

Church Newsletter – May 2025

St Mary's Ingleton and St Leonard's, Chapel-le-Dale

Revd Nick writes:

Coming Up

Just a reminder that Ingleton's annual meetings are coming up soon on the 18th May. The annual report is available online and printed copies in church. Chapel-le-Dale's annual meetings took place on 27th April, and the annual report is still available. This is more than a formality, it is a chance to look back, give thanks, be encouraged and look forward with hope. God is living and active among us in the parishes. Also on Thursday 8th May our community marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day. See calendar for details.

Prayer and Revival

Many are keenly aware that the church generally in the UK needs some refreshing and reviving. There are many good things happening (as we can testify), but the emptiness of churches at times and the comparative lack of young people is concerning for many. However, there is a growing sense of a revival coming blessed by God. These always begin in a renewed dedication to prayer, in more than just Sunday services.

I wanted to quote from this book, Dirty Glory (available to borrow from Nick), which is full of stories about God moving in new ways beginning with prayer, both contemporary and historical examples; writing here about the revival of 1949 to 1953 in the Scottish Hebrides: "The majority of the population surrendered their lives to Christ, empty churches were re-populated with



young people, there were miraculous signs and wonders and the entire fabric of Hebridean society was transformed by the gospel... The Hebridean revival began in the tiny village of Barvas on the Isle of Lewis, we are two elderly sisters, Christine and Peggy Smith, was sitting by their peat fire lost in prayer. Suddenly one of the women received a vision of young people filling the church. They summoned the minister to their house the following morning and informed him unequivocally that he would need to get ready. 'Revival is coming.' 'What do you suggest I do?' He asked a little helplessly. 'What should you do?' They gasped 'You should pray, man!'"

The minister, local elders and the two sisters began to pray twice weekly in evening prayer meetings lasting well into the night. On one occasion while reading Psalm 24 one elder questioned his peers about whether as a group they were right with God, then uttered a strange cry and fell to the ground. After that things started happening. Churches began filling with inquisitive locals. A Gaelic speaking evangelist, Duncan Campbell came from Edinburgh. He intended to stay 10 days. He stayed 2 years.

If we too care about God's name being honoured, about the good news being proclaimed to many, about people coming to a saving faith in Christ, about society being changed for the better, then we should pray. We should pray at home and in church of course, but also dedicate more time to prayer together. These are some opportunities that I am organising. Could you help by adding more?

- Wednesdays – 9:30am Morning Prayer at St Leonard's, Chapel-le-Dale (throughout May)
- Tuesday 20th May – 10am Prayer walk around Ingleton
- 6-7th June – 24 hour prayer in the upstairs room, St Mary's

Dates for your diary

Saturday 3rd May 10am-12noon – Pop Up Pantry at St Mary’s
Sunday 4th St Mary’s: 9am & 10:30am Holy Communion
St Leonard’s: 2:30pm Evening Prayer
Monday 5th 3:30-4:30pm – Pop Up Pantry at St Mary’s
Wednesday 7th 9:30am Morning Prayer at St Leonard’s
Thursday 8th 11am Ceremony at Ingleton War Memorial
6:30pm Church Bell Peal
8pm Joint churches prayer service at Community Centre
Saturday 10th 10am-12noon – Pop Up Pantry at St Mary’s
Sunday 11th St Mary’s: 10:30am Morning Praise
St Leonard’s: 2:30pm Holy Communion
Monday 12th 3:30-4:30pm – Pop Up Pantry at St Mary’s
Tuesday 13th Chapel-le-Dale PCC
Wednesday 14th 9:30am Morning Prayer at St Leonard’s
Saturday 17th 10am-12noon – Pop Up Pantry at St Mary’s
Sunday 18th St Mary’s: 9am & 10:30am Holy Communion,
12noon Annual Meetings
St Leonard’s: 2:30pm Evening Prayer
Monday 19th 3:30-4:30pm – Pop Up Pantry at St Mary’s
Tuesday 20th 10am Walk around Ingleton starting in St Mary’s,
finishing with time of prayer in church
Wednesday 21st 9:30am Morning Prayer at St Leonard’s
Saturday 24th 10am-12noon – Pop Up Pantry at St Mary’s
Sunday 25th St Mary’s: 10:30am Morning Praise
St Leonard’s: 2:30pm Holy Communion
Monday 26th 3:30-4:30pm – Pop Up Pantry at St Mary’s
Wednesday 28th 9:30am Morning Prayer at St Leonard’s

Thursday 29th 7:30pm Ascension Day Holy Communion at St Mary’s
Saturday 31st 10am-12noon – Pop Up Pantry at St Mary’s
Sunday 1st June St Mary’s: 9am & 10:30am Holy Communion
St Leonard’s: 2:30pm Holy Communion
Monday 2nd 10am-12noon – Pop Up Pantry at St Mary’s
Thursday 5th 7pm Archdeacon’s Visitation Service at Church of Holy Ascension, Settle
Friday 6th 6pm until 6pm Sat. 7th – 24 hours of prayer in St Mary’s (sign up for hour slots – more details TBA)
Saturday 7th 10am-12noon – Pop Up Pantry at St Mary’s
Sunday 8th St Mary’s: 10:30am Pentecost Praise Joint Churches Outdoor Service
St Leonard’s: 2:30pm Holy Communion

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