



Holy Trinity



St. Gabriel



St. James



St. Michael and All Angels



St. Peter



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Editorial

Welcome to the January Parish Magazine. We have had to increase the price of the magazine to 50pence to cover the increased costs of paper and printing. However, we hope that you will still consider the magazine to be good value for money as it seeks to keep you informed about events in the Parish and in the wider world. This month there is a wide range of different articles from New Year Resolutions and Epiphany celebrations to the plight of Christians in Iraq and the hardship of those who have been caught up in genocides.

The views expressed in articles are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the Parish of The Good Shepherd. Please consider writing something for the magazine yourself! And, if you have any comments to make on the Magazine you can contact the editors on 0161330 2771/4925, email: joannafarnworth@aol.com or rogerfarnworth@aol.com or talk to a member of your DCC or PCC who will pass on any comments that are made.

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The Parish Prayer

Father God, whose Son came to bring love and peace to the world, help us to grow in faith and share our hope and joy with all whom we meet, so that we can work together to build your kingdom in Ashton, welcome new people into our churches, and be relevant to those around us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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NEW YEAR – NEW BEGINNINGS?

.....**Roger Farnworth writes**

As the New Year arrives I often find myself looking back - pondering what has happened over the last 12 months - and looking forward, wondering what is ahead.



The past year has, for Jo and me, become a year of change! Jo has had some big decisions to make. She was both surprised and encouraged by the Bishop's offer of the combined job of Young Adults Missioner for our Archdeaconry and the post of Priest-in-Charge at St.Martin's, Droylsden. This coming year will be the first time since 2002 that we will both not have been working in the same parish. Some changes will have to occur – not the least for me being that I will have a bigger role in keeping the house tidy. And we will need to adjust the duties around the home that keep the vicarage feeling like a home ...

This has also been a year when I have become more aware of both my gifts/strengths and of my weaknesses. The role of Area Dean is a delight and a challenge and is becoming an increasingly significant role in the life of the Diocese.

Our personal issues are not the only things to reflect on. The war in Afghanistan and the ongoing conflict there has left its mark – our society is increasingly aware of the reality of loss and the fragility of life, as we mourn the deaths of soldiers in that conflict. There is also an on-going sense that we are 'at risk' in a new world where terrorism is a serious threat. The change of government means that many of us are facing changes in the way in which our lives and our jobs are organised – and in many cases we are unsure of what those changes will mean and the uncertainty can leave us with a real sense of worry and concern.

What was 2010 like for you? What were the 'highlights' and the 'lowlights'? What seemed to leave you in the dark? What seemed to leave you basking in the light, in the sunshine of God's love? What things excite you or worry you about the year ahead?

Things of the past, as well as our present experiences and our anticipation of what the future holds, make us into the people that we are today. Each of our experiences over the past year are like 'holy ground'. They are places where God was present, even if we couldn't feel him there. They may have been places where faith was tested, sometimes to the limit, or even beyond. They may have been places of illumination where God's grace and love for us became almost tangible. They may have felt mundane and ordinary. There may well be things which it is impossible to make sense of at the moment, storms which will not die down, emotions and fears which overwhelm us. All of these are 'holy ground'.

In one of the most beautiful passages in Isaiah, God speaks to his people:

Do not fear for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through rivers they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

A New Year brings opportunities for new beginnings, a chance to start over. It can be a time when we take a significant step forward in faith, or in our life circumstances. It can be a time when we hear again God's promises to us, when hope is renewed, when we determine again to commit ourselves to serve others. A New Year can be a time when we break with the past, when we leave behind the old and move on to the new. A time to 'wipe the slate clean'. And rightly so!

