



Holy Trinity



St.
Gabriel

The Parish of The Good Shepherd, Ashton-under-Lyne



St. James



St. Peter



St. Michael and All Angels

September 2018

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Editorial

September is the time when we get back to our normal routines after the summer break. It's a good opportunity to ask how God wants us to make a difference in our workplace, school, family or with friends. Paul writes:

*'And **whatever you do**, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.'* (Colossians 3:17).

As disciples, we are called to do the ordinary things in the name of Jesus, i.e. *act in the way Jesus would in our situation.*

'WHATEVER you do': God is at work in every aspect of our lives. He can use whatever we do to make a difference to those around. Do we believe this? Our lives shouldn't be like an orange, segmented into the sacred and secular, but more like an apple, in which the whole is available to God.

'Whatever YOU do': God wants to use us to make a difference to the people and places where we spend time. We can trust Him for the resources we need hour by hour, day by day, year by year. What do we need from Him?

'Whatever you DO': Our work is for God alone, out of gratitude for God's love for us. How does this perspective make a difference when what we do seems hard, unrewarding, or unappreciated by others?

'Work doesn't take us away from God; it continues the work of God.' (Eugene Peterson).

If you would like to submit an article, we would love to hear from you!!

The views expressed in articles in this magazine are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the Parish of The Good Shepherd. The editor reserves the right to amend articles as appropriate, for editorial purposes. Please consider writing something for the magazine yourself! And, if you have any comments to make on the Magazine you can contact the editor, Roger Farnworth on 0161 330 2771 or talk to a member of your DCC or PCC who will pass on any comments that are made.

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The Parish Prayer

Father God, whose Son came to bring love and peace to the world, help us to grow in faith and share our hope and joy with all whom we meet, so that we can work together to build your kingdom in Ashton, welcome new people into our churches, and be relevant to those around us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear friends



Infinity Initiatives

I have been in Ashton-Under-Lyne for over a year now and what a year! It has been a wonderful year of welcome and adventure in the Parish of The Good Shepherd and for that I thank you all very much.

One of my particular highlights has been a growing involvement in Infinity Initiatives, a great nonprofit organization that provides advocacy and support for those with multiple needs- including poverty, substance misuse, crime, and housing. I first got involved with Infinity Initiatives soon after I began my curacy here after attending the opening of their wonderful pay-what-you-can café. Over the following months I had the privilege of getting to know the staff, attend informative sessions around benefit systems, and begin building links with The Parish of The Good Shepherd.

The level of support has been great across our community. As a parish, we have shared our harvest festival supplies with their community pantry, St Gabriel's provided Christmas boxes for families and children around Ashton-Under-Lyne, and many members of our congregations have supported them by using their cafe. People have been very generous, donating blankets and clothes, televisions and fridge freezers! We also have a collection tin in nearly all five churches (and I've even put one in

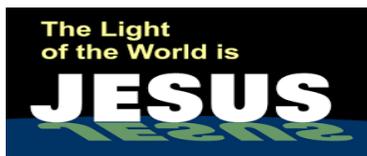
Market Grounds Coffee Bar! A great place for a cuppa and one of my favourite places in Ashton!) Finally, St Peter's Primary School are hoping to do Christmas boxes for local families like St Gabriel's did last year! All of which is wonderful stuff for the local community.

I see the Infinity Initiatives like the hub in the middle of the spokes of a wheel. It connects many different groups and organisations that are trying to serve people in Ashton-Under-Lyne. The team have built strong links with, for example, the staff of the Station pub and Greystones, another organisation that helps rehabilitate men. Together they offer expertise and resources and can use them to great effect to provide much needed support for our community. Pauline Town, owner of the Station pub still goes out everyday with over 30 lunches for homeless men and women around Ashton-Under-Lyne. This is amazing but also time restraining. By working together, the Infinity Initiatives and Pauline have managed to make sure people in need receive the right support they require.

The Infinity Initiatives is only about working and supporting the homeless- they have many more feathers in their hat! If you are struggling to understand your benefits, go. If you are struggling

to get food, go. If you cannot afford clothes, go. If you work all hours and still struggle to make ends meet, go. The team are welcoming, knowledgeable, and simply fantastic.

