November 2016

# messenger

News from the churches and community of Bolton-le-Sands and Nether Kellet

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Traditional Lancashire Christmas Fair



Remembrance Sunday



Christmas Choir

## Community

<b>Old Boys' Free Grammar School</b> Mrs Joan Baker	824384
<b>Trefoil Guild</b> Judith Spotswood	736929
<b>Thwaite Brow Woods Consevation Project</b> Mrs L. Belcher	824191
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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

6th Nov

824018

#### Worship at Christ Church United Reformed Church

Flowers from Flower Fund 13th Nov 10.00am Worship Group Flowers from M Dickinson and R Heaton

10.00am Rev G Lear

20th Nov 10.00 am Rev G Barton

Flowers from M Carter 27th Nov 10.00am Pam Carpenter Flowers from Flower Fund 4th Dec 10.00am Rev G Lear Flowers from Flower Fund

#### Christ Church United Reformed Church

Mr G Shaw - Treasurer 67644 Miss A Shaw - Secretary 67644

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

Vision 2026 asks us to prioritise work among children, young people and schools to raise up a new generation for Christ. We've recently had two events which show how we are working towards this part of the vision.

On **Sunday 16th October**, **Bishop Geoff** came to officiate at our Confirmation Service. We welcomed a group of young people from Holy Trinity, St Cuthbert's Over Kellet and St Paul's Caton who had come to be confirmed - two of them who were also being baptised before their confirmation, so Bishop Geoff was kept quite busy! The reading from the Acts of the Apostles told how the first disciples followed the example of the apostles, and how their numbers steadily grew as a result. From the passage, Bishop Geoff picked out four examples to offer as advice to the candidates. He said that the early Christians had "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayers." As members of the congregation, we also affirmed our faith, and pledged to support the candidates on their journey of faith. Bishop Geoff then celebrated Holy Communion. It was a delightful service, and we were pleased to welcome so many visitors to our church, as well as many regular members of our congregation.



Bishop Geoff, Revd Nancy and the newly confirmed young people, after the service on Sunday October 16th.

"And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." Acts of the Apostles, 2. 47.

The candidates from Holy Trinity were: Rhiann Brennan, Jack Brown, Rhys Edwards, Benjamin Fisher, Amy Marsland, Ethan Packard, Thomas Reynolds, George Sissons, Katelyn Webster, Amy Wilkinson and Peggy Woods.

From **St Cuthbert's, Over Kellet**: Oriana Morris and Leah Jeffreys. From **St Paul's**. **Caton**: Helen Anderson and Aaron Bleasdale. Rhiann, Rhys and George were also christened at the service.

Many people who attended Harvest Festival on **Sunday 25th September** remarked on how well the church was decorated with seasonal produce. Several very large marrows drew special attention - and these had been grown at school by the children and brought in to help decorate the church. Headteacher **Tim Cross** brought a group of children to our Harvest Family Service, and they helped with the prayers and readings, and gave us presentation about all God's wonderful gifts for which we should be thankful - and why we should not squander them. The following day, the whole school came into church and each class gave its own presentation. The children read their own specially written prayers, and brought offerings which they donated to the Foodbank. We were delighted to welcome some of the parents of the new Reception children as well on this very special occasion.



## Ministry Message cont.







In the October edition of The Messenger we mentioned the Healthy Church Audit, and invited members of the congregation to give their views. Survey questionnaires were available during the services in early October, and thanks to everyone who returned them by October 16th. Thanks to those who made additional comments, which will help us to get a fuller picture of how people feel about our church. The audit will help us to review and revise our Mission Action Plan, which, in turn will help us to work toward achieving Vision 2026: Health Churches transforming communities. The results will shortly be presented to the PCC, and will then be published more widely for further discussion.

Just a final thought... What a difference a space make!

# God is nowhere God is now here Nancy







#### 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.





# Put the buckets away.... Holy Trinity Church secures Heritage Lottery Fund investment

Holy Trinity Church, is delighted to announce that its bid for lottery funding has been successful. The church is to receive £214,400 from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

This now means that we can:

- Start to carry out work to replace parts of the church roof.
- Make modifications to the entrance porch to improve disabled access.
- Improve display of the Anglo Saxon stones,
- Install display facilities

Plans of the work to the roof and entrance are displayed at the back of church.

