



Holy Trinity



St. Gabriel

# The Parish of The Good Shepherd, Ashton-under-Lyne



St. James



St. Peter



St. Michael and All Angels

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# Editorial

Welcome to the December Parish Magazine. This month we enter the season of Advent and there are a number of pages devoted to this including our first opening article from our new Team Vicar, Revd Josie Partridge. There is also news of Christmas in the parish and a range of other articles to inform, amuse and enjoy.

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.



## **Advent..... Josie writes**

Here we are, so soon it seems, approaching Christmas.

Much is written in Christian circles about consumerism and the iniquities of the plastic and the tinsel and the spending at this time. I sometimes wish they would be a little less vocal about this. Christmas is a huge part of our culture - and we should as Christians be grateful for that. We make judgements about people's understanding of the Christmas story - but often I hear the birth of Jesus mentioned in the most tender and prayerful ways by people who may not identify themselves as Christian.

I love to be out and about in the shops as Christmas approaches - the conversations are wonderful - full of what to buy for Auntie Joan or how many more presents have still to be bought. There are anxieties but there are also joys. So this Christmas, if we are involved with all of this, we should enjoy it and give thanks to God that we have people to buy presents for and families to cook for.

But there is of course another side to this. There are those for whom the festivities of Christmas are an ordeal to be gone through - because they have no-one who cares for them and no-one to care for. For many, it is the loneliest time of the year. And as

Christians we can think about our neighbours and acquaintances and



offer the best gift of all to any who we think might be alone - the gift of inclusion.

December is the Church season of Advent; the time of beginning in the Christian calendar, but it is also a time of waiting. Underneath all the presents and the puddings and the panic, underneath the excitement and the joys and the sorrows, there is a great silence. For now we wait.

We know what we are waiting for. We are waiting for the answer to the question - what is the meaning of life? Does our life have a purpose? The birth of Jesus into our history says that God has directly intervened in human affairs to make clear what that purpose is. Our purpose is to live with, to be at one with, God - Ultimate Reality - in unimaginable Love.

And the astonishing thing is that we have been given the gift of knowing this. Such a gift.

As we choose our Christmas lights, write our Christmas cards, or make our mince pies, we can stop for a moment, become quite still and enter the great silence. Rest and marvel, fall to our knees in gratitude for the profound, deep, overwhelming knowledge that because of the birth of Jesus, we don't have to change, grow or be good, to be loved.

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All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken of by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Matthew 1: 22.23.

*Revd Josie Partridge*

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICES



**St Peter's Church**

**6.30pm**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

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**St James Church**

**7.00pm**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**All are welcome**

## ADVENT SONGS OF PRAISE



**6.00pm**

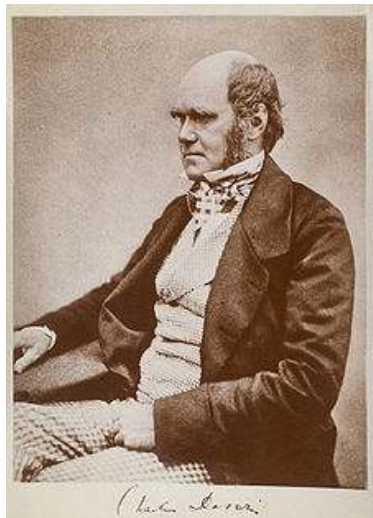
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
St Michael and All Angels'  
Church**

## Darwin.

On Friday night I went to the Manchester Theological Society meeting in the Cathedral to hear Professor J H Brookes talking about "Darwin and God". This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of Darwin's seminal book "The Origin of Species". I first read it, though not necessarily understanding it all or being conscious of the tremendous impact it made on religious society, when I was still at school studying Biology. There have been many programmes to celebrate the book, on TV, articles in the press and even contributions from several leading theologians and philosophers in "The Reader", a magazine which Elizabeth receives because she is one.

