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Prayer for the Month

God of the heavens and the earth,
You call us to share in the care of your creation
and to bring food and fruitfulness from field and farm.
Hear our prayer for all who make their living on the land
and make us grateful for the work of their hands
and for the generosity of your provision.

(From the Arthur Rank Centre)

October Magazine

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

Friday 24th September 2021.

We will continue to distribute the magazine mainly in the pdf version for the time being.

Services in September

Sunday 1 September - 14th Sunday After Trinity
10.00 Holy Communion St John High Legh
10.30 Holy Communion St Mary Rostherne
11.00 Holy Communion St Paul Over Tabley

Sunday 12 September – 15th Sunday After Trinity
08.30 Holy Communion, St Mary Rostherne
10.00 Holy Communion, St John High Legh
11.00 Morning Worship Holy Trinity Little Bollington
11.00 Holy Communion St Paul Over Tabley

Sunday 19 September - 16th Sunday After Trinity
10.00 Holy Communion, St John High Legh
10.30 Holy Communion, St Mary Rostherne
11.00 Morning Worship St Paul Over Tabley

Sunday 26 September – 17th Sunday After Trinity
08.30 Holy Communion – 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 3 October – 18th Sunday After Trinity – Harvest Thanksgiving
09.00 Harvest Service at Holy Trinity Little Bollington
10.00 Harvest Holy Communion, St John High Legh
10.30 Harvest Service St Mary Rostherne
11.00 Harvest Service St Paul Over Tabley

Followed by Harvest Festival Lunch at Mere & Tabley Community Club.
Please see booking details on page 18 of this magazine. Please join us.

Storytelling Service
This will begin again on Sunday 26 September.
Please join us just before 09.30 so we can start promptly.

Please remember *that if you are struggling and finding life hard and would like to talk in confidence, we have people who are trained in listening. Please call 01565 830 595 or contact one of the Ministry Team (details on page 10 of this magazine).*

St Mary's Rotas

Readers :

05/09/2021	10.30 am	Joanne Shelston
12/09/2021	8.30 am	James Gibson
19/09/2021	10.30 am	Candice Reeves
26/09/2021	8.30 am	Alan Bailey

Sidesmen

05/09/2021	10.30 am	Derek Moorhouse & James Gibson
12/09/2021	8.30 am	Eddie Wakefield
19/09/2021	10.30 am	Sue Wakefield & Patrick Larkin
26/09/2021	8.30 am	Christopher Tetlow

Wedding

On Saturday 7th August the marriage of Captain Oliver Sutton and Isabel Baugh took place in St Mary's Church. The groom is serving in The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment and the bride is a teacher. With social distancing rules relaxed the church was full of family and friends. As the newlyweds left the church, they passed under an archway of swords provided by the groom's fellow officers. After the wedding the reception was held in a marquee at Hulme Barns Farm. We wish Oliver and Isobel every happiness for their future together.

St Mary's Church Opening – Sundays 14.00 – 16.30

We have started opening the church to visitors on Sundays again. We rely on volunteers to do this. We realise that, with high infection rates at the moment, fewer people will feel able to volunteer.

If you would like to be involved please contact Revd Patricia on 01565 830 595 or email pmrobinson51@gmail.com

Funeral - Laura Barker

On Monday 23rd August the funeral of Laura Barker (formerly Laura Diggle) took place at Vale Royal Crematorium. Laura was 33 years old and died after a long and brave fight against cancer.

Two years ago, she and her husband Tony were married at St Mary's Church, and our deepest sympathies go to him, Laura's mother and step-father Jo and Dominic Fenton, sister Jessica, grandmother Thelma and all other members of the family.

So many people attended the funeral that there was insufficient room in the chapel and a considerable number stood outside and listened to the service over the relay.

Laura learned to ride at an early age, her first mount was an ex-racehorse called Sailor Jack from the stable of noted trainer Donald 'Ginger' McCain. From leaving school her whole life revolved around horses, including riding in competitions (winning one at Aintree) and hunting. An achievement of which she was particularly proud was gaining an HGV licence which meant she could drive a horse box.

All of us who knew her will remember Laura for her cheerfulness, determination, fiery nature and occasionally wild exploits; she once rode the reindeer on the Knutsford roundabout!! Tony told me that 'when she was smiling, she was planning something and when she was laughing, she had done it'. Laura will be sorely missed by everyone who knew and loved her. May light perpetual shine on her and grant her peace.

