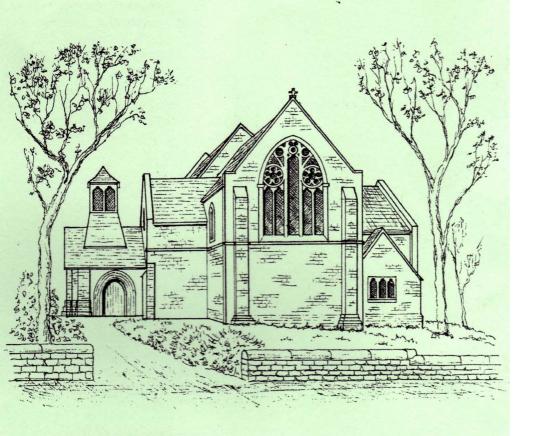
St. John's Church Mosley Common



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Church Services

There is a service every Sunday morning at 10.30am. Other services are held at various times and various days according to season. Details are given in this magazine.

The Rowans

There is a regular Holy Communion service in the Rowans Lounge on Lindale Road. For details see the Diary Dates page in this magazine.

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

These can be arranged by contacting the Vicar.

Information

Prayer Chain

For urgent prayer requests contact Glennys Worthington on 0161 702 8566 or Nick / Adele Hardman on 01942 888786

Music

Our Organist is Alan Wood ('phone 0161 790 7544) and the leader of the Music Group is David Barnes ('phone 0161 702 8104)

World Mission

We support several societies working at home and abroad, especially Stephen and Tabita Bell working with the European Christian Mission in Croatia and Hansi and Kath Jain in India.

Magazine

This is published every two months throughout the year. The Magazine Secretary is Glennys Worthington ('phone 0161 702 8566) and the Editors are Andrea & Sylvia Taziker ('phone 0161 799 5754). We will deliver a copy to anyone who places a regular order.

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Activities

Toddler Group

This meets in the Church Lounge on Thursdays from 9.30am until 11.30am. The leader is Marcelle Cory.

Brownies

The 4th Tyldesley Brownies meet in St. John's School on Tuesdays at 6.30pm. For information contact Kathryn Clare ('phone 01925 763799)

Church Youth Group

This meets in the Church Lounge on Sunday evenings, starting at 7pm. For information contact David Kendrick (01942 882854)

CYPEC

This is the name given to our children's and young people's groups which meet in Church on Sunday mornings.

Women's Fellowship Group

This meets in the Church Lounge on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. The Leader is Ann Haigh ('phone 0161 799 6672)

Fellowship Groups

There are several groups meeting regularly in members' homes and in the Church Lounge for Bible Study, Fellowship and Prayer. For the latest information, contact Mike Stuckey ('phone 0161 357 0155) or Keith Worthington ('phone 0161 702 8566)



Of Halloween & Guy Fawkes

A few days ago, I got involved in an interesting discussion on the Internet about the church and it's role and values. It wasn't in a place that you'd normally expect to find a serious discussion about the church...... but, I suppose, knowing me, you won't be surprised to learn that it was on

the firework forum that I'm involved with! Honestly, though, I didn't start it.

It started when someone wrote about their disappointment at not being allowed to do a Halloween event for the church school their children go to. The background is this: when Guy Fawkes Day falls during the week, the demand for firework displays gets spread across the weekends before and after it. But this year Guy Fawkes Day falls on a weekend and that means that just about everyone wants their firework display on the one weekend. To ease the pressure, it was suggested that this particular school might like to have a firework display for Halloween instead. My firework friend understood Halloween to be All Hallows Eve and so thought it might be a something suitable for a church school to celebrate. He was disappointed and puzzled to be told otherwise. So, on the firework forum he expressed his disappointment and puzzlement, writing, "They are happy to do a celebration for Guy Fawkes where someone tried to commit terrorism and then got burnt to death but not celebrate Halloween. (Hallows Eve)."

Actually, I'm pleased to be able to say that the discussion that followed was good-natured and positive. Eventually, as the resident Vicar, I thought I should join in. Obviously, folk were expecting even hoping - that I would. And this is what I said.....

"Probably the issue is what things have become and what people are making of them today.

Many people don't know what 5th November historically is about. So they don't see themselves as celebrating anything connected with terrorism or attempted regime change. Anyway, I understood that, originally, the celebrations were about marking the failure of the plot and were a kind of thanksgiving that the "terrorists" did not succeed. So today we can celebrate the triumph of good over evil.

