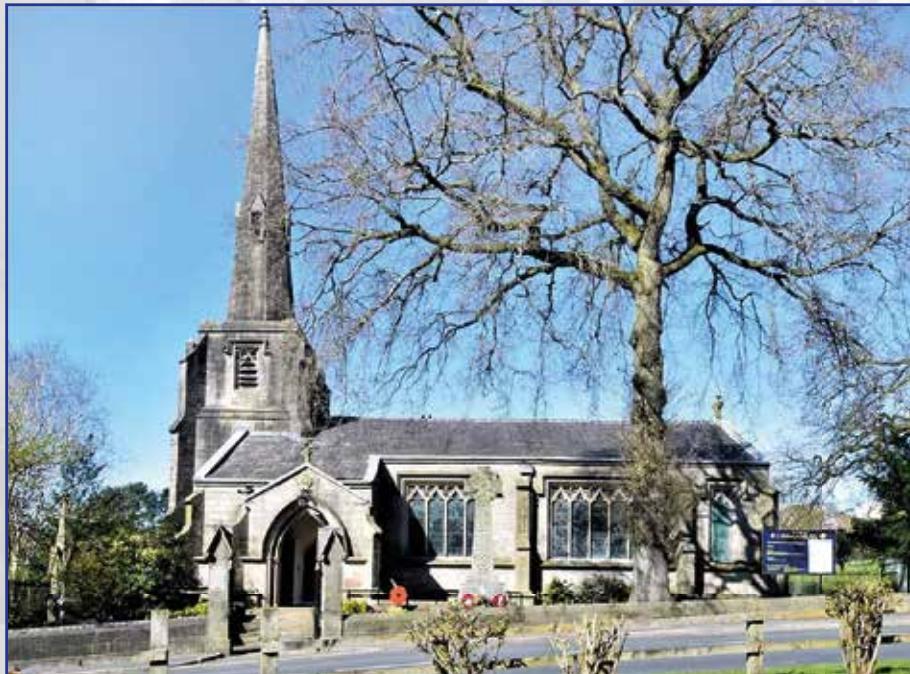


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THE VICAR

Happy New Year! As another year begins, many of us find ourselves thinking about fresh starts - what we might hope for, what we might change, and what we want to build as we look ahead.

As churches, the new year gives us a similar opportunity. Over the coming weeks we'll be spending time in the Old Testament book of Nehemiah. It tells us about Nehemiah leading the rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls. But, much more than that, it's about God rebuilding his people - renewing their faith, reshaping their life together, and reminding them who they are and what they're for.

One of the striking things about Nehemiah is that the rebuilding doesn't begin with bricks and mortar, but with prayer. The first thing Nehemiah does is turn to God, seeking his guidance. Only then does the work begin - and when it does, every person has a part to play. Families, neighbours, leaders and labourers all work side by side. What they're building matters, but so does how they build it, and the kind of community they become along the way.

As we reflect on this together, it naturally leads us to some bigger questions. What is God calling us to build here, in our benefice and communities? What is the purpose of our churches today? What do we hope people will encounter when they walk through our doors? As I pray and reflect, I keep coming back to the sense that our churches are called to be a home where everyone feels a sense of belonging - places where people can meet Jesus, get to know him better, and become more like him together. Praise God that so many already feel at home with us, but how might we welcome more people home?

Over the coming months, there will be space to listen, reflect, and discern together what this might mean in practice. As we do, I pray that we'll be open to what God wants to build among us. That we'll pray deeply, listen carefully, and take our place in the work he's doing - trusting that the God who rebuilt his people in Nehemiah's day is still at work today, building something good, faithful, and lasting among us.

I wish you all the very best for 2026 and, as always, please pray for me as I pray for you - that together we might become more and more the people God is calling us to be.

Best wishes - **Bryn**

WARDENS REPORT

Happy New Year to you and your families. I hope you had a healthy and peaceful Christmas and were not hit by the many illnesses which appear to have badly affected many people hard over recent weeks.

Firstly, may I offer our condolences to the family and friends of Ian Fletcher, the Scout Leader at our fellow benefice church of St Francis, following his sudden death over the Christmas period.

