



The Chronicle

The Parish Magazine of Christ Church Charnock Richard

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter to you today, the clocks have just gone forward, we are in British Summer Time, and I am sure we are all looking forward to the gradual easing of restrictions. Most of us cannot wait, I am sure, for the time when we can physically meet up again with members of our family and friends. We have just passed the anniversary of the first lockdown when our Prime Minister told us all to stay at home. We give thanks for the dedication of all front-line workers, but particularly our doctors and nurses, who have worked tirelessly, sometimes under enormous strain, to care for all those who contracted this dreadful virus. We also express our admiration and gratitude for the ingenuity and determination of our scientists who have produced the vaccines and all those involved in the roll-out of the vaccines. It is thanks to all these people that we can now see a brighter light at the end of this dark, seemingly endless, tunnel. Sadly, a huge number of people have died as a result of this virus and we send our love to those of you who have lost your loved ones this past year.

I would like to thank all of you who contributed to our Call to Pray and Give initiative and our Christmas Card appeal. A total of £4690.00 has been received which is absolutely wonderful. This has helped us enormously to bridge the gap between our income and expenditure over the last year. We have not been able to thank some of you personally as we do not have your contact details, but I can assure you we are truly grateful for your help which will assist us to sustain mission and ministry in this parish. After the compulsory closure of our Church for public worship during the four weeks in November, we were able to open on 6th December 2020 and thankfully we have been able to continue since that time, whilst adhering to government guidelines to use the hand sanitiser, wear a mask, and keep two metres apart from others at all times.

We have not held a baptism in our Church since 9th February 2020 but, now thankfully, we have several baptisms planned which will take place over the coming months. We also have some weddings booked for this year and a Church wedding is something very special for everyone involved.

We will be holding a confirmation, or should I say, two confirmations this year. They are scheduled for 23rd June 2021 and, because we are unsure of government guidelines at that time, we are having two confirmations on the same evening. Father Andrew is just starting the confirmation classes, but this year, they will take place via Zoom as we have children participating who attend different schools and therefore bubbles would be broken. Bishop Philip has agreed to undertake our confirmations this year, all confirmations were cancelled last year.

We held a meeting of the Parochial Church Council last week and we are planning to make a lottery application to help fund our project of extensive repairs, maintenance and adaptations to make our Church suitable for meeting the needs of the whole community at the present time and in the future. Some exciting ideas were discussed and members are very enthusiastic about moving our project forward. We will be having meetings with our architect over the coming weeks.

Last week we were invited into our school to collect various items the children had produced for distribution within our community. Year 1 children had made a “pair of hands” which the children had coloured and inside was written a little prayer. We distributed these to our congregation last Sunday. God relies on our hands and feet to undertake his work in our community. The children from the Foundation Stage have made very stunning Easter cards, three crosses against an orange sky on black card. Year 6 children have each produced their own Prayer Book, some of the prayers were very personal and emotional. Malcolm and I did read through all of them and many of them were very touching indeed and brought a tear to our eyes. They will all be distributed before Easter.

I have asked various people to submit articles for this edition of the Chronicle and I do hope you enjoy reading them. In one article we were sent a photograph of an Oxford Sandy and Black pig and her piglets. This is a rare traditional breed that was virtually extinct about twenty years ago. It is one of the oldest British breeds and existed from between two hundred and three hundred years ago. It is sometimes known as “plum pudding pig” or “Oxford forest pig”. Apparently, the pig produces meat of the highest quality and flavour, succulent pork, fine bacon and excellent ham.

We hope and pray nothing will stop the gradual lifting of restrictions by our government. I am sure we are all looking forward to sharing meals with our families and friends again, visiting our hairdresser and booking an eagerly anticipated break.

Yours very sincerely,

Margaret Stewart

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANDREW

My dear friends,

March sees the beginning of Lent. During the six weeks of this penitential season there is a focus of the sacrifice of Our Lord. Over the centuries the practice of avoiding personal comforts and luxuries has been a way of keeping focused on Jesus Christ and his self-giving nature. Recently there has been a move by the church to stress that it is equally appropriate to give something to someone else during Lent as this is essentially what Jesus did when he gave himself for the salvation of the world. You may have heard the expression *Salvator Mundi* which means Saviour of the World and is the subject of a famous painting by Leonardo da Vinci. Our Christian faith leads us to seek salvation.

