**CHURCH SERVICES**

**Sundays**

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 1st & 3rd Sunday

 Morning Prayer ( Book of Common Prayer ) 2nd & 4th Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship (Service of the Word) 1st Sunday

 Sung Eucharist ( Common Worship ) 2nd,3rd & 4th Sunday

with Sunday Club and Crèche (followed by tea or coffee fellowship)

Services on the 5th Sunday as announced

**Healing**

A Healing Service will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month during the 8.00am communion service and also at 10.30am. Unless otherwise announced.

**Baptisms**

Baptisms will take place (by prior arrangement) at 12.15 pm, 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month, except during Lent. The November service is held on the third Sunday only To arrange a Baptism see Mr. Keith Houghton MBE after the 10:30 am service (approx 11:45am) ( 01942 797838).

**Arrangements for Weddings**

For weddings, parishioners should see Rev. Martin Cox at the Vicarage. Please telephone and make an appointment in advance (01942 883313) .

**Pastoral Needs and Visits**

Parishioners with pastoral needs (requests for counselling, personal problems or advising of illness) or any request of an urgent nature should contact the vicarage direct on telephone 01942 883313.

Housebound sick communions can also be undertaken and any parishioner not presently on the sick communion list, who wishes to be considered to receive such a visit, should advise clergy accordingly.

***Martin, our Team Rector, has a rest day towards the end of each week. Please make contact with him as you need to on 01942 883313 and he will respond to you as speedily as he can.***

**St. George’s Church**

We now have a website for you to use, with lots of up to date and interesting information. We welcome your feedback.

http://www.tyldesleystgeorge.co.uk

**The Parish Church of**

**St. George, Tyldesley.**

**April 2018**



Parish News

**OFFICIALS**

**Team Rector: Rev. Martin B Cox**

7 Holbeck Astley M29 7NL

***01942 883313***

**Team Vicar: Rev. Julian Hartley**

St. John’s Vicarage, Mosley Common

 ***0161 790 2957***

**Ordained Local Rev. Angela J Dand**

**Minister: *01942 879608***

**Ordained Pioneer Rev. Jan Harney**

**Minister: *01942 671481***

**Reader : Mr. David Kerfoot**

 ***01942 870736***

**Churchwarden: Mrs. Kathleen Topping**

 ***01942 884746***

**Treasurer**

**“Together in worship, love and service”**

**March Edition 2018**

Reflections…………………………… By Keith Revill

The first word that came into my mind when I had my initial thoughts on this piece was the word ‘contrasts’.

For instance, the contrast between not being able to get to our caravan one week recently because of gales, snow and iced up pipes and then travelling down the following week to be greeted by warm sunshine, a dry caravan and the ability to be able to enjoy picnics on the beach.

Holy Week and Easter are a time of contrasts for us Christians too. The apparent reluctance of the disciples of Jesus going into the village on Palm Sunday morning to untie the colt, in contrast to the way the day ended, with the triumphant journey of their king with the crowd throwing their cloaks in front of the parade with shouts of ‘hosanna to the King of David, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord’.

The contrast of the period between Good Friday and Easter Day, for on Good Friday the disciples had seen their master scourged and condemned in the courts, paraded like a criminal to the place of execution and crucified before their very eyes. Then on Easter morning some of them went early to the tomb to find it empty only to be reassured later by Mary Magdalene that their Lord had indeed risen from the dead.

What a week of contrasts the early followers of Jesus had. What a privilege we Christians have to be able to share their journey to its triumphant end as we pray the Easter Collect

**From the Registers February 2018**

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| **Date Service Communicants Children Adults**

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| 4th  | Holy Communion | 7 |   | 7 |
|   | Morning Praise |   | 3 | 34 |
| 5th  | Funeral |   |   | 30 |
| 6th  | Funeral |   |  2 | 220 |
| 7th  | Funeral |   |   | 33  |
| 11th  | Morning Prayer |   |   | 5  |
|   | Sung Eucharist | 38  |   | 38  |
|   | Holy Baptism |   | 20  | 200  |
|   | Evening Prayer |   |   |  3 |
| 14th  | Funeral |   |   | 50 |
| 18th  | Holy Communion | 7  |   | 7  |
|   | Sung Eucharist | 36 | 1  | 36 |
| 21st  | Holy Communion  | 12 |   | 12 |
| 25th  | Morning Prayer  |   |   | 5  |
|   | Sung Eucharist  | 33  | 1  | 34  |
| 29th  | Funeral  |   |  | 45  |
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**Collection Totals February 2018**

