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of the heavenly lights,
who does not change
like shifting shadows.

(James 1:17)

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New Service Times at St Stephen's

... commencing Sunday 3rd September

1st, 2nd & 4th SUNDAYS

9.30 am Service of Holy Communion

(5th Sunday - Joint Service at 10.30 am alternating with St Peter's)

3rd SUNDAY

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8.45 am Breakfast followed at
9.30 am by Holy Communion

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 2.00 pm
Service of Holy Communion



St Peter's Church BURNLEY

SERVICES

1st Sunday:	10.00 am	Choral Matins
	11.00 am	All-Age Eucharist
2nd Sunday:	11.00 am	Parish Eucharist
3rd Sunday:	11.00 am	All-Age Eucharist
	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong
4th Sunday:	11.00 am	Parish Eucharist
5th Sunday:	10.30 am	Benefice Eucharist (alternating with St Stephen's)
Wednesdays:	10.30 am	Holy Communion



St Peter's Church, Burnley

HERITAGE OPEN DAY 2023

Saturday 16th September
11.00 am - 3.00 pm



Churchyard Tours by Roger Frost
12.00 noon & 2.00 pm

Displays include material from St Peter's archive,
the 900th Anniversary of the Church and St Peter's School
and from Burnley Historical Society and Civic Trust

Refreshments, including lunches
served all day.

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don't hesitate to contact us**

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Useful

Information

During the years of Covid the managers of our local Health Services changed. We had a local Clinical Commissioning Group based at Walshaw House Colne.

Now they have joined with other CCGs and are called Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (address unknown), and they are having their first AGM on the 13th September at County Hall, Preston from 5.30pm - 7 pm .

Tickets can be booked online, and questions can be submitted in advance.

I urge church members to get involved in the state of the NHS and how it is run.

The AGM could be a start to that.

Barbara Marshall

GET INVOLVED!



The Kingdom of Heaven is like a Mustard Seed

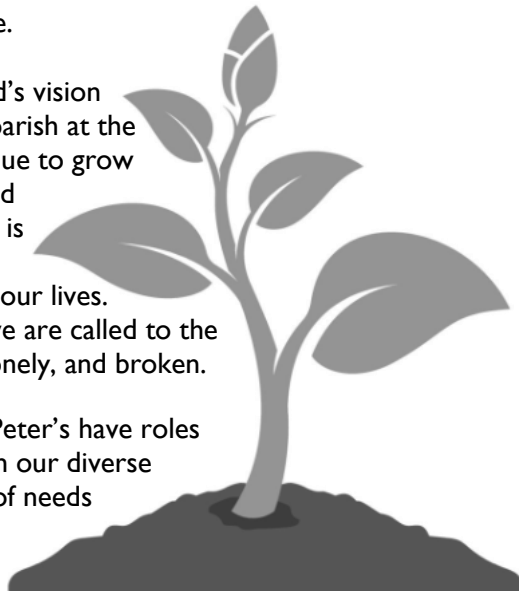
Dear Friends, Do you remember the phrase from a fairy tale of 'Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman'? It was from the "Jack and the Beanstalk" fable: Jack's mother scorns the tiny beans he brings home from the market. They can never live off those! So in anger, she hurls them out the window. Those beans were a non-starter, a mistake, a dead-end nutritionally and in every other sense. Except that, of course, they ended up sprouting into an enormous beanstalk.

Seeds are amazing things, so how do we plant them in our churches? In September, we begin our new service patterns at each church, praying we can grow in number, faith, and love. We continue to build on the past and walk in faith into the future. We aim to engage with our young people through Sunday School/Club, our Tots group, and engaging sessions like PGI Friday and after-school activities. We continue to engage with our older congregation through the Lunch Club and Friends, Food, and Fun. A new initiative in September will be the Bible course for both enquirers, those seeking confirmation, and those who know the Bible. All these seeds are planted to stimulate a connection and a culture where **All** are invited and **All** are welcome.

New beginnings, like seeds, start small, but with the right environment and conditions can grow into large trees and ventures. I want to commend the small, new beginnings of our Benefice.

What is the church for? What is God's vision for Burnley? The key vision for our parish at the moment, I believe, is for us to continue to grow as a place of hospitality, welcome, and inclusion. The community of Burnley is culturally and spiritually diverse, bringing richness to the quality of all our lives. A daunting challenge, but I suspect we are called to the centre of it, working with the lost, lonely, and broken.

The Churches of St Stephen's, & St Peter's have roles in creating places of hospitality within our diverse community: a place where a variety of needs can be met, both our own and other pilgrims who journey in and out of



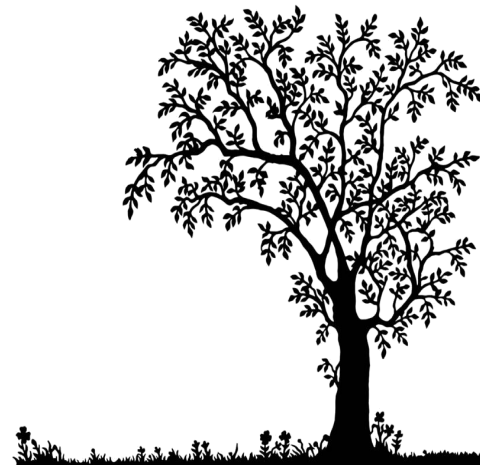
our churches for different reasons.

