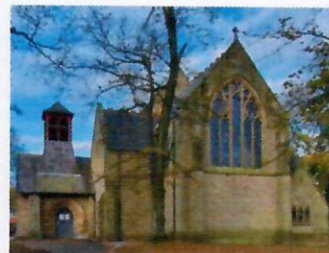
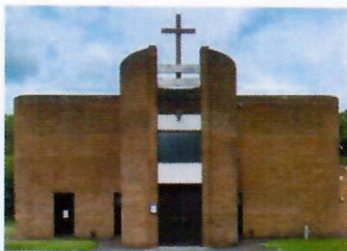


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## **A prayer on the death of Her Majesty The Queen**

Gracious God, we give thanks  
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,  
for her faith and her dedication to duty.  
Bless our nation as we mourn her death  
and may her example continue to inspire us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



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## BISHOP DAVID'S TRIBUTE TO HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II



Through 96 years of life, and over 70 years of faithful service as monarch, the life of Her Majesty the Queen has been a constant example, not only to her people, here in Britain and across the Commonwealth, but to the wider world. From wartime teenager to recent widow, she has shown both resilience in adversity, and unremitting determination to face the most challenging times alongside her people. We who have seen and paid attention to her example, have been better people for it.

Many, many lives have been deeply enriched, simply by her presence at some special occasion. I recall vividly her visit to our cathedral last summer, to celebrate our 600th anniversary and to meet, and personally thank, representatives of the many volunteers from across the region who had played vital parts during lockdown.

For Christians, her life has been a particular embodiment of our faith. An embodiment she felt able to express with ever greater prominence in more recent years, most especially in her annual Christmas Broadcasts. For those of us who are Anglicans, her constitutional role in our Church has stood as a bulwark against excessive clericalism. Yet she has always been a Queen for those of all faiths or none.

Her relationships with her diocesan bishops have meant far more than simply the formalities of issuing mandates for appointment and receiving homage. The private conversations we have held with her, together with her hospitality at Sandringham, have allowed us a glimpse into the more private side of her public figure, establishing beyond doubt that the smile so often on her face on public occasions was backed up by a vibrant and undimmed sense of humour.

Each of us will have our own private memories and thoughts at this time. The next days, weeks and months will allow us to reflect and draw strength from them, both individually and together. Indeed, one of the greatest tributes we can pay to her life will be to allow this time to make us stronger and more united as a people, relishing the richness of our diversity even as she did.

May God bless us, and God save the King.

David                      Bishop of Manchester

## REFLECTIONS

Each October sees us celebrating the harvest and for those living in the more rural and country areas the Harvest Festival Service is often the most popular service in the church calendar. For our farming communities harvest comes at the culmination of the agricultural year when, according to the hymn, "All is safely gathered in, ere the Winter's storms begin". These days we in the towns and cities are invited to bring tinned and dried goods to support local food banks or hostels for the homeless.



For the Jewish people, in the seventh month of the Jewish Calendar - which is our September/October, the Jewish people celebrate a great group of festivals, the main one being the Feast of Tabernacles or Shelters. It is a 7day feast to celebrate the end of the fruit harvest when the grapes and olives have been gathered.

The Jewish people make themselves shelters of branches and leaves in their gardens and at the side of their Synagogues to remind them of the time when their ancestors lived in tents in the desert and they were completely dependent on God for their food and drink. These days during the festival they offer hospitality to others around their area.

All Saints Day falls on 1<sup>st</sup> November. It is a time of year when the sky at night is often full of fireworks for Bonfire Night or Divali. These explosions of light in the darkness remind us of the heroes of our faith - the saints whose lives lit up the darkness of their own time.

Some saints are like rockets - high fliers famed through time and remembered by name. Many more are like sparklers bringing light to those around them, but they may never be widely recognised. On All Saints Day we remember them all - including those heroes of our day, those who gave their lives in 2 world wars that we might live in freedom and those members of our armed forces since who have been wounded in conflict. Along with them we ask how we may be called to be saints and to bring light in our time.

However, most of us will not be like rockets lighting up the sky for miles around. More likely we will be sparklers living lives that can bring light on a more modest scale.

Celebrity and popularity can be very distorting and Jesus brings the life of faith right down to earth in his Beatitudes. Those who are blessed are ordinary people doing their best to live lives of love in difficult circumstances. The poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who long for a better world, the merciful, the pure, the peacemakers and those who are persecuted - all these are God's everyday saints and we are caught up in that great cloud of witnesses. Not because of our own qualities or goodness but because we are simply the windows through which God's light can shine.

Hebrews ch12 v1 "There since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith"

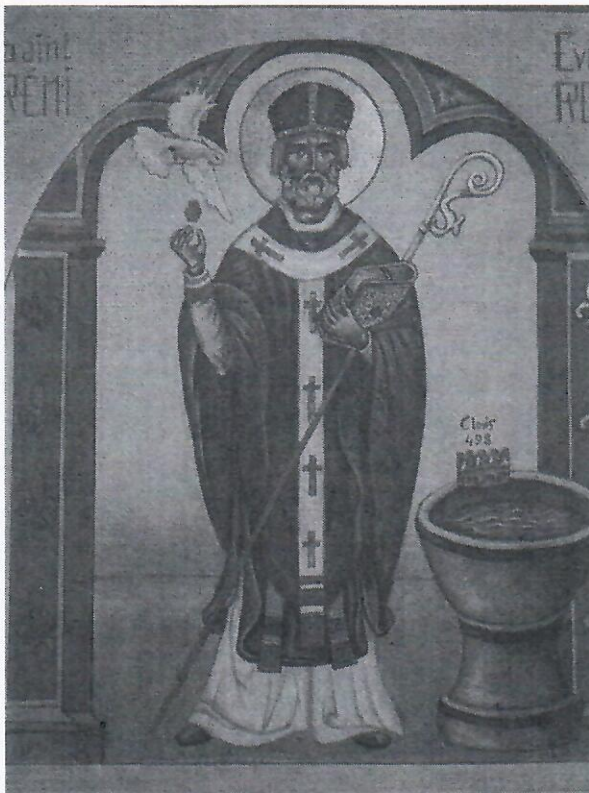
Jean Williamson



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### 1st October      Remigius - praying for ill children

If you've ever prayed for the ill children of non-Christian friends, then you are following in the steps of Remigius (d.533).



Remigius was bishop of Reims late in the 5th century, and the king's son was ill. The queen, Clotild, was a Christian, but the king of the Franks, Clovis I, was not. Then Remigius prayed for their ailing son, and he was healed. The king was so overwhelmed with gratitude that he decided to acknowledge and honour the Christian God.

In his enthusiasm King Clovis seems to have turned his royal household into something akin to the aftermath of a Billy Graham rally/Alpha course, for he commanded that all 3,000 members of the royal household and followers become Christians at once, and be baptised.

Under the protection of King Clovis, Remigius carried on preaching the Gospel throughout the Frankish kingdom. He did some extensive church-planting - founding bishoprics and churches - and was greatly loved by the people up to his death in Reims in 533

"I think that the deepest motive for mission is simply the desire to be with Jesus where He is, on the frontier between the reign of God and the usurped dominion of the devil

*Lesslie Newbigin*

ATMC Team. Service rotas for October & November 2022

Date	St Stephen's	St George's	St John's
2 <sup>nd</sup> October Sunday	10am Café Church	10am Service of the Word Harvest Celebration with St George's Central School	10am Team Eucharist [with Healing]
2 <sup>nd</sup> October Sunday	5pm Confirmation Service @ Atherton Parish Church Revd Cath Eccles presenting candidates from ATMC Team		
6 <sup>th</sup> October Thursday		7pm Evening communion with fellowship <i>[light supper &amp; discussion]</i>	
9 <sup>th</sup> October Sunday	10am Team Eucharist 'Harvest'	10am Café Church  12.30 Baptisms	10am Service of the Word 'Harvest'
13 <sup>th</sup> October Thursday			7pm Evening communion with fellowship <i>[light supper &amp; discussion]</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> October Saturday	3pm - Stepping Out [St Stephen's School Hall]		
16 <sup>th</sup> October Sunday	10am Service of the Word	10am Team Eucharist	10am Café Church  12.30 Baptism
20 <sup>th</sup> October Thursday	10am Thursday not Sunday Communion [Meeting room in St Stephen's Church]		
23 <sup>rd</sup> October Sunday	10am Café Church	10am Service of the Word	10am Team Eucharist
27 <sup>th</sup> October Thursday		7pm Evening communion with fellowship <i>[light supper &amp; discussion]</i>	
30 <sup>th</sup> October Sunday	10am Team Eucharist	10am Café Church  12.30 Baptism	10am Service of the Word

Date	St Stephen's	St George's	St John's
3 <sup>rd</sup> November Thursday	10am Thursday not Sunday Communion [Meeting room in St Stephen's church] "remembering" [All Saints & All Souls]		
6 <sup>th</sup> November Sunday	10am Service of the Word	10am Team Eucharist	10am Café Church
10 <sup>th</sup> November Thursday	10am Thursday not Sunday Communion [Meeting room is St Stephen's church]		
13 <sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday	9 am Service of the Word  12.30 Bullcroft Act of Remembrance	9 am Service of the Word	9 am Service of the Word
19 <sup>th</sup> November Saturday	3pm - Stepping Out [St Stephen's School Hall]		
20 <sup>th</sup> November Sunday	10am Team Eucharist	10am Café Church  12.30 Baptism	10am Service of the Word
27 <sup>th</sup> November Advent Sunday	10am Service of the Word	10am Team Eucharist	10am Café Church  12.30 Baptisms

Please note: all dates and times are correct as the magazine goes to print. Any changes or amendments will be announced in church notices and shared on social media/church websites and A Church Near You pages.