Offering something to another human in need is therefore at the heart of our Christian discipleship: in the past year of pandemic we have seen the scandal of infection killing almost 125,000 people in our own country and 2.6 million worldwide; businesses and economies devastated; the education and first job prospects of young people set back for years; residents of care homes unable to have physical contact with their families for months on end and the poorest and most vulnerable in society disproportionately affected by isolation and hardship as they live on the margins of society. Some of you will have seen the BBC news reports from Burnley where local churches including parish priests from our own Diocese are working alongside those who have been disproportionately affected by the changes to everyday life that we have all had to endure to a greater or lesser extent since March 2020. The church has been a beacon of hope in so many ways this last year.

I remember the first service we recorded was in an empty church with no congregation: it was supposed to be a joyful occasion, being Mothering Sunday, 22 March 2020. Within a week we were confined to our homes as churches closed in the first and most severe lockdown. By early July we were open again, and I am delighted to say have resisted closure ever since because being 'open' represents the Christian hope that is eternal but is particularly pertinent at this moment for our generation. Worship can not be reduced to the closure rules of non-essential businesses. The Gospel reading for the third Sunday of Lent makes this very clear in the story of Jesus turning over the tables of the tax collectors and traders in the temple. We have continued to offer the sacraments each week since July; baptisms have been possible, a wedding has been celebrated and blessed and the work of committing the departed to God's care is non-negotiable. Notable events in the life of the nation have not been ignored as Remembrance Sunday went online and a choir was possible as Christmas services marked one of the two most important events of the Christian year.

Prayer, of course, is at the heart of what we do. It is a way to open ourselves to the possibility of something better to come; to anticipate the potential that God has in mind for us all. We have prayed each week for an end to Coronavirus and we must continue to offer these intentions whilst giving thanks for the work of scientists, doctors, nurses, clinicians and all policy makers who are striving to put 2020 behind us.

The Church of England has a huge privilege in being the established church in this country – something we have inherited through our history and royal patronage. However, as with any privilege, there is a responsibility to the wider community which is how we pay back the benefits of the privilege: this goes for our outreach work to schools, particularly those established by a Church of England foundation, and people in need. Therefore, if we are to be relevant to the community something that people are crying out for should be at the heart of our Christian calling and commitment. This can never be something that only the authorised clergy do if anything of Jesus Christ's story rubs off and changes us: as we participate in his sacrifice of the eucharist each week, we will feel empowered to go out and do Christ's work.

I would like to personally thank all those who have participated in the making and production of online services in the last year. As we have worked together, we have represented the Christian resilience and determination to offer ourselves in service to God and our community. As Lent and restrictions continue for a while longer we should remember that we are an Easter people where death will be defeated and Christian trust and hope will prevail.

Every blessing,

Fr. Andrew.



Church Services at Christ Church Charnock Richard

Join us this

SUNDAY

9AM

The pattern of services for the time being is:

SUNDAY 9:00am Parish Eucharist: Common Worship

Parish Registers



HOLY BAPTISM

None



HOLY MATRIMONY

None

FUNERALS

20th January 2021 Funeral of Eleanor Cumberworth. Died 29th December 2020 aged 92 years.
Funeral service and cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

26th January 2021 Interment of Ashes of Kathleen Haslam. Died 19th December 2020 aged 95 years.
Funeral service and cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium on 6th January 2021.

29th January 2021 Funeral of Hazel Marsh. Died 9th January 2020 aged 98 years. Funeral service and
cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium on 29th January 2021.

27th February 2021 Interment of Ashes of Ronald Swift. Died 26th January 2021 aged 76 years. Funeral
service and cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

17th March 2021 Interment of Ashes of Audrey Gregory. Died 28th February 2021 aged 76 years.
Funeral service and cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium on 16th March 2021.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

24th December 2020

In loving memory of Michelle Jurd and Loved Ones
from John and Jacqui Worthington

