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Rainbows: Wednesday 5.30pm	Eileen Entwisle
Brownies: Wednesday 6.45pm	Lynsey Torrens
Guides: Thursday 6.45pm	Jackie Beesley 01257 270770



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,

November is a time for the Church to remember who we are. We remember who we are by telling 'our' story. If I was to ask you who you are, you would most likely tell me a story, a story about growing up, about school, about holidays, about friends, and about family. Who you are can only truly be answered with a story. The same is true of who 'we' are, of who the Church is, of who Christians are. One of the aspects of being a Christian which most challenges our modern world, is that Christians don't sign up to the same story as everyone else. We don't believe the story that the West tells, that people can decide what is right and wrong for themselves; or that when we die that's it; or that the most important thing in the world is to be 'safe'. The Christian community, the Church, believes a story which is very different, and therefore, it is not surprising that it produces people who live in a different way. In November the Church reminds itself who she is, by telling again some of the main parts of its very distinctive story.

We start, on the eve of the month, with All Saints (October 31st) when we remember all those Christians who have lived lives which have most exemplified our Christian story. We remember, for example, Maximilian Kolbe who swapped places with a condemned man; we remember the Apostles who gave their life for sharing the Christian story; we remember Mother Teresa who chose to serve the poorest in the world; and we remember Edith Cavell who nursed not just Allied but also German soldiers because she believed that God loved every single person. On the Feast of All Saints we remember these, and all the other Christians who believed the Christian story to such an extent that they lived their lives in radical conformity to its message.

Next we have All Souls (2nd November), when we remember every Christian who has died, not just the most saintly ones. We recall their individual stories, for sure, but we are principally telling the Christian story that in Christ no one is lost, and that death is in fact not the end. That one day all who have followed Christ will rise and be reunited. This part of the Christian story, the story which we hold to be the true story, is of great comfort to those who have

lost a Christian loved one, and is one part of the Christian story which is so different to the world's.

Towards the middle of the month we, of course, have Remembrance Day (11th November), a secular date which falls coincidentally on the Feast of St Martin of Tours. St Martin was a soldier who became a Christian, and because of the Christian story proclaimed: *"I am a soldier of Christ: it is not lawful for me to fight."* The Christian story changed Martin's views and his way of life. As a consequence, Remembrance Day is not a day when Christians celebrate war, but rather when we lament conflict and violence and pray for all those affected, at home and abroad, friend and foe, soldier and civilian. The Christian story changes how we see the world and how we respond to violence.

Towards the end of the month we have the Feast of Christ the King (21st November). We've told the story of who we are as Christians throughout the month, we have reminded ourselves, and reminded the world. Now as we come to the end of the month we focus in on the most important and most significant part of the story: that Jesus is alive, that He is our king, and that He rules from the heavens. In this final feast of the month, we proclaim a different leader, one who we voluntarily submit our lives to, and who we allow to tell us how to live, for He is Life itself. All of this storytelling, all of this remembering, is a way of preparing us for the great season of Advent when we recall, when we remember, when we tell the story, that Jesus will return and judge the living and the dead. We remember that we are a people who do not believe that the world goes on for ever. We remember that we are a people who believe that what we do matters and we will be held accountable for the good and the bad, and that there is time now in which to put right, that which we have done wrong. This story is very different to the world's; it is our story; and this month we will remember it, as we re-tell it. Join us at our services, and remember once again, who you are if you claim the title: Christian.

God bless,

M. G. Print



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Help The Homeless

As winter approaches we turn our thoughts once again to those in our community less fortunate than ourselves. From late November the Christmas Gift Tree will be in Church, complete with tags denoting various items, such as Man's hat, Lady's gloves etc. If you are able, please take a tag, buy the said item and return it wrapped in the following weeks.

We will also be having a Toy Collection on Sunday 12th December when you can bring in a new **unwrapped** toy or gift for a teenager.

These will then be taken to Dorothy House (Help the Homeless) who will distribute them to those in need on our streets and in the community in time for Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support of these initiatives.

Elizabeth Wilding on behalf of the Mission and Discipleship Committee.

