

Services for Passiontide, Holy Week & Easter

PASSION SUNDAY - 17TH MARCH

- 9.30 am: Parish Eucharist - St Stephen's
 - 11.00 am: Parish Eucharist - St Peter's
 - 6.00 pm: 'The Cross of Christ' - St Peter's
- The joint Choirs present Music and Readings for Passiontide

PALM SUNDAY - 24TH MARCH

- 9.30 am: Liturgy of the Palm Sunday & Eucharist St Stephen's
- 11.00 am: Liturgy of the Palm Sunday & Eucharist at St Peter's

HOLY WEEK

Monday 25th March:

- 10.30 am: Stations of the Cross & Eucharist - St Stephen's

Tuesday 26th March:

- 7.00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Eucharist - St Stephen's

Wednesday 27th March:

- 10.30 am: Stations of the Cross & Eucharist - St Peter's
- 2.00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Eucharist - St Stephen's

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 28th March

- 7.00 pm: Liturgy of Maundy Thursday & Eucharist - St Peter's
- 8.00 pm: The Vigil until 9.00 pm - St Peter's

GOOD FRIDAY - 29th March

- 10.00 am: Family Service with Hot Cross Buns - St Peter's
- 2.00 pm: The Liturgy of The Cross - St Stephen's

Saturday - 30th March

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer, also live-streamed

EASTER DAY 31ST MARCH

- 9.30 am: Festal Eucharist at St Stephen's
- 11.00 am: Festal Eucharist at St Peter's

Please note there will be NO midweek services in Easter Week



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The Parish Magazine of The United Benefice of St Peter & St Stephen, Burnley
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 **racial
justice**

On February 11th, Racial Justice Sunday, the Archbishop of York, The Most Reverend Stephen Cottrell visited our Benefice to speak about racial justice

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Would you like to serve your community, and make friends in the process?

We're hoping to open a Repair Café once a month.

IF IT CAN BE FIXED, WE'D LIKE TO MEND IT.

Contact: Paul if you'd like to help -

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**Don't forget - if you need anything,
don't hesitate to contact us**

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Please ensure that all articles for inclusion in the April Magazine are submitted no later than
15th March
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Useful Information

WARM PLACES IN THE COMMUNITY

Mechanics Theatre:
Tuesday - Friday 11 - 3.30

Prairie Sports Village:
Monday - Friday - 9 am - 9 pm

Bistro 197 - is near the Golf Course on Todmoreden Road
Wednesday - Sunday 9 - 5 pm

Valley St Community Centre:
Fridays 9.30 - 12.30
FREE Refreshments

St Matthews Church:
Open Saturday mornings for free breakfasts.

The Hub in Padiham
Open Monday - Friday 10-2pm for hot drinks, toast and daily activities.

Barbara Marshall

31st March



Clocks go Forward



Dear Friends,

Easter is fast approaching. It seems like such a short time ago we were celebrating Christmas! The shops have been looking forward since just after Christmas with Easter eggs filling the shelves, but that is what commercialism does. It persuades everyone that the only way to celebrate something is to spend vast amounts of money joining an ever-increasing secular trend, which very few can actually afford.

As Christians, however, what we celebrate at Easter is far beyond monetary value. Our celebrations take on a variety of emotions as we travel through Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and finally, that glorious Easter day. However hard we try to understand the Easter story, it's almost beyond comprehension that Jesus, God the Son, should sacrifice himself to such a cruel death on the cross so that we can come forgiven into the presence of God.

As we come before the cross on Good Friday, we know the resurrection is only three days away. However, Jesus' disciples didn't have that insight to the future; their world fell apart at the crucifixion. For them, Jesus was dead, and all hope for the future was gone. Imagine Mary's delight when she realised the gardener she was talking to was the risen Jesus. And the joy of the disciples when Jesus appeared to them over the next 40 days. They suddenly had a new perspective on life; from deep despair, they now had hope.

