Glossop Parish Church of All Saints
Newsletter: November 2026

Prayer

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

Sunday November 1st
10.30 am Parish Eucharist — **All Saints' Day**

Thursday 4th November
10.30 am Mid-week Eucharist

Saturday 6th November
9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 8th November — **Remembrance Sunday**
10.30 am Parish Eucharist — 3rd Before Advent

Thursday 11th November
10.30 am Mid-week Eucharist

Saturday 13th November
9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th November
10.30 am Parish Eucharist — 2nd Before Advent

Thursday 18th November
10.30 am Mid-week Eucharist

Saturday 21st November
9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd November
10.30 am Parish Eucharist — **Christ the King**

Thursday 25th November
10.30 am Mid-week Eucharist

Saturday 28th November
9.30 am Morning Prayer
4.00 pm Advent Service of Light

Sunday 29th November
10.30 am Parish Eucharist — **Advent Sunday**

Sunday 6th December
10.30 am Family Eucharist — Advent 1

Sunday 1st November 2026 10:50 am — Glossop Cenotaph
Service conducted by:
Rev Norman W Shaw BA(Hons) GradDipTh & Fr Martin Sylvester STB MA.
with the Deputy Lieutenant, Mrs Jackie Bird MBE, and the Mayor of High Peak, Councillor Barbara Hastings-Asatourian, also attending.
Following the service, the parade will re-form and return to the Market Grounds.
Refreshments will be available afterwards at Bradbury Community House.
Music by Glossop Old Band.

In addition to the Remembrance Sunday Civic Service on the 8th November there will be a short service for the RBL on Norfolk Square on Armistice Day , Wednesday 11th November, to which everyone is invited.
Assemble from 10 45am for the 11am service which will include prayers, a reading and a Blessing.
As this is a quiet & reflective service there will not be music or hymns.

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.

Congratulations to Nathan and Anna of the birth of their precious baby boy, Harrison Edward Hargreaves.

Vicar's Voice

November, for a number of reasons, has become the month of remembering.
I suppose this is most embedded in popular culture through the anniversary of the foiled plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament, and assassinate King James 1 in 1605: 'Remember, remember, the 5th of November…'

But our season of remembrance begins on 1stNovember, which is All Saints' Day. This festival, after Easter, Christmas and Pentecost, is one of the most significant in the Church's year – it is considered so important that our Parish Church in Glossop has been dedicated to All Saints.

All Saints' Day offers an opportunity to honour every saint – both those people recognized by the Church for their holiness, but also the 'multitude too great to number' who have lived faithful lives and take their place in heaven. All Saints Day is a time to celebrate their example and the Christian hope of sharing with them in eternal life.

All Saints' Day, together with All Souls' Day, marked on 2 November, offer then a timely opportunity to remember our loved ones who have passed through this life, and to give thanks for their lives. In order to offer space to recall our own close family and friends, St Andrew's Church will be holding 'A Time to Remember' service at 4pm on Sunday 1 November. All are very welcome to join. There will be a similar service at All Saints, Glossop at 4pm on Advent Sunday, 29 November, again at 4pm.



Our November remembering of course continues as we mark the 108th Anniversary of the armistice ending the First World War on Remembrance Day. There will be services to mark Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, at St Andrew's, at 10am and All Saints at 10.30am. The Churches will also be leading be leading civic Remembrance events on that day.

Our marking of Remembrance Sunday offers us the opportunity both to acknowledge the loss and sacrifice of wars past, poignantly symbolised by our wearing of the poppy, but also to lament as we reflect on the tragedy that conflicts continue in the present time.

Let us continue to work and pray for peace – through Christ, who is the Prince of Peace.

David

The Revd Sarah Watson writes…

A season of hope

Remember, remember the 5th of November! Beyond Guy Fawkes, November is a month that invites us to remember. On Remembrance Day, we pause to honour those who gave their lives in war, to pray for peace in our world, for those serving in our armed forces, and for those who continue to suffer the consequences of conflict.

Before Remembrance Day, the Church celebrates All Saints' Day (All Hallows) on 1 November, followed by All Souls' Day on 2 November. These days can easily be overlooked amidst the pumpkins and costumes of Halloween, itself a shortening of All Hallows' Eve.

