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Men's Group Meet:

2nd Tuesday each Month @ 7.30pm
The Venue (Village Hall) Much Hoole

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - December 2025

Day	Date	Time	What's happening & Where?
Monday	01-Dec	7.20pm-9.00pm	Much Hoole Parish Council Meeting in The Lodge
Tuesday	02-Dec	10.15am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
		7.30pm	Ladies Group Christmas Celebration Open Evening @ The Venue
Wednesday	03-Dec	9.30am-11.00am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Friday	05-Dec	11.00am-1.00pm	Flower Group in Church
Saturday	06-Dec	10.00am-1.00pm	Flower Group in Church
Sunday	07-Dec	9.00am	Morning Prayer led by Revd Mandy Hughes
		10.30am	Parish Communion - Revd David Dickinson (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)
		3.45pm	Toy & Christingle Service led by CYP Minister Liz Boland
		4.00pm	Holy Communion @ Old Mill Court
Monday	08-Dec		
Tuesday	09-Dec	10.15am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
		7.30pm	Men's Group Members Christmas Dinner @ The Venue
Wednesday	10-Nov	9.30am-11.00am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Sunday	14-Dec	9.00am	Holy Communion led by Revd Pat Belshaw
		10.30am	Morning Worship with Sunday School led by Revd Mandy Hughes with Margaret Kirkman preaching
		10.30am	Sunday School Christmas Party
Tuesday	16-Dec	10.15am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Wednesday	17-Dec	9.30am-11.00am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Thursday	18-Dec	2.30pm	Carol Service @ Ribble Court
Friday	19-Dec	9.00am	School - Carol Service in Church
Saturday	20-Dec		
Sunday	21-Dec	9.00am	Holy Communion led by Revd Pat Belshaw
		10.30am	Parish Communion with Sunday Schoolled by Revd David Dickinson
		6.00pm	Carol Service led by Revd Mandy Hughes
Monday	22-Dec		
Tuesday	23-Dec	10.15am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Christmas Eve	24-Dec	4.00pm	Crib Service Led by CYP Minister Liz Boland - we welcome Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds and Animals
		11.15pm	Midnight Communion led by Revd David Dickinson
Christmas Day	25-Dec	10.00am	Christmas Morning service led by Margaret Kirkman
Sunday	28-Dec		NO 9.00 AM SERVICE
		10.30am	Morning Worship led by Revd Mandy Hughes and/or Margaret Kirkman (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)
Monday	29-Dec		
Tuesday	30-Dec	10.15am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Wednesday	31-Dec		



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - November 2025			
Day	Date	Time	What's happening & Where?
Saturday	01-Nov		
Sunday	02-Nov		NO 9.00am SERVICE TODAY
		10.30am	Parish Communion with Sunday School led by Revd David Dickinson
		4.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving for Loved Ones @ Old Mill Court
		6.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving for Loved Ones led by Revd Mandy Hughes
Monday	03-Nov	2.30pm	Holy Communion @ Ribble Court with Service of Thanksgiving for Loved ones
		7.00pm	PCC Meeting in The Lodge
Tuesday	04-Nov	10.15am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
		11.00am	Team Meeting in The Lodge
Wednesday	05-Nov	9.30am-11.00am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Thursday	06-Nov		
Friday	07-Nov		
Saturday	08-Nov	10.00am-12.00pm	Ladies Group Coffee Morning @ The Venue
Sunday	09-Nov		NO 9.00am SERVICE TODAY
		10.10am	Remembrance Service led by Revd Mandy Hughes
Monday	10-Nov		
Tuesday	11-Nov	10.15am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
		2.30pm	School Remembrance Worship in Church
		7.30pm	Men's Group meet @ The Venue "Battlefields & Poppy Fields" by Steve Williams **open invitation to all**
Wednesday	12-Nov	9.30am - 11.00am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Thursday	13-Nov		
Friday	14-Nov		
Saturday	15-Nov	9.30am-2.30pm	Parish Quiet Day at Whalley Abbey
Sunday	16-Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer led by Revd Mandy Hughes
		10.30am	Parish Communion led by Revd Canon Tom Barnes (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)
		3.45pm	Family Church - Light Party @ The Venue
Monday	17-Nov		
Tuesday	18-Nov	10.15am	Midweek Service in the Lodge
Wednesday	19-Nov	9.30am-11.00am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Thursday	20-Nov	2.00pm	Ladies Group Meet @ The Venue - "Victorians Unbuttoned" Victoria Smithson
Friday	21-Nov		
Saturday	22-Nov		
Sunday	23-Nov	9.00am	Holy Communion led by Revd David Dickinson
		10.30am	Morning Worship with Sunday School led by Revd Mandy Hughes & Mrs Heesoo Warner (Ordinand)
Monday	24-Nov		
Tuesday	25-Nov	10.15am	Midweek Service in The Lodge
Wednesday	26-Nov	9.30am-11.00am	St Michael's Little Angels in The Lodge
Thursday	27-Nov		
Friday	28-Nov	2.30pm	Monthly School Celebration Assembly in Church
Saturday	29-Nov		
Advent Sunday	30-Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer led by Revd Mandy Hughes
		10.30am	Parish Communion with Sunday School led by Revd Chris Boland

Seasonal Greetings from the Leadership Team

Autumn is now moving towards Winter and you will have noticed the changes in temperature, although at the time of writing (mid-October) it is still fairly temperate. No sign of the first frost yet! At least not in Lancashire!

