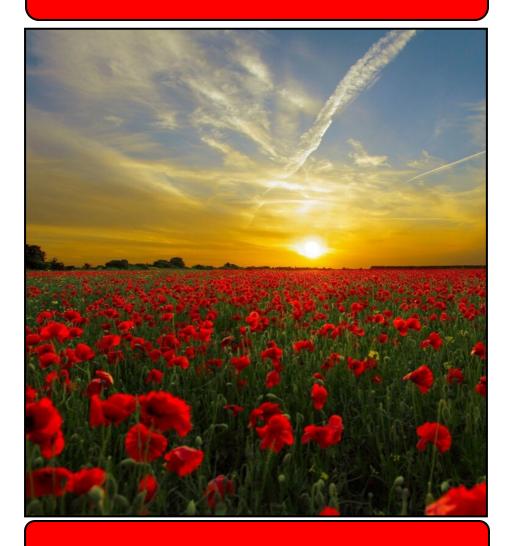
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The Vicar writes...

Within the traditions and laws of the Church of England we have this commemorative time of 'All Souls'. A time to remember those who have died and were significant in our lives. Praying for the dead is a difficult theological problem, as in faith our belief is that they are in a good place. Our faith in the existence of eternal life, is what enables us to live in hope for ourselves and those who have gone before us. There are many questions about heaven, what it looks like, how do we know each other, after all our bodies are left here, it is our spirit that rises again. Also, what must it be like to live for all eternity. Putting these questions to one side before we live on opinion rather than fact let us turn to those whom we have loved, but see no longer. The pain of loss is the gift of love. That is to say that the pain we feel is a direct effect of the love that we were given and gave. It might be true that if we didn't love those around us we would not feel the impact of their loss in such a big way. However, we are where we are, and when someone we love and care for dies, we are left bereft and in grief. This is a new way of living and not a process we go through, it affects everyone different and although we may have similar feelings and grief comes in similar ways it is different for each individual. Those who have been bereaved are able to empathise with others and sometimes having someone that just gets it without the long explanation is great. At All Souls we remember within the church community those who have died. Traditions of the past would have included the making of Soul Cakes, recipe below. People would visit and tidy the graves and would light candles too. There would also be family meals and time to celebrate the lives of those who had already passed from this world to the next. I wonder why these things don't happen now, as the commercialisation of Halloween taken the edge off the feast of all souls. Is this period within the calendar too busy. Maybe its time we gave it a go and let 'All Souls' have a come back. It's not mournful, it's a celebration of lives that have impacted ours. On those we have loved and miss dearly, for those we are still in pain for because we have loved them so much. I ask you to make some soul cakes if you can and remember with joy those we miss, those we have loved and those we have given in the care of almighty God.

Ingredients

- 300 g Plain flour all-purpose
- 120 g Butter softened
- 120 g Caster sugar plus extra for sprinkling
- 75 g Currants
- 2 Egg yolks large, free-range
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons Baking powder
- ³/₄ teaspoon Mixed spice
- ½ teaspoon Ground ginger
- 4 tablespoons Milk cow's milk, almond milk or oat milk
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon Salt

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/GM 4 and line two baking sheets with baking parchment.

Use electric beaters to cream the butter and sugar together in a large bowl until light and fluffy (around 2 minutes).

Add the egg yolks and beat well.

Sieve half of the flour into the bowl along with all of the mixed spice, ginger, baking powder and salt. Stir in using a large metal spoon.

Now mix in the milk to loosen the dough.

Sieve the remaining flour into the bowl, add the currants and mix in. Keep on mixing until no streaks of flour remain. The dough should be fairly firm.

Roll the dough out on a floured worktop to around $\frac{1}{2}$ cm thickness then use a 7cm cutter to punch out your soul cakes. Reroll the dough once to enable more cakes to be cut out. Aim for 18-20 cakes.

Prick each cake all over with a fork then cut a deep cross into the top of each one using a blunt knife.

