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thou hast ordained;*

(Psalm 8:3)

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Useful
Information

WARM PLACES IN THE COMMUNITY

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From the Rectory

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter we have just celebrated the great feast of Pentecost. Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday, when the Church ponders one of the great mysteries of faith – God is one, and God is three - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The church then moves into the so-called 'Ordinary Time.' This time is marked in the church by the green altar frontals and vestments, used until the weeks approaching Advent.

Now, 'Ordinary Time' may sound somewhat dull, as if nothing unexpected will happen. Still, given what the world is facing, perhaps a period without too much happening is a good thing just to be and reflect.

Time is precious, and for me, at least, time seems to gain speed. It reminds me of a prayer sometimes used during a funeral service. It is directed to the living, not the departed, because truth be told, a funeral is as much for the living as for the person who has died:

Grant us Lord, the wisdom and the grace to use rightly the time that is left to us here on earth. Lead us to repent of our sins, both the evil we have done and the good we have not done, and strengthen us to follow the steps of your Son in the way that leads to the fullness of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

These next few months of Ordinary Time need not be too ordinary or dull. Time, we are often reminded, is a precious commodity. Are we not told, if not by Jesus directly, but certainly by implication, to live each day as if our last?

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Charles Darwin wrote,

'One who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life.'

So let us always celebrate and give thanks for our time, whether it's 'ordinary' or not, and use it for good as best we can amongst our families, friends, and those around us.

Let us take a more active interest in our communities because of the fire of Pentecost, the fire that has been lit.

There have been so many positive things to come out of our churches, as we have reflected on in our Annual Parish Church Meetings during May. Let's not lose that momentum or waste a second filled with the Holy Spirit.

Pray to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for the growth of Our Churches in number and faith.

God is full of surprises, and I am sure life will not be 'Ordinary.'

Love and best wishes

Fr Andrew



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lunch
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In The Loop

... with Keith, Jean & Paul

St Stephen's Churchwardens



ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION:

This finally took place on the afternoon of Tuesday 7 May, when we were visited on behalf of the Archdeacon by our Area Dean, Revd Munawar Din. All went well as Fr Andrew and churchwardens accompanied Munawar around the church – inside and out, including him rummaging through our First Aid kits! We presented all our documents etc, most of which were complete - a couple were not and these will be rectified. We have received his report – there were 10 positive observations, which is very encouraging! All in all, a very satisfactory visitation.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:

This was another meeting which had to be rescheduled and finally took place on the evening of Monday 13 May, which was a break from tradition. 15 persons attended - unfortunately there were at least 11 parishioners who were away on holiday, including churchwarden Keith. (Perhaps that's why the meeting only took half as long as usual? Only joking Keith!) We enjoyed a cuppa before we got down to business. Reports were read and accepted.

At this meeting, Maureen Hanson retired from her post as church secretary, a position she has held for well over 30 years! Maureen was presented with a bottle of her favourite gin (Rhubarb & Ginger), a gorgeous hydrangea plant and a card in appreciation and grateful thanks for her service to St Stephen's.



We were very pleased to announce that Anita Fossey has agreed to take up the position, and we look forward to supporting and working alongside her. Of note, we will endeavour next year to return to this meeting taking place after the Sunday morning service, as has been usual over many decades! Following both these important meetings in the life of our church here at St Stephen's, we strive to continue to be a beacon in our community, welcoming all to join us either in worship or at events that we hold throughout the year.

SUMMER FAIR: By the time you are reading this, our annual Summer Fair will be literally just around the corner. It will be held in the School on Saturday 8 June, starting at 11:00 am with the school choir – always a

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delight! There will be all the usual stalls: crafts, chocolate, cakes, children's games, face painting and tombola, raffle and refreshments - toasted teacakes (from 11am), hot and cold drinks, crisps, BBQ burgers. It's free admission, so come along and

enjoy a few hours of fun and raise funds for church!

