

OUTREACH

Parish Magazine

August & September, 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**

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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 this article, I have literally just got home from Liverpool Hope University, where Rev Kat, Pope and I have enjoyed being at the Blackburn Diocese Conference. I am also about to embark on 4 days of General Synod, which feels like the culmination of a very busy period.

I've been busy in schools, parish ministry, events and so on and it really does remind me I must not miss the season of summer. Also, you will have learnt of the death of Walter Jackson, which is a huge loss as we said farewell to a much-loved Warden, Dad and Grandpa.

The weather has been unusually hot, and summer is very much in full bloom. I don't know about you but I love the summer months and so don't want to miss out on them. So my simple message for this magazine is 'make time'. Make time for the things that give you pleasure, be it gardening, socializing, walking or going on holiday.

Make time to enjoy God's beautiful creation and gifts, and ensure when the colder months come you have done all you can to look back fondly on the beautiful season of summer. I'm looking forward to a summer holiday to Wales and enjoying all the wonderful activities at church over the coming months.

Blessing to you all, till next time,

Fr Alex

From the Church Registers

BAPTISMS May: Gabriella Láisvute

Bodhi Kelleher

June: Max Hilton

Theo Hilton

Jasper Lane-Parry



MARRIAGE May: Laura Snape and
Robert Anthony O'Brien

June: Louise Tibbs and
Andrew Gilmour

FUNERALS May: Irene Rushton
Sophie Fear

July: Walter Jackson



Rev'd. Kat writes ...

All For Jesus – Centenary Year Conference



I am writing this article at Liverpool Hope University on the concluding day of the Diocesan Conference.

Approximately 350 people have attended this week including me, Fr Alex and Pope.

The Conference is an opportunity (once every 4yrs) for worship, prayer and learning. We have had some excellent lectures and workshops all based on Luke's Gospel and the Book of Acts.

This is a particularly special conference because it takes place in the centenary year of the Diocese. As part of the celebrations, musician Gareth Davies-Jones has written a new hymn. It was introduced at the conference and sung at each session.

It beautifully captures the variety of the diocese, mentioning some key landmarks such as Blackpool Tower and Pendle Hill and drawing on our industrial heritage with shipping fleets and textile mills. The hymn also draws on the rich foundations of faith in our region mentioning the saints of Whalley Abbey.

Each verse concludes with a call. They are:

"A people called to live and serve, All for Jesus"

"A people called to gratitude, All for Jesus"

"A people called to hope and prayer, All for Jesus"

"A people called to rise and go, All for Jesus"

What a great summary of our call as Christians in Lancashire!

SMYLE

It has been a busy couple of months for the SMYLE Group at St. Matthew's. A sleepover in church on Easter Saturday provided the opportunity for our young people to come together in preparation for Christ's resurrection through prayer and group activities, preparing church for the Easter Sunday services and providing breakfast for the parishioners after the 6am Dawn Service.

The annual Bishop's Youth Holiday at Borwick Hall took place during the May Half Term Holiday. A large representation of SMYLE members attended, fully engaging themselves in the activities offered and the reflection and worship opportunities that arose during the week. Always a very popular event, our young people are already counting down the days to next year!

Another highlight of the year is the Youth Takeover of the Family Service each July. Preparation for this began in June when the group met together in the Church Hall to prepare readings, rehearse a drama piece, craft a series of prayers and formulate advertisements for social media. Pizza and chips provided well deserved nourishment for the hard work put in. The service itself was excellent and met with a raft of praise and congratulations. Everyone involved performed their roles with enthusiasm and pride often pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and challenging themselves to display the values of SMYLE and represent the group as their best version of themselves.

Finally, Life Church in Burnley was the venue of the latest event we attended. 'Lift Burnley' was a music concert featuring Christian Bands and bringing messages of hope as well as raising awareness of the dangers and ramifications of County Lines. The bands that performed had been into a number of local schools beforehand giving our members opportunities to see them in action twice!

If anyone is interested in joining the SMYLE group or just simply wants to find out more about it please do not hesitate to speak to Rev. Kat or one of the SMYLE volunteers. Lots more activities are planned for the coming months including a trip to Blackburn Cathedral, a quiz night and bingo!

