Meet Santa in his Grotto
Gifts
School choir Performance
Homemade soup & festive sandwiches
Tombola ... and much more

Admission 50p Accompanied children FREE
Congratulations, Max ...  

Congratulations to Max Graham on being made this year’s Head Boy at St Stephen’s School.  
Well done, Max. We’re sure you’ll do a wonderful job!

This magazine is FREE, but donations towards the cost of production may be placed in the box in church - Gift Aid envelopes available.
Patrick’s Pitch

A couple of months ago we went as a family to see a production which one of our daughters was in, and we went through those familiar anticipatory emotions and then the announcement – “Ladies and Gentlemen, please sit back and enjoy the show, please keep your phones on and record the show.” What a surprise, it wasn’t a joke but rather as it was a community festival show, lots of families like us were there to support family members who were making a one-off appearance on stage.

I wondered whether our coming to church has the same sense of anticipation as arriving in a theatre, no we haven’t paid for our seats but quite often we know where we sit, and we are coming to an encounter with the Almighty who wants to meet with us in a special way. We might know the words of the service, and how it flows but what is our mindset? Are we anticipating something special or is it just an opportunity to meet with friends?

Just recently at the Bible Challenge group we were looking at the Gospel of John chapter 18, and the detail that St John records about the arrest of Jesus in the garden. St John doesn’t record the kiss of betrayal, but that Jesus steps forward and asks the soldiers “who do you want?” and they answer “Jesus of Nazareth”, and Jesus replies “I am he”. This bold statement is followed by St John recording that at this, the arresting party fall to the ground!

At that moment, Jesus was present as the Son of God in a way that they were not expecting. Here not only was a man of boldness, but also the Lord of creation, the Word of God. His presence is stunning and awesome and takes them by surprise, hearing the name of God declared “I am” literally bowls them over.

Do we come to church expecting to be bowled over by the Almighty? God comes to us in his Word, and in the Sacrament of Bread and Wine, and deserves reverence, honour and awe. Maybe we need to think /continued ...
again about our arriving in Church – Do we pray before leaving home? Do we take the time to prepare our hearts in quietness? Is the scene set before the service begins, that we have settled our minds and voices, and are looking ready to worship the awesome one who we expect to meet?

In the service do we keep our focus on God who meets us in his word, and are we attentive to hear what God might be saying to us today? Or as we come to the Communion rail to receive God in bread and wine – are we praying or chatting to others as we wait to receive or after we have received when we should be joining in the hymn or praying quietly.

If we are to have a life changing encounter in our worship, then we need to be ready with all our heart, body and mind to meet the one who longs to meet with us in each act of worship we attend.

We could use this song as our prayer as we come together in worship:

Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus – to reach out and touch him
And say that we love him
Open our ears Lord, and teach us to listen
Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.

AREA DEAN OF BURNLEY

Patrick writes ... On October 3rd I was licensed by Bishop Julian as Area Dean for Burnley after Canon Mark Jones stood down after nine years. The appointment was made by Bishop Julian with support from the Deanery Clergy.

This position is in addition to my work as Rector to both parishes, and the main area of work is to be a local Co-ordinator for the Burnley and Padiham Clergy, with the Archdeacon.

Locally I lead the clergy chapter meetings, and chair the Deanery Synod, I am the point of contact for Church Wardens if parishes are Vacant [ie between Vicars] to advise them and help find cover for regular services. As part of the wider church I attend four meetings a year with the Archdeacon of Blackburn and the other Area Deans in the Blackburn Archdeaconry, and three meetings a year with Bishop Julian and all the Diocesan Area Deans, these two levels of meeting have different agendas so I represent the Burnley and Padiham Anglican Churches.

After 25yrs of Ordained Ministry it is good to be asked to take this responsibility, and I would value your prayers as I continue to work for the parishes of St Peter’s and St Stephen’s and work as the Area Dean.

VISION 2026

Didn’t we have a lovely time …. Celebrating 140 years of Stephens. It was great to see so many people there, including the Bishop of Burnley.

It is always wonderful to see past clergy. I am grateful that they take the time, often travelling many miles, to be part of our celebrations. I hope they know how grateful we are for their time with us and that we are building on their past contributions to the life of St Stephens, as we continue the work of the church in Burnley Wood.

As Bishop Philip said, the people are the church. We should be grateful to all those who have gone before us and who are now part of the history of St Stephens. As we look forward to the future we should always be ready to welcome everyone who comes to St Stephens. Encouraging and supporting them in establishing a relationship with God and to give thanks for their contribution to the work here at St Stephen’s.

Lets look forward to the future with enthusiasm. Embracing the diocesan vision of making disciples, to be witnesses and grow leaders.