Talking of the weather.....

Those of you who are regulars at St Michael's will know that at the moment, we do not have any heating in church because our system was condemned back in July. But worry not, plans are in place and progress ongoing to have a brand-new system fitted before the end of the year; legal, financial, form filling, red tape and GOD willing.

This is going to be a very expensive exercise but we have been truly blessed with a wonderful legacy which came to us, just about the same time as our heating was condemned. Our guardian angels were indeed watching over us. In the meantime, if you plan to come to church, keep a sharp eye on the weather forecast and come prepared to wear your thermals, have your hat and gloves on standby, bring a blanket and no one will object if you have a hot-water bottle as well. We will keep you posted on progress.

Moving on..... you will be able to read all about our services, community events and the activities of all aspects of church life, elsewhere in this magazine but the main focus of this message is really just to say a great big thank you to you all, be you church member or a member of our Parish.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SKILLS freely given in many cases, from so many different sources within church and the wider community; such as administration, cake-making, carpentry, DIY, flower arranging, finance, leadership, management, sewing..... and on it goes.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME in producing and delivering this magazine, researching and writing reports, supporting our youth work at Sunday School, Family Church and through your children at our schools. For being on a committee, signing up to a rota, cleaning the church and lodge, looking after the churchyard and much, much more.

We hope each and every one of you know how much you are appreciated, so from the Leadership Team, may we wish you all a peaceful, happy, Christmas. We hope you are looking forward to a 2026 full of growth in faith and the love of family and friends in all walks of your life.



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AND WHEN ARE WE AVAILABLE?						
Sunday						Rest day
Monday				Working from Home	Rest Day	
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Thursday		Flexible	Rest Day	Working in the Parish	Variable	
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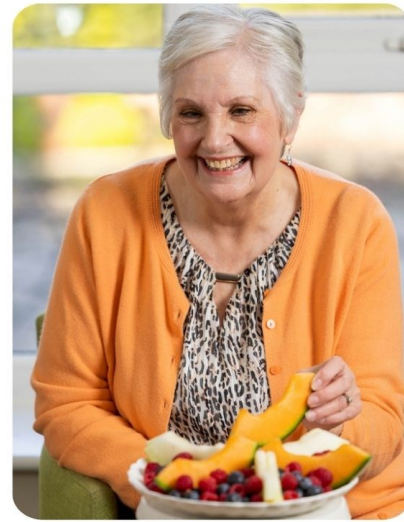
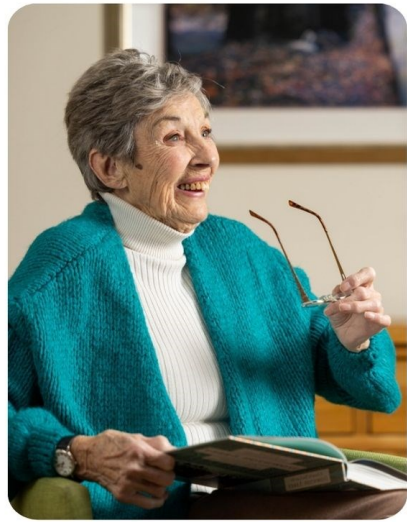
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From Rev. Mandy Hughes, Curate

It is that time of the year again, no sooner do we leave the heat of summer and the children go back to school, then Christmas decorations start to sneak into the shops and before long adverts onto our TV screens.

Why are we in such a rush to embrace Christmas?

As I write (in October) we are thinking about our Service of Thanksgiving for Loved Ones and the annual Service of Remembrance, where we pray for those who have been lost in wars and conflict and for peace in our times. Surely Christmas should be far from our minds?



Christmas will come as it always does, but is our hurry for it to do with our excitement for Jesus or the need for something to look forward to. The time of year when we are with family and friends, presents, good food and all the trappings of a celebration or because we are searching for something that is missing in our world and lives?

As we impatiently wait for Christmas, we are missing out on all that God has to offer us. The cycle of the seasons move us throughout the year to enjoy, prepare and rest. We see God in creation; it is the only way we can see him through the natural world and his people whom he has created. Rushing ahead and in our lives generally, we are missing the time to renew ourselves in preparation for the coming of Jesus as a baby to save our troubled world, and this preparation will start in earnest at the time of Advent which starts on Sunday 30th of November.

Advent is not just a time to countdown to Christmas, it is a time to count up to the absolute joy of knowing the promise of God to send a Messiah, and to be prepared for the Messiah (Jesus) to come again. As we open our Advent Calendars, day by day in December and eat the chocolates, why not think about the good things that God has given us, say sorry for the things we have done wrong and ask for the things we need and the needs of others.

Make this time a time of prayer.

