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## **Poppies for Remembrance.**

Poppies are used for remembrance because of their vibrant red colour contrasted with the destruction of World War I battlefields, symbolizing the resilience of life and serving as a central image in John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields". The sight of these resilient flowers growing amidst the chaos of the Flanders fields inspired the poem, which then helped popularize the poppy as a symbol of remembrance for fallen soldiers.

Shortly after losing a friend in the Battle of Ypres, Canadian Doctor Lt Colonel John McCrae was inspired to write this poignant poem.

### **In Flanders Fields"**

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.**

Inspired by this poem, Moina Michael, an American academic campaigned to get the poppy adopted as an official symbol of remembrance across the United States, Canada, Australia and the U.K.

Earl Haig the founder of The Royal British Legion, adopted the poppy as their emblem.

**‘At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them’**





## Vicar's Notes

At the opening of the Garden of Remembrance and Poppy Appeal on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October I also had the privilege of dedicating a new Standard (flag) for the revived Longridge Branch of the Royal British Legion. Among the words of dedication is a description of the purposes of the Royal British Legion. These include, '*...the succour of those of our brothers and sisters who are still serving in our military forces and those who have served and who have fallen out by the way of life, the care of the widows, orphans and other dependants of those who served, the fostering of love and comradeship amongst all its members, the remembrance of the ideals for which we served, and of our fellow citizens who have laid down their lives for us...*'

In a world of social media algorithms, press and politics that seems so bent towards stoking division and the worship of self, the noble ideals of comradeship and service of others seem like a perfect antidote. They are the ideals we find in the good news of Jesus and it's therefore no wonder that organisations like the Church and those like the Royal British Legion are enjoying a quiet revival among those seeking a bigger purpose beyond simply their own fulfilment.

### Thanksgiving for the Harvest

'The Bread of Heaven' was the theme for this year's Harvest Festival and what an amazing Sunday it proved to be for displays, singing, walking and foody treats! Once again St Lawrence's Church looked fabulous and every year I find myself astounded by the generous effort that goes on behind the scenes to make it such a wonderful day of worship and fellowship. It was lovely to see the Church and School Junior Choir perform during our 10am service and our voices were lifted at both services by the Senior Choir. Thank you to Annette Walker, Mrs Ingram and Karen Au for directing us.



You can see some wonderful pictures on page 10.

Thank you also for your Harvest gifts, the extra food was very gratefully received by the Foodbank, as were the donations to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal to support charitable projects in our Link Diocese of the Free State in South Africa.

### Praise for the Hymnathon

Brilliantly organised by our Choir Director, Karen Au and supported by our Senior Choir, on the afternoon of Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October we enjoyed a fabulous time singing nineteen of our favourite hymns, plus anthems, to help raise funds for the maintenance of our Church organs.

Our voices might have been a little hoarse by the end but our hearts were full of praise and thanks.

See some of the picture highlights on page 12.



## Vicar's Notes continued .....

### All Souls Service

This will take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6.30pm in St. Lawrence's Church. Those of you who have attended previously will know it's a beautiful and reflective service giving you the chance to remember loved ones who have died and are held close to your heart. Each year we invite those families who have suffered a bereavement over the last twelve months, but the service is open to everyone in the parish.



### Remembrance Sunday

This year Remembrance Sunday falls on 9<sup>th</sup> November and the following services will be taking place:

**10.45am – Community Remembrance Service including 2 minutes silence at the Longridge War Memorial.**

**11.20am approx. - Longridge Town Civic Remembrance Service at St Paul's where we will be joined by the Mayors, Town Councillors, uniformed organisations and Longridge Band.**

**6.30pm – Parish Communion Service with act of remembrance at St Lawrence Church**  
Please do come and join us.

**On Armistice Day (Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November) there will be a short act of Worship at Longridge War Memorial starting at 10.50am.**

### Winter Fair, a Narnia Wonderland

We warmly welcome you to St Paul's Church on Saturday 22 November, 11am-1.30pm, for an event full of fun, food, glitter, a little dressing up and lots of celebration as we look forward to the Advent and Christmas season ahead. If you're able to arrive just before 11am, then you'll be in good time to see the Church and School Junior Choir open the event.

### Good news of an Ignite Children and Youth Leader

Finally, we've recently had some fantastic news that an application we submitted to Blackburn Diocese, as part of their Ignite programme (<https://www.bdeducation.org.uk/ignite-project-2/>) to support Children and Youth work here in Longridge has been successful. This means we're hoping and praying to recruit a Children and Youth Leader to start early in the New Year.

Look out for the job advert in November and if you'd like to know more about this project and how you can financially support it, please speak to Revd Jesse or myself.



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This month we have enjoyed reflecting and thinking about Harvest, we started the month thinking about Jesus as 'The Bread of Life' and reflecting on this by decorating a piece of 'bread' for our display. These looked great alongside our Good Gifts from God where we reflected on what we were thankful for.