Let us continue our historical role in the Town to be the place that manifests spiritual as well as practical hospitality where people can belong before they believe, yet to be a place where belief can be found for those who seek it.

Creating a culture takes time to grow, and the mustard seed didn't, unlike the seed in Jack and Beanstalk, pop up out of the ground overnight — it was planted. It grew, and in its season, it produced fruit. Let us keep hoeing the soil of hospitality and inclusion so that together we can create a place for ourselves and others where we can flourish together. A tiny mustard seed smile; a tiny mustard seed hello; a tiny mustard seed act of kindness; all can blossom for us and others into a large tree whose branches offer the love of Jesus far and wide.

With my love and all good wishes,

Fr Andrew



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In The Loop

... with Keith, Jean & Paul

St Stephen's Churchwardens



We hope you have all been enjoying our typical British summer – a little warmer, a little sunnier and a lot wetter – things can 'only get better' as they say! So, as we move forward ...

CHANGE OF SERVICE TIMES

As most of you will know, from 3rd September the start time of our Sunday morning Eucharist service will be 9:30am. We hope this slightly earlier time will not deter anyone from sharing this significant part of our worship – even if it means that you might arrive just a little late, as all are invited and all are welcome! On the third Sunday of each month, the Wake Up & Worship service will as usual be preceded by breakfast, but this will be served at 8:45am with the kitchen closing at 9:15am and the service starting at 9:30am. The extra quarter of an hour will afford an opportunity for Fr Andrew to stay behind following the service to chat with us before he departs for the service at St Peter's.

WALKING DAY:

Way back in July, it was good to share our annual Walking Day with our friends from St Peter's. During the morning service all the children were involved in presenting their version of the 'Parable of the Sower', which was very entertaining. Well done children!

And grateful thanks to Emma, Meena and all the Sunday Club/School leaders involved. The walk around our local streets was once again ably led by Accrington Pipe Band, when the weather just about held out for us, before we all enjoyed lunch together. Thank you to all who provided food and who helped in clearing up afterwards, especially in setting out the church in readiness for the next service – it was very much appreciated.

VISIT TO WHALLEY ABBEY

In late July families from both churches met up at Whalley Abbey for a picnic and Eucharist. The children enjoyed crafts and stories whilst a few of the adults had a walk around the grounds, although generally the weather wasn't very kind to us and so we had our picnic indoors. The service of Eucharist in the chapel was an uplifting experience with a number of children taking part. All agreed that it had been an enjoyable afternoon out – only marred by Christine (Harbour) taking a tumble down the stone steps, which could have turned out much worse than a nasty bump to her head. Grateful thanks to Fr Andrew for arranging the event.

WHAT WE DID DURING AUGUST:

Although during the month of August there was a 'break' in some weekly events etc., every Thursday morning at St Peter's, many children and adults enjoyed taking part in the 'Big Summer Holiday' when great fun and fellowship was had with Bible stories, crafts, games, making pizzas, having a picnic etc – all for free! It's always good when we have a get together, and we extend our thanks to our friends at St Peter's in holding the event.

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

Thank you to all who supported this fund-raising night, which took place in early August. There was a good crowd in church who enjoyed an evening of solving the murder of 'a well-spoken gentleman' and to partake of a supper of pie and peas. Congratulations to Judith Kershaw and Judith Hughes who solved the mystery! The event raised some £371 pounds for church funds. Well done everyone involved!

OUR 'WEEKLY' EVENTS RESUME:

From the beginning of September, our usual events will be back into full swing following the August break, with our **'Tea, Toast and Tots'** taking place in the Community Room on a Tuesday morning from 8:45am until 10:30am during term-time. We hope to attract a number of mums and babies/toddlers to come along after dropping off older children at school, giving them the opportunity

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

'DROP IN'

At 10:30 am, following the Tea, Toast and Tots, this gives anyone the opportunity to talk with Fr Andrew on a one-to-one basis. Once a month, the wardens also meet with Fr Andrew to discuss any matters to enable the smooth running of the parish.

FRIENDS, FOOD & FUN

This event will continue to take place in the Community Room between 2:00pm and 4:00pm on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month**, and there is a small charge of £5. When there is a 5th Wednesday (of note, the month of November has five Wednesdays) the event will not take place, giving a rest for those who help serve our 'clientele'. 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 Fr Andrew giving his rendition of Tom Jones or Englebert Humperdinck on the karaoke. Anyone wishing to attend (or help out) is most welcome to come along and enjoy something new at St Stephen's.

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'LET'S DO LUNCH':

This will continue to take place on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month**. As above, when there is a 5th Wednesday, we shall be having a rest! The 2:00pm service of Eucharist will continue as usual.