## WHAT'S ON! October and November 2022

- Oct 1st 11.00am to 10.00pm - Arts and Heritage Festival "The Mine is Yours" Project - at Lancs Mining Museum
- Oct 15th 10.00am -12.00pm St Stephen's Coffee Morning - in church meeting room
- Oct 16th Tyldesley Band Concert at St Georges Church. Church doors open 6.30pm, concert starts at 7pm. Tickets £8 each, pay on entry. Raffle tickets available. Refreshments served in the interval.
- Oct 18th 7.30pm - Men's Group Meeting - at Union Arms
- Oct 19th 7.30pm - Mothers Union - Quiz Evening - at St Stephen's Meeting Room
- Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm to 9.00pm - Scarefest - at Lancs Mining Museum  
to 30<sup>th</sup>
- Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 10.00am - 3.00pm - Pumpkin Hunt at Dam House  
Bram Taylor Concert plus Bottle Raffle. St John's Church, Mosley Common
- Nov 5th 6.00pm - Fireworks and Bonfire - at Lancs Mining Museum
- Nov 13th Besses o' th' Barn [with RBL] concert at St Georges Church. Church doors open 6.30pm, concert starts at 7pm. Tickets £8 each, pay on entry. Raffle tickets available. Refreshments served in the interval.
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Mosley Common Historical Society; 'The City'. At St John's Church Mosley Common
- Nov 15th 7.30pm - Men's Group Meeting - at Union Arms
- Nov 16th 7.30pm - Mothers Union - Chris Saunders - at St Stephen's Meeting Room
- Nov 18th 7.00pm - General Knowledge Quiz (inc pie and peas supper) at Dam House
- Nov 19th 10.00am -12.00pm St Stephen's Coffee Morning - in church meeting room
- Nov 20th 2.00pm - Remembrance Day Service - at Lancs Mining Museum
- Nov 25th All Singers Great & Small [Community Choir] Doors open 7pm, concert starts at 7.30pm.

### Team Harvest Festivals

2nd October - St.George's, Tyldesley.

9th October - St.John's, Mosley Common with Neil Conthwaite speaking on behalf of Barnabus.

9th October - St.Stephen's, Astley.

The Harvest Festival is a celebration of the food grown on the land. Such Thanksgiving ceremonies and celebrations for a successful harvest are both worldwide and very ancient. We celebrate this day by singing, praying and decorating our churches with baskets of fruit and food - and these days in socks and toothpaste as well!. Harvest reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them. This makes



them want to share with others who are not so fortunate. In schools and in Churches, people bring food from home to a Harvest Festival Service. This is then given to those in need and to Charities such as Barnabus, the Foodbank and The Children's Society. This is especially needed at this moment in time.

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### Place of Welcome @ St Georges

Weekly drop in every Friday morning in church between 10am and 12noon. Free cuppa, biscuits/toast. An opportunity to come and have a natter with others or just find a quiet space.

For the crafty among you bring your knitting/crochet and join the group of ladies who have relocated from Tyldesley library and now knit and natter in church on a Friday morning.

### **Tuesday Teas**

Weekly session every Tuesday between 4.30pm and 6pm when a meal is offered, free of charge. During August the sessions will continue but we will be providing a simpler, snack type meals

### Tyldesley Historical Society:

Meets on the last Monday of the month at St George's Central Primary School, Darlington Street, Tyldesley, M29 8DH

Refreshments from 7pm, meeting starts at 7.30pm.

Contact Iain Hodcroft for more details.

**ADVANCED NOTICE** .....Gin Festival returns on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 - times to be confirmed

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### St John's Mosley Common. Place of welcome Café

Come and join Jean and Joan for our weekly café in the church lounge

Tuesdays from 10.00 - 12.00

Contact Jean 07817857988 or Joan 01942870095 for any queries

### Welcome to CAMEO. Come And Meet Every One'

CAMEO is a local friendship group based in Mosley Common meeting every other Tuesday at St. John's Church lounge from 1:30pm

Everyone is welcome just come along and join in the activities or just have a good chat no admission or membership fees. Refreshments tea or coffee and biscuits only £1. Everyone welcome.

### Social Walks: Boothstown Medical Centre and PPG in association with Wigan Leisure Culture

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Everyone is welcome to join in our FREE hour long Social Walks. Suitable for all including beginners/those returning to exercise and Walking to Health Accredited Walks. Wear comfortable clothing and footwear. Meet outside St John's Church, Mosley Common, M28 1AN at 10.30 every Thursday. All welcome - tea, coffee, biscuits, and toilet facilities afterwards in the church lounge.

For more information: [www.Inspiringhealthylifestyles.org](http://www.Inspiringhealthylifestyles.org)

If anyone has anything they would like including in the "What's On" page then please email details to [jennymevans@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jennymevans@blueyonder.co.uk)

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# tearfund

The worst monsoon floods in more than a decade have left a third of Pakistan under water. And the rains aren't stopping.

More than a thousand people have been killed, with around a million homes destroyed. Crops, livestock and businesses have been washed away. It's a disaster on a nightmarish scale.

There is an urgent need for food, shelter and safe drinking water. Tearfund's local partners - including the church in Pakistan - are responding right now.

The Disasters Emergency Committee - of which Tearfund is a member - has launched an emergency appeal.

You can make a difference to people affected by the floods in Pakistan today. Your donation will directly help the most vulnerable by helping to provide for their immediate needs. Support the people of Pakistan. Please donate now

Floods are not uncommon in Pakistan, but these rains are different. Locals have been saying they are worse than anything they've seen before. In some provinces, the scale of the devastation is yet to be fully understood. Reaching remote areas is a huge challenge.

One provincial governor called the situation 'a climate change catastrophe'. The climate crisis is making extreme weather like this more common and severe - and it's the poorest communities who are being hit hardest.

Tearfund's partner LAMP describe how, near the city of Larkana, thousands of homes have sunk under water. All that's visible are treetops. Children are carrying other children for miles in a desperate bid to reach safety. People urgently need food, while waterborne diseases are beginning to spread.

One 12-year-old girl said she and her baby sister had not eaten for a day. 'No food has come here, but my sister is sick - she has been vomiting,' she tells us. 'I hope [you] can help.'

As the church, we have a God-given duty to care for people in need. The people of Pakistan are in immense need right now - together, as the church, we can make a difference today.

Pakistan Floods Appeal - Tearfund

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## Send a Cow changes its name, but not its mission

Send a Cow has changed its name to Ripple Effect, to reflect the far-reaching impact of its work with small holder farmers in rural Africa.

"For every family we work with, three more families benefit too. As they learn more, grow more and sell more, the benefits are shared with their families, neighbours and communities. Then they do the same," explains a spokeswoman for Ripple Effect.

By supporting Ripple Effect, you could help provide training and resources for 'Light Mothers' to shine a light on child hunger in rural Burundi so they can help families break the cycle of extreme poverty. As one mother learns how to fight malnutrition and transform their small plot of land, these benefits are shared with their families, neighbours and communities who then do the same.

'Light Mothers' are volunteers who travel to remote areas of Burundi to meet children who are eating just one sparse meal a day and their mothers who are doing all they can to provide for their families.

'Light Mothers' are so called as they shine a light on child hunger in their communities and bring hope for the future. They also train local mothers to create vegetable gardens so that they can grow healthy harvests and access food more easily. By promoting good hygiene and sanitation practices, instances of upset stomachs, which also contribute to malnutrition, are reduced too.

More info at: <https://rippleeffect.org>

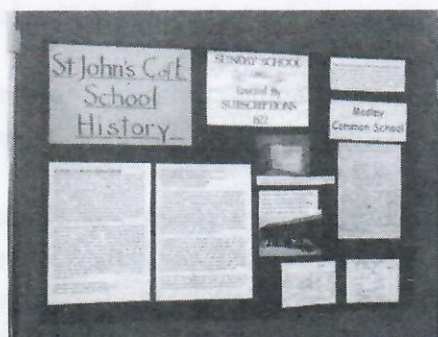


heritage open days

St Johns School, Mosley Common. Heritage Open Days 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Celebrating 200 years of successfully educating the children of Mosley Common

There was such a buzz in the school all weekend with past pupils reuniting and present pupils learning about the history of their school! On Sunday in Café Church Mark Davies, the Bishop of Middleton said "A beautiful morning at St. John's Mosley Common CE Primary School as they celebrate their 200th anniversary. Giving thanks for their rich heritage & praying for all children, staff, governors & friends and for their inspirational service to their community in the past, today and in the future."



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# Prayer Page

- Thank God for the reign of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and for all those who, like her, devote themselves to a life of service and duty, especially in His name.
- Pray for our new King, Queen Consort, Prime Minister and ministers as they take up their various roles. Give thanks for the support they will receive from family, friends and colleagues and the strength they will gain from their faith.
- Remember those starting their university careers, especially those who will be leaving home for the first time.
- Many people will turn to God and the church for support in the coming months. Pray that He will help us to make our buildings, services and activities welcoming and accessible for both members and visitors alike. Thank God for those people across our Team who work tirelessly to organise and promote everything we do.
- Thank God for the harvest, both here and across the world. May we never take our farmers and our land for granted. Help us to remember that the food that the world produces belongs to the world.

*Contributed by Sara Yarwood*



## **St Stephen's Intercession Rota**

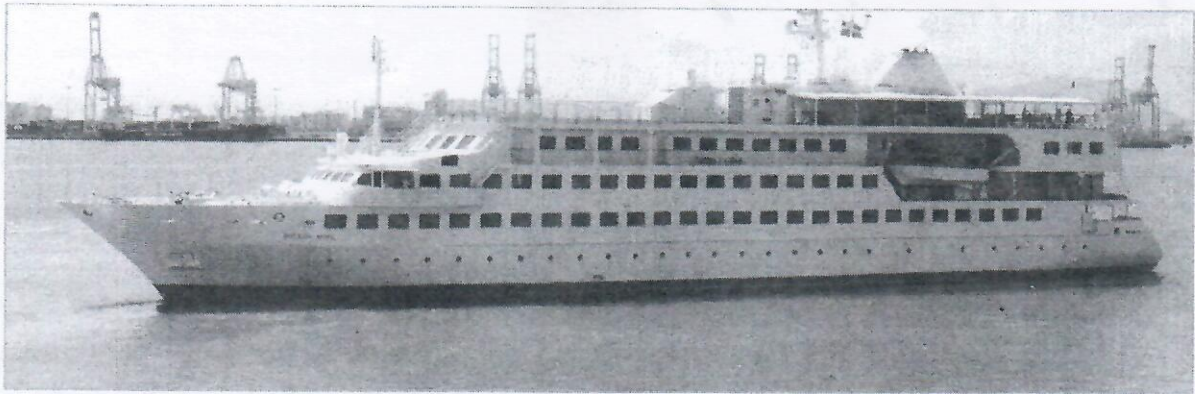
We would very much like to reintroduce a rota for people prepared to lead the intercessions in our services at St Stephens.

