

ST PAUL'S

LOW MOOR PARISH CHURCH

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Reaching out and growing together in God's love

Remembrance

Remembrance and All Souls' Day invite us to pause, to remember those we have loved and lost, and to give thanks for the precious gift of their lives. These occasions remind us that love does not end when someone dies. Though we may no longer see our loved ones, their memory remains woven into our hearts, shaping who we are and reminding us of the blessings we shared.

Grief is the price we sometimes pay for love, and it is natural to feel sadness, longing and even emptiness when someone dear to us is no longer present. Yet, in the midst of our sorrow, our Christian faith offers comfort and hope. Jesus himself wept at the tomb of his friend Lazarus, showing us that tears are not a sign of weakness, but an expression of love . God understands our grief and draws close to us in our moments of pain.

The words of Jesus offer us a promise that reaches beyond the grave: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die" . These words remind us that death does not have the final word. We entrust those who have died to the loving mercy of God, trusting in the promise of eternal life.

All Souls' Day is also a time to pray for the departed, to remember their goodness and to cherish the legacy they have left behind. We may light a candle, visit a grave, offer a prayer or simply sit quietly with our memories. In these small acts of remembrance, we express our continuing love and place our sorrow in God's hands.

As we remember those who have gone before us, may we give thanks for the time we shared, find comfort in the love that remains, and entrust our departed loved ones to God's eternal care. May their memory be a blessing, may perpetual light shine upon them, and may we find peace in the hope of being reunited in God's presence.

God Bless *Catherine*

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Mothers'Union

In September we had our Holy Communion Service to begin our autumn/ winter session. During the meeting Rev Catherine welcomed Anne Barnes as a new member. In this 150th celebration year we have been challenged to admit 2 new members into each MU group, so we are pleased to be halfway there. It would be great if we could meet the challenge or even go beyond it!

In September Derek, Anne, Christine and myself went to the Deanery 150th birthday celebration at Salesbury Memorial Hall. We were entertained by Joanne Lavelle who gave a personal tribute show to Joyce Grenfell. This was followed by music from the Community Ukes. As it was an afternoon event there were cakes galore to have with our tea and coffee. I also attended the Deanery Annual Quiet Hour which was held at Mitton this year.

On 13th October we gathered in church for our Wave of Prayer Service for our link Dioceses of Bhopal (India), Guinea, High Veld (South Africa), Nambale (Kenya), and Niger Delta (Nigeria). We were just about to start when the church door opened and John and his 16 year old son, Jack, came in. He said he often passed the church but had never been in. He lived in Accrington and Jack lived with his Mum. That afternoon he had collected Jack and they had been down by the river and then walked towards town and seeing the lights on in church decided to try the door. We explained what was happening and invited them to join us – which they did. We all greeted Jack and we all recognised his autistic manner. His dad was amazed how chilled out Jack was – we all thought of William.

The theme of the service this year was Join us – Join In and the readings were based on love. We are so pleased that Anne Barnes has joined us and I presented her with her membership card and prayer book.

Jack sat and ate his picnic and his dad followed the service and joined in the singing, encouraging Jack as well. They stayed and had a brew and listened to our business meeting. John was very chatty and we heard about some of his problems and the places he had worked. He and Anne H talked about conservation projects they had worked on. There was one very special moment, Jack suddenly stood up and perched himself on his dad's knee, only for a few seconds but Dad said that was the first time he had done that for years. Jack was certainly relaxed. He felt at home and we may see them again. Please pray for them.

Our next meeting is an open meeting on Tuesday 10th November at 7.30 pm in church. Patricia Duxbury is coming to tell us about the recent pilgrimage that she has been on. Do come along and join us. A weekend such as this does not happen without an enormous amount of hard work, commitment and generosity. There are far too many people to thank individually, but to everyone who contributed in any way—through planning, preparing displays, providing cakes, refreshments, welcoming visitors, sharing memories or helping behind the scenes - we offer our heartfelt thanks. *Lynda*

Christmas Shoe Boxes

It is time to start thinking about shoe boxes for International Aid. If you would like to give a Christmas present to a child or adult in Ukraine or Eastern Europe (where many Ukrainians are living as refugees)

Please wrap a shoe box with fancy paper and fill it with small unwrapped gifts. Leaflets will be in church from October with suggestions of what to include.

This will probably the only Christmas present the recipient gets.

Please bring the filled shoe box to church by December 6th or ring Derek and Anne for collection.07594399627







Summer has drawn to a close, the holidays seem a distant memory, leaves are falling and the cold winds are beginning to blow. And suddenly, here we are at Harvest time!

We celebrated our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 11th, when the congregation took to heart the important message that, for many of us, we have more than enough. It was heartwarming to see such a generous response, with donations given so freely and wholeheartedly to support our local Food Bank and the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. Our grateful thanks go to everyone who contributed so generously and helped to make our Harvest Thanksgiving a true expression of Christian love and care for others.

