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*Dear Friends,*

**I am one of those people who love Christmas and everything that goes with it. Perhaps it harks back to my teaching days with the infectious excitement of the children, the long build up to Christmas and all that went on in school. Before the actual day itself.**

**The giving and receiving of gifts reminds us of that day, over 2,000 years ago, when we received the wonderful gift of the Christ Child, Jesus, our Saviour. The wise men gave their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the new-born. History tells us that the wise men may not actually have arrived on Christmas day itself, but the sentiment remains the same.**

**I love planning meals and writing the shopping lists; buying and decorating the tree...it has to be a real one for me...and getting our home ready to welcome family and friends.**

**However, I really do understand that for many Christmas isn't such a happy and fulfilling time. The loss of a loved one in the months before reminds them of a dreadful time, of overwhelming sadness, one which they will never forget.**

**Others will have their own their own stories about Christmas and how it has adversely affected their lives, I really can empathise with them.**

**How then can this mighty event of a child's birth affect everyone, not just those who enjoy Christmas, but those who carry such pain at this time every year?**

**At Christmas time, we want to let Jesus shine, shine in our churches, communities and lives. The angels may**



**have announced the birth but it was the shepherds who first met Jesus. Those no-nonsense, plain speaking, hardworking shepherds, living in the fields with their scruffy flocks, you might say that they were the most unlikely people for this special honour.**

**Yet this underlines for us that the Good News, the very best news of Christmas is for everyone, irrespective of social class, background, race, gender or past events that have coloured their lives.**

**All those shepherds needed to know, and all we need to know, is that God has done something unique in coming to earth in human form. This truly is good news of greatest joy for everybody!**

**After kneeling and worshipping the baby, leaving their gift of a new born lamb, the shepherds went back to the fields and their flocks, back to their everyday routine. However, they could never be the same again! Even though their work and social standing were unchanged, they were just so excited; they had seen and heard the angels, they had such an amazing message to share and they absolutely knew that after meeting the Christ Child their lives could never, would never be the same...they just weren't sure how.**



**Although we might not see angels, we do have the same wonderfully Good News to share! Jesus has come, God is with us. When Christmas is over and we're back to our normal routines, we just need to take stock and determine, how will we let Jesus show and shine in our lives in the coming year? Until then, may God be with you and bless you and all whom you love and care for this Christmas season and beyond.**

**Sue**

**St Luke's Bellringers - On behalf of myself and ALL St Luke's congregations, I should like to thank our wonderful bell ringers for their weekly commitment, time and energy to ensure that our bells ring out to welcome one and all to St Luke's Church. We are so blessed and privileged to have such a great team of campanologists and there isn't often the opportunity to pass on our thanks publicly. On Armistice Day I could hear the bells ringing from my back garden; I hope many others heard them too and, who knows, they may even gain some new recruits!**

**Sue**



**Ringling Remembers - On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Armistice which ended the First World War, the bells of St Luke's rang out just after mid-day along with the bells of nearly all the Churches in England. Back in 1918 the bells were rung to announce and celebrate the return of peace. This year the bells were rung in celebration of the anniversary at the suggestion of the Government and co-ordinated by The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. The Central Council took the opportunity of announcing an initiative to recruit 1400 new ringers throughout the country to replace and honour the 1400 ringers who lost their lives during The Great War. Countrywide the initiative has proved to be very successful, over 2000 new recruits signing up to learn to ring. Locally we have not been quite so successful and we are still appealing for new recruits at St Luke's. We practice on Tuesday evenings.  
Nigel Goulding**

**St Luke's All Soul's Service, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Along with a general invitation for people to come along, personalised letters were sent out to all families who have, in the past twelve months, had to suffer the pain of the death of a much loved family member or friend.**

**Refreshments were served beforehand so that people could gather and take their time to settle into the service. It was really good that so many took the opportunity to come to St Luke's for the evening service and I really do appreciate that for some that was a really**



**difficult and painful step to take. The service was very gentle; there were readings, hymns, a short talk and then people were invited to light a candle and float a rose petal on water if they so wished in order to remember their loved ones.**

**It is really amazing that whenever we open our church doors people wander as they are passing; it is such a privilege to spend time with them as they share their stories, some of which are very sad and distressing. We offer prayer if they want it and when they leave they often say that they feel better and have gained comfort from coming into the 'safe, quiet space' that we offer. I would like to thank our church choir members for coming to lead our singing that evening and I pray that all those who came for our All Souls Service will too have found some comfort from being with us. Sue**

