

# The Parish Church of St. Peter, Chorley

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## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### COMING UP AT ST PETER'S

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	08:00am	Holy Eucharist
	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
	6:00pm	Youth Group
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00am	Holy Eucharist
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	Lego Church
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	08:00am	Holy Eucharist
	10:00am	Service of the Word with Parade.

**Daily Prayer & Quiet Space** - throughout the Advent season, on Tuesday evenings 4.30-5pm and Wednesday mornings from 8.45-9.15am. An opportunity to pause, pray & prepare for Christmas.

**St Michael's Community Carol Concert** – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm here in St Peter's. All are welcome to attend.

**Lego Church** – Starts on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025, at 9.00 am. A brilliant hour where your little ones can build, play, and discover Bible stories with heaps of Lego! We'll tuck into a light breakfast together, and parents are warmly invited to stay, chat, and join the creativity.

**Donations are welcome** towards flowers in church for the Christmas season. There is a box at the back of church for any donations.

**The Guild Singers of Chorley** are holding their Christmas Concert here at St Peters on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 and can be bought on the door.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, Sudan, and all places affected by warfare, violence or state oppression.

### Those who have asked for our prayers:

the Rev'd Mo Baldwin, Pam McLoughlin, Beryl Diggles, Dot Bolan, Debbie Cope, Jeff Morgan, Cassie Wilson, Amanda Smith, Sheila Wood, Dorothy Treadwell, Joan Baxendale.

**All recently departed:** Thelma Warburton.

### those who we remember at this time:

Arthur Christie, Carl Chorley, Hilda Hough, Philip Dickinson, Irene Aspinall, Peter Dennerley, Andrew James Wrennall, Thomas Karl Wrennall, Samuel Arthur Price, David John Brown, Alice Sharrock, Elizabeth Georgeson, Jean Webster, Eva Gaskell, Steven Peter Hart, James Georgeson, Martha Elizabeth Georgeson, Brian Atherton, Raymond Jolly, Kathy Bereznicki, George William Edwards, Lesley Sharon Arnold.

To allow for privacy, names are not added on to the sick or departed lists unless requested and permission from the person named is given.

**Our new Safeguarding officer**, Lynsey Belham, can be contacted by phone on 07553 622810 or by email: [safeguarding.stpeterchorley@gmail.com](mailto:safeguarding.stpeterchorley@gmail.com)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Please bring along donations of new toys, these will be blessed and then distributed to those who may need them.

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## HYMNS

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### Collect

Let us pray

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*We sit to attend to the scriptures*

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### Liturgy of the Word

#### The Reading | Romans 15.4-13

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.<sup>5</sup> May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,<sup>6</sup> so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>7</sup> Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.<sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed<sup>9</sup> and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name."<sup>10</sup> Again, it says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."<sup>11</sup> And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him."

<sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope."<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*All stand for the Gospel*

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#### The Holy Gospel – Matthew 3.1-12

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea<sup>2</sup> and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."<sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.'"

<sup>4</sup> John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.<sup>5</sup> People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.<sup>6</sup> Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?<sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.<sup>9</sup> And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.<sup>10</sup> The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.<sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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### Post-communion prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**Please join us for refreshments after the service.**

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