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# From the Curate .....

One of my favourite poems by Mary Oliver is "Song for Autumn".

This year, more than in previous years, I find myself resonating more with the poem's focus on the beauty and magic of this time of the year, the letting go, and trusting what is to come. Perhaps this is due to the unusual and oft quoted "unprecedented" times in which we live. In the midst of the falling leaves and shortening of days, we can be reassured that God is present. As summer has gradually shifted to autumn, we can trust the rhythm and pattern of life, that new life comes out of change, the dying to old forms.

The season of autumn prepares us for winter. As people of faith, we have celebrated the harvest through the sharing of food for those in need. We prepare to commemorate the saints who have gone before us and to remember the victims and survivors of the two world wars and all other conflicts in our world. We seek to create a world of peace, justice and the integrity of all of God's creation.

Autumn is a powerful time of thanksgiving, remembrance and preparing for the beginning of Advent in our communal time of worship and in our own personal lives. Autumn is a time of embodied experience of change all around us. In the midst

of seasonal change, or changes occurring in our religious communities, social and political spheres, planned or unexpected, we are reminded to connect with the source of our lives and the source of love in the world.

Being grounded in our faith in God, as we seek to follow Jesus and his way of living in the world, is what will sustain you and I during these challenging times. Our faith, however great or small, will enable us not only to survive but to thrive as individuals and as a community of faith.

Trusting the still small voice of God in the chaos, in the challenges each day may bring, is what continues to build the strong foundation of faith upon which we live our lives. In many respects, it is like God creating the path of faith under our feet as we move into this restorative season. The good news is that the Spirit of God will continue to lead and sustain us as we continue to minister in the town of St Annes and grow that important sense of community beyond the walls of our building. This is also true in the deepening of our own personal and communal sense of faith and purpose in life. Indeed, it is a time of thanksgiving for all that God is doing in and through each one of us.

Thanks be to God.

**Fr Ryan**

# Worship & Prayer Diary - November 2023

Date	Day	Worship Times	Intention
Wednesday 1st	All Saints Day	9.00 am Low Mass	World Peace
Thursday 2nd	All Souls' Day	6.00 pm Low Mass	The Faithful Departed
Friday 3rd		9.30 am Low Mass	Healing
Saturday 4th	St Charles Borromeo		Children in Need
+ Sunday 5th	<b>All Saints Day 4th Sunday before Advent</b>	10.30 am Parish Mass 6.30 pm Choral Evensong	All Saints
Monday 6th		12 noon Low Mass	Hermits and Anchorites
Tuesday 7th	Willibrord, bishop, 739	10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	All Primates of England
Wednesday 8th	Saints and Martyrs of England	9.00 am Low Mass	Persecuted Christians
Thursday 9th	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	6.00 pm Low Mass	The Apostolic Church
Friday 10th	St Leo the Great	9.30 am Low Mass	Parents
Saturday 11th	St Martin of Tours		Teachings of the Early Church Fathers
+ Sunday 12th	<b>Remembrance Sunday 3rd Sunday before Advent</b>	10.30 am Parish Mass 6.30 pm Evening Prayer	Those who died in War
Monday 13th		12 noon Low Mass	Preachers
Tuesday 14th		10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	Our School & Nursery
Wednesday 15th		9.00 am Low Mass	Broken Homes
Thursday 16th	St Margaret of Scotland	6.00 pm Low Mass	Charity Workers



# Worship & Prayer Diary - November 2023

Date	Day	Worship Times	Intention
Friday 17th	St, Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln	9.30 am Low Mass	Work of Coastal Collective
Saturday 18th	Elizabeth of Hungary		The Royal Family
<b>+ Sunday 19th</b>	2nd Sunday before Advent	10.30 am Parish Mass 6.30 pm Choral Evensong & Benediction	Society of St Wilfred and St Hilda
Monday 20th	St Edmund, King and Martyr	12 noon Low Mass	Our Sunday School
Tuesday 21st	The Presentation of the BVM	10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	Families
Wednesday 22nd	St Cecelia, Virgin & Martyr	9.00 am Low Mass	Musicians
Thursday 23rd	St Clement I, Pope & Martyr	6.00pm Low Mass	Bishop Philip
Friday 24th		9.30 am Low Mass Walsingham Cell	Cell of Walsingham
Saturday 25th	St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr		Holy Women Martyrs
<b>+ Sunday 26th</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	10.30 am Parish Mass 6.30 pm Evening Prayer	The Kingship of Christ
Monday 27th		12 noon Low Mass	Mothers' Union
Tuesday 28th		10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily	Conservationists
Wednesday 29th		9.00 am Low Mass	Thanksgiving for the missionary work of the Church
Thursday 30th	Andrew the Apostle	6.00 pm Low Mass	Churches & Institutions of St Andrew

# Prayer for Young People in our Church Communities

*Fr Ryan is currently on a training course - Working with young people in church communities. The following prayer is one used on the course and he wished to share it for us to use.*

