

The Messenger
Parish Magazine of



**St George
and**



**All Saints'
Chorley**

May 2025

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Men's Fellowship	2nd Wednesday 7:30pm, Church Hall	01257 263245
Mothers' Union	2nd & last Thursday 7:30pm, Church Hall	
Thursday Ladies Circle	1st & 3rd Thursday 7:30pm, Church Hall	
Dramatic & Musical Society	Friday 7:00pm, Church Hall	
Badminton Club	Monday 8:00pm, Church Hall	
Church Institute	Monday - Thursday 2:00pm -11:00pm Friday & Saturday 2:00pm -12:00 midnight Sunday 12:00 noon -11:00pm	01257 413107
Toddler & Baby Group	Little Steps meet Wednesday (term time) Church Hall (contact Mrs Natalie Print)	01257 263064

St George's Uniformed Organisations Meet at Church Hall (Term Time)		
Rainbows	Kathryn Winters Tuesday 5.00pm	07701 353425
Brownies	Kathryn Winters Tuesday 6.15pm	07701 353425
Guides	Sarah Glover Tuesday 7.15pm	07974 687541

Red Bank Uniformed Organisations Meet at Red Bank Mission Hall (Term Time)		
Beaver Scouts Scouts Cub Scouts	Monday 6:15pm Monday 7:30pm Jackie Beesley (GSL) Tuesday 6:50pm	01257 270770
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I now cast this little Publication into your hands earnestly hoping that it may meet with your approbation, and enable you to spend a happy and profitable hour whilst reading over its pages".

Rev. John Stock 1863, The Messenger first issue

Dear brothers and sisters,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Whilst by the time this reaches you Easter may have come and gone, I am writing this during Holy Week of 2025. I have been reminded of many things this Lent but most of all I have been minded of the hope that comes through us, his Easter people. Whether in the depths of winter, the soul searching of Lent or the warmth of Spring, we are always the Easter people on earth. Indeed, I have seen something of that hope in you all these past weeks and months. What joy it is to greet you this Eastertide, as we once again proclaim the great hope of our faith: that love is stronger than death, and that in Christ, we are given new life.

In the stillness of Holy Saturday, we waited. In the shadows of Good Friday, we wept. But on Easter morning, the tomb was found empty and the world was changed forever. This is not just a story from long ago, but a living reality that continues to unfold in our midst. Wherever there is forgiveness, reconciliation, and courage in the face of despair, the Risen Christ walks among us.

As your curate, I have been moved again and again by the quiet faithfulness of our community: the unseen acts of kindness, the prayers whispered for others, the generous hands that serve without fanfare. This, too, is resurrection. This is life breaking through where we least expect it.

It is true that, as we look to the months ahead, at the looming interregnum, we may well be apprehensive and filled with uncertainty, if we did not remember the Easter life that we live. There is always hope and newness in our God, who works through our hope and faith to do great things. Just as, on Holy Saturday, the first disciples sat in silent despair and worry, so too may we currently be unsure. Yet the joy and light of Easter dispels the darkness of our fear and brings us into the warmth of God's love.

Let us carry the light of Easter into the weeks and months ahead. Whether we feel full of joy or still burdened by sorrow, let us walk together as people of the Resurrection—people who dare to hope, to love, and to believe in the promise of new beginnings. I know many of you already live out such hope and faith, that although the future may seem uncertain, we may know that – when that time comes – we shall step up to the challenge ahead with God in our heart.

May the Risen Christ bring peace to your hearts, joy to your homes, and hope to all you meet.

Rev Jordan



Passion Play performed by the DAMS at All Saints' on the 19th April

Our Vision - Closer to Christ; further out for Christ.

Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Our APM and APCM will be held on 20th May 2025 at All Saints' Primary School, Moor Road, Chorley, starting at 7:30pm. The APM (normally a very short meeting) will be held first followed by APCM. Both the meetings are major events in the parochial calendar and are conducted in accordance with the requirements as laid out in the Church Representation Rules.

The primary purpose of the APM is to elect the Churchwardens for the parish, in our case we need to elect a total of four, two for each of our parish churches. In addition to those listed on the Church Electoral Roll (referred to as the 'Roll') of the parish, those persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence may also attend this meeting.

The purpose of the APCM is to receive reports on changes to the 'Roll', general parish activities and financial matters. Due to 2025 being the year that a new 'Roll' is required to be prepared, the APCM will receive the newly prepared 'Roll'. The APCM also elects new members to the PCC, and also to Deanery Synod every three years. As elections for Deanery Synod were held in 2023, the next elections will be held in 2026. Only persons whose names are listed on the 'Roll' may attend this meeting.

Members of the clergy (including retired clergy) are not legally permitted to have their names listed on a Church Electoral Roll. They are, however, permitted to attend both these meetings.

