

St Oswald : Lower Peover Parish Magazine



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Dear Friends,

Harvest Thanksgiving

Recently as I have been walking through the lanes and across the fields in and around our villages with Pickles, (*who coincidentally has just got home from puppy behaviour school and feeling rather pleased with herself for doing well, has now decided to do the opposite of everything I ask her and has caused absolute mayhem by stealing and running off into the muddiest part of the vicarage garden with one of my best tea towels; 'time and money obviously well spent!'*)

Anyway, during those walks, I have been blessed by the sheer beauty of the place we call home. I have to say since moving to this 'shire' I have been blown away by peaceful tranquillity of our villages and I am thankful for that blessing during this time of global challenge.

That blessing has increased recently too, it increased as I have watched the landscape change as our farming community has worked the land and tended our animals in readiness for the harvest.

This past week I began celebrating several harvest festivals with the school children at St Oswald's and it has been a privilege to talk about the work of our agricultural workers and to pray for them in these challenging and uncertain times.

If you are one of those workers; please know how thankful we are for your endeavours, and I hope knowing that we and all our village children are thinking of and holding you all in our prayers will encourage you in some way.

During our school harvest celebrations, we have been singing modern songs of thankfulness for crops and farmers, (*my favourite so far is one called the potato song!*)

However, most of us will probably be more familiar with the old classics like '*Come ye thankful people come*' or '*We plough the fields and scatter*'.

So, many of us will think of harvest and instantly remember singing out the words of '*we plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand*' in places of worship bedecked in flowers and foliage of Autumn shades complimented by abundant fruits and bountiful vegetables and perhaps surrounding a spectacular harvest loaf in the shape of a wheat sheaf, (*perhaps even with the additional field mouse hiding away in the corner of the loaf which always brings such delight to the children when they spot him!*)

The tastes and textures, smells, and sounds of Harvest are to me and so many others such a quintessentially British celebration and I am so grateful to now be living in a place where the words of our favourite harvest hymns come alive as I look around at our beautiful landscape every day.

The hymn, ‘‘We plough the fields’’, was written by Matthias Claudius and was inspired by a ‘peasants’ song he had heard in one of his local village farmhouses; the hymn we now enjoy is a product of his thankfulness to God for all the gifts we receive and is said to have originally had 17 verses! To pen and sing a hymn that long he must have been very thankful indeed!!

Through all the extraordinary changes and upsets of our routines that we have known in the last year and a half or so we still have just cause for thanksgiving. There has been the occasional blip in our garages or supermarkets owing to panic buying but most of us have been fortunate in having decent and more than adequate food throughout. We might have sometimes had to wait or not get our usual choices but thanks to the unfailing work of our farmers, fishermen, suppliers, shops, and other frontline workers, we have not gone hungry. For this we must give hearty and humble thanks.

And there lays the fundamental message from the vicarage this Harvest 2021. Yes, times have been tough, there is still a long narrow path to travel before we are pandemic free, but there is light and hope at the end of the tunnel, the harvest is bountiful and we can rejoice because no matter the challenges we face, or how dark things might appear, we have not, nor shall we ever face them alone. We have each other and we have our God who promises to walk with all of us, no matter what.

So, whatever you do to make Harvest Thanksgiving 2021 special let us not lose heart or forget that message of hope. And I challenge us all to at least once this harvest time whether in the bath, the field, or the kitchen to join in with me (*and Pickles*) in singing out with all of our might...

*"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love!"*

Many Harvest Blessings to you all!

Fr Murray

To the Son

Most gracious Son, may your teaching dispel the darkness of ignorance in our mind, and may your commands be beacons of light showing us the path to peace. And as we walk on that path, may we find your footprints on the ground, that we may place our own feet where you have trodden. We believe that you will strengthen our limbs when they grow weary, and raise our spirits when they become heavy, because nothing gives you greater pleasure than watching us follow the way of salvation. We pray that you will always be our friend and our guide, and so bring us to your Father’s heavenly kingdom.

A Prayer of Erasmus, 1469–1536 – most renowned scholar of his age.

Services at St Oswald's

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)

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

From the Registers:

Baptisms

We welcome into the church family:

Beatrice Dutton

Alice Hartley

Marriages - We congratulate:

Emily Ravenscroft and Oliver Jones

Victoria Hindmarch and Samuel Barnett

Harriet Allen and Sean Gray

Hannah Ollier and Paul Edwards

Fay Lieben Jones and Leslie Rushton and wish them every happiness in their married lives

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 17th October. 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.

