



# Our Lady and St Gerard's Lostock Hall

## NEWS AND VIEWS

### Christmas & New Year Services

Issue No 683 December 2024

#### Christmas Eve

The Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at St Gerard's will be at 5:30 pm with carols from 5 pm.

The Vigil Mass at St Mary's Brownedge will be at 7 pm.

There will also be a Midnight Mass at St Mary's with Carols by Candlelight from 11:30 pm.

#### Christmas Day

At St Mary's Brownedge the Christmas Day Mass will be at 9:30 am.

At St Gerard's the Mass on Christmas Day will be at 10:30 am.

There will be no other Masses on Christmas Day at either Church.

**Boxing Day** (The Feast of St Stephen) Mass at both Churches will be at 10 am.

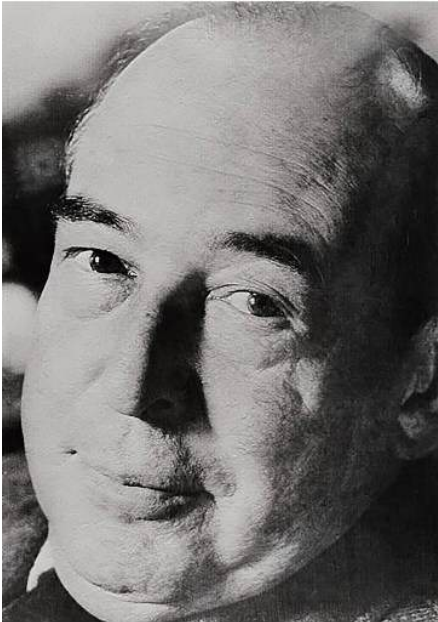


#### In this Issue

C.C. Lewis—A lost Chapter	Page 2
Cafod - COP 29	Page 4
Primary School Ofsted Report	Page 5
Love not Power—Pope Francis	Page 6
Parish Diary	Page 10
Parish Diary	Page 15

## **Exmas and Crissmas:**

### **A Lost Chapter from Herodotus by C. S. Lewis**



C. S. Lewis

C. S. Lewis, perhaps best known as the author of the Narnia books, was a committed Christian, who used his writing skills to describe the mysteries of Christian faith and the details of living a Christian life. In the 1950s, he wrote this little satirical essay about the way Christmas was observed in the country “Niatirb” – which it doesn’t take much wit to realise is “Britain” backwards! Herodotus was an ancient Greek author, who wrote the first “travelogue/history” as he described his travels around Greece, Egypt and other parts of the ancient world. Here Lewis imagines how Herodotus would observe the mid-Winter practices of the northern island of Niatirb.

And beyond this there lies in the ocean, turned towards the west and north, the island of Niatirb which Hecataeus (another ancient Greek historian, who produced a geographic guide to the world) indeed declares to be the same size and shape as Sicily, but it is larger, though in calling it triangular a man would not miss the mark. It is densely inhabited by men who wear clothes not very different from the other barbarians who occupy the north western parts of Europe though they do not agree with them in language. These islanders, surpassing all the men of whom we know in patience and endurance, use the following customs. In the middle of winter when fogs and rains most abound they have a great festival which they call Exmas and for fifty days they prepare for it in the fashion I shall describe. First of all, every citizen is obliged to send to each of his friends and relations a square piece of hard paper stamped with a picture, which in their speech is called an Exmas-card. But the pictures represent birds sitting on branches, or trees with a dark green prickly leaf, or else men in such garments as the Niatirbians believe that their ancestors wore two hundred years ago riding in coaches such as their ancestors used,

or houses with snow on their roofs. And the Niatirbians are unwilling to say what these pictures have to do with the festival; guarding (as I suppose) some sacred mystery. And because all men must send these cards the marketplace is filled with the crowd of those buying them, so that there is great labour and weariness. But having bought as many as they suppose to be sufficient, they return to their houses and find there the like cards which others have sent to them. And when they find cards from any to whom they also have sent cards, they throw them away and give thanks to the gods that this labour at least is over for another year. But when they find cards from any to whom they have not sent, then they beat their breasts and wail and utter curses against the sender; and, having sufficiently lamented their misfortune, they put on their boots again and go out into the fog and rain and buy a card for him also. And let this account suffice about Exmas-cards.

