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MAY 2024



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15th May

Useful Information



WARM PLACES IN THE COMMUNITY

There are a number of new venues providing a warm place for all age groups I have picked a few out. More information is available on Line.

Mechanics Theatre, Manchester Rd
Open Tuesday-Friday 11- 3.30pm.
Saturday 11- 2.30pm.

Prairie Sports Village Cafe.
Monday - Friday 9-9pm.

Bistro 197, Todmorden Road. Open
Wed - Sat 9am to 5pm.

Gannow Community Centre. Open
Monday & Thursday 9am - 3.30 Tues,
Wed and Fri 1pm -3pm.

Mount Zion Church, Burnley Road,
Cliviger. Mondays from 1pm all age
community group.

The Hub on Burnley Road Padiham is
open Monday to Friday from 10am-2pm.

Padiham Leisure Centre open Monday
to Friday 7.30 - 10pm. Sunday 9 - 5pm.

**Burnley Campus Library, Padiham
Library and Burnley Central Library**
have created warm spaces and a range
of reading, crafts and cultural events. Go
to your nearest Library, keep warm and
join in.

Barbara Marshall



Dear Friends,

We have celebrated the good news of the Risen Christ throughout Easter. At each celebration of the Eucharist in this paschal season, traditionally, the gospel is announced with words from the book of Revelation – ‘Behold I am alive for evermore’ (Rev. 1.18). How often do we hear or use those words and take it for granted? If we can stop and take a moment to contemplate the full depths of this statement, we can be rewarded with a more profound sense of joy and a strengthening of our faith and hope.

As I write this message, Eastertide is well advanced. We look forward to celebrating the Ascension, the departure of the immediacy of the Risen Christ, and then Pentecost, fifty days after Easter Day, when the first believers were baptised in the Holy Spirit. Behold I am alive for evermore is relevant to us now, for these words were uttered by the Risen Christ in a vision to St John. The book of Revelation was written to encourage persecuted Christians across the Roman world and to comfort them with the knowledge that although life would be tough, God's loving purposes and justice would prevail in the end.

That particular sense of joy through the ‘Alleluia’ season of Easter will undoubtedly continue in May and beyond – Behold, I am alive forever, which means just that – the joy of the resurrection is not a one-off event or annual celebration but an ongoing journey of faith. It is a journey where it can dawn upon us that this is not just a statement to be accepted with the intellect of our minds but a truth that is embodied in our everyday lives.

In our Benefice, May will be a busy and joyous month in other respects, too. Thy Kingdom Come is an invitation from our Archbishops to join in ten days of prayer with the rest of the world between Ascension Day (this year, Thursday, May 9th) and Pentecost so that more people may come to find and follow the one who lives forever more. There will be a celebration of the Eucharist at St Stephen's at 7 pm to mark Ascension Day and the start of ‘Thy Kingdom Come.’

We also have our Church annual meetings in May, an excellent

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opportunity for us to look back at 2023 and see how richly we have been blessed. These will take place at:

St Stephen's
Monday, May 13th at 7 pm
in the Community Room

St Peters
Sunday 19th, May after the service
at 12 noon in Church

Please come and see what has been happening in your Parish Church.

On May 30th, we have the great feast of Corpus Christi. This festival is a day of thanksgiving for the gift of Holy Communion, the shared meal that Jesus commanded us to do in remembrance of him until the Kingdom comes in all its fullness—an opportunity for us to truly give thanks to God for the gift of the Eucharist.

May all of us this May, wherever we are, allow Christ, who lives for evermore, to live in us and through us. Love and Best Wishes, Fr Andrew.

Fr Andrew



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... with Keith, Jean & Paul



St Stephen's Churchwardens

WONDERFUL EASTER!

After the solemnity of Lent and Holy Week, what a joy it was to celebrate Easter! The lovely flower arrangements, thank you Jennifer and Christine, the unexpected gifts (donated by Fr Andrew's wife, Liz) of decorated Easter eggs for the children of the Sunday Club, and the chocolates which the children handed out to the congregation during the service, all made it a wonderful occasion. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! At the time of going to print, we are looking forward to Ascension and Pentecost – more excuses for celebration!