Immanuel has held some excellent and well attended Christmas Services; Café Church Toy Service, joint Lessons and Carols, Crib & Christingle on Christmas Eve. Certainly from my point of view the Carol Service was eventful with part of the electrics tripping seconds before we were due to start, a big thanks must go to Kurt who was due to play guitar with an amplifier but had to improvise and personally I felt that his playing and singing of In the Bleak Midwinter was the highlight of the service.

During the advent and Christmas period we have supported those less fortunate than ourselves through toys at the Toy Service which went to children in Blackburn who would otherwise not receive anything and The Children's Society through the money from the Christingle & Crib Service and a donation from Immanuel.

One other personal thank you for again supporting those less fortunate through donation of coats to Wrap Up Central Lancashire, which is co-ordinated by Rotary and just in the small area covered saw 1665 coats passed to charities to distribute. All the charities have already used all the coats they had been given. It is disturbing that all the above charitable giving has needed to be given to people in the UK, many of them in Blackburn or wider Lancashire, we should be thankful for what we have.

This time last year I reported that we needed to replace the church toilet roof and what a performance that has been, following a drawn-out Faculty being granted, some very generous donations and a grant from the Diocese, we now have a watertight toilet area. Based on the quote we have we still need in the region of £10000 spending(any donations gratefully received) to dry out and rebuild the internal area, however I am actively looking at how we can reduce this cost, probably through the use of individual contractors and seeking special deals rather than one main contractor

The Narthex (paid for by a legacy) and new internal glass entrance doors (paid for by Rose Queen fundraising) are fully installed and proving to be very well

received, once the toilet is finished, we hope to make much more use of the space that has been created.

There are several people I would like to thank for their support over the last year; Peter Hodkinson, Sandy, Linda, Judith, Mary and Kathryn (flowers), Bernard, Ann, Helen, Janet, Steve and others (garden) and not forgetting Diane, who tries to keep me on track with the many things that need to be thought about as Warden.

Immanuel needs other people to volunteer to undertake some of the 'jobs list' and I will be pushing this as it needs us all to participate, even if it is only in a small way. Thanks to Peter Smith for taking on Magazine Co-ordinator and Peter Dobson for doing some of the magazine distribution and monthly draw. If one of our eldest members can be an active PCC member and attend Deanery Synod, then there is something everyone can contribute.

I remain passionate that Bryn & Sara should undertake as little 'admin' as possible, his role is 'vicaring', (probably there is no such word). I would ask that unless it is a pastoral matter that you, please speak to either myself or one of the PCC members, I am sure that many of you had the experience of being bogged down by things you should not have been doing.

So once again Happy 2026 to you and your families.

Phil

Flowers for January and February

Altar

January	Waring Family
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Memorial Desk

January	Waring Family
February	Mr Coulthurst



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What can I expect?

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Who is it for?

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Why now?

Because life is busy, complicated, and sometimes overwhelming, and because we weren't meant to navigate it alone. This course gives us a chance to slow down, breathe, and rediscover the God who walks with us in every season.

Important note: - Please let Rev. Sara know in advance if you plan to attend so she can arrange the right level of catering.

