

GREETINGS

*to each other, all our
neighbours - and everybody
whose eye this leaflet meets!*

October 2025

Welcome to our new monthly newsletter!

It is hoped that this newsletter will be published at the beginning of each month and contain news and information on the month ahead. If, at anytime, you have anything you wish to share regarding church please let Liz or one of the deacons know.

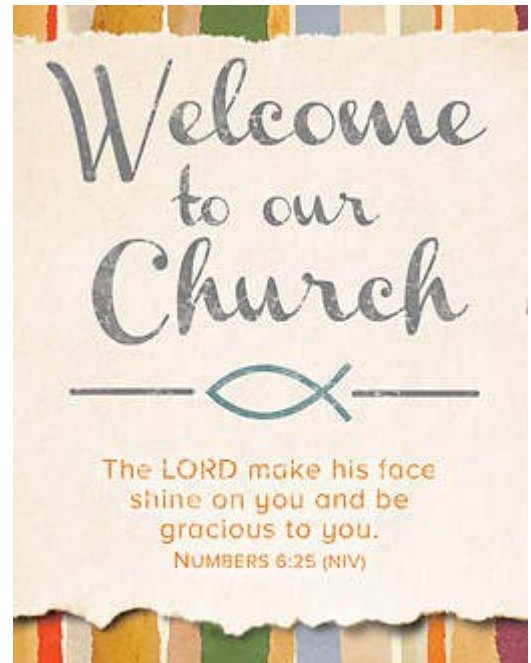
It's amazing isn't it that we are at the beginning of October and yet the supermarkets and other shops are already selling Christmas things! The Advent calendars, complete with chocolate, are already in the shops. Advent doesn't actually begin until four weeks before Christmas and is four weeks when Christians are meant to think seriously about the future. Thinking about the future has always been a human dilemma.

We know a lot about the past – ours and the history of the human race. We know quite a lot about the present. Nearly everything that happens in our world we hear about almost immediately on the television or the radio but the fact is we know nothing about what might or will happen to us even five minutes ahead. In a few seconds our life can be turned upside down.

So, it's not surprising that we are puzzled by the future. The past can be cherished because memories are precious and the present is to be lived to the best of our ability. But what can we do about the future? Our best laid plans are only provisional, at best. So no wonder fortune tellers and the rest have always attracted people and done well.

For people who believe in God there is, however, a bit of help in his name. In Hebrew it is 'Yahweh'. It means, more or less, I AM. God simply *exists*, a kind of permanent present tense. So, while we see past, present and future, He is just always there. We, know because of his promises that he is always with us—the God of the past the present and the future

Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space in 1961, once said 'I looked and looked but I didn't see God.' yet Psalm 139 sees things from a very different perspective, one in which God can be found everywhere in the universe he created.



Psalm 139 says that God is all knowing: 'You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.' God knows our thoughts, habits, moods, words and choices, including the things done in secret. He knows us better than we know ourselves, and yet still loves us and cares about us despite our faults! 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me.' the Psalm says

God is all present: 'Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?' In whatever circumstances we face, God is present with us, especially in the dark and difficult times. If we know the path to God, we can find it in the dark!

When we think (or worry) about the future remember that hymn in our hymn book which says 'We don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future'.

Every Blessing

Liz

We offer a very warm welcome to everyone!

What's on in October

Sunday 5th October	10.45am	Family Worship and Holy Communion led by Peter Butler
Tuesday 7th October	7.30pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday 8th October	7.00pm	Being Congregational Course
Friday 10th October	10am-11am	Zumba / Pilates
	2pm-4pm	Table Tennis Social Group
Saturday 11th October	10.30am—12 noon	Greenacres Friendship Choir
Sunday 12th October	10.45am	Family Worship led by Rev Liz Dean And the 'No Strings Attached Puppet Ministry'
Wednesday 15th October	7.00pm	Being Congregational Course
Friday 17th October	10am-11am	Zumba / Pilates
	2pm-4pm	Table Tennis Social Group
Sunday 19th October	10.45am	Family Worship led by Peter Butler Followed by Annual Church Meeting & Qtrly Church Meeting
Friday 17th October	10am-11am	Zumba / Pilates
	2pm—4pm	Table Tennis Social Group
Sunday 26th October	10.45am	Family Worship led by Susan Titmus of Greenfield Methodist Church
Sunday 2nd November	10.45am	Family Worship and Holy Communion

Flowers For Church

Our thanks to:

5th October Ruth Horrocks
12th October Bev Williams
19th October Gail Waterhouse
26th October Joy Dean

Flower Steward Muriel Booth

On Sunday the 7th of Sept

We welcomed Katie and Mark Cahill, their sons Charlie and Jack with their family and friends as they brought Jack to church for the occasion of his christening,

Who's Who ...

Church Secretary
Joy Dean

Treasurer
Margaret Fowler

Deacons
Ian Bairstow
Peter Butler
Liz Dean
David Hopkins
Gail Waterhouse

Trustees
Ian Bairstow (Chairman)
Peter Butler
Joy Dean
Liz Dean
Margaret Fowler

Dates for your diary

Sat. 22nd Nov.

Festive Coffee Morning in the Church Hall

Sat. 29th November

'Calendar Girls The Musical' 2.30pm at The George Lawton Hall Mossley. Tickets £18 and available from Margaret Fowler. Transport will be arranged

Sat 13th December

Film—'Scrooge the Musical' based on 'A Christmas Carol' in the Hall Refreshments' - turkey sandwiches and mince pies

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