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Useful , Information

I had a surprise phone call from Turf Moor asking if Burnley Football Club in the Community could help with the local Parkinson's group I run. Parkinson's UK will set up some discussions.

I took some time to research their web site to see what they were doing so far since they have been promoted back to the Premier division which our church members can use.

Mental health, Health and Fitness, and Carers Support groups are already established, along with an Over 50's group which is open 5 days a week from 10 to 12midday at the Leisure Box, Brierfield.

Look on Burnley Football Club in the Community website or phone Martin Payne on 01282 704716 for further information.

Barbara Marshall



Dear friends

July and August have traditionally been a time for refreshment and reflection. As a child, it always meant time away from school and usually a camping holiday. We lived in a place called

Menston near Ilkley. I remember one camping trip when I was about 9 or 10 to Morecambe. We packed the car and set off. We had a toilet stop in Settle; my mum got out the picnic and noticed we had not brought the tent poles! We left my Mum, Sister, and Brother to return and get them a forty-mile round trip. My Dad was his usual calm self! My Dad worked hard as a baker; he loved his holidays, it was a special time to be together as a family. I am



looking forward to some time with Arlo, our Grandson, this summer.

August was named after the Roman Emperor Augustus, who reigned during the life of Jesus. While in power, Augustus presided over the "Pax Romana," – Latin for Roman Peace. The Roman Empire enjoyed a period of peace and stability. One of the consequences was that travel around the empire could be achieved easily and relatively safely.

Two other factors marked this time as a unique period in history. Firstly, both the Greek and Latin languages became widely used and understood. Secondly, while the official religious cult of the emperor still existed, there was a growing tolerance towards the Jews and other new religious movements. This situation allowed the Christian Gospel to be spread throughout the Roman Empire. Freedom of travel meant that the first missionary journeys were easier to navigate. In addition, the widespread use of Greek meant that the Scriptures could be recorded and passed on in a common language. Although the early Christians were still under threat of persecution, the faith was being transmitted across the region and receiving a sympathetic hearing. This all meant that circumstances aligned themselves for what we can look back on and say was "the right time" for Christianity to develop.

This concept of "right time" is developed in the famous passage from Ecclesiastes Chapter Three. /continued ...

Ecclesiastes: 3

"For everything there is a season,

and a time for every matter under heaven:

- a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- a time to kill, and a time to heal;
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- a time to tear, and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak
- a time to love, and a time to hate;
- a time for war, and a time for peace."

There is a right time for everything. On occasions, there is a need to sit down and reassess our lives, priorities, and preferences. It might be the right time to acknowledge the end of one phase of our lives and contemplate the beginning of another.

Our Church life is extremely busy with lots going on. August is a good month to spend some time in quiet reflection, meditation, and prayer. It is an excellent time to make plans for the future, to work out what we need to start and what we might need to give up, or "a time to break down and a time to build up." It certainly is a time to rest and allow the Holy Spirit to work in us.

Come, Holy Spirit, come as our guide as we seek God's will for our Church and our lives.

With love and best wishes for a glorious summer,

Fr Andrew



Churchwardens' News from St Peter's

Hello everyone,

We hope you all enjoyed the prolonged period of sunny weather at the beginning of June, although it came to a bit of an abrupt end with the thunderstorms. We don't think we've ever seen rain as heavy as that! Unfortunately, some water did leak in again from the wall in the corner of the Towneley Chapel. The stone mason has been to church to take a look at it and a full inspection will take place soon to assess the repairs that will be necessary.

The gates are back in the churchyard after being taken away for repair and restoration in Clitheroe. They look fantastic with a fresh coat of paint and have been re-hung so they are very easy to open and close once again. The gold keys on the main gate look particularly smart.

Churches from across Burnley came to St Peter's on Pentecost Sunday, 28th May, for the Churches Together service. It was great to see all the churches worshipping together once again with so many people in attendance.

The Living Well Clinic which has been hosted in St Peter's on Thursday mornings over the last couple of months has been very successful and the team from the NHS will be returning to St Peter's again on 13th July from 9.30am - 1.30pm. Please do come along or recommend to those who you think would benefit from a free health check that includes support around your environmental, social, financial and mental wellbeing.

We are pleased that Eric Massie is renewing his licence to serve as an LLM and will preach at services and help prepare candidates for confirmation in future.

We hope everyone manages to have a well deserved break over the summer and can return refreshed and renewed to continue the great work St Peter's does at the heart of Burnley.

Take care,

Sandra and Jason



St Stephen's Churchwardens

Although this edition of our magazine covers the months of July and August, and with the summer holidays before us, our report may seem rather short – not a bad thing we hear some of you say!

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION:

This annual event took place towards the end of June at St Anne's Church in Fence. The Archdeacon of Blackburn (Revd Mark Ireland) officiated and thanked all church wardens in the Burnley & Pendle Deaneries for their continued help and hard work over the past year. Keith attended, along with Father Andrew as proxy for Jean, and there were several new wardens admitted.

SPRING FAIR:

The final sum raised at this annual event this year was £1,519. Well done everyone and thank you very much for all your help and your support! Watch this space for details of our Christmas Fair which will take place in church on **Saturday 2 December**.

