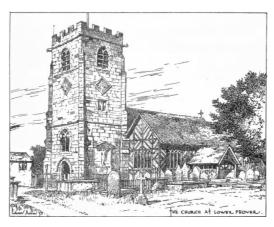
St Oswald : Lower Peover Parish Magazine



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Dear Friends,

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row"

During half term I had the pleasure of having some old friends come and stay with me at the vicarage. Father Jamie, his wife Naomi and their lovely ten-year-old son Jonah live and work in an urban parish near to Gatwick airport, quite different to our village parish! Whether taking them on walks, bumping into people on our travels or exploring the local villages, it was wonderful to see how they delighted in being surrounded by the beauty of the natural world, which was making its slow journey into beautiful autumn colour.

It can be too easy, I think, for those of us who experience the beauty of God's creation every single day, to forget how miraculous it is. Especially as the nights draw in, the joy of lambing, calving, sowing, and harvesting, or the simple beauty of a garden in full bloom can seem distant in our memories. Which is why it is so important to spend time thinking about the miracle of nature, that even in the depth of winter, there will be murmurings of growth and new life getting ready to spring up from seeds hidden deep underground in frozen soil.

On one of our walks, we stopped to look at the war memorial in Lower Peover and Father Jamie told me about his cousin Sam, who had served in Afghanistan, earned the military cross and tragically been killed after stepping on a hidden bomb. It was such a sad story, yet Jamie was so proud of his cousin, who had given himself to a life of military service, even though he knew that this might mean paying the ultimate price.

Sometimes I find myself thinking of Remembrance Sunday and thinking back to the generation of our parents and grandparents who lived through the horrors of the First and Second World Wars. Of course, it is so important that we do remember the sacrifices made during those wars, but it is also important that we think about those who have died in more recent wars, and those who are risking their lives even now, for the sake of our security and freedom. As we remember them all, it is also important to remember the sacrifices made by the wives, husbands, partners, and children who love and support them.

As we gather on Remembrance Sunday this year, in the stillness of the silence, I will take a moment to remember my own grandfather who served in world war two, along with Fr Jamie's cousin Sam, and the sacrifice he made in Afghanistan.

Continued.....

I will remember all who have died in war and given their lives for our freedom. But I will also remember, as I do every year, that God promises to bring new life out of death and good from evil, light out of the darkness; and ultimately that from the cold earth, flowers will bloom again.

May God bless us all this time of remembering and fill us all with his grace, his hope and his love.

Fr Murray

Services at St Oswald's

St Oswald's is now open every day for individual prayer

Every **Wednesday at 10am -** Holy Communion Every **Sunday at 8am -** Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer **First Sunday of the month 11am -** All Age Worship **Second, third and fourth Sundays of the month 11am -** Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Third Sunday of the month 9.30am - Children's Church (except in August)

Fifth Sunday of the month 10.00am - Benefice service (alternately at St Oswald's and St Lawrence's)

From the Registers:

Baptisms

We welcome into the church family: Jasmine Sowerton Barnaby Hill Nancy Shepherd

Marriages

We congratulate:

Emma Kathryn Wall and Edward James Walmsley Lyndsay Catherine Walkinshaw and Connor James Fearon and wish them every happiness in their married lives

RIP

We give thanks for the life of: Shelagh Mary McKenzie May light perpetual shine upon her and give her peace

Children's Church

Children's Church takes place on the third Sunday of the month at 9.30am except in August. This is a short service with activities for families and is currently taking place outdoors. The next time we meet is on Sunday 21 November. If you would like to be kept updated on activities for families please email Ann (hannbarlow@btopenworld.com) to be added to the mailing list.

Safeguarding

St Oswald's and St Lawrence's take their duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding. The Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Oswald's is Tracey Wallace. If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues concerning a safeguarding matter within the parish please contact Tracey in confidence on 07724 840753 or by email at ktwallace@hotmail.co.uk

In our prayers...

At all our services we ask God's blessing on those known to us who are ill or infirm, particularly those with whom we have close connections as members of the congregation. If you would like to be named in our prayers of intercessions because you are undergoing treatment or know of someone who has requested prayer please contact Fr Murray or our Reader, Ann.

Father,

In these short, dark days of November, with all the uncertainties and complications in our new Covid 19 landscape, help us to feel the reassurance of Your presence in the gift of each new day. Help us to be guided through the darkness by Your light – by Jesus, who will never leave us or forsake us. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Christmas Toy Appeal

Once again we are supporting the <u>Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal</u> by collecting gifts of new toys to be distributed by the Salvation Army in Northwich. There will be a box in church for donations from Sunday 21st November until the beginning of December. Gifts should be unwrapped or in open gift bags.