All Hallows Eve and All Saints Day should be good things to celebrate. But few people these days seem to know or understand what Halloween is. So it's become associated with the dark side of things, and wickedness, evil and mischief have become the prevalent themes. Trick or treat is considered as mischief - quite apart from there being other concerns about child safety these days. So churches and their schools, understandably I reckon, don't want to be involved in the celebration of things that are not good. They'd rather remind folk (especially children) of the good things and show that we can have fun and we can have a party based on positive themes. Try that, though, and we get accused of being spoil sports - folk just prefer to latch on to the bad things. Mission on, methinks."

There was more in the discussion about the positive role of the church in the community. Maybe I'll write about that for the magazine another time. As I said in the discussion on-line, that's a subject dear to my heart and one that I could say or write a lot about! Certainly the positive role in the community is something that I reckon we at St. John's have been working on with success. But for now, concerning the festivals coming up in the next few weeks.... concerning Halloween and Guy Fawkes, I wrote "Mission on, methinks". So that's what I think.

What do you think?

The PCC Secretary's Notebook

In a recent Sermon, our Vicar Julian referred to the recent awful riots across our country and legislation supposedly needed to cover this when all we really need are God's Ten Commandments for how to live our lives.

I worked in the law all my working life. It was a small firm but we had what I thought was quite a comprehensive law library. I loved that room with its squeaky floorboards and its wall to wall volumes of dusty old law books which made you sneeze just by looking at them. Some were thick old leather volumes beautifully engraved with their various titles and dates, with flimsy pages bursting with Statutes and case law some dating back well over a hundred years. To me, the law wasn't boring or stuffy, it was fascinating and I was in my element if asked to help search out something which might be relevant to a case one of the partners may be working on.

I learned just how much legislation there already is, reams and reams of it and much of it still relevant today without even more being rushed through. Legislation for the incarceration of traitors in the Tower of London for instance. That legislation has never been repealed, and could come in handy – and what about the Bible, the most relevant Book of all.

I thank my niece Barbara for the following interesting information which appeared on the Internet recently. Amongst some of the other facts, were:-

U.S. Declaration of Independence 1300 words

EU Regulations on sale of cabbage 26,711 words

Sort of puts things into perspective doesn't it?

Mavis - PCC Secretary



FAVOURITE HYMN

By Andrea Taziker

Every year, coming up to Harvest, I begin to look forward to singing some really good Harvest Hymns and again I shall go into the Service ready to sing lustily, thanking God for "all good gifts around us" – this may happen, I certainly hope it does.

Because we haven't been given a favourite hymn I thought I would choose a Harvest one and of course "We plough the fields and scatter" came instantly to mind. This is one of the great favourites and we used to sing it every year. Sadly I couldn't find many interesting facts about the writer of the hymn or the composer of the music except that they had written many, many more musical pieces. Whilst I was doing this I was quietly singing the hymn and thinking about the holiday we have recently enjoyed and realised how much the words related to what we had seen and experienced not just on holiday but at different times during the year and how apt the last lines were" Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love".

During the spring months we often went past fields and even our own gardens where the "good seeds" were being scattered. I won't mention the "snow we had in the winter" but we must admit that some of it was spectacular. We spent the past two weeks in Anglesey and one evening about half past eleven went down to the shore on the Menai Straits and the sky was spectacular, clear as a bell and the stars were lit so bright, "He lights the evening star", that they illuminated the sea and we could see the waves, it was magical.

We saw many flowers; we saw "the winds and waves" in lots of different moods. From our cottage and from the comfort of our armchairs, well even from our beds, we could see Snowdonia and the Menai Straits, we saw the mountains in all their different moods as well, sometimes clear as a bell when you could see all the rock formations, the different colours and the deep valleys and the quarries. We saw dozens of different kinds of birds and every day saw about forty young swallows sitting on the telephone wires in our garden. Yes, on Harvest Sunday we shall definitely be singing:

"Accept the gifts we offer, for all thy love imparts,
And what Thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts."

Whispers In The Rain

By Margaret Howarth

I love rain with a passion
I embrace it every chance I get and yet
Most people detest rain
They just can't stand getting wet.

I go into our garden
I watch rain filter through the trees
Dark skies, thunder and lightning and
A strong mischievous breeze.

