

**THE PARISH OF ST MATTHEW
LITTLE LEVER**

SUNDAY 21st July 2019
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CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD

**16th in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY WORSHIP TODAY**

8.00 am Mass – CHURCH HOUSE
10.00 am Parish Sung Mass - SCHOOL
Sunday Club has now broken up for the summer holidays
until Sunday 8th September.

During the last hymn of the Mass there is a Copper Collection. Proceeds from this go to various charities nominated by the congregation.

TODAY'S LITURGY

The Scriptures

1st reading – Here we read the account of Abraham's mysterious meeting with God in the form of three men – the first hint of the Trinity. God promises Abraham an incredible gift.

2nd reading – Here, once again St Paul, underlines the mystery of the Incarnation. God is present to us in Christ Jesus. The mystery is Christ among you.

HYMNS AT 10.00 am (on the overhead)

21 Music 323 499 699

Readers at 10.00 am

1st Ian Morrison 2nd Denis Simpson
Int Kate Bridge R/ Andrew Gradwell

Eucharistic Ministers at 10.00 am

Dennis & Helen Jeanette & Ian

Sidespersons on duty today

Kath Winterbotham Sue Gradwell

Sidespersons on duty next week

Janet Fairhurst Sandra Gastall

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We aim, under God, to be an open and welcoming community seeking to serve God through worship and witness. We are committed to mission and constantly seek new ways of proclaiming the Gospel to those around us.

A SAFE AND WELCOMING CHURCH

St Matthew's has offered a warm welcome to everyone since 1865. The P C C is committed to ensuring that everyone at St Matthew's feels safe and supported. We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults very seriously. Therefore if you have any concerns please speak to
Fr John - 01204 700936,
Mrs Margaret Barnard – 01204 709742
Or The Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser
Abbey Clephane-Wilson
0161 828 1451

**MASS IS CELEBRATED DAILY IN OUR
PARISH AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:**

Mon 22nd 7.30 pm – St Mary Magdalene

Tue 23rd 9.30 am – St Bridget
Wed 24th 9.15am – 16th in OT – Yr 1
Thurs 25th 7.30 pm – St James
Fri 26th 5.00 pm – St Joachim & St Anne
Sat 207th 6.00pm

**CHURCH IS OPEN FOR QUIET THOUGHTS,
PRAYER OR REFLECTION** Every Thursday
Morning in the Choir Vestry from 9.00 am till
11.00 am.

**RESPONSES TO THE PSALM AT THE
WEEKDAY MASS**

Monday: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Tuesday: I will bless the Lord at all times.

Wednesday: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Thursday: Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

Friday: The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.

Saturday: Pay your sacrifice of thanksgiving to God.

PARISH PRAYER DIARY

Sunday For our parish's continued growth

Monday For all parishes, societies and organisations under the patronage of St Mary Magdalene

Tuesday For the Bridgettine Order, especially the sisters in Rome

Wednesday For all involved in the care of people with complex health issues

Thursday For all parishes, societies and organisations under the patronage of St James

Friday For all Grandparents

Saturday For Walsingham

For your prayers this week:-

People who are sick Joan Fowles.

David Fowles, David Seed, Ken Helsby, Peter Entwistle, Martin Wild, Margaret Hall, William Gill, Joan Street, Peter Farthing, June Swingwood, Adrian Charles, Cathy Nurse, Dale Clegg, Albert Yates, Carol Schooling, Barry Hilton, Craig Williams, Kerry Dunn, Gregory Rothwell, Suzanne Harvey, Freddy Bhaiyat, Fay Biddy, Peter Dawes, Pat Bell, Mavis Schofield, Margaret Tatlock.

Those who have died: Joan Howson

Anniversaries: Colin Martin, Marian Molyneux, Ray Riley, Arthur Seddon, Mary Joyce Brown, Ted Ogden, Kenneth John Farnes.

SANCTUARY LAMP burns this week in Loving Memory of **Kay Abubakar** and **Irene O'Shaughnessy**.