In loving memory of Eileen Ann and Kenneth Wilson from Molly

24th January 2021

In loving memory of Eleanor Cumberworth from her family

31st January 2021

In loving memory of Hazel Marsh from her family



DONATIONS

DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM

1st DECEMBER 2020 to 20th FEBRUARY 2021

CHURCH FUNDS

In memory of Donald Heaps. From John & Jacqui Worthington.	£15.00	In memory of Eleanor Georgina Cumberworth. From Christ Church Mothers Union. £100.00
In lieu of sending Christmas Cards. From Marion Nash. From Jacqui Worthington.	£50.00 £15.00	From Joyce Barlow. £25.00 From Doris & George. £10.00
Loving Christmas Memories of Ronnie and Martin, a dear husband and son. Missed so much. Love Beryl.	£50.00	In loving memory of Martin John Southworth on his anniversary – missed so much. Love from Mum & family. £20.00
In loving memory of Peter McDonough. From your wife Janet.	£20.00	In loving memory of Dennis & Neil Preston. From Val & family. £50.00
In loving memory of Kenneth Johnson. From Sarah Schofield.	£25.00	In loving memory of Frank & Mavis Porter. From Val & family. £25.00
Anonymous.	£2000.00	In loving memory of Hazel Marsh. From Joyce Barlow. £25.00 From Doris & George. £10.00
In loving memory of Herbert and Kathleen Haslam. From Julia and Neil Maguire.	£1000.00	From Victor & Sandra Norris £50.00
In memory of Loved Ones. From Mrs Hilda Houghton.	£10.00	RESTORATION FUND None received.
In loving memory of our dear friend Gail Chadwick. From Helena, Tracey, Janet & Linda.	£40.00	GRAVEYARD FUND None received.
Happy memories of our Loved Ones. From Mona Iddon, Mark & Jannette Iddon & family.	£20.00	ORGAN FUND None received.

Thank You!

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

“In the power of the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by daily prayer and bible study,
we will be faithful communicants and by active witness, fellowship and service
in the community, we will strive to help forward the Kingdom of God.”

THE POWER OF PRAYER

We are often asked to include in our prayers people who are anxious and awaiting tests, people who are about to have surgery, and people who have been diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses. One or two of us thought it might be helpful to tell you about some of those for whom our prayers have been asked so that we might know a little more about them.

If you would like us to include an update on the progress these people have made, so that it can be shared, or if you wish for someone to be prayed for, please contact Margaret Stewart on 01257 792692.

Mothers Union

It has been a very sad year for the Mothers Union in Charnock Richard. Two of our long standing members, Edith Robinson and Eleanor Cumberworth, have died after suffering ill health and being admitted to nursing homes. Donations, in their memory, were made to Church, as is the normal practice when we lose a member.

As a result of lockdown, we have not been able to hold our monthly meetings, or our monthly coffee mornings, but have kept in touch by telephone with all members. It has also meant we have not been able to fundraise and, therefore, not able to distribute any monies back to the village organisations.

Unfortunately, many of our members do not feel they can carry on supporting the Mothers Union here in Charnock Richard as they have done over the past years, and two of our more senior members have expressed a wish to be classed as Indoor Members. Our Indoor Members now comprise Pauline Jones, Jean Heaps and Marion Nash. Indeed, the Mothers Union in England and throughout the rest of the world has suffered as a result of the Covid pandemic.

We must encourage new members to join us to prepare for the future of the Mothers Union in Charnock Richard, as we are all getting older and there will come a time when the “doers” cannot do, so we must pave the way and encourage younger people to join us to secure the future of the Mothers Union in Charnock Richard... however best we can achieve this.

Joyce and Chris

Editors note: If you are willing to help and get involved please contact Chris Pilling on 01257 794325 or Joyce Barlow on 01257 793126. Thank you.

THANK YOU TO JEAN HEAPS AND HER FAMILY

A few months ago, Margaret, one of Jean's daughters, challenged her to walk around the house twice each day in order to keep her mobile, especially when the Church was closed. Margaret said she would sponsor her to do 100 laps.

She far exceeded her 100 laps and other members of her family joined in the sponsorship. Jean's walking challenge, which she undertook without her stick, was sponsored by Margaret, Pauline, George, John, Ann and Christine. Margaret has paid into the Church bank account a magnificent £350. We would like to thank you all most sincerely. Jean is pictured right on her birthday.



Red Nose Day 2021

Christ Church Charnock Richard C of E Primary School

On Friday 19th March, we celebrated Red Nose Day at Christ Church Charnock Richard Primary School. Our theme was 'Share a Smile'.

To raise money, everybody came into school wearing something red. We also had the chance to share our class super power by doing a powerathon! Year 6 completed circuits of the trim trail, and Year 2 did a danceathon!

Finally, we asked children to learn a joke and tell it to the class. The best joke was voted by the class and the winner received a prize. We raised a fantastic £166 for Comic Relief!



