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# PARISH LETTER

## Growth and Renewal

I wonder what those two words mean to you?

Growth could simply as 'the process of increasing in size' or 'something that has grown or is growing'.

Renewal could be said to be 'an instance of resuming something after an interruption or the action of extending the period of validity of a licence or subscription' or even 'the replacement or repair of something'.

In church terms growth could mean increasing in numbers, influence and faith; renewal could be allowing Jesus blow away some of our faith cobwebs and ways of doing things to be more effective. I wonder what you came up with.

Just before summer the PCC agreed to accept an invitation from the diocese for the parish to join the Diocesan Renewal Programme. This is a scheme to help parishes look at themselves, how they work, what they want to achieve and find new ways of growing and being renewed. The Programme is funded by the Church of England and will cost us nothing.

Over the next 15 months a core team of myself, Joss and Stuart together with the PCC will learn to look at our parish and what we do with a view to being revitalised in mission and renewed in purpose. We will be asking questions about what we do, if we can do things better, if there are new ways of engaging with the wider parish, and if there are some things we ought to stop doing.

In terms of growth and renewal I hope taking part in the programme will;  
help us grow the number of people who are part of St Michael's,  
deepen our faith and help us to be bolder in sharing it,  
have our faith in Jesus refreshed,  
celebrate the good things we do,  
and work out what new or changed ways we can live out our faith together.

We have already started the process as by the time you read this, I will have been on an induction event with Joss and Stuart, I will have shared a day with other clergy taking part in the Programme, members of the PCC have also been on a day event and Joss, Stuart and I will have been away on a Leading Your Church into Growth conference. All this is in preparation for the PCC to discuss different aspects of mission over the next 12 months and how they relate to us in Grimsargh.

Please pray for the PCC as we spend time discussing, reflecting and making decisions that will be focussed on the future of the mission our church. The theme for our PCC meetings in future will be shared beforehand so you can pray and think about each aspect. We would love to hear your inspired thoughts and insights so that we can work together in this process.

At the end we will organise a mission weekend in line with the priorities we discover and share a new mission statement for the church.

This could be an exciting and challenging time for the church. Do pray, share your thoughts, share what insights you hear from the Lord, and may we work together for our next season of mission in Grimsargh.

Blessings,

Andy



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## Service of Light.

On Sunday 2nd November at 4pm we will be holding our service for the thanksgiving and remembering those who have been special to us but have now died. The service will be quiet and reflective with space to light a candle to remember our loved ones. We will be inviting all who have had funerals in the last 2 years but it is open to anyone who would like some space for remembering and thanksgiving.



The service will last about 40 minutes and will be followed by tea and coffee.

## November Services

This November our services will change slightly so that we can have Remembrance Sunday as an All Age Morning Worship with the uniformed organisations.

The pattern will be; 2nd - Morning Worship, 9th - All Age Remembrance Service followed by the service at Three Mile Cross, 16th - Holy Communion with Jigsaw Club, 23rd - Morning Worship, 30th - Holy Communion with Jigsaw Club.

We'll see how this works this year, so please let Andy have any responses.

## Harvest

Thank you to everyone for your very generous donations to our Harvest Festival. We were able to distribute 40 parcels of fruit, vegetables and biscuits (kindly donated by Janet Wallbank) to the sick and elderly from around the parish.



We also took one car fully loaded with tinned goods, dried goods, biscuits etc. to the Salvation Army in Preston for distribution to the needy in and around the area. Also taken was a boot full of fruit and vegetables. These were all received with grateful thanks from the Salvation Army.



## FAF (Fund raising And Fellowship group).

Our Harvest Meal at The Cross Keys Whitechapel proved to be a very happy occasion. 52 of us enjoyed a lovely time of fellowship together and the buffet lunch was excellent.



Thank you to Dan and his staff for looking after us so well.

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No rest for the Faffers!! Now we move on to the Christmas Fair.

