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

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"Blessed are the peacemakers
for they shall be called
Children of God"

Matthew 5:9



Remembrance Sunday - 10th November

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Friday 8th November
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ALL WELCOME



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From the Rectory

Dear friends,

November can feel like a sad month as the darkness draws in, the trees stand bare, and the mornings are clouded in mist. It is a time of remembering. The children may cry, "Remember, remember the fifth of November..." but there are a number of other and more significant days of remembering for all of us.

The second Sunday, the Sunday nearest to the eleventh day of the eleventh month, is a time for remembering those who fell in the defence of freedom, not only in two World Wars but also in all the lesser conflicts that have shattered nations and peoples since.

We look backward to honour those who gave lives in war, but we must also look forward to keeping faith with them and using our energies to build the sort of world that they held dear. There is an old saying that "those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it." That is why all of us need to remember and pray that the world's rulers and politicians may make wise and honourable decisions on behalf of their people.

There will be a special service of remembrance in both churches on Remembrance Sunday, starting at 10.30.

Remembrance Sunday comes just after the Church's special period of remembrance. All Saints' Day (November 1) commemorates all the unsung heroes of Christian discipleship, the ordinary men and women of every age who have been faithful and loving in their service of God and their fellows.

They are our inspiration to persevere in what we believe to be truly good and noble, especially when things get tough for us. Within the Christian family, they remind us, too, that life in Christ endures beyond physical death, and our fellowship with those we love is not severed when we die.

Within this communion of saints, we pause to recall with loving reverence our own loved ones who have died. For many people, All Souls' Day (November 2) is a very precious, if poignant, time of remembrance. We shall mark this by a special service on Saturday, November 2 at 10.00 St Stephen's. The service will be over in time to be at the Saturday morning concert at St Peter's. At this service, we will dedicate the new memorial board.

One way in which we express our continuing love and respect for those who have died is by preserving their values and sharing their vision. There is much in the world today that causes us deep concern and anxiety, and the shadow of war hangs over so many lands. When Pope John Paul II visited this country, his address at Coventry included these words, "War should belong to the tragic past, to history; it should find no place on humanity's agenda for the future." This is a reminder to us all. That is why we pause to remember and consecrate ourselves to a new future of peace and justice for all. We pray for world peace at this time in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine and all areas of unrest.

May we live in love and gentleness with all, serving others as Christ serves us.

Love and Blessings,

Fr Andrew



NOVEMBER IN THE MEMORIAL BOOK OF ST STEPHEN'S

1st	Richard Clee, Lilian Walsh
2nd	William Jackson, Kenneth Lord Healey, Michael Kennedy
3rd	Helen Chadwick, Elizabeth MacDonald
4th	George Henry Hughes, John Carter, Mary Ingham, Norman Victor Boardman
5th	William Francis Whitham, James Gillespie, Harry Briggs
6th	Samuel Edward Clements, Margaret Walton, Violet Holt
7th	Hannah Green, Janice Cant, John Hindle
8th	Florence Ann Whittaker, Edna Horne
9th	Lily Skirrow, Hartley Greenwood, Wilfred Hanns, Margaret Chorley
10th	Mary Ann Whitham, Caroline Taylor, Roy Anthony Hinds
14th	Garnett Mitchell, Roy Smith
15th	Ethel Maud Gallagher, Albert Farrow, Barbara Tate
16th	Joseph Suthers, Edna Brown Harrison, Ellen Heywood
17th	Nellie Seddon
18th	Hubert Taylor, Sarah Elizabeth Walmsley, Phoebe Sutcliffe, William Herbert Allcock, Geoffrey Farrow
19th	Margaret Ann Watson, Alice Blythe
20th	Ellen Smith, Harold Hargreaves
21st	Private Albert Topper
22nd	Thomas Rushton, Jophia Cruikshanks
23rd	Nora Vina Threlfall, Thomas Johnson, Brian Marsden
24th	Peter Cranidge
25th	Ruth Wareing, William Sagar, Joseph Holt, Norman Harris
26th	Mary Howarth, Glynn David Casson
27th	Elizabeth Nicholls, Edith Jane Isabel Wilson, Jane Varley Jobling, Thomas Henry Riding, Ronald Mills
28th	Dora Chadwick, Ronald Mark Baldwin
30th	Lottie Bird



R.I.P.