The promises Jesus had given them during his earthly ministry were unfolding, and their excitement was plain to see. However, until Pentecost, the fruits of that excitement would be tempered with their human limitations. Easter is a special time to reflect on the love of God, but what is even more wonderful is that his love is for everyone. This love is something to really get excited about. After Jesus was crucified, his disciples felt lost, without a purpose in life, and so many people nowadays feel like that as well. Only through the resurrection power of Jesus did the disciples find hope for the future, and that same resurrection power is available for each and every one of us today.

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There are so many people who are living in fear and oppression without experiencing the love of another human being. Jesus brings hope into lives full of despair, renews damaged relationships, and heals broken hearts.

Please remember those who are in desperate need of love and kindness this Easter. Please pray that they will find love and compassion in whatever situation they are in and that God will reveal how we can help them as we pray.

May God Bless you all this Easter.

Fr Andrew



let's do
lunch
... and it's
'On the House'

Every 2nd & 4th
Wednesday
13th & 27th
March

at
12.30 pm

at St Stephen's Church

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*just come along
at 12.30 pm!*

In The Loop

... with Keith, Jean & Paul
St Stephen's Churchwardens



Hello everyone – we hope you are all keeping well. We should start by saying what a splendid service was held at St Peter's on 11 February when the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, presided and preached. We are very much blessed by having such an inspirational church leader, who touched many people with his sermon on racial justice (it being Racial Justice Sunday). Thank you to our sisters and brothers at St Peter's for their warm hospitality and an excellent lunch (funded by Bishop Philip - grateful thanks again).

LENT COURSE

We are looking at Bishop Philip's take on the Book of Exodus, which is proving interesting, thought-provoking and inspiring. It's not too late to come along and join us on a Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm to explore themes related to the Christian life through a five-week journey. Here are the details:

21st February - Slavery (The plight of the Israelites): Reflecting on the Exodus narrative.

28th February - Call (Moses and the Burning Bush): Considering God's call and our response.

6th March - Rescue (The Crossing of the Red Sea): Exploring deliverance and Salvation.

13th March - Hunger (Bread in the

wilderness): Reflecting on sustenance and dependence.

20th March - Mountain (Mount Sinai): Contemplating encounters with God.

We look forward to seeing you there!

SCAFFOLDING

As many of you will have noticed, the church interior seating was completely turned around in February due to scaffolding having to be erected in front of the chancel arch. This was to rectify a long-term problem with the ingress of water, making the interior east elevation of the arch damp with flaking paintwork. On a snowy, freezing day, the scaffolders arrived – it couldn't have been a worse time. Over a day and a half the church was in a terrible state (churchwarden's nightmare) with the high level boarding on the scaffolding beginning to thaw making a waterfall onto the blue tarpaulin covering the carpet etc. It really was akin to the Blackpool Tower Water Finale - if you've ever seen this spectacular show. The panic was over after two days when the dripping water ceased. Grateful thanks to all those who helped tidy up - many hands make light work! However, now that the scaffolding has been removed and we're back to normal, it will make an unwelcome return in April when the exterior pointing has

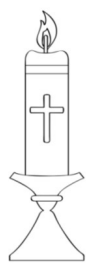
been fixed and the workmen return to complete the painting of the chancel wall. As with both our churches of St Peter's and St Stephen's, these are a costly affair when essential work is required – every penny counts!

PALM CROSSES

Thank you to an anonymous donation in providing mini palm crosses for every child at St Stephen's school and our Sunday Club children.



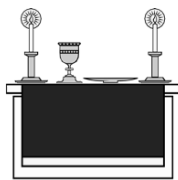
PASCHAL CANDLE



The 2024 Paschal candle has been kindly donated by Mrs Linda Pounder in memory of her father, Michael Tighe. When you see it on Easter Sunday, I am sure you will agree that it is a beautiful design.