TOY SERVICE



IN REMEMBRANCE FOR JANUARY

1st	2006	Mary Elizabeth Leigh	2011	John Hastings
2nd	1994	Bryan Dodd Burke	2017	Michael Robbins
	2018	Vera Watson		
3rd	1997	Anne Oldroyd	2011	Ronald George Ackroyd
	2019	Gillian Gaskell		
4th	1989	Myra Gleaves	1990	Winifred May Newport
	1994	Elsie Gent	2001	Annie Margaret Blow
5th	1986	Norman Ainsworth Walsh	1994	Robert Mercer
	1997	Jack Taylor	1996	Stella Marsden
	2005	Peggy Miller	2006	Betty Green
	2011	Robert David Wilson		
6th	1991	John G. Walton Mitchel	2003	Brian Duckworth
	2003	Pat Oldnall	2018	George Leslie Brogden
	2021	Roy Alan Parker		
7th	1989	Harry Clegg		
8th	2002	Olive Hocking	2008	Donald Jones
	2009	Brenda McNamee		
9th	1995	Walter McDermaid	1996	Bob Tomlinson
10th	1951	Valerie Kay Pearce	1990	James Bolton
	1980	Catherine Beatrice Smith	2016	Frances May Hill
11th	1999	Harry Hindle	2012	John Charles Smith
	2013	Raymond Matthews	2018	Maureen Milligan
12th	1989	Madge Bullen	1993	Margaret Jones
	2000	Mary Jean Lincoln	2001	Peggy Harper
	2001	Leslie Miller	2004	William Bolton
	2011	Ernest Pawson	2022	Stephanie Matthews
13th	1999	Margaret (May) Dixon	1999	Elsie Parkinson
14th	1988	Betsy Dixon	1996	Richard Hilliard
	2016	Pamela Mary Coulter		
15th	1975	Simon Robert Smith	1975	Jonathon Ian Smith
	1975	Christopher James Smith	1987	Dilys Bolton
	1983	Edith Lina		
	2001	Kathleen Leyland	2007	Don Thurston
	2011	Isabella Hardacre		
16th	1970	Leslie Tabiner	1985	Reginald Edgar Webb
	1992	Bill Eastham		
17th	1986	Jean Wishart	1990	Annie Hatfield
	1995	Albert Winchester	1997	Thomas Welding
18th	1989	Elsie Whittle	1996	John Clayton
	1999	George Chadwick	2000	Thomas Humphries
	2001	John Ainsworth	2006	John Walker
	2013	Elizabeth Esther Nixon	2022	Roy Haworth
19th	1992	Emily Ann Shorrock		
20th	1978	Jane Ainsworth	1981	Frank Harling
	1986	William Holt		
	1993	Herbert Foulds	2000	Doris Haworth
	2002	Terence W. Lord		
21st	1986	Bert Twist	1987	Sarah Elizabeth Livesey
	1992	John Shaw	1999	Elsie Horsefield
	2018	Jessie Hickmott		
22nd	1994	John Moreby	2014	Veronica Evelyn Henderson
23rd	1972	Eileen Shutt	1996	Edie Newby
	1998	Ewart Brennan	2005	Thomas Snape
	2006	Evelyn Riding	2007	John Thomas
24th	1972	Elizabeth A. Barrett	1993	Jim Sherbourne
	2011	Bessie Barry	2014	John Edgar Shankland
	2009	David Wild		
25th	1997	Edwin Bury		
26th	2001	Mavis Cooper		
27th	1989	Bertha Gradwell		
30th	2013	Sandra Gillian Taylor		
31st	2014	Kelvin John Thomas	2016	Herbert Daniel Smart

IN REMEMBRANCE FOR FEBRUARY

1st	1978	Mollie Knight	2003	Ivy Lee Holding
	2005	Harry Ainsworth	2007	Margaret Pawson
	2011	Eunice Vose		
2nd	1975	Grace Hindle	1987	Cyril Coulthurst
	1990	Frank Hindle	2022	Peter Aspinall
3rd	1988	Joseph Parker	2007	Dennis Day
	2014	John Edgar Shankland		
4th	1962	Nicholas Wright	1987	Elsie Miles
	1993	May Pearson	1993	Hazel Sargison
	1993	Peter Sargison	2005	Mary Slack
5th	1994	Ken Jones		
6th	1989	Hilda Gill	2008	Jean Mary Howson
	2010	Horace Walker	2018	George Leslie Brogden
7th	1972	Eric Roy Duckworth		
8th	1980	Harold Smith	2011	Fred Kemp
9th	2003	Susan Stanley	2005	Joan Thornton
10th	1990	Alan Shaw	1994	Sidney Challenger
	1995	Joan Haslem	2000	Geoffrey Parkinson
	2011	Susan Mary Hargreaves	2011	Frank Holroyd Kenyon
11th	1986	William C.D.Cooper	1988	Fred Dixon
	1989	Elizabeth Shorrock	2003	Leslie Earnshaw
	1998	Stanley Hesketh	2012	May Holgate
12th	1990	James Woodhall		
13th	1992	Roger H. Wolstenholme		Frederick H. Smith
	1978	Edith Stocks		
14th	1953	Frank Broadley MM	2003	Ada Wenham
15th	1990	Winifred Wadsworth	1990	James Masterton
	2020	Fred Newbury		
16th	1989	Florence Clegg	1990	Ciceley Rigby
	2022	Susan Samek		
17th	2018	Janet Ward		
18th	1957	Peter Devine	1990	Sarah Ellen Robinson
	1991	Lucy Stevans	1996	Lawson Donelon
	2004	Bill Aspinall	2011	Kathleen Jackson
19th	1925	John Ely Jepson	1978	David Barrett
	2001	Pegg Green	2011	Roland Cyril Crompton
20th	1995	Ethel Hunter		
21st	1996	Denis John Webb	2001	Arthur Walmsley
	2012	Dudley Moss	2018	Jessie Hickmott
22nd	2001	Bill Turner		
23rd	1990	Alexander Carus	1998	Mary Almond
	1999	Ellen Alison	1999	Peter Barker
	1992	Eric Greenhalgh		
24th	1997	Mary Grimshaw	2001	Ronald Gilman
	2006	Gwen Littleworth	2015	Vera Heyes
25th		Alfred Cree	1992	Malcolm Yates
26th	1998	Margaret Kitchen	2019	Vera Harwood
	2021	William Magee		
28th	1992	Margaret Sutton	2001	Jean Margaret Brown
	2001	Irene King	2003	Dorothy Crook
	2011	Peter Anthony Boardman	2013	Mary Geyer
29th	2000	Lilly Bland		

