**CHURCH SERVICES**

**Sundays**

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 1st & 3rd Sunday

Morning Prayer ( Book of Common Prayer ) 2nd & 4th Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship (Service of the Word) 1st Sunday

Sung Eucharist ( Common Worship ) 2nd,3rd & 4th Sunday

with Sunday Club and Crèche (followed by tea or coffee fellowship)

Services on the 5th Sunday as announced

**Healing**

A Healing Service will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month during the 8.00am communion service and also at 10.30am. Unless otherwise announced.

**Baptisms**

Baptisms will take place (by prior arrangement) at 12.15 pm, 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month, except during Lent. The November service is held on the third Sunday only To arrange a Baptism see Mr. Keith Houghton MBE after the 10:30 am service (approx 11:45am) ( 01942 797838).

**Arrangements for Weddings**

For weddings, parishioners should see Rev. Martin Cox at the Vicarage. Please telephone and make an appointment in advance (01942 883313) .

**Pastoral Needs and Visits**

Parishioners with pastoral needs (requests for counselling, personal problems or advising of illness) or any request of an urgent nature should contact the vicarage direct on telephone 01942 883313.

Housebound sick communions can also be undertaken and any parishioner not presently on the sick communion list, who wishes to be considered to receive such a visit, should advise clergy accordingly.

***Martin, our Team Rector, has a rest day towards the end of each week. Please make contact with him as you need to on 01942 883313 and he will respond to you as speedily as he can.***

**St. George’s Church**

We now have a website for you to use, with lots of up to date and interesting information. We welcome your feedback.

http://www.tyldesleystgeorge.co.uk

**The Parish Church of**

**St. George, Tyldesley.**

**February 2018**



Parish News

**OFFICIALS**

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***01942 883313***

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St. John’s Vicarage, Mosley Common

***0161 790 2957***

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**Ordained Pioneer Rev. Jan Harney**

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**Treasurer**

**“Together in worship, love and service”**

**February Edition 2018**

**January 2018 Reflection**

Dear Friends,

Those of you who (like Garry & me) are avid watchers of detective movies will know what an M.O is. It stands for *Modus Operandi* and describes someone’s habitual method of working. I believe that God’s Modus Operandi is to plant an idea and then provide the means of achieving it.

I first experienced it 25 years ago when I woke up with the completely random thought that I wanted to work in broadcasting. What followed was an amazing and exciting adventure that I definitely didn’t have the skills to achieve by myself. Over a few years, door after door opened and I followed in a daze, loving every minute. A totally unexpected twist in the tale then included a call to ordained ministry, and that too has been an eventful journey, bringing us to Astley as musicians about 8 years ago. I was then eventually licenced to the team in 2011.

We’ve really appreciated the chance to work alongside you all and have enjoyed warm friendship with so many of you. However, ministering around all three different church communities of our team, living in a fourth parish (Bedford) and running a community hub in a fifth parish (Leigh town centre) has sometimes made me feel a sense of disconnection when “our school/ our community” were discussed. I feel that I don’t really belong anywhere and recently it’s started to matter more.

Some months ago I told Garry that I wanted to live in a village where the church was central to the community. He laughed and said I’d been watching too much Midsomer Murders! But the feeling persisted. Then my colleague at work mentioned retiring. With no obvious successors that would signal an end to my work at *As in Eden* – which I consider a major part of my evangelistic ministry. So, feeling a bit bleak, I started to pray about all those feelings. “Lord it would be lovely to live in a village with one little church where I could encourage people and nurture new Seekers…”

Almost immediately an email dropped onto my computer screen from The Church of England. The email included clergy vacancies, one being Glazebury church advertising for a House-for-duty Priest. Although geographically Glazebury is very close to our house it comes under a different diocese – Liverpool. I pointed it out to Garry. We pondered but initially did nothing about it.

**From the Registers December 2017**

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| **Date Service Communicants Children Adults**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 3rd | Holy Communion | 6 |  | 6 | |  | Sung Eucharist | 39 | 4 | 40 | |  | Evening Prayer |  |  | 2 | | 7th | Community Carol Service |  | 420 | 350 | | 10th | Holy Communion | 7 |  | 7 | |  | Sung Eucharist | 36 | 1 | 36 | |  | Holy Baptism |  | 16 | 85 | | 13th | FLHS Y7 |  | 290 | 25 | | 17th | Holy Communion | 5 |  | 5 | |  | Worship Together | 37 | 2 | 37 | |  | Team Carol Service |  | 4 | 150 | | 18th | Funeral |  |  | 250 | | 24th | Holy Communion | 7 |  | 7 | |  | Sung Eucharist | 29 | 2 | 30 | |  | Sung Eucharist | 52 |  | 62 | | 25th | Sung Eucharist | 11 |  | 11 | | 31st | Holy Communion | 11 |  | 11 | |  | Sung Eucharist | 34 |  | 36 | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |

**Collection Totals December 2017**

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| **Cash Cash GA Planned Giving GA Planned giving**  £339.75 £20.00 £845.20 £424.95  **Regular anonymous gift to the Restoration Fund**  £10-00 / per week  **Donations** £20.00 **Organ** £20.00 **Com. Fund** £16.00 |

CHANGES TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICES.