HARVEST FESTIVAL:

Our annual Harvest Festival will take place next month on Sunday 1 October. As usual, we will be accepting 'harvest' gifts at the service. Any items of food brought will be donated to our local Sion Baptist Church Food Bank. For those of you who would rather give a monetary gift, this will go towards supporting Bishop Philip's 2023 Harvest Appeal. This will help with transport for Bishop Joseph Aba, who is the Bishop of Liwolo in the southern part of South Sudan, and whose Diocese is in exile following a terrible and destructive civil war. Last summer, during the Lambeth Conference, Bishop Philip met Bishop Joseph - one of the most inspirational Christian leaders he had ever come across, and we heard more about the experience of the people of the Diocese of Liwolo when he visited our Diocese in person in March this year.

Whichever gift you might wish to donate, please be assured that it will go towards relieving suffering locally and further afield.

MAINTENANCE

Work continues with urgent

attention being required at the main west porch where there has been considerable rain ingress.

Work has been carried out in the tower and in the crypt relating to the telephone mast.

Plans are afoot regarding the flaking paint and stonework over the chancel arch.

We would like to express our grateful thanks to everyone who helps out in ANY way either 'up front' or 'behind the scenes' - it is always very much appreciated by Fr Andrew and the wardens. We also want to mention those of our congregation who are on our weekly sheet and at present unable to join us, either through illness or being housebound. We assure them that they are in our thoughts and prayers and we ask God to heal, bless and strengthen them, and keep them safe.

Well, that's all for now folks – if anyone has **any ideas about anything** – do please let us know! Keep track with what's going on by visiting our website: www.ststephenschurchburnley.org.uk OR our Facebook page: St Stephens Church Burnley Lancashire

Keith, Jean & Paul

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Diary Dates

- ♦ **AFTERNOON TEA WITH CONTEMPO CHOIR – SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**
Tickets are now on sale for this event which will be taking place in church, starting at 2:30pm. Come along and enjoy afternoon tea, with the added bonus of entertainment provided by Burnley's 'Contempo Choir' – several of our own church choir members will be performing! Tickets are £8 and available from Pam or Linda.
- ♦ **RACE NIGHT – SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER AT 7:00PM** It's been a while since we held a Race Night, but they've always been fun! The event will take place in church and will include supper.
- ♦ **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 11:00AM – 1:30PM** Is it too early to be thinking about Christmas? Of course not – it will be here before we know it! Pop this date in your diaries so you won't miss our annual pre-Christmas event. There'll be all the usual stalls and food etc.
- ♦ **CHRIS POWELL ORGAN CONCERT - FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER – 7:00PM:** A Christmas theme concert with the return of this popular entertainer on his own mini Wurlitzer.

OTHER future events are planned, but further details about those, and all the above, at a later date ... watch this space!



St Peter's Branch

We had an extremely interesting and enjoyable meeting at Towneley Hall in June. Linda, a friend of Brenda Rochester, told us about her research into the life of Ruby McKay, head of Burnley Open Air school in the 1930's, and of her work with Jewish child refugees from Nazi Germany. She also told us how she had traced and met with members of their families.

At our next meeting on Wednesday 30th August, we will need to decide on hymn choices for the Deanery Songs of Praise on Saturday 16th September at Briercliffe St James at 2pm. Unfortunately, this clashes with our Heritage Day. In September Brenda should have been talking to us about St Peter's churchyard so we will also need to discuss alternatives.

Carol



Churchwardens' News from St Peter's

Hello everyone,

We hope you all enjoyed the summer break, despite the weather, and are refreshed and ready for our usual activities to start once again.

The PCC has agreed that the monthly service pattern at St Peter's will change from September. On the first Sunday of the month we will have Choral Matins at the earlier time of 10am, followed by an All-Age Eucharist service at 11am. On the second and fourth Sundays will be our usual Parish Eucharist at 11am. And on the third Sunday there will be an All-Age Service/Eucharist in the morning at 11am, with Choral Evensong at 6pm. We hope this will better serve and reflect all parts of our church family.

The leak in the corner of the Towneley Chapel has been fixed. It turned out not to be as complex a problem as we thought, with a blocked gutter sump being the culprit. This has been cleaned out by Adrian Cowgill and his colleague from Dyno-Rod. They also cleaned out the gutter sump at the west end of church, which should prevent another leak into the meeting rooms as happened at the end of July. So thank you to both of them for their hard work, and to Mary for cleaning and putting the chapel back together.

An exciting event coming up in September is the Heritage Open Day on Saturday 16th from 11am to 3pm. Last year's event was a huge success and this year's promises to be even better, with the unveiling of Annette's beautiful 'Book of St Peter', churchyard tours conducted by respected local historian Roger Frost, and plenty of fascinating displays to look at. There will be refreshments and lunches served throughout the day and brand new merchandise to buy. It is sure to be a fascinating and enjoyable day.

A new Bible course begins in September in the Thursday Chat slot at 9.30am running for 8 weeks. Whether you have never studied the Bible before or have read it for years, everyone is sure to learn something new.

The Lunch Club, Soup & Sandwich Lunch and Saturday Morning Concert series also get going again this month, so there is plenty to look forward to.

