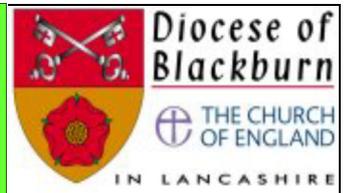




All Saints Higher Walton

NEWSLETTER 7th October 2018



Our Vision : To be a Church maturing in faith, growing in fellowship and serving our community

Contact for baptisms or weddings Geoff Woods 07876 357576
: for funerals Keith Houston 01772 315918

Visit our website
www.allsaintshigherwalton.org.uk

A REMINDER ABOUT SUNDAY SERVICES, IN CASE ANYONE HAS MISSED IT

During the vacancy, while the process of appointing a new vicar is being followed, there will be one service each Sunday at 10.00am. This will include Holy Communion on the 2nd, 3rd and (where applicable), 5th Sunday.

The 8am BCP Holy Communion (said) will continue on the 1st and 4th Sundays. You will be very welcome at any of the services.

LOOKING THROUGH THE RAINBOW



‘Stained glass windows are like saints; you look through them to see God,’ wrote Bishop Michael Marshall some time ago. Still looking at signs in the sky, this week we consider God’s creative art in ‘placing the rainbow in the clouds’ Genesis 9:13. Beautifully colourful as rainbows are, there is far more to them than meets the eye. God intends us to see his divine nature of love, above all else.

The rainbow occurs four times in Genesis 9 marking a new beginning in the history of mankind. When God completed the creation he saw that it was good, a gift for mankind to enjoy daily in close fellowship with him but all this nosedived when mankind disobeyed him in a devastating way which brought death and destruction into his world. By Genesis 6 we read that God saw that ‘everything (humans) thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil’. Through mankind’s disregard for God’s law, his sense of righteousness and justice were irreversibly challenged bringing on the flood that engulfed Noah’s world. There comes a point where God is bound to confront wickedness.

With God’s justice comes mercy and compassion, we read ; when all is newly restored he assures Noah, and therefore you and me, that never again will such a flood of Biblical proportion overwhelm the earth. Even though human nature is consistently to lust after evil in defiance of his love, God will remain faithful to the promise or covenant he made with Noah and all creation; he signed it with his rainbow. Moreover Noah and his generation were to prosper and fill the earth; the animals, birds and small creatures were to flourish, even harvests would be plentiful. Talking about Harvest takes us forward to give thanks for the rich blessings God gives us so freely in seed time and harvest; even to this day.

As we look through the rainbow we learn so much about the kindness and goodness of God; he dealt totally with our disobedience when he allowed Jesus to die for us on the cross and to rise victorious over sin and death, the innocent dying in our guilty place. In his mercy he makes time for us to turn around and obey him, he is faithful to his promise, but his righteous justice leads him to draw a final line when it will be too late as it was in Noah’s day; Jesus` words in Luke 17:27 make sober reading. ‘Somewhere over the rainbow’ there’s wishful thinking of a land of blue skies without troubles where bluebirds might fly and dreams come true but why can’t I fly there too, so the song goes. We all know there’s no pot of gold at the bottom of the rainbow but by looking *through* the rainbow we find the Lord God who has made it all possible!

David Woodhouse

Today is our Harvest Celebration.

Gifts of Plants/flowers or cakes will be distributed in the parish. Canned and packaged good will go to the Salvation Army Food Bank



LIFE GROUPS

Whittle Life Group meets every other Wed 8pm at Jill Smith’s home. After some time off over summer we are meeting again on **Oct 10th**. We’d love to welcome anyone new who’d like to join us as we start back together. It’s a great way to make new friends whilst exploring our faith together. For information on this or any of other life groups or to see the feedback from current life groups members speak to Jill Smith or visit the website at

www.allsaintshigherwalton.org.uk

Other Groups meet on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7.30pm at June Hart`s home in Hoghton and on Mondays at 10.00am at Dawn Hindley`s in Higher Walton.

For any more information, contact Jill on 07977 269039 or email jillsarahsmith@gmail.com

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS
30th September Interment of Ashes
Gerard Hollingsworth

died 18th December 2017 aged 69



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CHURCH FLOWERS

7th October
Geoff & Marilyn Woods

14th October
In memory of Malcolm Whittle



AN INVITATION FROM THE MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Group ladies would like to invite you to a special talk from Grasmere Gingerbread. Come and listen to their story and hear about their famous gingerbread.

This is being held on **Monday 19 November at 8pm in Higher Walton Community Centre**. Admission is just £2 including tea/coffee and biscuits



All Saints Parish Church Higher Walton

You are invited to join with millions remembering 100 years since the end of World War 1

ACT OF COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 11th November 2018 at 10:30am

Service of Remembrance and Wreath Laying at the War Memorial

Followed by FREE PEACE PARTY in Church – all very welcome!

In common with Church Towers nation wide
The Church Bells will be rung to mark the Peace

Come and see the Display of World 1 Memorabilia
and the unique Roll of Honour in Church

Wednesday 7th November 10:00 – Noon and Saturday 10th 10:30 – Noon

Watch for more events and keep in touch

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RECENT DONATIONS – THANK YOU

Heather Calderbank for reordering £40
M Entwisle in memory of Jean Entwisle £50
Use of bells £11

“Christmas and Easter may be feasts
For congregations and for priests
And so may Whitsun. All the same,
They do not fill my meagre frame.
For me the only feast at all
is Autumn’s Harvest Festival,
When I can satisfy my want
With ears of corn around the font.
I climb the eagle’s brazen head
To burrow through a loaf of bread.
I scramble up the pulpit stair
To gnaw the marrows hanging there.
A Low Church mouse, who thinks that I
Am too papistical and High
Yet somehow doesn’t think it wrong
To munch through Harvest Evensong.
While I, who starve the whole year through,
Must share my food with rodents who
Except at this time of the year
Not once inside the church appear.”

An extract from
“Diary of a
Church Mouse”
by John
Betjeman



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 24 November
In church 10am- 4pm
Admission Free



Our Christmas Market is a new venture for All Saints’ Church for local crafts, local products and businesses.

On sale will be locally produced chilli sauce, jams and preserves. We have local artists selling their work. Crafts, candles, cards, Christmas decorations are also being sold along with other gifts.



CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday 1 December
11am to 2pm



The Christmas Fair this year will be in Church and will be similar to previous years. Father Christmas has promised he will be visiting. We will be having stalls so would ask for donations for the tombola, raffle, chocolate and bottles of wine. **There is a box in Church for your donations** which, as always, are very much appreciated.

Refreshments will be available at both the Christmas Market and Christmas Fair and we would appreciate donations of cakes.

We have had leaflets printed for both these events. Please could we ask that you all take a few and pass them onto your friends and distribute locally. These are available from Margaret Arton, Barbara Niven or Sandra Houghton.

We hope you will be able to support both these events.
Further details 01254 853995.

MINISTRY OF VISITING

Now that we are into the darker evenings and colder weather many people who are perhaps elderly, frail, ill, housebound or just feeling isolated, would really appreciate a visit from someone from Church - but maybe don’t like to ask.

If you know anyone who is in this situation, please have a word with Marilyn Woods.



PLEASE SUPPORT THE FOOD BANK

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