**We hold in our hearts, young people in our communities.**

**Made in your image, known to you and loved by you.**

*(pause to reflect)*

**We hold in our hearts young people in our churches.**

**Made in your image, known to you and loved by you.**

*(pause to reflect)*

**We hold in our hearts young people overwhelmed by life.**

**Made in your image, known to you and loved by you**

*(pause to reflect)*

**Whether our resources are plentiful or scarce, we commit ourselves to serving them more deeply.**

**May our church become to them a safe space to experience your life, your purpose and your love.**

**May they encounter you in us.**

**May we encounter you in them.**

**And may it transform us both.**

**Amen**



# Pray for Peace in The Holy Land

*At this difficult time, we must continue to hold all the people of Israel & Palestine in our prayers, whatever their faith.*

*This prayer is from 'The Friends of the Holy Land' for us to use:*

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children for, to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



## **St Charles Borromeo** **The Un-ordained Archbishop** **4th November**



Charles Borromeo was born in Italy and lived in Milan from 1538 to 1584. He was canonized in 1610. Charles was one of the most important figures of the counter-reformation in Italy.

He is the Patron Saint of bishops, cardinals, seminarians and spiritual leaders. His uncle, Pope Pius IV, made him Archbishop of Milan three years before Charles became a priest.

Charles, however, was one of the ablest and most compassionate Christian leaders of his age. He established theological colleges to train future clergy, encouraged children to be taught the Christian faith, and increased the help given to the poor.

# Bell Mad



Our ten bells rang out for our Sunday morning service for the first time on 10th September and, even if I say so myself, they sound magnificent. I cannot say “thank you” too often to all my fellow ringers, the clergy, our congregation, friends, neighbours and various grant-giving charitable organisations who have supported this project in any way, from its launch in February 2021 through to its successful completion. It is a wonderful achievement and such a fitting way to mark the church’s 150th anniversary.

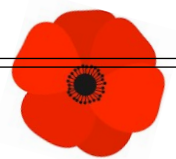
The training and bell sensor equipment has been upgraded, and the installation of a new CCTV system will not only support teaching of learners in the ringing room but also allow people downstairs in church to see live pictures of the bells as they ring.

Practices and teaching sessions have recommenced and we have exciting plans to make our tower a ringing teaching hub for the benefit of ringers from the whole of the Fylde and beyond. If you had ever thought that you would like to have a go at ringing a bell, then now is the perfect opportunity to do so. Please contact me for further information.

**Stuart Newton**



# Poppy Cascade Update



By the time you are reading this, hopefully, the poppy cascade will be on display.

Following a holiday in North Yorkshire last October, where I witnessed the amazing poppy displays in Ripon and Thirsk, I wondered if the bellringers could do something like that at St Annes and have a cascade of poppies from the bell tower.

From this the idea was born. I spoke to Fr Glen who thought it was a wonderful idea and gave it his full support. However it was with some trepidation that I launched the project in early 2023. I thought we would need a few thousand hand knitted/crocheted/sewn poppies to make it work. What would I do if we only received a few hundred? I launched the project on social media and was amazed at the positive response. I really need not have worried. The local community offered amazing support to the project. Many local groups such as St Annes WI craft group, Bonney

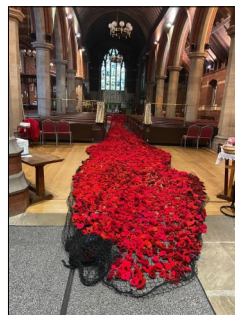


Fabrics & Wool, Ansdell & Fairhaven WI , Knit & Natter, Bizzie Fingers, Preston Embroidery and Textile group, Seaside Stitchers, Fylde Coast Crafters, A Good Yarn Knitting Group, Busy Bees, Rock Choir (and probably some I have forgotten, sorry!) came together to produce huge numbers of poppies. In addition numerous individuals have contributed poppies and all donations however large or small were gratefully received. As well as many donations from residents in St Annes, we have received donations from people in Kirkham, Blackpool, Preston, Garstang and from further afield including Bristol, Yorkshire, London, Norway and even the USA. There are too many individuals to name them all (and many were anonymous donations) but I must mention two ladies who made a tremendous commitment to the project. Marcia contributed 1,300 poppies, and Margaret contributed over 1,200 poppies as well as helping at every assembly session. Thank you ladies, you are amazing!

In the next issue we will share photos of the finished cascade in place, but for now here are some photos from assembly session 3. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the project in any way.

We must thank Mrs Hodgson, for allowing us to bring the poppy net to Heyhouses school. Thank you to all the children in Year 6 & Year 4 and to the school staff who all worked together to help us finish the net!

We have no poppies left to attach! We were able to lay the cascade out fully in the school hall and to see the whole thing for the first time. I hope you agree that it looks amazing. Cannot wait to see what it looks like hanging from the bell tower. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this project in any way.



**Monica Hollows**



# News from Sunday School



We are delighted that Sunday School has now restarted at St Annes. Our first meeting on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October was certainly a momentous day. After over a year without volunteers, we are pleased that, following further appeals, several ladies stepped forward to support this valuable link with the children and families of our parish.

