



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 September edition of our parish magazine. As autumn begins this month, we turn our focus to harvest and you can read in the magazine about our harvest appeal and celebrations. Pat gives her feedback on the spirituality questionnaire that was carried out in the parish earlier in the year and details are published of an autumn study course. Another theme is "welcome" - the Heritage Open Days take place this month and give an opportunity to welcome visitors into our historic buildings; there is news of our involvement in Back to Church Sunday when we are encouraged to welcome people back to church and there is an article about the welcome that churches should give to those with learning difficulties.

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 editor on 0161-330-2771, email: 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.

## **Up, Up, Up! Will I be proud?      Roger Reece writes....**

Our treatment of others in the home, at work, or at play is our invitation for similar treatment. In fact, our every action, be it overt or covert is noted by someone. We are always teaching someone how we treat us.

Anger is a seductive teacher. Unwanted tension, missed opportunities, stifled growth, are all we can expect if we're trapped by anger. Our chances for creative fulfilment will be unnoticed when our attention is sapped by anger. But we can change our basic response to life. All it takes is a decision.

Just as powerful as negative behaviour is a positive, friendly approach to situations and person. We can decide to love life. And we'll find that smiles invite smiles. Respect generates respect. A serene attitude lessons tensions in others. Each of us is responsible for our own actions, and we each have the power to positively influence all experiences we share with others

### **Quote**

"A soft answer turneth away wrath but grievous words stir anger."-Proverbs

### **Thought:**

How I'm treated today will mirror how I'm treating others. Will I be proud?

### **What is life?**

Life is a gift..... accept it

Life is a puzzle.... solve it

Life is an adventure.... dare it

Life is an opportunity.... take it

Life is a mystery..... unfold it

Life is sorrowful.... experience it

Life is a game.... play it

Life is a song..... sing it

Life is a struggle.....face it

Life is a goal..... achieve it

Life is beauty..... praise it

Life is a mission .... fulfil it

### **Love story!**

Once upon a time, there was an island where all feeling lived. Happiness, Sadness, Knowledge, and all of the others, including Love. However, one day it was announced to

the couples that the island would sink, so all prepared their boats and left. Love was the only one who stayed. Love wanted to stay until it started sinking. When Love was almost sinking, he decided to ask for help.

Richness was passing by Love in a beautiful boat, Love said "Richness, can you take me with you?" Richness answered, "No, I can't. There are a lot of gold and silver in my boat. There is no place for you."

Love decided to ask vanity who was also passing by "Vanity, please help me!" "I can't help you Love. You are all wet and can probably damage my boat." Vanity answered.

Sadness was close by so love asked for help, "Sadness, let me go with you." "Oh .... Love, I am so sad that I prefer to go alone!" Happiness passed by Love too, but she was so happy that she did not listen when Love called her!

Suddenly, there was a voice "Come Love, I will take you." it was an elder. When they arrived to the other side, Love asked Knowledge who was the elder. "It was Time."

### **Would you like to know more about prayer?**

Perhaps you feel unsure of how to pray or perhaps you are curious to know how others pray.

Maybe you would like to grow in your prayer life and would welcome some guidance.

Perhaps you would welcome a morning of prayer with other Christians.

If so this is for you

### **Bishop Mark invites us to an Adventure in Prayer:-**

**School of Prayer  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am – 1.30pm  
St Anne's, Royton.**

Mary Wadsworth is organising a group to attend this event. "Sign up" sheets and further details will be in churches from early September. Please sign up early so we can sort out transport. Contact Mary for further information.

# Back to Church Sunday and Harvest

As a parish, we have decided this year to take part in the national "Back to Church Sunday" which takes place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September.



## What is Back To Church Sunday?

Back to Church Sunday has grown beyond all expectations since the first one, in Greater Manchester in 2004. 160 churches united around one 'missing you' message on one single Sunday in September. On that Sunday, BBC Radio 4 news bulletins carried the story of one day when more than 1000 people came back to church again. The last Sunday in September was chosen because it tied in well with the idea of a new year, a new start and chimed with 'back to school'. It also lent itself to Harvest festivals and the beginning of Christian enquiry events.

