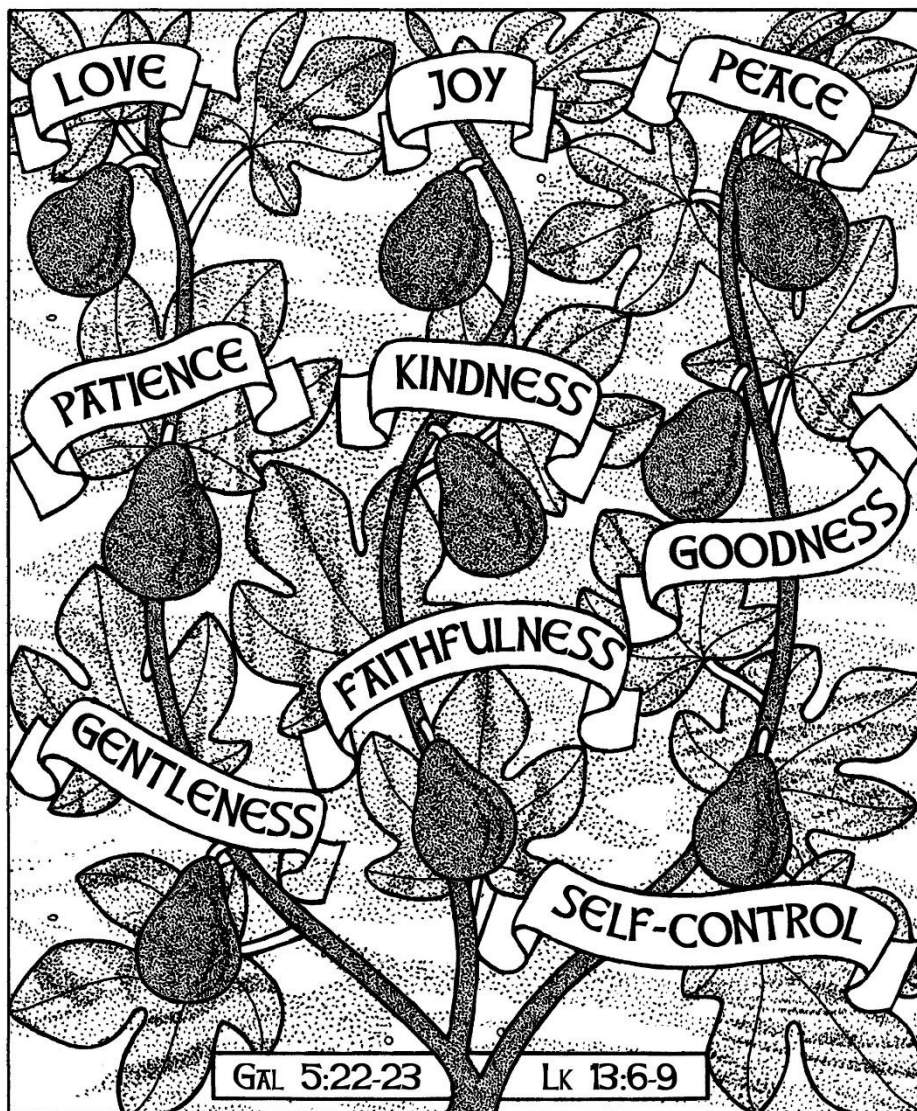


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Rufford Road, Crossens
(A member of the North Meols Team Ministry)

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Holy Communion 1st June, 22nd June

Morning Prayer 8th June, 15th June, 29th June

Wednesday (10am)

Holy Communion 11th June, 25th June

Morning Prayer 4th June, 18th June

For later dates, please check the website: www.stjohncrossens.co.uk

Rev Bill Watson writes.....

'Love, Joy and Peace be With You '

Dear Friends across the North Meols Team,

Like many of my fellow 'senior citizens ', I spend a lot of time, these days, remembering the past. I am now thinking about my time in the 1970s, as Vicar of Malin Bridge in the city of Sheffield.

The Morning Service every Sunday was called 'Family Communion '. It was preceded by the Sunday School, which also met in Church. Occasionally, Sunday School would be at the same time as Family Communion, when we all met together.

One particular Sunday, I remember, between Easter and Pentecost, the children took over after the reading of the Gospel. They were scattered all around the Church. A little voice from the back called out, "Beethoven is dead". Another, at the front, shouted "Lord Nelson is dead ". Another little voice, somewhere down the centre aisle, shouted "Florence Nightingale is dead" and someone down the side called out, "Abraham Lincoln is dead. This went on for some time until, suddenly, they all shouted together, "Jesus is Alive!". The impact was amazing - an atmosphere my sermons had never aroused! And it was created by children!