However, let me encourage you to remember that we are not just people who look forward to the future with hope. We are people who live in the present, and whose identities are shaped by the past. We are who we are because we have our own story to tell. We belong to a particular community and share in its joys and sorrows; we have a specific family background which has shaped who we are; we went to a particular school or schools; we have lived alone or with a partner; we have had children, or we have not had children, either by choice or because of force of circumstance. We have each faced the reality of loss in our own way. We have been able to delight in good news, and have shared in the joys of others. And we can all be encouraged by the words of St. Paul in Romans:

"I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

God does want to break into our lives, if we let him, to bring healing and hope, just as he burst into the world on that first Christmas morning. Healing and hope for our past, for our present and for our future.

This New Year, like every New Year, brings the promise of new hope, new chances, new life. God also wants to build on the foundations of the past, helping us to become the people we long to be. People who are confident of God's love through all the experiences of our lives. People whose faith is built on strong foundations, people who have found security in his love, even in the most difficult of times. People whose relationship with God is real. People whose lives, past, present and future, can be, and are being, redeemed by God's love.

We don't just have hope for the future. God is at work in all of us, none of us is the finished article. God is redeeming each of us, our past, our present and our future.

SCHOOLS NEWS – ST James School

When we were in Year 4 in 2008 we participated in the HIT project with Tameside Hospital. We were asked to help design the new children's ward and we had a fantastic time making collages, salt jars, dressing up as doctors and nurses and designing uniforms.

A few weeks ago we were invited back to see the finished project before it was opened to the public. We were amazed! Everything we thought of and asked for in Year 4 was there.

The giraffes in the entrance hall are stunning and there is a giant clock in reception with 13 animals which link to the treatment rooms. We asked for animals and we got them. We also asked for something to look at so you wouldn't be bored and there are jungle tiles on the ceiling.

Everywhere is really colourful and the rooms all have windows and extra beds for mum or dad to stay too. The staff were really friendly and looked great in their bright uniforms – designed of course by us!

We have learnt an important lesson - that when you share your ideas with good reasons and enthusiasm then people listen.



*By Class 6 St James' Church of England Primary School:
ideas from Rahman, Adrian, Haider, Amaan, Anjuma and Sophie.*

Invitation

You are invited to come and say farewell to Jo as she leaves the parish on

**SUNDAY 6TH FEBRUARY
at St Gabriel's Church
at 12.30pm**

There will be a meat and potato pie lunch with a vegetarian option

All are welcome

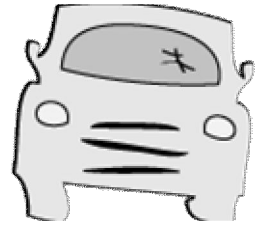
Also, please make a note in your diary that Jo's Licensing Service as Young Adults' Missioner for the Rochdale Archdeaconry and Priest-in-Charge of St Martin, Droylsden will be at 3.00pm on Sunday 6th March at St Martin's Church, Greenside Lane, Droylsden, M43 7QS

Harvest Appeal

The final amount of money raised by the Parish at Harvest is now known. We agreed that the money raised by our churches would be split between two different charities, one local and one overseas. We will be sending £473.36 to the Booth Centre at Manchester Cathedral. Rukungiri Modern Primary School's borehole project will receive a total of £527.41 as there was an additional donation of £54.05 from Parochial School raised specifically for them.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Appeal – your money will make a very real difference to many people's lives.

Automobile Repair Ministry UK – converting old cars into life changing resources.



I've recently decided to change the garage that I use to service my car and someone recommended that I try one on Ripon St in Ashton. While I was waiting to pay I noticed an advert for Automobile Repair Ministry which is based at the garage and is linked with the New Life Church in Cockbrook. The garage owner is a member of that church and has found an innovative way to combine his work skills with his faith.

The charity ARM UK takes donated vehicles (MOT failures and major faults) and repair them to MOT standard. These vehicles are then sold and the finances from the sales are used to provide funds to ARM UK. These funds are then used to finance the repair of vehicles used on Christian mission overseas. This keeps missionaries on the road allowing them to serve individuals and whole communities in need in many third world countries. They have a particular focus on Southern Zambia. The repair work on the cars in this country is done by college students, giving them practical experience which counts towards an academic qualification.

