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 8th November 2026

Remembrance Sunday

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
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

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 70
2nd Reading	1 Thess 4:13-end
Gospel	Matt 25:1-13

Diary Dates



Day	Time	Event/Venue
Mon 9th	1:30pm	Dominoes - Parish Hall
Tue 10th	10:00am	Dementia Cafe - Pendle Brook
Wed 11th	10:30am	Holy Communion - St Paul's Church
	10:50am	Service of the Word - War Memorial
	19:00pm	Remembrance Service - Immanuel
Thur 12th	10:30am	Coffee & Prayer - Ossy Mills - Pavilolion 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 15th	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

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!

Please note that Evening Prayer at Immanuel Church has been cancelled on this evening due to the Confirmation Service taking place.

St Paul's Lady Chapel – Chairs

We are replacing the chairs in St Paul's Lady Chapel. If you would like one of the existing chairs, please speak to a churchwarden. We would love them to go to good homes!

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
A Call to Remember

One of the things that struck me when I moved to Oswaldtwistle was how important Remembrance Sunday was – here it's not just important, it's really important! This is a town that has known incredible loss. It is important that people are not forgotten. Taking the time to pause, reflect and remember helps us not to forget.

Sacrifice lies at the heart of our Christian faith. Jesus reminds us in John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." These words also speak powerfully of the courage, sacrifice and selflessness which has been shown by so many throughout history.

But remembrance must be more than looking back. It should challenge us to look forward, to build a world where forgiveness overcomes hatred, understanding overcomes division, and love overcomes conflict.

As we observe the silence, I hope we will also be giving thanks for those who made the ultimate sacrifice, praying for all who suffer through war today, and renewing our commitment to being people of peace. May God grant us the wisdom and courage to each be peacemakers in our own communities.

Chocolate Tombola – Donations Needed



We are asking for donations of chocolate prizes for the upcoming Chocolate Tombola at our Car Park Carols event. Any donations, big or small, would be greatly appreciated. Please pass any donations to your church wardens, thank you!

Light Party – Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this years Light Party a success, especially Rebecca for all her hard work in organising the event!

Alex's Riddle of the Week

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



Answer - The liturgical year / Church calendar

I am said after failure but before forgiveness is declared I require honesty rather than perfection, and I turn the heart back towards God.

What am I? Find out next week!