I appreciate that some people haven't had the opportunity to meet these amazing people or visit the café yet. That is why I wanted to write this article- to keep you up to date with what is going on and the impact the team are having in Ashton-Under-Lyne. The reality is that many of us may not see where our donations go. We may never be thanked by the person who received our old television, but that is not why we do it. We do it because if those around us are struggling to live life to the full, how can we? Jesus says when we feed the hungry, cloth the poor, visit the isolated, we also do it to him. In doing so, we are reflecting the hope of God's kingdom – where EVERYONE is living life to the fullest- now! We sometimes pray together after Communion, "we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world." We are a parish of five churches in a small area surrounding Ashton-Under-Lyne. We can make a huge difference to this area by supporting groups like the Infinity Initiatives. We can take the light of the Spirit into the world in a very real and practical way.



If you do find yourself with something extra, please drop out into Infinity Initiatives. They also work closely with The Wooden Canal Boat Society if you require something larger to be collected. I have been told they will collect it for free if you explain it is for the Infinity Initiatives.

To close, let me give you a heads up on a new project that is being developed in connection with Infinity Initiatives and Greystones. It is called 'Pathways' and is being set up by an individual who has, themselves, been supported by the two groups. The project aims to offer a collection and up-cycling service for unwanted furniture. The idea is to provide furniture for people who finally get into a new home, having been homeless. I was told that people do get a settlement grant, but it is soon used up on a cooker, white goods, a bed, and curtains. After all these are bought, some people don't have enough left over to buy chairs to sit on. Pathways will hire a storage facility to keep donations until they are needed and also hopes to offer people the opportunity to learn how to reupholster furniture and develop other new skills. Expect to see more details in the pew sheet when it is up and running!

Let us support these local initiatives, let us do good for the sake of doing good, let us never do it for our own gain and remember that all we do, we do to the glory of Christ.

With love and prayers, Ben



Ask, Seek and Knock

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9)

Please choose a focus for each week of the month or pray for all of the following issues throughout the month, as you prefer. There is a prayer at the end to draw it all together if you're unsure how to start or finish your prayers.

This month:

- Please pray for our town centre here in Ashton. Pray that the businesses prosper and that people can find work to support their families. Pray also that the decision makers in the town make wise decisions with compassion for all.
- Please pray for our farmers, that they overcome the difficulties presented by a very hot and dry summer. Pray that their harvests can sustain their livelihoods and that they have sufficient supplies to help them to financially and practically survive the winter months.
- Spend a moment to make a list of those that you know who are ill or in need of God's healing touch at this time. Please pray for God to heal them, take away pain, get rid of any illness and to bring them comfort.

Lord, we offer you our prayers. Hear us as we bring our concerns to you and help us to place them into your hands in confidence that you will hear us.

Amen

Scouts Please!

3rd Ashton Scout Group are looking for new members ages 10^{1/2}yrs to 14yrs. We meet every Tuesday at 7.15pm to 9.00pm at St James Church.



For more information contact Tina
Group Scout Leader - 07411773336 or tina@dah.co.uk

St James' Goghs for Gold

School awarded 'Best Primary School Garden' at the RHS Tatton Park Flower Show for a design inspired by Van Gogh



The Van Gogh themed garden.

Pupils at St James' Church of England Primary School represented their school by participating in the RHS Tatton Park Flower Show. Following months of hard work, they won 'Best Primary School Garden' for their Van Gogh themed garden in July 2018. This is the first time the school has won the award. Over the last two weeks, Year 4 set up and presented their garden, all of which was grown on the school site. The class had help from other adults and children in school.

Earlier in the year, the class found out about their theme: Van Gogh. They planted and grew flowers and other plants,

and they made sure that they were kept watered, even during the holidays, when a kind volunteer came in to help.

Four pupils went to Whitworth Gallery and presented their model garden to other schools.

The class recycled tomato tins from an Italian restaurant, stuck pictures of Van Gogh's paintings on the tomato cans and the backdrop, and varnished them. They also used recycled wood for the props.

When Year 4 found out that they had won via Twitter, at first they did not know what to think. Then, they started to jump around with joy.

Winning the flower show was a great achievement. Jess, aged 9, said, "I nearly fainted when I found out!" Yaseen, aged 8, was amazed that they had won and wanted to say a big thank you to everyone involved!



How many paintings can you spot?