You may even want to buy an advent calendar that tells the story of Jesus and reminds us what advent is all about.

So we finally come to Christmas and time to enjoy the birth of Jesus in all of our celebrations. Those tear-jerking nativity performances, present buying and wrapping, carol concerts and most important of all coming together to sing, pray and give thanks for the coming of the Saviour of the World who will take away all our sins at Easter. But will show through the writings in the Bible and in our own experiences just how loved we are.



No need to rush, take time from now on to be aware of the world around you, creation, the people you love and think about the many needs in the world. Take time to be quiet, and prepare for the greatest gift ever, Jesus Christ.

**A Very happy, blessed and peaceful joy-filled
Christmas from us all at St Michael's**

O CHRISTMAS TREE

It is almost that time again when we start rummaging in the loft or the garage to locate all those Christmas decorations. Out come shiny reindeer, red velvet coated Santas and strings of lights (will they work this year?) and endless brightly coloured baubles.

My "thing" has always been my Nativity scene which covers the sideboard and has been added to over the years on my travels or purchases on a whim; I have a pie man, a woman selling fish, 2 small metal horses and a whole herd of camels.



*But last, and certainly not least,
comes The Tree!*



Be it window-sill or room-size, be it artificial or real - there has to be a Tree!

We always have a magnificent one in church lovingly decorated and surrounded by tempting packages. Where I used to live, two churches had Christmas Tree festivals when church groups decorated small trees and the money raised by visitors went to local charities.

During their midwinter festival, when the world was cold and dark and covered with snow the Romans brought in sheaves of evergreen to decorate their homes. It encouraged them to think of a time when their lands would become green and fruitful again. The early Scandinavians decorated their houses and barns with evergreen to ward off the devil.

This original pagan custom has now been adapted and grown into a Christian tradition; after all I suspect that many of us do not believe that Jesus was actually born on the 25 December, simply that the fore-sighted Christians adapted an existing pagan festival to bring new hope to the world.

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It is said that the idea of lights on the tree came from Martin Luther, the great reformer, when he saw stars twinkling through the branches of an evergreen, so he added candles to his tree. Many of our tree baubles are red. These are said to represent the apples on the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden which the serpent tempted Eve to eat, thus leading to mankind being cast out into the world. The imagery of round, red apples hanging on the tree was used in the mediaeval mystery plays.



On top of the tree proudly stands the star which led the Wise Men (non-Jews like us) to the Christ-child and to the Saviour of the world.

The Christmas tree as a family ornament started its life in the Germanic countries and was brought over in early Victorian times and remains a staple of our Christmas celebrations.

*(If you're already concerned about taking your decorations down, then the standard date seems to be 5 January, Twelfth Night, before the Three Kings appear on 6 January - Epiphany. If however, you want to extend your festive season there is a strong mediaeval tradition in which 2 February - Candlemas, marks the end of the Christmas season and the church is filled with candles to bless the New Year. **Be warned!** That same tradition says that decorations left up after Candlemas will become possessed by goblins!!)*

We obviously need to remember that the second tree in the Bible was the tree on which Christ was crucified and died for each and every one of us; a debt that we must never forget. The Symbol of the Tree carries us from the beginning of the story to its earthly end. The evergreen represents hope, life and renewal through the darkest days of the year and often our lives. It stands firm to remind us that Christ is everlasting, true and faithful, and will never leave us nor forsake us.....and even as I write this the power of that message takes all my breath away.



Margaret Kirkman, Occasional Preacher

Children and Families at St Michael's Church

Sunday School

In September & October, Sunday School used the Diocese's summer programme about Paul's life, teaching and journeys in Acts. We learnt about Paul's conversion, his preaching, his time in prison, a time when he brought a man back to life after the man fell out of a window, Paul being involved in a shipwreck, and then being bitten by a deadly snake but being OK.

We have seen again, and again, how powerful God is and how He wants us to receive that power as well. We have tried to spend more time in prayer and thinking about the stories and how they apply to us. In amongst that, though, we've had fun playing games and doing crafts.



We have rearranged the room we meet in, to make it more of an extension of church. We now have our own table at the front with a cross and candle as a focal point and sit in a semi-circle, rather than round a table. This has given us a more relaxed feeling and has led to better discussions and prayer times.



We welcome all children age 0-11ish for fun, games, songs, Bible teaching, prayer and crafts and we're always keen and happy to welcome new children along.

Family Church

Why? Church and Minecraft Church

In September we had our first Family Church of the school year, asking the question WHY?

The children had the chance to think about all the different things we do in church and ask questions about church. There were some great questions asked about why our church is called St Michael's, what the word church means and many others. Mandy & I tried our best to answer them but sometimes had to resort to Googling the answers! During this service, we also wrote thanks and praise prayers on a graffiti wall, wrote sorry prayers and then burnt them to signify God's forgiveness to us, and as a visual reminder of God always forgiving us when we say sorry.

