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# PARISH LETTER

## God's special people

I'm sure you're aware that Christmas is on its way - I think shops have had cards, gifts and chocolates since early October this year! Thankfully I haven't heard a Christmas carol or song yet - but I bet it won't be long ....

There is much to reflect on in the amazing story of the birth of our Saviour, God's Son, Jesus. Between Christmas and Easter we have two stories of God's amazing actions to reconcile a broken world and people to Himself. God rarely takes such drastic action in our world preferring to act through those who seek to following Him in faith - and yet at Christmas he does both - act and use people.

What is perhaps most amazing about Christmas is that the people God uses are unheard of nobodies. None were rich, famous, or known about outside their communities. Mary - a young engaged woman, Joseph - her builder fiancé, the shepherds - local workmen doing their job.

And yet as God acted and called out to these ordinary people their lives became extra-ordinary as they responded. Mary becomes the mother of the Son of God, Joseph takes risk to be pregnant Mary's husband and stepfather to Jesus, the shepherds are the first to witness the birth of the awaited Messiah.

All of them responded to God's call Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Joseph, after his initial - and understandable - uncertainty 'did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife'. After witnessing the angelic announcement the shepherds declared, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

After their responses their lives were different and not the same again. It is a reminder that our God isn't looking for extra-special people with lots of gifts, wealth or status to work for Him in the world. He is looking for ordinary people who will listen to His calling on their lives to follow Jesus and share His love with the world - then they become extra-ordinary people.

This Christmas; as we hear the familiar story of God's plan of salvation, his choosing of specific people to join Him, their willingness and obedience to what God wants, let us listen out for the calling God has for our lives. How might God be choosing you and me to play an extra-ordinary part in His plan to reconcile people to Himself through Jesus?

Listen for His calling, respond with obedience, and witness Him empower you to play your part as you rejoice in His everlasting goodness.

Blessings, and Happy Christmas (when it arrives),

Andy



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## Toy Service

The Toy Service will be held on Sunday 7th December. Donations of new toys (unwrapped) and gifts for teenagers (hats, gloves, scarves, toiletries etc) will be taken to the Salvation Army in Preston for distribution at Christmas. Thank you..

## FAF (Fund raising And Fellowship group).

CHRISTMAS FAIR on SATURDAY DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>. OPENING AT 1.00 p.m.

PLEASE HELP AND SUPPORT. This is one of our main fundraisers of the year and we need you!

Please come along and join us at our traditional Christmas Fair with all the wonderful stalls and refreshments.

We shall have of course Father Christmas and his helpers all afternoon.

- Tasty hot pies and peas, cakes, biscuits, mince pies with hot and cold drinks will be available on the refreshment stall.
- The cake stall will have the usual variety of delicious produce lovingly handmade by our amazing Parish Team of Bakers.
- Bottle Tombola Stall
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- And of Course our Fabulous RAFFLE!

*This is always a welcoming and joyous community event but it is hard work.*

*Please help in any of the following ways:-*

- 1. Setting up and putting away again the stalls, tables and chairs. Please arrive for 10.00am*
- 2. Providing cakes, biscuits preserves for the refreshment/ cake stalls. Please cover all cakes for the refreshment stall. (Please bring to school in morning from 10.30am.).*
- 3. Donate items for the bottle / chocolate / sweet tombola stalls.( to be left in the box in church or to a FAF member , preferably before the day ).*
- 4. Would like help on a stall? Talk to any FAF member.*

FAF members: R Buckley, S Chapman, H Cliff, J and N Cowell, J Lander, E Parker, M Salter and P Thompson ( Chairperson )

## Carol singing

Everyone is welcome to join us on:-

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at The Plough starting at 7.00pm, then at The Haighton Manor at 7.30pm and at 8.00pm at Silver Birches in Grimsargh. This is such an enjoyable evening and always great fun.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at the Farmers Market Grimsargh Village Hall time  
TBC

## **Christmas Quiz**

Once again The Cowell Family are producing a Christmas Quiz. They are £2 and if you would like to buy one please contact James on 07715642083

## **Thank you to Nigel and Brenda Holmes**

At the end of our Remembrance Day Service we gave thanks to Nigel and Brenda as they retire from the position of Group Scout leaders for Grimsargh scouts. They will still be involved with the Scout movement in the future



## **6th December – St Nicholas, another look at this much-loved saint**

One account of how Father Christmas began tells of a man named Nicholas who was born in the third century in the Greek village of Patara, on what is today the southern coast of Turkey. His family were both devout and wealthy, and when his parents died in an epidemic, Nicholas decided to use his inheritance to help people. He gave to the needy, the sick, the suffering. He dedicated his whole life to God's service, and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. As a bishop in later life, he joined other bishops and priests in prison under the emperor Diocletian's fierce persecution of Christians across the Roman Empire.