Whether you are a previous participant or would like to join the rota for the first time please contact Sara Yarwood at [spy61@btinternet.com](mailto:spy61@btinternet.com) or 07703 066414.

As Debbie mentioned at a recent service, support is available and there are plans to hold an evening of training for anyone interested.

## OM's Next Ship - Doulos Hope

Operation Mobilisation Ships Ministry continues to go from strength to strength.

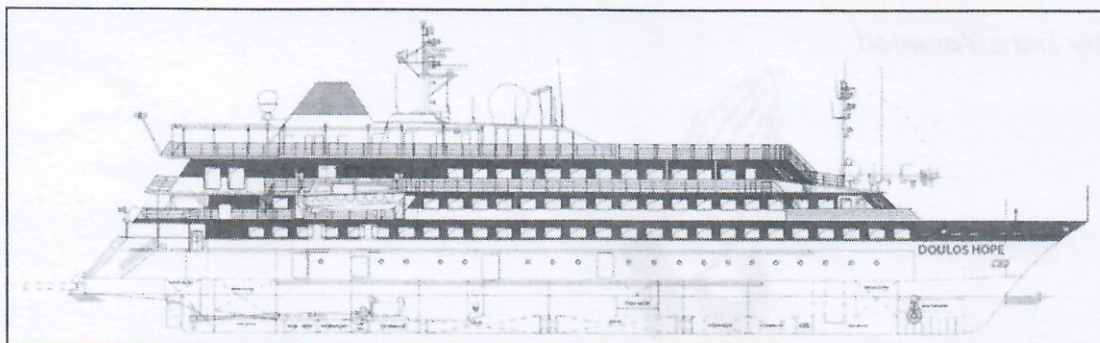


Ships Ministry C.E.O. Seelan Govender tells us that "God continues to use the catalytic nature of the ship to mobilise many". He says "we want to equip this ministry to have the greatest global impact possible. This means expanding our vision and looking beyond the ministry of Logos Hope".

"We believe that God has led us to this point. In response we have taken this step of faith to purchase another vessel. Building on the legacy of our past ministry and complementing the name of our current ship, this new vessel will be named 'Doulos Hope' (servant of hope)!"

After taking part in an inspection visit prior to purchase, OM's International Director, Lawrence Tong, wrote "I'm excited at what I saw and I sense the Lord is leading us to this ship, which will chart the future of OM's Ship Ministry". The Specifications of the new ship are:-

Gross Tonnage	3,370 grt
Length	85.5 metres
Width	14 metres
Average Speed	12.5 knots
Maximum speed	13.5 knots



Meanwhile Logos Hope arrived in Tema, Ghana for a full programme of events and activities on board and on shore. Crew members welcomed royalty

on board and were themselves welcomed in churches and community outreaches in and around the port city.

At the time of writing this article Logos Hope is in Valletta, Malta, then will visit other ports in the Mediterranean during August and September before sailing across to Durrës in Albania on 9<sup>th</sup> September until the 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Jean Williamson

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## A recent update from Andrew young in Nepal

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." (Romans 12 v 12-13)

Andrew writes, "the monsoon has arrived in Nepal and the rains have been falling almost every day. So far there have been no floods but landslides have been occurring along many roads, as we discovered on our recent trip to Okhaldunga.

From Kathmandu it is about an eight hour journey (130miles) by land-rover to the hospital that UMN have been operating for over 60 years in the hill town of Okhaldunga in the east of Nepal. Most of the road, built by the Japanese government was in good condition and I would say it was the smoothest road trip we have taken in Nepal. However, there were some rough bits where the rains have caused hillsides to collapse and temporary roads ran straight over them. Bumpy! At one point we encountered a goods vehicle that had completely turned over trying to cross one of the landslides.

The hospital in Okhaldunga has about a hundred beds for hospital admissions and a waiting home for pregnant women living at a distance from the hospital. They have a nursing school, a community based rehabilitation programme and a newly started mental health project. We have four expat staff working there and we went to make a pastoral visit to them. Though the trip was marred by a tummy bug for both of us, we did spend some quality time with the team there.

Back in Kathmandu we continue to develop the Prayer Space. Weekly Bible study and early morning prayer breakfast are a regular part of the week. Counselling sessions happen most days. We are about to start a "Transforming Work" course with our UMN Leadership Team in which we will explore what faith means in the workplace. Andrea is also working with some of her student friends to give them hands on experience of doing real-life counselling, something the course they are doing offers very little of.

An opportunity has also opened up for Andrea to develop a play space in Patan hospital. The hospital, once run by UMN but now in private hands, wants to work at providing the paediatric unit - a room for children staying in the hospital that can be used for play. With that there is an opening to train some of the hospital staff in therapeutic play skills. It's at an early stage of planning so please pray for this project and the role that Andrea can take in it.

At last!! in UMN we are celebrating the signing of our Project Agreements which allow us to continue our work legally and apply for visas for expats waiting to come to Nepal. Thank you for your support and prayers."

God's peace Andrew and Andrea

"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little"

*Edmund Burke*





The total raised for Christian Aid week from St Stephens church, St Stephens school and St Georges church was £425.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.

*Linda Leese*

**"But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream"**

**Amos 5: 23-24**

Amos 5, 2022

Fallen is the church. Swallowed  
By the sea that was allowed to rise  
While she stood by  
And did nothing

But seek God; seek justice; and live

Fallen is the church. Consumed  
By inequalities that were allowed to rage  
While she turned away  
And did nothing

But seek God; seek righteousness; and live

Fallen is the church. Tripped up  
By the impoverished who were left on the ground  
While she walked around  
And did nothing

Our services are meaningless  
Our worship is worthless  
Our prayers appal the ears of the Lord  
As long as we stand by and do nothing

So let justice roll on like a river  
Righteousness like a never-failing stream

*Gideon Heugh ( from Tearfund)*

## A Safe Lodging

In that August heatwave I sat down and wrote this prayer for St. Stephens, thinking of all our building troubles. Do we need a building at all? Clearly, we are very grateful indeed to the school for their support. Also, the Astley Christian Fellowship have been good to us providing a venue for some Thursday services.

I suppose the PCC is busy thinking of all the ways we might possibly use the building areas that are safe, of adapt them, as we begin to tackle the enormous task of restoring the roof.

Anyway, it's all of us who are involved and all of us who need to pray. So here is my attempt....

Great Father of all, you care for your people and provide for you needs.

Have mercy on us as we seek to serve you.

Enable us to see the urgency of the task here in Astley.

Guide us to follow your purpose.

Give us a clean understanding of our gifts together.

In the service of Jesus your Son, our Saviour and Lord.

May his Spirit enrich us for the coming of your Kingdom. Amen

*Michael Williamson (from St Stephen's)*

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## Reaping and Havesting

Sometimes a law of nature is very similar to a law of the spirit. Take the process of harvest, or 'sowing and reaping'. The Bible tells us: 'A farmer who plants just a few seeds will get only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much.' (2 Cor 9:6)

It has been said that probably the most sensitive nerve on our body is the one that runs to our cheque book! Money represents our time, our security and our hard work. It gives us independence and power. So, when God begins to talk to us about giving more of our money to Him - sowing it in His service - we can feel very alarmed.

The seed a farmer sows in a field may sometimes be lost, but not the seed that we give to God. What we sow with regards to our time, gifts and money in service to others God will make sure we one day reap - in a harvest of spiritual riches that we can never lose.

"Without God we cannot. Without us God will not"

*St Augustine*

## Called to Serve

Steve Curley, ex-Army, is a Scripture Reader with the Soldiers and Airmen Scripture Readers Association. SASRA is a fully independent body working to bring the gospel of Jesus to members of the forces. The Queen is their Patron. They work alongside the chaplains who, of course, are part of the regular establishment of forces personnel.

Steve says "Being available and present is the most practical thing we can offer" After selection at an interview he did theological training and also practical "on the job" training. He was posted to Colchester.

Keen to see people know Jesus as Lord and Saviour he read a lot in anticipation of all of the questions he might be asked. Then on his first day, caught off guard, he was asked "What can you offer me?". The door to his acceptance in the community depends on the answer. Most people think just of the practical support and maybe a sort of "added value" to general morale. Steve says "I think a saving knowledge of Jesus is the most valuable thing anyone can have - but how to explain it!. So how do you work out your calling of being a Reader with integrity whilst showing that you "added value?"

He was given an office. However, new on camp, he needed to be seen where people were so he went around introducing himself. Then he realised people didn't know when he could be found - the office always seemed empty. So he made a point of staying at the office and the chapel for a solid week. A very depressed soldier looked in. He didn't want to see anyone 'official' like a psychiatrist or chaplain but was happy to chat. After he opened up he agreed a psychiatrist or chaplain might help but still wanted to keep in touch with Steve as Reader. They met up once a week for coffee. "He showed great interest in my faith" Steve says, "so I invited him to a Christianity Explored course that I was running" Later he began to know Christ as his Saviour and is now back at work.

So the office began to be used. People came for a chat, a coffee and there were many opportunities to serve and support. Also prayers offered and Bibles given. Soon the work of the Reader was so appreciated that he was invited to help in the MCTC (detention centre) "I started attending (chapel) on Sundays, made tea and coffee and set up for the Chaplain.... I was available and present to chat both before service and after" Sometimes it was just everyday stuff but soon he saw 5 soldiers come to faith. He was asked to lead some services.

