

# PARISH VIEW

## **Immanuel**

## **Feniscowles**



**Michaelmas 2025**  
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# IMMANUEL & ST. FRANCIS CHURCHES

INVITE YOU TO OUR

## COMMUNITY FUN DAY

**SATURDAY**  
**20TH SEPTEMBER**  
11:00AM - 2:00PM

**ST. FRANCIS**  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**CHERRY TREE LANE**

**FREE  
ENTRY**

**ALL  
WELCOME!**

 **FENISCOWLES**  
**Immanuel**  
**AND FENISCLIFFE**  
**St. Francis**

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# Immanuel Feniscowles

**Welcome** - *Immanuel is a church at the heart of our local community here in Feniscowles and Pleasington. We believe that God has called us to reflect the grace, beauty, love and peace of Jesus Christ to one another and to our neighbours here in Feniscowles, Pleasington, Livesey and Cherry Tree. God has blessed us with a beautiful and historic church building and with a heritage of prayer and Christian worship. We want to share all that God has given us, with those who want to experience more of God's grace and blessing in their lives -* **Come and Worship**

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Our new web address is: **[Immanuelchurchfeniscowles.org](http://Immanuelchurchfeniscowles.org)**

Sunday Services: 9:15am – Parish Eucharist

2nd Sunday of the month: Café Church in the Church Hall 9.00am for a 9.15am start, Coffee Croissants and a family friendly church service.

4th Sunday of the month: Eucharist following the BCP prayer book.

Thursdays: 7:30pm Family Communion

Everyone is welcome to have a family Baptism (Christening) at Immanuel or to arrange to be married here - please contact Rev Bryn to book weddings and baptisms on:

07493 088 703

email on - [immanuel252@btinternet.com](mailto:immanuel252@btinternet.com)

or come along to a Service and speak to Phil.

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## Safeguarding

Our parish of Immanuel Feniscowles is committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults from harm. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO). If you are concerned that a child or adult has been harmed or may be at risk of harm in our parish please contact our PSO, Joanna Duckworth-Crowell (contact details below) or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Cath Smith (contact details below). If you have immediate concerns about the safety of someone, please contact the police and your local authority's children or adult social care services. The Diocese of Blackburn's safeguarding pages contain further links and information and can be found here: <https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/overview>

**Parish Safeguarding Officer**

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## Welcome to Our Services

Everyone is very welcome at Immanuel. We have a range of Services on different days and of different styles, come along to experience more.

**Sundays** - 9.15am - Holy Communion

Our main weekly Holy Communion service with hymns, prayers, and a talk on one of the Bible readings.

2nd Sunday of the month - Café Church in the Church Hall 9.00am for a 9.15am start, Coffee Croissants and a family friendly church service.

4th Sunday of the month - Holy Communion in traditional language, using the Book of Common Prayer.

**Thursdays** - 7:30pm - Family Communion

A shorter, more informal Holy Communion service suitable for the whole family.

LOTS OF OTHER SEASONAL AND OCCASIONAL SERVICES ARE HELD THROUGH THE YEAR - KEEP AN EYE OPEN FOR THEM BY LOOKING AT THE WEBSITE, THE PARISH MAGAZINE OR, BETTER STILL, COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR REGULAR SERVICES TO FIND OUT MORE!

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## IMMANUEL YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Please don't forget to visit YOUTUBE at FENNYCHURCHES if you have been unable to attend worship. If you know someone who is ill and would like to keep up with our church services, please let them know. They can watch a fortnightly video on Youtube.



# THE VICAR

I think one of the most powerful stories Jesus told is the parable of the prodigal son, which you can read in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 15, verses 11-32. In this story Jesus talks about a son who walks away from his family, makes all sorts of mistakes, and only later realises what he's lost. He finally plucks up the courage to go home, hoping that at the very least his father might accept him back as a servant. But instead, we see that his father has been desperately waiting for his return. As soon as he sees his son, the father runs to meet him, throws his arms around him and celebrates his return.

This is a story of grace, of welcome, of homecoming. And it shows us what God is like - a father who is always waiting for us with open arms, no matter who we are, what we've done, or how long we might have been away. It's also a picture of what the church is called to be: a home where people can experience that welcome, acceptance, and love which God extends to each and every one of us.

That's the hope for our churches - that they would be places where people feel they are 'coming home'. And not home in terms of the bricks and mortar, but in the deeper sense of finding a place where they belong, where they're loved, and where God meets them with forgiveness, joy, and new life. Where they encounter God as their father who has been desperately waiting to welcome them back home with him.

I wonder if you know anyone who might need that kind of welcome right now? A family member who used to come to church but hasn't been for years? A friend who's been asking questions about faith? A neighbour who might just be waiting for someone to invite them along? Why not take this opportunity to pray for them, and to be bold enough to extend that invitation?

