



CHORLEY PARISH CHURCH
OF ST. LAURENCE

THE PARISH MAGAZINE

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2020



Sunday 01 November : All Saints'
Monday 02 November : All Souls'
Sunday 08 November : Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 29 November : Advent Sunday
Monday 30 November : S. Andrew the Apostle

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Welcome to this edition of the Parish Magazine which covers the period of November and December.

From the Rector

Dear friends,

The thought of another lock-down depresses many. The first brought something of a 'novelty' factor to it as we could all spend lunchtimes in the sun (such amazing weather) and for those of us who had never used (or even heard of!) 'Zoom' before, there were new and exciting things happening.

Back in March when we started a YouTube channel we had a few followers, as I write this we have reached 500 people. That's 500 people who have clicked the button to say that whenever we post a video they wish to receive an alert so that they can view it.

I continue to be grateful to a large number of people who help in so many ways (some are seen, some are unseen) to enable us to continue to offer our ministry to the congregation and wider community.

I'm very aware that this year has made many people feel a bit 'cut off' from the church in many ways. If you can think of anything we can do which is both safe and legal, and would help people feel more connected, please do contact me and share your thoughts.

But, for the meantime, please don't forget that...

Advent – not cancelled.

Christmas – not called.

Praying for each other – not cancelled.

Please be assured of my love and prayers

Father Neil

Services for November 2020

Su 01	<i>All Saints' Day</i>	09.00 All Age Eucharist 11.00 Solemn Eucharist *
M 02	<i>All Souls'</i>	12.15 & 18.15 Requiem Eucharist
Tu 03		12.15 Holy Eucharist

The Eucharist on Tuesday 3 November will be the last act of public worship till Thursday 03 December due to the increase in national restrictions.



Church Open for Private Prayer Tuesdays and Fridays

10.00 – 12.00

and

Sundays 14.00 – 16.00



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Weekday Eucharists intensions:

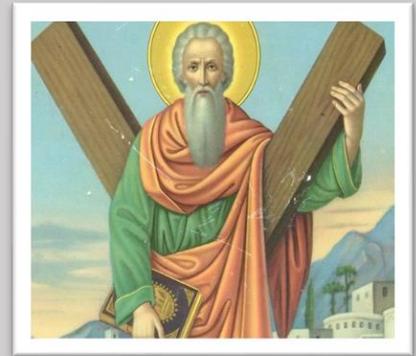
Monday	Parish Mission
Tuesday	The Community & Civic Life of the Town
Thursday	<i>includes the Ministry of Healing</i>
Friday	<i>The 1662 Book of Common Prayer is used on Fridays</i>

Weekend Eucharists

The Saturday 17.00 and Sunday 09.00 Eucharists features a children's address and contemporary music. The Sunday 11.00 Eucharist contains a sermon and makes use of traditional music and the organ.

St. Andrew

(feast day 30 November)



Born at Bethsaida (Galilee), Andrew was a fisherman and perhaps a disciple of John the Baptist. He introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus and became one of the first to follow Christ.

He is mentioned a number of times in the gospels, for example, in introducing some Gentiles to Christ.

Widely venerated since ancient times, he is remembered as one of the twelve who bore witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

He became recognised as patron saint of Scotland because, according to legend, some of his bones were brought there and buried in the place that now bears his name.