This is an event for the whole community. There will be attractions for everyone in the family, including a visit from Father Christmas.

This year it is on Saturday December 6th 1.00 pm in school.

We will be setting up from 10.00 am onwards and would appreciate willing hands to help. As always we need covered cakes for refreshments and for the cake stall, bottles (wine, water, anything in a bottle) for the bottle stall, Good as New items, raffle prizes, chocolate / sweets for the ' Chocolate Bola '

If you could help to run a stall, have an idea for a new stall or just want to help out on the day please contact any FAF member

### **1st November – All Saints' Day**

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not friends that hath thy love,  
And made converse and walk with thee,  
And with thy saints here and above,  
With whom for ever I must be...

As for my friends, they are not lost;  
The several vessels of thy fleet,  
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Shall safely in thy haven meet....

The heavenly hosts, world without end,  
Shall be my company above;  
And thou, my best and surest Friend,  
Who shall divide me from thy love?\*

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints – a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

*\*(Maurice Frost (ed.), Historical Companion to Hymns Ancient and Modern (London: Clowes, 1962), no. 274, verses 1,3,6.*

## 9th November – Remembrance Sunday



In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem ‘In Flanders Fields’.

And it was McCrae’s poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future

## St James the Least of All

### On what it takes to be an ordinand

I was intrigued that you have been nurturing someone called Dave who is considering ordination. Since Dave had never travelled outside the city, your decision to send him to me was understandable. Sadly, I don’t think he is cut out for the ministry.

We did our best. In a fit of hospitality, the Colonel invited this Dave to stay at the Lodge, and to join his Saturday pheasant shoot as a beater. But Dave said firmly that he was against beating any kind of bird and abhors all kinds of murder. It seems

young Dave is a vegetarian! You might have warned us. The Colonel is now concerned that Dave is connected in some way with the Green Party. You cannot be too careful these days.

Then Miss Saxby and Miss Tarby stepped in. They enjoy mushrooming, and kindly took young Dave off to the woods. It is not their fault that they are a bit deaf and so did not hear his cries of distress when he lost them among all the trees. They just assumed he had gone back to the Colonel's, and so of course they did not organise a search party until much later. Fortunately, the church warden's spaniel has a keen nose and found Dave before midnight. During all that time, Dave seemed to have had nothing better to do than slide about on fallen leaves and trip over hidden logs in the dark. He was even babbling about having heard a crying ghost. We feared he might be delirious but then realised he meant the local owl. He also seemed surprised by the darkness and asked how we manage without any streetlights at all in the parish. We explained the obvious – we simply follow the example of the well-refreshed when leaving the pub, and feel our way along the walls.

On Sunday morning Dave rushed into the church to warn me that there were several loose sheep in the churchyard. I decided then that he should return to the safety of the city. There was no point in letting him near most of our church ladies, who would have savaged him on sight.

The visit only proves the obvious: potential ordinands should be carnivorous, cricketing fly-fishers, most at home in well-worn tweeds and preferably accompanied by a muddy dog. How else will they get along with normal folk?

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

## **Church Humour**

### **Dry**

My minister friend put hot-air hand dryers in the rest rooms at his church and after two weeks, took them out. I asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine, but someone had scribbled on the dryer: "For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button."

### **Exam**

In the examination paper, the professor wanted us to sign a form stating that we had not received any outside assistance. Unsure of whether he should sign the form, a student admitted that he had prayed for the assistance of God.

The professor carefully studied the answer page and then replied, "You can sign it with a clear conscience. God did not assist you."

### **Hear, hear**

A very deaf elderly man was finally fitted out with a hearing aid that really worked. A month later his doctor called him in for a check-up. "Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

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## MOTHERS' UNION

Time flies!! Here we are with yet another magazine report to do and Autumn well and truly here. As I write we have one week to the end of summer time!!

Our busy year is coming to a close and what a year it has been. Successful I would say but sad with the loss of three loyal members ... Doris Parkinson, Jayne Woollam and Ruth Davis.

