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this
together
for God**



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

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023

**Please do not come to church if you have any COVID symptoms
Do wear a mask if it makes you feel more comfortable
Hand sanitiser will be available for you to use**

Parish Worship in May

Service on Thursday May 4th

Holy Trinity 3.30pm – Eucharist

May 7th – 5th Sunday of Easter

United Service 10.30am Eucharist at St Gabriel's – Revd Daniel Ramble

Service on Thursday May 11th

Holy Trinity 3.30pm – Evening Prayer

May 14th – 6th Sunday of Easter

St James 9.30am – Eucharist – Revd Sue Morgan

St Gabriel's 9.30am – Eucharist - Revd Graham Lindley

St Michael's 11.00am – Eucharist – Revd Sue Morgan

St Peter's 11.00am – Eucharist – Revd Graham Lindley

Sunday Afternoon at St James – Eucharist – 4.00pm – Revd Pat Lodge

Service on Thursday May 18th – Ascension Day

Holy Trinity 3.30pm – Evening Prayer

May 21st – 7th Sunday of Easter/ Sunday after Ascension Day

St James 9.30am – Eucharist – Revd Philip Brierley

St Gabriel's 9.30am – Eucharist - Revd Philip Miller

St Michael's 11.00am – Eucharist – Revd Philip Brierley

St Peter's 11.00am – Eucharist – Revd Philip Miller

Service on Thursday 25th May

Holy Trinity 3.30pm Evening Prayer

May 28th – Whit Sunday/Day of Pentecost

Shared Service at St Gabriel's 9.30am Eucharist – Revd Philip Brierley

Shared Service at St Michael's 11.00am Eucharist Revd Philip Brierley

Sunday Afternoon at St James 4.00pm – Revd Pat Lodge

Service on Thursday, June 1st

Holy Trinity 3.30pm - Eucharist

June 4th – Trinity Sunday

United Service 10.30am - Eucharist at St James' – Revd Daniel Ramble

Parish Update

It was wonderful to see so many people at the united service at St Gabriel's a couple of weeks ago and very pleasing that so many people were able to stay on for the Parish meeting. Thanks to St Gabriel's for hosting this.

I would like to thank everyone for their honest and perceptive comments, either during the meeting itself or in the Away Day booklets that were given out at the beginning of April.

There is no doubt that these are difficult and upsetting decisions that we are taking. There is, understandably, so much emotion and history tied up with belonging to a Church community - many of us will still be worshipping where our parents and grandparents worshipped before us, and where we have been involved throughout our lifetimes. Each of us would certainly be very upset at the prospect of the Church that we love being closed.

It was clear from the thoughts that have been expressed that this will be a difficult journey. However, following a vote of those present, over 90% agreed that, realistically, we have too many Churches in our Parish and that, as a result of trying to raise funds to sustain and maintain our Churches, together with having insufficient people to take on all the roles that are needed, at least one of our Churches needs to close.

Holy Trinity has now begun its own journey, hopefully to be established as a CIC (Community Interest Company) separate

from the Parish of The Good Shepherd and it will need our prayers as it travels along this challenging route.

The PCC will now work to establish the best criteria for analysing the financial sustainability, maintenance and future for each of our 4 Churches. It will not be a speedy process - we need to be thoroughly fair to every aspect of each of our Churches in order to assess them fairly. As we have already tried to make clear, there is no hidden agenda and the Diocese will have no say until we, the Parish, agree on a final outcome and ask the PCC to inform the Diocese of our decision.

There will undoubtedly be more meetings. There will be fact-finding exercises and the PCC will keep you informed regularly through the whole process.

Please pray for our PCC as they work through this as well as for each congregation and for each of our Churches.

Revd Pat Lodge



**St Gabriel's Church
Place of Welcome / Warm Space**

Free refreshments and activities

Beaufort Road, Ashton Mondays 9.30am – 12noon

**NEW: Every 3rd Monday each month, St Gabriel's will be open
9.30am - 4.00pm, offering lunch followed by
activities and entertainment!**



ST. JAMES CHURCH



**CORONATION
STRAWBERRIES & CREAM TEA**

**SUNDAY 7th MAY 2023
2.00pm – 4.00pm**

**Price: Adults £5.00
Children £3.00**

For tickets contact: Tina 07411 773336 / Ruth 07752 765039



ST GABRIEL'S

SUMMER FAIR

11.30am – 2.00pm Sunday 2nd July

**If you are interested in having a stall (£15 each),
Please contact Sandra 07740 766687**

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

With Bishop Mark



**5pm Sunday 21st May 2023
St George's Church, Mossley**

**Please come and support our young people
at this glorious celebration of their faith**

REGULAR EVENTS IN OUR CHURCHES

MONDAYS			
9.30 - 12noon	St Gabriel	Place of Welcome	
6.15 - 7.15pm	St James	Beavers	Contact Tina 07411 773336
6.30 - 7.30pm	St Gabriel	Pilates	Contact Alex 07553 871158
7.30 - 9.00pm	St James	Scouts	Contact Tina 07411 773336
TUESDAYS			
6.00 - 7.20pm	St James	Cubs	Contact Tina 07411 773336
7.00 - 8.00 pm	St Gabriel	Clubbercise	Contact Zoe 07875 482335
7.30 - 9.00pm	St James	Explorers	Contact Tina 07411 773336
WEDNESDAYS			
6.00 - 7.15pm	St Gabriel	Adult Exercise and Fitness	Contact Julia 07922 756844
6.30 - 8.00pm	St James	Brownies	Contact Tina 07411 773336
7.00pm	St Michael	Choir Rehearsal	
THURSDAYS			
5.00 - 8.00pm	St Gabriel	Baker School of Dance for children	Contact Christine 07795 032249 Or Becca 07496 31754
FRIDAYS			
11.00 - 1.00pm	St Gabriel	Home Schooling	Contact Michelle 07969 755130
6.30 - 7.30pm	St Gabriel	Clubbercise	Contact Zoe 07875 482335
SATURDAYS			
12.00 - 4.00pm	St Gabriel	Baker School of Dance for children	Contact Christine 07795 032249 Or Becca 07496 31754

Please note that some activities may be term-time only

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