St Oswald's : Lower Peover Parish Magazine



December 2022/January 2023 50p



Full details of services at St Oswald's and St Lawrence's can be found on the website peoverchurches.org.uk

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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

Dear friends,

As I write this letter it is a cold wintry night, yet last week it was (just about) warm enough to eat lunch outside (well Pickles the vicarage dog certainly did!). The normal pattern of weather through the seasons we experienced in the past does not seem to apply any more.

As I have been thinking about this letter, I have been thinking about the Church calendar, which is marked by its own seasons, punctuated with all our beloed festivals. You may have noticed how St Oswald's colours now routinely change to match each season too.

The Church seasons encourage us to engage with different topics and different aspects of God's character and our relationship with him.

We spend much of December in Advent, which is traditionally a time of preparation as we look forward to Christmas and think about what we ought to do to be ready to meet God's Son, as a babe in the manger. Christmas itself is a time of celebration as we thank God for the gift of his Son and the fact that God did not want heaven without us so sent Jesus to become one of us so we could at last be assured of a place with him in eternity.

Outside church though much of our time during Advent is inevitably spent preparing for Christmas day at home. Thinking about gifts and decorations, food and drink, planning celebrations and gatherings with family and friends, working out logistics of how to see those close to us in a short space of time, particularly where travel and staying over is involved; let us hope we don't get caught up in any strikes either!).

The question is how can we engage with the real purpose of Advent and Christmas? Pickles has already sniffed out her special Christmas bone but perhaps we two-legged advent pilgrims could try to spend some time each day during Advent reading our Bible, saying an extra prayer; perhaps we could even make an effort to think of those around us for whom Christmas will be a difficult time, those in our villages who are unwell, lonely, frightened, bereaved. But, behind all of these great things, what we really need to do is to think about who Jesus is and why he came to be one of us.

Jesus was, and is, not only God's son, but God – God with us, Emmanuel! They say that Christmas is a season of good will and miracles; in many ways I believe it is and it started there in a stable lit by that heavenly star.

How amazing is that? God choosing to come here and be born as one of us. To identify with us, to walk with us, share with us, experience what we experience and, ultimately to die for us and adopt us all as his own.

May that Joy, that Sparkle and that Love, bring us all a little Christmas cheer as we travel towards the big day itself, and may it also bring us all a little hope as we look forward to 2023!

Blessings from Fr Murray (and Pickles too!)



Help needed!

Are you a person with professional administration experience? Are you proficient with data collation and Word skills? Are you able to keep track of diaries and organise projects both for the church and also between the church and the wider community independently and as part of a team?

Are you a people person with a warm and welcoming manner, able to deal confidentially with people often in highly pressured and emotional situations with calmness and compassion?

If so, then please speak to the Vicar. The PPC is looking for a person to assist the vicar with parish administration for approximately two sessions a week.

This role will require an understanding of confidentiality, data protection, and a willingness to undergo statutory and church training in safeguarding at the highest levels. There will be an expectation for professional references and a DBS check before the role can commence.

Please speak to Fr Murray directly or email the church office via

frmurrayac@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF SERVICES AT St OSWALD'S LOWER PEOVER BCP-Book of Common Prayer CW-Common worship

Midweek Holy Communion services continue on Wednesdays at 10.00am

Sunday 4th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent - Gift service 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am All age service

Sunday 11th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am Holy Communion (CW) and Children's church

Tuesday 13th December 2pm Lower Peover School Christmas service

Thursday 15th December

11.30amLittle House School Nativity 2pm Lower Peover School Christmas service

Sunday 18th December: 4th Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
11am.Family Communion (CW) including cloth cradle service
No Children's Church –children in church
6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and carols

Saturday 24th December: Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December: Nativity of Our Lord

11am All age worship Adults and children encouraged to dress up in nativity themed costumes for the Christmas Day nativity

A short service of Holy Communion will be held after the Christmas day service

Sunday 1st January 2023: First Sunday after Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am All age service

Sunday 8th January: Baptism of Our Lord

8am Holy Communion (BCP) 11 a.m. Holy Communion (CW) and Children's church

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Sunday 15th January: 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am Holy Communion (CW) and Children's church

Sunday 22nd January: Third Sunday after the Epiphany 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am Holy Communion (CW) and Children's church

Sunday 29th January: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

10am Benefice service of Holy Communion at St. Oswald's **Please note time- change of service**.