Dates for the Diary

10th October 11am Harvest Festival at St Oswald's
31st October 10am Joint Benefice Service at St Lawrence

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.

Dear Loving Father God,

As the season changes and we enjoy the beautiful colours of autumn, there are other changes which we do not enjoy. Changes we cannot control; changes and suffering in the world, beyond our comprehension; changes to our work routines, or health, or circumstances; changes which cause us anxiety and uncertainty.

When everything seems to be falling around us like the autumn leaves, help us, Lord, to remember that you stand firm. You are our rock. You never change. You are always faithful, always with us, as we move into each new day and each new season.

Thank you for loving us so much that you gave us Jesus, so that by putting our trust in Him, we can know the security of your love, for ever!

In His name, we thank you, Sovereign Lord.
Amen

By Daphne Kitching

Income for August

General collections	£ 430.87
Gift Aided	£1756.50
Gift aided donations	£ 25.00
Donations	£ 210.00

Total £2422.37

**For more information contact the treasurer
Colin Gidman on 01565 722313**

FLOWER ROTA

3rd October - Wedding Flowers

10th October - Harvest Festival

17th October - Harvest Flowers

24th October - Veronica Gough

31st October - Yvonne Coates

7th November - Carol Charlesworth

If anyone wishes to put flowers in church, there are always vases on the
Remembrance Book Table.

Edwina Oldham - Flower Rota Organiser
e.mail:edwina@lowerpeover.plus.com Tel: 01565 631441

Harvest Hotpot Lunch Sunday 10th October 12.30pm

You are invited to a two-course hotpot lunch at Lower Peover School
following the Harvest Festival service at St Oswald's.

Tickets £10 per person.

To book a place contact George Dutton on 07968 789928

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.

100 Club Winners

July winners: No. 75 John and Anne Johnson £70

 No. 56 Mrs Alma Hepworth £30

August winners: No. 80 Dr Jonathan Bull £70

 No. 100 Mr D Bell £30

We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.

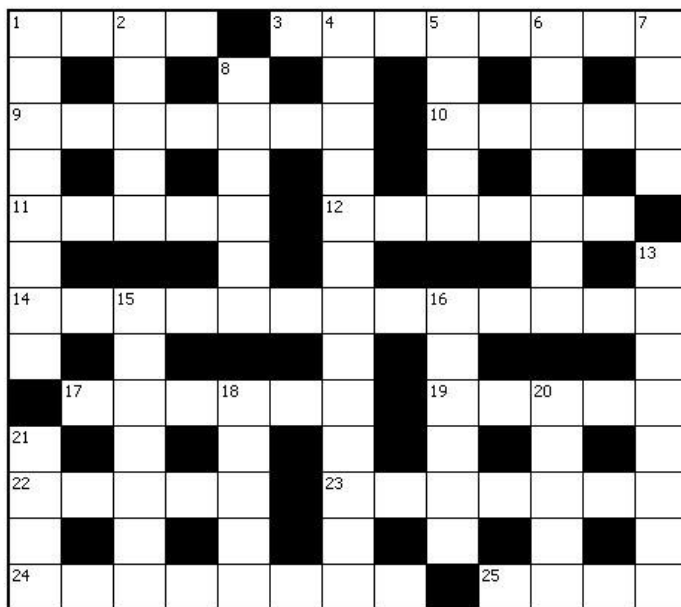
Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror and think
“That cannot be accurate.”

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

Much that is good and useful is made of chocolate – *Anon*

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement

This month we remember St Luke (18th October), the author of the third Gospel and Book of Acts. Throughout his writing Luke makes clear that the good news of salvation is available to all people regardless of their gender, social position or nationality. It is believed that Luke was a doctor, so he sees the importance of healing in the ministry of Jesus and the Church. The signs of the presence of God’s kingdom include the healing of sickness, hurts, as well as unforgiveness.



Clues Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"'
(Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph,
an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Clues Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free'
(Psalm 119:32) (3,2)

Continued.....

- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this.
 (Revelation 21:18) (6)
 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there,
 the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)
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If you can smile when things go wrong, you probably have someone in mind to blame.

Remember the Stories?

Remember the stories that we used to read?
Heroic adventures – we loved them indeed!
We would read in the garden, if wet, in the porch,
Or under the covers at night with a torch!

Our fingers would avidly trace lines of text
Of what Katy Did, and what she Did Next.
And, starting this journey along Memory Lane
We can't forget Biggles, up there in his plane!