The Commanding Officer called him for an interview and he was astonished to be asked "How can I help you and would you be willing to do more?" It appears that on interview before being released many detainees had said how helpful was the presence, hope and friendship that they received on Sundays.

The calling of Scripture Reader is a privilege. The questions "What can you offer me?" is not to be received as hostile but to be embraced as an opening and opportunity for life changing awareness. Scripture Readers serve in a community they were once part of themselves and so are better placed to introduce forces personnel to a practical experience of the Christian faith.

*Michael Williamson*

## St Stephen's From the Book of Remembrance

### October

Maggie Mansley  
Fred Broom  
Revd William King  
Alice Hurst  
Margery Shaw  
Ada Greenhalgh  
Kathleen Jowett  
Dorothy Charnock  
Ellen Cunliffe  
Joan Middleton  
Betty Worthington  
Joyce Potter  
Joan Hulme  
Alice Owen  
Joyce Marsh  
Elsie Broom

### November

Ada Farrimond  
Griff Jones  
Fred Guest  
Billy Williams  
Stella Swift  
Lydia Howarth  
Edith Fletcher  
William Bruen  
Betty Bailey

With apologies to the Howarth family for last month omission

September June Howarth

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### St Stephen's Housegroup

Welcome to a new session of Michael and Jean's Housegroup for prayer and Bible Study.

Please contact 870274 if you would like to join us or feel you would like further information.

We meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 8.00 pm.

Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	Acts ch 16 v 6-34	the God who pursues us
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Philippians ch 1 v 1-11	an encouraging example
Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Philippians ch 1 v 12-30	joy in the worst of times
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	Philippians ch 2 v 1-18	the path of humility

Everyone is welcome.

*Michael Williamson*

"When you talk you only repeat what you already know. When you listen you might learn something.  
*Amish proverb*

## In Obscurity

'You are my Son, the Beloved  
with you I am well pleased'  
(Luke 3:22, NRSV)

In obscurity  
I am reminded  
Opportunity still knocks

In obscurity  
I rediscover  
My unfading identity:  
'You are My child'

I don't need fame  
a big name,  
or people's acclaim:

Breathless  
My spirit breathes in  
precious whispers  
You are treasured  
You are mine  
You belong;  
Believe it,  
and be strong  
Beloved  
be loved

I can please You  
just as well  
(maybe more).  
in humbler ways  
less visible ways  
everyday ways,  
every day.

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*From the Scripture Union notes*  
*Contributed by Michael Williamson*

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## When the Crisis hits Home

More than 180,000 refugees have entered Romania from Ukraine since the war began. They are mostly travelling on to other countries, but as they figure what to do, they need assistance. Some people need to stay for weeks, even months. If they have no money or were expecting the war to be over quickly, their life is even worse.

In Constanta a church, led by CMS partners, has installed a hot water boiler and has been adapted for temporary shelter. Church members help to prepare meals and offer transport and have been willing to offer accommodation. Also there is a plan to help refugees near the border by sending supplies to emergency aid groups. "We are doing what we can" they tell us.

*Michael Williamson*

"Hope is the thing with feathers, that perches in the soul"  
*Emily Dickinson*

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# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in John chapter 2 verses 1 to 10

Jesus, his mother, and his disciples were guests at a family wedding in Cana. The bridegroom was responsible for the food and drink.

The wedding feasts went on for days

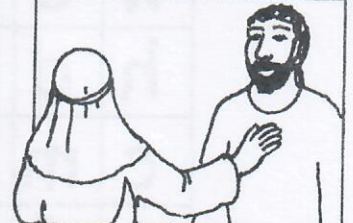


Then the wine ran out...



What a disaster! The bridegroom and his family would be shamed for life, and perhaps even sued!

Mary noticed...



Jesus, they've run out of wine!

So why are you telling me?



But Mary wasn't put off.

She told the servants



Do whatever he tells you.

Fill those six jars to the top with water



The water was for the special washing of hands before meals

and each jar held about 100 litres



Now take some out and serve it to the toast-master



He tried it....



... then he called to the bridegroom..

Most people serve the best wine first, then the rest later, but..



...this is the best wine I've ever tasted!



Impressive!



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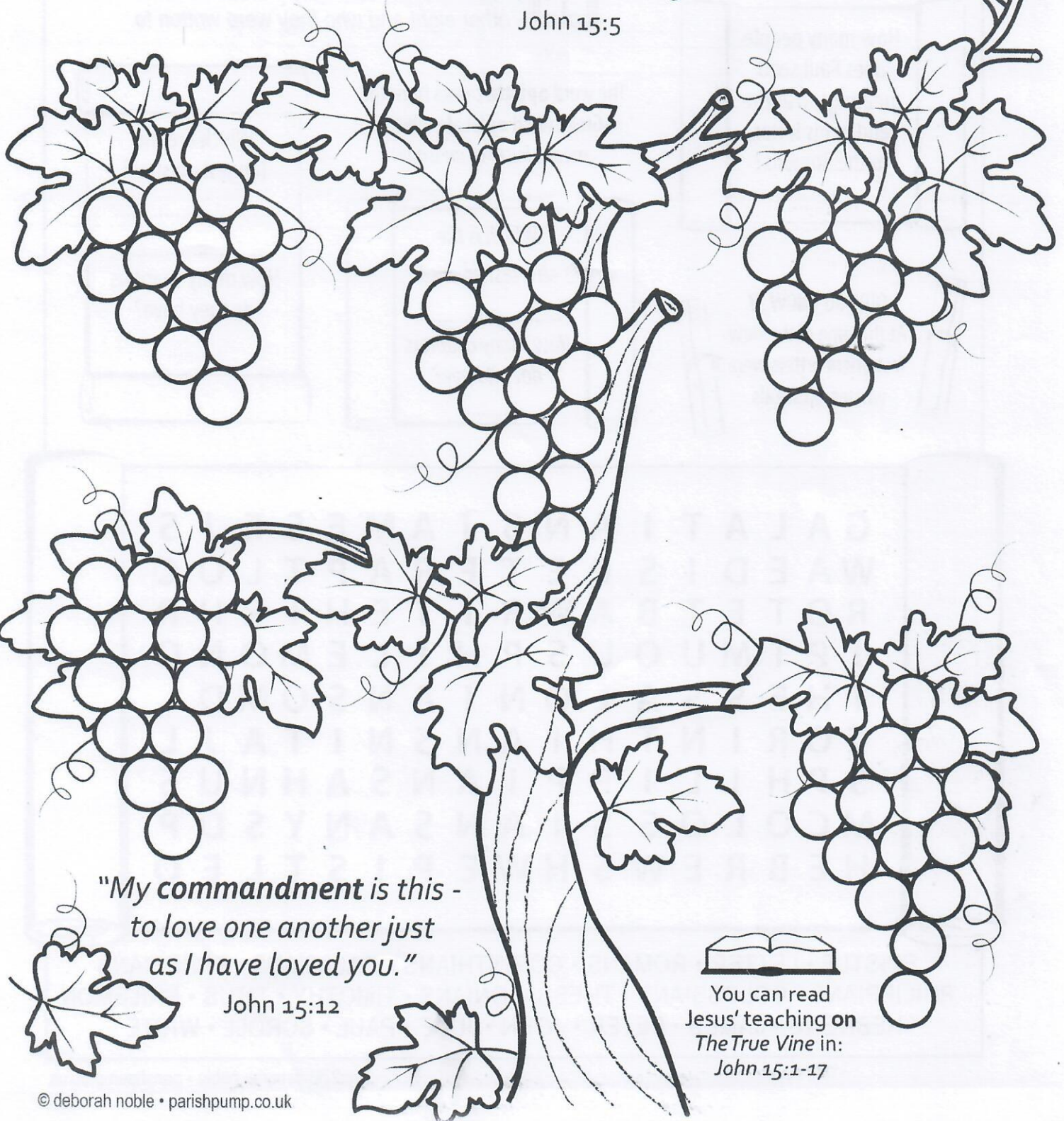
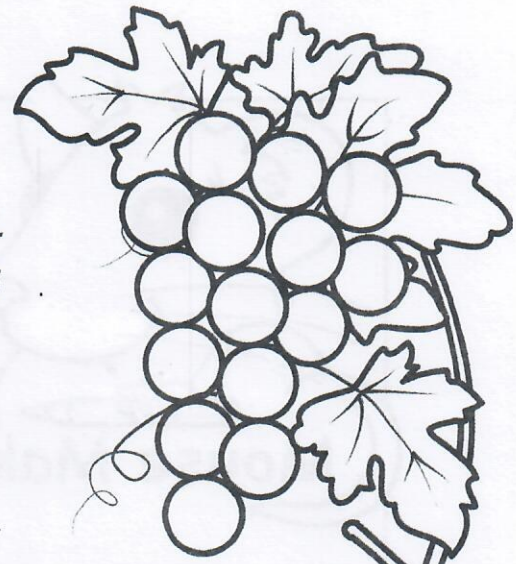
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# THE TRUE VINE

Jesus said:  
*"I am the vine;  
you are the branches.  
The one who remains  
in me -and I in him -  
bears much fruit,  
because apart  
from me you can  
accomplish nothing."*

John 15:5

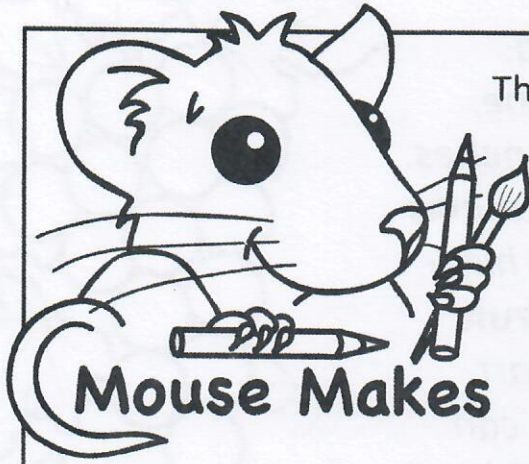


*"My commandment is this -  
to love one another just  
as I have loved you."*

John 15:12



You can read  
Jesus' teaching on  
*The True Vine* in:  
John 15:1-17



The New Testament has **four gospels, twenty one epistles** and the book of *Revelation*.