Please note that services may change so please check the website

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

First Sunday of the month 11am - All Age Worship

Second, third and fourth Sundays of the month 11am - Morning service

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)

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 prayers please contact one of the churchwardens.

Any astronomer can predict with absolute accuracy just where every star in the universe will be when the clocks chimes midnight on Christmas Eve. He can make no such prediction about his teenage daughter -Anon.

Income and Expenditure for OCTOBER

| Gift Aid | $\pounds 2872.50$ |
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| General collection | $\pounds 216.50$ |
| Card Reader | $\pounds 29.52$ |
| Special collection | $\pounds 45.20$ |
| Donation gift aided | $\pounds 20.00$ |
| Total income | £3183.72 |
| Expenditure | £5641.18 |

From the Registers

Baptisms:

6th November - Joseph Pass 20th November - Milo Jump

Weddings:

5th November - Katie Knott and Kristian Tattam 17th November - Amy-Rita Swain and Joseph Taviner 26th November - Rachel Barlow and Robin Harrison

Funerals:

4th November - Peta Ann Lancaster 15th November - William (Bill) Frith

Burial of Ashes

12th November - Joan Griffiths 12th November - Freda Geldard 15th November - Duncan Peterson 16th November- - Lawrence Moore

The Richard Comberbach Trust

The Richard Comberbach Trust has recently funded bibles for the Reception class pupils at Lower Peover school. These age-appropriate bibles are selected by the diocese for the children to keep at home. The Trustees have personalised the books by attaching an illustrated bookplate inside the front cover with each pupil's first name written on it.

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CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Thank you to Marilu Knowles for arranging the beautiful red carnations for Remembrance Sunday. Many thanks to everyone who has been involved in decorating the church throughout the year, whether for festivals or the weekly flowers. They are much admired.

> 4th and 11th December - Ellie Beharrell 18th and 25th December - Christmas flowers (these will remain in church until Candlemas)

If anyone wishes to put flowers in church, there are always vases on the Remembrance Book Table. I do a rota only for the pedestals.

Edwina Oldham - Flower Rota Organiser E.mail: - <u>edwina@lowerpeover.plus.com</u> - Tel: 01565 631441

ST. OSWALD'S CHURCH LOWER PEOVER CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022

Saint Oswald's is celebrating Christmas in a variety of different ways this year. A warm welcome awaits you should you choose to mark the season by coming along to any of our services.

Wednesday 14th December

10am A short reflective modern language service of Holy Communion or Blessing

Thursday 15th December

11:30am The Little House School Nativity

Sunday 18th December

8am Traditional language Service of Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

11am Modern language Service of Holy Communion with Dressing the Crib.

6:30pm Traditional language Choral Service of Nine lessons and Carols

Wednesday 21st December

10am A short reflective modern language service of Holy Communion or Blessing

Saturday 24th December

11.15pm Modern language Candlelight Midnight Mass with Carols

Sunday 25th December

11am Modern language Christmas 'All Age' Interactive Family Worship

(Children and Adults alike are invited to come with their favourite presents and dress up as your favourite nativity characters!) 12:00 noon A short Said Modern language Service of Holy Communion.

> Wednesday 28th December NO SERVICE (*So the Vicar can recover!*)

Sunday 1st January 2023

8am Traditional language Service of Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 11am Modern language 'New Year All Age' Family Worship [9] Saint Oswald's looks forward to welcoming you at any of our services as you celebrate Christmas this year.

However you choose mark this holy time, we pray that you will be blessed and touched by Christ's love.

Seasons Blessings, a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Father Murray and all the St Oswald's Church family.

Children's Society

The usual box collection has raised £219.86. If anyone would like to have a collection box please contact me on 01565 722327. Many thanks Sylvia

The key to a good head-start in life?

Learn your times tables. It seems that being able to multiply is a "basic building block for success in life."