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Men's Fellowship Group (MFG)

The Group resumed its programme of meetings on the evening of Wednesday 13th Oct. Even though we had met previously at "The Brewery", it was such a lovely feeling to be able to meet people on a face-to-face basis in the side room of the Hall and without having to rush off or social distance. On this occasion our guest was a gentleman named John Hilton who lives in Aspull and was accompanied by his wife Margaret (why, later) and a friend who is a Chorley resident. To say that John is a character does not do him justice for he entertained the Group for well over an hour telling us his life story. John is an Octogenarian thereby leaving school at the age of fourteen and the whole of his working life has been on the railways and being a trade union representative. His first day on the railways he and



another new recruit spent their whole-time shoveling coal in the goods yard - just to get used to doing it they were told for that is what they would have to do when on the footplate. Before going any further information concerning his childhood is part of why the term "character" is applicable. John was found, wrapped in a blanket on the platform at Oldham Clegg

Street Station in 1940 by the station porter and was, in those days deemed to be “a foundling”. John spent the first three years of his life under the care of a nurse (see photo on page 8) before becoming adopted by another railway employee, and so began his long association with the railways. Throughout the talk, what came through

was the love which he had for his parents – because that is what he deemed they were. John was based at the Springs Branch depot and moved into Aspull where he still lives. Even though an active trade unionist, what came as a



surprise was him being asked if he would stand to become an elected member of the Wigan Council. He was elected and only retired twelve months ago after spending 40 consecutive years in that capacity. During that time, he served on a whole range of committees, but “Planning” was his preferred choice. He and Margaret, his wife, became Mayor and Mayoress, something which they thoroughly enjoyed but which was hard work – 12 different visits in a day on one occasion. On the other hand, they did get the opportunity to visit Rumania. Each Mayor has the opportunity to nominate a charity for which they raise money. John’s choice was for a new neo-natal unit at the local hospital. He decided that one of his activities would be to walk

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH,
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Christmas Fair

SATURDAY 4TH
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Fun for everyone!

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KIDS ACTIVITIES AND MUCH MORE

St George's Christmas Fair **Saturday 4th December 12-4pm**

The Christmas Fair this year is slightly different to previous fairs.

To provide space for social distancing, the fair will take place over a longer period of time and will take place as follows:

The Church Hall: Refreshments will take place in the church hall, serving bacon & sausage butties, hot pies, soup and tea & coffee. The Chocolate Tombola, Raffle, Mother's Union stall and some homemade craft will also be in the main hall.

Church Hall Side room: The cake and preserves will be found here, as will the well-established 'Christmas Cake raffle'

Outside the church: Gazebos will house a selection of local makers and craftspeople with a range of products. Mulled wine & Hot Vimto will be found outside and Bill's Christmas Trees too!

Inside the church: Stalls, children's activities, Music by Gordon Blackledge and Father Christmas's Grotto will be inside the church.

Opening and Closing: The Mayor of Chorley will open the fair formally at 1pm, and the fair will culminate with a 'Big Christmas Sing' at 3.50pm, finishing at 4pm.

Would you like to get involved?

We need people on the day as stewards, in the refreshment area and general helpers - could this be you? Please let us know if you can help on the day (even for just a bit!)

See details below to get in touch

Looking for:

If you have been involved in previous years with games/activities and have a game stashed away in the attic you used to bring along to any of the fairs or Harvest Socials - we have a place for you on the day.
Get in touch!

Please help:

Cakes and bakes are kindly requested by Freda and the team, to sell in the Church Hall at the fair.

We can help with labelling for allergen purposes on the day (just keep a list of ingredients used in the items you make please). *Please bring your items on the day.*

Prizes

There will be a raffle this year - including prizes donated by all the stallholders on the day and local businesses. If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle - or even have a star prize to donate - *get in touch!* We would gratefully receive your donation to add to the prizes.

Thank you

A big thank you in advance to everyone who is helping pull the fair together. These are uncertain times, and the team are working really hard to ensure the event is safe, is including everyone and raises as much money as possible for Church Funds.

If you have any questions, concerns or any queries regarding the fair - *please get in touch*

Get in touch:

Email: events@stgeorgechorley.co.uk

See in person: Rachel Gilkes / Jenny Laidlaw / Heather Crank-Ingham / Vicci Naylor / Sarah Calvert at the end of the Sunday services **Call:** 0771 326 0024 (Rachel)

Crafty Christmas 2021

Saturday 13th November, St George's School Hall 7-9pm

Make 'Festive papercut light boxes' with Helen from Pocket Wren £25 (includes all materials and some refreshments).

Wine available (for a donation)

Come along and make a beautiful festive light-up papercut frame, perfect for your own ho-ho-home or to give as a lovingly-crafted, handmade present this Christmas.

Don't worry - drawing skills are not essential - you just need a steady hand and a bit of patience!