ARM UK looks for help from people in this country in two ways.

Firstly, they ask: "Are you a retired mechanic, or just have some spare time and enjoy tinkering with cars? Then you can help us at ARM. We need experienced mechanics who can pass on their knowledge to the younger generation. We get volunteer student mechanics from the local colleges who are

very eager to learn. They need help and support in improving their skills and working towards the goals of their course.

We have seen many examples of students who aren't achieving well at college but after a short time working in a real garage on a project they know is really making a difference, the turn around is amazing. We see them take a greater interest in what they are doing and, what's more, their teachers tell us their grades are much improved. If you think you can spend just a short time each week, or monthly, at our garage in Ashton then please let us know."

Secondly they say "Please consider donating to ARM UK if your vehicle is coming to the end of its life. We can take your car and turn it into a life changing resource. We take any cars that may have failed their M.O.T, are ready to be scrapped or are simply not needed any more. Whatever their condition we can use them. In most situations we refurbish the car up to a standard where it can be sold again. In some situations we will use the car for training purposes and eventually take the car for scrapping, which also raises funds. Whatever we do, the profits we make are put towards the work of ARM overseas.

Contact details for the charity are: Mark One Garage, Ripon Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 9PQ; tel: 0161 339 1698; www.arm-uk.co.uk

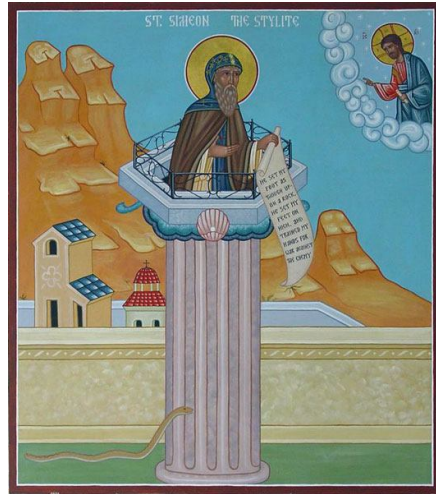
Revd Jo Farnworth

A saint for January

Simeon Stylites (390- 459) – January 5th

This hermit was about as weird as they come. But he loved God, and God blessed him, strange though he was. So perhaps Simeon Stylites should be the patron saint of all really eccentric people.

Simeon was the son of a shepherd on the Syrian border of Cilicia, He joined a monastery near Antioch, where he practised mortifications and penances that nearly killed him. When the abbot dismissed him in disgust as crazy, Simeon moved on to Telanissos (nowadays Dair Sem'an) and spent his first Lent there in a total fast. He was found unconscious on Easter Day. After three years in that monastery he felt life was too easy, and moved himself to the top of the nearby mountain, where he chained himself to a rock. He began to be talked about, and more and more people came to see him.



Simeon did not want their company, and so planned his escape: to the top of a pillar. For the next four years he lived on top of a pillar that was nine feet high. More people came by, and so Simeon in desperation added to his pillar, until it grew to be 18 feet high. Still people came to see him, and so three years later, Simeon built himself a real skyscraper – a pillar 33 feet high, from the top of which he enjoyed 10 years of comparative solitude. Still people came to see him – both Christians and pagans, and so Simeon decided to somehow to build a pillar that was 60 feet high and six feet wide. Here he found peace and quiet, and so here he lived for the last 20 years of his life. People still came to see him, and tried to catch the 'sacred' lice that fell off his body. They enjoyed his twice daily exhortations to everyone below. Even the odd emperor came by for a look – Theodosius, Leo and Marcian.

A scholar has written of Simeon: "His preaching was practical, kindly, and free from fanaticism. ... In an age of licentiousness and luxury he gave unique and abiding witness to the need for penance and prayer; his way of life provided a spectacle at once challenging, repulsive and awesome."

Simeon finally died and was buried at Antioch. Perhaps he would have enjoyed the chance to take the plinth at Trafalgar Square!