Transfer to lined baking sheets and cook for 15 minutes, turning the sheet 180 degrees halfway through the cooking time to ensure they bake evenly. (Optional: use the blunt knife to recut the crosses at this stage if they are closing up.)

When lightly golden transfer to a cooling rack, sprinkle with caster sugar and leave to cool completely.

Adam



Diary for November

2 nd	ALL SOULS
	8am Holy Communion (SA)
	9.30am Family Communion (SP)
	10.45am Family Communion (SA)
3 rd	9.30am Ministry Team (PR)
	11am Toddlers (PR)
	12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR)
	3.30pm Lego Church (SP)
4 th	9am Treetots (SP)
	10am Craft Group (SA)
	6.30pm Fete Committee (G and D)
5^{th}	9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
	10am Coffee Morning (SA)
	7pm St Andrew's Women's Group (PR)
6^{th}	10.10am Collective Worship (SP)
	5.45pm Choir Practice (SA)
	6.45pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
8 th	9am -3pm Bell Ringers Guild AGM (SA)
9 th	Remembrance Sunday
	8am Holy Communion (SA)
	9.15am Messy Church (SA)
	9.30am Act of Remembrance (SP)
	10.50 Act of Remembrance (Tarvin War Memorial)
10^{th}	11am Toddlers (PR)
	12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR)
	3.30pm Lego Church (SP)
11^{th}	9am Treetots (SP)
	11am Act of Remembrance (Tarvin War Memorial)

- 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)
 10am Coffee Morning (SA)
 13th 10.10am Collective Worship (SP)
 5.45pm Choir Practice (SA)
- 15th 2pm Baptism
- 16th 8am Holy Communion (SA)
 9.30am Family Communion (SP)
 10.45am Family Communion (SA)

6.45pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)

- 17th 11am Toddlers (PR)
 12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR)
 3.30pm Lego Church (SP)
 7.30pm PCC meeting (PR)
- 18th 9am Treetots (SP)
- 19th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA) 10am Coffee Morning (SA)
- 20th 10.10am Collective Worship (SP)
 5.45pm Choir Practice (SA)
 6.45pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)
- 23rd Safeguarding Sunday 8am Holy Communion (SA) 9.30am Morning Prayer (SP) 10.45am Family Communion (SA)
- 24th 11am Toddlers (PR)
 12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR)
 3.30pm Lego Church (SP)
- 25th 9am Treetots (SP) Full Governors (Barrow)

26th 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)

10am Coffee Morning (SA)

9.30am Morning Prayer (SP)

10.45am Family Communion (SA)

4pm Remembering Service (TMC)

27th 10.10am Collective Worship (SP)

5.45pm Choir Practice (SA)

6.45pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)

29th 11.30am Baptism (SA)

12.30pm Burial of Ashes (SA)

2pm St Andrews Afternoon Tea (SA) Ticket Only 5pm Tarvin Christmas Markets

30th St Andrew

8am Holy Communion (SA)

9.30am Family Communion (SP)

10.45am Family Communion (SA)

December

1st 11am Toddlers (PR)

12.30pm Singles Lunch (PR)

3.30pm Lego Church (SP)

2nd 9am Treetots (SP)

10am Craft Group (SA)

3rd 9.15am Morning Prayer (SA)

10am Coffee Morning (SA)

Women's Group Christmas Meal

4th 10.10am Collective Worship (SP)

5.45pm Choir Practice (SA)

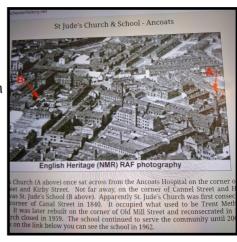
6.45pm Bell Ringing Practice (SA)

7th 8am Holy Communion (SA)

Pilgrimages

This month, in my alphabetical scribbling, we've reached I (for India) in phonetic lettering. There's immediately a problem - we've never been to a location beginning with that letter. Plus, looking ahead, there's some other tricky letters in the future. Oh, no!!

