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A Guided Tour of ST PETER'S CHURCH by Roger Frost and possibly a tour of the Churchyard dependent on the weather 6.30 pm Monday 9th September

ST. PETER'S LUNCH CLUB

Cynthia and her ladies, Ethel, Freda and Sue are getting ready for the Autumn Lunch Club season, which starts on 12th September and lasts until Christmas Lunch on the 19th December..

At the end of the Summer Season every one helped with a vote about the choice of their favourite meal. Cheese and onion pie won the election. My personal favourite. So, we won't be hearing "Any more gravy Vicar"? Until well into September, when, we will be getting such meals as meat pie, sausages, or steak puddings with gravy.

Second Course is usually apple pie, trifle or some other culinary delight. Lunches start again on 12th September and then continue fortnightly until 19th December (Christmas Lunch) – not one to miss!!!!

Margery



Dear Friends,

As I sit to write this letter for the September magazine, it is the middle of August. The weather over the last week has been amazing. We enjoyed a few days in Whitby in beautiful sunshine; hopefully, we will experience some good weather before autumn arrives with us.

September is the start of the new academic year. It is a time of change and transition for children and young people. Whether starting school for the first time as some are from our congregations, moving classes and being with a new teacher, or moving up to high school, college, or even university. It's a time of change and adjustment. At the same time, it is an opportunity to meet new people, make new friends, and gain new knowledge and skills. Please remember all young people in our benefice and beyond in your prayers.

"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above." Do you recognise these words? They are from the Harvest hymn, 'We plough the fields and scatter.'

Our Harvest Festival this year will be on Sunday 6th October. It is an opportunity to thank God for his provision. Seeing the different crops growing in the fields is lovely. I am always amazed by what grows from a tiny seed: putting down roots and growing shoots. It's not unlike starting a new year at school, really settling in, becoming established, and growing in every way.

Jesus told his disciples that if they had faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing would be impossible. That's a good thought to take into the new academic year. I recently saw a church notice board with a poster that said, "Small Church- Big Welcome." Everyone is very welcome here at St Peter's & Stephen's. It would be lovely to see you at any of our services. God Bless,

Fr Andrew



Churchwardens' News from St Peter's

Hello everyone,

We hope everyone has had a lovely summer and enjoyed some of the nice weather we have had. We hold you all in our prayers, especially the children as they start back at school for another busy year.

We had a wonderful joint service to mark St Peter's Day at the end of June, with the baptisms of baby Willow and Isobel during the service, followed by the burial of Peter Pike's ashes in the memorial garden. Everyone enjoyed sandwiches and cake after the service on what was a very special day.

The sun was shining for the Consecration of the Bishop of Burnley at York Minster on the 19th July. Many of us travelled from St Peter's, either by coach or by train, to witness the historic occasion. The Minster looked magnificent and the congregation celebrated as the Archbishop laid his hands on Bishop Joe to welcome him to his new post. We had some time to spend in York after the service and enjoyed looking round the historic centre and indulged in an ice cream outside the Minster.

We are very pleased that Bishop Philip has appointed Fr Andrew as Assistant Area Dean for the Burnley Deanery. We are sure he will do an excellent job in this important role.

The church cleaner, Philomena Grace, has decided to retire following her hip operation earlier this year. We thank Philomena for her many years of service at St Peter's and we wish her well for the future. We are grateful to all the volunteers on the cleaning rota who have kept the church clean and tidy over the last few months.

Local historian Roger Frost will be giving another talk at St Peter's during Heritage Week on 9th September. His last talk marking the 900th anniversary celebrations was fascinating and everyone learnt so much about the history of the church. Please do come along to this latest one as it is sure to be of great interest.

Take care

Sandra and Jason

In The Loop

... with Keith, Jean & Paul



Welcome back everyone! We hope you've all had a lovely summer with family and friends, even though unfortunately the weather for the most part hasn't been up to scratch. As Autumn comes ever closer, we'll be thinking about the lead up to Advent and Christmas.....! But let's first have a quick look back at what's gone on over the past few weeks.