They also send gifts to one another, suffering the same things about the gifts as about the cards, or even worse. For every citizen has to guess the value of the gift which every friend will send to him so that he may send one of equal value, whether he can afford it or not. And they buy as gifts for one another such things as no man ever bought for himself. For the sellers, understanding the custom, put forth all kinds of trumpery, and whatever, being useless and ridiculous, they have been unable to sell throughout the year they now sell as an Exmas gift. And though the Niatirbians profess themselves to lack sufficient necessary things, such as metal, leather, wood and paper, yet an incredible quantity of these things is wasted every year, being made into the gifts. But during these fifty days the oldest, poorest, and most miserable of the citizens put on false beards and red robes and walk about the market-place; being disguised (in my opinion) as Cronos (the personification of time, as in "Old Father Time.") And the sellers of gifts no less than the purchasers become pale and weary, because of the crowds and the fog, so that any man who came into a Niatirbian city at this season would think some great public calamity had fallen on Niatirb. This fifty days of preparation is called in their barbarian speech "the Exmas Rush". But when the day of the festival comes, then most of the citizens, being exhausted with the Rush, lie in bed till noon. But in the evening they eat five times as much supper as on other days and, crowning themselves with crowns of paper, they become intoxicated. And on the day after Exmas they are very grave, being internally disordered by the supper and the drinking and reckoning how much they have spent on gifts and on the wine. For

wine is so dear among the Niatirbians that a man must swallow the worth of a talent before he is well intoxicated. (A talent was a very valuable Greek coin, which might have been worth £1000!)

Such, then, are their customs about the Exmas. But the few among the Niatirbians have also a festival, separate and to themselves, called Crissmas, which is on the same day as Exmas. And those who keep Crissmas, doing the opposite to the majority of the Niatirbians, rise early on that day with shining faces and go before sunrise to certain temples where they partake of a sacred feast. And in most of the temples they set out images of a fair woman with a new-born Child on her knees and certain animals and shepherds adoring the Child. (The reason of these images is given in a certain sacred story which I know but do not repeat.) But I myself conversed with a priest in one of these temples and asked him why they kept Crissmas on the same day as Exmas; for it appeared to me inconvenient. But the priest replied, "It is not lawful, O stranger, for us to change the date of Chrissmas, but would that Zeus would put it into the minds of the Niatirbians to keep Exmas at some other time or not to keep it at all. For Exmas and the Rush distract the minds even of the few from sacred things. And we indeed are glad that men should make merry at Crissmas; but in Exmas there is no merriment left." And when I asked him why they endured the Rush, he replied, "It is, O Stranger, a racket"; using (as I suppose) the words of some oracle and speaking unintelligibly to me (for a racket is an instrument which the barbarians use in a game called tennis). But what Hecataeus says, that Exmas and Crissmas are the same, is not credible. For first, the pictures which are stamped on the Exmas-cards have nothing to do with the sacred story which the priests tell about Crissmas. And secondly, the most part of the Niatirbians, not believing the religion of the few, nevertheless send the gifts and cards and participate in the Rush and drink, wearing paper caps. But it is not likely that men, even being barbarians, should suffer so many and great things in honour of a god they do not believe in. And now, enough about Niatirb.

First published in Time and Tide, 1954

### **Children's Christmas Jokes**

- How did the reindeer learn to play piano? He was elf-taught.
- What did the snowman say to the aggressive carrot? "Get out of my face."
- What do you call an old snowman? Water.

## **CAFOD and COP29**

Most of you will have seen TV coverage of COP 29 in Azerbaijan which took place two weeks ago in the middle of November. The decisions made at each COP are becoming critical as climate change is having such a catastrophic effect on our world.

Our daughter has been in Azerbaijan as the CAFOD delegate at the COP conference and has joined with other international aid agencies in trying to persuade world leaders to take the necessary actions urgently needed to mitigate against climate change.

We know that countries in the developing world are suffering the most from climate change despite them having done the least to cause climate change. These countries often have massive debts which mean they are unable to pledge the billions of dollars needed for them to transition to green energy.

Cafod have produced a paper 'Fair Finance for the climate fightback' which you can access on their website. This outlines where the money developing countries will need is to come from. To be honest I've read the paper twice and it's quite complicated and dry but I've spoken to our daughter and she's summarised it for us to make it more understandable for non mathematicians!

Apparently, if developing countries are to transition away from fossil fuels, and meet 2030 targets, it will cost approximately 5.9 trillion dollars! A staggering amount some of which will need to be met by the UK.