We laughed and we laughed at Jennings at school.
Tormenting his teachers by acting the fool.
Just William's young friends, and their latest trick
"I'll scream and I'll scream till I make myself sick!"

Black Beauty the horse brought a tear to our eye
Some stories brought laughter, and some made us cry.
Like Paddington Bear, and the things he would do
Arriving by train from Darkest Peru.

There was Noddy, and Rupert, and Peter Pan, too;
The woodland adventures of Winnie-the-Pooh;
Little Women and Crusoe and Chalet School Girls;
Just So – all such stories were wonderful pearls!

This poem could go on for page after page
If your favourite is missing, please don't fill with rage
Just nip to the loft, and dig through that box,
And sit down and read – ignoring the clocks!

By Nigel Beeton

They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,'
then proceed to tell you why it isn't.



Sharing the Notices while keeping a social distance was proving tricky.

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

The Rectory at St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Now you have got your new telephone system in the parish, I shall not be calling you again. I refuse to wait for ten minutes every time I ring to have to listen to the cycle of 'press 1 for the vicar, 2 for the curate, 3 for the secretary', until we end with '12 for requests for prayer.' I was tempted to leave a message on 12 to ask that the wretched machine would break down, but then realised I would have to call a second time to leave a message on 13 for making a confession.

And if I have to listen one more time to someone playing 'Thine be the glory' on one finger on an electric organ while I am 'on hold' I will have him excommunicated. At least you have the grace not to ask me not to hang up, as my call is important to you. I would even warm to your system if a voice occasionally said that they could not care less whether I hung up or not, as my call was utterly irrelevant to them.

Those poor people who have to wait to reach 7 for leaving messages regarding marriages might as well leave a second message on 8 for baptisms, and save on a large phone bill in months to come. As for 9 for funerals, entire families could be born, marry and die before they reach that one. And may I suggest that your car parking attendant who stuck a note on my windscreen telling me not to park there again is given the number 666.

My own answerphone tells people firmly that the machine does not accept incoming messages, and that I only answer personally on Thursdays between 10am and 12 noon, provided nothing better has turned up. Alternatively, they could write me a letter which may (or may not) be answered, at my convenience.

As for the few who have got hold of my mobile number, my response is to say that I am just about to enter a tunnel and then to switch it off. Callers from other parts of the country now believe that the parish of St James the Least is honeycombed by mile-long tunnels, making communication all but impossible.

You can now be assured that your new system means you will be contactable at any moment, wherever you happen to be. But do not call me to complain and expect to receive sympathy; I shall be just about to enter a tunnel.

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 not 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.

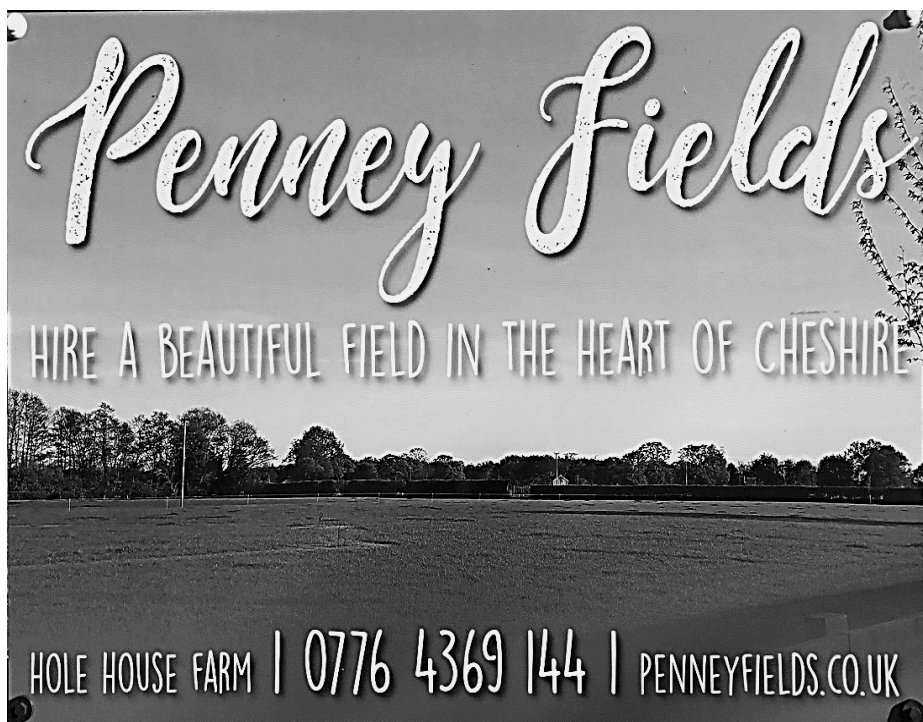
Likewise, if you have any queries or questions about the 100 Club, please call me, Keith Phillips on 01270 878259 or mobile 07973 900032.
Email kphil61@hotmail.co.uk