STILL ON THE THEME OF EASTER – both St Stephen's School and Springfield School held their Easter services in church prior to them breaking up for their Easter holidays. On both occasions the church was packed, not only with the children and school staff, but with more of the parents than we've seen for many years. We're sure that they all enjoyed the services – we certainly did – and the performances, readings and prayers by the children were a joy to watch. We look forward to hosting their Harvest services in due time!

REMEMBRANCE GARDEN

'I wandered lonely as a cloud' came to mind as the daffodils were out in full

bloom on Good Friday as we processed after our service to place the cross in the Remembrance Garden. It's always the most poignant time - to stand and look at the cross and to recall the great sacrifice of Jesus, and to sing that great hymn, 'There is a green hill far away'. Grateful thanks are expressed to Jim (Taberner) and Nigel (Owens) who look after the church grounds (car park) and especially our lovely Remembrance Garden.



APOLOGIES that we had to cancel the Race Night as there was not enough support for the event to go ahead. Maybe we can have a rethink and hold it later in the year. Watch this space!

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
This very important once-a-year meeting is due to be held on the evening of Monday 13 May, in church, starting at 7:00 pm prompt. There will be tea and coffee served from approximately 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend, so we hope to see as many of you as possible – the meeting gives you an opportunity to understand the 'inner workings' of

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how our church is run and how much the upkeep of the fabric costs year-on-year!

FUTURE DATES

There's nothing going on in May other than our usual 'Let's do Lunch' and 'Friends, Food & Fun' held on alternate Wednesdays.

The next big fund-raising event will be the: **ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR** - Time and tide wait for no man! And it's heading for the time of year when we hold this event – it will take place on **Saturday, 8 June at 11:00 am, in the school**. We shall have all the usual stalls and the school choir will be opening the event. Please make a note in your diaries – we'd love to see you there!

Following on from the APCM (7:00 pm, 13 May in church) it's like the start of a new year. Would you like to take a more active part in the life of our church, here at St Stephen's? There are various ways that you could. The Sunday morning service offers a few choices where no skills are required! Such as meet and greet at the beginning of the service and hand out the hymn books etc; maybe to read the reading (currently it would mean only three times a year); perhaps join the tea rota providing refreshments after the service; then of course, there's the choir! Or maybe join one of the cleaning teams (one in three weeks for an hour or less). Even more special! Would you like to be an assistant churchwarden – have a word with Keith or Jean. We do appreciate all our volunteers, in whatever capacity, for their help and contribution to keeping our church – inside and out – such a wonderful place in which to worship – thank you to you all!

*Keith, Jean &
Paul*

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.”



Saturday Morning Concerts at

On **4th May** we welcome The Laiton Trumpet Quartet from The Royal Northern College of Music. This talented quartet of trumpet players will perform a variety of original works and arrangements as part of our Saturday morning concert series. Included in the programme are works by Henry Mancini, The Beatles, Queen, and Claire de Lune by Claude Debussy.

A welcome return for concert pianist, Tom Hicks, on the **25th of May**. In addition to having performed previously at our Saturday morning series, Tom has given concerto performances with the Burnley Orchestra. A graduate of Manchester University and the Royal Northern College of Music, he undertook further study at Yale University and is a Yamaha Artist. Tom had performed the complete concerto repertoire of Rachmaninoff by the time he reached his early 20s. Tom will be performing music by Chopin, Schumann, Debussy, and the complete Moonlight Sonata by Beethoven. As always, admission is £7 (including refreshments) on the door, with disabled parking in the church grounds and additional parking in the schoolyard on Rawcliffe Street. Refreshments are served from 10:30 am with concert performances starting at 11 am.

