



ST. MICHAEL'S TIMES



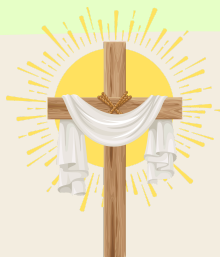
PARISH MAGAZINE-AUG-OCT 2026

WWW.HOOLEPARISHCHURCH.COM

GET IN TOUCH WITH US

Position	Name	Tel	Email
Curate in Charge	Revd Mandy Hughes	07791532461	stmichaelshoole@outlook.com
Church Warden	Jane Elphick	07977201199	candjelpick@hotmail.com
Parish Office and Administrator	Sharon Gregson	07476194991	stmichaelshoole@outlook.com
Children and Young People's Minister	Liz Boland	077903200204	lizboland@yahoo.co.uk
Little Angels Baby and Toddler Group	Revd Mandy Hughes	07476194991	stmichaelshoole@outlook.com
Headteacher Hoole St Michael's Primary School	Mrs Rebecca Holland	01772613219	head@hoole.lancs.sch.uk
Ladies Group	Erika Penrose	01772 613816	johnanderika.penrose@gmail.com
Mens Group	Jock Davidson	07902 441055	sgtmajor@talktalk.net
Flower Group	Lisa Redshaw	01772614428	
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Jenny Tomlinson	07984797548	stmichaelshoole@outlook.com
Health and Safety Officer	Colin Wilson	07905719831	southview1953@tiscali.co.uk
Verger	Irene Pickles	07747607552	stanpickles13@gmail.com
Treasurer	Barbara Wood	07745208617	bw12252@hotmail.com

THE REV'S REVIEW



Welcome to this bumper edition of our Parish Magazine. We want you to be aware of all the worship services and events coming up in the next few months. We have an exciting time ahead to offer you all, and a very warm invitation to everyone in our Parish, to join us.

I'm delighted to tell you all that on Sunday 28th June we celebrated my Ordination to the Priesthood. More on this in another article.

As I write I am watching my big greyhound (39kg), doing what he does best, and that is to spend most of his day asleep! He sits on his chair dreaming, or contemplating the world, then he eats, takes a short walk around the block and goes back to sleep. Now I'm not suggesting this is going to be the daily routine of your local Curate in Charge! Tempting though it is, life is incredibly busy, the demands of daily life can overwhelm us, and then life throws us some major curve balls, in the shape of bereavement, illness, family trauma, disappointment and the dreadful events happening around the world. We are surrounded by constant negative images and information, and a lot of fake news that quite frankly can "fry" our brains.

Our God offers an antidote to all of this. His invitation to come and follow him is for all of us, and to enable us to step into a different world. It is an invitation to "come and see" in John's Gospel. In Matthew's Gospel (11:28), Jesus invites us to "come, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." He asks us to think about the ways of the world: are they giving us the happiness and joy we crave, and more importantly, the peace of mind and spirit we need?

As we celebrate 100 years of the Diocese of Blackburn, we will be holding a Parish "mission" weekend on 12th–13th September. This is for us to invite everyone in our Parish, believer or not, to find out more. Ask us questions, enjoy a walk, some refreshments and a rousing Songs of Praise Service on the Sunday. A fun community event to explore why faith matters, why Jesus is central to our lives and what he has to offer us all.

Our children and their families will be invited to Family Church on 20th September, to spend time with Bishop Philip, our Diocesan Bishop, who has a real heart for them — and very much enjoys fun and games! Following our weekend we will be providing a study course, to explore more what it means to have faith and how we can follow Jesus in this crazy world we live in.

Please be aware that all of our upcoming activities, events and services are open to all. I have said before that we are here for the good times and the bad, joy and sadness, and if you just want to talk, or be prayed for, please reach out.

We all need time to "be" and rest, come to Jesus and find out more.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make his face to shine upon you

And be gracious to you

The Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace (Numbers 6:24–26)

Amen



Revd Mandy

Priesting, June 2026

by Jane Elphick

Sunday 28th June was a very important day in the life of our church. Since October 2024, when our previous minister retired, we have been without a fully ordained minister in post at St Michael's, which has presented challenges. However, last year, our Curate in training, Mandy Hughes, was ordained as a Deacon in Blackburn Cathedral, and following further training, interviews and reflection, Revd Mandy Hughes was appointed as Curate in Charge of our Parish in February 2026. On Sunday, the final stage of her Ordination journey was completed, when Revd Mandy was "Priested", so she is now able to preside at Holy Communion services, conduct weddings and undertake other tasks as our Curate in Charge.

Revd Mandy has the support of a great many people including Blackburn Diocese, Emmanuel College, our Patron Sarah Lamb, our school and the congregation of St Michael's, who turned out in force for this special service. 36 parishioners hired a bus to travel to the service at St Francis Church, Fenniscliff, with several others travelling independently and many more sorry to be unable to attend for various reasons. The service was a joyful and very special celebration. It was particularly moving when five clergy who have actively supported Revd Mandy's journey laid hands on her in blessing with Bishop Joseph Kennedy.

We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and the refreshments afterwards. Revd Mandy is now resident in the rectory, in the centre of our local community, and we are looking forward to supporting her plans for the future of St Michael's.



Left to Right: Rt Rev Bishop Philip, Rev John Lisle, Rt Rev Dr Bishop Joseph, Rev Mandy Hughes MBE, Rev Sara Marriott



SAVE THE DATE



12-13

SEPT
2026

PARISH
WEEKEND

CENTENARY
CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS - 1926-2026
All for Jesus
BURN DIocese



[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/
HOOLEPARISHCHURCH](https://www.facebook.com/HOOLEPARISHCHURCH)



[WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/
/HOOLESTMICHAELS](https://www.instagram.com/HOOLESTMICHAELS)



[WWW.HOOLEPARISH
CHURCH.COM](https://www.hooleparishchurch.com)

ST MICHAEL'S HOOLE PARISH WALK



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE DIOCESE OF BLACKBURN
ALL WELCOME

12TH SEPT 2026



THE WALK

10.30AM — MEET AT THE
VENUE, HOOLE, LIVERPOOL
OLD ROAD

FLAT WALK AROUND HOOLE
& WALMER BRIDGE, SIX
STOPS

BACK AT THE VENUE BY
12.15PM

SHORTER OPTION? JOIN US AT THE
VENUE AT 11.45AM FOR THE FINAL
STRETCH

AFTERWARDS

HOT DRINKS, CAKES &
CHATS FROM 12.15PM

ACTIVITIES & GAMES FOR
CHILDREN

BACON ROLLS FROM BILLIES
BUTTY VAN⁸

SONGS OF PRAISE

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE DIOCESE OF BLACKBURN



ALL WELCOME

13TH SEPT 2026



**10.00AM — MEET AT HOOLE ST MICHAEL'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL (PRAYING FOR THE
SCHOOL)**

**WALKING TO CHURCH FOR AN INFORMAL
SERVICE WITH WELL KNOWN HYMNS AT
10.30AM**

Sharing Life's Events with You



In the last couple of magazines, I have talked about the invitation to you all to consider coming to church for some of the most important events of our lives;

Thanksgiving for the birth of a child
Baptism (Christening) at any age
Confirmation & renewal of Baptism promises
Weddings
Wedding Blessings
Funerals

We all know that there are now many alternatives to coming to Church to celebrate these life-changing events, and perhaps people are reluctant to come forward and consider Church, for many reasons. Some maybe be to do with doubts about faith, or even a loss of faith. The convenience of a venue where it can all be done at once or even the relentless adverts for pure cremation or a simplifying of a Funeral – Cost may be an issue for some.