SUPER FRONTAL

Following on from the kind donation that was made from the Friends, Food & Fun Group (over 50's) for the beautiful candlesticks that light up the nave altar, we are appealing to anyone who would like to contribute to a super frontal for the nave altar. A super frontal is a cloth which is placed over the top of an altar and hangs down a few inches in front of the altar. The design would be in the form of "All



Seasons". It would be in place all year round unlike the high altar frontal which changes on a regular basis depending on the time of year and Feast Days. Our contact at Charles Farris Ltd (Chandlers to our Cathedral and Royal Palaces) has agreed to supply this to St Stephen's Church at a cost of £695 + VAT. £100 has already been donated to this appeal. If you would like to help/donate, please contact Fr Andrew or a churchwarden. Thank you.

WASTE NOT, WANT NOT - RECYCLE

In the Wardens' notes some months ago you will have read that the wire grills covering the south side stained glass windows were removed, the windows cleaned and covered with protective covering. Burnley Garrick Theatre Group has acquired the rusty grills, and they will feature in the set design of a group production next season. The play "A Bunch of Amateurs" will show at Burnley Youth Theatre. Let's hope that they will look lovely on set rather than hiding our beautiful stained glass windows!

Keith, Jean & Paul

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
(Joshua 1:9)*

Diary Dates

at St Stephen's

FILM FRIDAY – 22nd March in the Community Room showing "The Truman Story" - Truman—an upbeat man, played by Jim Carrey, who gradually realises that his entire life is an elaborately constructed ruse. His friends and family members are actually actors; his every move is captured by 5,000 hidden cameras and broadcast to the world. Free admission (donations welcome), refreshments available.

RACE NIGHT – 19 April in church – further details to follow. Tickets on sale from 1st March

PARISH MEAL

Plans are afoot for us to enjoy a meal out together at '197 The Bistro' at Towneley Golf Club, although a date has not yet been set. Keep a look out for further information on our weekly sheet.

That's all for now...we look forward to seeing you all at our services, events, breakfasts and lunches as together we enjoy much fun and fellowship as we serve the Lord and each other!

K. J & P

An Easter Poem

The wind howled,
Rain lashed on the window.
The earth was dank and cold.
I saw a bud, a shoot of green.
I felt a breath of hope.

An alien land.
A scorched brown earth.
Drops of blood
Spilling from a cross.
Mockery heard and felt.
Hope was gone.
A final sigh
The scream of a mother.

The earth fell dark
God's wrath unleashed.
A black silent earth.
Hope diminished.
Bitter tears.

Early morning mist
A garden of flowers,
Birds singing with joy.
An empty tomb.
The brilliance of the sun,
Flooding the earth with joy.

Hope restored.
God's will is done.
We walk in the Light
of Resurrection morning.
Hallelujah! He is Risen!

Christine Harbour



Churchwardens' News from St Peter's

Hello everyone,

It was a privilege to welcome the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, to St Peter's for Racial Justice Sunday on 11th February when he presided and preached at our morning Eucharist service. We all appreciated hearing him speak about such an important subject and enjoyed a delicious lunch of sandwiches and cakes afterwards. After lunch the Archbishop commissioned the Diocese's new Racial Justice Group. It was wonderful to have a full church and so many dignitaries and community leaders in attendance, and for St Peter's to be fulfilling its civic role.

In advance of the Archbishop's visit a thorough clean of the church and churchyard was organised. The floor was vacuumed and mopped, the church interior cleaned and polished, and the churchyard swept and cleared of leaves. All the volunteers worked extremely hard to get everything looking good and the church looked fantastic once they had finished.

We are in Lent now and if you want to learn more then do come along to the Lent Study Group which takes place every Thursday morning at 10.00am, with coffee from 9.30am. We are following Bishop Philip's Lent course 'Journey to Freedom' this year, which is sure to be an enlightening experience.

The re-launched Fun, Food and Fellowship is up and running now, with everyone welcome, either from church or elsewhere, to join for some good food, fun craft activities and friendship, every first and third Wednesday in the month at 11.30am.