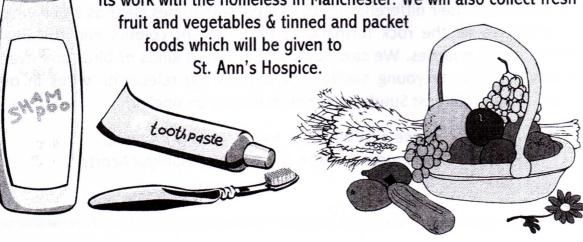
If you hear whispers in the rain It's probably just me Thanking the Lord for glorious rain As I stand here under a tree.

Rain is cooling, rain is cleansing
Rain is essential for life
Birds and animals quench their thirst
And my bird bath is full of trouble and strife.
The birds are bathing and tweeting with glee,
I think they love rain as much as me.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2011

Our Church Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 9th October at 10.30am.

Once again we will be collecting tinned and packet foods & toiletries, socks and underwear! These will be given to the Barnabus Project for its work with the homeless in Manchester. We will also collect fresh fruit and vegetables & tinned and packet



THE FOOD PAGE

I am writing this upon returning from a marvellous evening in Pennington Park in the company of many flag waving people in Tyldesley Brass Band's version of the 'Last Night of the Proms'. We sang, we clapped, we waved our flags, I spent a hilarious 20 mins in the queue for the ladies toilets which was, as one lady with Union Jack earrings said, 'the most entertaining toilet visit' she had ever had!! We even had wonderful fireworks to the 1812 Overture, although having been a recipient of 'Rocket Revs' pyrotechnical wizardry......?!! It was dark by 8 o'clock though and suddenly autumn seemed upon us, hastened on by the storms and floods this week. So here are some recipes to warm you as we travel into winter.

Andrea Taziker

Apple Shortbread Cakes

Shortbread

4 oz butter

2 oz castor sugar

6 oz plain flour

Mix the butter and sugar together until smooth. Stir in the flour until you get a smooth paste. Roll out until about 1cm thick and then cut into rounds about 4cm in diametre. Bake in an oven on Gas Mark 5/190C/375F for about 15-20 mins.

Filling

3 apples, peeled, cored and sliced

4 oz castor sugar

1 heaped teaspoon of cinnamon

1 tablespoon lemon juice

10 fl oz water

Place all above into a saucepan, bring to boils and simmer gently taking care not to keep the slices whole. When the apple is softened, remove from heat cool slightly and remove apple from pan.

To make the cakes

Onto one shortbread biscuit spoon on 3-4 apple slices and a good dollop of whipped double cream. Place another shortbread biscuit on top, sprinkle with icing sugar and serve. Delicious with hot chocolate!

Leek and bacon cauliflower cheese

1/2 cauliflower

3 oz bacon

1 leek

Salt and pepper

Basic Cheese Sauce recipe using Red Leicester Cheese with $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of mustard added and a pinch of cayenne pepper.

Cut the cauliflower into small floret's and cook in boiling water for about 5 minutes. Drain thoroughly.

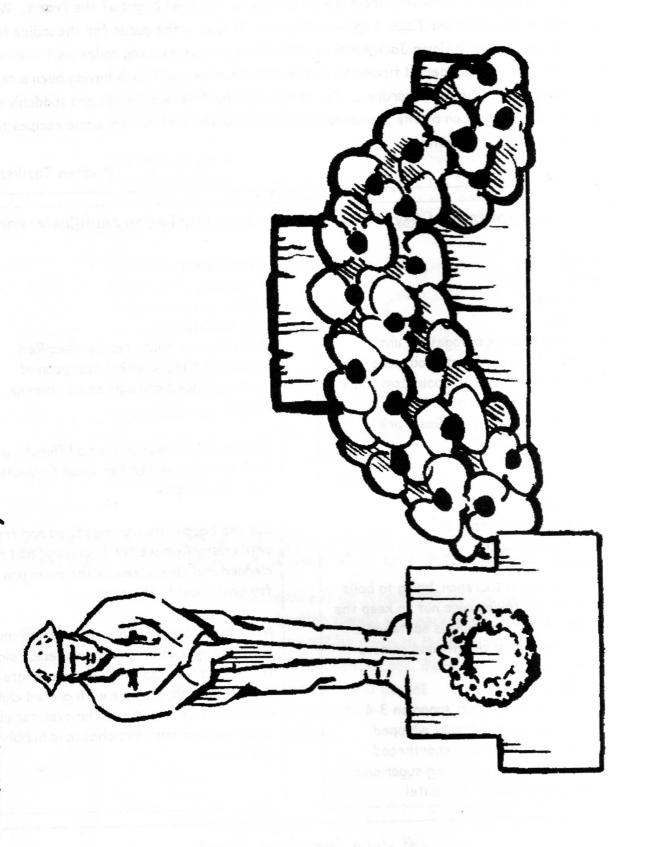
Cut the bacon into narrow strips and fry until crisp. Remove the bacon and add the cleaned and sliced leek to the same pan and fry gently until softened.

