

Contact

SEPTEMBER 2024



Dear Friends,

I hope you've all had an enjoyable summer, whether you've been away on holiday or stayed at home and braved the British weather! Summer is often a time to rest and relax and take time off to recharge our batteries as we look forward to September and the start of a new season.

Whilst the summer months are traditionally a quiet time in the church calendar, we look forward to our church activities recommencing in the run up to Christmas. And as we enter our second year of interregnum, thank you once again for your continued support, both on Sunday mornings and at our various social and fundraising events.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 'A Time for Everything,' is a cherished Bible passage often quoted at funerals and memorial services. Tradition tells us that the book of Ecclesiastes was written by King Solomon toward the end of his reign.

Ecclesiastes says that there is a season for everything and gives us many examples of seasons we'll face in life: times of birth, death, weeping and joy. This particular passage lists seven pairs of opposing things, saying that each has its time and that God has given everything its proper time to occur. No two things can happen at the same time. Everything has got its own time.

While each time and season may seem random, the underlying significance in the passage denotes a divinely chosen purpose for everything we experience in our lives. The familiar lines offer a comforting reminder of God's sovereignty.

The message in this passage of poetry focuses on God's ultimate authority in heaven and on earth. Humans have mastered many things in this world, but some elements of our existence are beyond our control. We cannot conquer time. God is the one who appoints each moment and God is above time.

Has it ever seemed as though God has let you down? Perhaps it appeared that he didn't come through for you in your hour of need or that he somehow forgot about you? Maybe you asked him to do a certain thing, and he didn't do it as quickly as you wanted him to. He just seemed to be too late. So, when it seems as though this is the case, this is what we need to remember: God is never late. He is always on time. We may lose sight of God, but he never loses sight of us.

Our lives contain a mixture of joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain, harmony and struggle, and life and death. Each season has its appropriate time in the cycle of life. Nothing stays the same and nothing lasts forever. We, as God's children, must learn to accept and adjust to the ebb and flow of God's plan. Some seasons are difficult, and we may not understand what God is doing. But God is with us in every season of our lives. And when we face the unknown, we can trust that he is in control and working out every situation for our good.

With all good wishes - Liz

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024 SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 11AM TO 2PM

We are now starting to collect the following items for the Fair: -

Teddies for the teddy tombola, raffle and tombola prizes, candles, toiletries, chocolate for the chocolate tombola, wines and spirits, items for the hampers and any festive items for the Christmas stall.

Any donations can be left in the boxes in the Fellowship Room or given to Gill or Cath.

The Christmas Fair is our biggest fundraiser of the year but, as always, its success depends on your help, contributions and donations, in whatever capacity.

Thank you for your continued support which is very much appreciated.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

On Saturday 2nd November, we are hosting a Family Fun Night on behalf of Our Community Wardrobe Oldham with games, live music, dancing and entertainment for all the family.

Adults £4.00 and Children £1.00 including supper. Please let Sue know if you can make it for catering purposes.

All proceeds in aid of Our Community Wardrobe Oldham.

DIARY – September 2024

Sunday 1st September	10.30am	Family Service led by Oliver Kinchin Lunch
Monday 2nd September	7pm	Deacons Meeting
Sunday 8th September	10.30am	Family service led by Colin Carson
Wednesday 11th September	12 noon	Scoffs
Sunday 15th September	10.30am	Family service led by Frank Wroe Afternoon Tea featuring Ricky & the Slippers
Sunday 22nd September	10.30am	Family service led by Graham Adams Church Meeting
Sunday 29th September	10.30am	Family service led by Ruairidh (Roo) MacRae Cake Sale

Regular Activities

Sunday

Toddler Sundays 10am – 11.30am

Monday

Exercise Group 2pm

Wednesday

Scoffs 12 noon (2nd Wednesday)

Thursday

Rainbows Toddler Group 9.30am

Friday

Badminton 6pm

Offertories

7th July - £57.70

14th July - £167.02

21st July - £51.70

28th July - £54.88

4th August - £68.11

11th August - £52.10

18th August - £73.62

25th August - £44.50

Standing orders - £747.00

Total £1,316.63

Other Income

BBQ - £45.60

Lunch - £35.08

Toddlers Donation - £75.00

Solar Panels - £1,460.00

Cake Sale - £65.00

Donations in memory of Ledix

Anderson - £300.00

Flower Rota

September 2024

8th September - Cath

15th September - Gill

22nd September - Susan

29th September - Sue

HARVEST APPEAL 2024

Our Harvest Service is on Sunday 6th October and this year we will once again be supporting Our Community Wardrobe Oldham.

During our service, we will be collecting donations of new toys suitable for 3 to 4 year-old boys and girls towards their Christmas Appeal.

Your support would be very much appreciated.

Following the service, lunch will be available for a small donation. All welcome to stay and join us!

JUMBLE SALE

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Any jumble can now be brought up to church and left on the stage

LUNCH

The next themed lunch is after the service on

Sunday 1st September

All welcome to stay and join us

AFTERNOON TEA

This will be held following the service on

Sunday 15th September

and will feature live music from Ricky & the Slippers

Everyone is invited to join us

CHURCH MEETING

The next church meeting is after the service on

*Sunday 22nd September
(Please note change of date)*

Everyone is welcome to stay and attend the meeting

CAKE SALE

The next cake sale is following the service on

Sunday 29th September

Any donations of cake would be gratefully received

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