THE DIOCESE CENTENARY YEAR

What is the Centenary about?

William Temple founded the Diocese of Blackburn in 1926, this makes 2026 our Centenary year (100 years). We hope that our Centenary Year will give our Children and Young People the chance to give thanks for all that God has done through his people

Why "All for Jesus"?

All for Jesus explains in three simple words why there is a Diocese of Blackburn and what our purpose is. The Centenary will be an opportunity for Children and Young People to come to know Jesus Christ for the first time or more deeply than they do now.



What can I expect during the Centenary?

Resources will be shared for use throughout the year. Events will be run, and schools and churches will be encouraged to get their children and young people involved.

Who was William Temple?

William Temple was the 98th Archbishop of Canterbury. The son of an Archbishop of Canterbury, Temple had a traditional education after which he was briefly a lecturer at the University of Oxford before becoming headmaster of Repton School from 1910 to 1914. After serving as a parish priest in London from 1914 to 1917 and as a canon of Westminster Abbey, he was appointed Bishop of Manchester in 1921 and in 1926 he formed the Diocese of Blackburn. William Temple worked for improved social conditions for workers and for closer ties with other Christian churches. He became Archbishop of York in 1929 and in 1942 he became the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Temple was admired and respected for his writing, his inspirational teaching and preaching, for his constant concern for those in need or under persecution, and for his willingness to stand up on their behalf to governments at home and abroad.

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SUNDAY ROAST



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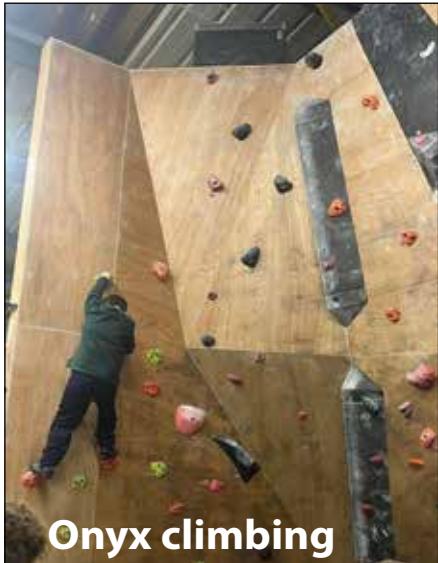


REMEMBRANCE



A Word from the Scouts:

Recently the cubs and beavers have been able to experience a brilliant night out of free climbing. This means you are climbing on boulders without a harness or rope. All of the cubs and beavers have managed to face a fear or heights and learnt a new skill of defying gravity. This was a brilliant night for the children and they all said how much they enjoyed it. This taught the children a high level of confidence and self-belief.



Onyx climbing



On the 3rd of November the whole scout group had a public bonfire. This bonfire had plenty of fireworks, lots and lots of food and plenty of sparklers. There were three young people who raised a sum of money for the World Scout Jamboree by selling home-made cakes and bakes.

Overall, all the young people had a great night and a massive thank you to Matt for doing the fireworks.

from Oscar Dickinson

Scouts  **cubs** 

 **BEAVERS**

What Have You Noticed?

(A brief look at some of the many questions that folk ask)

The last of my ramblings was on 'Waste not Want Not' and many memories were invoked by reference to the IZAL toilet paper. Comments like "Gosh I haven't seen that for years, thank goodness", "The smell brings back memories of my past and the school 'sick bucket'", "I wonder what has happened to that lingering smell of disinfectant".