ST PAUL'S
LOW MOOR

Clitheroe Ukulele Orchestra

AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC
AND GOOD COMPANY

SUNDAY
15th NOVEMBER
2.15 pm

St Paul's Church, Edisford Road,
Low Moor, Clitheroe, BB7 2LT

ALL ARE WELCOME

ST PAUL'S
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MUSIC
for a December Afternoon with Clitheroe Town Band

Saturday 5th December at 2.00pm

Ticket: £8 (including refreshments)
All proceeds for the work of the church















Top left: Edisford School Reception Class came into church for Harvest. *(Photos courtesy of Wendy)*

Top right: Sam and Sarah's Wedding Day at St Paul's was very special and the happy Groom looked very handsome but the Bride was beautiful. The children behaved so well in church, Geraldine's flowers were admired by all as was James' organ playing. Catherine as always made the service so personal our Ladies we were very proud and happy to be able to share their Big Day. *(Photos and text courtesy of Edith)*













The Baptism of Luca Robert Lockwood took place on Sunday 25th October - a very happy little baby.
(Photos courtesy of Wendy)

SOUP LUNCH

FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER at 12.00

At our soup lunches we welcome everyone to come along,

We are grateful of donations towards lunch, The average cost to us is £8.00 per person for the 3 course meal, including tea and coffee, However, we want you there more than anything. All payments and donations support the work of St Paul`s in the community

SAVE THE DATE!

DECEMBER

Friday 4th at 7.pm

Church Christmas Party at Low Moor Club

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At this time of Remembrance:

Aberfan, Hillsborough and Grenfell.....

October 21st saw the sixtieth anniversary of the Aberfan disaster and I found myself remembering where I was on that terrible day in 1966. I was seventeen, in the sixth form, arrived home, had my tea and watched the six o'clock news. The images and the news of what had happened in a small South Wales village were utterly shocking. Children had died, families had been devastated, and a community had been plunged into unimaginable grief.

It was especially shocking for me as in 1943 my grandfather, a miner aged 47, was killed in an underground gas explosion for which the private mine owners later denied any responsibility or subsequent compensation - this was at a time when Health and Safety was not such a priority as it is today.

For those who lived through Aberfan, and particularly for those who lost loved ones, the tragedy has never simply become a matter of history. The grief continues, as does the search for truth and accountability.

In the years that followed, other tragedies brought similar questions into sharp focus. Hillsborough, and later the Grenfell Tower fire, revealed not only terrible human suffering but also the consequences when those in authority fail in their responsibilities. Too often, bereaved families have had to fight for years to have their voices heard, their loved ones treated with dignity, and the truth acknowledged.

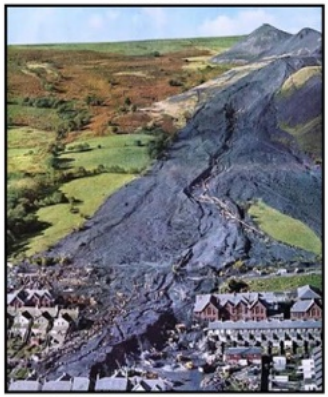
There is something deeply troubling about the way ordinary people can be overlooked, dismissed and treated with contempt by those who hold power. Yet I have also been profoundly impressed by the eloquence, courage and determination of the families who have spoken on radio and television. These so-called "little people" have shown extraordinary strength in challenging institutions that seemed determined to protect themselves rather than acknowledge their failings.

Their stories remind us that every life matters, every voice deserves to be heard, and those entrusted with power have a duty to exercise it with honesty, humility and compassion. >>>>P 10

As Christians, we are called to stand alongside those who mourn, to listen to those who feel unheard, and to seek justice as well as comfort. Remembrance must be more than looking back with sorrow. It must also challenge us to build a society in which truth is not concealed, responsibility is not evaded, and the suffering of others is never treated as an inconvenience.

Prayer

Loving God,
we remember all those who died at Aberfan, Hillsborough and Grenfell,
and all whose lives were forever changed by these and similar tragedies.
Comfort those who continue to grieve,
strengthen those who seek truth and justice,
and give courage to those whose voices have too often been ignored.
Guide all who hold positions of power to act with honesty, humility and compassion. Help us to listen with open hearts,
to stand alongside those who suffer,
and to ensure that remembrance leads us
towards a more just and caring world.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *JH*









