# St. Luke's Formby June 2024

## Parish Magazine

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# Shyira Trust

Registered Charity Number 1118979

Hon President: Prof Allan Hobson MBE

**Serving the people of Rwanda, Africa**

**relieving poverty**
**advancing education**
**preserving and protecting good health**

## Kivu Diocese

**Aim:** To support Bishop Augustin's 5 point programme

- Palliative care in the community
- Church leadership courses
- Development of job creation (entrepreneurship) among youth and women
- Fighting malnutrition and stunting
- Supporting home and family life

Shyira District Hospital

## Mothers' Union

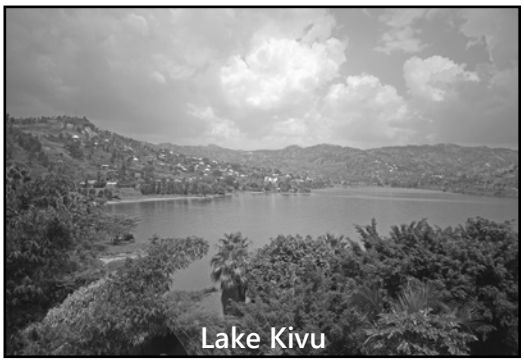
**Aim:** To support MU members in serving their communities

**Achieved:**

- Members supported with bedding and kitchen utensils
- Training of 25 MU trainers from all over the Diocese
- Successful Revolving Goat Loan project

**Challenges:**

- To extend the MU support across Kivu Diocese
- To work through the Gisenyi MU to help the most needy parts of the Diocese



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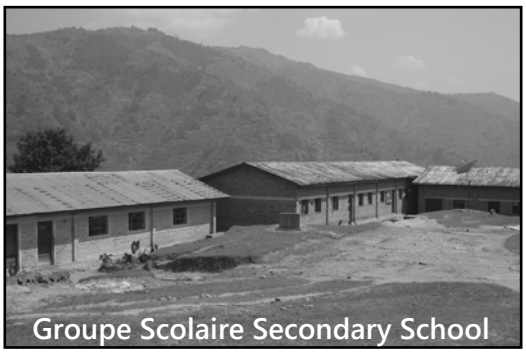
## Primary Schools

**Aim:** To support school ministry by providing equipment, school materials and evangelistic outreach

## Groupe Scolaire Secondary School

**Aim:** To support needy students in Shyira



Groupe Scolaire Secondary School

## How YOU can help

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| See our website: | http://www.shyiratrust.org.uk |
| Email us for further information: | shyira-06@shyiratrust.org.uk |
| Donations may be sent to: | Shyira Trust, Secretary: Ken Davies<br>53 Stapleton Road, Formby, Liverpool L37 2YT |
| Donate online: | https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/shyiratrust |
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**Vicar – Revd Dr Matt Davis**

From the Vicarage

Dear Friends

Summertime in Formby is great … apart from the traffic! As soon as the forecast improves, it seems everyone heads to the coast. On any given sunny day, we don't just get people travelling from Liverpool and Manchester—we even get carloads from Leeds and Birmingham! As the roads have become snarled up again, it hasn't helped that the "Great Formby Sinkhole" has opened up again on Kirklake Road.

I think this is the fourth time that Kirklake Road has been closed due to the sinkhole. It took two attempts at fixing it before it became apparent that just a bit more tarmac wasn't going to solve the problem. Attempt three took several months and included the sewers being redirected above ground. It appeared there was a leak in a pipe that was washing sand away underground, creating a cavity and causing the road to subside. The pitfalls of building on sandy ground!

I've been reminded of a song I used to sing as a kid in Sunday School:

*Don't build your house on the sandy land,*
*Don't built it too near the shore.*
*Well, it might look kind of nice,*
*But you'll have to build it twice,*
*Oh, you'll have to build your house once more.*

As many of you will know, the song is based on one of Jesus' parables, which is recorded in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Jesus talks of two builders: a foolish one who built his house on sand, and a wise one who built his house with solid foundations on rock. When storms came, the sandy one fell flat with a loud crash, but the one on the rock stood strong. (I should point out that as vicar of St Luke's Church, I'm very aware of the irony. The first church on this sandy site collapsed due to a sandstorm in the early 18th Century. The current church is still "on the sandy land", is also "near the shore"—and for what it's worth does "look kind of nice". Let's pray it doesn't have to be built three times!)

Of course, Jesus wasn't just giving architectural or structural engineering advice: he was using the parable to explain something spiritual. In Matthew 7:24 Jesus states, "*Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock*". And in verse 26, "*But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand*". Jesus is saying that if we build our lives on his message, we will stay secure amidst all the problems life throws at us. *(Cont. on p2)*

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**Illustrator: Joan MacDonald**
**St. Luke's Web Site: http://www.stlukesformby.org.uk**
**St. Luke's Facebook Page: facebook.com/StLukesChurchFormby**

Jesus isn't saying that his followers will never face difficulties. Quite the opposite: his followers will face difficulties, just like everyone else. Rather, this is the difference Jesus makes: not just by listening to him, but by putting his words into practice we will remain secure in him through any difficulty, danger—and even death. I wonder, have you ever looked seriously at what Jesus says, and tried to put it into practice?