On the third Sunday of the month we had a wonderful session exploring the story of the persistent widow and exploring prayer. We learnt about TSP prayers and decorated teaspoons to help remind us of things we can pray for. We then had the opportunity to explore some prayer spaces quietly and to spend time with God bringing him our thanks, saying sorry and hopes. Even our very youngest children enjoyed holding the stones, saying sorry for something and then seeing them be washed clean in the water.

If you would like to become involved with Children's Church we would love to have you please come and have a chat with either Becky or Caz.



# Believe in children



# Barnardo's

Rhona White and I have started to collect the Barnardo Boxes for emptying. If we haven't already got yours please could you bring it to one of the Sunday services or leave it at the office in St. Paul's. Do not leave them unattended in church. Alternatively, if you ring Rhona (785334) or me (785384) we will arrange to collect it. Thank you. Sheila Roberts



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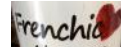
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## FABRIC UP-DATE - Rosemary Lyons.

We were pleased to welcome local blacksmiths Bill Carter and Oscar Duck back to St Paul's at the beginning of October to install the new wrought iron handrails on the dais. They had previously hand-fabricated these at their forge near Stonyhurst. The design of the handrails is intended to reflect existing architectural features and details within the chancel, including the wrought iron supports to the communion rail and the choir music stands. Our initial concerns that the installation might not be a straightforward job were quickly allayed. The rails had to be securely fixed down through the dais to the solid floor



beneath, and we weren't sure what we would find below once the carpet and dais floor were taken up! However, we needn't have worried as the installation went very smoothly and was completed within a day. Once the posts were fixed in place, the wooden floor panels were slotted back together seamlessly and the carpet was neatly trimmed back into place, all looking as good as new. Particular thanks go to David Hartley who assisted with re-fitting the carpet, and to Alex Squires who will add the oak top to the rails, to provide the finishing touch.

We know that many parishioners have been looking forward to having handrails there to provide easier access up and down the dais steps, and we have been fortunate to receive a grant to cover the cost of these from the C of

E Disability Parish Grant Scheme. Together with the new handrails in the Garden of Remembrance at St Lawrence's, these two grants will enable both our churches to be more inclusive and welcoming places and will provide long term accessibility benefits for many.

Down the hill at St Lawrence's, work has been continuing on the lychgate roof repairs in between the Autumn rain, and it is good to see this major project nearing completion.

This month's meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October was a visit from Good News For Everyone (formally Gideons UK).

*Tuesday Club*

Gordon Becket came with his associate Ade Oladapo from the Preston branch and with the aid of slides showed us the many things that they do in order to give bibles to as many as they can reach to spread God's word.

This is a very worthwhile Christian outreach who do more than just place bibles in hotel rooms – they also place bibles in schools, universities, prisons and other organisations, and now they also use magazines to spread the word to young people.

[www.goodnewsuk.com](http://www.goodnewsuk.com) is worth a visit to see the many things that they do.

The next Tuesday Club meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup> November (Armistice Day) where actress Meg Dixon will present her one woman show 'The King's Shilling' with words and songs from the Great War.



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## HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

Didn't our Parish Church look amazing? Each year the displays and themes are changed to reflect the days bible readings with 'The Bread of Heaven' being this year's central theme but many also choosing 'Good Gifts from God' with the MU display in the Remembrance Chapel wonderfully reflecting 'The Land of Milk and Honey'. St. Lawrence's Church with its low windowsills and interesting areas like the tower, lady chapel and remembrance chapel is a joy to decorate and the fact that each of those windows and areas are allocated to different people and groups means that everyone can put their individual interpretation on the harvest theme with the results uplifting and inspiring. We are so grateful to flower arrangers Judith Kaye and Dorothy Woods and to those families who paid for the flowers in memory of loved ones. The pedestal Dorothy Woods kindly donated and arranged going to St. Paul's after the thanksgiving so that it could be enjoyed there.

We always look forward to the young people's presentations with the C of E Primary School choosing to incorporate sandwich prayers into their display with, we understand, every child in school writing a prayer. The Brigade's two scarecrows were amazing, dressed smartly in their brigade uniforms and Children's Church had put together some wonderfully colourful display boards.

The lady chapel had the theme 'All things Bright & Beautiful' with everything from tall trees to each little flower that opens, birds that sing and creatures great and small so it was fitting that we sang that hymn at the All Together morning service, where Revd. Mike challenged some willing volunteers to mix dough, continuing the bread of heaven theme, all ending up rather messy but good fun.

It was lovely to sing those familiar Harvest hymns and we didn't forget to sing '**a great big thank you**' with the smell of bacon and the taste of apple pie, being sung with great enthusiasm by the children. It was also a delight to have the Church and School Junior Choir with us who sang so beautifully. The Harvest Songs of Praise Service in the evening gave us the opportunity to sing those more traditional harvest hymns - it always seems a pity that we rarely sing those hymns at any other time during the year.

We were blessed with a lovely Autumn day and in the afternoon Peter & Lib Turver lead the traditional harvest walk – the walkers returning to mugs of vegetable soup and home made cakes. Thank you to the soup makers and the cake bakers.

We hope this report has given a flavour of the special day we shared. There are many people we haven't been able to mention personally but a sincere thank you to everyone who worked so hard. All the donated fresh produce, together with the tins, packets and bottles were safely taken to our local Foodbank.



