

OUTREACH

Parish Magazine

June & July, 2026



**The Parish Church of St. Matthew the Apostle
with Holy Trinity, Habergham Eaves,**

Burnley



an Inclusive Church

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REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES AT ST. MATTHEW'S

SUNDAYS (except the First Sunday of the month)

9.00am..... Said Eucharist

10.30am.....**PARISH EUCHARIST**
(our main service of the week, including hymns)
..... and **JAFFA Club for Primary-aged Children**

Eucharists on the 2nd Sunday of the month include an opportunity for discreet, individual prayer & anointing for healing

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On the **FIRST SUNDAY** of the month, services are usually

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	St. Paul's Chapel
Thursdays	7.00pm	Parish Prayers	Lady Chapel
Fridays	10.00am	Said Eucharist	Lady Chapel

On the last Friday of the month, there is an opportunity for discreet, individual prayer & anointing for healing after the Eucharist

FROM THE VICAR

As I write, I have just returned from three days of touring Cheshire and Merseyside in our camper, and it's been a real joy seeing everything bursting into life. Visiting some of the area's most beautiful gardens reminded me how inept my own horticultural skills are, and I was left in deep admiration for the craft and skill of gardeners and park keepers.

I am also in awe and wonder of the many gifted people in our own community, from the orators to the creative, from the singers to the sanctuary we are blessed by many talented people making a contribution to the life and ministry of the church.

Whilst not gifted in this area many of you will know I do love my music, and I feel it's been a joyous season of sharing and participating in that with assemblies at Holy Trinity and centring our recent Family Service around the very subject. Music is a gift in itself, and can lift our spirits, stir our emotions or simply make us a bit silly doing funny dances or enjoying karaoke. On a recent day off, I spent nearly a whole morning, playing records on my old turntable: and it was utterly joyous, listening to old tracks I'd not heard for many ears.

I wonder what gifts you could return to, or maybe even explore for the first time? Maybe come along to the craft group on Friday mornings, bring your cookery or your welcoming gifts to our Lunch Club, or even see how you could help out at Fun Church? One of the great gifts of getting older, is we have learnt quite a bit, but we still have much to work out! A brief quote from 1 Peter 4:10 is a gentle reminder of how best to use our gifts, **'As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace'**. *And so my challenge to you over the coming weeks, is return to the gifts you have been given, and maybe even explore gifts you are yet to discover.*

Till next time, with love and prayers,

Fr. Alex.

From the Church Registers

BAPTISMS March: Edward Vercoe Toby Miles-Short
April: Joel Breckell



BAPTISED AND CONFIRMED March:
Lillie Lister (Campbell) Ayooluwatomi Popoola
William Adu Paris Golden Finley Golden

MARRIAGE April:



Jay-Dene Marie Bridge and
Stephen James Stanley

Diocesan Centenary Year

Heavenly Father,
in our Centenary year
we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you.
Send the Holy Spirit to give us
confidence in our witness,
generosity in our service,
and love for our neighbours,
that your Church may be renewed
and many come home to you,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.



Rev'd. Kat writes ...

The month of June begins with Volunteers' Week, a UK-Wide celebration that's been running for over 40 years. It's an initiative that focusses on recognising and giving thanks for the invaluable efforts of volunteers.

We have over 75 volunteers at St Matthew's with a remarkable range of skills and experience, all giving generously of their time and talents. During the first week of June we'll take time to celebrate and thank them.

People volunteer for all sorts of reasons. Many Christians are motivated by the core commandments to 'Love God' and 'Love your neighbour' – volunteering is a brilliant way to do this.

Saying we are 'volunteering' maybe misses something though. For what we are doing when we volunteer is 'serving'. This is a term often associated with those who serve at the altar during church services (we should really call them 'altar servers') but all who volunteer are **servicing**. **When we offer our time and talents we serve the church (each other), the community and ultimately God.**

In the Bible Saint Paul uses the image of the body to help us to think about the family of the church, **You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.** (1 Corinthians 12:27). He explains that the body needs lots of different parts – eyes, ears, feet, hands and that no part can say to another, 'I don't need you!'

When we each offer what we can, we are not simply giving up a bit of time, we are **being the Church** – Jesus' Body in this world.