Undaunted, let's skip over this tricky letter and move on to its neighbour. J, for Juliet. This brings me to St. Jude's Church in Ancoats Manchester. Once an inner city area of back to back housing, rife with poverty and disease, it was an area that attracted people into the city in the Industrial Revolution. Now, with all the old cheap slum housing cleared (first in the '60s and then more recently),



it's been renamed New Islington, and it's a very expensive and salubrious area of the city....only 150 years too late for my family's....oh, and it's just by Manchester City's new ground. My great-grandfather William brought his family from a farm in the hills above Langley, in the Peak District, in about 1840. Another area that's been gentrified and has gone up market... another one we got wrong!! He worked at anything and everything, just trying to earn enough to feed his growing family. His youngest son rejoiced in the Biblical name of Enoch, who supposedly lived for 365 years. As children, we called him Knocker, but only behind his back. In his younger days, he'd been an amateur pugilist and was known as Basher.....a nickname that's carried on down the generations (no, not me).

He married Louisa in St. Jude's Church and eventually my father Robert was born. So, I wouldn't exist without the church named after one of the Apostles. Once again, my memory of the actual building is very sketchy, and the attached photographs don't show the area too clearly. But I remember the smell!!

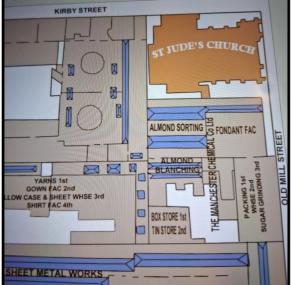
Next door was the almond factory and the fondant factory. The sickly sweet and nutty smell pervaded the area for miles around and made people cough as they walked past. But the blue walls, bricks, window glass and pavements made the area look very bright! This contamination from tar distilling even coated the few

pigeons who lived locally.

Grandad Enoch s last job was as a caretaker at St. Jude's School, attached to the church. He only stopped working when it closed. I have vivid memories of shovelling coal into the two enormous furnaces that would heat the water for the central heating radiators.. each one having gigantic Victorian pipework that you couldn't touch as they got so hot.

This little discourse hasn't really been a pilgrimage, no doubt you ve already guessed that. It has, how-





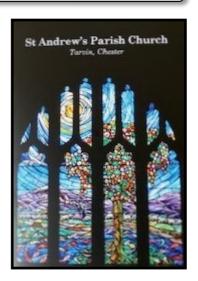
ever, enabled me to think back to some warm (sorry about the pun) child-hood memories, and I hope you've enjoyed walking with me on this journey.

Donald Bailey

A New Guide Book

An updated and fully revised guidebook of St Andrew's Parish Church has been produced and is now available at the back of the church, priced at £.3

Huge thanks must go to Peter Collins for his work in writing and producing this interesting and informative booklet—a must have addition to everyone's library.



Weekly Services

Sunday Service timetable:

St Andrew's

8am Holy Communion BCP (Every Week)

10.45am 1st and 3rd Week Family Worship

10.45am 2nd and 4th Week Family Communion

St Peter's

9.30am 1st and 3rd Week Family Communion

9.30am 2nd and 4th Week Family Worship

Weekly Activities:

Wednesdays

9.15am Morning Prayer (St Andrews)

10am - 11.30am Coffee Morning (St Andrews)

Thursdays

7pm Bellringing

Friday

5.45pm Choir Practice (St Andrews)

Church Fundraising



This year, William's Wood chose St Andrew's and St Peter's Churches as beneficiaries for their charitable output. What this means is that for every member of the congregation who avails themselves of William's Wood products or services, ranging from firewood, bean poles through to attendance at events or activities like apple pressing or family school holiday activities, a percentage will be given to the Churches on April 5th 2026 and we can claim gift aid too.