Prof Brookes' was an excellent lecture as he attempted to trace Darwin's attitude to religion as it changed throughout his life – a most difficult task since Darwin's books make few inferences to religion and the only time the word evolution occurs in "the Origin" is as the very last word in the book.

Darwin couldn't be a surgeon like his father because he couldn't stand the sight of blood, and although he passed the Theology Exams at Cambridge, his intention to enter the Church seems to have been motivated more by the prospect of a comfortable rural living which would allow him to pursue his obsession with collecting beetles and other natural history specimens, than his devotion to the Almighty.



His voyage around S America, acting as companion to the Captain and the expedition's naturalist, collecting both fossils and plants and animals, focussed his mind on why there are so many different species and why so many creatures have become extinct. He was conscious of the continuity of life, of the natural variation in every single species, of how many offspring are produced than can survive and he saw that these facts are not consonant with the creation myth as told in Genesis. Natural Selection was his theory to account for how this wonderful variety of life on earth has developed.

Throughout his life he supported the church and his wife who was a devout Christian, but he himself was agnostic. He is buried in Westminster Abbey.

*Eddie Hartley*

## St. James' Church of England Primary School

Last year St James' Church of England Primary School was chosen as the sole primary school in Tameside to work in partnership with Tameside Hospital and share in their Enthuse project. As a school that enjoys community links we felt privileged to take part and felt that our children would benefit from learning about the hospital in a more informal way.

The children's ward of the hospital is being rebuilt and the staff wanted our children's ideas and input. Tameside Hospital, Pennine Care, Tameside Council, Balfour Beatty and Consult Healthcare are all working on a variety of projects to benefit the local community. The children have seen the plans for the new hospital and have given their ideas as to how the children's ward could look so that they can feel more comfortable and happy should they have to visit the hospital. They have helped with nurses' uniform designs. Class 4 took part in a national '11 Million Takeover Day' when 10,000 children 'took over' 500 national organisations at the hospital.



The Enthuse project team have visited school during our 'Health Week' and worked with all the children. They took the children on walks around Stamford Park to plan a route that hospital staff could walk at lunchtimes to keep fit. The children have also designed health and safety posters to be displayed on the hoardings around the building site at the hospital. There have been many activities and more will soon be planned for this year. The children are very enthusiastic about the activities they have done with the hospital and have shared them with their families and friends strengthening community links. St James' is committed to the project for three years when they will hopefully be invited to the opening of the newly built children's ward at the hospital in 2011.

*Carole Dodd*

## Mothers Union

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November** Ashton Deanery Advent Service, St George, Mossley 3.00pm

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** Diocesan Advent Service, St Ann, Manchester, 2.00pm

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** Thursday prayers at the Cathedral, 12.00noon. This is taken by Oldham West Deanery.

The Autumn Council took place on 17<sup>th</sup> October at St Thomas, Ardwick and was very well attended. Our Diocesan President Mrs Barbara Taylor welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. The meeting opened with prayers.

Our first speaker was Mrs Butcher from Mary Sumner House. She told us about Publications and why there were changes in our MU magazine. She felt that the new booklet Family World Wide covered a lot of the work and the difficulties overseas and the Families First dealt with work and projects going on nearer to home. Families first are sending out 6 copies instead of four now.

Our second speaker was Mrs Andrea Young who organises the Parenting Courses. She is very enthusiastic and they appear to be doing well. She is hoping to start more course in other deaneries.

A marriage exhibition is to be held in the Cathedral from Sat 6<sup>th</sup> February to 14<sup>th</sup> February. It is planned to be a Multi

Religious Exhibition not a display of wedding dresses. There will be photos and information of weddings.



The co-ordinator gave their reports, also Archdeaconry Leaders' reports were given. The shop is doing well and has cards and diaries available. The meeting closed with prayers at 2.00pm.