Those first 160 churches were spurred on by the Bishop of Manchester, Nigel McCulloch, who launched Back to Church Sunday at St Ann's Church in the city centre. Children from Christ Church CofE Primary School in Ainsworth, joined the Bishop and sang 'when the saints come marching in' for the TV cameras. The Church of England in Manchester got behind the idea so enthusiastically, partly because many churches were already involved in a similar event, Real Christmas. The Real Christmas team produced invitations and hymn sheets for churchgoers to welcome a friend to a carol service. Because of Real Christmas, people were

asking what other events in the year lent themselves to the same approach. That's when Robert Hicks, an entrepreneur, emerged with a new idea: one Sunday when people could try church again. With church numbers in decline, he wanted to encourage churches to invite people to come to church on one Sunday when a specially warm welcome was guaranteed.

Since then, Back to Church Sunday has learned a lot more about what makes church an inviting and welcoming place to be. And it has gone from strength to strength. Adopted by one neighbouring Church of England diocese, Wakefield in 2005, it spread to nine in 2006, and 20 in 2007. In 2008, 37,000 people came back to church through the prayerful invitation of a friend in 38 Church of England dioceses, Churches Together in Scotland; the Church in Wales; United Reformed Church; Methodist Church; the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Elim Pentecostal Churches.

**What does it entail?** It's simple – all people are asked to do is to invite someone to come to church on this one Sunday. There will be invitations available in all our churches for you to take and give to someone who you think would like to be invited to come to church.

As the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday is also our harvest festival, we hope that all of our services will be easily accessible to those who've not been to church for a while. The services will be based on the order of services produced by the "Back to Church Sunday" organisation and have the theme "Come as you are" which focuses on the story of Zaccheus. Bishop Mark will be leading the services at St James and at St Michael's.

At these services, as well as receiving gifts of food, we will be raising money for two projects. The money collected will be divided equally between Gibson Terrace in Ashton-under-Lyne and the Potter's Village in Uganda.

The PCC decided that in the current economic climate it would be good to support a local organisation as well as an overseas one. Gibson Terrace provides accommodation for the homeless and is situated in our parish in the West End of town.

The Potter's Village is in Kisoro, SW Uganda and it is a caring Christian community providing support and nurture for three categories of vulnerable children: abandoned babies, babies whose families cannot provide for them or who need support to care for them, pregnant teenage girls and their babies. This project is a community-based organisation that the local Anglican Church oversees. Kisoro is a very poor area of south west Uganda, within the diocese of Muhabura, and both AIDS and wars have exacted a great toll on the society. For more information, visit: [www.pottersvillage.org.uk](http://www.pottersvillage.org.uk)

As well as services on Sunday morning, there are two other events to help us

celebrate Harvest and raise money for our Harvest appeal. Please do support these events.

**SONGS OF PRAISE  
With the Accord Gospel  
Choir**



**6.30pm  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
St Michael and All Angels'  
Church**

**HARVEST SUPPER AND  
BARN DANCE**



**7.00pm  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
St Peter's Church  
Tickets £5 – payable at  
the door**

## Mothers Union

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm**

Rochdale Archdeaconry Festival, Oldham Parish Church

**15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> September** Getting bags made up for new University Students at Manchester. We are collecting tea bags made in 20s, small coffee, pasta, rice, toiletries, toilet rolls and I believe a simple recipe book is to be provided too. This takes place at St Peter's Chaplaincy, Manchester. They will be given out on 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**7<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm.** Diocesan Festival at Manchester Cathedral. Branch and Deanery Banners to be presented. The Preacher will be the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu.

On 4<sup>th</sup> August, we had the annual Eucharist at St George's, Mossley. We didn't have as many people attending, but it was still a lovely service taken by Father Lindsey. Refreshments were served after the service and everyone enjoyed a lovely afternoon. The only disappointment was to hear that Mrs Florence Buckley, the Branch leader was unable to be with us, she had a fall at her son's house in Halifax and is in a care home recovering. I have phoned to ask after her and she is doing well now. She was missed at the service and we all pray and hope she will be home soon.

### Thought for the month:

Father we thank you for the variety of worship that our churches offer, making it easier for all of us to seek your kingdom. Amen.

*Joan  
Brayshaw*



### God vs. Science

God is sitting in Heaven when a scientist says to Him, "Lord, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other words, we can now do what you did in the 'beginning'."

"Oh, is that so? Tell me..." replies God.

"Well", says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of you and breathe life into it, thus creating man."

"Well, that's interesting. Show Me. "

So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mould the soil.

"Oh no, no, no..." interrupts God, "Get your own dirt! "

## **Did you have your say? Feedback from the Spirituality Questionnaire from Pat Lodge:**

Back in April, 180 blank questionnaires were distributed between the five churches of the Parish and, of these, 23 completed ones were returned. Questionnaires were completed by people from each of the churches and many helpful comments were included in those responses.