Firewood is sold, certified as Ready to Burn under Certificate WS4344, in single nets or multiples. The current log net price is £5.25 inc VAT at 5% and we are given 50p per net. Collect your wood from William's Wood or for orders 8 nets or more, in multiples of 8, delivery to the villages of Tarvin and Duddon are inclusive. 40 nets is a tight stacked cubic metre.

They don't deliver tipped bulk loads because nobody really looks forward to receiving and dealing with a pile of logs on the driveway, and the drivers will stack the nets wherever you want as long as it is easily accessible from the road with a sack truck.

Even if you don't burn firewood yourself but know someone who does, as long as they mention the Churches at purchase, the donation will be made.

Contact William's Wood on 01829 830325 or look at www.williamswood.co.uk to make an order.

Please join the members of the congregation who already purchase from William's Wood.



Flower group

We had a very entertaining evening with Kate Russell demonstrating "A Touch of the Exquisite", sprinkled with very entertaining stories

Her first arrangement had a cottage garden theme with a wooden structure having two 'stylized' huts at the top which housed miniature posies. Kate explained that the use of blue oxypetalum flowers enhances the other flower colours, (blues tend to recede). Her 'Exquisite' moment was after the visitors had gone you could shut the door and breathe!

An 'Exquisite' blend of autumn colours used a pumpkin as a 'vase' and added orange dahlias and Japanese spider chrysanthemums with red and orange roses and autumn foliage; stunning.





The third arrangement was in a large basket filled with 'exquisite' yellow roses and gerbera, bursting with cheerfulness.

A special occasion needs a special hat and Kate did an 'exquisite' arrangement in pink roses, carnations, lisianthus, nerines and clematis curling rounds the hat on top of a'head'. Kate said that shipments of lisianthus from Columbia were having to be searched because of opium and cannabis being hidden in them!

The final arrangement had an 'exquisite' kneeling bronze girl at its centre surrounded by peach and white roses, white agapanthus and red roses. A 'modesty' arrangement was placed at the front, complementing the flowers behind it.



Kate's stories were hilarious so I must repeat one of them. Going home from a demonstration traffic was diverted off the motorway, before satnav and no map in the car. She decided to follow the van in front expecting to go back on the motorway. The van eventually turned into the Weetabix factory and then she saw the Weetabix logo on the van. She didn't tell us how she got home

St Andrew's Womens group

We were pleased to welcome once again the REV ADAM FRIEND to update us on the work being carried out with THE IBANDA ED-UCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP in UGANDA

10 local schools in Cheshire are involved in sponsoring and carrying out the work needed in these schools. Money raised goes directly to each school to purchase items or build facilities that they request. All the volunteers from Cheshire are involved in the pur-

chase of these items from Ugandan businesses so not only supporting the schools but also the local economy. Our best wishes to Adam, his family and the volunteers from Cheshire schools when they make their next trip in a few weeks time.

Our meeting began with best wishes and





Happy Birthday to Rev Barbara who has just celebrated a special birthday.
Coffee, tea and biscuits were served and gave us the opportunity to catch up with each other's news as well as a chance to chat with Adam and learn more about the project and admire some of the handicrafts made by the children.
Our next meeting will be Wednesday November 5th. 7pm in the Parish Room.
We look forward to your company.

Prayer for November 2025



Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict and ask that God may give us peace.......

....for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by, and known, to God;

God give peace.

....for those who love them in death as in life, offering to Him the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

God give peace.

....for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

God give peace.

....for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep our world secure and free;

God give peace.

....for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, for wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

God give peace.

Almighty God, as we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

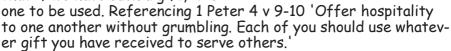
Amen.

What's What and Who's Who

Church Cakes

Being the daughter and niece of Home Economics teachers, I have grown up being surrounded by women who have always shown their love through baking and cooking for others. This seems to have passed on to me, so when I heard that St Andrew's was starting a regular coffee morning after Covid I realised that I could use my gift of hospitality to bake cakes each week and try to offer a warm welcome to one and all.