25th Birthday of the rebuilt organ at St Peter's

Our Saturday morning concert on the 6th of April featured the brilliant organist, Tom Bell, who played an entertaining programme linked to the key dates in the history of the St. Peter's organ. I doubt that anyone present had previously heard 'A Church Service Interrupted by a Thunderstorm' by David Clegg, but this rather eccentric piece grabbed the imagination of the audience, with its rumbling thunder, flashes of lightning, and cuckoo call depicting the end of the storm. The piece also included the priest intoning the responses, much to the amusement of Fr Andrew.

Tom finished with a virtuosic rendition of Mulet's 'Tu es Petra', which showed the brilliance of both performer and instrument.



Philip



Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

LIGHT UP THE WORLD IN PRAYER 9TH -19TH MAY 2024

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way.

It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call. Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part & join in.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby



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

LOOKING BACK

For the month of April our speaker was Ruth Braithwaite, fire safety officer for the Pennine area. Ruth is in charge of fire prevention and education. She makes home visits in order to educate people in fire safety and prevent fires.

Anybody can request a home fire safety check. People requesting such a visit may be eligible for any of the following;

Smoke detectors, kitchen timer, home safety plan, a general safety check, locator dots for those who are vision impaired, hard of hearing alarms, armchair throws for smokers (to prevent cigarette fires), a 999 reunite bracelet band for dementia sufferers, and even an electric deep fat fryer in exchange for a chip pan (chip pans cause the most kitchen fires and do the most damage).

Now, the list may sound like a selection of prizes from the conveyor belt straight out of the Generation Game. However, these free "gifts" could save lives.

In order to request a home fire safety visit here is the freephone number:

0800 8620066

LOOKING FORWARD

Our first speaker for May will be Pauline Catlow, Ruth Braithwaite's mum! Pauline will share memories of St Stephen's.

Later in the month PCSO Liv Jones, will be telling us about her role as a community support officer. You may know Liv as she pops in to Let's Do Lunch when she can.

MAY EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday 14: 2.00 pm - Community Room - Memories of St Stephen's with Pauline Catlow

Tuesday 28: 7.00 pm - Community Policing with PCSO Liv Jones.

MAY 2024 CELEBRATIONS

I have a new and updated list which includes more names and dates. Here we go!



Happy birthday wishes to Margaret Booth, 13th and Jean Gidley, 24th.

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Pam and John McGrath for the 23rd and Nancy and Howard Mitchell for the 30th.

Jackie

We had a very productive meeting in February, when we discussed what we should do at meetings during the year, and produced a programme that everyone thought was an interesting, utilising skills and experiences of members of the Mothers' Union and other church members.

In March, Annette Roadley came and showed slides and talked about the making of the Book of St Peter. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to be there, but I'm told she did an excellent presentation and everyone there thoroughly enjoyed it.

Ethel Jessop will be telling us a little about her life, including her time living in Australia and her life at St Peters.

In May Carol Pike will be showing slides and talking about the holiday she and Peter had in Canada and their cruise to Alaska.

As usual, all meetings take place in church at 2.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month. Everyone welcome, no need to be a member, just come along.

Carol

St Stephen's Next

Friday Film Night



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School News

Last month, we were very honoured to be asked to perform at the announcement of the new Bishop of Burnley in the Burnley Faith Centre. The children's performance was incredible! Their singing as Bishop Phillip announced the new Bishop of Burnley was truly uplifting and filled with enthusiasm, confidence, and joy. We were even able to ask the new Bishop, Reverend Dr Joseph Kennedy a question following our performance.



Throughout the day, many people commented on how exceptional the school's performance was, and it was evident that the children's hard work and dedication shone through in every note sung. The Board of Education emailed school following the event to say they were immensely grateful and proud to have the opportunity to work with such talented and inspiring individuals like our pupils. They felt our performance added a special touch to the occasion, and they look forward to more collaborations in the future.



The atmosphere on the bus on the way back to school following the event was amazing! The children were so proud of their achievements and thrilled by the praise they received!