These “rites of passage in life”, are deeply personal and it’s important to have a conversation with your loved ones to find out what they would like in terms of a farewell. Maybe to think about it ourselves and how we would like to be remembered and the funeral we would like. We plan most things in our lives and this is something that we often ignore.

Give it some thought and please feel free to come and talk to us about any of these important life events. We are here if you have faith or none or not sure.

Revd Mandy



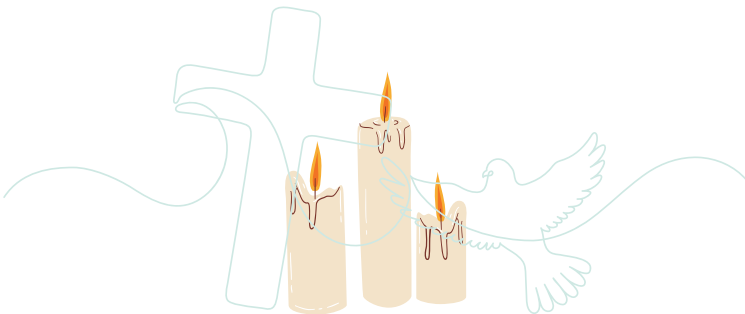
Space for prayer

Those of you who visit our church will see that we have a space for prayer at the front. It is an opportunity to hang a prayer on our prayer tree, and take a moment for private prayer. We are also available for prayer on the Sundays when we have a Communion Service. If you have particular prayer needs please contact me and we can add you or the person you want prayer for, to the weekly prayer list, which is read out in Church, or we can pray for you after the service.

We can also guide you towards prayer resources or people who can help in special situations. You don't need to attend Church to receive prayer, but we would love to welcome you to our family, where you can find peace and comfort.

Thank you, our prayers are with you,

Revd Mandy Hughes



OUR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Report by Liz Boland,
Children & Young People's Minister



Children's Church has now "Happy birthday" to the Church, finished their Time Travel series, and think about what the coming which took us through the Bible, of the Holy Spirit means now and helping us to think about God's a lot of fun.

promises in the past and how that **Space Church** was something we relates to us now. We then went hadn't done before, and was a back to looking at the same great afternoon with the Venue in passages as the adults in church. almost darkness, with stars We use crafts and/or games every projected onto the ceiling, videos week to consolidate our learning, of the Earth from space and the but we are focussed on God and side of the Moon we never see the Bible as much as the adults in from Earth, and praising God for the main service. Children's His Kingship over the whole Church takes a break over the universe, not just our planet, while summer, but there are things for also thanking Him that He cares for the children to do every week about each one of us as well as the while I am away. whole universe, and more! Big

Family Church has happened concepts, but of course, our twice since the last magazine – families rose to the occasion and Birthday Church in May and had a great afternoon. We also Space Church in June. Birthday made rockets and designed our Church celebrated Pentecost and own planets.

the birthday of the Church, with a Our next Family Church is on 20 party style service, including September, when we will be birthday cake (of course) a rousing celebrating the centenary of the rendition of the families singing Diocese of Blackburn with Party

Church, when we will welcome Bishop Philip.

Plans for our new group are still in progress but coming along well. The Hoole Youth Hub will begin on 6 September for anyone in year 5 and upwards. Each session will last for 1 hour and will include a mix of games, crafts, sports, and Bible teaching and discussion. They will be quite informal, and

the exact programme will be shaped by the young people, so we know it's what they want to come along to. Initially, we are running the HYH twice a month, once on a Friday 6:30-7:30pm and once on a Sunday afternoon 4:00-5:00. We will review it at Christmas, and see which time works best, or whether the different times suit different people.

Dates coming up for children and families:

12 July: 10:30 Final Children's Church of the year

19 July: 3:45 Picnic Church at St Michael's School

30 Aug: 10:30 Children's Church restarts

6 Sept: 10:30 Children's Church

4:00 Hoole Youth Hub

13 Sept: 10:30 Children's Church

18 Sept: 6:30 Hoole Youth Hub

20 Sept: 3:45 Party Church

27 Sept: 10:30 Children's Church

4 Oct: 10:30 Harvest Children's Church

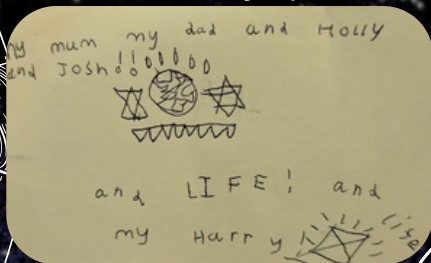
11 Oct: 10:30 Children's Church

4:00 Hoole Youth Hub

18 Oct: 3:45 Toy Story Church

23 Oct: 6:00 Hoole Youth Hub

25 Oct: 10:30 Children's Church





PARTY CHURCH



CRAFTS, BIBLE
STORIES, GAMES

CELEBRATING 100
YEARS OF BLACKBURN
DIOCESE

20TH SEPTEMBER, 15:45

THE VENUE, MUCH HOOLE

BISHOP PHILIP JOINING!



HOOLE YOUTH HUB

(HYH)

NEW GROUP FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE IN
YEAR 5 AND UP

Much Hoole Scout Hut

SUN 6 SEPT 4:00-5:00, FRI 18 SEPT 6:30-7:30,
SUN 11 OCT 4:00-5:00, FRI 23 OCT 6:30-7:30,
SUN 22 NOV 4:00-5:00

GAMES. CRAFTS. BIBLE DISCUSSION.
SPORTS.

Hoole St Michael Church of England Primary School

*"Achieving excellence
within the light of God"*



September spaces available

**Contact school to
book a Forest School
taster session** 🌳

**bursar@hoole.lancs.sch.uk
01772 613219**





Life at Hoole St Michael C of E Primary School

by Rebecca Holland, Headteacher

I am excited to share our most recent developments at Hoole St Michael CE Primary School. We have been working hard to improve our learning environment. The introduction of the sensory space in the Autumn term has been a huge success with many children enjoying this calm space.

