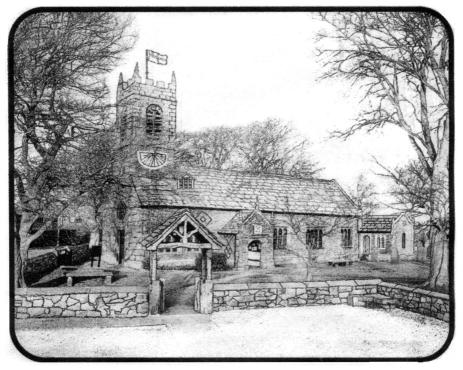
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#### St. Michael & All Angels



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**Weekly Giving Envelopes:** Please contact the Treasurer or Churchwarden.

Parish Administrator: Mrs Amanda Gibson – Tel: 07735 961620.

## **ORGANISATIONS** (Currently no social meetings are being held due to the Coronavirus pandemic)

#### Sunday School

Sunday School – St Michael's Club – begins at 10.30 in church and usually takes place every Sunday.

Leader: Mrs Liz Boland. Mobile: 07903 200204 E: lizboland@yahoo.co.uk

**Hoole Church Ladies' Group** – meets 7.30pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, in Hoole Village Hall. Leader: Mrs Erika Penrose.

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**St Michael's Men's Fellowship** – meets 7.30pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, in Hoole Village Memorial Hall.

Secretary: Mr Stuart Tighe – Tel: 612963.

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Chair: Mrs Jane Elphick, Tel: 601495.

Secretary: Mr David Turner, Tel: 01772 383344.

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#### Hoole St Michael C E Primary School

Head Teacher: Mrs Juliet Price – Tel: 613219.

1<sup>st</sup> St. Michael's Hoole Scout & Guide Groups – Contact: Rebecca Catterall

Church Website: http://www.hooleparishchurch.com.

Our Facebook page is called "St Michael and All Angels Church Hoole".

#### **CHURCH OPENING TIMES**

St Michael's Church is open every day. Opening times are: Monday to Saturday inclusive: 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Sunday: 8.00am to 4.30pm. Coronavirus restrictions are in place.

#### **CHURCH ROTAS**

Please note that the only rota in place at the moment is that of the Flower Ladies which is on page 25.

## FROM THE RECTORY

"Rejoice in the Lord always. Don't be anxious about anything but with thanksgiving present your requests to God." Philippians 4

Dear all

The new Archbishop of York said this about the impact of pandemic:

"I hate this Coronavirus,

I hate it not only because so many people have died, but because so many people have died alone, unable to hold the hand of their beloved.



I hate it because our health service has been stretched to the limit.

I hate it because so many are bereaved and could not even sit next to a family member at a funeral or embrace each other.

I hate it because children's schooling has been disrupted.

I hate it because so many people are so ill, so many crying out in pain, so many isolated, lonely, fearful, depressed".

But he said he was also thankful for the faithfulness of all who have served others during the crisis and risen to the challenge.

He added: "I am thankful that despite all the horrors of a Covid world we are learning a new commitment to Christ and how to be a humbler, simpler, church; we are putting Christ at the centre of our lives and learning very, very, very painfully what it really means to be a church that is dependent on Christ alone.

Where are you in this?

We all hate the virus and what it has done to our lives and the lives of loved ones. Can you be thankful too for all the good things that have happened in the crisis like the new sense of caring, of community and an appreciation of what we have? We must continue in all this and more. It's Harvest time and millions in our world our suffering hunger and hardship more than ever. So this year our Harvest gifts go to our local Food bank which is so much more used than before and our Harvest collection will be divided between the Foodbank and Tearfund, a Christian relief agency, for their work in Ethiopia providing relief to those without food and water.

And for ourselves we have so much to be grateful for: let's develop an 'attitude of gratitude' to God. We might want to reflect that even before coronavirus

- if you have food in the fridge and a roof over your head, you are richer than 75% people in the world
- if you have money in the bank, you are richer than 92% people in the world
- if you woke up this morning in good health, you are richer than one million people who will not survive tonight.