NOVEMBER IN THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE AT ST PETER'S

1st	Jessie Hutchinson
5th	Mary Smith
6th	Samuel King
8th	Arthur Cable and Norah Cable
9th	Eileen Kate Pick
10th	Dr Karol Lozinski
11th	Wilfred Pugh, Ida Louisa Holt
13th	Rosamond Dyke
14th	Mary Eastwood, Sheila Lillian Pike
16th	Elizabeth Law, James Alexander Mitchell
18th	Abraham Sagar, Harold Eastwood
20th	Ada Chapman, Frank Eccles, Margaret Stockdale, John Holden
23rd	Hilda Smith, Yvonne Watson, Frank Shoesmith and Sarah Shoesmith
24th	Sam Lacey
26th	Nellie Rowson, Barry Dilworth Derham
27th	Louisa Schofield
29th	Sonia Andre Trotter, Doris Dodd
30th	John William Coates, Ronald Ellis Marshall

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

**St Peter's
Branch**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 30th October at 2.00pm in church. The November meeting will, as usual, be lunch. As yet I haven't been able to book but will let everyone know the venue, date and time as soon as I have.

Carol



Churchwardens' News from St Peter's

Hello everyone,

We hope you are all well and staying safe. For our friends on the prayer list, please remember we are thinking of you and praying for you.

We received a generous amount of donated food during our Harvest services which has been taken to the food banks at Sion and St Catherine's, as well as monetary donations towards Bishop Philip's Harvest appeal. The church was full for the school Harvest service midweek, and on the Sunday the congregation enjoyed a delicious Jacob's Join following the morning service.

Burnley Council have carried out some work in the churchyard to improve the condition of the driveway and fill in some of the potholes that have appeared over the last few months. Hopefully it is now a little safer for pedestrians using the path and less hazardous for cars. We continue to ask that only those who are disabled or have mobility issues park in the churchyard, and for cars to park on the roadside where possible.

We will be having a churchyard tidy-up from 9am on Tuesday 12th November to clear the leaves which will by then have fallen. If you think you can help, please put the date in your diary and come along with your brushes and rakes.

Please join us on Remembrance Sunday as we remember the service and sacrifice of all those who have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. The morning service, including the Act of Remembrance, will begin at the earlier time of 10.30am.

Take care,

Sandra and Jason

Saturday Morning Concerts at St Peter's



As we head towards the end of another successful concert season, it is an appropriate time to acknowledge the wonderful support of all those who help in the planning and delivery of concerts at St Peter's.

Our next concert on the 2nd of November, features two young musicians who make up the Orion ensemble. Emily Wilson is a clarinetist who has appeared as an orchestral player with most of this country's leading orchestras, including the Hallé and Royal Philharmonic. Pianist, Adam Taylor hails from Newcastle, and studied at the Royal College of Music. As a soloist Adam has performed across the U.K. at venues including The Bridgewater Hall, The Sage Gateshead, Newcastle City Hall and Rachmaninoff Hall in Moscow. Adam is also an active chamber musician and has performed in a number of ensembles. He is passionate about music education and teaches at Withington Girls' School and The Manchester Grammar School.

Their programme focusses on the relationship between Brahms and the Schumanns (Robert and Clara) and will include Brahms: Intermezzi Op. 117 no. 1 for solo piano (1892) and Brahms: Sonata for Clarinet and Piano No. 2 in Eb major (1894).

On Saturday 7th December St Peter's Young Singers will appear in concert with opera singer Jack Bowtell. Originally from the Ribble Valley in Lancashire, British baritone Jack Bowtell, is an alumnus of The Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama and The David Seligman Opera School. After nearly a decade in Cardiff, Jack has been privileged to work with such eminent Welsh companies such as Music Theatre Wales and BBC National Orchestra of Wales and Welsh National Opera, where he made his professional debut in 2016. The concert will provide a fitting grand finale to our season, with the Young Singers serving up some festive music. Seasonal refreshments will also be available!