TEA, TOAST & TOTS:

Taking place in the Community Room on a Tuesday morning, from 8:45 am until 10:30 am during term time, this fairly new venture has attracted a small number of mums and babies/ toddlers. Mums get the opportunity to



have a friendly chat over tea and toast, and their babies and toddlers have a huge range of toys with which to play, as well learning to interact and develop their 'social' skills. There is no charge.

DROP IN:

Following the Tea, Toast and Tots at 10:30 am this gives anyone the opportunity to talk with Fr Andrew. Once a month, the wardens also meet with Father Andrew to discuss any matters to enable the smooth running of the parish.

FRIENDS, FOOD & FUN:

We have been hosting this fortnightly in the Community Room between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm on the First & Third Wednesdays of the month and there is a small charge of £5. This popular event has steadily welcomed new faces to St Stephen's who have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We start with dominoes followed by a wonderful afternoon tea, after which there is Keith's crazy bingo (always a good laugh). The afternoon is rounded off with Father Andrew giving his rendition of Tom Jones or Englebert Humperdinck on the karaoke. At our first meeting, who would've thought that some of our senior members would be up and dancing to 'New

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York, New York! Anyone wishing to attend (or help out) is most welcome to come along and enjoy something new at St Stephen's.

ANNUAL WALKING DAY - Sunday 16th July

Please note that breakfast will NOT be offered on this Sunday. There will be a joint service at St Stephen's starting at 10:30 am, followed at 12 noon with the Walk of Witness led by Accrington Pipe Band, followed by a Jacob's Join lunch. We would be grateful for the donation of savoury items towards the lunch, from St Stephen's - a list will be at the back of church - donations of sweets from St Peter's.

WORK ON THE WINDOWS:

Over the coming months, Lightworks of Clitheroe will be working on the six stained glass windows on the south side of church (Smalley Street). All six windows will be cleaned both internally and externally then protected with UV polycarbonate coverings, which will enhance the Memorial Garden and preserve them for future generations.

As this will be the last edition until September, the wardens would like to thank everyone for their input and hard work over the past year. We wish you all a wonderful, warm and sunny summer, and if you're going away, please take care and come back to us soon – we'll be waiting to welcome you! Well, that's all for now

folks – if anyone has any ideas about anything – do please let us know!

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.' (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Keith, Jean & Paul

Diary Dates

- MURDER MYSTERY Friday 4th August — 'Murder of a Well-Spoken Gentleman' - A typical "who's dunnit", will take place in church with pie and peas supper, but please remember to bring your own drinks and glass — tickets are £10, available now from Pam or Linda — have you got yours?
- AFTERNOON TEA WITH CONTEMPO
 CHOIR Saturday 9 September
 This will take place in church.
 Come along and enjoy afternoon
 tea with the added bonus of
 entertainment provided by
 Burnley's 'Contempo Choir' –
 several of our own choir
 members will be performing!
 Tickets will be on sale at a later
 date watch this space!

Further events are planned, but more about those at a later date.....!





Thank You

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards and good wishes for a speedy recovery following my recent hip replacement surgery.

After spending three weeks being pampered by my sister and brother-in-law, I returned home in the middle of last month, but as driving was still not allowed for several more weeks, I would also like to extend grateful thanks to those who have ferried me here and there, not least to church! It is all very much appreciated.

Progress has been good and hopefully by the time you're reading this, I'll be back into the full swing of things! Thanks again everyone – take care.





St Peter's Branch

Unfortunately, Meena was unable to be with us for our last meeting, but Philip came instead. He talked about the different music used in coronations over the years. He played some of the music, told us for which coronation it had been written and a little about the composer. Some of the music dates back centuries, one piece since 963, others have been written more recently, many by English in composers.

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed our visit to Towneley Hall and Linda telling us about Ruby Mackay and her work with Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany.

We have no meeting in July.
Our next meeting will be on
Wednesday 30th August at 2pm in
Church.

carol



St Stephen's Branch

LOOKING BACK

A talk by Frank Bartram - Did you know that The Elisabeth Tower houses Big Ben? Do you know what Big Ben is? I expect you do and we know now since having listened to Frank Bartram's very interesting talk on The Houses of Parliament. He gave us an illuminating insight into the behind the scenes world of one of our most ancient and historic buildings in London, illustrated with slides he'd taken over the years. Frank, who is Gordon Birtwistle's brother-in-law, was born in Burnley and left for college aged 18. He moved back to Burnley two years ago. He taught in London and in his spare time escorted the guests of MPs around the Houses of Parliament. Anyone of us is entitled to take a tour if they get in touch with their MP.

Westminster Hall, where the late Queen lay in state last year, is over 900 years old in parts, and has a most beautiful, hidden medieval chapel underneath. Behind the scenes throughout the year there are always ongoing preparations. Three main colours of carpet are laid down depending on time and place. Red denotes the Lords, green the Commons and blue the Monarch. The King comes to Parliament once a year for its state opening.

JULY AND AUGUST 2023 EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday I I/7/23 2pm: Wendy Delaney from Age UK talking about 'Scams'

Tuesday 25/7/23 7pm: TBC

Tuesday 8/8/23 2pm: Chris Emerson talks about Community Solutions, an

Accrington based charity.