What is the best Christmas present you can get?

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(Freddie- Year 1)

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(Carly- Year 6)



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The children enjoyed the snowy weather; we made snow angels and enjoyed mark making too. We even did an experiment to see if the snow would melt when we placed some in a cup in different areas of Pre-School.

Both staff and children enjoyed World Book Day. We all came dressed in our pyjamas and brought our favourite book to read with each other.

We have been learning about traditional tales. The Elves and the Shoe Maker was a favourite and the children liked hammering on the wood wearing their elf hats and threading the laces through the shoes. When we read Goldilocks and the three bears, everyone liked retelling the story using the puppet show.

The Pre-School provides 15 hours a week funded childcare for all children aged 3 and 4 and some 2 year olds. Some working parents of 3 and 4 year olds will be eligible for 30 hours a week funded childcare. Further information about funded childcare and tax-free childcare is available at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/childcare and www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

If you would like to enrol your child at Pre-School please telephone us on: **07944 217699** or email: info@charnockrichardpreschool.co.uk

Further information about Pre-School can be found on the Pre-School website:
www.charnockrichardpreschool.co.uk.

Beverley Hughes (Pre-School Manager)



THE POTTING SHED TEAM

Have you a few hours to spare each week? We have a team which meets for two or three hours each week and works in the garden areas in the centre of the village; the Old School garden, the Almshouses garden, and the Churchyard. The team meets each Monday at 10.00am. If you need further information please contact Malcolm Stewart on 01257 792692 /792536 or 07951 862399

CHARNOCK RICHARD BEAVERS



Busy Beavers! How we were looking forward to being back together! For Christmas the Beavers all had a camp blanket under their Christmas trees. We hope to be able to use them this year as well as adding to our collection of badges.

We started the year with lego challenges as we have some expert lego builders! As a group we took part in the great big bird watch and had a visitor to our zoom session (Jo) who kindly talked to the group about the birds in the area and how we could encourage the birds into our gardens and help them. We have made bird feeders and entered our bird counts.

We have learned about Chinese New Year and made some delicious no cook banana fritters and pancakes!

We have been so busy and welcoming new members to our group too. It is a very odd time but we keep busy and have fun! A huge thank you to all the parents who have been supporting at home. We have been making local deliveries of materials for sessions recently but we are starting to meet again at the HQ now that lockdown is lifting.

Heather Clipston (Leader)

Scout and Guide Headquarters: Available for Hire

The Scout and Guide Headquarters is available to hire for meetings, children's parties, groups etc. The building is accessible to all with kitchen facilities, baby changing, and disabled toilet. Please contact Chris Pilling on 01257 794325 if you wish to hire this facility.

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Charnock Richard Brownies and Guides will be starting back with face to face meetings in September and we are looking for girls age 7-14 to join us. We meet on Wednesday at The Scout & Guide HQ at 7pm.

You'll never be stuck for something to do in Brownies and Guides. Whether you want to dedicate your time to exploring the outdoors, really focus on your hobbies, or challenge yourself with something new, you'll find something that suits you. You'll also get out there and do something really different, such as trips, camps, holidays and events like Big Gig and Glastonbury.

If you are interested in joining us, please call or text Rachel Simm on **07787445447** or email charnockrichardguides@gmail.com



Childhood Recollections of Brindle

Everything has been so different this past year. I was born in Brindle many years ago and on Christmas Day we had decided to meet up with our eldest daughter and her family and go for a walk around the village. In previous years, we have joined our daughter and her family for our Christmas dinner, but we decided we would stay outdoors this year. It was a bright sunny day, perhaps a little chilly, and we arrived at their house at 11.00am. I am not sure if any of you are aware of the village of Brindle, but I spent the first eighteen years of my life in this beautiful rural area. We were delighted when Sonia and Michael chose a property to purchase in Brindle when they were planning to get married. It was a very old stone cottage and they purchased it from the family who lived there when I was a little girl. We walked along Holt Lane towards Denham Hill Quarry and took the track over the top of the quarry. As you climb along the path, you have magnificent views on a clear day, of the Lake District hills in the north, along the Fylde coast and Irish Sea, to the Welsh mountains in the south.

