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Services

Worship at Holy Trinity
One Sunday in each month will be 'Morning Praise' which is not a communion service.

Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion

First Friday Worship
The first Friday of each month at Holy Trinity at 7.00pm - followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Details of services are displayed on the outside notice board, and are given in The Link each Sunday.

Worship at St Mark's Nether Kellet
Sundays 9.00am
First Sunday Holy Communion - Common Worship
Second Sunday Morning Prayer
Third Sunday Holy Communion - Book of Common Prayer
Fourth Sunday Morning Prayer
Fifth Sunday Morning Prayer

Worship at Christ Church United Reformed Church
2nd Oct 10.00am Rev G Lear
Flowers from K & J Walton
9th Oct 10.00am Rev R Gill
Flowers from P Jarrett
16th Oct 10.00 am Rev G Barton
Flower Fund
23rd Oct 10.00am Rev D Greenwood
Flowers from E Towers
30th Oct 10.00am Rev D Atkinson
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6th Nov 10.00am Rev G Lear
Flowers from Flower Fund

Christ Church United Reformed Church
Mr G Shaw - Treasurer 67644
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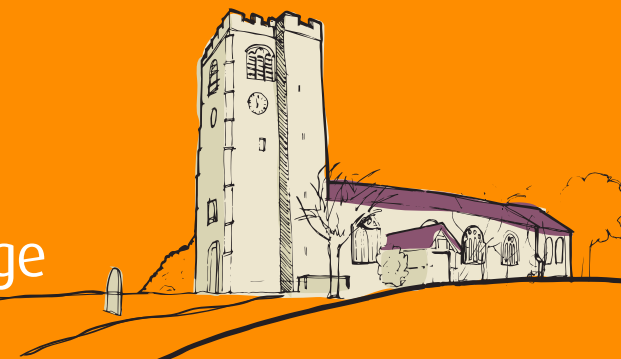
During the vacancy the Revd David Greenwood will be our pastoral link person. If anyone needs a minister please contact the Church Secretary

Mass times at St. Mary of The Angels
Sundays 9.00am
Monday and Friday 10.00am

See notice board by the Church gate for variations

Ministry Message

How Healthy are we?



As part of the Diocese's Vision 2026, churches are invited to undertake a 'healthy church audit', to enable them to discover which areas of church life are strong and healthy and should be celebrated, and which areas need further development. The audit assesses 'church health' against six qualities which have been shown to be fundamental to church health and growth, and these are :

1. Inspiring worship and dynamic prayer that connects and engages.

A healthy church offers worship which inspires, encourages and builds people up in faith. The worship has depth, richness and connects with people helping them to encounter God. A healthy church has a deep-rooted, active commitment to prayer, which is demonstrated in every area of its life.

2. Clear vision that gives direction to the Church's ministry and mission.

A healthy church has a clear sense of purpose and direction based on seeking to find out what God wants. It has a current **Mission Action Plan** which contains clear priorities that guide the church as it seeks to build God's kingdom in its local community. The church prioritises mission, is committed to growth and focuses on doing a few things well. A healthy church is willing to self-reflect, change and adapt according to context and is committed to working towards its vision.

3. Positive leadership encouraging collaborative ministry

A healthy church embraces a positive pattern of Christian leadership, promotes collaborative working, and encourages all people, lay and ordained, to find opportunities to put their faith into action. A healthy church actively encourages people to use their gifts and talents in the service of others. The leadership creates effective structures that motivate others and facilitate innovation. The church encourages Christian vocations and encourages people to **explore God's call upon their lives.**

4. Encouraging active, generous discipleship

A healthy church actively encourages people to continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus and find expression for their faith in the church and in the world. The church creates opportunities for people's discipleship to be nurtured through activities such as prayer, small groups, bible study, retreats, conferences and pilgrimage. A healthy church regularly runs enquirers' courses and invites people to explore the Christina faith for themselves. It is a church that encourages people of all ages to develop a vibrant living faith expressed in the giving of their time, talents and money in the service of others.



Ministry Message cont.

5. A strong sense of warm, open community

A healthy church is a community that features relationships that are open, warm, caring and supportive. It is welcoming, hospitable and builds on on-going relationships with people. The church is able to creatively manage differing views and opinions and faces the cost of change and growth. The church nurtures a sense of belonging for people of all ages and backgrounds and is open to new people joining the life of the church. The church demonstrates effective pastoral care to church members and to the wider community. A healthy church actively reaches out to others and has a warm and positive relationship with the community it serves.

6. Intentional outward looking focus

A healthy church seeks to reach out to the local community and to those further afield with God's love and compassion. It related well to its local culture and context, and lives out the life of the church through a shared commitment to evangelism, social action and justice. Through the life of the church, God's transforming power is expressed in the lives of people in the local community.

At Holy Trinity, the PCC members have already begun work on their responses, and the next step will be to invite others to share their perceptions. Members of the congregation will have the opportunity to complete a simple questionnaire at a forthcoming service. But we would welcome the views of those members of the community who do not regularly come to church, and the next edition of **The Messenger** will give details of how they can give their views. When all the responses have been collected and collated, the PCC will then have the job of assessing our areas of strength and areas for development, which will then help us to update our **Mission Action Plan**

Nancy



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Your Church needs YOU

Could you donate an hour of your week to church?
Or arrive 30 minutes earlier on a Sunday?