Take care,

Sandra and Jason

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SEPTEMBER IN THE MEMORIAL BOOK OF ST STEPHEN'S

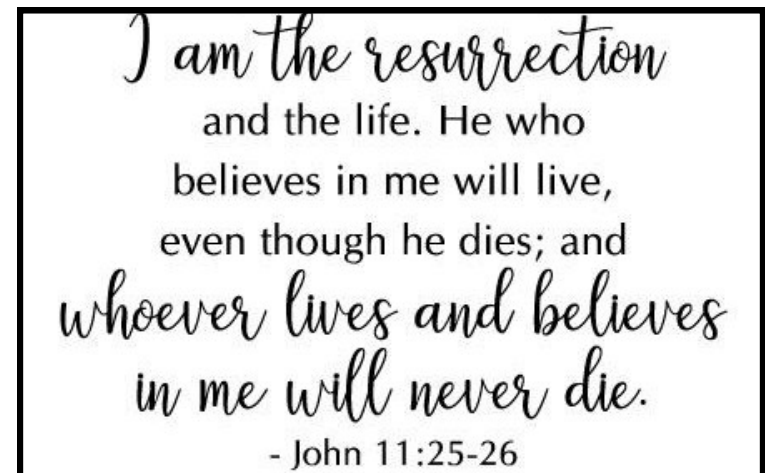
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2nd	John Henry Walters, Sally MacKay, Horace Wood
3rd	Alice Mason, Derek Atherton
4th	Norah Green, Albert Smith Taylor, Norma Clegg
5th	Harry Pettinger Phillips, May Wilde, Fanny L Watson
6th	Martha A Haywood, Millie Rogers, Margaret A Fielding
7th	David Harold Edmondson, John Edward Shepherd, Jon Guite
8th	Annie Boulton, John Evans
9th	Herbert Chadwick
10th	Maud Alston
11th	Amelia Rose Walters, Joan Nicholson
12th	Louisa Vaughan
13th	Camelia Rose Walters
14th	Albert Wardley, Fred Shaw
15th	Annie Howarth
16th	Stephen Worswick Hargreaves, George Francis Halton, Margaret A Warren, Margaret Jackson, Stephen R Carlisle
17th	Marian Booth
18th	Margaret Alice Seed, Jane Lord, Lena Hodgson
19th	Benjamin Baker Jackson, Ellen Latham, John Sutcliffe, Susan Elizabeth Taylor (nee Clegg)
20th	Alfred Astin, Tom A Walton, Jenny Eccles, Alfred Pickup, Colin Stuttard
21st	David Brown
22nd	Robert Furness
23rd	Ivy Tomlinson, Ida Margaret Wilcock, Arthur Parker, Mary Dewhirst
24th	Arthur Chadwick, Christopher Rogerson, Martha Mary Eastwood, Harry Chadwick, Eastwood Watson, Peter Hall
25th	Walter Hopwood, Ada Murray, Jim Fielding, William (Bill) Jackson, Mary Laing
26th	Beatrice Parry, Cathy Morris
27th	Emily Margaret Thompson, Ernest Miller
28th	Florrie Holden, Harry Schofield
29th	Olive Mabel Tidswell Walsh
30th	Roger Batey



SEPTEMBER IN THE MEMORIAL BOOK OF ST PETER'S

4th	Charlie Stuttard, Maria E Spencer
7th	John Jordan, Nancy Tee
8th	Rudolph Bannister Yates, Annie Smith
9th	Gladys Eglin
11th	Fred Holt
12th	William Michael Ratcliffe
14th	Donald Robert Binns
15th	May Blanche Green
20th	Jack Barritt
21st	Edward Rowson, Desmond Baker
22nd	Kuranosuke Lizuka, Evelyn Hedges
23rd	Jan Lozinski, George Banniser
24th	Walter Watson, Alfred Pearson Barritt
25th	Isaac Heap
26th	Frank Whitaker
27th	Harold Salts, John H Hutchinson, Edith Greenhalgh
28th	Beatrice Blanche Simpson
29th	Gertrude Minnie Lizuka
30th	Ellen Bridge

R.I.P



LOOKING BACK

Are you Scams aware? - Those of us who were fortunate enough to listen to Wendy Delaney from Age UK talk about scams awareness were treated to a great, informative and interactive sessions on the massive topic of scamming. We all thought we were pretty clued up but our eyes were further opened by Wendy's facts and figures. Wendy, who is an ex police officer, is coming to the end of a two year contract with Age UK, tasked with spreading the word and writing a report on the subject. With no notes to hand, Wendy covered everything and more. The majority of scams are masterminded by organised crime and it is BIG business for them. As Wendy said, if it seems too good to be true it usually is.