### **Remembrance Sunday**

**This year our November Service of Remembrance was even more poignant as we 'celebrated' 100 years since the end of World War 1 in 1918. Some 65 million men were in action across Europe during World War 1. Nearly a third of them – some 21 million – were wounded. Another 8.5 million were killed and some 7.7 million were taken prisoners of war.**



**All of them had family and friends whose lives were changed forever by the events of 1914-1918. How sobering is that?**

**This year, during our service, three wreaths were processed to the altar. Our Rose Queen Sophie Pitt, represented our church children, Dorothy Humphreys represented not only our church congregation but also all Women who served in that war and continue to serve today, standing bravely alongside the men. Our third wreath was new, handmade by Audrey Davies, this was presented by Cara Evans who represented the children of our Sunday School and also the pupils of Farnworth CE School.**



**you**

**Thank  
to our**

**Wreath bearers, Sophie, Dorothy and Cara**

**Our Sunday School children also joined us; they gathered in Cuerdley Chapel to join in the service whilst making more 'paper plate poppies' to add to our cascade of poppies flowing from the altar.**

**I personally think that it has been good to see the First World War soldier silhouettes displayed in and around our town; a sober reminder of their sacrifice a hundred years ago.**  
**Sue**



**Thanks to Lesley, Brenda and Caroline for the lovely poppy displays.**

**Warden Barry Ingram with Michael in his family tartan trews.**



**Farnworth CE School Remembered too  
It was actually quite emotional when I walked into  
Farnworth CE Primary School and saw their  
Remembrance display in the main entrance hall... a sailor  
standing to attention flanked by streams of poppies.**



**It was al-  
to go into  
their  
ship and  
in their**

**lence. More than 400 children in the hall and not a single sound made. It is so important that our young people remember that the freedom they enjoy today did not come free but with huge personal loss; they proudly echoed the words, 'WE WILL REMEMBER THEM,' and I am super confident that they will. Sue**

**so a privilege  
school to lead  
Collective wor-  
to be involved  
time of si-**

**THANK YOU Y6**

**On Wednesday  
November 14<sup>th</sup> St Luke's  
Wednesday morning  
congregation were  
delighted to welcome  
the Y6 children from  
Farnworth CE School,**



**their teachers and some parents to their service of Holy  
Communion. The children all looked so smart in their uni-  
forms, very proud ambassadors in so many ways for Farn-  
worth CE School.**

**I have to congratulate the children on the way in which  
they engaged with the service. Two children read the  
passage that Rev'd Ian had chosen; it was Psalm 23 and  
the basis for Ian's talk. He explained that we have a God  
who is like a loving, shepherd, protecting us and guiding  
us on our journey through life.**

**Four children brought the flagons of water and of wine,  
the patten holding the wafers and the collection plate to  
the altar and then all children were able to come forward  
to join in the service.**

**After a drink and biscuit, they were able to explore  
around church to look at the many interesting features  
and to ask questions.**

**It really was good to see Mrs Fletcher's and Mrs  
Critchley's classes in our church and to have Mrs  
Stillings join us along with Teaching Assistants Mrs  
Houghton, Mrs Parr and Mrs Wallis too...you were all  
most welcome and it was a joy to have you join us.  
Sue**

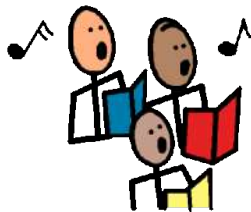




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**We had such fun recently when we went to 'Open the Book' with the KS1 children in Farnworth CE School; we managed to re-enact the story of Joshua and the Walls of Jericho as they came tumbling down. Children from Mr Tucker's class were our actors on this occasion and they became the soldiers who marched round and round and round the walls again and again, waving their swords and blowing their trumpets until the walls came tumbling down. The children on the ends of each row stood up, joined hands and they became 'the walls'. The children inside the 'wall' became the inhabitants of the city of Jericho so EVERY SINGLE child had a part to play in our epic story. It was a really good Open the Book and everyone learned that whatever our circumstances God will protect us and look over us...an important message for all of us.**



**Our second visit involved actors from Miss Smith's class and we told the story of God calling Samuel. This time all the other children had to say, 'Shhhh' as Samuel slept and our actors played the part of God calling to Samuel**

**as he slept; they were very good at whispering Samuel's name. Our message this time was that God chooses people both old and young to be His helpers and we need to listen out for Him calling us.**

**Another Thank you must go to our two Y6 girls, Macey and Teagan, who play our music for us and help us decide which songs to sing.**

