

### **Hill Chapel Library**

We have a box at the back of church with a variety of religious books belonging to parishoners which other people may like to read. If you would like to borrow any of the books or add some books of your own for other members of our parish to use -you are more than welcome. Please do fill in the form when taking and returning the books. Many thanks.

### **Garden Collection**

A great amount of time, effort (and money) has been spent on improving the path around the graveyard and keeping the gardens looking so beautiful. Many thanks to all our volunteers. There is a collection box at the back of church to help towards the cost of all the improvements made and to help towards the cost of continuing to improve the path around the graveyard. Any contributions very gratefully appreciated.

### **Attendance and Collection**

31<sup>st</sup> July : Attendance - 42 Collection £144.00

7<sup>th</sup> August: Attendance – 46 Collection - £194.00

### **Parishioners Who are Unwell**

If you would like the parish to pray for someone, please notify Father Sony on 01772 865229 for inclusion in the Bidding Prayers or newsletter. We also have an area in Church where you can write a prayer intention on a card and hang up if you prefer.

### **Cycle of Prayer during Summer**

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews, Human Life, those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and denial of Human Rights. Seafarers.

### **Feast Days**

Tues: St Teresa of Hungary

Fri: St John Eudes.

Sat: St Bernard



## **St Francis Hill Chapel Parish Newsletter**

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### **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**14<sup>th</sup> August – Readings – Year C**

#### ***Parish Mission Statement***

*Our Parish, guided by the example of our patron St Francis of Assisi, seeks to be a welcoming Catholic Community by living, sharing and growing in faith. We strive to deepen our own relationship with Christ and meet the needs of others.*

#### **Today's Mass is for the people of the parish**

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially Ellen Woods.

Please pray for Jim Gornall who has recently died. *May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.*

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Morland Cowell, Winifred Sarah Moore, Elizabeth Louise Jones, and Margaret Parker.

Mass on Tuesday at 9.30 a.m.

#### **Wedding News**

Peter Coupe and Jessica Young are to be married here at Hill Chapel this following Saturday. Please remember them in your prayers.

### **Safety Rules for Mass:**

Although safety rules have been restricted, we are only a small church and do want everyone to be kept safe:

- Please sanitise your hands on entry
- If preferred - please feel free to wear a mask on entry, on receiving Holy Communion and when leaving church.
- Please follow the one-way system to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion – guided by the stewards.

### **From the Archives**

Whilst the schools are closed for the summer break many of you will be trying hard to find ways and means of keeping young ones occupied and entertained. In the past, before the advent of television, computer tablets and phones, board games were extremely popular and played widely throughout the world.

Whilst many of the board games we play originated in ancient times, they evolved into their current form over the centuries, but especially in the Victorian period. It is widely thought that the term, 'board games', originated in Tudor England. Much of the furniture at that time, would have been made using oak boards, or wood which was obtained locally. In the homes of the wealthy, furniture was highly ornate, carved, and heavy, for others, simple wooden boards were screwed or nailed together to make 'sideboards' and 'cupboards'. Tables had tops made of boards which could be used for dining then, after a meal, turned over to play board games. An interesting thing to note is that board games which required the moving of pieces along a path were created using some type of "spinner" apparatus. Dice were not considered appropriate as they were associated with gambling.

Backgammon is believed to have originated in Mesopotamia in the Persian empire and is the oldest known recorded game in history. It was originally played on surfaces made of wood using stones as markers and dice made from bones, stones, wood, or pottery. The game was especially popular in English taverns until the 15th century when Chess surpassed it. Besides being one of the oldest skill games, chess is also a history lesson in miniature of medieval times. The way the board is set up using six different pieces, is representative of medieval times with its many ceremonies, grandeur, and

wars. Pawns are representative of serfs or labourers. During the medieval period, serfs were considered property or chattel of the landowners. Serfs worked hard and often died young. They were not protected during wars and could be traded or sacrificed to protect their "owners" from harm. The castle represents the home of the Lord of the Manor and should always be protected. The knight was the professional soldier whose job it was to protect persons of rank. The Knights are more important than pawns, but less important than the other pieces and were also considered sacrificial. The bishop represents the church. The church was a powerful force in medieval times and religion played a key role in every person's life. The queen represents the only woman and is the most powerful piece in the game. However, during medieval times, a queen often found herself in a powerful, yet precarious position. The king is the tallest piece on the board and the best protected. During medieval times, the surrender of the king meant the loss of their kingdom and quite often a change for the worse. It was to everyone's best interests to see to it that the king was kept from harm.

Possibly the best-known British manufacturer of card and board games is John Waddington of Leeds, Ltd. The company was founded in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century and is still operating today; two of its most popular games are Monopoly and Cluedo. When did you last play a board game?

Mike Bryan

### **Visit of St Bernadette's relics**

The visit of the relics of St Bernadette are coming to St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September – further details are on the noticeboard at the back of church.

### **Thank-you**

Many thanks to Louise Coupe for offering to co-ordinate the weekly newsletter from September.

### **Volunteers needed**

School staff open and close school daily from Monday to Friday during term time. If anyone could help in keeping church open during the holidays and opening or closing on a specific day – please see a member of the parish council. If anyone could open or close church on Saturdays – that would also be really appreciated.