

# St Peter's Church Burnley



**THURSDAY  
CHAT**  
10.00-11.00 am



**Coffee &  
Christianity**

**Doors open  
at 9.30 am**

## Programme

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|----------------|--|
| 3rd February:  | Candlemas - Presentation of Christ in the Temple |
| 10th February: | 900th Anniversary - Memories                     |
| 17th February: | Half-term Workshop                               |
| 24th February  | The Five Marks of Mission                        |
| 3rd March:     | Lent   |



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**Don't forget - if you need anything,  
don't hesitate to contact us**



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## Useful Information

### THE

#### **CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU:**

This has reopened but can only be contacted by phone. Opening hours are 9-5 Monday to Friday. They are keen to deal with the backlog of Attendance Allowance claims that have built up during Lockdown, so, give them a ring on 616750 for advice on claiming.

#### **CHILDLINE**

A Helpline for young people  
Tel No: 08001111  
24 hours, seven days a week.

#### **SILVERLINE**

A Helpline for older people:  
Tel: 08004 708090  
24 hours, seven days a week.

**THE SAMARITANS** help line is also 24 hours and their number is 116123.

#### **BURNLEY TOGETHER:**

Good news is that this is still going strong with its food parcel delivery and has intro-duced a befriending service. Opening hours are:

9-5 Monday to Friday.  
Phone 01282 686402.

#### **NATIONAL DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE:**

This is run by Refuge. It is open 24hours seven days a week. Or contact them online. Freephone: 0800 2000247

The Men's Advice line number is Freephone 0808 8010327  
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

Barbara

## Peter Pike



It would be hard to do justice to the many tributes that have poured in for Peter over the last few weeks. He was so obviously a man of integrity, who worked tirelessly, not only for the people of Burnley, but for others both nationally and internationally. He had a deep sense of justice and fought for it wherever and whenever he could. Peter led an amazing and fulfilled life. There are few people who will be able to leave this life having achieved so much for his fellow man.

Although so much has been said in tribute to Peter, it can simply be summed up in these words from St Matthew's gospel:

**'Well done, thou good and faithful servant!'**



## Churchwardens' News from St Peter's

Hello everyone,

This year has again started with stricter coronavirus rules and a more easily transmissible variant in circulation. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation with wearing masks and other precautions to keep each other safe. We hope that the situation will continue to improve and we will keep you updated with any new guidance that we receive.

We are able to restart refreshments after the Sunday morning services. Many thanks to the refreshments ladies for their hard work. The Lunch Club will not be taking place for the time being. Since it restarted last year it has been very popular and we hope to get back up and running when it is safe to do so.

We were very sad to learn of the passing of our dear friend Peter Pike. He has been a loyal and faithful worker for the church for many years and will be deeply missed by all. The funeral service was a fitting tribute to and celebration of his life and all he has achieved. Our thoughts will very much be with his daughters Carol and Jane in the coming weeks and months.

The Christmas services over the festive period were a great success and well attended. Thank you to Philip and the choir for the wonderful musical performances at the candlelit carol service and to Meena and the children for the excellent nativity play on Christmas Eve.

We hope that our search for a new incumbent will be successful and that we find someone who is suitable for the role after readvertising the position over Christmas, with interviews set to be held on 17th February.

It is exciting to finally be in our 900th year and we look forward to the celebrations taking place throughout the year.

Take care,

*Sandra and Jason*

## *In The Loop*



### CHRISTMAS 2021

Those who have been fortunate to have visited the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem will have wondered in amazement at the colourful and mystical ambient setting within. Who would have thought that Christmas baubles would be something that would be seen in such a holy place adorning the entrance to the holy place. It is so in keeping with what our perception of Christmas is all about ... 'CHRIST MASS'

Trying to recreate that setting within St Stephen's at Christmas wasn't an easy task ... that was the idea anyway. Hi tech lighting with light emitted diodes (LEDs) came into its own, adding a burst of colour within, bringing a warm, gentle feeling in our church.

Our Christmas tree must be one of the tallest interior trees in the diocese! Thanks to Tesco's manager Michael Davies. It looked amazing! Our party of seven volunteers managed to



erect the new Christmas tree without any fuss and difficulty (tongue in cheek!)

It was a really good fun working and laughing together as we saw the tree finally dressed with colourful baubles and LED lights. Wow!

During the run up to the Christmas period, we moved and changed the interior on a progressive journey through Advent to bring us to that all-important holy night with Faith – Hope – Joy – Love in mind - our Advent journey as Christians as one body.

It was very special to have the Eucharistic prayer sung by Fr Paul adding so much to the warmth of the midnight service.

It's heartwarming and fulfilling when we all work together as a team, with everyone playing their part so 'thank you' everyone who made this year's Christmastide a very special one.