So says the Schools Minister, as multiplication test results for hundreds of thousands of nine-year-olds were recently published for the first time.

Nick Gibbs said that being able to recall any multiple up to 12 times 12 is an "immensely valuable skill" that has helped him personally many times, from using complex maths as a chartered accountant to calculating the "best multi-pack supermarket bargains".

Feel a failure because you don't get everything on your list done each week?

Don't worry – the only person who ever got everything done by Friday was Robinson Crusoe! –*Anon*

St Oswald's Church Memorabilia goods for sale There are various items including postcards, tea towels, aprons, mugs and greeting cards for sale at the back of the church

Memorabilia price list

Many thanks for supporting the upkeep of this beautiful old church.

Please put your money in the pot which is emptied daily. However, if you have spent a larger sum of money, and prefer to put it in the wall safe in the Bell Tower that is appreciated. Please use the envelopes provided. It is also possible to make contactless card payments using the device adjacent to the display of goods.

Greetings Cards: 'Millennium Window' design (blank inside): Single Card - £1.25 each. Pack of 5 cards: - £5 per pack Photographs of the church cards: Pack of 2 - £2.50

Postcards - three designs: 'Millennium Window', 'The Church by day' and 'St. Oswald's on a starry night' all 50p each

Aprons

'Church and Flowers' design - Green or Blue on white - £5 each

Tea Towels

'Celebration with Flowers' design - Black on Cream or Blue on White - $\pounds 5$ each

Mugs - Bone china, dishwasher and microwave proof 'Celebration with Flowers' design - Blue on White only - £7 each

Booklet – 'Beside the Bright Stream' - £2 each

Greetings from West Wales

It is now more or less six months since we packed our boxes and left Lower Peover parish. We are pleased to report that even though we still have not unpacked all the boxes we feel very settled and are finding plenty to do here in Ceredigion

The summer was mostly taken up with family visits as everyone wanted to come and inspect our new house and garden. Being within reach of the seaside and with views of the Cambrian mountains was no doubt part of the attraction.



Since then, we have got involved with local activities. There are choirs for Roger and coffee mornings for Ann and, of course, a local church. We are less than ten minutes walk from the church at Llanfihangel Genau'r Glyn (the church of St Michael at the mouth of the valley). While there has been a church on the site

since the eleventh century, the current church was built in 1885 with most of its lovely stained glass windows installed in the twentiath century.

the second half of the twentieth century.

We have been made very welcome by the congregation and have already found ourselves taking on responsibilities such as ringing the bell (Roger) and leading intercessions. We are now looking forward to our service of Nine Lessons and Carols with the Aberystwyth Silver Band.



You too will be looking forward to Christmas at this point. We hope your festivities go well and we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

Ann and Roger

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 OR code

You can also

find a full calendar of events on <u>http://www.achurchnearyou.com/lower-or-nether-peover-st-oswald/</u>

Knutsford Floral Design Club

Knutsford Floral Design Club meets every third Wednesday in the month at 1.30pm for 2pm in Plumley Village Hall (except June - the second Wednesday, August – no meeting, and December when we hold our Christmas lunch)

> We have a floral demonstration by qualified demonstrators, followed by tea and biscuits. Visitors are very welcome for a small fee of £8

For more information telephone Lynda on 01477 534291

The New Year

He comes he goes, his times are set The New Year now has shown his face For time is here and will not wait For dwellers all in time and space.

We sojourn here on this fair earth, Just for a time so quickly gone Our lives just like a vapour spent As we await another dawn.

There is a day God has ordained When we will reach a distant shore, Eternity our new address Where time will cease and be no more. By Megan Carter

The Rectory - St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

On giving the after-dinner speech

I have been slightly surprised that in your ministry so far, you have never been asked to give an after-dinner speech. Now you have delivered your first one, I can understand why. Speeches after any dinner come at the point where stomachs are dealing with a little too much food and brains with about the same quantity of wine. They should be short and witty; yours was neither.