It has been a long journey. If only it was as simple as a couple of people meeting and deciding to start running a Sunday

School. There is much work involved prior to setting up this kind of activity. Volunteer application forms have to be completed and references followed up, DBS has to be cleared, 'Job Descriptions' have to be written and, very importantly, safeguarding training at both basic and foundation levels have to be completed.

We are fortunate that this did not put people off and so thanks to the support of the volunteers our Sunday School is now 'up and running'. We are very grateful to the church's Safeguarding Officer, Chris Hale, who has ensured that all paperwork has been completed correctly and that all the legal and diocesan guidelines have been followed.

A huge thank you must go to all the volunteers, Anna, Edwina, Heather, Karen H, Lia, Rhona and Sarah and to Fr Glen and Fr Ryan for their advice and support. Anna leads the crafting side of the sessions and has some wonderful ideas for crafts. She has brought together several members of the congregation, 'Crafty Ladies', who are supporting her in a variety of ways. It is really good to see everyone working together to support this mission within our parish.

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month in the Parish Rooms at 10:15 am for approximately 45 minutes. We come across to church during the time of Offertory so that we can all be part of the service.

We are currently only working with children aged 3-5, until it is more established and we have additional volunteers.

We are also open to any further offers of help. Currently all volunteers are attending the sessions, but after Christmas a rota will be in place to allow the leaders and volunteers to worship or carry out their other duties in church, whether that is on the coffee rota or working as a sidesperson - the more volunteers, the better. Please don't be put off by the paperwork involved, it really is a very straightforward process.

We now have our own dedicated email address, so if you need to be in touch it is: [stannessundayschool3@gmail.com](mailto:stannessundayschool3@gmail.com).

Please also have a look at the Sunday School board which is at the back of church for updates, notices of our meetings and the themes we will be exploring at each session.

**Denise Brown**



St Annes Parish Church



# Sunday School

We are delighted that our Sunday School for 3-5 Year olds has now started again

Dates for November & December are:

**Sundays 12<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**at 10:15 am**

**in the Parish Rooms - Room 1**

Headroomgate Road

**We will be meeting on the  
2nd & 4th Sundays every month**

Application forms are available from the Parish Office,  
Church, Heyhouses Nursery or  
The Family Hub @ Heyhouses Primary School

If you have any questions please contact:  
**[stannessundayschool3@gmail.com](mailto:stannessundayschool3@gmail.com)**

We are really looking forward to welcoming you!



# In Memory of Edith Wood

Edith was born on 17th May 1930. Edith sadly passed away recently on 24th September 2023 at Victoria Hospital, and her funeral service was held on Tuesday 17th October in our church. The service was led with great feeling by Fr Ryan.

Edith had lived in St Annes all her life and had been a very active member of our parish and Sunday School, until, more than twenty years ago, she became housebound owing to her poor mobility and health.

I had personally known Edith since the 1950's through Sunday School and her regular visits to our shop on Church Road.

Edith had initially worked in the Civil Service and then, for many years, she worked at the Woolworths Store in the Square. She really loved meeting friends and family around the town.

At church Edith was a very dedicated Sunday School teacher, working with the younger age group. She really enjoyed music and singing. My own son fondly remembers her rendition of 'Jesus Bids Us Shine'.

She also thoroughly enjoyed being involved with the local carnival. She took great pleasure in being part of the Sunday School float on carnival day.

Edith's late brother and sisters' families have all greatly loved and supported her over the past twenty years, making it possible for her to live independently in the final part of her very special ninety three years.

**Christine Buckley**

**"May she rest in Peace and rise in Glory"**





# Mothers' Union from Christine Buckley

Here we are in mid October and still enjoying our gardens between the heavy showers. We are still picking our own fruits and the last of the green beans. It reminds us so much about harvest time with all its blessings.

The church's celebration of harvest was quite different this year as the very gratefully received gifts from the schools and congregation were distributed to food banks rather than distributed to individuals. I am sure they have been forwarded to families who will appreciate the food and the toiletries.

At our meeting in September, Fr Ian Hollin gave us a splendid and most fascinating talk about his childhood and teens, and how it connected with the title "Acid Drops and Broken Biscuits".

Gerald Wilson, who many of you know as Head Server in church, and who has organised our parish pilgrimages to Walsingham, kindly came to speak to our members at our meeting in October. It was entitled "The Wonder of Walsingham". He gave us a wonderful history of its origin, explaining when the shrine was established by an English noblewoman, Richeldis de Faverches, in 1061 after having had an apparition of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Today there is a holy well whose waters have healing properties; the water can be used there, or taken away in containers to help other people. The original Basilica of our Lady of Walsingham was Roman Catholic; sadly it was destroyed in the Reformation but they still have a shrine. The Anglican shrine was built in 1938 and extended in the 1960's. Gerald showed us some wonderful slides of the inside of the shrine and the holy areas and chapels. He also showed us some photographs of pilgrims from our own church, including members of our Mothers' Union who have visited Walsingham over the last few years. He very much hopes that more people will join the pilgrimage next year.

