**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 (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.**

**June 2019**



Parish News

**OFFICIALS**

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

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***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**

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**Churchwarden: Mr. Iain Hodcroft**

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**Treasurer**

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

**June Edition 2019**

Dear friends in Christ

The words grace and peace are found in all of Paul’s greetings in his [New Testament](https://www.bing.com/search?q=New+Testament&filters=sid%3aa02fa319-1919-b3d2-9ff3-2c326793715f&form=ENTLNK) letters to the churches. And in his letters to Timothy and Titus, he also includes mercy: **“Grace,** mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord”.

For me, the peace of God is that stillness and calmness that is God’s gift. It is not something that we can earn or buy, bottle or store. God’s peace comes to us from the eternal fellowship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Grace and mercy can be more difficult to articulate. For me, they are interconnected. I understand mercy to be when an individual who deserves punishment or the withdrawal of a reward does not receive this punishment. Think for a moment of a child who has disobeyed their parents in some way. The punishment is the withdrawal of pocket money for a month. A parent acts mercifully towards their child by not implementing this punishment. When we say that God is a merciful judge we are reflecting our belief that God’s nature is to withhold the punishment that our sins deserve.

For me, grace is then receiving rewards when we don’t deserve them. Applying this to the child who has disobeyed their parents, they receive a greater reward of a trip to the cinema with their friends. This is how God relates to us; not only does God withhold the punishment that is ours because of our sins He pours out His love upon us and adopts us into His eternal family giving us the status of being daughters and sons of God. That is why familial language is used in our liturgies.

Our programme for the Team Weekend at Scargill in May focussed on ‘Places and Spaces for Grace’. In the gospels we read time and again of how Jesus creates a space for God’s grace, for God’s love to come to people and be experienced by personally irrespective of their status. So there are healing encounters, feasting miracles, restoration conversations throughout the gospels.

Our churches are called to be ‘Places and Spaces for Grace’. We gave some thought about what that might mean for us in the team. We will further this conversation at an open meeting on Tuesday 18th June starting with summer refreshments at 7.00pm and ending by 9.00pm at St Stephen’s. This is open to all to attend irrespective of whether you joined us for the weekend at Scargill.

With prayers for the parish.

Revd Martin Cox, Team Rector.

**From the Registers April 2019**

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| **Date Service Communicants Children Adults**

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| 7th  | Morning Praise  |   |   | 6 |
|   |  Sung Eucharist | 42  | 9 | 43 |
| 14th  | Holy Communion  | 5 |   | 5 |
|   | Morning Praise  |   | 9  | 43 |
|   | Team Evensong |   |   | 27 |
| 16th  | Funeral |   |   | 80 |
| 19th  | Daily Prayer  |   |   | 7  |
|   | Ecumenical Service  |   | 24  | 124  |
| 21st  |  Holy Communion | 6 |   | 7 |
|   |  Sung Eucharist | 63  | 11  | 63 |
|   | Holy Baptism  |   | 14  | 40 |
| 23rd  | St Geo 20th Aniv  |   | 170  | 45  |
| 26th  | Team Prayers  |   |   | 5  |
| 28th  |  Morning Prayer |   |   | 5  |
|   | Sung Eucharist with APCM  | 39  | 6  | 40  |
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**Collection Totals April 2019**

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| **Cash Cash GA Planned Giving GA Planned giving**£243.83 £00.00 £245.00 £297.40**Regular anonymous gift to the Restoration Fund** £10-00 / per week**Donations** £10.00 **Organ** £20.00 **Com. Fund** £16.00 |

**Welcome to the Family**

Asa-James Johnson

Michael Charles McAlpine

Nellie Olivia Payne

*Newly Baptised*

**Consolation**

To the families of

Alan Stewart Cottam

Patrick Fearnhead

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

Our grateful thanks go to Susie for all her hard work in arranging for the Parkside Colliery Male Voice Choir to come to St. George’s on Saturday 18th May 2019. This was really enjoyed by all the people who attended.