**Finally, as ever, a big Thank you to Mrs Stillings for allowing us to 'Open the Book' with the KS1 classes and to ALL the staff and children who make us so welcome.**

**Sue  
Smither and the Open the Book Team**



**'GAMES GALORE' meets fortnightly in church from 1.30pm - 3.30pm. on Wed afternoons. It is a very informal and light hearted group of people (men are welcome to join us) who literally play games - scrabble, chess, dominos, and many more board games, Various card games including UNO which was the game we launched the group with. Folk getting to know each other and sharing laughter and tales recalling childhood memories of many games played. *Grosvenor Women's club* is hosting these afternoons providing refreshments. Afternoons are free - donations gratefully accepted for church funds. Next meetings Wednesdays 21st November, 5th December, 9th Jan, 16th Jan, 23rd Jan and 30th Jan. We look forward to seeing you! For more information contact Pat Johnson 0151 257 7737**

**Follow the star**

**On November 14<sup>th</sup> the whole front of Lambeth Palace in London was transformed; it was lit up with giant stars as the Archbishop of Canterbury launched #FollowTheStar Christmas campaign from the Church of England.**



**The campaign is aimed at encouraging people into their local church over the Christmas period.**

**On Friday 21st December, churches nationwide will display stars or illuminate their buildings as part of a 'night of the stars'.**

**The Archbishops of Canterbury and York said this: "Wherever you are this Christmas, you are invited to follow the star and to be with Jesus. #FollowTheStar doesn't ask you to be perfect. It says: come just as you are to take the life-changing Christmas journey. You are welcome. You are deeply known and truly loved.**

**Archbishop Justin Welby said, "Christmas is going to be all kinds of things to all kinds of people. For some it's a wonderful time – family, noise, friends and fun. For others it's isolated, for others there are arguments, it just varies widely. #FollowTheStar is celebrating the fact that at the centre of Christmas it is Jesus – who brings joy, healing hope and love, whatever situation you are in – and inviting others to share in that love."**

**This is a message that doesn't cost anything and that anyone and everyone can spread. Find out more about the Church of England's #FollowTheStarChristmas campaign at**

**<https://www.churchofengland.org/christmas>**

**Baptisms at St Luke's and Cronton Mission**

**Congratulations to all our newly baptised little ones and their families.**



**Joan Critchley**

**It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Joan Critchley. I have such fond personal memories of Joan, a gentle lady, quiet, with that lovely warm welcoming smile and a real twinkle in her eye. I can still picture her in the School Hall manning the Bold stall for the Fairs, along with her stalwart team from Bold, with their wonderful display of homemade produce, pies and cakes, rows of jars of jams, marmalades and pickles that we were all eager to stock up on, especially at Christmas time. They always sold out quickly. Joan also helped out at our Fund Raising Sunday Parish Lunches that we used to hold three or four times a year. I always loved to have a word with her when she came to church, most recently to celebrate family Weddings or Baptisms; people were keen to ask how she was getting on and she just as keen to hear their latest news. She always looked so elegant, often dressed in her trademark lilac dress and jackets with pretty brooches on the lapel. I think of Joan as the matriarch of the Critchley family which has for generations, and continues to be to this day, such wonderful supporters of this church of St Luke; she and Alex married at St Luke's seventy years ago and it has been a place which has featured throughout her lifetime and which has been the focus of so many happy family events since. I know how inordinately proud she was of her family and just how much they will miss her and mourn her passing. We send them all our Deepest Sympathy and offer our prayers.**



**Sue**



**Joan's family would like to thank everyone who sent messages of condolences and attended her 'Celebration of life', perfectly led by Sue. Also for the generous donations to St Luke's church in her memory.**

### **Sit and Sew**

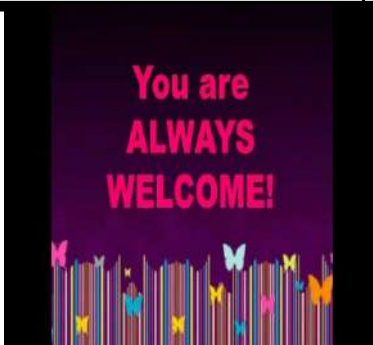
**On Tuesdays Audrey, Joyce and Brenda are working on restoring the Sunday School banner which was recently found in church but had considerable damage. Founded November 1792 is on the banner but it is not known when it was made.**



**The ladies are painstakingly repairing the silk on the banner. A time consuming task but the banner will look amazing once restored and it will be on display in church. Donations are needed for the materials to restore the banner to its former glory, if you can donate please call in on Tuesday afternoon and see the progress.**