With every blessing,

**Matt**

## CHURCH REGISTER

**Funerals:**

9th May – Colin Cooke

## DATES AND NOTES

**SERVICES –** for June p10.

**PRAYER CHAIN** – Please contact **Philip Lowe** if you know of someone who would appreciate prayer support (p.h.lowe50@btinternet.com).

**PASTORAL SUPPORT** – If you, or someone you know would appreciate a visit from our pastoral team please telephone Hillary Griffin (871846) or Jean Watts (877662) (Pastoral Care Co-Ordinators). Jean is also Vulnerable Adults Officer.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT –** If you would like to financially support the work of St Luke's, offerings may be placed on the plate near the back of church. There is also a card reader by the entrance. If you would prefer to donate from your bank account, there are various ways including the Parish Giving Scheme (parishgiving.org.uk) or ask Matt or the Wardens if you need any further information.

**YOUTH ALPHA –** started Sun 21st Jan 7.45pm for secondary school students. See Matt for details.

**LENT PROJECT DONATIONS –** The latest total on 8th May at the APCM was £3,886 (included Gif Aid). This may still not be quite the final amount. Again, thank you to all who made donations in support of Lima (Peru) and Shyira (Rwanda).

**SOUTHPORT SOUP KITCHEN –** ongoing!

**FATHER'S DAY –** Sun 16th June.

**EXTRACTS FROM THE APCM –** p17 & 18.

**NEXT PCC MEETING –** Wed 3rd July 7.30pm.

**SUMMER SOLSTICE –** Thu 20th June 9:50pm.

### Readers – have your say!

The magazine has an important outreach function for our Church and it 'belongs' to the parish. So why not have your say in its production and distribution. We want you to be more involved. Take ownership of it! Contact our editors if you are interested in helping in any way with its production and distribution. Thank you! **KD / MC**

# NOTICES

**Tuesday Lunch**

Soup/sandwiches/cake & company, 4th & 18th June in Meeting Room. Donations for lunch welcome.

**Open Door Saturday Mornings in Spring & Summer 10.00am – 12noon**

Have you been to visit us? Some people come for a knit-and-natter, some just for a natter, some just for a toasted teacake.

To keep us going through the Summer we had hoped to be open every Saturday until the 31st August. This, of course, was dependent on there being more volunteers. Some of you have stepped forward, thank you, and we are hoping to be open on 8th and 22nd June and then every Saturday from July 6th until 31st August.

**Can you help?** Those of you who have been to our Open Door Mornings will know that it is a simple event. Just mugs of tea and coffee, some cake and teacakes. Items are not priced, and we only ask for donations. A team of 2 opens up, brings along milk, a cake (bought or home-made) and some tea cakes. Tea, coffee, sugar and butter portions are all available in the meeting room. There are a couple of posters that can be put up on the lych gate.

If you can help or would like some more information, come along on the 8th or 22nd, or speak to **Jean, Gwyneth or Di.**

(The Gifts to Funds Sat on 3rd Feb raised £230 for Church funds, and The Plants for Sale on Sat 11th May raised £130 for Church funds. Thank you to all involved!)

**Parish Breakfast on Sunday 5th May -** Great! Thank you to all who put it on.

**Retiring PCC Members**

Retiring PCC Members at the APCM were Dr Peter Griffin, Mrs June McGibbon, Mrs Sheila Rodger. The Church thanks them for their devoted service over many years.

**Mrs Sharon Cowey -** Head Teacher of St Luke's CE Primary School, retires at the end this summer term. There will be an article on Sharon in our July-August magazine.

# ST LUKE'S SCHOOL

At St Luke's we quite often have visits out of school or visitors into school to make our learning more interesting.

Recently, we had special visitors into school from SWACA (Sefton Women's and Children's Aid). They worked with every class from Year 1 to Year 6 on the topic of healthy relationships. It was different for each year group, taking account of the level of understanding the children have. For example, in Reception and Y1 they explored people we trust, our 'happy places', what makes a good friend and also how and when to dial 999. Y3 discussed who the children can turn to if they feel upset, our 'safe places', and who safe people are. In Y6, they talked to us about boundaries and consent: we have our own personal space and if we set boundaries, people should not cross them. This fits in with our Y6 Christian Value of Respect.

There were different scenarios for us to consider and a pupil was picked to come to the front and be the judge. The person then read out a question or statement, and we would have to stand up if we had a response to the question/statement. The questions were all about relationships; for example, if it would be okay for a boy to hit a girl or if a girl could hit a boy. So, while we learnt, we also had an important class discussion on the topic. This made the session fun, interactive and informative!

We think it is important to learn about these things in school, so that we are better prepared when we do start to have relationships when we are older. St Luke's was praised in the recent Ofsted report for including things like this in the curriculum: "This is a school where pupils learn to be themselves, to respect difference and to speak out when they see injustice…Pupils learn what makes for a healthy relationship with someone else".

The photo shows our Reception children taking part in their workshop.