The Ashton Branch leaders' meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> October at Christ Church, Ashton. The meeting opening with prayers. The visit in May from Bradford on Avon had been successful despite the cold wet weather. The visitors were taken to St Ann's Church and the Cathedral and tours around the building were made.

On the Saturday, they were taken to Uppermill and a lunch was provided at a church in Diggle. Then we all went to Portland Basin Museum as it was too cold to go to Hollingworth Lake as planned. Everyone enjoyed this venue and it was warm. Our evening was spent at Christ Church, Warmley where we had supper and entertainment by Reach Puppets, run by a team of young people spreading the Gospel in a very different way. They were really very good.

On Sunday, visitors went to their host's church and had lunch with them and then we all met up at St Paul's Blackley for a service followed by tea and cakes before

they left for home after a very busy but enjoyable weekend.

The Freshers' week went well. It was very busy and almost 3000 bags were given out and soup was served. Thank you to those of you who contributed to this event.

We are sending gifts to hostels again - we still have the two men's hostels in Ashton. The Branch Leaders have been given lists of information of events being held for next

year. I shall put them in the magazine as the month comes along.

I finish as Deanery Leader for Ashton this December, Miss Jean Driver very kindly offered to take over from me. I am very grateful to her and hope that you will support her as you have done for me over the past 8 years. My thanks go to all of you for your support, help and kindness over the years and I wish all of you a very happy and peaceful Christmas. God Bless.

**Thought for the month:** May the Lord give us love in our hearts and his peace to the world

*Joan Brayshaw*

## Friends of Ashton Parish Church

### Friends Lunch 2010

The lunch has been arranged for Thursday 14th January at the Broadoak Hotel 12-30 for 1-00pm.

Further details and booking form will be available in the near future.



Put this date in your diary now to avoid disappointment.

Alan F. Bacon.

## **Our Autumn Course - Building a People of Faith**

For four weeks, ten ladies and two gentlemen participated in the lunchtime Autumn Bible Study at St James' Church. The study was based in the Acts of the Apostles and looked at vision, facing fear and finding courage, building our faith and commitment.

Listening to readings in a church service sometimes, the meaning can go over your head compared to being able to have a discussion together, going into deeper depths and having it explained. It certainly throws a different perspective on things.

In our everyday lives, one or all four of the things we looked at may apply to us at sometime, especially commitment, as we are all committed to one another. At the end of the sessions we formed our own opinions from the readings, from what Luke and Paul had done and from the discussions that we had had. My feeling was one of, "get up and go" and a hope for the future.

Our thanks must go to Jo and Pat for the preparation and for keeping us all interested. Also to Mary for the food. But, most of all, for the fellowship and the taking part.

*Sarah Higginbotham*

As part of the course, which took also place on Monday evenings at St Peter's, we talked about how the church is most truly the church when we all work together using our gifts. To help us think about this, the following piece was given out - with the question, "where do you fit into this?" We thought that it would be a good piece to include in the magazine and to ask the same question along side it?

There are 560 members in our church, but 100 are frail and elderly, that leaves 460 to do the work;

But 74 are young people away at college, that leaves 386 to do all the work;

But 150 are tired because of work commitments, so that leaves 236 to do all the work;

And 150 are mums with young children - that leaves 86;

A further 46 have important interests, that leaves 40 to do all the work;

But 15 live too far away to come regularly, so that leaves 25 to do all the work;

And 23 say they've done their bit,

So that leaves you and me,

And I'm shattered,

So the best of luck to you!