When we hear the word "saint", we may think of great figures from Christian history; one of my heroes of faith is St Hild. Yet All Saints' Day celebrates all those who have faithfully followed Christ and now share in the fullness of God's presence. The writer to the Hebrews (12:1) describes the "great cloud of witnesses" surrounding us as we run the race of faith. Some are remembered in history books, but many are ordinary people whose faith shaped our own lives people who prayed for us, encouraged us, taught us about Jesus, and showed us what Christian faith looks like. All Souls' Day gives us an opportunity to remember those whom we love but see no longer. We bring our memories, gratitude, grief, and prayers before God, trusting that those who have died are safe in his eternal care.

We also begin to look forward to Advent, remembering Christ's first coming as a child in Bethlehem and knowing that, because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, death does not have the final word. Yet Advent is also about looking forward to Christ's return and the full establishment of God's Kingdom. The prophet Isaiah (2:4) gives us a vision of that future: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." Likewise, Revelation (21:4) points to a time when God "will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more."

This is the hope that sustains us. November is a season for remembering, grieving, and lamenting, but it is also a season of hope. I invite you to take a moment to remember and give thanks for those who have shaped your faith, to pray for those who mourn, and for peace in our world. Above all, may we be people of hope, encouraged by those who have gone before us and inspired to follow Christ faithfully in our own generation.

Rev Sarah Watson
Acting Archdeacon of Derby City and South Derbyshire

80th anniversary of Derby Diocese Bellringers

On Monday, November 2nd from 10am, the eight bells of All Saints, Glossop will ring a peal to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the formation of the Derby Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers (DDA). This is the first time in 20 years that our bells have been rung in this manner, and only the tenth peal rung on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Gillett & Johnston in 1923. A full peal requires the eight bells to change order more than 5000 times, with ringers performing the feat by memorising a particular pattern, and each usually lasts about three hours. Ringers from across the Derbyshire Association will mark the occasion by ringing a peal at All Saints, before proceeding to ring subsequent peals at St. James Whitfield, Fairfield, and Stanton in the Peak. This is the first time since October 2000 that the bells of All Saints and St. James Whitfield have rung consecutive peals. We hope you enjoy listening to them.

Please contact oldglossopbells@gmail.com or via the Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/OldGlossopRingers. Do have a look there to see more pictures of the bells and about bell ringing.

We do hope you enjoy our very special day of bell ringing.

Mothers' Union Newsletter September 2026

As we move into autumn, our 150th anniversary year continues to give us opportunities to celebrate our history, our fellowship and the work of Mothers' Union here in the Diocese of Derby and around the world.

Our reflection this month, "Peace begins with a smile," encourages us to slow down, notice those around us, and consider how simple acts of kindness can bring God's peace into the world.

Our 150th anniversary year continues to be a wonderful opportunity to look back with gratitude at all that Mothers' Union has achieved over the past 150 years, while also looking towards the future.

Across our Diocese and around the world, members have been celebrating through worship, fellowship, prayer, fundraising, and community events.

The anniversary reminds us that, although Mothers' Union has changed and developed over the years, its heart remains the same: supporting families, strengthening communities and putting faith into action.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

This year's 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence takes place from the 25th November to the 10th December.

The theme for 2026 is: "Together for Dignity and Safety - Ensure Justice, Protect Survivors, End Impunity."

We are delighted to share that our former CEO, Canon Bev Jullien, has been recognised with the Cross of St Augustine at this year's Lambeth Awards.The award recognises her leadership of the worldwide Mothers' Union and was presented by The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally.

We give thanks for Bev's leadership and service to Mothers' Union, and congratulate her on this recognition.

Mothers' Union Around the World

150 Years Celebrated in Cairo

On the 28th August, Mothers' Union Sudan leaders gathered at All Saints Cathedral in Cairo, Egypt, where around 230 members came together for prayer, worship and fellowship.

The gathering was particularly meaningful as many members are now living as refugees away from Sudan because of the ongoing conflict.

Members reflected on the stories of women in the Bible and the ways women today continue to transform their homes, churches, and communities through faith, love and service.

Please continue to pray for Mothers' Union members in Sudan and South Sudan, their families, and for peace in Sudan and all places affected by conflict.