## HYMNATHON SUCCESS

The definition of a hymnathon is a hymn singing event where performers sing a large number of hymns in a day usually as a fund raising event. Well on the afternoon of the 26<sup>th</sup> October in St. Paul's Church we managed 19 hymns in less than two hours, with the hymn singing interspersed with lovely anthems by the choir and recital pieces from Karen bringing out the richness and versatility of the Father Willis organ. How we value having such a superb organist.



The hymns were chosen by members of the congregation prior to the event so the words were able to be displayed on the screens and we could all sing along. Outside it was pouring with rain but inside St. Paul's we spent a lovely afternoon together with most people staying on to enjoy scones and cakes in the Centenary Room. Definitely an event to be repeated

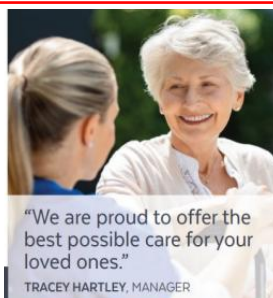
## From Karen Au

I want to thank the members of the congregation who supported the event. It was nice to sing a range of hymns familiar and some that are not so familiar. A HUGE thank you to the choir for supporting the event and leading the singing; also to the Social team for organising the raffle, the food and drinks. I think it was a well supported event and enjoyed by all. The final amount raised was £535 for the organ maintenance fund.

**Footnote.** By some coincidence David Wells the organ specialists are due to come to tune the Father Willis organ within the week so the money raised will be quickly put to good use.



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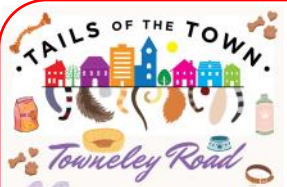
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## Mothers' Union, nationally, is running a campaign "RISE UP" against domestic violence.



"Domestic abuse can happen to anyone from any walk of life. It's our goal that Mothers' Union members and churches will work together to be a part of the change and will get involved with our RISE UP challenge. This challenge will be part of our wide MU National Domestic Abuse Programme which is launching soon.

You may have noticed in the toilets at both churches there are posters about domestic abuse with tear off strips with contact numbers on. The idea is that victims can take a strip without anyone else seeing and get help.

Within Mothers' Union there is a scheme to encourage branches to achieve different levels of achievement in this campaign. To attain the bronze level, we have to display the posters, use the campaign prayers and have a collection point for items that, in our case, will go to the Women's Refuge in Preston. Things they are asking for include toiletries, small gifts (for Christmas) Knitted blankets, baby clothes, nappies etc. Some will be used for Christmas and some will be used throughout the year. New arrivals probably just have what they stand up in or a small bag. All items must be new and will be very much appreciated.

As a branch we have achieved the first of the objectives and have started collecting items for the Refuge so we should soon apply for the bronze award.

If you feel you could contribute there will be a collection box in the tower at St Paul's or please let me know. Thank you.

Dates

November 4<sup>th</sup> Quiz night  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> Party (6.30pm start)

JAK

## Childhood Sexual Abuse (CSA) - Gina Gonzales

Hi, I'm Gina Gonzales

Having met with Revd Mike and Revd Jesse they thought I might like to share some information about the charity I run called 'Release into Victory' (RiV).

As a result of the trauma I experienced as a victim of Childhood Sexual Abuse (CSA) I lived in fear for many years, knowing full well the impact such crimes can have on your mental health.

For me, growing up forming healthy relationships was hard and those times I attempted to speak out to other family members about the abuse I suffered only proved futile and left me feeling isolated and alone.

My journey of healing began in my early twenties when I started receiving therapy but what really made the biggest difference was being able to speak to someone who had suffered in a similar way. This realisation caused me to establish a local and accessible support service for survivors, first in Preston and now at the Hub in Longridge (near Anji's Emporium).

Using craft-based events and activities I've offered emotional support to over three hundred victims/survivors and you can visit me at my RiV charity shop on Thursdays and Fridays, 10am – 1.30pm.

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## FELLOWSHIP, FUN & FUNDRAISING GROUP.

### Autumn Family Social

Reflecting back to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September and our Autumn Social, held in the Pavilion on the Showfield, we certainly crammed a lot into the day. We had hoped to have more children in the afternoon but the ones who came had a great time on the bouncy castle, enjoying the games and refreshments.

We then welcomed eighteen willing volunteers, including Revd. Mike and Revd. Jesse, prepared to give a Domino Drive a go and everyone seemed to very much enjoy the afternoon, most then staying on for the supper and joining more people arriving for the Quiz.

Caterer Tim Slater makes superb hotpot and cheese & onion pie and then an assortment of desserts were supplied by FF & F Group members – the apple crumble and custard being a real hit.

It was then down to the serious business of the General Knowledge Quiz and with a couple of tables spare we invited members of the Caravan & Camping Group – Folk Dance Section who were using the Showfield to join us.

Our Quiz Master Ray Jackson had put some interesting General Knowledge rounds together with very respectable scores coming in but the eventual winners were Kathleen Sturzaker's team - many congratulations to them.