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

ACROSS

1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu; 10 yield; 11 ranch; 12 enlist; 14 Baalah of Judah;
17 Edward; 19 Sheol; 22 media; 23 open air; 24 apostasy; 25 Eton

DOWN

1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13
children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA

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

The deadline for the next issue of the magazine is Friday 22 October 2021

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Good reasons to have a church magazine

After a year of lockdown, should we still bother with church magazines now that church life is picking up again? *Yes!*

It is read by lots of people. If each issue is read on average by two people, then more people see it than ever go to church. So, it is a very good way of putting Christian values and ideas into people's hands, whether they come to church or not.

It is a service to the community. Communities need local networks to thrive. Magazines are a great way of binding together the people who live in one place. Just delivering the church magazine is a way to get to know the area and the people.

It helps build bridges with other Christian churches in the area. We can share some details of their meetings and events.

It can make money. Well, enough to cover the costs of production! Let us aim for a revenue balanced on paid subscriptions and advertising.

It is seen by those outside the church family. Think of the people just moving into our area, or those who live here already and want to get married or to baptise their child. Our magazine can help them see the sort of community we are, and that we would welcome them to join us.

It is read by people who do not go to church, but who know someone who does. This is a major way of how groups, including churches, grow. Not many people walk into a church off their own bat. Most people are invited, or already have a connection.

It supports local businesses. Local businesses who advertise locally, can thrive.

It helps people develop skills. The editorial team will learn about design, marketing, GDPR, editing, copyright, writing, selling, artwork - and apologising.

It can help inform our community about itself – especially if we include a local history or local natural history section!

SO, don't believe it if someone tells you that print is dead. It is not. Many people still prefer to read something they can hold in their hands. The future is not EITHER print OR digital, but BOTH. People will flick through a magazine that arrives through the door, even though they may never dream of visiting their local church's website.

Prove it

Prove it they cried that you're the Messiah, wouldn't He come as a conquering king?
Not as a poor man riding a donkey, how do you think we'd believe such a thing?

Wherever He went large crowds would follow, he calmed the storm and turned water to
wine,

The lame could walk and the deaf made to hear, fully a man and yet also divine.

His teaching had never been heard before, he fed the five thousand with fish and bread
Gave sight to the blind and lepers were healed, he cast out demons and raised the dead.

He died on a cross to take away sin, rose up from the grave, what more could He do
To prove of His love for all of mankind? Believe it or not – it is all up to you.

By Megan Carter

Meeting the needs of older people

These days there seems to be a day for everything, including the United Nations' 'International day for Older Persons', which is observed on 1st October. So perhaps October is a good month to think about meeting the needs of older people in church.

Many churches employ children's workers or youth leaders – but how many have appointed people to minister specifically to the older people in their congregation and beyond?

Age UK has called on the Government to give the NHS and social care services extra resources to help older people make the best possible recovery. With coronavirus now hopefully in retreat in the UK, the charity has also appealed to the wider public to keep supporting the older people in their lives.

It said: "The impact of the pandemic on the health and wellbeing of some older people in early 2021 is so demonstrably severe that it raises big questions over whether they will be able to 'bounce back'."

Against this background, Maggie Dodd, the first Anna Chaplain in Hertfordshire, explained: "Our vision is that older people are cherished and supported within their church communities, and also beyond, in the wider community.

"Often you have people who used to attend church, and they have become a little more frail and not able to attend or they have moved to a care home or sheltered housing, and they just lose touch with what's going on. They are not able to take themselves to church anymore."

I wish to join the ‘St Oswald’s Lower Peover 100 Club’

Name

Address

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No.....

I would like to buy number(s) at a cost of £1 per week.

*I enclose a cheque, made payable to ‘St Oswald’s Church Lottery Fund’ for £52 per number for a full year, or * I have completed that attached Standing Order and will pay at the rate of £13 per number each quarter.

*Delete as appropriate

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