Looking Ahead: Worldwide Gathering 2026

A Reflection for September
Peace Begins with a Smile

The theme of this month's reflection is “Peace begins with a smile.” The phrase is associated with Mother Teresa and her ministry among people who were sick, poor and dying.

Mother Teresa spoke of discovering a “calling within a calling” when she left the Loreto Order in Ireland and went to India. Her ministry became a powerful testimony to the possibility of finding holiness in ordinary acts of love and service.

She expressed this in the words:

“Holiness is not found in doing extraordinary things, but in doing ordinary things with extraordinary love to ordinary people.”

Perhaps we can take a moment to sit quietly with those words.

As we celebrate our 150th anniversary and our worldwide Mothers’ Union family, may we commit ourselves afresh to living Mary Sumner's prayer - not simply speaking the words, but putting them into action wherever we are.

25th November – 10th December: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

As we continue through our 150th anniversary year, we give thanks for all those who have gone before us and for the foundations they laid.

We also give thanks for everyone who continues to give their time, energy, prayers and gifts to Mothers’ Union today.

Whether through serving on a committee, supporting a local branch, praying for others, organising an event, raising funds or simply offering friendship and kindness, every contribution matters.Please continue to pray for Mothers’ Union in the Diocese of Derby, for our Trustees, and for the future of our Diocese.

Closing Blessing

May God give us eyes to see those who need our care, hearts ready to listen, hands willing to serve, and courage to walk faithfully in the footsteps of Jesus.
May we remember that small acts of kindness can bring great hope, and that peace can begin with something as simple as a smile.

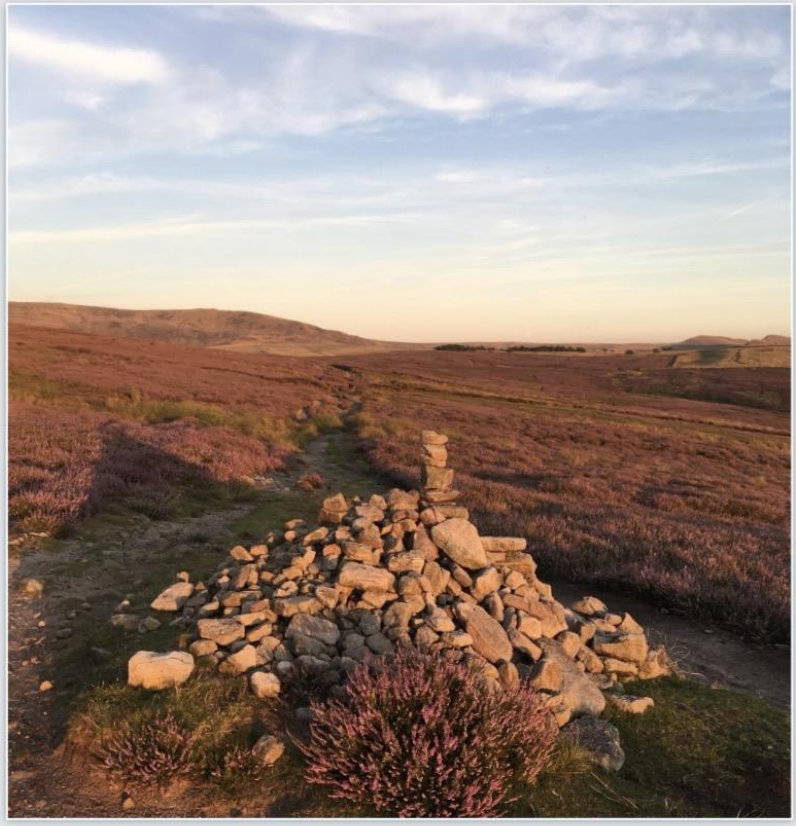
As we celebrate 150 years of Mothers' Union, may we give thanks for the past, live faithfully in the present, and look to the future with hope.
May God strengthen us in faith, encourage us in hope, and guide us in love.
And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us all, now and always.
Amen.

Crossroads Derbyshire will be hosting a vigil in Glossop to remember those who have lost their lives to domestic abuse, stand with survivors and show that there is no place for domestic abuse in our communities.

30th November - 6pm - Norfolk Square

Everyone is welcome to attend and show their support.