If a few notes on toilet paper brought back memories, then the store house in the brain had taken notice. So, what have you noticed since the last magazine article?

Firstly, the abundance of fruit on the trees. Apple trees have been super productive. We visited our son and family near Kilmarnock and whilst traveling up the M6 motorway we could not help but notice fallen apples carpeting the hard shoulder as the M6 corridor cut through old orchards. The same again with plumb trees, the weight of fruit going to waste made one wonder why this abundance of fruit? However, this abundance was not restricted to edible fruits. Many of Immanuel parishioners have made comment on the 'Acorn fest'. The sheer quantity of acorns has had an impact. These little barrels of energy have got under the feet of the elderly and made walking difficult, they have blocked gutters, whilst Jays and Magpies have given up to storing them for winter - there is a limit to how many acorns one can eat. Abundance of fungi. Fungi are always common during the autumn months; however, this year appears to have been a bumper time for these digesters of the hidden world. What you see on the surface is only the fruiting body, the real action is going on underground or in any decaying material. It has been said that one of the largest plant/organisms on earth is a fungus located in Oregon USA and weighing possibly 35,000 tons (US tons).



As many of you might know I volunteer on the small-scale railway in Worden Park, Leyland. Sunday, we carry passengers and Tuesday we repair, modify and make safe for the following weekend. The park has a good collection of native trees with many being self-seeded. Birch grows quickly but not as quickly as

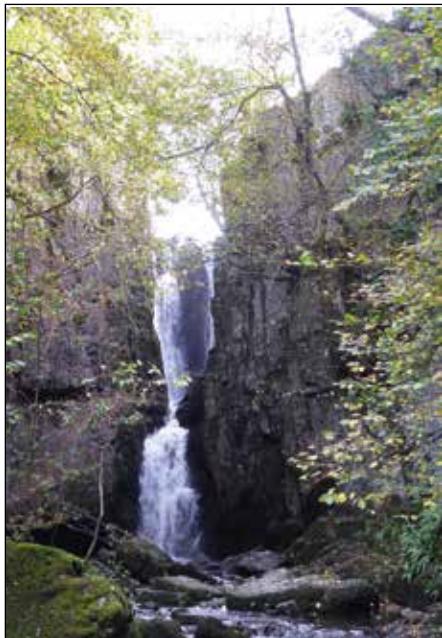


fungi. One Sunday the birch trees by one of the stations had no fungi. By Tuesday many 'Fly Agarics' had fruited. Fly Agarics are easily recognised by the bright red cap and spots. These are the fungi favoured by the story tellers of fairy tales. I remember from early reading books pictures of dainty fairies sat cross legged atop of a Fly Agaric. Are fairies immune to the poison of these and many other fungi? Many have asked why the abundance of fruit this year? I would like to point you to that favourite hymn of primary schools 'All Good Things Around Us'. The warm weather (almost drought conditions) resulted in plenty of insect pollinators followed by just enough gentle warm rain and a bumper harvest follows.

One or two people have asked why are the butterflies still flying so late in the year? Not just late, but species that are an early spring variety were still flying in September. Insects have had extended periods of activity due to the periods of mild weather and plants flowering for longer. Bees were still visiting the last of the season's flowers. I noticed one or two wasps checking out the few green leaves on our beech trees and gathering up the occasional sap sucking insect. Many people have a fear of our common wasps (*Vespula vulgaris*) or possibly tree wasps (*Dolichovespula sylvestris*). I have never understood why the fear, I feel that every person I speak to has a story of being stung, but not the reason why. I love the Latin binomials, they conjure up in my imagination a committee of people sat around a large table in a dimly lit, wood panelled room, thumbing through old learned papers and after much debate arriving at an almost unpronounceable word. However, wasps play an important role in controlling other pests. The two mentioned are omnivorous and insects like Greenfly form a large part of their diet.

Autumn is the time of year to spot insects that hibernate and probably the most common or noticeable are the 7 spot and 11 spot Ladybirds (I will forego the Latin as the binomial has more letters than a game of Scrabble). This year is no exception as small gatherings of Ladybirds have been noticed throughout October and November as they congregate to hibernate. Shield bugs have also been seen in abundance as they rest on any place without selection. I was e-mailed a photo earlier in the year





and asked if I knew what it was? Probably a Hawthorn Shield Bug. The colour and shape are to me special, looking like a medieval shield with a glossy wing case (elytra) and (scutellum) standing out like the boss of a fighting shield. At this point I feel it is necessary to have a rant. TV and primary school curricula constantly refer to any insects as bugs - wrong. True bugs have piercing 'mouth' parts for sucking. There are only about 47 true bugs in the UK not counting sub- species (2000). The UK recorded insect varieties are in the order of 24,000. Useless fact: the weight of all the world's insects is about 70 times more than the human population and have been on earth longer than the dinosaurs and flowering plants.

