

OUTREACH

Parish Magazine

October & November, 2026



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



an Inclusive Church

ECO CHURCH

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 we see the summer of 2026 drift away into history, a new season begins. Autumn is a beautiful time of year as the trees change colour and prepare to shed their leaves until the new shoots of Spring appear next year.

Changing seasons often remind me of Ecclesiastes 3, "*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...*", and that is very true for all of us. As I write, we wait in anticipation of where God might lead Rev Kat to next and what our second attempt at employing a Community Missioner at St Matthew's might lead to. One thing is for sure, this Church has seen incredible change over the last number of years and if we had listed everything that was going to happen before it did, maybe we might have been too fearful to say, 'Yes, bring it on!'

Changing times can bring great uncertainty, but it can bring great opportunities as well. Opportunities for people going and opportunities for people arriving, and the key for me is trusting in the Holy Spirit to guide us through it all. Change is an inevitable part of life, children leave schools, children start college, people leave jobs and start new ones. People come and people go, new lives are born and loved ones depart. That is all the rich tapestry of life that we can gracefully accept or we can bitterly decline.

Whatever change this season brings about in your own life, do be encouraged that God is in it all with us. We must have the confidence to go through change knowing that, so when it does occur it's not quite as scary or challenging as we think it might be.

Enjoy the autumn, enjoy the change,

Till next time, much love

Fr. Alex.

From the Church Registers

BAPTISMS July: Leo Baker

Jake Whitbread

Archie Lorriman

Courtney Doogan

Valentina Rose

Eddleston

August: Harry Isherwood

Ailsa Isherwood

Amelie Flynn

Charlotte Vercoe

Bryony-Rae Edwards



FUNERALS July: Walter Jackson

August: Jean Coates

Ernie Harling



Rev'd. Kat writes ...



Communication



Communication is key to the flourishing of any community, including churches. It can be frustrating to hear someone talking about an activity, service or event they've enjoyed and think, '*I didn't even know that was happening!*'

Recently a small subcommittee of the PCC has been meeting to reflect on how we communicate. The first thing we discovered was how complex it is! There's internal and external communication. There are many forms of communication and many different individuals and groups who need to communicate with each other. So, we began by listing all the different things that our church does (like services and groups) and the things that happen to make those things possible (like maintenance and finance). We aim to make this list available in time, along with a key person to contact for each thing listed.

We then discussed improving our communication. We want to encourage everyone to think about communicating more. If you, or a group you're part of, are doing something new, different, fun or noteworthy then please share it. Please:

- submit articles for this magazine
- send in bulletins for the weekly noticesheet and email
- keep the church website up to date
- use social media and posters/fliers where you can

Linda Clark and Lynda Wills have kindly agreed to become 'Communication Co-ordinators' please contact them for more information.

Thank you, Rev'd Kat.

BON VOYAGE AND GOOD LUCK TO MATTHEW RIDES

As some of us heard in church during August, our own Matthew Rides has just set off on a very exciting trip. Matthew is currently a student at the University of Liverpool, which has a joint venture with Xi'an Jiaotong University, with a campus in Suzhou, which is a city nearby and to the west of Shanghai. He is taking part in the Year in China programme as part of his Aerospace Engineering degree. Matthew will be studying a mix of engineering modules, Mandarin and China Studies. He has self studied Mandarin at home and taken part in a summer school there last year.

On Sundays, Matthew plans to worship at Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Cathedral in Suzhou. It has been one of his ambitions to spend some time in China since visiting with school in 2019. Matthew would like to thank the parishioners and clergy at St. Matthew's for all the support over the years and for their best wishes for the trip. He will be remembering us all in his prayers and asks for our continuing support and prayers.

What an exciting and wonderful opportunity for Matthew. Hopefully, we will receive some updates over the next year. We send our very best wishes to Matthew and all his family while he is away on this trip and will keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

Healing Ministry at St Matthew's

We continue to offer prayer ministry with anointing and the laying on of hands at St Matthew's on the second Sunday of each month at the 10.30 Parish Eucharist and the last Friday of each month at the 10.00am Eucharist.

We'd like to invite you to be part of this journey of healing and there are two events coming up which you may be interested in.

Exploring Healing Prayer

Saturday 17th October at St Matthew's from 10.30 till 12.30.

An opportunity for conversation, questions and fellowship focusing on what Christian healing means and how we can play our part locally in the healing work of Jesus Christ.

Blackburn Diocese Festival of Healing - A Healing Church for a Hurting World

Preston St Cuthbert's Church, Fulwood, will host a Festival of Healing on Saturday 31 October, 9am–3.30pm, bringing together teaching, prayer, conversation and practical exploration of Christian healing ministry.