NEXT SUNDAY:- 17th O T

1st – Genesis 18: 20 - 32

Psalm – 137

2nd – Colossians 2: 12 - 14

Gospel – Luke 11: 1 - 13

THIS WEEK :-

Monday – No Choir Practice

Tuesday – 9.00 am – 11.00 am – Coffee Shop – Church House

Thursday – 8.00 pm – Messy Church Planning Meeting

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

places still available – see Fr Anthony.

CONFIRMATION - SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

will be administered by Bishop Mark (Bolton) on Sunday 8th September during the 10.00 am

Parish Mass. Please pray for the Candidates – Freya Burns, Millie Colhoun, Hannah Cordwell, Lewis Eaton, Charlotte Marie Fane, Elizabeth Kearsley, Isaac Noah Razavi, Charlie Wood, Kate Wood, Alfie Winnard.

LUNCHEON CLUB – Open to everyone will be on the following Fridays from 12noon - 2.00 pm in Church House. Next one – 9th August.

AFTERNOON TEA DANCE Open to everyone will be on the first Friday of the month from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm in Church House. Next one – 13th September, 11th October, 8th November, 13th December, 14th February, 13th March.

BIBLE STUDY Meets in the Vicarage at 7.30pm Tuesday 3rd September, Wednesday 2nd October, Tuesday 6th November.

BOOKING FORMS FOR LLANDUDNO are available from Janet Fairhurst.

NEXT MESSY CHURCH

will be on Saturday 14th September from 3.00 pm till 5.00pm.

JEAN EATON

We offer our sincere thanks to Jean Eaton who retired this week after being in charge of our Rainbows for 22 years. She has been involved in guiding for thirty years and has contributed very effectively to many aspects of guiding during that time. Children will have happy memories of the many pack holidays she has organised and her friendly and welcoming approach. We wish her a very happy retirement.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE REV'D BEN BRADSHAW who is to be ordained priest on Saturday 19th October at 10.30 am at St German's Cathedral, Isle of Man by Bishop Glyn, bishop of Beverley.

HOW DO I BOOK A CHRISTENING OR

WEDDING? To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Banns of Marriage please call at the Vicarage on a Tuesday evening between 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP DURING ROOF PROJECT

- for the next few weeks the

8.00 am MASS will be in Church House

10.00 am MASS will be in School next week and from then on for a week or two in Church House.

TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP

FOOTBALL CARD

Thanks to everyone who had a little gamble.

£1200 has been raised from the Football card in the last 12 months and paid into Church Funds. Thank you to Joyce, Winifred, Karen and all who go round with the card and to Trude who oversees the account. Well done everyone!

MAVIS SCHOFIELD WRITES

May I thank everyone for their prayers, lovely cards, flowers and best wishes whilst I have been in hospital for my hip operation. Everything went really well and I am now on the road to recovery. Hope to see you all soon. Many thanks. Mavis

A BIG THANK YOU to our Fun and events committee for the Bingo last Friday. It raised £232.40. **ALSO MANY THANKS** to everyone who in their sacrificial weekly giving or donations fund the mission of our parish and the restoration scheme. Very many thanks for your commitment, hard work and gifts of time and money.

TOWN CENTRE STRATEGY FUND – Canon Anthony

Bolton Council has agreed to spend a substantial amount of money called the Town Centre Strategy Fund on the outlying areas of Bolton. Little Lever is included in this. In order to see that the money is spent sensibly and with ideas from the local community, a steering group has been set up to advise the council what local people feel is needed. I have been asked to join this steering group together with people representing many areas of life in our local community. The first meeting is coming up soon. I should like to attend this first meeting with ideas that people have suggested to me about how our village centre can be improved. Please let me know if you have any ideas that I could bring to the meeting.

DIARY DATES FOR 2019

Sunday 8th September – Confirmation – Bishop of Bolton

Thursday 19th September – 7.00 pm – P C C

Saturday 21st September – Fish & Chips & Quiz

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October – Parish

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday 12th October – 8.00 pm – Cheese and Wine

Thursday 17th October – 7.00 pm – P C C

Friday 25th October – Halloween Bingo

PARISH CLERGY

Fr John Wiseman – 700936

Canon Ian Anthony – 791437

Fr Stuart Haworth – 384006

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