### A BLAZE OF COLOUR

Thank you to Linda for heading up the Christingle service. All

*/continued ...*



proceeds were in aid of the Children's Society. Seeing the church so very well attended was a sight to behold. The church in candlelight is a magnificent sight indeed. Thank you to Lancashire County Councillor Cosima Towneley who started the proceedings with the all-important lighting of the new giant Christmas tree - something we hope may become a tradition. Who knows - maybe one of our bishops may come to St Stephen's and carry out the switching on ceremony!!!

### SPRING SPRING SPRING ...

As we progress through the cold winter months we can start to see the appearance of the springtime bulbs as their heads gently start to appear. The memorial garden at St Stephen's will soon be a wonderfully colourful sight as we

enter the church gates, a visual reminder of those who are no longer with us.  
**KEEP CALM WE ARE CHRISTIANS**

Please pray that we will soon find a new incumbent for the Benefice. At the time of writing our parish representatives are being guided through the complicated process

At the moment Father Paul intends leaving us after the Easter period. By that time it is hoped that a new incumbent will be in place. If not, then we will be in a normal interregnum.

Keep safe – Be Happy – Keep smiling.

*Happy New Year, Everyone!*

*Keith, Jean, Betty and Paul.*



### *Thank You*

Renie would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who sent her messages and cards over the Christmas period. Although she wasn't able to reply to you all, she would like you to know how much she appreciates knowing that she is in your thoughts and that she is always thinking of her friends at Church. xxx

The 900 Anniversary Celebrations start here with:

## THE BOOK OF ST PETER

### THE FIRST CHAPTER

In the June issue of last year I mentioned I was planning to recreate the Letters of St Peter in a book for the 900<sup>th</sup> Celebrations. I wanted this to be a beautiful book, an illuminated manuscript with artwork, photographs and kind words, a keepsake for the Church.

The history of Burnley is entwined with St Peter's Church. In the year 1122, Burnley would have been a hamlet, a settlement of a few wooden houses. The imposing stone building of our Church would have been its epicentre providing Christian worship, charity to the poor, and the space to administer local government. With this shared history in mind I want to take the Church back to the people of Burnley!

For a donation, I want to ask the shoppers (that does include you; your friends and families) in Charter Walk if they would like to sit down and copy out a verse from the Holy Bible. By doing this task I want them to know that they are going to be part of history, a snapshot of the town and St Peter's Church in 2022.

For this event I will also require Volunteers, from St Peter's and St Stephen's, to help me drum up trade and hand out leaflets on the 900 Anniversary Celebrations. I can provide the paper, pens, table and chairs but ..... if you can help me coerce the public into taking part that would be great. Please contact me by email: [annettemroadley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annettemroadley@yahoo.co.uk) Or fill in the Form at the back of St Peter's Church. It is pinned to a notice board.

The dates for this endeavour are:

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March.**

**(or until all 166 verses have been completed)**

**A meeting for all Volunteers to discuss the finer details of this event is scheduled for Sunday, the 6<sup>th</sup> February after the Church service at St Peter's.**

### THE SECOND CHAPTER

The next Chapters of this book are going to be specifically about us, young and old - the Worshippers at St Peter's and St Stephen's – our United Benefice.

Watch this space for details!

*Exciting times ahead. Let's be part of history!*

*Annette Roadley*



## ***Transformation - NOW!* OUR THEME FOR 2022**

### **LOOKING BACK**

I trust we all had a good Christmas and a better start to 2022 than 2020 and 2021.

We all enjoyed our festive get together at Turf Moor. Thank you Keith for the uplifting entertainment. All in all it was the boost we needed leading up to Christmas and another period of uncertainty. Fortunately, nobody was forced to cancel Christmas plans last minute because of 'The Science'.

The AGM took place on January 11th, where new programmes were given out.

It is heartening to know that our branch membership is still strong. We understand you cannot always attend meetings. However, the vast majority of speakers are more than happy to give their time for free and it is always heartening for them to be greeted with a sizeable audience.

Please spread the word about our Mothers' Union, encouraging others to give us a go. If you need a 2022 programme please see Beverley or Jackie.

### **LOOKING FORWARD**

If you haven't paid your annual subscription of £26.00 please pay Jean, either by cheque or cash.

A reminder that subs for each meeting will be £1.50.

### **MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**Tuesday, February 8th, 2pm:** Canon Ed Saville will bring to our attention one of the Mothers' Union most important issues, The Clewer Initiative, which addresses modern day slavery.

**Tuesday, February 22nd, 7pm:** Climbing Mont Blanc with Mitch. Beverley's son-in-law will be telling us about another of his amazing pilgrimages.

### **OUR FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS:**

Happy Birthday Gwen as you celebrate your birthday on February 3rd.

Jackie

Wishing all members a Happy and Peaceful (if belated) New Year.

Thank you to all members for prompt payment of the annual subscription. I did give all members a form to complete before Christmas so that I can update details. I have to date only received 5 forms back, including my own. Please will those people who have not done so, let me have their current address, phone number, email address, date of birth and date of joining the Mothers' Union so that I can update my records accordingly. I also have a form for all members to sign indicating which, if any, of these records may be held on the database at Mary Sumner House. Signing of this form is dependent on members receiving the Mothers' Union magazines, which we be posted to members at their home address in future.