*Jo Farnworth*

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

## Christingle Services:

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
6.30pm, St Peter's  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
7.00pm, St James

## Carol Services:

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Civic  
Carol Service, St Michael's  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm West  
End Carol  
Service, St  
Peter's  
(mulled wine  
and mince  
pies at  
5.30pm)  
6.30pm East  
End Carol Service, St  
Gabriel's  
(mulled wine  
and mince pies afterwards)

## Christmas Eve: Thursday

11.00am Holy  
Communion, St Michael's  
5.00pm Crib Service,  
St Gabriel's  
9.30pm First  
Communion of Christmas,  
St Michael's  
11.30pm Midnight  
Mass, Holy Trinity  
11.30pm Midnight  
Mass, St James'

11.30pm First  
Communion of Christmas,  
St Peter's

## Christmas Day: Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Holy  
Communion, St James  
9.30am Holy  
Communion, Holy Trinity  
10.30am Holy  
Communion, St Gabriel's  
10.30am Holy  
Communion, St Michael's  
10.30am Holy  
Communion, St Peter's

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

11.00am United Parish  
Service, St Michael's  
4.00pm Evening  
Prayer, Holy Trinity  
4.00pm St James on  
Sunday afternoons  
6.30pm Evening  
Service, St Peter's

24<sup>th</sup>



*Spiritual refreshment*  
**for Advent**

*for all -*

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***Journeying with the Magi***

*an Advent Course in the Celtic style*

**on Tuesday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and Dec 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

**7.45 p.m. at St Gabriel's**

**(if you've missed the first two, you would be welcome  
to come along to the last last two)**

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***An Advent Quiet Day***

**on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**at St James'**

**10.00am – 3.00pm**

**light lunch included**

**For those unfamiliar with quiet days,  
much of the day will be spent in meditation  
and reflection on readings and poetry,  
with music accompanying a silent lunch.  
The day will finish with a Eucharist.**

**For catering purposes, it  
would be helpful to know if you are intending to come to this.**

## The Advent Wreath

*The Advent wreath is a familiar part of our churches' life during Advent but what does it really signify? What are the candles representing? What colours should they be? In the book "Common Worship: Times and Seasons", the Church of England sets out its view of the Advent wreath:*

"The Advent Wreath has four red or blue candles in a ring around a white or gold candle. Alternatively, there may be three purple candles, reflecting the liturgical colour for Advent, with a pink candle for the Third Sunday, when rose-pink vestments are traditionally worn. The first candle is lit on Advent Sunday; additional ones are lit, one on each Sunday, and the white or gold one on Christmas Day. There are several traditions about the meaning or theme of each candle. The scheme that accords best with the Common Worship Lectionary is: Advent 1 The Patriarchs; Advent 2 The Prophets; Advent 3 John the Baptist; Advent 4 The Virgin Mary; Christmas Day The Christ. Each of the four Sundays then reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. 'The Patriarchs' can naturally focus on Abraham, our father in faith, and David, the ancestor in whose city Jesus was born. 'The Prophets' gives an opportunity to reflect on the way the birth of the Messiah was 'foretold'. John, who proclaimed the Saviour, and Mary, who bore him in her womb, complete the picture."

*Different prayers are set for each week of Advent at the lighting of the candles – you might like to use the following as*

*part of your own preparation for Christmas:*

### **Week 1:**

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

### **Week 2:**

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

### **Week 3:**

God our Father, you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age a son called John. He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord, and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us, who have been baptized into Christ, to be ready to welcome him into our hearts, and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

**Week 4:** God our Father, the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of your Son. Though Mary was afraid, she responded to your call with joy. Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like her in your great work of bringing to our world your love and healing. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

# Swine Flu

No – not a notice saying that we have to change our services again to take account of swine flu! Instead, this is an article about a project that the mission organisation USPG has been involved in.

## Swine flu tackled by health workers



The church in the Philippines is reaching out to rural communities

The global threat of swine flu, along with an increased prevalence of dengue fever and malaria, has galvanized the Philippines' government to roll out an upgraded environmental sanitation programme. However, government services do not reach the country's most remote regions, which is why the Episcopal Church of the Philippines (ECP)

has stepped up its healthcare ministry.

In particular, USPG is supporting ECP's health worker programme, which has been designed to complement health services provided by the government and other agencies. The church has been building up a pool of community health workers, providing them with training in disease prevention, nutrition and sanitation. The workers are also trained in forms of alternative healthcare, including acupuncture and the use of medicinal plants such as the lagundi, a shrub, endorsed by the Philippines' Department of Health, that can be turned into cough syrup.