Finally released, Nicholas was all the more determined to shed abroad the news of God's love. He did so by giving. One story of his generosity explains why we hang Christmas stockings over our mantelpieces today. There was a poor family with three daughters who needed dowries if they were to marry, and not be sold into slavery. Nicholas heard of their plight, and tossed three bags of gold into their home through an open window – thus saving the girls from a life of misery.

The bags of gold landed in stockings or shoes left before the fire to dry. Hence the custom of children hanging out stockings – in the hope of attracting presents of their own from St Nicholas – on Christmas Eve. That is why three gold balls, sometimes represented as oranges, are one of the symbols of St Nicholas.

The example of St Nicholas has never been forgotten – in bygone years boys in Germany and Poland would dress up as bishops on 6<sup>th</sup> December, and beg alms for the poor. In the Netherlands and Belgium 'St Nicholas' would arrive on a steamship from Spain to ride a white horse on his gift-giving rounds. To this day, 6<sup>th</sup> December is still the main day for gift-giving and merry-making in much of Europe. Many feel that simple gift-giving in early Advent helps preserve a Christmas Day focus on the Christ Child.

## **25th December – And there were shepherds**

Luke's story of the birth of Jesus is brilliantly told – the angel's visit to Mary to tell her she would be mother of the long-promised Messiah, the old priest in the Temple told by another angel that his wife would have a son to be called 'John', who would prepare the people of Israel for that event, and then Mary and Joseph



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making the 60 mile journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, as required by the Roman census. When they got there, no room at the inn, and they settled instead for a convenient stable, where Mary gave birth to a boy child.

Suddenly, Luke changes the tone. ‘And there were shepherds ...’ – that’s what he actually wrote, just like that. ‘And there were shepherds’, doing exactly what shepherds do, looking after their flocks by night. But this night was different: yet another angelic message – a call to abandon their sheep and go into Bethlehem to see the baby Messiah. They were given directions and a ‘sign’ to identify Him. He would be lying in a feeding trough. Well, at least they would recognise that.

And why the shepherds, in this glorious story of our salvation? Because the event needed witnesses, and the chosen witnesses would be this bunch of scruffy, smelly shepherds straight from the sheep-pen. Nothing could speak more eloquently of God’s purpose than that. This was not a Saviour for the strong, rich and powerful, but for everybody. The carpenter and his wife guarded the Saviour of the world, and the very first witnesses were not kings or priests but a handful of shepherds.

## **St James the Least of All**

### **Your first parish – beware**

My dear Nephew Darren

And so, the old year draws to a close, and you are packing to move to your own first parish in January. Let me give you some final words of advice.

Curates, you will have noticed, are forgiven everything. I hope you have appreciated this period of grace, because come 1<sup>st</sup> January, all that will change. You will then become responsible for everything that goes wrong in your church. You must be able to mend leaking taps, shovel snow, arrange flowers, mow the churchyard and run jumble sales. You will be expected to know the moment someone falls ill – preferably the day before.

In addition, they will expect you to preach profound sermons – in seven minutes flat, and to lead a life of prayerful solitude while being the life and soul of the parish. From the day your predecessor left, he will have turned into a saint. *You* will be their new disappointment. Be assured that *whatever* you do, you will *always* disappoint someone.

Be prepared for phone calls at 3am telling you that someone has left a light on in church, and shouldn’t you go turn and it off? You will be asked about car parking arrangements for the October Harvest Service by mid-January, while hymns for the 9 Lessons and Carols will be required by early summer. I suggest you buy in extra pullovers, overcoats and scarves for life in your vicarage. A good number of mousetraps may well come in useful too.

Welcome to your new life of an incumbent.

Expect that each Sunday morning, as you prepare for the service, there will be a straggling queue of people who want to tell you an astonishing variety of things: there is a large cobweb 30 feet up over the pulpit, they don’t like the second hymn

on the board, the flowers look rough this week, there may be a bat in the vestry, some child has left a shoe in the back porch, and the car park has broken glass in it.