Two weeks later in the evening we followed up with our own DIY scams session with a couple of good humoured playlets about scams and further discussion. The mini plays were light hearted but further enhanced the same message not to get drawn in

A Local Charity targeting Social Isolation and Loneliness. - In August Chris Emerson came along to talk about the Accrington based charity 'Community Solutions'. Community Solutions operates out of the grade two listed Elmfield House, owned by Hyndburn Council and leased long term to the charity. Those who find themselves in social isolation and/or facing loneliness are targeted for help. The only stipulation is being able to travel to Elmfield House. The charity has permanent staff as well as over eighty volunteers who run courses and work as befrienders to the people they want to help. Befrienders will phone, visit and accompany people to their first one or two sessions. Chris, who worked for many years at Burnley Football Club, spreads awareness and applies for grants both large and small. The good news is the charity doesn't just help people from Accrington. It covers the Burnley and Colne areas as well.

There is a cafe - Mr Gatty's Tearoom within Elmfield House - well worth a visit!

SEPTEMBER 2023 EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- Tuesday 12th 2pm: Reverend Frances Guite
- Saturday 16th 2pm: Songs of Praise at St James Briercliffe
- Tuesday 26th 7pm: Gordon Birtwistle 'Being an MP and Councillor'

2023 CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to you - Nancy Mitchell (8th) and Edith Meek (23rd) celebrate September birthdays.
Linda and Paul Hannah will celebrate their wedding anniversary 19th.

Congratulations to all!

Jackie



HERITAGE DAY

St Peter's Heritage Day event this year will be on **Saturday 16th September from 11am to 3pm.**

There will again be displays from St Peter's archive, Burnley Civic Trust, Burnley Historical Society and the Briercliffe Society. In addition, there will be displays from St Peter's School, various church groups, and photographs from the 900th Anniversary events.

This year Roger Frost will be leading tours of the churchyard at 12pm and 2pm. Places for these tours are limited and you will need to book when you arrive at church. Surfaces in the churchyard are uneven and you must wear suitable footwear and have reasonable mobility. Refreshments will be served throughout the day, including lunches.

We are hoping that this year's event will be every bit as successful as last year, but help will be needed on the day, particularly with refreshments and selling raffle tickets. If you can spare an hour or more, please sign up on the sheet which will be going up at the back of church at the end of the month.

Carol W

St Peter's Flower Guild		
ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER		
	Sanctuary	Towneley Chapel
3rd	Mrs B R Brown	Mrs P Tomlinson
10th	Mrs A Binns	Vacant
17th	Mr & Mrs S Barritt	Vacant
24th	Vacant	Vacant
Thank you for your support, if you would like to help with decorating the church for the Heritage Day and Harvest please contact either Alice or Maureen, otherwise look in the weekly newsletter. <i>Alice and Maureen</i>		



... and now for something completely different!

Those of us who know Renie might like to see this photo taken at the recent Summer Fair held in her care home, 'Nelson Manor', this month. These very well-trained alpacas visited the residents, and Renie couldn't miss the opportunity to say 'hello' ... now that's certainly something different!



We are very excited for a new academic year and we have many exciting things planned. Last year we made some great links with St Peter's School at Simonstone, Read St John's, and Holy Trinity School in Burnley, and we look forward to continuing to work with these schools this year.

As you may be aware, we had our long awaited Ofsted inspection in the Summer Term of last academic year and we are delighted with the outcome. As a team, we work incredibly hard for the children and families that we serve and we are incredibly proud of ourselves, our children and our school community as a whole. It was great to hear that the inspector fully recognised the strengths of St Peter's. Our united dedication and commitment over time has led to embedded developments, established multiple strengths in school all with ambition running through them.

When reading the report from a parent's point of view, it is positive and ticks all the boxes you would want from your child's school. We were pleased to read how 'Pupils celebrate diversity. They understand the importance of accepting others for who they are.' In addition, how 'Leaders, governors and staff share a common purpose. They want all pupils...to achieve their best.' Such comments clearly pay tribute to the work carried out by staff, both teaching and non-teaching, governors alongside, of course, the pupils.



We are so pleased to be able to welcome Gill Coyne back to school, following a grueling year of treatment for her cancer. She has been amazingly strong and determined throughout her treatment and made a fantastic recovery. We are delighted she is now cancer free and returning to school.

Mrs Crowther

Summer 2023



Walking Day



Family Picnic at Whalley Abbey



St Peter's Young Singers in Oswaldtwistle



Andy Brown in Concert



Pizza and fun at the Thursday morning Summer Workshops



Sunday School News from St Peter's

It was good on Sunday to return to Sunday School and hear everyone's news . I'm looking forward to using the new , highly coloured and enlarged resources in Roots.

Our school Workshop on Fruits of the Spirit was extremely well attended and it's so positive to chat with enthusiastic school children about their worship . We had an excellent evening with Andy Brown entertaining teenagers and giving his testimony. It was particularly good to welcome churches from Oswaldtwistle, St Matthews and St Andrew's.

Families from Oswaldtwistle joined us at Whalley Abbey. Despite poor weather we enjoyed talking about Psalm 23, crafts and parachute games . Hide and seek was popular in the grounds !!!! I

Our Young Singers return to practices at the beginning of September .

Please keep our children in your prayers on the return to school , new classes and back to routine .

In particular we pray for Ana, starting high school and Ava starting nursery .