We are delighted to welcome Dr Alison Fleetwood, GP and Healing Adviser for the Diocese of Carlisle, as our keynote speaker - A Healing Church for a Hurting World. Alison will help us reflect on the wholeness Christ offers and the Church's calling to be a place of compassion, hope and restoration. The day will include:

- Workshops exploring different aspects of healing ministry
- A marketplace of resources and ministries
- Discussion and shared learning
- Closing worship, with prayer for healing offered for all who wish to receive it.

We look forward to welcoming clergy, lay leaders, volunteers, and all who seek to deepen their understanding of Christ's healing work in the life of the Church. If anyone is interested in attending the day in Preston please contact Fr Rod.



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Pray Your Way

The clergy have recently been discussing various ways in which prayer can grow at St Matthew's and are committing themselves to a number of teaching sessions throughout the autumn.

Everyone is welcome to come along and share these times – which will be repeated, once in an afternoon and once in the evening.

If you're curious about how to go deeper in your prayer, or would simply like to know how to respond to the various encouragements to prayer given in sermons and weekly notices, why not give these sessions a go. Each will last around an hour and a half and are designed to be accessible and enjoyable.

Please contact Fr Rod for more information.

'Pray Your Way'

Tuesdays 6th, 13th and 20th October at 2.00pm

Thursdays 8th, 15th and 22nd October at 7.30pm (directly after Parish Prayers)

'Pilgrims of Prayer'

Tuesdays 17th and 24th November and 1st December at 2.00pm

Thursdays 19th and 26th November and 3rd December at 7.30pm
(directly after Parish Prayers)

Each session will be based around a distinctive approach to prayer and will include some teaching and the opportunity to try a particular type of prayer. We'll be looking at how our personality shapes our prayer, praying with pictures, the rosary, meditative prayer, using the imagination in prayer, silence, music, praying for justice and peace, creation praying and many other aspects of the Christian church's rich and varied inheritance of prayer.

Meetings are scheduled to take place at Mother Enid's flat. To help our planning and preparation, and to avoid unnecessary printing, please let us know if you intend to come to these sessions.

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A MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT AS THE MOTHERS' UNION CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

Blackburn Diocese Mothers' Union held an all-age celebration to mark the 150th Anniversary of the world-wide organisation on 8 August 2026 at Blackburn Cathedral. They held a magnificent exhibition in the Cathedral showcasing the work of the Mothers' Union in Lancashire, nationally and worldwide, demonstrating their commitment to put their faith into action. The highlight of the exhibition was the display of well over a hundred beautiful deanery and branch banners, including St Matthew's and St Stephen's which lined both sides of the nave and the North Transept! The celebration was led by Bishop Philip who thanked the Mothers' Union for all their good work, especially their valued contribution to supporting his annual residential holiday for young people from across the Diocese, including many from St Matthew's. The Mothers' Union helped both financially and practically in providing scrumptious hospitality for the young people and their families at the close of the memorable week of activities, fellowship and worship. Whilst we no longer have a MU branch at St Matthew's, our members now meet with St Stephen's and new members are very welcome at the regular meetings and occasional trips.



Thank you and well done to Daniel



Thank you to Daniel who did a fabulous job when our organist, Peter, was on holiday for two weeks in August. Daniel played the keyboard for two Sunday morning church services. On both Sundays there was a hymn which was unfamiliar to the choir and he came into the vestry to play it through for the choir before the service. Clearly Daniel is a very talented young musician and we were very fortunate that he was able to step in and play for the services. Well done Daniel and thank you.

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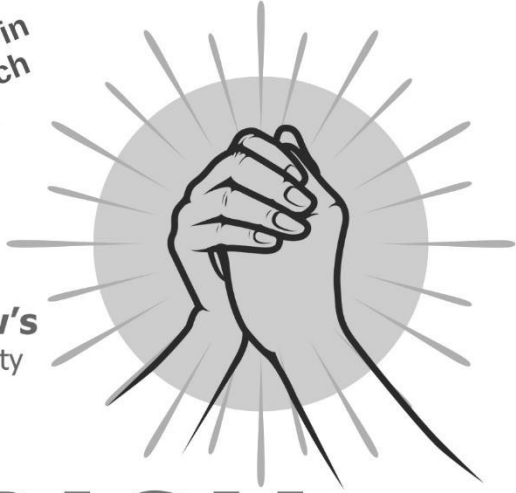
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St Matthew's
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PARISH PRAYERS

Every Thursday
Evening
7.00
in the Lady Chapel

PRAYER FOR GROWTH AND RENEWAL





When Our Vicar went to the Palace, Lambeth Palace!

