



Parish News

Including news
from St Philip's



November 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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Chris writes...

Dear friends

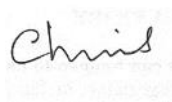
During my sixth form days, I had a Saturday job in a large shop that was a newsagent, stationers, tobacconist (we still used such words in those days!) and sweet shop. The owner was always keen that the window displays were kept fresh and attractive because they were ways of bringing customers into the shop.

Over the years, I've thought a great deal about where our "shop window" is in terms of what we stand for as a Christian church. Our worship week by week is, of course, the obvious and best example - but what about those who rarely if ever come to our services? Do they see anything of the life of the Christian community which is our parish and in which they live? I'm sure that they do, as each of us lives out our faith in practice, taking seriously the gospel charge to love God without reservation and our neighbour as ourselves.

We have an enormous deposit of faith within our Christian community here and I thank God that it overflows into every walk of life well beyond the church building. In view of this, it is not presumptuous for us to call ourselves "saints" – NOT because we are perfect or super-holy but because we have been called by God into His service and responded to that call. Put simply, we're not saints through merit but by grace. Crucially though, we are the ones who represent Jesus to those amongst whom we live and work – the shop window for the life of faith.

In this month which begins with All Saints Day, we thank God for calling us to be His saints and pray that we would live lives worthy of that calling.

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.

A Reflection on my time at St. Philip's

It all started, when early in 2002, the then Bishop of Bolton, the Rt. Rev'd. David Gillett, rang me to ask if I would like to help out for a couple of months at St. Philip's Church in Bolton. They had had a long interregnum and perhaps I could give a little continuity for a short while.

I knew St. Philip's from my early life. I had only lived a couple of miles away in the Parish of Holy Trinity, but I had never been into the church building. The Bishop said that, if I were willing to help out for a short spell, someone from the Church would be in touch. I agreed and soon I had been contacted by Graham Blinston, who with his wife Jean came up to see me and Ann and we talked about the situation at St. Philip's. The outcome was that at the beginning of May, I turned up at the Church for the Holy Eucharist Service and my couple of months began and ended eighteen years later on the 12th. July 2020.

Now my problem is, how does one reflect on eighteen years in a parish in one short magazine article, when I could write a book about my time there?

There have been so many high spots and also some trying times.

When I first arrived, I was struck by how few children there were in church. I did wonder why, after I had spent almost forty-five years in teaching, ministering to the young, God had directed me here, but soon the Rev'd. Mike Williams asked me, if I would like to go into Bishop Bridgeman School occasionally, to lead School Worship and soon, both Ann and I were listening to readers and I was helping in class with Religious Education and getting to know the staff and so we began to build up those first few tenuous and tentative links between St. Philip's Church and Bishop Bridgeman School.

I remember with great happiness our weekends away in Chester, York, Durham, Llandudno and Ambleside as well as our day in Liverpool visiting both Cathedrals. The fellowship, the worship, the joy and the feeling of the Church Family being together, never more obvious than when we gathered together on special occasions.

I always enjoyed our Carol Services, our Advent Reflections and our special services during Holy Week, especially our Maundy Thursday

Agape meal and our Palm Sunday Stations of the Cross, with the beautiful 'Stations' created by Karen and May after our visit to The Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool and dedicated by Bishop Mark Middleton. These services were always well attended by the congregation.

Of course, I will never forget that I was there for the Church's Centenary, when our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Nigel came to be with us and Preside at the Holy Eucharist.

There were also our Harvest and Christian Aid lunches held in the Church, always wonderful occasions and there was never any pressure needed for anyone to contribute with time or food. There was always a satisfying feeling of the church family coming together for a shared meal. I will never forget that the people of St. Philip's have always know how to enjoy themselves, but they have always known when to become serious, quiet, thoughtful and reflective.

Such memorable times!

St. Philip's Church building was consecrated early in the twentieth century and is now having some structural problems, which were always there in the background, but it is a lovely interior and is 'people sized'. Of course, the Church Of God is not a building it is the family of people who meet to worship and work together to build God's .Kingdom and I will always hold the family of St. Philip's in my heart.

I will always remember them as loving, generous, caring, welcoming and supportive. I cannot, obviously, mention anyone by name and there have been a few memorable characters among them, but I will continue to pray for them all and hope that they continue to do God's work or many years to come.

Writing this has brought back some lovely and long-lasting memories!