If so would you consider joining a cleaning team, a side persons team or a coffee team? Please feel free to ask the churchwardens for more information.



The Crossroads Mission Weekend

From **Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th September**, the Tunstall Deanery welcomed a visiting team from the Newcastle Diocese as part of the Diocese of Blackburn's Crossroads Weekend. The essence of the weekend was local churches uniting in locally organised mission, supported by visiting teams. The team from Newcastle was led by **Bishop Frank White** and included **The Revd Canon John Sinclair, The Revd Captain Steve Dixon, The Revd Beth Rookwood, Ms Izzy McDonald-Booth** and **Mr Stephen Ramshaw**. The events of the Weekend were enjoyed by those who came, and below are reports from the events organised by Holy Trinity Church.

Crossroads Commissioning Service

On **Thursday 8th September** there was the Commissioning Service for the Crossroads Weekend led by Archbishop John Sentamu at Blackburn Cathedral. Karen Hillis, as the deanery coordinator, processed in with Bishop Frank, Archbishop Sentamu gave an encouraging message and there were prayers for the Weekend across the diocese.



Bishop Frank's visit to Bolton-le-Sands school

On **Friday 9th September** Bishop Frank and his team came from Newcastle to visit Bolton-le-Sands school. He taught us about the Crossroads Mission which is about encouraging people to become disciples of Jesus and to get more people to become leaders in churches. We had a special assembly all about choosing the right road to take in life. We chose Truth, Confidence, Sharing and Love. He spoke to us all in assembly then he had a tour of school.

"He asked us what we were doing"
said Olivia and Hannah.

"We told him about the mythical legend stories we were writing"
said Martha.

Bishop Frank gave out Jesus rock! Mr Cross had some and Martha and Olivia had some at the BBQ on the shore on Friday night. **From the Bolton-le-Sands CE School newspaper, written by the children.**



Mothers' Union Lunch on Friday 9th September

When the Mothers' Union members were asked to contribute to the lunch for visiting clergy and local Head teachers the response was amazing. As ever their generosity knew no bound: and we were able to provide a magnificent spread through homemade fare or financial donations.



On the day a small group of members arrived, donned MU tabards and set to work. We anticipated 35 to 40 people who would be having lunch and had set out tables and chairs the day before. The tables were set and decorated with flowers and napkins and the food arranged buffet style. I jokingly suggested to Carole Vollar and Trish Cooper that we should fold the napkins in the shape of a bishop's mitre in honour of Bishop Frank. It was no sooner said than done!

As we awaited the last few members of the team Nancy amused us all by trying her bishop's mitre napkin on her head. Unbeknown to Nancy, Bishop Frank was watching this from the other side of the church and suggested we should move on quickly with the lunch before Nancy was snapped up by the Archbishop of Canterbury!

Everyone had plenty to eat and there was enough for second helpings for those who could manage it. There was plenty of desert left and that was taken to the BBQ on the beach. Many members have spoken to me since the meal to say how much they enjoyed the food and the fellowship. Maybe we could do it again sometime?

Kath Lane, MU Enrolling Member

Visits to House Groups

It was a total pleasure to welcome three of the Crossroads Team (Bishop Frank, the Revd Beth and Izzy) to our church study group The Pilgrims, named after the Pilgrim course we studied when the group first started. Now we are studying the bible stories depicted in the stained glass windows in Holy Trinity. Carole Vollar led the discussions and thanks to the diligent work she had done in preparation we all felt we had learnt a great deal about the background to the characters in the story of the Good Samaritan and this concerned both the Old and New Testaments. Convivial conversation took place whilst we enjoyed tea and cakes. I was able to talk to Bishop Frank about the future of the group the following afternoon when on the Prayer Walk.

Hazel Short

We were delighted when Canon John, Steve and Stephen joined us for our house group meeting. First we shared a cup of tea and asked them to tell us about themselves. We found this inspiring and so encouraging to hear how God had been and is at work in their lives. We explained that ours was a meditative group and that as we grow older we find ourselves more like Mary than Martha. We have used various books and courses in our bible study and discussion but our main purpose has developed into listening to God in the silence and intercession. We asked them to tell us things they would like us to pray about and they then joined us in a time of silent prayer. We assured them that they were now on our prayer list - we will not forget them, and will continue to pray for them in their continuing ministry.

Sue Young and Margaret Bateman



Beach BBQ

On the evening of Friday 9th September people congregated on the shore by Red Bank Farm for a Beach BBQ and all age worship. As the wind howled and the rain poured down we all enjoyed a fun evening of fellowship and BBQ under the marquees, with the chefs not stopping for over two hours. The children were not bothered by the weather and loved charging across the beach and toasting marshmallows on a fire. It was amazing for everyone to come together, especially welcoming Urban Saints from Slyne Church and the visiting team from the Diocese of Newcastle. Throughout the evening music was brilliantly provided by Amplify, a youth worship band from St Thomas' Church Lancaster. The band played amazingly during the worship leading everyone in songs of praise. As well as Amplify playing we heard an inspiring testimony from Revd Beth Rookwood and a brilliant talk from Kat Witham, the Diocese of Blackburn's Youth Officer. Both talking about being friends with Jesus and how it has effected their lives. All this was done in great spirit with people holding down the marquee to stop it from blowing away whilst singing 'My Lighthouse'. It was certainly a night no one will forget in a hurry.