For more info & to Book Email: events@stgeorgechorley.co.uk or Call 07539 593 578 (Sarah)

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Crafty Christmas 2021

Wednesday 8th December, St George's School Hall 7-9pm

Wreath making: Make and take home a festive wreath, using fresh foliage. Instructions and demonstration is provided by experienced St George's Church Flower Guild member, Freda Armstrong.

All materials and festive refreshments are provided with wine also available (for a donation)

For more info & to Book

Email: events@stgeorgechorley.co.uk or Call 07539 593 578 (Sarah)

Mothers' Union

Thank you to everyone who came to our 14th October meeting when our speaker was Julie from International Aid. Fantastic to see quite a few members of the congregation and it made for a lovely warm welcome to Julie. I think most of us were surprised as to what International Aid actually do and are involved in. It was a most informative evening and of course she did talk about the shoe boxes.

Christmas Fayre. This year we are going to be running our 'gift bag' stall again as previously. To this end we are appealing for any unwanted gift bags and also any new gifts (of any description for male, female or children) or indeed unwanted gifts that we could make use of. Could you please be aware therefore that for the time being we will be suspending the Washbag appeal. The same bag (at the back of Church) will be used instead for the collection of the bags/gifts.

Our next meeting on 11th Nov will appropriately be a talk on 'Remembrance'. Again all would be welcome.

25th Nov Christmas Fayre Preparation

9th Dec Christmas Meal Hartwood Hall

Gloria Dunseath

Branch Secretary

Wreath Making Workshop



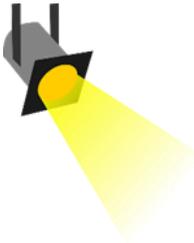
Wednesday
8th December
7-9pm

- Make & Keep a Christmas Wreath
- All materials provided £25
- Festive refreshments included



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Spotlight on Safeguarding

This month I am focussing on scams. Scams come in many forms; uninvited contact is received by email, letter, and telephone or in person making false promises to con victims out of money.

There are many of these sorts of scams but some of the most common are fake lotteries, deceptive prize draws or sweep stakes, clairvoyants, computer scams, and romance scams.

The criminals attempt to trick people with flashy, official looking documents or websites, or convincing telephone sales patter, with the aim of persuading them to send a processing or administration fee, pay postal or insurance costs, buy an overvalued product or make a premium rate phone call.

Doorstep scams are crimes carried out by bogus callers, rogue traders and unscrupulous salespeople who call, often uninvited, at people's home under the guise of legitimate business or trade.

Initial Reporting & Advice

If you have made a payment in response to a scam, **contact your bank** as soon as possible as they may be able to recover some of your money and will refund you in certain circumstances.

If you or someone else is in immediate danger because of a scam (for example, being threatened by an aggressive doorstep caller), call the Police on 999.

REPORT: Action Fraud

Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cyber-crime where you should report fraud if you have spotted a scam or have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber-crime.

You can visit the website (www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call Action Fraud on 0300 123 20 40.

ADVICE: Citizens Advice Consumer Service

Citizens Advice Consumer Service can offer support if you or someone you know has been scammed. They will give you advice on what to do next.

You can visit the website (www.citizensadvice.org.uk) or call Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133

What To Do If You've Spotted A Suspicious Email

If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS):

report@phishing.gov.uk

The message might be from a company you don't normally receive communications from, or someone you do not know. You may just have a hunch. If you are suspicious, you should report it. Your report of a phishing email will help the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) to act quickly, protecting many more people from being affected.

Reporting Spam Text Messages

You can report spam text messages to your mobile phone provider free of charge by forwarding the text message to 7726. You may get an automated response thanking you for the report giving you further instructions if needed.

Further Reading & Consumer Advice

Take Five to Stop Fraud

Take Five is a national campaign that offers straightforward and impartial advice to help everyone protect themselves from preventable financial fraud. This includes email deception and phone-based scams as well as online fraud – particularly where criminals impersonate trusted organisations. Find out more at [General Advice | Take Five \(takefive-stopfraud.org.uk\)](http://General Advice | Take Five (takefive-stopfraud.org.uk))

Citizens Advice

- [Citizens Advice provide information and support for those who have been scammed or are concerned about scams:](#)

- Check if something might be a scam
- Check if you can get your money back after a scam
- What to do if you've been scammed
- Report a scam
- Get emotional support if you've been scammed
- Get help with online scams

For further information about safeguarding or raising a concern within Church please contact safeguarding@stgeorgechorley.co.uk or 0792 1010 900

Victoria,

Dr Victoria Gibson, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Christmas Trees For Sale

(Like Last Year!)