ORDINATION OF THE BISHOP OF BURNLEY

On the hottest day of the year, Friday 19th July, a coach load of members from various churches in the Burnley Deanery set off to York Minster for the ordination of the Reverend Dr Joseph (Joe) Kennedy as the new Bishop of Burnley. The service was quite traditional, the hymns and music were very grand, and the sermon was amusing but inspiring. Bishop Philip (of Blackburn) said that he was very pleased with the turnout – he hadn't seen as many people at an ordination in a long time. After the service, lunch was sought in local hostleries, following which several of us sat in the grounds next to the Minster and had a most welcome ice cream, as the day seemed to get hotter and hotter. We were then whisked back home to Burnley and all agreed it had been a wonderful day out.

KNIT & NATTER

The craft group have restarted their 'crafting' now renamed as 'Knit and Natter' – and that's exactly what goes on! It's held on a Monday afternoon in the Community Room. It has become very popular – maybe partly due to having seen Tom Daley at the Paris Olympics, busily knitting away whilst waiting to dive off the 10m board or watching/supporting his fellow Olympians! All are welcome to join – bring your knitting or whatever craft takes your fancy.....

SUMMER BAND CONCERT

What a wonderful night was had on 20th July when the Baxenden Band and the Hyndburn Singers came to entertain us. The band lifted the roof and played a very varied repertoire which had the audience toe-tapping and clapping along to them, and the singers entertained us throughout. Grateful thanks to Maureen for arranging the event; also to those who donated cakes and to Linda and team for serving the refreshments.

PARISH MEAL

A great time was had by all at the parish meal held at '197 The Bistro' in the middle of last month. As usual the food was excellent. We had a raffle and played a couple of rousing games – thank you Elaine

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for organising. After a good night of fun and laughter, we all went our way home feeling full and enriched.

FABRIC OF THE CHURCH

We are very much hoping that the patches over the chancel arch will prove to have dried out (inspection was due to take place the third week of August), and the whole area will be repainted by the end of September.

NAVE ALTAR FRONTAL

As many of you will be aware, the new super frontal for the nave altar is now in-situ! The high cost for what seems to be a small item has mostly been covered by your kind donations, and we are extremely grateful for your generosity. The design represents the 'seasons', which means that it is suitable for use all the year round, unlike the frontals on the high altar which have to be changed according to the time of year. Fr Andrew will bless the new frontal at our Benefice service here on Sunday 29th September.

MEMORIAL BOARD

The board is now ordered from church bespoke furniture suppliers, Treske of Thirsk, and we await notification from them of a date for its delivery and installation. Should anyone still wish to donate towards the cost of the board, please speak to Keith or Jean, or our treasurer, Judith.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

♦ **Visit to Saltaire:** By the time you are reading this, we'll be looking forward to our planned day trip out to Saltaire on Tuesday 17th September for an afternoon of fun, food and friendship. Funds enabling this trip to take place have been kindly donated by County Councillors Cosima Towneley and Joan Burrows; Joan is the Champion for Older People. We are very grateful for their input. Final preparations are in full swing and further details of the schedule will be available shortly – Keith will get in touch with all in due course.

♦ **Full Circle:** This most unusual fund-raising event will be taking place in church on Saturday 28th September at 7:00 pm. There's only a handful of us who will remember Andrew C Wadsworth, when he was a local lad growing up on Woodgrove Road. The whole Wadsworth family was involved in the life of St Stephen's, in particular with the Operatic & Dramatic Society. Andrew eventually went on to become a star on the West End stage with principle performances in musicals including 'Sweeney Todd', 'Les Misérables', 'Kiss me Kate', 'Oklahoma' and many more; he has also taken part in various theatre and television appearances alongside the likes of Anthony Hopkins, Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Imelda Staunton – the list goes on! The first half will be in the style of a Michael Parkinson interview, with Andrew being questioned by another local thespian, Alan Hargreaves. In the second half, we'll be serenaded by Andrew and his wife Louise along with St

Stephen's very own 'Ladybirds' backing group! We are really hoping for a good turn out to support this event; tickets are £12 available from Pam, Keith or Linda. Rehearsals have taken place over the last week, so do come along and join us - it bodes well to be a great night of entertainment!