SERVICES:

As summer fast approaches, we look forward to sunny, warm days. The Easter tableau has been put away for another year as we celebrated Ascension Day a couple of weeks ago.

On the Sunday morning following the Ascension, the Sunday Club made fantastic models of the event of Jesus ascending into heaven. Our Pentecost service was another celebration that closely followed the Ascension, and it was lovely to see the input by the Sunday Club children. May ended with Trinity Sunday and the beginning of Ordinary Time – the longest season of the Anglican liturgical cycle.

On the last Sunday of June we shall join with our brothers and sisters at St Peter's to celebrate the Patronal Festival of St Peter – Benefice Eucharist at 10:30 am – and we continue to look forward to a Year group from school attending our midweek Eucharist services. It's always a joy to welcome the children who are very knowledgeable and answer all of Fr Andrew's questions, and they are exceptionally well behaved too – a credit to the hard-working headteacher, Jo, and all the staff at school.

NAVE ALTAR:

Donations are still coming in to fund a super frontal for the nave altar. A design has been chosen which will represent the 'seasons'. If you would like to donate towards the cost of this, please see a warden or Judith our treasurer.

Diary Dates

at St Stephen's

Saturday 20 July - Summer Concert:

Maureen (Hanson) our recently retired church secretary, is a member of Baxenden Band and The Hyndburn Singers, who will be entertaining us on Saturday 20 July, in church, starting at 7:00 pm. Tickets are £5 and will be on sale in the very near future. Refreshments of Tea/Coffee and Cake will be available at £1 each.

Thursday 15 August: It's been a while since we enjoyed a **Parish Meal** out together, and plans are already in motion for this to take place at 'Bistro 197' (at Towneley Golf Club). There's a varied menu available, including vegetarian options, and the cost is £20 for two courses or £25 for three courses, but we are limited to 40 diners. Get your 'menu ticket' from Jean and return it to her a.s.a.p. with your payment to ensure a place.

Tuesday 17 September: Saltaire Trip -

Funding has been confirmed! The list for this trip has been out at the back of church for some time. A 41-seater coach has been booked and there is still a small number of seats available. There is no cost to you to come on the coach for a full afternoon of

JUST FOR FUN



"And who is going to be the Godfather?"



"It's not my posse, Lenny ... it's called a choir."



Saturday Morning Concerts at St Peter's



Our Saturday morning concerts in May featured a fabulous concert from the Laiton Trumpet Quartet and a virtuoso piano recital from the hugely talented Tom Hicks. The Laiton Quartet are final year students at Manchester's prestigious Royal Northern College of Music and their polished performance and presentation of works, ranging from fanfares to arrangements of popular songs, met with generous applause from an appreciative audience.

Tom Hicks is a young pianist with an abundance of talent. Already holding a Doctorate in Music, he splits his time between the USA and Europe. Fresh from giving a masterclass and recital at Chetham's School of Music it was a delight to welcome his return visit to St Peter's on the 25th May and to hear Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata played brilliantly in its entirety.



The next Saturday Morning Concert is on 6th July, when Italian pianist Ida Pellicciola makes her St Peter's debut. Ida was born in Bergamo, Italy. She studied at the Nice Conservatoire and at the Ecole Normale de Musique in Paris. Ida will present a journey from Spanish keyboard music to the Viennese Classic Style, through the work of a forgotten composer – Manuel Balsco de Nebra, and featuring the music of D. Scarlatti, Mozart and Schubert.

Our final concert of the series is on 20th July when local musicians Seán Ruane (tenor) and Joanna Garcia (piano) join forces for what promises to be a memorable concert.



As always, admission is £7 on the door (including refreshments) and free parking is available in the school yard (Rawcliffe Street). Concerts start at 11.00 a.m. with refreshments served from 10.30 a.m.

Philip



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We look forward to welcoming you, come and see us soon!