Take care,

Sandra and Jason



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We look forward to welcoming you, come and see us soon!

(Not) Giving up for Lent:

A simple guide to live out God's will

Give up: Complaining

Philippians 2:14 "Do everything without complaining or grumbling"

The happiest people on earth are not the wealthiest, but those who are grateful for what they have.

Focus on the beautiful blessings we have. Spring flowers, the increasing birdsong, the warmth of friendship, there are so many blessings. Share them with everyone you meet and spread God's light. Smile at strangers and feel the warmth as they smile back.



Give up: Gossiping

Ephesians 4:29 "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such that is good for building up, that it may give grace to those who hear"

We can all feel good for a moment when gossiping, but it is ultimately destructive and leads inevitably to division. Look to compliment everyone you meet, their clothes, hair, smile, the way they make you feel. As you help people to see the strengths they have, you will also feel your own strengths being released from their cage.



Give up: Worrying

Peter 5:7 "Go to God instead of spending time on what if's"

Worrying doesn't take away today's problems, it only takes away today's joy. Whatever is on your mind, will it matter at all a year from now? We should cast all our anxieties on God and open up our hearts for His guidance. Free your mind by walking, meditative prayer, visiting a friend or neighbour you haven't seen in a while, and who your mind is free from worry, it is open to the Holy Spirit.



Give up: Saying 'No'

How many opportunities do we turn down because of fear of failure? The next time you are asked to do something positive, something that will help others, something that scares you because you don't know how to start, say "YES" and then figure out how to do it. When we say yes to the real challenges we liberate our minds from the self limiting beliefs we all hold and open ourselves to becoming the changers of the world that God created us to be. Be bold, don't shrink into the background to try to fit in, you were born to stand out, and doing this will bring you closer to God in this period of Lent than any lack of biscuits, chocolate or wine ever will.



Paul Hannah

Mothers' UNION St Stephen's Branch

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LOOKING BACK

At our Shrove Tuesday meeting pancakes were the order of the afternoon. After hearing about various traditions and customs in different parts of the world relating to Shrove Tuesday it was time to eat. A slight cheat was used as our ready made pancakes were microwaved, and then served with a choice of fillings.

LOOKING FORWARD

MARCH EVENTS & MEETINGS

11th - 16th: 10 am - 3 pm each day at St Leonard's, Padiham
'Soles For Our Feet Exhibition' - A focus on stories of domestic abuse.

Tuesday 12th March - 2.00 pm: Lenten Meditation in the Community Room.

MARCH 2024 CELEBRATIONS

Happy wedding anniversary, Linda and Keith Pounder, on the 22nd March. Celebrate in style!

Jackie

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School News

This half term Year 3 have completed a DT cookery unit. They finished the unit by making soup and sandwiches for St. Peter's Church luncheon club. Before creating their soups, the children had researched and tested a range of soups. Both the leek and potato soup and carrot and parsnip soup were made from British produce. The children received fabulous feedback from the members of the luncheon club, which we have loved to hear and very much value.

When Father Andrew came in to school to lead our worship, he talked to us about Lent and our preparations for Easter. Over half term we celebrated Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. He talked to us about thinking about Lent in a different way this year. Usually, we would give something up but following covid, Father Andrew felt as we had already given so much up we could instead think about starting something new. Thinking about how we could make a difference in our school or in our community. He gave the children a challenge to think about what they could do in Lent to make a difference.



As a result, as staff we have been thinking and we have now made a link with the church group, called 'Fun, Food and Friendship' who run twice per month and will be taking different groups of children over to church to share their learning, play games, read stories and talk to the members attending the group.

Also this half term, Kelly and the Praise Along Team had a wonderful afternoon sharing in a special celebration assembly with the children from St Peter's CE Primary School and Simonstone St Peters of E School who recorded our song 'The Golden Rule' The song was shared with hundreds of schools across the UK and will help raise funds for The Feast a charity that helps young people come together to celebrate faith and friendship. Well done to all the children involved!