AND FINALLY - For those involved in the day-to-day running of the church, we have most definitely enjoyed a 'rest' during the month of August, but everything will be back to normal beginning the first week of September. So, on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** there will be '**Friends, Fun & Fun**' at 2.00 pm in the Community Room; on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** there is '**Let's do Lunch**' in church at 12.30 pm followed by our midweek **Eucharist** at **2.00 pm**.

Well, that's all for now folks! Is goes without saying that we do appreciate all our volunteers, in whatever capacity, for their help and contribution in keeping our church – inside and out – such a wonderful place in which to worship. Our love and thanks to you all!

All our love and best wishes

The Wardens Team.

Keith, Jean & Paul

*Jesus said: "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in
darkness, but will have the light of life."*
(John 8:12)

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Saturday Morning Concerts at St Peter's

We are delighted to welcome a return visit of brilliant pianist Jill Crossland on 7th September. Jill studied at Chetham's School of music, and at the Royal Northern College of music in Manchester, before continuing her studies in Vienna, with Paul Badura-Skoda. She records on the Hyperion label and has performed in many of the country's most prestigious venues, such as the Wigmore Hall.

One of our Saturday favourites, Matt Lam (piano) returns on 5th October, partnered by cellist Jobine Siekman, described by BBC Music Magazine as a 'Rising Star' artist. She has performed as a concerto soloist with the famous Simon Bolivar Orchestra. They will perform the Cello Sonata No.2 by Brahms, together with other works for cello and piano.

As usual, admission is £7 (free for under 18s), which includes refreshments served from 10:30 am. Disabled parking is available in the church grounds and parking is available in the school yard on Rawcliffe Street. Concerts usually last for an hour.

We are grateful for the support of the Stocks Massey Bequest

Philip.

Choir Notes

Our next Deanery Choir evensong will be at St Peter's on the 15th of September. As always, all singers are welcome to attend. There will be a rehearsal at 4:30 pm, followed by refreshments and the service at 6 pm. All music is provided on the day. Choir robes are not required for this service.

On the 6th of October, we have been invited to sing at St John's Higham, to celebrate their harvest festival. Music will include Sir John Rutter's 'For the Beauty of the Earth', Stanford's setting of the evening, canticles, in B-flat, and the introit by Maurice Greene, 'Thou Visitest the Earth'. As usual, the rehearsal is at 4:30 pm and service at 6 pm with a buffet and drinks served at 5:30 pm. Choir robes should be worn for this event

Philip



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

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LOOKING BACK

The summer is just about still with us as we enter the fourth and final quarter of the year. It may not have been the best. Still, there's time for an Indian Summer.

We all enjoyed a good lunch at Pendle Village for our summer outing. After the meal we were at leisure to stroll around at our own pace before making our way home.

Ruth Bradley wasn't able to join us this time. However, we will reschedule for some time in the new year. Left to our own devices we discussed one or two issues and events including the Christmas meal. There are ideas at this stage with time to decide.

LOOKING FORWARD

Our first meeting this month is on September 10th at 2pm in the community room. Barry Pearson is coming along to talk about his time as a pharmacist. No doubt this will be a popular meeting.

As I will be on holiday so won't be able to write an October piece for the magazine I am including two months' worth in one.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday 10th: 2pm in the community room, Barry Pearson.
Saturday 14: 2pm All Saints - Songs of Praise.
Tuesday 24th: 7pm in the community room, Pies, Peas and Poetry, Ticketed Event. Dig out your favourite rhyme, poem, reading or saying etc. and let's hear it!