From the Ministry Team

From the Ministry Team. Revd Philip writes:

A few days ago, Patricia came in from the garden clutching a bunch of carrots fresh from our vegetable patch. We both looked at them with amazement. You might wonder why we should be so taken aback at the sight of a bunch of carrots, one of the most basic of vegetables. The fact is that Patricia has been sowing carrots for years. Sometimes they do not come up, at other times they grow but all that we have are a few spindly individuals and sometimes they are short. A few weeks ago I met a group of farmers who belong to the Carrot Growers Association and told them of our difficulties. They laughed and said that they sometimes have the same experience. That made me feel somewhat better.

This year we have at last grown a proper crop. Had we chosen the right variety for the type of ground? Has the weather been just right to suit them? Patricia claims that it may be because she limed the soil earlier in the season. For whatever reason, for the first time we can enjoy eating our own full sized carrots straight from the garden. Patricia's perseverance has finally paid off.

Perseverance has been in the news recently. There is the Perseverance Rover trundling backwards and forwards on Mars, seeking for evidence of life and doing all sorts of experiments. A triumph of technology and the human desire to explore the unknown, it and its miniature helicopter Ingenuity are giving us fresh perspectives on the red planet.

Then there is the human dimension of perseverance that has been displayed by the athletes at the recent Olympics in Tokyo. Their brief moment of glory on the world stage has been preceded by years of dedicated preparation, getting up early to train, watching their diet and, in some cases, suffering a catalogue of injuries. Sadly, the glamour only goes to those who win medals, others are left thinking of the difference made by a few hundredths of a second, a few points or a moments loss of concentration.

Perseverance is also an integral part of the Christian journey, sometimes described as a pilgrimage through life. When I was in the TA, part of our training was running up and down the sand dunes near Southport. It was exhausting and we sometimes felt that for every two steps forward we slid one step backwards. The Christian life can sometimes feel like that, but what matters is keeping going. St Paul, in his letter to the Hebrews, compared the Christian life to a race. He urged his readers, 'let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfector of our faith'. There is no suggestion that at the end of the race only one person will win a prize, rather that all those who persevere, keeping their focus on Jesus, and thus cross the finishing line, will receive their reward.

I will finish by quoting a verse of one of my favourite hymns that was written in the 17th century by John Bunyan and is a call to persevere.

He who would valiant be, 'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy, follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Philip

Celebration at St Paul's

On Wednesday 4th August, we welcomed Bishop William and Archdean Ian to a service at St Paul's. Bishop William had offered us 'three for the price of one'.

First the Revd Patricia was licensed as Associate Minister to the United Benefice, a long overdue appointment as her curacy was successfully concluded over two years ago.
Second, Bishop William blessed the new facilities, as part of which he flushed the toilet in the new accessible cubicle!
Third and not least, he blessed the beautiful new frontal and associated items that the ladies have been busy embroidering for the past three years (with a break during the lockdown).

It was a very happy occasion and, for Patricia, an acknowledgement of her hard work in the parishes. In the case of the new facilities and embroidery, it was a celebration of a great deal of hard work by members of our churches. Refreshments after the service were provided.

Due to the size of the building, the service was invitation only. Present were some of the people who have been involved with the work, and it was good to acknowledge publicly their contribution.

Mike Elder took all the oak panels salvaged from the pew frontals to his son's furniture workshop in Stockport where he put them through their planer. During the work Mike regularly took further batches of oak for machining, and also loaned a dozen wood clamps from the workshop to speed up construction of the range of cupboards at the back of church.

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Tony Gate provided us with new oak for a section of the back wall, go round the outside of the new accessible toilet and make matching doors for the kitchen units. It is English oak from a tree he cut down on a local farm a few years ago. Tony also helped me clear many decades of accumulated twigs from the bell turret.

Andrew Simpkin, having acquired a taste for building when he helped me at St Mary's, gave prodigious amounts of time to help with the construction of the toilet pod, and all the associated lifting and carrying. His efforts in scraping the paint and incorrect plaster from the back wall have been prodigious. He also helped, amongst other things, with the groundworks for the ramp.