The **epistles** are a collection of **letters** that were written by the apostles to the early Christians, they contain teaching, instruction, advice and encouragement.

The Apostle **Paul** is thought to have written **thirteen** of the *epistles*...



Look in your Bible to see who wrote the other eight and who they were written to.

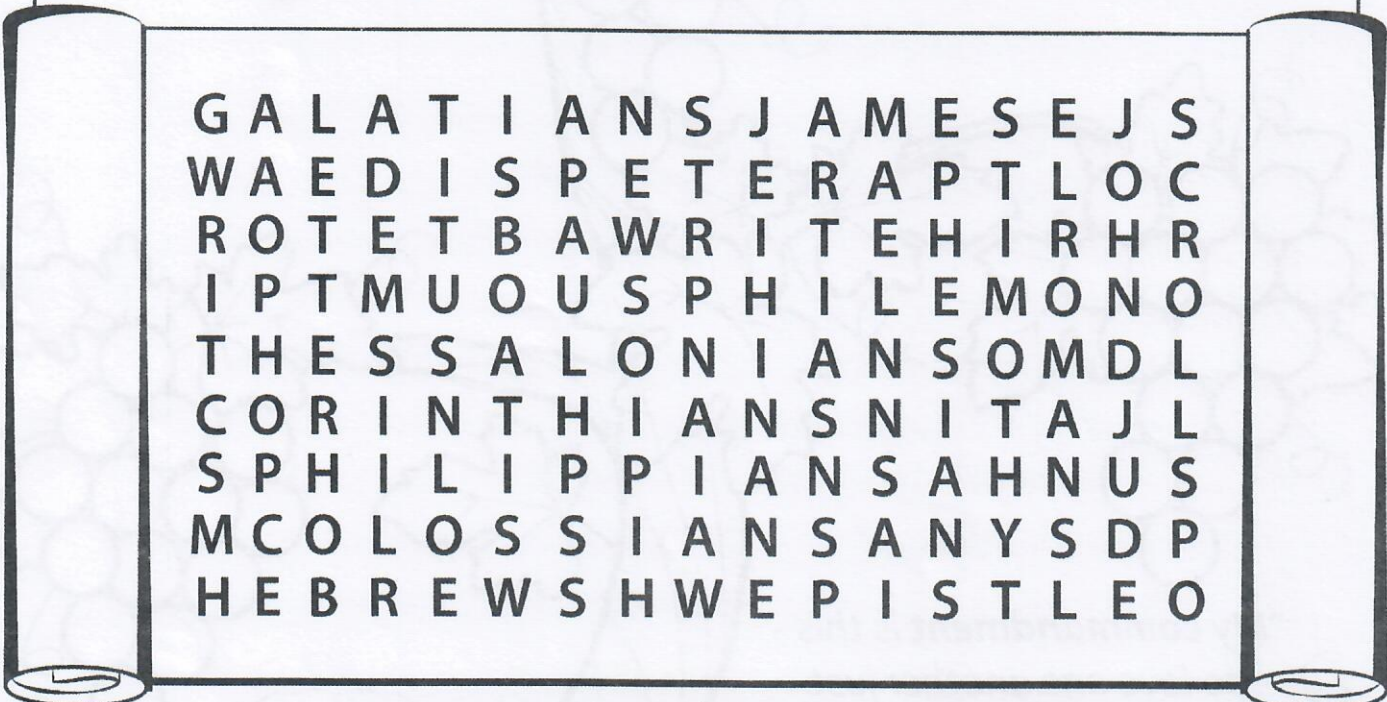
How many people does Paul send greetings to at the end of his letter to the Romans?  
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The word **epistle** comes from the Greek word **epistolé** which means *letter or message*

Which are the longest epistles?  
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How many chapters do they have?  
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**DID YOU KNOW...?**  
At the time of the New Testament letters were written on scrolls

Which is the shortest epistle?  
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How many chapters does it have?  
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## Persecution

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of God"  
*Matthew Ch 5 v10*

The world seem to be waking up to the fact that persecution of Christians is now a big issue. It should have a proper response from government like the Abolition movement or climate change. It matters.

At a conference earlier this year for the Persecuted Church, held in Truro, it was said that Christians are the most persecuted religio-ethnic group worldwide, and also worldwide there are estimated 360 million who live with very severe discrimination and persecution. Millions suffer.

Why are they ignored? There are several possible reasons. Indifference and lack of knowledge. The Government side-lines the issue as a special interest issue. The modern secular world avoids mention of religion - it is not politically correct. It's easier to speak of other causes of trouble like politics, climate change etc and also somewhere in the world Christians have always been martyred ! In fact - persecution is now worse than ever before in history.

Politics and economic expediency is another reason for ignoring trouble. Any government wants to keep on fairly good terms with a foreign state and is often actively engaged in seeking favourable trade deals. So any suffering of individuals and peoples is glossed over or not mentioned.

In 2019 the Truro Review led by Philip Mountstephen, Bishop of Truro, high-lighted the problem of persecution and stated 8% of all persecution of minorities in the world is against Christians. It's asked for more government attention which was accepted by the Foreign Office. A Ministerial Conference on Freedom of Belief (FORB) held in London in July was attended by 700 delegates from around the world. The Archbishop of Canterbury said "when freedom of expression and worship are restricted other freedoms are lost" He also admitted religions can be oppressive often through political manipulation "but for the most part (religions) love their neighbours and nations and pray and work for its prosperity and peace" Others defended the rights of everyone and noted millions live in fear of simply following their religion. Dictators etc fear FORB because they think it encourages people to think freely and threaten their authority. The Chief Rabbi, the President of the Hindu Forum and the Secretary of Muslim World Leaders also attended and supported the work. The Bishop of Truro said "the best way to protect any one minority is to protect all minorities" He urged "keep the pressure up"

Meanwhile Open Doors, a Christian group dedicated to publicising and supporting persecuted Christians worldwide noted that in the 10 worst countries to live in, if you are a Christian, you can suffer from imprisonment, death, false accusations, attacks, beatings, discrimination in the distribution of famine relief, in health treatment and in legal justice. Your possessions stolen, your home burnt down by extremists with police indifference. A woman can be raped, kidnapped and forcibly married and never see her family again. A man can lose his job, be attacked and ostracised. All for following Christ Jesus.

We often include Open Doors in our prayer and Bible Study group - there is much to pray for.

*Michael Williamson*

An enemy is one whose story we have not heard

## St Stephen's Mother's Union

Unfortunately, the June meeting had to be cancelled as some members were away on holiday or unwell. The proposed speaker from The Children's Society was informed and is to visit at a later date.

### **July - Annual Day Trip Out**

In July there was no meeting as such as it was the day of the branch summer outing - this year to Llandudno.

The coach left church at 9.30am with a party of 15 which included members, friends and this year 2 gentlemen. On arrival some of the party visited the Tynesdale Hotel for tea, coffee and tasty tea cakes.

The choice of things to do whilst in the resort included a tram ride to the top of the Great Orme, travelling on the open air tourist bus to nearby Conwy or a vintage coach ride around the Orme and Llandudno.

The party split into small groups and relaxed in the sun or just did their own thing. The group I was with opted to take the tourist bus to Conwy. This included a trip into the surrounding countryside with points of interest relayed to us by the driver's commentary. On arrival at Conwy we sauntered down the narrow streets to the quay, bought an ice cream and sat in the sun enjoying the view over the river Conwy, with a look at the shops on the way back to the bus stop.

On returning to Llandudno we strolled along the vast promenade pausing at leisure to chat and soak up the atmosphere. At 4.30pm the whole party met at the Fortes restaurant on Mostyn St for a nice meal together and at 6.00pm the coach left for home.

This trip had a slightly different format to our usual outing but everyone agreed what a lovely day out had been. Many thanks to Linda for organising the coach and meal.

*Pauline Roberts*

### **August Meeting**

August is always a time when things become slower and are more relaxed. It marks the end of our "Mothers' Union year" before, like the schools, we begin our "New Year" afresh in September, and so, it is a happy relaxed evening of socialising and having fun.

Our meeting opened with a short service and prayers led by Jean Russell. Jean spoke about the things around us like the changing seasons especially Autumn with all its colour and how often we take them for granted instead of thanking God and she quoted from 1 Thessalonians ch5 v16 "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances"

Then before our prayers instead of singing a hymn we read together a verse from hymn 546 " Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above you heavenly host, Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost."

Our prayers followed and as we remember in August our founder Mary Sumner on the 9<sup>th</sup> August we ended with Mary Sumner's own personal prayer. "All this day O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live Amen."

Afterwards we then sat around playing such games as "Boggle", "Connect 4", "Jenga" and "Logo" with much fun and laughter, followed by refreshments.

Our next meeting is on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm when our speaker will be Polly Pilkington speaking about "charity bike rides." to which all are welcome.

*Jean Williamson*

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### **Christians against poverty Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Everyone is feeling a bit poorer this autumn, as the cost-of-living spirals upwards at an alarming rate. For people who are already in financial difficulties, the cost of living will probably be at crisis point already.

And so, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) says: "It's more vital than ever that the Church shines God's love brightly in the darkness. You can do this by signing up to hold a CAP Sunday service this year, and by equipping your church to respond to your community's needs, bringing hope in the midst of pain and helplessness."

The theme this year is 'lament to hope'. And CAP is certainly bringing hope to thousands of people. In 2021 it counselled 13,452 people in desperate need, and helped 1,877 people become completely debt free. CAP also provided 1,091 families in critical need with emergency support.

CAP can provide a revealing insight into the reality of UK poverty, and offer ideas of how local Christians and churches can respond to some of the needs in their area.

CAP says: "We see local churches becoming beacons of hope and light in their communities. We're so proud of our partnership with local churches. It's because of them we can run services that give people the tools to break free from poverty. And it's because of them we can offer emergency support to those in urgent need of essentials like food and heating."

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### **Smile Lines**

A lot of people want to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity.