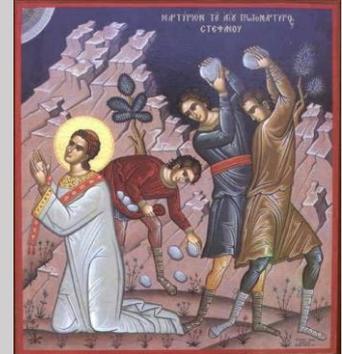
Services for December 2020

Th 03		18.15	Holy Eucharist
F 04		12.15	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
Sa 05		17.00	All Age Eucharist
Su 06		09.00	All Age Eucharist
		11.00	Holy Eucharist
M 07		18.15	Holy Eucharist
Tu 08		12.15	Holy Eucharist
Th 10		18.15	Holy Eucharist
F 11		12.15	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
Sa 12		17.00	All Age Eucharist
Su 13		09.00	All Age Eucharist
		11.00	Holy Eucharist
M 14		18.15	Holy Eucharist
Tu 15		12.15	Holy Eucharist
Th 17		18.15	Holy Eucharist
F 18		12.15	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
Sa 19		17.00	All Age Eucharist
Su 20		09.00	All Age Eucharist
		11.00	Holy Eucharist
M 21		18.15	Holy Eucharist
Tu 22		12.15	Holy Eucharist
Th 24		10.00	Crib Service
		12.00	Crib Service
		14.00	Crib Service
		16.00	Crib Service
		20.00	Christmas Eucharist
		23.30	Christmas Eucharist * *
F 25		09.30	Family Eucharist* (*this service is at St Georges – there is no service at St Laurence’s)
Sa 26	<i>St. Stephen</i>	10.30	Holy Eucharist** (** there is no 17.00 Vigil Eucharist today)
Su 27	<i>The Holy Family</i>	09.00	All Age Eucharist
		11.00	Holy Eucharist * *
M 28	<i>Holy Innocents</i>	12.15	Holy Eucharist
Tu 29	<i>St. Thomas Beckett</i>	12.15	Holy Eucharist
F 01	<i>Day of Prayer for World Peace</i>	12.15	Holy Eucharist

* = Incense will be used at this service

St. Stephen

(feast day 25 December)



Stephen was one of the first to follow the Apostles. It is believed that he was either Greek, or a Jew educated in Greek culture. What is certain is that he was greatly appreciated by the community in Jerusalem that his name appears first among the seven men chosen as deacons to assist the Apostles in their mission. A man “filled with faith and the Holy Spirit,” we worked wonders and miracles – but some members of the synagogue stirred up the people against him, with the elders and scribes saying he had blasphemed against Moses and against God. In the days following Pentecost, Stephen was hauled before the Sanhedrin, and accused by false witnesses of preaching that Jesus would “destroy this place and change the customs that Moses handed down to us.”

This final proclamation cost him dearly. With a loud cry, those present cast him out of the city “and began to stone him.”

Readings for Sundays and Holy Days

Day	Title	Readings
November		
Su 01	All Saints' Day	Revelation 7. 9-17 Matthew 5. 1-12
Su 08	Remembrance	I Thessalon. 4. 13-18 Matthew 25. 1-13
Su 15	Second Sunday before Advent	I Thessalon. 5. 1-11 Matthew 25. 14-30
Su 22	Christ the King	Ephesians 1. 15-23 Matthew 25. 31-46
Su 29	Advent Sunday (Year B)	I Corinthians 1. 3-9 Mark 13. 24-37
December		
Su 06	Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 40. 1-11 Mark 1. 1-8 2. Peter 3. 8-15 Mark 1. 1-8
Su 13	Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-11 John 1. 6-8, 19-28 Romans 15. 4-13 John 1. 6-8, 19-28
Su 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent	2. Samuel 7. 1-11, 16 Luke 1. 26-38 Romans 16. 25-27 Luke 1. 26-38
Th 24	Christmas Eve	Hebrews 1. 1-4 John 1. 1-14
Fr 25	Christmas Day	Hebrews 1. 1-4 Luke 2. 8-20
Su 27	The Holy Family	Galatians 4. 4-7 Luke 2. 15-21

Mayflower 400 | Service of Thanksgiving



Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 we have been unable to carry out our Mayflower 400 celebrations as planned this year; however, we will be broadcasting on our YouTube page a Service of Thanksgiving on:

Sunday 15 November 2020 at 15:00

featuring Brass Ensemble and local choirs

Remembrance Sunday



This year we can't have our annual Civic Service to remember those that served us and continue to serve us in our wars, but we do not forget. Why not take a few moments in your own homes to remember those who died for us and those who continue to fight for us.