Looking at the Bible, it is clear that if we have such a gift, it is



They say God has a sense of humour - I am reminded not to arumble!

I try to bake a range of different cakes over the weeks and months. The most popular tend to be coffee and walnut or a lemon cake. Of course, when we have our fundraising or themed coffee mornings/afternoon teas, I need to push the boat out a bit! Dundee cake for our St Andrew's afternoon tea on the 29th November!

But to be honest, our kindly and merry band of punters seem to be happy and appreciative of whatever cake I am serving up! I take great delight in baking for our Wednesday coffee morning, and it never seems like a chore. Being officially a 'Place of Welcome' we are open to anyone and as such I am reminded of the verse from Hebrews 13:2 'Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers for by doing so some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.'

As for me, I will keep on baking, anyone for coffee and walnut?!

Zoe Anderson

TALES FROM THE GRAVEYARD NOVEMBER 2025

HEDGES AND GRAVES

One of the final hedge cutting tasks of the season is the large holly hedge at the front of the church. This is done late October so it is showing off its best for the Remembrance Sunday



service on the 9th November. This is a four person task with two cutting and two clearing the cuttings back to the storage area at the back of the graveyard. The small hedge at the front of the Remembrance Garden was also trimmed for completeness. The photo on the

left shows the completed task.

This month also saw the start of the Safety checks of the gravestones. The photo shows Bill and Ron in the older section checking the stability of the stones. Unsurprisingly, several of the graves made from sandstone were in a poor state due to

weathering, with splits and laminating taking place on them. However, four were deemed as in need of urgent maintenance. probably by a stonemason, as they were large upright ones, and unstable on their bases. If any of the families of those identified below read this, please contact the Churchwarden regarding actions required. Those 19th century gravestones involved are: Thomas Johnson. Sarah Jane Large, Elizabeth Annie Brew and Ralph Wilfred Wright.



Further checks will continue through the months to come.

Duddon St Peter's C of E Primary

The autumn half term is already here! Our orchard has yielded wonderful apples, and the children, parents and staff celebrated the Harvest Service in St. Peter's Church recently. They baked bread too as part of their harvest celebrations. Everyone has now settled into their new year groups and classes and are enjoying their learning experiences together.

Mrs Knight will be flying off to visit the school in Uganda over the half term, along with all the wonderful donations which she has received from parents. The pupils also enjoyed a special Uganda

Day where they created some wonderful artwork which is on display in the school hall. They are looking forward to hearing all about Mrs Knight's adventures when she returns.

The children have also been benefiting from the sporting activities at Tarporley High School, where they join together as teams with children from our partner school of Barrow. This term has provided

new opportunities for all the children across the school to take part in Forest School, where they can go out into our wooded area and learn about the tress, woodland plants, animals and insects. We are so lucky to have a wonderful environment to enjoy at school - the woods, pond, orchard and garden.





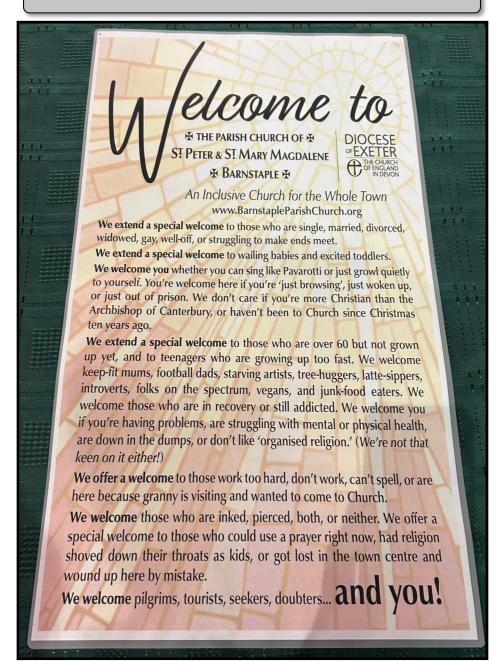








A church welcome notice found by Penny Rees



Barbara's bit

It is the season of letting go.
Green makes way for red and gold.
Winds blow with fierce intention
and what once held strong
now releases its grip on limb and bough.