The paper outlines how UK contributions can be achieved without costing the taxpayer anything and without us having to rely on the aid budget!

It resolves around three principles:

### **1. Fix the broken tax architecture**

This basically means that the countries who are major polluters, and the private companies who have profited the most from global emissions, must pay their share of these profits.

Interest rates on private sector loans are severely limiting the ability of such countries to spend money on climate adaptation, health and education etc.

Suggestions for solving this involve the governments compelling private creditors to take part in debt resolution frameworks.

3. Reform of international financial institutions which include the world bank have the power to represent climate- vulnerable countries in putting people and planet first.

Pope Francis, speaking to COP 29 through his papal delegation, has urged world leaders not to allow new financial support for countries affected by the climate crisis to worsen their debts!

As committed Christians it is incumbent on us to do whatever we can to assist our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are suffering through climate change.

**Margaret**

### **Press Release: Ofsted Inspection Success at Our Lady & St Gerard's Catholic Primary School – Lostock Hall**



Our Lady & St Gerard's Catholic Primary School on Lourdes Avenue in Lostock Hall is pleased to announce the findings of the recent Ofsted inspection conducted in October 2024. Following the previous inspection just two years ago, when some areas required improvement, their recent inspection highlights the

significant changes and improvements made.

### **Key Highlights from this latest inspection :**

#### **Outstanding Early Years Provision:**

Our early years provision received an outstanding grade. Children settle '*exceptionally*' quickly and thrive in an environment that encourages outdoor learning and emotional development.

### **Vibrant Learning Environment:**

Pupils are enthusiastic about attending our '*nurturing*' school. They enjoy positive relationships with their peers and staff, fostering a safe and supportive atmosphere for learning. They have '*positive attitudes to learning*'.

### **High Expectations and Inclusivity:**

The inspection praised our commitment to high academic standards and inclusivity. All pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), are given the same learning opportunities with appropriate curriculum adaptations, leading to commendable achievements across various subjects.

### **Improved Standards:**

Our '*ambitious curriculum*' ensures pupils achieve well by the end of Year 6. Our teachers are dedicated and well-trained, ensuring effective teaching and reinforcement of learning.



**Love of Reading:** A priority at our school, the '*love of reading*' is instilled from an early age. The inspection noted our effective phonics curriculum and the enthusiasm of older pupils towards reading.

**Holistic Education:** Pupils explore important themes such as equality, diversity, and healthy relationships. They learn to protect their health and wellbeing and communicate with trusted adults when facing challenges.

**Broad Opportunities:** Our extensive range of extracurricular activities, trips, and musical instrument lessons enrich pupils' educational experiences and promote creativity.

**Pupil Leadership:** Pupils take pride in their leadership roles and make '*positive contributions to school life*', engaging meaningfully with peers and the wider community.



**Strong Governance:** Our governors play a crucial role in the school's development, providing informed and constructive challenge while supporting staff wellbeing.

We are immensely proud of our outcomes and grateful for the continued support of our wonderful school community. The full Ofsted report is available on our website and the Ofsted website. <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50261239>

For more information, please contact: Ms. K Harvey [01772 335025](tel:01772335025) or [admin@ourlady-st-gerards.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ourlady-st-gerards.lancs.sch.uk)

**Pope Francis: Love, not power, changed the world at Christmas.  
24th December 2023**



The message of Christmas is that Jesus changed the world through his love, rather than through worldly power, said Pope Francis as he marked the start of the holiday at the Vatican.

"He is not the god of accomplishment, but the God of Incarnation. He does not eliminate injustice from above by a show of power, but from below, by a show of love," said Francis during a Dec. 24 Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. "He does not burst on the scene with limitless power, but

descends to the narrow confines of our lives. He does not shun our frailties, but makes them his own."

"Tonight, love changes history," said the pope during his Christmas homily. "Make us believe, Lord, in the power of your love, so different from the power of the world."

The pope celebrated his 11th Christmas Eve at the Vatican by reflecting on the Incarnation — saying that by becoming flesh, Christ took on human frailty in order to demonstrate his love for the world.

"Why did he go to such lengths?," Francis asked. "Because he cares for us, because he loves us to the point that he considers us more precious than all else. Dear brother, dear sister, to God...you are not a number, but a face. Your name is written on his heart."