So a day of activity enjoyed by those who took part and who knows perhaps the dominoes will come out again in the future.



### Winter Fair – 22<sup>nd</sup> November, from 11am

Before the Christmas preparations start in earnest do join us in St. Paul's for fun and fellowship and help raise much needed funds for the work of our parish.

We are delighted that the event will be opened by the Church & School Junior Choir and although not Christmas trees this year there will still be trees but these will be decorated with snow and ice, perhaps encouraging us to have that glass of warming mulled wine. Around the church will be the usual interesting stalls and sideshows and a pop up jigsaw sale. The first prize in the raffle will be a superb hamper, worth in excess of £100 with lots of other prizes too.

As in recent years the dais at the front of St. Paul's will be the focus for our young people's activities where they will be invited to step into the snowy magical setting through the wardrobe into Narnia. The church will be decorated with lots of icy snowy items and the children may even spot a character or two (Mr Tumnus). Through the magical wardrobe door they will find the children's craft area where they will be greeted by the Kings and Queens of Narnia. Aslan might even surprise us with a visit.

If it all sounds hungry work then the Beaver Dam (Centenary Room) is the place to go where you will find warming homemade soup, turkey balm cakes or sausage buns, not forgetting a good assortment of desserts and cakes. Between 11am and when the raffle is drawn at 1.30pm St. Paul's Church will definitely be the place to be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Leading up to the fair we would really welcome raffle prizes, tombola prizes, bottles, good quality soft toys, paperback books plus any new items you feel would be appropriate.**

### A Jigsaw Celebration – Saturday & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

The third week in January has become the established date for this special Jigsaw making weekend and there's still lots of time to make up some jigsaws but not Christmas themed ones please as these don't sell after Christmas. We are also always happy to receive good quality boxed jigsaws you are willing to donate. Much more information about this event will be in the December Log.



## SCHOOL NEWS – from Headteacher Catherine Parkin

### Thinking About Our Futures

A huge thank you to Mrs Boardman (mum to Orson and Dylan) who came into school to talk about different career pathways and what employment opportunities there will be when our current pupils leave school. Her talk, 'Your Future Adventure,' helped KS2 to think about what kind of jobs will be available in the future and which ones are already being done by robots. The children were encouraged to think about human qualities and skills and where these were likely to be needed in years to come.



### How About Farming?

It was wonderful to welcome our ex-pupil, Charlie, back into school with his friend James. They are both young farmers who are passionate about the work they do. The children learned about the process of food production 'from farm to fork' from the people who produce our food. This was all part of their recent work on Where does our food come from? At the end of the day, it was the tractor that stole the show though! It was a real treat to be allowed to climb into the cab and get some idea of what it must be like to drive such a huge vehicle.



## School News continued .....

### Well done to Reception Class



Our youngest children in school can be very pleased with themselves. They held a sponsored obstacle event recently to raise money to improve their outdoor area. Mrs Carr and Mrs Miller have exciting plans to make learning outdoors even more fun and the children have certainly helped. Thank you to our Year 5 buddies for helping too!

### Thank you, Mrs Reid and Mrs Potter



This term, as we gathered for worship in St Paul's, we also said a great big **'Thank You'** to Irene Reid and Joan Potter for their long service with Lancashire's School Crossing Patrol. They have helped keep our children safe for 56 and 40 years respectively. We wish Mrs Reid a long and happy retirement and hope she will come back to visit us and we look forward to seeing Mrs Potter as she continues her work with our school families.



### School Nurse drop-in

Our new school nurse, Sandy Dean, will be in school at 9am on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November. She is able to give advice on a number of issues including toileting, behaviour, sleep, diet, weight concerns

and any general health worries. Please note that this is a drop-in session and so there may be a wait to see the nurse.









## TWO REMARKABLE LADIES.

The Log team couldn't let the retirement of Irene Reid MBE and Joan Potter pass without paying our own special tribute to these remarkable ladies. Irene crossing the children at the school gate in Berry Lane for 56 years and Joan at the junction of Berry Lane, Market Place and King Street for 40 years. For many older log readers Irene and Joan will have crossed both their children and grandchildren and whatever the weather or how heavy the traffic they always had a reassuring smile and welcoming word for both adults and children. Their absolute priority though was the safety of those children.

Having worked together for so long they were a brilliant team and became close friends, even having their own special communication signal at either end of the school day so they both left at the same time. It was fitting that Irene and Joan should retire together and greatly deserving that their years of service was recognised in the special school assembly in St. Paul's Church.

We wish them both a happy retirement, enjoying not having to set the alarm clock or check the weather to see if it was raining hard enough for waterproofs! **A sincere thank you to you both.**

## Grace Notes

We've just passed the half way mark with our Autumn programme of entertainment featuring "Songs from the Musicals". And with just two more outings to make we're now giving thought to our Christmas selection. We enjoy a particularly enthusiastic welcome in the care homes we visit during the run-up to Christmas with residents keen to join in with the singing.