Joshua Hillis



Men's Breakfast

On Saturday morning, a group of over twenty men from Holy Trinity, St Cuthbert's and St Luke's, Slyne, met for breakfast and fellowship with our visitors. The staff at Mia Italia welcomed us with coffee and big smiles on arrival, and the restaurant was already buzzing with conversation when Bishop Frank, Canon John, Captain Steve and Stephen Ramshaw arrived with their hosts. The smell of bacon cooking was whetting our appetites, as Bishop Frank addressed us with a few 'thoughts for the day'. After introducing the team, he told us about his own journey in faith, stemming from an upbringing in a strict Roman Catholic tradition, and how he eventually found a personal relationship with Jesus. He briefly outlined his career in the church, in a witty and thought-provoking talk, and concluded by saying Grace for us. The bacon buns, beautifully presented, arrived very swiftly, and we were able to enjoy good food and good company. It was a pleasure to meet members of the team and chat with them, finding out the things we have in common, exchanging ideas and thinking about our own journeys in faith. Our thanks go to the staff at Mia Italia for accommodating and feeding us; the success of the morning can be summarised in two quotes, overheard as we were leaving: "That was great. We ought to do it more often." "When can we do it again - we ought to do it at least every quarter."

David Bateman



Crossroads Crossing of the River Lune

What a sunny afternoon! Around thirty parishioners from churches in the Tunstall Deanery were blessed with fine weather and even finer fellowship on our walk along the river. Four prayer stops along the way reminded us of why we were together enjoying nature on such a lovely autumn day. It was great to meet Bishop Frank and his colleagues from the North East. They gave us a rendition of the Lambton Worm. I'm not sure about the singing! There was some humming especially from me, after the opening line of some of the hymns, and it's a good job we didn't go further than the first verses. All in all we had a good walk and we all, including the dogs, came back safely.

Brian James

We were unsure about the number of Mothers' Union members in the Deanery who would be able to manage the walk along the River Lune. I was pleased that we had three Branch Leaders and four members who joined the walk. Thankfully the heavy rain from the previous evening had cleared away and the weather was perfect for our walk. We did experience a few exciting moments as we met very wet and muddy stretches on the route but with a few strong men at hand we were all able to negotiate the tricky parts. Mothers' Union were invited to pray at a particularly beautiful spot on the river bank and we joined together to say the Mothers' Union prayer. Yet another opportunity for us to celebrate our 140 years anniversary!

Kath Lane

On Sunday 11th September the team from Newcastle dispersed across the deanery for worship services and we welcomed Canon John Sinclair to Holy Trinity. Canon John preached a passionate and amusing sermon, using his experience of walking from John O'Gaunt to Land's End as a metaphor for the journey of the Christian Faith.

Crossroads Celebration

On the Sunday afternoon the four days of mission events came to a climax at an open air celebration involving more than 1000 people at the Flag Market in Preston. A vibrant hour included live music and drama and an inspiring address from Archbishop Sentamu. The service also saw many coming forward for prayer as they committed, or recommitted, themselves to following Christ.

None of these events would have been possible without the tireless hours of many volunteers so a big thank you to everyone who supported and came along to these events.



It was great - we went - and we're glad you came too!

The Train

*At birth we boarded the train and met our parents,
and we believe they will always travel by our side.*

*As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant
i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life.*

*However, at some station our parents will step down
from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.*

Others will step down over time and leave a permanent vacuum.

Some, however, will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats.

*This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy,
expectations, hellos, good byes, and farewells.*

*Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that
we give the best of ourselves.*

The mystery to everyone is:

*We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down.
So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are.*

*It is important to do this, because when the time comes for us to step down and
leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will
continue to travel on the train of life.*

I wish you all a joyful journey.

the link

The Link appears in church every Sunday, and contains information about services, and parish notices. Items for inclusion in The Link can be sent to holytrinitylink@gmail.com by the preceding Thursday evening.



Holy Trinity Church Raise the Roof Open the Door Round Two Application

Our application is due to be considered by the Heritage Lottery Committee on 29th September. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a favourable result.

Since the last issue of The Messenger we have:

- Issued a 'Letter of Intent' to the preferred contractor to enable them to order the roof slates in advance of issuing the full contract instruction. The reason for doing this is to avoid a 16 week lead time for the slates.
- Should we be successful, we have been advised by the contractor that the mobilisation of materials and scaffold would take place during October, with the main work commencing in November.
- Prior to Christmas scaffolds within church will be limited to the North aisle and chapel, with access being maintained to the kitchen and vestries.

Next Steps

We await the deliberations of the Heritage Lottery Fund and if successful we will award the contract.

The team with delegated responsibility for the Project consists of **Karen Hillis, John Lane, Rob Daunt, Jim Mackison** and **Brian James**. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the team for further information.

Christenings, weddings and funerals at Holy Trinity

To book a Christening, please come along after the Sunday morning service at Holy Trinity between 11.45 and 12.15 and see one of our Christening Ministry Team, who will be able to assist you. Email the Christening Enquiry line - holytrinitychristenings@gmail.com

All enquiries about Weddings and Funerals should be made to Revd Nancy Goodrich (01524 823106) in the first instance.

Further details are available on our website : www.bolton-le-sands.org.uk

Did you know? Were you aware?

