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Editorial

Welcome to the October Parish Magazine. You will find that this magazine is slightly bigger than usual as we have been given a donation towards parish funds by an advertising agency to include two full page adverts in this month's and next month's magazine. Rather than lose two pages of content, we've added an extra sheet to the magazine which contains the adverts and some additional articles – all at no extra cost! As usual, there is a wide range of pieces on different themes including news from the parish and further afield.

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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Times and Seasons

For a number of years, Roger and I have taken a holiday in the early autumn in the Forest of Dean and this year has been no exception. We like going at this time of the year because the forest gives such a strong indication that the season is changing. There's a nip in the air, though there are often still good spells of sunshine. The leaves are starting to change colour and the hedgerows are full of berries and conkers are lying on the ground. You simply can't escape the fact that the year is moving on. Yes, the summer has passed and that can bring a sadness but there are cosy winter's nights in front of the fire for us to look forward to. For me, this rhythm of the seasons coming and going gives a sense of shape to my life. It gives a very physical reminder that the days and weeks aren't all the same.

Over the summer, one of the Gospel readings was about Jesus healing a woman on the Sabbath who had been crippled for 18 years. The leaders of the synagogue were shocked - the Sabbath was not for work and Jesus was clearly wrong in doing what he had done. Jesus however was unrepentant - the Sabbath was just the day for setting someone free from illness so they could live life to the full. Preparing my sermon, I was prompted to think about the way we view time.

Right from the beginning of the Bible, a principle emerges that not all days should be the same. God created the world in six days and on the seventh he rested. He blessed the seventh day and made it special, holy, because on that day he rested. This principle of resting for one day in seven is behind the Jewish tradition of the Sabbath. One day a week is to be different to the others, a day of rest not a day of work. Christianity took this same principle and chose Sunday to be the day of the week different to all others, a day when Jesus' resurrection is celebrated.

Many of us will remember when Sunday was very different to the others in the week - the shops were closed, children often couldn't play out. This principle of a special day, set aside for resting, is one which promotes wellbeing, giving time to step out from the busyness of daily life and to recuperate, if only for a few hours. The Sunday Trading Act of 1994 changed all this and for many Sunday is no longer a special day, a day for taking time out but instead has become a day of work or of shopping. Changing work patterns have often meant that Sunday is just not available as a day to be different. Whether or not we like this change, it is here to stay and we need to find new models for creating a balanced life.

"Work-life balance" is a buzzword that is increasingly heard in places of work. There is a recognition that for employers to get the best performance out of their employees they need to have the right balance between "work" (career and ambition) on one hand and "life" (pleasure, leisure, family and spiritual development)

on the other. Getting this balance wrong has been shown to lead to stress related illness, violence and absenteeism. Is there a way in which the biblical principle of having a regular day of rest, a special day, be adapted to suit those who have irregular work patterns or demands placed on them by family and friends?

If setting aside the same time each week to rest and to relax is not possible, perhaps you could look at blocking out time in your diary once a fortnight or a month or each halfterm. Looking at the pattern of the year as a whole you might find that there are times when you are less busy and could build in more of those much needed special days in that time. If there doesn't appear to be any time, then maybe there are hard questions that need to be asked of you and those around you. What needs to be given up so that you can find the time to rest and recharge your batteries?

There might be another way in which the Church's tradition can help bring a more balanced shape to our lives. Built into the Church's year are different seasons – Lent and Advent as reflective periods, Christmas, Epiphany and Easter as times of celebration, Ordinary for those more ordinary(!) times. Some people find that letting these different types of time shape their lives gives a rhythm to the year and gives opportunities for space to be found and times to be less busy than others. Within the parish, we try to offer events to help with this, so elsewhere in the magazine you can find details of our Advent course – perhaps these evenings would give you some much needed space.

Throughout the church's year there are also days set aside to commemorate different saints. These too can give opportunities to set aside even just a short while as a different type of time to the rest of the day. In October we remember St Luke and there is a healing service on his day (!8th October), a chance to pray for healing for yourself or others. All Souls Day is a time to remember those who have died and so there is a memorial service at St Michael's on the 31st October giving space to reflect on those people we mourn.