Unfortunately, Mothers' Union dates for January, February and March coincide with the St Stephen's Lunch and afternoon service and several members do go to these. Should we change from the last Wednesday in the month, there will always be dates when the two will clash.

We had to cancel our lunch in November because the staff at the café were isolating and I did suggest re-arranging this in the New Year. I therefore propose to cancel the Mothers' Union on 23<sup>rd</sup> February and arrange a lunch on the previous Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, again at Towneley Garden Centre. Please let me know not later than Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February if you wish to come.

We can then decide how we proceed with meetings in the future. I don't want members to feel that they have to choose between lunch and service at St Stephens and Mothers' Union.

Looking forward to resuming meetings in the near future.

*Transformation ... Now!*





## FEBRUARY IN THE MEMORIAL BOOK OF ST PETER'S

|      |  |
|------|--|
| 2nd  | John Swinnerton, Albert Edward Potts   |
| 5th  | Daisy Matthews, William Henry Matthews, Brian Jessop                           |
| 7th  | Benjamin Yates, Amelia Smith, Peter Charles Kaltober                           |
| 8th  | Every Holt Parker  |
| 9th  | Harold Green, James Greenwood  |
| 10th | Amy Rae, Alice Boothman, Emily Smith, James Saul,<br>Francis Gordon Shoemsmith |
| 12th | John Edward Chapman, Edwin Baker, Norman George Altham,<br>John Alfred Smith   |
| 13th | Martin Patrick Macdonald   |
| 14th | Edith Ann Baker, Fred Hargreaves   |
| 16th | Louisa Jobling   |
| 17th | Leonard Thomas Perry   |
| 18th | Annie Pollard, Elspeth Parker Grant  |
| 19th | Mary Wright  |
| 20th | Caroline Pollard, John Barritt   |
| 21st | Pauline Mabel West, Margaret Noel Payne, Margery Law                           |
| 22nd | Annie Tomlinson, Douglas Frederick Clavell-Bate,<br>Gwendoline Doris Baker     |
| 23rd | Muriel Foulds  |
| 24th | John Sagar, Ann Jobling  |
| 26th | Jennie Beet  |
| 27th | Jane Layfield, Arthur Fielden  |
| 28th | George Edward Caton  |



*"I am the resurrection and the life  
The one who believes in me will live,  
even though they die." (John 11:25)*

## FEBRUARY IN THE MEMORIAL BOOK OF ST STEPHEN'S

|      |  |
|------|--|
| 1st  | John Hargreaves, Willie Brown  |
| 2nd  | Nellie Riding  |
| 3rd  | Oswald Henry Healey, Elizabeth Ann Gowers  |
| 4th  | Benjamin Joshua Fielding, Alice Towler, Winifred S. Stone  |
| 5th  | Ben Herbert Richmond, Martha Thompson, George Jacques, Hazel Phetean                                     |
| 6th  | Margaret Agnes Whittaker   |
| 7th  | Edward Alexander Mackay, Florence Ackroyd, John Scholes, Mary Brown                                      |
| 8th  | Alfred Arthur Allen  |
| 9th  | Ernest Stanley White (priest), Leslie Coolican, Alfred Thorburn  |
| 10th | James Saul, John Henry Greenwood, Agnes Sellers, Tommy Smith,<br>Joseph Singleton, Ellen Holdsworth      |
| 11th | Edward Collinge, Robert Gerald Clayton, Ada Blaylock   |
| 12th | Joyce Fox, Alison Mary Wilson  |
| 13th | Emma Hargreaves, Joseph Charles Barker   |
| 14th | Philip Robinson, Tom Proger, Norah Kathleen Atkinson, Margaret Brown                                     |
| 15th | Ellen Howarth, Andrew William Jobling  |
| 16th | Vincent Cook, Margaret Howarth, Albert Victor Williams   |
| 17th | Frederick Oldham, Lucy Eveline Guthrie, Kathleen Haworth   |
| 18th | Ida Grace Grimshaw   |
| 19th | Lilian Harrison, Karen Julie Meek, Audrey Walton   |
| 21st | Henry (Harry) Baden Bulcock, Charles Albert Green, James Briggs Ackroyd,<br>Mabel Tomlinson              |
| 22nd | Alfred Henry Holland, Frances Briggs   |
| 23rd | John Pendlebury, Allan Hartley Edmondson, Elizabeth Bailey   |
| 24th | Egbert William Roberts, Sydney Grice, Herbert Mills, Harry Barrow,<br>William James Hall, Kathryn Nixon  |
| 25th | George Arthur Arnold Whitfield, Dorothy Hughes   |
| 26th | Tracey Scott, Rose Wearden, Stephanie Ann Wilson   |
| 27th | James Briggs   |
| 28th | Fred Mitchell, William Hindle, Edward Ernest Pickles, Audrey Cotterill,<br>Walter Fitton, Joseph Spencer |



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## Unicorns, Faeries, Magic Chairs and a Black Dog ...