Before Gerald spoke we prayed for the other dioceses who join the Blackburn Diocese for our annual Wave of Prayer. These include Bhopal, Guinea, High Veld, Nambale and Niger Delta. Members all over the world are praying for peace in all areas in this terrible time of conflict.

November is, of course, a time when we particularly remember our departed loved ones and there will be opportunities to do this in church, but also at home for those housebound or unwell.

At our next meeting on 14th November at 1.45 pm in the Parish Rooms we will be creating some seasonal corsages with the expertise of our own member, Sheila Dodd, which should be fun.

As we look forward to Advent and Christmas we must remain positive and enjoy our lives, and, with love and prayers, keep well and happy.



# The Messiah - Funds for Ukraine & Local

After the great success of this year's Crucifixion concert, we wanted to raise our efforts to new heights and so we organised a 'Come and Sing' performance of Handel's great oratorio, The Messiah.

In the talented and hard-working hands of both Alistair MacKenzie, our Musical Director, and Dr Kevin Morgan at the organ, this special and inspiring concert took shape, as singers from across the region were invited to come and sing in the choir and as soloists.

All were welcomed. The singers ranged from those who had never sung this work before to those who had much experience in performing Handel's Messiah. The combined efforts pulled together to culminate in a triumphant and moving concert, performed by amateurs and directed by professionals. The entire evening was for the glory of God and the relief of those who are in need, both in this town and far away in Ukraine where a war still rages against innocent families.

In the weeks leading up to the performance, there was excitement and anticipation as the prospect of tackling Handel's Messiah came ever closer. This composition has been performed in public continuously for the past 300 years, and has never gone out of favour. It is among the world's most performed works.

Handel's Messiah is many layered, so each performance reveals something entirely unique. Musically diverse, it offers both performers and listeners something to love. It is a dramatic oratorio, like a religious opera, but without costumes. It is profoundly religious and yet is accessible to everyone. Handel composed this work, not for a church setting but for the concert stage.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 finally arrived, and the rehearsal for choir, soloists and musicians started at 1.30 pm. The programme included a selection of choruses, arias and recitatives from all three parts of this sacred Oratorio. Our practice lasted until 5pm when a tea break gave everyone a chance to recover before the evening performance.

The performance was supported by our congregation, as well as friends and Messiah fans. The atmosphere was wonderfully inclusive and had a great sense of the community coming together, as Handel intended it should.

We are very privileged and fortunate as a church to be able to host such an inclusive community event, which not only delivered a musically wonderful event of some weight but also raised a significant amount of money to help others in our world. Our ability to do this is down mainly to one person who organised, inspired, and ran the whole event. Alistair McKenzie, we are very fortunate to have you as our Director of Music. We are also grateful to Dr Kevin Morgan who accompanied the singing on the organ; thank you for all your skill and hard work. Thanks also go to all who came from far and near to perform and listen, especially the brave volunteers who sang solos, well done!

Special thanks go to Lisa MacKenzie and her helpers who provided tea and cakes

for the choir, to the church social committee who helped with the performance arrangements and refreshments in the interval, and to other church members who helped on the day.

**Joan Johnson**



**If you missed this or you would like to do it again, there is another opportunity to sing in Blackburn. Full details are in the notice below.**

## **BLACKBURN MUSIC SOCIETY**

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There will also be the opportunity to join the choir performing the Messiah on December 2nd in Blackburn Cathedral accompanied by The Cathedra Players - please see the Booking Form for more details.

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# Christ the King

*Nigel Beeton writes; The Sunday before Advent Sunday is often celebrated as Christ the King, when we acknowledge that Jesus is the King of all people, space, and time, sitting at God's right hand in Heaven, and one day He will finally banish all death and sin:*

Christ is the King of all Creation  
He is the King of all the earth;  
Christ is the King of every nation  
Lord of life, and death, and birth

On God's right hand our King is seated  
Receiving praises for His worth!  
He came from God to dwell with sinners  
Sinners, including you and I

We know, with Him, we'll be the winners  
Of life with Christ the King on High!  
With all the angels we will praise Him  
Who died and rose in victory!

Christ the King will come in glory  
With trumpet blast – the glorious one!  
All people then will know His story  
All people bow before the Son!

No more death and no more sorrow  
His Kingdom here on earth shall come!

Crown Him our King – His vict'ry praising  
God of all gods, and King of kings

Sing of His grace and love amazing  
He is the King above all things!  
Through all Heav'n and earth all voices  
Our song of triumph ever rings!

*By Nigel Beeton*



## The Real Advent Calendar

Once again the Fylde Fairtrade Steering Group are selling Fairtrade "Real Advent Calendars". They hope to distribute them to **Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Home Start and Fylde Coast Women's Aid.**

The Advent calendars contain Fairtrade chocolate behind every window and a copy of the Christmas story. Each calendar costs **£4.50** and for every ten calendars sold the group can donate a calendar to Home Start.

If you would like to purchase one, there is an order form in church, available for collection from 5th November. Payment on receipt of calendar.