You may find this a distraction as you prepare for a worship service. But remember that at least they have bothered to come to church at all. In my experience, congregations are always irritating, but at least they do take up a lot of space, and that looks good in the pews. The church would look empty without them.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

## **Church Humour**

### **True story**

The nativity play was going as planned and Joseph and Mary were going from 'house' to 'house' knocking on the doors and asking if there was any room for them.

As they continued to get 'no room' answers, a little voice called from the back of the church: "You should have booked!"

### **That well known pilot**

At Sunday school, the younger children were drawing pictures to illustrate a biblical story. The teacher was startled to see one little boy was drawing an aeroplane. "This is the Flight into Egypt," the little boy explained. "See, here is Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. And this," he said, pointing to the figure in the front of the plane, "is Pontius. He's the Pilot."

### **The Wrong Gift**

A young couple began to assemble a special Christmas gift they had bought for their children. They had bought a kit for a tree house, but it didn't make sense. Then they realised that the materials were for a sailboat, so they wrote to the company to complain. The company's reply was brief: "While we regret the inconvenience this mistake must have caused you, we are more concerned about the man who is out on a lake somewhere, trying to sail your tree house."

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

By the time you read this report we will have enjoyed our meal together at The Cross Keys, Whitechapel, Dan never fails to look after us well and we must thank both him and his staff and Hazel for organising everything so proficiently.

We look forward to our Holy Communion service on December 17th at 7.30 pm, A time we can set aside from the hustle and bustle of preparations and concentrate on the true meaning of Christmas in the peace and quiet of church, Thank you Andy for preparing and leading our service,

On November 6th Louise, Marlene and I attended Diocesan Council, Louise as Trustee and Deanery Presiding member and Marlene and I representing our branch. I

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came home feeling very proud to be part of such a wonderful organisation. In our comparatively small group here in Grimsargh we often forget that we belong to a much wider group of 1,852 members in Blackburn Diocese and around 4 million members in 83 countries,

Much work goes on in our own Diocese supporting those who for many reasons have met with adversity in their lives, Prisoners and their families are supported; trauma teddies and little knitted hearts go into hospitals and bereavement units; emergency toiletry bags are donated to hospitals; toiletries and books go to the Women's Refuge and our very own craft group knit elephants for Milly's Smiles.

The caravan in Morecambe is a wonderful opportunity for families, who for one reason or another struggle to get away, to have time to relax and enjoy a break away together.

In the wider Mothers Union the success of the Rise Up campaign is helping so many people who have been affected by domestic abuse, as well as raising awareness of Mothers Union and what we do, From November 25th to December 10th there will be 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence, During that time we are asked to pray that many more people may come to know the love of God and hear more of the fellowship of Mothers Union. Read more about this on the Mother's Union notice board in church.

On January 21st we will be having our AGM in the Plough 12 noon for 12.30pm when we will be enjoying our usual fish and chips.

Our subs for 2026 will be £32.50. £25.00 to Mary Sumner House, £7.50 to MU Blackburn Diocese. It will be helpful if you could let me have it in a named envelope at the AGM or before Cash or cheques made payable to Grimsargh Church Mothers Union please. If you are able to Gift Aid your subs please ask me for the necessary form.

Each branch has been asked to enrol at least one new member next year. I'm sure we can do it!!

May God grant everyone peace and joy at Christmas time and his richest blessings in 2026

## **SCHOOL REPORT**

### **LEST WE FORGET**

On Monday, at 11am, on the eleventh day, of the eleventh month of the year, we gathered together to present a handmade wreath or poster, observed a minute's silence and listened to the last post. During worship, we gave thanks for the brave troops who sacrificed/ sacrifice themselves to protect us.



### **PTFA**

Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for contributing £2,500 towards our new lighting system, which was installed in our school hall, over the October half-term

break. We look forward to using our new lighting system specifically during our Christmas, Easter and end of academic year productions.

## **GRIMSARGH PARISH COUNCIL**

Thank you to Mr Peter Burton, Chair of Grimsargh Parish Council, for giving up his time to come into school to present Mrs Todd, our Pupil Leadership Team, and me on behalf of all our staff and pupils, with a cheque for £25,000, awarded to us for anew trim trail. Thankyou also to Mrs Hannah McGivern for organising the photo shoot and to Mr Phil Garlington for taking the photos.