Churchwardens' News from St Peter's

Hello everyone,

The Annual Parish and Vestry Meetings took place on Sunday 19th May after the morning service. The Churchwardens were elected for another year and the Annual Report was available for the congregation to read. Verbal reports were given about mission, finances and fabric, and questions asked by attendees. Everyone enjoyed coffee and cake before the meeting, with all proceeds going to Christian Aid.

Our Parish Visitation took place on Tuesday 7th May. Area Dean Rev Munawar Din conducted the Visitation on behalf of Archdeacon Mark Ireland. It was a good opportunity to make sure everything is in order and running smoothly. During the Visitation we presented the church logbook, inventory and Quinquennial report; our Vision for God's mission in our parish was discussed; the new policies regarding areas such as safeguarding, financial reserves, the churchyard, and health and safety were looked at (thank you to Andrew Buchanan for preparing these); and an inspection of the building was conducted. We are pleased to say that aside from a couple of minor points everything is in order and Rev Munawar was very positive in his assessment of how we are doing as a church.

The annual Halsted Sermon was given this year by Authorised Lay Minister Alan Roadley during our Choral Matins service. It was a concise and powerful sermon on the verse from the book of Hebrews, "For here have we no continuing City, but we seek one to come". If you missed it and would like to read the sermon, it is available on the church website.

We have had some excellent Saturday concerts recently, with virtuoso organist Tom Bell giving a splendid performance to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the rebuilding of the church organ, and pianist Tom Hicks performing a beautiful rendition of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. We can look forward to further concerts to come in the summer.

Take care,

Sandra and Jason

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

**St Stephen's
Branch**

Look out for our talk from NW Bloodbikers this month. A representative from this char

LOOKING BACK

With rose tinted spectacles at the ready we embarked upon a trip down Memory Lane at the start of our Tuesday afternoon meeting in May.

We welcomed Pauline Catlow, former parishioner. She had come along to share her memories of St. Stephen's and Burnley Wood. Pauline shared memories of a very different time at S. Stephen's. Pauline's grandparents were married here in 1906, her parents married in 1936 and Pauline and her husband became man and wife in 1958.

Church was at the heart of the community. Pauline reminded us that at a time just after the war church services and activities provided most people with all they needed. Twice daily Sunday School, wonderful Christmas parties, walking days and annual prize giving. Young wives and Mothers' Union for about a hundred women. Very different times and very fondly remembered.

PCSO Liv Jones was unable to join us for the evening meeting at the end of May. However, we made use of the free time by preparing for the Spring Fair by wrapping our mystery gifts.

LOOKING FORWARD

Saturday, 8th June Summer Fair with Mothers' Union stall. We sell mystery presents, ex Tesco stock and delicious, homemade cakes. Anyone who can lend a hand between 11am and 1.30pm come along please.

There is a change to the June and July programme. The meeting on 11th June at 2pm will now be a Scams Workshop run by Tracey Schofield on behalf of Nat West Bank. Therefore, our afternoon outing will now be on July 11th. We have more or less decided on lunch at Pendle Village Mill, followed by a mooch around the shop. Further details to follow.

ity is coming to speak to us about their important work transporting blood by motorcycle to hospitals and treatment centres. All welcome.

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JUNE EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday 11th: Scams Workshop with Tracey Schofield , 2pm, Community Room

Tuesday 25: NW Bloodbikers, 7pm Community Room

JUNE 2024 CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday and many happy returns to Dorothy Spencer on the 2nd and Beverley Laycock on the 13th.



Jackie

The **Mothers' Union** is an international Christian charity that seeks to support families worldwide. Its members are not all mothers or even all women; there are many parents, men, widows, singles, and grandparents involved in its work. The main aim of the Mothers' Union is to support monogamous marriage and family life, especially through times of adversity.

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School News

Panathlon is a national charity which gives young people with disabilities and special educational needs every year the opportunity to take part in competitive sport. The Primary Panathlon programme provides an introduction to Panathlon for 5-11-year olds, through a team competition that builds foundation skills in a range of Panathlon sports. The Panathlon challenge has been providing competitive sport for disabled young people across the UK since 1996.