A message from the Church Wardens

Holy Trinity Church is open during daylight hours and many people enjoy popping in to rest, catch their breath, think, sit quietly or pray during these hours. There is a Visitors' Book there and it is lovely to read some of the comments!

'Knaresborough: passing in a narrow boat. Thanks for being open and turning on the lights onto let us see more.'

'Walking the canal - lovely to find the church open'

'I belong to a church which has closed; we are holding services in the community centre. I found it particularly uplifting and made me realise what we have lost!'

'Peaceful spot, visiting the church yard. Thanks for the helpfulness of the vicar Nancy'

'Lovely to see the church open and in such good order. Down from Newcastle to visit the grave of my dear father'

'Always a great pleasure to visit this beautiful church'

'Edinburgh: What a lovely church. My relatives - great grandfather and mother were married here in 1814 and their seven children were all baptised here'

'May great grandparents were married here in 1880. Many thanks for having the church open, not very usual these days'

Essex; 'Wonderful church'

'Canal Cruising, what a lovely peaceful church, thank you for being open'

'Visiting from Melbourne, Australia; Beautiful'

'Rutland: Lovely Warm welcoming church, particularly liked all the kneelers'

'Just nipped in for what I call contact and communion - thanks for being open'

The church is open for all within or outside the parish. Why not pop in, rest a while and indeed encourage others by writing in the visitors' book! You can write more than once you know!

Nurture Group : Would you like to gain new friends or deepen existing friendships? Would you like to ask questions and join in discussions about God and the Bible? If so, please consider joining our new Nurture Group. There are details on the notice at the back of Holy Trinity - if you'd like to join, please just add your name and contact details to the list. If you'd like a bit more information, please come along and have a chat with one of the staff on duty at any service. Everyone is welcome!

David Bateman & Peter John Davies (Church Wardens)

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Bolton-le-Sands Village

Community Emergency Plan

Mark Bartlett, Civil Contingencies Officer with Lancaster City Council held a meeting with our Chairman **Keith Budden** and **Cllr Bob Bond** where he explained that in single incidents the emergency services and/or local authority can be expected to attend as normal, but when there is large scale disruption, such as during the Storm Desmond blackout, or widespread adverse weather conditions the responder agencies will be stretched and have to prioritise their attendance across the district.

Why do we need a Community Emergency Plan?

There may be times when you may be affected by an emergency, but your life is not in immediate danger. During this time, you need to know how to help yourself and those around you. By becoming more resilient, you and your community can complement the work of local emergency responders and reduce the impact of an emergency on your community both in the short and long term.

So, how do we get started?

Firstly, we need to identify our community and get people involved. We need to work together and form a Community Emergency Group, to collect information to ensure isolated or vulnerable people are contacted to see if they need assistance during an emergency; to source safe places for people to shelter, or in the case of the electrical blackout, where those who are all electric can get a warm drink.

What to do next.

If you would like to get involved in setting up this Community Emergency Group, perhaps you have a place where people could stay or rest or just to have a cup of tea, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council at blspsc@hotmail.co.uk and register your interest and if applicable, what you can do to assist those caught up in an emergency.

Thank you for your time

Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council

Old Boys' Free Grammar School

Available for meetings, coffee mornings, social functions etc.
For details and hire charges please contact **Mrs Joan Baker on 824384**

Bolton le Sands Men's Group 2016-2017

- 10th October 2016** Hotpot and quiz 7.30 OBGs : £8 per head
Names to Keith on 824247 or email kbudden@outlook.com
- 14th November 2016** Robert Swain
Mystery tour
- 12th December 2016** Mike Ashton
Blood bikes, Ladies welcome – sherry & mince pies
- 9th January 2017** Brian Crawley
Backpacking in Knoydart
- 13th February 2017** Brian Jones
History of the coke ovens
- 13th March 2017** AGM – Vicar
Speaker to be announced



First Friday Service Returns!

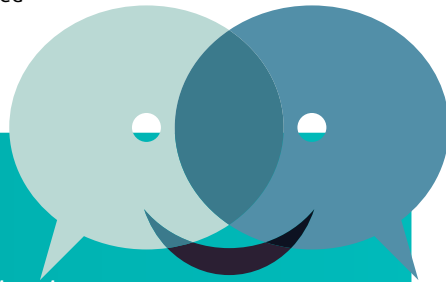
Friday 7th October at 7pm at Holy Trinity Church

'Telling Stories'

There is a warm welcome for you to attend the above service.
The service is titled: 'Telling Stories'

Please be brave and invite a friend! There will be a fellowship time afterwards with hot and cold drinks with cakes.

Future First Friday dates:
Friday 4th November 2016. 7pm. Holy Trinity Church: Taize Service
Friday 2nd December 7pm. Holy Trinity Church: Christingle Service.



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Notes from the Jungle



In September I went with a group from my university to the refugee camp at Calais, known as “**The Jungle**”, in order to provide humanitarian aid, but primarily to gain an insight into the camp. For a week we worked with the organisation, L’Auberge des migrants and we were able to gain contacts in the camp through them.