Introducing our new Parish Safeguarding Officer – Terri Young



For a number of years Mandi Vercoe has served as the Parish Safeguarding Officer with particular concern for Children and Young People. Mandi has taken the decision to step down from this role. We are extremely grateful for all her time, commitment and wisdom.

Terri Young will now be taking up this role. She will work alongside Nigel Baldwin who continues as Parish Safeguarding Officer with particular concern for Vulnerable Adults.

Here's a little introduction to Terri...

Terri, how long have you been coming to St Matthew's?

About three years.

What do you like about St Matthew's?

How welcoming everyone is. The second I first stepped into St Matthews, I felt welcomed.

Why is safeguarding important?

To protect people. Because I've been through trauma it's made me empathetic and given me a drive to protect young people.

What experience are you bringing to this role?

I am trained in childcare and worked as a youth worker at Burnley Boys' and Girls' Club. I have varied life experience and I'm a parent. Last year I completed the M:Power Course and became an Authorised Lay Minister.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL
In the footsteps of St Chad
Saturday 22 August 2026, kindly led by Fr. Rod

**Join us for a visit to St Chad's Church and Well
before moving onto Lichfield Cathedral**

Chad was a missionary bishop in the seventh century who moved south to bring the Gospel to the kingdom of Mercia at the request of the king. He was rooted and grounded in the Celtic monastic community of Lindisfarne and had previously been Bishop of York and Abbot of Lastingham

The Cathedral of St Mary and St Chad is noted for being the only medieval Cathedral with three spires!

Our Parish visit is open to everyone at St Matthew's and is generously funded by our Community Fund. It is organised as part of the Company of Servers' Programme and there is a nominal charge of £5 per person to cover donations and gratuities. Travel will be by 49-seater coach departing St Matthew's at 08.30 and Lichfield at 16.30.

Seats may be reserved by adding your name to the list at the back of church and paying Howard Mitchell or Barbara Baldwin. Cheques should be payable to "PCC St Matthew" or Bank Transfer to Account No 11846672 Sort code 16 29 23 quoting "Lichfield". Everyone is welcome!

Company of Servers, Blackburn and Liverpool Chapter

Our next event is the Pilgrimage to Lichfield Cathedral in the Footsteps of St Chad on Saturday, 22 August 2026 which is open to everyone at St Matthew's as described above. There is a nominal charge of £5 per person.

As always, everyone is welcome to join us on these occasions. (You don't have to be a server to come!)

Howard Mitchell, Chair



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**Our long-awaited Community Missioner
KELLY KERSHAW
introduces herself**

Hello - I am really looking forward to joining St. Matthew's and I am most excited about getting to know everyone and growing our shared faith and fellowship. I know that St. Matthew's is already doing great works for the Church and the wider community in Burnley and I am looking forward to being able to learn, grow and serve in this role.

My present place of worship is Holy Trinity on Burnley Road in Colne, which is led by Rev. Tony Howarth and Rector Alex Oehring of St. Bartholomew's. Holy Trinity has recently been joined by Pendle Community Church, and I feel privileged to be part of such a diverse and passionate Christian community.

The thing I enjoy most about being a Christian is the security my faith gives me. Through all life's ups and downs, I take great comfort in knowing that I can always count on God's unfailing love and mercy.

As a born-again Christian, worship music is extremely important to me as it has helped me to build up my prayer life. My all-time favourite hymn is *Amazing Grace* as it always reminds me how blessed we are to be saved by Christ. I also love modern worship music like Hillsong Worship and Elevation Rhythm. Currently, I am enjoying Christian Folk Music like *Coming Clean* by Ian Austin and *The Man Jesus Christ* by Jimmy Clifton.

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Confirmation of JAFFA Club Members (2)



Our talented young members - Ava, Tomi, William A. and William C. affirmed their faith on 10th March. Ava & Tomi shared their faith journeys in the previous edition and William wrote a poem about his thoughts in the preparatory lessons and feelings in confirmation.