Love from
Meena





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EXPLORING PRAYER

Part III

Joan Ainsworth

CONFESSION

Welcome to session 3 and thank you Brenda for the lovely feedback about your relationship with God.

Confession – oh dear! Just the word makes me feel guilty. It seems to imply a sense of failure too. It can be like being called to the headmaster's office for a telling off, not really conducive to a good relationship. BUT our Father God loves us and, I am convinced He does not want us to spend precious time together going over our wrongdoing and failures - real or imaginary.

As part of our ongoing relationship with God it is good to spend time together talking about our day, the good and the not so good and perhaps to include a plan of change in certain areas. When we review our day we might be surprised to see how much of God, joy, goodness and friendship has been in the day. This type of prayer was first practised by St Ignatius and his followers and known as the Examen. It is designed to bring us closer to God and be able to let Him fill us with His love and peace.

If you would like to try this I have included below a prayer of Examen:

I thank you, Lord Jesus for always being with me, but especially I am grateful that you are with me right now, send your Holy Spirit upon me and let the Holy Spirit enlighten my mind and warm my heart that I may know where and how we have been together this day.

Lord Jesus, let me look at my day with you:

What has been good today? Where have I felt your presence, seen your face, heard your word this day? What has brought me joy? Whose company have I enjoyed? Thank God for the good in the day.

What hasn't gone well today? Have I ignored you, run from you, excluded you today. What has gone wrong today? Have I upset anyone today? Have I been upset today?

*God, forgive me and help me to forgive anyone who has hurt me.
Lord Jesus, I thank you for the times this day we have been together and worked together. I ask that you draw me ever closer to you this day and tomorrow.*

Lord Jesus, you are the God of my life—thank you.

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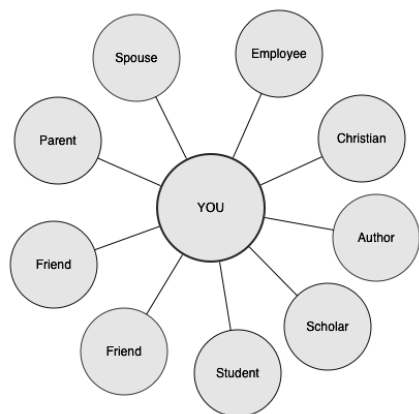
- ☹ The Revd Jones spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
- ☹ Children will be led in sinning and Bible study.
- ☹ This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptised at both ends.
- ☹ Life groups meet on Wednesday evening at 7.00 pm for food, fun and fellowwhipping!
- ☹ "Marriage: an Institution to be Endured" ... *The subject of a sermon that should have read, "An Institution to Endure"*
- ☹ Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- ☹ The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.
- ☹ The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing: 'Break Forth Into Joy'

From Linda's Scrapbook

Rolls and Roles

by Christine Harbour

I have been pondering these two words since the Murder Mystery evening at St Stephen's last month. The audience had to guess who had committed the murder of a 'well spoken gentleman.' Several ladies played the roles of suspect, interviewed by Inspector Naughton, none other than Paul Hannah. One of the suspects was Linda Pounder who is famous for the other types of rolls/ bacon rolls, which she serves at church breakfast. That is why several of us are seen wearing very baggy jumpers! It is as well the breakfasts are only once a month otherwise we should all probably resemble the Michelin man!



My late husband used to say that life is a stage and we all have our parts to play. Yes it's true we all have different roles in life. Through all the changing scenery of our lives we play child, teenager, spouse, maybe parent, then grandparent and if we are very blessed, great grandparent. How we play them so often is determined by the environment we are brought up in and the influence of peers, friends, schools, and the times we live in. We can drift and not be sure of our role, or we can forge our role and direct our life as we think fit.

When we find Christ in a deep and meaningful way, we have our perfect director and guide. His script is a sure foundation for success. Not success as the world knows it, which is generally regarded as wealth power and celebrity status. His word is truth light and life in all its abundance. Living and being directed by God's word gives us this abundant life, when he can and will mould us to be the very best that we can be! Almighty God gave part of himself. Jesus, as the perfect human role and the very breath of God, the Holy Spirit ... Father, son and Holy Spirit, The Blesséd Trinity.

Now the world is indeed a very large stage. It would be impossible for any one human being to manage it! At the moment there are many disturbing aspects that seem impossible to manage, global warming, earthquakes, political unrest, wars, famine, and religious division etc. It cannot be managed by man's

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endeavour or enterprise. What we can do however is play our role as followers of Christ and be the best that we can be. As Fr. Andrew says at the end of our church service. "Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord".

We are equipped to this as we have the promise in the Word that Jesus will come again bringing his Kingdom here on earth. We are the forerunners of the Kingdom of God! Go out then and play your part!



Our God reigns now and forever .AMEN.

"Lo I will be with you always even to the end of the world"
(Matt 28:20)

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



Joan writes ..

ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY, BEING WITNESSES

WEDNESDAY SOUP & SANDWICH

We received the leaflets we had printed and last Tuesday Adrian, Carol and I went into the town centre to invite people to Soup & Sandwich. We had a really great time chatting to people. Everyone we approached was interested and took a leaflet. Some of the conversations were extremely interesting- I received a proposal of marriage which I declined gracefully!