**Thank you Reception children,  
Miss Dalzell and Miss Picton.  
Thank you Y6 Buddies,  
Mrs Fletcher and  
Mrs Critchley.**

**Thank you to parents and carers, grandparents and all the little brothers and sisters who came to St Luke's Church for a special Welcome Service for this year's Reception children.**

**The boys and girls from both Reception classes and the two Y6 classes sang fantastic songs; so many new words to learn in such a short time; they were all super stars. Some Reception children were even brave enough to stand up in front of everyone, use a microphone and tell us about their special times in school. Mrs Stillings said how very proud she was of all the children; I think there were many very proud grownups there too.**

**It was such a joy for me to welcome the children to St Luke's Church and now they are part of a new family, our 'church family' and they are all very welcome to come and join us at any time. We would love to see them again very soon.**

**A huge 'Well done' and Congratulations to everyone for a lovely service; just like the words of their song, they really were all amazing miracles!**

**Sue Smither**



**Posada 2018.....Making room for Mary and Joseph this Christmas.**

**The Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dress as Mary and Joseph and travel from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the arrival of Jesus in the weeks lead-**

**ing up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib....as we plan to as part of our Christingle Service.**

**The modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from home to home, family to family; this gives each 'host' the chance to reflect on the real message of Christmas.**

**Could you host Mary and Joseph for a night?**

**All you need to do is add your name to the Journey Rota for a night that will suit you to 'host' the Holy Family.**

**Special greetings and prayers are said as the family move from one house to another...these will be printed for you. The following day you need to take Mary & Joseph to the next host on the Posada Rota.**

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**Sue**



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**We also have MIND workers available if you need to talk to someone about any Mental health needs.**

**Contact contact David Steadman 07551399631  
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<b>DATE</b>	<b>ST AMBROSE</b>	<b>ST LUKE'S</b>
<b>Dec 2nd</b>	<b>9.00 HC CW</b>	
	<b>10.30 MP [Toy Service]</b>	<b>10.30 Advent HC</b>
		<b>12.30 Baptisms</b>
<b>Mon 3rd</b>		<b>9am Advent Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Dec 9th</b>		<b>8.00 HC</b>
	<b>10.30 HC</b>	<b>10.30 MP</b>
		<b>16.00 Toddler Church</b>
<b>Mon 10th</b>		<b>9am Advent Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Wed 12th</b>	<b>At St. Ambrose - 3pm Blue service for people who find Christmas a difficult time</b>	
<b>Dec 16th</b>	<b>10.30 HC &amp; Baptism</b>	<b>10.30 AAW &amp; Sunday School Nativity</b>
	<b>16.00 Christingle</b>	<b>18.00 9 Lessons &amp; Carols</b>
<b>Mon 17th</b>		<b>9am Advent Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Dec 23rd</b>	<b>9.00 HC BCP</b>	
	<b>10.30 Coffee &amp; Carols</b>	<b>10.30 HC with Carols</b>
<b>Dec 24th</b>		<b>15.00 Christingle</b>
		<b>17.00 Christingle</b>
	<b>23.00 HC Midnight Mass</b>	<b>23.00 HC Midnight Mass</b>
<b>Dec 25th</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>10.00 HC</b>
<b>Dec 30th</b>	<b>10.30 MP</b>	<b>10.30 MP</b>

**Aladdin's Cave  
Second Saturday of each month  
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DATE	ST AMBROSE	ST LUKE'S
Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 HC [CW]	
	10.30 MP	10.30 HC
		12.30 Baptisms
Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>		8.00 HC [BCP]
	10.30 HC	10.30 MP
		16.00 Toddler Church
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 HC & Baptism	10.30 AAW
		18.00 HC [CW]
Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 HC [BCP]	
	10.30 MP	10.30 HC

**The Editor would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.**

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and the people who buy the  
magazine.**

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newly designed website [www.st-luke.co.uk](http://www.st-luke.co.uk)**



