

Third Sunday before Lent

Sunday 16th February to Saturday 22nd February
St Andrew, St Paul & St Peter Blackley

Dear Friends

Growing Deep Roots

Jeremiah 17.5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20;
Luke 6.17-26

This week we explore how we might grow deep roots that will enable us to withstand the storms of life, and we will look at either Psalm 1 or Jeremiah 17. 5 – 10 in our Old Testament readings this week.

The psalmist draws a contrast between the 'happy' who resist the temptation to be drawn away from God's ways and the 'wicked'. The former are compared to flourishing and healthy trees, while the latter will be blown away like chaff in the wind.



Come and join us for worship at St Andrew's and St Peter's at 9.30am, and St Paul's at 11.30am.

With every blessing
Pam

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Those grieving

The families of
Brett Newton (St Peter's parish)
Brian Helire (St Mary's parish)
Joan Green (St Mary's parish)
Dennis Stead (St Paul's parish)
whose funerals fall in the next couple of weeks.

Those exploring their faith

Myla, who will be baptised at St Paul's on 16th February, and those who are thinking about baptism in the future.

Confirmation Candidates

Alfie, Emilia, Faith, Favour, Henry, Israel, Lily, Louis, Margot, Noah, Oliver, Sally, Timmy, and Violet.

Those getting married

Amy and James 1st March at St Leonard's (Banns at St Andrew's)

Those caring

Eachstep Blackley

Blackley residents and visitors

Oakshaw Close, Oakworth Street, Old Market Street

Community Partners

Blackley Neighbourhood Team

Schools and Young People

All our children and staff at Crab Lane Primary School

Worldwide Church

The Church of Bangladesh

NOTABLE CHRISTIANS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

17th February

Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977

Janani Luwum was born in 1922 at Acholi in Uganda. His childhood and youth were spent as a goatherd but he quickly showed an ability to learn and absorb knowledge when given the opportunity. Soon after he became a teacher, he was converted to Christianity and was eventually ordained in 1956, becoming Bishop of Northern Uganda in 1969 and Archbishop of Uganda in 1974. Idi Amin had come to power in Uganda in 1971 as the result of a military coup and his undemocratic and harsh rule was the subject of much criticism by the Church and others.



After receiving a letter from the bishops protesting at the virtual institution of state murder, Janani and two of Amin's own government ministers were stated as having been found dead following a car accident. It emerged quickly that they had in fact died on the implicit instructions of the president. Janani's enthusiasm for the good news of Jesus, combined with his willingness to sacrifice even his own life for what he believed in, led him to his martyrdom on this day in 1977.

Jesse Boot

Founder of Boots the Chemist (1850 – 1931)



Jesse Boot left school at age 10 to help his mother run the family business after his father's death. After a few years, and in response to expensive medications and price-fixing by chemists, Jesse launched the 'Health for a Shilling' campaign, making medicine affordable and expanding Boots across Nottingham. Jesse met his future wife Florence in 1885, who shared his faith and entrepreneurial spirit, and together, they opened a flagship store that had several floors of goods and showed off the latest technology – an elevator.

Boots' innovated in employee welfare, offering a doctor's surgery, college, profit-sharing scheme, athletics club, and daily breakfast for the company's employees and families. They also offered libraries with low subscription fees to help with education, and Jesse and Florence donated over £2 million to charity and contributed land for the University College at Highfields, now the University of Nottingham. The Boots' business model is that it combined profit with social good, demonstrating a faith-driven approach to business.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, 16th February

- 9.30am St Andrew's Sunday Worship
9.30am St Peter's Sunday Worship
11.30am St Paul's Sunday Worship
1.30pm Baptism of Myla at St Paul's
4.30pm Confirmation Group – Children and Young People

Monday, 17th February

- 4.00pm Worship Leaders' Think Tank

Tuesday, 18th February

- 7.00pm St Paul's PCC *St Andrew's Parish Room*

Wednesday, 19th February

- 9.00am Stay and Play at St Andrew's
10.45am Morning Service at St Andrew's
2.00pm Funeral of Brett Newton

Thursday, 20th February

- 11.00am Worship at the Hub
12.00pm Community Café and Drop In at St Paul's

Saturday, 22nd February

- 10.00am Community Café at St Paul's

Sunday, 23rd February

- 2.30pm Confirmation Service at St Andrew's



UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH DATES

- 23rd February 2.30pm Confirmation Service at St Andrew's

PCC MEETINGS

- 18th February 7.00pm St Paul's *Parish Room*
4th March 7.00pm St Peter's *Parish Room*
25th March 7.30pm St Andrew's *Parish room*

DEANERY MEETINGS

- 25th February 7.00pm Deanery Synod at St Paul's
25th March 10.00am Deanery Chapter

WORSHIP LEADERS MEETING

- 8th March 7.00pm St Andrew's Parish Room

LENT STUDY

Thursday Mornings in person
11.00am at the Hub

or

Thursday Evenings in person
7.30pm at St Andrew's

or

Sunday Evenings online

First sessions will be on Thursday 6th March and Sunday 9th March
Joint session together with the whole church for a service on Maundy Thursday, 19th April.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you need to contact anyone in church, please use the following methods:

Phone 0161 264 9982 **Email** clergy@blackleycofe.church **Website** <https://blackleycofe.church>

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL, PLEASE SEND US A

MESSAGE TO churchoffice@blackleycofe.church

AND WE WILL ADD YOU TO OUR MAILING LIST

NEW WEBSITE

We have been working in the background for a couple of months to try to improve the way we communicate with our congregations, our worship team and in the parishes we serve, and are delighted to let you know that our new website is now up and running.



The screenshot shows the Blackley CofE website home page. At the top left is the Blackley CofE logo. To its right are navigation links: Home, Calendar, Documents, Search, and Global Office. On the far right are two buttons: 'Contact us' and 'Team Login'. Below the navigation is a blue banner with the text 'Welcome to the Blackley Churches'. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column features a photograph of a church interior with stained glass windows. The middle column has a blue background with the heading 'Join us for worship' and lists service times for Sunday and midweek. The right column features a photograph of a church exterior and a blue background with the heading 'Upcoming Events' and details for a maintenance event on Saturday 8th February.

Blackley CofE

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Welcome to the Blackley Churches

Join us for worship

A warm welcome is extended to all at our services

Sunday Service times are:

- 9.30am at St Peter's
- 9.30am at St Andrew's
- 11.30am at St Paul's

Midweek service times are:

- 10.45am at St Andrew's (every Wednesday)
- 11.00am at St Paul's (Alternate Thursdays - see Calendar for details)

Upcoming Events

Saturday 8th February

10:00am - 2:00pm -
Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance at St Peter's

This is now your first port of call to find out what is going on with our Blackley churches – from calendar, to who is on the rota and what the readings are, to study materials and life event enquiries.

Give us a look and see for yourself. You will find the website at blackleycofe.church and as we get used to the new way of sharing information we ask that you are patient if you see any anomalies or if links don't work.

For those on the rota for leading, preaching, reading, praying etc, you will find details of your rota in advance by clicking on the "Documents" tab. You will still receive your reminder in the week before, but you can now check in advance when you are serving.

Worship Team members have a shortcut to Teams by clicking on the "Team Login" button at the top. This link won't work unless we have your email address logged in the system, so let us know if you need access.