Make a basic Cheese Sauce and once smooth add the cauliflower, bacon and leek, fold these in softly. Spoon the mixture into an ovenproof dish, sprinkle with grated cheese and bake near the top of the oven for about 15-20 mins or until the cheese is bubbling and brown.

A date for your diary!

Carols on the Common 21st December 2011

A Remembrance Sunday Picture For Children To Colour In



The Word Search

Remember - words can run in any direction!

If you need the solution, it's towards the back of the magazine.

LUKE

St. Luke's day is on October 18th. Since this edition of the magazine covers October, here's a word search based on Luke and the Gospel he wrote. Luke, a physician, was a Gentile Christian. He addressed his account of the life of Jesus to one Theophilus, also a Gentile, his purpose being to make the message of salvation understandable to a non-Jew. Probably written around AD 60, his Gospel is well researched, detailed and readable.

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REPENTANCE
RICH FOOL
SAMARITAN
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TEMPTATION
THEOPHILUS
ZACCHAEUS
ZECHARIAH

St. John's Commissions Review

Back in 2002 members of St. John's joined together for a project that was given the name "The Way Ahead". It's aim was to make plans for the life and work of St. John's Church, Mosley Common. The result was that, after plenty of prayer, thought and discussion, ten Commissions were set up to encourage and develop the mission and ministry of St. John's in line with it's Vision Statement and establishment as a parish Church of the Church of England. People have been working together on these Commissions ever since. To a large extent, they've served us well. But we've come to realise that some of them have been more suitable for us than others. We've also realised that circumstances have changed.

For example, the Church of England has been actively developing the role of its Readers. They're now each expected to have areas of specific responsibility entrusted to them. So when David Kendrick was licensed as our third Reader, we had to make sure that that requirement was met. We also had to make sure that we did the same for Keith and Mike.

So we've been undertaking a review of the situation.

Back in 2002, the then Bishop of Bolton was concerned to ensure that the Commissions were properly accountable to an "appropriate authority" as befits the order, discipline and structure of the Church of England. With this in mind, he saw the Commissions, in effect, as subcommittees of the PCC which should therefore be required to report to and be governed by the PCC. That's more or less how we've been working since then. But that's not the only way of organising things. As well as the PCC, the Churchwardens, Vicar and Readers each have responsibilities and degrees of authority.

Taking these things into consideration, we've come up with a fresh framework for what we do at St. John's. The intention is to provide something that'll help further the life and work of the Church at St. John's — something that'll support, enable and encourage us to develop our mission and ministry here in line with our Vision Statement, our establishment as a parish Church of the Church of England and our membership of the Astley, Tyldesley and Mosley Common Team Ministry.

Listed under the headings that we had for our 10 Commissions, here's the outcome of the review:-

Leadership

The Leadership Team consists of the Vicar and Readers. It's led by the Vicar. It will continue as a Team under the auspices of the Vicar rather than as a Commission under the auspices of the PCC.

Worship

The responsibility for worship rests with the Vicar and Readers. They work together and in association with the Organist and Music Group Leader, liaising with and reporting to others (e.g. the PCC) when appropriate.

Prayer

The old Prayer Commission will continue as the "Prayer Team" under Nick's leadership. the Prayer Team will work under the auspices of the Vicar and will report to the PCC.

Pastoral

Mike, as a Reader, has specific responsibility for pastoral matters. He'll report primarily to the Vicar and will report to the PCC when appropriate. He leads a Pastoral Ministry Group which will in effect replace the Pastoral Commission.

Evangelism

David, as a Reader, has specific responsibility for evangelism. He'll report primarily to the Vicar and will report to the PCC when appropriate. He leads an Evangelism Group which will in effect replace the old Evangelism Commission.

