

OUTREACH

Parish Magazine

August & September, 2025



**The Parish Church of St. Matthew the Apostle
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an Inclusive Church

REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES AT ST. MATTHEW'S

SUNDAYS (except the First Sunday of the month)

9.00am..... Said Eucharist

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9.00am.....Said Eucharist

10.30am.....Family Service
with Uniformed Organisations' Parade

6.30pm.....Evensong

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MID-WEEK SERVICES

Tuesdays 10.00am Said Eucharist

Wednesdays 1.45pm Parish Prayers in the Hall

Fridays 10.00am Said Eucharist

FROM THE VICAR

Hi Everyone,

The Summer is a time for many people to go away for a while, and this is my final Vicar's Message before I also go away. However, on this occasion I am going away for an extended period, as at the end of August I commence my three-month sabbatical from ministry, and go a little incognito as I prayerfully reflect on all that has gone before me in my ministry, and consider what the next chapter of my life as a Vicar might look like.

Later in this magazine Fr. Rod has written a piece about what a 'sabbatical' is and what it means for a priest such as myself about to embark on one. The church is in excellent hands, with Rev. Kat at the helm, closely supported by Fr. Rod and Mtr. Enid. We really are very fortunate to have such a great team, and whilst one or two things might not be exactly the same, all the services are covered whilst I am away.

I'm sure 3 months will pass quickly and I look forward to some travel, study and writing during this time, whilst always holding the parish in my devotions as I continue to pray vigorously for you all whilst I am away.

I do hope that whatever time you have away from the regular routine of life, even if it's been a day out or a trip to the park, I hope it has been a useful and fruitful time. As Christians we are often reminded about rest, or 'keeping the sabbath' or even doing what Jesus did - disappearing to the wilderness for a little while.

Rest is good, rest is vital, rest is essential for longevity, therefore I would be most grateful if you could pray for me, and for our Clergy during this time, and also pray for a good harvest and Autumn period, as I spend some time doing other things.

Love and prayers to you all,

Fr Alex.

From the Church Registers

BAPTISMS

May: Oscar Miles
Rosabella-Euphemia Spinks-Tierney
Lilly-Blossom Coulson-Tierney
Arlo Tierney
Lilly Bailey
Tommy Noone



WEDDING

May: Karen Ashcroft & Dean Wilson



FUNERALS

June: Joyce Goldsworthy



Christian Aid Week and The Big Breakfast

Once again a massive thanks to Howard, Nancy and Senoth for their help and support with Big Breakfast. Without them, over the last 3 years I would not be able to manage Big Breakfast. This year we managed to raise £363.22 so a big thank you to all those who did donate, and if anyone can come up with any ideas about fund raising for Christian Aid week next year please do come and talk to me. Thank-you everyone for your continued support and help.

Mike Seymour

Christian Aid Church Rep

Rev'd. Kat is getting excited about ...



Canal Ministries

Burnley Mission Week 3rd-10th Aug

At the beginning of August Paul and Sue Standley from Canal Ministries will be bringing their Canal Boat (called 10,000 Reasons) over to Burnley for the week. They will also be joined by a team of people from Canal Ministries who are usually based elsewhere in the country but will be coming to Burnley to lead a week of activities.

Paul and Sue will be sharing about Canal Ministries during the Family Service on Sunday 3rd August. The first event of the week will be on Monday evening from 7-9pm at Finsley Gate Wharf. It will be an evening of music and storytelling with pie & peas. Tickets will cost £5, ask Rev'd Kat for more information.

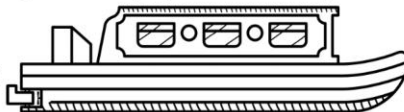
On Wednesday 6th August St Matthew's have 5 boat trips booked. 8 people can go on each trip. The trips take just under an hour and start and end at Finsley Gate Wharf. The trips will leave at 10am, 11am, 12noon, 2pm & 3pm. There will be a sheet in church at the end of July on which you'll be able to book your place.

Recommended donation is £2 per adult and 50p per child.

On Thursday 7th August the Bishop of Burnley will be visiting the boat so you may be able to catch him down at Finsley Gate Wharf in the afternoon. There will also be a canal and parks walk from 7pm-8.30pm starting and ending at Finsley Gate Wharf, this is free of charge.

