



# Parish News

**Including news  
from St Philip's**



**July 2020**

*Welcome to another edition of our Parish Magazine, which now also includes occasional news and contributions from St Philip's.*

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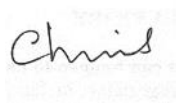
Dear friends

You will know that the Prime Minister has announced that churches will be permitted to open for public worship from 4th July, a view welcomed by Bishop David and all the other diocesan bishops in England. You will also be aware that we intend to resume our usual pattern of services (remembering that Sunday is now 11am, not 10.30am) from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, though exactly what is and is not permitted is not clear at this stage. However, this is no reason to defer opening.

Perhaps most importantly of all though is the reminder that this is permission – nothing more. I know that there will be some members of our congregations who, for very understandable reasons, don't feel that the time is yet right to return to public worship. To those people in particular, I want to say to you that you are not letting God, me or yourself down and you should not feel at all guilty. Self-care remains very important and you are none the less a part of our church family because of such a decision. Please be assured that the whole of our church family is held in my prayers now, as at all times.

For those of us coming to worship, it will be good to be together but we do so within the confines of our risk assessment and we will adjust this as circumstances allow. During these weeks of lockdown, we have remained as the Body of Christ, that group of people who, as part of their commitment to following Jesus, meet together regularly for worship. That we haven't managed the physical meeting hasn't been because we didn't want to do it – we couldn't - but the bonding together we experience, a work of the Holy Spirit, is stronger than structures, stronger even than coronavirus. God continues to be at work through us and in us and for that, as for much else, we should be truly thankful.

With love and best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.



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4th June 2020

Dear friends

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are managing to adjust to the changing circumstances in which we continue to find ourselves. Church life has needed to adjust alongside everything else and I am very grateful to my clergy and churchwarden colleagues for the significant amount of work they have been doing during the lockdown period; having such a competent and committed team is a great gift to us all.

As many of you will know, on 12th July, Rev'd Roy Iddon retires from his post as Associate Priest at St Philip's. Roy has served faithfully for 18 years and I know that my two predecessors were very grateful for Roy's ministry – as am I. For obvious reasons, we will not be able to have a formal farewell for Roy in July – that will come later.

Roy's retirement raises the issue of timing and staffing of services as there has been a service at 10.30am at both the Parish Church and at St Philip's. With the churchwardens and standing committees, I have looked at a number of options and the outcome was that we decided to present to both PCCs a proposal to alter the times of services. Both PCCs met earlier this week and supported the proposal which is that the St Philip's morning service time moves to 9.15am and the Parish Church service time moves to 11.00am. Other service times at the Parish Church remain unchanged.

The principal reason for the change in time is that it allows me to be at both churches on a Sunday morning - something which is important as I am vicar of both parishes. We are fortunate in having a relatively large clergy team here with a wide range of responsibilities but what we must aim for is consistency in contact with congregations and this adjustment of service times allows for this.

I realise that this change will need some adjustment for everyone and will in some cases be inconvenient, and for this I apologise. However, it will provide for a consistency of ministry across both of our parishes and, I hope, will provide the pastoral care and better serve the mission of the church to which we are all called.

With my very best wishes

*Chris*

Chris is county chaplain for the Royal British Legion. The Legion's county service was due to be held in Rochdale at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday 19th July.

Chris will now be recording the service from the Parish Church and it will be streamed online. Director of Music Michael Pain will be providing the hymns and music, which will include Nimrod and Widor's Toccata, and the service can be followed on the Church's Facebook page.

**[www.facebook.com/boltonparishchurch](http://www.facebook.com/boltonparishchurch)**

### **Used Postage Stamps**

Please continue to save stamps at home for future collection. The stamps will eventually go to RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People). By collecting stamps we can help to break down the barriers that stop people with sight loss living life to the full. All stamps are accepted: new or used, first or second class, foreign, first day covers, presentation packs or albums. Stamps are sold by weight and the RNIB raises £20 per kilogram of stamps.