SEPTEMBER 2024 CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday to Nancy Mitchell on the 8th and to Edith Meek on the 23rd.

OCTOBER EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday 8th: 2.00 pm Community Room Annette Roadley tells us about St Peter's 900 year book, assembled by herself.
Tuesday 15th: St John's Worsthorne, Midday, Wave of Prayer and lunch

OCTOBER 2024 CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday wishes are being sent to Pam McGrath for the 7th and to Christine Naughton for the 29th

Jackie

Mothers' UNION St Peter's Branch

Christian care for families

Unfortunately, recent meetings of St Peter's Mothers' Union have had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th September at 2.00pm in church, when Maureen Brown will be speaking to us about the history of Queens Park, Burnley.

The annual Songs of Praise will now be on Saturday 21st September at 2.00pm at All Saints. Will anyone who wishes to go, but needs a lift, please let me know.

Carol

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In the Summer Term we focus on health and wellbeing; we think about our physical and mental wellbeing, keeping safe and growing and changing. We hold our annual healthy week, where the children take part in range of physical activities and learn about keeping healthy. The whole school took part in Sports Day and laser tag sessions.

Key Stage 1 children participated in Animal Olympics and Key Stage 2 had a great time getting wet and mucky during their 'Mini Mudder' challenge. A fun time was had by all!

Each class was given a different theme to deliver in healthy week. Our corridor displays will then be based on what it means to be healthy, which is far more than a balanced diet is.



EYFS looked at oral hygiene, Year 1 exercise, Year 2 protective clothing for hot/cold weather, year 3 thought about a balanced diet and hydration, Year 4 looked at the importance of talking about how we feel, year 5 thought about rest and sleep and Year 6 promoted reducing sitting and screen time.

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We also take our Year 6 pupils on a Residential. This year we tried a different venue and went to Robin Wood in Todmorden. The children participated in canoeing, caving, trapeze, piranha pool (problem solving), zip wire, climbing, crate stack, dungeon (problem solving), archery, nightline, giant swing, quest (problem solving), raft building and team challenge. It was amazing!!! A huge thank you to all the children for their participation.

Summayah said 'I enjoyed all of the activities. The instructors were supportive and kind and the food was amazing!' Blake said 'being away from home was hard but doing the activities with friends made it easier'. Hamnah said the 'residential was fun because we got to do rafting, trapeze and zip lining, which were great'. Lexi said the 'residential was so fun. We had to climb 5 metres up a rock wall'. Amaya said 'It was great fun, my favourite part was the giant swing because it went really high and fast'. Amelia said 'it was fun, we got to pick our own partners and at night we had hot chocolate and biscuits'.

Alisha said 'I really enjoyed the zip line because although I was scared to do it, I did eventually do it'. Sulaiman said 'I loved archery and hit the bullseye three times. The piranha pool was the best - it had real piranhas in it!' Inaaya said 'Robin Wood was great fun. My favourite was the giant swing because it went really high.' Isa said the 'residential was amazing! My personal favourite was the trapeze because we had to climb to the top and then jump on the bar'. Rosalinda said 'I enjoyed the giant swing because it made my tummy tickle'. Ayaan said 'the instructors were very funny. We did 15 fun activities and the food was amazing.' Mariam 'my favourite activity was caving. I was scared but it was great fun'.





Sunday School News

Back to school, back to routines, new beginnings and challenges. Some of us thrive on the change whilst others find it a time of anxieties until we adapt to the new routines. As always we will support one another in our Sunday School and take time to discuss our feelings.

In our Roots magazine we will be looking at the Letter of James, a practical teaching aid to an active faith. I think our Young People will love discussing these passages. Our ever-expanding Sunday School is good at ideas and listening to each other whatever age.

Our holiday workshops have gone really well. We've looked at Creation, our gifts, how special we all are and how we can use and share our gifts. It's particularly good to welcome families from St Stephen's. Many thanks to all the willing helpers every week.