Mr M Nicolson

Teacher of Physical Education

BEST WISHES TO CAROL HALL

You may have noticed that Carol has been missing from the choir in recent weeks. Following an accident, she had a short stay in hospital but is now back at home. She is very much missed in the choir where she has been a stalwart for more years than people can remember. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing and hearing her in the choir again.



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We have a Gospel to Proclaim

A former Fulwood (Preston) Vicar, and writer of a world-famous hymn, died in June. The Rev'd. Canon Eddie Burns wrote *We Have a Gospel to Proclaim* for a Blackburn Diocese mission event in 1968, and it went on to be used in services throughout the English-speaking world. Paying tribute, Bishop Philip said, 'Alongside many years of service as a Priest, Eddie's gift to the Church was a timeless hymn and I'm sure that *We have a Gospel to Proclaim* will continue to be sung at mission events in this Diocese and many others for decades to come.'

Father Rod

Congratulations to Father Rod, who reached his 25th Anniversary as a priest on the 19th July. A special service was held to celebrate his achievement and we send our very best wishes to him. We are very lucky to have him with us at St Matthew's and appreciate all that he does at Church.

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WORK EXPERIENCE AT ST MATTHEW'S

By William Franklin

A few months ago, during confirmation class, I remember sitting at the same table as George and Reverend Kat. We started talking about jobs and work experience and I mentioned that I needed to complete a placement. I asked if I could do my work experience at the church and, looking back, it was a great decision. Later on, I handed in my work experience form to Reverend Kat so that I could spend a week learning more about what happens outside of Sundays at St Matthew's.

I remember driving down to St Matthew's on my first day of work experience feeling very nervous, as I had never done anything like this before. Although I was already an altar server once a month, that was very different from spending a busy week helping around the church. When I arrived at the vicarage, I was immediately introduced to a meeting about the church magazine. It was interesting because I had never really thought about the planning and organisation that goes into creating something like this.

After the meeting, I was given the task of looking at a Bible verse, Matthew 11:16-19, and writing down what I thought it meant. This was actually quite challenging, as it showed me how difficult it can be to prepare a sermon. A sermon not only has to explain the meaning of a Bible passage, but also has to connect with the lives of people at church and modern-day Christians.

Later that day, me, Kat and Terri, who had arrived earlier, went into the church to prepare for Fun Church that afternoon. I helped serve drinks with Jenny and saw just how busy and energetic it could become, with people running around the church taking part in different activities.

Over the next few days, I helped with Experience Church, serving drinks and assisting with a variety of activities. The drinks could become quite hectic, especially when there were not enough for everyone, meaning I sometimes had to quickly go and get more. Towards the end of the week on Thursday, Finley and I were told not to fill any cups with water because nobody usually chose it. However, suddenly, several children wanted water! It was a funny reminder that you never quite know what will happen during a busy day at church.

I also really enjoyed helping with the different activities. This included handing out papers during the Holy Communion activity, helping children make origami birds, and looking at some fantastic stained glass window drawings. I also remember when three people from my secondary school, who were completing work experience at Holy Trinity, came into church. It was slightly awkward at first, as I do not think they expected to see someone from our school doing work experience at a church, but everything was fine.

During the week, I also learned more about liturgy with Mother Enid after a day of Experience Church. I found it fascinating to see how different seasonal and special booklets are put together for services throughout the year.

On Wednesday, I attended Wednesday Group, where I learned about how Reverend Claire came to the church. After that, there was Experience Church with older children from Holy Trinity. Another memorable moment was being there for a funeral on Wednesday, where Jason and I helped by handing out hymn books and funeral service booklets. The funeral was a very emotional experience and made me realise how much church life can change from one moment to another. It showed me just how varied and meaningful the work at church can be.

Overall, I really enjoyed my week of work experience and it helped me understand everything that happens around the church apart from Sunday mornings. I also struggle with approaching people and starting conversations, so this experience helped me face that challenge. Although it is still something I find difficult, I feel much more confident and able to manage it than I did before.