Holy Trinity Church would like to say a massive thank you to everyone within the local community for their ongoing support. We hope to begin work within the next two months.

The team with delegated responsibility for the project consists of Brian James, Karen Hillis, Rob Daunt and John Lane. 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.

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## Lancashire Day

**Lancashire Day** allows us the opportunity to declare that we are proud to be Lancastrians. The Lancashire Day proclamation will be read out by town criers throughout the county on **Sunday 27 November 2016**. Lancashire Day commemorates the day in 1295 when Lancashire sent its first representatives to Parliament by King Edward I of England to attend what later became known as The Model Parliament. On this day in 1295 the first elected representatives from Lancashire were called to Westminster by King Edward I to attend what later became known as "The Model Parliament".

The Lancashire Day proclamation is read out by town criers throughout the county on 27th November:

#### To the people of the city and county palatine of Lancaster: Greetings!

Know ye that this day, November 27th in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and fourteen, the 63rd year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Duke of Lancaster, is Lancashire Day.

Know ye also, and rejoice, that by virtue of Her Majesty's County Palatine of Lancaster, the citizens of the Hundreds of Lonsdale, North and South of the Sands, Amounderness, Leyland, Blackburn, Salford and West Derby are forever entitled to style themselves Lancastrians.

Throughout the County Palatine, from the Furness Fells to the River Mersey, from the Irish Sea to the Pennines, this day shall ever mark the peoples' pleasure in that excellent distinction - true Lancastrians, proud of the Red Rose and loyal to our Sovereign Duke.

God bless lancashire and God save the queen, Duke of lancaster.

We will help celebrate Lancashire Day with our "**Traditional Lancashire Fayre**" on **Saturday 26th November** in Bolton le Sands Community Centre from 1pm till 4pm. More details **www.bolton-le-sands.org**.

# 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.

# The Order of the Companions of Martha and Mary

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# The Order of the Companions of Martha and Mary

The Order of the Companions of **Martha and Mary** is an Anglican religious community to women, lay or ordained, who are single, divorced, or widowed. Their vocation seeks to balance the activity of Martha with the contemplation of Mary through a life lived under the traditional vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. Following the example of Mary the sisters base their lives around times of regular daily prayer, spiritual reading and in private contemplation and meditation. Following the example of Martha the sisters prayerfully engage with work, ministry and the life of the church. The way of life and spirituality has been influenced by both the Benedictine Monastic tradition and the lives of the Desert Fathers and Mothers of the very early church. This is reflected in the ordering of days by Benedict's prayer and work and community living; and the desert spirituality that seeks for solitude for prayer and contemplation.

St Joseph's House of Prayer is based in Tunstall Vicarage, Church Lane, Tunstall and is a home of Sister Sue and AmmaJudith. The Sisters hope that St.Joseph's will become a quiet place of prayer and spiritual refreshment for people in the United Benefice, Blackburn Diocese and beyond who need "time out" from the stresses and strains of busy lives.

Everyone is very welcome to join the Sisters in their regular Prayer times and daily Eucharist in the Bethany Oratory in St. Joseph's House of Prayer. (7.00am Lauds followed by Community intercessions and silent Prayer; 7.30am Prime - Morning Prayer; 8.00am said Eucharist; 12.45pm Sext - Midday Prayer; 5.00pm Vespers - Evening Prayer. The Sisters are also hosting a monthly time of fellowship, Open House, for for people to drop for tea, coffee and a chat and are also planning to have a regular programme of themed Quiet Days such as Contemplative Crafting. St Joseph's has a library as well which is open to all for reading and study.

The ministry of St Joseph's House of Prayer is entirely funded by donations and the sale of craft items made by the Sisters. They do not have a 'scale of charges' but gratefully accept donations from groups and individuals who wish to make use of the house. If you would like to find out more about St Joseph's and the Order the website is

companionsmarthamary.org.uk and email sistersocmm@gmail.com.





#### News from the Trefoil Guild

At the last meeting of our Trefoil Guild, we ladies went to Nether Kellet to see a slide show, taken on a holiday to Cuba by **Roger Mace** and his wife. They enjoyed the conducted tour immensely and never felt threatened, but you had a feeling that it was not a country to visit on your own. Communism is not something to be argued with and getting through customs could take four hours or more because everything was done at their pace.

