
Glossop Parish Church of All Saints

Newsletter: October 2025

Abundant God,
Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to seek reward,
except that of knowing that I do your will.
Amen.

—*St. Ignatius Loyola*

Services

Sunday 4th October
Family Eucharist - Harvest Festival 10.30am
All donations to the Foodbank

Wednesday 8th October
Mid-week Eucharist 9.30am

Sunday 11th October
Family Eucharist 10.30am

Wednesday 15th October
Mid-week Eucharist 9.30 am

Sunday 18th October
Family Eucharist 10.30 am

Wednesday 22nd October
Mid-week Eucharist 9.30am

Sunday 25th October
Family Eucharist 10.30am

Harvest Reflection

We can keep ourselves to ourselves, enjoy our own lives, follow our own interests and leave others to look after themselves. Or we can take up the responsibility of being truly our God-given selves. We can give some of our time, our attention and our gifts, something of ourselves to our neighbours in need and in our own parish.

We have such a rich harvest here with us today in what we have and in who we are. We give thanks to God for that harvest. We offer it to him for his blessing and then we go out into the world to store or to share? That's up to us.

Michael Wilson

Reader (Licensed Lay Minister)

Duke of Norfolk School Harvest

Wednesday 1st October Duke of Norfolk's Harvest Celebration

Food Donation's to Glossopdale Foodbank.

For more information, see [Duke of Norfolk CofE Primary School - Home](#)

Update on licensing service

Congratulations and welcome to The Rev. David Ridley on the occasion of his licensing to The Benefice of Hadfield and the Benefice of Glossop.

The service was led by the Bishop of Derby, the Right Reverend Libby Lane, assisted by the Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peak and Dales, the Reverend Nicky Fenton.

It was a wonderful occasion welcoming The Mayor of High Peak, Cllr Dom Elliott-Starkey for Dinting, and his Consort, Cllr Jean Wharmby for Glossop North, along with

other councillors, British Legion members, representatives of schools within the parish boundaries, members of community and church members.

Tea, coffee and cakes were enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone for your support.

September saint

September 29th is Michaelmas, the feast day of St Michael and All Angels, when we celebrate the presence and power of God's messengers and so I have chosen them as our September saints.

Angels are mentioned more than 300 times in the Bible, more in the New Testament than the Old. The word angel means messenger and they are seen as agents of God's will, bringing guidance, strength and protection.

They are spirit beings, created by God before humanity; incorporeal, invisible but sometimes appearing in human or bodily form. According to the bible, they were witnesses to creation. In God's challenge to Job, (chapter 38 v1-7) we read, 'where were you when I laid the earth's foundations..and all the angels shouted for joy'.

Michael is considered to be the greatest of the angels, the only one named as an archangel, and particularly honoured for defeating satan in the war in heaven. Gabriel of course brings important news to Mary and angels figure quite a lot in the Christmas story. Raphael is thought to be the patron of healing.

Fairtrade Fortnight

As we come to the end of Fairtrade Fortnight I hope you have taken the time to look at the Fairtrade display board in church. The theme for Fairtrade Fortnight 2025 has been "Brew it Fair" to highlight the farmers and workers that produce our tea. Fairtrade pays a premium that helps communities of Fairtrade workers to build schools and hospitals and improve their sanitation.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Fairtrade refreshment afternoon when an amount of £130.54 was raised for the Fairtrade Foundation from a raffle (all Fairtrade of course) and donations to tea, coffee, cake and chocolate tasting (again all Fairtrade).

<https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/get-involved/campaign-with-us/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight.html>

Fairtrade coffee morning

Coffee Morning — Bradbury House — Saturday 4th October — 10.00-12.00 noon.

Duke of Norfolk School Primary School ('Dukes')

Dukes School and our Church have a long and close relationship. Some of you may remember attending the school when it was our next-door neighbour, before it all moved to Royle Avenue.

One of the results of this significant relationship is that we are entitled and expected to provide two Foundation Governors to work alongside the 10 or so other members of the Governing Body. Our priest in charge is an ex-officio member, encouraged to lead Collective Acts of Worship whenever possible and provide pastoral advice and support.

Governors attend two full governor meetings a term and have at least one curriculum link with the appropriate School Staff Lead in that area e.g. I have had links with Literacy/Writing, Pupil Premium and RE. It is very interesting and often inspiring to see at first hand the hard work of staff and the enthusiasm of the learners.

In March 2024, the School was subject to a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. This is authorised by the Church of England and conducted under a section of the Education Act of 2005.

This inspection found that the School is living up to its foundation as a Church school. It was extremely positive regarding the FE curriculum, 'high quality and well resourced', and judged that collective worship 'provides a range of meaningful spiritual experiences'. The two areas for development turned out to be a common finding across all Derbyshire Church Schools: Christianity to be better understood as a living global faith; a need to deepen a shared understanding of spiritual experiences to enable pupils to develop spiritually.

Our hope for the future is to be able to encourage the School to come into our Church and grounds more often, e.g. Barbara organised a very successful visit from the Early

Years (Reception class) to learn all about Baptism. Potentially there is a lot more we could offer and there is a 'Green Way' or path skirting the edge of Manor Park which runs from Royle Avenue almost all the way to our Church door.