**Treasurer's Report, General Fund period Jan- Oct 2018**  
**Receipts £86,060.12 Expenses £105,001.69 = Deficit**  
**£18,941.57 Deficit average £1,900 per month**  
**Bank Account Balances @ 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018**  
**Current a/c £10,041.63 Reserve a/c £30,927.23 Friends**  
**a/c £1,126.34 Total £42095.20**  
**Allocated to:- Restricted Funds £33,426.72**  
**Designated Funds £8,009.86 General Fund £658.62 O/D**  
**As you can see the general fund is overdrawn by**  
**£658.62, we are due funds in from Gift aid for this and**  
**earlier years and after paying outstanding creditors we**  
**will have £10,000 to add to general funds. However that**  
**money will not last very long, only about 6 months. We**  
**urgently need to act now to reduce this deficit. We can**  
**do very little about reducing the expenditure, in fact in**  
**the new year we will have to start paying bank charges**  
**of around £70 per month because as our income is over**  
**£100,000 per year, we no longer qualify for free banking.**  
**A total of 300 magazines are printed every two months,**  
**and I am asking you, ONLY IF YOU ARE ABLE, every**  
**time you receive a magazine to make a donation of £10.**  
**If everyone does this, we would have additional**  
**donations every two months of £3,000 x 6 issues a year**  
**= £18,000. This would make a HUGE difference to**  
**reducing the deficit. A little from everyone helps spread**  
**the load. A big thank you to everyone who has increased**  
**their planned giving this year, every bit helps to keep**  
**the deficit down. If you didn't but may be able to do so in**  
**the New Year, we would be very grateful. Yvonne**  
**Horabin (Treasurer)**  
**WE STILL ACCEPT OLD £1 COINS AND £10 NOTES**

## **News from Cronton**

**Services in December and January (all at 10.30 am unless stated otherwise)**



<b>2nd Dec</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>9th</b>	<b>Nativity</b>
<b>16th</b>	<b>Café style church</b>
<b>18th</b>	<b>Village service at Holy Family – starts at 7.00pm with tree lighting by the memorial</b>
<b>23rd</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>30th</b>	<b>Morning Prayer at St Luke and St Ambrose</b>
<b>6th Jan</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>13th</b>	<b>Café style church</b>
<b>20th</b>	<b>Café style church</b>
<b>27th</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

### **Harvest Festival – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

**The juniors always bring us something fresh and thought provoking for our Harvest Service, and their commitment to the ACE charity in Tanzania shows a knowledge and maturity in advance of their years. Compassion is alive and well in the next generation thanks to the wonderful work of teachers such as ours at Cronton. The children and church gave our collection for the Harvest to the ACE Charity to help them become self-sufficient and that's what sharing our gifts and the harvest of our labours is all about, don't you think? No one should be dependent upon charity in 2018.**





**Talking of which – our foodbank collections continue thanks to the hard work of Anne Allison. We now combine the village and Holy Family collections with church and school to make a village donation. Remembrance and Beacon lighting**

**We haven't had rain at our**

**Remembrance service for a few years and although it wasn't cold, there were a lot of wet people gathered at the crossroad in Cronton on 11<sup>th</sup> November. The weather didn't put anyone off attending – the numbers crowding the memorial still increasing each year. Here we have Denis laying the church poppy cross and our veteran Graham laying a personal tribute. These days we have a new generation of military folk who have been to war and John Poland who served in the Gulf and Falkland wars was there with Katherine and Emily [his beret suits Emily better than her bobble hat suits him – harsh but he knows]. It was of course an even more moving service and day than usual given the significance this year and Cronton was one of only three areas in the**



**Merseyside region to light a Beacon at 7.00pm – one of 1,000 across the country. It was a powerful and well attended event at the top of Pex Hill. The Parish Council did a great job at both village events on Remembrance Day and we were proud of Bethany Evans who shared the reading of the poem – Battle's Over [Tribute to the Millions] during the Beacon service. Bethany read her verses beautifully and clearly. Well done and thank you. We donated our Sunday collection to the Royal British Legion this year - £71.00 [not bad considering a good number went home to dry off instead of coming back to church after the service at the memorial].**

### **New members**

**When Louise Modica left café church on 14<sup>th</sup> October we didn't think we would see her for a few weeks – her and Vito were expecting a baby sister for Jude to arrive that week. Imagine our shock when four of them arrived in church on 21<sup>st</sup>....Rosabella was three days old. Our parents are 'making a bit of a habit' of this [within days they're back to normal and looking great]. I'm sure I didn't bounce back like that [still recovering twenty four years later!] Anyway, Rosabella is gorgeous and may be our youngest member so far [but there have been a stream of 'newbies' under two weeks of age making their first appearance so I could be wrong – the memory is not what it was]. I have a beautiful photo of her for the magazine but my laptop refuses to download it so I will save it for next time.**