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.*

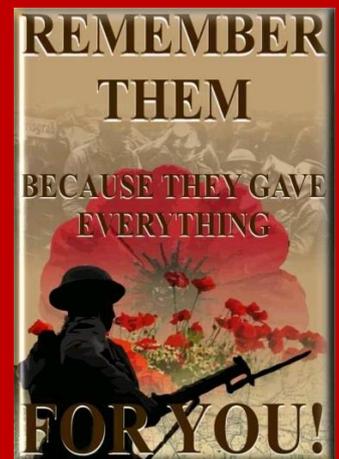
*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*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.*



*O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.*

*As we honour the past,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever. Amen.*



Feast of Christ the King

Originally, Christ the King was celebrated on the last Sunday in October, but in 1969 it was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time (immediately preceding Advent), where its theme of Christ's dominion made it a fitting end to the liturgical year.

Shepherd-King o'er mountain steep, homeward guide thy wand'ring sheep.

The lyrics above from the hymn Hail Redeemer King Divine, often sung on this Sunday, captures the theme perfectly: our King is not a cruel tyrant or despot, but a shepherd who loves his flock, who would (and did) give his life for them.

Coming to the end of the Church's year leads us to look to our final ending, the homecoming the hymn speaks of. All we do is put our lives in order, living just and holy lives, longing for the day of the lord to come.

Celebrate the end of the church's year
The feast of:



Sunday 22 November

Enjoy a five minute break to do a related word search

D	R	E	G	N	A	R	T	S	S	GLORY	ANGELS	THRONE
R	S	L	E	G	N	A	N	T	E	SHEPHERD	HERITAGE	HUNGRY
E	F	E	T	E	R	N	A	L	S	FOOD	STRANGER	CURSE
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The Advent Wreath



The first candle, which is purple, symbolises **hope**. It is sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle” in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, also purple, represents **faith**. It is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is pink and symbolises **joy**. It is called the “Shepard’s Candle,” and is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. This final candle, the “Angel’s Candle,” symbolises **peace**. It reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.”

The white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the “Christ Candle” and represents the life of Christ. The colour white is for purity - because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior.

Stir-up Sunday is an informal term for the last Sunday before the season of Advent.

It gets its name from the beginning of the collect for the day in the Book of Common Prayer, which begins with the words,

*"Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord,
the wills of thy faithful people"*

However, it has also become associated with the custom of making Christmas puddings on that day. Everyone in the family shares in the making of the pudding, taking turns stirring it (east to west, the direction the wise men travelled) and each person making a wish while taking her or his turn at stirring. In the full homeliest manner, the making of the pudding renews a sense that the presence and purposes that God is never far removed from daily life. The sweetness of the pudding is a sign that God always desires the peace and happiness of his people. The contents of the pudding are a subtle reminder of a principal object of the Christian life: the fruit of good works, referred to in the collect.

Most recipes for Christmas pudding require it to be cooked well in advance of Christmas and then reheated on Christmas Day, so the collect of the day serves as a useful reminder.

The Collect:

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord,
the wills of thy faithful people; that they,
plenteously bringing forth
the fruit of good works,
may by thee be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easy Christmas pudding By Good Food

A classic light, spiced Christmas pudding

Prep: 2 hrs 45 mins - 3 hrs (inc. steaming) | Serves 8-10

Ingredients

- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup sultanas
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 1 cup finely grated butter (about 115g/4oz)
- 1 cup fresh brown breadcrumbs (from around 4 thick slices of bread)
- 1 cup light muscovado sugar
- 1 cup mixed nuts, chopped plus extra to decorate
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp ground mixed spice
- 1 cup milk
- 1 large egg
- butter, for greasing

For the butterscotch sauce

- 85g butter
- 100g light muscovado sugar
- 200ml double cream
- 1 tsp vanilla extract



Method

STEP 1: For the pudding, empty the first six cups and the nuts, if using, into a mixing bowl with the spices, then stir in the milk and egg. Once well combined, tip into a buttered 1.5 litre pudding bowl.