SAMHAIN
CELTIC GATHERING



SATURDAY
31ST
OCTOBER
4PM
ALL SAINTS
PARISH CHURCH
GLOSSOP

Join us as mark the beginning of the darker half of the year; reflecting on all that has formed us, particularly remembering those who are no longer with us.
All are welcome -
from all faiths and none.

Dave Wyatt's first Marathon

Having being diagnosed pre-diabetic 3 years ago David took the NHS diabetes prevention advice to improve his nutrition and insulin levels. Encouraged and supported by his wife Rachel, a runner herself David joined the Start2Jog running club and enrolled onto their Couch to 5K programme.

David who last ran in the 70's was convinced he had the wrong age, experience and physique discovered a passion for running and was soon completing a series of park runs, 10k runs and 24 hour relays. Initially locally but soon expanding to other areas in the UK (Leeds, Knutsford, Stockport, Mersyside) and even abroad running past soviet tanks in Poznan Poland and up a volcano in Lanzarote. This some 3 years later led to the daunting decision to take on a scarier and longer challenge of a Marathon.

On Sunday 18th October 2026 at 9am I was stood on the start point of the Altra Yorkshire Marathon at the University of York Campus. At 9:30am the gun went off - the Marathon had begun. 15 minutes later my timing chip actuated as I had just crossed the start line. I was one of 8000 competitors who ran the course that day. The 2 mile point took me past York Minster where I got my first glance of my wife Rachel in the crowd of supporters. I would not see her again until the finish line as the course headed out of the City into the countryside. At the 7thwater point (they were every 3 miles) 21 miles I had just run the furthest I had ever done in my life and still had 5.2 miles to go. I had managed to avoid hitting the dreaded wall and the thought of crossing the finish line spurred me on. The last 2 miles were punishing especially the hill rising up towards the finish line. Running the hill there I once again caught site of Rachel snapping a picture of me as I passed. I could see the finish line ahead and crossed it with a smile lifted by the noise of the crowd. I had done it. The 350 miles I ran during the training had paid off and I received my finisher T-shirt and medal with pride. Not a bad achievement for a 69-year-old who has not been running for quite 3 years.

Some stats for those who are interested 51,030 steps, 3786 calories burned and 1,887 ml of sweat lost in a time of 5hours 14 minutes and 38 seconds.

A big thank you to all those who have donated, the link is still active if anyone would like to add to the current total of £1250 in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund.
https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/dave-wyatts-first-full-marathon

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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.

Thank you from the Foodbank

Thank you so much to everyone that has made 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, 5th December

On Saturday, 5th 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/

Decorating the church for Christmas

Once again we will be making paper stars and doves to decorate the church for Christmas.

If you would like to help with this please see Bee for more information.

Stream Clean – Saturday 7th 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 wildflowers 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.

Old Glossop Swifts & Wildlife update autumn 2026

We are delighted to announce that a swift colony is now firmly established in Old Glossop! This summer screaming parties were observed all around the village, from Kilmory Fold over to Hope Street.

There were two nesting pairs on Bute Street. One pair returned for the 3rd year running and laid two eggs which hatched into chicks. Tragically, both chicks jumped the nest at the height of the heatwave and were lost. A second pair built a nest in an adjacent box for the first time but laid no eggs; this is common for young birds and the hope is that both pairs will return safely next year to lay and raise a brood. We intend to build a sun canopy over the box that overheated (it is imperative not to alter the nest box and hole in any way in case it is rejected).

The community enjoyed watching video footage of the developing swifts via the Old Glossop Swifts & Wildlife WhatsApp group. Before next season, we will also install a camera in the 2nd box to give us more insight into the life of our local swifts.

Nesting birds were observed entering holes at 2 out of 4 previously identified locations on Blackshaw Road, the other 2 were not confirmed. However, this doesn't mean they weren't there - it is very difficult to spot a swift entering/exiting a nest site as they do so quickly and silently in order to avoid predation.

Juvenile birds were observed ‘banging' (investigating potential nesting sites for next year) on boxes on Bute Street, Shireway, Blackshaw Road, Hope Street and at Shepley's. This bodes very well for next season!