Carol, suggested we talk to the charity shops, and other businesses which we did and all took leaflets to pass on to people in need.

I had promised cake and a coffee at the Community Coffee, unfortunately we didn't realise it closed at 2.30, and arrived at 2.45, but they did make us a cup of coffee and we chatted to the minister of Life Church and the manager of the Downtown Grocery.

We have had several people come to Soup & Sandwich so far, but pray we will see many more.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

At our recent meeting we were told that Burnley and Pendle Branch is the biggest in CAP, with the most workers and the most clients in the organisation. Unfortunately we are still having to book appointment in 3 months time because of the demand which is far from ideal, but we are doing our best.

Our three workers as well as providing debt coaching have drop-in sessions at both community groceries and the Job Centre. They also deliver CAP Money Courses on budgeting.

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There are always opportunities to join CAP as a befriender and perhaps other volunteer roles.

BURNLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER

Has now been relaunched with a service at St Peter's. There are things in the pipeline ... watch this space

Joan

Making Disciples - St Peter's



Linda writes ..

Hi everyone,
I hope that, despite the weather, you have enjoyed the summer.

In August we held our latest Prayer Breakfast. As it was the 12th of August, otherwise known as the Glorious Twelfth, the theme was "Our Glorious God". I thought I would share with you part of the talk I gave. Thinking about the Glory of God and how as a Church we respond.

According to the Oxford Dictionary, 'glorious' can mean worthy of, wonderful, marvellous. These are all words we can use when we think about God.

To glorify God is to have the heart that stands in wonderment seeing that for God everything is possible.

The Church is nothing without the presence and glory of God. Too often we focus on other things as most important. God's glory is most important for the people of God. The church must be captivated by the beauty of God.

If we look at Acts 2:42-47, there are at least 7 characteristics that were visible in the first-century Church. These characteristics made the Church of that day a powerhouse in their community.

What about our churches? Can we also use those characteristics to become one that truly glorifies God.

♦ A CHURCH BUILT ON GOD'S HOLY WORD

"They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching" (Acts 2:42)

The believers were devoted to the teaching of God's holy Word. This means that they loved hearing, receiving, and obeying the teaching of the Word as directed by the Apostles. The Word is also symbolised as being a mirror that reflects truth, a seed that germinates and brings fruit, bread that gives spiritual life, a lamp that gives light and guidance, and as a sword, a hammer, and a fire. It is milk that nourishes a new believer and meat that strengthens a mature believer! More of God's Word will bring more glory to His name.



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A FRIENDLY CHURCH

“They devoted themselves ... to the fellowship” (Acts 2:42)

From this passage we get the feeling that this Church was a happening place. It was an attractive place with a warm, family feeling where people felt they belonged. That’s probably why in Acts 2:46 it says that “Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.”

The words ‘glad’ and ‘sincere hearts’ show that they clearly enjoyed being a part of the community every day, and that there was a lot of godly love being spread around.



A CHURCH ENERGISED BY PRAYER AND WORSHIP

“They devoted themselves ... to prayer” (Acts 2:42)

The believers were in constant prayer and worship, both individually and corporately, which in turn energised all they did. Acts 2:47 tells us that they were “praising God (daily) and enjoying the favour of all the people.”



The Church in Acts was energised by prayer and worship. When they prayed and worshipped, rooms were literally shaken. If we, too, focused more on prayer and worship, our churches would be energised to accomplish greater works for God.

A CHURCH POWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

“Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the Apostles” (Acts 2:43)

The church in Acts was powered by the Holy Spirit. As a result, signs, wonders, and miracles were a common occurrence and ‘everyone was filled with awe.’ This power at work through the Holy Spirit is further emphasised in Acts 4:33 where it says, *“With great power the Apostles continued to testify to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus”* and in Acts 5:12, which says, *“The Apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people.”*

May we experience that power whenever our congregations come together to worship the Saviour. Truly, the Lord will be glorified.



A CHURCH MARKED BY GENEROSITY

“All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need” (Acts 2:44-45)

What amazing generosity is revealed in those verses! As the church grew in ‘leaps and bounds’ and the numbers increased rapidly, many urgent needs would have surfaced. The believers responded magnificently by sharing all they owned to meet those needs. As a result, the Lord was glorified.

The Church of our day, too, needs to be marked by overflowing generosity.



A CHURCH THAT EVANGELISED DAILY

“And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47) People being saved daily meant that the believers were sharing the Gospel daily. The Book of Acts shows us that regular evangelism was the clear pattern of their ministry. They refused to be stopped, even when threatened, beaten, or imprisoned.

I read this story on line. It’s about a Christian whose neighbour was an avid golfer. It so happened that they both came out of their houses around the same time on Sunday mornings, one to go to the golf course and the other to go to church. The neighbour apparently invited the Christian to join him on the golf course many times but the offer was always politely declined on the grounds that he had to be in church at that time. One day after another invitation to play golf on a Sunday was politely declined, the neighbour said, “It’s strange isn’t it? Although I have invited you to play golf many times on a Sunday, you have not invited me to your church even once!”