One such contact I made was with Abdul. Jungle Books is a school outside the camp proper where every evening refugees come to learn languages or just to chat with volunteers, and it was there that I met Abdul. Originally from Darfur in Sudan, Abdul had only been in the camp for two weeks and was trying to learn French. Through a combination of English and Arabic, I was able to walk Abdul through a basic French book and it quickly became apparent that Abdul was highly intelligent because of how quickly he remembered vocabulary. I soon found out that he not only spoke six languages but was a law graduate and a well read one too; in between his articulate points about the problems facing Sudan, I learnt that he had read much of Shakespeare, Dickens and sociologists such as Max Weber and Durkheim. He had been forced to flee Darfur because he was to be arrested for speaking out against the government’s corruption and consequently had harsh opinions of other Sudanese in the camp who were from less war torn areas and did not face such immediate threats to life.

As someone who loves eating food from different cultures, I was delighted to eat lunch one day in an Afghan restaurant in the camp. Over warm naan breads, lentils, marinated spinach, eggs in tomato and other dishes, the manager of the restaurant told me how the restaurant was able to sustain itself primarily from the custom of volunteers although refugees also ate there. In fact, custom was so steady that he said that he was no longer trying to get to the UK but preferred to stay in the camp and run his restaurant. This view contrasted greatly to another Sudanese man, Khaled, that I met, who had been granted asylum and will come to the UK in October. However, a combination of desperation and distrust of bureaucracy provoked him to still risk his life every night by trying to jump onto lorries. This contrast between the restaurant owner and Khaled serves to demonstrate the extremely complicated and conflicting nature of the camp.

Indeed, if there was one thing that I will take from this week, it was the sheer complexity of the camp. It is undoubtedly an unpleasant place to live in but no one is starving and most are able to keep dry. The camp is a place of warmth and friendliness during the day but at night is violent and brutal. The volunteers are doing a fantastic job of sustaining life but have developed a sense of self righteousness, which can be odious. The people of Calais hate the presence of the camp but their local economy has been boosted by the largely British volunteers.

The camp is a bewildering place where thousands of human stories intertwine but with no sign of a conclusion, and it is this aspect which is poorly expressed by our media. There are for example only 55 Syrians in the camp, the majority are Afghan and Sudanese, and whilst the camp is largely young men there is still a substantial family section. What the stories of Abdul, the restaurant manager and Khaled all share, along with the other thousands of stories, is this complexity, this light and shade. No one wants the Jungle to remain; it is inhuman and political troubling, but until there is more effort to embrace all these stories and to acknowledge their complexity, there can be no solution.

Joshua Hillis

Quiet Day at Hynning Hall



Thursday 20th October 2016 from 10am – 4pm
Coffee at 9.30 and lunch at 1pm

The cost will be **£17** for the set meal and £12 for those bringing a packed lunch. If you wish to attend, please sign the list on the notice board at the back of Holy Trinity church.

For more information or help with transport please speak to **Margaret Bateman 01524 825020**

Children’s Society

Well folks, we are nearly at the end of this year’s collecting, but not quite; and the final report will be ready for the November edition of The Messenger. However, a BIG thank you to all who responded to my plea for the boxes to be sent in. It has helped me greatly. And ALL have now been returned to church for collection. If you have not picked yours up yet please do so - then we help to keep the church free of clutter. I am very grateful for their help in my job of getting boxes collected and returned. More news soon! **Margaret Hutchinson (824110)**

Holy Trinity Church Coffee Morning

Thanks to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning in the Community Centre on Thursday 22nd September. A good attendance and very generous support for the raffle meant a profit of £300 for church funds. Thanks to all who donated prizes, manned the stalls, brewed the tea and coffee, helped to clear away at the end, or helped in any other way. **Social Committee**

Bolton-le-Sands Bonfire & Fireworks

Bolton-le-Sands Bonfire and Fireworks Committee will be staging their 44th annual display on **Saturday November 5th 2016** on the Community Centre Playing Fields. Gates open at 6pm, the fire will be lit at 6:45pm and the fireworks will commence as near to 7pm as the police and crowds allow. The display will be all fired to music. A DJ will again provide pre-display entertainment and refreshments will be available on site. Tickets will be available from local shops at **£5** or from Committee members. Unfortunately, for crowd safety reasons, it is no longer possible to pay at the gate on the night. If a child does not yet go to school, they do not pay. Parking is limited in our village so please respect the local residents and obey the temporary closure and parking notices.

Volunteers are always needed. Please contact the Secretary on **01524 823685**, or the Sponsorship Secretary on **01524 822643** if you are interested in helping in any way.



Mothers' Union Update

It hardly seems possible that the **Crossroads Mission Weekend** had come and gone. There was so much excitement and preparation beforehand and the actual weekend was filled with activity. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the MU Luncheon for the Crossroads team by contributing to the food or setting up and serving on the day. From your feedback I know that you all enjoyed it as did the Bishop and his team. I took the leftovers to the BBQ on the beach and they were enjoyed by the youngsters until such time as they became too soggy with the torrential downpour! Also I made an amazing discovery that evening – I tasted toasted marshmallows for the first time. I do not know how I have reached this grand age of mine without tasting one – they are fabulous! Thanks too to those who managed the Prayer walk on the Lune. More about these events elsewhere in the magazine.

I have recently been tidying the archive boxes and I came across some newspaper cutting from 1973. In that year there were twelve MU branches in the Tunstall Deanery. We now have four. I hope we can reverse this trend and at least ensure we continue to have a strong branch here at Holy Trinity. We will be enrolling at least one new member during the next few weeks and if anyone out there thinks they may be interested in joining please have a word with me or one of the committee members.