So please give generously and be content with what you have. Keep saying thank you. "God loves a cheerful giver"

With prayers and best wishes,

Rev Ann

**St Michael's Sunday School** meets each Sunday morning (except on days when Family Church meets in the afternoon) at 10:30. In the current circumstances of the Coronavirus we start at church (obeying the social distancing rules), and then go outside in the churchyard for 20 minutes of Bible stories, games, crafts and fun. We then re-join the adults in church for the end of the service and refreshments.

All children, age 3-11 are welcome to join us. There are toys in the back of church for younger children, or they are welcome to come to Sunday School with an adult.

For more details about Sunday School, contact Liz Boland, Children and Young People's Worker on 07903 200204 or lizboland@vahoo.co.uk.

### ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, HOOLE Parish Diary

Friday 2nd October	11.30	School Harvest Service for Y5 and Y6
Sunday 4th October	09.00	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30	HARVEST FESTIVAL.
Sunday 11th October	09.00	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30	Morning Worship with Sunday School
Sunday 18th October	09.00	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30	Parish Communion with Sunday School
Tuesday 20th October 7.30		Bible Study/Growth Group – Just 10: Don't
		Steal
Sunday 25th October	09.00	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30	Morning Worship
12 noon		ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING - IN CHURCH
	3.45	LEGO CHURCH to be held in Church
Monday 26th Oct	7.30	Bible Study/Growth Group – Just 10: Don't
		Steal
Sunday 1st Nov	09.00	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
ALL SAINTS DAY	10.30	Parish Communion with Sunday School
	4.00	SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR LOVED ONES
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	7.30	Bible Study/Growth Group – Just 10: Don't
		Commit Adultery
Sunday 8th November	r 09.00	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE
		WITH THE BISHOP OF BLACKBURN
Monday 9th Novembe	er 7.00	PCC meeting
Tuesday 10th Nov	7.30	Bible Study/Growth Group – Just 10: Don't
		Commit Adultery
Sunday 15th Nov	09.00	Holy Communion
	10.30	Parish Communion
	3.45	FAMILY CHURCH LIGHT PARTY
Tuesday 17th Nov	7.30	Bible Study/Growth Group – Just 10: Don't
		Murder
Sunday 22nd Nov	9.00	Parish Communion
	10.30	Morning Worship with Sunday School

Monday 23rd Nov	7.30	Bible Study/Growth Group – Just 10: Don't Murder
Sunday 29th Nov	09.00	Holy Communion
·	10.30	Parish Communion with Sunday School
Tuesday 1st Dec	7.30	Bible Study/Growth Group – Just 10: Honour
		Your Father and Mother
Sunday 6th December 09.00		Holy Communion
10.30		Parish Communion
3.45		TOY AND CHRISTINGLE SERVICE in Church
Monday 7th December 7.30		Bible Study/Growth Group – Just 10: Honour
		Your Father and Mother
Sunday 13th December 9.00		Holy Communion
10.30		Morning Worship with Sunday School
Tuesday 15th December		Bible Study Christmas Social – To be confirmed
Sunday 20th December 9.00		Holy Communion
	10.30	Parish Communion with Sunday School
	6.00	CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT
CHRISTMAS EVE	4.00	CRIB SERVICE
	11.30	MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
CHRISTMAS DAY	10.30	FAMILY SERVICE WITH CAROLS AND
		COMMUNION
Friday 22nd Jan 2021	7.00	HARVEST QUIZ postponed from September if permitted

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

 LEGO CHURCH Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October in church at 3.45
 FAMILY CHURCH LIGHT PARTY Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November in church at 3.45pm
 TOY AND CHRISTINGLE SERVICE Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December in church at 3.45pm

#### CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm in church



Intercessions: Please let the Rector or Margaret Kirkman know of anyone you would like including on our prayer list, by text or 07786 543581.