**Nordman, non-drip (nor drop), 3 to 4 feet high,
with free stand**

Only £25

**Buy one to brighten Christmas 2021 and support your
Church funds. All proceeds to St George's.**

**Please order by November 20th. Trees will be available
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***See Bill Walker, or leave a message on 07951079359,
including name, address and telephone number.***



Holy Baptism	Holy Matrimony	Funerals
Jessica Charlotte Brennand	None	None

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

Edna Corbett, John & Hilary Lowe, Kathleen Allman, Alice Blacklidge, Margaret Sellers, Nicola Starkie, Audrey Sibbald, Danielle Harker, Brenda Feeney, Dorothy Jepson & Irene Haworth

And for the family of
Michael Bond
 who has died recently.

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Week Beg: -	£	£	£	Includes mid-week		
26th Sep	40.50	215.00	792.00	45	141	107
3rd Oct	110.00	200.50	765.00	37	143	102
10th Oct	30.50	232.00	765.00	56	155	117
17th Oct	114.50	237.50	769.00	34	141	101

The History Page

Where Could St George's Have Appeared?



Last month we wrote about how St George's Church did not have a determined site until late 1821. So, where else could St Laurence's new chapel of ease appear? One possibility was at the site of St Laurence's itself; the current large aisles were not added until 1860 and there would have been some space next to the old church. Secondly, a site across the road from St Laurence's, by perpetual curate Oliver



Cooper's house, was considered. However this was township ground allocated for quarrying stone, a valuable item in repairing the increasingly busy roads. Thirdly the township land at the crook of the



relatively new Bolton Street and Pall Mall became an option but that was taken for the new school by decision of the vestry. Therefore, it was as well the offer of Hardfield, Chorley new chapel's actual site, came from Mr Cunliffe, solicitor of Manchester and curator of the Cunliffe-Grundy lands in Chorley.

Bill Walker

Coffee Morning for the M.S. Trust

Please support the revival of the Coffee Morning in aid of the M.S. Trust, Saturday 20th November, 2021 10.00am - Noon in the Main Hall of the Church Hall with suitable ventilation and social distancing.

There will be a Raffle, Bring and Buy Stall, Book and Cake Stall. All proceeds go to the M.S. Trust at Letchworth, providing M.S. Nurses and important research into Multiple Sclerosis. Tickets £3 (Children free).

Freda Armstrong

International Aid Shoebox Appeal.

After a very successful response to the shoe box appeal last year we are once again supporting International Aid Send a Smile. For children and adults living in poverty the gift of a shoebox can be a dream come true or an answer to a prayer. International Aid deliver boxes to people of all ages from babies to elderly people, throughout the year, not just at Christmas. Their dedicated team overseas share Jesus' love and provide pastoral care, as well as practical gifts.

When you send a shoebox you are sending much more than useful and fun items, it's a personal gift for the person receiving it, a message of hope and love, that reflects the love of Jesus. By doing this we can let children and adults, in desperate circumstances, know that someone cares and is thinking about them.

The team in Ukraine delivered shoeboxes to a family living in poverty, sadly their Dad had recently passed away and all three children were struggling with health problems. Their Mum wrote in a thank you letter, "*If you knew how much you brought us joy! Thank you very much!*"

In Kagbalie, a desperately poor village in Sierra Leone, the community were amazed by the shoeboxes International Aid delivered. Children opening boxes asked, "*Is that all for me?*" Adults asked, "*Why would they send us a gift? They don't know us?*"

This year there are two ways you can send a shoebox, the traditional way of filling a box, wrapping and labelling it and bringing it to church or send a virtual shoebox. The virtual shoebox scheme enables you to make a donation for a box to be filled full of useful and fun items. You can choose the area of the world and age and gender of the person you would like the gift to go to. Gifts are packed and distributed by local teams which in turn helps to support local economies.

Details of what to put in the shoeboxes and how to wrap them are on the following page. Leaflets are also available in church. Should you wish to participate please bring your shoebox to church by 14th November. Thank you.

Elizabeth Wilding on behalf of the Mission and Discipleship Committee.