We were delighted to welcome **Christine Maidment** to our Opening Service on **21st September**. Christine based her address on the Prayer of **Mary Sumner**, who founded the Mothers' Union 140 years ago, following what she felt was a prompting of the Spirit. Christine asked us if we ourselves would know if God was speaking to us, to challenge or re-assure us. In order to know what God is trying to say, we must listen, enjoy the beauty of the world around us, read the Scriptures and learn from the promptings to Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah, Moses, the Shepherds and the Disciples, to name but a few.

Christine spoke of the challenges she faced in becoming organist at Holy Trinity, and of her joy in discovering her own gift as she gave glory to God in music and song. She encouraged us to affirm one another's potential, be faithful in prayer and the reading of Scripture, always open to receive the word of God. As members of MU, Christine reminded us, we are Mary Sumner's legacy.

Our next Coffee Morning is on **October 5th** and will take place at the back of church after the 10am Eucharist. We will no longer use the Old Boys Grammar School because of access issues. Please use the box at the back of church for any items you may have for raffle prizes or the sale table. We meet in church again on **October 19th** for the Wave of Prayer service when the address will be given by Revd. Nancy Goodrich.

I am very excited about going to the MU General Meeting which starts with a service on **Thursday 22nd September** in Winchester Cathedral led by the Archbishop of Canterbury. –I understand the gathering will be extra special because of the 140th celebrations and look forward to sharing my experiences with you when I return. Love and prayers

Kath Lane Branch Leader



St. Mark's Nether Kellat

Notes from St Marks

When you receive your **Messenger** the Harvest Festival will have taken place at both Holy Trinity and St. Mark's. We must apologise for saying that there would be more information about the services in this edition but we didn't know at that time when they were going to be held. I am sure both buildings looked beautiful. Unfortunately it is too late to invite everyone to our evening Songs of Praise, so, we would love to invite you to any of our future services and you would be very welcome. We are delighted that we will soon see a Christening at St Mark's, when Benjamin George Brown is christened on October 23rd.

At the time of writing September will soon be over and the trees are beginning to change into their autumn colours – enjoy all the Glories of Autumn.

Over the recent summer months the Village Hall has had a make over. It has been redecorated, a new oven has been installed, as well as concertina doors. In the near future, a new carpet is to be laid.

Future events are being planned –

Bacon Butty Brunch was back frying on the 25th of September.

The Village Hall have organised a **Band Night** featuring The Lancaster Bombers on Saturday October 22nd Tickets are £10. For further information and tickets contact Frank Simpson tel. **732323** or Bob Pearson tel. **733445**

Also there will be a Fashion Show by **The Sale Company** on Friday October 21st starting at 7pm Fashions from River Island, Miss Selfridge and Evans. 75% off retail prices.

Liz Simpson 01524 732323



A Harvest Story

As I was walking along to church on harvest Sunday, I remembered a harvest happening of many years ago. It was a time when a wide variety of items was brought to decorate the church, including a sheaf of corn and a harvest loaf every year. There were many items from gardens as well as home-grown produce and some that were bought. On the Monday evening, there was the sale of surplus harvest goods.

That evening, there was a good crowd for the sale, some people I knew and some I did not. One of the items for sale was, from memory, a bunch of ornamental grasses. It was put up for auction and a little girl at the front stood up and bid for it.

Promptly, a lady behind raised her hand with a higher bid. Looking rather sad, the little girl bid again. The lady behind then raised the bid again. The little girl obviously had to think how much money she had before raising her hand once more. There was no doubt that she really wanted the grasses.

Once again, the lady raised her bid. The little girl looked really crestfallen as she sat down, and the lady looked triumphant. The auctioneer then asked if there were any more bids. To everybody's surprise, the late Syd Lindsay then put in a bid. He was a long-time member of the church and served on what was then the diaconate, now the eldership. The lady was obviously surprised at this and put in another bid herself, only to have Syd Lindsay raise the amount once more.

I forget how many times this happened before the lady decided to give in and stop bidding. The person taking out the lots then went up to Syd Lyndsay, who handed over the money. However, instead of taking the grasses, he instructed that they be given to the little girl!

That is the sort of man that Syd Lindsay was.

Harvest Supper

A Harvest Supper was held on Monday, 20 September, when those attending enjoyed pie and peas plus pickles, followed by a sweet, and also enjoyed a good chat.

As there was no sale of surplus harvest goods this year, for the first time, Robert Swain gave a slide show on the Lancaster Canal.

The show commenced with the start of work on the Millennium Ribble Link in 2001 and showed various stages of it up to the opening in July 2002. The Link uses Savic Brook from just below a flight of three locks by the junction with the main line down to the River Ribble. From just above lock 8 it is tidal and boats can only pass through when the tide is right. Pictures included the first privately owned vessels in the lock before going down the tidal section. There were also later pictures showing how the link is dredged in winter, when it is closed, and followed a boat up the Link for part of its journey from the River Ribble.

Other pictures shown related to where it is proposed to have the top lock at Tewitfield when the canal is restored through to Kendal.. Robert then followed the canal down to the building of Longlands Marina and on towards Carnforth. There was a trip on the former Waterbus. Details of the Lune aqueduct were explored. Finally, the canal was followed through Deep Cutting and the talk finished at Brant Beck Bridge, close to its end.