**Emily and Lucy in Y6H**

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**SMILE LINES -** The minister stood up and said: "Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. You'll be glad to know that when I asked my secretary to type this sermon out for me, I asked her to eliminate any thing that was dull or confusing. So, in conclusion…."

# PRAYERS FOR SHYIRA AFTER LANDSLIDES

On the 3rd of May Matt received an email from Rev Jacques of St Mark's parish in Shyira. It read:

*'Dear Revd Matt Davis,*

*Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

*Let us take this opportunity to ask you to pray for Shyira people. We are facing huge landslides due to heavy rain that is raining in this period. The Shyira old hospital is being used as a camp for those whose houses were destroyed by landslides. We have 26 families made up of 78 people who are sleeping in the buildings of the old hospital. But the number is increasing as it is still raining. Attached to this email are some photos of some houses destroyed by landslides and the bedrooms where they are sleeping in the old hospital. That is why We need prayers.*

*PS One person has lost his life. The local authorities have taken measures to move all people who are in high risk zone. That's what we are advising people to do.*

*Very best wishes'*

On a brighter note, an email from Rev Jacques to Shyira Trust Trustee, John Gelder*, received prior to the landslides and dated 22nd April read in part:

*'Dear brother John,*

*Greetings from Shyira.*

*We are all well. I hope your Sunday service was good. I want to let you know that we have received the money for Groupe Scolaire…(student) sponsorship, money for Shyira primary sponsorship, and the money to support the work of the Mothers' Union on the Parish account.*

*We thank you so much for being generous to Shyira people……*

*Very best wishes*

*Rev Jacques'* (*John was also one of the 8 who visited Shyira from St Luke's last October)

***St Luke's PCC continue to donate 10% of the monies received through voluntary giving each year to eleven different charities. This is one of an occasional series of articles highlighting the work of one of those charities.***

# COMPASSION ACTS

**(Registered Charity Number: 1172948)**

Compassion Acts is a local grassroots charity that aims to reduce poverty and improve social wellbeing in Southport and surrounding areas. It helps people to be more resilient to financial or food supply difficulties and sustain increased social wellbeing. It runs multiple projects including 6 Foodbanks, 5 Food Pantries, Uniform Hub, Welfare, Benefit and Debt Advice and Social Wellbeing Activities and more.

The work it does is essential among the local community it serves. People use Compassion Acts as a lifeline when they are in times of need/crisis. However, it is now introducing more and more 'preventative' projects to catch people before they fall rather than after.

In 2023 they provided –

4495 Foodbank parcels

3967 Food Pantry shops

£1,987,953 Benefits Reclaimed

£518,732 Debts Managed

2270 Items of Uniform

Donations go straight back into projects, whether that is paying welfare advisors to help those who need assistance with finances, buying stock to ensure all food parcels remain consistent or Uniform Hub space to hold all uniform items that families throughout the community can access for free.

If business, organisations and individuals have the means to donate to charities then Compassion Acts definitely encourage them to do what they can, even the smallest donation can make such a difference!

Compassion Acts is hosting its 2024 fundraiser in June, and they would love as many people as possible to join them in raising essential funds for this very worthwhile charity. Visit https://compassionacts.uk/rodeo-ramble/ for more information on Rodeo-Ramble fundraiser on 9th June.

Website: www.compassionacts.uk

NB The Formby Pantry, located in the Activity Centre behind the Gild Hall, is on Thursday morning from 11 to 1 o'clock. It also has a welcome space mainly for people who may feel isolated and lonely in their own homes. Tea, coffee and cake plus lunch at midday is served. There is no charge, just a donation for those who can afford it.

**(Information for this article was supplied by Nicole Fewtrell, Communications Officer at Compassion Acts and Sheila Rodger at St Luke's Church)**

# ASSOCIATION OF FORMBY ARTISTS
## Spring Exhibition Saturday 11th May 2024

What a beautiful sunny day in May it was for our Exhibition in Holy Trinity Church Hall. Our visitors came in with a smile and left with even bigger ones. The array of impressive art works showed the great talents of our members. The subjects included landscapes, seascapes and cityscapes alongside animals, flowers and portraits. The great variety of media covered watercolours, gouache, oils, pastels, acrylics, coloured pencils and marker pens. Some artists used collage, with various fabrics and embroidery to create beautiful, desirable images. Others used inks and dyes on silk, while some processed wool to make their own felt pictures. A lot of ingenuity and imagination was used to compile a really interesting show.

Walking around the hall, it was obvious that there was something to appeal to everyone. There were beautiful recognisable scenes from around the British Isles as well as those from further afield around the world. There were wonderful portraits of famous people and evocative pictures of all sorts of creatures, both real and fictional. There were cars, boats and planes, as well as gorgeous flowers, trees and plants. I was fascinated by the various works using textiles, sequins, embroidery and mixed media, which were lovely.

Within the room there were items for sale including handmade silk goods, handmade cards and beautiful embroidered boxes and ornaments. In the tearoom a collection of art books and magazines etc. could be seen and purchased. There was a raffle for a painting, an embroidered box, a bottle of wine and a hanging plant.