As usual, admission is £7, free for under 18s, with refreshments served from 10:30 am and concerts starting at 11 am. Free parking is available in the school yard on Rawcliffe Street, and disabled parking is available in the church grounds.

Philip.

The Night Sky

The night sky is a vital, shared resource for all life on Earth, yet the increasing spread of artificial lighting has obscured the stars and altered how we experience the night. For most of human history, people lived under a vast, star-filled sky—one that inspired countless advances in science, shaped religious beliefs, and fueled the imagination of artists, philosophers, and writers.

Today, the natural darkness of the sky, once a universal experience, is fading from memory, and many of the youngest generations may never fully know its wonder.

Evidence shows that artificial light at night has negative effects on wildlife including amphibians, birds, mammals, insects and even plants. Wildlife, such as birds, bats, and moths, rely on darkness for migration, navigation, and feeding. Light pollution can disorient these species, leading to population declines and disturbed ecosystems.

Sixty percent of insects are active at night, and it's estimated that one-third of those drawn to artificial light die as a consequence. Each year, millions of birds lose their lives during migration after becoming disoriented and fatigued from circling and colliding with brightly lit buildings.

A recent study by biologists, conducted over two decades in Chicago, revealed the significant impact of light pollution on birds and how reducing it can make a difference. By dimming half the windows in a building during nighttime, the researchers observed a remarkable reduction in bird collisions—11 times fewer during spring migration and six times fewer in the autumn. In total, the study estimates that this simple change lowered bird fatalities by 60%.

For humans, exposure to excessive artificial light can disrupt circadian rhythms, impacting sleep quality and contributing to health issues like insomnia and stress. In the UK, efforts to combat light pollution are gaining momentum. Practical solutions, such as shielded, energy-efficient lighting that reduces sky glow are being put in place along with the obvious solution of turning lights off.

By safeguarding our dark skies, we can support wildlife and ensure that we can all stand beneath a canopy of stars, undimmed by modern life.

For more information visit The Commission for Dark Skies <https://britastro.org/>

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...From our Vision Champions



Hi everyone,

This Month of November is a particular time where we recall with an act of memory those who have gone before us from this life and have left their mark, directly or indirectly. The month begins with All Souls' Day which this year falls on Saturday

November 2nd. There will be a service of remembrance and dedication where we can remember our loved ones and light a candle in their memory. This year we will be dedicating our new memorial board for those laid to rest in our memorial garden.

The following Sunday 10th November is when the nation comes together to remember all those who have died in conflict and war.

This will be when we especially remember those who have given their lives through war in service of our country. They have left home and family often to foreign lands in the search of justice, freedom and peace; The world could have been a very different place for us without their sacrifice, which cannot and should not be forgotten.

I am not sure if we will be using the film which was created for the 100th anniversary of the First World War. I do hope so. Every time I see it I am moved. The fact that we see the faces of the men who died. Of how young they were, with a life to live. They are not just a name on a board.

Remembrance is more than just remembering; it is honouring the memory of the dead with dignity and thankfulness and acknowledging that they did not die in vain even if we still have a lot to learn about living peacefully together.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old, Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning We will remember them."

Linda.

(St Stephen's Vision Champion)

*Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13*





Last week I attended The Festival of Healing at the Cathedral. It was a really uplifting day. I attended several workshops. I was surprised at the one which meant most to me. A lady called Ruth from Renew Wellbeing was speaking.

But before I talk about that I must confess all the talk around wellbeing has just made me think 'stop worrying, pull yourself together and get on with it. Which is what I have always done. Earlier this year a lot of things happened at once, I had a bad stomach bug, I encountered problems in my family in my church life and my best friend became ill and passed away. I got up one morning and thought I don't want to do this anymore (long list formed in my mind) I just stopped. I went to see my Spiritual Advisor who suggested I take some time off everything, do nothing, pray and heal. Which I did. Ruth recounted a very similar story resulting in her setting up Wellbeing Hubs to help people take time for themselves and to look after themselves. So often we work, we serve God, we look after friends and family, the person we think can manage is ourselves. But that can result in burnout.