Twice yearly crops of tobacco, and sugar cane made into rum, are still the main earners for the populace. Havana cigars are still produced but not in the quantities as of old. They saw a demonstration of rolling the leaves. There are two world heritage sites in the island. One of limestone heaps called the Pincushions, and another of underground caves and waterfalls. It was springtime when they visited, and the Tourist trees were in blossom. Peculiar red blisters sprang from the bark and very little greenery poked out at the top of the tree.

Pay was structured and natives with a foreign language earned more in the tourist industry than other workers. The bare essentials for life are rationed weekly on Thursdays and any other luxuries you paid dearly for. Every where music was to be heard in streets or cafes; it was evident it was a form of busking to earn extra money. Guitars flourished. The hotels were clean and the food not always to their liking - rum with everything! Joyce stuck to water to guench her thirst.

The Sands settlement is where the rich Americans stay. President Obama visited whilst they were there and everywhere he went was newly painted, potholes repaired, all spruced up and unreal, with the natives told to stay indoors. They visited Ernest Hemingway's house, which was a huge tourist attraction, and the Lenin Park botanical garden. The architecture is attractive and the streets are quiet, because cars just sit there on show.

**Betty Cottam** 

## Get into the Christmas spirit

Holy Trinity Church, Hoghton PR5 0SJ. We are holding a **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** on Saturdays 3rd and 10th December from 10am until 3pm and Sundays 4th and 11th December from 12 noon until 3 pm. The theme is 'Christ is Born in Bethlehem'.

Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. For further details email **elisabeth.flowerfestival@gmail.com** 



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# St. Mark's

#### Notes from St Marks

Thank you to everyone who contributed flowers, fruit and vegetables to decorate St. Mark's for the Harvest Festival. We were very grateful for it and appreciative of your thoughtfulness. Our thanks also go to Nancy for officiating at both our Harvest Services.

Recently I read a poem, written by Helen Steiner Rice, which gave me food for thought. Perhaps we don't always say 'thank you' when should to family, friends and also in our prayers. The poem reads as follows –

#### Thank God for Little Things

Thank you, God, for little things that often come our way
The things we take for granted but don't mention when we pray
The unexpected courtesy, the thoughtful, kindly deed
A hand reached out to help us in the time of sudden need
Oh make us more aware, dear God, of little daily graces
That come to us with 'sweet surprise' from never-dreamed-of places

Dates for your diary

Friday Nov 11th

Nether Kellet County Primary School are holding a Winter Fair at 7pm

Saturday Dec 3rd

The Village Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall from 4p.m. until 7pm

During the evening the Village Christmas Tree lights will be switched on.

Kathleen Cornthwaite

# 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

The monthly meeting of the Bolton-le-Sands Men's group took place on **10th October** at the Old Boys' School. First there was the annual hot-pot supper. After that, chairman **Keith Budden** presented a quiz. As there were only eight members present plus himself, they were split into two teams of four. First there was a set of pictures of famous people to identify. Both teams scored 19. Next came a set of general knowledge questions. The teams each scored 14, making a total of 33 points each, or a draw.

The next meeting is on **Monday 14th November**, when member **Robert Swain** will be speaking. It is listed as "A Mystery Tour" as, at the time Robert did not know on what he would be speaking. Now, he has decided and the title has become "A 'Mystery' Tour"!

New members are always welcome - so why not come along to The Old Boy's School on **November 14th at 7.30pm** and join us?

**Robert Swain** 

#### **Musical Notes**

'Come, let us sing unto the Lord, let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation'

Christmas is coming and the geese are - probably dreading it. As many of you will know, we will not have the full Church organ for the Christmas festival because of the work which is due to start in Church. So, I feel it is very important that we have some interesting choral music to enhance the services. Our choir provides music for the main ecclesiastical times, and Christmas is amongst those.

So choir practices will begin in Church at 7 pm. on **Wednesday 9th November.** This will give us 6 or 7 weeks to create something magnificent. In addition to the current choir members, who, I hope, will be there, I would urge as many of the rest of the congregation as possible to come and join us. Age, voice or level of bewilderment will have no bearing on YOUR ability to sing. So if some misguided teacher told you 50 years ago to keep quiet because you can't sing, ignore it. Such people should be put down. EVERYBODY can sing. If we can cajole people to sing bass, or alto that will indeed be a bonus. It won't matter if you can't read music - I have been managing all these years and you will get lots of help and encouragement from the other members of the choir. The God that I worship will, I am sure be delighted to see and hear you joining in. please come!