Mrs Crowther





Sunday School News from St Peter's

Every week our children fill me with joy and make me smile but it was good that that many comments were made about our Young Singers at the Racial Justice service. Our youngsters thrive off positive comments. I was proud that Rev Dr Sarah Saddique Gill, who works for Interfaith at the Diocese took the written work of Amelia-Rose and Imogen to use in her talks, and photographed the displays of the young children.

We have forwarded the names of two youngsters for the Diocesan Youth Council. This is a new venture to give young people a voice and will be hosted several times a year at Blackburn Cathedral.

Twenty-eight youngsters had a very happy Lent workshop with lots of pancakes being eaten, biscuits decorated and a wilderness scene made. Prayers, songs and a story.

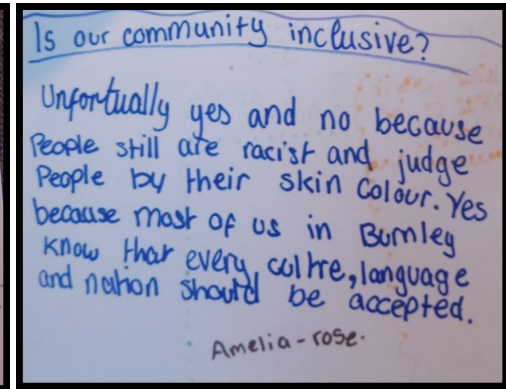
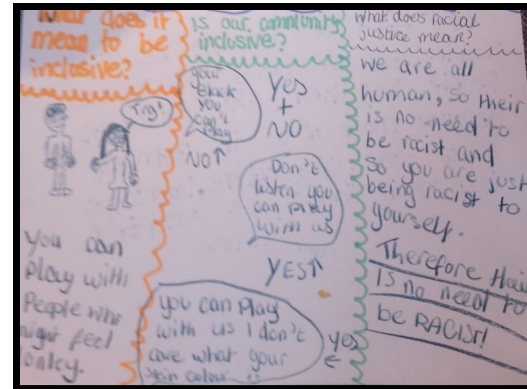
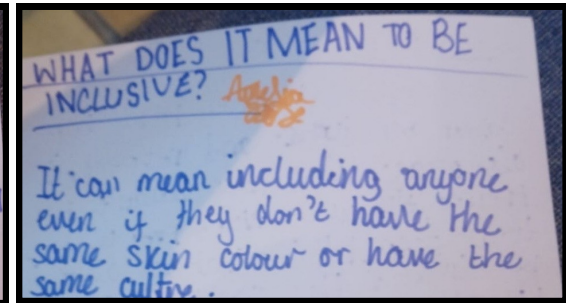
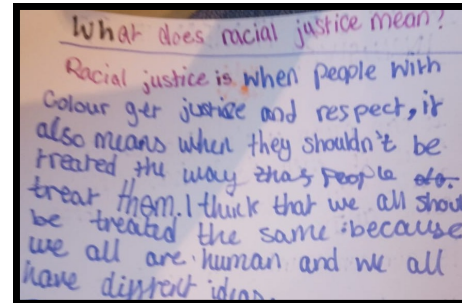


Our Lent Workshop

We continue to use the Roots resources to inspire our Sunday School.

During Lent we will be adding thoughts, prayers, temptations onto a Lenten tree which will be a focus each week.

Love from
Meena



Restoration

by Christine Harbour

Restoration - I love this word. It reminds me of the time in the year 2000 when my late husband and I bought a house in Spain. It was a typical old Spanish white town house with railings at the windows.

Spanish law is based on the old biblical law where the eldest child receives the biggest inheritance. In our case the owners, an old couple, had died and their eldest daughter was a nun living in a local convent, so we were blessed to be able to buy our house for a very small sum of money! From the moment we opened the door to the tiny courtyard a shaft of sunlight lit up the room. It felt very special.



