

Saints and Angels

The Newsletter of St James', Altham and All Saints, Clayton-le-Moors January 2019

Welcome to our new look parish newsletter, designed to help you keep in touch with what's on at the Parish Churches of All Saints, Clayton-le-Moors and St James, Altham. We hope the newsletter will appeal to everyone, including regular attenders, more occasional members of the congregations, and those who are simply members of the local community. And it's free – though if you wish you can make a donation when you pick one up in church, or via your delivery person if it's put through your letterbox.

A big thank you to all those faithful readers of the previous parish magazine. We hope you like the new format. Please let us know if there are any of the old features that you miss. If you received the magazine through the door, we will deliver this newsletter to you monthly in the same way (unless you let us know that you'd rather not). If you have any feedback on the newsletter, any ideas for things we might include, or a contribution you'd like to make, or photographs of events or happenings in the churches please email David Clarke, (djcake@gmail.com) who has kindly agreed to be the magazine co-ordinator.



The Rev Toby Webber

Some retirements:

A few people have stood down recently after many years of service, including:
Carole Bullock as Sunday School Leader at Altham
Frieda Whitehead as a Choir Member at Altham
Eileen Dixon as Magazine Distribution Co-ordinator

A big thank you to them, and to all those whose hard work keeps our parishes thriving.

Placement:

Please look out for and welcome Kenneth Lee, who is on placement with us until Easter. Kenneth is a member of Revd David Bacon's congregation at St Barnabas, Darwen and is training to be a licensed Reader.

There are lots of activities and organisations connected with the parishes which we will feature over the months. Details and contact information can all be found on the back page.

As well as this newsletter, you can always find out the latest news and any changes to the normal pattern by checking our websites www.allsaintsclaytonlemoors.org and www.stjamesaltham.org or our Facebook pages.



The First Advent Candle

Advent candles mark the progress of Advent, the season in the Church leading up to Christmas Day. A candle is lit each week at the beginning of our main Sunday service. Here one of the children from the church is helped by our vicar, Rev Toby, to light the first Advent Candle.