Parish Church of St George, Tyldesley



**Parish News September 2019**

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**Astley, Tyldesley and Mosley Common Team Ministry**

“Together in worship, love and service”

**September 2019 Reflection**

**Dear friends**

Fifty years ago, in 1969, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the surface of the moon and were the first men to walk on the moon. Armstrong’s words, which he must have considered time and time again in preparation for the moment, are as stirring today as they were fifty years ago. ‘One small step for man; one giant leap for mankind’. We now live on planet earth where man has walked on the moon.

This was such a technological achievement, with plans for future moon landings and potential manned flights to Mars being considered by a range of space agencies. However, beyond our best endeavours as a human race, beyond our achievements there is the wonder, the majesty, the splendour of the almighty Trinitarian God who we know and worship as Father, our Creator, Son, our Redeemer and Holy Spirit, the Sustainer of life. Consider the words of the psalmist, written long before space travel:

**Psalm 8**

1 O LORD, our Sovereign,

****how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

mortals that you care for them?

5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

and crowned them with glory and honour.

6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet,

7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

We live in a world of exploration, development and change alongside the never changing commandments to love God with all our heart, soul mind and strength and our neighbours as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-40).

Across the Church of England this means that the way in which we organise and support the parish system has to adapt. The days of one priest per parish for the majority of parishes have now passed. In the Deanery of Leigh, the longstanding 11 Vicar posts have been reduced to 8 with a further reduction to 6 envisaged by 2025. Nearly half the number of 8 years ago, necessary as a result of fewer folk feeling called to stipendiary ministry along with a lack of finances to pay for such ministry.

New models of ministry are needed to sustain the parish model given these reductions. In the Diocese of Manchester mission and ministry partnerships are being promoted along with a new Deanery structure to facilitate greater cross parish working and deeper collaborative working amongst the clergy.

A series of roadshows are being held in the autumn to explore what this all

means. The Salford Archdeaconry evening will take place on Thursday 5th Sept at St Paul’s, Kersal Moor. Please do consider attending.

**Yours in His service … Revd Martin Cox**

Team Rector, Area Dean of Leigh

**From the Registers July 2019**

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| **Date** | **Service** | **Commun - icants** | **Children** | **Adults** |
| **7th** | Holy Communion | **7** |  |  |
|  | Morning Praise | **34** | **9** |  |
| **14th** | Morning Prayer | **6** |  |  |
|  | Sung Eucharist | **31** | **3** |  |
|  | Holy Baptism |  | **45** | **125** |
|  | RBL County Service |  |  | **250** |
| **21st** | Holy Communion | **7** |  |  |
|  | Sung Eucharist | **36** | **11** |  |
|  | Licensing: Area Deann |  |  | **68** |
| **28th** | Morning Prayer | **5** |  |  |
|  | Sung Eucharist | **36** | **8** |  |
|  | Holy Baptism |  | **20** | **150** |

**INCOME (July)**

Cash (now all eligible for Gift Aid) tba

Planned Giving tba

Planned Giving (Gift Aid) tba

Restoration tba

Organ tba

Community Fund tba

Sundry Donations tbail

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Welcome to the Family

***Lillie Louise Peace***

***Amelia Grace Knight***

***Isla May Whittle***

***Nathan Alexander Beca***

***Leon James Beca***

***Corynne Elsie Beca***

***Jenson Blake White***

***Anthony Neil White***

***Emmie Kate Willis***

***Daniel William Skeldon***

‘Newly Baptised.’

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Bereavement Consolation

*Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the families of:*

***Margaret Quayle Sheila Fitzmaurice***

‘May they rest in peace and rise in glory,’

**Service information for September 2019**

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| **Date** | **8am** | **10.30am** |
| **1st** | Holy Communion | Morning Prayer |
| **8th** | Morning Prayer | Sung Eucharist |
| **15th** | Holy Communion with Healing | Sung Eucharist with Healing |
| **22nd** | Morning Prayer | Sung Eucharist for Harvest |
| **29th** | **5th Sunday arrangements** | |
| 8am  Team Holy Communion at St John’s | 9.30am  Team Holy Communion at St Stephen’s | 6.00pm  Team Choral Evensong at St George’s |

**September Flower List**

'We thank the following members of our congregation

for Altar flowers in September”

Sunday 1 September **The Braddock Family**

Sunday 8 September **Mrs M Wood** and **Mrs J Harman**

Sunday 15 September **Mrs Joan Berry**

Sunday 22 September **Mr & Mrs J Fearick**

Sunday 29 September ‘open for offers’

On 18 August we would like to thank Mrs Margaret Hook and Family for the Altar flowers to remember her dear daughter Jennifer Ann.

We thank the family of the late Lilian and Clifford Hodcroft for additional flowers in remembrance of their wedding anniversary.

