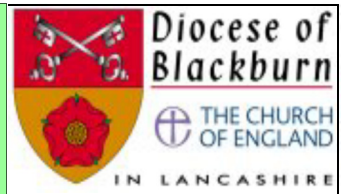




All Saints Higher Walton

NEWSLETTER 7th July 2019



Our Vision : To be a Church maturing in faith, growing in fellowship and serving our community

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www.allsaintshigherwalton.org.uk

DIOCESAN PRAYER AND WORSHIP Monday 15th July - 6.30pm in Church

Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education are hosting a Prayer & Worship Night on Monday 15th July at All Saints Church in Higher Walton focussed on young people.



For a while now we have felt that God is up to something, planning something significant with this generation of young people. As those who would love to see teenagers encountering the love of God we felt the best place to start is in prayer and worship. So why not join us as we lift young people up in prayer, seeking God's heart for "Generation Z".

We will start about 7pm but there will be refreshments from 6.30pm. We will finish for 9pm but please do feel free to come and go as it suits you.

The MONDAY GROUP SUMMER MEAL at Pinocchio's **LAST CHANCE**

This will be on Tuesday 9th July

Any ladies interested in joining us will be very welcome. Contact June Hart for details 01254 854000

IGNITE SUMMER DISCO

FRIDAY 19th JULY 7.30pm – 9.30pm



THIS IS A SECRET LETTER

I'm thinking of a mother in Pakistan who lives with her three children in a slum area which is overwhelmed with rubbish, much of it plastic waste. One of her children suffers from a chronic disability, deeply affected by the poisonous fumes dominating the air. A woman in her early 50s in another major town lives on the banks of a stream into which sewage seeps illegally, badly affecting her life. Tearfund is working in such challenging communities with town and local authorities to improve these living conditions; an army of Christians pray daily that things will change, many of them making sacrificial donations to support urgent change.

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I'm thinking of John Kirkby who one day could no longer cope with spiralling debt with no prospect of a solution. However John became a Christian and while still in debt found the faith to start 'Christians against Poverty' which has become an international personal money management and debt advice agency; its advisers come alongside people in serious debt who have lost all hope. But there is an answer which thousands have found with the help of their Debt Counsellors; they've become debt free, but more than that, over eight thousand have found Jesus who has transformed their lives, situations and relationships. Many who have hardly ever had a holiday are able to attend a free Holiday Break for a week.

I'm thinking of some simple words of Jesus powerfully recorded in the 'International Children's Bible' : "Live so that (other people) will see the good things that you do. Live so that they will praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16. Jesus is telling us to make known the good work that Christians are doing so others will see this and give him glory for hearts transformed by his love; we are not to hide this 'light'. We may not physically be involved with such need, but as God has blessed us so we can be a blessing to others through prayer and giving in the name of Jesus so people come to realise just how practical and caring the Christian faith is in the present day. Don't keep this work secret, Jesus is saying, and don't brag about what you give, but let others see the light that shine from your life to transform theirs.

David Woodhouse

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will guide you with knowledge and understanding". Jer. 3 ;15



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HOLIDAY CLUB 2019



We are having our 7th Summer Holiday Club on **Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th August 2019**. Time 9.30-3.30pm at Higher Walton Primary School on Monday and Tuesday with an away day at Brockholes on Wednesday (depending on the weather).

This is a **free** event for children who will be in Year 1 in September and up to Year 6. All activities will be supervised and all leaders are DBS cleared.

Come and join 'God's Green Gang' where we will be thinking about caring for God's World: there will be lots of activities, games, friendship and fun.

Numbers are strictly limited on a first come, first served basis. For further information and an application form, contact Stephen Niven or Stewart Kennedy

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CHURCH FLOWERS

7th July

In memory of **Mr & Mrs T Griffiths**
and **Millie Balmer**



SPECIAL REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL HELP

WE NEED AN INDIVIDUAL TO MANAGE THE CHURCH WEBSITE

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEANS OF
COMMUNICATION TO THE WHOLE PARISH AND
FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO KNOW WHO WE
ARE AND WHAT WE DO

BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS REQUIRED BUT FULL
TRAINING ON THE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE
WEBSITE WILL BE PROVIDED

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE SPEAK TO
STEPHEN HOUGHTON OR GEOFF WOODS



RECENT DONATIONS –THANK YOU

Hoghton Players	£250
The family of Derek Harwood	£50

THOMAS THE APOSTLE – Confused and Doubting Feast Day 3rd July



St Thomas the
Apostle. Diego
Velázquez 1619

Thomas, one of Jesus' 12 apostles, was an impulsive, confused, honest sceptic. Jesus could understand and work with such a man. Thomas' impulsiveness was evident when Jesus prepared to visit Lazarus in Bethany. It was a dangerous trip to make, because of the Jews, but Thomas urged his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." (John 11:16) Instead, Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.

Thomas' confusion is shown in later talks with Jesus. He was not really sure where Jesus was going long-term (John 14:5). But Jesus accepted this confused commitment, and began to untangle it, patiently explaining: "I am going to my Father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me."

Finally, Thomas' honest scepticism is revealed after the Resurrection, which he flatly refused to believe – unless he could touch the wounds of the risen Jesus. Sure enough, Jesus appears – but instead of scolding him, shows him the wounds. Thomas responds: "My Lord and my God" (John 20:26ff).

Thus Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of men and women across the centuries, who also want to follow Jesus, but who require some proof of this amazing event – the Resurrection. In Doubting Thomas' complete affirmation of faith, after meeting the risen, crucified Christ, they can find support for their own faith.

Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects. It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3rd July, 72 AD in Mylapore, near Madras. 46 ancient churches in England were dedicated to him.



GATHER Prayer and Praise

Sunday 21st July at 6.30pm in church

An informal night of prayer
and praise. All very welcome

LONGTON OPEN GARDENS AND ART EXHIBITION: SUNDAY JULY 14TH

The Gardens and Art Exhibition are open from
1.00pm - 5.30pm.

Light lunches will be served in Longton WI (PR4 5ZA) between 12 noon and 1.30pm.

There are ten gardens open with a variety of refreshments, music and stalls; the Art Exhibition is in St Andrew's Church Hall (PR4 5AA).

A programme costing £5 per person gives admission to all the gardens and the Art Exhibition.

Proceeds are for four charities supporting adults and children and providing food, education and medical care (including FOMO and Christian Aid).

Programmes are available from local churches,
Longton Post Office or 01772 - 612951/ 613500