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Mon	Psalm 145 Deut 16: 1-20 1 Peter 1: 1-12	Psalm 65 Deut. Chapter 26 1 Peter 4: 1 - 11	Psalm 93 or 98 Deut. 31: 1-13 1 John 2: 18-end	Psalm 126 Job Chapter 1 Romans 1: 1-17	BV Mary to Elizabeth Psalm 85; 150 1 Samuel 2: 1-10 Mark 3: 31-end
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Wed	Psalm 30 Deut. 18: 9 - end 1 Peter 2: 1 - 10	Psalm 132 Deut. 28: 58 - end 1 Peter Chapter 5	Psalm 29 Deut. 31:30-32:14 1 John 3: 11-end	Psalm 119: 153-end Job Chapter 3 Romans 2: 1 - 16	Psalm 119: 1-32 Job Chapter 9 Romans 5: 1 - 11
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Sat	Psalm 146 or 76 Deut. 24: 5- end 1 Peter 3: 13 - end	Psalm 47 Deut. Chapter 30 1 John 2: 7 - 17	Psalm 43 Deut. 32: 48-end + Chapter 34 1 John Chapter 5	Psalm 147 Job Chapter 6 Romans3: 21-end	Psalm 23 Job Chapter 12 Romans 6: 15-end

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Prayer for May

God our Father, you never cease the work you have begun and prosper with your blessing all human labour: make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts that we may serve the common good, maintain the fabric of our world and seek that justice where all may share the good things you pour upon us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Taken from Church of England Rogation Day Prayers)

Services in May

As we re-open the churches we will do all that we can to keep people as safe as possible by following government guidance with social distancing, hand sanitisation and wearing of masks. Above all, please be assured that you will be warmly welcomed back into our beautiful church and into our church community.

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10.30 Holy Communion St Mary Rostherne
11.00 Holy Communion St Paul Over Tabley

Sunday 9 May
10.00 Holy Communion, St John High Legh
10.30 Holy Communion St Mary Rostherne
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Sunday 16 May
10.00 Holy Communion, St John High Legh
10.30 Holy Communion, St Mary Rostherne
11.00 Holy Communion, St Paul Over Tabley

Sunday 23 May
09.30 Storytelling Family Service St Mary Rostherne
10.00 Holy Communion, St John High Legh
11.00 Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Little Bollington
11.00 Holy Communion, St Paul Over Tabley

Sunday 30 May
10.00 Holy Communion St John High Legh
10.30 Holy Communion St Mary Rostherne

Ascension Day – Thursday 13 May 2021
10.30 Holy Communion, St Mary Rostherne
19.30 Holy Communion, St John High Legh.

From the Clergy

In this edition of our Parish Magazine we are celebrating the life and work of the late Duke of Edinburgh. The news of his death on Friday 9th April brought sadness to us all. We are quite sure that you will have read much about his life and work over the past few weeks as well as listened to radio programmes and watched programmes on television celebrating all he did.

This article focuses on his faith and interest in theology and conservation. Prince Philip was born into the Greek Royal Family on 10 June 1921. Although his family had to flee Greece when he was only a few months old, he was brought up in the Orthodox Christian tradition something he was very content with. Prince Philip was keenly interest in history, religion and philosophy and, we are told, read widely on these subjects.

The Duke also wrote several books with subjects ranging from the environment and the wildlife crisis to the world of carriage driving. Both these spheres demonstrate his ability to immerse himself deeply in a subject. Prince Philip saw conservation as an area of religious duty. In 1986 he was involved in a conference on conservation, with Martin Palmer, a religious advisor on the environment. This led to the formation of a Charity – the Alliance of Religions and Conservation, a subject for all religions not just Christianity. However, Prince Philip held that if one believes in God (as Christians are supposed to) then you should be involved in caring for God's creation. He wrote many letters to governments and leaders of faiths and in1989 he wrote an interesting book entitled Survival or Extinction.

Prince Philip's interest in theology meant he had a good knowledge of the Bible. Rev. Prof. Ian Bradley who wrote the book "God Save the Queen" which was published for Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, has also preached for The Queen and The Duke. Rev Bradley recalled, in an interview, that Prince Philip would make notes during the sermon and ask questions at lunchtime.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has spoken of the shared faith of The Queen and Prince Philip that sustained them through 73 years of marriage. It was Prince Philip who encouraged The Queen to speak about her faith which she has done in the Christmas broadcasts and in

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her Easter broadcast during the pandemic last year. Through all their years together Prince Philip proved to be a model of Christian service, putting others before himself and as he served the Queen so faithfully.