22/8/23 7pm: Mitch with his latest chapter of his pilgrimage walks

JULY AND AUGUST 2023 CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to you!

Helen Laycock for the 7th July and Pauline Lockwood for the 22nd July.

Many Happy Returns to Judith Kershaw for the 8th August and Linda Pounder for the 16th August.

We meet again in September, on the 12th at 2pm.

Jackie

JULY/AUGUST IN THE MEMORIAL BOOK OF ST STEPHEN'S

JULY			August		
lst	Arthur Taylor	lst	Fred Eastwood, Clifford Spencer		
2nd	Annie Dixon	2nd	John Charlton Fairclough, Herbert Phethean, Alec		
3rd	Robert Leslie Driver		Jackson Taylor		
4th	James Bastable	3rd	Frank Windle, Mary Jane Cook		
5th	Lilias B Watson, Susannah Towler, Eileen C	4th	Michael Edward Dwyer		
Z.1.	Grimshaw, Mary Pearson	5th	Eva Henderson, Spencer Ramsbottom, John Stuart Wilson, Irene Mercer		
6th	Sarah L Howarth, Jack Mason, Derek Edwards, Arthur Geoffrey Imeson	6th	Mary Newell, John Edward Taylor		
8th	Derek Lamb	7th	Janet Kenyon		
I 0th	Maurice Raymond Finn	8th	William Curtis Oliver		
llth	Doris Hargreaves, John Talbot, Wilfred Baker	9th	Frank Brogan		
I 2th	Albert Hartley, Hilda M Gillibrand, Tom Howarth, Ellspeth Mary Kidner	I 0th	Sarah Elizabeth Thompson, Connie Fielding, Margaret Pounder, John Crowther Hargreaves		
I3th	Mary Heyslop	l l th	Jabez Whitehead, Bessie Anderson, Kathleen		
I4th	Ted Neale, Edna May Stuttard, Adelaide May G Evans, William Taylor Cathcart		Williams		
l 5th	Joyce Graves, James Barton, Henry Grimshaw,	I2th	Annie Taylor, William Kay, Elizabeth Alice Christie		
1501	Richard Jackson Maudsley, Harold V Yates,	I3th	Walter Ashworth, Edith Mary Stow, Doris Dixon		
LZab	Susannah Smith, Muriel Rosemary Williams	I4th	Richard Taylor, Tom Abrahams, Roland Williams		
l 6th l 7th	Edna Murray Alice Campbell, Dorothy Lund, Eric Booth (priest)	l 5th	Peggy Race, Amelia Heap, Ada Harrison, Gordon Harrison, Celia Kerr		
l 8th	Dorothy Mary Williamson, Keith Holden,	17th	Clara Alice Bowdin		
	Philip Noone	I8th	William Thompson		
I9th	Frank Howarth, Elizabeth Proctor, Eva Fitton	I9th	Ewart Harcourt Smith, Elsie Harrison		
20th	Mary Hibbert	20th	Harry Sculthorpe		
21st	John William Maudsley, Joan Wadsworth	21st	Herbert Nutter		
22nd	Alan Marsden, Margaret Charlotte Stubbs, Tom Watson, Mary Caroline Osborne	22nd	Jack Lawless		
23rd	Dorothy Jacques, Evelyn Greenfield	23rd	William Henry Balderstone, John Tebay Robinson, Hilda Spencer		
24th	Walter Cawkwell, Albert Barton Marshall, Charles Howard Earnshaw, John Howells Haworth	25th	Edith Halstead, Lydia Mills, John James Marsden, Mary Jackson		
25th	Edith Marsden	26th	Harry Parker Bartram, Sarah Phillips, Derek		
26th	Elizabeth Schofield, Jane Watson, Lawrence		Robinson		
Fielding, Samuel Sutcliffe, Clifford Mortimore, George Craven		27th	Harold Stuttard		
27th	Susannah Lord, Jack Saunt, Florence Landles	28th	Eva Hargreaves, Lily Melanie Jevons, Annie Brogden, George Raynor		
28th	Annie Robert, George Whitaker, Mona Hardacre	29th	John Greenwood		
29th	Joseph Culshaw Titley	30th	Martha Williams, Joan Meredith, Alice Mackay		
30th	Martha Webster, Robert Dewhirst, John Bleasdale	31st	Richard Smith Brown, Walter Ashley, Mary E		
31st	William Thornton, Kevin Hopwood	12	Pendlebury, Ethel Maden, Harriet Garner R.I.P.		