In October, we had Minecraft Church. The families who came along enjoyed creating their own new world or village, either using Minecraft, Lego or junk modelling and colouring. Great turnout on a horribly wet afternoon, so thank you - led by Rev Mandy Hughes. And here are some samples:



So sorry we couldn't capture the creations on ipads and iPhones



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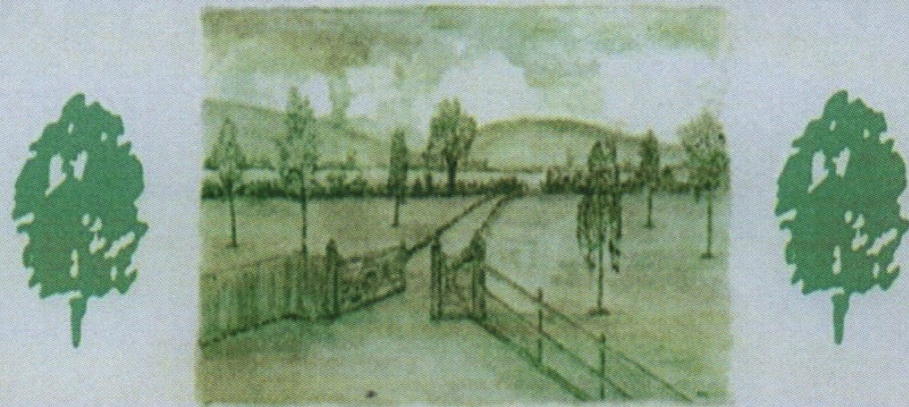
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We thought about how God is a creative God, who wants His creation to be useful, beautiful and fun! We looked at the story of Solomon building the temple, and the very exact instructions God gave him, which didn't just include making it a building for worship, but also had a lot of beauty there too.

Our next Family Church is our popular Light Party Church on 19 November, and then we get to our two December services – Toy & Christingle on 2 Dec and the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.
We'd love to see you at these services, or any in the future.

Schools Work

I regularly go into 3 of our local schools to deliver Collective Worship: Little Hoole & Holmeswood termly(ish) and St Michael's weekly. This gives us, as a church, a good chance to share Bible stories and what they mean to us and how they can help us be the very best version of ourselves that we can be. I am aware of the privilege I have, of speaking to over 350 children and their teachers regularly about God and the Bible.

I also run two lunchtime clubs at St Michael's: Worship Warriors and Christian Crafts. Worship Warriors look at the worship that happens in school and we try to make it accessible and helpful as possible. The Christian Craft group look at a Bible story related to my Collective Worship that week, and then we make crafts related to it. These two clubs are great for me to get to know the children a bit better, and for them to have another trusted, Christian adult in their lives.

Our work in the schools is a vital ministry, as it means that we are going to the place where children spend most of their waking time, and sharing God with them. It also means that when the children come to church for school services, or if they come to a regular service, or a baptism etc, they have a friendly, trusted and known face welcoming them when they come.

Liz Boland

Children & Young People's Minister

Coming Up for Families and Children:

Sunday 2 November 10:30

Sunday 9 November 10:10

Sunday 16 November 3:45

Sunday 23 November 10:30

Sunday 30 November 10:30

Sunday 7 December 3:45

Sunday 14 December 10:30

Sunday 21 December 10:30

Sunday 24 December 4:00

Monday 25 December 10:00

Sunday 4 January 10:30

Sunday School in Lodge

Sunday School in Lodge

Remembrance Sunday - NOTE CHANGE OF START TIME

Light Party Church in Venue

Sunday School in Lodge

Sunday School in Lodge

Toy & Christingle in Church

Sunday School Christmas Party in Lodge

Final Sunday School of the year in Lodge

Crib Service in Church.

Why not come dressed as an angel or a shepherd?

Family Service in Church

Bring a present to show others.

Sunday School in Lodge

Children and Families
at St Michael's Church

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.....

The goose is getting fat, please put a penny in the old man's hat, If you haven't got a penny because you don't carry cash. Then perhaps one of these will be right for you?

USED STAMPS FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION?

Please collect your used stamps from all the extra post you are likely to receive this Christmas. Leave in church any time Mon-Sat 9.30-4pm

WHAT ABOUT THE FOODBANK?

Please consider an extra purchase or two when doing your weekly shop. There is a basket in the porch at Church where you can leave your donation. Although all donations are gratefully received – please see their Christmas Appeal poster elsewhere in this magazine.

CONSIDER A PRESENT FOR A BOY OR GIRL? – ANY AGE

At our Toy & Christingle Service on the 7th December we are asking for new presents, wrapped and with a label, stating if the present is for a boy or girl (or either) for any age from baby through to teenager.

Bring your present to church on the day or in advance Mon-Sat between 9.30-4pm where you will find a box beside the font from Sunday 30th Nov.

The presents are destined for the children at the Women's Refuge

This is a picture of the "pile of presents of over-whelming generosity" from last year.



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- ◆ Have you not been baptised, but have faith and think you might like to be?
- ◆ Were you baptised and confirmed, when you were younger, but you now feel that your faith has moved on? Have you thought about renewing your baptismal vows?

If you have answered yes to any of the above questions, then we might have the answer!