If singing for the joy of it is your cup of tea, you might care to join us. We'll begin practising seasonal favourites on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Just have a word with any of our members or call Carly Fitzpatrick (our illustrious and long-suffering leader) on 07972 548684.

**Vernon Kinrade**



## Log Distribution

Could I please remind our deliverers that if they are unable to take their Logs out in the first week of the month, they can contact me to arrange an alternative. Some readers rely on the magazine for times of services & meetings and so feel it is important to have their copy as soon as possible. Thank you all for getting the magazines through doors regularly throughout the year.

**JAK**

## St. Lawrence Flower Rota

November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vacant
10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Flowers
16 <sup>th</sup>	Vacant
23 <sup>rd</sup>	In memory of Wynne & Dorothy Lewis
30 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Sunday



## St. Paul's Flowers

November	Donna Rowe Green
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## Church Flower Group

We are always looking to welcome new members to our group. It may be with new ideas, helping with the displays, or any other support they can provide to enhance our churches.

So it is a 'big' thank you to Pam for joining our team, and we look forward to welcoming her in the coming months with having her support and contributions.

**Y-Team and Martins**

Our younger members have been enjoying fun games each week and then focusing their craft sessions by creating the props for the harvest display- lots of colouring and beautiful new Brigade scarecrows. We've also been discussing the season of Autumn and how that looks within nature around us as the seasons change, we then created our own trees. We've also been talking about the animals we see at this time of year especially the hedgehogs who are busy foraging for food to build up their nests before winter- we made our own colourful hedgehogs during craft.

**JTC and Seniors**

Our older members were invited to St Paul's for an evening learning all about the organ. We are very grateful to Karen Au for showing us how the organ works, playing us some wonderful music to listen to and allowing our members to also have a go at playing. We also took part in a quiz to test our knowledge at the end of the night.



We've been busy in craft over the last few weeks getting ready for the Harvest display in Church- our JTCs made Bees from different materials ie Hama beads which is a firm favourite.

We've also been playing some great team games- unihoc which is always very competitive, bench ball and we've even spent one evening designing escape rooms for other teams to get out of- this required some creative thinking and great imagination.

As we approach the month of Remembrance we are starting to focus again on our drill practice in preparation for attending the London parade and local parades.

Our bandies also enjoyed Recruitment Weekend at National Band during September- this is the opportunity for members to attend the weekend and give band a go to see if they like it and want to join. As always everyone had a great time!

We look forward to enjoying the half term break and will re open on 5th November for our last half term before Christmas.



## CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Log readers may recall that last year, to solve the dilemma of large amounts of Christmas cards circulating around the church family we came up with two suggestions. The first was a pigeon hole system at the back of St. Paul's Church enabling people, who wish, to post their cards to friends in the church family and this worked quite well, although there was some confusion whether you posted the cards in the appropriate section using the person's Christian name or surname. We feel the surname would be most appropriate. This system will be available again from the beginning of December.

The second suggestion was for those who like the one greeting idea where we allocated pages in the December Log for peoples brief Christmas Greeting. Last year those greetings covered two pages but from comments received we feel that more people would like to send greetings in this way and we are therefore prepared to allocate more pages to accommodate this. Those choosing to do this may like to consider giving a small donation to church funds.

If you choose to do the one greeting via the Log rather than write a number of cards this year then please send your greeting to [dotlittle003@gmail.com](mailto:dotlittle003@gmail.com) by the December Log cut off date of 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

## Christmas Wreath Making Workshops with Kay Lomax

*We are delighted that Kay has kindly agreed to run two Wreath Making Workshops again this year for us. Please book your ticket in advance by emailing Graham Kelsall – [graham@oaktreehouse.net](mailto:graham@oaktreehouse.net) or Dot Little 783998.*



**Date: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
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The cost is £40 and includes all materials, including the wire frame, moss, backing, wire, pins, glue, greenery, ribbon and a selection of natural decorations such as pine cones, oranges/limes/ cinnamon sticks etc.

(Simply bring gardening gloves, apron, scissors and/or secateurs and battery lights if you want lights on your wreath.

**Mulled wine/tea/coffee and mince pies will be included.**

## BAPTISMS

**We congratulate and pray for those who have been recently Baptised into our Church family:**

Jude David La Roche on the 26th October 2025 at St. Paul's Church  
Jacob Oliver Coupe on the 26th October 2025 at St. Paul's Church



## BREWTIME

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**My Favourite Hymn chosen this month by Naomi Pinder.****Be Still....**

Every morning I spend special time with our Lord and Saviour, filling me with His Joy and His Peace, to revel in His love, to in-spire His Spirit and to be at One with Him. It is Life, the life Jesus gives to us, for He came to give life to us, life in all its fullness.

***Be still for the presence of the Lord, the holy one is here, come bow before Him now with reverence and fear, in Him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground, be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.***

My Lord, I am still, resting in your presence, not rushing away. I think of Martha, always busy doing earthly things, she is a woman of great faith but she was too occupied with the day to day cares and worries. Think about William Holman Hunt's famous painting, 'The Light of the World,' the door is overgrown with thorny bushes preventing Jesus from entering. As an aside, the painting and lamps are displayed in Manchester Art Gallery and I only need half an excuse to go over to see them, so let me know if you fancy a day out.