## **The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

### **The Collect**

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord.

Amen.

## Manchester Diocesan Prayer in a Time of Crisis

O Living God, beloved Father of all,  
your love and faithfulness was shown  
when you led your pilgrim people  
through the waters of the Red Sea,  
and in your Son you brought us home  
as beloved children in your family.

In this time of trial, crisis and fear,  
help us, your pilgrim people  
in the Diocese of Manchester,  
to trust in your abundant love and grace.  
Teach us to pray for and to serve  
our communities in this different world  
in which we are now set.

Through your Guiding Spirit,  
unite us in hope, faith and truth;  
equip us to serve and pray,  
to reach out to those in greatest need,  
and be assured that in all times –  
in times of little and of much,  
in times of fear and of hope –  
your Son always goes ahead,  
revealing to us the Way of Love.

Amen.



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Diocese of Manchester

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FOR A  
DIFFERENT  
WORLD

## **Mid-summer thoughts.**

Mid-summer is a wonderful time of year, light and bright, generally dry and warm, inviting us to get out-of-doors, with the promise of summer holidays just ahead. This year, of course, everything is different – yet still it was just around the longest day of the year that the Government announced several ways that lockdown was being relaxed.

Schools welcoming children back, shops and services opening their doors and families and friends able to sit out late on light evenings in the garden to share fellowship and refreshment. Hooray.

In the church calendar, June 29th brings the feast day of St Peter; significant as both the patronal festival and the anniversary of the dedication of the Parish Church of St Peter Bolton-le-Moors. Although the resumption of services came just too late to allow us to meet together in the church building, some of the young people from Sunday School and our two primary schools did help celebrate the day.

In Manchester, as in many dioceses, Petertide is traditionally Ordination time, bringing joy both personal and communal, as new Deacons and Priests take on fresh roles and ministries in many parishes. Twelve months ago Ian first put on the ‘ring of confidence’ of a clerical collar and appeared wearing his stole, worn diagonally signifying that he had been ordained as a Deacon.

By now in the normal run of things he should be wearing the stole straight, having been priested; sadly Covid-19 means he and we have to wait a little longer. But many clergy and their families will have been very conscious of one more anniversary of having been Ordained at Petertide in years past.

Incidentally, midsummer is a great time for getting married too. Although this summer many wedding plans have had to be put on hold, we look forward to the time when all manner of celebrations return.

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*Opposite: St Peter, north transept window (photo by Anthony Slack)*





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29<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear friends

As you will know from last week's newsletter, we are planning to restart services at the Parish Church on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July and at St Philip's on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July. The purpose of this letter is, first and foremost to say that, even though it will be lovely to be back together in church once again, no-one should feel obliged to come back at this time or feel guilty if you can't do so. This is a permission not an obligation and there will be some in both our churches who, for very good reason, don't yet feel comfortable or confident in being back in a public building. ***You are not letting God, me or anyone else down by taking care of yourself.***

It is not for me to say who should or should not be coming to church other than to say those who are presenting any symptoms of COVID-19 or who are living with anyone showing such symptoms, should stay away. Similarly, there will be some who have needed to self-isolate or shield and you must consider carefully when the time to return to church is right. I'm not trying to put anyone off coming to church – far from it – but I am, above all else, asking you to care for yourself.

At the time of writing (and this might change as more information becomes available) the main changes you might expect to see at our churches are:

- Socially distanced seating
- Hand sanitiser for use when arriving and leaving
- One way movement in, out and around church
- Disposable service sheets instead of books
- No singing
- Communion received standing and in one kind (i.e. bread) only.
- No collection but a plate at the back of church.
- No refreshments after the service

Please, when you do come to church, follow the directions of the churchwardens and those assisting them. Our wardens have done a magnificent job throughout the lockdown period and when they ask you to behave in a particular way in church, they know what they're talking about and deserve our unquestioning support. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude as we do to my clergy colleagues and those many other people who in very different ways have contributed to our online worship and wider church life during the lockdown. Thank you.

