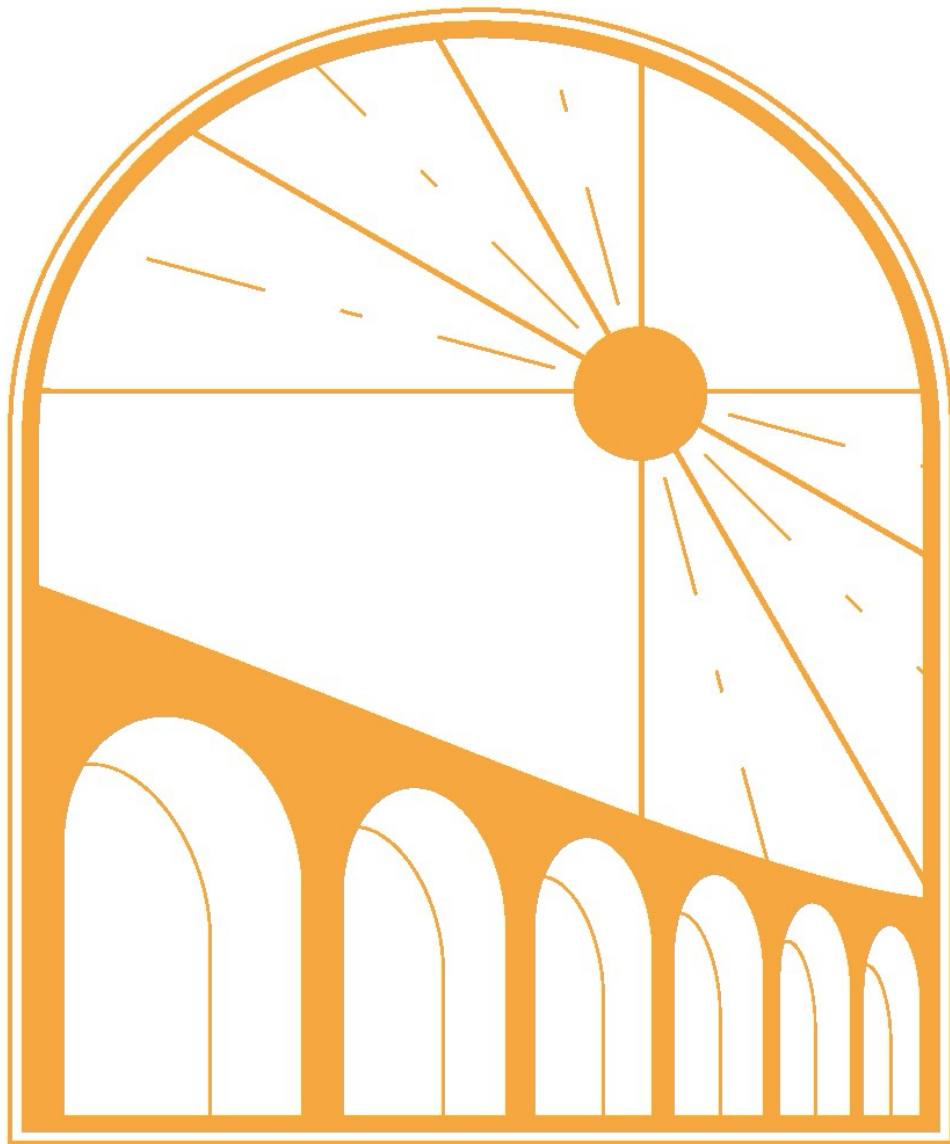


**“THE MESSENGER”**  
FOR THE  
**PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
(ST ANDREW AND ST MARY MAGDALEN ACCRINGTON)

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**GOOD SHEPHERD**

**MAY 2025**

# ***Parish of The Good Shepherd***

***St. ANDREW & St. MARY MAGDALEN, ACCRINGTON***

***VICAR***

***Rev. Canon David Arnold SSC***

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## ***SUNDAY SERVICES***

***8.00 am: Said Mass at St Mary Magdalen's (except 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)***

***9.30 am: Family Eucharist at St Andrew's***

***11.00 am: Solemn Mass at St Mary Magdalen's (Family Celebration  
Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, followed by a hot meal)***

***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month at 10.00 am: Joint Parish Mass alternating  
between the churches – see notices and posters for further details.***

## ***Midweek Services***

### ***Daily Mass***

***Monday in Term Time at 1.15 pm: Class Mass at St Mary Magdalen's***

***Tuesday at 6.00 pm: Eucharist at St Andrew's***

***Wednesday at 10.00 am: Eucharist at St Andrew's***

***Thursday at 6.00 pm: Mass at St Mary Magdalen's***

***Friday at 10.00 am: Mass at St Mary Magdalen's***

### ***Friday Praise***

***Fortnightly during term time on Fridays at 3.15 pm at St Nicholas' School –  
see notices and posters for further details.***