Our revamped library has supported the children to develop a renewed enjoyment of reading. We welcomed in our families to share a book and a brew. We will be extending this offer in the new academic year and will be looking for volunteer readers who have time to donate. Please get in touch with school if you have a little time to spare.

In the Summer term we have been working on our outdoor environment. We have beautiful school grounds and offer a forest school provision with our in house trained forest school practitioner. To support the ongoing projects of our forest school team we have been painting and fixing our potting sheds. Thank you to members of our school community who came to support us on 'Groundforce Day' this has made a huge difference to our school grounds as we prepare for the next upcoming projects.

If you have a trade and wish to donate time we always have projects we are working on in and around our school. We welcome expertise from our local community. This helps to strengthen the links between school, church and community.

We have been working closely with Fox Group who have kindly donated time and materials to rebuild our outdoor classroom. The icing on the cake will be the new soft surfacing in our Early Years Outdoor area. All ready to receive our new Reception children and Honeybees Nursery children in September.

To share and celebrate the fantastic year we have had here at Hoole St Michael we are inviting children, families, church and community to come and join us for Hoole Fest. This will be a lovely way for the whole community to come together. We have musicians, dancers and performers as well as local food vendors which include Smokies and Crepe Hut.

Our gates open at 12.30pm on the 15th July. Bring your picnic blanket and chairs and stay for an afternoon of fun and live music, there is something for everyone.

With so much to look forward to, we are excited for what the next academic year at Hoole St Michael has to offer.







LITTLE ANGELS

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

EVERY WEDNESDAY 9:30-11:00AM

HOOLE ST MICHAELS, THE LODGE, PR4 5JQ

**TERM TIME
ONLY**

£2.50





FOMO

Friends of Mulanje Orphans, Malawi

by Keith and Mary Woodworth

Muli Bwanji! How are you? FOMO is now in its 26th year, and we remain as committed as ever to supporting over 2,500 children through our network of 14 centres, secondary school, clinic, and various food and welfare programmes. Despite the challenging economic climate, our dedication to the children in our care has never wavered.

We're thrilled to share some exciting news: Tykha has returned from university with a well-earned degree in Social Work Management! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to funding this achievement. With Tykha back on board, we're turning our focus to improving teaching methods in our 14 preschool nurseries, especially for the 5-year-olds who will be transitioning to standard 1 this September. This is long overdue, as traditional rote learning (singing the alphabet or numbers) doesn't fully engage or challenge young minds. We're now working with local teachers to

introduce a more balanced approach that includes drawing, writing, dance, singing, and games, while also building deeper understanding through more structured methods.

Of course, challenges remain, most notably the rising costs of essentials. Fuel prices have soared globally, but at £3.50 a litre, the impact is particularly severe here in Malawi, when fuel is even available. Long queues are common during shortages. Over the past three years, prices have roughly doubled on imported goods, including certain foods, building materials, and consumables. This puts significant pressure on our school and clinic budgets, but we're doing everything we can to stretch every penny.

On a brighter note, and in the spirit of the World Cup, we're proud to continue our support for our football and netball teams, who compete at various levels in national and local leagues. FOMO FC, FOMO WFC, and our under 10, 12, 16, and 19

teams all play weekly. We dream of one day having our own ground to develop the game even further. In the past, players from Mulanje have reached Malawi's top football league and even represented the national under-16 team, so we're full of hope for the future!

To round up:

- Our general and HIV/AIDS clinic continues to run weekly.
- We currently have 450 children attending our secondary school, plus two students at university and two at Blantyre Polytechnic.
- We're eager to invest more resources into our school, clinic, and play schools—but bulk food (beans, rice, and maize) remains a constant challenge, and we're always on the lookout for new suppliers.

Looking ahead to 2027, we're delighted to welcome back the West Lincs Scouts. We're also hoping to build a new centre at FOMO Nessa, as their previous one was destroyed by a series of storms, starting with Cyclone Freddy. For now, they're meeting outdoors, which isn't ideal, so this new centre will be a huge step forward. On the logistics front, our 40ft container left the UK in March and hasn't arrived yet, but we're keeping our fingers crossed for a July delivery.

As always, we're so grateful for your support. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at fomouk@hotmail.com if you have any questions, ideas, or would like to get involved.

God bless and with heartfelt thanks,
***Keith and Mary Woodworth and
The FOMO team***



Honey Bees Nursery



- ✿ Ages 3 - 4 years
- ✿ Early Years Foundation Stage Standards for learning
- ✿ Forest School provision
- ✿ Early Education funding can be used
- ✿ Access to before & after school care 7:45am - 5:45pm

Ofsted 2021 'Leaders promote reading well. Staff teach phonics in a logical order, this supports pupils in key stage 1 and children in the early years, to learn sounds.'

CONTACT US

HOOLE ST MICHAEL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

BURSAR@HOOLE.LANCS.SCH.UK

01772 613219

Contact

Jane Elphick, 07977 201199
or Revd Mandy Hughes
stmichaelshoale@outlook.com
07791 532461

St Michael's Walkers



All walk details will be posted on our social media platforms, or look out for one of our posters!



St Michael's Flower Group

The dedicated flower group decorates St Michael's weekly with beautiful arrangements funded by generous sponsors.

During Easter, Harvest, and Christmas, the group collaborates to enhance the church's beauty for congregations and visitors. We also provide arrangements for various events throughout the year, including Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals.

New sponsors and arrangers are always welcome.

Get in touch today!

Contact Lisa Redshaw
for more information on
01772 614428

'Beneath the patient sun, flowers open like quiet smiles in nature's endless beauty.'



Blackburn Cathedral - 21st-24th August 2026

St Michael's Flower Group is taking part in this prestigious event in Blackburn Cathedral to mark the centenary of the diocese.

We have reserved a large area in the North Transept and will be telling the story of Jeremiah Horrocks and the Transit of Venus in 1639 but will link it to the 1769 transit observed by Capt. James Cook, and several eminent astronomers and scientists, in Tahiti. Once this Transit had been recorded, Cook continued his journey to find 'Terra Australis', discovering New South Wales on Australia's east coast in April 1770.