We know that the Queen has a strong Christian faith. We share, along with her, the trust in the victory over death won by our Lord Jesus Christ through his life, death and resurrection that we have recently celebrated at Easter.

With best wishes
Patricia, Trish and Philip.

We also include in this edition, memories of HRH Prince Philip from other people around the United Benefice.

Brenda Folds remembers seeing Prince Philip on two occasions as a young child and later as a student. Brenda writes:

My main memory is of being at College in Edinburgh. We were told we had to get our uniform into an immaculate state. We'd all got a bit sloppy, and would be inspected the next day. We had white overalls to wear, gingham aprons we'd had to make ourselves, and horrendous white headdresses, like old-fashioned nurses hats, with big starched wings sticking out at the back.

The following day we all failed the approval test, and had to wash and starch and shoe clean and hair-do all over again. The third day we were all lined up, passed muster, and taken round to the Railway Station, where we were to be the guard of honour for the arrival of The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, on a visit to The Palace of Holyrood House. I was told to stand beside the open carriage.

The Royal Train drew in and the Royal Couple thanked all the Railway Staff before coming out to get into the carriage. The Duke got in first and I found myself the student standing exactly beside him! At this point the ladies just behind me, started to criticise our awful

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out-of-date outfits, to say how silly and stupid we looked in loud voices, went on and on, and you could tell he immediately understood how terribly embarrassed we were about that!

The Queen was looking gorgeous, just back from India, wearing a converted yellow silk sari and turban. Prince Philip began to give those of us near him a murmured running commentary out of the side of his mouth, on what she would do before she did it.

First she'd go to greet the horses – she did. She knew all her horses, and would call them by name – she did. After that she'd feel she should thank each member of the Rail Staff all over again – she did. Then he asked if we could see those trying to keep to the time schedule fidget? – we could.

Eventually The Queen joined him in the Carriage, and he thanked us for being such a smart and prettily turned-out guard of honour in a loud voice, with a bit of a glare at those critical
ladies behind us, and off they went. We returned to lectures after a very weird morning! But I was left with the impression of
someone who instinctively rescued some extremely upset and uncomfortable young people (way out of their comfort zone and were only doing their best) by amusing them with his very funny commentary.

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One friend who was on a day release architectural course, was
really struggling with something he couldn't work out, when a voice behind him said "You don't understand that do you?"
When he admitted he didn't, the man sat down beside him and made the architectural problem crystal clear. When Gordon turned to thank him, he realised it was the Duke of Edinburgh, upon which, the Duke nipped into the nearby gents' loo. When he came out, those with him were all of a twitter. That was the students' loo, not the one he was expected to use. "But I can't tell you how good it was to go somewhere that didn't smell of fresh paint" was his typical and probably often expressed reply.

There must be so many similar stories about him.
Brenda.

“ONCE MET NEVER FORGOTTEN”

The words of Edward, the Earl of Wessex, the next Duke of Edinburgh, and I must concur.

It was May 1960 and Britain was hosting Commonwealth Technical Training week. Prince Philip was leading from the front and, by some quirk of fate, I was destined to meet him.
As a callow youth of 18, fresh from the valleys, I was entirely unprepared for the events about to unfold. Settling into my first year at the Wrexham School of Art, I discovered I had a flare for calligraphy. This ancient art was to become my chosen craft; an eccentric choice as it was not only deeply unfashionable at the time but future employment prospects were thin on the ground.

Commonwealth Technical Training week was set to culminate with a special event in Cardiff. For my sins, the organising committee decided that an illuminated address should be commissioned to be read out and presented to the Duke of Edinburgh and given my calligraphy skills, I was selected to create it.

Any illuminated address is the result of a time-consuming process starting with a week of pounding the unprepared vellum – from the French ‘veau’- calfskin until it is laboriously transformed into a silken sheet of fine parchment. Then painstakingly scripting each letter by hand using traditional Chinese stick ink and special nibs then, finally, gilding and illuminating the completed address. The tiniest of mistakes would have meant starting the whole thing from scratch.

Mission finally completed and handed over to the committee, I was invited to represent the college at the first formal banquet of my life in Cardiff Town Hall.

It was an intimidating prospect but after an overnight stay at RAF St. Athens where they treated us to a magnificent national service breakfast, our nerves settled and we were ready for the grand luncheon. To my surprise, I was seated on a table directly abutting the top table, within touching distance of His Highness the Prince Philip.