Fr. Roy

Calendar for November 2020

1 Sunday All Saints' Day

07.45 Prayer Locker — online
8.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
11.00 Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
18.30 Evening Prayer (Common Worship)

3 Tuesday Robert Hooker, priest, teacher of the faith, 1600
Martin of Porres, friar, 1639

12.15 Holy Communion (Common Worship)

5 Thursday 12.15 Holy Communion (Common Worship) -also streamed online on Sunday 8th

8 Sunday Third Sunday before Advent, Remembrance Sunday

07.45 Prayer Locker — online
8.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.50 Remembrance Service (see notice on next page)
18.30 Evening Prayer (Common Worship)

10 Tuesday Leo the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 461
12.15 Holy Communion (Common Worship)

12 Thursday Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582

12.15 Holy Communion (Common Worship) -also streamed online on Sunday 15th

15 Sunday Second Sunday before Advent

07.45 Prayer Locker — online
8.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
11.00 Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
18.30 Evening Prayer (Common Worship)

17 Tuesday Hugh, bishop, 1200

12.15 Holy Communion (Common Worship)

19 Thursday Hilda, abbess, 680

12.15 Holy Communion (Common Worship) -also streamed online on Sunday 22nd

22 Sunday Christ the King

07.45 Prayer Locker — online
8.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
11.00 Parish Communion (Common Worship)
18.30 Evening Prayer (Common Worship) - Choral Evensong will be on 6 Dec, see next page)

24 Tuesday 12.15 Holy Communion (Common Worship)

26 Thursday James Hannington, bishop, martyr, 1885

12.15 Holy Communion (Common Worship) -also streamed online on Sunday 29th

29 Sunday First Sunday of Advent

07.45 Prayer Locker — online
8.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
11.00 Parish Communion (Common Worship)
18.30 Evening Prayer (Common Worship)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2020

Remembrance Sunday 2020 will be very different. With the usual outdoor commemorations in Victoria Square and across the Borough prohibited, Bolton Parish Church will host the Civic Remembrance Service as we can meet the required social distancing standards.

The service will start at **10.50 a.m.** so that the Two Minutes Silence can be observed at 11.00 a.m. as it would normally be in Victoria Square. As seating will be limited, access to Church will be strictly controlled by Bolton Council with specified times of entry. Seating will be available and reserved for members of our congregation but to meet track and trace records and also ensure adequate seating **we need to know by Sunday 1 November if you intend to be at the service.**

Please ensure you let either Evelyn Weston or me know so that seating can be allocated. It will not be possible on this occasion to occupy your usual pew and to avoid congestion **you will need to arrive in church at the time specified on your ticket.** I am sorry that we need to control attendance in this manner but it is the only way we can meet the strict regulations in place.

If you cannot be at Church and want to view the service at home it will be livestreamed on www.bolton.gov.uk/remembrance.

Canon John Walsh OBE

Licensing of Revd Ian Hepburn as Lecturer EVENSONG 6 DECEMBER 2020

As we announced recently, the Rev Ian Hepburn will be Licensed as Lecturer by the Bishop of Bolton and the Archdeacon of Bolton. It has now been confirmed that the licensing service will be incorporated into the Choral Evensong service on 6 December at 6.30. As this is our usual Sunday Evening service, everyone is invited to join in welcoming Ian into his new role. Further details will be in the December Magazine but please make a note in your diary.

Income Survey

The Annual Income Survey will soon be taking place. All you have to do is put one tick on the form to indicate your income, fold the paper and put it in the box. It is totally anonymous. We send the box on, unopened, via the Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod, to the diocese for analysis.

This is how the diocese assesses our income as a church, based on the income of our congregation. You may think, “My income is small so there is no point in filling in the form” but the opposite is true – if only high income earners fill it in, the diocese will think we are all rich!

The diocese then uses the information to set our Parish Share – the contribution each parish is asked to give to cover expenditure on clergy stipends, pensions and expenses, training and support and so on. We always pay our parish share in full and that is a record to be proud of, but it does mean we have very little to spend on anything else.

John Walsh
Evelyn Weston
Wardens

Wearing of masks

The wearing of masks is mandatory in places of worship.

Certain people are exempt from mask-wearing. If you come in without a mask, we won't be asking any questions but we may guide you towards a seat in a designated area of the building where you can be comfortably separate from other worshippers. We will have a supply of masks for anyone who forgets!