A magnificent replica of a 3-pane church window (shown right in its 'skeleton' state!) will take centre stage, beautifully crafted by Stan Pickles and John Penrose, who have also crafted the small prow of a boat, to bring up the rear – the window represents Jeremiah Horrocks' 1639 discovery, and the boat is a nod to the 1770 event in Tahiti. The window panels will be painted and finished by Tracey Hewitt and Niko Susnik, two more extremely talented members of our congregation. A 'timeline' linking these two events will be created by our wonderful primary school pupils. **We are extremely grateful to you all.**



Unfortunately, summer flowers will be nearing their end, but if you grow flowers such as Dahlias, Chrysanthemums, Hydrangeas (particularly blue ones), Gladioli, Astilbe, Sunflowers, blue Echinops, Japanese Anemones, or any other suitable flowers and they may still be blooming by the 18th August, we would love it if you would be happy to donate some. Donated flowers will help to make this a true community event.

Would you be willing to help us set up the ‘hard landscaping’ of our display on the 20th August for a short period between say 7.30am and around 12noon, and help us to dismantle it on the 25th? The muscles of a couple of strong young men wouldn’t go amiss to load and unload?!

***For more information, please contact Hilary Newman on 07786 195498
or via email: hilnewman1945@gmail.com***

PRESENTED BY THE FRIENDS OF BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL



FLOWER EXHIBITION Fri 21st - Mon 24th August

Opening Times:

Fri 21st Aug:	9.30am - 4pm
Sat 22nd Aug:	9.30am - 3.30pm
Sun 23rd Aug:	12.30pm - 3.30pm
Mon 24th Aug:	9.30am - 4pm

Learn more:
blackburncathedral.com/bloom





HARVEST WEEKEND!



HARVEST SOCIAL

WHEN? FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 7-10:30PM



WHERE? THE VENUE, MUCH HOOLE

quiz!

COST? £12.50 FOR ADULTS, £6 FOR KIDS

TICKET INCLUDES SUPPER, ENTERTAINMENT AND QUIZ!

CONTACT: JANE ELPHICK (07977 201199) OR COLIN WILSON

(01772 616978) FOR TICKETS OR

EMAIL: STMICHAELSHOOLE@OUTLOOK.COM

HARVEST SERVICE

WHEN? SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 10:30AM

WHERE? ST MICHAELS CHURCH MUCH HOOLE

WHAT? A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING,
BRING ALONG FRESH OR CANNED PRODUCE
TO BE DONATED LOCALLY



Ladies Group Update

We enjoyed Roger Woods's talk in May about "Magic, Magicians & Mystery". Roger had been interested in magic since he was young and practised for many years. He explained how magic had started hundreds of years ago with witch doctors and travellers at markets and fairs. He performed some fascinating card tricks, had a volunteer in handcuffs and finished with a cup and ball trick. All very mysterious!

In June Cheryl Sandford gave a slide show about her "Repair Shop Experience". Cheryl and her daughter were invited to the BBC's Repair Shop to take a precious memorial brooch containing a photo and lock of hair of her grandmother's brother Billy, who had tragically died following injuries received in the First World War. The brooch dated back to around 1916 and had probably been worn as a necklace, but was now unwearable and in need of repair. Cheryl took us through her whole experience from the initial application to the final presentation of the restored brooch which had been transformed into a beautiful brooch/pendant with a new nine carat back, glass front, fastening pin and chain. Of course Cheryl and her daughter were extremely delighted and so were our members on hearing about their experience.

Third time lucky! We were so fortunate with the weather for our Coffee Morning on 27th June. Members and friends enjoyed the sunny morning checking up on the bargains in the gazebos, sitting at tables on the lawn with their coffees and cakes – chatting and having a go at the quiz. A total of £526 was made and more is coming in. This will be donated to worthy causes at the end of the year together with other funds we have taken during the year. Many thanks to all of you who supported this event. See some photos on the next page!

We were delighted to receive a visit from the Rev Ann Templeman who had come north for the weekend, partly to attend our rector, the Rev Mandy Hughes's ordination at St Francis Church, Fenisccliffe, which was a wonderfully uplifting event attended by many friends and family members. Sheila has been organising our trip to Derby House, Wroughtington on 20th August which many of our members are looking forward to.

Looking forward to 17th September, Pete Tomlinson will be talking about "The Lancashire Lad"; in October we invite the Men's Group to hear what Stuart Walsh has to say about his adventure at the 2012 Olympics; on 7th November we will be holding another Coffee Morning in the Venue and on 19th November, Yvonne Pinder will be talking about "Pinny's Pots" (with a Christmas theme).

If you are reading this and are interested in coming along to our meetings you would be made very welcome – you could try us for a month before committing to membership. We are a friendly group and do welcome new members. We can also offer a lift to anyone living locally who is unable to drive. Do give me a call on 07791 068360 or 01772 613816.

Erika Penrose
Leader

Meets every 3rd Thursday, at 2pm in the Venue

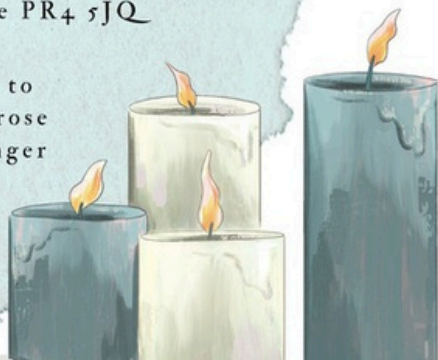
Photos from the Ladies Group Coffee Morning held on Saturday 27th June at Banks Farm including one of Averil Dalton being presented with a special cake (made by Lynn Smith) and basket of flowers in celebration of her and Viv's Platinum Wedding Anniversary in July.
Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary, Averil and Viv!



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO
*Service of Thanksgiving
for Loved Ones*

Sunday 1st November, 18:00
St Michaels Church, Much Hoole PR4 5JQ

There will be an opportunity to
light a candle and receive a rose
to remember loved ones no longer
with us



Lest we forget

Remembrance Day Service

8th November

10:10am

Hoole St Michael's Church



Men's Group Update

by Stan Pickles

We are currently planning our programme for next season which begins in September. At our AGM in May we selected a varied programme of speakers but unfortunately not all were available for our planned meeting nights so a little re-think was necessary. However the early part of the programme is complete and we begin on September 8th at 7.30pm, with a talk by Alan Taylor on Fred Parr, a local man from Bretherton who spent most of the period of WWII as a prisoner of war, his times have been documented and Alan has adapted this into what promises to be a very interesting account of those years, we look forward to hearing it.

At this opening meeting a full programme for the year will be available and we shall also be collecting the annual subscriptions of £10.00, we would also be very happy to meet any new or prospective members who may like to come along. As usual our meetings will take place on the second Tuesday of each month in the meeting room of the Village Hall. That is, all excepting the following meeting in October, when we are invited to a joint meeting with the Ladies group which will be at 2.00pm on the afternoon of Thursday October 15th. The topic being a talk by Stuart Walsh entitled "My adventure at the 2012 Olympics". We thank the Ladies group for inviting us along to this meeting.