God bless you, lan



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#### **Buttons and Bows**

Buttons and Bows work group makes clothes, blankets and toys for needy children locally and abroad.

The group has enabled another case full of beautiful items to be taken out to lasi-Romania. Every piece of work was valuable and brought joy to the children. So thank you everyone for your time, efforts and work done at our group and those who work from home.

We could be tempted to think, "Oh, it is only a small case when so much is needed". Yet, Jesus has a way of taking small things given in the right way and multiplying them; remember the loaves and fishes.

Next work group session: First Tuesday in the month, 1.30pm until 3.30pm in The Memorial Hall, Slyne-with-Hest.

We are always pleased to welcome those who would like to know more about the work or who would like to share your skills. So if you sew, knit or crochet or would like to learn, come along to our sessions.

Susan Rae







## First Friday at Holy Trinity

Friday 4th November at 7pm at Holy Trinity Church

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# Mothers' Union Update

I am writing this in the "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" and how blessed we are to live in this beautiful part of the world as the autumn colours unfold. Maybe by the time this goes to print and you receive it in November it will be a different story!

The 140th celebration in Winchester Cathedral followed by the General Meeting in Basingstoke was a truly uplifting experience. I travelled to Bath by train and **Susan Room** very kindly invited me to stay at her house before we travelled to Winchester the following day. Many thanks Susan – you were a very gracious hostess. We arrived at Winchester just in time to join the queue of 1500 members entering the Cathedral. We had excellent seats in the Nave and we were delighted to hear the MU choir from Zambia practising for the service.



It was a Eucharist led by the Archbishop of Canterbury and during his sermon he spoke of the adversity he had experienced both as a child and an adult in his family. He praised the Mothers' Union for their endeavours throughout the world and the amazing support they provide for families. Earlier in the service an ex soldier gave a testimony and spoke of the dreadful post traumatic illness he suffered. His family were offered a holiday in an MU caravan and during that week away his life was transformed as he realised that people were



praying for him. He recovered from his illness and now works for a group who support those suffering from post traumatic stress. After the service we joined others to visit Mary Sumner's grave at the back of the Cathedral.

We then drove the 20 miles to Basingstoke where we were booked in at the hotel where the meeting was being held the following day. We enjoyed a lovely dinner and were slightly bemused on the way back to our room to see a sign informing hotel guests that the indoor tennis courts were all reserved for MU members the following day! Yes, the General Meeting took place in a huge sports hall. There were large screens along the front wall and a very wrinkled blue carpet had been put down on the floor. So different from the previous day's experience!

However, the day started in an excellent way with a drama provided by the Saltmine Theatre Company who portrayed the life of Mary Sumner from her early days as a timid wife of a vicar through to the end of her life when she regularly addressed large groups from all over the world. It was very moving and made us proud to be part of her legacy.



The speakers for the rest of the day were Lynne Temby, Beverley Jullien and Daniel **McAllister**. A theme from all the speeches was the urgent need to recruit members in Britain. We were all given pledge cards outlining ways in which we can promote Mothers' Union (a copy at the back of church along with the Programme).

Next Year's General Meeting will take place in Edinburgh on September29/30 and the Theme for 2017 will be "Faith in Action"

I was able to share some of my memories of the above events with those who attended our Wave of Prayer service. Instead of the usual refreshments afterwards we were delighted to celebrate **lean Wilson's** Diamond wedding with the sherry and cake she provided. Many Congratulations to Iean and Morris!

Our next Coffee Morning will be held at the back of church after the Eucharist on Wednesday November 2nd. All welcome! Our next Branch meeting will take place on Wednesday November16th at the Village Hall. The speaker will be Marjorie Holt with a talk entitled "A Funny Thing Happened..."



Advance notice about the Christmas Fair on **November 26th** which is also Lancashire Day. MU will have their usual cake stall but it will be themed by providing Lancashire cakes. See Hazel Short for details.

Love and prayers

Kath Lane Branch Leader

# 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 DI 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.







#### Memorial

November is the time of remembrance. It is, in particular, when we remember those who lost their lives in two World Wars. Now, with the passage of time, there are very few people left who remember anything of the First World War as they need to be over 100 years of age. You have to be well on in your seventies and older to remember the Second World War. Personally, I don't remember it, being born in 1943, but was told that on VE day I was pushed around in my pram waving a Union Flag. I do remember going along with my parents to wave to General Montgomery when he came to Blackpool not long after the war. A lot of people turned out to see him.