Our Young Singers have resumed practices. We enjoyed singing at Bank Hall nursing home and look forward to a special concert with Pendle Youth and Children's Choir at the end of September at

St Thomas, Barrowford to celebrate St Michael and All Angels.

Special prayers to Ava, Ruby and Ky as they start school, to Amelia-Rose going to High School and Isabelle and Reece going to college.

Love from

Meena

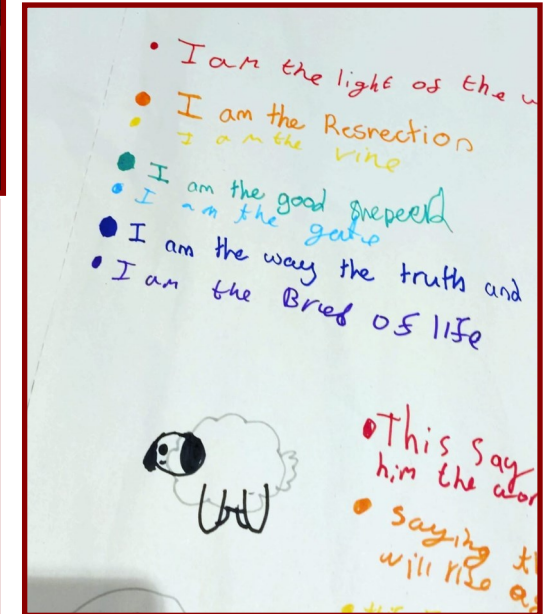


Summer Fun!

Holiday Workshop



Enjoying the sunshine together in the park



The 'I Am' sayings

Guessing the fruit?



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Linda Pounder
PCC Member

Hi everyone,

If you managed to get away on holiday this summer I hope you found the sun. It's been in short supply recently. A few really hot days, then back

to the dark clouds and rain. Keith and I had a wonderful holiday in early July, when we were fortunate to go to Barcelona and then on a cruise which included Tangiers. We had never been there before and although we were only there for the day, it made a lasting impression on us, nothing like we imagined.

We went to various points of interest and one of those was the Cap Spartel lighthouse where the Atlantic and Mediterranean meet. On a wall nearby was a quote, which I can only assume relates to the struggle to get the regeneration project for repairing the lighthouse the go ahead

The quote was by William Arthur Ward, an American motivational writer. With more than 100 articles, poems and meditations which were published in such magazines as Reader's Digest and various Christian publications.

A lighthouse in Tangier did seem an odd place to have a quote, but it must have been inspirational to those working on the restoration project

and I thought it was something we should apply to our daily lives and to our church life. The quote was as follows :

***It's impossible, said Pride.
It's risky, said Experience.
It's pointless, said Reason.
Let's try it, whispered the Heart.
And the heart makes it come true.***

There are many times we debate what we can and cannot do. If we remember this quote and perhaps change **Heart** to **Faith** we might be surprised what we can do.

Linda.





A New Opportunity to Learn About Pastoral Care

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that WE can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." (2Cor 1:3-4)

- Do you offer any sort of care for others within the Church? Or within the Community?
- Or maybe you've thought that God might be calling you to reach out to those who need a friend?
- Are you feeling that you'd like to find out more about Pastoral Care?
- Would you like some help and guidance in how to come alongside those who need comforting?

If you can answer YES to any of the above questions, then you need to keep reading!

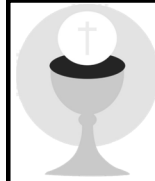
This Autumn, starting on 25th September, there's going to be a course taking place on **Wednesdays at Colne**, running for 7 weeks. Every week there will be Lunch at midday followed by 2 hours of Study, finishing at 2:45. It's aimed at people who'd like to study locally and is intended to be accessible to a wide range of people.

There's no cost, and no-one is committed to taking things further. The course qualifies as an Authorised Lay Ministry Elective. It's a good way to learn more about Pastoral Care as well as an opportunity meet new people from local Churches.