Meets every 2nd Tuesday, at 7:30pm in the Venue



Parish Registers

**Holy Matrimony "Those whom
God hath joined together"**

**Marriage of
Karra Nestoruk- Kazi and Will Booth
Saturday 6th June, St Michael's Church**

The first couple to marry at St Michael's this year were Karra Nestoruk-Kazi and Will Booth. Revd Barbara Wilson conducted a lovely service, the weather was kind, and the couple came up with a great way to decorate the "bridal" door. We wish Karra and Will all the very best as they start their married life in Hoole.





**Marriage of
Elizabeth Mawson and Paul Whittam,
3rd July 2026, St Michael's Church**

Revd Mandy conducted her first wedding on July 3rd. It was a joyful, informal service which was greatly enjoyed by the bride and groom, Elizabeth Mawson and Paul Whittam, and their closest friends and family.





The Departed “Rest eternal grant unto them”

Martin Eagleton,

69 years of Much Hoole

Funeral service at Hoole St Michael’s Church

followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium

12th June 2026

Revd Mandy and Revd David had the enormous privilege of conducting Martins funeral. You may remember that we celebrated Martin’s and Jessica’s wedding blessing in April, knowing that Martin was very unwell. It was a beautiful service and wonderful memory for Jessica, the family and friends. With sadness and laughter we celebrated Martins incredible life in the most wonderful way - giving everyone the chance to mourn and to take comfort in a life lived to the full. Full of love.

We continue to pray for Jessica, his wife and all the family.

Rest in Peace Martin, and rise in glory.



DISCOVER LIFE ACCORDING TO JESUS

Got questions about God, the world and you?

The 321 course invites you to see life the way Jesus does. Over the course of 3 sessions, Glen Scrivener presents Jesus' vision for life through interactive videos that help us better understand God, the world and ourselves.

The course considers God's Three-ness, the world's two-ness and your one-ness. Each session begins with a thoughtful question followed by stunning storytelling and compelling commentary.

Begin 321 here. Engage in thoughtful conversation as part of a small group hosted in a friendly environment. Interact with the videos then share your thoughts and experiences with others.

Interested? Speak to Rev Mandy,
stmichaelshoole@outlook.com

Hosted by: Hoole St Michael's

Sessions: 14th Sept, 28th Sept, 12th Oct

Time: 19:00

Address: The Lodge, St Michael's
Church, Much Hoole



Giving at St Michael's

Your Church relies mainly on the generosity of donations from our members who donate on a regular basis, but we also greatly value any donations received from visitors.

If you would like to contribute, you have several options:

As a Visitor to Church?

Cash can be given via our donations box located on the right as you walk in

Tax Payer? – consider completing a yellow envelope (available in church) and drop it into the donations box.

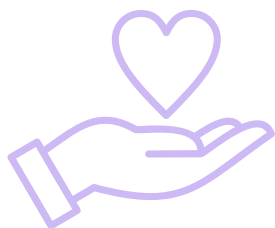
Donate by card using our card reader located on the left as you walk in.

Prefer online options?

By online bank transfer to HSBC, PCC Hoole Parish Church, 40-37-25 / 84453034

Visit our Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/charity/hooleparishchurch
Or scan the bar code below

If you do donate, a quick email to our treasurer would be good, so we can acknowledge our appreciation of your support.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, NOW, IN THE PAST, AND INTO OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

A Message for our Planned Givers

If you donate by regular standing order or use our regular envelope giving scheme, then you are a planned giver.

In May of this year, you should have received an email or a letter, thanking you for your valued support and a request to review your planned giving.

Thank you to everyone who has responded in whatever form that took.

If you haven't got around to reviewing your planned giving

(or becoming a planned giver)

perhaps this could be taken as a gentle reminder to think about it.

If you did not receive anything from me and would like to know more, please get in touch.

Why?

Because - it is the revenue from you, our planned givers, that plays an integral part in meeting our commitments and financial forward planning. Without this dedicated support from you all, we would struggle indeed to keep up the variety of services we provide in order to try and meet your different needs.

To Everyone

The support you give to your Church and its work is **always** so very much appreciated because we recognise that it takes its form in many ways:

your time volunteered

your skills freely given

your expertise shared

as well as your donations given, by whatever method.

What are our Commitments?

Your support, helps to ensure our church continues to thrive physically and spiritually by funding our Curate in Charge, our Children and Young People's Minister, the production of the church magazine, administration and media costs, pastoral care, home communion to name but a few and last but not least, the maintenance of our beautiful Grade II* listed church building and churchyard.

We would therefore respectfully ask each and every one of you to continually review your Giving to God's work via his Church. **Become a Planned Giver today!**

Once again, thank you to you all

Barbara Wood
On behalf of the PCC Hoole Parish Church
Treasurer & Gift Aid Recorder

St Michael's Churchyard

Our churchyard is visited regularly by many local residents, who look after the graves of their loved ones, and we know it is a special place for people in the villages and beyond. It is the responsibility of families to tend these graves, but we do maintain the general areas. Over recent months, this has been challenging as weather patterns have encouraged the growth of grass and weeds, and our external maintenance team have had reduced availability. Volunteers from our congregation have completed a "weeding spree" and general tidying around the graves, but we will be looking at a more regular maintenance plan for our churchyard. We are also working on installing an additional path.

You can help. We know that many people weed around their family graves, keep them clean and tidy, and remove tributes that are no longer looking at their best. If everybody visiting graves could do the same this would be of great assistance. Could we also remind everyone of the churchyard regulations which state that tributes must fit onto the plinth at the bottom of the headstone, and not overhang onto surrounding grass. This is to ensure that mowers can manoeuvre between graves and keep grass neater. You can find bins for green and general rubbish half way down the churchyard, and a copy of the churchyard regulations is on display in the church porch.

Thank you, Jane Elphick, Churchwarden



VOLUNTEER

**We are looking for an assistant
treasurer/bookkeeper**

What would your tasks be?

Book-keeping using relevant software (or excel), pay bills, keep paperwork for audit trail.

Previous experience an advantage but full training and support will be provided!

Interested? contact Barbara Wood at

07745 208617

bw12252@hotmail.com

You can raise FREE donations for St Michaels Church Hoole EVERY time you shop online.