To draw the week to a close there will be an open afternoon from 2-4pm on Saturday 9th August. There will be craft and prayer activities available free of charge on the quay side at Finsley Gate Wharf.

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Sabbath Rest and Sabbaticals: a reflection by Fr. Rod.

In the letter to the Hebrews we read about ‘a sabbath rest for the people of God’, a promise of renewal, re-creation, restoration. The writer echoes the Old Testament call to ‘keep the sabbath day holy’ which is the fourth of the ten commandments given to Moses to guide the people. This commandment is placed as a kind of hinge between the first three (which are about God) and the last six (which are about how we live in relation to one another). Being placed there suggests that keeping a sabbath rhythm is pretty important in maintaining a balance between God and neighbour.

We all now live in a culture and society that finds rest – as a restorative and renewing discipline - very difficult to experience. Everything is on offer 24/7. Shops are open all night. Sunday is pretty much like any other day. Our phones are permanently on. Research now tells us that constant exposure to the demands of a permanently open society with messages, information, data, entertainment and excitement perpetually on offer is not easy to cope with.

It’s something we have to work at to acquire as part of our following of Jesus, who said ‘the sabbath is made for humanity’ – as a necessary gift if you like. One of my favourite spiritual books of recent years is one called ‘The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry’ by an American pastor called John Mark Comer. It’s an appeal for us to make space and time for rest and renewal. It challenges us, within the circumstances of our life, to make some decisions about carving out a sabbath space. Sometimes we need some help in sorting out how we might do this. It’s not easy and there are many voices saying we always must be available, on call. We can’t let the phone ring without answering it. We can’t waste time with God or our nearest. We have to be always at it.



And I have news for you. Clergy are not immune to these pressures – if anything research shows how tricky it is for us to maintain clear boundaries, to switch off and to give adequate time for renewal and recreation. I've also got bad news as well – if clergy don't find this time their ministry is less effective. In my own life as a priest the times when I've got things wrong are related to lack of sabbath time.

I was blessed to be given a period of sabbatical time in 2018. Although it wasn't planned like this it came just at the right time as that year proved to be the most difficult I've experienced in Christian ministry. It was a life saver. I spent my time doing various things – for a sabbatical gift is not exactly a holiday. I attended a conference in Bruges, Belgium, looking at contemplative responses to the crisis of change that was beginning to engulf Europe post Brexit. I spent some time in Belfast sharing in the ministry of the Divine Healing Ministries, which had been set up in the Troubles by an Anglican priest and a Catholic nun to offer a new way forward in a divided and poisoned society. Later on I spent eight days in silent retreat in North Wales – seeking God in silent prayer, meditation and nature. I also did some touring round the music capitals of the southern states of America and read lots of poetry. The whole experience was a great gift and helped orientate my ministry from then on.

Not everyone has the luxury of such a time out – but it's worth thinking about - whether we can carve out smaller periods for sabbath rest, to receive, to assimilate and take on board new insights. At the start of September, Father Alex is starting a sabbatical. He'll be doing different things to me but we pray it will be a time of deep renewal and refreshment that will inform his ongoing ministry. We will pull together during his absence but inevitably some things will be done differently, and maybe some things not at all. Above all we can help ensure that those who will carry an extra load during the period – especially Revd Kat – are able to maintain their own sabbath rhythm and that St. Matthew's as a whole may be a church which is not so over-busy that renewal time is squeezed out.

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Ichthyosis Support Group



✨ Embrace Your Scales – A Walk to Remember ✨

On Sunday 25th May 2025, families and friends came together in Burnley for a powerful and uplifting 5km sponsored walk — inspired by the Ichthyosis Support Group and held in honour of Ichthyosis Awareness Month.

The walk was led by an incredible family whose youngest son, Henry, lives with X-linked ichthyosis. Their journey hasn't been easy, but through support from ISG, they've gained knowledge, confidence, and a community that truly understands.

 They tell us: “Our theme was ‘Embrace Your Scales’. Henry lives with scales on his skin all year round — just when we think they’ve gone, they return. So we asked people to walk in his shoes for a day by dressing up as dragons, dinosaurs, and mermaids — magical, mythical, and strong. Not fish — because of the stigma often unfairly attached to ‘fish skin.’”