JULY/AUGUST IN THE MEMORIAL BOOK AT ST PETER'S

JULY

AUGUST

	JULI		
lst	Harold Jardine Pick	2nd	William Gordon Clayton
3rd	Annie Parker	3rd	Elizabeth Ann Waring,
5th	Mary Walker, Emily Halsted		Kathleen Whitham
6th	Norman Dyke	4th	Caroline Walker, Ada Cross, Irene Howker
7th	Sarah Yates	5th	Jean Gaden Matthews, Priscilla
8th	Ernest Smith	Jui	Shoesmith
9th	Frank Swinnerton, Charles W. Tomblin	8th	Thomas Jobling, Albert Edward Duerden
I 0th	Dr. Leonard Fenton		
llth	Alice Martins Clegg	llth	Doris Pilling
I3th	Stephen Gerald Leaver	I 2th	Jane Pearce
I4th	John Halford Cookson	I3th	Mary Elizabeth Baker,
l 7th	Thomas Derham, Alan Batey		Lucy Cooper
18th	Byerley Claude Leem Bruggen	l 4th	Robert Anthony Halsted
21st	Thomas Hartley Clegg,	I 5th	Thomas Thackery Redman
	Margaret Yates	I8th	Frank Tomlinson
22nd	Amy Derham, Barbara Baldwin	I 9th	Dick Newbold
25th	Edna Margaret Barritt, Barbara Bailey	20th	Walter Parker, Sarah Holt
26th	Rose Shaw	21st	Mona Riley
27th	Roger Hargreaves	22nd	Frederick H Pindar
28th	Roy Alan Waddington	24th	Ellen Ann Catlow
30th	Florence Uttley	27th	June Elizabeth Billington
31st	James Kenniford Wilson, W. Leslie Eastwood	28th	Annie Batey,



"I am the resurrection and the life The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." (John 11:25)



Thank you very much for all your good wishes and the lovely flowers.

I feel a bit of a fraud as I was back to normal (or as normal as usual!) within a few hours.

I do apprecíate your kind thoughts.

Andreé



The vicar at the local church

was experiencing problems with the sound system. So instead of starting the service with 'The Lord be with you', he said, 'There is something wrong with the microphone'.

ower Guild

Rota For July & August			
	Sanctuary	Towneley	

		Chapel
2nd	Vacant	Mr & Mrs S Barritt
9th	Vacant	Vacant
l6th	Vacant	Vacant
23rd	Vacant	Vacant
30th	Mrs A	Vacant

6th Vacant Vacant

13th Vacant Vacant

Vacant Vacant

20th Vacant Vacant

27th Mrs A Binns Mrs A Binns

The flowers for D Day June 10th were donated by Mr and Mrs S Barritt and placed in the Towneley Chapel.

Thanks

Alice and Maureen

The congregation responded: 'And also with you'.

A Vicar got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: 'I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new kitchen. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets!'

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WHY NOT VISIT TO LOOK AROUND?

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JOSEPH FAULDER BARWISE (1873-1965)

Joseph (Joe) was born in Cockermouth, Cumbria and had two elder brothers, John and Albert and a younger sister, Jane. The family had moved to Lancaster by the 1890's where Joe studied art and trained as a woodcarver. Joe went on to achieve considerable success with his woodcarving and examples of his work can be seen in the



By 1911 Joe had moved to Burnley to live with Albert and his family at 37 Stoney Street. Albert was a joiner cabinet maker but was out of work because of an injury and it seems that Joe had to abandon his wood carving career for health reasons. Both he and Albert had always been keen gardeners and local trade directories of 1914 show the Barwise Brothers offering trees and plants for sale at Boggart Bridge Nursery, Towneley, soon to be renamed Towneley nursery after the adjoining Towneley estate in Burnley. Albert's wife died in 1915 and by 1921 Albert had re-married and moved to an estate in Knowsley where he became head gardener. A parishioner of St. Stephen's and still living on Stoney Street the 1921 census describes Joe as a nurseryman at Towneley Nursery where he was clearly building up a successful business.

After some years Joe began to specialise in dahlias and his flair for hybridisation resulted in a number of remarkable varieties which gained him an international reputation amongst dahlia growers. Such was the quality of the Barwise dahlias that they received an amazing 21 awards out of a total of 28 in the British Dahlia Growers Association trials of 1948. Joe raised many hundreds of varieties of dahlias over the years, often including Towneley or other local places within their names. Sadly dahlias rarely survive the winter in northern England and have to be replanted annually so many have been lost over the years, though it's hoped that some are still grown locally.

Joe won many more awards during his lifetime including the Gold medal from the National Dahlia Society in 1957 (their highest award) and in 1959 he was made an honorary member of the British Dahlia Growers Association (of which he was a founder member). However, his greatest honour was from the Royal Horticultural Society, Joe was one of the illustrious few to be awarded the RHS Victoria Medal of Honour - the highest honour in British horticulture. It was awarded in 1956 and presented at the RHS AGM in 1957 by the then President

of the RHS, The Hon. David Bowes-Lyon. Joe named one of his dahlias 'Burnley' in recognition of the award and from that time onwards he was proud to be known as Joseph F. Barwise VMH.

A 1960 Burnley Express article reported that Joe had cultivated his nursery from a wild 2 acre "jungle" some 50 years previously and also referred to Mr. Barwise in 'retirement' but still working 11 hours a day in summer! The area ceased to be a nursery after Joe's retirement but his name is remembered as it later became the Barwise car park and picnic area!

Joe continued woodcarving throughout his career as a nurseryman and here is an image of the beautiful lectern which he carved and presented to his local church, St Stephen's, Oxford Road, Burnley, where it remains to this day. The upright is carved from the branch of a tree, entwined with a detailed design of vine leaves.

Also carved from the branch of a tree was an emblem which he presented to the British Dahlia Growers Association on October 14th 1964 on the eve of his retirement at 91 years old!