Norman Withinshaw installed the new wiring. He has also upgraded the distribution board which now complies with the latest regulations. Norman also sourced four second-hand cast iron radiators and collected them from Stoke. He has also helped with the groundworks for the ramp.

Alan Greenway helped, amongst other things, with the stripping out of the church, sourcing RSJ's to underpin the font and support the floor under the new structure, & provided a worktop for the kitchen and the loan of a concrete mixer.

Ken Barker set out the replacement joists and laid the new floor at the rear of the church. He also re-constructed the damaged Vicar's board.

Jenny Holcroft, the owner of a plumbing wholesalers, gave us new valves for the cast iron radiators.

Margaret Bailey and her family stored the septic tank and salvaged woodwork at their farm down the road until we were ready for them.

Peter Posh allowed us to deposit our rubbish in their skip.

My grandson Daley Reed manages a builders' merchant in Leek & supplied us with all the materials for the toilet pod, drainage pipes and ballast at a special discount.

Alan and Norman laid the new drainage at the rear of the church, and Anthony Bloor loaned us a digger and driver to excavate for the septic tank and drainage field, later supplying topsoil to landscape the area.

Chris O'Donovan repointed the lower-level coping slabs at the northwest wall, and assisted with the high level scaffolding needed to access the hatch to the bell turret.

Lyn Greenway and Mary Hayden-Fraser masterminded the new frontal and associated embroidery, assisted by Elaine Jones, Brenda Folds and Irene Hardy. Thanks also to Ken and Gill Barker for the loan of their garden room in which to do the work, and to Ken for sorting out the frame for the frontal.

Thanks to everyone who has cleaned the church throughout the building work, and for the service, and to the ladies who provided and served the refreshments following the service.

It was obvious that both Bishop and Archdeacon were very impressed at what has been achieved by so many at such a relatively low cost. It was good for me to be able to point out that this was a community effort that demonstrates the importance of St Paul's to those who live in the local area.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING
Sunday 3rd October **2021**

All four churches will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 3rd October. Our services will be followed by a Harvest Lunch at the Mere & Tabley Community Club at 13.00.

Once again this year we are donating gifts of food and essentials to the local Foodbanks – please begin to bring items to church during September. If you prefer we are collecting donations for the Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy – envelopes will be available at the churches.

Harvest Lunch - 13.00 Sunday 3 October **2021**
at Mere & Tabley Community Club

Tickets are Adult £17.00, Child – free (but ticket needed). Available from all four churches and the people named below.. **Booking is essential.**

We are taking measures to ensure Covid safety – these include table service and seating arrangements.

Menu:

Main course : Hotpot, served with pickled red cabbage, beetroot, French bread and butter
OR Gluten-free Vegetarian Lasagne

Puddings : Seasonal Pavlova
OR Blackberry and Apple Pie
both served with fresh cream and custard

Freshly brewed tea and coffee with homemade petit fours.

If you have any other dietary requirements these must be notified in advance. Please *speak to* ***Revd Patricia*** *in good time.*

The Bar will be open and there will be a raffle.

(If you would like to come but would find it difficult to afford then please speak to one of the Clergy in confidence as we have funds to cover this.)

Tickets are available from any of these people:
St Mary's: Sue Wakefield (01565 830 127)
Holy Trinity: Hilary Girardier (07849 922 814 or 01925 754 717)
St John's: Elaine Jones (01925 753111 or 07976 721 523)
St Paul's: Brenda Folds 01565 654 336)

AN AUGUST HIGHLIGHT

BBQ at Chapel Lane Cottage

Enormous thanks to Andrew & Gail Simpkin for an open invitation to their home on Sunday August 21st, where they hosted a magnificent BBQ.

They put in a huge amount of preparation, offering superb salads along with professionally (Andrew & James) cooked sausages, burgers, chicken & salmon—not to mention mouth-watering puds.

Andrew & Gail gave everyone a wonderful welcome to their beautiful garden and home—a superb opportunity to get together again after so long. The BBQ was well supported and raised £375.00 for St Mary's.
A BIG THANK YOU!