In October we enjoyed our Wave of Prayer service, prepared and led so proficiently by Jean and Liz. A time when we give thanks for our links with members across the world and for the privilege of the prayerful support that we both give and receive. A time when we can commit ourselves to upholding our unity in prayer in the year ahead.

Also in October we enjoyed our Deanery Quiet Hour at St Margaret's Ingol.



Janet Wilby led our service, the emphasis being on The Lord Jesus. We opened with the song 'Jesus be the Centre,' and then had seven short readings, each one followed by thought and prayer asking the Holy Spirit to use these to minister His peace and calm into our lives and situations.

We concluded with the song 'In Christ Alone'

A wonderful moving afternoon. Thank you, Janet, for all the hard work you put in to preparing and delivering the service.

On November 2nd we will be enrolling two new members to our branch. Diane Daune and Rev Andy. This will take place during the 10 o'clock service and we hope members will come to offer their support. Obviously, Andy cannot enrol himself! so Louise, our Deanery President, will be enrolling him.

Our Christmas meal at The Cross Keys Whitechapel, 12 noon for 12.30 pm, is on November 19th. If there are any parishioners who are not members, but would like to join us, please have a word with Hazel.

A little about Mothers Union

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If you feel you would like to join us, have a word with one of our members and you will be made most welcome. We are a friendly bunch and we look after each other.

We were delighted and proud when Sue and Kate offered to run our Preston Deanery Literature stall. They have a selection of cards and gifts and, member or not, you are very welcome to ask them for a look at the catalogue and they would be more than willing to get them for you

## SCHOOL REPORT

As I write this October report, we have just entered our final week of this, our first half term. Our children have had plenty opportunities to let their lights shine since my September report.

### WORSHIP

Reverend Andy joined our pupils in leading our school in both our Harvest and St Michael's Day celebrations. It was great to gather together to worship as a whole school in St Michael's Church and was also great to see some of our parents/carers and families celebrating and worshipping with us too. Some of our children took lead roles within these two celebrations and had the opportunity to speak in front of the entire school, in Church, which takes courage. The children who had this opportunity read clearly and confidently.



### EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Our extra-curricular clubs are in full swing- we have numerous sports clubs, a choir, a bible fun club, a Mathletics club, a reading club, sustainability club and much more. All clubs are very well attended which is great to see.

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We have also competed in all inter-school sporting opportunities so far this school year and are, again, looking forward to a year of sporting competition.

### SCHOOL COUNCILS/ AMBASSADORS

For the first year, we have appointed Science Ambassadors and pupils onto a Sports Council. The science ambassadors can't wait to help Miss Reeve and their peers and teachers to raise the profile of science in our school and provide lots of exciting opportunities for everyone.

Our Sports Council will work closely with Mr Johns to continue to push sporting opportunities and find ways to introduce new and exciting opportunities. Our Councils act as a voice for their peers and will also keep parents up to date via social media and our newsletter.

### PTFA

As I write this October report, our children are gearing up for our first big PTFA event of this academic year, after the successful doughnut sale last Friday, as it is the KS1 and KS2 discos this evening. Our PTFA are incredibly active and support school by raising money that we are able to spend on supporting our families and on learning/ environment enhancements. During the October half-term, we are having a new hall lighting system installed, which we are excited to use, especially during our end of term performances- our PTFA have given £2,500 towards this new system.

Mrs Hannah McGivern (one of our PTFA members) has been working incredibly hard to find ways to raise money to further develop our school grounds. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Mrs McGivern, Mrs Debs Jacques (PTFA members) and I attended the Grimsargh Parish Council meeting, with a secret weapon- Ruby C, one of our amazing year 5 pupils! Ruby spoke with confidence, explaining to the councillors, how awarding our school some money would benefit the children of our school. We received an e-mail last Friday morning from Sue, Parish Councillor, which included the following information, 'I am pleased to confirm that the Parish Council agreed to award £25,000'. A huge thankyou and well done must go to Mrs McGivern for giving up her time, giving her energy and for her relentless pursuit in ensuring we secured funds!