If we are to be people who can live life to the full in the way that God intends us to live, using our time wisely seems to me to be so important. My prayer is that we might all find ways in which we can get the right balance between working and resting so that we can know that same freedom which Jesus brought to the woman he healed on the Sabbath.

Revd Jo Farnworth

Bosom Buddies 2010

Wow! What an amazing response to the bra amnesty I held during August in the Parish of the Good Shepherd in support of the Bosom Buddies 2010 campaign to provide good quality, correctly fitting bras for homeless women in Manchester. The campaign was launched at the Manchester Mothers' Union Evening of Celebration in May and is being "fronted up" (pardon the pun!) by the North-West charity for the homeless, the Mustard Tree, together with the lingerie boutique, Lucile.

You, your friends and family donated bras in their hundreds - literally! This week I shall be delivering no fewer than 373 bras to the Mustard Tree office on Oldham Road Manchester - enough to fill 2 suitcases, packed tightly, of the size the average person would require for a 2 week holiday. There are bras of every size and fitting, padded, under-wired and non-wired. Some are bright and colourful, others a modest white or skin coloured. Some have obviously been worn purely for comfort whilst others have clearly sought to maximise or minimise the wearer's attributes. What they clearly do is reflect the individuality of the wearer, just as the homeless women of Manchester deserve to be treated and respected as individuals, no matter what circumstances have led to their current demise. ("There but for the grace of

God go I." - what is the origin of that quote, can anyone tell me?)



In the many carrier bags handed over to me, there have also been several pairs of knickers, a girdle, a suspender belt, vests and camisole tops! I shall dutifully deliver these to the Mustard Tree. Although not strictly part of the campaign, I am sure they will be gratefully received.

So, thank you so very much to each and every one of you who has donated a bra(s) and thank you also to your family, friends and work colleagues who have clearly joined in this campaign with such enthusiasm and compassion. If you have missed my collection, you can always take any unwanted bras yourself to the Mustard Tree charity, 110 Oldham Road, Manchester M4 6AG or to Lucile Lingerie Boutique, Police Street, Manchester M2 7LQ. I understand the campaign is to be on-going and any surplus bras will be passed on to homeless charities in London.

To summarise - and lifting the quote straight out of the Summer 2010 edition of Cymbal, the Mother's Union magazine - "Supporting homeless women is as easy as AA, B, C"!!!

Margaret Stanley
Holy Trinity Church

Hitting the headlines!!

Little did Pat know when she took on her first wedding that it would propel her into the national news! Over the summer she married Daryl McClure and Dean Sutcliffe at St Michael's Church. When the local newspaper discovered that the couple were the seventh generation of people in Daryl's family to be married at St Michael's, they seized on the story. It is also the eleventh recorded family wedding at the church since 1825. Before long, the Mirror, the Daily Mail and the Daily Telegraph had published the story. Calls came from the BBC's The One Show (although they didn't run with it in the end), Granada News and Premier Radio. Granada News came to St Michael's and along with the family, Pat was also interviewed and so appeared on the television. The Church Times has also now written about this wedding.



A common theme in the newspaper articles highlighted how the church blended its ancient tradition with a modern approach. In the Telegraph, it was reported: 'With a female vicar conducting her daughter's ceremony, the bride's mother praised the centuries old church's ability to adapt to modern times while providing the continuity of tradition to her family's most important milestones. Getting married there really feels special. It's like you feel the past generations behind you," she said. "It was a very tearful wedding, there are so many memories there for so many of the family members. It felt so wonderful for those who had been married there in the past. It was a very family-orientated day. That was certainly the first wedding (*in our family*) done by a woman, so while some things stay the same, other things change in such a big way. In previous generations a woman vicar would have been unthinkable. It's a good thing, she was absolutely lovely. Also it used to be you couldn't get married there if you were divorced. Even just over the past 30 years things have changed so much. That's how it goes, isn't it? It's a good thing. At the same time you have the benefits of this changed attitude but the benefits of having this amazing tradition."

Roger was also quoted in a number of the newspaper articles as saying: 'It's quite amazing. There are a lot of memories for the family in this church and this makes these events very special.'

