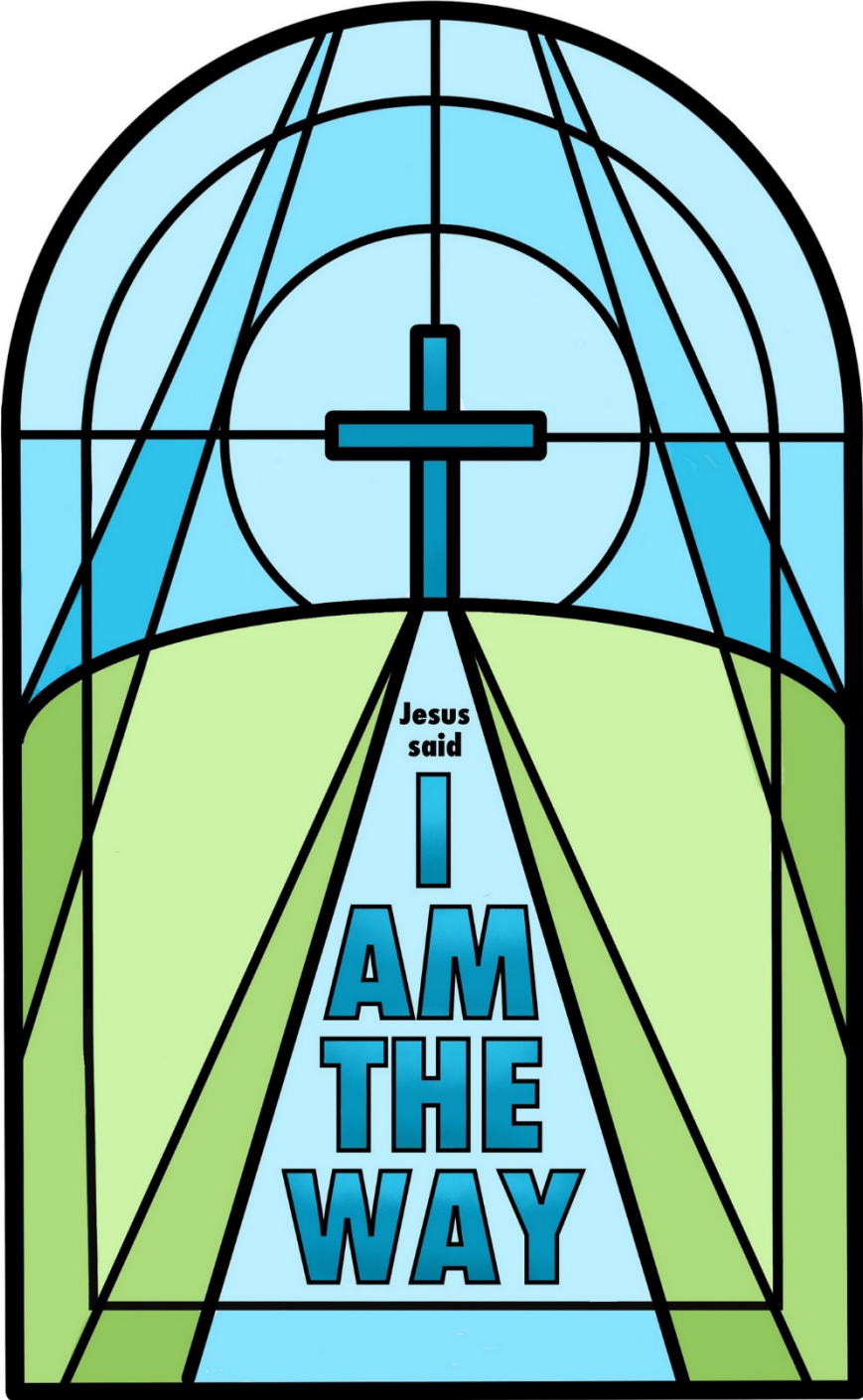


St. Saviour's Parish Church, Great Moor



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## **Worship**

**Sundays 10.45 a.m. Sung Eucharist ~ Modern Language**  
**Healing Service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 10.45 a.m.**  
**Baptisms take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12.30 p.m.**  
**Wednesdays 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with candles 1<sup>st</sup> Wed.)**

**Church is open for quiet reflection, prayer or lighting a candle**  
**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11 a.m. until 12 noon.**

## *The Vicar Writes:*



April Fool's Day is the traditional way to begin this month. In medieval times the fool (or jester) was not just there for amusement. He had an influential role in the court, because he could speak the truth in ways others couldn't. As Christians we are also called to be fools; Paul described himself as a 'fool for Christ' (1 Corinthians 4:10). In

what ways is this an appropriate description of a Christian? In his letter Paul expands on this theme.