### ***Youth Church***

***1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays during term time at 3.30 pm at St Christopher's  
School***

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## **FROM THE VICAR**

Dear Friends

Eastertide is a time for great celebration – focussing our attention on the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, and the great promises of a share in that new life that he promises to all his faithful people. As we entered into this season, our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic Church faced the news of the death of Pope Francis on Easter Monday. He was a Pope who stood firm in his belief that the good news of the Easter faith was good news for the whole of humanity, and especially for those who are poor or marginalised. His determination to bear witness to that faith, offering Easter blessings just a day before his death, ought to be an inspiration to all Christian people, encouraging us to make sure we make the risen Jesus known to those on the edge of our society here in Accrington.

For us, in the parish of the Good Shepherd, the journey through Eastertide brings with it the joy of our celebration of our Feast of Title; Good Shepherd Sunday, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, 11 May. Our celebration of this Feast will begin on the day itself, with a joint Family Celebration Mass at St Mary Magdalen's at 11.00 am, followed by a free meal together. St Mary Magdalen's School Choir will join us for this celebration, and I hope that we can support them, and join in these celebrations.

The following week, 18 May, we welcome Bishop Philip to celebrate a Joint Parish Mass at St Andrew's at 10.30 am (note the unusual time!). This will be an opportunity for a more formal celebration with our bishop, and will be followed by soup and rolls and a glass of something to mark the occasion. Please note that on both of these Sundays, there will be no other masses celebrated in the parish. To add to the festivities, Friday Praise on Friday 16 May will also focus on Jesus the Good Shepherd.

It is my hope that coming together for these celebrations will allow us to grow closer together as a united parish, so that we can better serve our local community, and make the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus known to the people among whom we live and work. Please do support these services, and encourage family and friends to join us, so that we can them a fitting occasion in the life of our parish.

With my love and prayers

Fr David

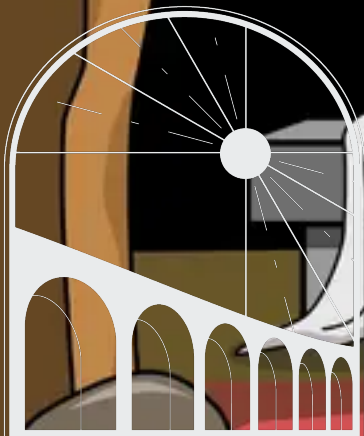
# JESUS IS RISEN



2 May 2025  
From 3.15 pm

Crafts | Worship | Refreshments

**St Nicholas's School**  
Dill Hall Lane



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FRIDAY  
PRAISE

*St. Nicholas School  
Accrington*





### OUR VISION PRAYER:

Heavenly Father  
we ask for your blessing concerning  
the future of our United Parish of the Good Shepherd.  
Help us to encourage each other  
to be a welcoming and joyful people,  
to be aware of each others' gifts and talents  
and to use these to spread your love throughout our parish.  
May we be a people of vision and discernment,  
as we seek to transform our community to reflect your kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



### PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY

Thur 1	St Joseph the Worker	Those searching for work
Fri 2	St Athanasius	Theologians
Sat 3	Ss Philip and James	Our Bishops
Sun 4	Third Sunday of Easter	The Parish and the People of God
Mon 5	feria of Easter 3	Those without food
Tue 6	feria of Easter 3	St Mary Magdalen's School
Wed 7	feria of Easter 3	The Election of a new Pope
Thur 8	feria of Easter 3	Those who are homeless
Fri 9	feria of Easter 3	The appointment of a new Archdeacon
Sat 10	feria of Easter 3	Sarah Smith, MP
Sun 11	Fourth Sunday of Easter GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY	The Parish and the People of God
Mon 12	feria of Easter 4	The Peace of the World
Tue 13	feria of Easter 4	Prisoners and Refugees
Wed 14	St Matthias	Those who suffer
Thur 15	feria of Easter 4	St Peter's School
Fri 16	feria of Easter 4	Those persecuted for the faith
Sat 17	feria of Easter 4	The hope of heaven

Sun 18	Fifth Sunday of Easter	The Parish and the People of God
Mon 19	feria of Easter 5	Businesses in our parish
Tue 20	feria of Easter 5	St Christopher's School
Wed 21	feria of Easter 5	those who travel
Thur 22	feria of Easter 5	Those persecuted for the faith
Fri 23	feria of Easter 5	The spread of the Gospel
Sat 24	feria of Easter 5	Those who teach
Sun 25	Sixth Sunday of Easter	The Parish and the People of God
Mon 26	St Philip Neri	Our Nation
Tue 27	St Augustine of Canterbury	The appointment of an Archbishop
Wed 28	feria of Easter 6	HM King Charles III
Thur 29	The Ascension of the Lord	The Parish and the People of God
Fri 30	feria of Easter 6	St Nicholas's School
Sat 31	The Visitation of the BVM	The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham



### **FROM THE CHURCH FATHERS**

From a Homily of St John Chrysostom on the Acts of the Apostles (*set for the Office of Readings for the Feast of St Matthias (14 May)*)

In those days, Peter, stood up in the midst of the disciples and said.... As the fiery spirit to whom the flock was entrusted by Christ and as the leader in the band of the apostles, Peter always took the initiative in speaking: My brothers, we must choose from among our number. He left the decision to the whole body, at once augmenting the honour of those elected and avoiding any suspicion of partiality. For such great occasions can easily lead to trouble.

Did not Peter then have the right to make the choice himself? Certainly he had the right, but he did not want to give the appearance of showing special favour to anyone. Besides he was not yet endowed with the Spirit. And they nominated two, we read, Joseph, who was called Barsabbas and surnamed Justus, and Matthias. He himself did not nominate them; all present did. But it was he who brought the issue forward, pointing out that it was not his own idea but had been suggested to him by a scriptural prophecy. So he was speaking not as a teacher but as an interpreter.

So, he goes on, we must choose from those men who lived in our company. Notice how insistent he is that they should be eyewitnesses. Even though the Spirit would come to ratify the choice, Peter regards this prior qualification as most important.

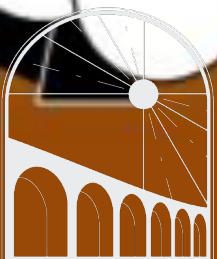
Those who lived in our company, he continued, all through the time when the Lord Jesus came and went among us. He refers to those who had dwelt with Jesus, not just those who

# Family Celebration Mass

## Jesus our Good Shepherd

Sunday 11 May 2025  
11.00 am

*The whole family are invited!  
Followed by a meal together!*



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had been his disciples. For of course from the very beginning many had followed him. Notice how it is written that Peter himself was one of the two who had listened to John, and followed Jesus.

All through the time when the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning with the baptism of John – rightly so, because no one knew what had happened before that time, although they were to know of it later through the Spirit.

Up to the day, Peter added, on which he was taken up from us – one of these must be made a witness along with us of his resurrection. He did not say “a witness of the rest of his actions” but only a witness of the resurrection. That witness would be more believable who could declare that he who ate and drank and was crucified also rose from the dead. He needed to be a witness not of the times before or after that event, and not of the signs and wonders, but only of the resurrection itself. For the rest happened by general admission, openly; but the resurrection took place secretly, and was known to these men only.

And they all prayed together, saying: You, Lord, know the hearts of men; make your choice known to us. “You,” not “we.” Appropriately they said that he knew the hearts of men, because the choice was to be made by him, not by others.

They spoke with such confidence, because someone had to be appointed. They did not say “choose” but make known to us the chosen one; the one you choose, they said, fully aware that everything was pre-ordained by God. They then drew lots. For they did not think themselves worthy to make the choice of their own accord, and therefore they wanted some sign for their instruction.

# JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD



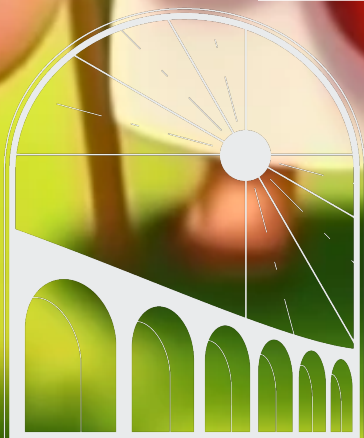
16 May 2025

From 3.15 pm

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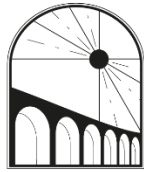


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# PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## Our three Priorities for 2025

As part of our Vision, we have identified the following three priorities for the coming year:

### 1 **Develop a Social Committee to work on our welcome and hospitality**

We recognise the need to strengthen our relationships through spending time together as a joint parish, and hope that this strategy will enable new people to come in and share our joy in the Gospel. As part of this, we will also seek to review our ways of welcoming and sharing hospitality in our regular services, such that they may be the best that they can be, and in particular that our after-service refreshments will be ones that new people are drawn to join us in.

### 2 **Explore ways of reaching out to the forgotten parts of our parish**

We will work out a strategy to reach out to the former parishes of Accrington St Peter and Church Kirk St James, to ensure that the love of God is shared across the whole of our United Parish. In order to do this, we will identify a sub-committee of the PCC who can begin to make some exploration of what might be possible in those areas. We recognise that we have the resource of St Peter's and St Nicholas's Schools, and that there are already some contacts through the regular services at Spring Hill Care Home.

