**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 Sung Eucharist ( Common Worship) 1st ,3rd & 4th Sunday

 Morning Worship (Service of the Word) 2nd 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.**

**January 2019**



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”**

**January Edition 2019**

**January 2019 Reflection**

WALKING IN THE LIGHT – A MEDITATION FOR THE NEW YEAR.

I remember, many years ago, when I taught in Sunday school, having a problem lighting our Advent wreath. I’d just told them a bit about the inextinguishable light of Christ, and duly struck the match to light the central candle. But alas, the imagery was spoilt. The flame simply spluttered and went out, much to the amusement of the young people!

I have at home a copy of a picture entitled the Light of the World, which was painted by the artist Holman Hunt. In the picture, Jesus, carrying a lantern, stands outside a door. His expression is one of tender love and expectation, and he stands there, patiently knocking. When the picture was first painted, a friend of the artist asked him if he had not made a mistake, observing there was no handle on the door. Holman Hunt replied that this was deliberate. The door represented the human heart, which could be opened only from within.

There is a danger I think, as we begin to put away the Christmas lights, of putting away with them the truth they represent; namely that Jesus is the Light of the World. Wherever hearts are open to receive him, there the light of Christ shines; not just at Christmas but throughout the year.

This truth is well expressed in the ASB collect for St.John the Apostle & Evangelist (27th December), which is also a good payer with which to begin a new year;

Merciful Father,

whose Son is the light of the world:

so guide your Church by the teaching

of your apostle and evangelist Saint John,

that we may walk by the light that has come among us

and finally know him as the light of everlasting life;

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen

**From the Registers November 2018**

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| **Date Service Communicants Children Adults**

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| 4th  | Holy Communion | 7 |   | 7 |
|   | Morning Worship |   | 7 | 44 |
| 11th  | Morning Worship |   | 6  | 43 |
|   | Team Eucharist  | 42 | 1  | 42 |
| 18th  | Holy Communion | 5  |   | 5  |
|   | Sung Eucharist  | 42  | 1  | 42 |
|   | Holy Baptism |   | 6  | 60 |
| 24th  | Wedding Blessing |   | 6  | 18  |
| 25th  | Morning Prayer |   |   | 4  |
|   | Sung Eucharist  | 36  | 8 | 36 |
| 30th  | Funeral |   |   | 80 |
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**Collection Totals November 2018**

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| **Cash Cash GA Planned Giving GA Planned giving**£295.79 £00.00 £611.80 £296.40**Regular anonymous gift to the Restoration Fund** £10-00 / per week**Donations** £25.00 **Organ** £20.00 **Com. Fund** £16.00 |

Our sincere thanks go to Mrs Agnes Smith for her generous donation of £200.00 to the Restoration Fund.

Sincere thanks also to Susie for all the extremely hard work she put into arranging the Gin Festival, for the Christmas Trees to be brought into church which do look fantastic and for the Band Concert that took place on the Sunday afternoon. Also our thanks go to everyone who helped to make these efforts very successful.

Once again our most grateful thanks go to he Friends of St. George’s for not only decorating the Church to make it absolutely beautiful at Christmas, Easter and Harvest but for all their continued efforts each week in keeping the church looking lovely. The hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

KATH & IAIN

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May God grant to you and your loved ones a happy, peaceful and blessed New Year.

David Kerfoot

**Consolation**

To the families of

Mark Mather

Frank Partington

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

**Welcome to the Family**

Sienna Leigh McBurne

Ellie Mae Humphries

Meredith Ann Humphries

*Newly Baptised*

**Congratulations to**

Daniel Torr & Kelly Warburton

*Joined in Holy Matrimony*



**January Flower List**

'We thank the following members of our congregation

for Altar flowers in January”

 6th January. Mrs Lilian Grime

 13th January. Mr & Mrs Tom Pritchard

 20th January. Legacy of Mr Clifford Cook

 Daughters of the late Mrs Elsie Baker

 27th January. Mrs Joan Berry

Our thanks to Mrs Margaret Connor, Stuart and Beatrice for Altar flowers in Loving Memory of her dear husband David on 2nd December a dear Husband, father and grandad.

Thanks also to the family of Fiona Cant for Altar flowers in her Loving Memory a much loved daughter, sister and Aunt.

Many thanks to the family of the late Mrs F Holtom for additional flowers in Loving Memory of Neil Holtom a dear son and brother.

Thanks to Audrey and John Hayes and Family for additional flowers with Treasured Memories of Alan and Edith Hindle; always remembered with love and affection.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the church so beautiful this Christmas. And our thanks to everyone who gave generously to the cost of the Christmas decorations and flowers in memory of loved ones.....and to all who give each week, we appreciate your contribution.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Flower Fund during December.

The Flower team would like to wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.

L.F.

**GREETINGS FROM THE REV’D JOHN DAULMAN**.

John has asked me to convey to all his friends at St.George’s his very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. He has recently celebrated his 85th birthday and continues to remember St.George’s, where he served as vicar, with great affection.

David

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Advance Notice\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Further information will follow in due course but dates for the next Team Weekend at Scargill House are confirmed as Friday 10th till Sunday 12th May 2019.

If you want to know more about Scargill House you can explore their website:

[www.scargillmovement.org](http://www.scargillmovement.org/)

or speak to Susie Mallon / Iain Hodcroft who will do their best to answer your query.