Parish Magazine 2021 Dates

Issue	Deadline (Sunday)	Available (Sunday)
December/January	21st November	5th December

Contributions for inclusion in The Messenger can be given to Chris Gibson or can be emailed to acvgibson@sky.com

The St George's Quiz

Many thanks to those who took part in the "Wish You Were Here Quiz". You raised a tidy sum for the Restoration Fund. This version of the quiz was indeed quite hard, not least because some of the answers referred to seaside villages few of us would know about. An easier quiz would be more accessible but would mean the random chance of the draw would have a larger influence on determining the winner. My favourite clue this time was "Fresh large drink leads to terrible eye baths" (9,2,3,3), in referring to that lovely Northumbrian village. Unless, that is, I remember "Bunks off, but with Kay, not Tommy" (2,4), the answer being a Cornish town much favoured by St George's families.

Only three entrants returned all correct answers, namely Pamela Jackson, Jean McDonald (a long time contributor from away) and Rob and Diane Sparks. The Sparks were drawn as the worthy winners.

The next quiz is about High Street names- shops, supermarkets, banks and the like. It should be easier given that the answers will all be fairly well known household names. Watch out for it and have a go- only £1 to secure a question sheet.

Bill Walker

Garden Journal

The Autumn leaves that we admired such a short time ago are falling fast. The sadness we may feel as this gardening year comes to an end can however soon be dispelled as we start to plan for next year. Whatever we plan we are going to need leaf mould and we can start that off straight away by collecting the fallen leaves. These will contribute to our own potting compost mix and make a soil conditioning mulch-all for free! However one year's fallen leaves will take 2 years to make leaf mould, but it is simple to do. The rotting fungi and bacteria need air and moisture. Therefore open heaps are best although bagged leaves work well in a small space. Do not collect leaves from the borders, leave them to rot down naturally. Rake/blow the leaves from paths and lawns then fill a strong black polythene sack, pressing them down and watering them if they are dry. Then tie the top securely. Puncture the sack with a fork allowing some exchange of air as the leaves rot.

Other tasks for this month may include:-

- Cleaning the greenhouse of spent crops and debris from pots which will need washing.
- You may like to re-use a large pot/container to plant up for Winter. Cyclamen, pansies, ornamental grasses, evergreen perennials, ivies and coloured stemmed shrubs make good choices.
- Any Winter containers you may already have will need some care at this time. Firstly remove dead/damaged leaves then snip out any faded foliage from underneath the centre of Winter plants such as ferns and polyanthus. Also take out any germinating weeds. Do this regularly as needed in order to keep a good airflow around the plants thus helping to prevent fungal diseases. Containers don't need much watering now, just keep moist so the compost does not shrink from the sides. Deadhead any flowering plants e.g. pansies, as usual.
- Prepare dahlias and cannas for overwintering. As weather/ climate conditions are so unpredictable now it is a good idea

to lift them at the start of a cold spell, storing them in a dark frost-free shed for the Winter. Cannas should be cut back to a stump and dahlias to about 15cm of stem. They will need to be labelled. Dahlias should be packed in sand, spent potting compost mixed with perlite, or sawdust. Cannas and dahlias should be lightly watered every few weeks.

- Finish planting Spring bulbs and bedding plants including tulips and hyacinths before the end of the month.
- Sow sweet peas. This can be done in the Spring. However, last year we sowed ours in November and they were the best ever. We also sowed them in root-trainer pots which helped strong deep roots to develop. They then germinated in the cold greenhouse.
- Prepare beds for Winter. Cut back decaying foliage then weed and lightly fork the ground between the plants. Leave for a few days for the birds to clear away any grubs/slugs eggs then mulch with garden compost or leaf mould to a depth of 5cm. The mulch will conserve moisture, suppress weeds and add nutrients to the soil.
- You may like to turn your hand to a houseplant or two or give one as a gift. Some easy to look after ones include the moth orchid, spider plant, aloe vera, peace lily and boston fern. These are more tolerant of indoor situations but do read the plant care instructions before purchasing to ensure you can provide the right position. Now is a good time to repot houseplants. First knock the plant out of its pot then, using a sharp knife, cut the root ball into sections with each having several shoots, into a pot which is larger than the root ball. Fill any gaps with peat-free multipurpose compost. Water regularly.

By the time you read this we shall be adjusting to those darker nights. It is now definitely time to put the kettle on for that brew and biscuit !

Yours truly Truggs.