It was clear that people liked to have a variety of courses offered in blocks of no longer than 4 or 5 weeks. The Advent and Lent courses were appreciated but a wide range of suggestions were made as to topics that could be covered at other times of the year, ranging from Bible Studies and Prayer to how to lead intercessions effectively, the role of Lay Assistants and opportunities to re-visit beliefs and traditions basic to our faith as well as pastoral issues.

Timings and venues for courses will always be an issue. We're never going to pick a day, a time and a place to hold a course that suits everyone who would like to attend. People indicated that evenings and afternoons were the most popular times and the three most popular days were Mondays, Thursdays and Wednesdays. Generally, people preferred to attend courses in a church building rather than someone's home, though this was qualified by many who said that they really wanted to be warm! Distance from home, ease of

parking and access to transport were also issues.

There was strong support for us providing an opportunity for space within our busy lives, through quiet mornings or short retreats. Occasional evenings of prayer, reflection or meditation were also thought to be a good idea.

The majority of those who responded wanted to see one of the churches in our Parish open during the week to give people the space for quiet, for personal prayer or reflection – and simply for sanctuary from life's pressures for those who may have no faith or be regular visitors to any church.

People suggested on-off events, such as a Spirituality Walk or a Faith Supper with a visiting speaker, and it would be good to try these out and see how interested people were in attending them.

So . . . . where do we go from here? Well, the clergy have had a little time to discuss the findings of the questionnaire. One of the suggestions to result from these discussions is that in January we will publish a programme of courses, quiet days and one-off evening events, all designed to help you to nurture your faith, for the whole of the year ahead. This should help you to put those events that you want to attend in your diaries well in advance! Roger (Reece) and Pat are looking into the possibility of opening St Michael's for some hours on a regular day each week, meeting the possible needs of people across the Parish and the wider community for a place of peace and reflection to escape from the daily

pressures that surround them. Between now and the end of the year we will offer a short Bible Study Course (see the advert for this elsewhere in the Magazine), an Advent Course and a Quiet Day at the beginning of Advent – details to come in the October Magazine.

A big “thank you” to all those who took the time to respond to the questionnaire and helped us to see how we can help you. Having read this feedback, if anyone else has comments on the issues raised, Pat would be pleased to hear them.

## ***Building a people of Faith***

**Bible Study and implications for today using sections from  
The Acts of the Apostles**

The same course will be offered in the afternoon and evening

**Dates** - **October 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Place and Time** - **St James’ at 12 noon** (light lunch cost £1.50)  
**(course to begin at 1.50 p.m.)** *or*  
**St Peter’s at 7.30 p.m.**

## ***Traidcraft for Christmas 2009***

Yes, believe it or not, the *Traidcraft* catalogue for Christmas 2009 is now out!! There are some lovely Christmas cards, gifts and seasonal items as well as the usual groceries, household items and stationery that *Traidcraft* carries throughout the year.

The Advent Calendars contain Divine chocolate – and, if you haven’t tried any yet, it really is divine!!

I know it seems miles away yet till Christmas but please don’t leave it too late! Some of the cards sell out very quickly so as soon as I get your order I will put it on-line and the goods are usually delivered within the week. If there’s anything in the catalogue that you would like to “try before you buy”, just let me know and I’ll get it for you to have a look at.

There are 2 catalogues in each church. Please browse at your leisure and then either phone me (338 5303) or jot your orders down and let me have them when you see me in church. Pay me when your order arrives.

Don’t forget, by supporting *Traidcraft* you can be sure that your contribution goes to communities who are working to support themselves and their families in a sustainable future.

**Revd Pat Lodge**

## Own goal! – a personal view from Joan Williams.

I have been reading in this weekend's newspaper (26<sup>th</sup> July) about a newly published C of E book, written by two clergymen from the Midlands area, which gives guidance on how to make churches more friendly to newcomers, in an attempt increase attendance at services. I find some of the suggestions patronising to the people they purport to support.

One particular suggestion, however, is, for me, the last word on the subject.

We are exhorted to view the Sunday service like a football match and plan accordingly. Well, prepares as I am to bang a drum continuously throughout the service, or encourage the congregation to sway to tribal chants, (e.g. "There's only one Ro.....ger!!"), I draw the line at having a punch up with the people in the row in front or behind, or mouthing obscenities at the vicar if I disagree with what he/she says.