From 5<sup>th</sup> July, we are hoping to stream the 8am Holy Communion service from the Parish Church and this will be available on Facebook, YouTube and through the website. On 12<sup>th</sup> July, in addition to the Parish Church services, Revd Roy Iddon will stream a farewell eucharist from his home. We will end the streaming of Evening Prayer on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and will end Prayer Locker on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July (though we hope to have a weekly Prayer Locker on Sundays).

With my love and very best wishes

*Chris*



# You and Your Waste



## Think



A simple 'cartoon about trash' caused quite a stir on the internet. The 20-minute film *The Story of Stuff* has been viewed more than 40 million times worldwide.

Produced by Annie Leonard and Free Range Studios, this short film is all about the way we make, use, and throw away stuff. The production unleashed a torrent of pent-up demand for honest conversation about the impacts of our consumer-crazed culture on people and the planet.

We live in wasteful, throw-away society. Every year, 600 million tonnes of products and materials enter the UK economy and only 115 million tonnes of that gets recycled. Most ends up on landfill sites, which produce carbon dioxide and methane gas, affecting climate and biodiversity.

## Do ✓

### Watch The Story of Stuff...

...with your church, small group, family or friends. What do you think about it? Does it cause you to take any further action? By reducing, reusing and recycling, we can preserve our precious finite resources for future generations and live more sustainably on our planet.

#### THE STORY OF STUFF

[www.storyofstuff.org](http://www.storyofstuff.org)

## Do more ✓✓

### Reduce, re-use and recycle

...with your church, small group, family or friends. What do you think about it? Does it cause you to take any further action? By reducing, re-using and recycling, we can preserve our precious finite resources for future generations and live more sustainably on our planet.

#### A ROCHA UK'S LIVING LIGHTLY

[arochoa.org.uk/our-activities/living-lightly-take-action/waste-2](http://arochoa.org.uk/our-activities/living-lightly-take-action/waste-2)

### Turn your waste into something wonderful

A great source of bulky, organic material is your own garden compost. It's easy to make, it costs nothing and it does the garden a whole lot of good. Here is the BBC's step-by-step guide to making your own compost heap.

#### BBC'S GUIDE TO MAKING YOUR OWN COMPOST HEAP

[www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/htbg/module7/making\\_your\\_own\\_compost1.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/htbg/module7/making_your_own_compost1.shtml)

### Get to the root of composting

Anything natural such as leaves, fruit, vegetables, wool or paper will slowly rot and decompose over time – thanks to myriad organisms, bacteria, fungi, and insects.

What remains is a rich, nutrient packed substance, which looks similar to soil, that your garden will love.

#### THE ECOLOGIST'S GUIDE TO COMPOSTING

[www.theecologist.org/green\\_green\\_living/gardening/1092448/the\\_beginners\\_guide\\_to\\_making\\_your\\_own\\_compost.html](http://www.theecologist.org/green_green_living/gardening/1092448/the_beginners_guide_to_making_your_own_compost.html)

## Don't be a drip!

Wasting water is another problem we need to tackle. Do you want to know how much water you use and where you can make savings? Thames Water has produced an online questionnaire to work out your average water usage and highlight ways in which you can save water on our planet. The questionnaire can also be used for other regions.

### THAMES WATER'S USAGE CALCULATOR

[secure.thameswater.  
co.uk/waterwisely/  
calculate.htm](https://secure.thameswater.co.uk/waterwisely/calculate.htm)

## Use resources responsibly

WRAP is a registered charity with a powerful vision – to show how businesses, organisations and consumers can be part of a 'resource revolution' that will re-invent, re-think and re-define how we use materials. The organisation's five-year plan focuses on three priority areas – food and drink, clothing and textiles, and electricals and electronics – all underpinned by resource management.

