

Newsletter of St Laurence Parish Church, Frodsham

Week commencing September 27th **Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, Year A**

"To know God and to make God known"

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This Week

Sunday Sept 27th Trinity 17	8.00 10.00 14.00-15.00	Holy Communion - said Holy Communion - with music. We welcome Revd Gary O'Neill to our 10am service "The Gingerbread Man" Chamber Concert with musicians from the BBC Philharmonic in church, followed by refreshments.	Philippians .2.1 – 13 Matthew 21. 23 – 32
<i>Mon-Thurs open'g</i>	<i>10.00-16.00</i>	<i>Church open</i>	
<i>Friday opening</i>	<i>10.00-15.00</i>	<i>Church open</i>	
Tuesday	09.00-10.00 19.00	School service Holy Communion - said service	
Wednesday	10.00	Toddler Praise	
Thursday	10.00-12.00	Bee Friends Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall	
Friday	13.00-15.00	Craft and Chat	
Saturday	10.30-16.00 16.00	Choral Society 'Come and Sing' event at Frodsham Methodist Church. Free public performance by Choral Society following 'Come and Sing' day	
Sunday Oct 4th Trinity 18	8.00 10.00 15.00	Holy Communion - said Holy Communion: School Admission to Communion Messy Church	Matthew 5. 13-16

Prayers

Our prayers for those who are sick If you know of anyone whom you feel needs our prayers – please ask permission from them or their family and then send an email to saintells@gmail.com with the details.

Please pray for –

Those who are sick

Those who have died

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week

Prayer Wall - You can write a prayer and light a virtual candle on our website. <https://slfchurch.org/prayerwall>

Dates for your Diary

Children	Messy Church Monthly during term time only Read more here Resumes Sunday 4th October 2026 @ 4pm Toddler Praise Every Wednesday during term time only Read more
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AUTUMN CHAMBER CONCERTS AT ST LAURENCE'S

A series of three informal Sunday afternoon concerts, **14.00-15.00** followed by refreshments.

***** THIS SUNDAY*** SEPT 27th: FAMILY CONCERT "THE GINGERBREAD MAN" with Musicians from BBC Philharmonic followed by refreshments. Entry by donation.**

October 18th: Rumava String Trio.

November 22nd: Duo Aerius (violin and guitar)

Sunday 27th September

The Gingerbread Man

Flute, Violin, Cello and Narrator

Doors open 13.30 – Concert at 14.00

As seen on CBeebies and BBC iPlayer

– performed by members of the BBC Philharmonic.

A live musical adventure for children aged 3 - 7 - and their families. Followed by tea/coffee and cakes after the performance.

As seen on
CBeebies

FRODSHAM & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY are hosting a "**COME AND SING EVENT**" on **Saturday 3rd October from 10.30am to 4.30pm** at Frodsham Methodist Church (For the Beauty of the Earth, featuring choruses from Haydn's Creation and a selection of John Rutter anthems) with some of the profits being donated to the St Laurence's Church building fund. Singers pay a fee of £20 to Come and Sing, which includes hiring the music and tea and coffee throughout the day. At the end of the afternoon there will be a **free performance at 4pm. See Notices – helpers needed on the day.**

THE EVENTS COMMITTEE HAVE PLANNED THE FOLLOWING TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR CHURCH BUILDING PROGRAMME:

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND GIFTS FAIR Saturday 7th November, Parish Hall

FRODSHAM AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY Saturday October 24th @ 19.30. More details nearer the time

Notices



to Douglas J. who is celebrating the 60th anniversary of his ordination this week

FROM BERYL: HELP! Berries and fruit supplies have been greatly reduced this year. Please contact me ASAP if you know of anywhere that I might be able to beg or steal some!! Thanks Beryl.

(Editor: For anyone reading the newsletter for the first time, Beryl makes lots of jam, chutney etc and sells them at the back of church with the money raised going to church funds.)

ADMISSION TO COMMUNION Our Church School will be having its admission to communion service on Sunday 4th October at 10.00am.

HELPERS NEEDED FRODSHAM & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY COME AND SING EVENT, Saturday Oct 3rd at Frodsham Methodist Church needs HELPERS. Volunteers are requested to help with refreshments from 10am (arrivals), 12noon-1pm (lunch), 3.30-4pm (tea). If you can help, please contact Margaret Rogerson (maggie.rogerson@googlemail.com). **Funds in aid of St Laurence building fund, so please think about supporting this. Thank you.**

FOODBANK Food drop-off – supermarket drop off points; in church; distribution centre on Ship Street (Fridays 1-3pm). The foodbank is currently short of **Long Life Milk, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Tomatoes, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Treats, Feminine Hygiene Products, Strong Carrier Bags.** For how to give or get help go to: <https://runcorndistrict.foodbank.org.uk>

DONATIONS TO CHURCH If you would like to contribute to St Laurence, our Bank Account details are as follows: St Laurence Frodsham Parochial Church Council Sort Code: 09-01-55 Acc. No: 42559803. Alternatively, you can donate here: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/371c0c8f-ea13-4763-9688-e0de77dd8475> or scan the code. Thank you.