### 3 **Establish a Stewardship Campaign, to enable us to be joyful, generous stewards of all that God gives us**

As a parish we are conscious of the need to finance our work sufficiently. We are committed to working with the Diocese to ensure that we have conversations regarding our Parish Share, and we strive to ensure the negotiated amount requested is paid each year. We are also aware of some significant work that is required on our church buildings, as well as the need for sufficient funding for mission and outreach in our Parish. To that end, we are also committed to exploring any possible funding streams to help us to realise our vision to be 'welcoming churches sharing the joy of life with Jesus'.

# **GOOD SHEPHERD CELEBRATIONS**

## **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

**Sunday 11 May at 11.00 am**

**Joint Family Celebration Mass**

**St Mary Magdalen's Church**

**Devonshire Street**

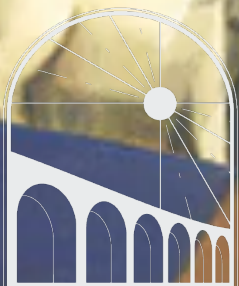
**Sunday 18 May at 10.30 am**

**Joint Family Eucharist**

**with Bishop Philip**

**St Andrew's Church**

**Swiss Street**



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY**

### **Friday 2 May – Friday Praise Mass**

Join us at Friday Praise as we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus with our Eastertide Mass. All welcome at St Nicholas's School from 3.15 pm (worship begins around 3.30 pm)

### **Thursday 7 May – Youth Church Mass**

Join us for our First Wednesday Eucharist at St Christopher's School at 3.30 pm, where we welcome Anthony Lord, Deputy Headteacher at St Aidan's School, as our preacher.

### **Sunday 11 May – Joint Family Celebration Mass for Good Shepherd Sunday**

Join us at 11.00 am for our monthly Family Celebration Mass on the second Sunday of the month. This month, as it is Good Shepherd Sunday, we will join together with parishioners from across the Parish to begin our celebration of our Feast of Title. There will be a free meal following the mass.

### **Friday 16 May – Friday Praise**

Our Friday Praise this week will focus on our Feast of Title, as we continue our celebrations of Jesus the Good Shepherd. All welcome at St Nicholas's School from 3.15 pm (worship begins around 3.30 pm).

### **Sunday 18 May – Joint Parish Mass at St Andrew's**

We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Philip as our celebrant and preacher as we continue our celebration of the Good Shepherd with a Joint Mass at St Andrew's at 10.30 am. All welcome, and there will be soup and rolls, and a glass of something celebratory, to follow the service.

### **Tuesday 20 May – Annual Meetings**

Our Annual Meeting of Parishioners (to elect churchwardens) and our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Tuesday 20 May, beginning with Mass at 7.00 pm at St Andrew's. Do come along and have your say in the running of your parish.

### **Wednesday 21 May – Youth Church**

Our Youth Church on 21 May will focus on the Ascension, as we give thanks for Jesus ascending to the Father's right hand. All welcome at St Christopher's School at 3.30 pm

### **Thursday 29 May – Ascension Day Mass**

Join us at St Andrew's Church at 7.00 pm for a Festival Mass on the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, followed by drinks and nibbles.

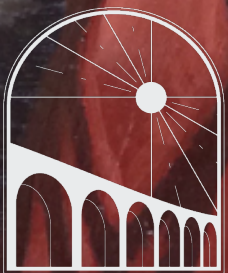


# **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## *Joint Parish Mass*



**Sunday 18 May**  
**10.30 am**  
**with Bishop Philip**  
**St Andrew's Church**  
**Swiss Street, Accrington**



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### **ST ANDREW'S SUNDAY ROTA FOR MAY**

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>READER</u> | <u>INTERCESSIONS</u> | <u>SIDES PERSON</u> |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 4/5/25      | JANET         | LESLEY               | TBA                 |
| 11/5/25     | ABEL          | JENNIFER             | JENNIFER            |
| 18/5/25     | JOHN          | LESLEY               | SUSAN               |
| 25/5/25     | MURIEL        | CHRISTINE            | MURIEL              |

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### **SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY, BISHOP'S VISIT**



On Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, we look forward to Bishop Philip coming to St Andrew's for our service, which will be a joint service with St Mary Magdalen's.

We are arranging a lunch of soup, bread roll, and homemade cakes to be served following the service.

We hope as many as possible will stay for lunch. It would be handy for catering purposes if you could let either Lorna and Anne at St Mary Magdalen's, or Janet and Susan at St Andrew's know if you will be staying, but, as always, we will have plenty to go around if you're not sure as yet.