With costumes, face paint, and big hearts, participants showed that while we can take off our scales at the end of the walk, Henry — and others with ichthyosis — cannot. The walk wasn't just fun; it was a powerful act of awareness, empathy, and solidarity.

  The group included everyone from babies in prams to grandparents, and even some curious passers-by who cheered them on. Despite the forecast, the weather held, and spirits soared.

 Over £500 raised so far – and counting!

This walk reminds us that raising awareness doesn't have to be loud — it just has to be real. Through creativity, courage, and community, this family turned their journey into hope for others.

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9 .00am and 10.30am**



Guest Preacher: BISHOP JOE,
(The Ret. Rev'd. Dr. Joseph Kennedy)
Bishop of Burnley

DO JOIN US!

PILGRIMAGE QUIZ

answers on page 21

1. Whose tomb at Canterbury were Chaucer's pilgrims visiting?
2. Which early pilgrim to the Holy Land is said to have found the True Cross?
3. Pilgrims visit the Shrine of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes because of whose visions of her there?
4. An Anglo-Saxon woman , Richeldis, had a vision of Mary long before the Lourdes visions. Where, in Norfolk, did she live?
5. What pilgrimage wasn't, really – it was a Tudor rebellion?
6. Which pilgrim destination right in the middle of Italy is the birthplace of the patron saint of animals and the environment?
7. The Pilgrim Fathers left England for where?
8. To where does the Way of St. James, or The Camino, lead?
9. Which modern English cathedral attracts pilgrims because of its Peace Movement?

Fr. Rod writes ... Praying for the Parish

We're continuing to pray for the mission and outreach of the church, and for the wider parish, every Wednesday at 1.45pm in the church hall. Each week we pray about a set of themes covering the life of the church, the wider community, the various services which support life in the community, the neighbourhoods and institutions which operate in the parish and some of the issues and challenges that face the community.

These themes will now be printed in this magazine to help you join in with our prayers; we've even made it the centre-spread, so that you can pull it out and put it on your noticeboard, or keep it with your Bible! We know that not everyone can make the meeting – although we do encourage everyone to try and make it a priority as there is a great blessing which comes from praying together. We also know that the fellowship of prayer is not limited by physical space so we want to encourage you to pray for these themes in your own prayers.

If you'd like to use the same order of prayer that we use when we meet for your own prayers please ask one of the clergy for a copy.

Here is a prayer you can use to help you focus on the themes:

I thank you for the gift and privilege of prayer. I thank you for your love and concern for our church and parish. Please bless those areas of our parish and community that we pray for today (perhaps you could name them). As I pray I ask that you would help any who face difficulty today, bring hope to the fearful, bring healing to the sick and bring freedom to the oppressed. Help us at St Matthew's to be the church community you want us to be, that we may continue to welcome all people and share with them the saving and transforming love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

St. Matthew's Prayers – a Four-Week Cycle

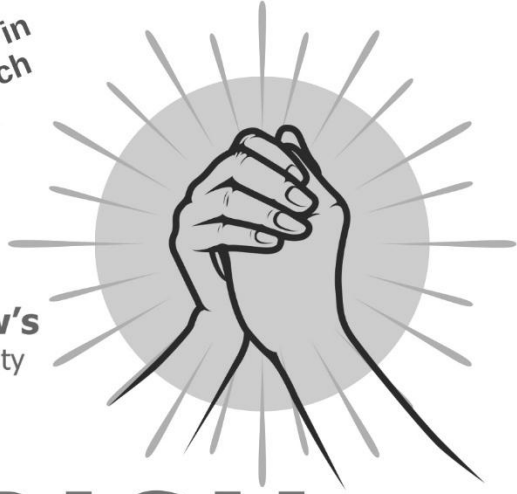
Theme	Weeks starting 17 Aug & 14 Sept	Weeks starting 27 July, 24 Aug & 21 Sept
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Community Services	<u>Schools/ Education</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Trinity School • Broadfield School • Rosewood School • Coalclough Academy • Cherry Fold School • Christ the King RC School • St James Alternative School, Healey Wood 	<u>Health/Care</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP Practices • Dentists • Pharmacies • Community health teams • Emergency services • Care Homes • Social Services • Tay St Family Hub • Funeral Directors/Cemetery
Local Neighbourhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westgate • Accrington Road • Healey Wood • Brun Lea Heights • Barclay Hills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burnham Gate • Coal Clough • Spring Hill • Bleakhouse • Griffin
Local Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing the spiritual temperature • Poverty • Litter, fly tipping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community cohesion and care • Reconciliation, acceptance, affirmation • Domestic violence