STEP 2: Cover with a double layer of buttered foil, making a pleat in the centre to allow the pudding to rise. Tie the foil securely with string, then place in a steamer or large pan containing enough gently simmering water to come halfway up the sides of the bowl. Steam, covered with a lid, for 2½ hours. Check the water level during cooking, topping up if necessary. If you are preparing this pudding ahead, remove the foil, let it cool slightly, then wrap in cling film and then fresh foil. If you are serving it immediately, unwrap and invert onto a deep plate.

STEP 3: For the sauce, put everything in a pan and bring slowly to the boil, stirring. Allow to bubble away for 2-3 minutes, still stirring, until the sugar has dissolved and the sauce is pale caramel in colour and slightly thickened. Remove from the heat. Pour the sauce over the pudding and decorate with the whole mixed nuts.

Why not have a go at carrying out this tradition as a family and try this simple recipe.

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Services and Events for Advent and Christmas 2020

*All Services are subject to current
restrictions being relaxed.*

ADVENT

November/December 2020

Advent Sunday

Service will be available on Facebook and You Tube.

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday 05 17.00 All Age Eucharist

Sunday 06 09.00 All Age Eucharist | 11.00 Holy Eucharist

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday 12 17.00 All Age Eucharist

Sunday 13 09.00 All Age Eucharist | 11.00 Holy Eucharist

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 19 17.00 All Age Eucharist

Sunday 20 09.00 All Age Eucharist | 11.00 Holy Eucharist

Virtual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

(look out for more details on how to view the service nearer the time)

CELEBRATING OUR LORD'S NATIVITY

Thursday 24 December | Christmas Eve

10.00 Blessing of the Crib

12.00 Blessing of the Crib

14.00 Blessing of the Crib

16.00 Blessing of the Crib

20.00 Mass and First Communion of Christmas

23.30 Midnight Mass *(Incense will be used)*

Friday 25 December | Christmas Day

09.30 Family Eucharist**

*** this service will take place at St George's,
there will be no service Christmas Day at St Laurence's*

Saturday 26 December | St. Stephen, First Martyr

10.30 Holy Eucharist

(please note no 17.00 Vigil today)

Sunday 27 December | The Holy Family

09.00 All Age Eucharist | 11.00 Holy Eucharist

Monday 28 December | Holy Innocents

12.15 Holy Eucharist

Tuesday 29 December | St. Thomas Beckett

12.15 Holy Eucharist

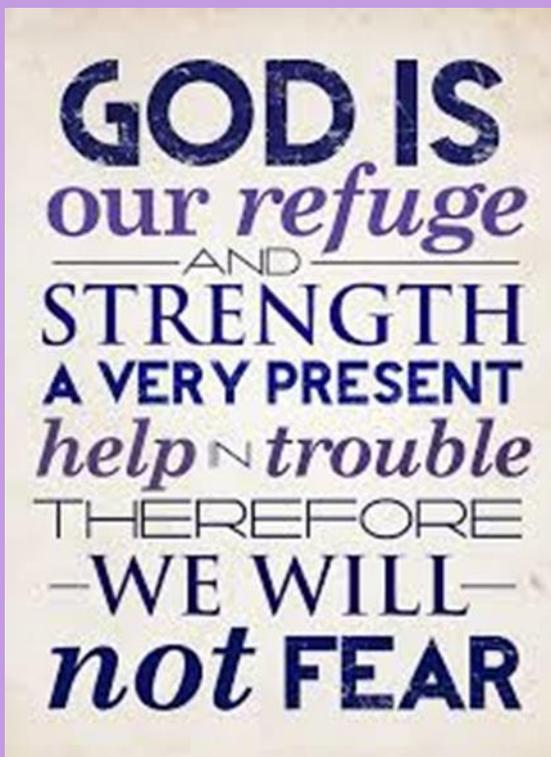
Friday 01 January | Day of Prayer for World Peace