We're holding our Mission Weekend on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st September - this could be the perfect time to invite people to see what we're all about. If you're reading this after that weekend, why not offer to come along with someone to a Sunday morning service? You never know - it might be the moment when they discover that God has been waiting for them all along, ready to welcome them home.

Best wishes - **Bryn**

# WARDENS REPORT

What a great summer we have had with much sun and warmth. Many plants and trees have thrived despite the lack of rain. It has also brought its problems for our farmers due to the lack of rain, which has affected many crops, not always for the better. Personally, I love the warmth as it seems to ease the pain from some of the old footballing injuries which the cold and wet certainly don't help.

I hope that everyone has found time to enjoy the summer, be that at home, going on holiday or just spending time with family and friends.

As autumn and winter approach, we move towards several significant events in our church calendar with our Mission events on the weekend of the 19th - 21st September, followed by Songs of praise 28th September, Harvest in early October, our fundraiser Stars in their Eyes on 18th October, Remembrance Day, and not long after, we move into Advent.

Unfortunately, summer does not bring any respite from the maintenance of the church and we have a huge issue with the toilet, which is now out of action until further notice. The roof has leaked and it caused dry rot.

After submitting our recommended remedy at a cost of £12000 (for which we obtained a partial grant) the Diocesan Committee have rejected the recommendation as the architects on the committee believe that a wooden based flat roof would mean that there was a very high chance the dry rot would return. Thus, after much back and forth it looks as though the solution is a concrete block flat roof which costs double (£24426), which we do not have, we are around £11000 short.

Although not used at every service a fully working serviceable toilet is essential for us to look to use the Narthex for many more purposes, plus, when there are weddings and funerals, long journeys and nerves generally mean that several people require the facility, not to mention children when they are in church.

Once we have dealt with the toilet we will have to move onto other items of maintenance.

I thank those who continue to help at church in whatever capacity (there are many) but ask that everyone else considers if they have some time which they could spare, especially as I would love to open the church on a regular basis for possibly a couple of hours to allow parishioners to call in for private prayer and passers-by to satisfy their curiosity. You would be amazed at the number of times that I have popped into church and someone asked if they could have a look inside.

Best wishes - ***Phil Entwistle***

## DID YOU KNOW:

**Agape** (pronounced ah-GAH-pay, with the stress on the second syllable) is a noun that is a transliteration of the Greek word agápē, referring to a deep, unconditional, or brotherly love, particularly God's love for humanity and the love humans should have for God and one another.

John 3:16 reflects that kind of love God has for us:

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

This (from Bishop Mariann Budde) reflects how we can respond:

*"May God grant us all the strength and courage to honour the dignity of every human being, speak the truth in love, and walk humbly with one another and our God, for the good of all people in the world."*

**Peter S.**

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## Flowers for October and November

