**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.**

**February 2019**



Parish News

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**Treasurer**

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

**February Edition 2019**

**February 2019 Reflection**

"Jesus helps Man City to victory" Really?! Yes, apparently so. It happened in January according to the BBC. I'd gone on to the Internet and checked the BBC website for the latest news and that was the headline that caught my eye. And there was a picture as well. Over the years artists have drawn many pictures of what they thought Jesus might have looked like. But here was a photo.... and then I noticed it was of someone wearing a Man City football club shirt. Not quite what I'd expected. Then, as I read more of the news, it dawned on me that it was about Gabriel Jesus, one of Manchester City's top players.

Well, you learn something every day and obviously I've a lot to learn about football! It just shows what I know about Premier League Football these days! But I do know something.... and it's something that made me smile and think of the news headline writer "little do they know!".

You see, Manchester City has church origins. So, in a way, it owes its existence to Jesus - Jesus Christ, that is.

In fact the Church has played a big part in giving us football as we know it today. For example, Bolton Wanderers was founded by a Vicar. It started out as Christ Church FC and became a Founder Member of the Football League. In fact, there's a good number of Premier League and former Premier League football clubs that owe their existence to the Church. Manchester City is among them. It came from the Church. It was founded by a Vicar of St. Mark's, West Gorton, and his church wardens. The aim was to do something good in the community. The desire was have a positive impact and reduce crime and antisocial behaviour, particularly to combat gang violence and alcoholism.

What about today, when crime and antisocial behaviour are so much in the news? Today, when young people join gangs that go to war with each other? Today, when older people seek to draw the younger ones into drug dependency and the life of crime and tragedy that follows? Today, when the gospel is the same as it was back when Man City was

**From the Registers December 2018**

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| **Date Service Communicants Children Adults**

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| 2nd  | Holy Communion | 7 |   | 7 |
|   | Sung Eucharist | 37  | 2 | 38 |
| 6th  | Comm Carol Serv |   | 100+ | 100+ |
| 7th  | Team Prayers |   |   | 10 |
|   | Recp Carols |   | 44  | 20 |
| 9th  |  Holy Communion | 7  |   | 7 |
|   | Morning Praise  |   | 8 | 39 |
|   | Holy Baptism |   | 10  | 70 |
| 12th  | FL Christingle  |   | 285  | 25  |
| 16th  | Holy Communion | 6 |   | 6 |
|   | Sung Eucharist | 42  | 6  | 42 |
| 19th  | Funeral  |   |   | 24  |
| 21st  | Team Prayers |   |   | 9  |
|   | Wedding |   | 8  | 40  |
| 23rd  | Morning Prayer |   |   | 6  |
|   | Sung Eucharist  | 39  | 7 | 39  |
|   | Team Carol & Crib Service |   | 20  | 106  |
| 24th | Sung Eucharist | 41  |   | 53  |
| 25th  | Said Eucharist | 20  | 4 | 19  |
| 30th  | Sung Eucharist | 58  | 1  | 60  |
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**Collection Totals December 2018**

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| **Cash Cash GA Planned Giving GA Planned giving**£203.25 £5.00 £440.00 £182.90**Regular anonymous gift to the Restoration Fund** £10-00 / per week**Donations** £25.00 **Organ** £20.00 **Com. Fund** £16.00 |

**For this year’s Lent course we will be using material from the book**

***“From Now On”***

A new and original course by Rachel Mann.

Taking the film **“The Greatest Showman”** as a starting point, the course explores ways in which themes of faith, hope and redemption run through all our lives. It examines how each of us face and overcome doubt, temptation and prejudice, and how we can begin to live authentic lives.

Each session will include watching clips from the film but it is advised to have watched the full film before the sessions begin. If you haven’t had the opportunity there will be a showing at:

***7pm on Friday 1st March 19 @ St George’s***

*Sessions will take place from 7pm to 8.30 pm on the following dates:*

*Tuesday 12th March 19 (St George’s)*

*Tuesday 19th March 19 (St Stephen’s)*

*Wednesday 27th March 19 (St John’s)*

*Tuesday 2nd April 19 (St Stephen’s)*

*Tuesday 9th April 19 (St George’s)*

*Booklets will be provided with the relevant material but if anyone would like to purchase a personal copy of the actual book “From Now On”, it is available to buy at a cost of £6.99 from many on-line retailers.*

***Refreshments will also be provided***

founded? Today when Jesus, Jesus Christ that is, can help everyone to victory?

Despite what many people think, there's more to the church than just worship and Sunday services! The Church has a lot to offer and do in the community. The church's work begun all those years ago with founding football teams has left a brilliant legacy that we can be thankful for over a century later. What could the Church do next? What can it offer and what could our part in it be?

I know it'll pain some people to forgive me if I have a bias in favour of Man City over Man United! But.... whoever we support, as Christians we can literally thank God for football. I wonder how many other people know that? Could we help them see that and look at the church and its Jesus in a different, better light than often they do? Could we encourage them to join with us in doing the next "big thing" that'll help right the wrongs in our society today and pave the way for a brighter future? A future in which Jesus helps us to victory.

Julian

Julian Hartley - Team Vicar

**Consolation**

To the families of

Carole Taylor

Joyce Heywood

Kenneth Bond

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*



**February Flower List**

'We thank the following members of our congregation

for Altar flowers in February”

 3rd February. “Open for offers”

 10th February. Mrs Alma Sharratt

 17th February. In Memory of Mr T. A. Leonard

 24th February. “Open for offers”

Our thanks to Mrs Margaret Connor, Stuart and Beatrice for Altar flowers in Loving Memory of Lincoln a much loved son, brother and uncle....Lincoln’s flowers were displayed on Advent Sunday.