Income for September

General collections	£ 425.50
Gift Aided	£1226.50
Gift aided donations	£ 183.00
Donations	£ 210.00
Total	£2045.00

For more information contact the treasurer Colin Gidman on 01565 722313

FLOWER ROTA

7th November - Carol Charlesworth

14th November - Remembrance Sunday - Marilu Knowles

Remembrance Sunday flowers to the end of the month

5th & 12th December - Ruth Hague

I only do a rota for the flowers on either side of the altar, but if you wish to put flowers in church, there are vases on the Remembrance Book Table.

Edwina Oldham - flower rota organiser. Tel: 01565 631441

e.mail: edwina@lowerpeover.plus.com

100 Club Winners for September

No. 29 - Mrs Barbara Fryer - £70

No. 6 - Mrs Sheila Bettridge - £30

Over Peover WI meets on the last Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in Over Peover Village Hall
Contact June Leach – 07500 250969

If at first you DO succeed, try not to look astonished. -Anon

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 2nd November 6.30pm

Service of Reflection and Remembering for All Souls Day

Wednesday 10th November

There will be no service of Holy Communion at St Oswald's

Thursday 11th November 10.30am

Armistice Day Holy Communion at St Oswald's followed by Act of Remembrance at 11am.

Sunday 14th November 10.50am

Outdoor Observance followed by Service of Remembrance at St Oswald's

Tuesday 16th November 3pm-7pm

The Little House Christmas Goodies Sale in aid of Caring for Life

Sunday 21st November 6.00pm

Induction of Fr Murray

Wednesday 24th November

There will be no service of Holy Communion at St Oswald's

Thursday 25th November 7.30pm

Harp Recital at St Oswald's

Sunday 28th November 2.00pm

Prayer Book Society Cranmer Awards at St Oswald's

Daily Hope phone line

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line is free and available 24 hours a day on 0880 804 8044.

When the vicar moved his family into the large Victorian vicarage, a member of the congregation asked the young son how he liked his new home. "It's great," the little boy replied. "At last, I have my own room, and Mike has his own room, and Jemma has her own room, and Robbie has his own room, but poor Mum is still in with Dad."

Harp Recital of Music for Advent at St Oswald's Thursday 25th November 7.30pm

Harpist, Gwen Màiri, presents a concert of lesser-known traditional Christmas music in a concert centred around her arrangement of Charles Bordes's collection of twelve Basque noëls (Douze Noëls populaires Basques en dialecte Souletin).

Gwen Màiri studied pedal harp at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama and is also a passionate performer of Scottish and Welsh music on the lever harp. She brings her traditional and classical influences together in her arrangement of these beautiful and unique tunes from Zuberoa in preparation for the advent season. Gwen will also perform music from her critically acclaimed 2019 album, Mentro, featuring traditional music alongside original compositions rooted in Welsh heritage.

Gwen Màiri grew up in a Welsh-speaking home in Scotland and is also a Gaelic learner. She is Ann Barlow's niece and this will be her second appearance at St Oswald's having given a recital on the pedal harp at a previous flower festival.

Admission £10 (including a glass of wine) Pay at the door

As you may remember the formalities for instituting and collating Fr Murray as our vicar took place over Zoom due to Covid restrictions. Now that we are able to gather in person, we will have a service of induction at St Oswald's on **Sunday 21st November at 6.00pm** with the Archdeacon of Macclesfield, Ven Ian Bishop. It is possible that the new Bishop of Stockport, Bishop Sam will also be there but we are still awaiting confirmation of that.

Do save the date so that we can give a good if belated welcome to Fr Murray.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.



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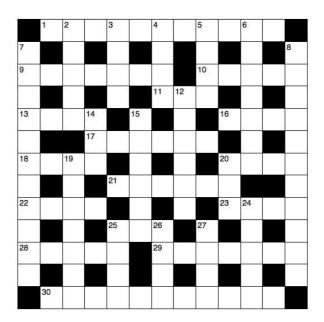
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Please invite your friends £4 entry fee for adults to include a glass of Champagne and entry into our draw for a Hamper

The charity we are supporting this year is

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Please note the new times to allow for social distancing



Clues Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No —, impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always —, nor will he harbour his anger forever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 (and 27 Down) Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Clues Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to —' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)

27 See 18 Across

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St Andrew - patron saint of Scotland

According to the gospel of Matthew, Andrew and his brother Simon Peter were the very first two disciples whom Jesus called. 'Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' (Matt 4:18,19). Without more ado, they obeyed. 'At once they left their nets and followed him.' The story is touching for the simple but total faith that they had in Jesus.

Whenever the gospels mention the disciples, Andrew's name is always in the first four. Rather than a boisterous leader of men (like Peter), he seems to have been an approachable person who wanted to help people. It was Andrew who helped introduce a group of Greeks to Jesus (John 12:20-2) and Andrew who offered Jesus the five small barley loaves and two small fishes when Jesus challenged them to feed the five thousand. (John 6:8). His faith in Jesus over small things was richly rewarded, and this faithful, kindly Galilean fisherman turned disciple went on to become one of the 12 apostles of the Christian Church.