12th October      HARVEST

### Memorial Desk

26th October      Miss K Marsden

9th November      REMEMBRANCE

Mrs L Moulden



## MONTHLY DRAW WINNING NUMBERS

July: 167

August: 142

## IN REMEMBRANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

|       |      |                          |      |                          |
|-------|------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| 1st.  | 1994 | P. Smith                 | 1998 | Clifford Lincoln         |
| 2nd.  | 1988 | William Gouldsborough    | 1989 | Robert Almond            |
|       | 2007 | Kathleen Patterson       |      |                          |
| 3rd.  | 1994 | Clarence Dewhurst        | 1994 | Kate Porteous            |
| 4th.  | 1973 | Robert Gill              | 1987 | B.H.Law                  |
|       | 2012 | Norman Handley           |      |                          |
| 5th.  | 1996 | Blanche Sowerbutts       | 2022 | Bernard Mellor           |
| 6th.  | 1992 | Edward Balderstone       |      |                          |
| 7th.  | 1986 | Sim Makinson             | 1984 | Ethel R. Magee           |
|       | 1991 | Maron Longworth          | 2012 | Marion Newbury           |
|       | 2019 | Eileen Holden            |      |                          |
| 8th.  | 1993 | Grace Harris             | 1999 | Edith Travis             |
| 9th.  | 1987 | Blodwen Ismay            | 1992 | Robert Grimshaw          |
|       | 1999 | Gwendolin May Wiggins    | 2001 | Lilian Parsons           |
| 10th. | 1991 | Hilda Eckersley          |      |                          |
| 11th. | 1965 | Alfred Matthews          | 1987 | Norman Driver            |
|       | 1992 | Joan Brent               | 2000 | Kathleen Parkinson       |
| 12th. | 1986 | Nellie Shepherd          | 1997 | Ada Bradley              |
|       | 2000 | Jessie Griffiths         | 2008 | Thomas Duncan Gaskell    |
| 13th. | 1999 | James Waddington         | 2010 | Anne Hargreaves          |
| 14th. | 1993 | John Sharples            | 1996 | Jack Hollis              |
| 15th. |      |                          |      |                          |
| 16th. | 2015 | Richard Pedder           |      |                          |
| 17th. | 1986 | Florence Jane Lumb       | 1987 | Clara Banks              |
|       | 1992 | Albert Lees              | 1994 | James Lang               |
|       | 1997 | Doris Grimshaw           | 2001 | Edith Wright             |
| 18th. | 1993 | John Hacking             | 1998 | Lavinia Bradshaw         |
|       | 2011 | Jenny Moulden            |      |                          |
| 19th. |      |                          |      |                          |
| 20th. | 1993 | Leonard Ashcroft         | 1999 | Emily Vera Taylor        |
| 21st. | 1996 | Sandra Longfield         | 1998 | Robert Houldsworth       |
|       | 1998 | Bob Higson               | 1999 | Ethel Shaw               |
|       | 2004 | Dick Thornton            | 2015 | Angela Griffiths         |
|       | 2019 | Clifford Gibbs           |      |                          |
| 22nd. | 1990 | Frederick David Williams |      |                          |
| 23rd. | 1988 | Robert Nutter Higson     | 1990 | David Barker             |
| 24th. | 1981 | Thomas Boardman          | 2002 | John William Littleworth |
|       | 2013 | Edward Ernest Henderson  |      |                          |
| 25th. | 1986 | Fred Leighton            | 2001 | Mary Morris              |
|       | 2014 | Kay Lesley Clarke        |      |                          |
| 26th. | 1996 | Sheila Walker            | 1996 | Mr. Towers               |
| 27th. | 1978 | Hilda Webb               |      | Alastair Barry           |
|       | 2015 | Don Day                  |      |                          |
|       | 2004 | Simon Catlow             | 2014 | Desmond Brookes          |
| 28th. | 1987 | John Miles               | 1988 | Edward C. Jones          |
|       | 1988 | Joseph Hindle            | 1994 | Alan Pickup              |
|       | 1999 | Frank Boardman           | 2010 | Betty Heyes              |
| 29th. | 2014 | Rowland Berryman         | 2014 | Lena Tabiner             |
| 30th. | 1980 | Margaret Hill            | 1989 | Nellie Eatough           |
|       | 1996 | William Cook             |      |                          |

## IN REMEMBRANCE FOR OCTOBER

|       |      |                        |      |                             |
|-------|------|------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| 1st.  | 1988 | Eva Turner             | 1994 | Alice Shorrock              |
|       | 1995 | James W. Moulden       | 2010 | James Henry Gaskell         |
| 2nd.  | 2000 | Frederick Atherton     | 2011 | Joyce Woods                 |
| 3rd.  | 1989 | Mrs. Madin             | 1993 | Margaret Singleton          |
| 4th.  | 1981 | Ronald Fred Bradshaw   | 2002 | David Jones                 |
| 5th.  | 1989 | Mary Bertha Leyland    |      |                             |
| 6th.  | 1987 | Mabel Nichols          | 1991 | Rita Swinney                |
|       | 1995 | Shirley J. Crompton    | 1998 | Connie Carus                |
|       | 2015 | Annie Smith Mitchell   | 2016 | Edna Ainsworth              |
| 7th.  | 1980 | David Nicholas Wright  | 1972 | Mary Barrett                |
|       | 1994 | Alan Miller            | 2007 | Patricia Rothwell8th.       |
| 8th.  |      |                        |      |                             |
| 9th.  | 1995 | John Compton-Edwards   | 2006 | Dora Duckworth              |
| 10th. | 1990 | Ronald Petherwick      |      |                             |
| 11th. | 1920 | Fanny Gallagher        | 1948 | Thomas Dickinson            |
| 12th. | 1988 | John Crook             | 1992 | Harry Sidgreaves            |
|       | 2015 | Sheila Ann Cotton      |      |                             |
| 13th. |      |                        |      |                             |
| 14th. | 1978 | Albert Broome          | 1988 | Richard Walker              |
|       | 1995 | Thomas Gate            | 2019 | Robert David Thomas Nuttall |
| 15th. | 1996 | Albert Edward Bell     | 2017 | Mary Ingham                 |
| 16th. |      |                        |      |                             |
| 17th. | 1986 | William Gibson Wishart |      |                             |
| 18th. |      |                        |      |                             |
| 19th. | 1992 | Hilda Makinson         | 1999 | Eileen Rogers               |
| 20th. | 1989 | Henry Branson Knight   | 1980 | Florence Williamson         |
| 21st. |      |                        |      |                             |
| 22nd. | 1981 | Sidney Roland Taylor   | 2004 | Ted Bentley                 |
| 23rd. | 1994 | Bill Noblet            | 1999 | Doris Ingham                |
|       | 2016 | Ethel Hanley           | 2017 | Thomas Devine               |
| 24th. |      |                        |      |                             |
| 25th. | 1967 | Margaret M. Brindle    | 2015 | George Alan Bretherton      |
| 26th. |      | Mr. Hartley            | 1988 | John Chatburn               |
|       | 1988 | Ernest Gale            | 2021 | Roger Morley                |
| 27th. | 1998 | Fred Thompson          |      |                             |
| 28th. | 1986 | Ernest Feilding        | 1988 | Elsie Golden                |
|       | 1999 | Irene Archer           | 2004 | Alice Marsden               |
| 29th. |      | Elsie Halliwell        | 2009 | Ralph James Easton          |
| 30th. | 2001 | Wilfred Marrow         | 2011 | Edna Woods                  |
| 31st. | 1983 | Margaret Gladys Heys   | 1958 | Ida Entwistle               |
|       | 1993 | Michael Hocking        | 1997 | Kenneth Thorpe              |
|       | 1998 | Paul Howard Bland      |      |                             |