**Church is a lively place and we have over 20 children who are regular attenders – and now 5 babies.**

**We've been thinking about who we are in Christ... what roles we play in relation to others [there are lots... write a list for yourselves, you'll see why you get tired!] Also – what roots us, sustains and nourishes us. I quoted Howard Hewitt [no one knew who he is... do you?]. I digress [again], He said that he thinks of his faith as a muscle – he builds it up by exercising it every day ... until it becomes a lifestyle. I like that, I can relate to it [more through imagination than experience].**

**Of course, all the roles we have stretch us to the limit so we must be sure to find some balance. Perspective is another thing we need in this society that drives us on, all the time. So, another example, this time from Albert Einstein [who's going to argue with *him*?].**

**In 1922 whilst he was travelling in japan [as you do], a bell hop brought him a message and he didn't have anything for a tip, so he wrote on a piece of paper – just for him - his theory of happiness. The piece of paper says “a calm and modest life brings more happiness than a constant pursuit of success combined with constant restlessness.” You may think a bell hop would rather have had the money but that piece of paper sold this week for £1,5 million pounds. I hope it doesn't undermine the meaning of his theory.**



**Drop In**

**The regulars at the drop in are a great bunch and out of the blue, they have donated £160 to the Mission that we agree will be spent on books and Godly play equipment for the children. Everyone was thrilled and grateful for their generosity. Here are some of those 'persuaded' to hold the thank you card that the children made for them whilst I took a photo [I don't know why they're so shy!] You can see one of the bookcases behind them bought with the Mission fund ... thank you all again for your support.**



**To finish, a thought: staying positive doesn't mean you have to be happy all the time. It means that even on hard days you know that there are better ones coming. We all know that's true, don't we? But do we remember when we need to?  
Lesley, LML, Cronton**

**CHRISTMAS is a very busy time for Foodbank.**

**Please donate as much as you can so everyone can enjoy Christmas.**

**Thank you**



<b>Wednesday services</b>	<b>DECEMBER and</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>
	<b>St Luke</b>	<b>St Ambrose</b>
<b>5<sup>h</sup> December</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>No service</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>No service</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

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**NO OPEN CHURCH ON DECEMBER 26th and JANUARY 2nd**

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**ALL are welcome to drop into St Luke's for a**

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**Messy Church took place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and the theme was Messy Remembrance and although this is a serious topic it did not mean that the usual fun and playfulness of Messy Church disappeared. Some of the deepest things we learn happen when we are laughing and creating together. Children need help to come to terms with big questions such as life and death, war and peace and this worship was designed to help the children do just that, using Bible verses and worship and plenty of craft activities. We made poppy crosses, peace cranes using origami techniques, poppy biscuits, flower arrangements, as well as a large poppy display that flowed down from the pulpit and added messages to a Peace Wall and much, much more! Over 60 people, children with their families, joined us for this amazing afternoon and I think both young and older alike enjoyed sharing together. And I must say a special "Thank you!" to the team of volunteers who lead this event – without their support this would not be possible. Clare Liptrott**



**Toddler Church is for families with pre-school age children, the service takes place on the second Sunday in every month 4pm till 5pm. Jack, the puppet dog, loves to help lead the worship, especially story time and singing and playing the instruments but his favourite part is getting involved with the craft activities, although he also quite likes 'toast time' too - an opportunity for everyone to share freshly buttered toast and a drink before saying goodbye till next time.**

**In November the theme for the service was Remembrance and Jack even had his own poppy to wear. We listened to a Bible story that told of how Jesus had to carry his own cross up the hill and how he died on the cross giving his life so we could be saved and we thought about how many soldiers fighting in the wars also gave their lives for us. The toddlers made paper crosses with fingerprint poppies on them to take home.**

**In December we will be celebrating with Toddler Church Christmas Party on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm and our worship will include listening to a Bible story telling all about Jesus birth and a lovely Christmas craft plus some party food! Families, parents, grandparents or guardians are very welcome to bring their toddlers along to join the celebration.**

**Toddler Church will continue to meet in 2019 in Church on the second Sunday of each month at 4pm. 12 Jan  
10 Feb 10 Mar  
Clare Liptrott 07976549410**



