



News from the Pews

March 2021



Dear friends

Tuesday 23rd March is designated a National Day of Reflection and marks 1 year since the first Covid lockdown and will include a minutes silence at midday. Ormskirk Parish Church will be open from 10.30am – 2.30pm for anyone who would like to sit quietly and reflect on the events of the past year.

Pauline will lead a short reflection after the minutes silence

It is planned that Ormskirk Parish Church and Lathom Park Chapel will re-open for worship on Palm Sunday 28th March. Numbers are still restricted and bookings need to be made via the Parish Office by 10am the previous Friday. Social distancing needs to be observed, masks must be worn and hands sanitised.

Sadly hymn signing is still not allowed

March is a month when we remember the Saints who brought Christianity to the people of this nation. St David on March 1st, St Chad on March 2nd St Patrick on March 17th and St Cuthbert on March 20th. May we learn how to walk in faith from their example of dedication, worship, and love.

Jesus, the hope of all who trust you; the power of all who serve you; the wisdom of all who follow you; the uniter of all who worship you. Be with us as we come together and journey onwards. Amen

Every blessing,

Pauline, Stuart and Lin



Lent Project: Our project for Lent is for

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) to help keep them flying. Every jerrycan of fuel could possibly save at least two lives. It costs £20 to fill a jerrycan.

How many jerrycans can we fill this Lent?

If you would like to donate please send your contributions to New Church House.



**Are you in need of a quiet place to sit and reflect or just simply be?
Then come to the garden at Lathom Park Chapel.**

The Chapel is a house of prayer and the pretty grounds a delight and a place to reconnect with nature. If you are looking for a new walk or simply somewhere to sit a while in the fresh air you are most welcome to come to the Chapel Garden.

The garden is always open 7 Days per week. Please adhere to the current Covid restrictions and respect the privacy of the residents of the Alms Houses.

Jesus withdrew to natural places to pray and his invitation to “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest’ (Mark 6.31) reminds us if Jesus and the disciples needed a space to just be, then so do we.



The Chapel is in Hall Lane, Lathom, L40 5UG.

There is parking space at the Chapel or in the layby.

Dear Lord, in this busy world may there be moments when I am alone, to think, to pray, to hear your voice and know your presence within and beside me, through this and every day. Amen.

World Day of Prayer: is an international, ecumenical service usually celebrated on the first Friday in March. This year the women of Vanuatu, in the South Pacific have prepared the service. We have made the decision to postpone celebrating World Day of Prayer until **Friday May 21st** when hopefully Government Covid restrictions will have been eased

**Be thou a bright flame before me,
Be thou a guiding star above me,
Be thou a smooth path below me,
Be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
Today - tonight - and for ever**

Ravens Return: In 2020 ravens nested on the tower at Ormskirk Parish Church and fledged 3 chicks. They have returned in 2021 and have again built a nest.

Ravens are uncommon and are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

Keep a watch in the skies above the tower over the coming months.



Spring is here: The work of our volunteer gardeners is now bringing great joy.



Easter Sunday 4th April

Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Rotary of Ormskirk: Last year planted crocuses at OPC and LPC



They are now in flower at both sites.



The purple crocus is a symbol of Rotary's worldwide campaign to eradicate polio, with its colour representing the purple dye used to mark the finger of a child to indicate they have received their life saving oral polio vaccine.

Keep smiling

Why should you not tell an Easter egg a joke?

Because it might crack up

Why did the Easter egg hide?

Because he was a little chicken

What did one Easter egg say to another Easter egg?

Heard any good yolks lately?