Whilst we've all been tucked up hibernating from the worst of winter, Linda's already been dragging me out in all weathers to plan and recce the walk programme for the year, starting on Saturday 5th March with a stroll around the Pendle Sculpture Trail. It's an easy 3 miles to start the season, setting off from the car park in Barley and heading out on a journey to see the most marvellous sculptures in beautiful woodland surroundings, returning to the Cabin at Barley for coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cake! The entire walk is on well surfaced paths but comfortable walking footwear is recommended.

Further details will be  
announced in both  
churches and the  
WhatsApp groups  
closer to the time.

*Paul*





## A Message from the Head

As the New Year began, after a particularly strange couple of years, this half term the children and staff at St Peter's have been thinking about the Christian Value of Courage. The words in this bible quote could not be more fitting, as we move forward still in the midst of a global pandemic,

*'be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed,  
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'*  
(Joshua 1:9 )

We thought about what courage is and more importantly, what it means as a Christian. Here is our acrostic. Courage is...

**C**arrying on when things are difficult  
**O**vercoming fear  
**U**nderstanding and facing a challenge  
**R**isking being out of your comfort zone  
**A**lways believing in God's promises  
**G**oing for a goal  
**E**mpowered by encouragement

It can take great courage to do something new or challenging. We call it 'stepping out of our comfort zone'. Sometimes just small steps are needed, but they can take us to new and exciting places! I remember the sermon Alan Roadley delivered, where he spoke to us about his course with Bishop Jill and how she often preaches about Jesus believing 'the time is now'! Jesus did not put off until tomorrow what could be done today. Courage is often about continuing to do what you would normally do even when faced with extraordinary situations. Many Christians believe that God asks us to offer our skills, talents and abilities in the face of adversity, and that he will use that courage to achieve great things. Our children in school have made us so proud with how they have tackled school this academic year, working harder than ever to learn new skills and show us their talents. They certainly embrace the

thoughts that 'the time is now'!

Take a look at our website to see our courage in action:

<https://www.st-peters-burnley.lancs.sch.uk/worship/>

*Mrs Crowther*

Headteacher



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## St Stephen's CE Primary School NEWS

### STAFFING

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Miss Green who has enjoyed working here for over ten years. We are happy that she has been given the opportunity to further her career but we will miss her so much and will enjoy keeping in touch with her. We have made Miss Pilling and Mrs Woods very welcome and they are really enjoying working here at St Stephen's. Both are experienced teachers. Miss Scholes has moved to another role and we have Morag Finch working as a TA in year 1.

### OFSTED

We have just had our Ofsted inspection last week on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The report will be published next month so we will put it on our website and share it with the whole school community as soon as we are able to.

### CURRICULUM AND RECOVERY

Our curriculum is really flourishing and the children are enjoying it. All the children received their invitation to our launch day for our new theme of 'Our Precious Planet' on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022. We had a recording from Mrs Roberts' nieces and sister in law in Australia explaining what they do for sustainability and how they look after God's amazing planet. The school has been transformed with displays reflecting this theme. All children enjoyed a creative writing activity on day 2.

We feel that we have succeeded in bringing our learning alive. Progress and attainment is of the upmost importance but at the same time we strive to develop the whole child emotionally and socially Stephen's. Most of all we like to create happy memories of their time here and use strategies for learning so that their knowledge 'sticks'.

We have a full recovery programme in place using funding from the govern-



ment to ensure that the children are given the very best opportunity to plug gaps and have excellent provision. The full catch up premium is on the school website

### CHRISTMAS

Our children had a very special time in school throughout Advent and Christmas. Despite revising our risk assessment and making the decision to show our events virtually I am pleased to say that the children didn't miss out on any of the usual activities. The children in years 1 to year 6 watched our reception children perform their nativity and the reception children enjoyed watching the rest of the school perform carols and readings. The class parties and PTFA parties went ahead and these were great fun. We donated food to charities and ensured that no family went without at Christmas. They all met Santa, who had a brilliant sense of humour and they enjoyed their Christmas dinner. All of our children know the true meaning of Christmas and we feel that the value of Love underpins everything here.

**CHRISTIAN VALUE** – Our Christian Value this half term is Courage. We watched a clip from the Wizard of Oz where the lion wanted some courage. Our worship group will continue to plan some work around this.

*Be Strong and Courageous., Do not be afraid; Do not be discouraged.  
For the Lord your God will be with you Wherever you go  
(Joshua 1:9)*



*Mrs J Roberts*





## Sunday School News from St Peter's

900 Years of Christian Worship at St Peter's. Wow !!!!! An exciting time, when we pray families will join us to celebrate and feel part of our future.

February sees the start of our family workshops which throughout the year will all be themed around St Peter. The Bible tells us a lot about this very likeable disciple who was asked by Jesus to lead the Church but whose human responses to situations we can relate to. Fish, keys, rocks , cockerels , sheep and boats will be visible !!!!!

