



# NEWSLETTER



## A Season of Harvest and Hope



Dear friends,

As September arrives, the days subtly shorten, the air takes on a new, fresh edge, and our gardens, fields, and hedgerows offer up their fruits with quiet generosity. There is a gentleness to autumn's approach, yet beneath its golden surface lies an invitation: to reflect, to give thanks, and to prepare for all that is to come.

Perhaps September is a time to try something new—a fresh commitment to personal prayer, joining a church group, or exploring where God might be calling you next.

For some, September may mark anniversaries of loss. The return of routine can sharpen the ache of absence, as we remember loved ones who are no longer with us. If you are grieving, know that you are held in prayer. Reach out to any of our Churches and experience love and support.

I would like to express my gratitude to all who continue to serve in visible and invisible ways: Your faithfulness is a blessing to us all.

May September bring you moments of beauty and peace. May you find time for rest, joy, and reflection. And may you sense God's loving presence in every step you take.

With every blessing,

*Fr Andrew.*

St John the Divine, Cliviger are happy to  
announce that, commencing  
Sunday 28th September and on  
every FOURTH Sunday monthly,  
the 9.30 am Service will be an  
**ALL-AGE EUCHARIST**

*The next Deanery Newsletter will be the WINTER edition, and will be published on  
1st December, covering the months of December/January/February  
Please send any news/updates to me by **15th November at the latest***

**Open Meeting of Deanery Synod**  
**2nd October**  
**Re: Parish Mission Weekend**  
**11th—13th September 2026**

In case you didn't know already, the next Deanery Synod meeting will be open to all **Churchwardens and Vision Champions, as well as Deanery Synod Reps.** Steve Haskett's team are coming to talk to us about the Parish Mission Weekend and would like as many as possible there. Invitations will be sent out in early September.

It is to be hosted by St Matthew's, Burnley, who have kindly offered to provide a light tea of soup and sandwiches to give the opportunity for a time of fellowship with others in the deanery beforehand.

**DOORS WILL OPEN AT 5.30 PM WITH FOOD FROM 6.00 PM** —business starting at 7.00 pm.

Please email Esther Gregory-Witham ([eg83@live.co.uk](mailto:eg83@live.co.uk)) by **Thursday 25th September** if you will be attending for tea, together with any dietary requirements, so that St Matthew's can cater accordingly.



**ST MATTHEW'S**

# **A New Vicar for St James, Briercliffe & St John the Evangelist, Worsthorne!**

The congregation was filled with joy on the evening of Tuesday 22nd July as Rev. Michael Read was officially installed as the new vicar of the benefice of St James Briercliffe and St. John The Evangelist Worsthorne. For several years of faithful prayer for new leadership, the appointment of Fr. Michael felt like an answer to the hopes of both parishes, who have patiently journeyed through a time of vacancy supported by dedicated clergy and lay leaders. The service, led by the Rt Revd Bishop Philip North, was attended by members of both churches, local and diocesan clergy, and several special guests including the Mayor of Burnley and the Headteacher of St James' Primary School.

The atmosphere was one of celebration and renewal, as the community gathered to welcome not only Fr. Michael but also his family—Sharon, Ian and Lucy into the heart of parish life. The occasion marked the beginning of a new chapter for the benefice, filled with hope, shared faith, and the promise of deeper connection with the wider community. Both parishes extend their heartfelt thanks to all who have supported them during the interregnum and give thanks to God for guiding Michael to this place and this people.







## CANAL MINISTRY WEEK

Between the 3rd and 9th August we have enjoyed a visit from the Canal Ministry Team to Burnley. The team spent their days visiting some of the churches in town and taking innumerable people on trips on their narrow boat, Ten Thousand Reasons, along the straight mile or through Weavers Triangle. This gave people an opportunity to relax and chat over a cuppa or have a go at steering. Some were better at steering than others! A fantastic folk evening, with pie and peas supper, was a great success with everyone singing along. The song about the number of different items that caught around a propellor had to be heard to be believed! On Thursday, Bishop Phillip came along and had a ride on a bike that had been dredged out of the canal on one of the trips then preached from the roof of the boat.... At times looking alarmingly like he was getting a little too near to the edge. Thursday evening saw a great turnout from lots of churches to join in a "short and gentle stroll" (or a very long walk depending on who you talk to) organised by Rev. Kat. The weather was glorious, everyone mingled and it was surprising that even some of the local people found themselves exploring bits of the town and canal that they had never seen. The final event was an open afternoon on Saturday at Finsley Gate Wharf with crafts provided by several churches and yet more boat trips! We believe the event has involved approximately 2000 people and everyone has thoroughly enjoyed themselves, so much so that we are going to repeat it next year!