In mid-July Fr Alex was invited for lunch and Holy Communion with The Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, to offer thanks for his work on Working Class Vocations at the Church of England General Synod.

Alex writes: It was a wonderful occasion and I was most humbled to represent St Matthew's at such a historic place as Lambeth Palace. Despite the grandeur of the palace, the visit was reflective of the working-class strategy I'd proposed, and so both Holy Communion and lunch were without too much fuss but a beautiful simplicity.

Lunch included a prawn ring, homemade sandwiches and crisps with a Victoria sponge and a cup of coffee. Archbishop Sarah was incredibly kind and generous to me, and the little working group we had formed, and promised to advocate for more working-class vocations. I told Sarah that my Mum had requested a picture, and she kindly said, 'You must tell your Mum, she's done a good job raising a Vicar in Burnley'!

We then had a tour of the palace and were in awe of the great history surrounding the place. She shared with me her excitement at her forthcoming trip to Ghana and Cameroon, but also how much she supported the need for a wider and more diverse church. It struck me that every Archbishop of Canterbury to this point had been a man. There were pictures of them everywhere, and I told her she can take great satisfaction that after centuries and centuries, at last a female was at the head of the Church of England and The Anglican Communion. She warmly smiled, and said, 'Yes isn't it something'!

I left Lambeth Palace with a spring in my step and a heart full of joy. It was a surreal but special occasion, and one I shall treasure forever. As I made the long but fascinating walk back to Euston station, I felt a sense of a job well done, and something to perhaps tell to the grandchildren I haven't yet got, in years to come.

Alex Frost

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

Theme	Weeks starting 11 Oct & 8 Nov	Weeks starting 18 Oct & 15 Nov
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 27 Sep & 25 Oct	Weeks starting 4 Oct & 1 Nov
● 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

Harvest Festival

Family & Parade Service
with Collection for
the Community Grocery
Sunday 4th October
10.30am



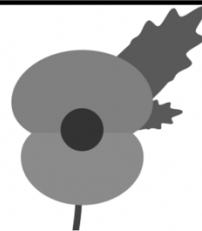
All Souls Service

Friday 30th October
10am



Memorial Service

Saturday 31st October
11am



Remembrance Sunday

Family & Parade
Service with
Act of Remembrance
Sunday 8th November
10.30am

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'

What a tremendous start we have had to the new academic year. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome all our pupils back to school this year, and the enthusiasm and excitement from both children (and parents!) has been truly heart-warming. The eagerness I witnessed as families arrived for the new term, with everyone keen to ensure punctual arrivals, fills me with great optimism for maintaining our excellent attendance throughout the year ahead.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all our dedicated staff members who have worked tirelessly over the summer holidays, preparing their new classrooms and planning engaging learning experiences for their pupils. Their commitment and professionalism continue to be the cornerstone of our school's success, and it is this dedication that enables us to provide the exceptional education our children deserve.

It brings me joy to report that all our pupils have settled remarkably well into their new classes and have already demonstrated their commitment to learning through their hard work and positive attitudes. I have been particularly impressed by how smart and proud our children look in their full school uniforms - they truly embody the values and standards we hold dear at Holy Trinity.

This week, we have already begun the important process of selecting our Worship, Leadership and Sports ambassadors from each class, and I am confident that these young leaders will serve as wonderful role models for their peers throughout the year. Additionally, our pupils have engaged thoughtfully with this term's God's Big Question: "Why am I special, unique?" Their responses have been both creative and spiritually insightful.

Life at school continued to be very busy as we ran up to the end of term. We arranged some fun activities for the children over the last few weeks. Reverend Kat, supported by her volunteers led WOW worship sessions for all of the different classes in school. The children enjoyed thinking about the different ways you can pray and having some reflection time in their busy lives. The feedback was really positive from the children and staff, and we look forward to being able to continue to do this again in the future to support the spiritual development of the children.

I am delighted to share some the news regarding our recent Sponsored Colour Run. Thanks to the extraordinary

generosity and support of our entire school community, we have raised over £1372.23 for the Watoto Children's Choir. This wonderful sum will enable them to help the Watoto Childcare ministries support the work they do amongst the most vulnerable children in Uganda and South Sudan.