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"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." (John 13:34-35)

To find out more: Have a chat with Fr. Andrew or Alan Roadley, or email: laytraining@blackburn.anglican.org



A Thank You from Alan

Can I please say a great big 'THANK YOU' to our young people at St. Peter's who have begun to take up duties as Communion Assistants. They've all made a great start at assisting at the Altar and administering the Chalice. And the fact that they all perform this most special role with a smile on their faces and love in their hearts really shows through.

So far (as I write) we have trained and used four of our young members of Church, but it may be the case that before long we will add to their numbers. And as far as I'm concerned, that's just great. Because we are a Church family, and every family wants to see its young members grow and develop. Thankfully, that's what's happening!

So please keep giving your support and encouragement to them: those that serve, those that sing, and those that bring light and life to our Church. And most of all pray for them; it isn't always easy being young!

Alan

(one of the more ancient members!!)



SEPTEMBER IN THE MEMORIAL BOOK OF ST STEPHEN'S

1st	Arthur Rushton, Ella Stuttard
2nd	John Henry Walters, Sally MacKay, Horace Wood
3rd	Alice Mason, Derek Atherton
4th	Norah Green, Albert Smith Taylor, Norma Clegg
5th	Harry Pettinger Phillips, May Wilde, Fanny L Watson
6th	Martha A Haywood, Millie Rogers, Margaret A Fielding
7th	David Harold Edmondson, John Edward Shepherd, Jon Guite
8th	Annie Boulton, John Evans
9th	Herbert Chadwick
10th	Maud Alston
11th	Amelia Rose Walters, Joan Nicholson
12th	Louisa Vaughan
13th	Camelia Rose Walters
14th	Albert Wardley, Fred Shaw
15th	Annie Howarth
16th	Stephen Worswick Hargreaves, George Francis Halton, Margaret A Warren, Margaret Jackson, Stephen R Carlisle
17th	Marian Booth
18th	Margaret Alice Seed, Jane Lord, Lena Hodgson
19th	Benjamin Baker Jackson, Ellen Latham, John Sutcliffe, Susan Elizabeth Taylor (nee Clegg)
20th	Alfred Astin, Tom A Walton, Jenny Eccles, Alfred Pickup, Colin Stuttard
21st	David Brown
22nd	Robert Furness
23rd	Ivy Tomlinson, Ida Margaret Wilcock, Arthur Parker, Mary Dewhirst
24th	Arthur Chadwick, Christopher Rogerson, Martha Mary Eastwood,
25th	Walter Hopwood, Ada Murray, Jim Fielding, William (Bill) Jackson, Mary Laing
26th	Beatrice Parry, Cathy Morris
27th	Emily Margaret Thompson, Ernest Miller
28th	Florrie Holden, Harry Schofield
29th	Olive Mabel Tidswell Walsh
30th	Roger Batey



R.I.P.

SEPTEMBER IN THE MEMORIAL BOOK OF ST PETER'S

4th	Charlie Stuttard, Maria E Spencer
7th	John Jordan, Nancy Tee
8th	Rudolph Bannister Yates, Annie Smith
9th	Gladys Eglin
11th	Fred Holt
12th	William Michael Ratcliffe
14th	Donald Robert Binns
15th	May Blanche Green
20th	Jack Barritt
21st	Edward Rowson, Desmond Baker
22nd	Kuranosuke Lizuka, Evelyn Hedges
23rd	Jan Lozinski, George Banniser
24th	Walter Watson, Alfred Pearson Barritt
25th	Isaac Heap
26th	Frank Whitaker
27th	Harold Salts, John H Hutchinson, Edith Greenhalgh
28th	Beatrice Blanche Simpson
29th	Gertrude Minnie Lizuka
30th	Ellen Bridge

R.I.P

*I am the resurrection
and the life. He who
believes in me will live,
even though he dies; and
whoever lives and believes
in me will never die.*
- John 11:25-26

Are You Grounded or Flying? by Christine Harbour

I wonder what the word grounded means to you? If you are a teenager living in today's world, it probably means that you are in trouble and have to stay at home for a number of days or weeks. (Possibly without tv or a mobile phone if it is a really serious demeanour) Grounded could mean that you have your feet firmly on the ground and that you stand on the firm foundation of God's word. The same word but with vastly different meanings.

