

Prayers

Those who are unwell:

John Shaw, Christine Salmon, Kathleen Merigold, Ian, Peter, Eileen, Jack, Maureen Holt, Val Pickup, Audrey Heap, Jeanette Parker, Sheila Leecy, Kath Corner

For those who have died:

We continue to hold those in prayer who are grieving at this time.



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WEEKLY PEW SHEET

Sunday 19th July 2026

7th Sunday after Trinity

OPCS Service - All Saints Church

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

BLACKBURN DIOCESE CENTENARY PRAYER



Heavenly Father, in our Centenary year
we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese
to you.

Send the Holy Spirit to give us
confidence in our witness, generosity in
our service, and love for our neighbours,
that your church may be renewed and
many come home to you,
through your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

LYCIG PRAYER

God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your
Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to
our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Baptism Congratulations



We warmly congratulate Leo James Woods, Violet Jacqueline Hayhurst and Sadie Margot Hayhurst, who are being baptised today at Immanuel Church. May God bless them and their families as they begin this special journey of faith, surrounded by the love and prayers of our church community.

Today's Readings



1st Reading
Gospel

Psalm 139; 1-11
Luke 20:20-26

Diary Dates



Mon 20th - 1:30pm - Dominoes - *Parish Hall*

Tue 21st - 10:00am - Dementia Café - *Pendle Brook*

Wed 22nd - 10:30am - Holy Communion - *St Paul's Church*

Thur 23rd - 10:30am - Weekly Prayer Meeting - *Oswaldtwistle Mills*

1:30pm - Dominoes - *Parish Hall*

7:00pm - Knit & Natter - *All Saints' Church*

7:00pm - Evening Prayer - *Immanuel Church*

7:30pm - Bell Ringing Practice - *Immanuel Church*

Sun 26th - 8:00am - St Pauls - Holy Communion

9:00am - All Saints' - Holy Communion

10:00am - St Paul's - Holy Communion

10:30am - Immanuel - Holy Communion

Important Message

The annual inspection of Immanuel Churchyard has recently taken place. If you know of a family whose gravestone has red and white warning tape around it, please contact the Parish Office. Please leave your details, and a churchwarden will be in touch with you.

Thank you

Supporting local families this summer

During the school holidays, many families face extra pressure without school meals. Could you donate to the local food bank to support children and families in our community?

Tinned food, pasta, rice, cereal, snacks, toiletries and household essentials are all welcome. Donations can be brought to Rhyddings Methodist Church on Mondays between 1pm and 3:30pm.

Thank you for your kindness and support.

Reflection



Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. (Col 4:2)

Several members of the PCC are currently part of a course called LYCIG – 'Leading Your Church into Growth'. We are learning about simple things we can do that will help us all to be more invitational and to share our faith more easily.

Last week's session was about prayer and one of the speakers said something that might seem really obvious – "When we started to pray, stuff happened!" God answers prayer!

There's something powerful about praying together as a church. When we gather to pray, we're reminded that faith isn't something we're meant to live out on our own. We celebrate together, carry each other's struggles, and encourage one another to keep trusting God.

Praying as a community helps us grow closer—not just to God, but to each other. It teaches us to listen, support one another, and remember that we're all part of the same family. No one has to have the perfect words because God simply invites us to come as we are.

As we pray together, God also reminds us that the Church has a mission. Prayer isn't just about what happens inside our church; it's about asking God to use us outside of it too. He calls us to share His love, serve our neighbours, and bring hope wherever we go.

Are you a church intercessor or would you like to be on the rota? There is no age restriction. Simply ensure you attend one of the sessions scheduled for intercession training or, if you can't, have a word with Barbara.

Intercession Training Sessions (Attend one session at any church)



Sunday 2nd August – 12.30pm – Immanuel

Wednesday 19th August – 7.00pm – St Paul's

Tuesday 1st September – 7.00pm – All Saints'

Alex's Riddle of the Week



Last weeks Riddle: I burned but was not consumed. What am I?

Answer - **The burning bush**

I spoke without being human, and corrected a prophet. What am I?

Find out next week!