And now for something completely different. For those of you who come on the joint parish walks you may have noticed a certain affinity among some members of the walking group to test their mettle by taking the plunge in selected cold water. The Walk would take our party around Langcliffe and Stainforth. I try to plan the walks so that the party have a place with interest to lunch - Catrigg Force waterfall. The waterfall is at the head of a gorge that carries Stainforth Beck to the River Ribble. Located in a wood at the head of the Gorge is a 20m (60ft) waterfall cascading into a plunge pool (3 to 4m deep at the foot of the fall). Are we going to be the first party with no sense and having our water babies prepare for the plunge, no? Seeing a return party we actually thought we might have to queue. Passing on the path a group of ladies! shivering and conveying the water temperature, using a variety of expletives. We, the sensible safety squad, took our seats for lunch whilst members of the group prepared to swim the pool. Be warned you cannot swim in highly aerated water



beneath the waterfall, the bubbles don't support your body mass. As we packed up from lunch, others were waiting to foolishly, some might say, to take the plunge. I've seen enough of shivering bodies, it is time to move on.

We passed through Stainforth using the stepping stones, to join the River Ribble and paused for a while to watch with expectation, collections of tourists waiting for the elusive salmon to leap up Stainforth Force. I must say I have been among those watching, and the sight of a large fish fighting its way up the flow of the river as it tumbles, is worth the wait. Finally walking along the River Ribble to end a good day out, we yet again we gave patronage to the Attermire Café in Settle.

November the 5th this is my day. I have always liked Bonfire night even though the Immanuel Bonfire this year was two days early. I love to hear the excitement of younger folk as the flames reach for the sky sending forth messenger (sparks) to reach even further. As I stand and listen to the chatter of adults some enjoying a coffee and a burger and others a little grumpy at having to stand in the cold, I await in anticipation for the lighting of the fireworks. Will they be as good as when a friend and I made our own - yes but less exciting. If you try to buy the chemicals today the FPO (fun prevention officers) will be knocking at your door.



And finally, I would like to conclude my ramblings by saying what a good time was had at the Christmas Lunch. The seating plan was excellent Sandy and Karen had distributed people well and spelt their names incorrectly which stimulated early conversation. Supported by Linda, Karen and three venture scouts ensured service was prompt and well organised. The kitchen was managed by that well known Irish chef Sandy. Apologies if I have not said thanks to any helper, I was too busy chatting and enjoying the meal to fully appreciate the background support.

Many thanks for the kind words of support for being grumpy.

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2) Gift Aid your giving;

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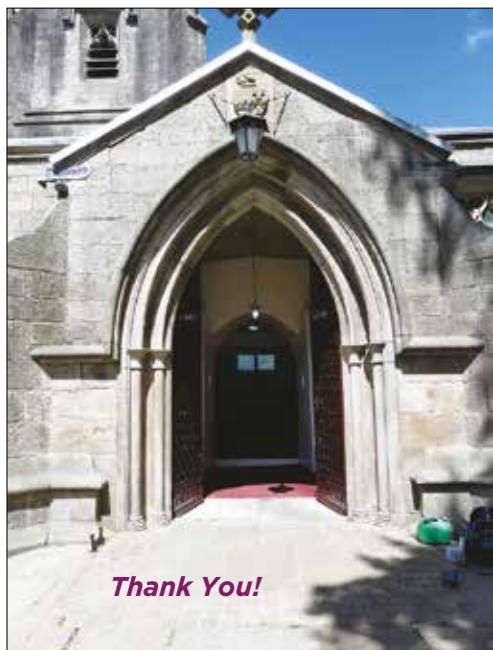
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5) Volunteer;

There are always things which need to be done, how can you help? Please approach us and offer a little time, it doesn't need to be weekly but a couple of hours here or there can always be put to good use.



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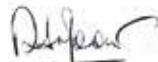
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