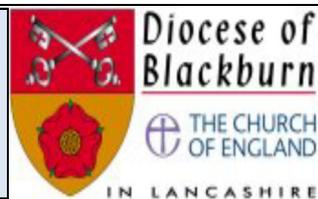




All Saints Higher Walton

NEWSLETTER 4th February 2018



For baptisms, weddings or funerals, please contact the Vicar, Rev. Simon Hunt **01772 335406**

Visit our website
allsaintshigherwalton.org.uk

LENT

On Ash Wednesday, 14th February, there will be the usual Service of Holy Communion CW at 7.30pm

LENT COURSE

We will again be running a study course during Lent. This year we will follow the Diocesan Course “**Being Witnesses**”

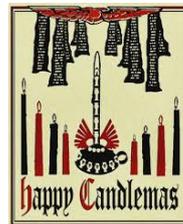


We will meet once a week for five weeks in Lent, starting w/c 18th February and finishing just before Holy Week. The meetings will be held in the same House Groups who met to follow the “Discipleship Explored” course, of which there are several, meeting at different places/times/days of the week. Anyone who did not attend these is warmly invited to join one for the Lent Course.

YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME.

For details of time & place options have a word with Simon or Margaret

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE / CANDLEMAS



In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2 February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself.

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first ‘public appearance’. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to ‘present Him to the Lord’. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was ‘purified’. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year’s supply of candles for the church on this day – hence the name, Candlemas.

The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon’s great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.



COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR
PANCAKE EVENT

SHROVE TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018

ENJOY PANCAKES (with syrup/lemon/sugar)

TEA, COFFEE AND BISCUITS
& A LIGHT-HEARTED CHAT

6.00pm at ALL SAINTS’ CHURCH
HIGHER WALTON

ALL AGES WELCOME
FREE ENTRY



ALL SAINTS HIGHER WALTON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note that the Annual General Meeting will be held in church on **Wednesday 25th April 2018 at 7.00pm.**

The Annual Report, Agenda and Minutes of last year’s AGM will be distributed well in advance of the day of the meeting.



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CHURCH FLOWERS



Over the next few months, whilst Irene recovers from her operation, requests for church flowers will result in simple displays in vases as opposed to formal arrangements.

However, if there are any "closet" flower arrangers who would be willing to help with a formal arrangement then please contact Janet Blackledge.

Thank you for your understanding

Janet

REMINDER:

DURING LENT WE DO NOT DISPLAY ANY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

HIGHER WALTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Do you have an interest in education and in the local community?

Do you have the time and enthusiasm to become involved in supporting your local primary school?

We are currently looking for new people to become members of the **Governing Body at Higher Walton C of E Primary School.**

The full governing body usually meets in the evening at least once a term and smaller groups of governors meet as committees, 3 to 6 times a year.

You don't need any specialist knowledge; governor training is provided.

If you require further information please contact the Office Manager at the school:

Tel: 01772 335945 Email: bursar@walton.lancs.sch.uk

RECENT DONATIONS – THANK YOU

Heather Calderbank	
(80th birthday) for reordering	£50
In memory of Margaret Kirby	£250
For Audrey Chambers` memorial stone	
from her friend	£10
anonymous	£17.50

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funeral 29th January

Janet Legge

Died 12th January aged 57
Interment in Churchyard



The Brindle Players celebrate their 25th Anniversary of providing high quality pantomime productions in Hoghton.

Their next production is **ONCE UPON A TIME**
By Paul Barron & Sarah Dyson

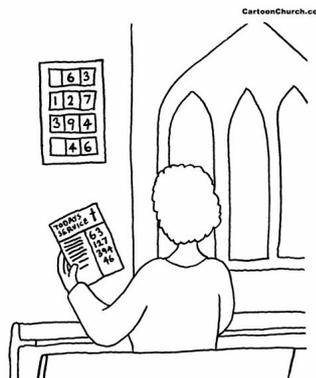
on Friday 9th – Sunday 11th February and 16th – 17th February in St. Joseph`s Parish Hall, Private Road , Hoghton. There are both evening and matinee performances, depending on the day.

Tickets : Adults £10/Concessions £6.50
Box office 07759 919040



HOW MUCH DO CHRISTIAN CHARITIES RECEIVE?

The Salvation Army Trust is bigger than you probably think it is: it has the largest annual income among ten of the biggest Christian charities in the UK, according to recent data submitted to the Charity Commission. The trust's income for 2016 was £209 million, which includes £126 million in fund-raising, making it also the highest fund-raiser on the list. Second highest was Christian Aid, with £107 million, and in third place came the Methodist Church's Independent Schools Trust (MIST), which had an annual income of £99,868,000. World Vision came fourth, with £95,372,000, and Tearfund came fifth, with £72,162,000.



She could hardly believe she'd won on her first visit to church!

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