# Our New Curate Sara

***A 'Q and A' session with the diocese  
to let you know more about her***

**Name: Sara Marriott**

**Original Home Village, Town or City: Accrington**

***If applicable, what was your former job before entering ministry?***

Teaching Assistant

***Tell us something about your journey towards ordination?***

I started my journey towards ordination without a clear sense of God's call on my life; instead I put my trust in the wisdom and encouragement of the clergy and friends from my sending church, who were well ahead of the curve, so to speak. It has taken me quite some time to be able to discern and feel confident in my journey towards ordained ministry. I believe the turning point came when after failing to pronounce the word 'licentiousness' multiple times whilst reading one Sunday, a member of the congregation came up to me and said 'you being you, allows us to be us'. It was then that I realised that God loved me and had called me as me, mistakes and all, to minister to his people and demonstrate that God also loves them and has a plan for them too. My journey towards ordination has been the most challenging and yet the most fulfilling time of my life.

***What has been a) the most important thing you have learned and b) the most inspiring thing you have experienced during your training? (They can be different!)***

***Answer for A:*** The most important thing I have learned is that for me this has not solely been about ordination. Over the past three years I have learned that God loves me, that I have found a way to love myself and that other people love me too. I have also increased my capacity to show the agape love that Christ demonstrated.

***Answer for B:*** The most inspiring thing I have experienced was the Sacramental Theology and Ministry module undertaken this year at college. Developing a more thorough understanding of the theology behind the actions has brought about a much more physical and spiritual experience for me at the table when I meet with Christ. I am passionate about sharing this with others so they can experience it too.

***What are some of the personal challenges and opportunities you face in your ministry in the coming year?***

The biggest challenge for me going forward will be maintaining a healthy work/life/church balance. I will be reducing my working week from four days to three to ensure that I can fulfil my curacy commitments and still have a sabbath. I have strict boundaries around the regular activities which allow me to maintain my physical and mental wellbeing.

I am looking forward to experiencing 'church' in a new context and being able to journey alongside a newly united benefice as they begin a new life together. I will be keen to strengthen bonds within the two churches and the local community.

***Many more parishes have embraced online opportunities to engage with their local communities alongside their existing services; especially since the pandemic. Please indicate ways in which you may have done this already or what plans you may have to explore ways to reach people in the 'digital space' in the future:***

In my sending parish, during the pandemic, I set up a 'Chatty Church' WhatsApp group in order to keep people connected, to share news and create a dedicated prayer space. This is still continuing today. In my placement context, we have been experimenting with online bible studies which have proved popular with people who find it difficult to leave their houses, especially in an evening.

Going forward I would like to see the digital space used more extensively. For example an online prayer wall on the church website; digital newsletters; podcasts and community discussion forums.

Bishop Philip has said: "I am committed to continuing the growth of the church in Lancashire, helping to build joyful Christian communities. I would love to see the Church of England in Lancashire being an ever stronger voice for justice, especially for the poorest. And I believe children and young people need to be at the very heart of all that we do."

***How will you seek to support the Bishop in fulfilling these aims?***

I am very proud of my Lancashire roots and firmly believe that God is calling me to participate in his mission here. My life experience equips me to engage and connect with people of various ages and backgrounds. For the past 16 years I have worked in a secondary school with students from some of the most deprived areas in the country and this has given me a thorough insight into some of the challenges faced by Lancashire families. In some cases, I myself have a shared experience so can minister from a place of understanding. I will strive to create meaningful, intergenerational worship experiences, where everyone can meet with Christ and encouraging a sense that everyone is included in God's plan. I know that God loves to hear the voices of the marginalised and will seek to promote those voices (of adults and young people alike) through creating space for conversation, Christ centred initiatives, and pastoral care.

