Prayers

Those who are unwell:
John Shaw, Christine & Alan Salmon, Kathleen Merigold, Ian, Eileen, Jack, Maureen Holt, Val Pickup, Audrey Heap, Jeanette Parker, Sheila Leecy, Kath Corner, Paul, Thelma, Albert

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 15th November 2026

Safeguarding Sunday

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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.



Today's Readings

1st Reading	Ps 90:1-8
2nd Reading	1 Thess 5:1-11
Gospel	Matt 25:14-30

Diary Dates



Day	Time	Event/Venue
Mon 16th	1:30pm	Dominoes - Parish Hall
Tue 17th	10:00am	Dementia Cafe - Pendle Brook
	19:00pm	PCC Meeting - All Saints' Church
Wed 18th	10:30am	Holy Communion - St Paul's Church
Thur 19th	10:30am	Coffee & Prayer - Ossy Mills - Pavilolion Cafe
	1:30pm	Dominoes - Parish Hall
	7:00pm	Knit & Natter - All Saints' Church
	7:30pm	Choir Practice - Immanuel Church
	7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice - Immanuel Church
Sun 22nd	8:00am	Holy Communion - St Paul's Church
	10:00am	Holy Communion - St Paul's Church
	9:00am	Holy Communion -All Saints' Church
	10:30am	Holy Communion - Immanuel Church

Confirmation Service – Thursday 19th November

Immanuel Church at 6:00pm

Please come along and support our Confirmation candidates as they take this special step in their faith journey.

We will also be having a Jacob's Join, so any contributions of food would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!

Please note that Evening Prayer at Immanuel Church has been cancelled on this evening due to the Confirmation Service taking place.

Our new CAP worker

The New CAP worker Andy McCulloch is now in post. If you wish to donate specifically to the work of the Hyndburn CAP debt centre, please send payments to the below account with the refrence 'CAP'

Account name: Parish of Oswaldtwistle No. 1 Account

Account number: 65423062 Sort code: 08-92-99

Chocolate Tombola – Donations Needed



We are asking for donations of chocolate prizes for the upcoming Chocolate Tombola at our Car Park Carols event. Any donations, big or small, would be greatly appreciated. Please pass any donations to your church wardens, thank you!

Reflection - Love Protects

"Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."
1 Corinthians 13:6–7 (NIV)

Safeguarding Sunday gives us an opportunity, as the Parish of Oswaldtwistle, to reflect on our shared responsibility to protect children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable or at risk of harm. Across our three churches, All Saints, Immanuel and St Paul's, we are one parish family, serving God and the wider community of Oswaldtwistle. We want our churches to be places where everyone feels safe, welcomed, valued and loved. Jesus reminds us of the importance of caring for others, particularly those who are vulnerable: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

Safeguarding is about much more than policies and procedures. It is about how we treat one another, how we listen, how we care and how we respond when someone needs help. It is an essential expression of our Christian faith. We are grateful to everyone who gives their time and commitment to our parish, particularly those working with children, young people and adults at risk. However, safeguarding is not just the responsibility of a few people; it belongs to all of us. As we mark Safeguarding Sunday, let us renew our commitment to being a parish where everyone can worship, participate and belong without fear of harm or abuse. "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

Together, across our three churches, let us make sure that love protects, compassion guides us and safeguarding remains everyone's responsibility.

Alex's Riddle of the Week

Last weeks riddle: I am said after failure but before forgiveness is declared. I require honesty rather than perfection, and I turn the heart back towards God.



*Answer - **Confession***

I may be ancient or modern, spoken, sung or silent.
I rise from individuals and congregations, but I am addressed to someone unseen.

What am I? Find out next week!