### Letter from the Rector about Harvest Festival at St Michael's

Dear all

I do hope you will be able to join us with your family at our **Harvest Festival on Sunday October 4th** at 10.30am. Harvest gifts will be distributed to the housebound, non-perishable items will be taken to the Foodbank and the Harvest collection will be divided between the Food Bank and the Bishop's Harvest Appeal for relief work in Africa.

I can with confidence assure you that Church is a safe place to attend.

The rules about church are unchanged by local lockdown and the rule of 6, since worship is not classed as a social gathering:

"There are no restrictions on public worship, which can continue as at present. Worship is not a social gathering and indeed in this time of national crisis it is more important than ever that Christians are gathering in prayer."

Safety measures we have implemented in Church are:

Everyone sits in socially distanced Household bubbles (only every other pew is in use to ensure a 2 metre distance)

Everyone has to sanitise their hands, give contact details and adults wear masks. There are children's activities during our 10.30 service. If children are using equipment for activities, they will be provided with a bag of their own materials to use.

There is also the possibility to sit outside the church for anyone who does not wish to enter. Our services are now relayed outside and the audibility is excellent. An audio recording of the service and the pew sheet is put on our website each Sunday afternoon for you to listen to if you are unable to get to church. Please let me know if you would value a home visit. There is also the possibility of receiving Holy Communion at home.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Harvest Festival.

Best wishes and prayers

Rev Ann







#### Jars of Change for Jars of Water HARVEST 2020 THROUGH TO EASTER 2021

For well over 10 years now our Church has been collecting for this charity. We save our loose change in empty jam jars (or any type of jar really). Some-people fill one jar others fill multiple jars. It is really really easy AND we have regularly raised over £500 per year.

#### THE LAUNCH HARVEST SUNDAY - 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020

#### Have a look for a **Big Blue Bucket** and.....

Pick up a jar – inside you will find a Gift Aid form for completion if applicable. Or you can provide your own jar and pick up a Water Aid label and Gift Aid Form from the Big Blue Bucket.

When your jar is full, bring it into Church and hand it to any PCC member, alternatively place it in the right-hand drawer of the desk located outside the kitchen.

If you are at Church on Harvest Sunday, then do please consider picking up a jar there and then. If not, the jars will be around for some considerable time to pick up at your leisure.

#### WE GUARANTEE ALL THE JARS HAVE BEEN STERILISED

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- Just £15 can provide one person with clean water

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Many many thanks in anticipation - Barbara Wood (Treasurer to the PCC)

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### Hogwarts Church – 13th September 2020

WELCOME TO HOGWARTS

After a lot of work by the Wignall family, the church was transformed into Hogwarts School from the Harry Potter series. Families were greeted by Peter and Colin, both dressed up and then entered through Platform 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to watch some scenes from the films as they decorated their house crests and tasted jelly beans to see if they were good flavours or more disgusting ones!

During the we watched a clip of the very of the Harry Potter film where Harry is left aunt and uncle after his parents' death and then he is a wizard and goes off to Hogwarts for the first time. This helped us to think about the love Harry's mum showed by dying so that he didn't have to, and the clear link this gives to Jesus.

We then watched another clip of the children's first flying lesson on their broomsticks with varying success for each student. This helped us think about how we are all good at different things, and we don't all have to be good at the same as our friends.



We also had a fun quiz testing our Harry Potter knowledge. It turns out the children have a lot of knowledge, with prizes of edible golden snitches (a part of a game in the books, called Quidditch). We ended the service with delicious Harry Potter cakes, made by Lynn, and socially distanced chat outside the church in the sunshine. A great afternoon was had by all. Beckie Thomas, mum of four-year-old Ted said, "We really enjoyed Hogwarts Church and it seems to have sparked some good conversations about why Jesus died for us too."

The next Family Church will be on Sunday 25th October at 3:45 in church. This will be a return of the very popular Lego Church.

Liz Boland





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# \*Deadline: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the day of the APCM\*

We have been so blessed for years and years and years(!) with a volunteer independent examiner for our Church books.