Perhaps you are a 'high flyer' with an illustrious career. Possibly a frequent flyer, who soars up above the clouds on numerous trips abroad, or maybe you fly a light aircraft and survey the ground below with awe and wonder.

Recently I was reminded of Caleb. He is only mentioned briefly in the early books of the Old Testament. I vaguely remembered his name from Sunday school stories. He was one of the spies who had been sent out to find out what the Promised Land was actually like. The Israelites had finally reached the land that God had promised them after 40 years of that awful journey through the wilderness. If they hadn't grumbled so much and been more obedient to God, they may have got there a jolly lot quicker. It was the same story when the spies were sent into Canaan to survey the Promised Land! God had kept his promise as Canaan was filled with lush vegetation and an abundance of exotic fruits. Instead of being filled with delight and gratefulness for the fact that they wouldn't have to exist on a diet of manna, the spies were filled with fear as Canaan was filled with 'tribes of giants' who would probably pulverize them. After all they were only small skinny Jews! Only Caleb was grounded. He said, "We should go in and take the ground because we can certainly do it". He was grounded in faith. He was flying high on God's promises.

Caleb was not one of the big names in the bible, but he wholeheartedly (that is the meaning of his name) followed the Lord. He had found God in the hard places! He had travelled through a never ending wilderness and still had God's peace. Amazingly, when the tribes entered the Promised Land, each of the individual tribes were given a portion of the land. Caleb actually asked God for the hard hill country / the place where he had learned to be grounded in his loving Lord. God didn't say "No you can have a soft option because you are 85." Caleb was given that hard ground!

Now this may seem very harsh to us mere mortals. We may be struggling with worries of all kinds. Finances, relationships, fear of the world or health

and age etc. This is normal in our earthly world, where man believes he alone rules! God gave man his own free will and we always reap the results of our folly. We all as human beings fret and grumble. The only way we can rise above this is to soar above it! We can enjoy love and the warmth of friendships, give ourselves to others and use our gifts to share God's love. We can pray. Like the eagles we can soar on God's thermals and fly!

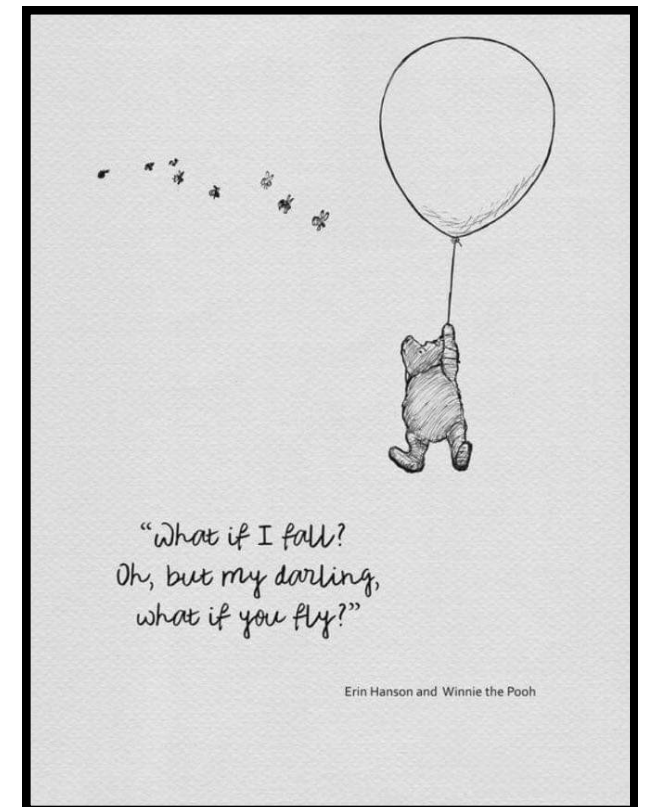


On the 7th of September I had the invitation to renew my Lay ministry and also to take on a role as an Anna Chaplain. After much thought and prayer I have decided to decline. Through the difficulties of life and the constant ups and downs of my health, I have had to learn to trust God in the hard places. So although I am only a few years younger than Caleb, I do not have his health and vigour. I therefore will continue to minister in whatever way I am called.