Mrs Marsh, the Headteacher at St James', was quoted as saying, "I'm very proud of all the hard work done by Year 4 and the whole school team effort to support them. Year 4 organised Mr Faithfull and Mrs Sykes beautifully. The finished garden was stunning."

Year 4 thought the show was incredible to visit and commented that they hoped that the next class would enjoy the project just as much as they did.

Class 4



Model of the artist, Van Gogh.

Ashton School Wins Prestigious Award at Royal Tatton Flower Show!



St. James' Church of England Primary School in Ashton are the proud winners of the 'Best Primary School Garden' at this year's Royal Horticultural Society Tatton Flower Show.

The school has taken part in the schools' section of the competition for the last 4 years and are justifiably ecstatic about this fantastic achievement.

This year the theme for the schools taking part was Artists and

St James' created a colourful display around the work of Van Gogh. As well as an array of colourful blooms all grown in the school garden, the pupils created a dazzling exhibition that included references to his most famous paintings, a lifelike image of Van Gogh painting, and vibrant 3D collages on wood that formed a natural pathway through the garden.





During the 5 days of the show, pupils and staff manned their garden and talked to members of the public about how their garden had been created.

The school was also runner-up in the Peoples' Choice award, which reinforces the praise that they received by many visitors to the show who asked the children lots of questions and took many pictures of their garden.

The show was the culmination of many months of hard work

that included designing, making a 3D mock-up of their garden and presenting their proposed project to all the schools involved and the organisers of the competition. Following this all the elements of their design had to be created and the plants grown in the gardens at school in time for the show last week. A book outlining how the garden has been developed from start to finish was also on display at the show along with their 3D model.

Verna Marsh, the Headteacher at St James' said, "I'm over the moon for the staff and children who have worked so hard to complete this outstanding garden which has received so much praise. It has been a real team effort by the staff and pupils, particularly Andy Faithfull, Jeanette Sykes and



Class 4. We truly believe in the importance of our pupils understanding and valuing their environment and using the arts and physical activity to support, enhance and inspire their learning experiences."

Shelagh Walton, Chair of Governors

What's On?



Café Church at St James' Church

*Wednesday 12th September
1.45pm*

*Informal worship with
tea, coffee and a chat.
Everyone is welcome*



Pick 'n' Mix Prayer

4 Evenings of prayer starting
**Wednesday 12 September 7.30pm -
8.30pm at St Gabriel's Church,**
exploring a variety of ways
of prayer from a treasure trove
of traditions, led by
Rev'd Liz Devall from St John's Hurst.
Please do not arrive before 7.15pm.

St. Michael's Open Days

*St. Michael's is open every
Thursday 10.30am to 3.00pm
The Eucharist will take place
as usual at 11.00am*

Fashion Show
Friday 14th September
7.00pm at the Broadoak Hotel
Shop to Drop
Tickets £5.00 (£2.50 under 16's)
Please support
3rd Ashton Scout Group
Tickets from Tina on 07411773336



Heritage Open Days 2018

St Peter's Church will be open on
Friday 7th - 10am to 4pm
Saturday 8th - 10am to 4pm
Sunday 9th - 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Light refreshments available

St Michael's Church will be open on
Friday September 14th
Saturday September 15th
Church Open 10-00am to 4-00pm
Guided Tours 10-30am and 2-00pm
Organ Recital Saturday 1-00pm
*Exhibition, Souvenirs, Refreshments
and Children's Corner*

St James' Church will be open
Saturday 15th September
11.00pm - 3.00pm
*Displays and information, plus
refreshments available all day*

Fr Jules has a new job!



On Sunday 5th August we announced that Fr. Jules has been offered a new job by the Bishop of Manchester. This was the announcement that Archdeacon Cherry asked us to make on that Sunday:

"Following due process, we are delighted to announce that the Bishop of Manchester has appointed Revd. Jules Mambu to the post of Priest in Charge of St Lawrence Denton and Assistant Curate at St Anne's Haughton. He will take on responsibility of St Anne's when Fr Alec retires in November.

Jules will live at St Lawrence Rectory and will move in as soon as any necessary work has been done.

The licensing date will depend on Bishop Mark and Archdeacon Cherry's diaries, but we are hopeful that it will be sometime in October/November.

Please pray for Jules as he prepares to leave the parish of the Good Shepherd Ashton where he has been serving his curacy. Please also pray for the Audenshaw and Denton Mission Partnership as well as the two parishes where Jules will serve."