New Year's Resolutions – some suggestions:

Live differently:

As well as your New Year diet, here is another resolution for the year ahead. Everyone has heard of it – but who do you know that has really tried it? It is found in the Sermon on the Mount, and is one of the most famous things that Jesus ever said. It is also without parallel in all the teachings of the world.

Several religions urge followers to refrain from harming others. That is a first step towards building a just society. But only Jesus said that we should live our lives actively seeking to do good to others. It is an attitude warm with generosity, with kindness, brimming with quiet graciousness and compassion. We are to go out of our way to encourage the depressed, to forgive those who have harmed us, to help those in need.

To refrain from doing injustice takes strong self-control. To live caring for others takes something more – a life-attitude of self-sacrificial love. Such love we see first in Jesus, in his death for our sins on the cross. When we follow him, our Heavenly Father wants to see his Son's characteristics grow in our lives. If we are his children, he expects a family likeness!

So – here is a challenge for 2011: 'In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.' The alternative is not an option!

Pray with your shoes



With the rush of Christmas almost over, we tumble into the New Year, sleep for a couple of days, take down the decorations and plod back to work, school or our normal routines. There's a pleasure about getting back to normality, but there's also the challenge of looking forward to what the year will bring.

Not all of us want this new year. For some of us we know it will bring separations and loss: children growing up and growing away, moving away, family and friends moving on. For some of us it brings extra work as we take on new responsibilities, study for exams, look after others. For some we have to start again; to learn to be on our own, perhaps through moving away or the loss of those we have lived with for many years and decades.

Just for this month, while you put on your shoes, ask God to be with you in the day ahead. To walk ahead of you, to be by your side and close behind you: to surround you with his presence. For it is his day that we are walking into and not ours. Let his will be done, and not ours.

And then as you take your shoes off, see what you can thank God for from that day together. To help to remind you, why not leave a single shoe by the main door – that might get visitors asking too.

Epiphany – January 6th

We will be celebrating Epiphany in the parish in our Sunday services on January 2nd and also at 11.00am at St Michael's on Thursday 6th.

Epiphany is the celebration of the visit of the wise men to the baby Jesus. But who were these wise men? No one knows for sure. Matthew calls them 'Magi', and that was the name of an ancient caste of a priestly kind from Persia. It wasn't until the third century that they were they called kings - by a church father, Tertullian. Another church father, Origin, assumed there were three - to correspond with the gifts given. Later Christian interpretation came to understand gold as a symbol of wisdom and wealth, incense as a symbol of worship and sacrifice, and myrrh as a symbol of healing - and even embalming. Certainly Jesus challenged and set aright the way in which the world handled all three of these things. Since the eighth century, the magi have had the names Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior.

The journey of the kings is celebrated widely in poetry and song. Here are the words of an Epiphany carol to help us celebrate this festival:



Three Kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travellers three,
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.

Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

How brightly shines the morning star!
With grace and truth from heaven afar
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Of Jacob's stem and David's line,
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
My soul with love o'erfloweth.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
The Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

Thy word, Jesu, Inly feeds us,
Rightly leads us, Life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing

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The plight of Christians in Iraq

In late December, the UN refugee agency reported that thousands of Iraqi Christians were fleeing from central provinces of the country. They are seeking refuge in the relatively safe Kurdish-controlled region in the north. About 1,000 families have left Baghdad and Mosul province since an attack on a church left 68 people dead. It said the flight of Christians to other parts of Iraq and abroad has become "a slow but steady exodus".

There have been ongoing attacks on Christians since the overthrow of Saddam Hussain, but most notably nearly 70 people died as security forces stormed a Catholic church in Baghdad to free dozens of hostages on 31 October. A number of gunmen entered Our Lady of Salvation in the city's Karrada district during Mass, sparking an hours-long stand-off.