*Carol Pike*

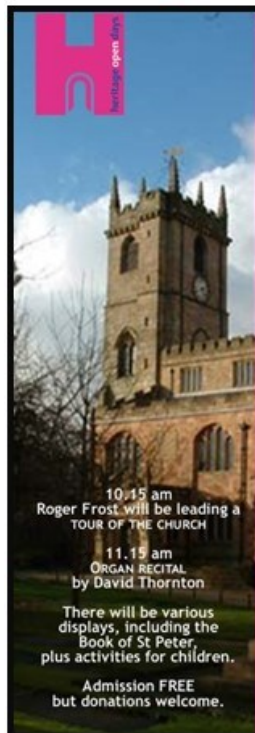
Churches Together In Burnley







## Coming Up!



St Peter's Church  
Burnley

### HERITAGE OPEN DAY Saturday 20th September

10.00 am - 1.00 pm

REFRESHMENTS  
HERITAGE STALLS

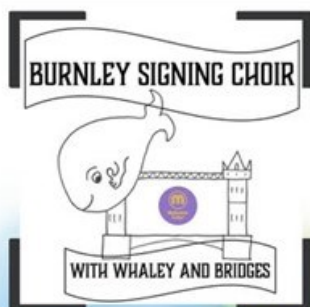


10.15 am  
Roger Frost will be leading a  
TOUR OF THE CHURCH

11.15 am  
ORGAN RECITAL  
by David Thornton

There will be various  
displays, including the  
Book of St Peter,  
plus activities for children.

Admission FREE  
but donations welcome.



**EVERYONE WELCOME**  
COME AND LEARN SOME MAKATON, HAVE A SING-ALONG  
AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

St. Matthew's  
Church Hall

Albion Street, Burnley, BB11 4JJ

28<sup>th</sup> August  
25<sup>th</sup> September  
23<sup>rd</sup> October  
27<sup>th</sup> November

St. Cuthbert's  
Community Hall

Sharp Street, Burnley, BB10 1SL

**6-7PM**

**FREE!**

5<sup>th</sup> August  
9<sup>th</sup> September  
7<sup>th</sup> October  
11<sup>th</sup> November

St Luke's Church, Brierfield  
invite you to join them for an action-  
packed fun-filled Family Night

## Hobbie Horse Race Night

in St Luke's Church Hall  
Friday 12th September  
7.00 - 9.00 pm

£4.00  
per person  
(Includes pie & peas)

Tel: Michelle  
01282 619 183

**St Stephen's Church, Burnley**  
Oxford Road, BB11 3JA

*invite you to*  
**Afternoon  
Tea  
with  
Contempo**  
**Saturday  
27th September  
at 2.30 pm**

**Tickets:**  
£10.00  
Available  
from Church  
or Choir

A photograph of a three-tiered silver tray filled with afternoon tea. The top tier has sandwiches, the middle tier has scones with jam and cream, and the bottom tier has macarons. A white teapot and a cup of tea are also visible.

RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S

# CAROUSEL

3rd - 8th November

Excluding 5<sup>th</sup> November

7:15pm

St Cuthbert's  
Community Hall,  
Sharp Street,  
Burnley BB10 1SL



Tickets available on  
ticketsource or call  
**01282 451200**

Music by RICHARD RODGERS. Book and Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II. Based on Ferenc Molnar's Play "Liliom". As adapted by Benjamin F. Glazer. Original Choreography by Agnes de Mille.

The logo features a stylized sun with rays rising over a green hill, with three silhouettes of people sitting on the hill. The words "Burnley Prayer Breakfast" are written in a curved path above the sun.

