

Throughout the month, we ask you to offer prayers and thanksgiving to all who are celebrating their birthday,

Happy Birthday!

We pray for those who are celebrating an anniversary or other joyous occasion, **Congratulations !**

We pray for all who the anniversary of the loss of a loved one falls at this time, God is with you always and may the happy memories you have of your loved one support you to celebrate their life and remember them with joy as they will always be with you in your heart. This month, we ask that you pray for all our school children, and staff as they return from their Easter break.

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**Easy Fundraising for St Stephen's**

Can you help with our fundraising by using easy fundraising when you shop on the internet, free to use and you can help to raise funds by just doing what you normally do when shopping on the internet.

<https://share.easyfundraising.org.uk/ststephenschurchlittleharwood/48BIQH//d/CR017/facebook/0>

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Who's who at St Stephen's

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WE RESPECT DIVERSITY IN LITTLE HARWOOD

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April Services

Sunday 7th
10.45am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th
10.45am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st
10.45 am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th
10.45 am service of the Word

Regular pattern of services

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month

10.45am Holy Communion

4th Sunday of the month

10.45am Service of the Word.

MORNING PRAYER Every Thursday, except the 3rd Thursday of the month, 9.15am-9.45am . Please join us for morning prayer, a peaceful and reflective service to start the day.

MONTHLY MIDWEEK COMMUNION - Midweek Communion is held regularly on the third Thursday of the month at 11:30am

All who would normally receive Communion in another Christian Church are welcome to do so here. If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come to the altar rail to receive a blessing; please carry your service sheet or keep your hands folded in front of you so that the minister/s will know that is your desire. Please follow the directions of the stewards as you come to the rail. For health reasons, we discourage Intinction of the bread and ask communicants just to receive in one kind if they do not wish to share the common cup

Weekly Lunch Club



Weekly Luncheon is held regularly on Thursdays at 12 noon. We provide: a home cooked 2 course lunch, friendship and fellowship.

Booking needed as numbers limited to 20. Cost: £4.00. Monthly Communion service takes place on the third Thursday.

On **18th April** at 1pm, after the Lunch Club, a team from Blackburn Wellbeing Department will visit to discuss potentially running a course on fall prevention.

Weekly Cafe

We look forward to meeting old friends and new as our cafe is open for you to drop in between 11am and 1pm on Tuesdays. Come and have a cuppa, cake, butty or warm snack. All are welcome.

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**The Annual Church Parochial meeting**, APCM, will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon. The meeting is open for anyone on the Church Electoral Roll to attend

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As the date of the **150th Anniversary** of St James Church fast approaches, next event;

Friday 19th April 5pm Film Night -bring some food to share with others before we sit down together and watch the Film

Further events are planned for June and later in the Year so dates for the

Diary are:- **Thursday 6th June** Afternoon Tea 2-4pm

Saturday 8th June – Open church 11am-4pm

Sunday 9th June at 10:30am – Joint Church Celebration and Thanksgiving Service

Saturday 29th June – Garden party 12-4pm

Sunday 15th September at 3pm.- Choral Evensong by Blackburn Cathedral Choir

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**Bereavement Café** St James Church, Blackburn ,10:30am-12noon 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Dealing with grief and loss is an individual and an ongoing journey, you are welcome to join the Bereavement Café. We aim to provide safe space for friendship and support each other.

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Open the Book. This is an exciting new venture between our church and school to encourage children to learn more about the Bible through interactive worship. More details about Open the book can be found at

www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/?source_code=99012_openthebook.net

If you are interested in helping with this venture, please speak to Sarah or Peter.