You know, if I hold on to those firm promises and look high above this troubled, world I think I may even be flying!

Wishing you all love and blessings in the name of Jesus.

Christine H.



Erin Hanson and Winnie the Pooh



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

3rd	Tues	10.30 am	Drop-in with Fr Andrew	St Stephen's
4th	Wed	11.30 am 2.00 pm 7.15 pm	Friends, Food & Fellowship Friends, Food & Fun House Group at 10 Hall Park Ave	St Peter's St Stephen's Benefice
5th	Thurs	9.00 am 9.30 am	Living Well Clinic Thursday Chat	St Peter's St Peter's
7th	Sat	10.30 am 3.00 pm	Saturday Morning Concert ALM Commissioning Service	St Peter's St Peter's
9th	Monday	6.30 pm	Talk by Roger Frost - Heritage Wk	St Peter's
10th	Tues	10.30 am 2.00 pm	Drop-in with Fr Andrew Mothers' Union	St Stephen's St Stephen's
11th	Wed	12.30 pm	Let's Do Lunch	St Stephen's
12th	Thurs	9.30 am 11.00 am	Thursday Chat Lunch Club	St Peter's St Peter's
17th	Tues	10.30 am	Drop-in with Fr Andrew	St Stephen's
18th	Wed	11.30 am 2.00 pm 7.15 pm	Fun, Food & Fellowship Friends, Food & Fun House Group at 10 Hall Park Ave	St Peter's St Stephen's Benefice
19th	Thurs	9.30 am 11.00 am	Thursday Chat Lunch Club	St Peter's St Peter's
21st	Sat	10.30 am	Saturday Morning Concert	St Peter's
24th	Tues	10.30 am 7.00 pm	Drop-in with Fr Andrew Mothers' Union	St Stephen's St Stephen's
25th	Wed	12.30 pm 2.00 pm	Let's Do Lunch Mothers' Union	St Stephen's St Peter's
26th	Thurs	9.30 am	Thursday Chat	St Peter's
28th	Sat	7.00 pm	'Full Circle' - Andrew C Wadsworth	St Stephen's



Children's Page



**Did you know
that at the end
of September
we celebrate
the Feast of St
Michael and All
Angels - See
what you can
find out about
St Michael and
then colour the**

SPARKLING CHURCH

Recently, a few parishioners have noticed that St Peter's has acquired a little extra sparkle. Instead of sitting in the Nave, the Wednesday Eucharist Group often sit in The Choir Stalls. This was how we noticed an extra gleam from the Choir seats, and then went on to notice how welcoming and clean the Church is looking.

A group, listed below, have organised a monthly x twice weekly clean. Cynthia Bramley, Sandra Davies, Adrian Norris, Maureen Brown, Pauline & John Sullivan, Christine & Andrew Buchanan and Joan Ainsworth.

The Townley Chapel is still kept in it's immaculate state by Mary, and Adrian Cowgill is still keeping our toilets clean every Thursday/ Friday. He also cleans the glass screens at the back of The Church.

Margery



Friends, Food & Fun

Thank you to everyone who supported our Sunday School Ambassadors' event at St Stephen's where over £180 was raised for CAP & Pendleside Hospice



Elena buys in the raffle prizes



Enjoying a delicious Afternoon Tea



Wonderful entertainment!



*Fr Andrew thanks
Elena for all her hard
work and hands over
the proceeds of the
Afternoon*