There are many accounts of people fleeing their homes after receiving direct threats. Some were able to take only a few belongings with them. UN offices in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon are reporting a growing number of Iraqi Christians arriving asking for help and registration as refugees. Churches and non-governmental organisations are warning that the numbers of refugees are likely to increase in coming weeks.

Iraq's Christians once numbered 1.5 million out of a total Iraqi population of about 30 million and there are now estimated to be about 850,000, or about 3 per cent of the population. Iraqi Christians are one of the oldest Christian communities in the Middle East, dating back to the first century AD. Some fear that they are now on the verge of extinction.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued a message to Christians in Iraq, following the recent killings:

Dear Brothers and Sisters
May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

We read with deep emotion the heartfelt appeal of our brothers the Syrian and Chaldean Catholic archbishops in Iraq on All Souls Day, which followed the dreadful events of 31 October.

We have repeatedly highlighted the plight of Christian minorities in Iraq, and the need for them to enjoy a dependable freedom of conscience, religion and worship, to flourish as minority communities, and to contribute to the common good of Iraqi society from the riches of our Christian heritage and faith.

But the killing of worshippers at Our Lady of Salvation Church in Bagdad has demonstrated a new low point of Christian vulnerability in the country. This slaughter of unarmed people gathered in church to worship God is a shocking and disgraceful act that should be utterly condemned by people of all faiths and none.

We commend those who were killed to God's grace and mercy, and our prayers are with all those who survived the attack, their families, and all others in Iraq who mourn the loss of loved ones. We pray too for all Iraqi Christian communities elsewhere in the world who rightly feel passionately for the safety of our Christian brothers and sisters there, and with all those in Iraq who will live in greater fear not only because of this appalling event but also because of the continuing threats directed against them all.

We hope and pray with all our hearts that there may be an end to this kind of sacrilegious butchery and to all intimidation and violence against Christians and other minorities in Iraq.

+ *Rowan Cantuar:*

This is a Christian community that is in desperate need of our prayers – for Christians of all denominations living in Iraq, for Canon Andrew White (the Anglican Chaplain of St George, Baghdad) and for their Bishop (the former Bishop of Middleton, Michael Lewis).

To make you smile!

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

Two boys were walking home from church after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?"

The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your dad"

Holocaust Memorial Day – January 27th

Each year on 27 January the world marks Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD). HMD has been held in the UK since 2001 and the United Nations declared this an International event in November 2005. 27 January was chosen as the date for HMD because it was on this date in 1945 that the largest Nazi killing camp Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated.

The HMD website says "HMD is about remembering the victims and those whose lives have been changed beyond recognition of the Holocaust, Nazi persecution and subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and the ongoing atrocities today in Darfur. HMD provides us with an opportunity to honour the survivors but it's also a chance to look to our own lives and communities today. Genocide doesn't happen overnight, it's a gradual process which begins when the differences between us are not celebrated but used as a reason to exclude or marginalise. By learning *from* the lessons of the past, we can create a safer, better future."

In 2011, the theme is Untold Stories, chosen for HMD because as they say "it's easy to talk about the numbers murdered and persecuted during the Holocaust and subsequent genocides. It's less easy to appreciate what these figures mean.

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millions murdered under the Nazi regime of hatred aren't a statistic. They were individuals. Somebody's friend. A mother. A father. A child. A colleague. A neighbour.

There are millions of stories we will never know. But we can still honour the memory of those affected by genocide by playing a part in these Untold Stories. We can listen and learn from them, we can tell others the stories we hear. Some stories are not easy to hear. They can speak of danger, pain and suffering. We must not shy away from these stories – it is vital to recognise the consequences of exclusion and persecution in order for us to learn the lessons of the past."

If you would like to read some of the stories, you can find them on the HMD website, www.hmd.org.uk/resources/survivor-stories

One way in which the emotions and experiences of those who have survived genocides are given power is through poetry. The following poems have been written to help others get some sense of what victims of genocides have faced.