Some of our pupils attended the first ever Panathlon Challenge Event, which took place at Barden Campus. The multi skills event was a great success! The children moved around a carousel of different activities and the stations were delivered by pupils from Unity College, who made sure everyone was included and the children were kept active. The children participated in eight modified multi-skills games with different scoring stations. The

games included Boccia blast, Table Cricket, Kurling and many more.

The pupils represented St Peter's exceptionally and performed with great determination and confidence. Amazingly, St Peter's finished the event as winners! They then went on to represent Burnley in the North West regional finals in Blackpool! Staff and fellow pupils were extremely proud of their achievement. Well done to all the children who participated!

Then a group of children from Years 1 and 2 represented our school at St Peter's Centre in a Key Stage One Panathlon sports event, which included parachute popcorn, polybat, precision bean bag, new age kurling, boccia blast, flight path and skittles. They had a fantastic time and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Behaviour was outstanding and the children each received a medal and a certificate!



Mrs Crowther



Sunday School News from St Peter's

We have been inspired by Imogen's excitement and inspiration from the Diocesan Youth Forum (see separate article). The first meeting for this group was at Blackburn Cathedral but the intention is to move around the Diocese. Giving a voice to young people is our future and if they feel joy, warmth and love in church they will come again and tell others.

Our Young Singers are an inspiration each week. A busy time of concerts is approaching. They often lead with ideas in practice and have favourite music.

We continue in Sunday School with readings from the Old Testament and the book of Samuel. Readings with plenty to discuss: being open to God, making choices and their consequences and change and being changed.

We pray especially this month for our very youngsters members as they are baptised . Ellie-May , Willow, Saphira and Kai at St Stephen's. May you all shine in God's love and light.

Love,

Meena



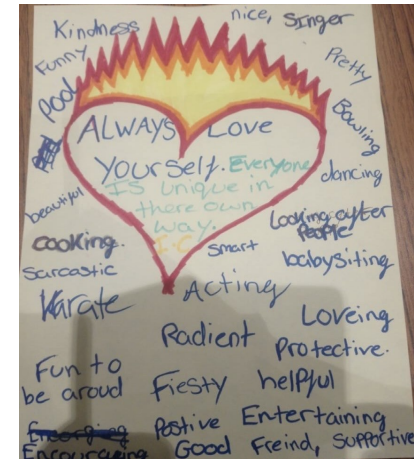
Some of our youngsters at Ellie-May's Christening



St Peter's Young Singers together for Amelia's Birthday



Gifts for Bank Hall residents



Imogen's Report from The Diocesan Youth Forum

When I went to the Youth Forum, they were really focused on hearing the voices of the youth. They wanted to know our opinions on Church, what we like, dislike and what we want changing. A lot of people said how their church was cold and how they either didn't have a Sunday school, or they only had activities for toddlers to enjoy, so the other children weren't really enjoying going to church. Whereas in our church we have a place for all ages, whether you're a newborn or 100 years old, you are always welcome. In Sunday school we have activities for all the ages, we sometimes have shared activities, but if one activity is something for younger children, we have a separate activity for older children, and toddlers and babies are always welcome to play. But in churches, the youth really don't get a voice and the adults get mad at children or toddlers for playing.



What can be changed in churches, is that we feel all churches should have Sunday school activities for both toddlers and younger children and older children to enjoy, because if children don't enjoy going to church then they won't go, but churches need children to go because otherwise there may not be churches anymore as the children are the future generation. It was also important to give the youth a voice, so that they can hear what can be changed to make the church, a better environment and get more youth going to church. Everyone at the youth forum were very happy to know their voices are being heard and know that they can make a better change to churches and hopefully bring up the number of children and teenagers going to church.