***What do you view as your most significant personal achievement? (This may be connected to your ordination training of course or it could be something else from another aspect of your life.)***

My most significant personal achievement is being able to work full time, complete an academic theology course, attend residential study weekends, regularly preach and lead worship at two churches, and still be a wife, sister, fun aunt, and friend without completely losing my mind. God is good!

***Tell us about your family/ loved ones:***

I am married to Adam whom I met at college when I was 18. God has not blessed us with children but we have many nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews to keep us very busy.

***What do you do to chill out and relax?***

To relax, I do like a nap. Adam and I are proud owners of Glenda, our motorhome, and we do like travelling around the country in her. We love to spend a lot of time outside in nature, whether that is bird watching, hiking, kayaking or generally mooching about until we find a café!

***Tell us something people don't know about you that might surprise them?***

I am the original member of the Fairfield Women's Boxing Club, which I attend every Wednesday. This is a vitally important part of my Rule of Life. I am quite happy to beat up a bag and participate in some light body sparring. However I will never competitively box because I have no desire to hit someone in the head and even less desire to be hit myself.

# My Personal Experience of Prayer

***by Christine***

After much prayer and discussion with Bryn I am going to share with you an answer to an urgent prayer on the M6 Motorway near Keele services that saved my life. I had been to a conference in Worcester for 5 days and was returning home.

When we pray sometimes it may seem that God does not hear but He knows everything about us and I believe that sometimes we must go through hard times in order to learn a lesson that we would not learn any other way.

The motorway was very busy as it was 4p.m. when I reached the M6, I had filled the car with 10 gallons of petrol before the M6 so that I could go straight home and so I joined the Motorway where all the London traffic was coming onto the M6. I was in the middle lane travelling at 75 miles an hour which I should not have been doing.

I was just south of Keele, I saw the Deer Sign at the side of the Motorway warning the traffic of the risk of them coming onto the road. I was still in the middle lane; a maroon car was on my right and a lorry on my left. Behind me was a coach, I dislike having little space in front of the car, but someone had just cut into it.

Suddenly the car on my right pulled into my lane so fast that I thought he had hit me, I had nowhere to go and faced death. The car was rocking but the other car just drove away leaving me skidding. I cried out to God to look after my sons. I had nowhere to go and asked that I would not suffer more pain as in my life I have. A man's voice from the back of the car told me to put my left lock full on which I did despite the lorry being still there next to me and I found myself on the side of the motorway skidding up the embankment, all the traffic was still moving and I was thrown back across 3 lanes of moving traffic, coming to the central reservation again I prayed again terrified of being burnt as the petrol tank was full, I was told to put both hands on the right of the steering wheel and to pull which I did. By now the three lanes of traffic were still there was a silence. I ended up an inch off a loaded coach, facing it, people were screaming but I was totally calm.

I did a three-point turn and came off the Motorway onto the hard shoulder and thought I was dead as I could not believe I could be alive. There was utter silence I gripped the steering wheel and felt at my skin but was sure I was dead, how could I be alive?

I looked up and saw 2 top of the range Rovers a few yards away on the hard shoulder, the drivers got out and walked to my car. On the Motorway I always lock my car doors, they were young men about 24 with black hair, checked shirts and jeans. One of them opened my door, I asked them if I was dead because I believed there

was no way could I not be and I have read about such things. His answer was that I was not dead, nor was I injured, but he wanted me to go to a red Porsche that was behind me because the woman was hysterical and asked me to tell her my story.

The whole three lanes of traffic were still there; it was silent as they helped me to her car. She was in a bad way and I told her that I was a Christian, had prayed for help and I was not dead, the man opened her car and told her to listen to me but initially she was in shock. She had seen me go into the lorry at its centre and like me she thought I had been crushed and was dead.

The young men stayed until we both composed ourselves; the traffic was still there the whole area was silent, we turned to thank these men who were behind me as she was still in her car, but they had vanished as had their cars.

Nobody seeing a car crossing three lanes as I did and actually left a figure of eight on the road for years, would park in front of that car, only a couple of yards away as these men had done.

The woman calmed down and drove off, the traffic started up and went and I was left terrified on the hard shoulder just before the services. I drove up and went onto the services and went into shock, not a scratch on me, not a mark on the car. I could not believe what had occurred; I never looked in the mirror to see who spoke to me there was no time.

I prayed again thanking God for his great Mercy to me, there on the M6 it seemed impossible. I had lost my nerve and spoke again and was told to put the car in first gear, go down the ramp, travel in the slow lane at 30 miles an hour and I would get home safely.

I never looked back to see if I could see who was there, why I will never know.

That is what happened in answer to my earnest prayer for my sons and then for me as the event went to its conclusion.