First They Came - Pastor Martin Niemoller

First they came for the Communists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist
Then they came for the Socialist
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist
Then they came for the trade unionists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a trade unionist
Then they came for the Jews
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Jew
Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me

We are the shoes

We are the shoes, we are the last witnesses.
We are shoes from grandchildren and grandfathers
From Prague, Paris and Amsterdam,
And because we are only made of fabric and leather
And not of blood and flesh,
Each one of us avoided the hellfire

– Moshe Szulzstein, Yiddish Poet

The picture is of shoes of some of the genocide victims in Rwanda

Children of Rwanda - Reverend Francois Murenzi

Known and unknown are the children of Rwanda
Victims of war and genocide,
Though not with us now we know you're at peace,
We who survived will remember you.
Ten years onward our hearts still troubled
By lack of justice for survivors,
Help our leaders, bringing peace and hope,
Also preventing the same tragedies.

Will you join me now, remember lives lost,
Will you join me now, pleading to all,
To learn the lessons, that at any cost,
Genocide must end, forever more



Mothers Union

The Ashton Deanery Advent Service was held at St Martin's Church, Droylsden on 28th November. There were around 60 people who came including the Archdeaconry President, Mrs Mary Helliwell, Deanery Leader Jean Driver and Mrs Morris, wife of Canon Robin Morris, our speaker for the service.

The theme was based on the five Advent candles representing hope, peace, joy, love and Christ.

The leader welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the service. Our opening hymn was "O come, o come, Emmanuel" and six banners were presented and placed at the altar. An introduction was given by the leader regarding the candles and the preparations for the birth of Jesus. Isaiah 9:2,6-7 was the first reading followed by a prayer for hope. The next hymn was "All my hope on God is founded". The second reading was Isaiah 2:1-5 referring to peace and a poem "I will be your guide" was read. "Make me a channel of your peace" was sung. The third reading was Isaiah 11:1-10 and this referred to love and a reading called "What is love?" was read before our next hymn "God is working his purposes out". Intercessions were then

May I wish you all a peaceful and happy new year

Thought for the month

May the hand of God rest upon you and give you hope, peace, love and joy.

Joan Brayshaw

taken by Jean Driver, Ashton Deanery Leader.

The theme continued with joy and a reading from Luke 1:46-55 taking in Mary's reaction to the angel and the task before her. "Tell out my soul" was the offertory hymn and the money was to go to the MU relief fund.

Canon Morris was our speaker and he spoke of hope. He said that most people have thoughts of despair in their lives at some time and feel they can't cope with the world and its problems. Hope and faith are our standby and our prayers make us think more and sometimes an answer to problems can be seen. We must never think that everything is hopeless because that is giving up and that is not the way of life. There is a saying "hope springs eternal" – keep this in mind and in your prayers.

Our closing hymn was "Thou didst leave thy throne". We all joined in a closing prayer then the leader gave the blessing. It was a lovely and well thought out service. Our thanks go to Mildred, Branch leader, and her ladies for the service and the refreshments afterwards.

Parish Notices

Baptisms

We give thanks with the families of:

Isabel Sarah Hadfield
Layla Warren-Bardsley

Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Esther Ousey **Brian Sheldon**

Diary Dates

JANUARY

Sun 2 nd	Epiphany Services
Thurs 6 th	Epiphany Service, St Michael's, 11.00am
Wed 12 th	Eucharist 6.30pm, Holy Trinity DCC, 7.00pm
Thurs 13 th	Ashton Churches Together meeting, 7.30pm, St James
Sun 16 th	Healing Service, St Michael's, 3.00pm
Thurs 20 th	St James DCC meeting, 7.15pm St James Vicarage
Sun 23 rd	Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Independent Methodists 6.30pm
Wed 26 th	Deanery Chapter (am)
Thurs 27 th	St Peter's DCC meeting, 7.30pm, Holy Trinity Vicarage
Sun 30 th	Candlemas Services
Mon 31 st	Clergy Formation Day, Bury Parish Church