### **A foolish message:**

'For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.' (1 Cor 1:18). The heart of the Gospel does not focus on clever ideas, but on the Cross of Jesus Christ. This message of foolishness and weakness is both God's wisdom and power for our lives.

### **A foolish community:**

'But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.' (1:27). The church in Corinth consisted of slaves, rather than the rich and successful. God calls the weak and vulnerable to follow Him, in order to shame those who think they don't need God.

### **A foolish ministry:**

'My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.' (2:4,5). Paul's ministry didn't rest on human wisdom, but on the power of the Holy Spirit. For us, this power is often displayed when we are at our weakest.

*'A fool thinks himself to be wise, but a wise man knows himself to be a fool.'* (William Shakespeare).

Easter round up

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## Patronage of St. Saviour's

We have recently received confirmation from the Diocesan Registrar that Linda Shelmerdine has been appointed by +Mark, Bishop of Chester as one of the Patrons of the Parish Church of St. Saviour, Great Moor.



St. Saviour's has 4 patrons in all: Canon Elaine Chegwin-Hall, incumbent of St. George's, Stockport (as we once were a daughter church before we became a parish in our own right in 1934). Ron Hudson and Cathy Finney are also patrons, and Linda's appointment comes as a result of the death of the late Lewys Mills. Following the death of a patron, those remaining nominate a successor who is duly appointed by the Diocesan Bishop.

Church patronage has a long history in the life of the Church of England, carried over from the pre-Reformation church. Every parish will have one or more patrons. The appointment is usually for life.

Nowadays, the patron's prime role and responsibility is one of a duty of care to the place of which they are patron. They can act as wise external advocates for the parish especially at times of change. When a vacancy occurs, once the new priest has been appointed by the Bishop, patrons present the priest to the parishioners, as Cathy did when Rev. Jess Piper was installed at St. Saviour's.

Linda said: "I was delighted and proud when my appointment was confirmed. It's such an honour, and a privilege to hold this position in the church that's been in my heart since my childhood."

# CRAFT CORNER

Looking for that special card, gift or even a little something for yourself?

We will be launching a "Craft Corner" at the back of church where you can buy that little something for someone. There will even be special items to celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary later this year. All the monies raised will go to church funds. Home-made cards, crafts and when in season delicious preserves and jams... Watch this space...

Any budding crafters who are interested in contributing then please speak to Angela or pop in to one of our Crafternoons.



# Raise **FREE** funds for us each time you shop online!

If you shop online, do you know about Easy-Fundraising? We have just registered St Saviour's as a charitable cause with them. This means that any online shopping done through their website will generate a FREE donation to our church. There are over 7000 brands that will donate to us each time we shop through Easy Fundraising.

Well-known brands include Sainsbury, Argos, John Lewis, Booking.com, Boots, Waitrose, Pets At Home....so many more!

How to take part.... it's really simple!

Go to Easyfundraising ([easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)) and follow the sign-up process to start creating your account:

- Click on "choose a cause to support" and type in Parochial Church Council of St Saviour's Stockport.
- Click on our church name from the drop-down box, then click the box saying "Sign up and Support this cause".
- The website will then ask you to create an account using your name, email address and a password of your choice. Once you have done this then that is all there is to it!
- When you next come to shop online if you go to the Easyfundraising page and look for the brand, whether it be groceries from Asda or a holiday from TUI, and you access the shop through that page, St Saviour's will automatically receive a FREE donation from that company.

This is a great way to raise funds without thinking about it.... plus, once you have an account set up you can check on the progress of the donations to St Saviour's and see how they are adding up.

If you have any questions, then please ask either myself or Roger and we can help you!

Sarah Summerton







## Keeping our Church Grounds tidy!

It's so important that we keep on top of our church grounds, so we are going to schedule another round of working party days this year to try and keep on top of things. If you feel that you can help and spare a couple of hours, your time will be greatly appreciated.

The following dates are proposed starting at 10 am until 12 noon.

Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>

Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>

Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>

Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>

You don't have to be green fingered! Anything that you can do will be a great help. Please make a note in your diary and let the churchwardens or Angela know if you can make it.

Look forward to seeing you on the day.