An hour-long speech on the Herodians and Second Temple Judaism at the time of the birth of Christ was not quite what we had expected. I applauded your enthusiasm, but I was the only one; the rest of them were asleep. Long after you had left, the catering staff gently vacuumed the carpets around the audience, and it was only when the night security guard arrived that the last diners were woken and politely sent home. I suspect you will have put many marriages under strain as husbands, returning home in the early hours of the morning, had to explain to wives why they were so late. Their truthful answers would have been unbelievable.

When the head waiter appeared in a dressing gown and started placing chairs on tables, even you must have suspected that hints were being dropped and I have never heard of a hotel manager interrupting a speech to place his keys on the top table and asking if the last person to leave would kindly lock the main door.

I know that your clerical attire is more usually T-shirt and jeans, but borrowing the curate's dinner suit from your next-door parish was also not a good idea. He is a foot taller and several stones heavier than you. The result was quite worrying – several people wondered if you had just recovered from some dreadful disease that had made you shrink.

In the light of your qualified success, thank you for offering to come to repeat your speech after our annual Christmas dinner, but no thank you. The verger's son wants to share with us how many potholes he has counted in and around the town, and that should be most interesting.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

I am terrified of the Santa at the shopping centre where I work. Our HR lady talked it over with me, and has discovered I am Claustrophobic.

The View from Swan Green

As the first lockdown began we gave thanks that our home in Millington had a large garden to keep us and our son happily occupied and connected to nature. A letter from HS2 changed our position and we found ourselves on the move. In June 2021 we arrived in our new home on the Swan Green estate in Lower Peover. Having not had neighbours close by for some time, we were timid at first but soon found a kind reception from those close by and the villagers we met on dog walks. Residents of Swan Green are gradually becoming involved in the village. We have had a 'meet the neighbour drinks do' which is being repeated for those who moved in this year. The two Christmas trees at the end of Oak Tree Lane are being decorated again with coloured Christmas lights, in keeping with the lighting of the Parish Council Christmas tree. The village community has a lot to offer. I helped make some bunting for the jubilee celebrations and Swan Green residents entered into the spirit of the jubilee decorating their doors and homes. I have had a go at growing gooseberries with very poor results, but could not have had a warmer welcome from the group and my mentor. I am very much looking forward to my first WI meeting in the New Year and am so thankful for being introduced to St Oswald's. The Wednesday service brings a welcome time in the week to reflect. I am often watching my son play football on Sunday morning so it may be a while before I get to meet many more people from the Parish. I would like to pass on my thanks to those who have made me feel so very welcome in Lower Peover and at St Oswald's Church, you know who you are. By inviting me in you have helped me and my family settle after a turbulent time. Wishing you all the very best for Christmas and Peace in the New Year. Angela Ashcroft

Cost-of-living crisis bites deep

More than four million people in the UK are now being forced to borrow money to cover the cost of essentials, such as heating and food.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) say that a poll carried out for them by YouGov has found that nearly one fifth of adults in the UK, or about ten million people, are now struggling financially. CAP says that of its clients who have done so, 44 per cent of them have a disability, 42 per cent are single parents, and 47 per cent have suffered abuse.

Higher earners are using up savings, while those on medium to low incomes are having to turn to high-cost credit to survive. One quarter of low earners (earning less than $\pounds 15,000$ a year) have already fallen behind on bills.

Food Basket for Hope Central

As a church we appreciate that a lot of people are struggling at this time. So, what can we do practically to help?

From Sunday 6th November, a basket will be placed in Church on a weekly basis for non-perishable food donations. This will be taken each Monday for distribution by Hope Central, a local Christian Charity.

Hope Central is an Ecumenical project based in St John's Church Knutsford and covers North East Cheshire, so our donations will be distributed locally. It is a Christian charity committed to bringing hope and relieving poverty in Cheshire East.

At Hope Central we recognise that everyone needs a helping hand at some point and we want to provide support to anyone in need. We do this because we believe in a heavenly Father who loves everyone unconditionally, and we want to express that love in practical ways by supplying food to people in difficult circumstances and helping people address underlying reasons that contribute to their distress.

As well as the usual staple tins and packet foods which are so necessary, why not put a few extra goodies in for Christmas. We all need treats.