Just use #easyfundraising! Over 8,000 retailers will donate, including all the big names like John Lewis & Partners, BT, Expedia, Argos, ASOS, Just Eat, and many more! Please support us:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelshoole/>

easyfundraising

Raise FREE donations for

St Michaels Church Hoole

every time you shop online

Search for us on: [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

8,000+ online retailers will give us a free donation when you shop with them at no extra cost to you

Booking.com	ebay	M&S	Dunelm	Argos	TUI	currys
JOHN LEWIS	Apple	Etsy	TESCO	compare themarket	JUST EAT	8,000+ online retailers

Download the easyfundraising App

GET IT ON Google Play

Download on the App Store

Excellent ★★★★★
3,945 reviews on ★ Trustpilot



Hoole Village Memorial Hall



The Venue

To hire the Hall or Meeting Room

use the Contact Form on our website:

www.hoolevillagehall.co.uk

or phone Rose 07967 696533 or Sam 07845 37307

For upcoming events and meetings etc. visit our website

Every Thursday 7pm — **DOMINOES**

All welcome. Ring Stan 07747 607552

Play **BINGO**

Every Wednesday 7.30pm

Lots of different games and prizes

"Knit and Natter"

Every Monday 1pm to 3 pm

Come along and have a chat and meet new friends. Tel. 616396

Coffee Morning

Open every Wednesday 10am to 12 pm

All welcome for delicious Cakes
Tea, Coffee, and Prize Draw
Come and meet new friends!

HIRE OUR BEAUTIFUL HALL

- Parties, Baptisms - All occasions
- Weddings up to 100 seated guests.
- Hall opens to bar lounge & Veranda
- Professional Kitchen facility

Plus a Meeting Room for

- Meetings & Classes, Courses etc
- Carpet floor. Opens onto the Veranda

LOCALS' LUNCHES

Meet new friends and old for a great lunch at the Village Hall, two courses with hot drink just £9.

If you are new to the area come along—you will be made welcome.

12.00pm every 2nd & 4th Thursday

Village Hall LOTTERY

The 250 club lottery drawn on the first Locals Lunch of the month

1st £150, 2nd £75, + 5 at £15

Just £2.50 per month

Ring Stan 07747 607552

Sunday Concerts

Monthly on 4th Sunday at 2pm

just £7.50 including tea and cakes

Great musical entertainment from organ to brass bands & singers. Entertainment for all tastes.

Ring Stan 07747 607552

Play Bowls Visit our beautifully maintained bowling green

- Join the Bowls Club
- All welcome. If you are new to bowls we can help you get started.

Ring Dave on 07887 297370

RUSS GREGSON ELECTRICAL



ELECTRICIAN WITH 42 YEARS
EXPERIENCE

- Small electrical jobs
- Fault finding
- Outside lights
- Sockets
- Smoke and heat detectors
- Fuse boards
- Other minor jobs

CONTACT US

☎ 07790 365 619

✉ russgregson@icloud.com

It's good to
behome

Peter
Chorley, Ormskirk &
Leyland

Helping your dad
live his life. So you
can *live yours*.

bluebird
care®

We're here to give your loved one the support they need, in the place they love.

That's what Home Care is all about. From preparing healthy meals and picking up medication to going on lovely walks in the local park together, our Care Experts will not only put your loved one at ease – they'll help them live the life they want. See how we can *support you*.

Call us for a friendly chat on
01772 356 186

Or visit
bluebirdcare.co.uk/chorley-ormskirk-leyland

🎵 KTB Music 2026 Lunchtime Recital Series

Longton St. Andrew's Church, Liverpool Road, Preston, PR4 5AA

Doors 12.30pm Start 1.00pm

**Jun
4**

Chroma Harp Duo (Harp & Harp)

Including Ailie Robertson's Huldúfólk, inspired by characters from Scottish, Nordic & Finnish folklore

**Jul
2**

Harry Torbett (Piano)

A varied programme showcasing works from the classical era to early 20th-century modernism

**Aug
6**

Dawson - Lumley Duo

Songs celebrating legendary poets from Lewis Carroll, Christina Rossetti to Walt Whitman

**Sep
3**

Wards' Stone String Orchestra

Playing the nation's favourite string classics to celebrate 10 years of Lunchtime Recitals.

**Oct
1**

Madalina Rusu (Piano)

A programme of romantic composers such as Chopin, Schumann, Liszt and Rachmaninoff.



£10 General Admission

£8 KTB Members

Tickets from

wegottickets.com/ktbmusic

or in person from

Origin Pets, Longton

and KTB Music, Hoole

ktbmusic@live.co.uk

01772 933042

www.ktbmusic.com



RIBBLE COURT
CARE HOME



Ribble Court, Much Hoole, Preston

For more information or to book a tour,

call us on **01772 954897** or visit sandstonecare.co.uk

SCAN ME



DAVID N. TOPPING RCPOD

CHIROPODIST/
PODIATRIST



**MUCH HOOLE
PRESTON
TEL: 01772 615769
MOB: 07885 765353**

CLINIC AND HOME APPOINTMENTS
DAYTIME & EVENINGS

HCPC REGISTERED



McMurray Brothers

15 BRACKENBURY ST. PR17RL
OFF AQUEDUCT ST.
PRESTON

MONUMENTAL MASONS AND SCULPTORS

Manufacturers of high-quality granite, stone,
slate, and marble memorials.

Contact us for prices at 01772556587 or
mcmurraybrothers@aol.com

We also offer engravings and renovation
work.

PETER
BOOTH
OPTICIANS



BOOK ONLINE



CALL US
01772 747004



VISIT US
30 LIVERPOOL RD
PENWORTHAM
PR1 0DQ

NHS AND PRIVATE EYE EXAMINATIONS

QUALITY EYEWEAR FROM BUDGET TO
DESIGNER

DIGITAL RETINAL SCANS AND
PHOTOGRAPHY (OCT)

CONTACT LENSES FITTING AND
AFTERCARE

SUNGLASSES AND SPORTS EYEWEAR
SPECIALISTS

TRUSTED FAMILY EYE
CARE FOR OVER 40
YEARS

HOME VISITS AVAILABLE

WWW.PETERBOOTHOPTICIANS.CO.UK

SUTHERS LTD
(STAR GARAGE)



**MOT TESTING
SERVICE & REPAIRS**

CARS, VANS,
MINIBUSES,
MOBILE HOMES,
SCOOTERS,
MOTORCYCLES

**HORSE BOX &
TRAILERS**

**CAR & LIGHT
COMMERCIAL**

**TYRE
SPECIALISTS**

**BOTTLED
GAS**

SHOP & OFF LICENCE

ESSO SERVICE CENTER, LIVERPOOL OLD ROAD, WALMER BRIDGE, PRESTON
PR4 5JS

01772 612281/616721 WWW.SUTHERS-STARGARAGE.CO.UK





**A reliable and
professional gardening
and grounds
maintenance company**

One off clearance

Regular garden and grounds maintenance

Green waste disposal

Hedge cutting

Turfing

Herbicide application

Contact us on:

01772 617811

enquiries@green-scenery.co.uk

www.green-scenery.co.uk



@alister.finishingtouches



07590808773



**Custom ribbons, linen signs, event stationary & more..
Making your moments extra special**

**All of the "finishing touches" for your
events & special occasions**

A Lister Events

**Balloon displays for
all occasions**

Based in Much Hoole

- Personalised balloons
- Children birthday balloons
- Prop hire - Candy Cart,
Easel display & LED Light Up numbers



@alister.events



07795314552



Neal Buckley
FUNERALS



Longton, Hutton & Penwortham
Funeral Service Ltd.