If, as is suggested this approach will create a "buzz" during the after-service drinks then, when the final whistle blows, I shall not be there.

## New ideas!

The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "It was a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theatre seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now."

The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, "And you told me adding a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n' roll gospel choir. Now our services are consistently packed to the balcony."

"Thank you, Father," answered the young priest. "I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth."

"All of these ideas have been well and good," said the elderly priest, "but I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional."

"But, Father," protested the young priest, "my confessions and the donations have nearly doubled since I began that!"

"Yes," replied the elderly priest, "and I appreciate that. But the flashing neon sign, 'TOOT 'n TELL OR GO TO HELL,' cannot stay on the church roof."



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## **Friends of Ashton Parish Church Sanctuary Window Restoration.**

The south east sanctuary window was removed and taken to Pendle Stained Glass at Padiham where I had the privilege of seeing some of the restoration work in progress. The first stage was to photograph the window in detail before it was removed. On arrival at the workshop the lead outline was



traced. The window was then dismantled and each individual piece of painted glass was cleaned with distilled water. The lead, which had become very brittle with age was renewed and the window reassembled using the original photographs and tracing. Once this had been completed copper wire ties were soldered to the lead which would then used to secure the window to new bronze tie bars in the stonework. The original tie bars were made from iron which was one of the causes of the deterioration of the stonework. The lead was then painted with a special solution to act as a seal between the lead and the glass. The whole window was then returned to church and cemented into the stonework and attached to the new tie bars. The two St Helen Windows which had to be removed for safety but were considered too fragile to be transported to Padiham have been stored in a secure place on site until all the upper scaffolding has being removed when they will be put back.

## **Heritage Weekend**

The church will be open on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September between 10.00am and 4.00pm. There will be Guided Tours at 10.30am, 1.00 and 2.30 pm. On Sunday the church will be open between 1.00pm and 4.00pm with a Guided Tour at 2.00pm.

Members of Stalybridge Photographic Society have taken many photographs inside the church. These will be exhibited over the weekend and will be for sale. The Society have generously donated all proceeds from the sale of the photographs to the Window Restoration Fund. If you buy any of the photographs it would help the fund if you can Gift Aid your contribution.

The Greater Manchester Churches Preservation Society are having a Sponsored Ride and Stride event on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September to raise money for Historic Churches. Those taking part will visit as many open churches as possible during the day. People stewarding the churches can also be sponsored for the amount of time spent looking after the building plus stamping visitors riding and walking sponsorship forms. The church will receive half the sponsored money and the remainder will go to GMCPs for returning to churches in the form of grants.

Tameside are organising a Children's Passport whereby they have to visit 10 churches, answer questions on the building and have their passport stamped at each church. Full details are not yet available but it is believed there will be a prize donated by Tameside for the best Passport returned.

On both days, there will be refreshments served in the Tower Room, together with the sale of souvenirs and a children's activity. Hopefully there will be trips up the Tower, provided we can obtain insurance cover and weather permitting.

Alan. F. Bacon.

## Flu Pandemic



At

the end of July, the Bishop of Manchester issued instructions for churches given the current flu pandemic. This has meant that certain changes have been implemented in our churches for our services.

The main changes are that, for the time being,

- There will be no communion wine given at services
- Clergy will be sterilising their hands at all services
- There will be no shaking of hands in church (including the Peace)
- Volunteers will be sterilising their hands before and after doing jobs.

These will stay in place until the Bishop informs us otherwise.

## Diocesan Weekend of Prayer



Manchester Diocese is inviting all of its churches to take part in the Weekend of Prayer (11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September). This aims to offer a 'focal point' for prayer across the diocese. Bishop Chris hopes that this weekend will provide opportunity to explore new ways of praying and potentially 'kick start' something which could become a regular part of parish life.

This weekend coincides with Heritage weekend and we plan to have a set of 'prayer stations' in St Michael's and St James' church. These will provide the opportunity for people (both visitors and those who attend our churches regularly) to take some time out and pray. The idea is that at various points in the building there will be places with suggestions for prayer where people can take as much or as little time on their own.

## Opening the doors.

At July's General Synod, the following motion was passed: 'That this Synod in the light of renewed interest in the challenges facing people with learning disabilities in society, commend to dioceses and parishes the guidelines contained in Opening the Doors on best practice for the inclusion of people with learning disabilities in the life and work of the Church.'