FEBRUARY

Wed 2 nd	Candlemas Service, St James, 1.30pm
Sun 6 th	Farewell Lunch for Jo, St Gabriel's, 12.30pm
Mon 7 th	Deanery Synod, St George, Stalybridge (eve)



January 2011- Parish Services

Epiphany	9.30am	St. James	Holy Communion
Sunday 2 nd January	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Gabriel	Family Service
	11.00am	St. Peter	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Michael	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	St Peter	Compline
Baptism of Christ	9.30am	St. James	Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th January	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Gabriel	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Peter	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Michael	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	St. James	St James on Sunday Afternoon/Communion
	6.30pm	St. Peter	Compline
Epiphany 2	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 th January	9.30am	St. James	Family Communion
	11.00am	St. Gabriel	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	St. Peter	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Michael	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	St Michael	Healing Service
	6.30pm	St Peter	Compline
Epiphany 3	9.30am	St. James	Holy Communion
Sunday 23 rd January	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Gabriel	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Peter	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Michael	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	St. James	St James on Sunday Afternoon
	6.30pm	St. Peter	Compline
Candlemas	9.30am	St. James	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 th January	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Gabriel	Family Communion
	11.00am	St. Peter	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Michael	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	St. James	St James on Sunday Afternoon
	6.30pm	St. Peter	Compline
Regular Weekday Services			
Tuesday:	12.15pm	St Peter's	Holy Communion (followed by optional bring and share lunch and Bible Study)
Wednesday:	1.30pm	St. James	Holy Communion
Thursday:	7.30am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
Thursday:	11.00am	St. Michael	Holy Communion

CLERGY:	(*usual day off)	
Revd Jo Farnworth, Team Vicar (*Tues.Fri)		
	The Vicarage, Union Street, Ashton OL6 9NQ	330 4925
Revd Roger Farnworth, Team Rector (*Tues.)		
	The Vicarage, Union Street, Ashton OL6 9NQ	330 2771
Revd Rob Fox, Minister in Secular Employment		
	36 Norman Road, Stalybridge, SK15 1LY	338 8481
Revd Pat Lodge, OLM Curate (*Fri.)		
	250 Yew Tree Lane, Dukinfield	338 5303
Revd Roger Reece (Town Centre Chaplain) (* Mon or Fri)		
	2a Hutton Avenue, Ashton	292 7593
Revd Josie Partridge, Team Vicar (*Sat)		
	Holy Trinity Vicarage, Dean Street, OL6 7HD	339 0665

READER EMERITUS

Elizabeth Hartley	7 Richmond Street, Ashton	330 3140
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THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

Parish Warden	Cath Sheldon	231 5339
Warden Emeritus:	Enid Fisher 243 Mossley Road Ashton	308 2795
Chair of PCC:	Roger Farnworth	330 2771
PCC Secretary:	Deborah Brindle 1, Gloucester Close Ashton	339 1021
Child Protection	Debbie Morris	612 3881
PCC Treasurer:	Alison Burke Flat 2, Beaufort House, Beaufort Rd, Ashton	344 5911
Parish Magazine:	Jo and Roger Farnworth The Vicarage (access off Westbury St.)	330 2771
		330 4925

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Churchwardens:	Leslie Smith, 20 Lowerbank, Denton	336 0904
	Judith Hilton 198 Park Road, Dukinfield	344 5440
Organist:	David Robinshaw 25, Fieldfare Way Ashton	343 8390
DCC Secretary:	Nora Lee 10 Lowfield Avenue, Ashton	339 4701
DCC Treasurer:	Margaret Stanley 39 Peterborough Close, Ashton	330-8831
Mothers' Union meets on 1st Wednesday of Month at 7:30pm in the Community Centre		
For Baptisms, Banns, Weddings, contact Revd Josie Partridge		