The pope went on to caution that Christmas should not be celebrated in "pagan" terms, "linked to power, worldly success and the idolatry of consumerism" or by mistaking God as a "powerful potentate in the sky."

God "waves no magic wand; he is no god of commerce who promises 'everything all at once,'" Francis insisted. "He does not save us by pushing a button, but draws near us, in order to change our world from within."

The pope was joined by some 30 cardinals, over a dozen bishops, more than 200 priests and an estimated 6,500 mass-goers. Francis, who turned 87 on Dec. 17 and recently recovered from a bout with bronchitis that forced him to cancel a series of public events due to an inability to speak, spoke with ease as he presided over the liturgy.

During his 12-minute homily, the pope repeatedly emphasized the closeness of God, as demonstrated through Christ's own humanity.

"God so greatly desires to embrace our lives that, infinite though he is, he becomes finite for our sake. In his greatness, he chooses to become small; in his righteousness, he submits to our injustice," said Francis. "This is the wonder of Christmas: not a mixture of sappy emotions and worldly contentment, but the unprecedented tenderness of a God who saves the world by becoming incarnate."

Many people, said the pope, feel inadequate or unworthy of receiving the love of God, especially at Christmas.

"Today, though, please, let Jesus take the initiative," he pleaded. "He says to you, 'For your sake, I became flesh; for your sake, I became just like you.' So why remain caught up in your troubles?"

"He became flesh," the pope continued. "He is looking not for your achievements but for your open and trusting heart. In him, you will rediscover who you truly are: a beloved son or daughter of God. Now you can believe it, for tonight the Lord was born to light up your life; his eyes are alight with love for you."

While the atmosphere at the annual Christmas Mass was festive — with red poinsettias and gold and white flower bouquets adorning the basilica, along with the sounds of bells and trumpets — Francis acknowledged that the shadow of war loomed large over this Christmas.

"Tonight, our hearts are in Bethlehem, where the Prince of Peace is once more rejected by the futile logic of war, by the clash of arms that even today prevents him from finding room in the world," said the pope.

Earlier in the day on Dec. 24, during his weekly Sunday Angelus prayer from the window of the Vatican's Apostolic Palace, the pope asked Christians to mark the holiday with simplicity and in solidarity with those suffering from war, particularly in Israel, Palestine and Ukraine. "May the God who took for himself a human heart infuse humanity into the hearts of men," the pope prayed.

### **Gardening Tips for December from the RHS**

- Prune open-grown apples and pears (but not those trained against walls)
- Prune acers (Maples) birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding



- Harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage, sprouts and remaining root crops
- Trees and shrubs can still be planted and transplanted
- Take hardwood cuttings
- Keep mice away from stored produce
- Reduce watering of houseplants

LW having a rest this month.

## **Walking Route Cards**

We usually publish monthly a list of Health Walks & Rambles in and around the Borough, but for the last few months these have not been happening. The walks of course are still there and the Walking route Cards are available via the South Ribble Website at <https://www.southribble.gov.uk/content/walking-route-cards>

Why not put your best foot forward and download one of these free Walking Route Guides?

The walks range in distance from 1.5 miles to almost 8 miles, with starting points to be found all over the borough.

Listed below are the walks you can download and the distances, the first four are very local and you probably know them