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## MAY QUIZ

Each of these Bible references will lead you to the name of a priest

- |                    |                  |                    |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 1 Sam 1 : 10     | 5 Ezra 7 : 11    | 8 2 Kings 22 : 4   |
| 2 Gen 14 : 18      | 6 Matt 26 : 3    | 9 2 Chron 26 : 17  |
| 3 Ex 28 : 2        | 7 Nehemiah 3 : 1 | 10 2 Kings 11 : 17 |
| 4 2 Sam 15 : 24may |                  |                    |

### Answers to the last quiz

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|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 Babylon   | 6 Tarsus     | 11 Nazareth  |
| 2 Jericho   | 7 Nineveh    | 12 Tyre      |
| 3 Damascus  | 8 Bethany    | 13 Sidon     |
| 4 Cana      | 9 Emmaus     | 14 Sodom     |
| 5 Bethlehem | 10 Capernaum | 15 Jerusalem |

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## TRIP TO MITTON

Wednesday, June 18, evening

Thank you to those of you who have put your names on the lists.  
If anybody else wishes to go, it is not too late! Just let Janet or  
Lorna know by 18 May.

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*Prayers are the stairs that lead to God,  
And there's joy every step of the way,  
When we make our pilgrimage to Him  
With love in our hearts each day.*

*Helen Steiner Rice  
"Expressions of Joy"*

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# ASCENSION DAY

Festival Eucharist

Thursday 29 May 2025

7.00 pm

St Andrew's Church

Swiss Street



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## **SAFEGUARDING**

The Parish of the Good Shepherd is committed to Safeguarding in all that we do. We have appointed a Parish Safeguarding Officer, Julie Dawes, who is available for any safeguarding concerns that might arise in the parish. Her contact details are as follows:

Email: [Julie.dawes@sky.com](mailto:Julie.dawes@sky.com)

Safeguarding Mobile Number: 07974494393

Further information, including details of our Safeguarding Policy, are available on the notices in each of our churches, as well as on our A Church Near You Pages:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/03-002C/page/89054/>

### Other Safeguarding Contacts:

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Telephone: 07786168261

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Cath Smith

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Telephone: 01254503008/07711485170

### Local Authority

Children: 03001236720/03001236722

Adults: 03001236721

In an Emergency: 999



# NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of The Good Shepherd, Accrington

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in St Andrew's Church  
on the twentieth day of May 2025 at 7.00 pm, beginning with Mass.

For election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows—

To the Deanery Synod                      One (1) representative.

To the Parochial Church Council Three (3) representatives.

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

- (a) a report on changes to the Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting OR<sup>2</sup> a report on the numbers entered on the new Roll;
- (b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
- (c) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st December preceding the meeting;
- (d) the annual report under section 50 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018;
- (e) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and
- (f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Minister of the parish<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> To be included in a year which parochial representatives of the laity are to be elected to the Deanery Synod.

<sup>2</sup> To be included in a year when a new Church Electoral Roll is prepared. Delete as applicable.

<sup>3</sup> Or vice-chair of the parochial church council as the case may be (see rule M19(2) of the Church Representation Rules).

## Notes

1. Every lay person whose name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and no other person) is entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.
2. A person is qualified to be elected a parochial representative of the laity if –
  - (a) his or her name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish and, unless he or is under 18, has been entered there for at least the preceding six months;
  - (b) he or she is an actual communicant (which means that he has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England at least three times during the twelve months preceding the date of the election);
  - (c) he or she is at least 16; and
  - (d) he or she is not disqualified as referred to in paragraph 3 of these Notes.
3. (1) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a churchwarden or a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or a joint council if the person is disqualified from being a trustee of a charity (and the disqualification is not subject to a waiver which permits membership of a parochial church council, district church council or joint council).
- (2) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person is included in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).
- (3) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person has been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (with that expression being construed in accordance with Rule 71(2) of the Church Representation Rules).
- (4) A person's disqualification under sub-paragraph (3) may be waived by the bishop of the diocese by giving the person notice in writing.
- (5) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council if the person has been disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbent (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1977.
4. <sup>4</sup> A scheme is in operation in this parish which provides that any person entitled to vote in the elections of parochial representatives of the laity to the parochial church council or to the deanery synod or to both may apply on the appropriate form to the Minister of the parish (or other person signing below) for a postal vote. The completed form must be received before the commencement of the annual parochial church meeting.

<sup>4</sup> This paragraph should be deleted if no scheme for postal voting is in operation in the parish.





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## NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Parish of The Good Shepherd, Accrington

A meeting for the election of churchwardens will be held in

St Andrew's Church, Swiss Street, Accrington

On the Twentieth day of May, 2025 at 7.00 pm

This meeting may be attended by—

1. the persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish; and
2. the persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.

