

Services in the Parish of Hodder Valley during August and September

Sunday 4th August – 10th after Trinity

Saint Andrew's Church, Slaidburn, at 10.00 am.
A service of Holy Communion (*Revd Noel Colley*)

Sunday 11th August – 12th after Trinity

Saint Andrew's Church, Slaidburn, at 10.00 am.
A service of Morning Prayer (*Revd Noel Colley*)
Saint Michael's Church, Whitewell, at 11.00 am.
A service of the Eucharist (*Revd Noel Colley*)

Sunday 18th August – celebrating Saint Bartholomew

Saint Bartholomew's Church, Tosside at 10.00 am.
A service of Holy Communion (*Revd Noel Colley*)
No service at Slaidburn

Sunday 25th August – 13th after Trinity

Saint Andrew's Church, Slaidburn, at 10.00 am.
A service of Holy Communion (*Revd Noel Colley*)
Saint Michael's Church, Whitewell, at 11.00 am.
A service of Morning Prayer (*William Leeming*)

Sunday 1st September – 14th after Trinity

Saint Andrew's Church, Slaidburn, at 10.00 am
A service of Holy Communion *Revd N Colley*)

Sunday 8th September – 15th after Trinity and Accession Day

Saint Andrew's Church, Slaidburn, at 10.00 am
A service of Morning Prayer (*John Cowking*)
Saint Michael's Church, Whitewell, at 11.00 am
A service of Morning Prayer (*William Leeming*)

Sunday 15th September – 16th after Trinity

Saint Andrew's Church, Slaidburn, at 10.00 am
A service of Holy Communion (*Revd John Ball*)

Sunday 22nd September – 17th after Trinity

Saint Andrew's Church, Slaidburn at 10.00 am
A service of Holy Communion (*Revd Noel Colley*)
Saint Michael's Church, Whitewell, at 11.00 am
A service of the Eucharist (*Revd Noel Colley*)

Sunday 29th September – St Michael's Day

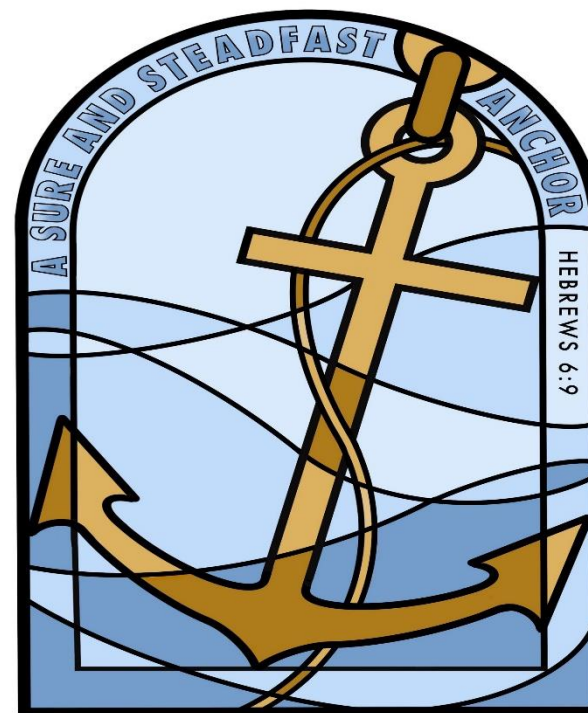
Saint Michael's Church, Whitewell, at 11.00 am
A service of the Eucharist (*Revd Noel Colley*)
No service at Slaidburn

THE PARISH OF HODDER VALLEY

Diocese of Blackburn

The Parish Churches of Saint Andrew, Slaidburn, and Saint Michael, Whitewell with the chapels-of-ease at Saint Bartholomew, Tosside, and St James, Dalehead.

Parish News



August and September 2024

The Parish of Hodder Valley

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Vacant

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Margaret Brenchley

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John Cowking

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Eileen Joy

Safeguarding:

Margaret Brenchley

Additional Members of the
Parochial Church Council:

John Alpe

Mary Beattie

Anthea Hodson

Marjorie Pinder

Helen Wallbank

John Whitaker

St James the Least of All

On the perils of 'standing in' for another vicar

The Rectory

St James the Least

My dear Nephew John

You should not complain about doing duty in other churches when their clergy are on holiday. It is only in other churches that you will be appreciated. Beatification only comes from your own church on the day you leave – which is a way of firing a shot across the bows of your successor. I remember being greeted by a churchwarden on my first day here at St James the Least of All with the encouraging words: 'I've seen six Rectors of this parish; each one was worse than the last.' As the years have gone by, I am sure I will have entirely fulfilled his expectations.

No; when you visit another church, you will be told all the many defects of their own vicar, and whatever *you* do will be praised. Store up these memories for the day you return to your own patch – when you will then be told how outstanding your own temporary replacement has been and how congregations thrived in your absence.

Naturally, this gives you the right to make similar remarks about your own congregation in the churches you visit. Unfavourable comparisons with the bell ringers, vergers and congregational singing in your home patch to the superb standards in the church you're temporarily serving will be much appreciated. Just make sure that the church you are staffing is sufficiently far from your own that word will not get back to your home team.

It is a mistake I made only once. After filling in for a colleague, I happened to complement the choir on the singing of the anthem. Unknown to me, a tenor was the second cousin of my organist, who received a rather embellished story that I had compared my own choir back home unfavourably with theirs. On my return the following Sunday, all the hymns were played fortissimo and at double speed and the choir in rotation dropped hymn books throughout my sermon.

Inevitably, when you staff another church, you will be told: 'It's the normal Service.' It will be *nothing of the sort*. Hymns will appear in unexpected places, Sunday schools will enter and leave (and enter again) apparently at random, objects will be brought to you to be read from, placed on the altar or blessed - just as you were about to try and find the pulpit. In any case, wherever you are standing, you will find you should have been standing somewhere else. But not to worry - most mistakes will be forgiven – provided your sermon is short.

So - enjoy your visits to other churches. And above all, make sure that your temporary replacement is so spectacularly incompetent that your own people will welcome you back with open arms on your return.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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Information for Visitors to our Churchyard

It is our intention to make the Churchyard a beautiful, natural and safe environment. We can only do that with your help, which is why we ask that you do not place certain items on the grave.

Below are some items which are not allowed unless written approval has been given.



Graves are laid to lawn, and plants and shrubs must not be planted within the grave scape. To allow for grass cutting and safety reasons, it is important that nothing is put on the grass than can make it difficult to maintain the Churchyard effectively.



Unauthorised items will be removed and sensitively disposed of. To avoid any distress please do not place items on a grave which are not allowed.

For more information please contact our Church directly: John Cowking 01200 423855

Our Churchyard Regulations can be found on notice boards in each church.