**01. Farington Lodges Walk (1.5 miles)**

**02. Farington Lodges Walk (3.5 miles)**

**03. Hope Terrace Walk (5.5 miles)**

**04. Tardy Gate Walk (1.5 miles)**

05. New Longton & Whitestake Walk (2.5 miles)

06. Longton Coastal Walk (5.0 miles)

07. Longton Brickcroft Walk (1.5 miles)

08. Hutton & Longton Coastal Walk (7.0 miles)

09. Penwortham Heritage Trail 1 (2.0 Miles)

10. Penwortham Heritage Trail 2 (2.5 miles)

11. Penwortham Heritage Trail 3 (4.3 miles)

12. Penwortham Heritage Trail - Howick & Hutton Circular (3 miles)

13. Penwortham & Howick Riverside Walk (4.1 miles)

**14. Old Tram Road & Walton-le-Dale Walk (5 miles)**

**15. Bamber Bridge & Walton Park Walk (5.5 miles)**

16. Gregson Lane & Coupe Green Walk (3.6 miles)

17. Nabs Head Samlesbury Walk (5 miles)

**18. Lostock Hall Heritage Trail (3.5 miles)**

**19. Lostock Hall and Farington Railway Heritage Trail (3.5 miles)**

**20. St Mary's Parish Boundary Walk (7.7 miles)**

21. St Leonard's Parish Boundary Walk (5 miles)

**Parish Clergy: Fr Mark Harold (Rural Dean & Parish Priest),  
Fr Colin Battell OSB.**

The Presbytery  
17C Browndedge Road  
Lostock Hall  
Preston  
PR5 5AA

Tel: 01772 335387 **Mobile 07442 385553 (9am-3pm)**

In an Emergency please phone either

St Marys Browndedge 335168

St Mary's Leyland 455955

St Catherine's Farrington 421174

## **Contacts**

The Primary School 335025

The Parochial Centre 339459

## **Weekly Services**

**Sundays:** Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

**Weekdays:** **MASS** - Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 am  
Services of Word & Holy Communion - Monday 6:30 pm &  
Wednesday at 9:15 am

**Reconciliation:** Confessions - before Weekend Masses.

## **Baptisms**

To arrange a Baptism please call the parish office on 01772 335387 between 9 -11.45 am. (Mon – Fri). Parents are expected to attend 2 Baptism Preparation meetings before a Baptism can take place. If people have not been in the practice of attending church regularly, they are asked to attend Mass for a period of six weeks prior to the Baptism to help them to be spiritually prepared for the sacrament and to get into the habit of practicing the Faith.

### **No Priest! What do we do?**

If there is an Emergency and no Priest is available for the weekend Masses, the Eucharistic Ministers, particularly those who have been trained, will perform a Holy Communion Service and this will replace the Mass. Please note that this is **Only in an Emergency** and there is no time to arrange for another priest or no other is Priest is available.

## Marriages

At least six months notification of Marriage is required. Pre-marriage instruction is mandatory and organised by the Diocese. Please telephone 335387 to arrange Notification and Preparation.

## Parish Organisations

### CONTACT

Advertising	John Corrigan	07759 722309
Altar Servers	David Walker	629701
A.P.F. & Sacristan	Christine Flanagan	334723
CAFOD	Margaret Cronin	336475
Catechists & Sacramental Programme		335387
Children's Liturgy Group	Lee McNulty	07478703414
Eucharistic Ministers & Readers	Michael Quinlan	467306
Flowers	Carole Hesmondhalgh	339700
Football Club	Phil Tinsley	07775890667
Fund Raising Group		335387
Gift Aid	John Robinson	335387
News & Views, Website,	David Walker	629701
Majella Companions		335387
Marriage Registrars	Margaret Cronin	336475
	Ann Quinlan	467306
Parochial Centre		
Piety Shop	Vivian Page	313910
P.T.A.	Ross Free	339691
Sacred Heart Guild		
Safeguarding Officer	email: <a href="mailto:safeguarding@saintgerards.org.uk">safeguarding@saintgerards.org.uk</a>	
School (Staff, Ancillaries & Governors)		335025
Senior Citizens Organisers	Linda Walsh	311654
	Gloria Duffell	339966
Youth Representative	Lee McNulty	07478703414

Items for News & Views can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to the editor at [newsviews@saintgerards.org.uk](mailto:newsviews@saintgerards.org.uk) The last day for submissions is the 20th of each month.

[www.saintgerards.org.uk](http://www.saintgerards.org.uk)

**G.D.P.R. Privacy Notice.** In order to withdraw your consent for us publish your details above or within this magazine, please contact Father Mark at ([office@saintgerards.org.uk](mailto:office@saintgerards.org.uk)). All processing of personal data can cease upon request, with exception of legal obligations or instances where personal data is required to protect public safety.

**St Mary's, Brownedge**  
**Live Streaming Times**  
<https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge>

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mass</b>	09:30 am & 6:30 pm
<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>Mass</b>	9:30 am
<b>Private Prayer</b>	<b>Tuesday Thursday</b>	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mass</b>	7 pm Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mass</b>	09:30 am & 6:30 pm