October 14th Mothers Union Thursday Prayers in the Cathedral, 12.00noon. Bury Deanery are leading these prayers.

November 13th Autumn Council at St Thomas Centre, Ardwick, 9.30am - 2.30pm approx.

The goody bags for the University Students were given out on 20th, 21st and 22nd September. We have to call this event "Welcome Week" not "Freshers' Week" as before, because a complaint was made in a local newspaper about this.

With many working mothers these days, there isn't always enough time to spend with the children and that is where Granny comes in sometimes. My grandchildren love to bake when they come. There was one time when I had four of them in my small kitchen. It can be messy but it is fun as well. I found this article in a Families First magazine which I thought was good:

A shout goes up from our kitchen, 'Stop painting that cat with food colouring, Rosie!' Grace has got indignation down to a fine art, and finds it necessary to use it often whenever she is cooking with her little sister! It is fair to say that Rosie has an ardent passion for cooking; as long as I am supervising this is fine, but if I leave her unattended for more than half a minute to answer the door or the phone, I can be sure to return to a fairly major culinary — or, in this case, feline — disaster.

Recently I left her playing happily with her Lego for 10 minutes to go and answer the

phone. When I returned the Lego lay abandoned, Rosie was nowhere to be seen and the house was suspiciously quiet. Noticing that the kitchen door had been firmly shut, my suspicions were confirmed — Rosie was doing some of her famous free-range cooking. I discovered her happily stirring a large saucepan on the stove (which thankfully we remember to turn off at the wall these days whenever we leave the room). 'What are you cooking Rosie?' I enquired, trying to sound interested and encouraging, rather than horrified at the devastation that had hit every work surface in the kitchen. Rosie gestured happily to the contents of her pan, a huge grin of pride on her cheeky face (not for the first time I wondered how she manages to look so heart-meltingly adorable when she's just done something incredibly naughty). I quickly discovered that she had emptied all the sugar, the salt, a whole pot of cinnamon, an entire tin of powdered milk and all the children's multivitamins into the pan and was merrily stirring them together. En route she had managed to scatter this mixture liberally over the floor, the surfaces, the shelves — and herself.

Despite the mess, one doesn't like to squash her enthusiasm for something which she so clearly enjoys, so we cook together as often as we can. I remember spending huge amounts of time happily baking with my

mother as a child, and it's a good opportunity to have a good old chat whilst you roll, stir, whisk or beat whatever it is you're cooking together. The sound of my mother's wedding ring click-clicking on a rolling pin as she rolled out the pastry for our supper's chicken pie, or her latest batch of jam tarts, is still a sound which transports me straight back to our sunny kitchen in Margate whenever I hear it. I often find, as many parents do, that extracting information from your children about how they're feeling, what they're up to at school and so on is like trying to get treacle out of a mango if you ask them directly, but time spent together in a mutual activity like baking, sets them at ease and often opens up channels of communication in a new

way.

Today Rosie, Grace and I are making ginger biscuits. It's a favourite recipe of ours and can be made into any shape the children want, so although I have to insist on Rosie sticking to the recipe and stopping her from adding her own unusual ingredients (crayons being a favourite), I can let her have a free reign when it comes to shaping the biscuits. Fresh ginger is piled high in our local market here in Tanzania, and it's dried and ground directly by the market sellers too, so it still tastes very fresh. Making time to cook with children brings all kinds of relational benefits you may not expect, and although it can be messy, at least you've something tasty to eat whilst you clear up together'

Thought for the month

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer, do everything in love.

Joan Brayshaw

Reaching new heights!

During the summer, Roger Farnworth was invited to attend the launch of the St Peter's Youth (SPY) climbing wall. Roger was asked to go along in his role as a Trustee of St Peter's Partnerships.

SPY have provided the wall for their own events and hire it out for special events. The intention is to make some money through providing the wall for others which will then subsidise their own activities.

Little did Roger know that in accepting his invitation, he would also be called upon to test out the wall and his own climbing skills!



An October Saint – Edward the Confessor, King of England

The Anglican church remembers Edward the Confessor on 13th October. During the recent visit of Pope Benedict to England, he and the Archbishop of Canterbury spent time praying at the tomb of Edward in Westminster Abbey. It therefore seems apt to choose him as a saint to discover a little more about this month. In a guide to Westminster Abbey, the following description is given of his life and significance.