Weeks starting 3 Aug, 31 Aug, 28 Sept	Weeks starting 10 Aug & 7 Sept
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health drop in • Ketamine support group • Lunch Club • Wednesday group • Discipleship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funeral ministry • Marriage ministry • Pastoral care • Toddler group • Social outreach • Prayer Breakfasts • Spirituality
<p><u>Community Centres/Nurseries</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanguard CC • West End CC • Coal Clough CC • Valley Street CC • Little People • Giant Leap • Happy Faces • Taywood Nursery 	<p><u>Businesses and Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Businesses • Local Shops • Industrial estates • Local Councillors • Community Grocery • Bus services • Refuse disposal • Police • Scott Park • Coal Clough Library
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CHURCH WARDENS' NOTES

We hope that the nice weather we have had so far this summer, continues while the children are enjoying their school holidays. It always feels so much better when the sun shines and you can be outside.

This year, we will be celebrating our Patronal Festival, St Matthew's Day, on Sunday the 21st September. It will also be our Gift Day. You will find an envelope included in this magazine and there are additional ones available in Church, for anyone who would like to make a gift. We are truly grateful for all the contributions that we receive, but like us all, the Church has bills to pay and without the generosity of everyone involved at St Matthew's, we would struggle to survive. Our Church building is ninety eight years old now, so maintenance and repairs to the building are increasing every year. We hope that you will be able to come to the service at 10.30 am on the 21st and that you are able to help the Church on Gift Day. If you need the envelope collecting from your home, please ring the Clergy, wardens or treasurer, who will arrange for someone to collect it. If you are able to complete the Gift Aid declaration on the back of the envelope, that will allow us to claim some additional tax income as well. It all helps. Perhaps you may like to give a donation on a regular basis via a standing order, or bank transfer. If you would like to support St Matthew's in this way, please see the details of the different ways you can do it, in this magazine, or speak to one of the wardens or the Treasurer. Thank you so much.

We were saddened to lose two more of our long time Church members recently, through the deaths of Mrs Joyce Goldsworthy and Mrs Doris Jackson. Neither of these two ladies had been able to attend Church for some years due to illness, but their faith, and St Matthew's, were important parts of their lives and both had been strong supporters of the Mothers' Union. Older parishioners will remember that Doris and Frank ran a fresh fish shop on St. Matthew's Street for many years (in the last century!) after moving here from Fleetwood. Joyce and Roy had also 🐟

raised their family in our parish all their married life. On behalf of all at St Matthew's, we offer our love and sympathy to their families.

Just after the last magazine had gone for printing, we belatedly heard of the death, some months earlier, of Ann Branch and her husband John, both of whom had been ill for some time. For many years Ann was a strong worker and supporter of the parish Autumn Fair and provided her time and food for the kitchen, as well as having had a great connection with the Girl Guides company. It is right that we should acknowledge this, however late, and say 'thank you Ann' to her family and friends.

On the first Sunday of July, the youth of our Church 'took over' the 10.30 am Family Service and conducted the proceedings by themselves. What a fabulous job they did! Our congratulations to all those who took part. It is so nice to see the younger members of our Church family getting involved and working hard to produce such good work. Well done!

There is a lot going on at St Matthew's over the summer holidays so keep an eye out on St Matthew's Face Book page and the weekly sheet.

We hope you all have a very pleasant summer and we send our best wishes to you all.

Audrey, Harry, Stuart, Walter.

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I recently finished the Creation Care course run by the Diocese. My task now is to take steps towards qualifying our church for the Eco Church Bronze Award. We may not achieve it for a while, but there are certainly ways in which we can move towards it, and I see it as really important to try! So, I would like to build a small but enthusiastic team to start meeting as soon as possible. There is a lot of stuff we can get on with during the summer holidays in an informal way. My phone number is 07539-665-488

If you were at church on July 5th, you probably were given a copy of the Eco Church leaflet (printed on recycled paper and kindly funded by Mother Enid). If not, please ask for one. I also have an even more eco-friendly electronic version that can be emailed to you! My email address is barbaldwin52@hotmail.com

Thank you so much for reading this and responding!