### WRAP

[www.wrap.org.uk](http://www.wrap.org.uk)

## Share and share alike

More than 5,000 groups with nearly ten million members make up the global Freecycle Network. This is a grassroots and entirely non-profit movement of people who are giving – and getting – free stuff in their own towns.

It's all about re-use and keeping good items out of landfills. Each local group is moderated by local volunteers.

Membership is free. To sign up, find your community by entering it into the search box or by clicking on 'Browse Groups' above the search box.

### FREecycle

[www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)

## Rescue and revamp

Upcycling is the act of taking something no longer in use and giving it a second life and new function. In doing so, the finished product often becomes more practical, valuable and beautiful than it previously was. A website called Upcycle That provides upcycling ideas, inspiration and tutorials. By showcasing discarded items as a resource, they aim to inspire people to creatively repurpose and reuse what they already have. The site was founded by Jacques Karsten and Judy Rom on Earth Day 2012. Upcycle That is a resource for people interested in reusing items in innovative ways.

### UPCYCLE THAT

[www.upcyclethat.com](http://www.upcyclethat.com)

## Buy recycled items

This will increase demand for recycled products and create a good recycling loop. Recycled products are widely available. Use this weblink to become familiar with the different eco-friendly labels you might find on these products.

### RECYCLING GUIDE

[www.recycling-guide.org.uk/products.html](http://www.recycling-guide.org.uk/products.html)

## See what's in your neighbourhood

Connect with Streetbank, a movement that encourages people to give things away and share items and skills. It all started in 2010, after a man called Sam had a positive experience of sharing with his next-door neighbours. They had been lending things to him – like a cup of sugar – but it got bigger, and in time he found he'd actually made friends with them. They even helped with each other's gardening.

### STREETBANK

[www.streetbank.com](http://www.streetbank.com)

Streetbank was born from Sam's experience and has grown to be one of the biggest neighbourhood sharing websites in the world.

## Calendar for July 2020

Services resume at Bolton Parish Church on Sunday 5th July (note the new time **11.00** for Parish Communion) and at St. Philip's on Sunday 19th July (note the new time **9.15**)

### **5 Sunday Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) online later in the morning

11.00 Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

18.30 Evening Prayer

7 Tuesday 12.15 Holy Communion (Common Worship)

9 Thursday 12.15 Holy Communion (Common Worship)

### **12 Sunday Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) online later in the morning

9.15 Revd Roy Iddon's final service (**online only**)

11.00 Parish Communion (Common Worship)

18.30 Evening Prayer (Common Worship)

14 Tuesday John Keble, priest, poet, 1866

12.15 Holy Communion (Common Worship)

16 Thursday Osmund, Bishop, 1099

12.15 Holy Communion (Common Worship)

### **19 Sunday Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) online later in the morning

11.00 Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

14.30 Royal Legion Service from Bolton Parish Church (online only)

18.30 Evening Prayer (Common Worship)

21 Tuesday 12.15 Holy Communion (Common Worship)

23 Thursday Bridget, abbess, 1373

12.15 Holy Communion (Common Worship)

### **26 Sunday Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

8.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) online later in the morning

11.00 Parish Communion (Common Worship)

18.30 Evening Prayer (Common Worship)

28 Tuesday 12.15 Holy Communion (Common Worship)

30 Thursday William Wilberforce, social reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, anti-slavery campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846

12.15 Holy Communion (Common Worship)

## **A Reflection from Revd Barrie Gaskell**

Over the generations and centuries, so many have received sustenance from the last few verses of this Sunday's Gospel (*5th July, Matthew 11.16–19, 25–end*). Not in the Common Worship Eucharistic liturgy, but included in that of the Prayer Book are what are often called “the comfortable words”.