Angela

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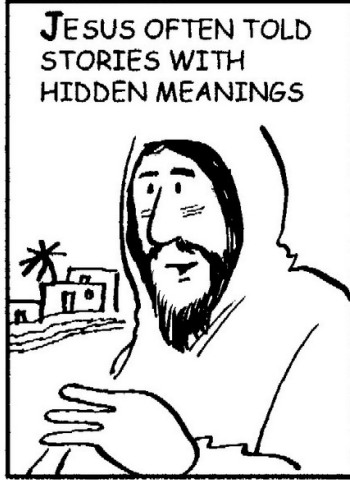
## Our Vicar's Last Sunday

The 5th May is Jess' last Sunday with us before starting her maternity leave. Please join us for cake and refreshments in the church hall after the service & APCM so that we can wish her well!

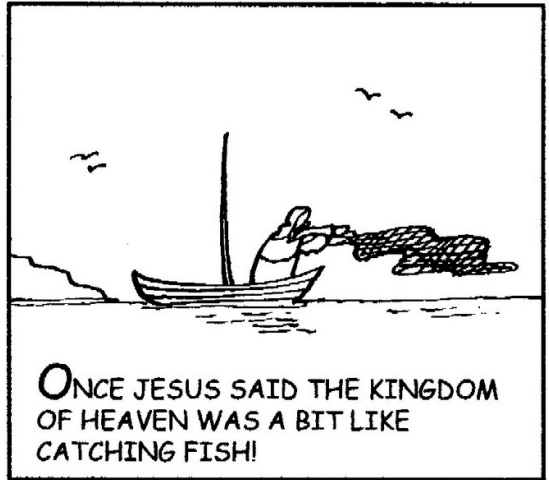


# The parable of the Fish and the Nets

JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



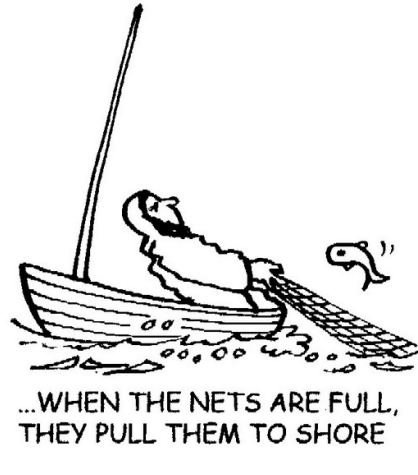
ONCE JESUS SAID THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WAS A BIT LIKE CATCHING FISH!



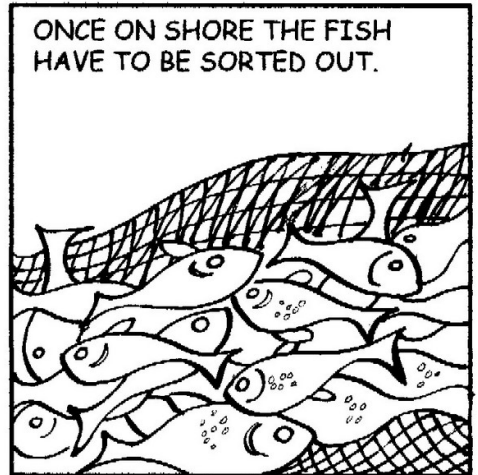
WHEN PEOPLE GO FISHING THEY THROW THEIR NETS INTO THE LAKE...



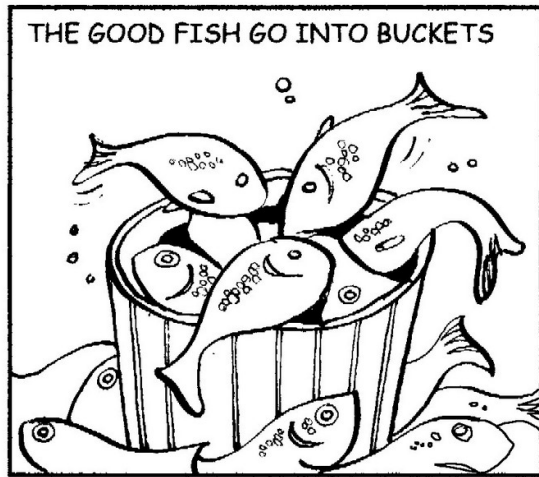
...WHEN THE NETS ARE FULL, THEY PULL THEM TO SHORE



ONCE ON SHORE THE FISH HAVE TO BE SORTED OUT.