Housegroups

Keith, as a Reader, has specific responsibility for housegroups. He reports primarily to the Vicar and will report to the PCC when appropriate. With this in mind, the old Housegroup Commission will be discontinued. Keith will work closely with other people, for example St. John's housegroup leaders. He'll also work in association with people at St. Stephen's and St. George's to foster the growth of housegroups across the Team Ministry.

Missions

The old Missions Commission will continue under Graham's leadership, possibly under the title "Local and World-wide Church Support Team", liaising with the Vicar and reporting to and under the auspices of the PCC.

Children & Youth

David, as a Reader, has specific responsibility for Children's / Youth work and ministry. He reports primarily to the Vicar and will report to the PCC when appropriate. He will explore ways of working with, supporting and encouraging those engaged this area of the church's life and work.

Finance & Fabric

Rather than having a committee, we've been working with a Finance & Fabric Commission. The Commission will continue as a group set up by and under the auspices of the Churchwardens to help them fulfil their responsibilities. It will include the PCC Treasurer and will report to the PCC.

Social

Events are being arranged, co-ordinated and run by people on an ad hoc and informal networking basis. There's a feeling at St. John's that having a formal Social Committee or Commission hasn't been a particularly effective way of working for us. Events in the name of, or in association with St. John's Church are to be under the auspices of the PCC which must therefore consider how they are to be authorised and managed.

In the original project, community liaison was considered alongside St. John's social life. However, no specific Community Liaison Commission was created. Since then St. John's has been very much positively involved in the life of the community with encouraging results. With this in mind, Keith, as a Reader, now has specific responsibility for community liaison. He reports primarily to the Vicar and will report to the PCC when appropriate.



School and Church CHRISTMAS FAIR

Father Christmas

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stalls

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tombola

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plants

The Christmas Fair has become quite a social event in our calendar. Each year we seem to get busier and busier. We have lots of stalls and of course the ever popular Father Christmas.

We have a cafe selling

We have a cafe selling sandwiches and drinks and a refreshment counter with hot turkey rolls etc. Most importantly we want as many of you as possible to join us – have a chat with friends you don't see very often. Listen to the children singing. Please do come along and help make this a lovely, happy festive occasion.

cakes

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books

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gifts

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cafe





SATURDAY, 26th NOVEMBER. In School at 1.30 p.m.

Change Of Magazine Editor

This is the last edition of St. John's magazine to be produced by Julian. Sylvia and Andrea Taziker looked after the magazine while Julian was on his sabbatical tour of cathedrals in 2009 and they have kindly agreed to take over magazine editorship from him now. This will allow Julian to develop his role as a Team Vicar, with more involvement at St. George's when Chris retires as Vicar there at the end of November.



Baptisms

September 11th Daniel Hardman Kaitlin Hardman

Weddings

August 28th
Elizabeth Blundell and Matthew Johnson

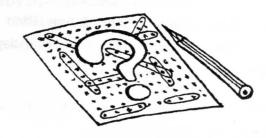
September 3rd Jenny Foster and Gary Swindells

Funerals

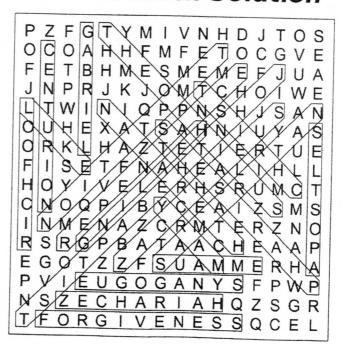
August 12th Pat Watkins, aged 73



Once again we're planning to have a fireworks display. This year it'll be on friday 4th November at our School. With the financially tough times in mind, we'll keep ticket prices the same as last year — that's £2.50 if bought in advance and £3 if you pay at the gate on the night. Hopefully we'll sell enough to cover the increasing firework prices! As in previous years, children under 2 years old will be admitted free. Tickets should be available in Church and at the School from mid-October.



Word Search Solution



Sunday Rotas

These rotas are for our usual Sunday morning services at 10.30am.

Volunteers are requested for services at other times of the day and on other days of the week.