Many of us find it more difficult to hear if we can't see the speaker's mouth. For this reason, the clergy will not wear masks when they are presiding or preaching, but they will for the rest of the time.



Ready to celebrate St Luke the Evangelist, Sunday 18 October



ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS 2020

Held on 18 October 2020

The following were elected

TWO people to serve as Churchwarden for the year 2020 – 2021
(who will be ex-officio members of the Parochial Church Council)

Canon John Walsh
Miss Evelyn Weston

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Held on 18 October 2020

The following were elected

To serve as Deputy Churchwarden for the year 2020 – 2021

Graham Burrows
David Eckersley
Alan Forrester
Esther Gelling
Andrew J Mitchell
David F Morlidge
Trevor Whillas

FOUR people to serve on Bolton Deanery Synod
(and be ex-officio Parochial Church Council members)
for the period 2020 – 2023

Lesley Easterman
David F Morlidge
Ann Warburton
Evelyn Weston

FOUR people to serve as members of
the Parochial Church Council for the period 2020 – 2023

Graham Burrows
Alan Forrester
Andrew Mitchell
Geoffrey Whalley

ONE person to serve as a member of
the Parochial Church Council for the period 2020 – 2021

Aimee Morris

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2019 which were approved at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting are available at the back of Church

CHURCHYARD TREES AND ASH DIEBACK

Did you know that there are over 100 trees in the churchyard, all of which are recorded and plotted on a register kept by Bolton Council? Most were planted when the Council assumed responsibility for maintenance of the churchyard as a closed burial ground over 100 years ago.

A few weeks ago I was with the Council's Arboriculture Officers whilst they surveyed all the trees in the churchyard. In recent years, ash dieback has resulted in the loss of thousands of ash trees across the country. Sadly, as I feared, the disease has now attacked some of the ash trees in the churchyard.

Trees which have been identified as being dead or diseased need to be felled before the disease spreads. Other trees will benefit from pruning. and self-seeded saplings, mainly sycamore, need to be removed. Some of the trees are on the north side of the church overlooking Churchbank and the removal of these will open up views of that side of the church as well as increasing daylight in this area.

The work will start on 2nd November and take about two weeks.

We want to replace the trees which are to be removed with suitable specimens. This will be one of the projects to commemorate the 150th Anniversary in 2021 and we will shortly announce proposals for the purchase of the replacement trees with names of donors suitably recorded. Full details will be announced shortly.

Canon John Walsh OBE

The First Sunday in Advent

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

From the Registers

Baptisms

1st March

Rupert George Theodore Creasey

15th March

Harry Joseph Brierley

18th March

Zeta Antonia Barker

20th September

Leonidas Parker Maloles

27th September

Ashley Arthur Mills

Funerals

16th March

Tom Mason

25th March

Christine Aspinall

22nd April

William John Hurst

1st May

Samantha Wood

6th May

James Welsby

19th May

Valerie Lowry

10th June

Rodney Fray

23rd June

Dorothy Pike

1st July

Mary Berry

19th July

Anne Mohyuddin

30th July

Thelma Shepherd

25th August

Hilda Brandwood

28th August

Fred Partington

9th September

Jean Ward

1st October

Chris O'Neill

9th October

Elizabeth Coomer

Introducing Grace Hart...



Hello! I'm Grace and I was born in Wigan. My family moved around a fair bit when I was younger whilst my dad was training to be a vicar – my siblings and I were all born in different parts of the country! We eventually settled near Chester where I spent most of my childhood and teenage years.

I'm currently in my final year of training at Cranmer Hall in Durham. It's a beautiful place to be. I've recently taken up running again and enjoy runs along the river.

Besides successfully completing my training at Cranmer, my goals this year are

1) to beat my housemate at a 5km run (context: he is 6ft6 and I am 5ft4 and my pace is distinctly average)

and 2) to spot an otter in the river .

I'm so thrilled to be joining your church next summer where I'll be serving my curacy. It'll be good to be back in the North West, and I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to make Bolton my home.

I came across this verse in morning prayer this morning which was an encouragement to me:

'I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.' (Phil 1:6)

I hope it offers you encouragement too. And I look forward to meeting you all soon!

We are looking forward to welcoming Grace to Bolton as she is ordained on 4th July 2021 and begins her time as curate here

Sharing our Christmas Greetings

The wardens have enjoyed being temporary Christmas posties in past years but we are unable to take on that role this year. When paper items pass through several sets of hands there is an increased risk of virus transmission.