Events in SEPTEMBER across the Benefice - All Welcome

Community Coffee & Chat – 10.30 – 12.00 Wednesday 1st September
In person at Mere & Tabley Community Club
(No charge but contributions towards cost are welcomed.)
This is for everyone – come along and bring a friend or neighbour. Pop-in for a quick drink and chat or stay longer.
We will meet at St Paul's Church on **Wednesdays 8 September and 22 September.**

Bangers and Beer BBQ at St John's High Legh
Saturday 4th September **from 5pm**
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Tickets from Elaine Jones 07976 721 523 or Nick Whimpanny 07905 741969 in advance.

St John's Mothers Union
We are pleased to be able to meet again and will be holding our Annual Lunch at the Barn Owl on Tuesday 7th September 12.00 for 12.30.

Community Lunch at St John's
Wednesday 15th September **12.30**
Ham salad, bread, cakes, coffee and tea etc. Small raffle.
(Soup starts in October)
£5.00 please book in advance with Elaine Jones 07976 721 523 and Arthur Wardell 01925 752481.

Ladies Lunch Group
We are hoping to start this again in October. We would like to discuss the venues for this and discover how many of our members are interested in joining us. Please join us at Coffee & Chat on 1st September at Mere & Tabley Community Club (see above).

SUNFLOWERS

At last after months of work by busy green fingers, the winners of the Little Bollington Sunflower competition have been announced.

The first prize for the tallest sunflower went to Thomas and Anna Britton who achieved an amazing 11ft 4 inches. Everyone wants to know the magic ingredient that made this stunning plant possible!

The prize for the smallest flowering plant at 2ft went to Dot Fairclough.

The prize for the largest flower head was taken by Anthony O'Rourke with a giant 14 inches.

Congratulations to them and well done to all who took part with great enthusiasm and brought some sunshine into our village. Many thanks to Gail & Andy Blackburn for organising this fun competition .

PROPOSED M56 MOTORWAY SERVICE AREA

Proposals have been drawn up for a new Motorway Service Area alongside the M56 and A556 at Yarwood Heath Farm. This is a joint development between the land owner, Tatton Group, and the Motorway Services operator, Westmoreland Group, who own and manage the highly praised services at Tebay and Gloucester.

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Their proposals describe a high quality service area with extensive landscaping, ecological design and flood protection measures. The services will employ over 300 people with the promise of employment for local people and goods sourced from local suppliers. Other promised benefits for the local area include extensive improvements to the new A556 roundabout, which continues to cause great confusion and accidents, and the development of local cycleways.

There will be ongoing financial contributions to benefit local communities. The developers have offered Little Bollington Parish Meeting the opportunity to engage with them and share in the discussion of these ideas to benefit the village and community, as well as raising any concerns.

The outline proposals were discussed at a Parish Meeting (online) last November. The meeting did not come to any conclusions. Some residents regard the development as not unwelcome and the land of low value, being surrounded by major roads; others oppose the proposals due to the loss of Green Belt land. Concerns were raised that the services would become a destination and would draw more visitors into this area, causing increased traffic in the locality and putting further strain on local parking and other facilities. There are also concerns about increased risk of flooding, and noise and light pollution.

The proposals will be considered again at the next Parish Meeting, which we hope to hold in September or October. We will seek agreement on a village response to the planning application which will be submitted in October. This is an important matter affecting our village and community.

You can find further information about the proposals and make comments on the website.
https://www.tattonservices.com/

Contact: Parish Clerk: Mike Reed, 25 High Field 07766 083765
clerk@littlebollington.org
Website: littlebollington.org

Mere and Tabley Community Club

Our Club Committee chose Saturday 21st August as a day to celebrate the completion of the new bar and generally gathering together again after ending lockdown. Numbers were limited to 120 and I feel that was vindicated as the inclement weather meant all the various elements had to be indoors. It was very apt that two of our longest serving members were asked to perform the official opening. Ken and Gill Barker have over eighty years involvement with the club in many various roles. Ken has looked after the bowling green for over forty years.

In our function room, Dave Godsmark manned an immense book stall and sold 170 books. Our secretary, Charlotte ran a splendid tombola. Home baked cakes and pastries sold out in double quick time. An excellent selection of prizes in the raffle led to a super uptake of tickets sold by Val and Pauline.

Two stints by The Lostock Ukulele Band proved very entertaining especially the second spot, where audience participation got everyone cheering! This group play purely for pleasure and any monies they take all goes to St. Luke's Hospice. Food was provided by The Jackson family butchery business in the form of a superb hog roast.