Edward the Confessor was born at Islip in Oxfordshire between 1002 and 1005, the son of King Ethelred the Unready and Emma. Driven from England by the Danes, and spending his exile in Normandy, the story goes that Edward vowed that if he should return safely to his kingdom, he would make a pilgrimage to St Peter's, Rome. He returned to England and was crowned at Winchester in 1042. But once on the throne he found it impossible to leave his subjects, and the Pope released him from his vow on condition that he should found or restore a monastery to St Peter. This led to the building of a new church in the Norman style to replace the Saxon church at Westminster.

One of the legends associated with the king happened towards the end of his life. Edward was riding by a church in Essex and an old man asked for alms. As the king had no money to give he drew a large ring off his finger and gave this to the beggar. A few years later two pilgrims were travelling in the Holy Land and became stranded. They were helped by an old man and when he knew they came from England he told them he was St John the Evangelist and asked them to return the ring to Edward telling him that in six months he would join him in heaven.

The Abbey at Westminster was consecrated on Holy Innocents' Day, 28 December 1065, but the king was ill and unable to be present at the service. He died on 5 January 1066 and was buried before the High Altar in his new church. His burial procession is depicted on the Bayeux Tapestry.

Edward the Confessor, as he was known, had not been a particularly successful king, but his personal character and piety endeared him to his people. In appearance he is represented as tall, dignified and kindly with rosy cheeks and a long white beard. He was regarded as a saint long before he was officially canonized as Saint and Confessor by Pope Alexander III in 1161. A Confessor is a particular type of saint. The term applies to those who suffered for their faith and demonstrated their sanctity in the face of worldly temptations, but who were not martyrs.

On 13 October 1163 St Edward's body was transferred to a Shrine prepared for it. At this time the famous ring was taken off his finger and deposited with the Abbey

relics (all the relics unfortunately disappeared at the dissolution of the monastery in 1540).

King Henry III (1207-1272) held Edward the Confessor in great veneration and decided to rebuild his Abbey in the magnificent new Gothic style. He erected a new and costly Shrine with workmen and mosaics from Italy, which was finished in 1269. Sick persons made pilgrimages to the Shrine and knelt in the recesses to pray for healing. A cult of St Edward had grown up and people regarded him as the patron saint of England. However, after Henry III's death the cult declined and St George eventually became recognised as patron saint of England.

Collect for Edward the Confessor

Sovereign God,
who set your servant Edward
upon the throne of an earthly kingdom
and inspired him with zeal for the kingdom of heaven:
grant that we may so confess the faith of Christ
by word and deed,
that we may, with all your saints, inherit your eternal
glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever



Friends of Ashton Parish Church Heritage Weekend

Once again we had an excellent weekend with over 150 visitors. They came from Baltimore USA, Holland and Bolton as well as Tameside. We set up a photographic Exhibition with contributions from Stalybridge and Ashton Photographic Societies and some taken of the Parish Schools Foundation stones. Pat Lodge set up some prayer stations and there were children's activities, although we saw very few children.



Due to the wet weather the only trip up the tower was late on Sunday afternoon. Guided Tours were well supported as was the refreshment stall and souvenirs including sales of our new guide book. Comments on the visitors sheets included beautiful and full of interest, well kept and friendly church, amazing windows, excellent tour and refreshments.

Alan F.Bacon.

Autumn Courses 2010

Women in the Old Testament

a series of 4 sessions discovering more about
Sarah and Hagar, Ruth, Esther and Hannah

Lunchtime groups on Mondays at St James

October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

12.00 noon, lunch first!

Evening groups on Wednesdays at St Gabriel's

October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

7.30p.m.

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Advent Course 2010

Matthew's Gospel

3 sessions for us to familiarise ourselves with
Matthew's Gospel

Wednesday evenings at

Holy Trinity Vicarage

November 24th December 1st and December 8th

7.30 p.m.

If you would like to attend any of these courses and have a
problem with transport, please let Pat know and she will
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Healing Services

The next two Healing Services for the Parish
will be held
on
**St Luke's Day, Monday October 18th at St Michael's at
6.30p.m.**
and
Sunday, January 16th at St Michael's at 3 p.m.