We can't encourage you to hand cards to each other either, because socialising is not permitted in places of worship.

We considered putting up a board where people could pin up communal cards – but social distancing would prevent others from reading them!

So this is our plan:

During November we will invite you to write a very brief Christmas greeting (max 20 words) on a piece of card and leave it in a basket at the back of church. The deadline for that will be **Advent Sunday (29th November)**. The messages will be left untouched for at least 72 hours and then we will photocopy them all (so please write clearly!) and create a leaflet of greetings. Later in December everyone will receive a Christmas Card with the leaflet inside to take home and read at leisure.

Christmas will look different this year, but the message is still the same.

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR HEDGEHOGS?



@DOORLEBETH
@BETHWILSON2018



FRESH WATER IN
A SHALLOW DISH



HEDGEHOG HIGHWAYS –
MAKE HOLES IN YOUR GARDEN
FENCE SO HEDGEHOGS CAN
GET IN AND OUT.



MEATY FOOD
(CAT, DOG OR HEDGEHOG FOOD)

A view from an Indian doctor

“Social distancing is a privilege. It means you live in a house large enough to practise it. Hand-washing is a privilege too. It means you have access to running water. Hand sanitizers are a privilege. It means you have money to buy them.”

Dr Jagadish J Hiremath, chief medical officer at ACE Health Care in Mumbai, tweeted these thoughts last month. He went on to say:

Lockdowns are a privilege. It means you can afford to be at home. Most of the ways to ward off the Coronavirus are accessible only to the affluent. In essence, a disease that was spread by then rich as they flew around the globe will now kill millions of the poor. All those who are practicing social distancing and have imposed a lockdown on themselves must appreciate how privileged we are. Many Indians won't be able to do any of this.”



Left: Dr Hiremath, Above: One of the neighbourhoods where it is impossible to keep safe

The **Real Advent Calendar** features Fairtrade chocolate and comes with a free 24-page Christmas story-activity book.

It is available to buy at “Isaiah 53” (formerly known as the CLC Bookshop and now located near the top of Bow Street) or can also be purchased online from

meaningfulchocolate.co.uk.

Urban Outreach

We continue to collect food and household items for Bolton Humanitarian Aid (Urban Outreach) – where the need is greater than ever.

A list of foods being collected is included below. Donations can be left in the grub tub in church.



Please use this list as a guide to what we need to help make up our food parcels. Items highlighted with * are what we need the most. For food safety/quality reasons, please don't donate any bakery products or items that require refrigeration or freezing.

Food pantry Items

Tinned soups (Any)

*Tinned minced/corned Beef

*Tinned stewing steak

*Tinned meat/chicken stews

*Tinned meat/chicken curry

Tinned veg curry

*Tinned ham/*meat pies

Tinned fish (any)

Tinned carrots/*peas

Tinned mixed vegetables

*Tinned tomatoes

*Tinned potatoes

*Instant mash

Dried or microwave Rice

Dried pasta

Cuppa soup

Small cooking oils (max 200 ml)

Cooking sauces (jars)

Gravy granules and cubes

Herbs & spices, salt & pepper

Tomato purée

Pickled beetroot, onions or cabbage

Salad cream/tomato/brown sauce

Coffee powder

Instant hot chocolate

Long-life fruit juice (1 ltr or similar)

*Cordial

*Long-life milk

Tinned sweet pie fillings

Tinned sponge puddings

*Tinned fruit (any)

*Instant custard powder

Tinned custard

Rice pudding

Sugar

Biscuits

Baking products

Flour (plain & self-raising)

Angel Delight

Evaporated milk

Trifle mixes

Jellies

Cleaning Equipment

*Large food bags

Antibacterial spray

Dish cloths

Bleach, toilet cleaner

Toiletries

Shampoo and conditioner

Toothpaste, toothbrushes

Toilet rolls

Baby wipes, *nappies (all sizes, especially size 4 upwards)

Fresh Fruit and Veg

Apples and oranges

Carrots, greens and potatoes

Salad items (not containing 'use by' dates)

A Tale of Remembrance

My earliest memory is that of the bomb. Not the bang, I don't remember that, but of being thrown by my mother into our Anderson shelter and landing on top of my sister who my mother had thrown down the steps a split second before. My older sister was screaming and my mother was telling us to sing and I couldn't make out what the problem was, why was my sister crying? Why was my mother telling us to sing?