It reminded us of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter and Guide. It reminded us that we do not worship a dead hero, but a Living Saviour.

St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Galatians, (Galatians 5: 23) that the fruits of the Spirit are Love, Joy and Peace, amongst many other positive activities. Yet we look around the world and we see instead, hatred, terrorism, racialism and warfare. Every day we hear of knife crime and death by alcohol and drug related activity.

Our time on this planet, the Biblical three score years and ten, or, in the 21st century, ninety or one hundred years, is but a drop in the ocean of time. One would imagine that people would want to enjoy Love, Joy and Peace, in the little time we have.

The people of violence have to admit that the Christian Way offers a better alternative, even if they do not believe in God. They would probably say that life is much more complicated and that our way is naive and childish. One answer to that could be, "How would you know anything about that, since you have never tried it! "

You may feel that your Christian witness is a very feeble effort on the world stage, but if we all, from all corners of the world, like the children from all corners of the



Church in Malin Bridge all those years ago, declare together that Jesus is Alive we are bound to create a powerful impact!

Enjoy Pentecost. Enjoy Love, Joy and Peace and pray for the people of violence, that they may realise the error of their ways and turn their thoughts to the King of Love, the Prince of Peace.

Peace be with you all.

BILL WATSON.



Tune in this month to our Team's Quarterly On-Line Magazine

You will find it on our YouTube Channel....

NORTH MEOLS TEAM MINISTRY SOUTHPORT

This Quarter's Edition includes:

"Threads Through the Bible" at Liverpool Cathedral

A special presentation sent by King Charles

Banks Brass Band celebrates 150 years

Shining Brass

Once a month, if you would ever have the need to go into our vestry, then you would have found Brenda and Mavis rubbing and cleaning our brass and silver furnishings. They have regularly kept this work going for several years and we thank them most sincerely for it!



They now feel that it is time to stop, and they would be grateful to hand over to someone else.

If you feel that you would like to continue this work, then they would be very grateful. Please contact Chris Jowett if you would like to help in keeping our church well cared for.

ROTAS

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

1st June	Louise J & Heather
8th June	Kath & Jane
15th June	Nicola & Andrew
22nd June	Brenda & Chris
29th June	Louise J & Heather
6th July	Kath & Jane
13th July	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

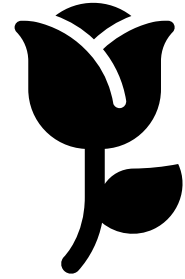
4th June	Brenda & June
11th June	Jean & Mavis
18th June	Chris & Janet
25th June	Eileen & Trish
2nd July	Brenda & June
9th July	Jean & Mavis

Readings rota

01/06/2025	Chris J	7th of Easter	Acts 16.16-34
08/06/2025	Maggie	Day of Pentecost	Acts 2.1-21
15/06/2025	Louise J	Trinity Sunday	Romans 5.1-15
22/06/2025	Andrew	1st after Trinity	Galatians 3.23-end
29/06/2025	Joey	2nd after Trinity	Galatians 5.1, 13-25
06/07/2025	Sylvia	3rd after Trinity	Galatians 6.(1-6) 7-16
13/07/2025	Joan	4th after Trinity	Colossians 1.1-14
20/07/2025	Eileen	5th after Trinity	Colossians 1.15-28
27/07/2025	Simon	6th after Trinity	Colossians 2.6-15 (16-19)

Flowers for June

June 1st -----
June 8th Pentecost. Flowers in memory of the Iveson Family
June 15th -----
June 22nd -----
June 29th -----



Thank you to all who support our Flower Fund. ECB.

Are you a native of Crossens? Were you or your family here in 1940's?

Remembrance Sunday is on November 9th. As this year is the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, we will be having a coffee morning on November 8th, and hopefully a display of WWII memorabilia..

If you were brought up in Crossens and hopefully attended St. John's School between 1939 and 1945, we would like to have your memories of that time. Have you any photos of the V.E. Day street parties that we could borrow? What did you parents, grandparents or older siblings do?

Written accounts of your memories, photos, ration cards etc. would be very welcome. If you lend us photos, please write your name on the back, so that they can be returned. All funds raised will be going to the British Legion.