Come for yourself or to pray for someone dear to you.

Come if you are looking for wholeness and peace.

**We are trying to move these services around the Parish to make
it easier for people to attend them but if you do have any
transport problems, please let Mary or Pat know so that they
can try to arrange lifts for you.**

Birthday Celebration!

*John Hackwell is celebrating his 70th
Birthday with a party at St Peter's
Church on Saturday 16th October
from 7.30pm onwards and he wishes
to invite all his friends from the
Parish to join him.*



*John asks, for catering purposes, if you would let him know
if you would like to come to his party (07837 647440).*

Bringing the Bible to new Christians in this former Hindu kingdom....

Eighteen-year-old student, Harris BK, lives in the Kathmandu Valley in Nepal. He used to be a Hindu, following a religious path well trodden by his family for generations before him. But on Christmas Day 2005, he stepped into a church for the first time. And so began his journey to faith in Christ. 'When I went to church a different kind of peace came into my heart,' he said. 'That day I saw the presence of the Lord and believed he was the living God. After two months, I went regularly and received Christ. Now, I'll not go off this path.'

Harris is just one of the thousands of Nepalis who have come to faith over the past 15 years. In fact, the Church in this former Hindu kingdom has mushroomed from just 30,000 believers in 1990 to around 700,000 today.

And Harris' story is echoed in scores of others, who visited a church in Nepal for the first time on Christmas Day 2008 – because that was the day Nepal celebrated its first official Christmas. For the first time, schools, government offices and workplaces were closed, and 25 December was a public holiday. It meant Christians could celebrate freely with their family and friends, and scores of newcomers were welcomed through the doors of church buildings. Today, a dawn of opportunity is breaking over Nepal – and a fresh political climate is thawing the spiritual 'ice' of this snow-capped land.

In the last 12 months, this ancient nation has held largely peaceful elections, has retired its constitutional monarchy, become a federal democratic republic – and offered equal recognition to all the country's religions. It's a far cry from life just 20 years ago, when becoming a Christian was illegal. And when, according to Tej Jirel, General Secretary of the Nepal Bible Society, 'we couldn't even go to church holding a Bible in our hand. If we did, the secret police would follow us'. Now, with new freedoms, the Church is growing at an astonishing rate and a sense of opportunity hovers over the work of the Nepal Bible Society. The organisation plans to print hundreds of thousands of New Testaments, Scripture portions and Bibles. They are involved in translating Bibles into many of Nepal's 80 tribal languages. And Bible listening groups are growing among the country's rural, largely illiterate communities.

But the Bible Society is held back by its meagre funds. Serving the world's 12th poorest nation, every Bible has to be heavily subsidised. And as more come to faith in Nepal, the drain on the charity's resources is starting to show. That's where the Church in this country comes in. Harris BK says, 'The Bible is very important. It's been created by the Lord's Spirit. Without God's Gospel, we cannot know the Lord.' We can give other people like Harris a Bible. The Bible Society works around the world to put the Bible's life-changing message into the hands of others who still wait. They say that their supporters are vital in this mission. To find out how you can pray, become a volunteer or donate, visit www.biblesociety.org.uk

100 years of Girl Guiding

The Girl Guiding movement celebrates its centenary this year. Many women have been part of this movement over the years and we have a number of groups within the Parish. The Girl Guiding UK website describes this year as "a chance to push boundaries and live a dream" as well as celebrating the impact guiding has had on girls' and womens' lives, and society in general, by looking at their heritage and sharing experiences from the last 100 years of guiding. They also include a brief history of Girl Guiding which sets out how the success of the movement of today came about.



In the early years of the 20th century, Robert Baden-Powell, a famous army general, tried out his ideas for training boys at a camp on Brownsea Island in 1907 and the following year published them in a book, *Scouting for Boys*. The book was an instant success and boys throughout the UK enthusiastically took up Scouting. As a result, Baden-Powell soon found himself organising the Boy Scout Movement.

At the Scouts' first rally, at the Crystal Palace in 1909, several small groups of girls turned up. They represented hundreds of other girls and insisted that they wanted to be Scouts too.