## **MOTHERS' UNION**

**Jackie took the October meeting. We sang the harvest hymn 'Plough the fields and scatter'. Jackie read the Parable of the sower, Matthew 13, she reminded us that children need the right start in life to thrive just like seeds. Love is the best compost for children to grow in faith. Our speaker was Lois Bentley from the Liverpool Diocese. Lois maybe a member from the Liverpool MU but she lives in Leeds so we really must thank her for coming all that way to speak to us. She brought along the Bounty Box. The contents she thought were like a bountiful harvest. To demonstrate what the box was about she did role play pretending she was a lady of 83 going into a care home. She pretended a lady from Mothers' Union came to visit leaving the bounty box. On opening the box, she unravelled a scarf with Paris printed on it. She felt the scarf and said it reminded her of a trip to Paris. There was a colourful knitted muff that was just right as she often had cold hands. She picked up scented soap breathing in the lovely perfume. It contained a letter from the MU and she read the first part. It said to open the pretty handkerchief and place it on the side table, she then placed the battery candle and the small wooden prayer cross on it. She places her Bible on it too. This was going to be her special place, her sanctuary. She continued reading the letter that made her feel this was just another step on her journey through life not the end. This made her feel better. The MU lady returned and asked about her life in the MU. They would write about her life as a member and that**



**would be put in the box. Until your last breath you are there to worship and serve. It was a clever idea being the recipient of the box. That way we could understand why these items were chosen. This would also work for a young person going to University. The evening ended with a drink and a chance to discuss the bounty box idea.**

**Our November meeting was craft with Carol Mather. Chris started the meeting with the Mothers' Union prayer and notices. Having Carol with us makes Chris think of Blue Peter but without Tracy Island. All Blue Peter fans will understand this. Carol brought along floral designs printed ready to paint. We were split into two groups, one side painting with glass paint in vibrant colours. The other group painting with water colour paints. We then swapped round. We were given white cards with envelopes so we were able to make cards at home. The prints were Christmassy with reds, greens and yellow. The time went very quickly and everyone ended up with paintings, all different and original. Carol was thanked. We do appreciate all the effort Carol puts in preparing things for us and look forward to next years craft evening.**

**12<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas meeting with carols, mince pies, mulled wine and raffle. Daniel will play for us.**

**13<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas meal at the Everglades. 12-00 for 12-30 meal. There will be a quiz and bingo.**


**Our speaker for the 9<sup>th</sup> January is yet to be confirmed.**

**Tea rota for December and January is the committee**

**On behalf of the committee I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and happy new year. Rita Poole**

Date	Readings for December
Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Luke 21: 34-36</b>
Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Luke 21: 25-36</b>
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Matt 8: 5-11</b>
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Luke 10: 21-24</b>
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Matt 15: 29-37</b>
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Matt 7: 21,24-27</b>
Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Matt 9: 27-31</b>
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Matt 9: 35-10.1,6-8</b>
Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Luke 3: 1-6</b>
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Luke 5: 17-26</b>
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Matt 18: 12-14</b>
Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Matt 11: 28 to end</b>
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Matt 11: 11-15</b>
Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Matt 11: 16-19</b>
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Matt 17: 10-13</b>
Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Luke 3: 7-18</b>
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Matt 1: 1-17</b>
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Matt 1: 18-24</b>
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Luke 1: 5-25</b>
Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Luke 1: 26-38</b>
Dec 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Luke 1: 39-45      Luke 1: 46-56</b>
Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Luke 1: 57-66      Luke 1: 67-79</b>
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Luke 2: 1-20      Matt 10: 17-22</b>
Dec 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>John 21: 19b to end</b>
Dec 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Matt 2: 13-18      Luke 2: 22-35</b>
Dec 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Luke 2: 41 to end</b>
Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>John 1: 1-18</b>



<b>Date</b>	<b>Readings for January 2019</b>	
<b>Jan 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Luke 2: 15-21</b>	
<b>Jan 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>John 1:19-28</b>	
<b>Jan 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>John 1: 29-34</b>	
<b>Jan 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>John 1: 35-42</b>	
<b>Jan 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>John 1: 43 to end</b>	
<b>Jan 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Matt 2:1-12</b>	
<b>Jan 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Matt 4: 12-17,23 to end</b>	
<b>Jan 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mark 6: 34-44</b>	
<b>Jan 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mark 6: 45-52</b>	
<b>Jan 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mark 4: 14-22</b>	
<b>Jan 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Luke 5: 12-16</b>	
<b>Jan 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>John 3: 22-30</b>	
<b>Jan 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22</b>	
<b>Jan 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mark 1: 14-20</b>	
<b>Jan 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mark 1: 21-28</b>	
<b>Jan 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mark 1: 29-39</b>	
<b>Jan 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mark 1: 40 to end</b>	
<b>Jan 18<sup>th</sup>&amp; 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mark 2: 1-12</b>	<b>Mark 2: 13-17</b>
<b>Jan 20<sup>th</sup> &amp;21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>John 2: 1-11</b>	<b>Mark 2: 18-22</b>
<b>Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>&amp;23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Mark 2: 23-end</b>	<b>Mark 3: 1-6</b>
<b>Jan 24<sup>th</sup> &amp;25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mark 3: 7-12</b>	<b>Matt 19: 27 to end</b>
<b>Jan 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Luke 10: 1-9</b>	
<b>Jan 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Luke 4: 14-21</b>	
<b>Jan 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mark 3: 22-30</b>	
<b>Jan 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mark 3: 31 to end</b>	
<b>Jan 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mark 4: 1-20</b>	
<b>Jan 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Mark: 4 21-25</b>	