Imogen

Burnley Prayer Breakfast
St Stephen's Church, Burnley

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...From our Vision Champions

Making Disciples, Being Witnesses, Growing Leaders, Inspiring the Young



Hi everyone,

Keith and I have just returned from a lovely holiday in Lanzarote. The flight home was not until the evening so subsequently

we did not land back into Liverpool until after midnight. After going through customs, we collected our luggage and headed to the car for the last leg of our journey home.

Amazingly we managed to get out of the car park without having to press the intercom and prove we had paid for parking. That's where things began to go wrong! There were no fewer than four road/slip road closures. To say we went around the houses would be an understatement. We even went over a toll bridge which required paying for via an app! We finally arrived home at 3am and went straight to bed.

Our journey home got me thinking about my life. There have probably be lots of times where our life journey takes a sudden change. A block in the road and we have to reassess how to proceed. The first major one I can remember in my life, was when studying for my A level and the miners' strike when Edward Heath was Prime Minister. Schools were closed and I didn't know what career I wanted to pursue if I completed my studies. So I left school and began working at the Burnley Building Society. If I had completed my studies who knows where they may have taken me. We

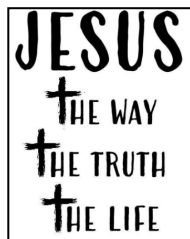
can probably all relate to times in our lives where we adapt and change to our circumstances.

The one constant in my life has been going to church. That has not been without its challenges. When our church (St Albans with St Paul's) closed Keith and I had to make a decision. Which church should we now attend? Andrew our eldest child was attending St Stephens school so we made the decision to come to St Stephens. Most of St Albans congregation went to St Catherine's. We have never regretted our decision. The wonderful friends we have made. The happy family times together as part of St Stephens Players. Our growth in faith.

Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life." We May face changes in our life. We may not always feel close to God due to those changes. But we can be reassured that there are no road closures in our faith journey. Jesus shows us the way and is ready to journey with us.

Linda.

'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.' (John 14.6)



For some time we have been praying for greater depth in our relationship with God and for our numbers to grow. How, I wonder have we prayed? Because we were asked to? Because that is what Christian's do? Have we expected answers?

That is an interesting question. Many people pray, but not many people seem to expect an answer. Is that because we want Father God to answer in a certain way and when He gives us a different answer either we don't understand it or, as it is different to what we wanted, we don't see it.

It is easy in conversation with each other to get answers even when the answer may be unexpected or not what we wanted. Our relationship with Father God takes time, we read our bibles to try to understand Him, but, as was said at a recent Bible study, we frequently misunderstand His ways and his answers. I think we have been experiencing some wonderful answers to prayer recently. As I said we have been praying for greater depth. We have seen and experienced that growth in our Bible study with lively discussion and with sharing our personal experiences with Father God. We have tackled some very deep issues around the reasons for Jesus dying on the cross. We have seen and experienced the height and depth of God's overwhelming love for each one of us.

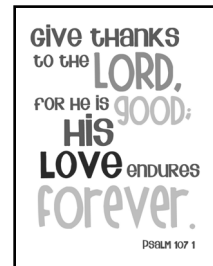
Dare I conclude that the joy we have seen in our church services are a result of this better understanding. When we look around our church we are seeing more people being welcomed week by week. We experience a real family feeling growing among us.

We are praying - Father God is answering. I hope we are all encouraged to keep praying for greater depth in our relationship with Father God and each other and for growth in numbers.

I have had this song going round in my head for a couple of weeks, we can use it as a prayer.

*Let There Be Love Shared Among Us,
Let There Be Love In Our Eyes,
May Now Your Love Sweep This Nation,
Cause Us Oh Lord To Arise.
Give Us A Fresh Understanding
Of Brotherly Love That Is Real,
Let There Be Love Shared Among Us,
Let There Be Love.*

I think this might be a good time for us to thank Father for answering our prayers.