Altogether, the event went well with members and guests staying on chatting with friends.

Many of the bowling leagues are drawing to a conclusion, although Norley matches go on into October. Many of our newer members have had a taste of competitive bowling this season and seem to be enjoying the experience. Thursday afternoon friendlies are as popular as ever, run by Val with Neville and Anne Gibbs – Jones' able assistance.

What will happen with indoor games is as yet unclear, but we do hope to start a Wednesday afternoon whist drive in the near future.

Alan Greenway

MILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Quarterly meeting took place on Tuesday 10th August 2021 at Egerton Hall The Chairman welcomed all who attended, and the meeting was opened. The Chairman went on to say it had been a long time since we could to have a full open meeting but hopefully things will now continue to return to normal.

Casual Vacancies

Millington still has 2 Councillor vacancies available on Millington Parish Council. If you are a parishioner, have the passion and time and would like the opportunity to assist our Parish Council, we urge you to contact the Parish Clerk or Chair Cllr Diane Flanagan, via the Millington Parish Council website ww.millingtonparishcouncil.co.uk or via email millingtonparishcouncil@outlook.com :

We hope to be more proactive this forthcoming year so we will look forward to hearing from you.

MILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL (cont'd)

Guest speakers

Guest speakers from Cheshire East Highways, Cheshire Constabulary and the Cheshire Ward Cllr had all been invited to speak on behalf of their local organisations, but unfortunately they could not attend the meeting. No updates were received.

Planning Applications

Details , observations and comments can be seen on the attached leaflet.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 9th November 2021, details will be posted on the website and notice boards.

Men's Lunch Group

We're back! After seventeen months of pandemic hibernation our lunch meetings are again operational.
The members met at the usual venue, the Golden Pheasant, Plumley, on Thursday 8th July 2021, to celebrate our reunion. It was reassuring to witness the Covid 19 protocol throughout the restaurant and particularly by the staff. Following such a long break from our regular monthly meetings, it was a lively lunch occasion, reflecting on many catch-up stories.

We are a community who like to get out and about, visiting places of interest. Hopefully, in the not too distant future, with the majority of the nation immunised, it will be possible to resume our travels.

If you are interested in joining our friendly, informal lunches, please contact Ed. Wakefield on 01565 830127 or Derek Moorhouse on 01565 830398. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

The members will meet again on Thursday 16th September 2021 at

The Golden Pheasant, Plumley Moor Road, Plumley, 12.45 for 1.00 p.m

Little Bollington W.I.

Members of Little Bollington W.I are feeling excited about the possibility of meeting on 9th September at the school, for the first time since COVID restrictions began. We have decided not to have a speaker for this meeting, but to allow a time to chat and have a cup of tea, as some members have not had this opportunity to meet together for many months. Obviously, this is dependent on the situation, and the regulations at the time.

At the end of September we are hopefully able to belatedly celebrate our centenary, enjoying a meal at La Boheme, which was postponed from last year.

The walking group enjoyed a stroll in Tatton Park..

Some members are looking forward to a trip to Highgrove again, postponed from last year.

The Book Club are reading "The Woman in the White Kimono" by Ana Johns.

If you have any queries, please contact Pam Winward on 01565 830467

Fundraising activities have started again. With various events planned in the coming months. including the Christmas Ball at The Mere.

Go to the Adventure Farm Trust's own website **http://caft.co.uk** to find out more and see how you can join in and help this local charity provide a variety of free programmes for terminally ill, disabled and disadvantaged children from all over the North West.

Coffee and Chat

10.30 - 12.00 - Just drop in or stay longer.

Wednesday 1st September - at Mere & Tabley Community Club

Wednesdays 8th and 22nd - at St Pauls Church

Please contact Rev'd Patricia on 01565 830 595 or email: pmrobinson51@gmail.com for the details.

Rostherne Art Group

The Rostherne Art Group will be meeting on the September 29th. at the Edgerton Hall at 7.30 pm.

New members very welcome.

Please ring Joan Gate on 01565 830134 for any information needed.

Many people have taken up craft, art or photographic activities during the pandemic. Why not join the Art Group to share ideas, and to be inspired and encouraged.

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A Pandemic Reflection

(One reader looks back over recent months).