*Thank you
Chris Jowett*

A big Thank You!

To my good friends at St John's Church, I'd like to say a big thank you to all who helped me at the morning service when I suddenly took ill. I'm glad to say that I'm feeling a lot better now.

Mavis Comstive

PUZZLES - SUDOKU

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EASY

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.

Nexus
Churches
Together

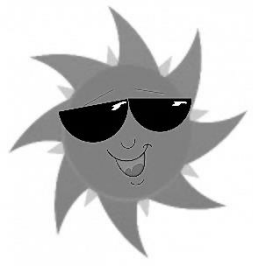
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Tuesday 10th June
At St Patrick's RC Church
7:30pm

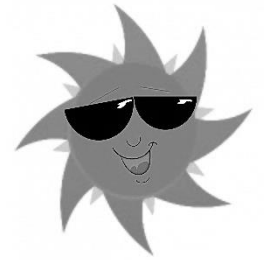
Everyone is very
welcome!

"A new command I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

[John 13: 34,35]



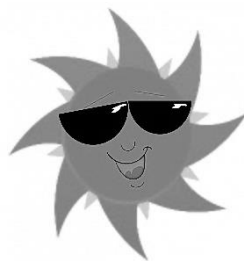
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COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 12th July

10am-12.00



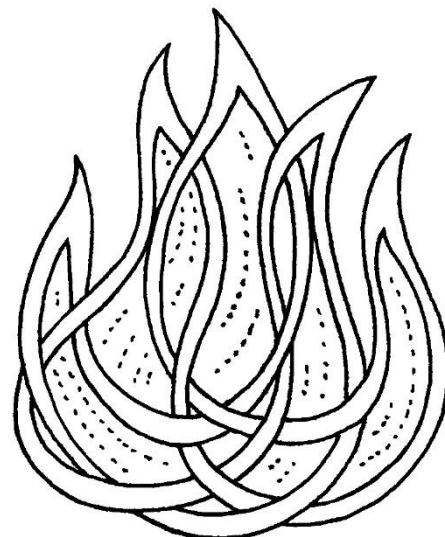
CAKES & RAFFLE

Holy Days

31st May - Day of Pentecost: Whit Sunday

Pentecost took place on the well-established Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was seven weeks after Easter, or 50 days including Easter.

A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit - the day the Church was born.



Jesus had told His disciples that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for His disciples, but He knew they could not do the work themselves. They would need His help.

And so, they waited in Jerusalem, praying together with His other followers, for many days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues, to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning.

That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the disciples and followers of Jesus. The Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian Church that morning, proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth!

Of course, Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, He could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit.

WORDSEARCH

The story of Pentecost is found in Acts 2. After the Ascension of Jesus, the disciples had obeyed His command to stay in Jerusalem and to 'wait for the promise from the Father'. Jesus said this would be the 'baptism of the Holy Spirit', but the disciples had no idea what that meant. They soon found out! Acts tells us that at about 9 o'clock one morning, a sound like a rushing wind from heaven suddenly filled the house, and divided tongues as if of fire rested on each one of them. The Holy Spirit had come down and filled them with His divine power! Praise, preaching and witnessing followed that morning – and the Church was born.

- Pentecost
- Trinity
- Jerusalem
- Disciples
- Praying

- Tongues
- Power
- High
- Fires
- Flames

- Languages
- Praise
- Drunk
- Wine
- Nine

- Morning
- Glory
- Waiting
- Place
- Wind

- Father
- Son
- Holy
- Spirit
- Eternal



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 2:1-12, Mk 9:1-8, Lk 5:17-26

The Pharisees had come to Jesus' home in Capernaum to make sure he wasn't breaking any of their religious rules...

So many came to hear Jesus speak that they filled his house...



and the streets outside.

Four men brought their paralysed friend to Jesus for healing



But the crowd wouldn't let them get close



so they climbed up to the roof and took off some tiles.

They lowered their friend down, right in front of Jesus

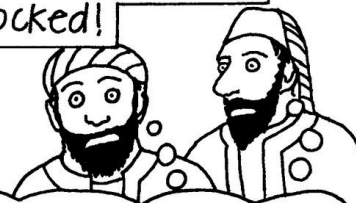


Jesus was so impressed by their faith, he said to the paralysed man



Your sins are forgiven.

The Pharisees were shocked!



Only God can forgive sins...so this fellow is insulting God!

But Jesus knew what they were thinking.