Burnley Prayer Breakfast  
9am - 10.30am  
2nd Saturday of the month

Free breakfast - everyone welcome:  
Meet people from churches around  
Burnley and enjoy a short, informal  
service to start your weekend

**20th September**

(note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday this month!)

@ St Stephen's Church, BB11 3JA

**11th October**

@ St Matthew's Church, BB11 4JJ

September at St Stephen's - the theme is  
**'STEPPING UP'**

All Welcome!



# FREE DEBT HELP DROP IN

VALLEY STREET COMMUNITY GROCER-  
BURNLEY

Come along to discuss any  
issues you might be having

Friday 19th September  
11.15-12.45

Friday 10th October  
11.15-12.45

Friday 14th November  
11.15-12.45

Friday 12th December  
11.15-12.45

katherineoehring@capuk.org  
07376932813



ST LUKE'S, BRIERFIELD

## ***Come and See***

the parent/carer and toddler  
group will soon be celebrating  
its 30th Birthday.

Watch out for details of an  
event planned to thank God  
for all the workers and  
children/adults who have  
supported this ministry.  
Spread the word to those you  
know who have been involved.



invite you to

St John the Divine, Cliviger for

# HYMNS & PIMMS for Harvest

SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER at 6.30 pm

**Come along and sing all your favourite  
Harvest hymns**

Enjoy a  
glass of  
Pimms

(non alcoholic  
drinks available)

All  
Welcome!



Special Services at

## **ST JAMES BRIERCLIFFE:**

Sunday 12th October :  
9.30 am: Harvest Service

Sunday 2nd November  
4.00 pm: All Souls' Service

Sunday 9th November  
9.30 am  
Remembrance Service

**HARVEST SERVICE AT ST LUKE'S**  
Sunday, 5th October -9.15am

There will be a collection for  
the local food banks. Tinned/  
dried food; any toiletries and  
nappies appreciated.





#### ST STEPHEN'S BURNLEY

|                        |              |                            |
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| Friday 7th November:   | 7.00 pm      | Murder Mystery Evening     |
| Saturday 29th November | 11.00 - 1 pm | Christmas Fair—All Welcome |

#### ST PETER'S BURNLEY

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| Every First Saturday: | 11.00 am | Saturday Morning Concerts<br>(see the website for details) |
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| <b>ST CUTHBERT'S</b> | 11.00 - 1.pm | Christmas Fair—All Welcome |
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## for September/October/November

| Week Commencing | Please pray for                                |
|-----------------|--|
| 1st September   | St Cuthbert , Burnley & St Luke, Brierfield    |
| 8th September   | St James & St John the Evangelist, Worsthorne  |
| 15th September  | St John the Divine, Cliviger                   |
| 22nd September  | St Leonard, Padiham & St Margaret, Hapton      |
| 29th September  | St Peter & St Stephen, Burnley                 |
| 6th October     | Habergham, All Saints with John the Baptist    |
| 13th October    | Our Ecumenical partners in Burnley             |
| 20th October    | Other Faith partners in Burnley                |
| 27th October    | The Diocese of Blackburn and our Bishops       |
| 3rd November    | St Andrew with St Margaret & St James, Burnley |
| 10th November   | St Catherine with St Alban & St Paul, Burnley  |
| 17th November   | St Cuthbert , Burnley & St Luke, Brierfield    |
| 24th November   | St James & St John the Evangelist, Worsthorne  |



**Don't forget, you can advertise your Services/Events on the Deanery FB Page—just search BURNLEY DEANERY**

# Regular Weekly Events Across the Deanery

## ST JAMES BRIERCLIFFE

Monday: 6pm PRAYER MEETING  
Wednesday: 9:30 am SAID EUCHARIST  
Thursday: 6pm FAMILY SERVICE

## ALL SAINTS, HABERGHAM

Tuesday - 10am MORNING PRAYER  
Tuesday evening - BROWNIES  
Weds morning - MOTHERS AND TODDLERS  
Wednesday 7pm - HOLY EUCHARIST  
Thursday 7pm - BIBLE STUDY  
1st Thursday Monthly—7pm  
MOTHERS UNION