## Parish Diary

<b>1st Dec</b> <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> <b>New Missals</b> 3rd        St Francis Xavier 4th        St John Damascene 6th        St Nicholas 7th        St Ambrose <b>8th</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> 9th        The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10th       Our Lady of Loreto 11th       St Damasus 12th       Our Lady of Guadalupe 13th       St Lucy 14th       St John of the Cross <b>15th</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> 21st       St Peter Canisius	<b>22nd</b> <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> 23rd      St John of Kety 24th      Christmas EVE <b>25th</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> 26th      St Stephen 27th      St John 28th      The Holy Innocents <b>29th</b> <b>The Holy Family</b>  The <b>PARISH OFFICE</b> is open at the following new times:  <b>Monday to Friday 9 am to 3  pm. Office hours are now  shared with St Marys  Brownedge.</b> <b>AM at St Gerard's</b> <b>PM at St Marys Brownedge.</b> <b>Phone: 01772 335387 Mobile</b> <b>07442 385553 (9am-3pm)</b>
--	--



**Get Expert Advice Today,  
Talk To One Of Our Experts.**

Complete Wills & Probate offers a wide range of Wills and Estate Planning services, including:

- Single Wills
- Mirror Wills
- Lasting Powers of Attorney
- Applications for Grants of Probate
- Administration of Estates
- Deeds of Variation
- Deeds of Trust
- Compensation Protection Trusts
- Estate Planning advice

Having a Will in place is important and provides peace of mind that your property and money will be handled according to your wishes after death. Without a Will, the statutory rules of intestacy apply, potentially excluding loved ones who you intended to include as beneficiaries.

Having a Will can also streamline the administration process of your estate and potentially minimise inheritance tax and care costs. Complete Wills & Probate create bespoke Wills to suit your individual requirements.

For a free estimate without obligation, please get in touch by calling us on 01772 418866 or email us at [enquiries@completewp.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@completewp.co.uk)

Kirsty Thompson, Director and Solicitor, holds The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) qualification and The Association of Lifetime Lawyers accreditation.



# **E. N. COXHEAD LTD**

**CHAINHOUSE NURSERIES,  
CHAINHOUSE LANE, WHITESTAKE,  
PRESTON, PR4 4LB**



**KINDLY SUPPORTING  
OUR LADY & ST GERARD'S  
CHURCH**



**TRADE ONLY**

**To Advertise in News & Views Contact  
John Corrigan  
Ring Preston 01772 316295**

## **WHATS ON IN THE PAROCHIAL CENTRE**

**December 2024**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Paul J**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December - One Plus One Duo**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Kev Wright**

**24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve - Leon**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December - Adam South**

**31<sup>st</sup> December – New Year's Eve - Steve Hunter**



## Quality Cars UK

SUPPLIERS OF NEW & QUALITY  
SECOND HAND CARS

**We have been involved in selling Used Cars for  
over 38 years.**

**qualitycarsuk@gmail.com**

**Telephone: 01772 330744**

**Mobile:**

**07836 789446**

**As a family firm, our aims is to provide a friendly,  
professional service providing good quality hand picked  
pre owned cars with no pressure selling.**



**Bring this booklet with you and we will donate £25  
to St Gerard's Church.**

**Please note we are now located at our new Premises on  
Doodstone Nook, Lostock Hall.**

**Address**

**4 - 8 Doodstone Nook  
Lostock Hall  
Preston, Lancashire  
PR55AQ**

**We now sell Motorhomes look on our Website**

**QualityMotorhome.com**

# YOUR LOCAL DIGNITY FUNERAL DIRECTORS

*Taking the greatest care*

## TALK TO US ABOUT CREMATIONS AND BURIALS SIMPLE FUNERALS | TAILORED FUNERALS FUNERAL PLANS

Horse drawn and alternative hearses  
Colourful coffins | Woodland burials

### **H. & G. WILDE**

154b Station Road, Bamber Bridge,  
Lancashire PR5 6TP  
**01772 335 974**

### **H. J. WHALLEY & SONS**

2-4 Lowndes Street, Preston,  
Lancashire PR1 7XS  
**01772 254 936**

### **KENYONS**

180-182 Eaves Lane, Chorley,  
Lancashire PR6 0AU  
**01257 276 104**



## **DIGNITY**

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

[dignityfunerals.co.uk/local](http://dignityfunerals.co.uk/local)



# MICK'S AIRPORT TAXIS

Reliable & Professional Airport Transfers

## WHY CHOOSE US



**Drivers are DBS Checked**



**Clean vehicles maintained  
to a high standard**

### Get in touch to book:



[mick@micksairporttaxis.co.uk](mailto:mick@micksairporttaxis.co.uk)



07575468234



[www.micksairporttaxis.co.uk](http://www.micksairporttaxis.co.uk)