Barbara Baldwin

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. St. Thomas à Beckett's 2. St. Helen(a) 3. St. Bernadette
4. Walsingham 5. The Pilgrimage of Grace 6. Assisi (St. Francis) 7. North America
8. Compostela, N. Spain 9. Coventry

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St. Matthew with Holy Trinity Scout Group


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Vacancies: We have limited vacancies in some sections so it may be necessary to go on a waiting list so don't delay if you are interested in a place for your young person. Simply contact Howard Mitchell.

SCOUTING IN SUMMER

Our Scouts have recently returned from their Summer Patrol Camps at Waddecar Scout Camp Site near Beacon Fell, and successfully worked in patrols of six and cooked for themselves on gaz stoves and an open fire, prepared for kit and site inspections, and completed creative pioneering projects. They tried their hand at tomahawk throwing, climbing and bouldering and enjoyed a memorable weekend camp! Two weeks later, a team of six led by Joe, Andrew and Dominik successfully completed their Expedition Challenge Award by hiking from Ribchester to Bowley for an overnight camp, before continuing to Higham on the Sunday morning. The expedition planning including camping equipment and food etc was their own responsibility, but with adult supervision nearby if required. However, in view of thundery showers being forecast with the possibility of lightning, it was necessary cut short the hike and end it at Read instead of Higham as planned. Needless to say, safety is our prime concern.

Whilst our Beavers and Cubs have spent many Wednesday nights in the open air at Scott Park, they have been unable to hold their Summer Camps. Sadly, the response from Beavers for a sleepover at Barley was disappointing and had to be postponed. Our Cubs were hoping to use the new tented accommodation at Bowley but it is so new that it had not been completed so this camp is postponed too!

Our next major event will be the Scouts Autumn Adventure Camp at Sandiway in the Delamere Forest in Cheshire in September, when they will have the opportunity to build shelters and sleep outdoors, cook food on open fires and try kayaking or paddle boarding! 

CONGRATULATIONS

Warm congratulations to Mark Rides, Group Chair, on receiving the Chief Scout's 10-year Long Service Award and Nancy on receiving her 40-year Long Service Award at the recent Burnley and Pendle District Annual General Meeting. We are truly grateful for their continuous valued service over such long periods of time.

SCOUTS' RECYCLING PROJECT

Hall users will be aware that we provided large plastic boxes to enable paper, card and clean tins and bottles to be taken by our Scouts to add them to their recycling at home. However, this only works when Scouts meet in the hall on a Friday night so we apologise for having to suspend this from around the late May Bank Holiday until we reopen in mid-September.

COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE AND CAKE AFTER THE MONTHLY PARADE FAMILY SERVICES!

Yes, coffee and cake, tea and biscuits ,together with blackcurrant, will be available after the Family Service which is usually on the first Sunday in the month. Donations in aid of Christian Aid will be appreciated. Please join us for some cake and a chat. You know that you'll enjoy it!

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WEEKLY CHURCH NEWS

You can receive church news and notices, the Sunday Bible readings, prayers and (usually) a sermon each week [by email](#) or, if you do not have access to the internet, [in printed form](#) through your letterbox.

Please let Rev. Kat know if you would like to receive this
and do not already do so.

7th Burnley with St Matthews Guide Company

Rainbows

We have finished work on our 'Know Myself' badge and we were pleased to award the badges to all the Rainbows who had completed the challenges.

We awarded Myla her 2nd year badge, before both her and Ava walked through the Rainbow arch ready to start Brownies in September.

We were very lucky with the weather for our visit to Scott Park to do a scavenger hunt, all the Rainbows were well-behaved and it was lovely to have an outdoor meeting. For our last meeting before the summer break we had a summer-themed party and all the Rainbows enjoyed an ice lolly.