Perhaps we can all identify with the “knocks, bruises, difficulties and adversities” which maybe experienced in the journey of life here on earth. And yet, Jesus identified with these human experiences; and moreover suffered them Himself for all our sakes, and with such generosity of Spirit offered us each an invitation. To come to Him, have faith, trust and love for Him and bring to Him our burdens and weariness and He will give us rest! Many might doubt, or not accept this offer which our Lord freely offers us. Yet for many throughout the generations, it has brought comfort, solace, inner strength and perhaps an inner sense that, despite whatever we might be facing, Jesus is with us.

As so many have testified, in the darkness there is always the light that will overcome. In many years of hospital chaplaincy ministry, people have shared just how important these comfortable words have been to them. Maybe it is good to be reminded again of these words in our own life's journey.

Furthermore, in what we have experienced around the world these past few months, and the accompanying sense of helplessness at times, the invitation Jesus gave all those years ago is still there, open to all and as relevant to our spiritual well-being as ever.

For, it is a beautiful invitation, one which we would do well to embrace. “Learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls”.

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### **Prayer of preparation for 2021**

*The prayer below has been produced to help us to prepare for the 2021 celebrations.*

*Card copies of the prayer will be available at the back of Church when we re-open.*



Lord God, we give you thanks for the church in this place.

For the building which for almost 150 years has stood in faithful witness, being founded on rock which has been a site of Christian worship for centuries past;

And for your people who meet here, grounded in the faith of your Apostle Peter, whom Christ called to be the rock on which He would build His Church.

Grant, we pray, continuing blessing on the work of your church in this town. Amen

## Hymn Quiz

*Another hymn quiz to occupy you during the month. In part 1, as in last month's quiz, you are asked to identify a hymn from just one word. Part 2 is slightly easier, with more context provided. Answers next month.*

### Part 1

- |                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. Flourish       | 21. Cloy       |
| 2. Honey          | 22. Stablished |
| 3. Drudgery       | 23. Trump      |
| 4. Purge          | 24. Frowning   |
| 5. Prophet-bards  | 25. Heats      |
| 6. Scorching      | 26. Slippery   |
| 7. Chide          | 27. Schooling  |
| 8. Mingled        | 28. Seemly     |
| 9. Contemplating  | 29. Prostrate  |
| 10. Noon-day      | 30. Hobgoblin  |
| 11. Eclipse       | 31. Theme      |
| 12. Chaos         | 32. Crafty     |
| 13. Purple-headed | 33. Organs     |
| 14. Aching        | 34. Tracts     |
| 15. Glassy        | 35. Ponder     |
| 16. Foot-marks    | 36. Verge      |
| 17. Inspired      | 37. Successive |
| 18. Murderer      | 38. Perplexed  |
| 19. Refreshing    | 39. Falters    |
| 20. Ever-rolling  | 40. Wreaths    |

## **Part 2**

1. Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story (last verse, last line)
2. I delivered thee when bound (start of verse 2)
3. Thrice holy! Father, spirit, son (start of last verse)
4. Not one in seven (from verse 2)
5. In our wanderings be our guide (from last verse)
6. Hell's foundations quiver (from verse 2)
7. Weak is the effort of my heart (start of verse 5)
8. He speaks (start of verse 4)
9. The king of glory passes on his way (from verse 7)
10. The cross he bore is life and health (start of last verse)
11. God is our strength and song (start of verse 4)
12. Should flesh and blood refine (from verse 4)
13. Above the thorns of choking care (from verse 3)
14. From utmost east to utmost west (start of verse 2)
15. From hell's devouring jaws (start of verse 3)
16. O Holy spirit, who didst brood (start of verse 3)
17. Fading is the wordling's pleasure (from last verse)
18. Come, let us follow where our captain trod (start of verse 2)
19. Glad is the praise, sweet are the songs (start of verse 2)
20. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth (start of last verse)

Congratulations  
to  
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on their 45th Wedding Anniversary  
on 28 June

