



Outreach

The Parish Newsletter of St. James Church, Briercliffe

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Sharon writes

Sadly, we didn't come out of lockdown on 21st June as originally planned but we are hopeful of that happening come 19th July. As a church let us consider 3 areas of reflection – lament, thanksgiving, and mission. By this I encourage everyone of us to think about what we have lost over the past 18 months (lament), what are we thankful for, and importantly, how does St James Church move forward (mission) - what does the vision of our church look like that will incorporate growth and being a healthy church that will transform the community here in Briercliffe. Over the month of June, I have attended several inspiring meetings/study days hosted by the diocese which have caused many a headache as I have come away buzzing with ideas for St James church and its way forward. But I cannot do everything on my own or without the help and support of the PCC, you the congregation, and the people of the parish. I strongly believe now is the time to embrace new ideas and opportunities to make disciples, to be witnesses, to grow leaders, to inspire children and young people, and to enable us to be a healthy church. If you want to know more and be involved, please do come and have a conversation with myself, with one of the Churchwardens, or with a member of the PCC (photos of these people will be at the back of church for all to see and recognise!) There are exciting times ahead with an opportunity to press the restart button on St James vision of what it means to be church in this place. And remember, healthy churches are joyful churches, so may we reflect the joy of knowing Jesus Christ, and his love for each and every one of us, at all times and in all places. As Jesus told us, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you. Ask, and it will be given; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." The church is open – come, ask, seek, and find, in the name of Christ. Amen.



Rev'd Sharon 

Parochial Church Council News

There are three new PCC members as follows:

Jennifer Bolton

Jennifer works as a Teaching Assistant in a Burnley Primary School and says,

"...working with children is my passion."

She loves to spend time with her family, sing and go on long walks. Her roles at St James' are Children's Champion, Sunday School Teacher and Thursday Worship Coordinator. In listening to and giving a voice to children and young people she says,

"I am pleased to be on the PCC to represent children so that their opinions, input and voices can be heard."

Debbie Hallam

Debbie has lived in the parish and had connections with St James' Church for over 39 years. She teaches PE and leads outdoor activities in a SEMH School in Burnley where she is also an Educational Visit Coordinator and a Governor.

Debbie's three children, now grown up, were baptised and confirmed at St James' Church and attended St James, Lanehead Primary School. She says,

"I am delighted to be appointed a member of the PCC so that I can help with the next step of the journey."

Christine Hewitson

Christine, now retired, was a Maternity Assistant for 39 years. A long time member of St James' Church, she is a keen crafter and amateur artist. She says,

"I wanted to be on the PCC team to help with the growth of our church and look forward to leading it into the future."

Photographs of all PCC members will soon be displayed on the notice board at the back of church.

The William Arthur Laycock Education Fund

THE TRUSTEES GIVE NOTICE that they will be prepared to make small grants for the furtherance of full, or part-time, educational or instructional courses (of an academic, technical, practical or recreational nature) to young persons under 25 years of age who reside within the ecclesiastical parish of St James, Briercliffe, or who have, or have had close connections with this parish.

Applications for this must be made in writing to:

The Trustees' Secretary, 60 Horning Crescent' Burnley. BB10 2NT

Applications should reach the secretary no later than Sunday 12th September 2021

The grounds of the application must be clearly stated (including age). Grants will be made entirely at the discretion of the Trustees.

St. James' Day - Sunday 25th July

Our Patronal Festival will be celebrated with one service on this Sunday at **3.00pm**. Depending on the lifting of Covid restrictions it is hoped that an Afternoon Tea can be held afterwards. Further information will be given as soon as possible with details of, for example; donations of cakes and scones, bringing of picnic chairs.

Celebrating with flowers

The church will be decorated with beautiful flowers on St James' Day, for which we would welcome any financial help. Enquiries about donations, of any amount, should be made to Alec Oldham, Treasurer/Parish Administrator (see details at the bottom of this newsletter). Please state and give the name if your donation is in memory of a loved one and you wish this to be displayed.

Thank you

We would like a say thank you to Andy Dickinson who has organised a router for our contactless card payment machine in church..

We are a church that does not have WiFi and we were struggling to get the contactless machine working at all services.. This has now been resolved thanks to Andy. We can now accept donations by card at all services, baptisms, Weddings etc.

St. James Lanehead C of E School

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



Burnley Food Bank

A big thank you to all who support the Food Bank. Please continue to donate non-perishable goods at the Spar Shop, Burnley Road, Harle Syke.



Mothers' Union

Forthcoming dates for meetings in the Church/Vestry at 7.00pm.

Tuesday 13th July, Tuesday 27th July, Tuesday 10th August, Tuesday 24th August



Diocesan Resources

Please have a look at the resources page on our website for further information.

Vision 2026 Prayer

Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders and inspire children and young people. Give us the eyes to see Your vision, ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of Your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



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