As reminders of all those who did not come back, we have war memorials. There is, to my mind, no more impressive a memorial than the ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park in Sydney, Australia. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

Although I had expected seeing a large building, I had certainly not expected anything so large and impressive. Bruce Dellit, the architect of the building, said of it that the main intention of its design was to perpetuate the memory "of those in whose honour the Memorial has been erected". The Memorial was planned in the years following World War I to remember the many men and women from the state who lost their lives in the conflict, and it is the principal New South Wales memorial to those forces. It was



opened in 1934 and is a very fine example of Art Deco architecture. Around the exterior are various statues to the different ways in which people served, such as a Field Artillery Driver, a nurse, a gas rescue man, an infantry man, a light horseman, a naval signaller, etc. Dellit designed the building and developed it in collaboration with Raynor Holt, the sculptor.

Inside are the Hall of Memory, the wreath balustrade, the sculpture Sacrifice, niches of remembrance, the Dome of Stars with each of the 120,000 stars representing a New South Wales man or woman serving in World War 1, the Flame of Remembrance, the Hallof Silence,



the exhibition gallery, etc. Although built commemorating World War 1, the memorial was later rededicated so as to honour all Australians who have served in wars and in peace keeping missions.

In front of the Memorial is the Pool of Reflection. A Service of Remembrance is held at the Memorial daily at 11.00 am.

Besides remembering those in the armed forces, we should remember the many civilians who lost their lives in some form of service as well.





# Dates for the Diary

2pm - Meeting for Prayer- Towers Room
12noon Agape Lunch
9.30am - Shining Stars
1pm - Knitting Group
9.30am - Shining Stars
1pm - Knitting Group
2pm - Meeting for Prayer- Towers Room
Elders Meeting
9.30am - Shining Stars
1pm - Knitting Group
9.30am - Shining Stars
1pm - Knitting Group
9.30am - Advent Prayers
12noon Agape Lunch
9.30am - Shining Stars
2pm - Meeting for Prayer- Towers Room
9.30am - Advent Prayers

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## **CAFOD** Fayre

Saturday October 1st at OLOL Hall, Carnforth, 1.00-3.00pm. All welcome. Our new project is helping to provide sustainable access to water in the Tigray region of Ethiopia.

## 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 Hulme 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 plaqued 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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# The Social Group



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#### **Wednesday Coach Outings**

Do you enjoy a day out by coach with friends to a place of interest at the lowest possible cost, or rambling in scenic countryside? We sometimes have a few seats to fill.

Wednesday Social Group's future excursions include :

November 9th Visits to Ilkley and Skipton

November 23rd Visit to the Wedgewood Visitor Centre for a guided tour of the

manufacturing process.

December 7th Visit to Manchester for the Christmas Markets

Coach fare is £10 or less (depends on coach numbers) plus cost of entry to attractions; visitors pay £1 surcharge. Membership is £5 per year. If we have a full coach the fare will be reduced by £1.00. To book or request further information - phone **Adrian** on **824652** 

Your local pickup points and approximate times are the same for both coaches

Bus stop junction of A6 with Manor Road, Slyne at about 09.35am

Adjacent to Ricky's Chinese, Bolton le Sands at about 09.40am

Bus stop opposite Royal Hotel, Bolton Le Sands at about 09.45am

Bus stop opposite Burch Tree Vets, Carnforth at about 09.50am

Other pick ups in Heysham, Morecambe, Bare, Torrisholme and Skerton are available.

Phone Adrian on 824652 for details

## Magnificat



A concert given by the renowned Levens Choir, all the way from Cumbria.

Tuesday 13th December at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church

#### Tickets will cost £8

Tickets available from November 13th Contact Margaret on 01524 824110 for more information.

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#### Bolton-le-Sands WI

Bolton-le-Sands WI Meeting was held at the BLS Village Hall at 7.15pm on **Tuesday 11th October 2016**. **Hazel Short** (President) welcomed members and guests. Personal thanks were given to ladies who were helping throughout the evening. Best wishes were given to those who were not very well and happy birthday wishes for members born in October. After all the campaigning, members were informed of the very disappointing news regarding the closure of the Bolton-le-Sands Library. A lovely thank you card from Glenys the Librarian was read out.