Thank You for another exciting edition of the Parish Magazine (August edition)

How the Parishes have expanded and amalgamated within the Benefice! I'm realising I'm very quickly and suddenly becoming an "Elder" of Little Bollington/ Rostherne/Lymm and High Legh. All of our Parishes have expanded too. Visitors to our villages and fabulous Stately Homes have remained at the top of the National Trusts' Visitor League, Our WI at Little Bollington have more members and a Waiting List, after a dramatic low number of 23 members had been reached. Employment opportunities continue due to zillions of visitors to the "Big Houses", our Villages and eating places, all enjoying a revival after (and during) the height of the Pandemic. At Lymm Dam during the early heat-wave days local police were assisting "crowd control" duty !

Angela (Terrill)

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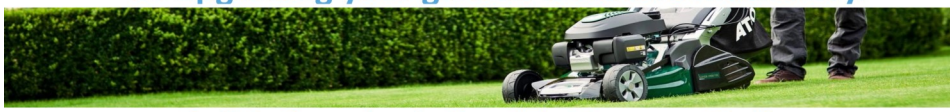

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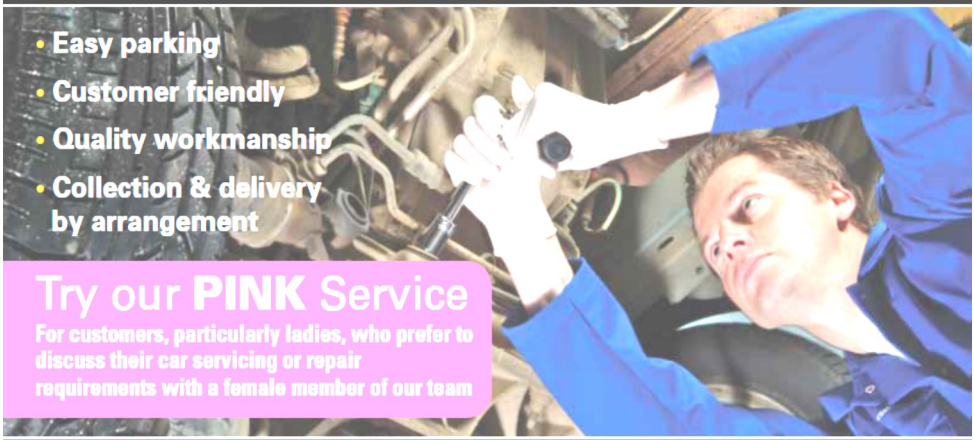

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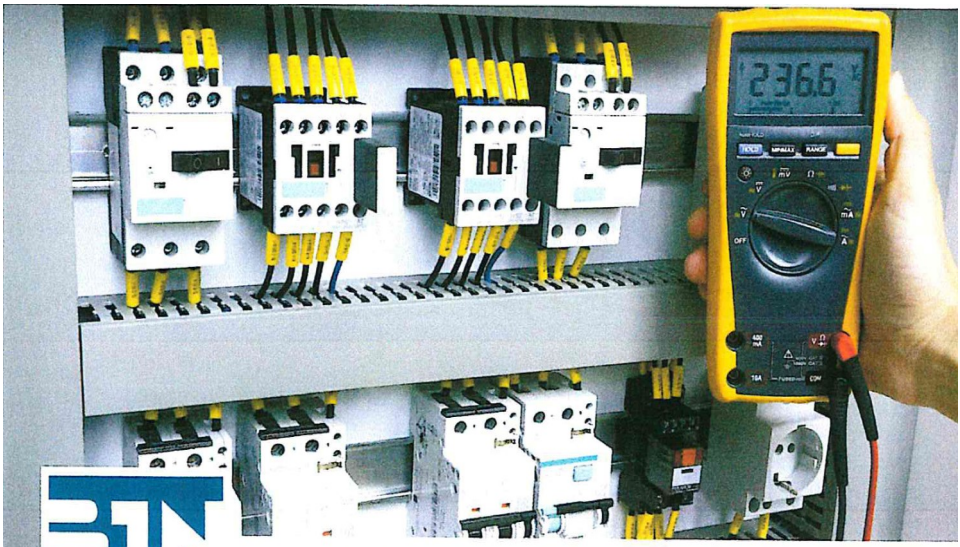

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