We are hoping to hold a Confirmation service in St Michael's towards the summer. You can be confirmed or renew your baptismal vows if you are in year 6 at school or older (there is no upper age limit). If you aren't sure, but think this might be right for you, then head over to the Church of England website and look at the information there on baptism, confirmation and renewal of baptismal vows. www.churchofengland.org/life-events.

For more information about what will happen at St Michael's, please speak to Rev Mandy Hughes for adults, or Liz Boland for children. You can find contact details at the front of this magazine. We'd love to hear from you!

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'STAGE & STREET' DANCE & DRAMA Act I Drama (7-12yr) 4:45-6pm Act I Dance (7-12yr) 6-6:45pm Act II Dance (13-17yr) 6:45-7:30pm Act II Drama (13-17yr) 7:35-9:20pm	STRETCH OUT Stretch Class 9:30-10:30am TEA DANCE - SOCIAL Ballroom/Latin/Sequence 2-4:15pm 'LATIN IN LINE' Line Dance Class 7-8pm BALLROOM & LATIN SPARKLERS Small Group Class 8-9pm	STRETCH OUT Stretch Classes 9:30-10:30am 10:30-11:30am UPBEAT AEROBICS Dance Exercise Class 7-8pm BALLROOM/LATIN & SEQUENCE Improvers Class 7-7:40pm Advanced Class 7:40-8:15pm SOCIAL DANCE NIGHT 8:15-10:45pm BALLROOM & LATIN Beginners Class 8-9pm STAGE & STREET Adult Drama (18+) Starting in 2025	POPULAR SEQUENCE Beginners Class 1:30-2:30pm POPULAR SEQUENCE Intermediate Class 2:30-3:15pm BALLROOM/LATIN & SEQUENCE Intermediate Class 7:00-7:30pm Intermediate Class 7:30-8:30pm	BALLROOM/LATIN, & STREETDANCE Starlites (4-7yr) 9:30-10:30am 7-10yr 9:30-10:45am 10-18yr 10:45-12:45pm COMPETITION & EXAM REHEARSALS 12:45-1:45pm 1 to 1 tuition available - various days/times, by arrangement	
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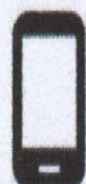
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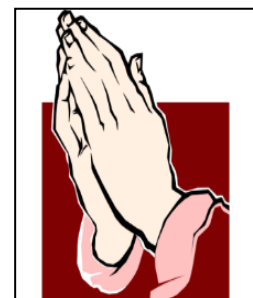


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SPACE FOR PRAYER

There is a space in church (in front of the pews) for anyone to come and sit and pray or just have a quiet time. There are materials to read and we hope it will provide a place to leave prayer requests. Prayer is a time when we have our conversations with God, but equally times of silence and quiet so that we can listen to what he has to say to us. God wants us to come to him in prayer and gives us the Holy Spirit to help us. Prayer is our breath. If you would like us to get in touch please contact me:



Rev Mandy Hughes

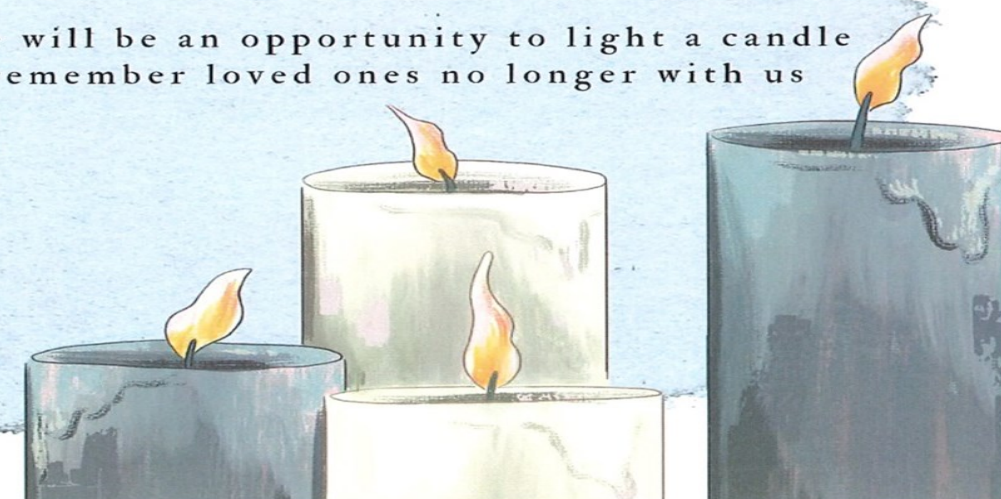
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YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO
*Service of Thanksgiving
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Sunday 2nd November, 18:00
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There will be an opportunity to light a candle
to remember loved ones no longer with us





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Hoole Church Ladies Group

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At Easter, Harvest and Christmas the whole group works together to decorate St Michael's to the glory of God and for the benefit of all our congregations and visitors.

We are able to provide arrangements throughout the year for pedestals, windowsills, pew ends, and the Lychgate for Baptisms, Weddings or in memory of loved ones.

