



The Parish Church of St. Peter, Chorley



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January 9th 2022 Parade Service: Baptism of the Lord

COVID – Please note our updated safety measures:

- Communion will remain in one kind only
- The one-way system during communion will continue
- Please *do not stop to chat* until you have left the building.
- **Face masks are now mandatory in church again, unless you are medically exempt.** Spare face masks are available at the back of church. (Face masks optional while presiding/reading a lesson/singing)

If you have any questions, concerns or particular needs during this tricky time, please do speak to Rev Rebecca or a churchwarden – we will be only too happy to listen and help.

!!! CAN YOU HELP? !!!

We announce, with immense gratitude for her service, that **Carol is stepping down from the work of church cleaning and hall bookings.** Thank you, Carol, for all the hard work you routinely put into the care and maintenance of our church, and we're thrilled you will have more time for your ministry – to others and to yourself!

We are therefore in absolute dire need of people to help with keeping our lovely church and hall clean, and who can help us manage our hall bookings.

The **hall** is our primary source of income, and we are really keen to hear from *anyone local to the church who would be willing to occasionally open and close the hall for groups who use the building, and anyone willing to be responsible for co-ordinating the hall bookings* (booking in groups, and arranging for keyholders to be available to open and close the hall).

We would like to put together a rota of **cleaners.** Cleaning responsibilities include sweeping the hard floors, hoovering the carpets, and keeping communal kitchen and bathroom spaces hygienic. If you can be part of a rota of helpers for any of this work, it would be hugely appreciated – the more people who offer help, the less work there is for everyone!

Please have a word with Carol or Rev Rebecca if you are willing to give even just a little bit of help to this – any offer, no matter how small, would make a difference.

Chorley Foodbank- This week, donations of **Curry Sauce, Tinned Food, Long Life/UHT Milk and Biscuits** are desperately needed: please put any donations at the back of church. Thank you!!

Ongoing appeal from the Mothers Union: We are looking for donations of **toothpaste, toothbrushes, face cloths, combs, tissues, and soap** for putting together hospital bags. To help, please put any donations in the box at the back of church.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Pastoral emergency – emergency anointing/communion/baptism (24/7): 07572 901345

Curate in charge: The Rev'd Rebecca Feeney
07970 557801
Wardens: Carol Pearson: 265899
 Ronnie Hunter: 271992
Safeguarding: Louise Benney: 434088
 Carole Keegan: 07871 527703

Activity packs for hospitalised children: Please check the collection boxes at the back for more information on what is required. All donations gratefully received – they will make a huge difference in the life of a struggling child!

Stamp collection– Please bring any used stamps to church and put them in the box marked at the back – these go towards raising money for Multiple Sclerosis charities. **Note: please include a good centimetre of the envelope around the stamp!**

POINTS OF NOTE

NEW CONTACT NUMBER – Please update your records! Rev Rebecca is now available on the following number: 07970 557801. To get hold of her, please call her on this number, NOT the office phone number! Thanks.

Confirmation 2022- WE HAVE A DATE! Bp Philip will be coming to confirm our candidates on **Sunday 27th February at 10am.** Confirmation classes will begin in the new year – Rev Rebecca will be in touch with everyone who has submitted their details.

TONIGHT – EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE!: Come along to St Laurence's tonight for the final part of the Carol Service Trilogy across St Peter's, St George's and St Laurence's. Celebrate the Epiphany with beautiful carols and prayers as we come together as Christians from across Chorley. If you'd like to attend but would struggle to get there, have a word with Rev Rebecca.

IMPORTANT - Rev Rebecca away: This week, Rev Rebecca will be unavailable over Mon-Tues 10th and 11th January as she is away on a residential for first time incumbents. Please be in touch with a churchwarden with anything pressing. If you have a pastoral emergency requiring the sacraments, please still ring the emergency number above, and Rev Rebecca will make emergency arrangements.

ALM Commissioning: On Sunday 30th January we will be blessing Carol Pearson as she begins her new role as our parish ALM (Authorised Lay Minister) after her training and commissioning last year. Please do pray for her in this exciting new chapter of her ministry here at St Peter's!

THIS WEEK

Sun 9th Jan: Parish Eucharist 8am, 10am
Joint Parish Epiphany Carol Service
 6.30pm, St Laurence's Church
Mon 10th Jan: Rev Rebecca away
Tues 11th Jan: Rev Rebecca away
Weds 12th Jan: Eucharist
 10am (with St Peter's School)
Thurs 13th Jan: Morning Prayer
 9am, All Souls Chapel
Sun 16th Jan: Parish Eucharist 8am, 10am

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

those preparing for baptism;

those who are sick, remembering particularly:

Derek Morgan, Roy Parkinson, Derek Draper, Irene Jenkinson, Diana Downing, Brenda Feeney, Alison Feeney, Donald Hocking, Alison Smith, Eileen Downs

all the recently departed, especially those known to us:

Sue Boulton, Archbishop Desmond Mpilo Tutu

those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

Jan 08 Mona Booth, Raymond Kendall, Arthur Hargreaves
Jan 09 Alice Haydock
Jan 10 Edgar Wynne
Jan 11 Jack Bretherton, Fred Jolly, Peggy Dornan, Betty Fisher
Jan 12 Nellie Ogden, Edith Helps, Andrew Evans
Jan 13 William Dennerly, John David Crabbe,
Jan 14 Lydia Carr
Jan 15 Joseph Tromans

Please do email chorleystpetersvicar@gmail.com with any prayer requests, or additions for the prayer list.

TODAY'S SERVICE: BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Hymns

Introit: **370**

Communion: **88, 35, 819**

Offertory: **85**

Final: **552**

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 43.1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Ps 29: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. **[R]**
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox. **[R]**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **[R]**

Second Reading: Acts 8.14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Post-communion prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**