Our Year 6 children held their Leavers Assembly and then left our school for the very last time. They left via their Year 6 entrance and we had something special planned for them. We are very proud of them and all that they have achieved this year. The children received their leaver's hoodie and produced their end of year performance of 'Cinderella Rockafella,' they also received an autograph book 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 and we have so much planned for next year already. We are lucky to have such an amazing team of staff and even more amazing children. 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

CHURCH WARDENS' NOTES

We hope that you all had a great Summer and enjoyed the events and visits that St Matthew's had organised. The weather was in the main super, although at times, it became uncomfortable, but it got people out and about which was lovely. The children are back in the routine of school now and services and church groups have re-started.

We celebrated our Patron Saint, St Matthew on Sunday 20th September (the actual day is the 21st) and were delighted to welcome The Ven. Jane Atkinson, Archdeacon of Blackburn, as our guest preacher. It was also our annual Gift Day. If you haven't had chance to give a donation yet, there are still some envelopes at the back of Church. At the time of writing these notes, we don't have a total of the donations so far, but we will let you know, via the weekly sheet. We really appreciate all the donations that we receive, as the Church has bills that need paying, like everyone else, and we rely on the generosity of all our congregation, to help us achieve this. A big 'thank you' to you all.

We were so very sorry to hear of the death of Ernie Harling, a former church warden at St. Matthew's and one of our dear colleagues, in August. Ernie was a warden for 25 years before he retired and sadly his health had deteriorated over the last few years. We send our condolences and very best wishes to Jonathan and his family and Julie and her family at this sad time. Rest in peace Ernie.

We were also sorry to hear of the death of Jean Coates, a long - time member of St Matthew's Church. Her funeral was held at St Matthew's Church and we send our love and sympathies to her family.

All our groups are up and running again after the summer break. It was nice to see so many regulars at the first session of Fun Church, the Wednesday morning group and the other groups that St Matthew's has. If you haven't been to any of our groups before, please check our website or Face Book page for more details.

It won't be long before we put the clocks back an hour and we start preparing for the lead up to advent and the Christmas period. It's always an exciting time of year, as we get ready to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We send our very best wishes to you all.

Take care,

Audrey, Harry and Stuart

CHURCH MAGAZINE

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THANK YOU to everyone who shared our Pilgrimage to Lichfield Cathedral in the Footsteps of St Chad, kindly led by Fr Rod who explained that St Chad founded St Chad's Church in 669AD. Chad came to Lichfield to be its first Bishop and founded a small monastery beside a well of spring water. He built a church nearby which he dedicated to St Mary, but after his death this little church was re-dedicated to his name and has continued the work of God to the present day. We enjoyed a very warm welcome (and tea/coffee and biscuits) by many parishioners who were delighted to see Fr Rod again. (He was the Rector for 11 years prior to his retirement). Fr Rod then led us in a Pilgrim Eucharist with members of both churches taking part. We then moved outside and assembled around St Chad's famous well for the renewing of our baptism into the life of Christ. St Chad's was the third most important pilgrimage destination in pre-reformation England after Canterbury and Walsingham.

Lichfield is a beautiful small city and we strolled along the banks of the tranquil Stowe Pool to the magnificent cathedral stopping for a picnic lunch in glorious sunshine!

The Cathedral of St Mary & St Chad is noted for being the only medieval cathedral with three spires and we again enjoyed a warm welcome by the cathedral staff and volunteers. Fr Rod led us in prayers as we assembled at the West Door and then toured the cathedral with prayers in the centre of the Cathedral Nave, in the Lady Chapel and then around St Chad's Shrine. These prayers and the Pilgrim's Eucharist enabled us to share our worship and understanding of the importance of the missionary work by St Chad. We thank Fr Rod for leading us and for preparing the Liturgy for our Pilgrimage and Mother Enid who kindly printed the service booklet. Mother Enid also discovered that a former St Matthew's Vicar, Rev'd John E W Wallis is buried at Lichfield Cathedral! His younger brother was Barnes Wallis, the inventor of the World War II Dambuster's bouncing bomb! Our Pilgrimage was open to everyone at St Matthew's and we gratefully acknowledge the generous funding from the Community Fund.

Our next event is a return visit to St Peter's, Burnley and Towneley Hall on Saturday 3 October 2026.

St Peter's present their monthly Music Recital at 1100, with coffee being served from 1030 (Admission £7). It will be an organ recital by Ian Hare, an experienced and versatile musician who is active as an organist and choir director as well as a composer and teacher. He is Director of Music at St Oswald's Church, Grasmere and the Keswick Choral Society.

We then make our way to recently-restored Towneley Hall (Admission £5.50, Children free) which is regarded as the Jewel in Burnley's crown.

