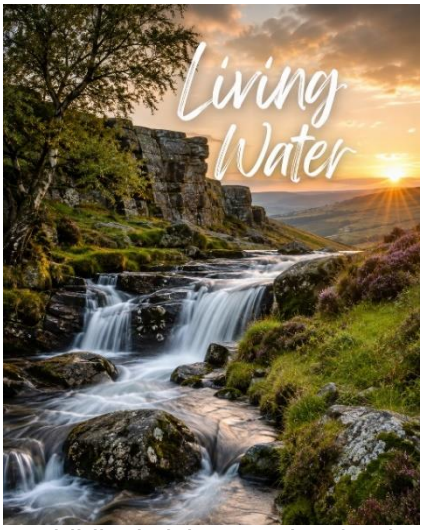
St. Andrew's, Hadfield

To Be A Christ Like People...

September 2026

Vicar's Voice



After a long, hot, dry summer, no doubt September will herald change. The light begins to soften, mornings feel cooler, and signs of autumn appear around us. Yet, in the busyness of everyday life, how often do we actually stop to notice?

The Season of Creation, celebrated each year from 1 September to 4 October, invites us to do just that: to pay attention to the wonderful world God has made and to consider our place within it.

It is easy to think of the world around us as something that belongs to us — something to use, enjoy and consume. But as is clear in the opening words of Psalm 24, 'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it', creation belongs first to God. We are not its owners but its caretakers, called to tend and cherish what has been entrusted to us.

The Season of Creation, then, gives us an opportunity to recover our biblical vision. Caring for the earth is not an optional extra to Christian discipleship; it is an essential expression of our worship, gratitude and love.

And the Season of Creation also invites us to ask what our response should be. If creation is God's gift, how might we treat it with greater care? Perhaps we can waste a little less, walk a little more, grow something, support local producers, or simply become more mindful of what we consume.

The theme for the Season of Creation in 2026 is 'Living Water' and we shall be offering some resources and opportunities which I hope will aid our reflection and response. First, from Creation Sunday, 6 September, we shall be sending out daily reflections on the theme of Living Water; and, second, on each Sunday in September, we shall issue a Pledge Card, inviting us to look at an aspect of our use and value of water. Finally, on each Saturday in Creation Season, we shall have a short walk, at 3pm from Glossop Church, to a local water source, and ask for God's blessing upon it.



Through our small actions, we can help shape the kind of people and communities we want to become - recognising creation as God's gift and seeking to care for it with gratitude and love.

May this Season of Creation help us to see the world afresh: not simply as something we inhabit, but as God's precious gift, entrusted to our care.

David

Service and Coffee Morning on Wednesday mornings

Just to remind you that the mid week service in St Andrew's Church is at 10.30am every Wednesday and this will be followed by coffee morning from about 11.20am till 1.00pm.

Diary of Services and Events in Church in September 2026

Weds 2nd	**10.30am**	**Holy Communion**	**Rev David Ridley**
	11.20am	**Coffee Morning**	**Andrew Barnes & Sue Leighton**
Sat 5th	**10.00am**	**Prayer Meeting in Church**	**Vince Ryder**
Trinity 14			
Sun 6th	**10.00am**	**Morning Praise**	**Vince Ryder**
Wed 9th	**10.30am**	**Morning Prayer**	**Sue Leighton**
	11.20am	**Coffee Morning**	**Ann Lucas**
Sat 12th	**9.00am**	**Church Working Party**	
Trinity 15			
Sun 13th	**10.00am**	**Holy Communion**	**Rev David Ridley**
Wed 16th	**10.30am**	**Holy Communion**	**Rev David Ridley**
	11.20am	**Coffee Morning**	**Ann Lucas**
Trinity 16			
Sun 20th	**10.00am**	**Morning Praise**	**John Roberts**
Wed 23rd	**10.30am**	**Morning Prayer**	**Sue Leighton**
	11.20am	**Coffee Morning**	**Ann Lucas**
Trinity 17			
Sun 27th	**10.00am**	**Holy Communion**	**Rev David Ridley**
Weds 30th	**10.30am**	**Holy Communion**	**Rev David Ridley**
	11.20am	**Coffee Morning**	**Ann Lucas**

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Other Dates and Events of Note in September

Sat 19th	**10am – 12 noon**	**MacMillan Coffee Morning in Church**

Prayer Saturdays

Saturday 5th September 2026 Starts at 10am with private prayer until 10.45am when refreshments are available. Following this there is the opportunity to share concerns and issues which need prayer. All are welcome, feel free to drop in for however long you can.

Charity Run

Karen Shaw's daughter, Lucy, will be doing the Great North Run in Newcastle on Sunday, 13 September, in aid of Alzheimer UK. If you would like to sponsor her, the Just Giving page is: https://www.justgiving.com/page/lucy-shaw-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL, or you can use the QR code. Alternatively, Karen will take cash donations. We wish Lucy success in her challenge.

Church Work Party

The next Church Work Party will be on **Saturday 12th September at 9.00am.** As you will have noticed the gardens are flourishing so we plan to major on their maintenance during the next few months. Should you not wish to work outside or the weather is inclement there are always cleaning, tidying, sorting jobs to do indoors.

We hope you will be able to come along in September and support this essential maintenance work.

Jigsaw Festival

The Jigsaw Festival will take place in St Andrew's Church on:

Friday 6 November from 2pm – 6pm; and

Saturday 7 November from 10am – 4pm

Please keep these days free and come along and help – more details soon.



In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we record the death of Jeff Mann, a regular member of St Andrew's Church for many years. Jeff died peacefully on the evening of Sunday 16 August. We do not have any funeral details as yet.

Follow St Andrew's Church on AChurchNearYou (ACNY) website where you can find all the latest information about services and events. You can use the QR code to access our entry on ACNY.

Our entry is administered by Judith Shaw please contact her if you would like to advertise an event.

If you have anything you would like to be included in the next Newsletter (subject to editorial review) then contact the Churchwardens, Sue and Sue, or David, the Vicar. The telephone number, if you need to contact us, is 07598 164646.