For further information please speak to Christine Campbell. Thank you



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# Update from Recent Events

## Heritage Open Day

Many thanks to everyone who helped out on Heritage Open Day. Your help was greatly appreciated.

## Afternoon Tea

On Saturday 26th August John and Jenny Edwards kindly allowed us to use their garden for 'Afternoon Tea'.

It proved to be a most enjoyable and popular event. We all enjoyed excellent food provided by Davina Parker's 'High Class Catering'. We were very fortunate to enjoy a rain-free afternoon. Our sincerest thanks to John and Jenny. See the pictures below taken at the event.



## CHRISTMAS CARDS 2023



Church Christmas cards are now available to purchase. A pack costs £5 and contains eight cards and envelopes. These are available in church from Susan McMahon or you can contact her on 01253 723280 to arrange collection or delivery.

All profits go to church funds.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

# The Coastal Collective



## The Coastal Collective

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A new charity for our children and families

### The Aims of The Coastal Collective

- ◆ Supporting children and families with additional needs or vulnerabilities
- ◆ Promoting health and well-being
- ◆ Providing specialist support through engagement with professionals to make lifelong changes, to enhance learning and education
- ◆ Developing a healthier, safer FY8 community

If you are in need of advice or are looking for help and support please email:

[familyhub@heyhouses.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:familyhub@heyhouses.lancs.sch.uk)



## Heyhouses C of E Nursery School

**Places are now available**

To find out more or to arrange a visit to this wonderful setting, please contact Suzanne Williams or Sarah Fisher on 01253 640110

# Notices from the Pew Sheet

- **Bishop's Harvest Appeal** - This year Bishop Philip is raising funds for CRESS UK (Christian Relief & Education for South Sudan). Full details are on the diocesan website and the church website. You can also donate online, place money in the box at the back of church, or take your donation to the parish office. Please support this worthy cause.
- **Fridge-Freezer for Sale** - A new Hoover upright FF is for sale, price £100, the buyer will need to remove it from the parish rooms. It is available to view during the parish office opening hours.
- **Mothers' Union** - Diaries are available to order for 2024. Christmas lunch is on Tuesday 12th December, lists are in church for members to sign up.





# MARK F.H. RAE



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# Tea & Chat



This takes place on the  
First **Monday** in the month (not bank holidays)

An opportunity to meet at **10.30 am** in  
'The Trawl Boat', St Annes

The idea is to support the community in helping to combat  
loneliness and encourage new friendships

All parishioners & friends are welcome

So please do come along and join us!

The next meeting will be on  
**MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER**



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There are numerous shops AND travel agents who are part of the scheme  
including M&S, John Lewis, Argos, Amazon, Hotels.com, you will be surprised  
at who is involved in this scheme. To date we have raised **£1,531.30**

Fantastic, keep it up! Thank you!

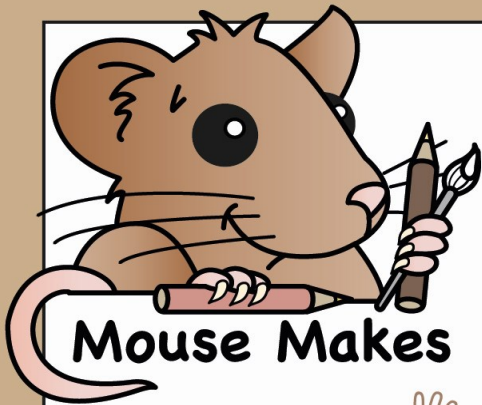
**CHRISTMAS IS COMING - so lets boost our funds!!**

Don't forget if you are shopping, buying insurance, booking holidays etc,  
check it out first at Easyfundraising. We only have 27 members!!

Please check it out!

**If you are shopping online DO IT through Easyfundraising  
and church receives a donation**

# Activities for the Young at Heart



"Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in every situation, by  
\_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
with thanksgiving, present your  
\_\_\_\_\_ to God."  
*Philippians 4:6-7 NIV*

"The \_\_\_\_\_  
is \_\_\_\_\_  
to all who \_\_\_\_\_  
on him in \_\_\_\_\_."  
*Psalm 145:18*

"For where two or three  
\_\_\_\_\_ in my name, there  
I am with them."  
*Matthew 18:20*

Hand-shaped word search with fingers labeled: SAY SORRY, PRAY FOR OTHERS, PRAY FOR YOURSELF, THANK GOD, FOR MY FAMILY, PRAY FOR FRIENDS, PRAY FOR THE NEEDY, PRAY FOR THE SICK, PRAISE GOD, PRAY FOR THE CHURCH.

