
Glossop Parish Church of All Saints

Newsletter: November 2025

God of love and trust,
bless our hopes, our risk-taking and our commitment;
make us sensitive and forgiving,
and give us the wisdom to allow one another freedom and space.
May our love be for the world around us
as well as for one another, and keep us centred on you.

Angela Ashwin (alt'd)

Services in November

Sunday 2nd November
Parish Eucharist - All Saints Celebration 10.30 am

Wednesday 5th November
Mid-week Eucharist 9.30 am

Sunday 9th November 2025 Glossop Cenotaph 10:50 am
Service conducted by:
Rev Norman W Shaw BA(Hons) GradDipTh & Fr Martin Sylvester STB MA
Music by Glossop Old Band

Sunday 9th November
Morning Prayer with Remembrance
Glossop Parish Church 10.30 am

Wednesday 12th November
Mid-week Eucharist 9.30 am

Sunday 16th November
Parish Eucharist 10.30 am
Baptism 12.30 pm

Wednesday 19th November
Mid-week Eucharist 9.30 am

Advent Sunday 30th November
Family Eucharist 10.30 am
Memorial Service 4.00 pm

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Barry Maxwell 03/10/25 - Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Swinton, M27 6AZ at 2.00pm, followed by committal and cremation at Agecroft crematorium at 3.40pm on the 5th November. Barry was previously Churchwarden and a devoted member of our congregation before moving house back to Manchester.

Thank you from Fr. Norman

“May I thank you all for the very generous gift and the messages of thanks I have received in recent weeks.

It has been an honour to “look after” Glossop Parish during both periods of vacancy that we have experienced in the last twelve years.

With renewed thanks,
Fr Norman.”

October Saint

October 18th is the feast day of St Luke, one of the four traditionally ascribed authors of the canonical gospels. He is also thought to be the author of The Acts of the Apostles, so that together they are in fact a two volume work. Luke's gospel, does not claim to be an eyewitness account, but Acts is written very much as though he was there, with the use of 'we' in the narrative.

Luke is mentioned a few times in the NT, most notably by Paul, who refers to him as 'the beloved physician' and its likely he was a disciple and travelling companion of Paul's,

with him on several missionary journeys and with him towards the end of Paul's life in Rome.

Luke is believed by many scholars to have been from Antioch in Syria, and probably to have been Greek. He certainly had an excellent command of the Greek language and was a skilled writer with a rich vocabulary.

If then, Luke was a Gentile, he is probably the only non-Jewish author of New Testament writing. Evidence for this point of view would seem to be that his gospel explains Jewish traditions and emphasises a message of salvation for all. His gospel is also notable for its emphasis on forgiveness and mercy, and a focus on the poor. He's the patron saint of physicians, butchers, brewers, and of artists, thought by some to have been the first to create icons of the Virgin Mary.

His symbol is the ox, a creature of service. There is disagreement about whether Luke was martyred but he seems to have lived a long life, tradition having it that he died at the age of 84, possibly by hanging from an olive tree.

Write for Rights Nov/Dec 2025

Our fourth Mark of Mission is to speak out against injustice. Participating in Amnesty International's Write for Rights is an excellent way to do this.

Every year, millions of people in more than 200 countries sign petitions, send emails, write cards of support to victims of injustice, and letters to those with the power and authority to right injustice.

On display here in Church, and on Amnesty's website ([amnesty.org.uk](https://www.amnesty.org.uk)), you can find out the details of the individual cases which Amnesty particularly wants us to focus on this autumn. There is also clear and simple guidance on the different forms of action you can take. Signing petitions is easy, but you will also find sample examples of appropriate messages for cards and letters. These can be copied or adapted. You may prefer to use the booklets which provide short notes and suggestions as well.

All this can be done online at home, or you can drop into Church on Saturday 29th November, 10-12, where refreshments and cake will be provided.

Dermot

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/get-involved/write-for-rights/>

Responding to Human Need: Reverse Advent Calendar

The Reverse Advent Calendar is a fun and easy way to support the work of the Glossopdale Foodbank. You only need a box. Each day add something to the box using the list of food and non-food items below. You can bring your donations to church every week or you can wait to the end of Advent. You can decorate the box, you can buy additional items – and you can skip some days if you cannot afford to buy items or cannot easily get the specified item.

We accept all in-date store cupboard items such as tinned goods, pasta, rice, savoury crackers and biscuits. Chocolates, treats, and toiletries are all welcome too.

We suggest starting in early November, so that the donations can be given out to people before Christmas. However, we are always happy to receive donations at any time.

For more information, see [this post on Facebook](#).

Thank you from the Foodbank

Thank you so much to everyone that has donated to Harvest Donations for Glossopdale Foodbank this month. We are so grateful for the generous donations we have received from schools and churches across Glossopdale. It is a fantastic boost to our supplies as we move towards the winter. Thank you.