His name is Michael Harrison. Unfortunately, due to ill health, he will no longer be able to carry out this role so we are in real need of a new examiner ASAP.

- Are you good with figures?
- Are you a book- keeper?
- An Accountant?
- Are you willing to learn about the Diocesan & Charity Commission requirements

#### Do you know anyone who might fit with some of the above?

If so, please get in touch with me as the PCC and the all the Church groups really really need someone do to this.

The PCC are responsible for sourcing a volunteer (preferably) but we are also prepared to pay a reasonable remuneration.

There are certain Diocesan & Charity Commission criteria that the successful applicant would need to meet but you do not necessarily have to be a qualified accountant or book-keeper.

A quick summary of the role:

<u>January</u>: I prepare the PCC accounts and gather in all the ledgers and files from all the Church groups.

<u>February</u>: I check through them within the limits of my ability and put together the "first draft" of the reports and accounts for the examiner.

<u>Feb/March</u>: The examiner then checks the figures for accuracy and any anomalies alongside reading the submitted reports to ensure all is clear, accurate and relevant.

This takes about a week (if that) of the examiner's time during this timescale

<u>March:</u> When all queries are resolved, final copy is produced by the Treasurer and distributed.

The examiner checks that all amendments/queries have been answered and signs off the report & accounts.

Job done until next year.

If you think you **might, just possibly might** be able to do this job, or know anyone who **might** be able to do this job – please contact me to discuss.

All enquiries treated as just that, an enquiry, no obligation comes with an enquiry.

The PCC will be asking anyone and everyone they can think of – please help us to meet our legal requirements.

Many thanks Barbara Wood Treasurer to the PCC

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## YOUR TREASURER IS RESIGNING

Ok - Not immediately and not tomorrow but soon please?!

I have been doing this job voluntarily for 15 years and I think it is time for me to move on to other roles within the Church.

I started this job when I was in full time employment with no training at all in the world of book-keeping or accountancy.

I learned as I went along with a brilliant handover from my predecessor John Penrose and fantastic support and encouragement from our examiner Michael Harrison.

- You do not have to be a Church Member
- You do not have to be a book-keeper or an accountant
- You do not have to be retired but you do need to be organised
- You do not have to be a volunteer (but our finances are a bit stretched at the moment)
- The PCC could consider a reasonable remuneration
- What you do need is computer literacy using online banking, email, Word and Excel.
- Able to operate a receipts and payments ledger and report back to the PCC on a regular basis
- Produce year end accounts as explained above
- Provide annual statistics return to the Diocese
- A head for figures is also a bonus but my mental arithmetic is rubbish!

Rest assured, any new treasurer would be given full guidance and training with brilliant ongoing support for as long as it is needed!

So... what do you think? Who do you know? Let me know.

Many thanks in anticipation.

Barbara Wood Treasurer to the PCC A message from:

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Thank you so much for your continuing support enabling all this to happen together with raising the status, worship and confidence of this small community in the middle of Uganda.

Margaret is on one of the pictures together with the man who is doing the plastering work just now.

God bless you.

Elizabeth Swarbrick



Elizabeth sent several pics. I have included a couple that will hopefully reproduce in the magazine ok.

The Reading Desk featuring the transit cross that Derek and Sharon took out and the plasterers at work on their Church.

All possible because of our support. Barbara.





#### We will catch up slowly with St James the Least of All; this month we have the June 2020 edition.

Parish Pump Editor: The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...



#### On why holding an Arts Festival in church is not a good idea

The Rectory St James the Least

#### My dear Nephew Darren

Your decision to hold a Summer weekend Arts Festival in church, bringing culture to your inner-city streets, was most commendable. Pity, how it all turned out.

The Friday evening started well with the concert of Scott Joplin piano music. Obviously knowing that the pieces were originally played in seedy bars on pianos wildly out of tune with several notes missing, your committee must have gone to endless trouble to find precisely the right instrument. Your stage-hands, were, however, less careful and hadn't noticed that the platform had a noticeable list to port. After each piece, the pianist had to relocate the piano stool closer to his nomadic piano, with the last piece being performed with both entirely out of sight behind the pulpit.