Dates for the Diary

3rd Oct	1pm - Knitting Group
6th Oct	12noon Agape Lunch
7th Oct	9.30am - Shining Stars
10th Oct	1pm - Knitting and Banner Group
14th Oct	9.30am - Shining Stars
17th Oct	1pm - Knitting and Banner Group
18th Oct	TBA - St Laurence Singers Concert - "Songs from the Shows"
19th Oct	7pm - Church Meeting in the Towers Room
21st Oct	9.30am - Shining Stars
24th Oct	1pm - Knitting Group
28th Oct	9.30am - Shining Stars
3rd Nov	12noon Agape Lunch
7th Nov	1pm - Knitting Group

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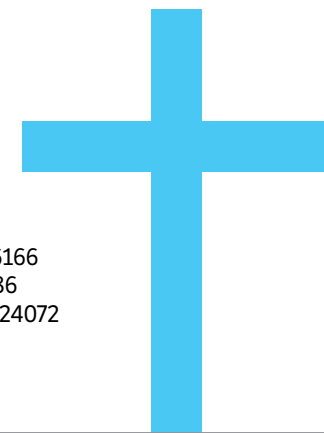
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Parish Discussion Group

We will continue to meet each month on a Sunday evening during the Autumn to work through the "Evangelium" booklet which examines the meaning of many aspects of our faith. As we near the end of the holiday season the dates of meetings still have to be announced. The discussion will, as always, be led by Fr John and Paul Bates and will be presented through the use of a DVD with many illustrations of early classical artists to guide us. It will surely be an interesting hour.

Catholic Women's League

Tuesday 4th October - Speaker David Rush from 'Lancashire Life'.
The CWL Annual Barn Dance is being held on Saturday 8th October in the St Mary's Parish Hall. This is always a very enjoyable, if energetic, evening with a live band and the price is only £10 including a hot-pot supper.
Monday 31st October is Quiz Night at St Mary's Hall from 7.30pm.

Sculpture Talks on 'The Parables'

Canon Luiz Ruscillo will be giving a series of talks on 11th and 18th October and on 15th and 22nd November; 7 to 8 p.m. in the Diocese Education Centre. Canon John recommends these, saying that Canon Ruscillo is always good value for money!



Canonisation of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Mother Teresa was canonised on September 4th at a ceremony in St Peter's Square in Rome. She had been born in Albania and, about 16 years old, went to Ireland to join the Loretto nuns. A few years later she sailed to India and found her true vocation working with the poor and the homeless. She opened numerous care homes around the world earning herself a Nobel Prize. Canon John told us the story of her visiting London and staying with Cardinal Basil Hume. "One night she left his house and wandered through the city seeking out homeless people. She found two men in need of shelter so asked a cab driver to take them to Basil Hume's house where he would give them shelter, telling the cabbie that the Cardinal would pay the fare." He did not say if Basil Hume was pleased to be woken up at 2 a.m. by them knocking on his door!

And to Finish:

What children think about angels:

- "My angel is my Grandma. She used to look after me while Mummy went shopping but she died last year. So she had a head start at being an angel when she was alive."
- "What I don't understand about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them."
- "All angels are girls because they have to wear dresses and boys don't do that."
- "Some angels look after making sick animals well. Mummy asked one to make my hamster better but it died. Then Mummy asked it to help me to get over it and I did."
- "My guardian angel is good at helping me with sums but she cannot spell."

Oh dear!

A man who always bought his wife anemones for her birthday was unable to find any in the flower shop so he chose a large fern for her. His wife was delighted at the change. "With fronds like these", she said, "who needs anemones."

Mahatma Ghandi was a small, frail man with a mystical presence but he had bad breath. He walked everywhere bare foot and developed callouses on his feet. So he was a super calloused fragile mystic plagued with halitosis.

The Welsh police have recruited a chef to work under cover to investigate cases of sheep stealing. His mates have nick-named him "Shepherd Spy".

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Bolton-le-Sands WI

Bolton-le-Sands WI Meeting was held at the B-le-S Village Hall at 7.15pm on Tuesday 13th Sept 2016. Vice Presidents Jean Bayliss and Jennifer Leach welcomed 70 members and one guest. Thanks were given to all ladies who were helping this evening.

Positive updates were given about members who had not been very well. They congratulated 5 members who recently had their golden weddings and best wishes were given for 8 September birthdays. There were notices about 2 September social events in the Village Hall along with our usual monthly Coffee Morning. They also outlined and explained forthcoming procedures for Committee Nominations in 2017. Previously B-le-S WI sent a handmade 90th birthday card to the Queen which was made by Judith Harper. Members were able to see on screen the official personal acknowledgment and thank you from her Lady in Waiting sent from Balmoral and Buckingham Palace.

Jean Dennis (Secretary) updated members with LFWI and NFWI correspondence and news.

Our coordinators for the Interest and Activity Groups each reported on their events with text and illustrations on the screen. A busy and varied time ahead and definitely something there for everyone.

Next came our speaker Fiona Allen who spoke about 'My Life in Occupational Health Therapy'. She trained at Liverpool learning about Medicine, Rheumatology, Orthopaedics, Paediatrics and Psychology. She worked both with hospital patients and also out in the Community. With her humour she was able to put a really amusing slant on lots of the topics. She moved up the career ladder and into Management. This widened her horizons within the NHS from local to national to international involvement. Eventually for the last 11 years of her working life she had a career change moving from the NHS into Occupational Therapy Education. As an academic this opened up a very different life for her involving research and teaching. Again she made it so humorous especially with student 'funnies'. Now in retirement, she is still as busy involved with the Arnsdale and Silverdale Landscape Trust. She finished saying getting outdoors is the best 'Therapy' ever.