**C O N F E S S P K R Q C**  
**N E A R M D P E H E A R Y**  
**T I M E E D A T E Q M Y**  
**I Q E J D T P I P U E O**  
**F P V O I R P T R E N U**  
**O R D I T U R I A S K T**  
**R A E C A T O O Y T P R**  
**G I V E T H A N K S R A**  
**I S O S E S C A P R A Y**  
**V E T G A T H E R U Y E**  
**E L E C A L L I S T E N**  
**M U B L E S S R L O R D**

*NIV*  
  
 Look up the Bible verses, fill in the blanks then find them in the word search

*Find these words too:*  
 APPROACH  
 MEDITATE  
 HEAR • LISTEN  
 BLESS • PRAISE  
 FORGIVE • NAME  
 CRY OUT • AMEN

" \_\_\_\_\_  
always, \_\_\_\_\_  
continually, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in all circumstances."  
*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

"Therefore,  
\_\_\_\_\_ your sins to one another and  
\_\_\_\_\_ for one another,  
that you may be healed."  
*James 5:16*

" \_\_\_\_\_  
yourselves  
to prayer, being  
watchful and  
thankful."  
*Colossians 4:2*

The  
Tale of the  
**TWO  
BUILDERS**



**JESUS OFTEN TOLD  
STORIES WITH  
HIDDEN MEANINGS**



**ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO  
BUILT THEIR OWN HOUSES**

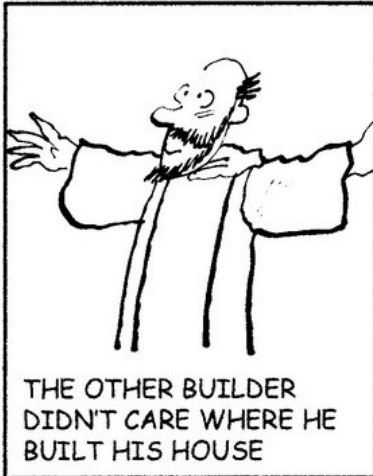


**THE FIRST BUILDER SEARCHED HIGH  
AND LOW FOR A GOOD SOLID ROCK ON  
WHICH TO BUILD HIS HIS HOME.**

**AT LONG, LONG LAST HE  
FOUND THE IDEAL SPOT.**



**SO HE BEGAN TO BUILD.**

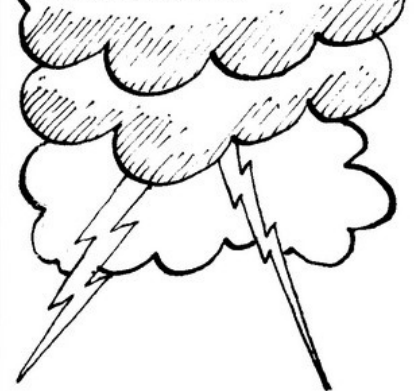


**THE OTHER BUILDER  
DIDN'T CARE WHERE HE  
BUILT HIS HOUSE**

**HE THOUGHT SOME NICE FLAT SAND  
WOULD BE AN EASY PLACE TO BUILD.**



**BUT ONE DAY THE  
STORM CAME...**

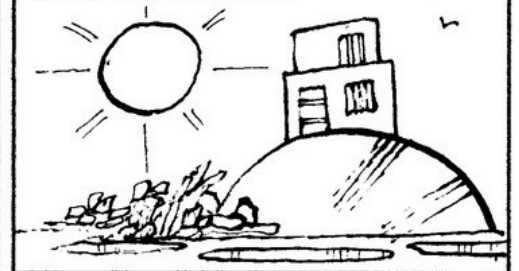


**...AND THE WIND BLEW...AND  
THE RAIN FELL....**



**...AND THE HOUSE ON  
THE SAND COLLAPSED!**

**BUT THE HOUSE ON THE  
ROCK STOOD FIRM.**



**JESUS EXPLAINED -  
IT'S IMPORTANT OUR LIVES HAVE  
A FIRM FOUNDATION.**

# Dates for Your Diary 2023-2024

**Saturday 18th November** - Concert by The Yard Dogs  
(See details on page 25)

**Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th December**  
Set up for Christmas Tree Festival

**Thursday 7th December** - Mayor's Carol Service

**9th-16th December** - Christmas Tree Festival

**Saturday 9th December** - Christmas Concert with  
Lytham Community Choir - 7.00 pm  
Tickets are £10 with under 18's free

**Saturday 16th December** - Grand Draw

**Saturday 16th December** - Concert with The Lidun Singers  
7.00 pm - Tickets are £10 with under 18's free

**Wednesday 3rd January** - Dismantling of Christmas Trees

See the Pew Sheet & website for further details of these and other things which are being planned over the coming months





St Annes Parish Church  
proudly presents a concert by

# The Yard Dogs

on  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 pm**

There will be a variety of music to suit all tastes including  
Rock, Blues and Soul

**Special Guest - Bob Fraser, Singer & Songwriter  
who has toured with Cliff Richard**

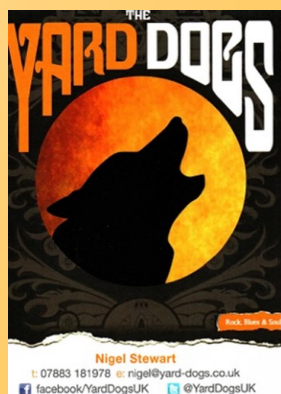
Drinks will be available at the interval

**Admission is £10 per person and under 18's free**

Tickets are available from the Parish Office,  
Social Committee members & on the door  
*(Advance purchases are preferred as it helps with planning)*

This promises to be a fantastic evening so please come  
along and enjoy yourselves

'The Yard Dogs' have very kindly offered to perform  
for us to raise money for church funds





# New Poppy for Remembrance Sunday

For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy for Remembrance Sunday this year. It is plastic free!