Fairtrade coffee mornings

Tea/coffee afternoon — **Glossop Parish Church** — Tuesday 23rd September — 2.00-4.00pm

Coffee Morning — **Bradbury House** — Saturday 4th October — 10.00-12.00 noon

Thank you from the Foodbank

Thank you so much for your support at Harvest and for all the support you give throughout the year.

Thank you also for the donation from the congregation for our mile of pennies appeal. I have checked in with Liz who confirmed that the donation had been passed on to her. She has been busy sorting and counting, and we are really pleased with the response we have had to our appeal - thank you to everyone at the church who contributed to the collection.

Kind regards, Sarah

Glossopdale Foodbank

Update on swifts

Thanks again for hosting the fundraiser, it is very much appreciated. It was a super networking event as well as the fundraiser. We took £144.21 in cash, of which £60 has already been spent on two hedgehog homes for this coming winter! We're putting up a double swift box on Shireway tomorrow.

Thanks again, Becca

An order has been placed with Peak Boxes.

All bird and bat homes have identified locations in Old Glossop for installation on delivery.

We have ordered a double bottom-opening swift box with a bat back.

We also have a large bat box, suitable for small, crevice-nesting bats such as the common and soprano pipistrelle, two open-fronted robin boxes and three sparrow boxes, also suitable for nuthatches, redstarts and pied flycatchers.

Additionally, two hedgehog houses have been put into quiet safe places and will hopefully become inhabited this winter.

Thanks very much for your support,

Becca

Creation Season exhibition

During the time of Creation Season we have been privileged to exhibit various photographs and reflections on our beautiful natural area.

We are pleased that so many people who have visited the church during this time have stopped and looked at this exhibition. Thank you to all who have contributed.

Visit to Glossop Parish Church Churchyard

We have recently been visited by a UK and Ireland correspondent for the Dutch newspaper Trouw (www.trouw.nl), based in Manchester since 2021.

He was interested in writing an article about Caring for God's Acre, focusing specifically on the protection of wildlife and biodiversity in burial grounds. This took place on the 24th September.

Watch out for further updates.

Love and Piece Jigsaw Festival - Recycle Reuse Reduce

Calling all jigsaw puzzlers. Fancy a jigsaw for the dark winter days? Then come along to the Love & Piece Festival at St Andrew's Church on:

Friday 17 October 2025: 14.00 - 18.00

Saturday 18 October 2025: 10.00 -16.00

There will be an ever changing selection of over 150 completed new and pre-loved puzzles on sale. Like an affordable art exhibition, where if you love the piece you can buy it and recreate it at home. Something for all tastes, ages and abilities will be available. There will also be fun puzzling challenges to win prizes. Finally, what would love & piece be without cake? Sample a range of fine home baked goods and refreshments all day long.

A piece of art - A piece of the puzzles - A piece of cake. A pieceful weekend.

If anybody has any spare jigsaws please drop them off at Glossop Parish Church and we will ensure that they are delivered to St. Andrews.

A Magical Candlelight Experience in Glossop

Lumos Presents an Enchanting Evening on 11th October - Secure Your Tickets Now!

Glossop Parish Church of All Saints, Church St South, Glossop, SK13 7RU

2 Sittings: 1st Sitting: 5-6pm | 2nd Sitting: 7-8pm

Entry: 1st sitting – Doors open at 4.15pm | 2nd sitting – Doors open at 6.30pm

Musical Theme: A Classical Fleetwood Mac Tribute

Seating Is First Come First Serve To Your Allocated Tiered Zones (In Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze)

 Please Read Our FAQ's

8+ This event is for eight year olds & above

Whatsapp Us For Any Questions – 07742686376

 Accessibility: This venue is wheelchair accessible however every venue differs & we can't guarantee front row.

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Diary

Duke of Norfolk reception school visit

Tuesday 21st October 9:30 - Reception children from Duke of Norfolk School -

Visit to hear about baptism.

Wedding

We wish Jamie Connell and Amy Barber every blessing as they get married in Glossop Parish Church on Saturday October 25th, at 11.30am

PCC meeting

Sunday 26th October, at 12.00 noon PCC meeting.

October 18th - Glossop Community Monthly Litter pick

Meet at The Bureau, 10.30am for an hour's litter pick followed by tea/coffee/biscuits.

For more information, see [Glossop Big Pick - The Bureau](#)

Prayer

Good and gracious God,
grant to our eyes wide horizons;
increase our vision to see beyond the obvious
and into the depths.
Let us walk ways that are new
where we do not know the destination.
Let us journey in joy and in hope
among so many troubles and dangers.
Surround us with your protection and peace.
May we know heaven and earth are one,
that nothing separates us from you
and your abiding love in Christ Jesus.

—David Adam (*Island of Light*)

The monthly lunch is POSTPONED until FURTHER NOTICE.

For *Peace and Quiet* and more information of events, please visit:

[A Church Near You, Glossop Parish Church of All Saints.](#)

Peace and Quiet is offered online as an opportunity, whenever you need it, to take time out from the daily tasks, worries and fears which are our common experiences of life. Through words, music and pictures we encourage a time of calm 'mindfulness' and renewed hope.