Everyone had an opportunity to vote for their favourite three paintings. Results of the voting were as follows: -

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| No 36 | Watching | Elizabeth Harding Huber | 33 votes | 1st |
| No 10 | Sandals | Alan Hills | 27 votes | 2nd |
| No 59 | Light at the end of the Tunnel | Sandy Poole | 21 votes | 3rd |

Watching

Sandals

Light at the end of the Tunnel

If you missed this Exhibition the next one is in November. Hope to see you then!

**Joan MacDonald AFA**

# FORMBY CHORAL SOCIETY

## A CONCERT OF

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Formby High School**
**(Freshfield Road, L37 3HW)**

**Sat 8th June 7.30pm**

**Tickets £13 (under 19 free)**
**available at www.formbychoralsociety.org**

*...well you cannot fault the efficacy of the new 'Planned Giving' scheme...*

## THOUGHT FOR JUNE

June is probably most people's favourite month of the year. This is hard to argue against with brighter lengthening days and warmer weather ensuring that the visible natural world around us – especially in a beautiful place like Formby – is at its finest. I also regard June to be a 'quiet' month in both the church and secular calendars. We do have Father's Day to celebrate in June of course. As a society we seem to be finding more and more things to raise a glass of cheer to. And why not? If such brings people closer together through joyous engagement, then it must be uplifting to the body and mind. I'm sure Jesus would heartily approve.

But, in between any celebrations you may have planned for June, reflect upon a month that offers so much in the way of peace and subsequent hope for a better life and world to come. This is something Jesus would also heartily endorse – especially with the odd prayer thrown in!

**KD**

# COLIN COOKE

Colin was born in Eccles in October 1946. He attended Chetham's School in Manchester before it became a Music School. He then studied chemistry at Nottingham University and after spending some time on research work at Reading University, he joined the Health and Safety Executive, where he spent the whole of his career – working first in London and then in Bootle. A sizeable portion of his time with HSE was devoted to working on the Notification of Noxious Substances scheme and it was in recognition of this that he was invited to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. It so happened that this was on the same day that Canon Alison Woodhouse was there in her capacity as Queen's Chaplain.

He and Margaret met and married in 1972 and their son Robert was born in 1976.

They moved to Stapleton Rd in Formby in 1985 when HSE moved to Bootle. The couple became regular attenders at St. Luke's when Margaret reduced her working hours in 2002 and no longer had to spend large parts of each weekend preparing language lessons.

Colin and Margaret visited Rwanda 5 times between 2004 and 2014 and they made friends during these trips. Margaret became involved with organizing sponsorship for students at Groupe Scolaire School in Shyira whilst Colin became a trustee and active member of The Shyira Trust. A small group from Rwanda visited Formby in 2011, with us providing a home for the Head Girl, Fanissa, during their stay. Following this the relationship with Fanissa continued and we supported her through her nursing training. On the last of their visits to Rwanda in 2014 he and Margaret were guests of honour at Fanissa's 2-day wedding event in recognition of the support they had given her over the years.

Colin was actively involved in the publication, collation and distribution of the parish magazine right up to the weeks before he died. He also represented the church at Formby Churches Together for a time.

Even in retirement Colin continued to show his interest in science. He continued to read magazines on the subject and also attended the Royal Society of Chemistry Retired Members talks and lunches.

Colin was an active member of the local Formby community, continuing his involvement with Formby Civic Society for many years and being a committee member of this organization. He was most notably involved in the Muriel Sibley Project which is a collection of illustrations of Formby buildings.

Colin had many health issues which he bore with great fortitude. His mobility was severely limited after he fractured a hip in 2019 but with Margaret's help and the use of a scooter, he managed to keep up with his outside interests and was able to enjoy breaks in Edinburgh, East Anglia and Jersey.

He was a quiet and thoughtful person who perhaps suffered less than most would have done at mainly being confined to an armchair with his newspapers and evening TV programmes.

But in recent months his health issues had become more challenging and he died in Southport Hospital on April 22nd after a very short illness. It's comforting to believe that he is now at peace with his Lord.

**Margaret Cooke**

# SERVICES FOR JUNE 2024

**Sunday 2nd June – Trinity 1**
8.30am Traditional Service
10.30am All-Age Holy Communion
(Readings - Acts 4:1-22 & Mark 2:23-3:6)

**Thursday 6th June**
11.00am Holy Communion
(Readings – 2 Tim 2:8-15 & Mark 12:28-34)

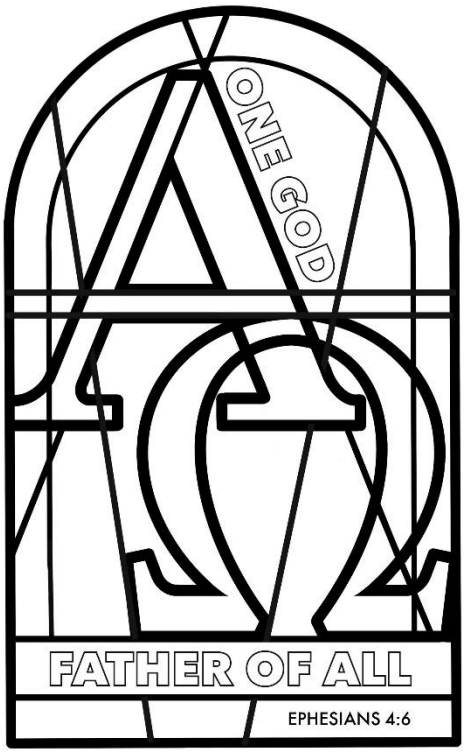
**Sunday 9th June – Trinity 2**
8.30am Traditional Service
10.30am Contemporary Service*
(Readings – Acts 4:23-31 & Mark 3:20-35)