As Christians we need to look after ourselves to successfully serve and help our communities. In group discussions people agree the first thing that goes out of the window when we are too busy is our prayer life. We have depleted our bank balance, emptied our accounts and reserves and are now running on empty. That's a bit confusing but I hope you understand what I mean. We perhaps come to pray, look at the world, our prayer lists and feel that emptiness. Can I suggest a simple way of filling our accounts? First thing in the morning take a verse of a psalm not a lot maybe just - The Lord is my shepherd. Find a quiet place, take your first drink of the day, mine is a strong black coffee, sweet. Sit holding the cup, drink slowly the whole contents and relax, repeat the verse and feel the presence and filling of God.

Then ... empowered by your Holy Spirit send us out into the world to share your love with all we meet.

I will put some cards in each church that may help.

Joan

Vision Champion (St Peter's)

*Take care of
yourself*
♥



Have you started thinking about Christmas presents yet? Agonising about what to get people?

Checking if you've got enough wrapping paper? Or if you can afford the postage... But isn't it a joy to see the happiness when someone receives a gift and knows that they've been thought about?

Unfortunately, in this world, many people, children and adults, have no hope of receiving a gift; at Christmas or any other time. And because of all the horrible things that happen in the World, the number of such people is growing.

But we CAN do something about that. Christian Aid have a range of practical Christmas Gifts which can be life changing for those in need who receive them. One such gift is Medical Aid for those in Refugee Camps and Conflict Zones. There is a shortage of antibiotics, and mobile health clinics are required.

The cost of each Medical Aid package is £130. Wouldn't it be good if our Churches could raise £130 to send practical help and a message of hope to our brothers and sisters in need?



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world, one gift at a time

I for one think it's worth us having a go at raising £130, to give, possibly literally, a gift of life. Or at least to give those with nothing some hope. If you agree, let me know and I'll see about getting a proper appeal organised.

Alan

LOOKING BACK

Barry Pearson joined us in September, after our summer break. He regaled us with stories from his time as a pharmacist.

Songs of Praise at Hapton proved an enjoyable and upraising event. Well, who doesn't love a rousing set of hymns to join in with?

Our Pies, Peas and Poetry event was a highly enjoyable evening. Poetry, interspersed with locally made pies proved an irresistible combination.

The October meeting was given over to Annette Roadley, who brought along The Book of St. Peter's Church, Burnley, 1122 - 2022, her beautifully crafted, hand-made homage to the two letters of St. Peter and containing so much more. Just where Annette found her inspiration from isn't hard to comprehend, to anyone who has stepped into St. Peter's Church, and her interpretation of Peter's letters, local accounts, photos and memoirs is wonderful to see. (see opposite)

Each page has been a labour of love and devotion. Annette's own art work, in the form of numerous illustrations, is mind blowing. She has created, from conception to the very last book binding stitch, a unique and important historical document for the parish and for the town.

LOOKING FORWARD

When we meet in November it will be to use the time in preparation for the MU stall at the Christmas Fair. We will be wrapping our gifts for the stall.

PLEASE COME ALONG WITH YOUR GIFTS READY TO WRAP, as per usual.

Sadly, The Wave of prayer at St. John's Worsthorne has been cancelled due to illness among the ladies. We are sorry to hear this and wish all affected a speedy return to better health.

Beverley has been collecting the names of those intending to attend the Provincial Service for the end of the Triennial, at Blackburn Cathedral. The service is on Saturday, 2nd November at 2pm.

NOVEMBER EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Saturday 2nd November, Blackburn Cathedral, Provincial Triennial Service

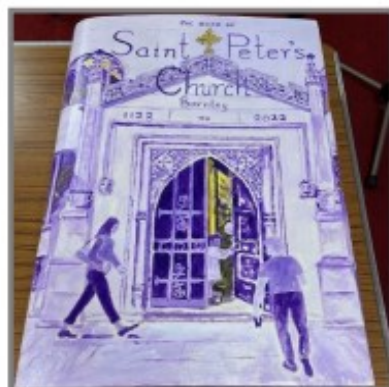
Tuesday 10th, 2pm, Community Room, Christmas Fair Preparation.

