

Prayers

Those who are unwell:

John Shaw, Christine & Alan Salmon, Kathleen Merigold, Ian, Eileen, Jack, Maureen Holt, Val Pickup, Audrey Heap, Jeanette Parker, Sheila Leecy, Kath Corner, Paul, Thelma, Albert

For those who have died:

We continue to hold those in prayer who are grieving at this time.



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WEEKLY PEW SHEET



Sunday 4th October 2026
18th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



BLACKBURN DIOCESE CENTENARY PRAYER



Heavenly Father, in our Centenary year
we rededicate ourselves
and our Diocese to you.
Send the Holy Spirit to give us
confidence in our witness, generosity in
our service, and love for our neighbours,
that your church may be renewed and
many come home to you,
through your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

LYCIG PRAYER



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God of Mission,
who alone brings growth to your church,
send your Holy Spirit to give vision
to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
joy to our worship,
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
and in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Today's Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 5:1-7
2nd Reading Ps 80:8-16
Gospel Matt 21:33-end

Diary Dates



Day	Time	Event/Venue
Mon 5th	1:30pm	Dominoes - Parish Hall
Tue 6th	10:00am	Dementia Cafe - Pendle Brook
Wed 7th	10:30am	Holy Communion - St Paul's Church
Thur 8th	1:30pm	Dominoes - Parish Hall
	7:00pm	Knit & Natter - All Saints' Church
	7:00pm	Evening Prayer - Immanuel Church
	7:30pm	Choir Practice - Immanuel Church
	7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice - Immanuel Church
Fri 9th	6:30pm	Friday Praise - St Paul's Church
Sun 11th	8.00 & 10:00am	St Paul's Church - Holy Communion
	9:00am	All Saints' Church - Holy Communion
	10:30am	Immanuel Church - Holy Communion



All Souls' Day – Candlelight Remembrance Service

You are warmly invited to join us for our All Souls' Day Candlelight Remembrance Service on Monday 2nd November at 7pm at Immanuel Church. This will be a quiet and reflective service as we remember those who are gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

If you would like someone to be named and remembered during the service, please email office.parishofossy@gmail.com, or arrive a little early and let us know before the service begins.

Panto Trip – Sleeping Beauty

Join us for a festive trip to see Sleeping Beauty!
- Starring George Sampson -

29th December at Oakthiest, Scarisbrick Hall, near Southport. We will be setting off at 12:00pm

Cost: £30 per person (including coach travel)

To secure your place, please speak to Alex in the Parish Office.

Places are limited, so book early!



Reflection - Mind your own vineyard!

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." — Psalm 118:22

This Sunday we will be reflecting on Jesus' story about a landowner and his tenants - quite apt for this time of harvest. You'll know it well - a landowner says to his tenants look after the place, and when the harvest time comes, give me what belongs to me. Seems quite reasonable... until the tenants come up with the worst idea possible - when the owner sends people to collect his share, we'll beat them up!

The owner, in his grace, thinks perhaps they've misunderstood - yet they beat some, kill others and generally give a clear message - we're taking over! The tenants wanted the vineyard without the owner.

How often this week have we said, "Thanks God, I'll take it from here." I know I do - I try to do everything in my own strength until God shows me I can't. The funny thing is we can spend years trying to control a life that was never really ours in the first place.

After this week may we be reminded that despite everything, God didn't walk away - He sent his Son to be the cornerstone - the important foundation in our lives. More than that He gives us his Spirit to help us day by day to live life as He intended. Can we live like that this week?



Harvest Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Food Bank and the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

There's still time to contribute! If you haven't yet had the chance to make a donation, contributions are still very welcome.

- you can find out more details here:

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/bishop-s-harvest-appeal-2026>

Alex's Riddle of the Week

Last weeks riddle: I am spoken by many voices, yet declare one faith.
I begin with belief in one God and tell the story of Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.

Answer - The Nicene Creed



Water touches me once, but its promise follows me for life. I mark a beginning, not an ending, and welcome a person into the Church.
What am I? Find out next week!