In an age when skirts were ankle length and young ladies never ran, the idea of girls being involved in camping, hiking and similar activities received a mixed response. Angry critics denounced 'girl scouting' as a 'mischievous new development', a 'foolish and pernicious movement' and an 'idiotic sport'. However, Baden-Powell's letters from this time show that he had a scheme for girls in mind.

The pioneers who turned up at the 1909 Crystal Palace rally called themselves Girl Scouts, but when he founded the girls' movement, Baden-Powell decided that the name should change. He wanted to create a separate identity for the girls so that they could work for self-development independently, not in imitation of their brothers.

Baden - Powell remembered that he had been particularly impressed with some 'Guides' in India. These men had operated on the north-west frontier and their main task was to go on very dangerous expeditions. Even when they were off duty the Guides were still training their minds and bodies. With this in mind, he decided that 'Girl Guides' would be a good name for these pioneering young women.

In 1910 he formed the Girl Guides, asking his sister Agnes to look after the new organisation. A few years later his wife Olave became involved and, in 1918, was appointed Chief Guide.

Such was the enthusiasm for guiding that it soon spread worldwide and since those early days countless millions have made the Guide Promise. Today there are ten million girls and women involved in guiding worldwide.

100 Years of Guiding Celebration Service

1st Ashton St James Brownies and Rainbows are celebrating 100 years of Girlguiding UK.

Please join us on Sunday 17th October 2.30 at St James Church Ashton.

Everyone is welcome especially past members of the guides, brownies and rainbows. Please come and join us and use this opportunity to meet friends and renew friendships

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PARISH YOUTH GROUP

The parish youth group meets at St Gabriel's church on Sunday evenings at 7.30pm and is for anyone who is in Year 6 or above at school. If you would like to know more, contact Jo Farnworth.

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| Oct 3rd | Bowling (meeting at 5:30pm) |
| Oct 10th | Mini Golf |
| Oct 17th | Theme to be announced |
| Oct 24th | No youth group - Half term |
| Oct 31 st | No youth group - Half term |

News from Christian Aid

We are all aware of the flooding that has devastated the lives of many in Pakistan and over the summer we held collections in our churches for those affected. At the same time, severe floods have also been experienced in West Africa. Christian Aid are working to bring relief to this part of our world as this article from their website reveals.

West Africa food crisis

Please support our appeal to provide immediate help for those going hungry in the Sahel region of west Africa. With ten million people facing the prospect of severe food shortages across the Sahel, we are calling on supporters to donate so that we can ensure that help reaches the communities in need. Severe flooding across west Africa has left hundreds of thousands of people without food and shelter, bringing fresh misery to communities already suffering from the worst food crisis in decades.

The storms, which began in July and have continued throughout August, were of such intensity that many of the communities have now seen their homes, livestock and food reserves washed away. Up to 200,000 people have been left homeless in Niger where the river Niger burst its banks and all of the country's eight regions have seen some form of flooding. An estimated 105,000 people have been directly affected in Burkina Faso and thousands more are suffering in Mali. In the worst-hit communities, homeless families are crowding into schools to take shelter. Fields remain inundated with water containing the bodies of drowned livestock and as a result, villagers, already weakened through lack of food, are now at risk of diseases such as malaria and cholera. The floods have

also dealt a major blow to the region's prospects of emerging from the food crisis



Prayer

God of infinite compassion,
We bring before you the starving people
of West Africa,
Acknowledging the absurdity of a world
Where many eat and drink to excess
And millions lack clean water.
We confess that too often we accept this.
Pour on us your water of life
So that we may draw strength
to stand alongside all who hunger and
thirst;
and we may see a world made new,
where all are refreshed and all can
thrive.

Intercession points

- Pray for the 10 million people in Niger, Burkina Faso, Chad and Nigeria facing acute hunger; for families whose livestock have died in the drought; for those who cannot afford food where it is available in local markets.
- Pray for Christian Aid partners in the area who are helping to provide food to those most in need and helping families to buy cereals and grains in the markets through cash-for-work schemes.
- Pray for the recently formed government of Niger who have been proactive in highlighting the urgency of the situation; and for action from other governments in the region who are yet to respond fully.
- Pray for effective and urgent delivery of aid to the people of west Africa.