At the same time, ECP has been conducting a health awareness programme, in conjunction with other health providers, focusing on health hazards such as dengue fever, malaria and swine flu. Swine flu, in particular, has been a high priority, with the church seeking to dispel panic caused by inadequate or inaccurate information.

The health workers usually work through rural village congregations in order to reach as many people as possible. In this sense, ECP churches act as a network for provision. An ECP spokesperson said: The goal is to respond to human needs with loving service, transforming unjust structures of society. There is a lot to achieve in terms of health awareness so we are glad of the commitment of the health workers and their willingness to serve and learn.'

## **Not our Problem: A Tale from Burma and Thailand**

*I came across this story when looking for inspiration for a Remembrance Sunday talk – it is a good reminder that if we want a peace filled world, then maybe it starts with us! I hope that you enjoy the story – but also are inspired by its message.*

*Jo Farnworth*

The King sat with his Advisor eating honey on puffed rice. As they ate they leaned from the palace window and watched the street below. They talked of this and that. The King, not paying attention to what he was doing, let a drop of honey fall onto the windowsill. 'Oh sire, let me wipe that up,' offered the Advisor. 'Never mind,' said the King. 'It is not our problem. The servants will clean it later.'

As the two continued to dine on their honey and puffed rice, the drop of honey slowly began to drip down the windowsill. At last it fell with a plop onto the street below. Soon a fly had landed on the drop of honey and begun his own meal. Immediately a gecko sprang from under the palace and with a flip of his tongue swallowed the fly. But a cat had seen the gecko and pounced. Then a dog sprang forward and attacked the cat! 'Sire, there seems to be a cat and dog fight in the street. Should we call someone to stop it?' 'Never mind,' said the King. 'It's not our problem.' So the two continued to munch their honey and puffed rice.

Meanwhile the cat's owner had arrived and was beating the dog. The dog's owner ran up and began to beat the cat. Soon the two were beating each other. 'Sire, there are two persons fighting in the street now. Shouldn't we send someone to break this up?' The king lazily looked from the window. 'Never mind. It's not our problem.' The friends of the cat's owner gathered and began to cheer him on. The friends of the dog's owner began to cheer her on as well.

Soon both groups entered the fight and attacked each other. 'Sire, a number of people are fighting in the street now. Perhaps we should call someone to break this up.' The King was too lazy even to look. You can guess what he said. 'Never mind. It's not our problem'. Now soldiers arrived on the scene. At first they tried to break up the fighting. But when they heard the cause of the fight some sided with the cat's owner. Others sided with the dog's owner. Soon the soldiers too had joined the fight.

With the soldiers involved, the fight erupted into civil war.

Houses were burned down.

People were harmed.

And the palace itself was set afire and burned to the ground.

The King and his Advisor stood surveying the ruins.

'Perhaps,' said the King, 'I was wrong? Perhaps the drop of honey WAS our problem.'

## **The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of the Good Shepherd – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

As usual we shared news items from each of our churches, reviewed our financial position and undertook the routine business of the PCC. The following other items are worth noting

**Josie** – we welcomed Josie to her first PCC.

**Ordained Local Ministry (OLM)** – at the beginning of our meeting Revd Allan Lees from St. John's Hurst was with us. He has a pastoral responsibility for all Ordained Local Ministers in our area. Revd. Pat Lodge is an Ordained Local Minister. For the first 4 years of her ministry there is a special process for review of the Parish and of Pat's ministry. Over the past little while Pat, her resource group and the PCC have been reviewing her ministry and the parishes part in it. Allan Lees joined us to complete that process so that he could write a report on this for Bishop Nigel.