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LET'S CELEBRATE NOVEMBER! 🍰🍷🕯

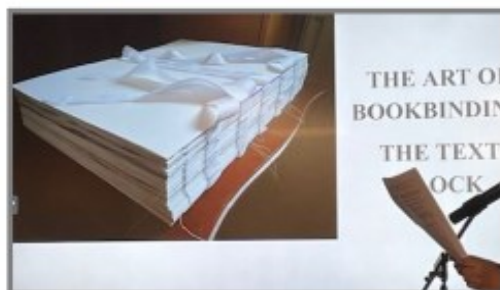
It's Betty Galloway's birthday on the 4th and Barbara Howarth's on the 17th. Happy birthday ladies. Both members are not usually able to attend meetings. However, they are in our thoughts and prayers. Also, on the 17th it's fellow MU member, Father Andrew's birthday. He will be celebrating a 'Special 0' though I'm not saying which!

Jackie



How Much Paper Required:

166 verses altogether
 7 words approx. can be written on a line
 27 words approx. in a verse
 Total number of words in both Letters is approx.
 $27 \times 166 = 4482$
 $4482 / 7 = 640$ lines required
 30 lines approx. on each side of A3
 (except on the 1st side which will have 15 lines)
 $40 / 30 = 21$ sides
 I estimate that 7 sheets of A2 paper will be required but for ease I will format 8 sheets.
 That is each Chapter will fit on one piece of paper.





St Stephen's School News

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Our MacMillan coffee morning was held in school on Monday 14th October. We would like to thank everyone who baked cakes and came along to help support the cause. This is the Y6 charity so our year 6 children helped serve the cakes, drinks and organise games. We raised a fabulous £504.36.



WHALLEY ABBEY 'AWE AND WONDER' DAY

This was a fabulous event at Whalley Abbey. The Headteacher's cluster planned a variety of activities and the worship clubs from each school attended. The day started off with a Collective Worship where the children sang the song, they had all learnt. After that the children went to various workstations. They had their lunch with Bishop Jo and then concluded the day with a Harvest dance. It was such a success that we will plan another one next year.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest festival was also a huge success, and it was wonderful to see so many parents attending the service in Church. The children performed songs, poems, prayers, Makaton and read beautifully. We also held a non – uniform day for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal and raised £192.45 for Women's Literacy in Pakistan.



FOOD BANK

Please keep an eye out for the big yellow wheelie bin at St Stephen's. This is the food bank that we use to support our families. Please do remember that if you know one of our families that is finding it a bit tough at the moment, we can make up a food parcel. We keep this bin in the entrance to school and would appreciate **any** donations if you are passing.



BREW AND A BISCUIT DROP IN

After our celebration worship there is a weekly drop-in session for parents who would like to touch base with school. Mrs Cox can provide support for families and signpost for help. Families can also collect the food parcels.

WORSHIP CLUB NEWS

The young disciples have ordered a prayer hut to go outside so that the children can display their prayers and have an area for reflection at break times.

Thank you and best wishes

J Roberts

A movie poster for the film 'Saving Grace'. It features a close-up of actors Brenda Blethyn and Craig Ferguson smiling and laughing. The title 'SAVING GRACE' is prominently displayed in large white letters. Below the title, it says 'TAKE THE HIGH ROAD TO A COMEDY THAT TRULY LIGHTS UP'. A red starburst graphic in the bottom left corner contains the text 'ADMISSION FREE BUT DONATIONS WELCOME'.

St Stephen's Church,
Burnley Wood

Film Friday

Friday 1st November
at 7.00 pm
in the Community Room

A graphic of a red and white striped bucket filled with popcorn. The text 'Refreshments on sale!' is written in a curved path around the bucket.

Refreshments
on sale!

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We had a wonderful start to the new academic year. The children settled well into their new classes and we enjoyed speaking with parents at the end of the half term, to share their children's strengths and achievements at Parent's Afternoon.

We looked at the Christian value of 'Thankfulness'. 1 Thessalonians 5.16 tells us 'Always be Thankful'. In our worship we thought about thanking God for people who help us; praising God in creation; remembering to say thank you; giving thanks even when times are difficult; counting our blessings and living fruitful lives. We thought about the Fruit of the Spirit and prepared for our Harvest Festival in Church.



In our Harvest service, we thought about where our food comes from and about the work of Fair Trade farmers, we reflected on the meaning of harvest and gave thanks and praise for all our food. We brought lots of harvest offerings to help the amazing work of the Burnley food bank.