We now know that Jules licensing service will take place at 3pm on 4th November. We have yet to confirm which Sunday will be Jules' last Sunday in the Parish of the Good Shepherd. We will keep everyone informed.



St Gabriel's Church Ladies Pamper Evening

Various treatments available including massage, reflexology, facials, eyebrow shaping and tinting, nails, make up etc.
Refreshments available including wine - have a fun girls night out!

Friday 12th October at 7.30pm

Tickets £4

Contact Sandra Kiy 07740 766687

For 2018, the Rev Michael Burgess is exploring symbols of the Christian faith as found in works of art.

‘He gave us eyes to see them’ The Church of the Multiplication at Tabgha

All the saints have their special symbols. When we see a saint in a window or painting carrying loaves of bread, we know it is St Philip. It was Philip who wondered how the multitude gathered around Jesus could be fed in John 6. Our Lord met their hunger with just five loaves and two fish.

Bread has always been a staple food in the Holy Land, and in July the media reported that the oldest bread had been found in the remains of a Jordanian fire 14,000 years ago. Today all kinds of bread are sold in our bakeries and supermarkets. Each country has its own way of producing bread, but at heart it is the same procedure combining the four ancient elements of life: earth, air, water and fire - earth producing the grain for flour, air to transform the dough, water added to the mix, and fire to bake the bread.

Bishop Geoffrey Rowell tells the story of sharing a picnic with some Lebanese Christians. Fragments of the bread were scattered on the ground, and he idly cracked them with his feet. The reaction was immediate. ‘Don’t do that’ one said. ‘It is bread. It is life.’ John tells us in chapter 6 how bread is a sign of life for the people, and a sign that points to Jesus whose life is generously shared with others.



A church was built on the site of that miracle at Tabgha by the north-west shore of the Sea of Galilee. It is called the Church of the Multiplication. On the floor in front of the altar is a 5th century mosaic depicting the loaves and fish – beautiful and immediate in its simplicity.

We enter our own churches and see bread offered on the altar at every eucharist, and rejoice that Jesus is our host as He was by the Sea of Galilee. He comes to us with the same invitations: ‘Take and eat. See and believe.’ He offers us the bread of life. But more than that: He offers us the bread of eternal life.

Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life.” John 6. 35

About the Psalms

Athanasius said: 'Most Scripture speaks to us; the Psalms speak for us.' They are powerful tools for devotion and prayer in our lives.



Psalm 8 – and the wonders of Creation

In this harvest season, the created universe can inspire our worship, as it did for David: *'Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!'*

What did David see? 'When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place' (3). David was moved to worship as he meditated on the night sky and saw the moon and stars pointing to their Maker. His words point to the work of a great artist, whose art reflects the character of the artist Himself. How vast is the universe in which we live! It speaks of a creation shot through with meaning and purpose, demonstrating the tremendous wisdom and power of God. As creation speaks of the greatness of God, it demands our allegiance and loyalty to Him in all aspects of our lives.

What did David feel? 'what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?' (4). In the light of creation's vastness, we can feel a little insignificant! Why do human beings exist on this tiny planet in such a vast universe? However, David goes on to answer his own question: *'You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honour.'* (5).

Human beings have a unique relationship to God, because we are created in His image. We are the means by which the invisible God is made visible to His creation. We are called to be partners with God in doing His work in the world, to care for the earth rather than exploiting it. It is a precious resource, along with the creatures it contains!

By the Revd Paul Hardingham



TAMESIDE FESTIVAL CHORUS

SINGING DAY - VIVALDI'S GLORIA RV589

Saturday 15TH September 2018 10.00am – 4.45pm

St. Peter's Church, Manchester Road, Ashton-u-Lyne OL7 0LB

An opportunity to work on Vivaldi's best-known choral piece, under the guidance of John Miles, Musical Director of the Tameside Festival Chorus, with an informal performance at the end of the day.

The fee for the day is £20 (£5 for under 19's and students in full-time education), to include music hire.

Registration is at 9.30am

Rehearsal begins at 10am

Tea and coffee provided (bring a packed lunch)

Singers at all levels, beginners or experienced, welcome. For more information and for registration forms contact

John Miles on 01457 763701.