Follow us:



@micksairporttaxis

5.0



**Covering South Ribble**



**Great Prices**





# Ashbridge

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL & NURSERY

**Providing top quality  
education for all the  
children in our care**

[www.ashbridgeschool.co.uk](http://www.ashbridgeschool.co.uk)

[info@ashbridgeschool.co.uk](mailto:info@ashbridgeschool.co.uk)

01772 619900



**Ashbridge Nursery  
Ashbridge Nursery at Maxy Farm  
Ashbridge on Ribble  
The Fledglings at Myerscough  
Ashbridge Independent School**

Lindle Lane, Hutton  
Sandy Lane, Cottam  
London Rd, Preston  
Myerscough College  
Lindle Lane, Hutton



**Open 52 weeks of the year, 7:00-18:00, for children aged 0-11.  
Outstanding facilities, caring and highly qualified team, and a  
broad and progressive curriculum**





HOW CAN WE HELP?



**APG Domestic Services**  
**Honest, Professional, Affordable**

**APG have been providing heating, plumbing and electrical services  
for over twenty years.**

**We are proud that our business has grown through reputation.  
Our management team and each of our twenty installers are dedicated to a Standard of  
Care for all Customers... our commitment to excellence and service.**

**Our credentials mean you can trust that our standard of workmanship is what you  
expect. We always stand by our work, regardless of how small the job.**

**Tel: 01772 697166**

**Email: [mail@apgdomesticservice.co.uk](mailto:mail@apgdomesticservice.co.uk)**

## QUALITY FOOD FAYRE

Hot & Cold Food for Every Occasion

Weddings  
Christenings  
Special Events  
Afternoon Teas  
Christmas Parties  
Birthday Parties

Julie Troughton

07788 642167



[www.qualityfoodfayre.co.uk](http://www.qualityfoodfayre.co.uk)



## **WHITFIRE SHAVINGS & SAWDUST SUPPLIES LTD**

**HEATHERFIELD WORKS, CHURCH LANE  
FARINGTON MOSS, LEYLAND,  
TEL: PRESTON 335178 Fax: 629843**

# *Elizabeth Samuel Hampers*

— & —

## HOLME FARM DAIRIES FARM SHOP

### NEWLY OPEN!

*Bespoke Luxury hampers and stockist of fine food  
and gifts from local and independent suppliers.*

**Local Honey now available from our own hives!**

#### Opening times

Wednesday 10:00 - 14:00

Thursday & Friday 10:00 - 16:00

Saturday 10:00 - 13:30

**FREE  
COFFEE!**

for all customers  
at our  
farmshop

**Regular Pop-up stalls from other local,  
independent businesses.**

**With tasting session and 'meet the maker' events.**

**As well as large food & drink events throughout the year**

**Follow us on social media for more details.**

#### **Doorstep milk deliveries available in:**

Bamber Bridge, Clayton le Woods, Leyland,

Longton, Lostock Hall, Much Hoole,

Penwortham, Walton le Dale,

Whittle le Woods and other surrounding areas.



Holme Farm Dairies, Moss Lane (off Bee Lane), Penwortham, PR1 9TX

☎ 01772 335595 ⓘ info@holmefarmdairies.co.uk

📱 @HolmeFarmDairiesPreston



# Ian Wilde

INDEPENDENT FUNERAL DIRECTORS



## The Wilde family serving your families since 1886

211 Station Road, Bamber Bridge, Preston

Tel: 01772 902345

[www.ianwildefunerals.co.uk](http://www.ianwildefunerals.co.uk)



*Proud to be independent*



Golden  
Charter



# B. J. WATSON

85 TODD LANE NORTH, LOSTOCK HALL, PR5 5UR



## FUNERAL DIRECTORS

01772 626800

• Day & Night Service •

[admin@bjwatsonfuneralsdirectors.co.uk](mailto:admin@bjwatsonfuneralsdirectors.co.uk)

Pre-Paid Funeral Plans Available

LOCAL Plans *for* LOCAL People



## TAYLORS MEMORIALS

Established 1979

85 TODD LANE NORTH, LOSTOCK HALL, PR5 5UR

• New Memorials • Additional Inscriptions •

Renovations • Refurbishments •

01772 696800

[admin@taylorsmemorials.co.uk](mailto:admin@taylorsmemorials.co.uk)



• Granite • Marble •

Slate • Nabresina • Yorkstone •