'Opening the Doors' is a report that the Church of England commissioned to look at how the church can ensure a welcome for people with learning difficulties. The introduction to the report states that

"In recent years there has been increasing awareness of the need for the Church to respond more adequately to the presence of people with learning disabilities in its congregations. The favourable reception of a parish resource pack on mental health issues prompted the idea that a resource should be produced on the needs and gifts of people with learning disabilities. To this end a joint working party was established by the Ministry and the Mission and Public Affairs Divisions of the Church of England and these guidelines were produced to be presented to General Synod in July 2009.

The main aim of these guidelines is to be a clear and practical guide for parishes and clergy to enable people with learning disabilities to be more fully included in the life and worship of

the Church. It is hoped they will also assist in the

realization and development of the individual gifts people with learning disabilities bring and will encourage the church to allow **all** people to make valuable contributions to the whole community. In addition, some of the issues referred to in these guidelines concern the preparation of people with learning disabilities for confirmation and reception of the sacraments; consideration of the support to be offered at a time of bereavement and some of the issues raised relating to the question of consent for marriage."

There are a number of Christian organisations which support people with learning disabilities and who help churches to be more welcoming places. One such organisation is called "Prospects". At their annual conference in Manchester last October, the keynote speech was given by Aman Lee, a man with autism and who does not 'speak' audibly. He spoke movingly about how churches can and must become fully inclusive of people with learning disabilities. This speech is very thought provoking and worth reading.



## **“Creative God, Creative People”**

*Speech delivered on 18/10/2008 at the Prospects Conference in Manchester.*



We see that God created the Universe yet we question His creativity within people with disabilities, it is like killing part of God. Killing the very being that created in the first place.

Hearing his heart when he formed us in our mother's womb is like hearing an orchestra's crescendo declaring a resounding 'yes' over every cell in our bodies.

But sometimes our ears get blocked to the sound of the bubbling delight that God has in us. These are the perceptions of those who don't know the heart of God, can't hear the song he sings over us.

In the beginning He created man in his image, God tried to let us come to him freely with no shame but because of some silly business in the garden, we killed some of the creativity that He so longed for us to enjoy.

The only way for us to see again was for His son to take the veil off our eyes.

Those who haven't said YES to His son are still in darkness. And you can't then see how precious you are to Him or how wonderfully made you are in his image. Kind Father waits for the prodigals to return.

It looks like we need to challenge some of our churches to take the veils off, so that we can once again see the colour of our Creative God. And hear the wisdom from the 'least of them'.

Poor God despairs when he sees part of his body, destined to be givers, shut out of His house. Opportunities for people to be givers not just receivers should be found. Perhaps people used to listening should be given the opportunity to express God's heart which will perhaps turn upside down our priorities.

Poor God has a hard time trying to tell his body that we need to include everyone to complete the story. God intends all of his body to be released and we are tying him up in knots. My God is an awesome God with no limitations who gives colour and sound to each one in His body. We tend to underestimate people with disabilities in that sometimes our bodies are different. But our spirits are intact.

The kindness of people who see us as 'poor souls' only isolates us from each other, tearing apart the heart of God and dampening creativity.

I don't think the church realises that sitting in its pews is a work force of prayer and an expression of the unbelievable uniqueness of God.

The world opens its doors to our questions, thoughts and comments and we are able to have influence in the political and academic arenas and are even respected for our contributions. We in the church have much to learn. The heart of God is for unity within His body, perhaps we need to be looking within our church and asking the question, "Where do we see disunity?"

So often we question the unity between churches but we need to look in at our own churches and at how we are facilitating the body functioning together with each of us having a place of belonging.

You give us your love and give us your money but we need you to dig down and give us your wrong expectations so that we are free to share with you, the heart of God.

Give God the glory for those of us who have a disability, to question His motives is to miss His creativity and beauty.

We must open our hearts to realise that God wants us, his people, with or without disability, to have freedom of expression.

## **ROCK SOLID YOUTH GROUP**

This is our youth group for anyone linked with the churches in our parish. It is open to anyone who is in the last year of Primary school or at secondary school. We meet on Sunday evenings at St Gabriel's Church from 7.00 - 8.30pm.



We will start back after the summer break on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September and we hope to organise a bowling trip for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. To keep up to date on the programme for the autumn term, go to the Youth Group section of our website.

## **Heritage Weekend: 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Three of our churches are open for Heritage Weekend.