It was partly furnished with cheap furniture and had straw mattresses on the hospital type iron beds! I decided to paint the old furniture and of course it was difficult to know which paint to buy, with my limited Spanish vocabulary, but I had taken a few Spanish lessons and I think I bought emulsion type paint which I marbled with another colour. I decorated any ornamentation in gold leaf. It was quite effective, and Bill also made an old settle from bits of wood using part of a carved mantelpiece. That settle was my pride and joy! (Along with a pot bellied wood burner which we installed alongside a few heated arguments!)



I recently read how a master craftsman restores furniture. Needless to say it is done very differently from my unorthodox method!!

Rule 1: Change as little as possible.

Rule 2: That it must function as intended.

Rule 3: To restore it to its original purpose.

Wow! That's exactly how God wants to restore us.

Rule 1 - He will only change what he needs to. God created us with our own personality and contrary to popular belief, we don't have to go around in sackcloth and ashes. We do not have to assume a pious face or speak in dulcet tones. We can actually laugh dance and sing. When we find God our soul will be filled with joy!

Rule 2 - It must function as intended. God gave us our gifts and our skills. We must use them and function as he intended us to be. We will not all have the same gifts or the same number of gifts but as Jesus clearly taught us

whether we have ten or one talent only we must use those gifts to enhance His kingdom here on earth.

Rule 3 - He will restore us to our original purpose. What was that you say? To enjoy his earth and treat it with care. . To love others and respect them. To pray and worship and to spread the good news of Jesus.

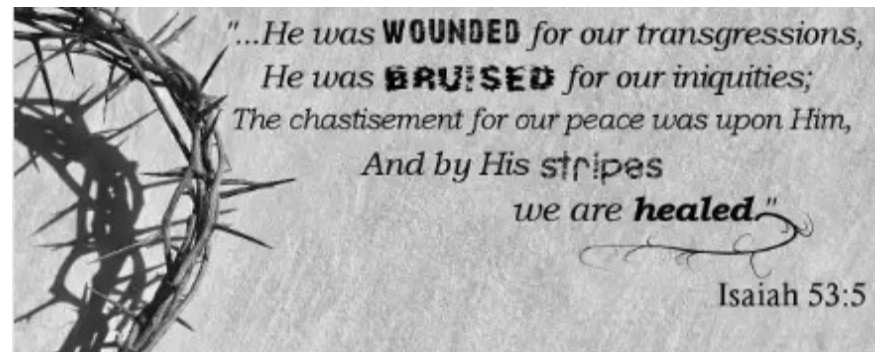
The best news for us all is that a restorer only restores pieces that are worth something. But hey, Hallelujah ! We are all worthy in God's sight, once we have accepted Him. If we haven't, all we have to do is knock on His door and it will be opened.

When a restorer works on the most valuable piece there are lots of old stains and damage that have been there from over the ages. Does the restorer remove them? No, he cleans the valuable object and renews it by polishing, but the more damage and stains that show the more the piece is actually worth! This is so good to know as many of us get damaged in this life. Many of us are wounded by past hurts, but these marks of life experience only enhance us in our Saviour's eyes. Jesus himself wore the marks of the nails on his hands and his feet. He had a gash where he had been slashed with a sword, but he was not broken. He was whole!! We need to be made whole by him but if we learn from our past mistakes and hurts we will not be broken. We will be beautifully restored!

As we moved forward in this complicated world, let us use our wounds and hurts to show empathy love and compassion. What would you rather be - a prefabricated flimsy piece of furniture or a beautifully restored work of God's hands? These rare pieces show your heartache, tears and wounds that glow in the reflection of your Restorer and Redeemer.

Be blessed.

Christine H.