Mrs Crowther



Sunday School News

We continue to look at the early Church through readings from the Acts of the Apostles. This gives us plenty of scope to think about St Peter, some stories we are familiar with and others which are less so.

We look forward to Pentecost and the excitement of the Holy Spirit. The updated Roots magazine has fantastic illustrations to help tell the story.

For our half term workshop on Thursday May 30th we will be looking at a small part of the inspiring Creation murals displayed in Blackburn Cathedral.

Our Young Singers are busy preparing for RSCM Sunday on June 9th which is an afternoon service at St Thomas, Barrowford .

We are absolutely delighted that Alisha and Imogen have been selected for the Diocesan Youth Council. I'm certain they will make an excellent contribution.

Please keep Isabelle, Rhys and James in your prayers as the busy GCSE exams begin and Amelia -Rose for SATS .

Love, *Meena*

Once again the Puppet Workshop was popular and a lot of fun. The children enjoyed watching the puppets, and particularly enjoyed using them on the stage!!!



*Tear drop
prayers from
Good Friday
and
Resurrection*

*Our
Easter Garden*



I never actually expected to be writing this article. I myself am going on a journey. By the time the magazine is printed I hopefully will have returned home. I am feeling as nervous as a child on their first day at school, as in a few days' time I am off on a coach trip alone. If I am honest, I am worrying about the journey, and wondering who my travelling companions will be. When we cast our cares on the Lord in prayer he inspires us. Our anxieties are quelled as He gives us inner peace, or He reminds us to forget ourselves by praying and helping others. I felt inspired to contemplate the journey of my life, and to trust Him for the future. A Spanish friend once sent me a beautiful video with captivating illustrations of a train with passengers getting on and off and the end of the message said. 'Thank you for being part of our journey'.

I actually felt humbled to be part of the journey of that particular family. I had met Manuel through the Lux Mundi centre, where I had the joy of voluntarily teaching English to a small class of Spanish children. Maria and Theresa were the children of my friend. Maria was about 7 years and Theresa was only about 3 when I met them. Later, when we had moved to another area, Manuel asked me if he could bring the girls to my home for lessons. It was an honour to serve this delightful family, who had little in the way of money or possessions. By this time, Maria was about 14 and spoke the most beautiful English (she was obsessed with the Harry Potter books). She occasionally gets in touch, and the last I heard she was at university. I sincerely hope she goes far in life and that God will bless that family. In those years I encountered an exemplary family who had dignity in poverty whilst showing love and compassion to all. What a beautiful part of my own journey.

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People come in and out of our lives for a reason. The other day the kindest man helped by doing a job far too heavy for me. It was a random meeting and I met him for the whole of 15 minutes, but I will never forget him. God certainly reminded me that beauty is only skin deep as my rescuer had a cleft lip and squashed nose. He refused to take any money for his trouble, but just asked me for an aspirin! (all comments about me giving him a headache will be ignored!) In general, society would class him as a 'misfit' but in my eyes he was an angel. Hebrews 13v 2. 'Be not forgetful to entertain strangers for some have entertained angels unaware'.

Life—a journey of pleasant scenery, urban jungles and long dark tunnels. Sadness when a pleasant travelling companion gets off the train of our lives. Maybe they made us laugh, entertaining us with travel stories or perhaps they stirred our compassion with tales of heartache and tragedy. One thing is certain we did not meet them by chance! Fleeting, but meaningful encounters which brighten us with hope.

Of course, there are the times when we know for certain that people have left our journey forever and as the door clicks shut we know that they will never come through it again. This is the darkest of all tunnels that seems as if it will never end. The darkness envelops us and, whether our eyes are open or shut, there are only shades of black. Some tunnels are longer than others. We cannot put a measurement on grief. Even as we accustom our vision to the light, we cannot forget the cold loneliness of the tunnel. We can only 'lift our eyes to the hills and to the Lord from where our help cometh.' We can remember the psalm of David and meditate on green pastures and rest beside the still waters.