Director of the Poppy Appeal, Andy Taylor-Whyte explains: "We are very proud to introduce the plastic-free poppy. It will not only enable people to support our Armed Forces community, but it also continues the RBL's commitment to sustainability."

The new poppy has been three years in its development and making. The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic and to "be economical, sustainable, and have less impact on the environment."

The new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and is made from "bespoke red and green paper." The paper comes from a blend of renewable fibres, 50 per cent of which has been recovered from the waste used in the production of coffee cups.

The plastic-free poppy will be available alongside remaining stocks of the current poppy, to reduce any waste of poppies already produced.

Poppies containing single-use plastic can be returned to Sainsbury's stores for recycling.



# New Christmas Carol



This Christmas, the Church of England is inviting choirs across churches, schools, and communities to 'join the song' alongside one of the country's leading choral composers.

The 'song' is a new interpretation of 'The First Nowell.' It has been given a brand-new melody by the well-known composer Bob Chilcott and is the centrepiece of this year's Church of England Christmas focus: *Follow The Star: Join The Song*. The C of E theme for 2023 highlights how singing can help draw people closer to God and one another, through the journey from Advent to Epiphany.

Bob Chilcott's most often performed pieces include *Can you hear me?*, *A Little Jazz Mass*, and the *St John Passion*. His music has been recorded by The King's Singers, King's College, Cambridge, The Sixteen, Tenebrae and The BBC Singers, among other choirs and groups.

"It's been an absolute thrill for me to be able to write new music for the well-known carol, 'The First Nowell,' and to be a part of the 'Follow the Star' campaign at Christmas 2023," Bob Chilcott said.

"I have aimed to make this melody easy to pick up and I hope all will enjoy singing it, at a time of year when the joy of singing is so central to worship and to the celebration of Christmas." The carol is published by Oxford University Press and features as part of OUP's new edition of the favourite series, *Carols for Choirs 6*. The C of E is offering a wide variety of free resources available for churches, schools, and choirs. Visit: [www.achurchnearyou.com/accounts/login/?next=/hub/asset/first-nowell-resources](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/accounts/login/?next=/hub/asset/first-nowell-resources) (New users will need to set up a free account, which is a very quick process).

# Christmas Tree Festival 2023

**9th - 16th December 2023**



**Crafters please see page 30**

**Susan McMahon would appreciate donations  
for her bottle stall**

**Bottles of drinks, sauces and toiletries etc**

**Cans eg beer & soft drinks**

**(no food cans thank you)**

**would all be gratefully received**

**If you are able to provide a cake, homemade or  
bought, or supply preserves that can be sold  
on the cake/preserve stall please  
speak to Jennifer Oldfield.**

**Pam Kinghorn and Lesley Dawson would also  
appreciate contributions to their chocolate/  
sweet & biscuit tombola**

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT**





# Food Donations Supporting the Parish



There is a basket at the back of church for any tinned or other non-perishable donations which we are passing to our church school, Heyhouses C of E Primary School, each week  
These items are used to support our school and thereby the families in our parish

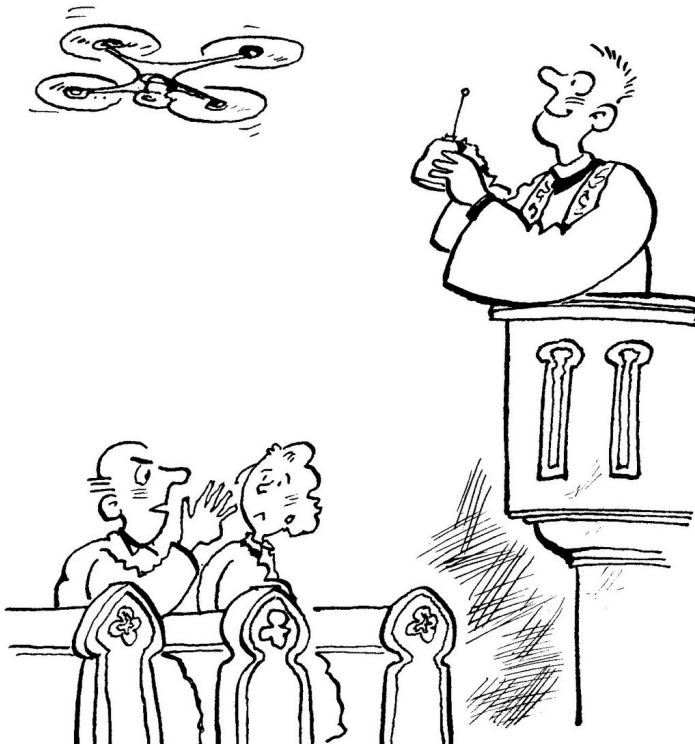
Sadly, even within the sound of our church bells, some families face the difficult decision of heating or eating

**So we extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who donates goods**

**It is very much appreciated by our local community and the school**

Donations can be brought to any of the church services

**Please check that all items are well within their "Use by" date**



*...his constant droning from the pulpit is really getting on my nerves!*

If you are interested in placing an advert in the Parish Magazine

Please contact the Parish Office on

01253 722736

The office is open from Monday to Friday 9.30 am-12 noon





## Note from the Editor:

Well here we are almost in Advent and the month of preparation. Plans are well in hand for the Christmas Tree Festival and other events which are linked to this special week.