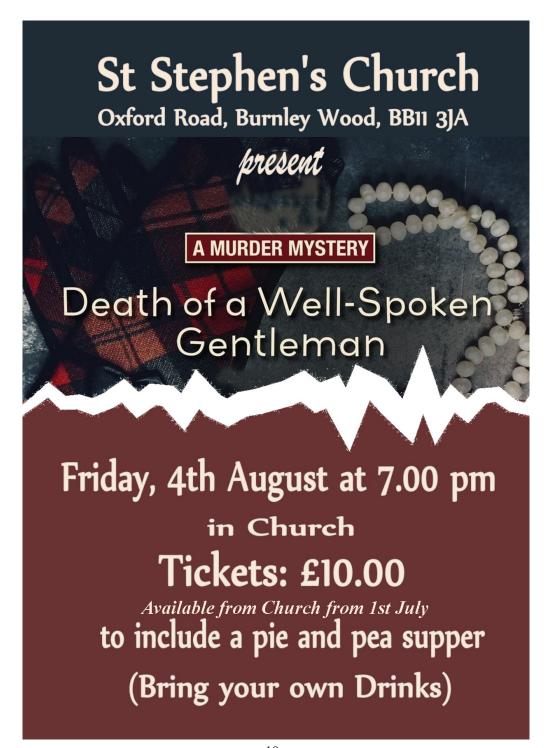
Joe's passions for woodcarving and gardening went hand in hand throughout his very long working life during which he built two highly successful careers. This remarkably talented yet very humble gentleman died on 12th Feb 1965 at the age of 91 having finally confirmed his

retirement just four months earlier. He was cremated the following week at Burnley crematorium after a service of remembrance at St Stephen's.

Thank you to Pam Pugh for this article - Pam writes:

'Joe was already in his eighties when my father got to know him and my brother and I can remember him coming to tea a few times. Our neighbour, Richard and his wife Pat are active members of the Friends of Towneley Park and with help from the Civic Trust, we hope to ensure that Joe and his achievements do not get forgotten., Richard, is almost certainly the only person still alive who can remember walking with Joe to St Stephen's on various occasions and I'm sure that Richard would confirm the importance of St. Stephen's in Joe's life. N.B. Richard is an amazingly sprightly 93 year old and a skilled wood carver!'







St Peter's Heritage Open Day

Plans are well in hand for the Heritage Day on *Saturday 16th September*.

This will focus as much on present day St Peter's as on the past. In addition to the Civic Trust and the Briercliffe Society, we will have displays from Burnley Historical Society this year in addition to items from the St Peter's Archive. We will also have displays from the different church organisations and of our community outreach.

We would still like photos of past events (even recent ones) please. Fairs, Christmas Tree Festivals, Flower Festivals, Weddings, Baptisms. Any event that has taken place at St Peter's over the years. If you don't want us to use the actual photo we can photocopy it, but please dig out those old photos and let us display them. You can give them to Jason, or any committee member.

We hope to make this year bigger and better than last.

Carol

CHRISTIAN AID AT ST PETER'S

Cynthia and Joanne, along with Cynthia's Catering team, Ethel, Freda, and Andre, arranged an enjoyable and successful, Christian Aid Breakfast on 14th May. They raised an admirable £161.31 in cash and £35.00 with the card machine.



Ethel, Freda, Andreè and Cynthia



Joanne, Jason and Mary



Philip, Carol and Carol

Bacon Butties,
Anyone?

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St Stephen's School News



LIVING OUT OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES.

The value that we focussed on last half term was 'Justice' and the children have enjoyed learning about the life of Nelson Mandela and the difficulties he faced. The



children's book will be read to each class throughout this half term.

HEADTEACHER AND INCUMBENT'S CONFERENCE:

Father Andrew and I attended the annual Blackburn Diocesan event last half term. This was a reflective and informative day with sessions delivered by Archdeacon David Picken, Bishop Jill and Bishop Phillip North. There were many other speakers and topics for discussion. It was a great opportunity to share good practice and network with Headteachers and Incumbents from other Schools and Churches.

TRANSITION DAYS:

It is that time of year when the children are looking forward to meeting their new teachers and we are looking forward to welcoming our new reception children. We will be very sad to see our year 6 children leave but we are also excited for them. They leave our school as well rounded young citizens who will make a positive contribution to society . We are confident that they will continue to flourish and to learn, grow and achieve through God's love. The Year 6 leaver's service will be held in church on 20th July 2023. The children will also receive awards at the board awards ceremony on Tuesday 18th July where Mr Hughes our Chair of Governors will hand out the prizes. We will be having an information evening for our new reception children and their families on Tuesday 27th at 6pm.

PGL AND EDUCATIONAL VISITS:

Our children are looking forward to the educational visits that have been planned These include trips to Chester Zoo, Brockholes, Mrs Dowson's Farm, Outdoor elements, and our year 6 children have gone to PGL at Boreatton Park in Shropshire this weekend.

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WORSHIP GROUP:

The worship group have made some beautiful creations using ribbons for each class to tie on the 'Lovelocks and Ribbons fence' These are to symbolise the coronation of King Charles. The children can pray here and have a moment of reflection for anybody.

CHURCH CLUSTER MEETING:

Our Church cluster meeting will be focussing on spirituality days and wellbeing this ha; If term. The Headteachers from 10 Church schools meet once a term and celebrate what we do well before discussing and planning new ideas and activities across the cluster. These meetings take place at Whalley Abbey. Our children also have a chance to meet new friends from other faith schools and build up some relationships.