I have never doubted God, but at times of terrible stress, or pain, or loneliness, or grief, it is easy to doubt when our prayers do not seem to be answered.

So I have shared this with you, it might seem strange to you, but it is true. I do not know who the two men were, people suggested they must have been angels, but I do not know, but what I do know is that there on the M6 God saved my life.

The day after I went to the Police station to report what had happened as I thought there might have been another accident because of what happened as the 3 lanes were still for so long. The officer questioned why I had gone down, he told me he did not believe in God, that he was an atheist, but that I had a miracle because one car crossing three lanes leads to many people dying and I crossed 3 times.

Prayer is your anchor as a Christian, my experience showed me how close He is all the time despite our busy lives, just a call away.

***Love in Jesus, Christine.***

# KNITTING FOR BABIES IN UKRAINE

Hello everyone,

Just wanted to thank everyone who has donated wool over the past 3 years to enable me to keep on knitting hats for the new-born babies in war-torn Ukraine. The mothers, midwives and doctors in Ukraine are extremely grateful to us for all the hats we continue to send. I have just posted another box of 60 hats to Dr Natalia at UAID/British-Ukrainian Aid. She then allocates which maternity hospitals to send them to.

I have now personally knitted 1653 hats to date and a further 308 hats have been added to this by friends at Immanuel – thank you.

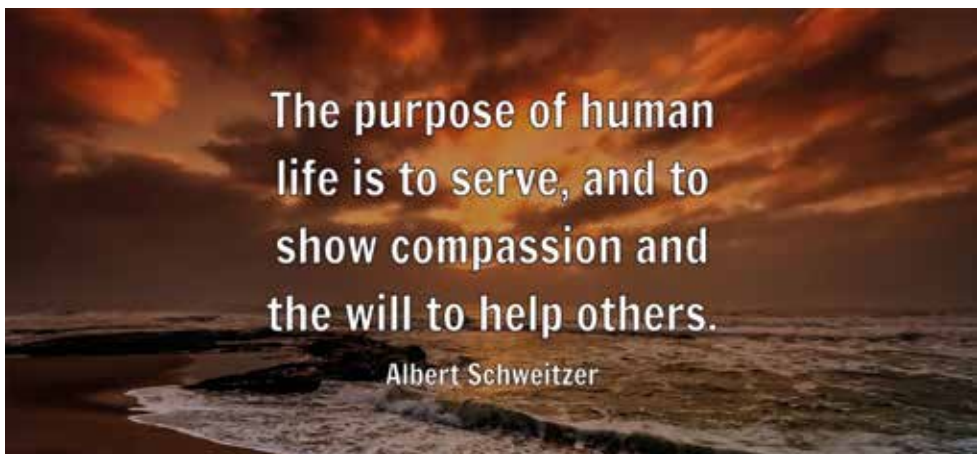
It is with a heavy heart that I have to tell you that I no longer require any more wool as I have been advised to stop knitting due to injections now being needed in my hands. I still have some wool left and will continue to knit until it is all used, then I will be able to give you the final number of hats I've sent and that will be the number of Ukrainian new-born babies we have, together, been able to help.

I do feel sad and rather guilty about stopping knitting the hats but the focus should be on how many babies we have been able to help. When I started this endeavour I was aiming for 100 hats but have just carried on knitting each day – look how far we have come by working together.

“The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.”

Albert Schweitzer

With grateful thanks from Marje Williams and the new-born babies of Ukraine



# UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

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## SONGS OF PRAISE

**SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**5.30PM @ IMMANUEL CHURCH**

Join us for some refreshments and a chance to sing some of your favourite hymns.

## HARVEST

**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**9.15AM @ IMMANUEL CHURCH HALL**  
**10.45AM @ ST. FRANCIS CHURCH**

Join us for our family friendly Harvest service.



## STARS IN THEIR EYES

**SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**7.30PM @ ST. FRANCIS CHURCH HALL**

Join us for a celebration of all the talent in our midst! Enter the contest or come and support your favourite act. Contact Andy on 07384 413682 for more information and tickets.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**4PM @ IMMANUEL CHURCH**

Join us for a reflective service as we remember and give thanks for loved ones we have lost.



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**10AM @ IMMANUEL CHURCH**  
**10.45AM @ ST. FRANCIS CHURCH**

Join us for our Remembrance Sunday services.

# SUMMER FAIR 2025



# Summer Fair and Dog Show 2026



## Yes, you did read correctly

We are looking to make the dog show/fair bigger and better next year. This year we raised £550 but as a church we are spending £3,000 more than we have as income!

I can remember back 10 to 15 years ago when the Rose Queen Garden Party would bring in £1,000.

Next year, 2026 I would like us to raise £2026. Yes, a bit of a jump but not impossible if we start planning now to make the day a success.