<b>St Luke's Parish Registers</b>			
<b>Holy Baptism</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	
<b>Cronton</b>	<b>28 October</b>	<b>Penny Baker</b>	
<b>St Luke's</b>	<b>28 October</b>	<b>Clark Anthony Callan</b>	
		<b>Charlie David Richard Johnson</b>	
	<b>4 November</b>	<b>Parker James Keirney</b>	
		<b>Mateusz-Ezra Burns-Argent</b>	
		<b>Olly Richard James Spiers</b>	
	<b>25 November</b>	<b>Jacob Theo Eva</b>	
		<b>Amelie Elizabeth Archer</b>	
	<b>2 December</b>	<b>Mason Steven Donlan</b>	
		<b>Noah Arben Balkasi-Denton</b>	
		<b>Teddy James Walter Buckley</b>	
<b>Funerals</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>
<b>St Luke</b>	<b>26 September</b>	<b>David Boardman</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>W. crem</b>	<b>9 October</b>	<b>Brian Jones</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>W. crem</b>	<b>23 October</b>	<b>Thomas Bebbington</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>St Luke</b>	<b>29 October</b>	<b>Joan Critchley</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>W. crem</b>	<b>30 October</b>	<b>Audrey Harrison</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>St Luke</b>	<b>2 November</b>	<b>Sheila Mary Alice Lyons</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>St Luke</b>	<b>5 November</b>	<b>Marjorie Mary Hackney</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>St Luke</b>	<b>7 November</b>	<b>James Dennis Mc Garty</b>	<b>80</b>

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SUN 15TH NOVEMBER <b>SUNDAY CLUB OPEN MIC NIGHT</b>	FRI 7TH DECEMBER <b>FUNK &amp; SOUL DJ</b>	WED 12TH DECEMBER <b>WEDNESDAY CLUB OPEN MIC</b>	WED 28TH DECEMBER <b>BOXING DAY BASH</b> WITH SOUL SINGER GEOFF REY
WED 28TH NOVEMBER <b>WEDNESDAY CLUB OPEN MIC NIGHT</b>	SAT 8TH DECEMBER <b>BROTHERS IN HARMS</b>	THURS 20TH DECEMBER <b>FRANKIE VALLI TRIBUTE</b>	THURS 27TH DECEMBER <b>GARY BARLOW TRIBUTE</b>
THURS 29TH NOVEMBER <b>AUDIO QUIZ</b>	SUN 9TH DECEMBER <b>SUNDAY CLUB OPEN MIC NIGHT</b>	FRI 21ST DECEMBER <b>MAD FRIDAY DISCO PART 2</b>	FRI 28TH DECEMBER <b>DJ STEVIE B DISCO</b>
FRI 30TH NOVEMBER <b>DJ STEVIE B - DISCO</b>	WED 12TH DECEMBER <b>WEDNESDAY CLUB OPEN MIC NIGHT</b>	SAT 22ND DECEMBER <b>THE ODDS</b>	SAT 29TH DECEMBER <b>ROD STEWART TRIBUTE</b>
SAT 1ST DECEMBER 70S BAND <b>FUNKY TOWN</b>	THURS 13TH DECEMBER <b>XMAS QUIZ</b>	SUN 23RD DECEMBER <b>FUNK &amp; SOUL DJ</b>	SUN 30TH DECEMBER <b>SUNDAY CLUB OPEN MIC NIGHT</b>
SUN 2ND DECEMBER <b>SUNDAY CLUB OPEN MIC NIGHT</b>	FRI 14TH DECEMBER <b>MAD FRIDAY DISCO PART 1</b>	MON 24TH DECEMBER <b>XMAS DISCO 8PM TILL LATE.</b>	MON 31ST DECEMBER <b>NYE DISCO 8PM TILL LATE</b>
WED 5TH DECEMBER <b>WEDNESDAY CLUB OPEN MIC NIGHT</b>	SAT 15TH DECEMBER <b>BROTHERS GRIM</b>		

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