



### Congratulations

We offer our warmest congratulations to Nora McCarthy who will be celebrating her 90th birthday on 23rd July. We assure Nora of our prayers and best wishes on this happy occasion. Happy Birthday Nora!

### Duck Derby

Thank you to all those who have bought a race or duck for our annual Duck Derby. If anyone has not yet paid, we would be grateful if you could do so as soon as. You can either give your money to Father Stamp or post through the letter box at either presbytery.

### Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace Hugh James Black who was Baptised on Saturday 20th July at 12.30pm in St James the Less and Louis Ralph Walker who will be Baptised next Sunday, 28th July at 12.30pm in St James the Less. Please pray for these children and their families

### Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy at St James the Less will be running their last session before summer on Sunday, 28th July. The Children's Liturgy at St Peter's has already finished for the summer. Both groups will return on Sunday, 8th September.

### Parish Rambling Club

Many thanks to all who came to our last walk around Clowbridge Reservoir led by Noel. Our next walk will be this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July to Snig Hole and Ravenshore Gorge. The Start point is the Car Park at the Irwell Vale Halt Stop of the East Lancashire Railway and we will meet at 1.00pm. We will walk along the River Irwell to the viaduct at Lumb Edenfield. Then we will follow the old railway line to Snig Hole at Helmshore before returning along the River Ogden through Ravenshore Gorge back to Irwell Vale. The walk is relatively flat, but does include an uphill climb to the viaduct and then on to Snig Hole. The path in the Gorge can be challenging if it is muddy! The distance is just short of 3 miles and the walk leader is Harry Wormleighton. All are welcome. For our full list of walks please see the Parish Facebook page.

### St Peter's Coffee Morning

#### July raffle prizes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize £25 John Dempsey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £10 Christine Sagar
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Bottle of wine Dominic Collis
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize Box of biscuits Ann Goy.

Thanks to all who support by attending the coffee morning and buying raffle tickets throughout the month. Tickets for the monthly raffle are on sale each Sunday at the back of church.

### Baptism Preparation Sessions

We have decided to introduce a sign-up sheet which you can find at the back of both churches for our Baptism Preparation Sessions. Please sign up if you intend to attend the next session as this will give us an idea of how many helpers and copies of resources we will need for each of the sessions. Many thanks to Louise and the volunteers for their help with this.

### Parish Centre Committee

A couple of weeks ago, volunteers from the Parish met to look at forming a new Committee to support Jeanette in running the Parish Centre. This coming Tuesday, 23rd July, we will meet again at 7.00pm in the Presbytery at St James the Less. If you were unable to come to the first meeting but would like to help with looking at our use of the Parish Centre and finding out how you can help, please do come along.

### Cyril Boocock RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cyril Boocock. Cyril's Funeral Service will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 11.00am in St James the Less. May he rest in peace

### Update on Parish Centre

The works on the Parish Centre were scheduled to be completed by this coming Wednesday, 24th July. Unfortunately, as is often the case with these projects, there are a couple of delays. Firstly, two of the walls have been plastered with a special lime plaster, and this cannot be painted over for some weeks yet as it has not fully dried out. The re-carpeting has also yet to be completed and the installation of the new sound system, amplifier etc. It may be that we can open the Centre before the decoration is fully complete as the drying out of the lime plaster is likely to take us to the beginning of September, but we will certainly not be opened, as I had initially hoped, by the first weekend in August. I have to say that because of the insurance angle, this has not been a straightforward project. At each stage, we have had to get approval from the loss adjustor so that we can claim on the Parish insurance for the work where this has been like-for-like repairs as a result of the flood. At the same time, we have been paying for certain things ourselves where this has entailed improvements which are not like-for-like. I will be very grateful when it is finally finished, as I know you all will be! Even after we re-open, there will be some improvements we may have to look at carrying out afterwards, to the conservatory and to the entrance porch. Thank you for your patience which I am sure will all be worth it once we re-open!

### Holy Apostles Children's Choir



The number of children taking part in our new Children's Choir is growing each week and there is a good spread of ages. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 23rd July at 6.00pm at St James the Less**. If you haven't yet signed up, you can still sign up using the QR code or the link.

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