Anything that is good and useful is usually made of chocolate.

Anyone who thinks talk is cheap never argued with a traffic warden

Vicar (benevolently): "And what is your name, my little man?"

Small boy: "Well, that's the limit. It was you who baptised me!"



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## MEN'S GROUP BARBECUE AT ST STEPHEN'S - 3rd Sept

Dear Members and Friends,

A big thank to you all for the great success of our BBQ on Saturday 3rd September when we managed to raise £835 from our Raffle and BBQ.



Thanks go to everyone who worked so hard in providing the chairs and tables, BBQ's, gazebos, food, games etc. and to our brilliant chefs. Also those who contributed in any way to the prizes for our Raffle.



A big thanks must also go to our commercial sponsors, Tesco Stores who donated the bread rolls and Taylors Farm Shop who, through Ian Lever, let us have the meat at a much reduced price.

Our profits will in due course be shared out between the H.S.P Charity of Leigh and the Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Thanks also to Rev Reg Sinclair for the gift of his huge gazebo.



Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th September at the Union Arms in Tyldesley. The October meeting will be on the 18th and the November meeting is on the 15th.

Best wishes  
*Keith Revill*  
Secretary



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### George Cadbury - the chocolate man with a heart for welfare

One hundred years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1922, George Cadbury died. He had transformed his father's failing chocolate and cocoa business into one of the world's most successful companies and provided low-cost housing and improved working conditions for his employees.

George was the third son of John Cadbury, a Quaker who founded Cadbury's cocoa and chocolate company. With his brother Richard, George took over the family business in 1861 and founded the chocolate producer Cadbury Brothers. But his consuming interest was in the welfare of his employees and others: having taught in an adult school he was aware that poor housing was a major problem.

One of his first moves was to relocate his factory to a greenfield site south-west of Birmingham with access to canals and the new railways. It was here that he later founded a Quaker higher educational institution - now the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.

But apart from his chocolate he is best known for his creation of a rural factory village (designed by architect William Alexander Harvey), called Bournville after the nearby river Bourn. The houses - not exclusively for factory employees - were never privately owned, and they remain attractive and affordable to the present day: a huge change from the poor living conditions in town.

Cadbury was a keen proponent of Quaker values. In 1901 he bought the *Daily News* (later the *News Chronicle*), where he campaigned for improved working conditions and social security. He was prominent in setting up the Birmingham Civic Society in 1918, and he gave a country park to the people of Birmingham, as well as a large house to the Crippled Children's Union to use as a hospital. It is now the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital.



**The Problem of Writing Poems  
in the Shape of Deciduous Trees**

the problem of writing  
poems in the shape of deciduous  
trees is that once there arrives the  
first stirrings of a new autumn breeze,  
the poems shake themselves gently  
until the letters loosen

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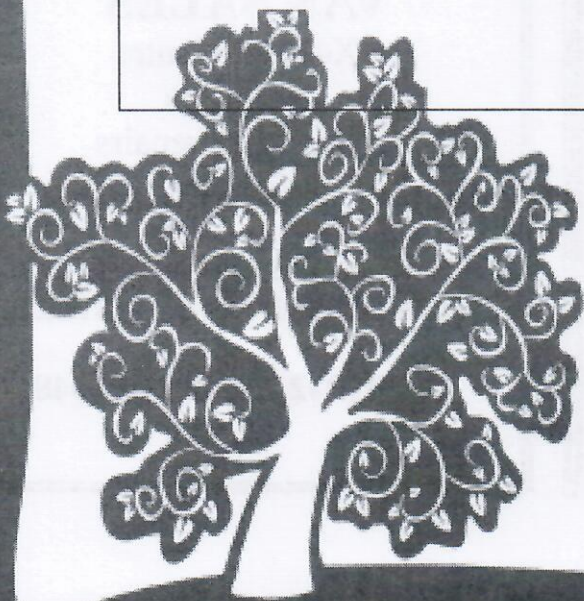
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*Brian Bilston*





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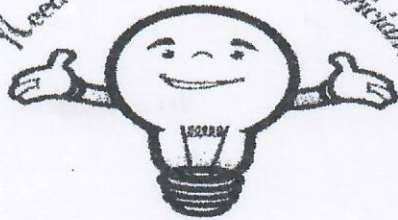
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## ASTLEY MEMORIAL REFURBISHED

Astley`s war memorial, which commemorates the lives of local people who have died in conflicts around the world, has recently been refurbished and was put back in place on the Bullcroft next to the Bull`s Head pub on Manchester Road on Wednesday 7th September.

The refurbishment work has been carried out thanks to the very generous support of **Snap Fitness, the new gym at Parr Bridge, Mosley Common.**

Before the cross was erected on the Bullcroft there was no memorial in Astley to commemorate the lives of the 72 Astley men who died during the first and second World Wars. Memorials had originally been placed in the old St Stephen`s church on Church Road after the wars, but they were destroyed when the church burned down in 1961. Since then there has been no memorial to remind the Astley community of the men who sacrificed their lives.

In 2014 the 1<sup>st</sup> Astley Lions Scout Troop carried out some research into the lives of these 72 men using old newspaper archives at Leigh library and other on-line sources. They found out when and where these men died and which streets they had lived on in Astley. When the men`s homes were plotted out on an old 1905 map of Astley village it became obvious, when looking at the map, that everyone in the small community would have been affected by the loss of life.

So a group of Astley people, supported by local councillors Christine Roberts, Barry Taylor and Paula Wakefield looked into raising money to build a memorial and in 2018 Revd Martin Cox secured funding from Grantscape. A local blacksmith designed and constructed the unique memorial made of steel.

Thanks to the generous support of **Snap Fitness Gym at Parr Bridge** the memorial has now been refurbished and is back where it belongs. The 72 cascading poppies represent each life sacrificed during the wars and serve as a reminder of the cost of war - "Lest We Forget".

*Michelle Lewthwaite*

Secretary, Friends of Astley Memorial



Maxilead Metals Ltd return the refurbished memorial to the Bullcroft on behalf of **Snap Fitness Gym, Parr Bridge.**

## CAFE CHURCH AT STEPHEN`S

Cafe church has been taking place in St Stephen`s vestry since May this year and it is going from strength to strength. Thanks go to everyone who has supported this initiative so far. These pictures were taken at the Cafe Church service on Sunday 21st August.



The service was ably led by Keith Revill with a guest speaker who came to tell us all about the Knitted Bible stories created by the Warrington branch of the Salvation Army. The display of around 10,000 handmade characters depicts some of the best known stories of the Bible and was on display in Bolton during the month of September. The display moves to Kettering in November.



This is the team behind the scenes at Cafe Church. They keep the coffee and pastries flowing! If anyone would like to join us then please speak to any of the team members below.



Michelle, Gaynor, Stephanie, Janet, Cliff and Alison.

We would welcome your feedback about your Cafe Church experience so far as we are planning a review in the near future.

The next Cafe Church at St Stephen`s will be held on Sunday 2nd October.

Best wishes from  
Janet and Cliff Graham and the Cafe Church team.

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### **Celebrating Bible Sunday 30th October**

Bible Sunday 30th October: how many translations by now?

Ever wonder how many Bible translations there are in the world? And how many more are still needed? Wycliffe Bible Translators reports the following, as of 2021:

*There are now 3,495 languages, which have some Scripture available to 7.04 billion people.*

*This figure of 3,495 breaks down into:*

*717 languages with a complete Bible - 5.75 billion people*

*1,582 languages with a complete New Testament (some also have Old Testament portions) - 830 million people*

*1,196 languages with some translated Bible portions - 457 million people*

*Meanwhile, there are a further 828 languages which have work in progress - 67.6 million people. And also, there are 1,892 languages still waiting for translation (or preparatory work) to begin - 145 million people.*

*As for the remaining need for Bible translation:*

*1.51 billion people, speaking 6,661 languages, do not have a full Bible in their first language. And 145 million people, speaking 1,892 languages, still need translation work to begin:*

*Africa - 558 languages, 16 million people*

*Americas - 119 languages, 2.4 million people*

*Asia - 751 languages, 124 million people*

*Europe - 59 languages, 2.3 million people*

*Pacific - 405 languages, 0.43 million people*

## St John's in Memory

### Church Flowers

#### OCTOBER

- 2nd Christine and David Barnes in memory of Terry Connor and Eddie Kershaw  
9th David Watkinson in memory of his parents and sister Elsie  
16th Maureen and Tom Knox in memory of Johanna Tilson  
23th Ann Hilton in memory of Edith Hilton  
30th Andrea Taziker and Alan Goddard in memory of Margaret Goddard (Cooper)

#### NOVEMBER

- 6th Maureen and Tom Knox in memory of her father, Percy Tong,  
Isa and David Knox  
13th Remembrance Sunday  
20th Joanne Haigh in memory of her parents Ann and Victor and their parents  
27th Susan and Alan Howarth

### From the Book of Remembrance

#### October

- 1st 1979 Norman Webster  
4th 1977 George Deakin  
8th 2002 Beatrice Mann  
10th 1916 Jessie Millard  
10th 1993 Annie Stevens  
10th 2005 Eddie Kelshaw  
11th 2019 Norah McWalter  
13th 1988 Jean Deakin  
14th 1986 James Turner  
15th 1978 Francis Duckworth  
15th 1990 Ellen Diggle  
16th 1992 Eric Albert Hartley  
18th 1995 Terry Connor  
28th 1976 George Hilton  
29th 1987 Mark Bartram

#### November

- 2nd 1994 Valerie Foulds  
3rd 1987 Herbert Harrison  
7th 1988 Sylvia Handley  
11th 1995 Ruth Hird  
15th 1948 George Broadhurst  
15th 1948 Ada Jane Millard  
15th 1984 Edith Alice Twiss  
19th 1975 Annie Battersby  
19th 1998 Harry Gray  
20th 1945 Joseph Millard  
21st 1965 Brian I Harper  
22nd 1979 Ellen Cratwight  
22nd 2004 Roy Barber  
23rd 1981 Annie Rowson  
24th 2001 Joseph (Joe) Smith  
26th 1986 Edith Hilton  
30th 1975 Gladys May (Molly) Brown  
30th 1975 Philip Brown