Confirmation Preparation

I sit there listening to clergy preach
I listen to the lessons they teach

God made the world, the sky,
the sea and people living peacefully

He made Adam and Eve
Then made a Messiah born, then made him leave

Pins and nails through his hands
But it was worth it for God's plans

Scriptures Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
Wrote about Jesus so his life would live on

The day comes for my confirmation
I kneel in front of the Bishop, no hesitation

Christian Aid Week, May 2026

As we go to press, £210.81 has so far been raised during Christian Aid Week.

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Full report in the next issue.



Mike Seymour

Christian Aid Representative



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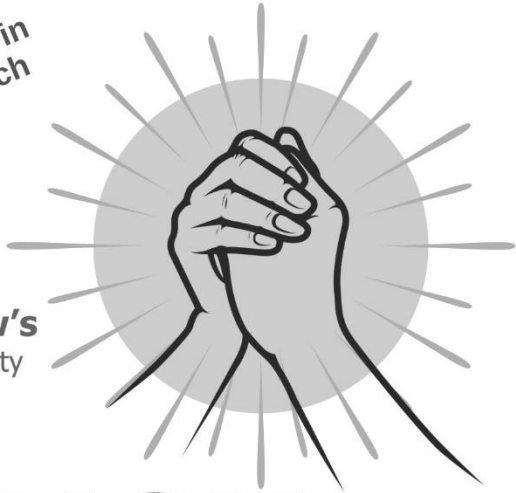
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PARISH PRAYERS

Every Thursday
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St. Matthew's Prayers – the Four-Week Cycle

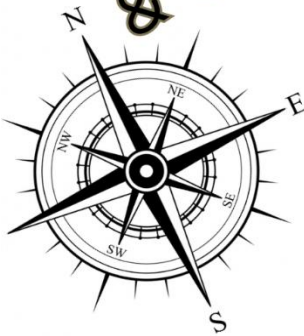
Theme	Weeks starting 21 June & 19 July	Weeks starting 28 June & 26 July
St Matthew's Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Weekly worship ● Organist and Choir ● Priests, ALM ministers & servers ● Wardens and PCC ● Financial resources ● Safeguarding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Baptism ministry ● Fun Church ● Youth Choir ● JAFFA Club ● Uniformed Organisations ● Growth
Community Services	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Schools/ Education</i></u></p> <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 ● The Rose School 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Health/Care</i></u></p> <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 7 June & 5 July	Weeks starting 14 June & 12 July
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mental health ● Healing ministry ● Lunch Club ● Wednesday Group ● Discipleship ● Creation Care ● Developing Leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funeral ministry ● Marriage ministry ● Pastoral care ● Toddler Group ● Social outreach ● Prayer Breakfasts ● Spirituality
<p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Piccadilly ● Rosehill ● Habergham Eaves ● Stoops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hargher Clough ● Glen View ● Parklands ● Rossendale Road
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aspiration and opportunity ● Housing standards and supply ● Alcohol abuse and other addictions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mental health and well-being ● Drug supply and use ● Family support

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Finding Our Way In

The church door was firmly locked.

We knocked more than once, but there was no answer. The building seemed as still as the graveyard around it—quiet, empty, and closed to us. After a few moments, we stood there looking at one another, unsure what to do next.

Perhaps we had got it wrong. The idea of coming to church had been growing quietly since Christmas, after watching Midnight Mass at Blackburn Cathedral. It wasn't something we had planned for long—more a nudge than a decision. Maybe we had misread it.

The weather turned us back towards the car, wind and rain chasing us along the path. The younger children, at least, made an adventure of it—running between the gravestones and laughing as they went. The rest of us were less convinced.

Sitting in the car park, it felt like the effort had come to nothing. Then Emma said she knew of another church. It might be open.

That was the first time we came to St Matthew's.

We didn't realise it then, but we were stepping into something that would quietly become part of our lives.

Looking back, perhaps the seeds had been there much earlier. As a child, God had not been a part of my life. As a teenager, I remember praying—perhaps as much a surprise to God as myself—and can even say some of which got answered. But those moments were at best seeds that would have to lie dormant and wait for a spring of a later time.

It wasn't until we came to St Matthew's that things began to take shape.



Within a few weeks, our two eldest asked if they could be baptised.

Before long, five of us stood together at the font. I remember feeling unsure of what to do, but when the oil was placed on my forehead, a calm settled in. We were no longer just visiting—we were becoming part of something.