THE GOOD FISH GO INTO BUCKETS



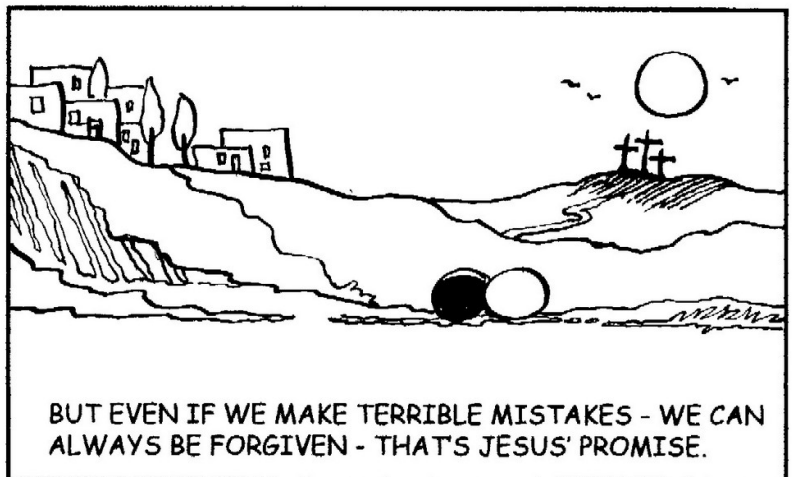
THE BAD FISH GET THROWN AWAY!



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT WE TOO WILL BE SORTED LIKE THE FISH. WE CAN CHOOSE TO DO GOOD OR BAD THINGS WITH OUR LIVES.



BUT EVEN IF WE MAKE TERRIBLE MISTAKES - WE CAN ALWAYS BE FORGIVEN - THAT'S JESUS' PROMISE.



# Quotes for April

*April brings the beauties of Spring, a time when we especially admire Creation...*

*"To create requires infinite power. All the world cannot make a fly." Thomas Watson*

*"Do not believe in miracles ... rely on them." Anon*

*"Each of us is a mixture of dust and deity." Anon*

*"Every day is a gift; that's why they call it the present."  
Anon*



*"Man's way leads to a  
hopeless end - God's way  
leads to an endless hope." Anon*

## All in the month of April

It was:

300 years ago, on 7th April 1724 that the German composer Johann Sebastian Bach's St John Passion was performed for the first time, at a church in Leipzig.

75 years ago, on 7th April 1949 that the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical South Pacific was opened in Broadway.

60 years ago, on 15th April 1964 that twelve men convicted of carrying out the Great Train Robbery in England in August of 1963 were jailed for a total of 307 years. They were given some of the longest sentences in British criminal history.

50 years ago, on 6th April 1974 that the Swedish pop group ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with their song Waterloo. It was the first time that Sweden won the contest. ABBA went on to be one of the most successful groups in music history.

30 years ago, on 6th April 1994 that the Rwandan genocide began, when a plane carrying Rwandan president Juvenal Habyarimana and Burundian president Cyprien Ntaryamira was shot down by extremists. Civil war broke out the following day, and between 500,000 and one million people were massacred during the next 100 days.

Also 30 years ago, on 26th April 1994 that the first post-apartheid multiracial elections were held in South Africa, with 18 million blacks eligible to vote for the first time. Nelson Mandela was elected president and took office on 10th May.

20 years ago, on 1st April 2004 that Google launched its free email service, Gmail.

# Parish Registers:

In sure and certain hope of the Resurrection



June Smith died on 26th February aged 91.  
May her family find comfort and strength in the  
assurance of life eternal and may her soul rest in peace and rise in  
glory.

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## Prayer for April 2024



*based on John 20: 19-end*

Almighty Father,  
In these weeks after Easter, help us to receive afresh  
the new life Jesus' resurrection makes possible.  
Lord, come to us. Walk through the locked doors of our fears.  
Bring us your peace. Fill us with your Holy Spirit.  
Send us onto our daily front lines to share your  
resurrection peace and hope and love with those who are lost  
and lonely.  
Thank you for meeting us in Jesus, our Lord and our God.  
We are your Easter people. Hallelujah. Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

# April 2024



Weds. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion with votive candles
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup>	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sat. 6 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m. until 12 noon	Church Working Party
<b>Sunday 7th</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
	10.45 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Weds. 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. 11 a.m.	Holy Communion until 1 p.m. Community Café in the hall
<b>Sunday 14th</b>		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
	10.45 a.m. 1 p.m.	Healing Eucharist until 3 p.m. Crafternoon
Tues. 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	MENSSA – Ten Pin Bowling
Wed. 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.  11 a.m. 2 p.m.	Holy Communion (Traditional Language) until 1 p.m. Community Cafe in the hall Mother's Union – Afternoon Tea & Quiz
Thurs. 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Bible Study at 4 Lisburne Lane
Fri. 19 <sup>th</sup>	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>Sunday 21st</b>		<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
	10.45 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Tues. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Deanery Synod at St Mary's Church
Weds. 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. 11 a.m.	Holy Communion until 1 p.m. Community Café in the hall
<b>Sunday 28th</b>		<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
	10.45 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

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**Thank you. Roger Salt (Treasurer)**



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