Andrew never settled back in Capernaum by Galilee. Instead, his 'fishing for men' seems to have taken him far. One ancient tradition links him with Greece, where both Scythia and Epirus claimed him as their apostle. Another place in Greece, Patras in Achaia, claimed to be the place where Andrew was eventually martyred.

Like Jesus, he was crucified, but the story goes that during the two days it took him to die, he preached earnestly to the people about Jesus. Andrew was not afraid of death on a cross – he had seen it before, and knew one thing for certain: because of Jesus, there was nothing but eternal life ahead of him.

In the West, Andrew's feast-day was universal from the 6th century, and hundreds of churches were named after him in Italy, France and England. But how did he end up as patron saint of Scotland?

Well, according to one ancient legend, his relics were taken from Patras to Scotland in the 8th century, and ended up in Fife, where a church dedicated to him was built and became a center for evangelisation and later pilgrimage. As Andrew was the only apostle to make it as far as Scotland, he was chosen as patron saint.

But Andrew did not stay in Scotland. After the fall of Constantinople in 1204, it is said that the Crusaders took his relics to Amalfi. From there the despot Thomas Palaeologus sent his head to the pope in Rome in 1461 – where it became one of the most treasured possessions of St Peters - until it was sent to the church in Constantinople by Paul VI.

The Somme, Dunkirk and Passchendaele
Cause us to think of times of war,
When men and boys went bravely out
They fought, some died and returned no more.

They gave their all that we should live, We never should forget such cost, Remembering with thankful hearts Our freedom gained as lives were lost.

Another Man gave up His life, Another war, another fight, With all mankind held fast in chains As darkness fell as black as night.

The cost was high, a sinless life To break the chains and set us free, The Lamb of God on Calvary's cross Paid that price for you, for me.

By Megan Carter

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her four-year old daughter to answer it. "It's the minister, Mum," the child said to her mother. Then she told her caller: "Mummy cannot come to the phone right now. She's hitting the bottle."

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the 'senior's special' was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for £5. 'It sounds good' said my wife to the waitress, 'but I do not want the eggs'. 'Then I will have to charge you extra because you are ordering from the a la carte menu.' said the waitress. 'Do you mean that I would have to pay for not taking the eggs?', asked my wife, incredulously. 'Yes', said the waitress. 'Then I will have the special.' said my wife. 'How would you like your eggs?' asked the waitress. 'Raw and in the shell' my wife replied. She then took the eggs home and baked a cake. Don't mess with seniors, we have been around the block more than once!



We so enjoyed the fireworks display, can we do it again at New Year?

Knutsford Floral Design Club is delighted to announce the reopening of its club meetings at Plumley Village Hall every third Wednesday at 2pm. Sanitising and social distancing are in place

For more information telephone Lynda on 01477 534291

Stewardship

Our church launched a new Stewardship Campaign, which instead of holding a series of events, decided to focus entirely on one big fund-raising event. The evening became known as "putting all our begs into one askit."

The Rectory at St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

There are more frightening things than bishops out there....

You really should not worry about having reversed your car into the bishop's gatepost, knocking it over and destroying his rose-beds. It gives him an opportunity to exercise Christian forgiveness. Your real mistake was scribbling a note of apology and pushing it through his letterbox. Far better would have been to have sent an anonymous letter (and to have written it on lined notepaper in capital letters, preferably in green ink, to make it look truly authentic) saying that you had seen the archdeacon do it, and then you had watched him drive off without stopping. That would have taken the minds of the senior clergy away from parish matters for quite some time.

No, never worry about the wrath of bishops; dangers lurk much nearer home. For a start, never incur the displeasure of your flower arrangers. I only crossed their path once — and arrived in church the following Sunday, to see a ten-foot-high floral arrangement at the front of church. I assumed it was by way of making amends, until I discovered it had been placed in front of the pulpit. I was obliged to preach, hidden behind a large multicoloured hedge, while the congregation listened to what were apparently talking chrysanthemums.

A colleague offended his own ladies and arrived to find that the contents of the safe had been removed and replaced with all those exotic pieces of equipment that seem to be indispensable for arranging flowers. He was obliged to administer Communion using a small vase until peace was re-established and his chalice returned to him.

Similarly, organists are a delicate breed. Congratulate him on the anthem, and if it happened to be unaccompanied, he would assume you were implying that the services were better without his playing. Offend your organist and you can be guaranteed that hymns will be played at either half or double speed, stopping one verse short and that the final piece of music as you process out will stop, leaving you and the choir stranded halfway down the aisle.