This half term, Miss Wilkinson and I took a group of children to Whalley Abbey for a wow worship day. It really was WOW! We had such a special day and the children all had an amazing time. It was so varied and inspiring! We joined children from St Peter's Simonstone, St Stephen's Burnley, Holy Trinity Burnley, Higham St John, Read St John and Wellfield Burnley.

The children wrote thankful pumpkin prayers, made Rangoli art, learnt about Fair Trade, windchimes, planted onions

and made a huge loom prayer. The day started with a worship led by Kelly Fort, from Praise Along, ended with learning a Harvest celebration dance. Bishop Joe, gave thanks, said a prayer and blessed everyone before we returned to our schools. Our



children were amazed by Whalley Abbey, describing the grounds as a cross between Narnia and Hogwarts!

Mrs Crowther

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Father Andrew, welcomes pupils from the Olive School to St Peter's



Harvest Decorations at St Peter's

In The Loop

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

Hello everyone – we hope you're all keeping well as we're approaching shorter days and cooler weather. First of all, a catch up on a couple of things ...

STRICTLY COME DANCING

On a beautiful summer's day, the luxury coach arrived at church on time to whisk us off over the hills to the World Heritage site of Saltaire. On arrival we were welcomed at the local Methodist Church by Marion Mawson and were served hot drinks and biscuits – a lovely compliment to our packed lunches. Unfortunately, Tuesday was half-day closing at Saltaire, and the mill and David Hockney exhibition were closed to the general public! However, this gave us plenty of time for a stroll, in the lovely sunshine, around the local park. Keith and Fr Andrew scuttled away to Victoria Hall to meet the organist, Howard Beaumont and David Lowe (a Trustee), who were happy to show them around the organ chamber, and take them up from the depths of the Hall on the famous Wurlitzer organ lift. Fr Andrew revelled on the organ and played his theme tune, "I left my heart in San Francisco". At 2 o'clock our party was allowed into Victoria Hall for our afternoon tea dance. The catering was provided by our own St Stephen's ladies and very tasty it was too.



Howard played a variety of tunes, but eventually many of us rose from our seats to dance the Breakaway Blues, Barn Dance and St Bernard's Waltz. We all eventually piled back onto the coach for our journey home, but it was agreed that we had had an excellent day out! Grateful thanks to Keith and Edith for this brilliant idea and all their hard work – we should do it again sometime!



FULL CIRCLE

After two years' in the planning, Andrew C Wadsworth finally took to our stage since leaving Burnley in the late 1960's to follow a career in acting. On a Saturday evening at the end of September, the church was packed with 'theatre-goers and local thespians' to hear a selection of musical songs from many of the shows that he had appeared in on the West End and National Theatre. The first part of the show was hosted by Alan Hargreaves (Burnley Garrick Theatre) who interviewed Andrew, who entertained the audience with anecdotes of his career. The second part of the show opened with a video by Gyles Brandreth who introduced Andrew, which was received by rapturous applause. Supporting Andrew was his wife Louise on the cello, (she played Cosette in Les Miserables in the West End), his brother Adrian – on the ukelele and piano, his son Joe on clarinet and his sister Abigail who joined our very own 'St Stephen's Ladybirds' (choir), not forgetting of course our excellent accompanist, Nigel Wilkinson. Andrew has provided especially for us a double CD, which helped to swell the more than £2000 raised on the night for church funds - CD's are still available in church. Our heartfelt thanks to Andrew for wanting to come back to his roots and helping us raise this magnificent sum. Thank you also to everyone who was involved in this fantastic feat of fun!

The Wardens Team.

Keith, Jean, Paul & Edith

*" The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of God endures forever" (Isaiah 40:8)*



Diary Dates over the page ...