On the other side of the hill, you come to a row of much sought-after quaint cottages, some of which have steps from their front doors straight on to the pavement, at Top o' th' Lane. Originally, people who lived here would walk across the fields to the paper mill in Withnell for their work. As we continued our walk, we came to a farm on the right hand side, High Cop Farm, and across from this was a pond. I remember a lady from Top o' th' Lane drowning in that pond.

As you continue, you come eventually to the village primary school. I attended this school, there were only two classrooms at that time and two teachers, and the children attended from five years of age until they left school at fifteen years of age. I actually left at the age of eleven after passing my "scholarship" and I attended Balshaws Grammar School. The school dinners arrived each day at around 11.50am, they were made at the Central Kitchens and delivered by the School Meals Service. We used to eat our meal in a very small dining room at the back. I am fairly confident when I say the school is now three times as big as it was then. The Headmaster's house was across the road and he used to dash home at around 10.50am and return at 11.00am to start the next class.

Just a little further along used to be the old village institute, a timber building, this has been replaced with a new village hall. Next to this was the school garden where we were able to grow vegetables, this now belongs to a private residence. At the top of the hill is St. James's Church surrounded by big stone walls. I met Malcolm for the first time in Church. Mr. Carpenter, who was the vicar at that time, had visited Malcolm's family when they moved into the area. Malcolm's Dad set up a poultry rearing facility in Brindle Mill and they lived in the house next to the mill.

Across the road from the Church is the Cavendish pub, very popular with the locals. We turned right into Sandy Lane and passed what used to be the Post Office but is now a private residence. I remember going to the Post Office every week with my grandad where he would collect his pension and purchase postal orders. He did a bit of betting on the football pools and horses!

Then we turned immediately left into Smithy Lane. We continued along Smithy Lane and we came to an area where, in the winter in freezing weather, we would go straight from school and skate on a very large pond. Lots of children would participate in this and we really enjoyed ourselves. I would be horrified to think our grandchildren did this unaccompanied by any adults!

Continuing along the road we passed a house where my aunty lived, then we eventually turned left into Pippin Street. My Mum's family owned the farm on the right hand side, Chesham Farm. My maternal grandparents brought up six children on that farm, many of the children working on the farm. Then we headed towards the main road at Thorpe Green. Just before you arrive at the main road there are two quite large private residences. My brother, when only a small boy, used to visit them at their request, to catch moles. My grandad had shown him the skills to do this. He became quite an expert and they used to pay him three pennies (remember the old threepenny bit coin) for every mole he caught!

Turning right on to the main road we came to what used to be a small white cottage, however this has been extended in recent years. There was a wooden shed at the side, the lady who lived at the cottage used to sell drinks and cakes to passers-by and cyclists from cycling clubs which called regularly. Next door to this property used to be a rather neglected property surrounded by tall trees. We used to call it the Rat House! A lady in her fifties and her elderly mother used to live there but we hardly saw them. We lived at the farm across the road and my grandad used to visit them about three times each week taking them milk and eggs and checking if they needed anything else. One Sunday lunchtime, my grandad had gone to see them and discovered the younger lady had died. He was very concerned, the lady had been dead for some time and her mother was incapable of looking after herself. He went to get the man from up the road who was a Justice of the Peace. They

alerted the police, who called in the RSPCA. There were around thirty wild cats living there. The RSPCA men pulled on large protective gloves, they started to grab the cats, and they caught all of them. The elderly lady was taken into care. I used to run past that house on my way home from school, it was very creepy!

We lived across the road and our land used to go down to the canal at the bottom. We had a mixed farm with dairy cows, pigs and chickens, we used to grow cereals and make hay. I remember on one occasion, when I was quite young, one of our sows (mother pigs) died shortly after giving birth to twelve piglets. We needed to keep the piglets warm and feed them. We used infra-red heat lamps to keep them warm and we bottle fed them all. Using bales of straw, we divided off two quite small pens in the pigsty. As we fed them, which was every three or four hours, whilst sitting on the bales of straw, we would lift them into the empty pen to ensure we did not miss feeding any of them. My Mum was a constant visitor to the chemist to purchase more teats!

My Dad used a binder to harvest the grain, Mum would ride on the tractor and Dad would sit on the binder to operate it. This machine would cut the crop and then bind the stems into bundles or sheaves. These were then stacked into A-shaped conical stooks to allow the grain to dry for several days, before being picked up ready for threshing back at the yard at a later date. When the thresher arrived, we needed some extra help from neighbouring farmers. A threshing machine removes the seeds from the stalks and husks, it does this by beating the plant to make the seeds fall out. At the end of the day, we were left with bales of straw, large bags of chaff and bags of corn. It was an extremely dusty environment, and incidentally, there was also vermin around, as they would have been living in the stack of corn.