Completed form with registration fee to be received by 31st August

Performance at 4.00pm - Audience Admission Free

Warm Welcome

**Every Tuesdays & Fridays
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	MONDAY	Kushmidid 10am - 2.30pm	Life in the UK 9.30am - 11.30am	Women's Health & Wellbeing 1pm - 3pm	Youth Provision 6pm - 9pm
	TUESDAY	ESOL 9.30am - 11.30am	Warm Welcome 11.45am - 1.30pm	Women's Exercise Class 1.30pm - 3pm	Martial Arts 6.30pm - 9.30pm
	WEDNESDAY	Neonatal Knitters 10.30am - 1pm	Women's Health & Wellbeing 1pm - 3pm	Youth Provision 6pm - 9pm	Community Organising 5 Sessions
	THURSDAY	Women's Exercise Class 9.15am - 10.45am	Talk English 1.30pm - 3pm School Ready	Martial Arts 6.30pm - 9.30pm	
	FRIDAY	Creative English 9.30am - 11.30am	Warm Welcome 11.45am - 1.30pm	Youth Provision (Curzon Ashton) 8.30pm - 10pm	
	SATURDAY	Weight Watchers 7.45am - 11.45am			
	SUNDAY	Women and Girls Group 12 midday - 3pm (after Ramandan)			

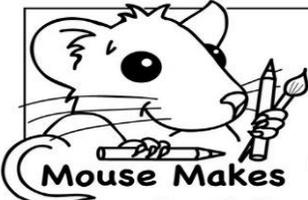
Some Thank You's from Barry Bowden

Thank you Roger for your report on Uganda. Quite a lot has been done in 15 years and, although our help isn't actually hands-on, finances are always a governing factor with any project. So our financial help has been worthwhile for John and Alice Tumusiime and everyone involved.

God's will be done and be seen to be done – so thank you God for all your ways in us and through us. Amen.

Thank you Jules for your comments about reading our bible and why we should do so.

Thank you Ben for your comments on The Lord's Prayer – I hope in future it will mean more to us when we say it.



Mouse Makes

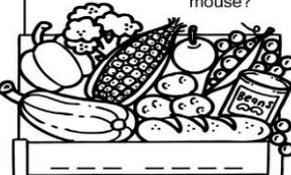
Can you find the mouse?

A HARVEST PUZZLE

Change each letter to the letter **before** it in the alphabet to see how QSPWFSCT 3:9 says we can give thanks to God.



IPOPVS



UIF MPSE



XJUI



ZPVS



XFBMUI



BOE UIF



GJSTU



QBSU PG



ZPVS



IBSWFTU

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Which two boxes have the same harvest food?

September 2018 - Parish Sunday Services

14th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	St James	Holy Communion + Baptism
Sunday 2 nd September	9.30am	St Gabriel	Holy Communion+Junior Church
	11.00am	St Peter	Baptism & Service of the Word
	11.00am	St Michael	Holy Communion + Baptism

15th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	St James	Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th September	9.30am	St. Gabriel	All Age Service of The Word
	11.00am	St Michael	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St Peter	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	St James	St James on Sunday Afternoon

16th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	St. James	Family Communion
Sunday 16 th September	9.30am	St Gabriel	Holy Communion+Junior Church
	11.00am	St. Peter	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Michael	Holy Communion

17th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	St James	Holy Communion
Sunday 23 rd September	9.30am	St Gabriel	All Age Service of The Word
	11.00am	St Peter	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St Michael	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	St James	St James on Sunday Afternoon

18th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	St James	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 th September	9.30am	St. Gabriel	All Age Service of The Word
	11.00am	St Michael	Holy Communion
	11.00am	St Peter	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	St James	St James on Sunday Afternoon

Harvest Services will be held on Sunday 14th October 2018

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Consider this.....

A friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart.

A man is as big as the things that make him angry. - Winston Churchill

Our whole life is taken up with anxiety for personal security, with preparations for living, so that we really never live at all. - Leo Tolstoy

Parish Notices

From the August registers:



Baptisms:

We give thanks with the families of:

Thomas Steven Andrew Anderton (July)

Weddings:

There were no weddings in August

Funerals:

We pray for the families of:

Denise Symes
Anthony Rowarth

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Smile Lines....



- A wise schoolteacher sent this note to all parents on the first day of school: 'If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he or she says happens at home.'
- Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.

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