12.15 Holy Eucharist



Silent Night Oh Holy Night

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who
care for the sick,
and lift up all who
are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing
can separate us from your
love in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Prayer Chain

The St Laurence's Prayer Chain is available to all who wish to use this small group of church members. They are prepared to pray daily in response to any requests for private prayers. The group treats all requests with sensitivity and complete confidentiality.

Please contact:

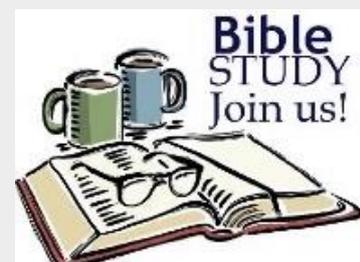
Doris Smethurst 410829

Zoom Bible Study

Starting in September our weekly Bible Study will resume on Zoom. It will be each 'Sunday at Six' for 40 minutes or so (18.00 not 06.00!). Not only will it give us the chance to consider the Sunday Gospel together, but it will also be an opportunity to 'grill the preacher' that weekend.

To register please email:

bible@stlaurencechorley.co.uk





As we live in these ever-changing times of regulations around COVID-19 the parish hospitality committee have met to review our provision of TASTE.

To ensure we can maintain service through the coming months, with the potential of more restrictions and fewer volunteers, we are now going to offer hot food and drink on three days each week. Other churches and groups offer provision on other days so this ensures there is food available for those who need it every day of the week.

We will provide a hot meal and drinks on a Monday at 5pm and Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes 1pm - 2pm.

Rev. Mo (chair of hospitality group)

**Café now open for take away food
Tuesday and Friday
1.00pm to 2.00pm.**



Online Shop

Do please visit the [Christmas page](#) of our Online Shop and remember, if you are able purchase cards and gifts from us, you are helping church funds. Like so many other churches, this year we have no Christmas Fair, no Christmas Tree Festival or Christmas concerts.

All this impacts considerably on our finances.

So if you are able to 'shop locally' please do!

Every penny counts and every little helps!



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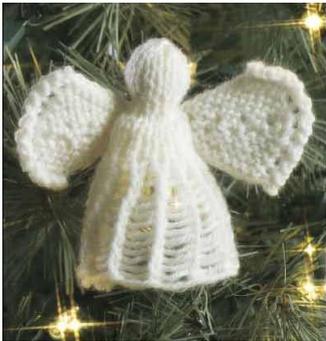


14 October

Hilda Bentham

May she rest in peace and rise in glory

Christmas Angels



You may be wondering if we'll be able to give away Christmas angels this year. The answer is 'YES!' We'll probably have to do it differently, but we'll still go ahead with it. So.....if you're feeling bored and need a project, then please consider knitting some angels.

They're very quick and easy to do. You can use any colour of wool that you choose (a good way to use up any oddments you may have). The pattern can be found at www.christmasangel.net

There is also a crochet pattern for those who don't knit. If you have any questions or need a hard copy of the pattern then please get in touch.

Many thanks, Chris Berry - cmberry@talktalk.net

Can you help us prepare for Christmas?

We would love to form a team of people who will underpin all Christmas activities and preparation by praying for them, especially the fine detail.

If you are feeling sad or frustrated that Christmas won't be the same this year, either because events are not taking place, or your health does not permit you being involved in the same way, this can be a way of involving and including everyone.

There would be a different prayer intention for each day.

Please email office@stlaurencechorley.co.uk if you'd like to be part of this team.



Articles and Pictures wanted for our December/January edition



Many thanks to Elizabeth Bowman (our organ scholar)
for supplying some of the articles in this edition.