We were now on the final leg of our journey, we continued along the main road until we reached Holt Lane, then it was back to our daughters where our son-in-law made a delicious cup of coffee with Baileys as we sat in the garden. A wonderful experience, bringing back lots of memories, but very different to the norm.

Margaret Stewart

SKY HIGH AERIAL VIDEO & PHOTOGRAPHY

You may have noticed the amazing aerial photograph of our Church on this edition's front cover. We would like to thank Steve from Sky High Aerial Video & Photography for providing us with this image.

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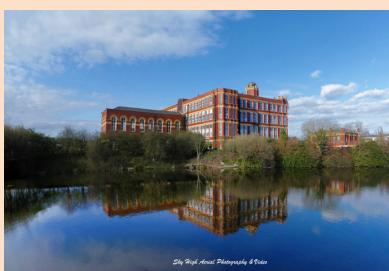
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A Day in the Life of a Vet

Hello, my name is Tiffany, I am a large animal vet, working at Ribble Vets in Penwortham. Part of my job is that I visit various farms and animals across Lancashire. As a large animal vet, I treat mainly cows and sheep but along the way I also care for chickens, pigs, goats, alpacas and even a few reindeer!

This is an example of one of my standard days as a vet:

I start my day, under normal circumstances, going into our Penwortham practice. This is to stock up on any items needed for the day, and put up medicines for farmers to collect during the day, or deliver whilst I am passing on my calls. During this time, as farmers check their animals in the morning, a few phone calls often need answering for advice. Today my first phone call was for some sheep that had become very itchy recently. I advised the farmer to gather some sheep and one of the vets will examine them and take a few samples to look for mites or any other reason the sheep might be itching. This would become my first call of the day!

At the farm the sheep are examined to show some wool loss and some very itchy sheep. Even touching them caused their lips to quiver, as they felt the relief of the itch they just cannot reach, scraping a little skin on a microscope slide showed small creatures called mites! The treatment was applied by the farmer, so hopefully the sheep will feel much better soon!

Between calls I ring the practice, so I can update the reception team as to when I finish and they can let me know what the next call is! Hollie, our receptionist, answers to tell me the next call is a pig which has started to give birth (known as farrowing) and after the second piglet was born, she began to struggle. Off we go! On arrival there are two hungry piglets just getting warm and dry under the heat lamp. The sow is grunting away in labour but the last piglet was born over an hour ago! The gloves come out as it's time to examine what's happening. The next piglet on its way was slightly larger than the rest and two little back feet are all that could be felt. A little bit of medication was given to help the sow with her contractions. Some slight traction was applied and some lubrication and out the piglet came! Slow at first, but after a bit of rubbing a little squeak was heard and after 5 minutes he was up and under the heat lamp with his brothers and/or sisters. Another dose of medication was given, and after 10 minutes, the next piglet was born! And shortly after that the 5th piglet! She had 12 piglets in total and once finished she began grunting and they all came to feed! She was given some pain relief and left to familiarise herself with her new babies.

The next call was to vaccinate some pet lambs. We vaccinate sheep and goats regularly for clostridial diseases to prevent sudden death. These lambs were 4 months old and very lively! They didn't even notice the little injection for their vaccination!

Time for lunch! This is nearly always eaten in my van parked somewhere in Lancashire. Emergencies can occur at any time, so this is eaten when the chance arrives.

After lunch I have 10 cows to pregnancy test. We do this using a portable ultrasound scanner which scans the uterus through the intestinal wall. 9 out of 10 are pregnant, yay! Washing off and disinfecting my waterproofs and wellies needs to be done between every visit to ensure diseases are not spread from farm to farm. I then return to work to finish off some paperwork and call a few clients who I have seen earlier in the week to see how the patients are getting on.

Back home for now!