St Stephen's Church
Burnley

invite you to

From
DARKNESS
to
LIGHT

An Advent
Carol Service

Music and readings for
Advent Sunday

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER
2024
at 3.30 pm

Diary Dates

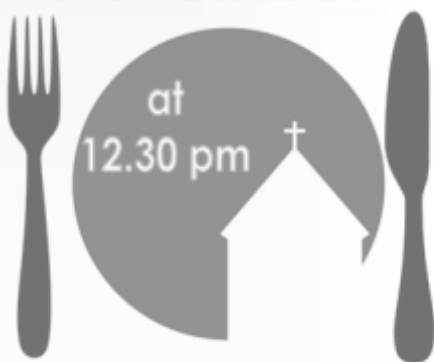
- Coming up very soon is our **ALL SOULS' service**, which will take place at **10:00 am on Saturday 2nd November**, when our newly installed Memorial Board (giving the names of those whose ashes are buried in our Memorial Garden) will be dedicated and blessed by Fr Andrew. We shall specifically pray for our past loved ones, and if you would like to put forward a name to be offered up in prayer at the service, please add the name to the list which can be found at the back of church.
- **Advent Carol Service ~ 'From Darkness to Light'** - This will be held at **3:30 pm on Sunday 1st December**. Come along and enjoy the beginning of the festive season with a variety of hymns, music and readings. Mince pies and hot drinks to follow!
- **New Year's Eve Party Tuesday 31st December in Church** - A party for our church community and their guests. Come along and say goodbye to the old year and welcome in the new! Music and dancing, games and prizes, pie and peas supper, bubbly to celebrate - all for £10 per ticket. Further details in our next magazine!

Well, that's all for now folks! Take care everyone - our love to you all.

Keith, Jean, Paul & Edith

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For God's Sake, Be Kind! ... by Christine Harbour

Showing kindness to each other, should be the essential component of being part of Christ's body. We may be very different people in our ways and ideas , but we are one in our beliefs, and caring and kindness are a way of demonstrating our love for Jesus.

Yesterday I was the recipient of such a thoughtful gesture. One of our church members sent me a beautiful recording of her playing on the piano one of my favourite hymns 'Faithful one so unchanging , Ageless one you're my Rock of Peace' She know it's my 'go to' hymn and that I depend on God for all my troubles. I tell you that I have played that video over and over again, and that personal gift has meant so much more to me than me listening to it on YouTube.

Doing a kindness is always good, but doing it out of your love for God, is lifting the recipient, and Jesus himself ,higher and higher. We can only show our gratefulness for his sacrifice by walking daily with Jesus.

I really feel frustrated by our churches, with their different ideas and varying arguments about bits of theology,. The categorization of high, low, liberal, evangelical orthodox, non orthodox, free Methodist, Wesley Methodist Baptist's etc. It is divisive and unfruitful. If we believe in the creed, and we follow Christ's teaching with the guidance of the Holy Spirit , then we are the body of Christ!

How wonderful it would be if we all moved together like a body of water. How transformed the church of God would be if it crashed like waves onto the shores of our rocky broken world. What a blessing it would be if all could bathe in the healing tranquil sea of God's blessing! Unity, wholeness and prayers would give us the greatest anointing of God's Power that the world has ever seen. There are many beautiful and good things that happen in our churches. Our broken fragments can be bound together by our belief in Jesus, to forge a mighty tool of deliverance.

Let us dwell on this: 'God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten, son that whosoever believe to in him should not perish, but have everlasting life'. God has prepared a table for us in the presence of our enemies. The enemies of hate, division and dissension. He is showing us the Power of his love instead of man's earthly love on Power.

There is room at the table
Room for you!
A reservation in your name.
It is written in blood
Signed and sealed.
Come slowly, come humbly
Jesus awaits
Torn hands outstretched.

Come to the Table

He feels your pain
He knows your fear
He looked for you
As you hid in sorrow
Beaten by life itself

Accept your place
Given by grace
Take one step.
Breathe His name
The table is set/
Settings of love
Bread of life.
Wine of everlasting Joy.



Come, come,
Let his arms enfold you
Your blessing is here
A Holy sacrament
Prepared for you.
Take it now
His life for you.