**Sunday 16th June – Trinity 3 Father's Day**
8.30am Traditional Service
10.30am Contemporary Service*
with Holy Communion
(Readings – Acts 4:32-37 & Mark 4:26-34)

**Sunday 23rd June – Trinity 4**
8.30am Traditional Service
10.30am Contemporary Service*
(Readings – Acts 5:1-11 & Mark 4:35-41)

**Sunday 30th June – Trinity 5**
8.30am Traditional Service
10.30am Contemporary Service*
(Readings – Acts 5:12-16 & Mark 5:21-43)

(*Kids@StLuke's - Term time only)




**Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.**
**(Romans 12:1 NIV)**

## Prayer for June 2024

Dear Lord,

Here we are in June. Halfway through this year already! How the years fly by and often we are so busy, so taken up with everyday concerns that we forget to take time to be still; to consciously be in your presence; to be aware of the wonders of your world.

June is such a beautiful month, so we take this moment, Lord - and we thank you for your goodness to us and your provision for us.

Especially we thank you for the gift of Jesus who is the only way to you, who is your truth and who offers us eternal life, if we will turn away from our self-centredness and put our trust in Him.

For June and for Jesus, Lord, we praise you and we glorify you. And we move into the rest of the year in hope and trust.

In Jesus name, Amen. **By Daphne Kitching (PP)**

## WHO'S WHO

| | |
|---|---|
| Vicar | Rev Dr Matt Davis |
| Readers | Mrs Anne Dixon<br>Mrs Jean Watts |
| Reader Emeritus | Mr Chris Mulford<br>Prof Allan Hobson |
| Churchwardens | Mr Steve Ginn<br>Mrs Fiona Grieveson |
| Deputy Churchwarden | Mr John McGibbon |
| Treasurer | Mr Hugh Dixon |
| Deputy Treasurer | Mrs Gwyneth Croft |
| PCC Secretary | Dr David Hogben |
| Electoral Roll Officer | Mrs Jean Cox |
| Deanery Synod Representatives | Mr Andrew Cox<br>Mr John Gelder<br>Mrs Hillary Griffin<br>Dr David Hogben |
| Gift Aid Officer | Mrs Valerie Hogben |
| Legacy Officer | Mr John McGibbon |
| Parish Hall Secretary | Mr Steve Ginn |
| Meeting Room Secretary | Mrs Fiona Grieveson |
| Newsletter Editor | Mrs Irene Powell |
| Magazine Editors | Mrs Margaret Cooke<br>Mr Ken Davies<br>(Contributions by **10th** of the month – preferably by email – see page 1) |
| Magazine Distribution | Mrs Margaret Cooke |
| Magazine Adverts | Mrs Margaret Cooke |
| Magazine Collation | Mr David Moore |
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| Child Protection Officer | Mrs Joyce Eddlestone |
| Pastoral Care Co-ordinators | Mrs Hillary Griffin<br>Mrs Jean watts |
| Vulnerable Adults Officer | Mrs Jean Watts |
| Health & Safety Officer | Dr David Hogben |
| Woodland Workshop Co-ordinator | Dr Peter Griffin |
| Cathedral Representative | Mrs Elizabeth Lowe |
| Church & Mid-African Mission | Mrs June McGibbon |
| Church Administrator | Mrs Valerie Hogben |

## WHAT'S ON

**Monthly Prayer Meetings –** See weekly news sheet for details. Monday or Tuesday evenings likely days, 7.30/7.45pm in MEETING ROOM.
**Weekly Home Bible Groups –** If you would like to join a group, please speak to Matt.
**Refer also to p2 & p3 for further information.**

**Youth Alpha Group** for secondary school students from 7.45-9.00pm each Sun during school term time. Started late January. It is led by Liz & Matt in the MEETING ROOM. It is a relaxed time with a short video. There are pizzas/snacks; games; and a chance to explore and grow our faith in Jesus.

**Creche -** a creche is available at all 10.30am services.

**(Toilet facilities available in the Meeting Room throughout all services).**

**Confirmation classes** for juniors and adults are held annually.

**Home Communion –** The Wardens welcome the names and addresses of the sick and elderly who would like Holy Communion at home.