2022 will also see the confirmation of at least four of our regular children. Four children who have all been christened at St Peter's and four children who believe in God, know just how much they are loved by him, always want to learn more and whose lives have been changed by their time at St Peter's. A really special time for them and us.

February continues with Jesus' teaching to the disciples. Stories with lots to unpack and finishing the month with the Transfiguration of Jesus.

900 years of children learning about Jesus. The style may have changed, the numbers attending may be different, but its value and relevance is just the same .

Father God,  
In our 900th year we thank you for our wonderful children and their families who bring us such joy and vitality every week. We pray that their faith continues to grow. We pray for all the children in our school and for those children who know nothing about you. Bless them all.  
Amen

*from Meena and all in Sunday School*



# Christmas

## and



## Epiphany



# at St Peter's

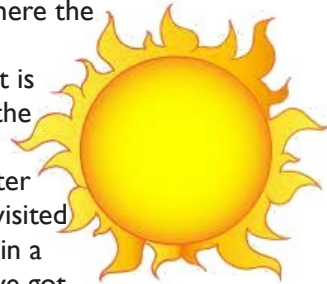
# The Hiding Place

I am sure we have all at sometime played hide and seek. The childhood fun of scampering away to hide in a really good place just hoping that you would not be found! Well actually we all want to be found don't we? (Aren't we glad that Jesus the Good Shepherd keeps on looking for his lost sheep until he finds them?)

Bill and I lived for many years in Southern Spain, where the weather is not deemed to be extreme (Well if you discount from mid June to mid September then that is correct!) However if you move further west into the provinces of Cadiz Seville and Extremadura. the climate becomes much harsher. Colder in the winter and hotter in the summer. A couple of times we visited the province of Cadiz. Once we rented a cottage in a forest thinking it would be cool, but in actual fact we got scorched just unpacking the car to take our luggage inside! When we went the couple of miles to the sea it was even worse, as the Atlantic sea breeze which we had thought would be cool was red hot. I like to think that there is a solution to every problem, so I begged Bill to go to a cheap bazaar and we bought him a long djellaba (a long dress) and a Bedouin like head scarf. I got a bright turquoise tunic with matching trousers which were both about 3 sizes too big, a pair of white cotton gloves and a huge straw hat. Thus suitably clad we headed down to the beach. When we had parked the car Bill decided to go down to see if there was anywhere shady enough in the rocks for us to sit. Meanwhile whilst waiting, I was accosted by two fierce looking policemen who came to tell me that we were illegally parked (alongside another 50 or so cars). I then explained that we were really just looking for some shade and fortunately for me Bill appeared looking rather like an Arab Sheik, and the policemen giving us both a strange look, and thankfully putting away the parking ticket book, decided to let us go on our way! he next beach was quieter and was blessed with gigantic rocks and these rocks became our refuge for the rest of the week.

There is a lovely verse from Isaiah 25. v 4.

*For you have been a defence for the helpless, a defence for the needy in distress .  
A refuge in the storm, a shade from the heat.  
For the breath of the ruthless is like a rain storm against a wall.*



Now as I am writing this I am reminded of how when I was in a very sick and confused state in hospital, I sought God through the Gideon's bible and how I kept repeating the verse from psalm 46. '

*God is our refuge and strength a very  
present help in times of trouble'.*

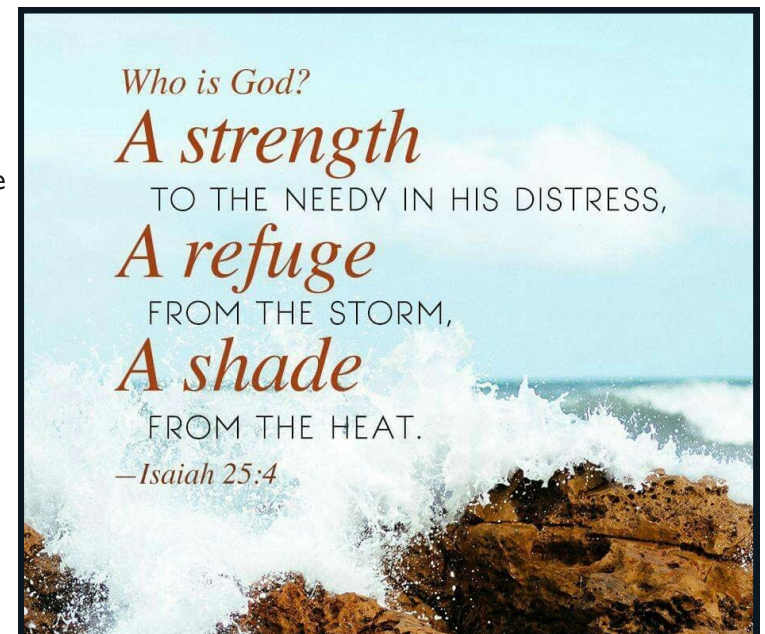
God has not only shaded me from the heat of the Cadiz sun, he has brought me through many of life's storms by His grace and persistent love. I love the end of the verse from Isaiah which says '*for the breath of the ruthless is like a rain storm against a wall.*'

The deeper your walk with God the more courageous you will become, as you realise if you walk with Him, then however anything or anyone tries to diminish you or knock you down it will be as fruitless as rain against a stone wall! He is your refuge and your help and his light will shine on you. He will not fail you, but bring you through the dark times wiser, stronger and grateful for his never ending faithfulness.