What I don't remember was that earlier in the day my mother had taken us into town shopping and on the way there we met the lady from next door but one with her little girl. The little girl was highly excited and showed us her new pair of bright red shoes and told us that when she got home she was going to put them on and dance and dance and dance.

Then came the afternoon, we were in the garden and my mother was taking the washing from the line when 'Tugboat Annie' sounded. 'Tugboat Annie' was the imminent warning that sounded just like a ship's hooter and followed the usual air raid siren, but that day there'd been no time for sirens to tell us something bad was on the way.

Dad ran next door to make sure that the old lady who lived there was safe just as a dive bomber started his attack. Mum picked my sister and me up and threw us into the Anderson as the bomb went off.

My dad was really lucky, as he was going into next door the bomb exploded and the only injury he had was a bump on the head when his head smacked into the door, my mum said later that she didn't expect to see him alive again. The old lady was uninjured but only next door to them, the little girl along with her mother and seven other people died.

I often think of that little girl and she is always the first person that comes to mind on Remembrance Day. She'd have probably been a grandmother by now but I like to imagine her in her own little patch of heaven wearing those bright red shoes and dancing, dancing, dancing.

R. Stapenhill

Cryptogram

Can you identify these three Bible verses? Answers next month

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“When you go home, tell them of us
and say, for their tomorrow we gave
our today.”

John Maxwell Edmonds



Prayer Requests

We will be refreshing the list of prayer requests on the notice sheet from Advent Sunday (29 November). If you would like us to include any individual, please make sure you have their permission and then give the name to the wardens who will have a list at the back of church.

Christmas Dinner on Jesus



Once again, Urban Outreach is operating the Christmas Dinner on Jesus project in order to provide Christmas hampers for those in need. You can help in different ways:

Donate Items

The hampers are full of everything that you would want in a Christmas Dinner.

This year, at Bolton Parish Church and St Philip's, together with Bolton Parish Church School and Bishop Bridgeman School, we have pledged to collect **500 packets of savory crackers (200 – 300g size)**. Items can be brought to church any time from now but the final date for collection is Sunday 6th December.

Volunteer

We have a number of jobs including box making, hamper box packing and fresh bag packing - along with the usual setting up and clearing away. Hamper packing is taking place on Friday 18th December 10am-12pm, 2-4pm and Saturday 19th December 10am-12pm (venue to be confirmed). Fresh food hamper packing will be taking place on Tuesday 22nd December 10-1pm (venue to be confirmed).

Due to social distancing regulations we will have to limit the number of people for each session. This means that we will need to know in advance which session you will be volunteering for. You can do this by emailing admin@urbanoutreach.co.uk or by calling our office on 01204 385848 and asking to speak to Laura or Jeanette.

In the weeks leading up to this Christmas week we will also have times to make up the boxes ready for the first packing day so please get in touch to find out when these times and dates are.

Donate Money

Each hamper costs approximately £60 and is made up with a number of fresh items including fruit, vegetables, chicken, sausages and cheese which we have to buy. Please consider donating money to put towards the cost of purchasing those fresh items.

Bolton Parish Church Online

Email: admin@boltonparishchurch.co.uk

Website: www.boltonparishchurch.co.uk

Details of services, events, newsletters, magazines, important updates etc.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/boltonparishchurch

Official Church Facebook page, with news, photos, and archive of online services and prayers

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MusicAtBoltonParishChurch

News about music, with photos, details of musical events and videos of choir and organ

Twitter: [@StPeterBolton](https://twitter.com/StPeterBolton)

Instagram: [boltonparishchurchimages](https://www.instagram.com/boltonparishchurchimages)

Photos of Bolton Parish Church

On this day—November

2nd On this day in 1953, Revd Chad Varah set up The Samaritans.

4th Composer Felix Mendelssohn died aged 38 on this day in 1847.

8th In 1920, the very first Rupert Bear cartoon was published in the Daily Express.

14th Coventry Cathedral was bombed on this day in 1940.

15th The first regular news bulletin was broadcast in Britain on this day in 1922.

20th Princess Elizabeth married the Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten on this day in 1947.

21st On this day in 1974, the IRA bombed Birmingham, injuring 200 and killing 17 people.

22nd On this day in 1946, the Biro ballpoint pen went on sale in the UK for the first time.

22nd President John F Kennedy was assassinated

29th November 1919 - Lady Nancy Astor became the first woman member of parliament.