New sponsors and arrangers are always welcome, please contact Lisa Redshaw on 01772 614428

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SUNDAY 16th November

3.45 PM

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism – “We welcome into the Lord’s Family”

14th September PAISLEY OLIVIA HAYES and AMELIA HAYES
Daughters Of Paul Hayes and Nadine Hayes-Dana of Penwortham.

14th September JACK JOSEPH FORD and REUBEN OLIVER FORD
Sons of Callum Redpath and Debra Ford of Shevington, Wigan.

The Departed “Rest eternal grant unto them”

31st August JUSTINE McMINN aged 41 years of Bolton (Formerly of Much Hoole).
Interment of ashes only in the Churchyard.

31st August ELAINE READ aged 58 years of Penwortham.
Interment of ashes only in the Churchyard.

12th September MATTHEW ALAN KIRKHAM aged 76 years of Little Hoole.
Interment followed in the Churchyard.

21st September DAVID HULL aged 70 years of Bamber Bridge.
Interment of ashes only in the Churchyard.

26th September JOAN WILSON aged 81 years of Buckinghamshire.
(Formerly of Little Hoole).
Interment followed in the Churchyard.

28th September WALTER TAYLOR aged 90 years of Walmer Bridge.
Interment of ashes only in the Churchyard.

19th October BARRY McMANMON aged 75 years of Walmer Bridge.
Interment of ashes only in the Churchyard.

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St Michael's Flower Team

As we prepare for the clock's going back, and the coming of winter, we give thanks for this year's bounteous harvest which gave the flower team a vast amount of foliage, flowers and produce to help decorate our beautiful church for this colourful Autumn thanksgiving.



The bicycle was in its usual place to welcome visitors and congregation, despite the possibility that it wouldn't, because of the strength of Storm Amy the previous day! However, Amy took pity on us on Harvest Sunday, and thankfully all was back to normal.

The porch, windows and altar were all awash with kindly donated fruit, flowers and fresh produce, arranged by our dedicated team of flower ladies, and destined to be donated to local charities.



Fifteen baskets of fresh produce are given to local residents, with the remainder, very kindly donated annually by the Burney family, donated to the kitchens at St. Katherine's Hospice.



Sunday Refreshments Rota

November 2025

02/11/25 Joan & Mike
09/11/25 Gill & Nick
09/11/25 Shirley & John
16/11/25 Pat & Nina
23/11/25 John & Honey
30/11/25 Carole & Lynn

December 2025

07/12/25 Joan & Mike
14/12/25 Shirley & John
21/12/25 Pat & Nina
28/12/25 John & Honey
04/01/26 Carole & Lynn



HEADSTONE TIP & TILT CHECK

AN ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE CHURCH-YARD
(known as Tip & Tilt)
took place in September

THIS HAS REVEALED THAT THE FOLLOWING HEADSTONES ARE IN NEED OF URGENT ATTENTION AS THEY ARE UNSTABLE

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Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:5-13

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Oh no! I have no bread to feed him! I am so ashamed! What can I do?.. I know!

'You would go round to a friend's house.'

Bang! Bang!

What's the matter?

I really, really need some bread for a visitor.

Don't bother me. We're all in bed.

I need that bread!

He's not going to go away, is he?

Jesus concluded...

So keep on asking and it will be given, seeking and you will find, knocking and it will be opened... And parents, if your hungry child asks for bread,

'..would you give them a stone?'

'And if they asked for a fish...'

'..would you give them a snake?'

'Or if they asked for an egg...'

'you'd give a scorpion?'

If you, who aren't perfect parents, give good gifts to your children, then don't you think that gifts from your perfect Father, God, will be even better?



The very generous gifts of tinned and dried foods, mainly donated, and arranged, by the children attending St Michael's School, are given to the Foodbank for the benefit of their clients, and the abundant supply of apples decorating the church each Harvest time is donated to St Michael's School.



Flower Arrangers' Rota - October to December 2025		
Date	Arranger/s	Sponsor/s
19th October	Jean / Sue	Mrs Lawrence
26th October	Gillian	Mrs Houghton - pedestal Mrs J Oak, Mrs M Ferguson
2nd November	Betty / Lisa / Maureen	Mrs Read, Mr & Mrs H Wignall
9th November	Claire / Lisa / Gillian	Mr & Mrs Pickles, Mr & Mrs Dewhurst
		Mrs Smalley
Betty, Julie and children from St Michael's School - Poppies outside		
16th November	Lisa	Mrs Redshaw
23rd November	Lisa	Church Ladies Group
30th November	Claire	Mrs Smallwood
6th December	All arrangers	Mrs C Heywood
7th December	Gillian	Mrs Houghton (pedestal), Mrs Ball (wreath)
14th December	Lisa / Julie	Mrs Blakely
21st December	Lisa / Julie	Mr & Mrs Wood, Mrs Ball
28th December	Lisa / Julie	



St Michael's Men's Group

Our next meeting actually falls on the evening of Remembrance Day – 11th November.

The topic that evening will be a talk by Steve Williams entitled



Battlefields and Poppy Fields'

Because of the significance of the date and topic, we have decided that this will be an open meeting which commences at 7.30pm in Much Hoole Village Hall, and anyone who wishes will be very welcome to attend.