Let’s keep sharing the Gospel whenever and wherever an opportunity arises.

A CHURCH OF EXTREME DEVOTION - *“They devoted themselves...” (Acts 2:42)*

These early Christians were totally and extremely devoted. They were committed to God’s Word, to fellowship, to prayer and worship, to the Holy Spirit’s work, to generosity, and to evangelism.

Today, the word ‘extremist’ has many negative connotations like ‘illegal,’ ‘violent,’ ‘fanatic,’ and ‘militant.’ However, these believers showed an extremism that had only one purpose and goal; that was to bring glory to God!

May we too be extreme in our devotion to the living God so that we may bring glory to His name!

Linda

Vision Champion, St Stephen’s



Glory belongs to God, whose power is at work in us. By this power he can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory belongs to God in the Church and in Christ Jesus for all time and eternity! Amen.

(Ephesians 3: 20-21)



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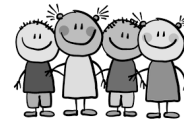


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Services & Rotas for September at St Stephen's

Date	Services	Sidespeople	Reader	Tea/Coffee	Cleaning
3/09	9.30 am Holy Communion	Anita & Steve	Beverley	Linda & Jennifer	Team 3
10/09	9.30 am Holy Communion	Geoff & Judith K	Anne	Christine & Margaret	Team 1
17/09	8.45 am WUAW 9.30 am Holy Communion	Neil & A N Other	Jean	WUAW	Team 2
24/09	9.30 am Holy Communion	Judith H & John H	John C	Pauline & Shirley	Team 3



Services & Rotas for September at St Peter's

Date	Services	Reader	Intercessor	Sidespeople
3/09	10.00 am Choral Matins	Stephen Dixon	Carol Pike	C Hacking S Hacking
	11.00 am All-Age Eucharist	Child	Adrian Norris	
10/09	11.00 am Parish Eucharist	Eric Massie	Joan Ainsworth	M Eckersley E Massie
17/09	11.00 am All-Age Eucharist	Child	Alan Roadley	A Norris Volunteer
	6.00 pm Choral Evensong		Adrian Norris	
24/09	11.00 am Parish Eucharist	Jason Walsh	Eric Massie	H Slater J Ainsworth

The Bible Course

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course/groups/>

“The Bible is the only book we can read in the company of the author”. That’s what the website says about the Bible Society’s 8 week “Bible Course”. Strictly speaking, maybe that’s not entirely true. But the idea that whilst we’re reading our Bible, God, who spoke through our ancestors and inspired the Holy Scriptures, is indeed with us, is an exciting thought.

Just as exciting is that from September both St. Peter’s and St. Stephen’s will be running “The Bible Course”. What’s it about? Here’s what it says on the Bible Society website:

Whether you’re well versed in Scripture or new to the Bible, The Bible Course offers a superb overview of the world’s best-selling book. The course will increase your confidence, equip you to read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life. Over eight interactive sessions, it combines video teaching, group discussion, personal reflection and daily readings.

Meeting people in groups, where everyone shares their thoughts and experiences, lies at the heart of The Bible Course as everyone learns from each other.

- It’s for all Christians, whether you know nothing or are a Bible Scholar
- It gives a full overview of the Bible from beginning to end
- Each session is a mix of videos, reading and discussion, led by a team comprising Fr Andrew and Lay Leaders. You won’t get bored!
- It should last about an hour and a bit per session.
- You’ll get a really good book, at no cost to you, to use throughout the course and then keep.

I’ve been lucky enough to be able to preview this Course and what I’ve looked at so far impresses me. I don’t think anyone should be disappointed.

So the details - The meetings will be run:

At St Stephens:

7:30pm in the Community Room starting on Wednesday 6th September

At St.Peter’s

Thursday mornings from 9:30am starting 7th September, where there will be tea/coffee before we start.

You can mix and match sessions and there’s no compulsion to attend all of

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them.

Look out on Facebook, Church websites and Weekly Notices for more information.

To help give an idea of numbers to expect it’d be great if you could sign up on the list in Church or let Fr Andrew know by email:

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For more information speak to Fr.Andrew, Eric Massie, Alan Roadley or Linda Pounder, or you could look at the website: (see Bible course heading opposite).

I look forward to seeing you there, learning and socialising together!

Alan Roadley



We really enjoyed walking with our new banner on Walking Day, and it was lovely to see the children in their Sunday Club T-shirts - we made quite an impression!



We have been having fun at our Thursday Morning Bucket list sessions at St Peter's where we have been learning about the Creation story and made pizza and learnt where our food comes from and how far it travels to get to us

We have also learnt about Moses in the bulrushes and Moses and the burning bush and Moses parting the Red Sea. We used a parachute as the Red Sea and all the children went under it as the parted Red Sea

It's wonderful to see new children arriving to join us for Sunday Club - pass it on - Sunday Club, every Sunday at 9.30 am. The more the merrier.

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