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| **Cash Cash GA Planned Giving GA Planned giving**£273.40 £00.00 £493.00 £281.40**Regular anonymous gift to the Restoration Fund** £10-00 / per week**Donations** £24.00 **Organ** £20.00 **Com. Fund** £16.00 |

**CHANGES TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICES.**

At the joint meeting of our three PCCs in late September 2017, it was agreed to adopt a different Sunday worship pattern across our team of parishes, and this came into effect in February.

The new pattern of Sunday services for St. George’s is as follows;

1. 8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP) 1st and 3rd Sundays

Morning Prayer (BCP) 2nd and 4th Sundays

2. 10.30am

Morning Worship (a Service of the Word) 1st Sunday

Sung Eucharist (CW) 2nd,,3rd and 4th Sundays

3. Where there are 5 Sundays in the month, the pattern for the 5th Sunday will be variable, and I will let you know in the Notices what is taking place where.

4. Baptisms will continue to take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month, except during Lent, but at a new time of 12.15pm.

5. Healing will be administered on the 3rd Sunday of every month within the 8.00am Holy Communion Service and the 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

A copy of this revised Sunday worship pattern may be found on the back of our monthly newsletter, which you might like to keep for future reference.

I hope this helps. If you are unclear about any of this, please do not hesitate to contact me, either on a Sunday morning or on 01942 -870736. I’m more than happy to provide assistance.

David

Lord of all life and power,

who through the mighty resurrection of your Son

overcame the old order of sin and death

to make all things new in him:

grant that we, being dead to sin

and alive to you in Jesus Christ,

may reign with him in glory;

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be praise and honour, glory and might,

now and in all eternity. Amen

**Consolation**

To the families of

Dorothy Worth

Joyce Marson

Brenda Jones

Elsie Mellor

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

**Welcome to the Family**

Matthew Charles Farrer

*Newly Baptised*



**April Flower List**

"We thank the following members of the congregation for Altar flowers in April"

 1st April. Alf Osborne & Marion Thomason

 8th April. Daughters of the late Elsie Baker

 15th April. The Braddock Family

 22nd April. Ruth & David Kerfoot

 29th April. "Open for Offers"

Many thanks to Mrs Maureen Porter and family for additional flowers, in Loving Memory of her dear husband Geoff on 25th March.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the cost of the Easter Flowers this year in Loving Memory of a loved one.

Thanks also to everyone who helped to decorate the church for Easter. HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Flower fund during March.

 L.F

Our Verger Mr Alf Osborne will be going in Hospital on 29 March 2018 for a hip operation. From all your Friends at St. George’s, we send you our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Many thanks to the Friends of St. George’s for the sum of £50.00 for the Restoration Fund from the sale of books in church.

Our grateful thanks go to Mrs Joan Wynne Jones for her gift of £20.00 to the Restoration Fund in loving memory of her husband Mr David Wynne Jones.

KATH

Belief in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit is at the heart of our faith. Christians believe that Jesus is God’s Son. Jesus reveals to us that God is our Father, and that God is available to us through the Holy Spirit.

You won’t ever be asked if you completely understand all this. But you are asked whether you believe and trust. This is called faith. It is a different sort of knowledge. It is the knowledge of being known and loved, and of loving in return.

The Christian faith is not a human invention. There are signs of God’s existence and handiwork in creation for anyone to read (Acts 14.15–17). But we believe in the way we do because God has come to seek us out and has made himself known to us.

God has revealed himself through the Bible. God has revealed himself most clearly through the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ.
God makes himself known personally to each believer through the work of the Holy Spirit.

**'The most important decision any person can ever make is to become a disciple of Jesus Christ. It’s the best thing anyone can do.'**

Archbishop Justin Welby

Extract from C of E website.