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April/May 2023	Wed 22nd Feb	Tues 7th March
June/July 2023	Wed 26th April	Tues 9th May
Aug / Sept 2023	Wed 28th June	Tues 11th July

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*St. John's Firework*  
*Display*

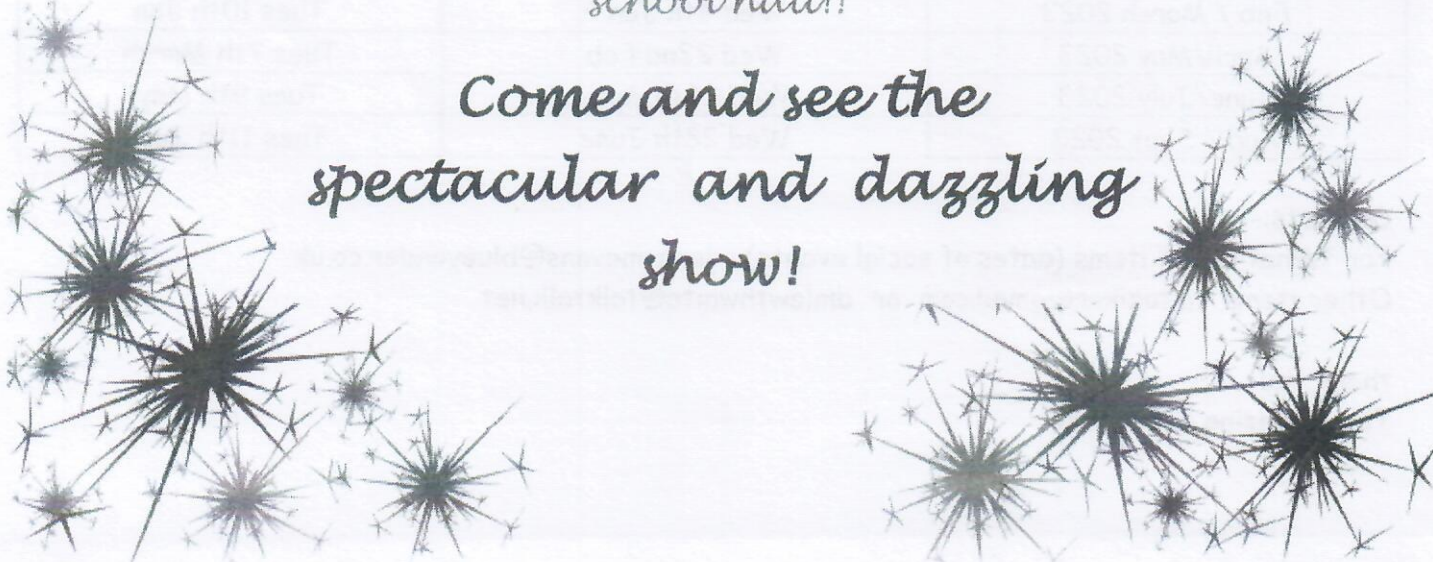
Wednesday November 2nd

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See details in flyers and posters  
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show!*





## St. Georges Tyldesley

The following funerals took place in St. George's Church during July, August and September 2022, 5<sup>th</sup> July Yevette Haynes, 10<sup>th</sup> August Valerie Whaite, 15<sup>th</sup> Beatrice Sargeson, 25<sup>th</sup> Lilian Dixon, 6<sup>th</sup> September Alexander Haig and 14<sup>th</sup> September Philip David Vetts.

We offer our sincere condolences to their families and friends, with the assurance of our prayers.

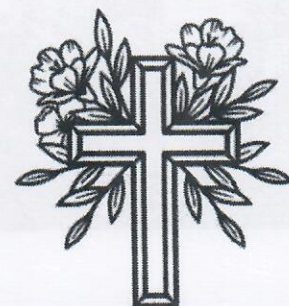
### Names from the Memorial Book

#### October

2<sup>nd</sup> 1977 Alan John Kay  
6<sup>th</sup> 2001 Paul Smith  
6<sup>th</sup> 2003 Michael Maye  
7<sup>th</sup> 2003 Richard Tomlinson  
8<sup>th</sup> 1977 James Henry Gendall  
8<sup>th</sup> 1979 John Henry Egerton  
12<sup>th</sup> 2013 Kathleen Howell  
13<sup>th</sup> 1993 Joseph Clementson  
13<sup>th</sup> 2017 Hazel Hodcroft  
15<sup>th</sup> 1993 Frank Hulme  
17<sup>th</sup> 2004 John Hadcroft  
17<sup>th</sup> 2012 Bertha Rigby  
18<sup>th</sup> 2007 Daniel Poyner Horrocks  
19<sup>th</sup> 1990 Derek Rigby  
20<sup>th</sup> 1987 Harold Murgatroyd  
21<sup>st</sup> 1990 Melvyn Clementson  
21<sup>st</sup> 1994 John Collier  
21<sup>st</sup> 1998 James Roberts  
21<sup>st</sup> 2011 Eric Harper  
24<sup>th</sup> 2005 Minnie Pearson  
25<sup>th</sup> 1994 Martha 'Patty' Fairhurst  
28<sup>th</sup> 1993 Hilda Worthington  
31<sup>st</sup> 1983 Mona Greenhough  
31<sup>st</sup> 2001 Tom Manning

#### November

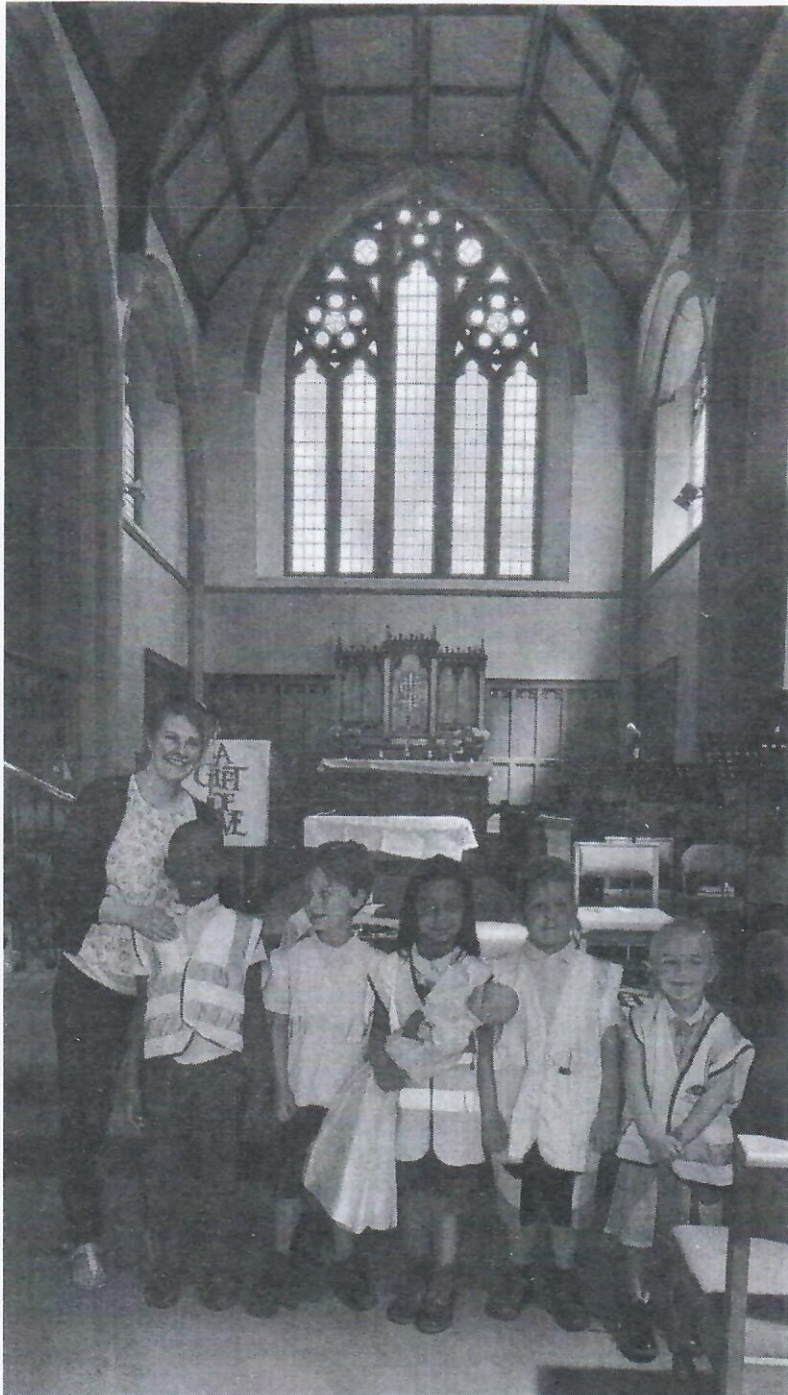
1<sup>st</sup> 1973 Fred Kennedy  
1<sup>st</sup> 1987 John Haughton  
1<sup>st</sup> 2020 David John Osborne  
3<sup>rd</sup> 1977 Jessie Latham  
4<sup>th</sup> 1952 Catherine Jack  
5<sup>th</sup> 1996 Elsi Lawrenson  
5<sup>th</sup> 1998 Rhoda Blears  
5<sup>th</sup> 2003 Geoffrey McCarthy  
8<sup>th</sup> 2014 Ronald Dudley  
12<sup>th</sup> 2011 Revd. Canon Lawrence Edgar Styles  
14<sup>th</sup> 1955 John Duncan  
14<sup>th</sup> 2003 Betty Roberts  
16<sup>th</sup> 2001 Frederick Thomason  
19<sup>th</sup> 1999 Mary Alice Rogers  
19<sup>th</sup> 2007 Peter Redford English (Priest)  
19<sup>th</sup> 2020 Margaret Hook  
26<sup>th</sup> 2000 Frederick William Rushby  
29<sup>th</sup> 1996 Jack Anderson  
29<sup>th</sup> 1999 Ronald Jackson  
30<sup>th</sup> 2010 Victoria Littler



St George, Tyldesley

The following are photographs taken at the Cabbage Club in Tyldesley during 1993, 4, 5 and 6 where there was bowling and other activities taking place for Parishioners past and present from St. George's.