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WORSTHORNE

Tuesday: 7.00 pm  
MIDWEEK COMMUNION  
  
Monday 10.00 am: ART CLASS  
1st Tuesday monthly: 2.00 pm  
MOTHERS' UNION  
2nd Tuesday monthly: 8.00 pm  
MEN'S GROUP  
Speaker/Bar Open

## ST ANDREW, BURNLEY

Thursday: 9.30 am  
MASS  
  
Monday and Friday: 9.30—11.30  
STAY & PLAY (Church Hall)  
Cuppa/Toast/Chat/Toddler Toys  
Thursday: 10.00 am  
TEA & TOAST THURSDAYS (Church Hall)  
Chat/Meet new people

## ST CATHERINE, BURNLEY

### MASS TIMES

Monday: 8.30 am  
Tuesday: 6.00 pm  
Wednesday: 8.30 am & 6.30 pm  
Thursday: 12 noon  
Friday: 12 noon  
Saturday: 10.00 am

Wednesday: 6.00 pm - Rosary  
Thursday: 11.30 am - Exposition &  
Intercessions  
Saturday: 9.30 am—Confessions



Mondays 9:30 –11:30am,  
DROP-IN ADVICE  
Breakfast & Lunch provided  
Tuesdays  
10:00 – 12:00 noon FEEL GOOD GARDENING  
12:30pm – 3:00pm, CRAFT GROUP  
7:30 – 9pm COMMUNITY CHOIR  
Wednesday  
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 5pm, 6:30pm.  
SLIMMING WORLD

Thursdays 12:30pm: LUNCHEON CLUB  
a two-course meal at the cost of £5.  
To book, contact Ellen: 07783 143719.

Thursdays 1:30pm – 3:30pm  
BINGO BUDDIES

Thursdays 7pm – 8pm  
TFSW JU JITSU: for Adults  
Fridays 9:30am – 11:30am  
BRUNCH CLUB



All of the above non-service events take  
place in the Community Centre



### **ST CUTHBERT, BURNLEY**

2nd & 4th Wednesday monthly at 2 pm  
EXPLORING THE BIBLE  
in the Thursby Room, St. Cuthbert's Hall

2nd & 4th Wednesday Monthly at 7 pm  
ALL NATIONS LIFE GROUP (in Homes)

1st Sunday of each month at 3pm  
ALL NATIONS WORSHIP - St Luke's Church Hall

4th Sunday of each month at 7pm  
BURNLEY PRAYER GROUP  
in the Thursby Room, St. Cuthbert's Hall

Every Friday 6.30—8.00 pm  
FUSION YOUTH CLUB

Fun, Faith & Fellowship for 11-18 yr olds  
in St Cuthbert's Hall—All Welcome  
Contact: Teeman Zaki 07476 953197  
Email: teemanzaki2@gmail.com



Mon: 1.30-3.30 - SEQUENCE DANCING  
Community Hall

2nd Tues: 2-4 pm - KNITTING CLUB  
Thursby Room

1st Weds: 2-3.30 pm MOTHERS' UNION  
Thursby Room

Thurs: 10.30-11.30 am GENTLE EXERCISE  
Community Hall

Friday: 8.45—11.45 am PAINTING GROUP  
Community hall



MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING,  
BOOK SALE & JIGSAW SALE

First Sunday of the month and on the  
previous day, in the Community Hall  
Saturdays 10-11.30am,  
Sundays 11.30-12.15pm

### **ST JOHN THE DIVINE, CLIVIGER**

Weds: 7.00 pm -MIDWEEK EUCHARIST  
in Church House

### **ST LUKE, BRIERFIELD**

1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 1.00 pm  
HOLY COMMUNION - in the Hall or Church  
depending on the weather

1st Sunday monthly at 3.00 pm  
ALL NATIONS WORSHIP in the Hall  
*NB. On 6th April we will be in the  
Cathedral at 4.00 pm to join in with Arch-  
deacon Mark's Leaving Service*



Tuesday 9.30 am (in term time)  
COME AND SEE for Mums & Toddlers  
St Luke's Church Hall