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

**Judith Spotswood** congratulated members who had been successful with their various entries in the Lancashire Federation Show at Garstang Golf Club, receiving two firsts, two seconds and three thirds. Bolton-le-Sands came seventh with the cooperative receiving 117 points and also sent in a total of 287 knitted 'Teddies for Tragedies'. Coordinators for the Interest and Activity Groups, walking, wildlife & nature, outings, crafts, scrabble and theatre each reported on their recent and up and coming events.

Next came the speaker **Dr Stephen Caunce**, a historian, who spoke about 'The Hiring Fairs of the North West'. Going back to the 19th century to early 21st century he told us about rural history where farmers and potential employees gathered at the Hiring Fairs on Martinmas the **11th November**. On a very local note in Lancaster the gathering place was at Horse Shoe Corner. Farmers were looking for good farm hands and domestic help, whilst potential employees wanted good wages, terms and conditions. The farm rates in the north of England had to compete against growing industry throughout the north and generally the wages reflected this and were more than the south. The contract agreed was binding for both parties and the monies paid could vary from £5 to £17 for the year which included their accommodation as well as the work. **Pauline Sterritt** thanked Dr Caunce for his interesting and informative talk.

After refreshments, members gathered with their committee representative to fill in a BLS WI questionnaire for 2016. The information gathered would assist the new committee to involve members in the planning and delivery and the smooth running of the WI and also to find out what their interests and hobbies were and what skills they had to offer and were willing to share with other members.

The October competition was a collection of shells which was judged by the speaker. The winner was **Brenda Wood**. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.



The next day 65 ladies gathered again at the Village Hall for the BLS WI annual hands on Craft Afternoon. The crafts demonstrated, each with its own tutor, were Encaustic Art, Needle Felting, Fused Glass, Silver Enamelled Jewellery, Liberty Print Necklaces and Knitted Rabbits. Following a break half way through for tea/coffee and homemade cake, it was back to work and at the end of the session everyone was able to show off what they had learnt and made. A really interactive, productive and enjoyable afternoon.

#### **Christine Murrell**

#### Work on Carnforth Coke Ovens

The Friends had intended to be working on finding traces of the Bolton-le-Sands ovens. However, on that date, 5 October, they worked at Carnforth instead.

Along the Lancaster Canal, there are the remains of a number of sets of coke ovens, where coal brought up by barge from the Lancashire coal field was discharged and converted into coke. The Friends of Carnforth Coke Ovens have recently been working with Canal and River Trust, who own the site on which the Carnforth coke ovens stand, to clear the area around them. This, it is hoped, is a first stage towards the stabilisation of this bank of five ovens. The ovens are by bridge 127 at Crag Bank in the area known as 'Springfield', and are well-known to Bolton-le-Sands people walking their dogs.

Contractors worked on site clearance, which had been organised by the Canal and River Trust. A number of the Friends attended to act as marshals for walkers using the right of way past the ovens whilst work was in progress. This resulted in several conversations about the work being done and memories of the area from older people, who remembered them for how they were many years ago.





On Friday morning, Bill Froggatt, Canal and River Trust Heritage Advisor for the North West Region came to inspect the work being done and congratulated all involved.

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## Readings for November

1st Philippians 2, 5-11; Luke 14, 15-24 Philippians 2, 12-18; Luke 14, 25-33 2nd 3rd Philippians 3, 3-8a; Luke 15, 1-10 4th Philippians 3, 17-4.1; Luke 16, 1-8 5th Philippians 4, 10-19; Luke 16, 9-15 6th 2 Thessalonians 2, 1-5 & 13-17; Luke 20, 27-38 7th Titus 1,1-9;Luke 17, 1-6 8th Titus 2, 1-8,& 11-14; Luke 17, 7-10 9th Titus 3, 1-7; Luke 17, 11-19 10th Philemon 7-20; Luke 17, 20-25 11th 2 John 4-9, Luke 17, 26-end 12th 3 John 5-8, Luke 18, 1-8 13th 2 Thessalonians 3, 6-13; Luke 21, 5-19 Revelation 1, 1-4 & 2, 1-5; Luke 18, 35-end 14th 15th Revelation 3, 1-6 & 14-end; Luke 19, 1-10 16th Revelation 4; Luke 19, 11-28 17th Revelation 5, 1-10, Luke 19, 41-44 18th Revelation 10. 8-end: Luke 19. 45-end 19th Revelation 11, 4-12; Luke 20, 27-40 20th Colossians1, 11-20;Luke 23, 33-43 21st Revelation 14, 1-5; Luke 21, 1-4 22nd Revelation 14, 14-19; Luke 21, 5-11 23rd Revelation 15, 1-4; Luke 21, 12-19 Revelation 18, 1--2, 21-23 & 19, 1-3, 9; Luke 21, 20-28 24th Revelation 20. 1-4 & 11-21.2: Luke 21, 29-33 25th Revelation 22, 1-7, Luke 21, 34-36 26th 27th Isaiah 21, 1-12; Matthew 10,34-11,1 28th Isaiah 22 1-14: Matthew 11, 2-19 Isaiah 24, Matthew 11, 20-end 29th 30th Isaiah 64, 1-9, Mark 13, 24-end