### SAFEGUARDING

We have continued to share the very useful Safeguarding guides and information/ links from the NSPCC with our parents and carers.

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  
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# Mouse Makes

This is **Psalm 150**, a song of praise to God, it tells us why and how to worship God.  
*How do you praise and worship God?*

**Praise** God in His Temple,  
**Praise** Him in His mighty heavens.  
**Praise** Him for His acts of power,  
**Praise** Him for his surpassing greatness.

**Praise Him** with the sounding trumpet,  
**Praise Him** with the harp and lyre,  
**Praise Him** with tambourine and dancing,  
**Praise Him** with the clash of cymbals,  
**Praise Him** with the resounding cymbals.  
Let everything that has breath  
**PRAISE THE LORD!**



P	K	G	C	Y	M	B	A	L	S	A
O	L	R	H	E	A	V	E	N	S	B
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With God, all things are possible. Mathew 19:26

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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  
Church!

A great way  
to make new  
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Is  
Great  
Special  
And  
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	£57.40 Baptism	Oct 24th	£42.60 Baptism
Sept 28th	£164.35	Oct 16th	£25.00
Oct 5th	£253.82	Oct 19th	£212.60
			£82.53 Baptism

## FLOWER ROTA

Nov 2nd	Vacant
Nov 9th	Vacant
Nov 16th	Nellie Cowell
Nov 23rd	Vacant
Nov 30th	Vacant

## SIDESPERSONS, READERS AND COFFEE ROTAS

		10.00am Communion Assistant	Readers	Coffee
Nov 2nd	S Fillingham		B Mackley N Cowell	
Nov 9th	N Maudsley		B Holt D Rusling	
Nov 16th	John Cowell K Thompson	M Lamberty	L Williams M Lamberty	
Nov 23rd	S Fillingham		J Eccles K Billington	
Nov 30th	R Woollam James Cowell	B Mackley	L Wood L Desai	

## FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

	Leader		Duty	Welcome
Nov 7th	Jennifer	Kate	Jean	Christine
Nov 14th	Maureen	Marlene	Eileen	Janet
Nov 21st	Nellie	Helen	Jean	Linda
Nov 28th	Marlene	Kate	Jennifer	Janet

### Holy Baptism

Sept 21st	Jesus said "Let the children come unto me"
Sept 28th	Felicity Eleanor Jacques
	Joshua Homson

### Funerals

August 8th	"I am the resurrection and the life" says the Lord.
	Graham Leslie Cross 68 years

## ST MICHAEL'S DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- 1st** 10.30am Prayer Group in church
- 2nd** **4th Sunday before Advent**  
10.00am Morning Worship  
4.00pm Service of Light
- 3rd** 2.00pm FAF meeting at Penny's
- 5th** 2.00pm Craft and Chat Group at the vicarage
- 7th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 9th** **3rd Sunday before Advent**  
10.00am Morning Worship for Remembrance Sunday with  
with uniformed groups on parade  
11.45am Village Remembrance Service at the cross
- 13th** 7.30pm Bible Study at the vicarage
- 14th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 16th** **2nd Sunday before Advent**  
10.00am Holy Communion with Jigsaw Club
- 17th** 7.30pm PCC Meeting in School
- 19th** 12 noon for 12.30 Mothers' Union meal at The Cross Keys Whitechapel
- 20th** 11.00am Holy Communion BCP
- 21st** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 23rd** **Sunday next before Advent**  
10.00am Morning Worship with Rev John Ball
- 28th** 9:30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning in Grimsargh Club
- 30th** **Advent Sunday**  
10.00am Holy Communion with Jigsaw Club  
6.30pm Joint Advent service at Alston Lane

**DEADLINE for the December/January magazine is 15<sup>th</sup> November.**

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