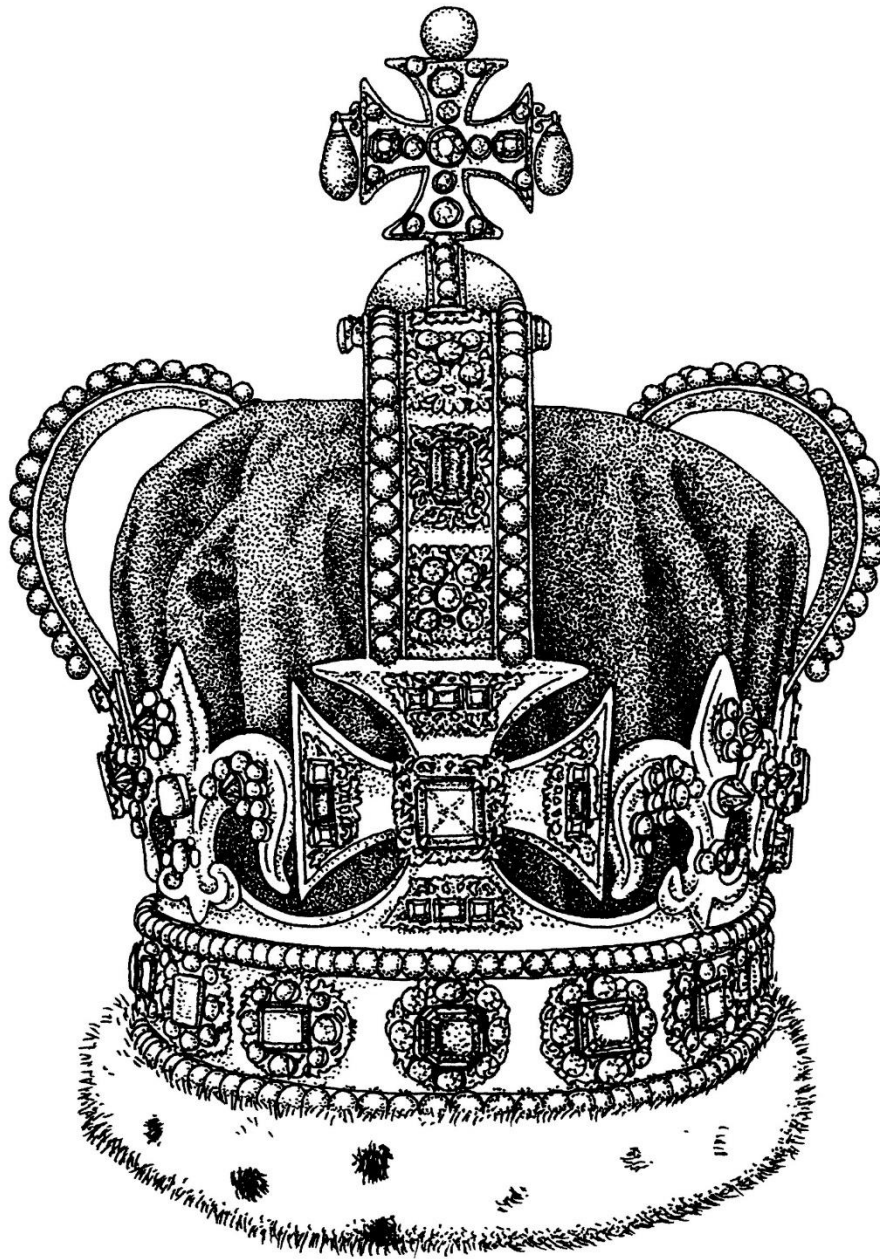


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Holy Communion May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Morning Prayer

Wednesday (10am)

Holy Communion May 3rd, 24th
Morning Prayer May 10th, 17th,

"CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL".
A Letter from Revd. Bill Watson.

Hello to all friends across the North Meols Team Ministry.

Two historic and major events take place this month. Saturday 6th May will be the coronation of King Charles III, when he will be crowned King in Westminster Abbey. On Thursday 18th May, we commemorate the Ascension of Jesus Christ, when he returned to his throne, seated at the right hand of God the Father, "King of Kings, Lord of Lords, the only ruler of Princes".

King Charles himself acknowledged this in his first Christmas broadcast when he said, "In the much loved carol, 'O Little Town of Bethlehem', we sing of how in the dark streets shineth the everlasting light. My mothers belief in the power of that light was an essential part of her faith and it is one which I share with my whole heart".

It has been pointed out on several occasions that the majority of the population, (all those under seventy), have never seen a coronation. I have only vague memories of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II on 2nd June 1953. I was a teenager about to join the RAF. My parents didn't own a television set and presumably they listened to it on the wireless. Some people bought their first television for the occasion and many invited friends and neighbours in to watch the event. Most people would have probably seen highlights on "Pathe News" at the local cinema.