My week at St Matthew's gave me a greater appreciation for all the work that happens behind the scenes and showed me how much effort goes into supporting the church community.



JAFFA Club: Crafts

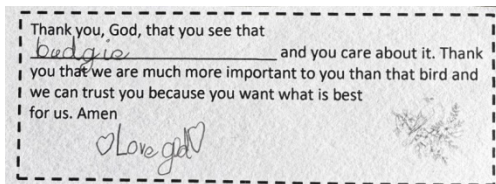
Belinda writes...

Crafts are wonderful for engaging children in JAFFA Club.

In May, we read about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descended on the disciples on the Day of Pentecost, accompanied by a sound like a violent rushing wind filling the room. We made windsocks as a reminder of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

In June, we read about what Jesus teaches us in Matthew: 'Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or they do not reap; they do not store away in barns, and yet your heavenly father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?'

We challenged ourselves and made a book mark and origami cranes that can flap their wings.





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MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW EDITORS

Firstly, a huge thank-you to Mother Enid who has done an amazing job editing the magazine for many years, but has now decided to step down.

Your new editors are Susan Belton and Carol Martin, sisters who have been coming to St.Matthew's since we were teenagers – and that's a long time ago!

This is all quite new to us so please bear with us while we learn. We're aware of a couple of small errors and will try to get these right next time.

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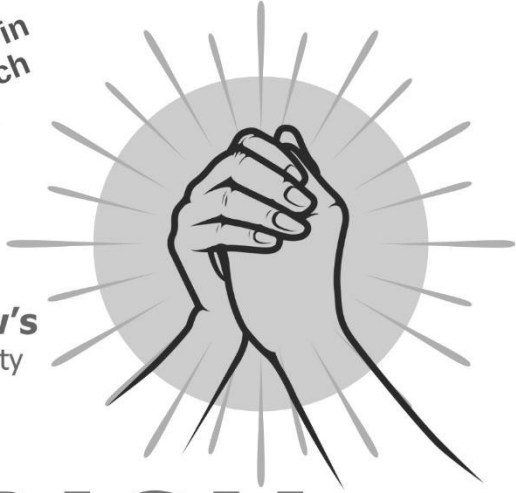
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AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER

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prayer for our church
and community



St Matthew's
with Holy Trinity
Burnley



PARISH PRAYERS

Every Thursday
Evening
7.00
in the Lady Chapel



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

Theme	Weeks starting 16 Aug & 13 Sep	Weeks starting 23 Aug & 20 Sep
St Matthew's Church	• Weekly worship • Organist and Choir • Priests, ALM ministers & servers • Wardens and PCC • Financial resources • Safeguarding	• Baptism ministry • Fun Church • Youth Choir • JAFFA Club • Uniformed Organisations • Growth
Community Services	<u><i>Schools/ Education</i></u> • 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	<u><i>Health/Care</i></u> • GP Practices • Dentists • Pharmacies • Community health teams • Emergency services • Care Homes • Social Services • Tay St Family Hub • Funeral Directors & Cemetery
Local Neighbourhoods	• Westgate • Accrington Road • Healey Wood • Brun Lea Heights • Barclay Hills	• Burnham Gate • Coal Clough • Spring Hill • Bleakhouse • Griffin
Local Issues	• Changing the spiritual temperature • Poverty • Litter, fly tipping	• Community cohesion and care • Reconciliation, acceptance, affirmation • Domestic violence

Weeks starting 2 Aug & 30 Aug	Weeks starting 9 Aug & 6 Sep
• Mental health • Healing ministry • Lunch Club • Wednesday Group • Discipleship • Creation Care • Developing Leaders	• Funeral ministry • Marriage ministry • Pastoral care • Toddler Group • Social outreach • Prayer Breakfasts • Spirituality
<u>Community Centres/Nurseries</u> • Vanguard CC • West End CC • Coal Clough CC • Valley Street CC • Little People • Giant Leap • Happy Faces • Taywood Nursery	<u>Businesses and Services</u> • Small Businesses • Local Shops • Industrial estates • Local Councillors • Community Grocery • Bus services • Refuse disposal • Police • Scott Park • Coal Clough Library
• Piccadilly • Rosehill • Habergham Eaves • Stoops	• Hargher Clough • Glen View • Parklands • Rossendale Road
• Aspiration and opportunity • Housing standards and supply • Alcohol abuse and other addictions	• Mental health and well-being • Drug supply and use • Family support