Visit if Year 1 St John's School  
Mosley Common to St Johns  
Church

In July Year 1 visited St. John's Church to learn about Baptism. Reverend Jonathan Ruhumuliza baptised our baby Blue. The Parents and Godparents were very happy and took their role seriously. All children in Year 1 behaved beautifully and asked many interesting questions.



## Mosley Common Remembers;

### A Glimpse into the Past of Mosley Common by Sylvia Taziker 2010

On looking through the 1940's Church Magazine's which have been entrusted to me, I came across the following article written by the Vicar Dr. R. Kee. This is relevant not only to our Heritage Day on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October but also to Remembrance Day whose commemorations fall within this edition of the magazine. It comes from the June 1940 edition and is part of the personal comment that Dr. Kee, put at the beginning of every issue.

#### "THE YOUNG MEN"

*"We are getting together a fine band of young men - they are boys yet - but some day they will grow into what the Parish needs: loyal young men. The Army has claimed most of the splendid young fellows that were just coming forward to occupy important positions in the Parish. When they return, as I sincerely hope they will, we should have a great set. Some weeks ago we had on leave W. Elliott, Brothers Johnson, and R. Clare and a number of old Church stalwarts; this week we have the Buckley Brothers (Jack and Trevor) and George Howorth. It is grand to see them again. They all look fit and well. Lieutenant Lee and Second-Lieutenant D.M. Kee also paid us flying calls a few weeks ago. Flight-Officer Jimmy Kee usually gives us an odd overhead call to 'look down us'. Well, lads, we wish you luck to the overflowing, and a final safe return".*

Some of you will have known these and other "young men". For instance, W. Elliott was Edna Edwards Uncle Billy who was a sidesman at St. John's for many years, he and his wife Ellen lived opposite the park. R. Clare was Reg Clare who is Alice Gregory's brother. Trevor Buckley was the butcher at Mosley Common for many years. The Johnson Brothers were Arthur and Alan whose sister Kathleen worshipped with us very recently until she sadly could no longer live alone and is now in a nursing home. David Kee was Dr. Kee's eldest son and Jimmy was another of his seven sons. Jimmy apparently often flew his plane very low and swooped over Mosley Common! Lots of people have told me about this, always speaking very fondly about him although it did scare them at first. Sadly, Jimmy did not have the 'final safe return' his father wished for - he was killed - one of the many casualties of the dreadful war. When the 2 minutes silence falls on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November remember Jimmy, from our village, and the other 'loyal young men' who never returned and to whom we should be grateful for the freedom of our lives today.



Nearly all of these men lived on Mosley Common Road as until 3 years previously when the council houses were built Mosley Common Road was almost entirely backed by fields and farms. I came to live in Mosley Common soon after the war and I know that most of these young men must have returned safely to St. John's, because we used to have dances and lovely socials and they were always there.

It is stories such as this that make up the life of a community and give colour and fullness to the lives of the people in the history of our village.

Sylvia Taziker

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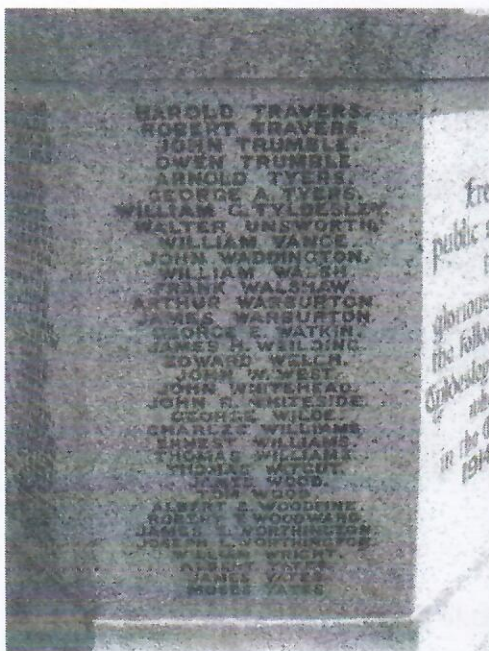
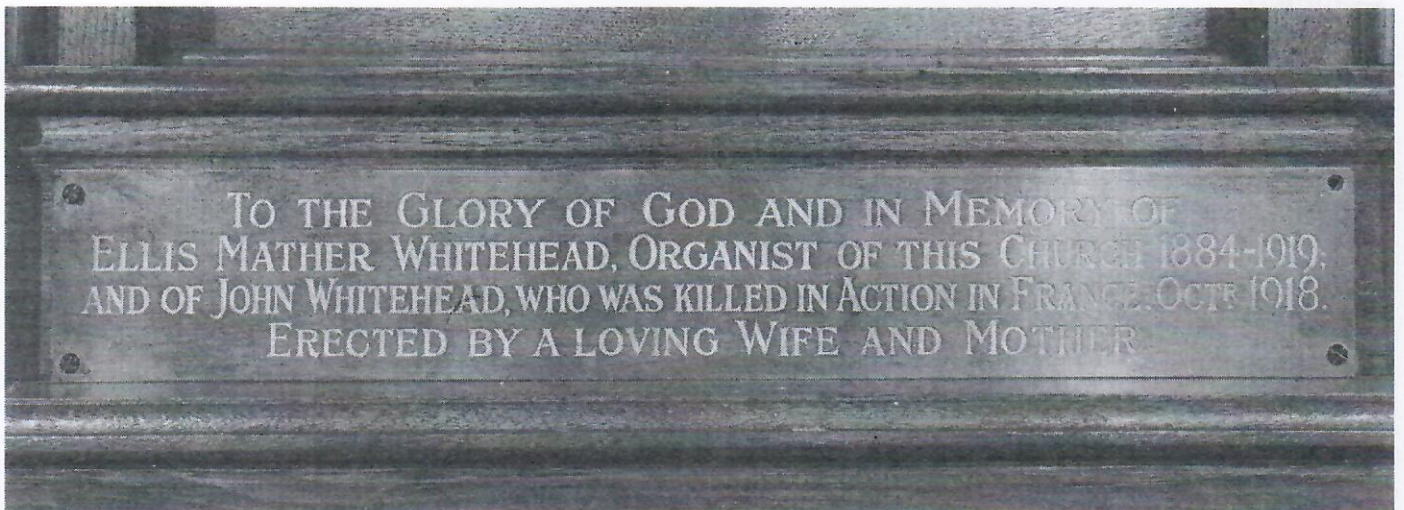
### PRIVATE JOHN WHITEHEAD



John Whitehead, pictured here as a young boy, was in the Manchester Regiment 21st Battalion and died 05 October 1918 aged only 20 years old. He was commemorated at Beaufevor Communal Cemetery British Extension and was the son of Ellis and Elizabeth Whitehead who lived at 68, Rock Bank, Coupe Brow, Mosley Common. They asked for the inscription on his headstone of HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS COUNTRY. His name is on the War Memorial in Tyldesley Cemetery.

John's father Ellis was the first organist and Choirmaster at St John's Church. He took up the position before the church was built and played the harmonium at services in the school. He was a coal miner but worked himself up to a supervisor and foreman. He died on 6<sup>th</sup> March 1919 and it is said that his son's death contributed to this. The ornamental wooden screen behind the Communion Table was provided by their family as a memorial to both.

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# Mosley Common Historical Society

## MCS200



First let me thank all those who helped with and came to the Mosley Common School Bicentenary Celebration Heritage Open Day weekend. We had a wonderful weekend and many people visited, some multiple times, and met old friends and made new ones and learned much about the history of Mosley Common.

I must apologise secondly but there will be no meeting in October as I am away in the Arctic. So, the next meetings will be:

**Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm 'The City', New Manchester and the surrounding area.**



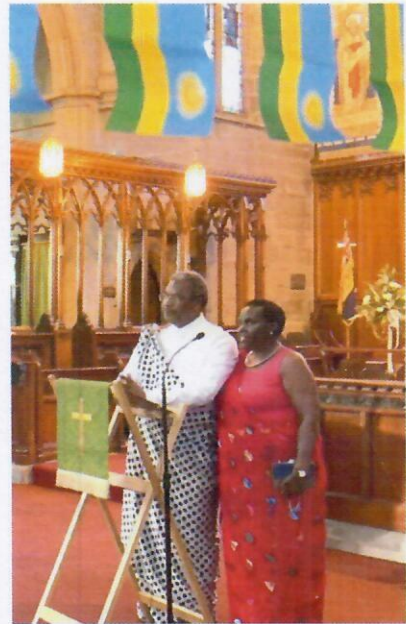
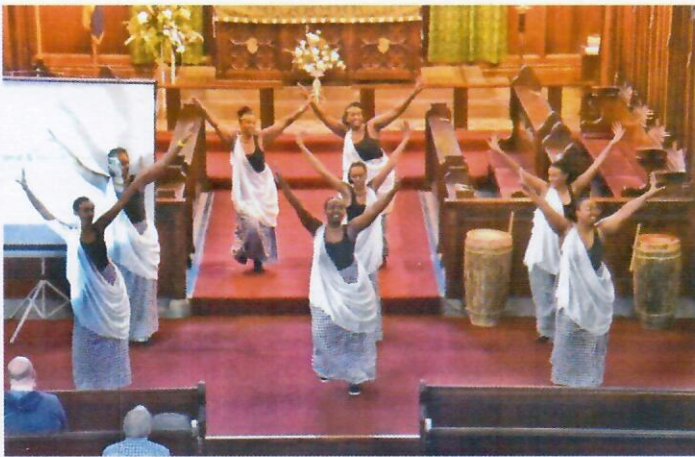
**Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm The lost Halls of Mosley Common and Tyldesley with Tudor Christmas refreshments!**



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Rwandan Cultural Evening  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
St Georges