ST GABRIEL'S CHURCH

Churchwardens:	Louisa Fox 36 Norman Road, Stalybridge	338 8481
	Sandra Kiy 89, Andrew St. Mossley	01457 838919
DCC Secretary:	Joanne Gartland 82 Arundel St, Ashton	330 0512
DCC Treasurer:	Malcolm Sugden 20 St Christopher's Road, Ashton	330 2000
Free Will Offerings:	Peter Hayes 78 Arundel Street, Ashton	612 2371
Altar Flowers:	Joan Williams 73, Hutton Avenue, Ashton	330 6617
For Baptisms, Banns, Weddings contact Revd Jo Farnworth		330 4925

St. Michaels Rainbows and Brownies meet at St. Gabriels

Rainbows Guiders	Natalie McKella	07725 550570
(Tuesdays)	Nicola Cheetham	07950 400287
Brownies Guiders	(Snowy) Lyndsey Anderson	07738 432578
(Mondays)		

ST JAMES CHURCH

Churchwardens:	Jeffrey Glennon 140, Henrietta Street	344 0019
	Ron Fletcher 83, Waterloo Road, Ashton	330 9793
Verger:	Flo Matthews 56 Timperley Road, Ashton	330 2540
DCC Secretary:	Harry Bennett 10, Lichfield Ave, Ashton	330 0949
DCC Treasurer:	Alison Burke Flat 2, Beaufort House, Beaufort Rd, Ashton	344 5911
Gift Aid Secretary	Ron Fletcher 83, Waterloo Road, Ashton	330 9793
Organist:	Mary Helliwell Newlyn, 2 Station Lane, Grotton, Oldham	624 3942
Mothers' Union meets on 1st Wednesday of the Month at 7:30pm in church		
Enrolling member:		
Brownies/Guiding	Ruth Summers	339 0346
For Baptisms, Banns, Weddings, contact Revd Roger Farnworth		330 2771

ST MICHAEL'S & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Churchwardens:	Joyce Currie 27 Rushmere, Ashton	330 5795
	Mike Glover 80 Hall Road, Ashton	344 2876
Verger:	Reginald Fisher 243 Mossley Road, Ashton	308 2795
Organist:	John Miles 7 Well Row, Broadbottom, Hyde	01457 763701
Covenant Secretary:	Terry Lodge 250 Yew Tree Lane, Dukinfield	338 5303
Altar Flowers Rota:	Elaine Gaskell	330 5176
Sec of the Bells:	Jean Coombs 14 Aldergate Grove, Ashton	330 1653
Clerk to the Charities:	Mike Glover 80 Hall Road, Ashton	344 2876
DCC Secretary:	Elaine Gaskell	330 5176
DCC Treasurer:	Jean Coombs 14 Aldergate Grove, Ashton	330 1653

Friends of Ashton Parish Church

Secretary:	Joyce Currie 27 Rushmere, Ashton	330 5795
Treasurer:	Alan Bacon 17 St Christopher's Ave, Ashton	330 5829
Mothers' Union meets on 4th Wednesday of the Month in church at 7:45pm		
Secretary:	Joan Brayshaw	339 7407
For baptisms, Banns and Marriages contact Revd. Roger Farnworth		330 2771

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Church Wardens:	Cath Sheldon	231 5339
	Moir Wilson	
Verger :	Barry Bowden	308 2190
PCC Secretary:	Adele Gaunt	
Treasurer:	Janet Kennerley	
Gift Aid Sec:	Phillip Bowden	
Director of Music	Maureen Leigh	330 9377
Church Lads & Church Girls Brigade:	Trish Taylor	
Brownies :	Jackie Hopkirk	330 8417
Church Lads & Church Girls Brigade meet in St. Peter's School Monday & Friday's		
Brownies Meet in St. Peter's Church 6.45 – 8.00pm. Mondays		
For Baptism Enquires contact Phillip Bowden in Church after Sunday worship		
For Banns & Weddings contact Revd Josie Partridge		

Items for the Magazine:

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