As we reflect on the above verses let us be reminded of all the women and men who are hiding from something or someone at this time. Christians who secretly worship in fear of being persecuted or even sentenced to death for their faith. Women who are in refuges fleeing from domestic violence, and all those who are seeking God's help in times of sickness or trouble. May they shelter under the shadow of His wing until He brings them to a new place of enlightenment peace and joy! Amen.

Be blessed,

Christine H x







Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas with your families. There

were a few weeks of uncertainty before Christmas as to whether we would be able to celebrate together fully. Thankfully no restrictions on the numbers of people being allowed to meet were put in place.

The weeks before Christmas were very busy at St Stephens. With the Christmas Fair, Christmas lunches and Christingle. These events were all opportunities to welcome people in our church who maybe wouldn't think of coming into a church building.

The Christingle was once again very successful. We sent out invitations to all our baptismal families and to all those on the electoral roll. Without taking a show of hands at the service it is hard to know how successful the invitations were. However, by sending a simple invitation we are keeping a connection and offering a welcome to be part of the church family.

Part of Vision 2026 is to make new disciples and new congregations. To many the traditional Sunday morning is not always a convenient time. Times have changed and lots of other things take place on Sundays. So perhaps this year we should think about, and look for opportunities for services at a different time and in a different way and perhaps in a different venue.

We need to look at how we can attract families from school. Do we need to go to them instead of expecting them to come to us?

It's something to think about it doesn't have to be every week but it would need a commitment from us to be involved and commit ourselves to making disciples a reality.

*Linda*



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... Or as I prefer, Coffee and Christianity. As far as I'm concerned, either name will do! For the last three years or so there has been an open welcome at St. Peter's every

Thursday morning from around 9:30 for anyone to drop in, have a brew, and have a natter about our faith. Each week somebody leads, but it's always been fairly informal.

As with so many things these days, we thought it needed moving on a bit, along with the inevitable re-brand, so the former name, ABCs, is no more! What's not changing is:

- ♦ We still open the doors at 9:30am.
- ♦ We still offer hot and cold drinks to anyone who comes.
- ♦ We still welcome anyone, Church or non Church, regular or newcomer, to sit and listen or join in.
- ♦ We still have some sort of led activity.
- ♦ And we still finish around 11:00am.

So what's changed? There's more variety in what we do. Sometimes there will still be a bit of Bible Study. Sometimes Bibles will feature but it won't be to "study" them. Sometimes there will be no Bibles in sight. It's partly social and partly serious, with hopefully every week something to get you thinking. Your level of involvement can be anything from just being there and having a brew to getting really stuck in.

Events in February may include Candlemas, Memories of St. Peter's, a Half Term Workshop, and the Five Marks of Mission. So plenty of variety to suit all tastes.

**And Later ...** Look out for Lent Gatherings and activities starting in March. And "Tea and Toast", a possible drop in for those who have brought children to school and anyone else.

The bottom line is, there are going to be lots of great things happening on Thursday mornings at St. Peter's. Do come and join in.

*Alan*

## ST. PETER'S HELPS DEMENTIA CAFE

You may remember that a few months back I wrote that I was stepping back from the Housegroup/Discussion Group that I set up many years ago. One of the things we always did was a collection at the end of each meeting for a "Good Cause". Over the years many charities benefited from the generosity of participants. Towards the end of last year, with some relaxing of Covid measures, I was at last able to send the sum of £165 to the Dementia Cafe run by Burnley FC in the Community. This provides stimulating activities for Dementia sufferers whilst also giving some respite for their carers. They are wanting to buy more games and resources as they restart activities and we are happy to help.


As things open up and covid hopefully fades to less prominence, we have an invitation for one or two of us to go and visit them and see what they do.

Once again, Christian charity in action.

**Alan Roadley**



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# 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Well, we're now into our 900<sup>th</sup> year. I hope it's a good one!



The programme for the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations has been completed (although I expect there will be other events during the year). Pam McGrath has designed a beautiful programme of events, which has now been printed, and will be available in church by the time you receive this magazine.

On Thursday morning, 10<sup>th</sup> February, we will be holding another open meeting during Thursday chat, this time for people to share their memories of St Peter's. Barbara Fildes has agreed to come and talk about growing up at St Peter's during the 1940's and 50's having, she says, attended St Peter's since before she was born! We do hope that others will also come and share their memories.

Elsewhere in the magazine you will be able to read about the merchandising and "The Book of St Peter". Do buy your commemorative bags, pens, bookmarks and clothing and sign up to assist Annette with the book.