The Ascension of Jesus Christ marked a turning point in history when the man, Jesus of Nazareth, became Christ the Saviour of the world. It was a miraculous event. Steve Brady, a teacher of theology, is the author of a book entitled, "King of Heaven, Lord of Earth". In a recent Advent reflection, he calls the birth at Bethlehem the greatest miracle of them all, when God stepped down from being Creator of the Universe to a humble birth in a stable! He goes on to say that after that, turning water into wine, healing the sick, calming the storm and raising the dead are the very things we would expect of an incarnate God. The final miracle of his earthly life means that he is now available to all people, at all times and in all places. He is the everlasting Light of the World, as King Charles reminded us in his Christmas broadcast.

So, we have two great events to celebrate this month. We will remember it all much better than we did in 1953.

One of the essential parts of the ceremony will be the anointing with Holy Oil. The oil was consecrated in Jerusalem at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Theophilus III and the Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem, Hosam Naoum. The oil was created from olives grown on the Mount of Olives where the Kings paternal grandmother, Princess Alice, lies buried.

Finally, on Thursday 18th May, we will celebrate with the hymn, "Hail the day that sees Him Rise, to His throne above the skies", as we honour the Risen, Ascended, Living Lord, Jesus Christ. We must pray that these two great events will stir the hearts of everyone bringing them great joy and peace.

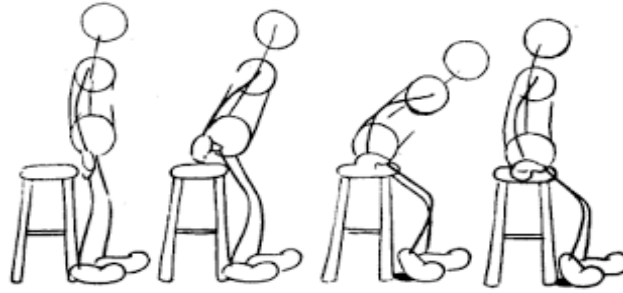
"God Save The King".

BILL WATSON

St John's Crossens

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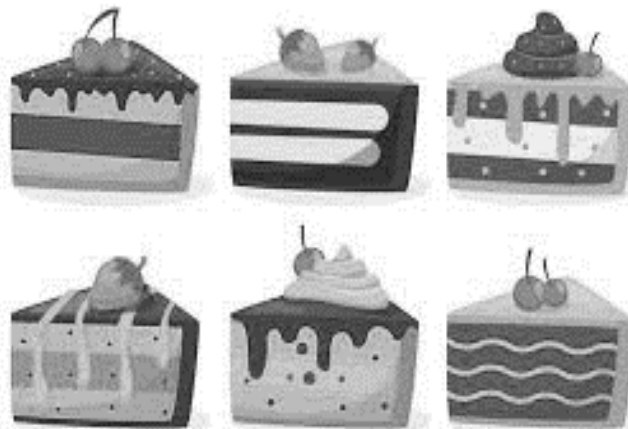
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ROTAS

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

7 th May	Kath & Jane
14 th May	Nicola & Andrew
21 st May	Brenda & Mavis
28 th May	Chris D & Eileen
4 th June	Chris & Bill



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

WEDNESDAY COFFEE ROTA

3 rd May	Chris & Janet
10 th May	Brenda & June
17 th May	Jean & Mavis
24 th May	Chris & Janet
31 st May	Brenda & June

Sanctuary Flowers

May 7 th	In memory of Audrey Stanley
May 14 th	_____
May 21 st	_____
May 28 th	In memory of Betty Empson

Many thanks to all who support our Flower Fund. ECB.



SUMMER COFFEE MORNING



Saturday 1st
July 10 - 12



Cakes and Raffle

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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, 9th May 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

Facts about King Charles

He was born at 9.14pm on 14th November 1948 at Buckingham Palace.

He has been heir-apparent to the throne since he was three years old.

He is the first monarch in British history to have earned a university degree.

He can speak Welsh.

He is a qualified pilot and diver.

He is a keen watercolour painter, a published author and played the cello at Cambridge.

As Prince of Wales, he founded about 20 charities which raise about £140million each year for good causes.

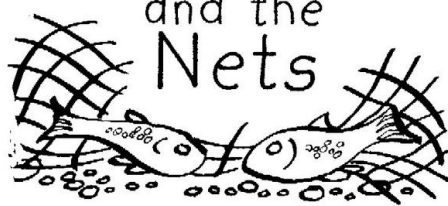
Aged 73, King Charles III is the oldest monarch ever to be crowned in British history.

He became King on 8th September 2022, after the death of his mother, the Queen, in Balmoral. As King, he is also now head of the Commonwealth.