**Parish Share** – we are unable as yet to confirm the amount of Parish Share for each of our churches. There have been a lot of appeals against the level of parish share set for Parishes in our Deanery and there may be some need for mutual support between parishes. The appeals process will need to be allowed to run its course and there will need to be some discussion in the Deanery before the Parish Share for each church can be determined.

**Notice boards** - the faculty process is progressing well. Planning Applications have also now been submitted for each of our churches.

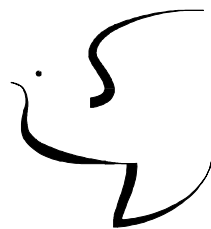
*(Editor's note: It was thought that it might be a good idea to include a summary of the PCC meetings in the magazine so that the whole parish can be aware of the things that are being discussed)*

## Parish Notices

### Baptisms

We give thanks with the families of:

**Jake Thomas Walton**



## Diary Dates

### NOVEMBER

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> St Gabriel's Fair, 12.00noon – 3.00pm  
Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Deanery Chapter,  
Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Advent Quiet Day, 10.00 – 3.00pm, St James

### DECEMBER

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Advent course, 7.45pm, St Gabriel's  
Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> St Gabriel's DCC, St James Vicarage  
Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Songs of Praise, St Michael's, 6.00pm  
Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Advent course, 7.45pm, St Gabriel's  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Christingle Service at St James, 7.00pm  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Hurst Knoll School Service, 9.30am  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> 9.15am, St James School Christmas Service  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am, Parochial School Service, St Michael's

### JANUARY

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Epiphany Service, Holy Trinity, 7.00pm  
Sun 17<sup>th</sup> CTA Service for week of Prayer for Christian Unity,  
6.30pm, St James  
18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> St Michael's DCC, St Michael's, 7.15pm  
Tue 26<sup>th</sup> CTA meeting, 7.30pm, Independent Methodists  
Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Songs of Praise, St Michael's, 6.30pm

## December 2009 - Parish Diary

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	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	Evensong
	6.00pm	St Michael	Songs of Praise
	6.30pm	St. Peter	Evening Prayer

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
	9.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Gabriel	Family Service led by Junior Church
	11.00am	St. Michael	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St Peter	Parade Service
	4.00pm	Holy Trinity	Evensong
	4.00pm	St. James	St James on Sunday Afternoon
	6.30pm	St Michael	Civic Carol Service
	6.30pm	St. Peter	Holy Communion

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St. James	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Gabriel	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	St. Peter	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Michael	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	Holy Trinity	Evensong
	6.30pm	St. Peter	Carol Service
	6.30pm	St Gabriel	Carol Service

## Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services – see page 10

### The Apostle John

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00am	St Michael	United Parish Service
	4.00pm	Holy Trinity	Evensong
	4.00pm	St James	St James on Sunday Afternoon

### Regular Weekday Services

Mon.	6.30pm	St. Peter	Evening Prayer
Tues.	10.30am	St. Peter	Holy Communion
Wed.	1.30pm	St. James	Holy Communion
Thurs.	11.00am	St. Michael	Holy Communion

### Monthly:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month** 2.30 -3.30pm  
Emmanuel Court, Firbank , Kingsfield EPH  
(Holy Communion)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. of month** 10.30am Moss  
Cottage
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of the month** 2.15pm  
Ryefields (Holy Communion)

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	Flo Matthews	56 Timperley Road Ashton	330 2540
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:	Neil Simpson	11, Wildbank Chase, Stalybridge	01457 766514
Parish Magazine:	Roger Farnworth	The Vicarage (access off Westbury St.)	330 2771

### 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	15 Brecon Crescent, 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:	Hazel Sugden	20, St. Christophers Road, Ashton	330 2000
Acting DCC Treasurer:	Jo Farnworth	The Vicarage, Union Street, Ashton	330 4925
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	Stephanie Kenyon		07803 032656
(Tuesdays)	Natalie McKella		07725 550570
	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:			
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
<b>Mothers' Union</b> 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		
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:**

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