Jesus' invitation is to be still - so that we may be ready to receive Him, to in-breathe the Spirit, think about the words, 'By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,' to in-spire. Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord.

***Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around, He comes with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned, how awesome is the sight - our radiant King of Light, be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.***

My Lord, it is dark in the mornings in our time of commune, but you are the Light that no darkness can ever put out. You are the Light of the World. When we open our hearts to you in belief, you consume all our darkness, you save us and we walk in your divine Light. Your Light is our light, your life-giving light for all who believe and accept you as Saviour. Lord you grant us Joy, your Joy that no-man and no-thing can ever take away. My Lord, my radiant King of Light, I feel overwhelmed that you should love me so much, my heart doth overflow.

***Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place, He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace - no work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him, be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.***

Jesus' love for us is beyond compare, that He chose to come to Earth as God incarnate, God made man, knowing everything that would happen to him and that knowing all this, He chose to come in love, so that we may be saved and may have eternal life in Him. This is awesome. I don't have words, simply your Peace and Joy that fill my heart to overflowing.

I thank you God so much, you are so good to me, me – a simple woman, with all the usual human frailties and faults. And yet you have transformed me, I am recreated in you, your Spirit in-dwells within me and guides me always. Thank you.

As I communed with our Lord, this hymn came to me and on the same day, I received an invitation to write about my favourite hymn in the Log, so you can see that God works in mysterious ways and had given me this wonderful song of worship to share with you, my dear friends.

May God bless you and may you revel in His love for you.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LONGRIDGE & DISTRICT.

At the end of October we said goodbye to Father Benjamin Garba who has been acting Priest at St. Wilfrid's for the past six months and welcomed back Father Tony Dutton. – we wish Father Benjamin all the best in his new post in Padiham.

At the end of September we came together for an Ecumenical Service for the 'Season of Creation' and below you will find a short extract from Canon Doyle's homily.

The next opportunity for us to worship together will be on Advent Sunday when our friends from Christ Church and St. Wilfrid's will join us for the evening service at St. Lawrence's Church. (Grimsargh and Alston Lane Churches will have their own joint Advent Sunday Service on that evening.)

We give advance notice that the Blessing of the Town Crib will take place at 11.00am on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

As Churches Together in Longridge & District we continue to come together in prayer every Friday morning at 7.45am when prayers are led by each denomination in turn and last approximately 15 minutes. All are welcome to join us in St. Wilfrid's Parish Room.

## SEASON OF CREATION –

**Ecumenical Service held in St. Wilfrid's Church on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September.  
Below is a short precis of Canon Doyle's address.**

Yesterday was the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and the end of the week of special prayer for creation. In Churches this subject will probably not be mentioned again until September or October next Year, but it will be talked about in the political sphere. Lough Neagh is the largest lake in the British Isles and Windermere is the largest in England. Both are heavily polluted. Wildfires have devastated many parts of America and Canada and are now raging across Europe. – *'the world is on fire.'* While some countries are suffering from drought, excessive rainfall is causing landslides and loss of life in others. Climate change appears to be affecting the whole world.

The Book of Genesis tells us that as creation unfolded 'God saw that it was good'. We are part of that creation, just a part, but Chapter 1: 26-31 gives a unique role to human beings. Psalm 104: 29,30 tells us that creation has its own relationship with God, in some measure independent of human beings and beyond our understanding. All forms of life sing from the same hymn sheet. God has placed human beings, made in His image, under an obligation to be stewards of the earth and, as Christians, we are particularly aware of our responsibility from our covenant relationship with God.

Nowadays Christians are becoming more and more aware of God's Presence in nature, a very timely development. The Orthodox Churches in the Middle East and Eastern Europe were strongly influenced by the Incarnation of Christ – the crown of all creation.. God, who was invisible, was now fully with us in a material sense. God walked upon this earth. Pope Leo has said: *'Flesh is what we are all made of; it is what binds us to the Earth and to other creatures. The Flesh of Jesus must be welcomed. The Flesh of Jesus must be welcomed and contemplated in every brother and sister, in every creature.'*

The Flesh of Jesus .. Incarnation! The Celtic Church flourished in the British Isles during the early medieval period (400 – 900) and partly drew on the theology and practice of the Eastern Christian tradition. Christians saw God's Presence and Divine power revealed in nature. They believed the earth to be hallowed through the birth of Christ and still the dwelling place of God through the Holy Spirit- a Trinitarian Spirituality. However, they did not have a romanticized view of nature. They were alive to the unpredictable ferocity and terror of the natural world and prayed for protection within it. They were very much aware that, like a wasp, Mother Nature can sting and, if we do not respect her, we could all end up in A& E.



## TERRY &amp; EILEEN LEWIS'S CATHEDRAL JOURNEY

The first Cathedral we visited was in 2011; we'd gone on a steam train journey to Carlisle, the weather was horrendous so we only went in to escape the torrential rain. Next came Ripon, we stopped for lunch on the way to Pickering so went in for a look around as there was an organ recital on.