**Garden Party at 35 Chester Avenue,
Duxbury, Chorley PR7 4AG
on
Saturday, 12 July, 2025**

**To be opened at 2.00pm
by the Speaker, Sir Lindsay Hoyle, MP
Admission by ticket £6 children Free
afternoon Tea, Stalls, tombola, Cakes, Books
Bring and Buy In aid of MS**



Passion Play performed by the DAMS at St George's on
Palm Sunday



Spotlight on Safeguarding

This month I am focussing on top tips for keeping you and your family safe on the internet. To stay safe online, prioritise strong, unique passwords, be cautious about what you post and click, and ensure your devices and internet connections are secure. Regularly update software, be aware of phishing attempts, and be mindful of the people you connect with online.

Here's a more detailed look at key online safety tips:

Password Security:

Strong Passwords: Use a mix of upper and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols for all your accounts.

Unique Passwords: Avoid reusing the same password across multiple accounts.

Multi-factor Authentication: Enable two-factor authentication (2FA) wherever possible to add an extra layer of security.

Secure Your Devices and Connection:

Secure Wi-Fi: Use a strong password for your home Wi-Fi network.

- **Anti-virus Software:** Install and regularly update anti-virus and firewall software.

Update Software: Keep your operating system, browser, and apps up to date.

Be Careful What You Post and Click:

Personal Information: Avoid sharing personal information like your full name, address, phone number, or school on social media.

Be Mindful of What You Post: Consider what you're posting before sharing it, as it can be viewed and potentially shared by others.

Suspicious Links and Attachments: Be cautious about clicking on links or downloading files from unknown or suspicious sources.

Phishing Attacks: Be aware of phishing emails and messages that try to trick you into revealing personal information.

Be Aware of Who You're Connecting With Online:

- **Meet Up with Caution:** If you're meeting someone you've only met online, be cautious and tell a trusted adult.

Stranger Danger: Be aware that people online may not be who they claim to be.

Other Important Tips:

- **Regularly Check for Data Breaches:** Stay informed about data breaches and leaks, especially if you've used an email address or password on a compromised site.
- **Think Before You Click:** Before accepting friend requests, clicking on links, or downloading apps, consider the source and potential risks.
- **Backup Your Data:** Regularly back up your important files and Information.

Educate Yourself: Stay informed about online threats and how to protect yourself.

Victoria

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*You are all so welcome to
come and join All Saints' new*

SUNDAY SCHOOL!

*For 0-18's every Sunday during our 11am
Eucharistic Worship, All Saints' Church,
Moor Road*

MOTHERS' UNION

WASHBAG APPEAL. If anyone would like to donate towards the ongoing Mothers' Union emergency washbag scheme, there is a bag at the back of Church in the old Baptistry corner in which to place your items. In case there are new members in the congregation that don't know about the Washbag Appeal, the Mothers' Union make and fill cloth washbags for Chorley Hospital for them to give out to emergency admissions (where they haven't had time to take anything in themselves or no-one else to take in for them).

The items we require are:

Facecloths soap toothbrushes toothpaste (travel size will suffice or any Supermarket own brand) it doesn't have to be in a box as it gets Disposed of single packet tissues short comb (no tailcombs)

Any of the above would be greatly appreciated.

VE PARTY

Our next meeting will be Thursday 8th May which is of course the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.

Unfortunately there is another group in the main hall so we are having to have a scaled-down event from what we would have liked but we are hoping to share photos in the next edition with you all.

DEANERY FESTIVAL

Our Chorley Deanery Festival this year takes place at 7.30 pm on the 15th May at St Laurence's Church and is always a very joyful occasion. Here's hoping that as many members as possible can attend and we have a lovely evening.

Branch Leader Gloria Dunseath

The History Page April 2025 Two Hundred Years Ago

As the Spring of 1825 turned to Summer, Thomas Rickman, the architect of the new chapel of St George's, Chorley, dealt with the few matters that remained in delivering the project. He saw to it that the contractors were all paid. The two chiefs were understandably mason George Miller, who received £6203 and carpenter William Rich, who took away £2796. Rich's last task was to ensure the locks were correctly fitted. He complained to Rickman that the workmen tasked with this were of poor quality but all seemed eventually satisfactory. Presumably a watchman had been employed prior to the locks being applied to the door.

Rickman still called regularly at Chorley and sometimes showed steely determination. On 12th June, he left Blackburn by chaise, only for the transport to lose a wheel near Hoghton. The rotund architect simply loaded a hired man with his instruments and plans, before taking a long walk by the canal towpath until descending to St George's. There he met with Oliver Cooper and Robert Morley Master, curates of the mother church of St Laurence's who were preparing to take charge of the welcome chapel of ease.

