



Outreach

The Parish Newsletter of St. James Church, Briercliffe

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Sharon writes

Here we are at the beginning of another month – where does the time go? We see that the leaves are changing colour, the nights are drawing in and the mornings are dark and dewy. We can safely say that the season of Autumn is very near! There are the usual events with which we associate with this time of year – Harvest being the primary one, Autumn half term in schools at the end of October, and of course Hallowe'en. For the Church there are also events with which October is associated. There is, of course, the **Festival of Harvest Thanksgiving** which St James will be celebrating on **Sunday 3rd October at 10am**. This year all non-perishable food donations will be distributed to Burnley Food Bank and HomeStart Burnley. Monetary donations collected during this service will go the Bishop's Harvest Appeal which is supporting the Mosamaria Trust. On **Sunday 17th October** St James will be celebrating the **Feast of St Luke the Evangelist** – a disciple of Jesus Christ whose Gospel - the good news message - was written to nurture and grow the Christian faith in non-Jewish people (Gentiles). We will also be celebrating **Bible Sunday on October 24th** – a service dedicated to all writings of Scripture in the Holy Bible. And on **Sunday 31st October** the Church will be celebrating **All Saints' Day**, remembering all those who have died in the faith of Jesus Christ who, through their dedication, work, wisdom, and knowledge, have helped many on the journey of faith, and who cheer us on from their heavenly realm. And on **Saturday 9th October** we will be holding a taster session in readiness for the launch of our new Messy Church in November – **Jimi's JAM Club**. Look out for further details if you have a child aged between 5-12 years of age, as this will be aimed for them to have fun whilst engaging with the story of Jesus Christ. With all this in mind, there seems so much to look forward to, and to give thanks for, in celebration during October. So, if the changing of the season fills you with dread and apathy, I invite you to come and join us on a Sunday morning, or at one of our weekday services, where renewable and sustainable energy is always available – *Tell the greatness of the Lord with me. Let us praise his name together! Taste and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34).*



Rev'd Sharon TTFN



Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Mothers' Union Macmillan Coffee Morning, held in Briercliffe Community Centre on Saturday 25th September, was very well supported. Brightly coloured bunting waving across the car park welcomed visitors who enjoyed meeting to chat over coffee, donating to buy from the array of cakes and entering in the fund raising competitions. A total of £243.88 was raised. Thank you to all who organised, helped in and supported this event.



Mothers' Union



The dates for meetings of the Mothers' Union in October are, Tuesday 12th and Tuesday 26th both at 7.30pm. in the Church vestry. Everyone is welcome.

Refreshments

Refreshments will be served in the vestry room after the Wednesday morning 9.30am. Eucharist service. and after the 10.15am. Sunday morning service.





There is a new simple way to regularly donate to St James Church, by direct debit, through the recently launched Parish Giving Scheme, helping to support the ministry at St. James'. *further details are on the separate information sheet available in church and on this website.*

You can still join our **Stewardship Giving Scheme**, either by weekly envelopes or bank standing order, but the Parish Giving Scheme is the way forward to give to your church. Please have a word with Alec, our church treasurer, for details. Please also consider gift-aiding your donations if you are a UK tax payer.

(contact details at the bottom of the page)

Licensing at the Cathedral

"Here at St James we had another great celebration during September. Our Pastoral Assistant of over 20 years, Janet Hartley, was commissioned as Authorised Lay Minister in Pastoral Care in Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday 18th September. It was a very joyous occasion led by +Julian, as myself and Janet's husband joined Janet and a whole Cathedral full of other candidates who were being licensed in their different ministries. Janet has been called by God and trained by his Church to exercise her ministry in pastoral care under the guidance and leadership of myself as her Incumbent. If there is anyone out there who feels God is calling them to some form of lay ministry, come along to St James and have a chat about it with myself."



Rev'd Sharon

St. James Lanehead C of E School

Go to our church website and click on the link to read their newsletter for September.



Burnley Food Bank

Please continue to donate non-perishable goods at the Spar Shop, Burnley Road, Harle Syke.



Church Cleaning

The church will be cleaned on Wednesday 20th October at 6.00pm. If you can spare an hour or so, please come along, or contact Andrea Bettany on 07796616961 for further details.



Clocks go back

Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour at 2.00am on Sunday 31st October.

Advance notices for November

There will be an All Souls service at St James' on Sunday 7th November at 4.00pm.

October and November 2020 were very quiet months in Briercliffe. This year preparations are being made for the time of Remembrance. On Remembrance Sunday, 14th November, one service will be held in St James' Church followed by the reading of the names of the fallen and wreath laying at the cenotaph in the churchyard. This will take place in time for people to attend the Bowling Green Cenotaph for the ceremony there.



A Deanery Choral Evensong is to be held at St. James' on Sunday 21st November at 6.00pm.

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