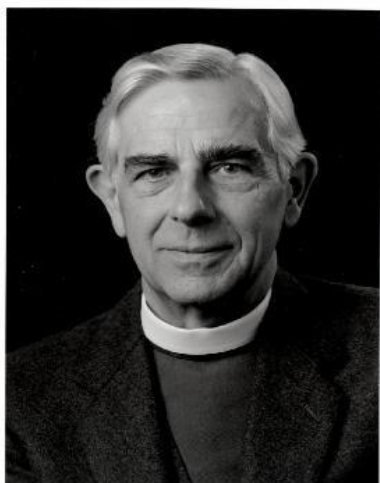


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*Each month, we'll be looking at some of our well-loved hymns and finding out a little more their background.*

## **Tell out my soul**

The words of this interpretation of the Magnificat (Luke 1, 46-55) were written by Timothy Dudley-Smith, and the hymn is probably his best known.



Timothy Dudley-Smith was born on 26 December 1926 in Manchester. He was ordained in 1951 and was Archdeacon of Norwich (1973-81) and Bishop of Thetford (1981-91).

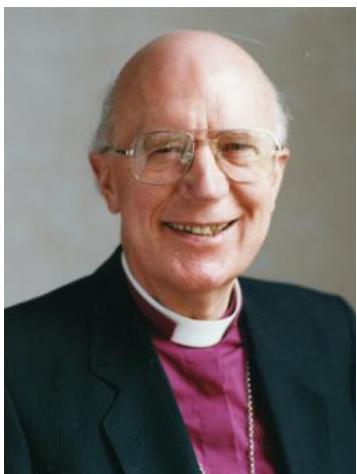
He now lives in retirement in Cambridge. He is an Honorary Vice-President of the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland, a Fellow of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, and a Fellow of the Royal School of Church Music. In 2003 he was awarded an OBE for 'services to hymnody'. As a hymn writer he has published about 400 hymn texts. *Tell Out My Soul*, written in 1962, was one of his earliest, and was first published in the *Anglican Hymn Book* (1965).

Timothy Dudley-Smith described how he came to write the hymn:

*I did not think of myself . . . as having in any way the gifts of a hymn-writer when in May 1961 I jotted down a set of verses, beginning "Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord." I was reading a review copy of the New English Bible New Testament, in which that line appears exactly as I have put it above; I saw in it the first line of a poem, and speedily wrote the rest.*

As mentioned above, the hymn was first published in *The Anglican Hymn Book* (1965), and was set to the tune *Tidings* by James Walch. – a composer who had a close connection with Bolton.

James Walch was born in Egerton on 21 June 1837. Taught by his father and Henry Smart (organist of Blackburn Parish Church), Walch was organist of a chapel at Walmersley and of three churches in Bolton (Duke's Alley Congregational Church, Bridge Street Wesleyan Chapel, and St George's Church) before becoming a music dealer. He died in Llandudno on 30 August 1901.



The hymn was also set to the tune *Go Forth* by Michael Baughen and published in *Youth Praise* in 1966. Like Timothy Dudley-Smith, Michael Baughen (born 7th June 1930) is also a retired bishop. After ordination, he served at Holy Trinity Church in Platt Lane, Rusholme, Manchester and All Souls, Langham Place in London before becoming the 39th Bishop of Chester (1982-1996).

He is also remembered for his contribution to hymnody.

Here, there is a connection with Timothy Dudley-Smith in addition to the hymn *Tell Out My Soul*. We are familiar with the hymns *Name of All Majesty* and *Lord for the Years* – both were written by Timothy Dudley-Smith, and the tunes to which we sing them are by Michael Baughen.

However, neither James Walch's *Tidings* nor Michael Baughen's *Go Forth* tunes for *Tell Out My Soul* was able to convey Mary's exhilaration in the way that a third hymn tune "*Woodlands*" could. This tune, composed by Walter Greatorex (1877-1949), first appeared as the tune for *Tell Out My Soul* in *Hymns Ancient & Modern, New Standard*, in 1983.