Sidesperson's Rota			Intercessions		
October	2nd	Jean & David Kendrick	October	2nd	Ann Haigh
October	9th	Sylvia & Andrea Taziker	October	9th	Nick & Adele Hardman
October	16th	Ann Hilton & Ellen Fenwick	October	16th	Margaret Howarth
October	23rd	Lilian & Graham Ridge	October	23rd	Vic Jackson
October 3	0th	Marjorie Owen	October	30th	David Kendrick
		& Janette Lee Taylor	November	6th	Mike & Marie Stuckey
November		Eddie & Joan Taylor	November	13th	Keith Worthington
November	13th	Sybil Hall Edna Edwards & Betty Hartley	November		Sue Bloor
November	20th	Ann Haigh & Mavis Wright	November		Ann Haigh
November		Betty Jones & Marian Blundell	December	4th	Nick & Adele Hardman
December		Jean & David Kendrick	Lov And	ioton	40
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Coffee F	Rota		October	2nd	Christine Barnes & David Kendrick
October	2nd	Ellen Fenwick & Diane Leakey	October	16th	Nick Hardman & Mike Stuckey
October	9th	Sandra Phillips & Karen Lawson	November	6th	Marie Stuckey & Keith Worthington
October	16th	Jean Bayliss & Annette Hewitson	November	20th	David Barnes & Gladys Jackson
October	23rd	Marian Blundell & Ann Hilton	December	4th	Jim Baker & Ann Haigh
October	30th	Betty Hartley & Carol Priestley			
November	6th	Christine Barnes & Marie Stuckey	Flowers		
November	13th	Ellen Fenwick & Diane Leakey	October	2nd	Betty, Susan & Lucie in memory of Eric
November	20th	Sandra Phillips & Karen Lawson	October	9th	Christine & David Barnes in memory of Terry Connor
November	27th	Jean Bayliss			& Eddie Kershaw
		& Annette Hewitson	October	16th	Marie / Mike Stuckey
December	4th	Marian Blundell & Ann Hilton	October	23rd	Women's Fellowship
Bible Readers			October	30th	Karen Lawson & family in memory of Bill Anderson
October	2nd	Keith / Glennys Worthington	November	r 6th	Julian Hartley
October	9th	Peter Leakey	November	r 13th	Susan & Alan Howarth
October	16th	Jim Baker	November	r 20th	Ann Hilton in memory of Edith Hilton
October	23rd	David Barnes	November	r 27th	Ann Haigh
October	30th	Ann Haigh	December		Maureen Knox & David Tong
November		Adele Hardman	December	, 7UI	in memory of Connie & Percy
November		Nick Hardman			Tong
November		David Kendrick			
November	27th	Stella Hopkinson			

December 4th Pam Hartley



Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship meets on these Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Church Lounge unless otherwise stated:-

October 5th Speaker: Maureen Hurst

October 12th No meeting

October 19th Films: Harry Lord

October 26th Women's Fellowship

November 2nd Speaker: November 9th Speaker:

November 6th Women's Fellowship

November 23rd Bazaar preparation

November 30th Speaker:

Monday Fellowship

The Monday Fellowship will be attending the monthly Communion Service at the Rowans until further notice.

Wednesday Afternoon Group

The Wednesday Afternoon Group will meet at 2.15pm in the Church Lounge on:-

October

12th & 26th

November

9th & 23rd

Parochial Church Council

St. John's P.C.C. will meet on Thursday 17th November in the Church Lounge at 7.45pm.

Deanery Synod

The Leigh Deanery Synod will meet at St. John's Church on Wednesday 9th October at 7.30pm. It will be preceded by a Deanery Pastoral Committee meeting at 7pm.

Magazine Deadline

Material for the December / January edition of St. John's magazine must reach Andrea & Sylvia Taziker by Sunday 13th November. Note the change of editor and who magazine material should be given to.

Services At St. John's

October 2nd

10.30 am Holy Communion

October 9th

10.30 am Harvest Festival

October 16th

10.30 am Holy Communion

October 23rd

10.30 am Baptism Service

or Morning Prayer

October 30th

10.30 am Memorial Service

November 6th

10.30 am Holy Communion

November 13th

10.30 am Remembrance Sunday Service

November 20th

10.30 am Holy Communion

November 27th

10.30 am Advent Sunday

Christingle Service

December 4th

10.30 am Holy Communion

Team Service

November 27th

6.00 pm Advent Sunday Carol Service

at St. George's Church

Churches Together In Boothstown Service

October 9th

6.00 pm St. Mary's Church, Ellenbrook

Services At The Rowans

A Holy Communion service will take place in the Rowans at 1.45pm on:-

Monday

October

10th 7th

Monday

November