**Baptisms & Weddings –** Contact the Wardens after the 10.30 service.

**Woodland Workshop –** Contact Peter Griffin (871846) for details – 2nd Sat am of the month.

**Uniformed Organisations** in the Church Hall unless otherwise stated –

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| **Rainbows** | Contact District Commissioner | | Sheila Kirk | 875393 |
| **Brownie Guides** | | | | |
| 4th Formby | Monday (In Meeting Room) | 6.00pm | Julie Maher | 07811 907003 |
| 8th Formby | Wednesday | 6.00pm | Jenette Rowlands | |
| **Guides** | | | | |
| 4th Formby | Wednesday | 7.30pm | Julie Clark | 833757 |
| **Beavers** | Thursday (In Meeting Room) | 5.45pm | John Gelder (Beavers8thFormbyStLukes@outlook.com) | 876456 |
| **Cub Scouts** | Thursday (In Meeting Room) | 6.45pm | Bob Ford (Cubs8thFormbyStLukes@outlook.com) | 873026 |
| **Group Scout Leader** | | Gordon Hilbert | | 874167 |

**PCC –** if you would like to communicate a concern to the PCC, **The Standing Committee Members** are Rev Dr Matt Davis (Vicar), Hugh Dixon (Treasurer), Steve Ginn (Warden), Fiona Grieveson (Warden), Dr David Hogben (Secretary).

**Other PCC Members** are Andrew Cox, Debbie Davies, Ken Davies, Ann Dennison, Anne Dixon, John Gelder, Hillary Griffin, Prof Allan Hobson, Allyson Jump*, Jean Mainey*, Chris Payne, Michael Roberts*, Jean Watts. (*new members)

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# WHAT'S ON FOR THE 'ELDERLY' IN JUNE

**St Luke's Church** – Refer p2 & 3; p10 for Services; p12 What's On; Weekly News Sheets.

**St Peter's Church and Parish Hall (Paradise Lane) – 01704 871171**

- Bingo for the elderly every Sun 8.00-9.30pm and Mon 2.00-4.00pm.
- Bacon Barm & Banter – Mon 3rd June, 10.30-12noon (1st Monday of the month except Bank Holidays) in the Bier House on Church site. Free admission.
- Singing Thursdays! (except for 1st Thurs of the month) in the parish hall - 2pm (doors open 1.45pm) and finish approx. 3.30pm. Free entry and refreshments. Everyone welcome – especially carers and their loved ones.
    - 2nd Thursday 13th June – Singing for Fun.
    - 3rd Thursday 20th June – Singing is Good for Your Brain!
    - 4th Thursday 27th June – Singalong with Ian & Geraldine.

**Formby Methodist**

- FM are celebrating their 150th anniversary this year and are marking it with several events throughout the year at Elbow Lane.
- "Rejoice!" Flower Festival – Thurs 6th to Sun 9th June (Thurs, Fri, Sat 10.30am-4pm & Sun 12-3pm). Entry by donation. Refreshments available.
- Coffee Club 1st Tues of each month (4th June) 2-4pm.
- The Carers' Support Group meets every Fri afternoon 2.00-4.00pm at the Methodist Church. Contact Irene for further information: tel 876219 or via emailing the Formby Befriending Scheme – info@formbybefriendingscheme.org.uk

**Formby Library (01704 874177) – Mon to Fri 10.00-4.30pm and Sat 10.00-1.30pm**

- Limited delivery service on offer; enquire at Library for details.
- Open for browsing and computer use.
- Police Help Desk – every 3rd Mon of the month, Mon 17th June.
- Family History & IT Desk one to one sessions running as usual – once a month on a Tuesday. Contact Library for date and time and to book in advance.
- Regular Free Coffee Mornings every Thursday 10.30-12noon throughout the Spring and Summer.
- Gardening Club will continue through Spring and interested persons can go on the mailing list to be notified about sessions.

**Sefton Dementia Action Alliance –** contact Jan Campbell: jan.campbell@seftoncvs.org.uk

**HOLIDAY AT HOME** (organised by Formby Befriending Scheme with support from Churches Together and other community groups and individuals) for older adults in Formby, Hightown and Ince Blundell 5th-16th August – see p16 for details.

Shirley caught the flower ladies red-handed, dealing trugs

# HOLIDAY AT HOME

## 5th – 16th August 2024

## FOR OLDER ADULTS IN FORMBY, HIGHTOWN and INCE BLUNDELL

Formby Befriending Scheme, with support from Churches Together and other community groups and individuals, is once again offering a 'Holiday at Home' for older adults in the Formby, Hightown and Ince Blundell areas. However, we have brought the dates forward this year to hold the programme earlier in August. The main aim of the fortnight is to give people who are no longer able to go away on holiday the opportunity to have a 'holiday experience' in their own community.

Last year, many of you will remember that we were overwhelmed with people wanting to book events and, unfortunately, had to disappoint many people. And so, this year, we have introduced a Booking Request Form which you will receive along with the printed programmes. You will be asked to prioritise the 4 events you would most like to attend and we will then do our best to ensure everyone gets to go to at least one or two of their top choices.

On Tuesday 23rd July we will hold a Coffee Afternoon when confirmation of the events we have been able to offer will be available. This will also be an opportunity to pay for any events that require pre-payment. After this date, you can contact us by phone to check bookings or arrange another time to make payments.

During Holiday at Home, we aim to provide transport at no extra cost for those who need assistance to attend events. Please note, you will need to request transport on your Booking Request Form so that we can give the local taxi company enough notice.