As we take the Eucharist we know that the table is set before us and that our loved ones will sit there with us one day. All journeys are placed on trust. The driver, the pilot, the accuracy of the satnav, but as Christian's we have trust in God's promise. With Him as our guide there will be purpose in our walk with him and absolute joy as we reach our final destination.

Christine H.

find joy in the
JOURNEY →



Linda writes ..

Hi everyone,

Every time the email drops into my inbox from Pam saying that this month's notes for the parish magazine are now due, panic sets in. What can I write this month? Inspiration can come from unlikely places or events. I was lucky enough to go to The Mechanics for Burnley Light Opera's 90th anniversary concert. Which by the way was excellent. Their last song was 'One Voice' by Barry Manilow. I am often touched by the lyrics of a song and I have previously written about a song from Les Miserable.

The Barry Manilow song begins..

*Just one voice, singing in the darkness
All it takes is one voice
Singing so they hear what's on your mind
And when you look around you'll find
There's more than one voice
Singing in the darkness.*

Probably most inventions and changes in how we live have started with one idea and having the conviction to be the first voice to say it out loud. However in most cases they would have needed the help of like-minded people to bring it to fruition.

We can sometimes feel that we are just one voice and nobody hears us.

God was speaking to them about the coming Messiah. The prophet Isaiah for example foretold

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, Make his paths straight."

The quotation is used to imply that John was preparing the way for Jesus, as foretold by the prophecy of Isaiah. Isaiah Chapter 53 verse 5

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed".

Isaiah was one voice preparing those who were prepared to listen.

Jesus is that one true voice that speaks to us through the Bible, encouraging us to believe and have faith in him and his teachings. When we come to church we become more than one voice. We can join together to help others to hear the ultimate one voice. That of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Linda.



Joan writes ...

We went on holiday recently with Frank, the dog. Frank hates water, but loves a beach. After a morning on the beach in sunny Yorkshire we got into the car to return to the cottage for lunch. It was a warm day and as we drove a strange and unpleasant smell wound it's way round the car. After a couple of miles the smell was unbearable, even when the car windows were opened wide the smell persisted.

What was it? Frank's new perfume Aroma of Dead Fish, it was salty, with undertones of decayed fish and slimy seaweed in which he had been rolling. Not content with smelling awful Frank was in a generous mood and shared the smell by having a good, long shake. I now had the same smell. When we arrived at the cottage I put him in the dog bath in the laundry, Frank reluctantly had a bubble bath. I then had to put my clothes in the washing machine and shower but soon we were both shiny, clean and sweet smelling.

As I thought about the experience I turned to this verse in 2 Corinthians 2: But thanks be to God.....who uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. We are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ.....an aroma that brings life.

What a privilege we have to be so like Jesus that wherever we go we leave the aroma of the knowledge of God. The Holy Spirit comes to us as we pray, read our Bible and let God love through us. Largely we are not conscious of the aroma but other people are.

As we come together in church the aroma of Jesus is there and we are showered with it, as I was showered with Frank's smelly perfume. When we serve people through Food, Fun & Fellowship, when we give to those in need, when we go to Bank Hall for a service, in all our children's activities, the choir and youth group, the events we put on to engage with the community we are spreading the aroma of the knowledge of Him everywhere.

When we serve in church from the services to the cleaning team, by our praying corporately or privately, even as we go about our 'daily round and common tasks' as the hymn says, we carry with us the aroma which brings life.

As Father Andrew says quite often 'let's keep on doing the good things we are doing' and can I add: God will deepen our faith and add to our number and the aroma that brings life will overflow from our churches weaving it's way around our town.