It is the season of slowing down, of remembering the bud and seed, of measured light, dying beams slanting across the changing rhythm of our days.

It is the season of returning, falling back to the earth, to the life that quivered in summer breezes, to the energy that shone sun onto our upturned faces.

Creator of all seasons, enfold us in the wisdom of letting go. Infuse us with the breath of slowing down. Guide us in the dance of returning as we rest and renew in this most holy season. Sally Howell Johnson, from Autumn

I feel like a six year old again as I walk through the leaves with Smudge and if I think no-one is looking I swish them up into the air! It is a getting- ready -for- hibernating time of year, though the cheeky squirrel who torments Smudge by running along the top of the fence hasn't decided it is time yet.

A prayer for late Autumn.

Walk with us God, through sharp frosty days and bright crunchy leaves into winter. Rest with us by warm firesides and tell us stories into the night. Take us out at night and show us the stars and fill us with wonder. Bless us and our families and friends and neighbours with love and courage. And never let us forget the stranger who needs to share our wealth, our shelter and our hope.

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And then if we take life a bit too seriously at times:

God of wonder, you take mud, add a little water and make mountains, while we worry about getting our clothes dirty playing with our kids.

You nourish your creation with refreshing rain and we grumble at leaving our umbrellas at home.

You grin at the sight of squirrels chasing one another up and down trees, and we can't remember the last time we lay on the grass trying to picture what the clouds in the sky look like.

We take ourselves so seriously that we lose sight of the wonder

of your gifts.

We think you want us to be serious all the time, and we have forgotten the joy, the laughter, the delight which Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour brought into our lives.

Forgive us, imagination beyond creation, for forgetting to enjoy, to laugh, to play.

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Love, laughter and prayers, Barbara

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Notices

TODDLER GROUP meet on Mondays (term time only). 11am - 12pm in the parish room next to St Andrews Church. This is open to anyone caring for children.

SINGLES LUNCH - for those who eat on their own. We have lunch, and a domino game and conversation. This will be 12.30pm - 2pm on Monday's in the parish room. If anyone would like to know more, or express an interest in coming, please contact Adam on 01829740354, if you would like to come and need a lift, please contact Adam on the same number.

CRAFT GROUP meets every other Tuesday (except in August), from 10am till 12 midday in St,Andrew's. So far we have played with clay, made a quite tricky card and tried some Christmas ink stamping. You can join in with the activity provided or sit and knit and crochet with June or bring your own ideas along, or just come along for a chat, though it does get very quiet at times when people are concentrating! If you are able to give a small donation towards the cost of the materials, great, but it is not essential! Just come! Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

COFFEE MORNINGS at St Andrews Church every Wednesday morning 10.00 to 11.30

LEGO CHURCH meets every Monday in School Term time at St Peters Church, Duddon after school at 3.30 and is open to all Primary age children.



Diary Dates

Remembrance

Remembrance Sunday Services 8am Holy Communion (SA) 9.30am Act of Remembrance (SP) 10.50am Act of Remembrance (SA) Remembrance Day 11am Act of Remembrance (SA)

St Andrews at the George and Dragon

On the 30th of November after our patronal festival, we have some tables booked at the G and D across the road. Please sign up with food choices. A deposit of £10 please passed onto Sandra.

A service of Remembering

Our Annual ecumenical service of remembering will be held on the 7th December at 4pm at Tarvin Methodist Church. Please join us if you are able to.

Christmas Services

St Andrews

- 14th 9.15am Messy Church Christmas Activities
- 21st 10.45am Nativity
 - 6.30pm Carol Service
- 24th 4.30pm Christingle
 - 11.30pm First Communion of Christmas
- 25th 8am Holy Communion 10am Family Communion

St Peters

- 12th 4pm Community Carols
- 25th 9am Family Communion