Why are you thinking such wrong thoughts?

Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up, take your mat, and walk'?

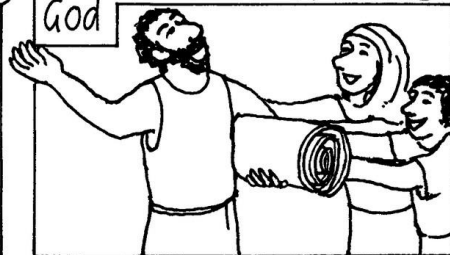


But I want you to know that I do have the authority to forgive sins...

Get up, take your mat and go home!



He got up, picked up his mat and walked home, praising God

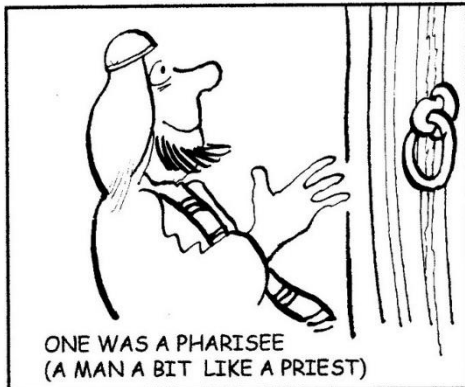
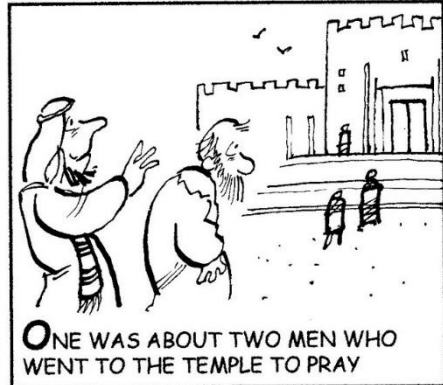


The crowd was amazed...

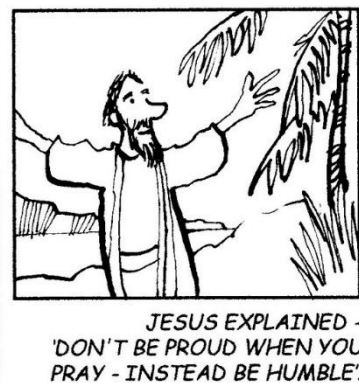
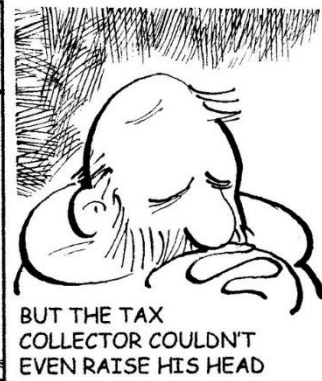


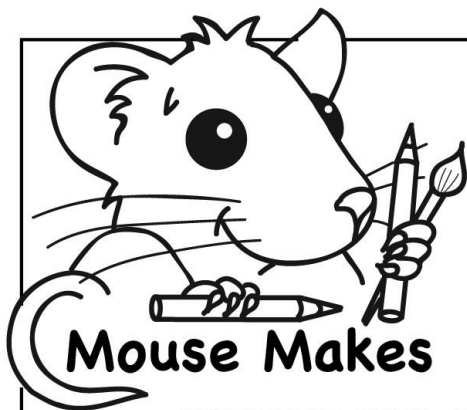
We have never seen anything like this!

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



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





Mouse Makes

PENTECOST • WIND • FIRE
 HOLY • SPIRIT • TONGUES • RESTED
 JERUSALEM • JEWS • GALILEANS
 HEAR • LANGUAGE • ARAMAIC • GREEK
 HEBREW • PARTHIANS • MEDES
 ELAMITES • MESOPOTAMIA
 JUDEA • CAPPADOCIA • PONTUS
 ASIA • PHRYGIA • PAMPHYLIA
 EGYPT • LIBYA • CYRENE
 ROME • CRETANS
 ARABIANS • GOD



READ
 Acts
 2:1-41

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It was fifty days since **Passover**, and Jews from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to celebrate Passover. As the **Apostles** were gathered together the **Holy Spirit** came upon them and they began to speak in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

The crowd that were listening were amazed as they heard about God in their own language.

How many people heard, believed and were baptised that day?

DID YOU KNOW?

The Bible or parts of the Bible have now been translated into over 3,000 different languages since it was first written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.

Some colouring for all ages....



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