St James': Saturday 10.00am - 12.00noon

St Michael's: Saturday: 10.00am-4.00pm, Sunday: 1.00pm - 4.00pm (for full details see page 11)

St Peter's: Friday 11<sup>th</sup>: 10.00am - 4.00pm; Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>: 10.00am - 4.00pm; Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>: 12.00 - 2.00pm

Tameside have produced booklets giving details of all the places that are open in the borough - some other places of worship that are open over the weekend are: Masjid Hamza Mosque on Katherine Street, Fairfield Moravian Settlement, Albion URC and Christ Church.

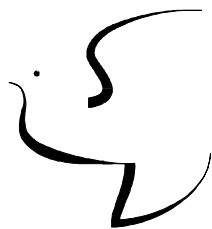
# Parish Notices

## Weddings

We rejoice with:

Ken Hammond and Beverley Armitage

Stephen Parker and Viki Jones



## Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Jon Wilcox

Audrey Dolmor

Margaretta Morton

## Diary Dates

### SEPTEMBER

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup>

St James DCC meeting, 7.15pm, The Vicarage

Wed 9<sup>th</sup>

Deanery Synod, 7.30pm, St John's Roughtown

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>

PCC meeting. St Michael's, 7.30pm

Sat 12<sup>th</sup>/Sun 13<sup>th</sup>

Heritage Weekend (see p 15)

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>

Deanery Chapter, 7.30pm, venue to be confirmed

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>

Parochial School Service, 10.00am, St Michael's

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

Harvest supper and barn dance at St Peters,

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

Songs of Praise, St Michael's, 6.30pm

Wed 30<sup>th</sup>

St James School Service, 9.15am, St James

### OCTOBER

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>

Archdeacon's Visitation to Parish

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>

St Michael's DCC, 7.15pm, St Michael's

Wed 7<sup>th</sup>

Churches Together, Welbeck Baptist, 7.30pm

Wed 14<sup>th</sup>

St Gabriel's DCC meeting, St Gabriel's. 7.30pm

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

Luke the Evangelist - Healing Service. 3.00pm, venue tbc

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

One World Week service, Hurst Nook, 6.30pm

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>

St James Quiz night

Sat 24<sup>th</sup>

Licensing Service for Revd Josie Partridge

# Sept 2009 - Parish Diary

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September

|         |              |                           |
|---------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 9.30am  | St. James    | Holy Communion + Baptisms |
| 9.30am  | Holy Trinity | Holy Communion            |
| 11.00am | St. Gabriel  | Family Worship            |
| 11.00am | St. Peter    | Holy Communion + Baptisms |
| 11.00am | St. Michael  | Holy Communion + Baptisms |
| 4.00pm  | Holy Trinity | Evensong                  |
| 6.30pm  | St. Peter    | Holy Communion            |

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September

|         |              |                               |
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| 9.30am  | Holy Trinity | Holy Communion                |
| 9.30am  | St James     | Holy Communion                |
| 11.00am | St. Gabriel  | Holy Communion                |
| 11.00am | St Peter     | Parade Service                |
| 11.00am | St. Michael  | Holy Communion                |
| 4.00pm  | St James     | St James on Sunday afternoons |
| 4.00pm  | Holy Trinity | Evensong                      |
| 6.30pm  | St. Peter    | Holy Communion                |

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

|         |              |                |
|---------|--------------|----------------|
| 9.30am  | St. James    | Holy Communion |
| 9.30am  | Holy Trinity | 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    | Evening Prayer |

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity

Harvest/ Back to Church

Sunday

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September

|         |              |                               |
|---------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 9.30am  | Holy Trinity | Holy Communion                |
| 9.30am  | St James     | Holy Communion                |
| 11.00am | St. Gabriel  | Holy Communion                |
| 11.00am | St Peter     | Family Worship                |
| 11.00am | St. Michael  | Holy Communion                |
| 4.00pm  | St James     | St James on Sunday afternoons |
| 4.00pm  | Holy Trinity | Evensong                      |
| 6.30pm  | St Michael's | Songs of Praise Service       |

## Regular Weekday Services

|        |         |  |
|--------|---------|--|
| Tues.  | 10.30am | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday BCP Holy Communion at Moss Cottage; 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays – BCP Holy Communion at St Peter's; 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - Iona Prayer at St Peter's |
| 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 the month | 10.30am      | Moss Cottage  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues. of the month | 2.15pm       | Ryefields (Holy Communion)                                |



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