Guides

We have been taking advantage of the nice weather by holding outdoor meetings, the first was a walk from Bank Hall to Rowley Lake with a hot dog supper and campfire songs. We had a meeting in Scott Park where the Guides played a German version of rounders called 'burning ball': the girls decided that they preferred our version! For another outdoor meeting, after a walk along the canal from Thompson Park, we visited Choc Stop, where the Guides were all given £5 to pay for a lovely treat. And for our final outdoor meeting the girls went tracking in Towneley Park, followed by ball games, wellie throwing and badminton. ↘

Our indoor meetings included 'Surf's Up' where the girls practised various surfing techniques and they also worked on their Unit Meeting Activities (UMAs).

Congratulations to Jenifer Helacova on gaining her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award, Georgia Ellis on passing her driving test and one of our former guides Anna Cormack on becoming a qualified vet.

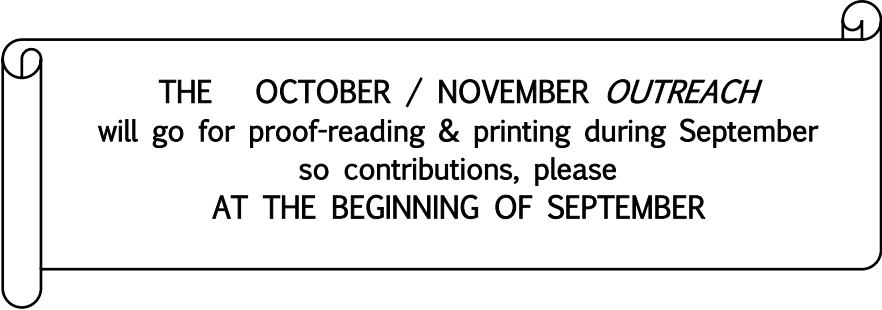
I am sure more congratulations will be forthcoming after the year 6 SATs and the GCSE results are announced.

Good luck to the following girls who will be moving to High School in September:

Kyra Marshall, going to Burnley High School, Chloe Qualters, Lydia Pamment and Georgia Stockburn who are all going to Unity College, and also good luck to the girls who are moving up to year 6.

Until September - enjoy your holidays and stay safe.

From all the Leaders.



THE OCTOBER / NOVEMBER *OUTREACH*
will go for proof-reading & printing during September
so contributions, please
AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER

The Children's Society News

First of all, I want to thank every one of you who continues to save their pennies at home in the Children's Society collection boxes, and those of you who donate cash and cheques throughout the year.

Secondly, the support and generosity you have all shown the Children's Society at our annual Christmas Christingle Service is amazing. If you haven't been to a Christingle Service before, you really are missing out on a wonderful evening when the church is packed with adults and children all singing in the darkness with their Christingle candles shining brightly.

I have been the box co-ordinator on behalf of St Matthew's for the past three years and each year we raise a fantastic amount which goes to support the work of the charity in supporting vulnerable children and young people. However, it's now time for me to pass the baton on, so to speak. I am on the hunt for a volunteer to take over my role. I can go through everything step by step, and don't worry, it's not complicated and the Society are readily available to offer help and support.

Anyone reading this who feels that they would like to take on this interesting and rewarding role can find my contact details at the back of this magazine. Please get in touch and I will happily meet up with you for a chat.

Julie Brandwood.

Company of Servers: Blackburn and Liverpool Chapter

We attended the Company of Servers' National Festival (Eucharist, AGM and Benediction) at Blackburn Cathedral in June 2025 when some of us were blessed with the privilege of serving at our local cathedral! One of our members, Belinda from Walton-le-Dale and Bamber Bridge, stepped down from the role of Chair of National Committee but will continue as a member of it. The National Committee had a vacancy for another person and we were very pleased and proud when Pope was duly elected! We followed this with a visit to York Minster by train and a small number of us enjoyed a lovely informal day out to appreciate the magnificence of the Minster.

Our next event will be in October when we are planning to attend the Saturday morning concert in St Peter's Parish Church before visiting the recently restored Towneley Hall. As always, all servers, clergy and friends are welcome! Full details available soon.

Howard Mitchell

Chair

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in Church

Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm - Youth Choir
in the Church Hall (Albion Street)

Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am - Wednesday Group
in the Church Hall (Albion Street)

Wednesdays 12.30-1.30pm - Lunch Club
in the Church Hall (Albion Street)

Thursdays 9.30-11am - Toddler Group
in the Church Hall (Albion Street)



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