*Carol*

## Confirmation April 16th 2022

If you are someone you know is interested in being prepared for Confirmation, please contact: Fr Paul or

- ♦ Meena or Alan at St Peter's
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Further details of Preparation sessions will be announced soon.



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**DON'T FORGET**

## Budding hymn writers

If you would like to enter the competition to write a new verse for the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary hymn (to the tune of How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds) to be sung at the celebration service in June, you can still do so by giving your entries to Jason or sending them to:

info.stpetersburnley@gmail.com.

The words of the hymn are printed opposite - just add your own verse!



*Jason*



Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Christian Aid Christmas

Appeal at St Peter's.

The donations totalled a fantastic £125.58 which will go towards helping families in Sudan struggling with the effects of the climate crisis.

*Alan & Joanne*

## ANNIVERSARY HYMN

Words: Mrs J. Lewis, Music: J. A. Smith

Outside my window I can see  
The varied works of man.  
The road, the street, the factory,  
One vast material plan.

I raise my eyes and see the sky,  
The hill, the field, the tree,  
The golden sun, the birds on high,  
The world God made for me.

But from the window of my heart,  
I see men's grief and pain.  
The hurt that men to men impart,  
For power, and greed, and gain.

Yet from the window of my soul  
The love of God I see,  
He sent his Son to make men whole,  
To give his life for me.

Take eye and heart and soul, I pray,  
To watch and work for Thee.  
For, though the works of men decay,  
Thou art eternity.

## St Peter's Flower Guild

Many thanks to those who helped to decorate the church during and after Christmas

*Alice & Maureen*

### ROTA FOR FEBRUARY

|      | CHANCEL      | TOWNELEY CHAPEL |
|------|--------------|-----------------|
| 6th  | Mrs Clegg    | Mrs E Jessop    |
| 13th | Mrs E Jessop | Vacant          |
| 20th | Vacant       | Vacant          |
| 27th | Vacant       | Vacant          |



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## Services & Rotas for February at St Stephen's

If you are unable to be in church when you are on the rota, please let the Wardens know.

| Date  | Services  | Sidespeople               | Reader   | Tea/Coffee            | Cleaning         |
|-------|---|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 6/02  | 9.45 am Holy Communion                              | Christine N & Christine H | Jackie   | Elaine A & Brenda B   | W/C 31/1 Team 1  |
| 13/2  | 9.45 am Holy Communion                              | Betty M & Ralph L         | Pam      | Pauline L & Shirley T | W/C 7/02 Team 2  |
| 20/2  | WUAW<br>9.00 am Breakfast<br>9.45 am Holy Communion | Geoff K & Judith K        | Linda    | WUAW                  | W/C 14/02 Team 3 |
| 27/02 | 9.45 am Holy Communion                              | Elaine A & Neil H         | Beverley | Barbara H & Paul H    | W/C 21/02 Team 1 |
| 6/03  | 9.45 am Holy Communion                              | Jusith & John Hughes      | Anne     | Pauline A & Pam Mc    | W/C 28/02 Team 2 |



## Services & Rotas for February at St Peter's

| Date  | 11.00am        | Sidespeople             | Reader           | Intercessor    | 6.00pm                 |
|-------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 6/02  | Choral Matins  | M Eckersley<br>H Slater | Stephen Dixon    | Joan Ainsworth | BCP HC                 |
| 13/02 | Holy Communion | J Hacking<br>Bea        | Carol Waddington | Alan Roadley   |                        |
| 20/02 | Holy Communion | S Dixon<br>S Hacking    | Joan Ainsworth   | Stephen Dixon  | Deanery Choir Evensong |
| 27/02 | Family Service | C Hacking<br>S Hacking  | Child            | Child          |                        |
| 6/03  | Choral Matins  | M Eckersley<br>H Slater | Diana Harris     | Adrian Norris  | BCP HC                 |



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*Further details in next month's magazine*



## St Stephen's Church Organ Update

Who would have thought that just over 12 months ago St Stephen's PCC were in a position which was somewhat of a problem. The old Norwich organ was just about shot at. But people's generosity has changed all that. Up to press the figure raised for the replacement is close to £14,000. This figure will increase once the gift aid donations are calculated.

These donations take immense pressure off the PCC who would have had to take a considerable amount of money from church reserves.

It's so heartwarming to think that many people have given generously toward this project. How kind people are.

We still have a little way to go so the fund isn't closed yet, but hopefully we shall soon be able to close the fund, once we have reached our goal.

Once again 'Thank you' to all who have helped and for having faith and determination in our quest.



Keith



I would like to thank all those involved in making the Christingle service such a success and a wonderful part of our Christmas celebrations.

Thank you to the ladies who made the christingles and to Lynn Barkess for her generous donation to cover the cost in memory of her husband Tom.

Thank you for the wonderful lighting, screen presentations and to the decorators of the giant Christmas tree. Thank you for wonderful singing, especially the children and to Peter Harrison for playing our new organ.

Finally thank you for your support for the Children's Society. The collection boxes and donations on the day totalled £219.16.

