

Grayrigg Grapevine

Church and Community News



The Chapelry of St. John's Church, Grayrigg comprising the civil parishes of Dillicar, Docker, Grayrigg, Lambrigg and Whinfall

September 2021

From our Priest in Charge

The other day an advert for a business processor popped up on my computer with the headline 'Survival requires Change.' Many organisations would probably echo that at the moment!

The big question though is, what does Change look like? – sometimes we can't always know in advance. Where I was before, in the Binsey Mission Community, we knew we needed to do things differently in order to grow. Although I had a vision of us all working together in a more cohesive way; at the beginning I really had no idea of how that would look, or what changes that would involve. The key was for us all to be prepared to take steps on a journey to do things differently, and allow changes from what we had before considered normal practice. Recognising that this could be a difficult and painful thing to do.

As I write this, I know that change will be required for all of us; as individuals, as churches, as communities, as a country and indeed globally. There will be differences and opportunities in society as we emerge into what is being dubbed the 'new normal'. The outbreak caused us to make changes both big and small, many of which will be here to stay. Hygiene will be taken a lot more seriously, people will notice each other more, even if it's only to maintain safe distances, there will be more opportunity for home working.... We have learned a great deal in a very short space of time. In Churches we can have services streamed on-line as well as opportunities for prayer on you tube and facebook. We have mastered meetings using many of the media platforms available. We have discovered many of the beauty spots the UK has to offer for holidays rather than going abroad. People are much more aware of their neighbours, supporting those who are housebound by bringing groceries, medicines and other essential items to them.

As dreadful as this pandemic has been there have been many changes for the good and we must not let those good things disappear as we emerge into this 'new normal'. Sonya Renee Taylor sums it up well: "We will not go back to normal. Normal never was. Our pre-corona existence was not normal other than we normalised greed, iniquity, exhaustion, disconnection, confusion, rage, hoarding, hate and lack. We should not long to return, my friends. We are being given the opportunity to stitch a new garment. One that fits all of humanity and nature"

Let me finish with some words from Isaiah "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (43:19)

So as we embark upon this 'new normal' of fewer restrictions, we can go forward together in hope of something better than before.

With love and prayer
Tricia

St John the Evangelist, Grayrigg

BARBEQUE



Will be held
In a Marquee
At
The Old Police Station
Following the Harvest Festival

On **Sunday 3rd October**

At
Approx. 11.45am

All Welcome

NOTICES

**St John's Church is now open again every day
Between the Dawn and Dusk.**

Please feel free to visit the Church at any time

Please note that the Church Toilets
have been refurbished and are now open
when the Church is open.

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Ladybirds are now fully open on Thursdays
From 9-11am (Please note new times)
Everyone is welcome to drop in for a Coffee and Chat.

EVENTS AT FIRBANK

SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER-2PM

Harvest Festival– Firbank Church

MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER-7PM

Sale of Harvest Produce-Church Hall

TUESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER-7.30PM

Domino Drive-Church Hall



All Welcome at the above events.

**MARY ROWLANDSON ALMSHOUSE TRUST
CHARITY NO 223522**

The Trustees of the above Charity will
shortly have a vacancy for a Clerk to the Trustees.

This position currently carries an honorarium
Of £600 per Annum

For further information please contact the Chair
Of the Trustees:
Mrs Sue Barnes. Tel. 01539 824536



GRAYRIGG CORONATION HALL

Pub nights –

Pleased to announce these are now held
on the first FRIDAY in the month,
3rd September 7:30pm start, last orders 11.00pm.
1st October 7.30pm start Last orders 11.00pm



Rainfall in Grayrigg

The rainfall in July 2021 was 80.8mm or 3.18 inches
The rainfall in July 2020 was 200.4mm or 7.89 inches
The average July rainfall over the last 29 years is 114.9mm or
4.53 inches

THANK YOU

to all those who came to the Church Yard
For Boon night on the 31st August.
The work you all did is much appreciated and
Has created a lot of favourable comment.
Thanks again Clifford Kendal

Fish and Chips

A mobile Fish and Chip shop is now visiting Grayrigg every
Wednesday, serving from 4.30 till 7.30.

It will be situated outside the Coronation Hall
Next visits 8th and 22nd September
6th October and 20th October



Services of Harvest Celebration

St John's Church, Grayrigg

Thursday 30th September

Ladybird Harvest Service

9.15 am

SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER **Community Harvest Festival**

at

10.30 am

All gifts will be donated to
the Kings Food Bank and Manna House.

The collection will go to the Bishop of Carlisle's
Harvest Appeal 2021

Harvest gifts may be left in Church
prior to the services or
brought on the day



The Service will be followed by a
Barbecue at The Old Police Station

Beacon Team Church Gains National Eco-Award



St Thomas's, Selside has recently been awarded Bronze Award in the national Eco-Church scheme run by A Rocha UK. (ecochurch.arocha.org.uk).

The award shows how we care for God's creation as an integral part of our worship and teaching, in caring for our buildings and churchyard, within our community and in our personal lifestyles. If you're visiting St Thomas's look out for signs of our Eco-Church, like the new wildlife area in the churchyard.

St Thomas's are happy to work with other churches working towards Eco-Church status. For further info please contact Kate Hore (kate@russ-hore.co.uk).



LADYBIRDS



We have decided to change our session times – they will now be **9-11am**. This allows parents who drop off older siblings at school a place to play with their little ones without hanging around for too long. It is great to be back in the swing of things!

We are running every Thursday until October half term (28th October) then until the Christmas holidays. As usual, keep an eye on the Facebook page for any changes or park visits. If you have any questions please contact me on 07841 163998 / 01539 824985. Thanks again! Sally x

Services at St John's Church in September 2021



			Service
September	5th	9.30am	Prayer Book Communion
	12th	9.30am	Service of the Word
	19th	9.30am	Holy Communion CW
	26th	6.30pm	Evensong
October	3rd	10.30am	Harvest Festival

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We aim to keep you up to date with what's happening across the team, from special services, to community mission, to cake stalls, it's all there! Please do follow us and get involved. Social media thrives on interaction, so if you see our posts please make sure you give us a 'Like', maybe comment, or share the post to your page – all of which will help us grow and reach more people in this digital age.

If you'd like anything included on the page, please let Beacon Admin know, contact me directly on kate@russ-hore.co.uk , or DM us on Facebook.