Holiday at Home programmes will be available early in July and can be picked up from churches, the Library and other locations in Formby, Hightown and Ince Blundell. In the meantime, please make a note of the dates and we will look forward to seeing you in August.

Our sincere thanks go to all those who are hosting an event as part of Holiday at Home 2024. We look forward to another great holiday experience.

**The Holiday at Home Team.**

# EXTRACTS FROM ST LUKE'S CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023 PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD IN CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

**Our Statement of Public Benefit is:**

1. Regular public worship open to all
2. The provision of a space for personal prayer and contemplation
3. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved
4. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
5. Taking of religious assemblies in schools
6. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and meetings, and the distribution of literature
7. Promoting the whole mission of the Church through provision of activities for senior citizens, parents and toddlers, young people and other special needs groups
8. Supporting other Christian charities in the UK and overseas

**Review of activities during 2023:**

St Luke's Church has had an active year in 2023 with new people joining us and regular members getting more involved. Our weekly services have continued on Sundays at 8.30am and 10.30am when we have met to praise and pray to God together as well as listen to his Word. We have worked our way through the books of John, Daniel and 1 Peter, with the vicar, readers and retired clergy preaching and leading services. Other members of the congregation have been involved in leading music, reading and praying during services. The children's groups have been blessed by new leaders helping with sessions. The Sunday evening Youth Group has grown and so moved to the Meeting Room to give the young people more space to move about. The monthly Thursday Communion service has moved to 11.00am, making it easier for many to come along.

The Pastoral Visiting Team has continued regular visits to those at home and in nursing homes for social and spiritual support. Occasional services, especially those around Christmas time, have continued to attract many people from the local area, with the Christingle and Candlelit Carol services being the most popular. Less popular services, but by no means less important, such as the Memorial and Blue Christmas services have given those who are bereaved or struggling the opportunity to reflect and be offered hope.

Home Groups have spent time studying Luke and Romans, as well as supporting each other in prayer and practically. Midweek social events have continued with Tuesday Lunch and Open Doors coffee mornings. Our summertime Lifeboat Tea Room was relaunched as Cafe@St.Luke's in a format that was more manageable for the team of helpers. All of these events have continued to attract many people from the local area and given the congregation the opportunity to connect with them and some people have started coming to Sunday services as a result.

Our links with St Luke's CE Primary School continue to be very strong. The vicar and three congregation members serve as Foundation Governors. The vicar regularly takes Assemblies and RE classes, and termly school services are held in church. Each child receives a Christian book as a Christmas present and New Testaments were given to every Year 6 leaver. (*Cont. on p18*)

The new Beaver Colony has grown, and a Cub pack has been restarted. Brownies and Guides continue to flourish. Members of the uniformed organisations join us for Parade services during the year. The Habla nursery in the Church Hall is proving successful and the children have occasional visits to church.

During the year some major repair work was carried out on the church roof, with scaffolding up for a number of months. The Millennium Cross was repaired to remove wood rot and the Woodland Workshop met monthly with some new faces, focusing on clearing ivy from the church grounds. The Standing Committee, along with some representatives from various ministry groups met with local architects to discuss extending the Meeting Room. Initial plans include a second downstairs room, an upstairs room and a larger kitchen.

Finally, links with St Mark's Parish in Shyira, Rwanda were renewed and strengthened when several members of St Luke's congregation travelled to Rwanda in October for ten days. They spent time visiting and meeting with congregation members as well as visiting the new Shyira Hospital, Shyira Primary School and Groupe Scolaire de Shyria (the secondary school).

**Future plans:**

As we look to the future, our main aim is to continue and to grow what we currently do: sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with people in our community and building up the whole congregation to know, love and trust the Lord Jesus better. As we do this, we will continue to review our Sunday services, midweek activities and outreach events to welcome everyone and make disciples.

We aim to continue with plans for the Meeting Room extension and consider whether it will be viable, with respect to both fundraising and planning permission. We plan to install new AV equipment in the Meeting Room and update some of the equipment in Church. Our church boiler has become unreliable and may need to be replaced, which could involve significant expenditure.

Finally, we hope to be a more outward focussed church, drawing people in, and so are considering new community events to invite people from the local community.

**Membership:**

The Electoral Roll on 31st December 2023 stood at 139.

Weekly Sunday Worship Attendance for 4th quarter of 2023:
8.30 service – 21 adults
10.30 service – 63 adults and 10 children

**Vicar and PCC**

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**SMILE LINES –**

The vicar at our local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: "There's something wrong with the microphone". Not hearing this, the congregation responded: "And also with you".