Joan

MAY IN THE MEMORIAL BOOK OF ST STEPHEN'S

- 1st Albert Edward Mosely, Alice Mortimore, Madge Robinson
- 2nd Winifred Hopwood, Ron Seller, Thomas Marsden
- 4th Ina Taylor
- 5th Joseph Ogden Heap, Beatrice Pike, Ellen Walton
- 6th Joseph Jackson, Arthur S Driver, John Farrow, Rose Ellen Smith, Nora Smith,
- 7th Eliza Bell, Annie Marsden, Arthur Garnett
- 8th Constance Mary Race, Nellie Halton, Alfred Hibbert, Dorothy Booth
- 9th Fred Shaw, Edith Jackson, Gladys Singleton, Ethel Chadwick, May Johnson
- 10th Gladys Ingham, Edna Saul
- 11th Mary A. Brennand, Bertha A Baker, Harry Sharratt, Jean Kippax
- 12th Albert Schofield, Laura Jennings, Martha Lizzie Archer,
- 13th Mary Ann Spencer, Alice Farrow, Albert Henry Haile, Herbert Simpson,
- 14th Sarah Ann Hartley, Annie T Halsted, Elizabeth Whittard, Thomas Jennings
- 15th Edgar Skirrow, Martha Mary Horne
- 16th Maud Howarth, Eleanor Bulcock, Mona Mason
- 17th Fanny Ellen Jackson, Paula Yvette Booth
- 19th Roy Galloway
- 20th Dorothy Rawson Walmsley, Ernest Raymond Inman
- 21st George Lee, Muriel Baker, Donald Moat
- 22nd Beatrice Ludbrook, Thomas Howard, Maurice C Jephson,
Jeffrey Thomas Halton
- 23rd Joseph Thornton, Ivy Mills
- 24th Emily McKnight, George William Hawes, Clifford Brogden
- 25th Joseph Henry Westwell
- 26th Abraham Melbourne Turner, Emma Thornber, Nellie Bond
- 28th Jennie Morris
- 29th Joan Hargreaves, Margaret Mahoney, Mary Louisa Jackson
- 30th John Kenneth Hoyle, John Howarth
- 31st John Clegg, Ben Crawshaw, Percy Lister, Jennie Harrison



RIP

MAY IN THE MEMORIAL BOOK OF ST PETER'S

- 1st Margaret Sephton Francis
- 2nd Vera Whitehead
- 6th Nellie Stansfield, Gilbert Byrom Lamberty
- 8th Herbert Trotter, Charlotte Maud Hargreaves
- 9th Ethel Warnock, Gladys Smith
- 10th Florence Altham
- 13th John Shallcross Goulding, Mary Eleanor Genevieve Goulding,
Phoebe Elizabeth Mellors, Isabel Smith
- 14th Mary Hannah Newbold
- 16th Michael Paul Beet MA, LI.B.
- 17th George Hector Kirby, Victor Stansfield
- 18th Vernon Bowker
- 19th Beatrice Muriel Law, Elsie Layfield, Hubert Loder
- 21st Daisy Lilian Riley, Rachel Annie Barritt
- 22nd William Arthur Jessop
- 25th John Joseph Ganley
- 27th Pearl Mary Redman
- 28th Madonna Maria Lund
- 29th Agnes Jenkins, Margaret Whitaker
- 30th Ian Geoffrey Beal
- 31st Philip Henry Allen, Maurice Porter

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



Day trip to Saltaire Passport's at the ready for September 17th 2024.

Good news! As reported in the April magazine, our day trip to Saltaire in September has already shown some

interest from St Mathew's parish.

I have been very fortunate to gain funding for a coach so this will be free. I'm looking at ways to fund the entrance fee to the dance. I've managed to negotiated an entrance fee of £7.00 with the Cinema Organ Society who owns the organ and also runs monthly concerts which are very popular. If we can secure funding for the entrance to the dance it will be free to us. There's accessible access to the ballroom for those of us who struggle with steps.

Howard Beaumont will be playing the beautiful magnificent Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ in the famous Victoria Hall (As seen on TV) to dancing for an afternoon of wonderful music, and yes the Wurlitzer does rise up from the depths of Victoria Hall, "Just like Blackpool" Just at the touch of a button that says UP! and another that says DOWN!