After the opening speeches, the first course was served, nerves must have got the better of me as I banged, with far too much force, a blocked

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salt cellar to season my salmon starter. The whole room sat to attention as though a speech was about to start, Prince Philip burst out laughing and leaned across to hand this seriously embarrassed student his salt cellar. The room joined in laughter at my faux pas and the Duke's kind gesture.

Lunch over we were all whisked away to the magnificent Sophia Gardens, basking gloriously in the Spring sunshine. As I walked around on my way to the receiving line, set for 3pm, I passed the band of the Welsh Guards where to my amazement, I recognised an old chum, Billy Macintosh who had joined the Army after school. It was clearly to be a day of firsts.

Proudly representing my college I was introduced to the Prince Philip – dreading it after my mistake at lunch. Finally, standing in front of me beaming he said "Ahh, the young man with the malfunctioning salt cellar" before putting me at ease by asking my name, where I was from and what my father did. As the son of a miner from the Conwy Valley representing his Art School and country, I was one of many who embodied the Princes unshakeable belief in the power of education to transform lives.

Leading Commonwealth Technical Training week, Prince Philip, a man of vision and faith, appeared on BBC television later that day with Richard Dimbleby in the first ever interview on television by a member of the Royal Family.

It was a day in my life that I was never to forget and I, like so many other, will mourn his passing.

Peter Williams

A little memory of Philip Duke of Edinburgh from **Joyce Brow.**

As a school girl, I was a member of the Girl Guides and was chosen to be part of a "Guard of Honour" outside the Usher Hall in Edinburgh when he came to be made Freeman of the city of Edinburgh. We all trouped into the hall, where he made his speech of acceptance. He was very amusing but the odd little rude word crept in, which brought the odd sharp intake of breath from us school girls! It was an honour and an occasion I have never forgotten.

Another personal encounter with Prince Philip was experienced by **Keith Ridler,** who was well known in High Legh from years of involvement in community projects. Sadly Keith died in November 2020 but Marilyn remembers what Keith recounted to her.

"Keith was fortunate to meet and speak with Prince Philip on at least two occasions. Prince Philip and Keith shared a birthday – June 10th and they also shared a similar, somewhat colourful vocabulary. Keith acquired his during his days as an apprentice on the shop floor of an engineering firm. Prince Philip probably acquired his in his years with the navy.

In the 1970s Keith worked as a consulting engineer and in the late 1980s he became Head of technology for his firm. The business grew rapidly and needed a larger home, so Richard Rogers was given the job of designing an architectural modern building near Melbourn in Cambridgeshire. For their grand opening, Prince Philip was invited, and accepted, to unveil a plaque. Keith was in the party showing Prince Philip around the building and had great respect for him as he was not only knowledgeable but also keen to learn about the various innovations the firm had designed and built.

In the early 1990s, the firm won the Queen's Award for Industry and Keith collected the award from Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace. Keith remembered walking through the long gallery in the Palace containing many beautiful paintings and sculptures. When they met, Prince Philip said to Keith "we have met before" and Keith replied "Yes, Sir". They then discussed the building that Prince Philip had opened and the new innovations that were taking place there.

Keith felt very honoured to have met such a remarkable, knowledgeable and caring man as Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh."

Marilyn Ridler

In 1982 HRH The Duke of Edinburgh heard Sir Fred Hoyle's Omni Lecture, entitled "Evolution from Space". He sent a copy of the lecture to Bishop Michael Mann, Dean of Windsor, and this resulted in a fascinating exchange entitled

"A Windsor Correspondence".

Over many years of letters they discuss fundamentalism & creation, science & religious conservatism and evolution & morality.

One of my sisters was invited to dinner at Windsor & the guests were divided into 'bubbles' so everyone got a chance to speak to everyone else. She was guided to a group of 3 - Prince Philip, the then Dean of Windsor and her.

Being a fly on the wall was fascinating as the two of them went hammer & tongs into evolution v. creation and neither took the slightest notice of her! She should have read the book!

It's out of print now, but if you can get a copy, it's a gripping insight, with some unexpected twists, into a serious and deep thinker. There's so much about Prince Philip that we don't know.

Joanna Grey

Tribute to <u>Rowland Brian Carter aged 87 years.</u>

Brian was born in Tabley where he grew up on his parents' farm where he worked. Brian met his wife Muriel at a High Legh Tennis Club Dance and they married in 1957 and moved to Tabley Brook Farm.

Brian was well known in the area – a member of St Paul's Church Choir, of Knutsford Young Farmers, High Legh Tennis Club and had many friends among his neighbours.