PRAYER:

We are thinking of Bishop Phillip North at this time and wishing him all the very best for his installation at Blackburn Cathedral on the 24th June 2023.

Almighty God,

Through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock.

Inspire all bishops and pastors to proclaim your Word diligently and your people to receive it willingly,

that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PENDLESIDE HOSPICE

Our school raised £2456.83 for Pendleside Hospice doing the sponsored bunny hop!

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£2,456.83

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful team of staff, Governors, families, the Church and of course our delightful children for being such an important part of our school family. Have a lovely summer break.

Best wishes

Mrs Roberts









Family Picnic and Eucharist from 3pm

Thursday 31st August at 10.00 am **Puppet Team**

Thursdays 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th August Stories, games, fun, singing and lunch



Sunday School News from St Peter's



A busy time approaches as schools have end of year events which our children will be involved in. This is a time of excitement and moving on.

During the summer holidays we have a packed programme open to our Benefice and beyond. We will be basing our Thursday mornings on the Roots 'Big Summer Holiday Bucket List' taking stories from the Old and New Testament and relating them to our lives today. Sunday School will continue to follow the lectionary Gospel reading.



It has been moving and inspiring as our youngsters have discussed everyday emotions and how having a faith helps and whether they would tell their friends about church!!!!!

Singing and having a fortnightly picnic were popular!!!!

We are blessed with so many youngsters in our church and we pray they have a happy , safe summer.

Love,

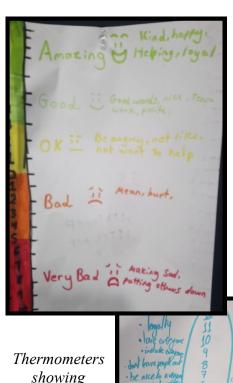
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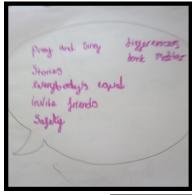


Flames for Pentecost



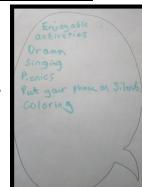
Trinity Sunday - Things in 'threes'



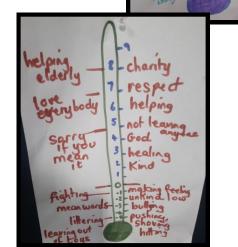


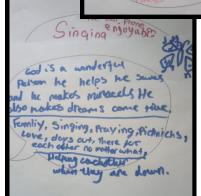
We discussed in groups what we would say to others

that was positive about church.



Thermometers showing negative and positive feelings





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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BURNLEY CHURCHES A Celebration of

St Peter's Church were delighted to host the first event organised by the newly resurrected Churches Together in Burnley.

Appropriately, this was a celebration of Pentecost on Pentecost Sunday and many churches from Burnley were represented and took part. It was a wonderful occasion, enhanced by a joint choir from several churches. Thank you to all who supported the event and watch out for further events coming soon to a 'Church Near You'.



Philip in full flow!



Clergy from Baptist, Methodist, Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches get together for refreshments after the Service of Celebration

Another Pentecost event, this time at St Stephen's, was a big success. Pentecost was the theme for the latest PGi Friday. Children aged 4-11 came to find out all about Pentecost.













Words Don't Come Easy To Me

by Christine Harbour

I am sure many of you know these words of a song which became popular a few years ago. This applies to many people and finding the right words to say is sometimes difficult. My late husband Bill had this problem and it became more acute when he developed dementia a few years before he died in June this year.

Dealing with his dementia was the hardest thing of all, as when he became ill with lung cancer and heart failure, communication became harder and harder. In the last few days of his life he communicated only with hand gestures and inarticulate noises.

When communication breaks down there can be dire consequences . When children get hurt and abused or old people become neglected it is often lack of communication between agencies. When relationships break down this is often because raw emotions have got in the way of talking things through.

Our God knew the importance of words. We only have to turn to the book of John. 'In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God'.

God is the Word. The Word that created the beautiful world for us to enjoy. He only had to speak and it happened. I have noted that God used few words, but they were powerful and creative words. (Maybe a

reminder to all us would-be preachers!)

Jesus too knew the power of communication as, however busy he was preaching and healing, he knew his communication with His Father God was the source of his own infinite love, strength and power.

Let us never forget that as we journey on our path of faith. We are the body of Christ and we must walk and talk together even when those words are difficult.

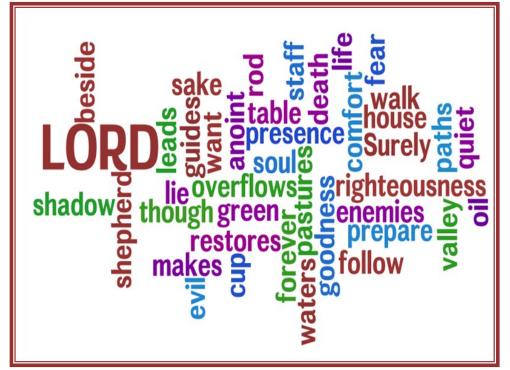
On the 6th June Bill died. In the afternoon he roared loudly at his daughter and myself who were chatting. He gesticulated for us to go into the kitchen. (He was in the lounge in a hospital bed). Later on Bill appeared to be sleeping. I kissed him gently on his head. He opened his eyes and mouthed 'I love you'.