Eco Church News

Litter picking

A small but dedicated team have managed monthly tidy-ups around the local streets in March, April and May. I am hoping to continue this on the last Friday of most months into the autumn. You would be very welcome to join us. We didn't manage June, due to holidays, but a group of Cubs borrowed the equipment and spent an evening litter-picking in Scott Park instead.

Summer Fair

I will be having a small stall selling plants, fair trade chocolate and various plastic-free products such as bamboo toothbrushes.

Empty Blister Pack Collection

This is still very popular! The large box that I keep at home is now about half full. According to Terracycle it will contain about 7,500 when full. Many thanks for all the donations to make this viable. We can accept all types including the large Omnicell produced by local pharmacies.

Creation Season 2026 (Sept 1st to October 4th)

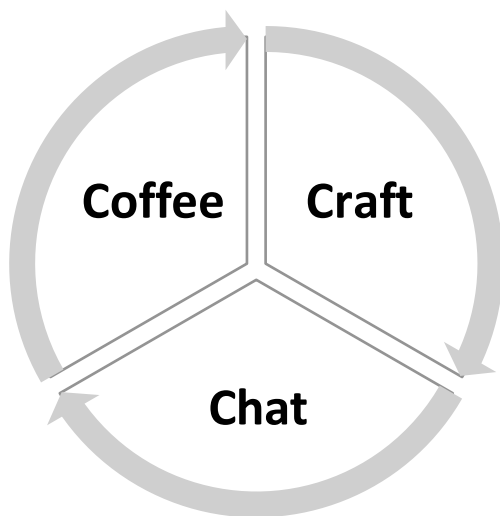
The theme for the Season of Creation 2026 is Living Water, based on Ezekiel 47:1-12. God's life-giving water flows from the temple of God, growing deeper, restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems.

The vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are

called to immerse ourselves in the water, and to be actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation, so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

It is only recently that our Diocese has started to promote this. Hopefully, more information will be available soon about this year's activities.

Lastly, many congratulations to William Clarke a keen member of Jaffa Club (and other groups). He has been an active Eco-Champion at his school for a while now and this summer won a trophy for being best in the whole school. His interest and knowledge about the subject is so impressive and sets a wonderful example for us complacent adults.



Hello, Everyone!

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

**COFFEE, CRAFT &
CHAT GROUP!**

Hi from everyone at coffee craft and chat group. Well we've had some brilliant news since we last wrote, we had put in for a grant for things to go into church for Armistice day and other things for the rest of the year. Well, we have been given £250 so we are at the moment busy knitting and crocheting poppies for displaying around the church. We have got a few ideas as to where we are going to put them and what they can be used for in the years to come. If you can either knit or crochet poppies we would be very grateful for your help as we are going to need lots.

We are also working on other things. These are going to be kept secret for now, so watch this space.

If anyone would like to come and join us, we meet on Friday morning from 9.30am until 12 noon in the Church Hall. You don't have to be able to knit or crochet as we have people who come and do other crafts.

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'

Life at School continues to be very busy as we run up to the end of term next week.

We have arranged some fun activities for the children over the last few weeks of term and still have a few more exciting things to come next week.

Reverend Kat, supported by her very capable volunteers, led our WOW worship day last week up at church. The children learnt about all aspects of the church and made some wonderful craft creations. The feedback was really positive from the children and staff and we look forward to being able to do this again in the future to support the spiritual development of the children.

We have had our annual sports day last week with a World Cup theme, this was enjoyed by all. We had a competitive event with children competing in their teams to win points for their house team and a special parents' race. Mr. Little, our sports co-ordinator, set

up a range of activities including sack races, egg and spoon races, hurdles, relay races and endurance runs. The children had a great time and all enjoyed using their very own Holy Trinity sports bottle to help them cool down. It was really pleasing to see some great examples of team work, resilience and determination throughout the events. Next week, we have a visit from the ice cream van planned and the whole school will enjoy an ice cream - staff included!