1st All Saints' Day
2nd All Souls' Day
11th Remembrance Day : St Martin
20th Christ The King
27th First Sunday of Advent
30th St Andrew

## Parish Registers

#### **Baptisms**

During October, we welcomed James William John Webster, Ella Rose Townend and Benjamin George Brown into the church with our love and prayers.

Weddings
There were no weddings in
October

#### Funerals

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

Tessa Wilkinson, Cecilia Granell, Thomas Round and Rene Morris

#### November

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

Stanley David Walker Emily Palmer Marjorie Harrison Clifford Harrison James Holden

Anne Squires Noel Stephen Austin

Christopher Timothy Daniel Davies

Simon Peter Davies

Beatrice Margaret Broadbent

Lucy Slinger Leeming Paul Richard Sharpe John Daniells

Margaret Theresa Burgess

Eric Chapman

William Albert Howe

Joan Pyrah

Barrie Ewbank Leeming George Geoffrey Coward

baby William Mace

Ada Hibbert

Ronald Whitehead Thistlethwaite

Jessie E. Johnson John Thomas Carter

David Alan Tennant

Bertha Houghton

Eric Cross

Ann Marie Coxon

Elizabeth Deacon

Victor (Vic) Thornber

Peter Morkin

Valerie Jean Gardiner Maureen Bannister

# Parish Calendar - November



	T
Wednesday 2nd	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity followed by MU Coffee Morning
Friday 4th	7.00pm First Friday : Taize Style Worship
Saturday 5th	11.30am Wedding of Andrew Marchant & Andrea Western at Holy Trinity
Sunday 6th	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
	12.15pm Christening Service at Holy Trinity
	4.00pm 'Time to Remember' service at Holy Trinity
Tuesday 8th	7.30pm Standing Committee Meeting
Wednesday 9th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
Sunday 13th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
	9.00am Remembrance Service and Morning Prayer at St Mark's
	10.45am Remembrance Service at War Memorial Service
	followed by Family Service at Holy Trinity
Wednesday 16th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
	2.00pm MU Meeting at Community Centre
Thursday 17th	7.30pm Prayer Hour at Holy Trinity
Sunday 20th	8.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
	9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's (BCP)
	10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
	Normal meetings for Junior Church groups
Wednesday 23rd	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
Saturday 26th	1pm-4pm Holy Trinity Traditional Lancashire Fair at Community Centre
Sunday 27th	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
	12.15pm Christening Service at Holy Trinity
Wednesday 30th	10.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
Thursday 1st Dec	9.45-11.15am MU Coffee Morning at Community Centre
Friday 2nd Dec	7.00pm First Friday : Christingle Service
Sunday 4th Dec	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
Wednesday 21st Dec	7.30pm Carol Service
Saturday 24th Dec	4.00pm Crib Service
	8.00pm First Communion of Christmas
Saturday 25th Dec	9.00am Holy Communion at St Mark's
	10.30am Holy Communion

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We are keen to include news of any events taking place within the village, and to celebrate the many successes of all who live and work here. We welcome articles for publication in THE MESSENGER where these articles concern activities and events which are of interest to our community. We regret that we do not have space to publish individual letters to the Editor, and we are unable to publish articles which are sent in anonymously. The deadline for receiving articles is 20th of the month. Articles can be sent by email to htmessenger@hotmail.co.uk or by hand/post to 30 Slyne Road, Bolton-le-Sands.

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