*Linda*

## BIBLE READING PLAN - Month 12

### Paul's Letter to Churches (continued)

- ☐ Galatians 3:1-14.. .. The righteous shall live by faith
- ☐ Galatians 5:1, 13-24 .. Christ has set us free - Walk by the Spirit!
- ☐ Ephesians 2:1-10; 3:14-21 A new walk and a prayer to know God's love and power
- ☐ Philippians 2:1-16 .. Imitating Christ's example of humility
- ☐ Colossians 3:12-25 .. Putting on love - Rules for Christian households
- ☐ 1 Thessalonians 4:9-18  
and 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15 The coming of the Lord and warnings against disorderly living

### Paul's Letter to Church Workers

- ☐ 1 Timothy 2:1-15 .. How to behave in the Church: Men and women and prayer
- ☐ 1 Timothy 3:1-16 .. How to behave in the Church: Good church leaders
- ☐ 2 Timothy 1:1-7; 3:14-17 Timothy's heritage of faith and Scripture
- ☐ Titus 2:1-14 .. .. God's grace teaches us how to live
- ☐ Philemon 1:1, 8-22 .. Paul's plea to Philemon for Onesimus

### More Letters to Churches

- ☐ Hebrews 10:1-18 .. Jesus replaces the Old Testament sacrifices and priests
- ☐ Hebrews 10:19-31, 39 The full assurance of faith
- ☐ Hebrews 11:1-16 .. Without faith it is impossible to please God
- ☐ Hebrews 12:1-14 .. Looking to Jesus and enduring God's discipline
- ☐ James 2:8-17 .. .. Faith without works is dead
- ☐ 1 Peter 2:13-25 .. .. Submission to authority, following Christ in suffering
- ☐ 2 Peter 3:1-13; Jude 1:17-25 The Day of the Lord will come; Kept in the love of God
- ☐ 1 John 1:1-10; 4:7-21 .. Fellowship in the light; "We love because he first loved us"
- ☐ 3 John 1-15; 2 John 1:4-8 Walking in truth and love and supporting faithful brothers
- ☐ Revelation 1:9-20; 2:1-7 John sees a vision of the Son of Man; To the church at Ephesus
- ☐ Revelation 4:1-11 .. John sees a throne in heaven surrounded by worshippers
- ☐ Revelation 5:1-14 .. Worthy is the Lamb to open the scroll containing God's judgments
- ☐ Revelation 20:11-15; 21:1-8 A great white throne; A new heaven and a new earth
- ☐ Revelation 22:8-21 .. "Surely I am coming soon"

*Remember to mark off as you read.*

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## Sage, bacon and parsnip linguine

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp olive oil, plus an extra drizzle (optional)
- 1 tbsp butter
- small bunch of sage, leaves picked
- 2 tbsp capers, drained and rinsed
- 50g smoked bacon or pancetta, cut into thin strips
- 300g parsnips, peeled and cut into 6cm-long pieces, about 2mm thick
- 180g linguine
- 30ml dry sherry
- squeeze of lemon juice
- grating of nutmeg
- 2 tbsp grated parmesan, plus extra to serve
- 1 tbsp crème fraîche
- ½ orange, zested (optional)

### METHOD:

- ♦ Heat the oil and butter in a frying pan over a medium heat, until the butter has melted and is sizzling, then fry the sage for a minute or so until darkened and slightly translucent. Transfer to a sheet of kitchen paper using a slotted spoon. Set aside
- ♦ Fry the capers in the pan for 1-2 mins until puffed and crisp – be careful as they may spit. Transfer to the kitchen paper with the sage using a slotted spoon
- ♦ Add the bacon or pancetta to the pan with a drizzle of oil, if the pan is dry. Fry until the fat has been rendered out and the bacon is just starting to colour. Add the parsnips and fry for about 5 mins until softened and turning golden at the edges.
- ♦ Cook the linguine in a pan of boiling water following pack instructions, or for about 8-9 mins, until just cooked.
- ♦ Meanwhile, pour the sherry over the parsnips and bacon, and simmer until the alcohol has almost entirely evaporated. Season with salt and a squeeze of lemon juice – only a few drops, so as not to overpower the dish. Season with a good grating of nutmeg, then stir in the parmesan. Add a ladleful of the pasta water to the pan and stir until you have a creamy sauce. Drain the pasta and set aside.
- ♦ Stir the crème fraîche into the sauce and simmer until slightly reduced. Add the fried capers, sage and the linguine, then toss to combine. Heat everything together for 1-2 mins, then remove from the heat, season well with black pepper, and divide between plates. Top with extra parmesan and a grating of orange zest, if you like.





# Children's Page

## St Valentine's Day - 14th February

Do you know who St Valentine was? One legend says he was a Christian priest who had been thrown into prison for his teaching. On the 14th February, Valentine was beheaded. The night before he died he cured the jailer's daughter of her blindness, and he wrote a letter to the girl signing it "From your Valentine".

Here is a picture of St Valentine for you to colour.



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