I believe at that moment he surrendered his all.

He died about 9.30pm that evening.

Christine H St Stephen's

God whispers to us all that he loves us whoever we are! When we surrender he give us His all. X





...From our Vision Champions

Making Disciples, Being Witnesses, Growing Leaders, Inspiring the Young

Introducing St Peter's new Vision Team ...

Although they will work together as a Team, each one will focus on a different aspect of the Diocesan Vision



JOAN AINSWORTH 'Making Disciples'



MEENA TOMLINSON 'Inspiring Young People'



FR ANDREW 'Growing Leaders'

Joan writes ..

ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY, BEING WITNESSES

Father Andrew has formed a ST Peter's Vision Team for the three strands of vision. Things have certainly been hectic in the last few Months and lots of things are happening.

We have talked and prayed about how to go forward with engaging with the community and, as a benefice we are praying for growth, numerically and growth in our own faith.

Firstly, prayer – we should bathe or immerse all we are hoping to do in prayer which we do personally and publicly in church, we also have a prayer meeting at 9.30 am, 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Wednesday of each month for around half an hour - it is open to everyone.

There is a monthly prayer meeting at St Cuthbert's for all churches to come together to pray for Burnley, it is very well attended, all are welcome.

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Our vision for this year is:

- To establish a free meal for all who are in any kind of need. We now have an advertising strategy to inform people that we are here! And are contacting the council for permission to take out advertising into the town centre with a 6' banner and leaflets. We could also advertise in the community supermarket. There is a team to make soup and sandwiches, serve and wash up. But...there is always room for more.
- Father Andrew is exploring how we as a church can support the community supermarket. At some point we hope to be able to go to the café there and chat to people. There are opportunities to volunteer.
- As a church we are actively supporting Christians Against Poverty in different ways. I am on the Management Committee and two church members are befrienders. We go to see clients with one of the workers and support them in the process of becoming debt free.
- We hosted the re-launch of Burnley Churches Together at Pentecost, what a wonderful evening it was. It was great to have so many different churches mingling and worshiping together. We are now hoping to work together on events to bless the people of Burnley.

I think we have made a good start in engaging with the community and pray it will continue.

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LINDA POUNDER

Vision Champion St Stephen's

Linda writes ..

Hi everyone,

At the House group over the last couple of months we have been looking at I John. This is not John's gospel, but an untitled letter, written to no particular church and sent as a pastoral letter to several Gentile congregations. I John was written to dispel doubts and to build assurance by presenting a clear picture of Christ.

John the apostle walked and talked with Jesus, saw him heal, heard him teach, watched him die, met him arisen and saw him ascend. John knew God, he had lived with him and seen him work.

In chapter 2 John writes about sin and forgiveness. "he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world".

It is sometimes difficult to forgive.

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Imagine how hard it would be to forgive all people, no matter what they had done. That no one, no matter what sin has been committed, is beyond forgiveness.

This led to much discussion within the group. When you think of the horrors that have occurred (past and present) it is hard to think they can be forgiven. All a person has to do is turn from sin, receive Christ's forgiveness and commit their life to him. Christ will know what is truly in their heart.

One of the hymns we sang recently echoed this truth.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood To every believer the promise of God The vilest offender who truly believes That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

God knows what is in our hearts, we cannot deceive him.

If we say we belong to Christ how can we be sure? Chapter 3:23 Believe in the name of his son, Jesus Christ, and love one another. True Christian faith results in loving behaviour and John says that the way we act can give assurance that we belong to Christ

Linda

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

(I John 5:13)



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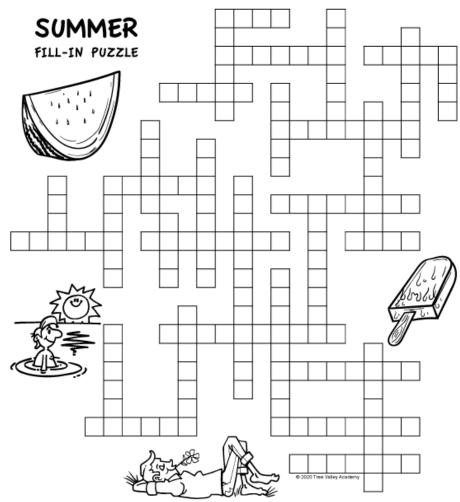


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Children's Page

Find where the words fit into the Puzzle



4 letter words	5 letter words	6 letter words	7 letter words	8 letter words	8 letter words	9 letter word
heat	cabin	bikini	camping	baseball	mosquito	fireworks
lake	humid	hiking	cookout	campfire	popsicle	
path	kayak	picnic	cottage	campsite	swimming	10 letter word
pool	trail	season	puzzles	canoeing	outdoors	watermelon
warm		shorts	sandals	holidays		
		summer				12 letter word
						strawberries



PRAYER Part II

by Joan Ainsworth

INTERCESSION – praying for others

Prayer is not all about asking for things, however good our desires might be. Mother Theresa said 'Prayer is putting oneself into the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.' In our Wednesday Prayer Meetings, we are finding as we sit in God's presence and listen, this develops our relationship with God and our intercessions flow more freely.