We NEED more people to get involved to make the day a success.

In previous years we had a raffle with seriously good prizes, and a tombola, a bottle stall, a duck race, and lots of other stalls like plants and books. With the dog show bringing people in we need to keep them there to spend money. What about a 'Mock-tail Bar', a seriously good BBQ, games for the children, like hook a duck.

We could have a Delicatessen Stall so if on your travels you see something nice, buy an extra one for next year's stall.

Most of all we need people to volunteer to do things. We have a very small PCC who can't do everything, but if YOU could offer to run one thing we are in with a shout of getting there.

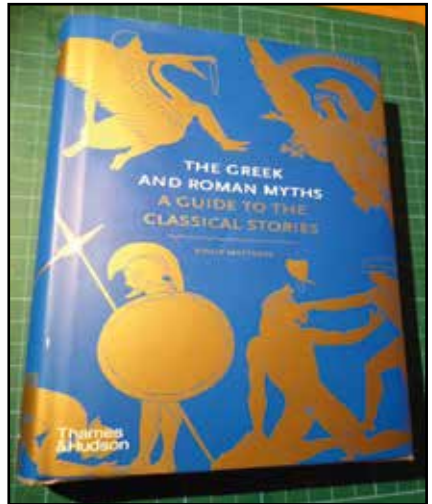
We need people to do the advertising, set up on the day, run stalls, run the raffle, be the overall organiser, do the cream teas and the list goes on. We have set a date of Saturday 13th June, hopefully to avoid clashes with other events.

# WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

## *(Recycling a Hobby or Necessity)*

'Waste not Want not' was an everyday saying of my Grandma's, along with 'A stitch in time save nine', or as it became known after the great entertainer Tom Jones - 'A stitch in time saves embarrassment'. Following on from the last magazine article I felt the photo of the litter being dumped by the flow of the river Darwen should prompt me to take a closer look at how we see waste.

I recently decided to brush up on Greco-Roman mythology. I have long been fascinated by this period of our past ever since we read 'Jason and the Argonauts' in primary school. Finding a book on this period, to add to my collection (hoarding) would be a good time to re-unite me with these fascinating stories. I am not trying to be a Greek scholar just fill in some gaps in the banks of information that might come in handy. The Greek God Dionysus, (Bacchus to the Romans) was twice born, that is, if you search the dreaded internet, however, there is ample evidence in scholarly works to show Dionysus was thrice born-some proper recycling.



The myth follows the line Zeus was responsible for a mere mortal Semele becoming pregnant, when Zeus cast his eyes upon her, she burst into flames. To save the unborn child (who would be a God) he grasped it from here womb and implanted the embryo in a gash in his leg (for re-cycling). From this act Dionysus was born a second time. The third birth is even stranger; I will let you read that for yourself. All these myths as we know them today were 'standardised' about 720BC

On a more practical note, the Japanese in about 1030 AD in the Heian period, when paper was in short supply, due to various reasons (material and skills shortage). Before this approximate date paper was made from mulberry and hemp. At about this time the shortage of new paper was



such that recycling old paper was developed by macerating the old, adding some new fibrous material for strength - problem solved. This is very close to the process used today for the better quality re-cycled paper.

Now that I'm older than many of our parishioners, being a baby of the end of WW2, I remember well, the torn-up copies of the Radio Times being hung up on a rusty old nail in the outside toilet for the purpose of..... This was replaced thank goodness with a toilet tissue made from what I believe was re-cycled paper material akin to baking parchment rough

on one side and smooth on the other. To sell this product over the cheaper Radio Times it was claimed to contain a disinfectant. This disinfectant was a by-product of Newton and Chambers main business, iron founding (the coking of coal for carbon). A chemist employed by the company to look for ways to use the coking by-products identified carbolic acid that could be used as a disinfectant. The paper sheets were printed with 'Now wash your hands' - coal tar soap yet another by product of coking coal by Newton and Chambers. A problem with this tougher than average paper was it did not break down easily. Our changing attitude to a softer life, we now have fully recycled soft toilet tissue that's breaks down when flushed - that's progress.

Still dealing with the lower regions - nappies or as our friends across the pond call them diapers. The terry towelling nappy was a must and a most welcome gift if you

were about to start a family. These nappies made from 100% pure cotton could be used over and over again, no throwing away large bulky objects. Most grannies and I suspect grandads remember the cleaning process.



Wash in hot soapy water hang out to dry and reuse. Fifty years on I'm still using the last of our nappies as high-quality cleaning cloths in my work shop. Waste not, Want not.