Hope Central was established in 2019, supported by three churches: Vine Life Wilmslow, St Chad's Handforth and St John's Knutsford.

As well as meeting people's immediate need for food, we also want to support people to get back on their feet, so as well as providing a Foodbank we offer a Job Club, Money Course, Life Skills Course, Fresh Start Course, Debt Centre, Hope Centres and Refugee support.

All the staff and volunteers working with Hope Central are passionate about seeing lives changed for the better. As Christians we believe in a Heavenly Father who loves everyone unconditionally and we want to express that love in practical ways, especially to people who find themselves in difficult circumstances. Everyone needs a helping hand at times. So please donate. Thank you. A link for further information is attached below. hopecentral.org.uk

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Across

- 1 'How long will you your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4)
- 3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the he bore'. (Hebrews 13:13) (8)
- 9 Posh sin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7)
- 10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5)
- 11 Italian term for full orchestra (5)
- 12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6)
- 14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)
- 17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6)
- 19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3,2)
- 22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)
- 23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7)
- 24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)
- 25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have —?' (Job 22:15) (4)

Down

- 1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — ' (Numbers 20:11) (3,5)
- 2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "——murder" (Matthew 5:21) (2,3)
- 4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God. (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13)
- 5 'We ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, inwardly' (Romans 8:23) (5)
- 6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7)
- 7 'My yoke is and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4)
- 8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6)
- 13 'O Lord, you have me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8)
- 15 ' to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7)
- 16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6)
- 18 'Then he said to Thomas, "— out your hand and put it into my side"" (John 20:27) (5)
- 20 'God has said, "- will I leave you; will I forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5) (5)
- 21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)

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 Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in Plumley Village Hall

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

After the christening of his baby brother in church, young Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That minister said he wanted us to be brought up in a good Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys."

Twisty the Tree

I called my new tree 'Twisty'. I just could not resist The crown on which the angel sat had got a little twist! We gave it lots of water as we are meant to do And kept it cool till it was time to bring dear Twisty through.

Residing in our living room, despite his twisted end Bedecked with globes and tinsel he was our Christmas friend! We watered Twisty daily and talked to him a lot The fact he never answered back – it mattered not a jot!

Then, soon enough, came Christmas Day and all around our tree Were wrapped and ribboned Christmas gifts with love to you and me. For twelve days after Christmas we kept him while we could With twinkling lights and verdant leaves our tree just looked so good!

But Twelfth Night came upon us, and, though it broke my heart, The Christmas season ended – it was time for us to part. We took off all his pretty lights, we stripped our Twisty bare We took him to the garden and left him lying there.

Until came bin collection day and, though it seemed a sin We cut him into pieces small and put him in the bin. The moral of my story, sad it is (it seems to me), So that you don't shed bitter tears as well, *Don't* name your Christmas tree!

By Nigel Beeton

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Hide. 3, Disgrace. 9, Sonship. 10, Oaths. 11, Tutti. 12, Ignore.
14, Foreknowledge. 17, Ashram. 19, Men or. 22, Aroma. 23, Nineveh. 24, Amethyst. 25, Trod.
DOWN: 1, His staff. 2, Do not. 4, Imprisonments. 5, Groan. 6, Altered. 7, Easy.
8, Shrink. 13, Searched. 15, Restore. 16, Lament. 18, Reach. 20, Never. 21, Jada.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.



"Does anyone have a light, please?"

One Hundred Club for September:

No. 73 Amanda Toleman £70 No. 25 Graham Silcock £30

One Hundred Club for October:

No. 20 Sylvia Hankinson - £70 No. 56 Alma Hepworth - £30 (kindly donated to church funds – thank you)

Annual Charity

The PCC has agreed that charitable giving in the coming year will be in support of the Farming Community Network. Retiring collections will be invited at relevant services throughout the year. This charity is particularly important in our rural community and we are encouraged to give generously.

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 <u>www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding</u>. 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 <u>ktwallace@hotmail.co.uk</u>



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 \pounds 70, the second receives \pounds 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 - 01270 878259 or 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

(Lottery Registration No. 08/LO/77)



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