So – what is intercession. It is the act of intervening on behalf of another, especially praying for another. I think, sometimes it is difficult to know who to pray for, but equally once we start it is difficult to stop!

Our prayers for other countries can change the lives of people we don't know and will probably never know. I have a picture in my journal of Jesus sitting with a child leaning against him. The child says 'teach me to pray'. Jesus points to the world and smiles at the child. We are that child if we have a desire to pray coming to Jesus and asking how to pray is a good place to start.

Some things I have found helpful:

I pray with Open Doors for the persecuted church, one country per day. They have free resources. Watching the News is a great place to start to pray for the world, for England and for our part of the country. As a benefice we have a lot going on and we need to surround and support what is happening with prayer . We shouldn't forget to pray for our family, friends and neighbours.

As I said, it is difficult to stop because there are so many needs and we can feel we aren't doing it right. When I think like this a verse from I Samuel 16 is very encouraging: The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

All we need to pray successfully is a tender, loving heart towards people in need.

The Lord sees
not as man sees;
man looks on the
outward appearance,
but the Lord looks
on the
heart.
I samuel
16:7



I look forward to the Parish magazine. I particularly liked Joan Ainsworth's piece in the June edition 'Exploring Prayer'. She explained that prayer is about having a relationship with God, and

how one question sums up how a lot of us feel: 'How do I have a relationship with someone I can't see?' Well, personally, I don't have that problem — God is Spirit, but he listens — I know that for sure. I talk to God all the time. I have a prayer for the sick and suffering, and I say The Lord's Prayer. As well as that, I can be in a coffee shop enjoying my latte, sitting and 'people watching'. Sometimes I see a person pass by who is struggling to walk, and sometimes, as I look at people's faces, they seem to have all the cares of the world on their shoulders. So I pray, 'God bless this person; lighten their load in Jesus' name, Amen.'

I talk to Jesus – he's my best friend and he knows my heart. He's grounded me many a time when I'm angry – at someone, oh boy!, he pulls me up by the daisy roots! I don't want to upset him, so I read his Word. I will find a passage in the Bible which calms me and I see my mistakes in a different light. He understands my personality. Thanks be to God!

Brenda B

(St Stephen's)



Printing "bloomers" found in parish magazines!

(hopefully, not this one - unless you know different!)

- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- © Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- ⊙ On Easter Sunday, we will ask members of the Mothers' Union to lay eggs by the altar.
- © O come all ye faithful, sin in exultation.
- ② Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- This evening at 7.00 pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance.
 From Linda's Scrapbook



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Services & Rotas for July & August at St Stephen's

Date	Services Sidespeople Reader		Tea/Coffee	Cleaning			
02/07	9.45 am Holy Communion	Anita & Steve	Paul	Pam & Margaret	Team 3		
09/07	9.45 am Holy Communion	Pauline & Margaret	Elaine	Barbara & Paul	Team I		
16/07	WALKING DAY 10.30 am	Geoff & Judith K	Philip	Christine & Brenda	Team2		
23/07	9.45 am Holy Communion	Neil	Linda S	Linda & Jennifer	Team 3		
30/07	1	0.30 am Joint Ser	vice at St Peter	·'s	Team I		
06/08	9.45 am Holy Communion	Philip & Shirley	Christine	Pauline & Shirley	Team 2		
13/08	9.45 am Holy Communion	Christine & Christine	Jackie	Pam & Margaret	Team 3		
20/08	WUAW	Betty & Ralph	Pam	WUAW	Team I		
27/08	9.45 am Holy Communion	Pauline & Margaret	Linda P	Barbara & Paul	Team 2		

Services & Rotas for July & August at St Peter's

Date	11.00am	Reader	Intercessor	Sidespeople	6.00pm
02/07	Choral Matins	Adrian Norris	Stephen Dixon	C Hacking S Hacking	BCP Choral Communion
09/07	Parish Eucharist	Carol Waddington	Adrian Norris	M Eckersely E Massie	-
16/07	10.30 am \	WALKING DAY	′ at St Stephen's - J	oint Service	Choral Evensong
23/07	Family Service	Child	Child	H Slater J Ainsworth	-
30/07	Joint Eucharist at St Peter's	St Sephen's	Carol Pike	S Dixon S Hacking	-
06/08	Choral Matins	Diana Harris	Joan Ainsworth	C & S Hacking	BCP Choral Communion
13/08	Parish Eucharist	Joan Ainsworth	Alan Roadley	M Eckersey E Massie	-
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The Dash Poem

(By Linda Ellis with thanks to Linda Sharples)

I read of a man who stood to speak At the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone From the beginning – to the end.

He notes that first came the date of birth And spoke the following date with tears, But he said what mattered most of all Was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time That they spent alive on earth. And now only those who loved them Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own, The cars ... the house ... the cash. What matters is how we live and love And how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough To consider what's true and real And always try to understand The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger And show appreciation more And love the people in our lives Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect And more often wear a smile, Remembering this special dash Might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read With your life's actions to re-hash ... Would you be proud of the things they say About how you spent YOUR dash?







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