And finally, never, ever upset your verger. One forgotten Christmas present and you can be sure you will get half-way through a baptism to find he has not put water in the font; at marriage services, the sheets for last week's funeral will have been accidentally put out and when you sit in your stall you will discover where he now stores the mop and bucket.

No, bishops are warm, fluffy bunnies; real dangers lurks much nearer home. Your loving uncle, Eustace

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Please join the 'St Oswald's Lower Peover 100 Club'

Dating from 1269, St Oswald's church has been central to the village of Lower Peover for centuries. Throughout that time, it has been the spiritual home of many people, and not just those living in the village itself.

It still fulfils that role today, a peaceful haven in an ever busier and complicated world. As a Grade 1 listed building, it enjoys a setting of particular importance, and the assumption is that it always will be. But escalating costs mean that we can no longer take that for granted. Buildings such as St Oswald's are hugely expensive to maintain and ever-increasing running costs need to be found.

It is a sobering thought that our Parish Share (the money we pay to Chester Diocese for our church and a vicar) is £51,395. That is £988 each week. That is before any lighting, heating, maintenance etc. is taken into consideration, and, contrary to what many people still think, the State does <u>not</u> pay towards a church's upkeep.

We launched the 100 Club in May 2008 and membership currently stands at 71, although it has been as high as 106. The club currently raises about £2,500 each year (after prizes) and really does make a huge difference to our resources. So far it has raised over £25,000 for the running costs of our church. And all for the minimal cost of £1 per week to members!

The 100 Club works in this way:

We collect £1 a week from each member per number held, which can be paid either as an annual fee of £52, or £13 per quarter, by standing order. Members are allocated individual numbers and each month two numbers are drawn. The first receives a prize of £70, the second receives £30. The remainder of the proceeds go to the church. You may individually hold more than one number and indeed, past winners have often had multiple holdings. It really is as simple as that!

The 100 Club is designed to appeal to regular churchgoers and those people who may not be able to worship regularly with us, but who also think it is important that the church remains open as an important part of village life.

We really would like to get our membership back up to at least 100 and hope that if you are reading this you may feel able to help – all for £1 per week! Please do join the 100 Club by completing the membership form at the back of this magazine or online at our website, and simply post it back to me.

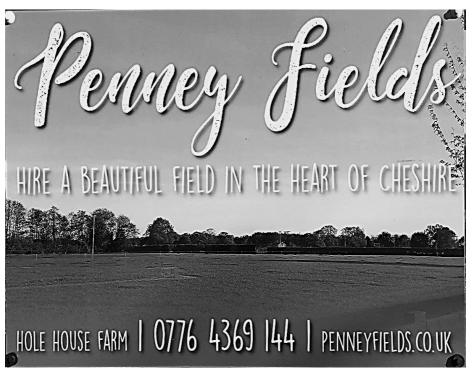
Likewise, if you have any queries or questions about the 100 Club, please call me, Keith Phillips on 01270 878259 or mobile 07973 900032. Email kphil61@hotmail.co.uk

Many congratulations to all our winners – and our thanks to all members who are currently supporting the 100 Club. Stay safe and thank you.

Keith Phillips – Churchwarden

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Lower Peover WI – meets on the first Wednesday in the month In Lower Peover School at 7.30pm

For information contact Sally Geake LP 722489

Plumley WI meets on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm in Plumley Village Hall

Crossword Answers

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Lower Peover Church Website

News and events can be found on our website www.peoverchurches.com

Smartphone users can access the site by scanning the QR code You can also find a full calendar of events on http://www.achurchnearyou.com/lower-or-nether-peover-st-oswald/ If you have any items which you would like included on the website or the online calendar contact Ann on hannbarlow@btopenworld.com

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A four-day Bank Holiday from 2nd to 5th June 2022 will mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is being called "an amazing opportunity" to bring our communities together for the celebrations, which end on Pentecost Sunday.

HOPE Together, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, Biblica and other key partners are currently planning for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with a specially commissioned souvenir book to give away; a new anthem for communities and churches to sing; a '70 Acts of Service' community challenge to adapt to use together with churches and other organisations, and lots of resources for children and schools.

Rachel Jordan-Wolf, HOPE's executive director said, "Churches are in an ideal place to bring communities together for national celebrations. We have the tables, chairs, crockery and PA systems – and we love making cakes!

"It is so appropriate that the nation and Commonwealth should be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the same weekend as Pentecost, the day when the church celebrates the gift of God's Holy Spirit."

The anointing of God's Holy Spirit was central to the Coronation and, in preparation for the day, The Queen prayed: 'Come, Holy Spirit, and daily increase in all of us, and in me, thy humble servant, thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill us, O Lord, with the Spirit of thy holy fear, now and forever. Amen.'

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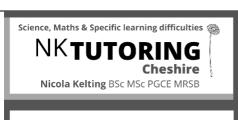
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