*Our safeguarding officer can be contacted on the dedicated phone line 07862 321 560
Please use it only for safeguarding issues, not for general enquiries. Thank you*

News

OUR PARISH WEEKEND AT NODDFA Those who went to our Parish Weekend at Noddfa had a great time in a lovely setting. The food was excellent, as usual. There were crafts, talks and walks and also, as usual, there was a humorous sketch during the evening of Saturday followed by music and dancing (for the brave)!

Here are some photos (by the way, the sketch involved Christmas trees!)



Dawn says: I included a picture of a tiger on the piece of puzzle that I wrote the poem on. I love tigers.

Good evening birds
Sat high in the tree
Good morning Tiger
Can you see
The beauty around us
So fresh and
FREE



Perhaps you couldn't quite decide –
should you stay or should you go
Ask anyone who's been before -
you'll soon be in the know
Relishing the time ahead –
the break from all mundane
It's just like coming home again –
by car and not by plane
Sisters there to greet us -
refreshments by the score
Help yourself, then find your room –
prepare for what's in store
'Wonderful World' was our weekend theme -
nothing was left out
Every aspect covered -
you could be still or move about
Evening social hilarious -
worship more refined
Keeping up with everything -
you'd need heart, soul and mind
Everyone encouraged –
do craft or talk or draw
Not for you? Then head outside -
and just enjoy the walk
Departing Sunday after lunch –
last look at the peaceful view
Want to be there next year? –
Book early is the clue!



I'm sure I speak for everyone when I offer sincere thanks to Pauline and the leaders and organisers for preparing and presenting another amazing weekend at Noddfa. Take care. Love Beryl

ELAINE G. - VISIT TO NEPAL

On 26th August 2026, a series of flash floods and landslides swept through northern Nepal and struck dozens of settlements along a 40-mile stretch of the Trishuli River near the border with Tibet/China. The flood was believed to have been caused by a glacier collapse on Langtang Lirung in the Himalayas, something widely attributed to the effects of global warming as the ice and snow gradually melts – a direct reminder of the elemental force of Nature and a tangible sign of climate change.

Traveling some 60 miles downstream, the floods engulfed entire villages, blocked hydroelectric power tunnels, destroyed transport infrastructure and swept away thousands of buildings. Roughly 7,500 homes were completely destroyed, and some 20,000 more were damaged. Close to 1,500 deaths and around 6,000 missing persons have been recorded. Nepali authorities estimated the economic cost of the flood stood between US\$4 billion and \$7 billion.

Amid such devastation, you may think that the last thing the region needs is tourists – and since I had already arranged to go on holiday to Nepal for two weeks in October this year, this was of particular concern to me. The question is – something we always ask when faced with a disaster of this scale -- what can I do to help that is constructive and appropriate? Will I only make things worse? But the Nepali government has issued a bulletin urging tourists not to cancel their trips, as it brings vital income into the local economy.

Luckily, my travel company, McCabe Pilgrimages, has set up an international charity specifically to support local communities and businesses, to ensure that visitors are able to make a positive contribution. So, our itinerary will include a visit to a school in Dadhuwa, to the north-west of Kathmandu, where we have been encouraged to take school supplies as well as babies' and small children's clothes and toys for the many Tibetan refugees in the area. We will also be meeting (and worshipping with) a local Anglican congregation in Kathmandu, who (like many of the Christian churches) work extensively with many disadvantaged groups in the capital, including refugees. Once word got around about this, the "Bee Creative" group at Bee Friends set about making pencil cases, knitted hats, teddies and glove puppets (see photo!). And thanks to your generosity at Harvest Festival, I will be able to make a direct monetary donation from St Laurence Church to the church in Kathmandu.



Naturally, I will keep everyone updated and make sure I send photos of my trip. It's an opportunity to encounter a very different culture at first hand, but also to forge some direct connections with those who have experienced the worst effects of devastating natural disaster. Please pray especially for Deependra Shahi, Prem and Purnima, our local hosts; Pralhad Karki at the school in Dadhuwa; and Revd Rinzi Lama, Anglican priest in Kathmandu.



ST LAURENCE CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP - and more hats...

The knitters and crocheters of our church Craft and Chat group sent another set of baby hats and blankets to charity, for which we received the following thanks:

'Thank you so much to your group for all the lovely things they have made. The items are very much appreciated.'

We meet in church on Friday afternoons from 1pm to 3pm. Do come along and see if it's for you.

HUMOUR FROM TONY M.

Bob and Sue are walking down the street when they see a Priest who asks, "Didn't I marry you two last year?" Bob says, "Yes, you did." The Priest asks, "Do you have any kids yet?" Sue says, "Unfortunately, not yet." The Priest says, "I'm going to Rome and I'll light a Candle for you and Bob to be blessed with children." And the Priest leaves.

Many years later Sue sees the priest again. The Priest asks, "Have you any kids yet?" Sue replies, "Yes, we have two sets of twins and six others, ten in all!" The Priest says, "Great and where's your husband, Bob?" Sue says, "He's gone to Rome to blow out your Candle."

The Alternative Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



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