

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 1st November 2026
All Saints' Day

Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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.
Amen.

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 Ps 34
2nd Reading Rev 7:9-end
Gospel Matt 5:1-12

Diary Dates



Day	Time	Event/Venue
Mon 2nd	1:30pm	Dominoes - Parish Hall
Tue 3rd	10:00am	Dementia Cafe - Pendle Brook
Wed 4th	10:30am	Holy Communion - St Paul's Church
Thur 5th	10:30am	Coffee & Prayer - Ossy Mills - Pavillion Cafe
	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
Sun 8th	8:00am	Holy Communion - St Paul's Church
	10:00am	Holy Communion - St Paul's Church
	9:00am	Holy Communion - All Saints' Church
	10:30am	Holy Communion - Immanuel Church
	13:45pm	Service of the Word - War Memorial

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**. 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 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
29th December - 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.

*****The deadline for deposits is the 15th November*****

Reflection - Light vs Dark

What are your thoughts on Halloween? That it's just a "bit of harmless fun"? It certainly is a question we might ponder at this time of year and is a tradition that is certainly growing, packaged to make it more appealing, especially to our children. Halloween can be linked back to an old Celtic tradition of celebrating the eve of the new year – the night many believed that only a thin veil existed between the living and the dead and that spirits could freely roam the earth. In the 8th Century, as pagan traditions of carving scary faces in vegetables to repel evil spirits grew, Pope Gregory moved All Saints' Day to November 1 to honour saints and martyrs – a direct contrast of all that is good to the focus on evil and death.

The church counteracts this 'celebration' of darkness with light by commemorating the saints of the Christian church on All Saints' Day, followed by All Souls' Day, a day devoted to praying for the souls of all the faithful departed. We are reminded that there is a "light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5) No matter how dark the world may seem at times, may we be reminded that Jesus is greater than any darkness.

Confirmation Service – Thursday 19th November



Immanuel Church at 6:00pm

Please come along and support our Confirmation candidates as they take this special step in their faith journey.

We will also be having a Jacob's Join, so any contributions of food would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!

Remembrance Day Services – Wednesday 11th November



Join us as we remember and honour those who gave their lives.

10:30am – Holy Communion, St Paul's Church

10:50am – Outdoor Service, Union Road War Memorial

7:00pm – Service of Remembrance, Immanuel Church

All are warmly welcome.

Alex's Riddle of the Week

Last weeks riddle: I arrive fifty days after resurrection joy. I bring wind without weather and flame that does not destroy. Through me, frightened disciples find their voices.

Answer - Pentecost

I divide the year without using January or December. I move through waiting, birth, fasting, resurrection and the long growth of ordinary time.



What am I? Find out next week!