Christine H

Recipe Of The Month

Winter Vegetable Soup

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp sunflower oil
- 1 onion, finely sliced
- 3 garlic cloves, finely sliced
- 2 carrots, cut into 1.5cm³/₄in chunks
- 2 turnips, cut into 1.5cm³/₄in chunks
- 1 large potato (preferably Maris Piper), cut into 1.5cm³/₄in chunks
- 1 large parsnip, cut into 1.5cm³/₄in chunks
- 2 heaped tsp paprika (sweet), plus extra to serve
- 1 heaped tsp hot smoked paprika
- 1 x 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- 1 tbsp tomato purée
- 125g/4¹/₂oz chorizo sausage, skinned and cut into 5mm slices (optional)
- 100g/3¹/₂oz Puy lentils, rinsed and drained
- 1.75 litres/3 pints stock, made with 1 chicken stock cube
- 100g/3¹/₂oz cavolo nero, kale or spring greens, tough midribs removed, shredded into 2cm³/₄in pieces
- flaked sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- soured cream or crème fraîche, to taste.



METHOD

1. Heat the oil in a large non-stick saucepan or large flame-proof casserole and fry the onion and garlic gently for 5 minutes, or until softened but not coloured, stirring occasionally. While the onion is frying, cut the carrots, turnips, potatoes and parsnip into roughly 1.5cm³/₄in chunks.
2. Add the root vegetables to the pan with the onion and garlic and cook over a low heat for 5 minutes, or until beginning to soften, stirring occasionally. Stir in both the sweet and smoked paprika and fry for a few minutes. Add the tomatoes and the tomato purée into the pan, increase the heat a little and cook for 2–3 minutes, stirring regularly.
3. Add the chorizo, Puy lentils and the stock into the pan and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer gently for 45 minutes, or until the vegetables and lentils are tender, stirring every now and then.
4. Add the cavolo nero, kale or spring greens to the pan with the vegetables. Cook for 5 minutes or until softened, stirring regularly.
5. Season the soup with salt and lots of freshly ground black pepper. Serve in deep bowls, with a dollop of soured cream or crème fraîche and a sprinkling of paprika.

BBC Good Food - from The Hairy Bikers

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in the Benefice ...Your guide to what's happening

1st	Fri	7.00 pm	Friday Film Night	St Stephen's
2nd	Sat	10.00 am 10.30 am	All Souls' Service Saturday Morning Concert	St Stephen's St Peter's
4th	Mon	1.00 pm 7.00 pm	Knit & Natter PCC Meeting	St Stephen's St Peter's
5th	Tues	10.30 am	Drop-in with Fr Andrew	St Stephen's
6th	Wed	2.00 pm 7.15 pm	Friends, Food & Fun House Group at 10 Hall Park Ave	St Stephen's Benefice
7th	Thurs	9.30 am 11.00 am	Thursday Chat Lunch Club	St Peter's St Peter's
10th	Sun	10.30 am 10.30 am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	St Peter's St Stephen's
11th	Mon	1.00 pm	Knit & Natter	St Stephen's
12th	Tues	10.30 am 2.00 pm	Drop-in with Fr Andrew 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
18th	Mon	1.00 pm 7.00 pm	Knit & Natter PCC Meeting	St Stephen's St Stephen's
19th	Tues	10.30 am	Drop-in with Fr Andrew	St Stephen's
20th	Wed	2.00 pm 7.15 pm	Friends, Food & Fun House Group at 10 Hall ark Ave	St Stephen's Benefice
21st	Thurs	9.30 am 11.00 am	Thursday Chat Lunch Club	St Peter's St Peter's
25th	Mon	1.00 pm 7.00 pm	Knit & Natter Standing Committee	St Stephen's St Peter'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
30th	Sat	11.00 am	St Stephen's Christmas Fair	St Stephen's

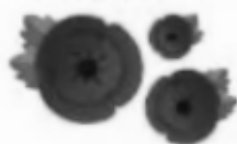


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War Cross Army Poppy Medal Soldier
November Remember Eleventh Silence





At the moment, we're looking forward to our Light Party which will take place on 24th October. We will be supporting the Sunday Club Ambassadors' Charities CAP (Christians Against Poverty) & Pendleside Hospice. Hopefully we'll have some good photos for you, and we'll raise lots of money!



We learned all about the story of Moses in the bulrushes in Sunday Club last month - and we made some Moses baskets - Can you spot Moses?



Just an update from Noah's sponsored haircut to raise money for The Little Princess Trust - he has now raised over £700 - Thank you again to everyone who supported him! And well done, Noah!

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