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

Howard Mitchell, Chair

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 8th November at 10:30 there will be the usual Family and Parade Service in church. This will (weather permitting) include an Act of Remembrance in the churchyard at the war memorial. Poppy wreaths are laid, a silence is held and the names of all those lost in the wars are read out. Do please come along if you are able to, you will be most welcome. The service lasts about an hour. If you are unable to walk out to stand at the war memorial or you prefer not to, it's perfectly acceptable to remain in church.

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St. Matthew with Holy Trinity Scout Group

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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 soon after completion of a Membership Application Form. Simply contact Howard on 07743 850350

CONGRATULATIONS

In the run up to the summer holidays, a number of our young people completed the requirements of their Chief Scout's Awards. In Beavers, Noah and Timothy completed their Bronze Award. In Cubs, Frankie and Keiron passed their Silver Award and in Scouts, Bradley, Charlie and Isobelle achieved their Chief Scout's Gold Award. These awards are quite demanding and require participation in nearly every activity that is planned for them, so they do need a high degree of commitment. They need to complete no less than nine major challenge badges: Adventure, Creative, Expedition, Personal, Outdoors, Skills, World plus Teamwork and Team Leader. Consequently, we have some young people in all our sections who have almost finished their award with just two or three requirements remaining outstanding. We extend our warmest congratulations to all our young people who have gained these coveted awards.

LOOKING AHEAD

During the summer holidays our leaders will be planning their programmes for the winter and spring in order that progress through the various badge requirements may be made within a varied and attractive framework. By the time that this magazine is published, our Scouts will have just returned from an adventurous weekend at Forest

Camp Sandiway on the edge of the Delamere Forest and plans are being made for Cubs to take part in a District Sleepover in November.

Flexible Volunteering for Adults: Helping our young people is very rewarding and equally enjoyable. We are always pleased to have a chat with 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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Father Alex's litter pick

On Friday 11th September, Father Alex organised a litter pick in the area local to St Matthew's. There were about 10 litter pickers in total, who collected 31 bags of rubbish from various streets. This was an event to celebrate and participate in Creation Season, a massive effort to clean up as much of the parish as possible. Father Alex was sponsored in his own litter pick, which he personally did for an impressive and heroic 6 hours! As well as cleaning up the parish, he aimed to raise money for the church's ministry. At the time of writing, it isn't possible to publish how much money was raised as the total is still rising. It is still possible to donate to this cause, all donations will be very much appreciated.

7th Burnley with St Matthews Guide Company

Rainbows

We came back from the summer break refreshed and ready for another term and we have a packed programme taking us up to Christmas. We will be starting work on a new badge, the theme this term is "Take Action, Make Change" and when completed the Rainbows will be awarded their Skill Builder badge, Interest badge and Theme award.

At our first meeting we had a holiday show and tell, giving the Rainbows the opportunity to tell us what they had done during the summer holidays. We were pleased to award Siska and Willow with their 2nd year badges before we said goodbye to Willow as she left us to join Brownies.

Elliana walked through the Rainbow arch and made her Rainbow promise, we welcomed Clara (Snowdrop) back to Rainbows after her maternity leave and also 3 new girls who we hope will soon settle in and make new friends.

In July for the first time in over 20 years Girl Guiding in conjunction with Hemmingway design launched the new design Rainbow uniform. All items of uniform are available to buy from the monthly drop in on Howe Walk but there is no obligation for parents to buy the new uniform and the old design can still be worn.

Guides

We said 'goodbye' to Jenifer at the summer break, although she will be coming to Guides when she is home, as she is off to study in York and we wish her well with that. During the summer break Leaders met to plan the programme up to Christmas and after a

rest we were ready to come back with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Georgia is well on the way to completing her Adult leadership, and Evie and Nya are also near to finishing their Young Leaders module.

During the summer break several International County Guide Trips took place to various countries. Jenifer, Lilyanna and Annabel took part in the one to Switzerland, for a week, visiting the Girl Guiding International Centre 'Our Chalet'. Whilst they were there, they also went to Paris and Milan 'en route'. A fantastic experience for them.

At the end of September we visited Pendle and Rossendale Mountain Rescue Centre to learn about the work they do and also about keeping safe when out and about. During the next few months we will be working on the 'Reflect' Skill Builder badge and Guide Spirit interest badge leading to gaining the 'Know Myself' theme badge. At the end of the summer break a considerable number of Guides have now gained their Bronze theme award. A great achievement.

We are looking for a volunteer to help run our Ranger unit (14/17 years) which runs alongside Guides. Do you feel this is something you could be interested in? Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to find out more or come along to one of our meetings to find out more about what is involved.

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)

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



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