We thank Mrs Jean Wilcock and Family for additional flowers in Loving

Memory of her dear husband Tom and Auntie Emm.

On 11th January we thank Mr Alan Taylor and Family for Altar flowers with Loving Birthday Memories of his dear wife Patricia.

On 20th January we thank David and Ruth Kerfoot for Altar flowers in Loving Memory of their dear parents..Sidney and Edith Kerfoot.

Also on this date additional flowers were displayed in Loving Memory of the late Mr Clifford Cook from his legacy.

**Film Night @ St. George’s**

*Presents:*

*The Shack*

Based on the International Best Seller

“You’re never alone as you think”

**Friday 8th February at 7.00pm in church**

A father’s uplifting journey of discovery. After suffering a family tragedy and spiralling into depression, Mack questions his life’s purpose and innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack where Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever.

*Followed by:*

*Refreshments and Reflect**ion!*

As a Christian I firmly believe that our brokenness is transformed by the Cross of Christ. It is not flippant at all for me to close by reflecting that the nail I now have in my right leg is a permanent physical reminder to me of this theology, which I hold so dear.

And finally…..my belated New Year’s resolution is to never, ever again use the expression ‘Go, break a leg’ as a means of encouraging others! Broken legs are very painful and are to be avoided wherever possible.

Yours in His service

Martin

Revd Martin Cox

Our grateful thanks go to Mrs Margaret Connor for the sum of £50.00 for books sold in Church and for the sum of £15.00 raised from her handmade cards to the Restoration Fund.

The recent collection for the Tsunami appeal raised £176.50 so we would like to thank everyone who so kindly gave donations to this good cause.

KATH & IAIN

We thank Mrs Joan Berry, Lynda and Family for Altar flowers in Loving Memory of Elizabeth Reeves a dear mother and grandmother on 28th January.

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

L.F.

***Shrove Tuesday Buffet & Quiz***

A Shrove Tuesday Buffet & Quiz is being planned as a Team social event. It'll take place in St. Stephen's School at 7pm on Tuesday 5th March.

If you'd like to come and join in, please look out for our usual "sign up" sheet in church, or ask someone to put your name on it for you. We'll be asking people to contribute items to the shared buffet and looking forward to seeing what Shrove Tuesday dishes people come up with!

Julian is planning and running this event, so you can ask him for more details.... but don't expect him to give you a sneak preview of the quiz questions! He's working out a plan to ensure that teams aren’t too big, in the interests of fair competition, and also that teams have members of all three team churches in them, to make for a true “coming together” evening rather than an inter-church rivalry evening.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*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.



January 2019

A letter from the Team Rector

**‘Bones are a different matter’**

Prior to Christmas 2018 I was given a copy of Sir Alex Ferguson’s autobiography to read over the festive period by Adrian, my beloved father-in-law. In his autobiography, Sir Alex writes about the players he managed during his long period as the Manchester United football manger, including Roy Keane and David Beckham. He writes of the injury that David Beckham suffered before a World Cup tournament:

*‘The obsession with David’s recovery was predictable. An oxygen tent found its way to Carrington. We had good results from that device on Roy Keane’s hamstring injury before a European game. Bones are a different matter. The cure is rest. It’s time. A metatarsal is a six-to-seven week injury’ (p71)*

Well I am no David Beckham or Roy Keane, but I can now bear testimony to the reflection that it is time that heals broken bones.

On Thursday 27th December, Heather and I were out for an afternoon walk in Astley with some members of our family. It was 2.15pm. I slipped on wooden decking and crashed to the floor. I heard the crack as I went down and could see my right foot moving freely. I knew instantly that I had suffered some sort of fracture or break.

I was given immediate attention by family members and passing members of the local community. I was covered in blankets and Mike knelt for over an hour with his knee under my right knee to take the pressure off the damaged leg. Thank you. Although a defibrillator was sourced at the request of the emergency service it was thankfully not needed as the ambulance arrived at 3.45pm before I went into shock. Gas and air were administered. I was transferred to the ambulance and taken to the Royal Bolton Hospital.

X-rays revealed that I had suffered a complete fracture to the lower part of my right tibia and a partial fracture of the upper right fibula. I was duly admitted on to Ward G3 and surgery followed the day after. The surgical procedure involved the insertion of an intramedullary nail and screws top and bottom to the right tibia, which is inserted via the knee cap and with a bit of drilling to the top of the tibia.

**An Example**



It is an amazing procedure. As I result a plaster cast was not necessary; heavy bandaging was required for two weeks following the operation to protect the wounds and the fibula prior to the removal of stitches.

On a scale of 1 to 10, the pain I experienced was 11. It was excruciating. The pain is still significant but is under control most of the time. As I write this piece I am at home with my right leg elevated and with crutches on hand as I am able to walk around the house as the doctors are OK with me using my right leg for weight bearing. There continues to be pain and swelling in the right leg, but x-rays have shown that the bones are knitting together well.

I would like to express my thanks for the get well messages and cards that I have received from folk across the team and for your prayers. I would like to express my gratitude to the staff who work at Royal Bolton Hospital for their holistic care; I never once felt like the broken leg in bed two. I would like to express my thanks to the team for covering the inevitable gaps in the rota caused by my unforeseen sickness absence. I would to thank my lovely and patient wife, Heather for her TLC which has brought much comfort during this period. I am on the mend, but it will take time to be fully fit. As Sir Alex Ferguson reflects in his autobiography, ‘bones are a different matter.’