2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays 1 - 3 pm  
CHATTER MATTERS—Tea/Coffee & a Chat  
in the Hall

1st Thursday monthly at 7 pm  
MEN'S EVENING—Snooker Table Tennis,  
Darts, Board Games etc  
in the downstairs room of the Hall

2nd & 4th Thursdays 6—7 pm  
THURSDAY LIVE (Youth group)  
Crafts, Snacks, Fairs, Fun & Games

### **ST PETER, BURNLEY**

Wednesday: 9.15 am Prayer Meeting  
10.30 am: MIDWEEK EUCHARIST

Thursday 9.30 am: THURSDAY CHAT  
Bible Study/Coffee/Chat



1st Wednesday Monthly: 1.30—3 pm  
WELCOME ON WEDNESDAY  
All invited—Young families & toddlers  
especially welcome

2nd & 4th Wednesday: 11.00 am  
LUNCH CLUB

1st Saturday Monthly: 11.00 am  
SATURDAY MORNING CONCERT

### ST MATTHEW, BURNLEY

Tuesday 10.00 am:

SAID EUCHARIST

1st, 2nd, 3rd 5th Friday: 10.00 am

SAID EUCHARIST

2nd Saturday Bi-Monthly: 9.00 am

BURNLEY PRAYER BREAKFAST

April/June/August/October/December



Monday in Term Time: 3.30-5 pm:

FUN CHURCH

Crafts/Games/Prayer/Songs/Food

Tuesday in Term Time: 5.30 pm

YOUTH CHOIR

Wednesday in Term Time: 9.15—10.45

WEDNESDAY MORNING GROUP

Coffee/Chat/Bible Study

Wednesday 12.30—1.30 pm

LUNCH CLUB

Wednesday: 1.45 pm: PARISH PRAYERS

Thursdays in Term Time: 9.30-11 am

TODDLER GROUP

### ST STEPHEN, BURNLEY

2nd & 4th Wednesday: 2.00 pm

Midweek Eucharist

2nd Saturday bi-monthly: 9.00 am

BURNLEY PRAYER BREAKFAST

July/September/November/January/March/May



Monday: 1 - 3 pm, KNIT & NATTER

Bring your own crafts or just sit & chat

1st Tuesday: 11.30—1.30

1ST TUESDAY HUB

Crafts, Soup & Sandwich, Friends

1st & 3rd Wednesday; 2 - 4 pm

FRIENDS, FOOD & FUN

Afternoon Tea (£5 - donations welcome)

7.15 pm: BIBLE STUDY HOUSE GROUP

10 Hall Park Avenue

2nd & 4th Wednesday: 12.30 pm

LET'S DO LUNCH

(on the house—donations welcome)

2nd Tuesday (2pm) & 4th Tuesday (7 pm)

MOTHERS' UNION

### ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WORSTHORNE

Monday: 6.00 pm CUBS

7.30 pm SCOUTS

Tuesday: 6.00 pm BEAVERS

Wednesday: 6.00 pm BEAVERS

Thursday: 6.00 pm BROWNIES

7.30 pm GUIDES

### ST CUTHBERT, BURNLEY

Mondays: BROWNIES, GUIDES & RANGERS

Tuesdays: RAINBOWS

Contact Janis: [jc30guider@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jc30guider@yahoo.co.uk)

Thursdays: SQUIRRELS, BEAVERS, CUBS, SCOUTS,  
EXPLORER UNIT Contact:

[mattbarnesburnley@gmail.com](mailto:mattbarnesburnley@gmail.com) Tel: 07792 987303

### ALL SAINTS, HABERGHAM

Tuesday Evening: BROWNIES

### WELLFIELD RAINBOWS & BROWNIES

Tuesday: 6.00—7.15 pm  
in Wellfield School

Contact: Carol Pike  
[carol.pike@btopenworld.com](mailto:carol.pike@btopenworld.com)

### ST STEPHEN'S, BURNLEY

Wednesday: 6.15 pm RAINBOWS  
in St Stephen's Church

Wednesday: 6.15 pm BROWNIES  
in St Stephen's School

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