As a large animal vet, every day is different, which is part of the reason I enjoy my job so much. I enjoy the variety of patients we see and the people who own them and care for them every day all year round. Farmers have a passion for their animals that cannot be described, and their welfare and care are often prioritised before their own. I am on call in a 1 in 4 rota, on this day I was the vet on call throughout the night. At 4am I am called out to a cow struggling to calve. The farmer has been up most of the night checking on her throughout the labour, and as no progression has been made, has called me to assist. On examination, the calf is upside down and the uterus is twisted. This is an emergency, and, importantly, if the cow was left alone would be unable to calve. This often requires a caesarean section. The left side of the cow is numbed under local anaesthetic to ensure the cow cannot feel a thing. The calf is then removed and the cow stitched up. By the time the operation is finished, the calf is trying to stand, although very wobbly as new-borns often are. The cow and calf may not have survived without the diligent work of the farmer.

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Morris Quality Bakers Ltd, a family bakery from Coppull, have been named a 'Small Business of 2020' by Lloyds Bank after helping the local community by supplying flour, cakes, bread and morning goods during lockdown when the supermarket was running out of produce.

They supply barmcakes, fruit buns, sliced bread, cakes and more to schools, Bookers Cash & Carry, Co-op's and catering outlets across the North West, but have seen a considerable downturn in business since lockdown hit.

The surplus stock they had was donated to food banks and hospitals in the region, along with Corona kindness hubs run by Blackpool Council which supported vulnerable people in the town. They also helped out local people by making up 2kg bags of flour to sell during the home baking craze that swept the country.



Morris's set up a stall, using a converted van outside the factory to sell its goods direct to the community while maintaining social distance. This was open every Wednesday & Saturday morning. They were awarded Small Business of 2020 in recognition of their creativity and how quickly they adapted to the challenges of the pandemic, going above and beyond.

The Lloyds Bank Small Business of 2020 competition celebrates the small and local businesses across the UK and their inspiring energy and resilience in meeting the challenges of 2020. Almost 900 businesses up and down the country were nominated by their local communities and 24 winners were chosen.

The family business was founded over 100 years ago in 1912 and is now led by Henry Morris, grandson of the founder Walter Morris, along with his wife Christine and their daughters Katie, Helen and Beverley.

Today it has around 150 employees and in normal times its fleet of vans delivers to more than 3000 customers across the North West.

Due to demand they have continued to run the stall. It is open every Saturday 8.30am till 11.15am, selling flour, cakes, batons, barmcakes and sliced bread.

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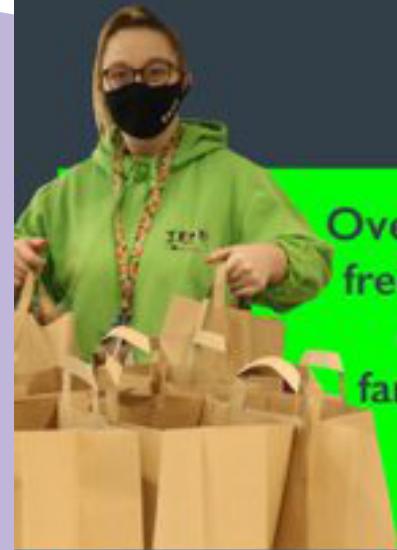
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Some activity has resumed, although in a reduced capacity, such as The Mill café and some of our charity shops opening when allowed, and offering Click & Collect and online shopping. We have been overwhelmed by the unwavering support of our communities who have taken on their own sponsored challenges and joined in our virtual Moonlight and Memories Walk, Santa Dash and more!

We are still working hard to adjust to the long-term effects the pandemic is having on the important care and support we offer to local people living with life-shortening illnesses such as cancer, motor neurone disease and heart failure – including people with Coronavirus who require palliative care.

- We have continued to accept admissions on our inpatient unit (IPU) and our team is changing how they work to limit the amount of staff contact, and using enhanced levels of PPE.
- The nursing and housekeeping teams are working on robust cleaning regimes too, including a full clean and disinfection three times a day. We are also in the process of looking at a new system to purify the air on the IPU to help prevent the spread of the virus.
- Our Lymphoedema team is still seeing patients at our onsite Woodside Clinic, and demand remains high for our Clinical Nurse Specialists who provide assessment, treatment and support in people's own homes across Central Lancashire.
- Our Support Team is running monthly carer and bereavement peer support groups through online group chat facilities, and the befriending and counselling services are also being carried out remotely.
- We have extended our advice line for other healthcare professionals to call us any time of day or night to access our specialist knowledge, and we're sharing our skills and expertise with district nurses and care home staff by hosting our highly-regarded study sessions using Microsoft Teams.
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