Under section 5A of the Churchwardens' Measure 2001\*, an appeal against the election of a churchwarden may be made by any person entitled to take part in this meeting or by a candidate in the election. An appeal may be made against the election of any person on any of the following grounds:

1. That the person was not duly elected,
2. That the person was not qualified to be a candidate at the time of election, or
3. That before the election was held, the person misrepresented a material fact in connection with the election.
4. That the conduct of the election was such as to affect its outcome of the election.
5. That it has been determined on an appeal (under Rule 57 of the Church Representation Rules) that an error was made in the roll, or the question is awaiting determination on an appeal, and the error would or might be material to the result of the election.
6. That a vote which was allowed should have been disallowed, or that a vote which was disallowed should have been allowed, but only if the allowance or disallowance of the vote would or might be material to the result of the election.

Any person who wishes to make an appeal—

1. Must do so in writing,
2. Must give brief particulars of the grounds of the appeal, and
3. May be accompanied by written submissions.
4. Notice of an appeal must be given to the lay chair of the deanery synod.

On an appeal under this section, a person who was declared elected but whose election is or may be affected by the appeal is to be regarded for all purposes as elected pending the determination of the appeal.

Signed

Minister (or, under section 5(2) of the Churchwardens' Measure 2001, a churchwarden)

Dated

*In this Notice, "parish" means an ecclesiastical parish.*

\* Substituted by Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2020/406, Part 2 rule 10(3) (consequential amendments) (July 2020). The full text is available at [www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/406](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/406)



Reaching our Potential Together in Christ



APRIL 2025

Welcome back after the Easter holiday we have yet another busy and very short half term but as always packed full, where together we can **Reach our Potential Together in Christ.**

*In Christ*  
*Mrs Helen V Bird*

**Wishing you a very happy and blessed Easter. May this spring season bring you joy and renewal.**



**Oak Class (Year 6)**

**Mr Wilson, Mrs Naughton and Miss Mitchell**

**Beech Class (Year 5)**

**Mr Fielding and Mrs Lovell**

**Mr Atkinson will be covering Mr Fielding's absence**

**Sycamore Class (Year 4)**

**Miss Kaufman and Mrs Ormerod**

**Chestnut Class (Year 3)**

**Mrs Yates, Miss Milner**

**Ash Class (Year 2)**

**Miss Greenwood and Mrs McKee**

**Elm Class (Year 1)**

**Miss Jones, Miss A Woodhouse (trainee teacher)  
Mrs Crawshaw and Miss MacMillan**

**Sapling Class (Reception)**

**Mr Walne, Mrs J Morgan Miss M Jackson and  
Mrs K Jones**

**The Meadows**

**Miss S Bradshaw, Miss N Jackson, Miss M Mayor and Mrs S Conry**

**PPA**

**Mrs Ruggeri  
Mrs N Hall**

**Phonic Intervention**

**Mrs N Hall**

**Office team**

**Mrs L Morgan – School business Manager**



**April**

23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL – ST GEORGE'S DAY – WEAR RED  
23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL – MOCK SATS WEEK  
23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL – MAD SCIENCE ASC TO START  
24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – CHOIR CHURCH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB  
25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – MINI LEADERS BREAKFAST MEET  
25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – EASTER MASS  
25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – HOUSE POINT WINNERS TREAT  
25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – MULTI SPORTS ASC – MISS GREENWOOD  
28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – KS1 ROAD SAFETY  
28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – LEGO ROBOTICS ASC – MR MCNAB  
28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL ASC  
29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – CHOIR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

**May**

1<sup>ST</sup> MAY – CROSSING PATROL FOR ELM CLASS  
5<sup>TH</sup> MAY – MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED  
11<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FAMILY SERVICE IN CHURCH SCHOOL  
CHOIR ATTENDING  
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12<sup>TH</sup> MAY – ELM CLASS CLASSROOM KITCHEN  
COOKING WORKSHOP  
15<sup>TH</sup> MAY – BEECH, LANCASHIRE SCIENCE FESTIVAL  
16<sup>TH</sup> MAY – BREAK THE RULES DAY  
19<sup>TH</sup> MAY – PGL  
26<sup>TH</sup> MAY – HALF TERM

**CELEBRATION WORSHIP FOR THIS HALF TERM WILL BE  
12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE DUE TO SATS AND PGL**