He was a family man who loved his daughters Anne and Margaret, his grandchildren and his great grandchildren. With failing health and Muriel having passed away in 2019, Brian was well cared for by the staff at Mount Pleasant Care Home. Brian will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Ribbons For Reflection

Many people across our parishes took part in this event in the days between the National Day of Reflection on March 23rd and April 5th and appreciated the opportunity it gave to reflect on the events of the past year.

Across the United Benefice over a thousand ribbons were tied with each one representing a prayer for those who have died, those who mourn, prayers of thanks for those frontline staff who have keep essential services going, and prayers of hope for the future.

Approximately 500 ribbons were tied to the railings alongside the Woodland Walk and the gates at St John's Church in High Legh. In Little Bollington we needed to replenish the supply of ribbons available more than once.

It was heart-warming to see the ribbons fluttering in the breeze or tied in bows to trellis across the parishes. They were not only meaningful for those who tied them but also the many people who passed by, wondered and found themselves also reflecting on the past, present and future of this Covid 19 pandemic.

These are the prayers that were used:

God of Love

As we think about all that has changed this year, help us to trust that you are always with us.

As we remember those who have died, help us to trust they are at peace with you.

As we reach out to others with kindness and care, help us to support the NHS staff and all key workers.

As we look to the future, may hope shine out in every heart and home.
Amen

You may wish to continue to use them as we move along the road map to normality.

Thank you to everyone who took part and especially to those who helped to set everything up and monitor the stocks of ribbons.
Rev'd Trish

Little Bollington W.I.

Members were saddened by the news of the death of Prince Philip and were quick to share their comments on WhatsApp, expressing words of condolence to the Queen, and admiration for the support the Duke of Edinburgh gave her and his life of service and duty.

As we are still not able to hold a meeting yet, we joined together for a Zoom meeting. The President, Mrs Terri Shade, said that people are looking forward to getting together again and hope to have an active meeting in summer. If the weather is fine, there is a possibility that we could meet together in a member's garden in June, and we aim to hold a meeting to look at the Archives from the past, in July, the exact time is to be confirmed.

Now that we are allowed to meet outside, in groups of six, the Book Club is hoping to meet in a member's garden to discuss a recently read book of their choosing.

If the weather is good, the walking group will meet in a small group, the route of the walk to be decided.

Mrs Linda Chappell read out the resolution which this year is a call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer.

The next Zoom meeting will be held on 13th May. If any member would like the details of how to join, please contact Pam Winward on 01565 839467

LITTLE BOLLINGTON NEWS

TRANSPORT - A NEW BUS SERVICE

A bus service is now in operation between Little Bollington and Lymm. The "Lymm Shopper" operates on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. It stops at High Field (off Park Lane), Ye Olde No. 3, Agden Park, The Wheatsheaf and The Jolly Thresher. In Lymm the bus calls at the Brookfield Rd and Lakeside surgeries as well as Sainsbury's and Lymm Dam. It leaves High Field at 9.55 & 11.45, and leaves Lymm Dam at 11.20 & 13.45. A full time-table is available from the Parish Clerk. Please use this bus and help support this new service.

TRANSFORMATION – THE STAMFORD ARMS

The Stamford Arms site hoardings have been transformed with beautiful drawings created by the children of Little Bollington Primary School. Huge thanks to the developers, Novo, and to Caroline Johnstone and her pupils at the school for this beautiful display. A greater transformation will commence in June as construction of the apartments and houses finally gets underway.

TRANSCENDENCE - RIBBONS

The first anniversary of the Coronavirus lockdown was marked in the village with residents and visitors displaying beautiful coloured ribbons at Holy Trinity Church and the village notice board. Three different colours of ribbons were displayed, representing: remembrance for those we have lost; support for those who have given great service; and hope for the future. How fitting that these ribbons should be displayed as we remember Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, and give thanks for his wonderful service to our country.

Contact: Parish Clerk: Mike Reed, 25 High Field 07766 083765 (m)
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June Magazine

We would love to hear from any reader with contributions of interest.

Please send any items to your usual Editor or to parishmagrwlb@gmail.com by the end of the day on

Friday 21st May 2021.

We will continue to have the pdf version of the magazine for the time being.

Mere & Tabley Community Club

The Community Club is looking forward to opening up in a gradual way during the coming months. We all hope that the Government's road map will come to fruition, and people still abide by current guidelines.