Joan

JUNE IN THE MEMORIAL BOOK OF ST STEPHEN'S



1st	Victor Booth
2nd	Richard Newsham
3rd	Bertha Hindle
4th	Malcolm Joseph Hanson, Rita King
5th	Thomas Gillespie
6th	Irene Wade, Amos Whittam
8th	Mary Eatough
9th	Alan George Wetherell, John Maurice Major Kerr, Jennie Hopwood
10th	Alan Howarth, Beatrice May Mills, Elsie Meek, Mary Brogan, Harry Halstead
12th	Hannah Elizabeth Harker, Harry Bowdin, Florrie Astin, Victor Horace Cecil Stone
13th	Thomas Cottam
14th	Mary Grace Harrison, Edward Gregson, John T Kendall
15th	Annie Wigglesworth, Richard Davies, Father Lawrence Laycock
16th	James Henry Whitaker, Allan Shepherd, Thomas Edward Schofield,
17th	Emma Kneeshaw, Nell Menzies, Harry Greenfield, Jane Elizabeth Green,
18th	Hubert Watson, Alan Turner, Jonathan Neil Howarth
19th	Annie Hargreaves, George Earnshaw
20th	Charles Mills, William Bernard McCourt, Allan S Walton
21st	Charles Thomas Hamer, Arthur Button
22nd	Arnold Fanshaw
23rd	June Ellen Whitehead, Lizzie Pratt, Alice Ethel Benns, Edmund Hacking
24th	Celia Watson, Alan Francis Clark (Priest), Albert Nuttall
25th	Jane Cryer
26th	Jack Watson, Mona Rushton, Harold Hargreaves, Margaret Florence, Farrow.
27th	Emma Mitchell, Barbara Mary Dalzell Markham
28th	Lawrence Stanton
29th	Derek Chadwick, Kenneth Tomlinson
30th	Eveline Heap, John Lewis

R.I.P.

JUNE IN THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE AT ST PETER'S

4th	Arthur Tennat, Ivy Emma Walsh
5th	Lesley Ann Walker
6th	Frank Whitaker
7th	Clara Bird
8th	John Judson
10th	Joan Mitchell, Colin Brimelow
11th	Walter Barlow
12th	George Walter Steen, Lily Steen, Robert George Francis
13th	Ben Davies Slater, Ann Slater, Evelyn Annie Smith,
18th	Joseph Snowden
19th	Florrie Howker Greenwood, Lucy Parrington
21st	Eric George Scott
23rd	Roland Calvert
24th	Walter Reginald Watson, Maud Mitchell, George Harling
25th	Henry (Harry) Riley, John Harwood
26th	Clara Hargreaves
28th	David Higgin
29th	Florence Kempsey



*"I am the resurrection and the life
The one who believes in me will live."*

Comfort on the journey. by Christine Harbour

Last time I wrote in the magazine I was nervously waiting my first coach trip alone. It seems eons ago that I was sitting on the feeder coach feeling very miserable and lonely. Really, shame on me! After all I had prayed about it - and God had heard my cry! I quickly found a travelling companion, a lady called Jennifer.

On arriving at Weston I met another widow called Pam! (I think God has a great sense of humour as it felt as if I was at church in Burnley!) We together enjoyed fun, laughter and even tears. We 'shared' our week together. Three widows whose life had changed forever, living and learning to live life alone.



Marriage is a bit like a woolly jumper. Two people knitted together. Sometimes it feels too hot and constricting, sometimes wearing thin or even developing a big hole, but nevertheless always there and comforting. When we have to part with it, we only have a ball of unravelling wool ... So we have to begin knitting. One square at a time. It may seem a bit aimless at first. Gradually those squares become so numerous that we have enough squares to make a baby's blanket. This will be nearly as warm and as comforting as the woolly jumper! If we give it away it will bring joy!

Jesus gave himself away in humility and love so that we could live again! He healed the lepers and those fighting inner demons, so that they leapt with joy as they could then really start to live! He made the ordinary man understand the teachings of God as he told simple stories with deep meanings. He fed the hungry both physically and spiritually.

