

Attendance and Collection

2nd April Attendance 56 Collection £125.80

9th April Attendance 107 Collection £360.80

We are resuming collections during the mass. We are asking for volunteers to collect - please contact Maria or Bernadette if interested.

Hill Chapel Library

We have a box at the back of church with a variety of religious books belonging to parishioners 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.

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

Please pray for New Members of the Church

Parish Council Minutes

Parish Council minutes are available on the parish notice board at the back of church.

Goosnargh and Whittingham Heritage Group

Monday 17th April St Marys Church Goosnargh (Community room)
at 7.30 pm

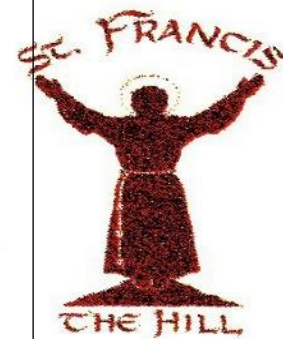
Dr. William Stephen Corbishley (PhD).

"From 1767 til Now"

"Some notes on names in Goosnargh over the years"

Everyone welcome, bring along a friend, non members £3

Refreshments served



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – Day of Divine Mercy

16th April - Readings - Year A

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 Intention is for Bob and Peter Williams & Annie Heslington

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially Bill Bamber, Lawrence Ibison, Monica Gornall, Shirley Walker & Constance Mary Barber

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Thomas Bernard Gornall, Vincent Joseph wells Annie Heslington & Terence Joseph Gillow

On Tuesday 18th April @ 9.00am Adoration and Mass @ 9.30am
Tea and Coffee are served at the back of church after Sunday Mass.

Please note our new website address at the top of the page

Thank-You

We say a Very Big Thank-You to all who had a part to play in our Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services. Special thanks to Father Sony and Father Nithin for all their hard work. We also say a big thank-you to all who helped make our church look so beautiful: the Flower Ladies, the Gardeners, All who helped behind the scenes – the cleaners, the cross movers and the sacristans. Thanks especially to : Our band of musicians who played so beautifully, our readers, our altar servers and all who helped provide refreshments after mass. Special thanks to all who came to celebrate Easter Sunday here at Hill Chapel last Sunday.

Dale House Gardens

Off Church Lane Goosnargh are opening their gardens for charity on Sat, 15th April / Sunday 16th April from 10am - 4pm.. Adults - £3.50, children free.

Refreshments available.

From the Archives

Last week we celebrated the glorious feast of the Resurrection of Our Blessed Lord. The actual site of Christ's tomb, or Holy Sepulchre, is often disputed, but the vast majority of theologians agree that all the evidence points to the northwest quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem where the Church of the Holy Sepulchre now stands. No rival site is supported by any tangible evidence. According to the New Testament (John 19:41-42), Christ's tomb was close to the place of crucifixion, and so the church was planned and built to enclose the site of both.

A church was first built on the site by Constantine the Great in about 336. However, many planned, and some unplanned changes, have taken place since then. In the year 614 the building was destroyed by the Persians only to be rebuilt two years later by the Abbot of the Monastery of Theodosius. It was destroyed again in 1009 by Calip-al-Hakim, a Muslim ruler, but immediately restored by the Byzantine Emperor Constantine IX. Since that time, frequent repairs, restoration, and remodelling have been necessary. The present church dates mainly from 1810, and the Rock of Calvary where the crucifixion took place,

is now encased in glass at the lavish Altar of the Crucifixion.

In 2016 the shrine that encloses the Tomb of Christ, known as the Edicule, underwent a significant restoration and the tomb itself was opened for the first time in many years. Samples of mortar were taken from between the original limestone surface of the tomb and a marble slab that covers it, the pieces were dated to about 345. Previous archaeological evidence had dated only to the later Crusader period. This finding provides evidence for the earliest shrine on the site and other dated samples have confirmed the historical sequences of rebuilding there. The site is also venerated as the location where St Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great, located the True Cross. The chapel of St Helena was built by the Crusaders in her honour, it lies below the main church where the relic was discovered.

Various Christian groups, including the Roman, Greek, Armenian, and Coptic Churches, control parts of the present church and conduct regular services. According to the Franciscan Pilgrimage Office of Jerusalem, the Holy Sepulchre is the most visited of all the Holy Land sites. In 2021, 128,453 Catholic pilgrims celebrated mass there.

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