Applications are now open for the 2021 Authorised Lay Ministry & Lay Training courses. More information, including application forms and course details, can be found on the diocesan website:

www.manchester.anglican.org/lay-ministries/ALM/

Please note that all ministry training electives are now open to everyone, not just those wanting to go down the Authorised Lay Ministry pathway.

What is an Authorised Lay Minister?

Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) are lay people active in church life, who have been identified by their parish as having a particular gifting, vocation or calling to lay leadership, i.e. those called to work collaboratively alongside their incumbent and wider ministry teams with a distinct focus on growing, nurturing and serving the wider parish community. ALMs also play a key role in resourcing, equipping and encouraging all God's people to carry out the vision and mission of their parish Mission Action Plan (MAP).

ALMs are nominated by their incumbent and PCC for training in line with the diocesan selection criteria and once trained receive authorisation from the Bishop of Manchester to carry out a mutually agreed ministry role back within their local parish context. An ALM's authorisation lasts for 3 years after which time it can be reviewed, updated and renewed.

What does the training involve?

The ALM training course is broken down in to 3 parts that run each year from January to September.

Part 1: Induction, Core Module & Study Days

Between January and Easter, candidates are inducted and then undertake an eight-week Core Leadership Module. During this time there are also 2 additional study days that cover safeguarding training and collaborative ministry.

Part 2: Ministry Electives

From Easter to June, candidates will complete their chosen 12-week ministry elective. There are currently 10 ministry electives available.

Part 3: Ministerial Role Descriptions & Authorisation

From July, candidates will work alongside their incumbent and PCC to finalise their ALM Ministry Role Description before their service of Authorisation in September. There is also a pre-authorisation retreat day to help candidates prepare

Application Closing Dates

As the ALM course begins in January with the Core Leadership Module, the application **closing date for new ALM Applications will be Sunday 6 December 2020.**

For general applications and existing ALMs who just want to access more Ministry Elective Training, the application **closing date will be Sunday 7 March 2021.**

Please note: If restrictions are still in place then all training where possible will take place online and via Zoom.

Remembrance Day

Last Post, Reveille and Rouse

The Last Post and Rouse will be played from the Lady Chapel during our Remembrance service on 8 November. There is often some confusion about the different calls used at services and commemorative events..

The custom of controlling soldiers by means of a bugle call dates back to Roman times when horns were used.

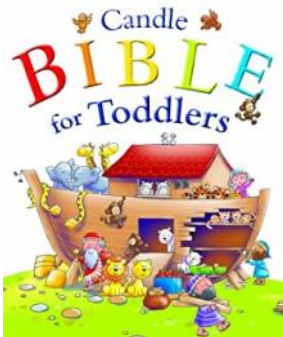
In the days when British troops served in the Lowlands, it was the custom for a drummer to march through the streets beating his drum to warn the troops to leave the taverns and return to their billets. There were two posts - the First Post symbolised the first inn, while the Last Post symbolised the inspection of the last inn in the town.

When bugle calls were officially introduced into the British system, a special call was written for the waking of troops. This was known as Reveille, meaning "to wake" again, from the old French.

The Reveille was a bright, cheerful call to rouse soldiers from their sleep, ready for duty. It symbolises an awakening in a better world for the dead, and also rouses the living back to duty, now their respects have been paid to the memory of their comrades.

The Rouse (often mistakenly referred to as Reveille) is a shorter bugle call which was also used to call soldiers to their duties; being short, the Rouse is the call most commonly used in conjunction with the Last Post at remembrance services. The exception is the Dawn Service, when the Reveille is played.

Book Review



The Candle Bible for Toddlers is a delightful addition to the Candle range and offers an ideal way to introduce the classic Bible Stories to very young children.

Each story is retold in clear simple words and short sentences in large clear-to-read print, supported by the exciting, colourful illustrations by Helen Prole.

The easy to keep clean covers contain almost 40 favourite stories from the Bible-Old Testament/New Testament. Suitable for ages 1-5.

Planned giving

When you come to church, please remember to bring your filled planned giving envelopes. If you would like to make your regular giving by standing order (and thank you so much to those who have recently set up standing orders and those who have been doing it that way for years) the account details you need are:

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No sun - no moon!

No morn - no noon,

No dawn - no dusk - no proper
time of day.