The tune's title refers to one of the schoolhouses at Gresham's School, Holt, Norfolk, where Walter Greatorex was director of music from 1911 until 1936.

He was known at Gresham's as 'Gog' or 'Greatoxe', and among those he taught at the school were Benjamin Britten (a boarder from 1928-1930), Sir Lennox Berkeley and W. H. Auden.



Woodlands is a perfect match for the bold text. Walter Greator composed the tune during his early years at Gresham's, and it was published in the Public School Hymn Book in 1919.

The tune Woodlands was also used for the hymn "Lift Up Your Hearts!" which became the school hymn of Derby School.

Instructions on how to sing the Woodlands tune appeared in the Psalter Hymnal Handbook:

*"A dramatic tune, WOODLANDS is marked by irresistible melodic gestures and by the breathless cadence of line 2, which propels us forward into line 3. The alternate harmonisation provided is his original; use that for stanza 4. Sing in strong unison throughout with a full organ and brass for festive services. Try having the full choir sing up an octave for the final two measures of stanzas 3 and 4."*

--Psalter Hymnal Handbook, 1987

In July 1949, Greator retired to Bournemouth, where he lived in a hotel for a few months until his death in December of the same year.

## Stained-glass windows

Three of the stained-glass windows in our church are originally from the old church. Two of them are described in this issue. In next month's magazine, we'll look at the third, which is in the Lady Chapel.

The first of these is the window in the North transept. This was previously the east window in the chancel of the Old Parish Church and, according to the *History of Bolton, with Memorials of the old Parish Church*, was inserted in the year 1845 "at the expense of the Rev. Canon Slade and the families of Bolling and Carlile, with which he was allied by intermarriage." It was an obituary window, recording the decease of several members of the three families mentioned and, according to the *History*, is an exact facsimile of the decorated window in the north transept of Witney Church, in Oxfordshire.

The window, produced from a design by Canon Slade, is made of seven lights, with a number of small compartments in the upper portion. The stained glass, with its rich tints, is the work of William Wailes (1808–1881) of Newcastle. Having studied stained-glass design and production in Germany under Mayer in the 1830s, William Wailes set up his own studio in 1838, and the business began producing its own glass in 1841.