Special Thoughts

**It's amazing and incredible,
But it's as true as it can be,
God loves and understands
us all**

**And that means YOU and ME -
His grace is all sufficient
For both the YOUNG and OLD,
For the lonely and the timid,
For the brash and the bold
His love knows no exceptions
So never feel excluded,
No matter WHO or WHAT
you are**

**Your name has been included.
Helen Steiner Rice**

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*If any reader would like to have their own
thought please contact
Chris Gibson.*

**Loving Father help me
focus on those things You
want me to be concerned
about and leave the rest
of the universe to You.**

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**Let us not love with words or
speech,
but with Actions and in Truth.**

1 John 3. 18

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**The "Lord" is the strength of my
life,
of whom then,
should I be afraid.**

Psalm 27-1

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From the School

We have had a wonderful start to the academic year, and I thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and care. The autumn term provided us with the opportunity to reunite once again as a school and this term we have had the pleasure of welcoming new staff members, pupils, and parents to our school community. As we near the end of this busy yet very productive first half term, I would like to share with you some of the highlights of the last 8 weeks. It has been particularly pleasing to see pupils from different classes enjoying each other's company again at playtimes and to see our older pupils be such caring and responsible playground buddies. Hearing the children singing all together once again in our collective worship sessions on the Muga has also been a memorable highlight - our thanks to Mrs Harrison for leading this.

Harvest Festival

Last week we celebrated Harvest time outside on the Muga with Class 6 (Year 3) leading our worship.



They did a super job and made so many special words out of the word Harvest. It was lovely to have so many parents and members of the church community coming into school to worship and celebrate the Harvest with us, and the generosity of the school community was amazing, as there were so many Harvest donations. Thank you! This year

the donations went to the local food bank at Living Waters Church.

HARVEST AND SUKKOT (CLASS 6)

We have been learning about the Christian festival of Harvest and also the Jewish festival of Sukkot. We designed and made our own Sukkahs.

Jewish people like to thank God for looking after them.

Sukkot is celebrated in the Autumn; it is similar to the Christian festival of Harvest.

It is a time to remember the time the Jewish people spent in the wilderness, being led by Moses, when they escaped from Egypt.

To remember and celebrate Sukkot, Jews build a sukkah.

A sukkah is a special hut with a wooden frame. The roof is made from branches and leaves because the stars can still be seen through them.

It is nicely decorated with candles and fruit. People like to hang fruits from the roof and hang pictures and decorations on the walls.

During the Sukkot celebrations Jews like to spend as much time as they can in their sukkah. They will eat, sing, tell stories and even sleep in their Sukkah.

“It’s a time to thank God and be thankful for what’s on your plate.” (Ellie W)

“Harvest is celebrated all over the world.” (Morgan)



“It’s important to donate food so poor people don’t starve!”(Matthew W)

“We collected tins and pushed the trolley full of goods to the Foodbank.” (Ayen)

“We enjoyed building Sukkahs with Prags.” (William)

“Jews built Sukkahs in the desert when they left slavery in Egypt.” (Matilda H)



We were honoured to have Bishop Philip, Bishop of Burnley, in school this half term. He enjoyed a tour of school, popping into the classes to introduce himself and say hello. Bishop Philip led our worship on the Muga, telling us the fantastic story of David and Goliath.

The children were given the opportunity to ask The Bishop questions about his role and how he became a Bishop.

“Pupils were in awe of Bishop Phillip’s sincere interest as he personalised each classroom visit with relevant comments, questions and observations about their curriculum and current day’s lessons.” (Naomi Harrison, Worship Lead).

Congratulations to Harrison in Year 6 who has been selected to represent the Local District Schools Football Team. His football manager put him forward for trials and he has secured a place on the team. He will now train and play with other children from across

Chorley schools and compete against other district teams cross Lancashire. Well done, Harrison.

We are so proud of Harrison for his achievement. We are delighted he has been selected to represent the Chorley District Schools Football team, which is a fantastic reward for his hard work and dedication.”

Jenny Leap (PE Subject Leader).



Adult Helpers

We appreciated, and valued help from our friends from church with reading in school, and other activities. Are you willing to come back to us? Can you help?

Reading is a life skill, and all the staff at St. George's work their hardest to ensure that children experience different reading opportunities. We try to get every child in the infants heard read 3 times a week – that's a huge task, and not one we can achieve without your help! If you can spare an hour or two in the week, for us, ideally in an afternoon – but mornings are better than nothing, we'd be ever so pleased to see you. Please email me (Louise) l.darlington@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk

All we'd ask is that you wear a mask in communal areas, and complete an LFD test, which we can supply, 24 hours prior to coming into school! **It would be great to see you!**

I am so proud of the St George's Family and how we continue to work together to get through the continued ups and downs of this global pandemic. I hope you all have a relaxing time over the Half Term. We are looking forward to returning in November to a new half term with refreshed enthusiasm and hope for the future.

Yours sincerely

Louise Darlington Assistant Headteacher



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