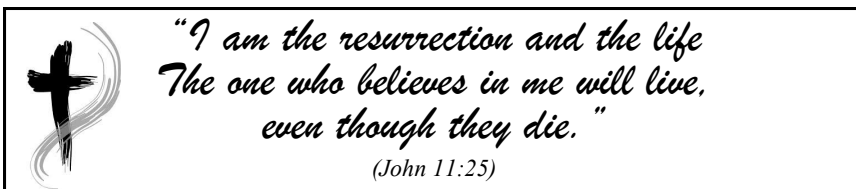


MARCH IN THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE AT ST PETER'S

- 1st Shirley Lacy, Matthew C Rochester
 2nd Jenny Jackson
 3rd Alice Senior, Walter Bernard Smith, Sarah Ann Mitchell
 4th Daniel Middleton Partington
 5th Roy Travis
 6th Fred Dodd, Wilfred Smith, Dorothy M Cox
 7th Polly Wells, Ellen Ann Harling
 9th William Pixton, Alan Billington
 10th Doris Foulds
 11th Lily Walker
 12th Robinson Batey
 13th Muriel Alice Lovgreen
 14th Bertha Barlow Hadfield, Ethel M Tomblin
 15th Reginald Edomondson, Susannah Duerden
 18th George Altham, Kai L Lovgreen
 19th Herbert Holt
 20th John Gent, Edna Murtagh
 22nd David Lavery
 24th Frank Dodd, Rhoda Dodd
 28th Mabel Annie Bellinger
 29th Fanny Leaver, Horace Walker
 30th Ada Nellie Forsyth

MARCH IN THE MEMORIAL BOOK OF ST STEPHEN'S

- 1st John Margerison Balderstone, Muriel Ward
 2nd Rose MacGowan
 3rd James Wood
 4th John Whittle, Mary Alice Cocker, John Muir Davies
 5th Alice Lawson
 6th Alfred Wilkinson, Rev Peter Charles William Walker (Priest)
 7th Derrick Tate
 8th Margery Corless
 9th Lucy May Marshall, Elsie Unsworth
 10th Robert Haworth, Harry Burton
 11th Anyon Webster, Florence Taylor, Marjorie Coolican
 12th Richard Kazy
 13th John Walmsley, Nan Barnes, Ellen Miller, Edna Mellor, Muriel Jobling
 14th Elizabeth Berry, Mary Leyland, Jack Hindle, Harold Cox Charlotte Astwood, Alfred E Brown, Elsie H Bartram
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 28th Harold Bartram, John Atkinson, Ann Smith
 29th Hilda Mary Boden
 30th Hilda Draper, Kathleen Blott
 31st Ada Chadwick, Bertha Greenwood, Nellie Garnett





Joan writes ...

By the time we read this it will seem a long time since the Archbishop of York visited us on Racial Justice Sunday. A little reminder – our church was filled with people from different organisations, churches, different faiths and some of no faith and those who were commissioned to work for racial justice here. I was reminded of the passage from the Book of Revelation ‘I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb.’ I think we had a glimpse of heaven in our church.

We heard again from the Archbishop that our churches should be places where all people are included, accepted and welcomed.

As I said last time our renamed Food, Fun and Fellowship has turned out differently than we imagined and, has now taken another unexpected turn. Some of the children from St Peter’s school asked if they could make us lunch. A whole class and teachers arrived with two different soups and lots of sandwiches. They laughed and chattered, photos were taken and we had a great time.

We are now making plans for some of the children to join us again. This time we will have discussions and games between the different generations.

Christians Against Poverty goes from strength to strength with several people becoming debt free in the first two months of the year, a cause for great rejoicing. A new worker has been appointed, because of the great demand for the service there is still a long waiting list.

The Burnley Prayer Group continues to meet at 7.00 on the fourth Sunday of the month at St Cuthbert’s Church. The Prayer Meeting at St Peter’s Church is on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 9.30am, please come to join with us in prayer.

Joan



Linda writes ..

Hi Everyone,

Last month I mentioned that we would be holding the first Prayer Breakfast of the year.