This event is open to ALL in the community but I'm afraid this will be adults only on this occasion. Unfortunately we will only be able to accommodate about 30 folk on the trip.

It will take the form of a fund raiser for St Stephen's. Edith, Linda and team will be in the kitchen whipping up some treats with plenty of tea and cakes on sale - that's the plan of attack anyway.

I'm hoping I'll be able to arrange a walking tour around the village before the dance, taking in how people used to live and work for Sir Titus Salt. A strict regime ! The Saltaire festival, 14th to 22nd September 2024 will be running at the time of our visit so it's expected to be quite busy as it has been in past years.

All in all a potentially fun day out. I'm sure there'll be some reminiscing along the way from us seniors.

By the way, there a lovely pub across from Victoria Hall called "Don't tell Titus" well worth a visit, I can recommend it.



So if you fancy coming along, have a word with Keith, but be quick—places are going fast!

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The Bacon Butty Brigade

(First Tuesday of the Month)

The group will meet in the merry month of May. At last we have seen some sunshine. Those winter months have certainly taken its toll and we seem to have accumulated our usual hoard of rubbish. We do have a good system at St Stephen's - it's called the tip. We will be taking the opportunity this month to clear away all the things that are of no use including old bric-a-brac, as it's usually called.

As always a warm welcome is on hand in the usual way. Bacon and egg butties to the front of the queue with plenty of tea and coffee to keep us going. If you have any dietary needs let me know and I'll accommodate.

Everyone is welcome, it's not just for chaps. Just turn up. - See you in the kitchen

Love and best wishes

Keith



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in the Benefice ...Your guide to what's happen-

1st	Wed	11.30 am 2.00 pm	Friends, Food & Fellowship Friends, Food & Fun	St Peter's St Stephen's
2nd	Thurs	9.30 am	Thursday Chat	St Peter's
4th	Sat	10.30 am	Saturday Morning Concert	St Peter's
7th	Tues	10.00 am 10.30 am 2.00 pm	Bacon Butty Brigade Drop-in with Fr Andrew Benefice Visitation	St Stephen's St Stephen's Benefice
8th	Wed	12.30 pm	Let's Do Lunch	St Stephen's
9th	Thurs	9.30 am 11.00 am 7.00 pm	Thursday Chat Lunch Club Ascension Benefice Eucharist	St Peter's St Peter's St Stephen's
10th	Fri	6.00 pm	Spring Family Games Night	St Peter's
13th	Mon	7.00 pm	APCM	St Stephen's
14th	Tues	10.30 am 2.00 pm	Drop-in with Fr Andrew Mothers' Union	St Stephen's St Stephen's
15th	Wed	11.30 am 2.00 pm	Fun, Food & Fellowship Friends, Food & Fun	St Peter's St Stephen's
16th	Thurs	9.30 am	9.30 am - Thursday Chat	St Peter's
19th	Sunday	12 noon	APCM	St Peter's
21st	Tues	10.30 am	Drop-in with Fr Andrew	St Stephen's
22nd	Wed	12.30 pm	Let's Do Lunch	St Stephen's
23rd	Thurs	9.30 am 11.00 am	Thursday Chat Lunch Club	St Peter's St Peter's
24th	Fri	7.00 pm	Film Friday	St Stephen's
25th	Sat	10.30 am	Saturday Morning Concert	St Peter's
28th	Tues	10.30 am 7.00 pm	Drop-in with Fr Andrew Mothers' Union	St Stephen's St Peter's
29th	Wed	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union	St Peter's
30th	Thurs	10.00 am	Half-Term Fun	St Peter's



Children's Page

Trinity Sunday is on 26th May - Here is a simple way to explain the Trinity. When you've read about it, try

Just like the leaves on the shamrock I see, there are three parts to the Holy Trinity! First is God the Father, then Jesus, His only Son, and the Holy Spirit together as One!



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Word search Word Bank!

- Father Son Holy
- One Three God
- Clover Saint Patrick
- Mystery Faith Spirit
- Parts



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