‘For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.’
(Matthew 18:20 )
### November in the Memorial Book of St Stephen’s

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R.I.P.
Looking Back

It was a pleasure to welcome Jenny Walton, of ‘Jenny Walton Cupcake Queen’ along the other Tuesday night. This was the first time Jenny had demonstrated her amazing talent. She showed us how to flat ice a cake and promised to return next year, perhaps to do an interactive session with us! You can visit Jenny’s Facebook page to view her decorated cakes and cupcakes.

Our afternoon of ‘Songs, Sayings and Scones’ was very enjoyable. Much thought had gone into the choice of poems and readings. The icing on the cake, or cream on the scone, was the cream tea which followed.

Looking Forward

Festive Meal at the Turf, Tuesday, December 10th, 12 noon
The cost of this year’s Christmas dinner is £12. This is for a set menu of turkey dinner followed by either Christmas pudding or fresh fruit salad. I will be collecting names from November onwards. Martin Walker makes walking sticks and will be showing off his skills when he visits us on Tuesday, 11th November.
We will be getting crafty again when Vanessa joins us on Tuesday 26th at 7.30pm. Please come and join in for our ‘Paint and Prosecco’ evening.

Events and Meetings for November:
Tuesday 12th, 2pm in the Community Room, Martin Walker, Stick Man.
Tuesday 26th, 7.30pm in the Community Room, Paint and Prosecco with Vanessa.

Celebration Corner for October
Sending birthday greetings your way Betty Galloway (4th) and Barbara Howarth (17th). Happy Anniversary to Christine and Terry Naughton for the 18th.

Jackie
NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Beginning December 1st,
Read one chapter of
The Book of Luke in the Bible
each evening.
There are 24 chapters.
On Christmas Eve you will have read
and entire account of Jesus’ Life
and wake up Christmas Morning
Knowing WHO and WHY
we celebrate”
St Stephen’s Church

CHARITY NIGHT

Parish meal at Aldo’s Bank Parade, Burnley

Wednesday 13th November 7.15 for 7.30 pm

£13.00 for a delicious Two-course Meal

Details from Judith Kershaw or Pauline Thorpe.

St Peter’s Church Saturday November 30th 11.00 am to 2.00 pm
Stalls Raffle Refreshments Tombola … and more

Christmas Fair

All Welcome

Five Little Stories with lots of Meaning

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only on child came with an umbrella. That is FAITH.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is TRUST.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarm to wake up. That is HOPE.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of NO knowledge of the future. That is CONFIDENCE.
5. We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That is LOVE.

The Journey ...

It is the time of year when we begin to think of Christmas, and then perhaps, forget it. We get caught up and busy and suddenly – there it is a few days away.

The Journey is a Craft and Lunch Event with a Speaker, Ruth Hassall. It will give ladies the chance to sit, catch our breath and take some time out to prepare ourselves for Christmas.

Through the crafts and Ruth’s talk we will explore a Journey towards Christmas and perhaps think about our personal Journey towards God.

Please come along enjoy chatting, making new friends, enjoy lunch and take time out before Christmas.

This is a free event, but please book in for lunch to help with catering. Lunch Tokens from St Peter’s Church or ring Joan 07971711250 to book in.

We look forward to seeing you.

Joan A

The Journey ...
How do you begin to celebrate 140 years of life? Well that’s what we attempted to do as St Stephen’s celebrated ‘140 Glorious Years’.

St Stephen’s has seen life in all its fullness in those years, and it was wonderful to see on screen old photos and film footage, and to sing some wonderful hymns which epitomised those times.

Although we gave thanks for the building consecrated in 1879, we were left in no doubt at all that the Church is not a building, it is a community of people working over the decades to worship and share God’s love with others.

The service of celebration covered a variety of aspects of the last 140 years: Beginnings; Sunday School; Witness; Organisation; Fundraising/Social/Volunteering; Vision

But there was so much more that could have been included: we could have mentioned the many Clergy who have led the congregations through good times and bad, the church officials who have worked so faithfully behind the scenes to ensure the building remained in good repair, the Sunday School teachers who have turned up week in and week out to teach each generation of new Christians, the choir masters who have contributed so much to the worship here ... and so it goes on! But if we had covered all of that, we would still be there now – so many people!

But there was no doubt about the message that came out of our celebrations, loud and clear – the CHURCH is the PEOPLE, and the people have contributed SO much to make St Stephen’s what it is today.

Walking Day through the streets of Burnley Wood, when the Mothers’ Union had 300 members and there was a Men’s Fellowship which boasted a membership of 250! He told us that we are now living in a post-Christian society, when it is harder than ever to persuade people of their need for the Gospel. But the time WILL come, when people WILL return to the churches, when they will long for a spiritual re-awakening.

So in 50 years or even 100 years’ time, when St Stephen’s is bursting at the seams with people, it will be because of those who have gone before, and most importantly, those of US here now who will keep our church going for future generations. AMEN!!