*Thank you to everyone who has supported the Flower Fund during August.* L.F



**CHURCH CHANGES:**

1. ***Arrangements for booking baptisms***

Martin is introducing an ‘office hour’ to meet with families making enquiries or wishing to book baptism at St George’s.

The first two are as follows:

Monday 2September 8.00pm – 9.00pm, and

Monday 30 September 6.00pm – 7.00pm

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1. ***Eucharistic Assistants***

Martin is holding a meeting on 1 September for those who are interested in becoming Holy Communion assistants/administrators – time to be advised

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1. ***Intercessions***

If anyone would like to volunteer to lead weekly intercessions, please see Martin or Iain. Help will be offered!

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**Fifth Sunday Shared Meal:**

On 29September, we hope to have a shared brunch/lunch following the morning Team service at St Stephen’s – times to be confirmed and announced.

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**Church Events:**

**The Big Lunch**

Please support Shakerley Community Partnership as they hold a ‘Big Lunch’ at the community centre on Cumberland Avenue on

**Sunday 1 September - 12.00noon - 2.30pm.**

*Donations of home baked cakes or similar would be really appreciated!!*

**Fruits of the Harvest Gin Festival**

Following the success of the event held last year, a second festival is being hosted in church to coincide with our Harvest celebrations at St George’s

This will take place o Friday, 27September, between 6.30pm and 10.30pm

Entry will be by ticket only. A sign-up sheet will be placed at the back of church or you can contact Susie on 07873 149627 for further details or to book your ticket.

A major Stewardship Campaign is to be discussed at PCC – our regular income has reduced considerably.

Apologies to parishioners and visitors as church is significantly disrupted for the next few weeks whilst our new heating system is being installed.



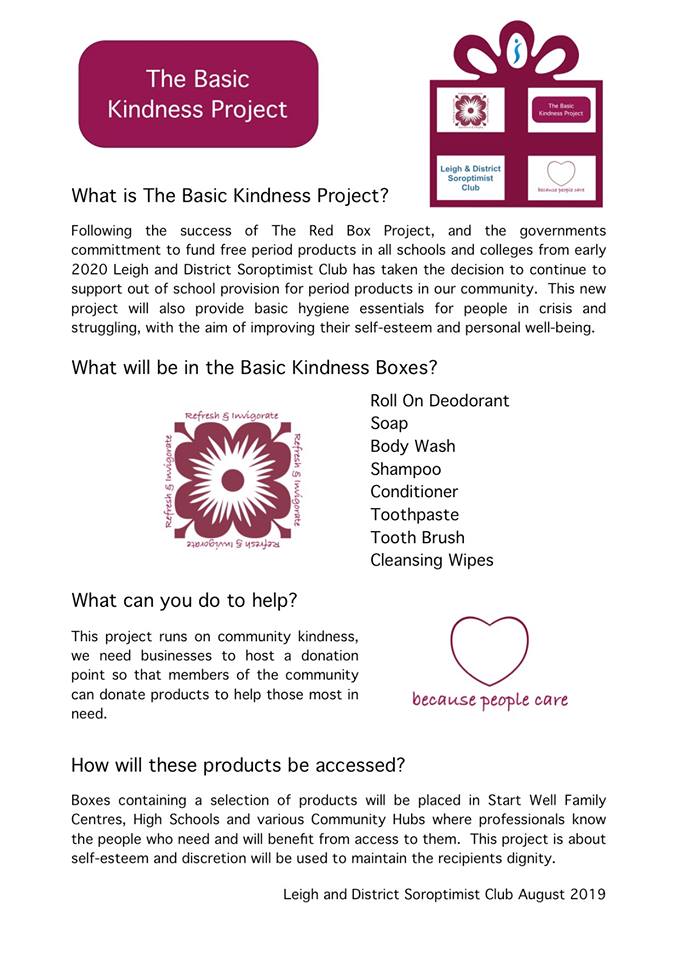
**Donations in Kind:**

Our local Foodbank sends sincere thanks for all the donations of food collected in St George’s. We pray for the day when food poverty is again a thing of the past.

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I am also grateful to the many parishioners who time and again, bring articles of clothing, household goods, toys etc., for passing on to families and individuals in need. I see the gratitude of recipients, and wish everyone else could!

***See over for changes to the Red Box initiative***

**Red Box Project becomes a Kindness Box**

Thank you to everyone who has helped with donations for the Red Box Project

This is changing, so please read the update – our help is still required!

Donations can be placed in the ‘red box’ at the back of church next to the food bank box.

Thank you.



***St George’s Church***

***“Rooted in God’s love,***

***Growing together with Jesus,***

***Ministering in the power of the***

***Holy Spirit.”***