We are currently planning on how we will spend our £25,000, The majority of this money will be spent on a new trim trail for our children to use. Our current trim trail is due to be removed over the October half-term break in preparation for a new one to be installed. We are incredibly excited to have a brand- new trim trail and aim to have this installed before the summer term.



## **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: POWER FOR GOOD**

We were proud to take part in Anti-Bullying Week 2025, which ran from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The theme this year was “Power for Good”, and it gave us a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community to stand up against bullying and promote kindness, respect, and inclusion.

We kicked off the week with ‘Odd Socks Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Pupils and staff wore odd socks to school to celebrate what makes each of us unique. It was a fun and colourful way to remind ourselves that being different is something to be proud of.



Throughout the week, we took part in a range of activities and discussions that helped our students understand how they can use their power to support others and help create a positive, respectful environment for everyone.

We also linked 'Power for Good' to the bible and explored stories, such as David and Goliath, where people use their power for good and to help others. We thought about ways we can use our own power for good and added them to a paperchain on our worship tables. It was a fantastic week full of learning, reflection, and unity — a true celebration of using our Power for Good.

## **SPORT**

A brilliant first half term of sport at Grimsargh St Michael's. We are one of only four schools in our league that have entered all 4 events available and find ourselves in joint 2nd place out of 12 schools due to our fantastic performances. We have also been participating in the hockey and mixed football leagues and entered a team into a girls' football tournament. Well done to all the children that have trialled, represented our school and done so well this half term. Also, many thanks to all the parents, grandparents and family members who have helped with transport and with supporting our teams, as well as the staff that have led teams and given up time for the children and sport at Grimsargh.

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## RECEPTION PHONICS SESSION

Thank you to all our families who were able to attend our phonics session for parents and carers. It hopefully provided you with a good insight into how phonics is taught in our school. The feedback was incredibly positive again this year, so I would like to thanks Mrs Aspinall and Miss Begbie for adapting their day and moving into the hall to demonstrate how phonics is taught, in order to support you. And also, well done to our reception children as it was no doubt a little daunting and distracting with so many adults observing them.



## SAFEGUARDING

At Grimsargh St Michaels C of E Primary School, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children. We expect all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment. All volunteers, visitors and supply teachers are given our Safeguarding leaflet on their first visit to our school. This leaflet outlines our Safeguarding procedures and what steps to follow if faced with a Safeguarding situation.

## SHOW ROUNDS

Come and have a look around our wonderful school...our head boy and girl and their deputies have done an excellent job in giving prospective parents a tour of our school and are excited to show more of you around, now we have put more show round dates in the dairy. We have the following new dates and times available:

- Thursday 20th November: 1:15pm, 1:45pm, 2:15pm, 2:45pm
- Tuesday 25th November: 1:15pm, 1:45pm, 2:15pm, 2:45pm

Please contact our school office(01772 653600) to book a time.

Search '**grimsarghstmichaels**' on Instagram and '**Grimsargh St Michael's C of E Primary School**' on Facebook to have a snapshot of some of the things our children have been doing.

On behalf of our school staff, I wish everyone within our Grimsargh community well and hope you all continue to support each other and stay safe.

Mr Stuart Booth  
Headteacher

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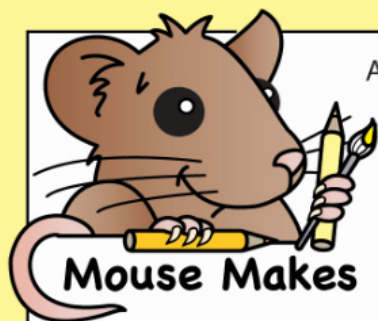
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coming into the world as a baby,  
and we look forward to the time  
when Jesus will come again,  
not as a baby but as the  
King of kings and Lord of lords!

**read**

John 14:3

A baby needs clothes  
to keep warm like  
a snuggly sleep suit  
or a vest and nappy.

*What were you dressed in?*

Jesus was wrapped in

**read** Luke 2:7

A baby needs somewhere  
to be born like at home  
or in a hospital.

*Where were you born?*

Jesus was born  
in a stable in

**read** Luke 2:1-6

A baby needs  
somewhere  
to sleep like  
a crib or a cot.  
*What did you  
sleep in?*

Jesus slept in a

**read** Luke 2:7

A baby needs  
a name.

*What name were  
you called?*

Jesus was given  
a special name  
that had a  
special meaning.