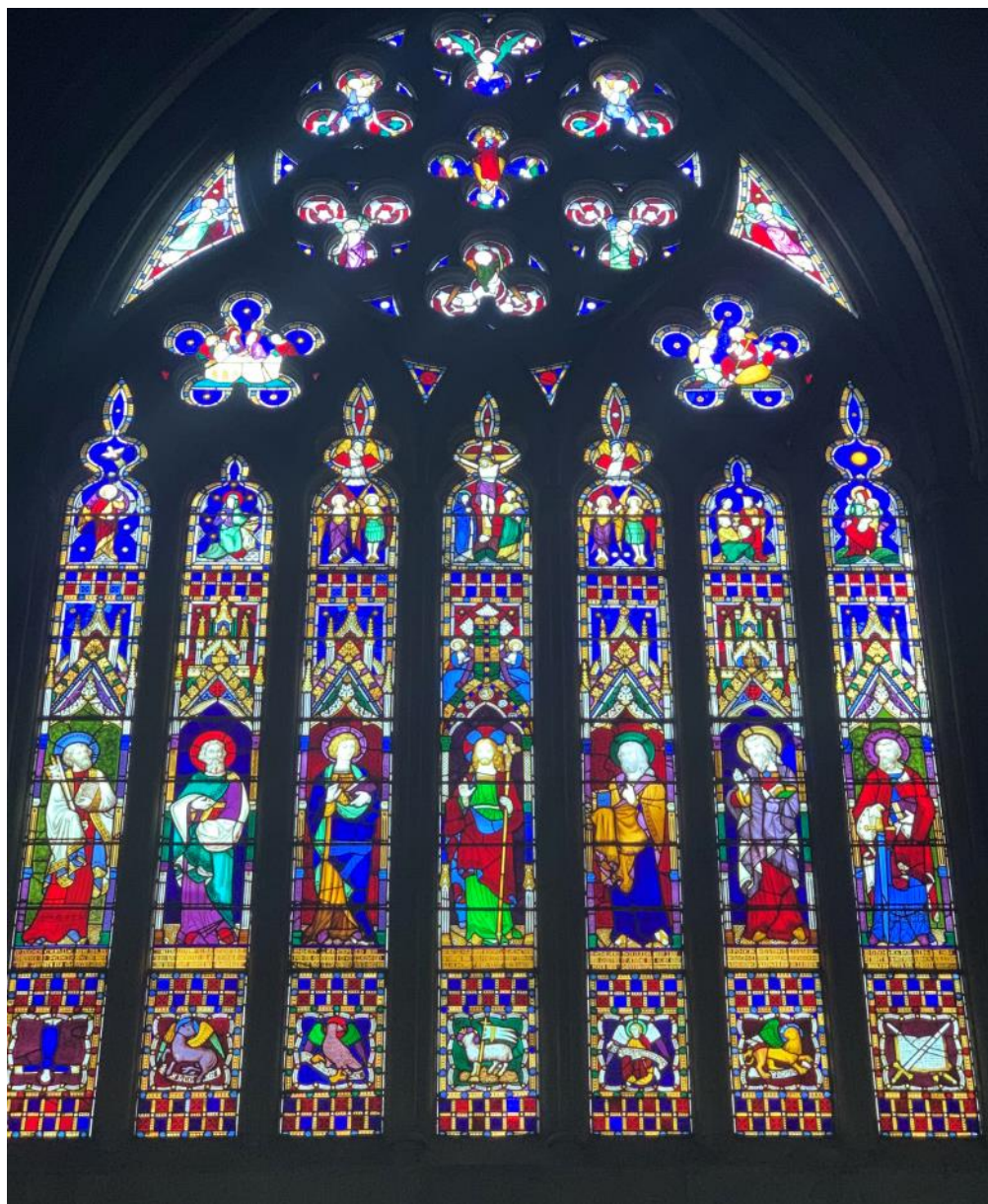


In the centre light is a representation of the Lord holding a crozier, with the Paschal lamb and banner beneath. On his left hand are St. Matthew and St. Mark, on his right St. John and St. Luke.

On the extreme left is St. Paul, and on the extreme right is St. Peter, the patron saint of the Church (*see also Anthony Slack's photo of this St. Peter on page 8*). All of the Apostles have their appropriate emblems below them.

The upper part of the window is filled with groups representing the Annunciation, the Adoration, the Crucifixion, the Entombment, the Resurrection, and the Ascension, interspersed with angels.

*Left: St Mark*



The second window from the old church is the window on the north side of the Church to the left of the chancel. The window is hidden from immediate sight by the organ case and pipes, but can be viewed outside the vicar's vestry.

In the old church, this was a testimonial window erected to mark Canon Slade's resignation of the Vicarate of Bolton. The window is arranged in three principal lights, the centre one showing a representation of "Our Lord in Majesty", surrounded by the glory of cherubim, with the earth as his footstool. Beneath the figure of Christ is an illustration of his entry into Jerusalem, the subject having been chosen by the Committee appointed to carry out the work, because it formed the basis of the last sermon delivered by Canon Slade in the Parish Church. The two side lights are filled with illustrations of the six corporal works of mercy: "I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me." The upper light, forming the apex of the window, contains the Holy Spirit descending as a Dove between two cherubims.

On a brass plate, measuring nearly seven feet in length, and placed beneath the window, the following inscription is engraved in old black letter style: "To the Glory of GOD, and as a testimony to the faithful and pious labours of HIS servant, James Slade, M.A., Vicar of Bolton during thirty-nine years, this window was erected, Anno Domini, 1857. 'They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars, for ever and ever.' — Daniel, xii., 3."





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