Our bowls section is gearing up for the season. The green and surrounds have been "spruced up" and are looking in good order. Members can now book the green for social games, still conforming to Covid rules. The Knutsford Bowling League are beginning their season on 4th May. We will only be able to serve drinks outside until 17th May. This will give us plenty of time to complete the refurbishment of our bar and lounge area. The bar construction is almost complete with just a few bits and pieces to finish off. Decorating is the next big item to deal with.

We are beginning to accept bookings for July onwards but making it clear that we can only work within whatever the guidelines in place at the time of the function.

Blood donor sessions are still taking place, and we have the local elections coming up on 6th May.

We hope to be able to host an event to celebrate the reopening of the Club and the completion of the refurbishment in the near future, but as ever, we will have to see how things go. So here's hoping for a "socialising summer".

The Club has a great record of successful community activities. This is only possible due to the army of volunteers who run this facility. Their enthusiasm transfers into more members and increased social interaction. Long may it continue.

Alan Greenway – Chairman

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Coffee and Chat

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The link for May is:

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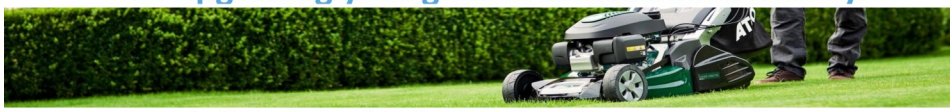

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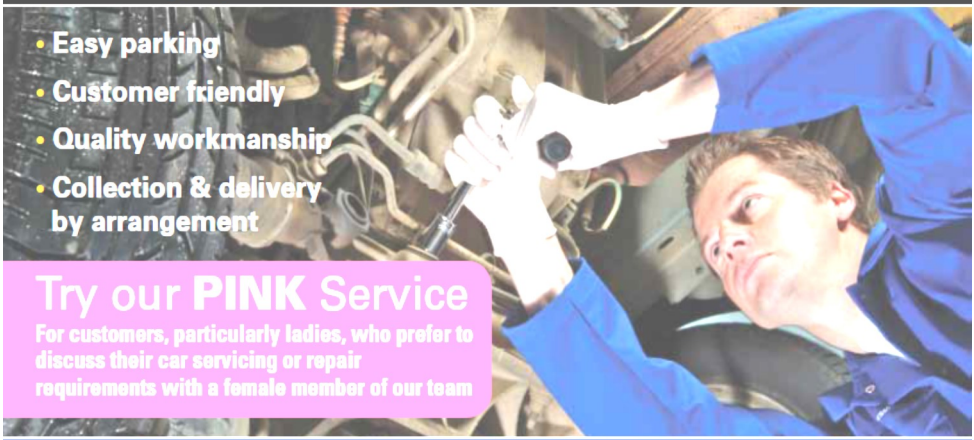

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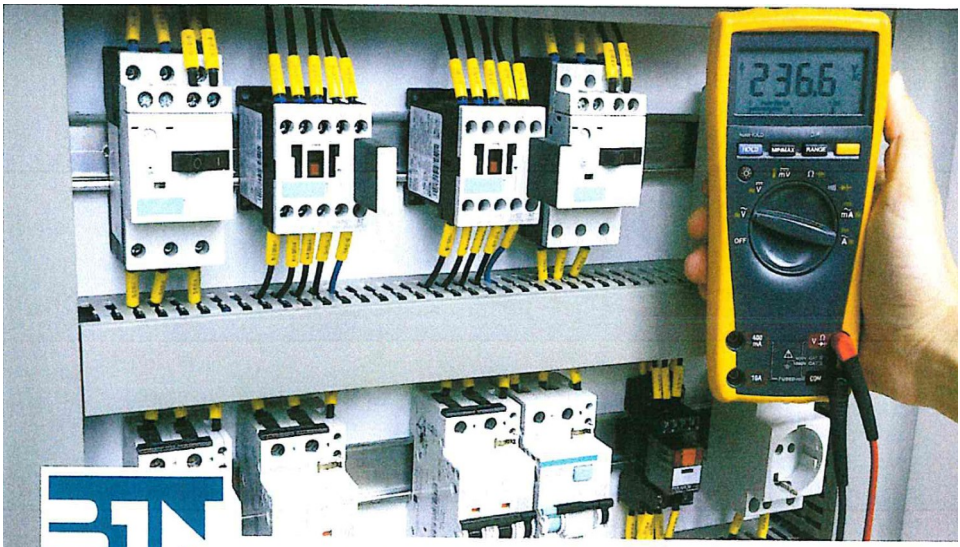

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