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 <p><b>SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>11<sup>th</sup> MAY AT 11.00am</b></p>	 <p><b>Saplings – Wednesday</b>  <b>Elm – Wednesday</b>  <b>Ash – Tuesday</b>  <b>Chestnut – Tuesday</b>  <b>Sycamore – Friday</b>  <b>Beech – Friday</b>  <b>Oak – Monday</b></p>
<p>We raised  <b>£134.60</b>          for Red Nose          Day!</p> 	 <p><b>School raised with your support</b>  <b>£469.36</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>A Big Thank You!</u></b></p> <p>A big thank you for all the donations towards the Summer Fayre! Monies raised will help fund the trim trail for the children in school.</p> <p>Also thank you to all who took part in the Mother's Day Shop and the Easter Tombola! We appreciate your support.</p> 	
 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank You...</i></p> <p><b>To Faith's Grandma for providing the whole school with Easter Carrot Treats before we broke up from school.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Lost Property</u></b></p> <p>Just a reminder, any lost property left at the end of term will be taken to the Heritage Shop in the Arndale. Please feel free to check the box when you drop off or collect your child/ren.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>FACEBOOK PAGE &amp; SCHOOL SPIDER</u></b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>The most updated information will always be entered on our school Facebook page and on the school website. Please download the School Spider app onto your mobile device and ensure an up to date email address has been provided to school. Please enquire at the office if you require help with setting up the app. The Facebook page can be found by searching page ID 171650646025274 in the FB search bar.</p> </div> </div>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The New School Dinner System</u></b></p> <p>Thank you for your continued support, please note your child/ren's lunches need to be ordered in advance on school spider with our weekly menu surveys, please order before the deadlines stated on the surveys.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your patience.</p> <p>If you require any support navigating School Spider, please ask at the School Office.</p> 	



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<p><b>House Point Winners</b></p> <p> <b>St David – 4,569</b> <b>St Patrick – 4,442</b> <b>St Andrews – 4,383</b> <b>St George – 4,286</b> </p> <p>Well done everybody for all your hard work and reaching your potential in Christ</p>	<p><b>HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2024-2025</b> Accrington St Mary Magdalen's C of E primary school</p> <p></p> <p>Please scan on your mobile device to view.</p>
<p><i>May we continue to work together to reach our potential in Christ.</i> <i>Mrs Helen V Bird and the St Mary Magdalen's Team</i></p>	



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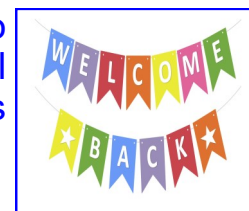
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Hello all, I hope that you had a wonderful Easter break and were able to enjoy some family time together - the weather has been kind to us! All the children have returned to school ready for their learning during this summer term – welcome back.



### **Primary Admission Offers to Reception 2025**

Lancashire County Council have offered places to children starting school in September 2025. We look forward to welcoming our new families into school. We will be holding an Induction Evening in June and further details will be sent out in a welcome letter soon.

### **May Day Bank Holiday**

Just to remind everyone that school will be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 5th May 2025.

### **Half Term Holiday**

School is closed from Monday 26th May to Monday 2nd June (inclusive) for the Half Term Holiday. We re-open on Tuesday 3rd June.

### **School Reminders**

Please ensure children wear sensible black shoes to school. Trainers are not part of the school uniform. Blue summer school dresses and grey shorts can now be worn for our Summer Uniform. Please continue to send coats in with your child as the weather is so changeable.

Also, please can we ask that water bottles contain only water or cordial, preferably sugar-free. No fizzy drinks. Sipping on sugary drinks throughout the day can result in damage to teeth. Thank you.

### **Ice Cream Treat**

Yesterday pupils from **Aylward** enjoyed an ice cream treat for having the most housepoints last term. Well done everyone!



### **Autism Awareness**

We had some Autism Awareness Assemblies this week.

Reception - "I liked playing with the toys because they made me feel calm" – Violet

Year 1 - "I liked drawing the flowers and that everyone drew different flowers because we are all different." – Darcy

Year 2 – "Everybody is different and everybody likes different things." – Aviana and lylah

Year 3 – "Very helpful with understanding how autistic people feel. The sounds really helped us feel like they do." - Maverick

Please help to support this worthy cause by sending in a donation with children.

Thank you as always for your support.



### **School Lunches**

We have been informed by Lancashire County Council that the cost of school dinners will increase by 20p per meal. Therefore, school meals now cost £2.90 per day or £14.50 per week. Meals must be paid for in advance through ParentPay.



If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please apply to Lancashire County Council via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/hyndburn>



Year 1	<b>Reuben Elye H</b>	A fantastic start to the summer term!
Year 2	<b>Mary SS</b>	For making very good predictions in English and getting ready for Juniors!
Year 3	<b>Amaya NH</b>	For producing a fabulous El Salvador cross.
Year 4	<b>Jewel D</b>	For always producing beautiful, accurate writing.
Year 5	<b>Keaton H</b>	A positive attitude towards his work this week in class.
Year 6	<b>Michal K</b>	For always trying his best in everything he does.