No warmth, no cheerfulness, no
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no bees,

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Autumn warmers

Instead of mulled wine on Bonfire night, try Scandinavian Glögg – a drink made of red or white wine or fruit juice, heated up with sugar and spices and served hot with raisins and almonds.



*Bottle of red wine
½ litre of brandy or vodka
10 cardamom pods (broken open) 1
cinnamon stick
Peel of half an orange
3 dried figs
5-15 cloves
A few almonds
Small piece of fresh ginger
200g sugar (brown or lump) or to
taste
a few thin strips of fresh orange peel
for serving: 8-10 almonds, 8-10 raisins*

Heat the wine and brandy, spices, fruit, and nuts in a pan or slow cooker. Don't boil the mixture; allow it to simmer for about 45 minutes. Then strain through to remove all additions. Serve the Glögg hot over sugar lumps or brown sugar. Can also be served with raisins and almonds.

Non-alcoholic version

*750 ml red grape or blackcurrant
juice (or half of each)
Small cinnamon stick
4-6 cloves
5 cardamom pods (broken open)
Small piece of fresh ginger
a few thin strips of fresh orange
peel
for serving: 8-10 almonds, 8-10 raisins*

Peel a few thin strips of orange peel. Pour the juice (s) into a saucepan. Add the spices and orange peel. Bring the mixture just to the boil and turn off the heat. Allow the spices to steep in the hot juice. Reheat before serving, if necessary. Drop some almonds and raisins in a serving mug or a tea-glass with a spoon in it and strain the hot glögg over. Serve immediately.

To give the non-alcoholic a feeling of the real thing, add 250 ml of Nightcap by Three Spirit, which is available online from www.threespiritdrinks.com.

This is a non-alcoholic drink, crammed with wonderful aromatic spices and herbs to create a relaxed feeling without harming the liver!



Flower News

Once again this year, our Harvest preparations were made extra special as members of Sunday school created a wonderful display of sunflowers, hedgehogs and floating autumn leaves to decorate the Chancel steps. A Harvest wreath of wheat and orange poppies was displayed on the pulpit. Harvest flowers were bronze, gold and orange; using chrysanthemums, carnations, roses and poppies.

Throughout October, flowers on the Altar have been arrangements of white carnations and alstroemeria. An arrangement in the Lady chapel was created using orange poppies, autumnal leaves and berries.

For the two ordination services which were held in church on 4th October, two pedestal arrangements were created, one at each side of the crossing. White carnations, chrysanthemums, roses and delphiniums were used. These remained in place for the celebration service on Monday 5th at which Ian presided for the first time.

Towards the end of the month, a pedestal arrangement in white was placed by the lectern for the commemoration service.

It has been a very positive experience and a privilege to be able to be back arranging flowers in church at this time.

A special thank you to those members of the congregation who continued knitting and crocheting poppies whilst at home! Whilst we may not be able to create the poppy fall that we had previously planned for this year, your poppies will be part of the Remembrance service.

With grateful thanks for donations to the Flower Fund received during October.

Please accept our apologies that due to the current restrictions, the Charity Flower Day planned for Saturday 21st November will not now take place.

Flower Team



From Sunday School....

Our Sunday School display on the theme of We Thank You God and some photos of those who helped with the readings and prayers. Thanks to the flower ladies for adding one of our hedgehogs to their harvest wreath.



Staying safe in Bolton

Bolton Council is taking part in Operation Treacle, which is a multi-agency campaign working to keep our communities safe during the Halloween and Bonfire period.

This time each year, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, Greater Manchester Police, local councils, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, and Transport for Greater Manchester work together to prevent harm, to protect our communities and to tackle anti-social behaviour and criminal damage.

This year, the coronavirus pandemic means additional safety measures are in place and families are urged to take extra precautions.

Bolton, as well as the rest of Greater Manchester, has been placed in the “Very High” COVID-19 alert level by the government to help prevent the spread of coronavirus.

All the partners want to support the communities of Greater Manchester to enjoy themselves safely.

Halloween

Please follow the advice:

- Avoid door-to-door trick or treating
- Do not meet with other households indoors or in private gardens

Only meet people outdoors in public spaces in groups of up to six

You should also check that children’s Halloween costumes are CE marked to ensure they meet the required safety standards.

Here are some safer ways to enjoy Halloween this year:

- Halloween hunt - why not do a Halloween themed treat hunt around the home or garden?
- Watch a scary movie – hold a Halloween film night with your household.
- Pumpkin carving – carve and decorate pumpkins with members of your household.