Since then, church has become part of our rhythm. Sunday mornings, when we can manage them, and prayers at home—morning and evening, though not always as regularly as we might like. Even so, that simple pattern has brought a steadiness to our family life.

More recently, I was confirmed alongside my sons. Standing together, and later sharing in communion for the first time, felt like another step along the same path we had begun that wet morning. We felt more closely bound to one another—not only as a family, but in faith, sharing in the body and blood of the Lord. I look forward to the day when our youngest two can join us in this as well. It is humbling to think that in following this same rite—kept in the Church of England for centuries—I am walking a path of discipleship shared by countless others before me, my ancestors likely among them.

Since my confirmation, I've felt a quiet calm settle within me, a steadiness that has stayed. And when we stumble and fall, individually or as a family, faith has given us the tools to put it back together. Forgiveness being the key.

Faith has become part of who we are.

And for that, we are grateful.

Dan P. Franklin

Editor: And we at St. Matthew's are very pleased the first church was closed! 😊

Holy Trinity CE Primary School



Vision statement - Holy Trinity CE Primary School is striving to be a fully inclusive School that serves our local community.

Through the love of Jesus Christ, we are preparing our children to be future caring, responsible citizens in a diverse society. Our children will be given every opportunity to grow spiritually, academically, socially and to achieve their full potential within a safe, happy, Christian school family.

John 10 v 10:

'Life in all its fullness'

As we welcomed our pupils back to school this term, it was heartening to see how seamlessly they settled into their routines, despite the bank holiday!

Last term was a whirlwind of activity here at School, but our pupils have risen to every challenge with their usual enthusiasm and commitment. In March, we celebrated one of the highlights of the term with our successful WOW Day and Church service, where all our children took part in a variety of engaging sustainability activities in their family groups. This culminated in a sustainability sale which raised £80. We chose Manchester Children's Hospital as our charity, as two of our pupils attend there regularly. It will go towards buying the children on the wards some presents to brighten their day a little.

All the children in school took part in a sponsored 'bunny hop' for Pendleside Hospice which raised £2,125.85. We were very proud of the generosity of our families, and that we continue to raise such a significant amount for such a worthy charity that helps our local families in so many ways. I know that many of our families are under pressure financially, so this makes the achievement even more amazing. We also had an end of term, School Disco and raised about £578.54 for School funds. As usual, this event was very well attended and enjoyed by all the children. Our school community has also been busy supporting important causes: I am ➡

pleased to report that we raised £196.26 for Comic Relief with our Red Nose Day activities.

Last week, we held a sleepover in school for our Year 3 children in order to prepare our younger children for upcoming residential which we hold for our KS2 children. We welcomed the team from 'Branching Out' who led the children in team-building games and activities. The children had a wonderful evening which culminated in a campfire in our new Forest school. The children toasted marshmallows and made S'mores. One pupil told me that 'it was the best experience she had ever had' and another pupil said that this was 'the best school ever!' This made the very tired and bleary-eyed staff feel a little better in the morning! The children's behaviour was exceptional and it was amazing to see them so excited throughout the evening.

The summer term stretches before us, with excitement and opportunity. Our calendar is very busy with significant events, including statutory tests and a plethora of sporting activities. It's also a time of transition and new beginnings; our Year 6 pupils will be embarking on their journey to secondary education, while we eagerly anticipate welcoming our new EYFS starters for September during their upcoming visits.

I'm thrilled to announce that our Sponsored Colour Run, scheduled for May, will be raising funds for Watoto Children's Choir, which I wrote about in my last article. We really enjoyed their visit and hope to raise some money for the orphans in Uganda.

Our school continues to shine in academic pursuits. We're immensely proud of our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils who have secured their place in the finals of the Maths Challenge at Turf Moor this month. Their dedication and aptitude are truly commendable.

The summer term promises to be a vibrant and enriching period for our school community. I look forward to sharing in the wonderful achievements and experiences that lie ahead for our pupils. Please check our weekly newsletter on our website for more information about our busy term.

Alison Whitaker

Head Teacher

CHURCH WARDENS' NOTES

We hope that everyone is enjoying the lighter nights and the slight improvement in the weather, even if it is still changeable!