		<b>Value Award - Friendship</b>
Year R	<b>Albie S</b>	For being a good friend to his peers.
Year 1	<b>Jakub S</b>	For being a fantastic friend to others.
Year 2	<b>Autumn G</b>	For very thoughtful responses in worship.
Year 3	<b>Kaja C</b>	For always being a conscientious friend.
Year 4	<b>Carter T</b>	For his kind and caring attitude to others.
Year 5	<b>Deeken M</b>	A good friend to everyone, always takes time to find out how you are and what you've been doing.
Year 6	<b>Maisy D</b>	For always being a good friend and thinking of others.

		<b>Numbots/TTRS Award</b>
Year R	<b>Jenson C</b>	For building numbers beyond 10.
Year 1	<b>Olivia C</b>	For trying really hard when counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
Year 2	<b>Isla W</b>	For growing in confidence with her times tables!
Year 3	<b>Skyla-Rose N</b>	For applying her times tables knowledge to her mental maths.
Year 4	<b>Harvey M</b>	For using known table facts to solve problems.
Year 5	<b>Marley C</b>	His speed of tables recall is very quick, leaving him in a good position for his move to Year 6.



in 5 children have chatted online with someone they've never met in real life 🤖🌐 so it's vital parents and carers know the risks ▶ This week's guide helps parents and carers support children in forming safe, healthy connections in the digital world.

**Please scan the QR code for more information or click on the link below.**

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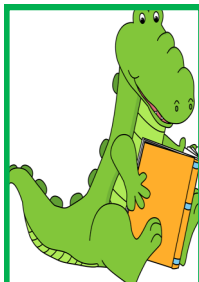
## Diary Dates

Monday 28th April	Hothersall Meeting for parents 3.15 - 3.45 pm
Wednesday 30th April	YR visit to Gatty Park
Friday 2nd May	Rainbow/Non-Uniform Day for Autism Awareness
Monday 5th May	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Wednesday 7th May	Hyndburn Football League at Acc Academy
Monday 12th May	SATs Week
Monday 19th May	Year R Trip to Church
Wednesday 21st May	Nursery Rhyme session for YR parents/carers at 2.45 pm
Wednesday 21st May	Y6 to Hothersall x 3 days
Monday 26th May	School closed for one week and one day for the Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 3rd June	School re-opens to all
Wednesday 4th June	Tempest here for YR and Y6 group photographs
Thursday 26th June	YR Trip to Thornton Hall Farm
Wednesday 9th July	Y2 Trip to Blackpool
Friday 18th July	School closes at 2pm for Summer Holidays (No After School Club)
Tuesday 2nd Sept	School re-opens to all for the new academic year



## Reading Books

Please remind your children to bring their reading books every day – it is so important to have them in school. Thank you.



## OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

A big thank you to all who support this for our school. If you have not yet bought your ticket, or your debit card payment has finished, the link to register is

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/church-st-nicholas-ce-primary-school>

and you have a chance of winning our weekly prize of approximately £20 (dependent on number of supporters) and the chance to win a national weekly prize of

## School Lunches

Next week we are on **Week 1** of the new lunch menu. Please ensure you have



### **No Nuts in School**

Please remember to be careful when packing children's lunches and snacks sent into school. Products containing any type of nuts are not allowed due to children with nut allergies in school. Kinder Bueno and Nutella snacks contain hazelnuts - please leave these at home. Many thanks for your co-operation.



### **No Peaches in School**

Please do not send peaches into school as there are children with allergies.



### **Grapes**

Please make sure all grapes are cut in half lengthways.



### **Ear-Rings**

All ear-rings must be removed on PE days/swimming days and for any sporting after school clubs.

### **Before/After School Club**

Before School Club is £4 per child and is open from 7.40 am.

After School Club is £6 per child and operates from 3.15 pm - 4.30 pm.



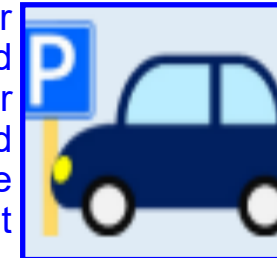
### **Friday Celebration Worship**

Parents will be invited into school on a Friday morning for a 9.00 am start if their child has won an award. We will text on a Thursday afternoon to let you know.



### **Parking**

As we continue to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all our students, we kindly ask for your co-operation regarding parking around the school premises. Please do not park or turn on St Nicholas Road for safety reasons. A reminder to park carefully, legally and safely around school at busy times. Working together, we can keep our children safe and ensure that everyone is keeping the welfare of all pedestrians at the forefront of their minds. Thank you for your understanding.



### **Attendance Reminder**

Please can we remind you, if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, it is essential that you contact the school office (Tel 01254 381875) before the start of each school day. Unless we hear from you, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Any holidays taken during term time will always be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. For more information, please contact the school office.