Earlier on in the term the children in our EYFS class had a very exciting time; we had an incubator in School with 6 duck eggs and hatched 5 ducklings. We all enjoyed watching them swim in the paddling pool before they went back to a more peaceful farm life. The children got a great deal out of the experience and learned lots of new vocabulary and about life cycles.

Next week, our Year 6 children will be holding their Leavers Assembly and then will leave our school for the very last time. They will be leaving via the main entrance and we have something special planned for them. We are very proud of them and all that they have achieved this year. The children are all receiving a leaver's hoodie, autograph book, class photograph and Bible as a gift from School. We hope that they will have lots of happy memories of Holy Trinity as they look back on their primary school education over the years.

It has been a very busy year as the Head teacher at Holy Trinity but also a very rewarding one. We are lucky to have such an amazing team of staff and even more amazing children and I am excited about what we have already achieved this year but also about what is to come.

Thank you for your support.

Alison Whitaker

Head Teacher

Fun Church turns 5!

On Monday 13th July Fun Church celebrated 5yrs of gathering for faith, friendship and food. We looked at photos, shared memories and ate lots of cake!

We also said farewell and thank you to Rev'd Jenny Arnold who has been a key member of the Fun Church team since its inception. Jenny is stepping back from ministry at St Matthew's to focus on supporting her local church in Barnoldswick. We are incredible grateful for all the kindness and wisdom that Jenny has shared with us.

The Fun Church team will be meeting over the summer to make plans for the Autumn, if you'd like to join us please contact Rev'd Kat.

CHURCH WARDENS' NOTES

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you that our dear friend and fellow Church warden, Walter Jackson, passed away on the 21st June.

Walter had been a warden for nearly 30 years and was dedicated to ensuring the safety and smooth running of our Church. His expertise in electrics, meant that he was able to ensure that St Matthew's did all the right things, especially when any changes were made. His health had deteriorated over a period of time, but he still took an active role in Church services, PCC meetings and many other things that the wardens do, until recently. His funeral took place at St Matthew's and it is testament to the person that he was, that the service was very well attended. We send our love and condolences to his wife, Susan, his daughter Katie and her husband and to his grandchildren, as well as his brother and sister. God bless, Walter xxx

It was great to hear a BBC Radio 4 broadcast, from St Matthew's Church at the end of June. The programme subject was Social Cohesion/Common Ground and took the form of a service, with Fr Alex and Rev. Kat taking part and also included reflections from several people in our community. The choir was also involved and sung some beautiful hymns. It was a lovely programme to listen to.

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the job of updating of our Church Remembrance Book. It is task that is done once a year, usually in January, recording entries for the previous year. If you enjoy creating nice writing, it is perhaps something you might consider doing for the Church. Please have a word with one of us for more details.

Our Fun Church and Wednesday Group finished for the school holidays in the middle of July. Both groups have been well attended throughout the school year. The children at Fun Church have enjoyed lots of different activities each week, sometimes dressing up to enact a Bible story. The group celebrated their 5th Birthday on the last Monday, with a 'Jacob's Join'. They also said 'Goodbye' to Jenny Arnold, a retired vicar, who has been a part of the Fun Church team from the beginning. She will be very much missed and we thank her so much for all her generosity, love, care and help through the years.

Jenny also attended the Wednesday Group and was a very valued member, sharing her knowledge, wisdom and experiences. The group visited a couple of churches, outside of Burnley this year. The other groups in Church have also taken a break over the summer holidays.

We hope that the weather has been good so far, during the holidays, and hope that everyone enjoys whatever the summer brings for you.

Take care

Audrey, Harry, Stuart

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PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL
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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 on the previous page. There is a nominal charge of £5 per person.

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Scouts: Fridays from 1900 to 2030 hrs.

Vacancies in all sections!!