Parish Notices



Baptisms

We give thanks with the families of:

Mason Paul Andrew

Zac Thomas Davies-Penkett

Harry Michael Thatcher Dower

Jack Sean Earlam

James Paul Stanley Leah

Ben Christopher Wolfendale

Weddings

We rejoice with the families of:

Lee Hughes and Samantha Stokes

Joseph Paul Morrell and Elizabeth Way

Dorian Arthur Williams and Helen Elizabeth Sidebotham

Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Dorothy Chadwick

Mary Cole

Alan Yates

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

Mon 4th	Autumn Course, St James, 12.00noon
Wed 6th	Autumn Course, St Gabriel's, 7.30pm
Mon 11th	Autumn Course, St James, 12.00noon
Wed 13th	Autumn Course, St Gabriel's, 7.30pm
Wed 13th	Ashton Churches Together meeting, 7.30pm, Hurst Nook
Mon 18th	Autumn Course, St James, 12.00noon
Mon 18th	Luke the Evangelist - Healing Service, St Michael's, 6.30pm
Wed 20th	Autumn Course, St Gabriel's, 7.30pm
Mon 25th	Autumn Course, St James, 12.00noon
Wed 27th	Autumn Course, St Gabriel's, 7.30pm
Sun 31st	All Saints Day; Memorial Service, St Michael's, 3.00pm

Regular Weekday Services

Tues.	10.30am	St. Peter	Holy Communion
Wed.	1.30pm	St. James	Holy Communion
Thurs.	11.00am	St. Michael	Holy Communion
	2.15pm		

Monthly:

1st Wed. of the month	2.30 -3.30pm
Emmanuel Court, Firbank , Kingsfield EPH (Holy Communion)	
1st Tues. of the month	10.30am Moss Cottage
3rd Tues. of the month	Ryefields (Holy Communion)

October 2010- Parish Diary

Trinity 18

Sunday 3rd October

9.30am	St. James	Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
11.00am	St. Gabriel	Family Service
11.00am	St. Peter	Holy Communion
11.00am	St. Michael	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Holy Trinity	Evening Prayer
6.30pm	St Peter	Evening Prayer

Trinity 19

Sunday 10th October

9.30am	St. James	Holy Communion
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	Holy Trinity	Evening Prayer
4.00pm	St. James	St James on Sunday Afternoon/Communion
6.30pm	St. Peter	Holy Communion

Trinity 20

Sunday 17th October

9.30am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
9.30am	St. James	Family Communion
11.00am	St. Gabriel	Morning Prayer
11.00am	St. Peter	Holy Communion
11.00am	St. Michael	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Holy Trinity	Evening Prayer
6.30pm	St Peter	Evening Prayer

Last Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 24th October

9.30am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
9.30am	St James	Holy Communion
11.00am	St. Gabriel	Holy Communion
11.00am	St. Michael	Holy Communion
11.00am	St Peter	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Holy Trinity	Evening Prayer
4.00pm	St. James	St James on Sunday Afternoon
6.30pm	St. Peter	Holy Communion

4th Sunday before Advent

Sunday 31st October

9.30am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
9.30am	St James	Holy Communion
11.00am	St. Gabriel	Family Communion
11.00am	St. Michael	Holy Communion
11.00am	St Peter	Holy Communion
3.00pm	St Michael	Memorial Service
4.00pm	Holy Trinity	Evening Prayer
4.00pm	St. James	St James on Sunday Afternoon
6.30pm	St. Peter	Holy Communion

Contact Details

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
Revd Mary Wadsworth, NSM Curate (* Fri.)	
99, Cranbourne Road, Ashton	330 0713

READER EMERITUS

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THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

Parish Warden	Cath Sheldon	231 5339	
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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 Kij	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
	Moira 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. Wednesdays			
For Baptism Enquires contact Philip Bowden in Church after Sunday worship			
For Banns & Weddings contact Revd Josie Partridge			

Items for the Magazine:

Please give items for the next magazine to Revds. Jo or Roger Farnworth by the 15th October for inclusion in the next Magazine - address and telephone numbers above



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