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Cello
Balmoral
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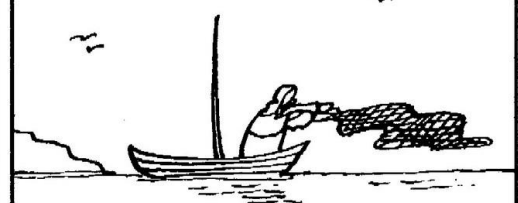
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JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



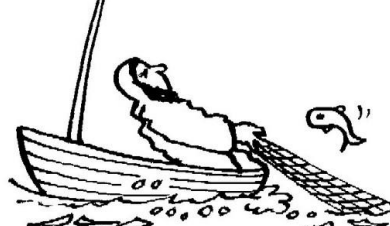
ONCE JESUS SAID THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WAS A BIT LIKE CATCHING FISH!



WHEN PEOPLE GO FISHING THEY THROW THEIR NETS INTO THE LAKE...



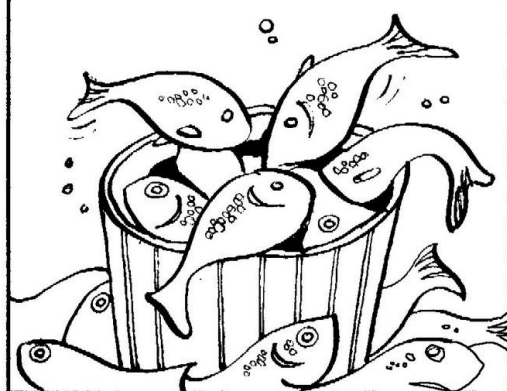
...WHEN THE NETS ARE FULL, THEY PULL THEM TO SHORE



ONCE ON SHORE THE FISH HAVE TO BE SORTED OUT.



THE GOOD FISH GO INTO BUCKETS



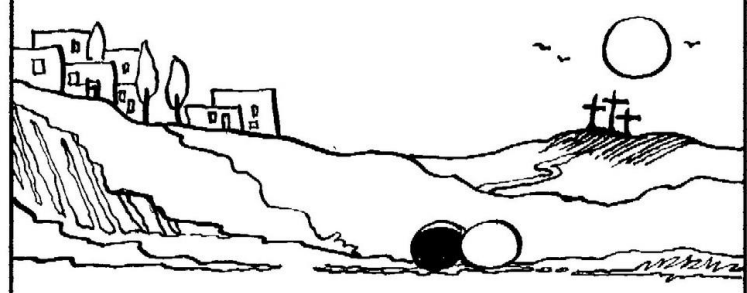
THE BAD FISH GET THROWN AWAY!



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT WE TOO WILL BE SORTED LIKE THE FISH. WE CAN CHOOSE TO DO GOOD OR BAD THINGS WITH OUR LIVES.



BUT EVEN IF WE MAKE TERRIBLE MISTAKES - WE CAN ALWAYS BE FORGIVEN - THAT'S JESUS' PROMISE.



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

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


Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons - Esau ('Hairy') and Jacob ('grasper'). When the boys were born, God said...

Esau is older but Jacob will be more important.



The boys grew up...

Esau liked to go out to hunt, but Jacob stayed at home.



When Isaac was old and blind he told Esau




I want to give you my special blessing; first catch me some food.

But Rebekah went to find Jacob



You could have that blessing

But Esau is hairy and I am not.



Use goat skin to cover your arms and wear Esau's clothes



Here is your food, Father



Are you really Esau? Come nearer.

Jacob was tricked by the goat skin and Esau's clothes.



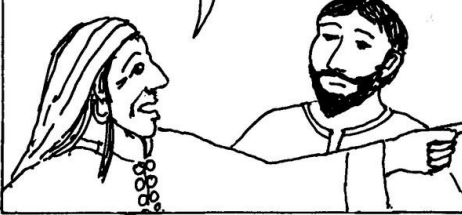
May God bless you richly, my son.

Then Esau returned



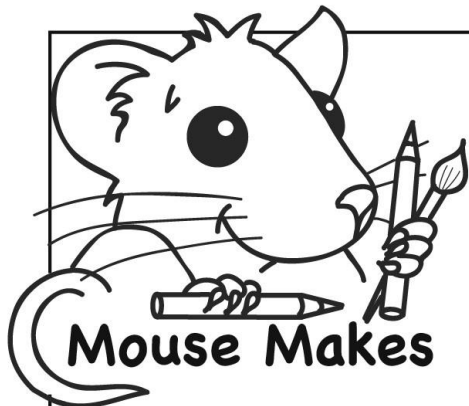
I'm sorry, I already blessed your brother

You must run away or Esau will kill you. Go to my brother Laban's home.



Jacob!





Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and ascended into heaven.

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?



READ Acts 1 4-17

Find the answers in the word search

_____ to be Jesus' witnesses. Acts 1:8

What did Jesus say from the Apostles?

a _____ Acts 1:9

Who appeared to the Apostles?

Two _____ and what were they dressed in? _____ Acts 1:10

Where was Jesus taken up to? _____ Luke 24:51

Where is Jesus seated?

Where did the Apostles return to? _____ Acts 1:12

At the _____ of God. Mark 16:19

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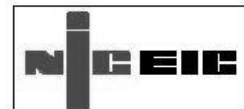
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