Our Easter services were very well attended and we thank everyone who came to worship, at one of the most important times in the Church calendar. We are truly grateful to our clergy, Fr, Alex, Rev. Kat, Mother Enid and Fr. Rod for all their hard work over this time. Our thanks also go to the Servers who, as always, do a really great job. It's lovely to see younger members of our congregation joining them too. We also want to say a big 'thank you' to Peter Harrison, our organist, for all his hard work over Easter and throughout the year too. We are truly blest to have him at St Matthew's.

The 'flowers team' deserve thanks for the lovely displays that we have seen throughout the last year and into this year too. The 'cleaning team' although small in number, do a good job of keeping our Church clean, so 'thank you' for all your efforts. If you think that you would be interested in joining the team, please speak to one of the wardens for more details.

The various groups that we run at Church continue to thrive and it is lovely to see so many youngsters getting involved too. There are 'one off' events too, which are widely advertised, so keep your eyes out for any future ones coming up. A big 'thank you' to the Social Team for their brilliant ideas and all the volunteers, who help to make the events so successful.

If you attend services on a regular basis at St Matthew's, you can be included on our Church Electoral Roll. Please speak to one of the wardens, who will be able to help you to sign up. The information you give to us is held confidentially within St Matthew's and is not shared externally with anyone.



The Church Electoral Roll is not to be confused with the Register of Electors, which is something totally different. Each Church Electoral Roll runs for a period of 6 years, it is then closed and a new register is prepared.

You must be over 16 years of age, be baptised, either live within the Parish or, if you don't live in the Parish, have regularly attended public worship at St Matthew's during the period of six months before enrolling.

Having a good number of people on a Church Electoral Roll reflects the success of the Church and we would like to be able to show how successful St Matthew's can be. It would also allow us to expand the number of members we can have on the Parochial Church Council (PCC), strengthening our skills base, which is something that is very important to the continued success of St Matthew's Church, in the future.

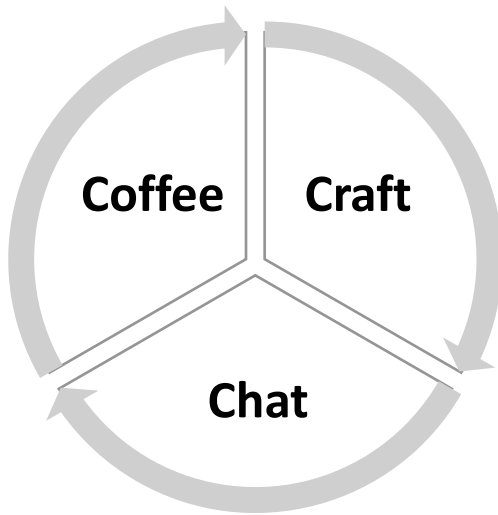
We wish everyone a very pleasant summer, with hopefully plenty of nice weather,

Walter, Stuart, Harry and Audrey.

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Hello, Everyone!

**Thank you for letting us
set up our**

**COFFEE, CRAFT &
CHAT GROUP!**

We are getting everything together very well, with a regular core group, and everyone helping each other.

We have a few ideas for the 'home corner' and also for Church itself. We have applied for a grant towards equipment we need, and we are looking forward to being able to share with you all the lovely things we have made!

Feel free to join us : we gather every Friday (during term time) in the Church Hall, from 9.30 to 12.00.

Cath Young.

Of course, we also have our weekly Friday Eucharist at 10.00.

Why not come to both? It's perfectly ok to slip out of C, C & C for the quiet half hour service, and great if you can't make Sunday services.

On the LAST Friday of the month, there is an opportunity for discreet, individual **prayer & anointing for healing** at the end of the Eucharist: just 'hover' outside the Lady Chapel until people either start to leave (or, themselves, take up the opportunity) - and join the queue! Clergy are usually available after this if you need a longer chat.

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St. Matthew with Holy Trinity Scout Group

Meeting times are as follows and any changes will be emailed to parents/carers. **Beavers:** Wednesdays from 1800 to 1900 hrs. **Cubs:** Wednesdays from 1910 to 2015 hrs. **Scouts:** Fridays from 1900 to 2030 hrs. **Vacancies:** We currently have vacancies in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts so it may be possible to start immediately on completion of a Membership Application Form. Simply contact Howard.