It created much innocent entertainment for the audience, but the fault really should have been remedied before the Saturday evening choir concert. Discarded kneelers and rotting hymn books do not form a stable base for a stage supporting an 80-strong choir. So when it came to the enthusiastic rendering of hits from 'Oklahoma', with copious hand movements, it came as something of a relief that the stage took this as the moment to signal defeat, tipping the tenors behind the altar. The audience's thunderous applause, assuming this was a carefully choreographed part of the performance, was quite touching. I am sure all the compensation claims will soon be sorted out.

Your one great mistake was to take on responsibility for organising the refreshments afterwards. Church entertainments committees have centuries of collective experience in judging the numbers of ham sandwiches and bottles of milk required. I am forever proud that our own ladies – through years of experience – can now get five cups of tea from every tea bag and can butter bread so thinly that one pack can last several months.

What you now do with 29 surplus loaves of bread is a problem you have brought upon yourself. You could possibly use them for supporting the stage next year.

Your loving uncle, Eustace



...l've moved with the times - I've now got a solar-powered radio microphone...

#### **Flower Rota**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Arranger(s)</u>	<u>Sponsor(s):</u>			
1 <sup>st</sup> October	All flower arrangers meet in church for 10.00am for Harves Flowers				
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival				
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Lisa and Julie Jean and Joan	Mr & Mrs Taylor			
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Elsie and Althea	Mrs Lawrence			
		Mrs Crivaro			
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Jean and Sue	Pedestal sponsor: Mrs E Houghton			
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Averil and Betty	Mr & Mrs H Wignall			
Remembrance for two weeks					
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Gillian, Angela, Clare, Lisa, Julie, Betty	Altar sponsor: Mrs Smalley Pedestal sponsors: Mr Pickles and Mrs Dewhurst			
15 <sup>th</sup> November	rLisa	Altar sponsor: Mrs Smalley Pedestal sponsors: Mr Pickles and Mrs Dewhurst			
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Jean and Joan Elsie & Althea	Men's Fellowship Mrs Smallwood			
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6<sup>th</sup> December All flower arrangers for Christmas flower decorations.

The other rotas have been suspended until the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted. Sorry folks, no tea or coffee are being provided for now – please bring your own to the services!





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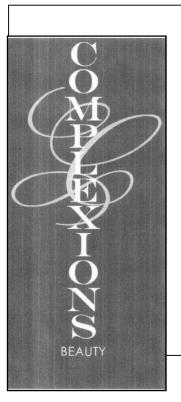
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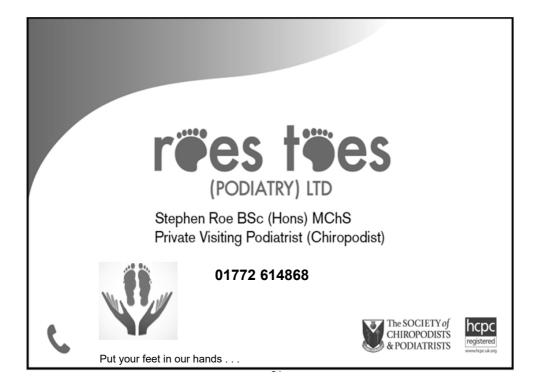
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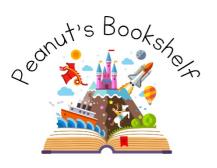
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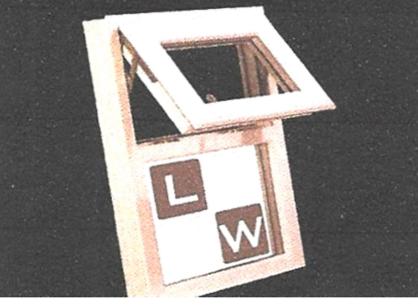
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