Stan Pickles – Men's Group Treasurer



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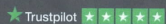
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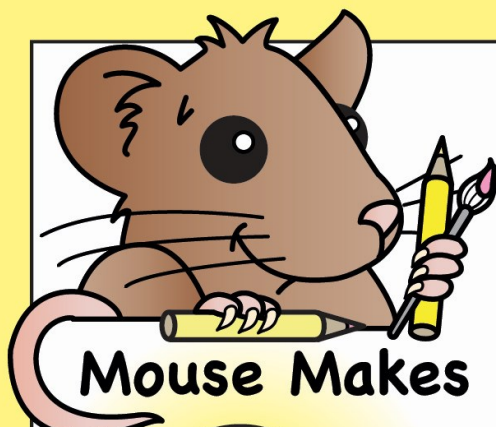
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LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS
Advent Sunday this year falls on 30th November.
ADVENT is a time to celebrate the ARRIVAL of Jesus, God's Son, our Saviour. We look forward with HOPE, we give thanks for God's LOVE and the PEACE and JOY we have in Jesus.



JOY

Read: **LUKE 2:10-11**
Who is 'God's news of great joy' for?



LOVE

Read: **John 3:16**
How did God show He loves us?



PEACE

Read: **Romans 5:1-2**
Through who do we have peace with God?

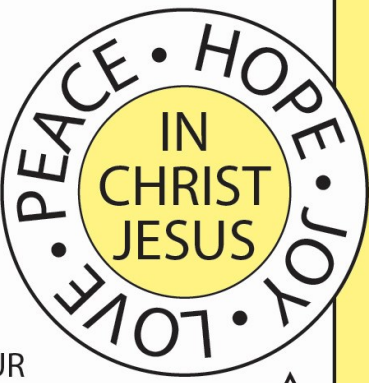


HOPE

Read: **Isaiah 40:5**
What shall be revealed?

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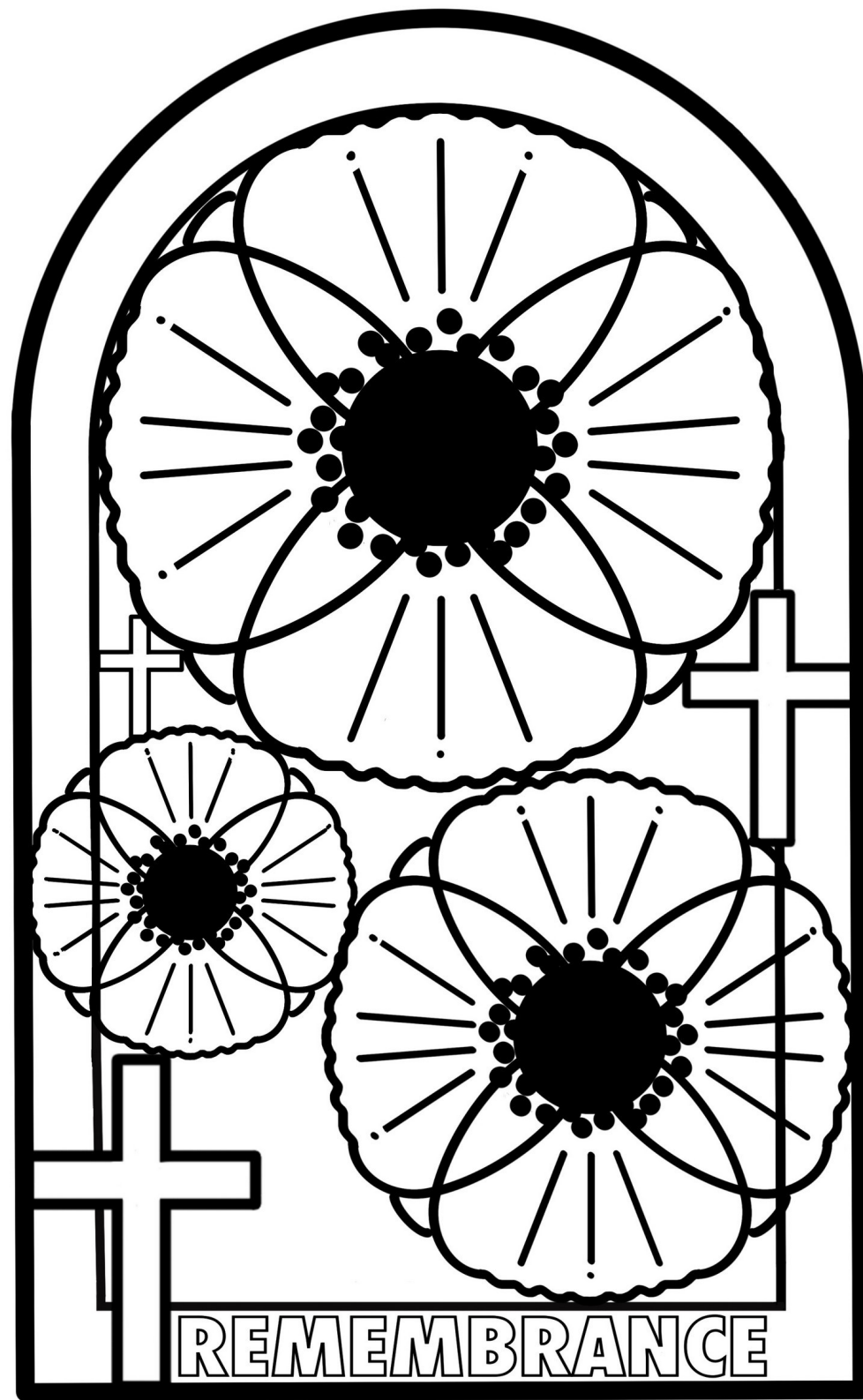


