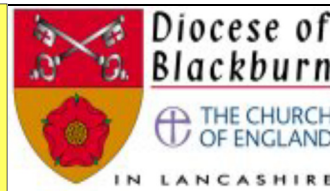




All Saints Higher Walton

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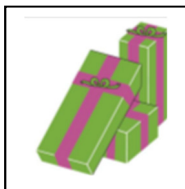
Our Vision : To be a Church maturing in faith, growing in fellowship and serving our community

Contact for baptisms or weddings Geoff Woods 07384 710512
for funerals Keith Houston 01772 315918

Visit our website
www.allsaintshigherwalton.org.uk

LENT COURSE

Starting on **13th March** on Wednesday evenings, in Church at 7:15 for 7.30pm, we will share the recommended Blackburn Diocesan Lent event called '**Generosity, Gift and Grace**' using short DVD videos to introduce each part with a time for meditation and sharing thoughts and ideas over a cup of tea. We welcome our friends from Holy Trinity Hoghton to join us as an opportunity to make the most of Lent as well as strengthening our shared lives as Christians together. We are starting at 7:15 with Refreshments so please see June Hart if you can help. To help us prepare for materials and catering, please sign the Membership Sheet at the back of Church; we look forward to welcoming everyone as we prepare for the coming months.



7th APRIL - REMINDER



We are looking forward to welcoming Rt. Rev. Julian Henderson the Bishop of Blackburn for his first visit to All Saints Church on **Sunday 7 April at 10:00 am** when he will be confirming our four Adult and five Junior Candidates and celebrating Holy Communion.

With this in mind there will be **no 8:00 am Service** on the morning of 7 April; we look forward to welcoming those who usually attend the 8:00 am Service to join us for the Confirmation Service with Communion to celebrate this special day. There will be refreshments following the Service when the Bishop would love to meet us all.



MAKING THE BEST OF LENT : Isaiah 49:16

As I stood up to speak at the Baptism Service two Sundays ago quick as a flash the words, 'See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands', came to mind. No other god, no capricious force of luck, no other whimsical power has ever made such a clear statement of personal and loving care – your name is written on the palms of my hand.

The people had broken their relationship with God; they had mixed their worship with the profane idol worship of diverse gods while ignoring the suffering of the vulnerable poor. Their worship might include the right words, they would celebrate the annual feasts, but their hearts remained unaffected, unchanged, hard and stony. Rather than being a light to the nations, they had embraced their darkness. The physical walls of Jerusalem were broken down, the moral boundaries of healthy relationships with God and each other were demolished; the people were lost in Exile from home and without hope.

Adults and children are crying in pain today from the emotional and mental stresses of the breakdown of marriage and relationships in society; there is acute suffering caused by self-harm, eating disorders, sexual exploitation, bullying, fear of rejection, loss of confidence and self-doubt. God has commissioned us his Church to bring healing and restoration through the Gospel, but how?

Jesus used his one and only Lent to consider his calling and Mission. How would he use his God-given grace? How will we? As always Satan was on hand to assist.

Was Jesus to use his miraculous power to satisfy his personal hunger? He could use his Father's generous grace to make Bread from stones for his own selfish purpose. For us God's generous grace enables us to bring the Bread of life to those without God. We can be busy with many good things while failing to share the Gospel with the needy. To avoid this selfishness we must learn how to share it.

Would Jesus use miraculous power for sensational publicity stunts by jumping from the temple roof? He chose the way of Service by suffering and sacrifice to change in Society. To plead fearfulness or ignorance to avoid the call to serve others is a denial of God's gifts to us.

Satan offered Jesus this world's kingdoms if he worshipped him. Satan would do everything to deceive people into thinking all gods are equal to the true God who has called us share his truth with today's society. Jesus reminds us, "I have written your name on the palms of my hands", hands that today carry the marks of cruel nails – is there any greater love than that ?!

David Woodhouse

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will guide you with knowledge and understanding". Jer. 3 ;15





COFFEE MORNING

In Church
Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday
From 10am- 12 noon

NEXT COFFEE MORNING : 20TH MARCH

All Ages Welcome – toys/games for children to play with.

An opportunity for a relaxed cup of coffee or tea, toast, cake, chat and browse our library section where you can borrow, swap or buy any of the books available.



CHURCH FLOWERS

We have no flowers in Church during Lent, but there is a box for donations for Easter flowers.

If you would like to provide flowers in memory of a loved one or to mark a notable occasion, please sign up on the list on the notice board or have a word with Irene Ingham 01772 312636



MINISTRY OF VISITING

If you know anyone who would appreciate a visit by someone from church, please have a word with Marilyn Woods.



GORDON & THELMA McNEILL

Just wanted everyone to know that Gordon and Thelma are now living in Finney House which is a Care Home on Deepdale Road in Preston. They have settled in really well and would welcome visitors.

Marilyn

RECENT DONATION- THANK YOU

The Hoghton Players £250

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK.....

We know some of you have been interested in how the Bible itself fits together and seeing the story as a whole. Attached is a link to session one of the Bible Course by the Bible Society which is freely available online. It's quite lengthy at 35 mins but a great overview. We are thinking of investing in the other sessions to run as a Church so please let us know what you think

biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course



ELECTORAL ROLL 2019

The Church Electoral Roll is the parish register of electors and it is a list of those entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where elections take place for:

- (a) The Parochial Church Council.
- (b) The parish's representative on the Deanery Synod.
- (c) Enrolment means that you become a voting member of the Church of England.

Every 6 years the Church Electoral Roll is required to be renewed and 2019 is such a year.

In a year of renewal no names are carried forward from the old roll and everyone entitled must make a new application to be included on the new roll.

Applications are open to all those resident in the Parish of All Saints' who are baptised and are aged 16 years or over. In addition those non-residents who can show that they have regularly attended worship in the parish during a 6 month period prior to enrolment are also entitled to make application to have their names entered on the Electoral Roll.

Application forms for the purpose of enrolment showing the qualifying conditions are available at the back of church. Completed forms must be returned to the Electoral Roll Officer (Barbara Niven) or Stephen Niven, Janet Blackledge or Geoff Woods no later than Sunday 31st March.

The completed new Electoral Roll will be displayed in church for at least 14 days prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (to be held on Wednesday 24th April) during this period any errors or omissions in the roll may be corrected.

IF you are uncertain about your eligibility to be included on the Electoral Roll or have any queries at all regarding the roll please contact the Electoral Roll Officer after any of the 10am Sunday Services or ring on 01772-312340.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism 24th February
Gracie Louise Sammons

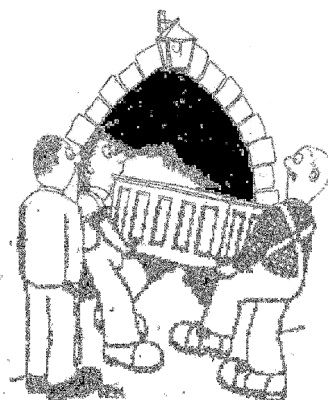


Funeral 26th February
Albert Woods

Died 9th February aged 84
Committal at Charnock Richard



We remember both families in our prayers



It was Lent, so they took it back

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