I was trying to spread the word and invite people to the Prayer Breakfast. I spoke to Lilian and she seemed reluctant to come along. She stated that it may not be for her. I encouraged her by saying, “Why not just come and see, it may not be for her but at least she would know for sure”. Lilian did come and I spoke to her a few days later and asked her for her thoughts. She said that she found a warm and welcoming atmosphere. She enjoyed the songs and the talk by Paul and most of all the sense of fellowship with lovely people. She would be back.

Sometimes we are just go along with what we know. The usual Sunday service. We know the responses, when to stand, when to sit etc. Sometimes in our busy lives it feels like we have no time to spare for anything else. There is more to church life than just Sunday morning.

Over the last couple of months there have been different services and opportunities for fellowship.

There was the Christingle messy church where we made the christingles for the service which

followed. As previously mention there was also the prayer breakfast. The theme was Don’t Give Up. Paul Hannah gave the talk and the only word I can use to describe it was wonderful. The content, the message and his delivery engaged us all and certainly gave us a different way to approach Lent. Not to give up something for Lent but to take something on.

Our Wednesdays Let’s do Lunch and Friends, Food and Fun continues to be great events to meet, enjoy good food and friendship.

In February the Lent course started. Meeting on Wednesday at St Stephens at 7.30 and on Thursday mornings at St Peters at 10am. It is not to late to come along.

We can all sometimes be a bit like Lilian and think “Its not for me”. I encourage you to come along. Maybe you may need to give it more than one try. Then you can honestly say “It’s not for me”. Or you may find it is!

As Father Andrew says. All are invited. All are welcome.

Linda

“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

(Isaiah 43:19)

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Tom Bell, an internationally acclaimed organist, will give an organ recital on **6th April**, marking the 25th anniversary of the rebuilding of the organ.

Concerts start at 11.00 a.m. and admission of £7 includes refreshments, served from 10.30 a.m.

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Philip.

The Children's Society

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I would like to say thank you to all those who came to "St Stephens sings Christmas", the Messy Christingle and service. Also thanks to all those who took a candle collection box. Both services were in support of The Children's Society.

I am happy to say that a total of **£396.35** was raised for the Society.

Thank you for your continued support for this very worthwhile charity.

Linda



what's On in the Benefice *in March*

Your guide to what's happening

2nd	Sat	11.00 am - Saturday Morning Concert	St Peter's
5th	Tues	10.30 am - Drop-in with Fr Andrew	St Stephen's
6th	Wed	11.30 am - Fun, Food & Fellowship 2.00 pm - Friends, Food & Fun	St Peter's St Stephen's
7th	Thurs	9.30 am - Thursday Chat 11.00 am - Lunch Club	St Peter's St Peter's
12th	Tues	10.30 am - Drop-in with Fr Andrew 2.00 pm - Mothers' Union	St Stephen's St Stephen's
13th	Wed	12.30 pm - Let's Do Lunch	St Stephen's
14th	Thurs	9.30 am - Thursday Chat	St Peter's
17th	Sun	6.00 pm - 'The Cross of Christ' Music & Readings for Passiontide	St Peter's
19th	Tues	10.30 am - Drop-in with Fr Andrew	St Stephens'
20th	Wed	11.30 am - Fun, Food & Fellowship 2.00 pm - Friends, Food & Fun	St Peter's St Stephen's
21st	Thurs	9.30 am - Thursday Chat	St Peter's
22nd	Fri	7.00 pm - Film Friday 'The Truman Show'	St Stephen's
23rd	Sat	12 noon - Mothers' Union Deanery Lunch	St Cuthbert's
26th	Tues	10.30 am - Drop-in with Fr Andrew	St Stephen's
27th	Wed	12.30 pm - Let's Do Lunch	St Stephen's
28th	Thurs	9.30 am - Thursday Chat	St Peter's



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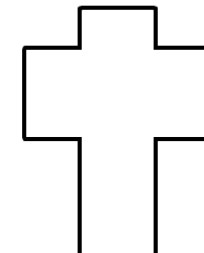
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