In members' time we got to hear about the earlier WI Denman College visits. Joyce Bond and Jackie Ireland who together went on a singing course and Gea Champness who went on two calligraphy courses. Both very different but equally interesting, informative and entertaining.

The September competition was for a decorated walking stick which was judged by our speaker. The winner was Kathleen Joslin. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Christine Murrell

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1st Psalm 119, 169-end; Luke 10, 17-24
2nd 2 Timothy 1, 1-14; Luke 17, 5-10
 3rd Psalm 111, 1-6; Luke 10, 25-37
 4th Psalm 139, 1-9; Luke 10, 38-end
 5th Psalm 117; Luke 11, 1-4
 6th Canticle : Benedictus; Luke 11, 5-13
 7th Psalm 111, 4-end; Luke 11, 15-26
 8th Psalm 105, 1-7; Luke 11, 27-28
9th 2 Timothy 2, 8-15; Luke 17, 11-19
 10th Psalm 113; Luke 11, 29-32
 11th Psalm 119, 41-48; Luke 11, 37-41
 12th Psalm 1; Luke 11, 42-46
 13th Psalm 98, 1-4; Luke 11, 47-end
 14th Psalm 33, 1-6 & 12; Luke 12, 1-7
 15th Psalm 8; Luke 12, 8-12
16th 2 Timothy 3, 14 - 4,5; Luke 18, 1-8
 17th Psalm 100; Luke 12, 13-21
 18th Psalm 147, 1-7; Luke 10, 1-9
 19th Psalm 98; Luke 12, 39-48
 20th Psalm 33, 1-6; Luke 12, 49-53
 21st Psalm 24, 1-6; Luke 12, 54-end
 22nd Psalm 122; Luke 13, 1-9
23rd Psalm 119, 129-136; Luke 4, 16-24
 24th Ephesians 4, 32-5,4; Luke 13, 10-17
 25th Ephesians 5, 21-end; Luke 13, 18-21
 26th Ephesians 6, 1-9; Luke 13, 22-30
 27th Ephesians 6 10-20; Luke 13, 31-end
 28th Ephesians 2, 19-end; John 15, 17-end
 29th Philippians 1, 18-26; Luke 14 1, 7-11
30th 2 Thessalonians 1; Luke 19, 1-10
 31st Ephesians 1, 11-end; Luke 6, 20-31

18th Luke the Evangelist
23rd Bible Sunday
28th Simon and Jude, Apostles
31st All Saints' Day

Parish Registers

Baptisms
 During September,
 we welcomed
Athena Luz Haslam
 into the church with our love
 and prayers.

Weddings
 We congratulate and pray
 for **James Armer & Larrice
 Armstrong;**

who were married in September.

Funerals
 We continue to pray for the
 relatives and friends of those
 whose funerals took place
 recently:

**Ken Townson, Nessie Macleod,
 Harold Rigby, James Stewart &
 Renice Marshall**

October

We remember all those
departed this life whose
anniversaries occur during
October

James Norman Davies

Eunice Hutchinson

Clifford Mills Hulme

baby Kathryn Mary Briggs

Harry Metcalfe

Marion Elizabeth Martin

William Vernon

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Eileen Frances Wilson

George Burkill

Marion McBryde

Doris Wood

Freda Bidder

Anthony Bettison

Amy Huntington Jeremy

Douglas Herbert Gaskell

John Bradshaw

Beryl Davies

Ellen Taylor

Robert Spence

Elizabeth (Beth) Ellen Thornber

Hilda Gorton

Parish Calendar - October



Sunday 2nd	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's (Common Worship) 10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Normal meetings for Junior Church groups 12.15pm Christening of James William John Webster
Wednesday 5th	10am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity - followed by MU Coffee Morning 5.00pm Confirmation Preparation at Holy Trinity
Friday 7th	7.00pm First Friday Worship : 'Telling Stories' at Holy Trinity
Sunday 9th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mark's 10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Normal meetings for Junior Church groups
Wednesday 12th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 5.00pm Confirmation Preparation at Holy Trinity
Friday 14th	7.00pm Deep clean at Holy Trinity
Saturday 15th	9.30am Deep clean at Holy Trinity 5.00pm Rehearsal for Confirmation at Holy Trinity
Sunday 16th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's (BCP) 10.30am Confirmation Service and Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
Wednesday 19th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 2.00pm Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer at Holy Trinity
Thursday 20th	7.30pm Prayer Evening at Holy Trinity
Sunday 6th Nov	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mark's 10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity : Christening of Ella Rose Townsend Normal Meetings for Junior Church groups 12.15pm Christening of Benjamin George Brown at St Mark's
Wednesday 26th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
Sunday 30th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mark's 10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Half term break for Junior Church groups
Wed 2nd Nov	10am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity - followed by MU Coffee Morning
Friday 4th Nov	7.00pm First Friday at Holy Trinity : Taize Worship
Saturday 5th Nov	11.30am Wedding of Andrew Marchant & Andrea Western at Holy Trinity
Sunday 6th Nov	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity 9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's (Common Worship) 10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Half term break for Junior Church groups 4.00pm 'Time To Remember' Service at Holy Trinity

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