Flexible Volunteering for Adults: Helping our young people is very rewarding and equally enjoyable. We are always pleased to have a chat to anyone interested in helping, even if you are unable to commit to every week. Once or twice a month is fine! Simply speak to Mandi or Howard for a taster session!

PLANS FOR BEAVERS AND CUBS

Beavers and Cubs continue to do activities to achieve many badges, as well as visiting the new Lidl store and Burnley Town Hall! Ruth will take over as Beaver Leader after Easter so that Joanne can return to the role of Cub Leader as Rachel will sadly be leaving us this summer and moving out of the area. However, she will be taking the older Cubs with the Scouts to the District Camp at Bowley in June. Beavers can look forward to an exciting sleepover at Barley Village Hall in June too!

THE EXPEDITION CHALLENGE AWARD

Charlie, Isobelle, Bella and Ollie successfully completed their two-day expedition assisted by Ethan, Louis, James, Amelia and Catherine. Starting at the Calf's Head at Worston, they hiked via Pendleton, Wiswell and Cock Bridge to Bowley for their overnight camp where they cooked their own evening meals. The weather had been kind until it was time for an early night when there was a prolonged torrential downpour which continued until dawn! Fortunately, Sunday was fine for completion of the hike across Harwood Bar and Altham up to the Leeds Liverpool Canal towards Hapton. However, a couple of footpaths were no longer available, resulting in us heading back towards Altham and necessitating climbing over a high 🏔

wall at the railway bridge, where the hike was terminated due to the delays caused by the difficulties experienced. Nevertheless, our Scouts enjoyed the satisfaction of completing a challenging expedition where they had to plan their route, prepare the necessary equipment, and provide and cook their own food for the weekend! They also faced difficulties - but successfully overcame them.

THE BORDER SEVENS HIKING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all our young people who took part in the Border Sevens Sponsored Hike on Saturday 16 May 2026. All our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are challenged to walk from Greenberfield Locks Car Park, near Barnoldswick through the "Burnley and Pendle District" via Foulridge, Barrowford, Nelson and Burnley to Hapton and Padiham or as far as possible! Badges were awarded to Beavers and Cubs walking the 4.5 miles to Foulridge Wharf, the 10 miles to Nelson or the 20 miles Padiham!

SCOUTS' RECYCLING PROJECT

Hall users are aware that we provide large plastic boxes to enable paper, card and clean tins and bottles to be taken by our Scouts to add to their recycling at home. However, this only works when we meet in the hall on Friday nights, so apologies if this is suspended during holidays or if we are on camp.

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!

Howard Mitchell & Mandi Vercoe Joint Group Scout Leaders / Lead Volunteers

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Rainbows

In March we welcomed Katie who is working towards her young leadership qualification and Isabelle who is doing her Duke of Edinburgh placement with us. As is the custom at Rainbows, all the leaders have flower names which the Rainbows choose: they voted to call Katie "Tulip" and Isabelle "Lily".

We finished work on our "Communication Badge" and awarded the badges to the girls that had completed all the clauses. As part of our "Book Lover" interest badge we visited Coal Clough Library for stories and activities, and all the Rainbows were well behaved.

Brownies

Sadly, no report from the Brownies this time.

Guides

During the last few months Guides have continued to work toward the theme badge 'Skills for the Future', completing 'Pay your Way' and 'Run the Risk' which were all about money, investigating ways to pay for things and investment risks. These were quite tricky activities and the Guides showed good knowledge and understanding. 'Thinking Day' (22nd February) is a special day in Guiding as we 'think about' members of Guiding all over the world and this year it was the 100th anniversary and is the joint birthday of Lord Robert Baden Powell founder of the Boy Scout movement and Lady Olave Baden Powell who was the world's first Chief Guide. Each Patrol gave a presentation of information on a country of their choice, the winning Patrol being Dolphins who talked about Australia.

The favourite meetings in the last 2 months were the 'Glow Night' where Guides outlined themselves with glow sticks, 'Pamper Night', when they really enjoyed a chance to chill, and roller skating. As the lighter nights are now with us many meetings will be held outdoors.

From all the Leaders.

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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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