‘Light up a life’: Saturday, 6th December

On Saturday, 6th December at 2pm we are hosting the Willow Wood Hospice’s ‘Light up a life’ service.

The ‘Light up a life’ service is an opportunity for families and friends to honour the memories of those whom they have lost. During the service they can share the heart-warming experience as they watch the Christmas tree lit, and see their loved one’s light shining brightly.

Through the financial donations which go directly towards the care of people in our community, the 'Light up a Life' service also provides a way to make a difference for other families and friends with loved ones in the care of the Willow Wood Hospice.

<https://willowwood.org.uk/lual/>

Stream Clean – Saturday 15th November, 09:30-12:30, Wesley Street

This annual community event involves cutting back the vegetation to help prevent the brook from overflowing or flooding in heavy rain. A bonus is seeing the banks filled with beautiful wild flowers in late spring, encouraging bees and other insects. People are welcome to come and help out for as little or as long as they are able and, if possible, to bring along any useful tools – such as wheelbarrows, shears, loppers, secateurs, brushes and shovels. The skip has been ordered.

Update from Rebecca Bridges on the Swift and Wildlife Project

We raised over £150 at September's coffee morning. Many thanks to everyone who supported the fundraiser. We have bought a large bat box, two open-fronted robin boxes and three sparrow boxes, also suitable for nuthatches, redstarts and pied flycatchers. We have identified locations for all the bird and bat homes and these will be installed soon. We have also placed two hedgehog houses into quiet, safe places and have installed a double swift box on a house on Shireway.

My suggestions for improving biodiversity as we go into winter are:

- Consider wildlife as you tidy up your gardens
 - Provide water for birds and leave them some windfalls (throw them under a hedge to keep tidy)
 - Leave some long stems and seed heads uncut until March (even though it looks messy) for shelter and food for insects & birds
 - Mulch borders with leaves and provide a wild corner for hedgehogs to hibernate
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Old Glossop Residents Association Street Markets: Sun., 7th Dec.

On Sunday, 7th December from 1pm to 5pm the Old Glossop Residents Association are holding the annual Street Markets. The church building will be open to provide hospitality to those visiting the Street Markets: a warm place, refreshments, an opportunity to light a candle.

If you can help with serving refreshments, please speak to Barbara Fearnley.

Duke of Norfolk Reception class introduction to Baptism

The reception children from the Duke of Norfolk School enjoyed a visit to the church this week. Fr. David kindly demonstrated a baptism for us using our baby doll 'Ellie Charlotte'. The 'baby' was brought to church by its mummy and daddy, plus two godmothers and one godfather. We learned all about the significance of the water, and the light from the candle. It was so much more interesting for the children to experience it all 'in real life' at the church, rather than just in the classroom. Thank you to Fr. David for organising this for us!

Juliette Reynolds

Duke of Norfolk Residential Week

We remember in our prayers the children in Year 6 and staff who are participating in a residential week, beginning Monday 17th November.

3rd November children and staff from Duke of Norfolk return to school after half term.

Tubs to Pubs - MacMillan Cancer Support

It's happening again!

Macmillan Cancer Support and recycle plastics, will be back in 2026!

Tub2Pub 2025 saw us collect over 240,000 tubs raising £10,916 for Macmillan Cancer Support. With your help, we can beat that record in 2026!

We're all guilty of indulging in chocolate, sweets and crackers over the festive period, and in the UK we are buying tens of millions of these plastic tubs every year!

Make sure your tubs don't go to waste and bring your clean, empty plastic confectionery and cracker tubs to any Greene King managed site in 1 Jan - 15 Feb 2026 to be recycled.

Simply leave your tubs with a Greene King staff member at the bar or welcome station within one of their locations.

All tubs will be collected and taken to a plastic reprocessing centre where they're shredded, before being sold onto plastic manufacturers to use in place of virgin plastics. All money raised from the sale of Tub2Pub plastics will be given directly to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Glossop Parish Church will be a hub for collection.

TUB2PUB

Caring For God's Acre

In the early part of 2024 we were approached by a filmmaker who was looking for a small project to film, the driving point of this was you did not have to have a huge costly project in hand to make a contribution to nature conservation and so our churchyard was selected as a subject to film. A few members of our team were interviewed on camera, the interviews were conducted inside the church, there was no common agreed script or response those interviewed answered giving their honest view on the project. The result was as a whole an interesting perspective.

The film is fifteen minutes long.

The link to the film is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzNo9hvUh2M>

Prayer

Lord, we pray for those who mourn,
for parents and children,

for friends and neighbours.
Be gentle with them in their grief.
Show them the depths of your love,
a glimpse of the kingdom of heaven.
Spare them the torment of guilt and despair.
Be with them as they weep beside the empty tomb
of our risen Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Common Worship

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.