Bishop Philip in his address summed up exactly what this means. He told us not to feel negative when we look at past glories, when Sunday School had literally hundreds of children on roll, when hundreds walked on Walking Day through the streets of Burnley Wood, when the Mothers’ Union had 300 members and there was a Men’s Fellowship which boasted a membership of 250! He told us that we are now living in a post-Christian society, when it is harder than ever to persuade people of their need for the Gospel. But the time WILL come, when people WILL return to the churches, when they will long for a spiritual re-awakening.

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I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the church TOGETHER!
Our learning environment is improving and the teachers have decorated the doors to the classrooms with a theme from their class novel. These will be judged by one of our governors.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new parent governor called Mrs Boyden, we would like to wish her a very warm welcome and we are looking forward to working with her.

Kind regards

J Roberts
Headteacher
The men's workforce arrived eagerly at church on the first Tuesday in October, enticed by the promise of our usual bacon butties. Unfortunately, the cooker wasn't working! Only some frantic repair work from Keith avoided a mini crisis!

With normal service restored and the men sustained, the morning's work could begin. Three cars were despatched to the Tesco store at Accrington in order to collect twelve large crates filled with an assortment of products kindly donated to our church. These products will be sold or offered as prizes at our Christmas Fair. We are highly indebted to Michael Davies for enabling this to happen, so thanks Mike and Tesco!

The men remaining at church spent time moving furniture, organising seating etc. in preparation for the licensing of Revd Patrick as the Area Dean and making room for the Tesco 'haul'.

Due to fly tipping in our churchyard a few weeks ago, lots of rubbish was loaded onto John Catlow's trailer ready for the tip. Ironically, the man caught on camera leaving the rubbish actually turned up to ask what we were doing! When told that we were removing his rubbish we were, predictably, met with a tirade of abuse. You have to laugh don't you!

Other jobs recently completed include painting the toilets and fitting the television from the Community Room to the wall in the choir vestry. Outside, the trees vandalised over Summer, have been pruned and branches removed, and the grass has been mown and the garden kept tidy. It is pleasing to see that, despite some problems elsewhere, the bedding plants have remained untouched. Rust and corrosion has been removed from the railings but re-painting will probably have to wait until Spring due to the recent poor weather.

Finally, we send our best wishes to our loyal and valued member John Hughes, and pray that his recent treatment will lead to a lasting recovery.

Jim
Fire! Fire!

'Matilda told such dreadful lies it made on gasp and stretch ones eyes!' You may know this wonderful poem by Hillaire Belloc. If not, there is an amusing illustrated version - just Google holyjoe.org Poetry Archive. Matilda, a naughty girl told many lies, and one day made a hoax call to the London fire brigade. Later on when there was a real fire however, the firemen absolutely refused to turn up. You can guess the sad ending...

Fire can be lethal. We think of many recent fires. Utter destruction at nearby Saddleworth, the tragic Amazon forest and of course the hideous loss of life in the Grenfell Towers. It only needs the tiniest spark to set a blaze.

However fires can be used in a good way. Remember the Olympic flame? Beacons burning through the land as London celebrated the joy of men and women united and coming together to compete in their sport.

God uses fire many times in the Bible. He sent the Israelites the pillar of fire to direct them through the wilderness to God's Promised land. The tongues of fire to the disciples at Pentecost. This was the time when they were empowered to preach the gospel to all nations. In the book of Revelation, where John is given a divine glimpse through the open door of heaven, John writes-- in chapter 2 v. 18:

"These are the eyes of the Son of God whose eyes are blazing like fire...'. This was message for the church at Thyatria. I imagine those eyes scorching through time and space.

I wonder how he sees the churches now? Is this a word to for us today? In verse 3. God says. "I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die." Wow! Stern stuff!

Remember, without the Holy Spirit the disciples would have been useless. So are we! What can we do to strengthen our church and our lives? How can we reach out to a world where we are bombarded by media, celebs. social networks, tweeting and blogging?

We can all sincerely pray the beautiful words of a hymn which says 'kindle a flame of burning love on the mean altar of my heart.' Think back to the Amazon, Saddleworth and Grenfell. It only takes a spark to make a flame which becomes a blaze! Can we set our hearts alight with that flame? Wouldn't it be wonderful to see Burnley set ablaze with the warmth of God's love.

2,000 years ago Jesus changed the thinking of the World. Was He just speaking to the Early churches in His vision to John or is he speaking to us?

Love and blessings.

Christine H
As part of our aims for Vision 2026 and in keeping with our Bishops’ desire to see our Diocese growing in prayer, please set aside some time each day to pray for the streets in our parish and for our own homes and neighbours.

In the coming month please pray each day of the week for the people, living and working in the following streets, that all will come to know God’s love and want to share that love with others.

