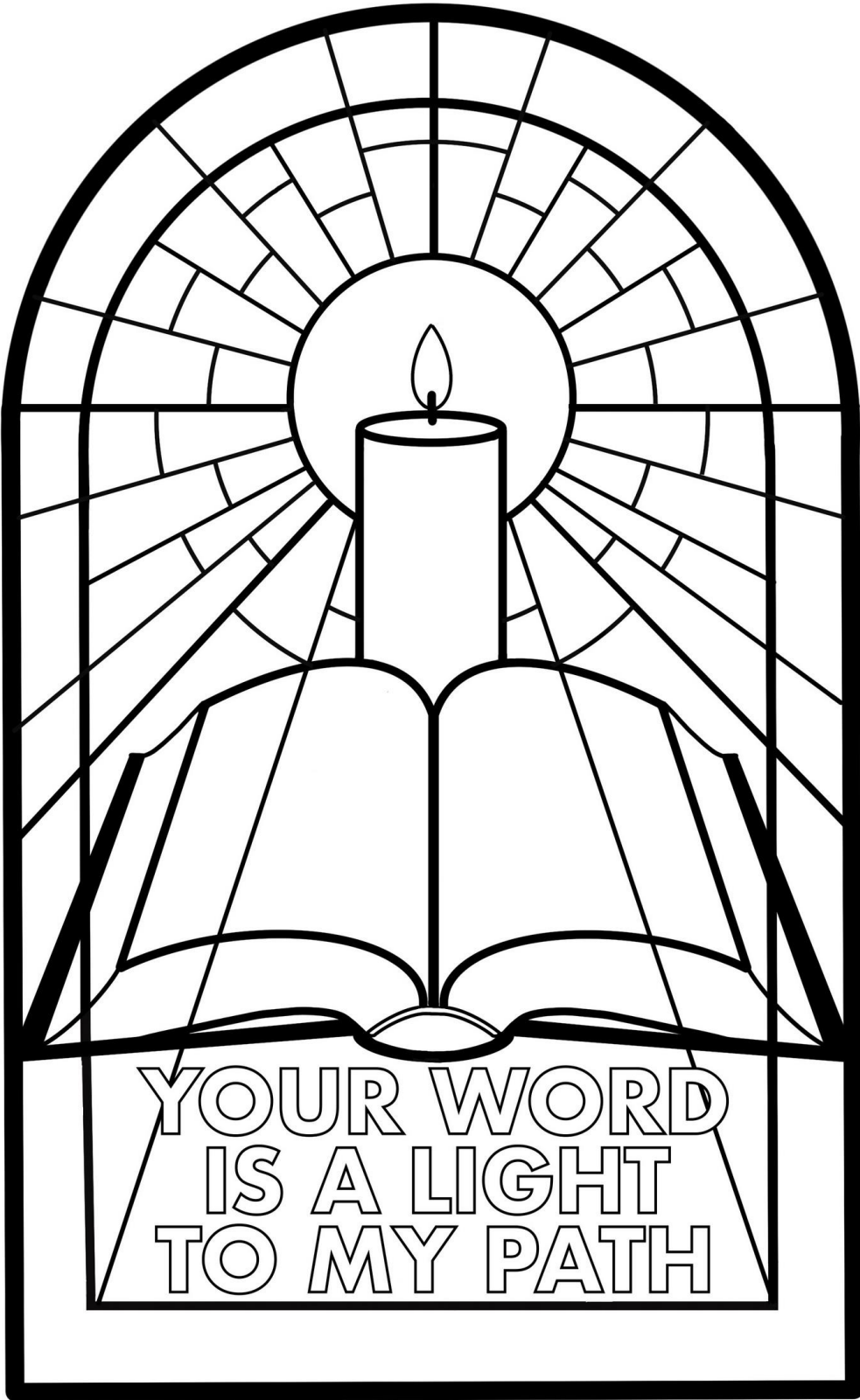
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Death of Animals
 Which animals that belonged
 to the Egyptians died?
Read - Exodus 9:2

G O D • P L A G U E S • M O S E S • A A R O N
 W A T E R • B L O O D • S T A F F • R I V E R • N I L E • F I S H
 F R O G S • S W A R M • G N A T S • D U S T • F L I E S
 G R O U N D • D E A T H • A N I M A L S • S O O T
 B O I L S • P E O P L E • H A I L • T H U N D E R • F I R E
 M A N • B E A S T • L O C U S T S • W I N D • L A N D
 D A R K N E S S • F I R S T B O R N • M I D N I G H T

10
Death of the Firstborn
 At what time would the
 firstborn in the land die?
Read - Exodus 11:4-6



Some colouring for all ages....



Rev. Chris Gregory's son Tom is undertaking the Lake District Ultra Challenge - a 2-day, 100 km walk on 10th to 11th June this year to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. If you would like to sponsor him, please visit his JustGiving page by using the QR code (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tom-gregory10>), or sign the sponsorship form in church.



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