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Colouring Sheet

Can you make a colourful stained glass window?

Hoole Church Ladies' Group

In September Judy Beeston came along to talk about Edith Rigby, Preston's most famous Suffragette. Judy cleverly transported us into Edith's world. She came along in a replica of a dress and hat worn by Edith which made her story even more fascinating.



Edith Rigby was dedicated to improving the lives and conditions of young people and women in the early 20th century; initially she started up youth clubs in the poor areas of Preston and, later, she was active in the Suffragette Movement – even going to prison and on hunger strike – believing in the strength of women being united. She married an amazingly tolerant man who allowed her to live her independent life! Judy was also a founder member and president of the local Hutton & Howick Women's Institute.

In October we welcomed the Men's Group to share reminiscences about life in England in the mid-1900s ("Those were the Days") from Ray Cauldwell. We were reminded of all sorts of post-war music, old radio programmes and the coming of television. The memories were all in our minds and just needed to be unlocked!

In November we are looking forward to our Coffee Morning on Saturday 8th at The Venue – and for the cost of £5.00 you can have a cup of coffee/tea plus a refill, and a scone or cake – what a bargain! There will also be Bring & Buy, Bottle stall and a Quiz. Do bring your friends along.

At our November meeting – Thursday 20th November at 2.30pm we will be welcoming Fiona Smithson whose talk is entitled "Victorians Unbuttoned".

On 2nd December we have our Christmas Celebration evening at the Venue when Katy Bradley will be entertaining us in her own unique style. Tickets cost £10 or you can pay at the door and include a delicious Buffet; plus a raffle and Bring & Buy. Please bring along your friends—gentlemen are very welcome too; it's not just the ladies who will be coming!

Anyone who may be interested in coming along to our meetings would be made very welcome. We are a friendly group and welcome new members. Do give me a call on 07791 068360 or 01772 613816.

Erika Penrose
Ladies Group Leader



Life at Hoole St Michael CE Primary School

As the proud new Headteacher of Hoole St Michael CE Primary School we are pleased to share the wonderful work we have been doing in the Autumn term. It has been a pleasure to join this beautiful school community and get to know the children and families.

We are working extremely hard to improve community links. If you have any skills that you feel would be a valuable asset to our school please do not hesitate to get in touch.

To improve links between Church and School we will be sharing our Celebration Worship once a month in Church and encourage all of our community to join us for this event. Please see the key school dates and add these to your calendar. We would like to extend our thanks to Altys's Builder Merchant who have provided every child in school with a high visibility jacket to make sure we are safe when out and about in our local community.

In school our theme this half term has been environment. This links nicely with World Mental Health Day we celebrated last week. As part of recognising this very important day we dressed in yellow to mark the occasion and used our time to get outdoors and get gardening. Not only did this improve our wellbeing but also improved our outdoor environment. We will be continuing this project with our weekly gardening club. If any members of our local community have green-fingers we are always on the look-out for willing volunteers to help our children in Gardening Club. We would like to extend our thanks to Embleys Garden Centre for supplying the material to get this project off the ground.

As part of our community project exploring and improving our environment, we are completing some renovations and redecorations within school. If you do have any expertise in this area and would like to be involved in this project please come and speak with us here at school.

We held our school open day on Thursday 9th October. It was delightful to show people around our lovely school. If you missed this date, please feel free to call our school office to book an appointment to look round school. Every day is an open day!

We are always happy to discuss other community Projects; please reach out to school to explore and develop other opportunities.

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School Events Coming Up

Monday 10 Nov	We will be wearing odd socks to school to acknowledge anti-bullying and will be doing work to learn about this.
Tuesday 11 Nov @ 2.30 pm	School remembrance service in Church -all welcome to attend.
Friday 14 Nov	Do not be alarmed when you see our children coming to school in their pyjamas: this is in aid of Children in Need.
Friday 21 Nov	Our children will be dressed as rockstars to support the launch of our new Rocksteady Music club.
Friday 28 Nov @ 2.30 pm	School celebration worship in Church- all welcome to attend
Sunday 30 Nov	Our children will be joining the community choir at Longton Winter wonderland.
Friday 5 Dec	Carols around the tree at school- followed by our Christmas fair- all welcome to attend.
Friday 19 Dec @ 2.30pm	Carol service in Church- all welcome to attend