Truly Independent, Fully Qualified, Family Funeral Directors



Private chapels of rest

Full headstone service



'Serving your local community'

The Bungalow Funeral Home, Skip Lane, Hutton, Preston, PR4 5HE
Tel: (24hrs) 01772 616362

6 Liverpool Road, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 0AD
Tel: (24hrs) 01772 744700

96 Leyland Road, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 9QJ
Tel: (24hrs) 01772 744700

IAN RUTHERFORD

PAINTER & DECORATOR



EXTERIORS

INTERIORS

CALL TODAY:
01772 815539
07798760127

REASONABLE RATES
FREE ESTIMATE
DISCOUNTED RATES FOR OAP'S



Hair And Beauty By Amy Pearson



At Style Council Salon

Phone: 07894 460 505

Beauty Room And Hairdressing

- Make up, Hair removal, Waxing and tinting.
- Nail care, Manicures, Pedicures and Gel nail services.
- Massage, facials and Indian head massage.
- Wedding make up or Occasions .
- Women's and Men's cuts, blow dry's, colours, perms, wash and sets.
- Vouchers available.



Email: alpormy@gmail.com



Facebook: Hair And Beauty By Amy @AmyPearson101



Instagram: [pearson3953](https://www.instagram.com/pearson3953)



61 Liverpool Old Road, Walmer Bridge, Preston, PR4 5QA

Google Maps

Hair And Beauty By Amy Pearson



Mobile Hair And Beauty Therapy

Phone: 07894 460 505

Have difficulty getting out for your treatments? Too many commitments for the salon?
Why not have the salon in the comfort of your own home.
All treatments are delivered in a respectful way for individuals or households with a friendly face.

Phone: 07894 460 505

E-mail: alpormy@gmail.com

Facebook: Hair And Beauty By Amy Pearson @AmyPearson101

Instagram: [pearson3953](https://www.instagram.com/pearson3953)



Terms and conditions: *All appointments include travel time but anything over 4 mile from Penwortham will be charged extra for petrol and time.



Help in your home

Do you need a helping hand?

If you or a loved one is looking for extra help and support with those everyday tasks that may becoming difficult, then There 4U is here to help.

I can make regular visits to help you around the house, bring essentials, run errands or simply offer a familiar face to have a brew and a natter.

There 4U will provide a friendly, caring professional service to help you maintain your independent living.

Karen

DBS checked



To find out how I can help you, contact me and we can have a chat.



07525 689 047



kcthere4u@gmail.com



[@there4uhelp](https://www.facebook.com/atthere4uhelp)

GRANGE LANE GARAGE

**VAN & WAGON
HIRE, STORAGE
AND SALES**



01772 611210

www.grangelanegarage.co.uk

E: info@grangelanegarage.co.uk M: 07702 402 902

G C WHALLEY & DAUGHTER

**FUNERAL DIRECTORS & MONUMENTAL MASONS
CHURCHSIDE FUNERAL HOME**

4 CHAPEL LANE, LONGTON, PRESTON PR4 5EB Telephone: 01772 612848/612900



also Proprietors of the Much Hoole Woodland Burial Ground, Moss House Lane, Much Hoole, Preston PR4 4TD

Email: gcwhalley@btconnect.com

www.muchhoolewoodlandburialground.co.uk

DANCE CLASSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



'Style Switch Saturdays'

Latin American
Streetdance
Ballroom
Freestyle
Commerical

We train for BATD & All Nations Medallist Exams & Competitions, as well as various performances and displays.

Please get in touch for prices, location and times of classes



Where to find us:



Instagram: @pmsdancepreston



Facebook: PM Dance Preston

Or visit our website:



Email: pmsdance@hotmail.co.uk

Phone: 07853 772995

PM
Dance

LEARN TO DANCE at The Venue Much Hoole



THURSDAYS

except 1st week of the month

7.00-7.45pm Beginners Ballroom & Latin
7.00-7.45pm Popular Sequence Dances
7.45-8.45pm Improvers 'Next Steps' Class

£7 each. come as a couple, with a friend or solo!
Great tuition, friendly relaxed atmosphere
Bespoke Private Lessons also available
Email: pmsdance@hotmail.co.uk
Mob: 07853 772995



Where to find us:



Instagram: @pmsdancepreston



Facebook: PM Dance Preston

Or visit our website:



For all enquiries contact: Email: pmsdance@hotmail.co.uk Phone: 07853 772995

SPECIALIST NURSE SKIN CARE

Victoria McGowan (RGN) Bachelor of Nursing Degree (Hons)

- Wart treatments for children (6+ years) and adults
- Cryotherapy for skin tags, seborrheic keratosis, and lesions
- Mole and lesion analysis within 48 hours
- SQT Bio Microneedling for acne, scarring pigmentation, fine lines and skin dehydration
- Safe skincare options for children (8-16 years)

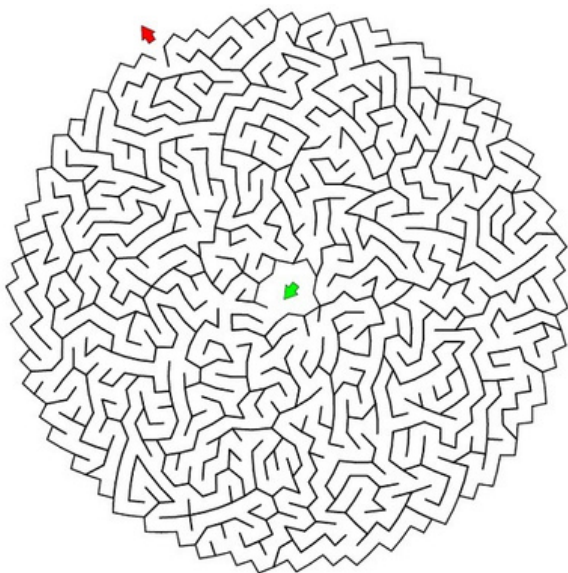


Regulated by



24yrs of NHS Nursing Care,
Fully Insured, Enhanced DBS,
Plenty Free Parking, Disabled access,
104 Deepdale Rd, Deepdale, Preston, PR1 9RB
Tel 07793139984

Why not tackle our maze?