We currently have vacancies in Beavers, Cubs (limited number) and Scouts so it may be possible to start in September on completion of a Membership Application Form. Simply contact Howard on 07743 850350

OUTDOORS IN SUMMER

Our Beavers and Cubs have been out and about doing fire-lighting, tent-pitching, litter picking, hiking, the Conservation Badge and Birthday Celebrations at Bowley. Older Cubs joined with the Scouts at the District Camp at Bowley and took part in lots of different activities during an amazing memorable weekend. It was a real joy to have all our Troop Leadership Team together with Rachel and Dom for the whole weekend. It's just a pity that Mike could not be with us. Cath was unable to come to our site but she welcomed our kids when they went up to the Lodge area. She also helped out with the central catering and the inflatables making a positive contribution to the efficient operation of the District Team.

This September will see all our younger leaders heading off to university either for the first time or to continue their studies. We wish them all every success and look forward to seeing them whenever they are home for the holidays. Rachel and Dom will be moving to Manchester too. We really appreciate all that they have done to contribute to the continued success of our Scout Group. I repeat, it was so nice to see them all working together as a wonderful team at St Matthew's! This September our Team will shrink to Mike, Brett, Cath and myself but we will strive to deliver an exciting Scout Programme as usual. We will be starting the

Autumn Term with a return visit to Forest Camp Sandiway on the edge of the Delamere Forest for another adventurous weekend!

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!

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 if this is suspended during the holidays or if we are on camp.

COFFEE AND CAKE FOR CHRISTIAN AID

We provide the cake and biscuits after the Monthly Parade Family Service to raise funds for CHRISTIAN AID. Please continue to support us and enjoy coffee and cake after most Family Services!

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UNIFORM GIVEAWAY



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FREE ENTRY

7th Burnley with St Matthews Guide Company

Rainbows

In May we welcomed Alison to the Rainbows Leader team, all the Rainbow leaders have a flower name and the Rainbows chose Rose as her Rainbow name. We are delighted that Isabelle who has been doing her DOE placement with us has decided to stay on and start work on her leadership qualification in order to become a young leader.

We were pleased to be able to award Jessica and Willow their bronze awards for completing 2 themes from the Rainbow programme and also Siska and Willow with their silver awards for completing 4 themes.

At our last meeting before the summer break we had a Teddy bears picnic. Grace and Norma made their Rainbow promise and we said goodbye to Jessica who walked through the Rainbow arch ready to start at Brownies in September.

Guides

With the lighter nights it has been good to get out of doors for most of our meetings in April and May and this will continue for the next few months, weather permitting. Guides completed their Skills for the Future theme award in May after several months of tasks and activities resulting in gaining their Upcycling interest badge, Lead skill builder badge and Skills for the future theme badge. Several Guides have now reached the age for moving on to Rangers and this is good, but they have also decided to become Young Leaders. Katie has gone to Rainbows as a Young Leader, Alana and Willow had already started at Brownies and will be joined by Annabelle Bradley. We wish good luck to those who did SATS in early May and those in the midst of GCSEs and to all our guides who will be taking end of year exams.

We wished Trisha, one of our leaders a very Happy 30th Birthday in June. As this will be the last magazine notes before the summer break may we take this opportunity to wish everyone a lovely summer break.

From all the Leaders.

BBC Radio 4 – St Matthew’s on Sunday Worship

What an honour and privilege it was for St Matthew’s to feature on the BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship radio programme. The programme was entitled Common Ground and it highlighted the warmth, community and diversity of our church.

St Matthew’s church choir was augmented by The Daily Service Singers and a small number of other friends. The music sounded wonderful and of course there was the benefit of Peter’s fabulous accompaniment on the organ. The children’s choir also made an excellent contribution singing Psalm 23.

It was good to hear Father Alex’s interesting and rousing sermon and also to listen to Rev Kat and all the excellent contributors from our church.

If you didn’t manage to listen to the programme when it was broadcast on BBC Radio 4, it is still available online and well worth a listen. You should find it by searching on BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship. Under Available Episodes it is described as Common Ground

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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)

Wednesdays 1.45pm-2.15pm - Parish Prayers
in the Church Hall (Albion Street)

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

Fridays 9.30-12noon - Coffee, Craft & Chat
in the Church Hall (Albion Street)



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