Durham and Newcastle came next whilst visiting relatives around Eileen's home City of Durham. This was followed by Lichfield and York again both visited while staying with family.

We hadn't realised until we went to Oxford while on our honeymoon in 2013 that we'd actually started something. We got in the Cathedral there for free when I explained we were on honeymoon and had decided to make it a mission to visit all the English Anglican Cathedrals.

Over the next several years we travelled all over England on our quest, taking our dog Roxy with us whenever we could. She was mainly accepted in the Cathedrals with the exception of two. At Sheffield we were told only assistance dogs were allowed in, however the lovely verger on duty said she looked like a guide dog to him, so she was allowed in. Roxy was a Border Terrier! The other was Wells, the ladies on the entrance desk wouldn't let her in and we were doing our best to talk them round when the Dean appeared, asking if there was a problem. We told him we were on a mission to visit the Cathedrals of England and had travelled down from our Diocese of Blackburn. He immediately asked if we knew the organist at Blackburn Cathedral, Sam Hudson, which we certainly did as our church choir had sung with him. Entry along with Roxy was immediately granted much to the dismay of the two ladies. Not always a case of "What you know".

We finally finished our Cathedral visits in 2021 with Bristol being the last one – 42 in total.... Or was it?

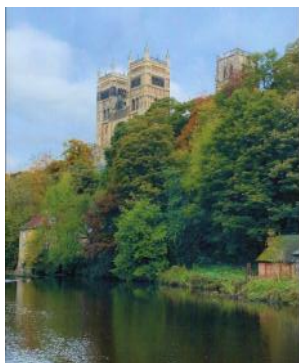
**Next Chapter**

Terry's dad came from the little village of Brynammon in South Wales and Terry wanted to show me where he spent his school holidays – so over the next two years we visited all the Welsh Cathedrals, whilst visiting his childhood haunts. Luckily there were only six!

**Final Chapter**

Just when we thought it was all over....we found there was a Cathedral in Peel on the Isle of Man, which we finally got to visit in October this year. It's taken us quite a number of years to visit 49 Cathedrals, from the tiny St. David's in Wales to the majestic Cathedral in

Durham and the beauty of Wells. We've travelled hundreds of miles, staying in some lovely places that we otherwise would not have visited and met some wonderful people along the way. We now have a collection of 49 book marks, having collected one from each Cathedral with no idea what to do with them – any suggestions welcome. Would we do it again, yes!..... if we had enough time.



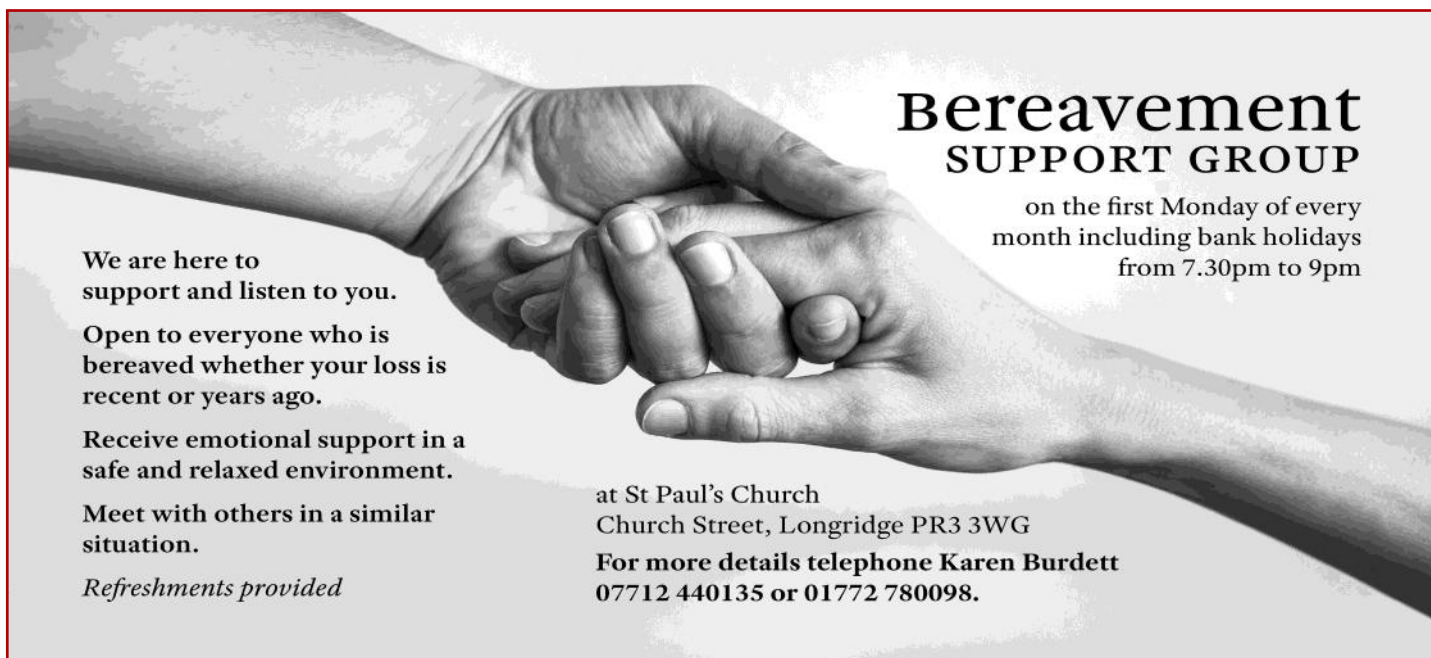
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## OUR WORSHIP AND READINGS

