**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.**

**August 2018**



Parish News

**OFFICIALS**

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**Treasurer**

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

**August Edition 2018**

Dear friends in Christ

Like many, but not all in our nation I was captivated by this year’s football World Cup. Football was unlikely to ‘Come Home’ to coin a phrase from what has become the national football anthem in recent years, but the England team did do very well in the tournament and exceeded expectations.

One of the innovations at this year’s World Cup was the Video Assistant Referee, or VAR. For those not familiar with football the VAR enabled those who were viewing the match from outside the stadium where it was being played to advise the match referee to review and change a decision.

This proved quite controversial during the tournament and played an important part in the final, held in Moscow on Sunday 15th July. The referee, Nestor Pitana reviewed a decision not to award a penalty, viewed the incident on the video monitor and changed his mind and France took another lead in the match.

All this is played out in real, chronological time. However, our life in God is quite different. We worship and serve a God who is familiar with us, who knows our rising up and our sitting down, who doesn’t need a VAR to see our strengths and weaknesses, our successes and failures, who is there with us in the ups and downs of life which are part of our human experience. God knows us, cares for us, for he loves us with an everlasting love whether we become world champions in a chosen discipline or not.

During this month of August I invite you to meditate on these things by reading through verses from Psalm 139, which put our lives in this eternal context and to find rest for your soul in God.

Yours in His service

Martin

Revd Martin Cox, Team Rector.

**A letter on behalf of the local ministry team to Year 5 and 6 parents of our team church aided primary schools**

**Confirmation Service 2018**

Dear Year 5 & 6 parents,

This year’s Team Confirmation service will take place on **Sunday 21st October 2018 at 6.30pm**. This year’s service will take place at St Stephen’s Church, Astley, which is celebrating 50 years of worship in the new church building.

We would like to invite your child to be prepared for Confirmation in this service. Confirmation classes will take place on the following dates between 12.30pm – 2.00pm and it is important that your child attends each of these classes.

* Sunday 23rd September 2018 – St John’s Church, Mosley Common
* Sunday 30th September 2018 – St George’s Church, Tyldesley
* Sunday 7th October 2018 – St Stephen’s Church, Astley

Please return the cut off slip at the bottom of this letter to school as soon as possible – ideally before the end of the summer term. Alternatively, please forward by post to Nicola Butterworth at 57 Arlington Drive, Leigh, Lancashire, WN7 3QP by 31st August. Under the new data protection laws, if you respond to this letter we assume that you are happy for us to use your contact details for this purpose only.

Nicola Butterworth (07706 979393)

Debbie Clarke (07824 326007)

**USPG WORKS WITH CHURCHES IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION TO LIVE OUT THE GOOD NEWS AMONG THOSE WHOSE NEED IS GREATEST**

USPG – United Society Partners in the Gospel – is an Anglican mission agency supporting churches around the world in their mission to bring fullness of life to the communities they serve.

Theologically, practically and financially, we encourage and enable churches within the Anglican Communion to act as the hands and feet of Christ.

Together, we are working to improve health, tackle poverty, put children in school, challenge discrimination, nurture leaders, give a voice to women, and much more.

We were founded 1701 by the Revd Thomas Bray, who also founded SPCK (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge).

This is our Harvest Appeal this year.

We were sad to learn that Mrs Alma Sharratt had been taken into Hospital last Sunday. Alma is due to have an operation on Thursday 26th July 2018.

We offer our love and best wishes to Alma that the operation goes well and she makes a good recovery.

It gives us great pleasure to announce that our friend and  parishioner Mrs. Lilian Grime will be 90 years old on 6th August 2018.    Lillian we send you our congratulations and best wishes and hope that you will enjoy this special day.

Kath & Iain

**Psalm 139 verses 1 to 18**

 **1**O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
**2**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
    you discern my thoughts from far away.
**3**You search out my path and my lying down,
    and are acquainted with all my ways.
**4**Even before a word is on my tongue,
    O Lord, you know it completely.
**5**You hem me in, behind and before,
    and lay your hand upon me.
**6**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
    it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**7**Where can I go from your spirit?
    Or where can I flee from your presence?
**8**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
    if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
**9**If I take the wings of the morning
    and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
**10**even there your hand shall lead me,
    and your right hand shall hold me fast.
**11**If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
    and the light around me become night,”
**12**even the darkness is not dark to you;
    the night is as bright as the day,
    for darkness is as light to you.

**13**For it was you who formed my inward parts;
    you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
**14**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
    Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
**15**    My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
    intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
**16**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
    all the days that were formed for me,
    when none of them as yet existed.
**17**How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
    How vast is the sum of them!
**18**I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
    I come to the end—I am still with you.



**August Flower List**

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

 5th August. Daughters of the late Charles G Baker

 12th August. Mr & Mrs J Fearick

 19th August. Mrs Margaret Hook

 26th August. The family of Mrs Broad

On 3rd July we would like to thank Alf, David and Marion for Altar flowers in Loving Memory of Annie Osborne, a dear wife, mother and sister.

We thank the family of Mrs Florence Holtom for altar flowers in her Loving Memory. A dearly Loved Mum and Nana, who is missed every day.

Our congratulations to Michelle Ellis and Thomas Grant Savage who were married in church on 28th July and provided wedding flowers to decorate the church for their wedding....We wish them every happiness in their life together !

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Flower fund during July.

L.F.

**Consolation**

To the family of

Vera Shone

*May she rest in peace and rise in glory*

**Congratulations to**

Lewis Jones and Rebecca Graves

Michelle Ellis and Thomas Grant Savage

*Joined in Holy Matrimony*

**Welcome to the Family**

Nell Olivia Johnson

Emily Katie Edwards

Eliza Jean Burt

Imogen Alice Price

Alannah Primrose Mackintosh

*Newly Baptised*

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Advance Notice\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Further information will follow in due course but dates for the next Team Weekend at Scargill House are confirmed as Friday 10th till Sunday 12th May 2019.

If you want to know more about Scargill House you can explore their website:

[www.scargillmovement.org](http://www.scargillmovement.org/)

or speak to Susie Mallon / Iain Hodcroft who will do their best to answer your query.