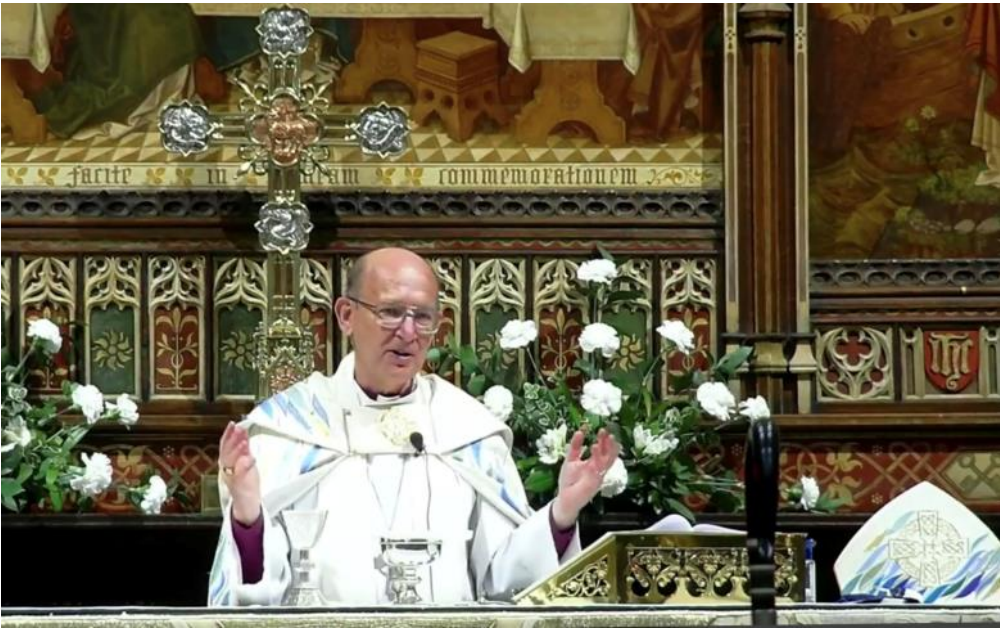
Bonfire Night

Due to the current Covid-19 guidelines and Tier 3 restrictions for Greater Manchester there will be no organised bonfire events held in Bolton this year. Our annual fireworks display in Leverhulme Park has also been cancelled due to COVID-19.

If you are hosting your own fireworks/bonfire event, it is essential that you read and follow Greater Manchester Fire Service’s guidelines and the Firework Safety Code.

Rev'd Ian Hepburn – ordination and first Communion service





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Solution to last month's picture quiz

Can you identify these Signs and Symbols? They may be logos for organisations, warnings, instructions, information

			
1 WWF (WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE)	2 DO NOT BLEACH	3 SCOUT ASSOCIATION	4 TREBLE CLEF
			
5 NATIONAL SPEED LIMIT APPLIES	6 MOTHERS' UNION	7 GOLD	8 POISONOUS/TOXIC
			
9 VIEW POINT	10 STARBUCKS	11 LUFTHANSA	12 INFINITY
			
13 HYUNDAI	14 NATIONAL TRUST	15 A CHURCH WITH A TOWER	16 NO MOTOR VEHICLES
			
17 OXIDISING (Note: flammable is WRONG)	18 HEWLETT PACKARD	19 NANDOS	20 WIKIPEDIA



Christ the King, Sunday 22 November

Solution to last month's 'Hidden Books of the Bible'

This is a **most** remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an aeroplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, **keeping** him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his **john** boat. Another friend studied it while playing his **banjo**, Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend **judges** the **job** of solving this puzzle so involving, **she brews** a cup of tea to help her nerves. **There** will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a **fact**. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a **jam**, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalised. **Truthfully**, from answers we get, we are forced to admit **it** usually takes a minister or a scholar **to see** some of them **at the worst**. Research has shown that something in our **genes** is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta **Phi** lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The **Chronicle**, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As **Daniel** Humana **humbly** puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." **Those** able to find all of them will hear great **lamentations** from those who have to be shown. One **revelation** that may help is that books like **Timothy** and **Samuel** may occur without their **numbers**. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are **normal**. A **chipper** attitude will help you **compete** really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad **exodus**, there really are 30 books of the Bible **lurking** somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

(Note: Osee appears in the King James Version translation of Romans 9:25 as a variant spelling of Hosea.)

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