Diary

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1st	**9.30**	**All Souls & All Saints Holy Communion**
Tuesday 2nd	7.00	The Gospel of Mark (at The Vicarage)
Thursday 5th	10.00	Holy Communion
	7.00	Choir
Friday 6th	11.00	Holy Communion at Beech Grove
Sunday 8th	**9.30**	**Remembrance Sunday**
Monday 9th	7.00	The Gospel of Mark (at The Vicarage)
Tuesday 10th	7.30	MU
Thursday 12th	3.00	Abbeyfield
Friday 13th	12.00	Soup Lunch
Saturday 14th		Diocesan Vision Launch at Chorley
Sunday 15th	**9.30**	**Holy Communion (Safeguarding Sun)**
	2.00	Ukelele Band Concert
Monday 16th	7.00	The Gospel of Mark (at The Vicarage)
Tuesday 17th	7.00	Deanery Synod at St Mary's
Thursday 19th	7.00	Choir
Sunday 22nd	**9.30**	**Holy Communion: Launch of Diocesan Vision**
Monday 23rd	7.00	The Gospel of Mark (at The Vicarage)
Sunday 29th	**9.30**	**Holy Communion: Advent 1**
	2.00-3.00	Messy Church
	7.00	**CCP Advent Service at St Paul's**

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st	**7.30**	MU Christmas get together at the Vicarage
Thursday 3rd	**10.00**	**Holy Communion**
Friday 4th	**11.00**	Holy Communion at Beech Grove
	7.00	Church Christmas Party at Low Moor
Saturday 5th		Town Band Concert
Sunday 6th	**9.30**	**Holy Communion**
	3.00	Joy to the World at Trinity Methodist
Friday 11th		Christmas Soup Lunch
Sunday 13th		**9.30 All Age Nativity**
Sunday 20th	**9.30**	**Holy Communion**
	Evening	**Lessons and Carols**
Thursday 24th	**6.30**	**Christingle**
	7.45	**Holy Communion**
Christmas Day	**10.00**	**Holy Communion**
Sunday 27th	**9.30**	**Holy Communion**

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A Busy Week of Hosting and Hospitality

We have had an incredibly busy time at St. Paul's during the last few weeks, following on from the tempo set by our successful Mission Weekend.

One week stands out as particularly busy…

Tuesday (6th Oct)

In readiness for Harvest Festival, following a request from Rev. Catherine, a group of prospective crafters met in church to create paper prayer apples. Carefully following the suggested template, cutting strips of coloured paper, assembling various sized apples and clipping on paper leaves; fifty apples were lovingly produced. This productive team session was facilitated by a delicious Anne Barnes homemade apple cake and a welcome brew.



Thursday (8th Oct) - The paper apples provided an appropriate backdrop to the Harvest Festival celebrations, which began with a visit of 30 Edisford reception

children to St. Paul's. Each child brought their welcome contributions to add to our the Food Bank donation.
Catherine told the children the story of Zacchaeus climbing up the tree in order to see Jesus.
We sang the Harvest Samba, which the children had learned and delivered with gusto. There is something intergenerational about the Harvest Samba, only the week before we had sung it with the residents at Beech Grove Holy Communion and they too were equally enthusiastic. The children enjoyed some of our trademark caterpillar cakes and a drink of cordial before returning to school.



The afternoon was spent setting up church for the Soup Lunch and later that day, we hosted the Wedding Rehearsal in readiness for Saturday.

Friday (9th Oct)
We hosted our traditional Soup Lunch. This was the first of this season's sessions and was incredibly successful hosting approximately 70 people. Thank you to everyone who participated in the event, setting up, providing soups, cakes and biscuits, attending, servicing and supporting. Based on years of practise, St. Paul's is incredibly successful at welcoming people to such events, which can sometimes result in new people coming to our services and getting to know Jesus.

Saturday (10th Oct)
Saw the joyous wedding of Sam and Sarah Tarbuck, who have become welcome members of our congregation. It was delightful to share this wonderful occasion with Sam and Sarah's friends and families, with many members of our congregation joining them. St. Paul's was looking at its

absolute best; bedecked with Geraldine's glorious floral decorations and one or two paper apples!

Sunday (11th Oct)
Our well attended Harvest Festival Service was packed with relevant content, Foodbank donations, personal prayers and fabulous music - again featuring the Harvest Samba and the paper apples! There was particular focus on the aspect of hospitality, when Jesus invited himself to Zacchaeus's home, even though Zacchaeus was seen as a sinner. At the conclusion of the service, Miles, assisted by Anne, provided appetising bacon butties. To Rachel's delight - even gluten free rolls were available - another example of St. Paul's thoughtful hospitality.

Monday (12th Oct)
The Monday evening saw our usual meeting of the St. Paul's Parochial Church Council (PCC) when, amid the regular church business, we always include a reflective interval.
Following on from this busy week and our provision of hospitality, it got me thinking about how Mary and Martha had dealt with the busyness and hospitality in their differing ways all those many years ago:

Luke 10: 38-42

"Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Wendy