At the joint meeting of our three PCCs in late September 2017, it was agreed to adopt a different Sunday worship pattern across our team of parishes, and this will come into effect next month (February).

The new pattern of Sunday services for St.George’s will be as follows;

1. 8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP) 1st and 3rd Sundays

Morning Prayer (BCP) 2nd and 4th Sundays

2. 10.30am

Morning Worship (a Service of the Word) 1st Sunday

Sung Eucharist (CW) 2nd,,3rd and 4th Sundays

3. Where there are 5 Sundays in the month, the pattern for the 5th Sunday will be variable, and I will let you know in the Notices what is taking place where.

4. Baptisms will continue to take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month, except during Lent, but at a new time of 12.15pm.

5. Healing will be administered on the 3rd Sunday of every month within the 8.00am Holy Communion Service and the 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

A copy of this revised Sunday worship pattern may be found on the back of our monthly newsletter, which you might like to keep for future reference.

I hope this helps. If you are unclear about any of this, please do not hesitate to contact me, either on a Sunday morning or on 01942 -870736. I’m more than happy to provide assistance.

David

Within the week I’d had another email from Liverpool diocese. When the third email arrived I felt I ought to click the link to read the job description for this little village church. Although they are a fairly traditional congregation the Person Specification was a surprise. They wanted someone committed to ‘Fresh Expressions of Church’ and community outreach. An entrepreneur willing to explore chaplaincy opportunities at Bents. A good communicator. And (they wrote) we fully support and appreciate the ministry of women.” A zing of adrenaline confirmed the need to apply.

The Archdeacon told me I was the only applicant, so it truly was a simple case of discerning if it was the right thing for us all. I was brutally honest with them - “I’m rubbish at Admin and have never had responsibility for a church before. We’d want to plant some alternative services. We have 3 hooligan dogs and your Vicarage has cream carpets…” Yet it still felt right to the Interview panel, the Bishops and to us. I should be terrified yet the *‘Peace that passes all understanding’* is filling my chest.

Announcing our move felt like a massive bereavement and we are very choked at the thought of leaving here. But it truly feels as if God is calling us, so we trust him for the outcome. There is a community centre right next to the church and the potential to consolidate living and ministering/ working in the same community feels like a gift. There are only 1,280 people in the village (99 children in the school). Our team population is 30,000 and growing – so it’s a very different proposition. Yet we feel that this too is an adventure ahead. Hopefully Glazebury isn’t too much like Midsomer – or Miss Marple’s village for that matter. So often it is the Vicar that cops it!

Our last service here is the team **Praise On** service at 6.30pm on 25th February. Please do come, even if you don’t normally venture out for evening services. We’d love it to be a real team celebration.

After that – well we are only a couple of miles away. Glazebury have lots of social events so do check their website. It’d be lovely to see some familiar faces. Or we’ll bump into you at Bents.

Thank you once again for your friendship and encouragement to us. Keep on being lovely and using the gifts that God has entrusted to you in the place you call home. We’ll try to do the same as we build a new home and a new ministry just down the road ☺

Much love

Garry & Jan x



**February Flower List**

"We thank the following members of the congregation for Altar flowers in February"

4th February. Mrs Alma Sharratt

11th February. "Open for offers"

18th February. In memory of Mr & Mrs T. A. Leonard

25th February. "Open for offers"

Many thanks to Mrs Margaret Stubley for additional flowers in Loving Memory of her dear husband Lewis on 4th January.

Our thanks to Mrs Lilian Grime for additional altar flowers with Loving Birthday Memories of her dear husband Norman on 7th January.

Also on that date we thank Mrs Jean Wilcock and family for additional flowers in Loving Memory of her dear husband Tom and Auntie Emm.

On 14th January we thank Mr Alan Taylor, Mrs Clara Farrimond and family with Loving Birthday Memories of Patricia a dear wife, mother and daughter.

Also on that date additional flowers were displayed in Loving Memory of Katie Gallagher from mum and family with love.

We thank Ruth and David Kerfoot for additional altar flowers in Loving Memory of their parents Edith and Sydney on 21st January.

Also on this date additional flowers were displayed in Loving Memory of the late Mr Clifford Cook from his legacy.

On 28th January we thank Mrs Agnes Smith for additional flowers with Loving Birthday Memories of her dear husband Paul. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Flower fund during January.

L.F

**Consolation**

To the families of

Freda Daltry

Marjorie Eckersley

Betty Howarth

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

**Welcome to the Family**

Jack Stanley Prescott

Scarlett Vella

*Newly Baptised*

A sincere thank you to the Friends of St. George’s for making the lovely grave pots for Christmas and for the additional items sold in Church left from the Fair. This amounted to £300.00 for church funds, which is greatly appreciated.

Grateful thanks to Mrs Agnes Smith for her generous donation of £200.00 to the Restoration Fund.

At the Community Carol Service, the sum of £215.29 was collected in aid of the Rotary Club Charity, so thank you to everyone who donated money for this. We were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs Marjorie Eckersley who for many years attended our 10.15 am Sung Eucharist. We extend our sympathy to her son and his family and to Frank for his friendship and help over many years.

Kath