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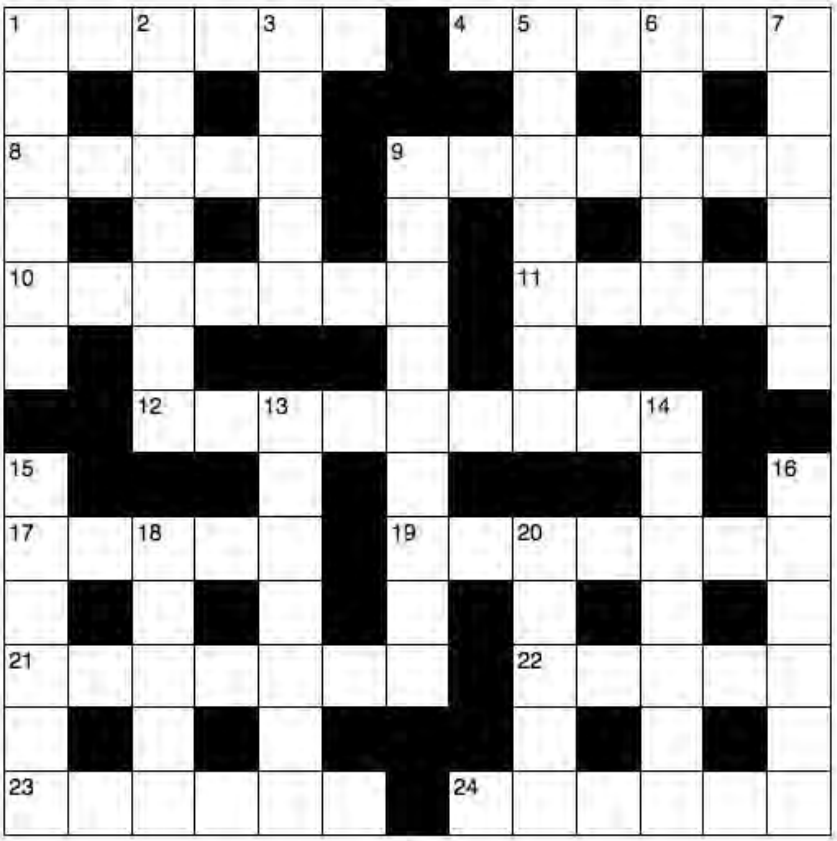

**ACROSS**

1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
4 Place of learning (6)
8 'When Moses' hands grew —, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)
9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)
10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)
11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
19 So clear (anag.) (7)
21 'I have just got —, so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)
22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)
23 Musical beat (6)
24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their doorframes at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

**DOWN**

1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)
2 Art bite (anag.) (7)
3 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)
5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)
6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)
7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)
9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)
13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)
14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)
15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)
16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)
18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)
20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)

**(SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 24)**

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# WORDSEARCH

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**Erasmus, patron saint of sailors**

Do you like messing about in boats? If so, then you'll have heard of St Elmo's Fire. It is the light that is sometimes seen on mastheads of boats after storms at sea. St Elmo is another name for St Erasmus, a fourth century Syrian bishop who was not afraid of violent storms. Legend has it that one day when Erasmus was preaching outside, a thunderbolt hit the ground right beside him. That might have distracted modern bishops, but not Erasmus – he just kept on preaching. His courage won him the respect of sailors, who made him their patron saint. Erasmus finally died during the Diocletian persecutions in 300AD, and his feast day is 2nd June.

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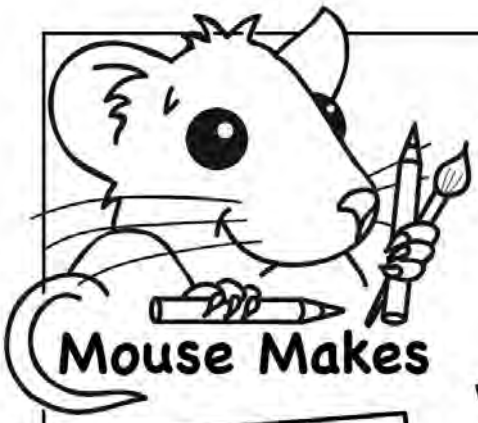

# Mouse Makes

## WHO IS MY FATHER?

Who was created by God and became the first father?

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Genesis 2:20

**Who had a son when he was very old?**

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Genesis 21:5

*Shem Ham and Japheth's father built a huge boat, who was he?*

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Genesis 6:10-14

**Who gave his son Joseph a robe of many colours?**

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Genesis 37:2-3

Solomon's father defeated a giant and became a King. Who was he?

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1 Samuel 48-50

**Whose daughter was healed by Jesus?**

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Mark 5:21

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

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IBT HJWFO UP VT
UIBU XF TIPVME
CF DBMMFE
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This Roman puzzle square reads the same from the top, bottom and sides and translates: *"Arepo the sower guides the wheel with skill."*

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If you rearrange the letters it can spell **PATER NOSTER** which means "**Our Father**".

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A **PATERNOSTER** O

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*Look up the Bible verses to find the fathers then look for them and the words below in the word search.*

FATHER • GOD
SON • DAUGHTER
JOSEPH • ISAAC
MOSES • JOB
SOLOMON
ZECHARIAH
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## CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

**ACROSS:** 1, Ambush. 4, School. 8, Tired. 9, Famines. 10, Citadel. 11, Endor. 12, Atonement. 17, Avert. 19, Oracles. 21, Married. 22, Lance. 23, Rhythm. 24, Hyssop.

**DOWN:** 1, Attach. 2, Biretta. 3, Sided. 5, Compete. 6, Owned. 7, Lustre. 9, Falsehood. 13, Ostrich. 14, Talents. 15, Farmer. 16, Asleep. 18, Early. 20, Alley.

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