**read**

Matthew 1:21-23

# HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

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With  
God, all  
things are  
possible.  
Mathew  
19:26

# JIGSAW CLUB

For the children of St Michael's, Grimsargh.



When?



2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month!  
(term time only)

What?

Children aged 3 -11

Who?

Fun games, music and activities.

St Michael's Church and then  
the Jigsaw Club hut!

Where?

Everyone  
Welcome!

Optional  
speaking in  
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A great way  
to make new  
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Is  
Great  
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Dec	7th	Vacant	Jan	4th	Vacant
Dec	14th	Holding Family	Jan	11th	Vacant
Dec	21st	Vacant	Jan	18th	Nellie Cowell
Dec	28th	Vacant	Jan	25th	Vacant

## SIDESPERSONS, READERS AND COFFEE ROTAS

		10.00am	Communion Assistant	Readers	Coffee
Dec	7th	R Buckley		B Holt S Cowell	
Dec	14th	B Mackley N Maudsley	L Williams	J Lander D Rusling	
Dec	21st	S Fillingham		L Wood K Billington	
Dec	25th	John Cowell		L Williams Vicar	
Dec	28th	James Cowell K Thompson	N Cowell	L Desai B Mackley	
Jan	4th	R Woollam		M Lamberty J Eccles	
Jan	11th	N Maudsley S Fillingham	M Lamberty	N Cowell B Mackley	
Jan	18th	John Cowell		B Holt K Billington	
Jan	25th	K Thompson R Buckley	B Mackley	J Lander L Wood	

## FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

		Leader	Duty		Welcome
Dec	5th	Jean	Eileen	Nellie	Janet
Dec	12th	Christmas buffet. We ask everyone to help if they can			
Dec	19th	No Coffee Morning			
Jan	2nd	Jean	Marlene	Nellie	Janet
Jan	9th	Kate	Eileen	Maureen	Linda
Jan	16th	Jennifer	Nellie	Jean	Janet
Jan	23rd	Marlene	Helen	Eileen	Linda
Jan	30th	Jean	Jennifer	Kate	Janet

## Holy Baptism      Jesus said "Let the children come unto me"

Oct	21st	Dorothy Rose Barlow
Oct	19th	Alfred George Fairey



## ST MICHAEL'S DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

- 3rd** 2.00pm Craft and Chat Group at the vicarage
- 5th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club  
6.00pm Village Crib Service
- 6th** 9.30am Setting up for the Christmas Fair in School  
1.00pm Christmas Fair in School
- 7th** **2nd Sunday of Advent**  
10.00am Morning Worship and Toy Service
- 9th** 7.00pm Confirmation meeting at the Vicarage
- 11th** 7.30pm Bible Study at the Vicarage
- 12th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club with buffet  
Carol Singing 7.00 pm The Plough, 7.30 pm Haighton Manor, 8.00pm Silver Birches
- 13th** 10.30am Prayer Group in church
- 14th** **3rd Sunday of Advent**  
10.00am Holy Communion with Jigsaw Club  
7.30pm Mothers' Union Christmas Communion
- 17th** 9.30am School Christmas Service
- 18th** 11.00am Holy Communion BCP
- 20th** Carol Singing at the Farmers Market
- 21st** **Last Sunday of Advent**  
10.00am Morning Worship  
6.00pm Carol Service
- 24th** **Christmas Eve**  
4.00pm Christingle and Crib Service
- 25th** **Christmas Day**  
10.00am Christmas Day Holy Communion
- 28th** **1st Sunday after Christmas**  
10.00am Holy Communion

## ST MICHAEL'S DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY

- 2nd** 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 4th** **2nd Sunday after Christmas**  
10.00am Epiphany Morning Worship
- 7th** 2.00pm Craft and Chat Group at the vicarage
- 8th** 7.30pm Bible Study at the Vicarage
- 9th** 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 11th** **1st Sunday after Epiphany**  
10.00am Holy Communion and Jigsaw Club  
6.30pm Churches Together Epiphany Service at St Lawrence Longridge
- 15th** 11.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 16th** 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 18th** **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**  
10.00am Morning Worship
- 19th** 7.30pm PCC Meeting in School
- 21st** 12noon for 12.30pm Mothers' Union AGM at the Plough
- 23rd** 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 25th** **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**  
10.00am Holy Communion and Jigsaw Club  
6.30pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service with Alston Lane at St Michael's
- 30th** 9:30am - 11.30 Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club

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