Bill Walker

St George's Bi-Centenary Year 2025

Notes for your Diary

Bi-Centenary Parish Dinner, 13th June Cunliffe Hall
(Masonic hall)

October Dams Bi-Centenary Musical Production
John Bradley

St George's ~~Men's~~ Fellowship

Big Quiz Night

Friday 16th May

At St George's Church Hall

£6 (£3 school students)

Includes first drink free and all nibbles

Starts at 7.30 (Doors Open 7pm)

Teams of 3-5 but will always accommodate individual players

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Friday & Saturday 2pm - 12 midnight
Sunday 12 noon - 11pm

SONGS OF PRAISE

7.00pm, Friday 4th July 2025

As part of our bicentennial celebrations we are putting on a Songs of Praise, to be held in Church on Friday 4th July 2025, commencing at 7.00pm. This should be a memorable occasion and will include many well known hymns and other musical extracts, sung by an augmented choir and accompanied by both our magnificent organ and brass. It is hoped that as many people as possible will support the event and spread the word. Invitations are being sent to all other churches in the deanery, and local dignitaries.

If you have a favourite hymn then please have a word with me after the Sunday morning service in the next couple of weeks. Alternatively, I can be contacted via email:
gordon.blackledge@btinternet.com

This is a parish event and it would be good to have as much input as possible from our regular congregation.

Gordon

As we enter into Holy Week and continue on our journey towards the cross of Easter, it was wonderful to say morning prayer in front of this Easter Garden made by a year 4 student at Chorley All Saints'. Through the creativity of children we see the joy that we look forward





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Parish Magazine 2025 Dates

Issue	Deadline (Sunday)	Available (Sunday)
June	18th May	1st June
July/August	22nd June	6th July
September	24th August	7th September
October	21st September	5th October
November	19th October	2nd November
December/January	23rd November	7th December
Contributions for inclusion in The Messenger can be given to Chris Gibson or can be emailed to acvgibson@sky.com		

ST GEORGES AND ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION EVENING

To Celebrate the Bi-Centenary Anniversary
of St Georges Church

13th June 7.00pm

Cunliffe Hall Street, Chorley PR7 2BE

Please join us for a hot buffet,
live band and dancing. Black tie optional

£30pp

For tickets please contact John Bradley 07375 047982, jm30bradley@gmail.com





All Saints' Church

Were you not able to sit and watch with me
for on hour?

Tonight we sit and wait with Jesus in the
garden of gethsemane as we prepare with
him for the cross.

All Saints' Church Congregation Numbers

Week Beginning	Children Attending	Adults Attending	Communicants
2nd March	37	79	55
9th March	19	67	35
16th March	133	95	58
23rd March	32	88	48
30th March	35	48	28

Note - The attendance numbers include all the services within the week

All Saints' Church -

Holy Baptism - None

Holy Matrimony - none

Please pray for those struggling with illnesses of any sort, and especially for:

Paul Caterall, Linda Eubank, Ken Starkey, Christine Gothard, Michael Baxendale, Pam McLachlan, Linda Carrara, & residents of Gillibrand Hall and Coniston House.

**And for the families of those who have died recently
Glenda Grundy & Joyce Greenhalgh**

St George's Church Congregation Numbers

Week Beginning	Children Attending	Adults Attending	Communicants
2nd March	49	128	116
9th March	28	128	93
16th March	19	123	108
23rd March	69	130	123
30th March	23	127	125

Note - The attendance numbers include all the services within the week

St George's Church - Holy Baptism
Lottie Marsh

Holy Matrimony - None

**Please pray for those struggling with illnesses of any
sort, and especially for:**

**Alan Fairclough, Marian Crossthwaite, Harold Dunseath,
Linda Eubank, Richard Wilk & Margaret Salisbank**

**And for the families of those who have died recently
Steve Cox, Elaine Bruce & Patrica Farrier**

We remember all those who are currently housebound and unable to be
with us in Church.

2025 Flower Rota

St George's

Date	One Pedestal	Lady Chapel
4th May	Mrs Parkinson	
11th May	Mr Walker	
18th May	Mrs Lawrenson	Mrs Parkinson
25th May	Mrs Mason	Mr Birkett
1st June		
8th June	Mrs Ellison	
15th June	Mr Allman	
22nd June		
29th June	Mrs Armstrong	

Thursday Ladies Circle

Thanks to Ann Jolly, at our meeting in April we designed and painted our own Easter cards. Ann very kindly supplied everything we needed to make the cards, which all turned out lovely, and very enjoyable to do, so thanks again Ann.

Our next meeting in April was Maundy Thursday, so we did not meet in the hall.

Future meetings. 1st May. Chorley Little Theatre. Vicar of Dibley.

15th May. TBA

Everybody is welcome.

Cath Jolly



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Revd. Jordan Bentliff

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