**NOVEMBER**

- w/c 4th November: Reed Street
- w/c 11th November: Riley Street
- w/c 18th November: Rock Lane
- w/c 25th November: Russell Court & Smalley Street
- w/c 2nd December: Somerset Street

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**Rotas for November**

**Readers’ Rota**

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**Sidespersons’ Rota**

| Sunday 3 Nov: | John H, Judith H, Judith K, Geoff |
| Sunday 10 Nov: | Jill, Ralph, Betty M |
| Sunday 17 Nov: | Marilyn, Lisa, Shirley |
| Sunday 24 Nov: | Pauline T, Christine H, Christine W, Philip |

**Tea/Coffee Rota**

| 3 Nov | Elaine A & Shirley |
| 10 Nov | Lynnette & Pauline L |
| 17 Nov | WUAW |
| 24 Nov | Pauline A & Christine N |

**Church Cleaning Rota**

| w/c 4/11 | Pam, Jean, Linda, Ralph, Betty, Jackie, Beverley |
| w/c 11/11 | Maureen, Shirley, Edith, Lynne, Philip, Susan |
| w/c 18/11 | Betty, Elaine, John, Judith, Barbara, John |
| w/c 25/11 | Pam, Jean, Linda, Ralph, Betty, Jackie, Beverley |

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**November**

| Fri 1st | 5.30 pm | ‘Feed me Friday’ in church |
| Tues 5th | 10.00 am | Men’s Group in church |
| Wed 6th | 2.00 pm | Seniors’ Service |
| Tues 12th | 2.00 pm | Mothers’ Union - in the Community Room |
|             | 7.00 pm | PCC in the Community Room |
| Wed 13th | 7.15 for 7.30 pm | Parish Meal at Aldo’s |
| Thurs 14th | 7.30 pm | School Fashion Show |
| Wed 20th | 7.00 pm | Vocations Evening |
| Tues 26th | 7.30 pm | Mothers’ Union - in the Community Room |
| Fri 6 Dec | 5.30 pm | ‘Feed Me Friday’ - in Church |

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**Footcare**

If you wish for HAPPY feet
A pair that’s always trim & neat
No ingrown nails or awkward bumps,
Feet that will carry you anywhere
Give the feeling of walking on air.
If these are the sort of feet for you ...

... don’t hesitate to contact PAULA, your local chiropodist
with over 25 years of experience.

Ring 01282 838083 for an appointment to suit or
to arrange for treatment in the comfort of your own home.

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**Christmas fair**

Please remember, Donations are needed for the following:

**TOMBOLA / BOTTLE STALL/ CAKE STALL/RAFFLE**

Please bring them to church and leave in the boxes in the community room.
All donations gratefully received. Thank you.
Spaghetti Bolognese - with a difference

A lip-smackingly good (and seriously easy) spaghetti bolognese recipe

SERVES 6-8

INGREDIENTS:
- 1kg beef mince
- 1 white onion, peeled and diced
- 2 tbsp oil
- 1/2 tsp garlic salt
- 1/2 tsp paprika
- 70g double-concentrate tomato purée
- 4 tbsp tomato ketchup
- 2 1/2 tbsp chutney
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 chicken stock cube
- 2 x 400g cans of chopped tomatoes
- 1/4 tsp dried oregano
- 600g spaghetti
- a pinch of salt and black pepper

METHOD:
1. Fry the meat in a large saucepan over a medium heat for about 10 minutes, or until browned, stirring from time to time to break the meat up.
2. The meat will release quite a bit of liquid as it browns so drain it into a sieve, then tip it back in the saucepan.
3. Add the onion and oil to the pan and stir well, then add the garlic, salt, paprika, tomato purée, ketchup and chutney and season with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Crumble the stock cube into the pan and add the tomatoes and 120ml of water - you can use the water to rinse out the cans if you like so you don't have any waste.
5. Cook the sauce for about 20 minutes, then add the oregano.
6. Meanwhile cook the pasta in boiling salted water.
7. Drain the pasta and serve it with the sauce.

Recipe from ‘The Social Kitchen’
Hello Everyone,

Hope you are having a wonderful October, the nights have drawn in, the heating is on, logs on the fire, the Harvest has been harvested and the Light Party has been in full swing. What is next I wonder? Yes! You guessed it, the BIG C and lots of delightful preparations are going on for the festive season ahead.

As you remember last year we had a Christmas Singalong and the Sunday School children got an opportunity to share their talents in the event? They were all so amazing, we have been asked to do this again, during the Christingle service on Sunday 22nd December - 4pm. This takes quite a lot of preparation so if you would like to participate please can you let me know asap. Any talent is welcome from the children.

You will see also that Lottie and Hattie have a fabulous event planned for us in January – Hoedown Country Dance, see details attached to the poster and get your tickets quick quick quick!!

Have a great month xx

vanessa