We also look forward to the poppy cascade which will be in place any time soon, if it is not there already.

Most exciting of all is the restarting of Sunday School. We are very grateful to all the volunteers who are supporting this valuable role.

The next magazine will be a double issue, Winter. If you have anything that you would like to share with us, then please send items as usual to:

[stannesparishmag@gmail.com](mailto:stannesparishmag@gmail.com). Thank you.



## Quote for November



"If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help someone."



### Heyhouses C of E Nursery School

Are you looking for a nursery place for your child?

If you are interested in a place at this outstanding nursery with close links to the primary school please contact us at

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# Baby & Toddler Group



We meet in the Parish Rooms from  
2.00 pm to 3.30 pm on **WEDNESDAYS** during **TERM TIME**  
Everyone is welcome - Mummies & Daddies, Grandparents,  
Childminders, Carers

You will all be given a warm welcome with your little ones  
Come and have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat while your children  
play in a safe environment

For more details contact the Parish office - 01253 722736

**Church of St Anne Guide Book only £2.50, available from the church  
bookstall. Highly recommended**



## TREE FESTIVAL 2023



Given the success of last year's craft stall at the Christmas  
Tree Festival, due to all of your talents, innovation, support  
and enthusiasm, we are intending to hold another craft stall this year.  
So, once again, any contributions will be very much appreciated.

Thank you, for your continued support. **Jennifer Edwards**

### Sunday School

Sunday School will be  
held on the

2nd & 4th Sundays in  
the month

It will be held in the  
Parish Rooms - Room 1  
at 10:15 am

All children aged 2-5  
will be welcome

You can contact us at  
[stannessundayschool3@gmail.com](mailto:stannessundayschool3@gmail.com)



### Babies & Toddlers

Come and join us  
in the Parish Rooms on  
Wednesday afternoons  
in **term time** from

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Everyone is welcome  
Mums, Dads,  
Grandparents,  
Childminders and Carers

Come and join us for tea  
and a chat with plenty of  
toys for the toddlers



### Influence

Articles for inclusion in  
the magazine for

**WINTER 2023**

should be handed in  
at the Parish Office or  
e-mailed to:  
[stanneparishmag@gmail.com](mailto:stanneparishmag@gmail.com)

before 12 pm on

**FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER**

Thank you



# Church Registers



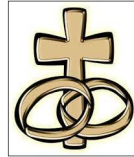
## Baptisms



Poppy Grace Dawson  
Ettie Sunshine Cook  
Florence Willow Clarkson  
Caleb Bates  
Levi  
Rex



## Marriages



## Recently Departed

Please pray for those who have died recently, among them:

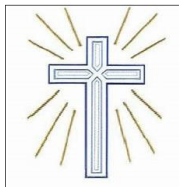
Ken Derbyshire  
Edwin John Eaves  
Mary Noakley  
Chris Salisbury  
Edith Wood

*'May they rest in Peace and rise in Glory'*



## Memorial Chapel Lamp

The Memorial Chapel Lamp is sponsored by Bill Bloss in Memory of Mike Fitzsimmons



## Lady Chapel Lamp

The Lamp in the Lady Chapel is sponsored by The St Annes Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham



## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



It is possible to have names of departed loved ones placed in the Memorial Book. Please simply take a form from the back of church and return it to the Parish Office.



Donations given with names for entry will be placed in a special memorial fund, to be used in memory of loved ones, according to the church's needs.

## Diocesan Communications Update

Information from the diocese is available to view on the diocesan website: [www.blackburn.anglican.org](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org). If you are reading this online you can click on this link [Blackburn Diocese](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org) or search [www.blackburn.anglican.org](http://www.blackburn.anglican.org)

Lots of useful and interesting information with links to photographs, articles and diocesan initiatives.

## Contacts

### Church Officers and Organisations

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### **Uniformed Organisations**

For details of our uniformed groups  
contact the Parish Office

## Usual Services at St Annes Parish Church

### Sunday

10.15 am Children's Church  
(2nd & 4th Sundays in the month)

10.30 am Parish Mass

6.30 pm Evening Prayer  
(see Worship & Prayer Diary for details)

### Weekday Services

The Mass is usually celebrated at the  
following times:

Monday .....	12.00 noon
Tuesday .....	10.30 am
Wednesday .....	9.00 am
Thursday .....	6.00 pm
Friday .....	9.30 am



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For information regarding Weddings & Funerals  
please contact Fr Glen - 01253 728358

For information regarding Baptisms  
please contact the Parish Office - 01253 722736

### Churchwardens

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