We now have 30 additional nest boxes in Old Glossop, which means that there is space for the colony to expand. Swifts like to nest close together in colonies so it is important to have enough homes for them near each other. In the past, swifts would have nested in the hollow trunks of ancient trees but stands of these no longer remain in Britain, which is why swifts have evolved along with humans and the built environment.

There is a small healthy female hedgehog still visiting feeding stations around Shireway and Bute Street; she has been spotted crossing the road at night, so please be careful when driving after dusk!

Finnie, the old boy found in the daytime on Shireway, was in a bad way when he was taken to Hog Manor: he is still there but doing much better.

As you probably know, hedgehogs in the UK are threatened with extinction! If you’d like to support our local hedgehog population, here are some actions you can do:

Feeding & Water
Leave out meat-based wet cat or dog food, kitten biscuits, or specialist hedgehog food.
Provide a shallow dish of fresh water daily.
Natural insect food becomes scarce as temperatures drop; hedgehogs need ~30% body fat reserves to survive hibernation. *Never give milk or bread.*

Shelter & Nesting
Leave log piles, untidy wild corners, and piles of dry leaves undisturbed. Install a wooden hedgehog house filled with dry hay or straw.
Provides cozy, insulated spaces (hibernacula) for resting and winter hibernation.

Garden Access
Create a 13cm x 13cm "hedgehog highway" gap at the bottom of fences or walls.
Allows hedgehogs to roam up to 2 km a night safely across gardens to forage and find mates.

Bonfire Safety
Build and burn bonfires on the same day, or thoroughly check and move the pile with a rake before lighting.
Prevents severe injury or death, as stacked autumn wood piles are prime nesting spots.

Hazard Reduction

Avoid slug pellets and pesticides; check long grass before mowing or strimming; add a ramp or sloping exit to garden ponds.
Protects their natural invertebrate food supply and prevents accidental drownings or mutilation.

When to Rescue
Watch for juveniles under 450g–500g from late October onwards, or any hedgehog active during the day. Contact the British Hedgehog Preservation Society or a local rescue. Underweight juveniles or daytime-wandering hogs are often sick, injured, or too small to survive hibernation without human intervention.

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This September Shepley's Café fundraiser received over £900 in donations, for which we are extremely grateful. We are considering carefully how best to spend the money. Barbara Fearnley and Rebecca Bridges (OGRA) have been networking with other organisations such as Friends of Whitfield Rec & Green Spaces, Sustainable Hayfield, Padfield Residents Association and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to share recommendations for enhancing our local area for wildlife.

In November, we are planning on building another 'dead hedge' in the corner of the car park opposite The Wheatsheaf. This will accommodate dead branches and clippings where small mammals and invertebrates can shelter over winter. Remember that in the garden, what may look like dead twigs, flower heads and leaves, hosts life to emerge next year! In January birds will feast on seedheads of flowers like verbena and teasel if you leave unpruned. Butterflies and other insects will have laid their eggs on the underside of leaves and tiny spiders and other creatures will be hiding in hollow stalks and pods, keeping safe until spring.

A rewarding activity to do now that always brings joy is to plant some bulbs like crocus that look like jewels in spring and provide important nectar for early emerging queen bumblebees.

Old Glossop Residents Association Street Markets: Sun., 6th Dec.

On Sunday, 6th 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 Lesley Richardson.

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 'Rosie.' 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!



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

Communication

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Email - davidridley@btinternet.com
Telephone no - 07887 880272/07877 491456
A church near you - https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13286
Facebook - Glossop Parish Church

Communication available
Weekly newsletter
Monthly newsletter
WhatsApp groups - Environmental concerns / Festive planning
A church near you - Peace and Quiet down loaded monthly.
Please contact us if you wish to receive either newsletter or you wish to join the WhatsApp groups.

Easy fundraising

Help raise much needed funds for Glossop Parish Church.
When you shop online with participating retailers, they'll donate part of what you spend to your chosen cause. Whether you shop on your phone, laptop or tablet, you can earn free cashback donations for your cause.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=17040&invite=3B8ZBP&referral-campaign=c2s

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***Home Communion**: If you know of anyone who would like to receive Holy*

Communion in their own home, please contact a member of the ministry team.

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St Andrew's, Hadfield
https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13287/

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