Congratulations, Love and Best Wishes to Catherine and Hal Eccles and Family on the safe arrival of a beautiful son Thomas from all your Friends at St. George’s.

KATH & IAIN



**June Flower List**

'We thank the following members of our congregation

for Altar flowers in June”

 2nd June. “Open for Offers”

 9th June. “Open for Offers”

 16th June. Mrs J Grundy

 23rd June. Legacy of Mr Clifford Cook

 30th June. Mrs Elsie Winward

On 11th May we thank all the family of Patricia Taylor for Altar flowers in her Loving Memory. Forever in their thoughts..

Thank you to Margaret Connor, Stuart and Beatrice who provided Altar flowers with Loving Birthday Memories of her dear husband Dave on 19th May.

On 26th May we celebrated the wedding of Sarah Cope and Craig McBride. We thank them for the additional flowers in church and wish them both every Happiness in their future life together.

Many thanks to Keith for his continued support of the Flower fund.

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

L.F.

About an hour before the Archdeacon’s Visitation on 22nd of May, Kath rang to remind me that Alan needed a ‘churchwarden’s report’ for the next parish news sheet. I didn’t tell her I’d already had a reminder email from Alan himself and that I had in fact begun to write some notes.

I’m just back from that service at Leigh Parish Church, that was significant in that it admitted wardens, sidespersons and PCC members into office for the year.

It also marked the retirement of Kath as Church Warden, a position

at St George’s she has held for a considerable period; around 10 years at a guess – I don’t think she knows how long herself!

There wouldn’t have been much training about the job, there tends

to be an assumption that you learn

as you go along. Kath must have been a quick learner, as she has been managing the church in her own inimitable fashion for what seems like forever! If a job needs doing, Kath is there. If a contractor needs contacting, Kath is on the phone in an instant. If money needs counting and banking, Kath assumes responsibility. If a volunteer is needed, Kath is already saying ‘well I can do it, if you’d like me to’.

To say that Kath is going to be missed as warden is an understatement; she will be missed in very many ways, by a whole range of people. Her ministry has been outstanding, and we thank her for it. She will not be allowed to disappear, she will continue to contribute as a sideswoman and in many other ways and we thank her for that, but we’ll also try to slow her down and let others take on some of the responsibility for making sure church continues to be managed well.

The visitation also formally marked another retirement. Alf’s health has visibly become poorer in the last couple of years or so and he continues to carry ‘carer’ responsibilities at home. He has seemed weary at times, so in an earlier conversation, Alf was helped to say that he wished to retire as verger. He has been encouraged to stay in post until the end of May, and he has stated his wish to continue to help, where and when he can, into the future. He is likely to be asked to continue to officiate at funerals until a new verger can be appointed and of course he will continue as a sidesman.

We thank Alf for his faithful and diligent service over many years, probably longer than Kath!

Thanks of course are also extended to all those who have been pressganged or volunteered into both formal roles (sidespersons and PCC members) and informal roles (hospitality ministry, childrens ministry and flower ministry etc).

It seems that most people who come to church, volunteer to help in one way or another and we all benefit from this co-operative approach to parish life.

As we examine our role in continuing to develop church for a different world and advance teamwork with our sister churches, we expect more subtle changes and refinements to parish life to take place.

During the coming month we will say our goodbyes to Julian and Pam Hartley and offer our best wishes and prayers for their continuing ministry elsewhere in the diocese. We will also need to uphold Martin in prayer as he takes on additional responsibilities as Area Dean.

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**Results from 2019 APCM:**

**Churchwarden:** Iain Hodcroft

**Deanery Synod:** Susie Mallon

**Sidespersons:** Kath Topping

 Alf Osborne

 Margaret Hook

 Ruth Kerfoot

 Geoff Hilton

 John Lemon

**PCC Members:** Alan Murgatroyd

 Kath Topping

 Libby Brundrett

 Audrey Hayes

 Christine Howell

 Sue Hulme

 Amy Farrer

 Susie Mallon

 David Kerfoot

 Michael McAlpine