*Following Jesus in Loving Community*

**Our regular Sunday 'in church' services are as below.**

St Paul's Holy Communion Service with Children's Church at 10:00am (arrival from 9:30am)

St. Paul's 'All together' Service 10:00am on 2nd Sunday of the Month

St Lawrence's at 6:30pm (arrival from 6:00pm)

**The readings that will feature in these services are listed below.**

**Our regular mid-week Holy Communion Service takes place on Thursday at St Paul's at 10am**

### 2nd November - Fourth Sunday before Advent

**10:00am St Paul's Holy Communion with Children's Church**

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

Luke 19:1-10



**6:30pm St Lawrence's**

'All Souls Service'

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Luke 6 : 20-31

### 9th November - Remembrance Sunday

**10:45 am Community Remembrance Service at Longridge War Memorial**

Including 2 minutes silence

**Civic Remembrance Service**

**11:20am St. Paul's Approx.**

**6.30pm Holy Communion St Lawrence's**

2 Thessalonians 2 :1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

### 16th November - Second before Advent

**10am St Paul's Holy communion with Children's Church**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

**6.30pm St Lawrence's Evensong**

Psalm 97

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

### 23rd November - Christ The King

**10am St Paul's Holy communion with Children's Church**

Colossians 1: 11— 20

Luke 23 : 33—43

**6.30pm St Lawrence's Evensong**

Psalm 72 V1-7

Colossians 1: 11— 20

Luke 23 : 33—43

### 30th November - Advent 1

**10:00am St Paul's Holy Communion with Children's Church**

Isaiah 2 : 1-5

Matthew 24 : 36—44

**6.30pm St Lawrence's**

Advent Carol Service

### 1st December - Monday



**7:00pm St Pauls**

'Blue Christmas Service'

### 7th December - Advent 2

**10am St Paul's Holy communion with Children's Church**

Isaiah 11 : 1-10

Matthew 3 : 1—12

**6.30pm St Lawrence's Evensong**

Psalm 11

Isaiah 11 : 1-10

Matthew 3 : 1—12

## FUNERALS

**We commend to God those who have died recently and pray  
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Derek Helm



## Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Baptisms, Marriages

Arrangements for these should be made with Rev. Mike or via the Church website

Do you know anybody who is in hospital or ill at home?

If so, please let Rev. Mike know so that they may be visited.



# The Last Word

From the Vicar, Rev. Mike Barton



There's a saying, 'the first thing to say about politics is that politics is not the first thing'. Perhaps that's why when politics becomes the new religion, we end up in a mess.

To this thought, lifelong atheist Johnathon Rauch argues three core Christian ideals are necessary to sustain a proper democracy.

Firstly, Christianity says, '**do not be afraid**'. We'll be thinking more about that next month, for these are the words of the Angel Gabriel to Mary before the birth of Jesus. So Rauch argues that when politics becomes the new religion authoritarianism takes hold. In other words, when those in power are afraid of losing elections because it would bring an end to their government, they

change the rules to remove any real opposition. To '*not be afraid*' is to trust the democratic process and have faith that other voices have the right to be heard and may have a point.

Secondly Christianity says, '**every person is created in the image of God**'. In other words, there is a sacredness to every individual and people are not a means to an end. But if politics becomes the new religion with no reference to God, people become things, rather than persons. To counter this, Rauch says Jesus modelled principles of equality and even when he encountered people he knew to be morally suspect, he said, '*he who has never sinned cast the first stone*', (John 8:7).

Finally, Christianity says, '**Forgive each other**'. According to the bible 'mercy triumphs over judgment' (James 2:13), yet the consequences of sin are not without cost; so when politics becomes the new religion there is no higher basis for loving your neighbour, let alone your enemy. In other words, if someone wrongs you, they must pay. Rauch suggests that without the language of forgiveness – of you being willing to bear some of the cost, public life becomes a divisive battlefield of winners and losers. Against this the Christian faith recognises we all fall short and leaves a space for restoration and even a change of views.

So in the interest of democracy, what do you think?

If politics is about how people make decisions and govern resources affecting the way people live together in larger groups, then it's very important to engage - we should all take an interest. However, when people make politics their religion and worship their political party, it spells the end of democracy.

After Moses led God's people from slavery in Egypt through the Red Sea to freedom, he puts before them a choice to choose life so that they and their children will live well in the land (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

Jesus also offers this choice. He says, 'I am the way and the truth and the life,' (John 14:6). It's your democratic choice to believe this or not... what do you think?

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