



## ST MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY UPDATE ISSUE NO 96 – 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024

### INTRODUCTION

- If you have a friend or neighbour who would like to receive this, please forward their details.
- I also invite you to send in poems, quizzes and jokes!
- For all correspondence, please use [office@stombsands.org](mailto:office@stombsands.org)

| Date     | Day | Time    | Service / Notes                  | Livestream / Location |
|----------|-----|---------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 28/04/24 | Sun | 10.30am | Holy Communion Service           | No livestream         |
| 01/05/24 | Wed | 10.30am | MU Holy Communion                | Church or Hall        |
| 05/05/24 | Sun | 10.30am | Morning Prayer with Baptism      | No livestream         |
| 12/05/24 | Sun | 10.30am | Morning Prayer Service           |                       |
| 19/05/24 | Sun | 10.30am | Holy Communion Service Pentecost |                       |
| 26/05/24 | Sun | 10.30am | Morning Prayer Service           |                       |

### NOTICES & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Livestream:** Unfortunately, problems with the livestream continue. We will advise when this is back up and running.

**St Michael's School – Exam Invigilators:** We have been approached by St Michael's to see if anyone is willing to help with the examinations invigilating during the period 9<sup>th</sup> May – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 (excluding half term week). If so please contact Nigel McCourt ([nigel.mccourt@ldst.org.uk](mailto:nigel.mccourt@ldst.org.uk)) or Susan Johnson ([susan.johnson@ldst.org.uk](mailto:susan.johnson@ldst.org.uk)). Many thanks, Helen.

**Heavenly Food:** The next heavenly food lunch will take place at 12.30pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024. A short act of worship followed by a two-course lunch. Cost is £8. For catering purposes please phone Clare on 924 0561 and leave a message or email [office@stombsands.org](mailto:office@stombsands.org) by 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**The Arts Society:** The next meeting of the Arts Society will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm in the church hall. The Arts Society is hosting a talk by Paul Rabbits on Public Parks. Visitors are welcome (cost £7.00)

On June 5<sup>th</sup> there is a trip to Wakefield to the Hepworth Gallery. Places are available. Please phone 07970 733424 for details.

**Mothers Union:** The Deanery Festival will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm at St Peter's Formby.

### CHET Event



Music at Crosby Hall

THE 2023/4 Sunday Concert Series  
**COSMO TRIO**



12 May 2024 at 7 pm

Haydn - Trio No 44 Hob XV:28  
Beethoven - Trio Op 70/1 'Ghost'  
Debussy - Trio in G major  
Shostakovich - Trio No 1 Op 8

Tickets £20 including interval drink and canapés  
Bookings online at:  
<http://chet-events.eventbrite.com/>



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### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY FROM BILL

#### AMAZING.

Spring has sprung! Lighter mornings and evenings and after coming out of hibernation we should all feel a bit better as we look forward to some sunny days and warmer weather.

For those of a certain generation you look back to your summer and remember the sun was always shining and after school or at the weekend you would play out all day until it started to go dark. Did we have health and safety rules in those days?

Have you booked your summer holiday? We all enjoy different types of holidays, visiting different places and doing different things.

Most summer holidays usually involve being by the sea but also visiting places of interest including parks and gardens.

Have you ever been to a park with a maze? I must admit I always find it a bit daunting. You enter the maze and have to find the centre and once you have done so you have to find your way out. The problem is that it is not that easy, and you find yourself at a dead end and have to go back and start all over again. Whilst in the maze you start to wonder if you will ever get out and what will happen if you don't, and the park keeper locks the gate and you are stuck in the maze all night. Also, when you are in the maze you can shout to others for help but the problem is they don't know where you are so they can't help you and you can't help them.

Thankfully I have always been able to find the centre of the maze and always found the way out even though it takes several attempts.

Life can be like a maze. Most of us will have a plan for our lives but life never goes to plan, and we end up losing our way and just like the maze we hit a dead end and have to start all over again. We may ask others for help but soon realise they are lost as well.

The good news of the gospel is that you can always start again. The Christian life is all about making a new start and choosing the right path. Moving forward and not looking back.

Doubting Thomas asked Jesus to show him the way to which Jesus replied 'I am the way'.

Why not give it a try and follow Him.

With every blessing to you and yours.

Bill

### **Sunday's Reading: Luke 20:9-18** **Parable of the Tenants**

Jesus went on to tell the people this parable:

"A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time.

At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. He sent another servant, but they also beat him and treated him shamefully and sent him away empty-handed. He sent a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

“Then the owner of the vineyard said ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him’.

“But when the tenants saw the son, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ So, they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!”

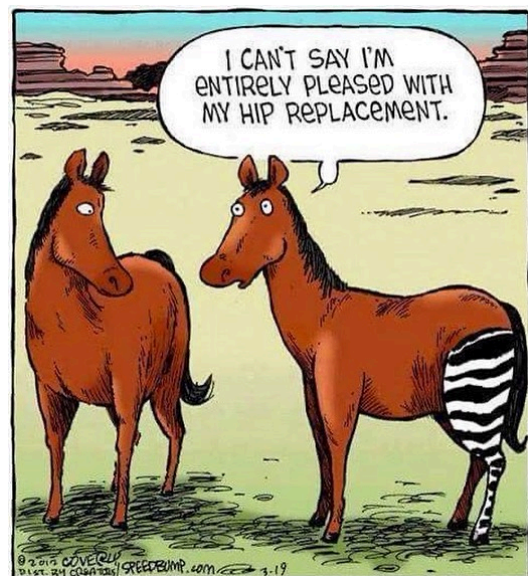
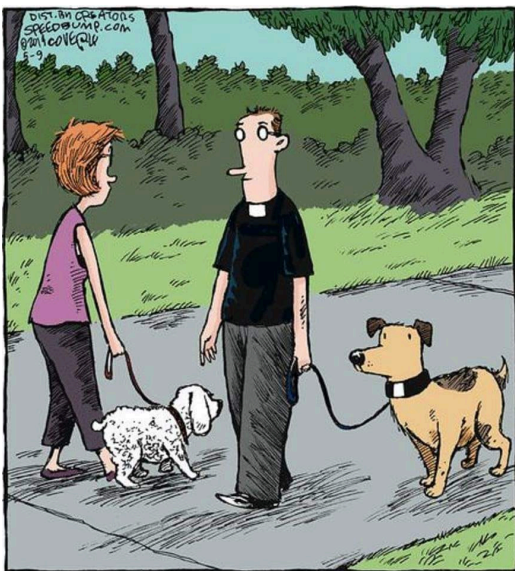
Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to Go**

### Always Look on The Brightside of Life



**Helen Hunter 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**Getting back to normal with God’s help.**