**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.**

**September 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***

**Reader : Mr. David Kerfoot**

***01942 870736***

**Churchwarden: Mrs. Kathleen Topping**

***01942 884746***

**Mr. Iain Hodcroft**

**07976 314012**

**Treasurer**

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

**September Edition 2018**

Matthew ch 9 v 9 reads “Follow me Jesus told him, and Matthew got up and followed him ".

This is part of the well known story when Jesus chose to have dinner with a tax collector causing a shocked response from the Pharisees. However, Jesus told them to think about what the whole purpose of God was in dealing with this world.

The special prayer for St Matthew’s Feast Day, which is on 21st Sept, takes up the dangers of Matthew’s life as a money man – forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches! He got a job in the tax office – only it meant working for the hated enemy, collecting their taxes. One day Jesus saw him at the tax collector’s booth and called him. He got up and followed him – and not only that - Jesus had dinner with him.

Why did Jesus call Matthew? Why did Matthew take him up?

Jesus chose 12 apostles of whom Matthew was one, and the obvious outsider, despised by all. The rest were just ordinary people, fishermen, local types, a thoughtful person, minor characters, an active revolutionary risk taker, and Judas Iscariot, from the south – not local but not seen as an outsider either.

So when Jesus says “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners” it is only Matthew who clearly qualifies. The rest are not obvious sinners in the eyes of the people – they are just normal. So if Jesus came for sinners then it is for people who may not realise it, like us, and like those Pharisees – normal people compared to the baddies.

This throws up the sure fact that we go about our lives unaware of our great need of God.

Jesus called Matthew because he was a useful “admin type”. There is no mention that he was stealing or was corrupt, but he could have been, because most tax collectors were reputed to be. And also Jesus is showing us that no-one is an outsider to God, or to be despised.

Matthew took him up and followed him because here he found there was so much more to life than he thought.

*Michael*

**A letter on behalf of the local ministry team to Year 5 and 6 parents of our team church aided primary schools**

**Confirmation Service 2018**

Dear Year 5 & 6 parents,

This year’s Team Confirmation service will take place on **Sunday 21st October 2018 at 6.30pm**. This year’s service will take place at St Stephen’s Church, Astley, which is celebrating 50 years of worship in the new church building.

We would like to invite your child to be prepared for Confirmation in this service. Confirmation classes will take place on the following dates between 12.30pm – 2.00pm and it is important that your child attends each of these classes.

* Sunday 23rd September 2018 – St John’s Church, Mosley Common
* Sunday 30th September 2018 – St George’s Church, Tyldesley
* Sunday 7th October 2018 – St Stephen’s Church, Astley

Please return the cut off slip at the bottom of this letter to school as soon as possible – ideally before the end of the summer term. Alternatively, please forward by post to Nicola Butterworth at 57 Arlington Drive, Leigh, Lancashire, WN7 3QP by 31st August. Under the new data protection laws, if you respond to this letter we assume that you are happy for us to use your contact details for this purpose only.

Nicola Butterworth (07706 979393)

Debbie Clarke (07824 326007)

**USPG WORKS WITH CHURCHES IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION TO LIVE OUT THE GOOD NEWS AMONG THOSE WHOSE NEED IS GREATEST**

USPG – United Society Partners in the Gospel – is an Anglican mission agency supporting churches around the world in their mission to bring fullness of life to the communities they serve.

Theologically, practically and financially, we encourage and enable churches within the Anglican Communion to act as the hands and feet of Christ.

Together, we are working to improve health, tackle poverty, put children in school, challenge discrimination, nurture leaders, give a voice to women, and much more.

We were founded 1701 by the Revd Thomas Bray, who also founded SPCK (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge).

This is our Harvest Appeal this year.

To all my dear Friends at St. George’s from Mrs Alma Sharratt.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to you all for your prayers, get well cards and visits during my stay in Hospital.

I am now pleased to say that I am feeling much better and I am glad to be back with you all at St. George’s.

Mrs Lilian Grime would like to express her sincere thanks to everyone at St. George’s for the lovely cards, flowers and best wishes on the occasion of her 90th Birthday and a special thankyou to Margaret Connor for making such a lovely cake.

Kath & Iain



**September Flower List**

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

2nd September. The Braddock Family Mrs M Wood

9th September. Mrs Margaret Stubbley Mrs J Hardman

16th September. Mrs Joan Berry

23rd September. Mr & Mrs J Fearick

30th September. Mrs Williams

Our thanks to Mrs Margaret Hook and family for additional Altar flowers in Loving Memory of her dear daughter Jennifer Ann on 19th August.

On 26th August we thank Mrs Lillian Grime for altar flowers in Loving Memory of her dear husband Norman and her dear son Philip.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Flower fund during August.

L.F.

**Congratulations to**

Christopher Preston and Stacey Jones

*Joined in Holy Matrimony*

**Welcome to the Family**

Charlie Thomas Wadsworth

Clarissa Gabrielle Jane Conner

Kirk Tuckwell

Olivia-Mai Louise Ince

*Newly Baptised*



**Parish Celebratory Dinner**

This year we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Opening of

St.Stephen`s Church and School on the present site.

As part of the celebration we are planning a

**Parish Dinner**

at **Tyldesley Rugby Club**

on

**Friday 19th October 7pm for 7.30pm.**

Tickets £24 each for a 4 course set meal and coffee

(with vegetarian option)

available from Keith and Denise Revill or

Elaine Dickinson

tel: 01942 874367 or keith@revills13.plus.com

**From the Registers July 2018**

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| **Date Service Communicants Children Adults**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 1st | Holy Communion | 7 |  | 7 | |  | Morning Praise |  | 4 | 47 | | 8th | Morning Prayer |  |  | 4 | |  | Sung Eucharist | 35 | 5 | 43 | |  | Holy Baptism |  | 26 | 150 | | 13th | Team Prayers |  |  | 6 | |  | Y6 Leavers Ser |  | 150 | 70 | |  | R B L New Stand |  | 150 | 15 | | 15th | Holy Communion | 6 |  | 6 | |  | Sung Eucharist | 35 | 4 | 38 | | 17th | Funeral |  |  | 50 | | 20th | Wedding |  | 18 | 165 | | 22nd | Morning Prayer |  |  | 6 | |  | Sung Eucharist | 40 | 4 | 42 | |  | Holy Baptism |  | 20 | 150 | | 28th | Wedding |  | 2 | 49 | | 29th | Choral Evensong |  |  | 28 | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |

**Collection Totals July 2018**

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| **Cash Cash GA Planned Giving GA Planned giving**  £252.17 £00.00 £612.00 £443.70  **Regular anonymous gift to the Restoration Fund**  £10-00 / per week  **Donations** £25.00 **Organ** £20.00 **Com. Fund** £16.00 |