QUALITY CARPETS • SUPPLIED & FITTED
AT UNBELIEVABLE PRICES
SEE IT, LIKE IT, TAKE IT AWAY

Introduced by
Glen

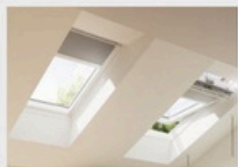
Unit 8
Longworth Street
Preston

Tel: 01772 797222

Mob: 07760 287488

Hoole Handyman

Your local handyman for all your repairs and replacements, and much more



If you have manual VELUX windows we can add solar powered automation and all types of blinds



Custom made shelving, cabinets and cupboards in a huge choice of colours and designs

If it's broken, and needs repair or replacement, we can probably fix it



Doors, skirtings, architraves, dado rails, panelling and other internal joinery



simon@hoolehandyman.co.uk 07387 601904

www.hoolehandyman.co.uk

Nextdoor

Next Parish Magazine Submission Deadline

1st September 2026

Advertisement

Want to advertise in our magazine? No problem! We offer ½ or ¼ ad spots, just send us an email!

Barbara Wood: bw12252@hotmail.com

We also offer a full advert design service.

NOT A SUBSCRIBER?

We are always looking for new subscribers in support of its production costs and would welcome any enquiries.

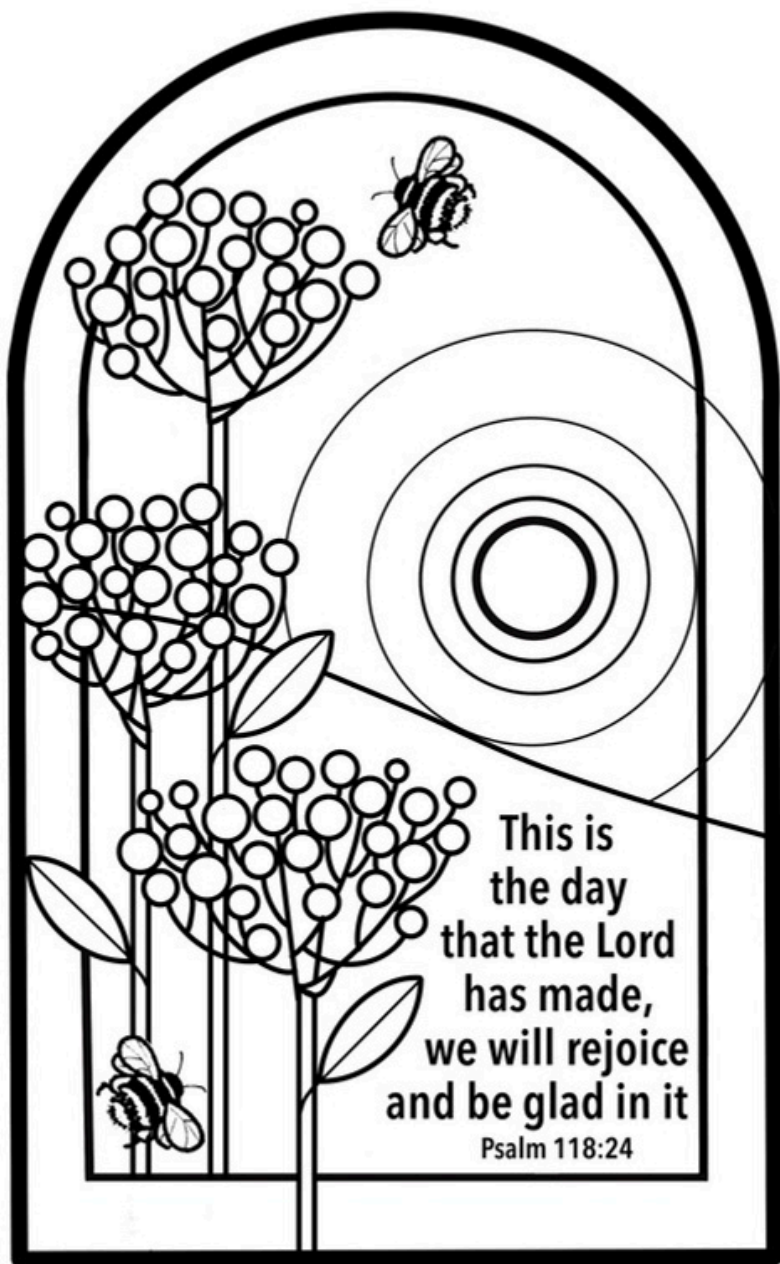
Support our
local food bank

Food collection
point: Spar,
Walmer Bridge



All donations to a food hub in Lostock
Hall

Colouring Page



August Schedule of Services

Date	9:00 Service	10:30 Service	Other
2 nd August	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	
4 th August			Midweek Service 10:15
9 th August	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	
11 th August			Midweek Service 10:15
16 th August	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Baptism in Service
18 th August			Midweek Service 10:15
23 rd August	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	
25 th August			Midweek Service 10:15
30 th August	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Admission of sides people and service of thankfulness. Children's Church resumes.

September Schedule of Services

Date	9:00 Service	10:30 Service	Other
6 th September	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Children's Church
8 th September			Midweek Service 10:15
9 th September			Little Angels 9:30
12 th September			PARISH WEEKEND (WALK)
13 th September	No Service	Songs of Praise	PARISH WEEKEND (SONGS OF PRAISE)

Date	9:00 Service	10:30 Service	Other
14 th September			3-2-1 Bible Study 19:00
15 th September			Midweek Service 10:15
16 th September			Little Angels 9:30
20 th September	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Family Church 15:45- Bishop Philip
22 nd September			Midweek Service 10:15
23 rd September			Little Angels 9:30
27 th September	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Children's Church
28 th September			3-2-1 Bible Study 19:00
29 th September			Midweek Service 10:15
30 th September			Little Angels 9:30

October Schedule of Services

Date	9:00 Service	10:30 Service	Other
2 nd October			Harvest Social
4 th October	Holy Communion	Harvest Service	Harvest Sunday
6 th October			Midweek Service 10:15
7 th October			Little Angels 9:30
11 th October	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Children's Church

Date	9:00 Service	10:30 Service	Other
12 th October			3-2-1 Bible Study 19:00
13 th October			Midweek Service 10:15
14 th October			Little Angels 9:30
18 th October	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Family Church 15:45
20 th October			Midweek Service 10:15
21 st October			Little Angels 9:30
25 th October	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Children's Church
27 th October			Midweek Service 10:15
28 th October			NO LITTLE ANGELS

We actively post weekly updates from our events and services on our social media platforms. Follow us today!

www.facebook.com/hooleparishchurch

www.instagram.com/hoolestmichaels



www.hooleparishchurch.com



Our church is open everyday from
9:30am- 4pm (8:30 on sundays)

This Parish Magazine was edited and produced by Adina Jensen. For more information contact on adina.jensen07@gmail.com