I recently called at neighbour's house. The lady has a collection of lead crystal glass ware collected over the years. Amongst the collection was a glass vase held together with bronze staples, which I feel would not



have been a cheap fix. The glass fragments have been skilfully drilled and three or four staples inserted to hold the fragments together. No attempt has been made to hide the repair; they celebrate the value of this once treasured possession. What would we do today, throw it in the bin and buy a look-alike on eBay - perhaps, or have it repaired using

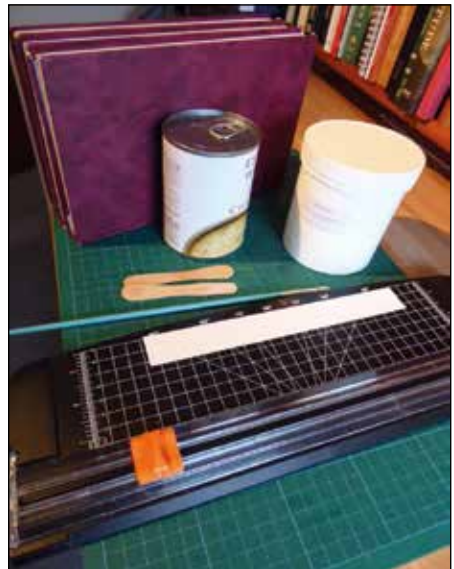
some sticky compound in hope that no one would spot the disaster? This vase and other items I have seen dating back to Roman occupation times have been repaired in a similar manner. They were treasured items saved for what they mean, not waste. I don't know whether the Romans were good at recycling or not as archaeologists appear to dig up many lost artefacts from this period.

When I started this article, I referred to the photo in our last magazine of the waste material disgorged by the river Darwen. Pre-eminent amongst this waste was the now ubiquitous plastic bottle and aluminium can. What has happened? Why can't people see the value of recycling? Perhaps it is just easier to throw items away. When at primary school a long time ago we collected aluminium foil to encourage saving scrap aluminium. Monthly competitions were held. Aluminium milk bottle caps were threaded on string, the longest being the monthly winner and when added together it was the class with the longest collection of metal caps. Was it worth the effort? Yes. Firstly, the idea encouraged recycling, secondly you felt you were doing some good, often raising money for a guide dog, and thirdly aluminium is a valuable resource. It cost less in energy to recycle than to extract from bauxite and cryolite ores.

The engineering club of which I'm a member recycles scrap metal and aluminium which contributes significantly to an annual four figure sum recovered from scrap. The plastic bottles, the clear plastic ones known as PET bottles (Polyethylene terephthalate) are very recyclable. If you are into fashion, this material is known as polyester. Outdoor clothing which I purchase for its functionality, is often made from PET bottle material. This recycled material is often labelled as being made in an under-developed country providing a valuable income.

Why do I appear to be such a grumpy old man? Have you made a New Year's resolution? Many of us at college were trying to upstage each other by promoting resolutions they would fail to keep; I chose my Grandma's adage 'Waste not Want not'. The college lecturers for social studies (every student doing engineering had to do social studies for the first year) pointed out that waste was money down the drain which struck a chord with me as money was scarce. Ever since I have tried to reduce discarding things. Why not repair or recycle?

For some while now Philip our warden along with Diane have tried to get people involved in taking on a church upkeep task. Repairing the 'Hymn Books' was a task I now carry out. This is not a chore but a challenge to reducing waste. When the books get 'tatty' people don't like them and they quickly become useless. With the help of Diane for locating tear resistant paper, archival glue I located and a few simple tools. Hymn books are quickly repaired (the tools might have been thrown out if I did not hoard such thing for that 'might be useful occasions') So to conclude with the hymn books and Grandma's saying 'stitch in time saves nine' repair before they fail.



One last note, Jesus was not for waste. After feeding the five thousand, Jesus instructed the disciples to gather up the remains lest it be wasted.

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

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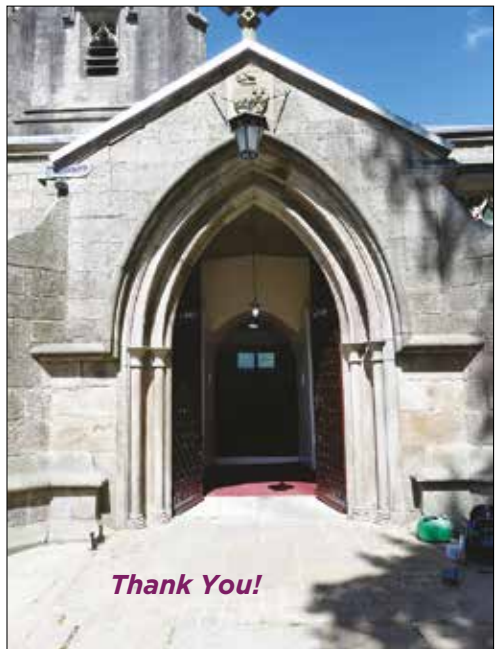
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## **4) Church Magazine;**

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