One of the names we give to Jesus is our Comforter. I like to think of the gospels as being the squares of the blanket, those 'literal' visual 'photos' that make a picture of Jesus the Comforter. The one person who gives us comfort and hope in this uncertain world. The one who suffered the discomfort, in the knowledge that he would die an excruciating crucifixion in order to conquer the horror of death.

Our Lord didn't forsake us when he died, as he rose again, conquering death — the greatest miracle of all time! He comforts us now with the precious gift of his Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us in his way of truth. He never really left us.

As we wrap ourselves tonight in our duvet, our comforter, let's be grateful for all we have, especially in the wonderful gift of a God who shares our lives in our sadness and in our joy.

Let us serve him with thanksgiving today and always

With love and blessings

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4th	Tues	10.30 am	Drop-in with Fr Andrew	St Stephen's
5th	Wed	11.30 am	Friends, Food & Fellowship	St Peter's
		2.00 pm	Friends, Food & Fun	St Stephen's
6th	Thurs	9.30 am	Thursday Chat	St Peter's
8th	Sat	11.00 am	St Stephen's Summer Fair	St Stephen's
11th	Tues	10.30 am	Drop-in with Fr Andrew	St Stephen's
12th	Wed	12.30 pm	Let's Do Lunch	St Stephen's
13th	Thurs	9.30 am	Thursday Chat	St Peter's
15th	Sat	9.00 am	Burnley Prayer Breakfast	St Stephen's
18th	Tues	10.30 am	Drop-in with Fr Andrew	St Stephen's
19th	Wed	11.30 am	Fun, Food & Fellowship	St Peter's
		2.00 pm	Friends, Food & Fun	St Stephen's
20th	Thurs	9.30 am	Thursday Chat	St Peter's
24th	Mon	7.00 ppm	PCC	St Peter's
25th	Tues	10.30 am	Drop-in with Fr Andrew	St Stephen's
26th	Wed	12.30 pm	Let's Do Lunch	St Stephen's
27th	Thurs	9.30 am	Thursday Chat	St Peter's
30th	Sun	10.30 am	JOINT service of Holy	St Peter's



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On 29th June we celebrate St Peter's Day

WORD SEARCH

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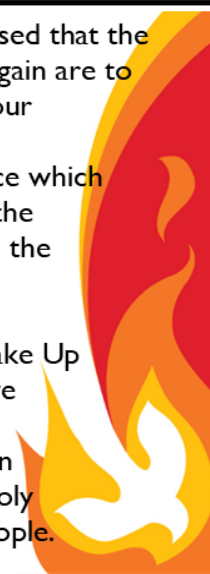
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**Our Sunday Club meets
every
Sunday morning
at 9.30 am**

We are so pleased that the children once again are to be involved in our 'Wake Up and Worship' service which takes place on the Third Sunday in the month.

At our May Wake Up and Worship we talked about Pentecost, when God sent his Holy Spirit on his people.



Don't forget to visit the Sunday Club Sweet Stall at the Summer Fair on 8th

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St Stephen's Sunday Club
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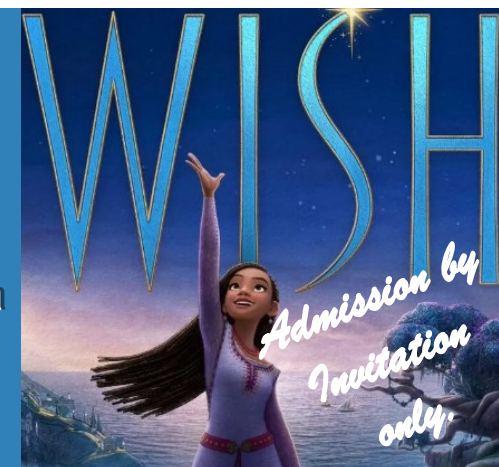
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