

## NOTICES for 21st May 2017

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### Hymns today at the 10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Introit	19
Gradual	35
Offertory	332
Communion	658 & 429
Post Communion	695

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**The Bishop of Blackburn has asked that our congregation be made aware of the statement on the General Election on June 8th by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. This statement may be viewed on our church website. Bishop Julian writes:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
As you may have heard, the Archbishops issued a Pastoral Letter at the weekend in advance of the General Election on June 8.

A copy of the letter is enclosed with this email. While the full text is too long to read at a Sunday service, you may wish to pass it round your church in others ways - such as by email and by pinning copies to noticeboards.

I want to add that, as the General Election campaign gathers momentum, and especially in the light of the recent local elections and the complexities surrounding Brexit, the contribution the Christian community brings to the table is significant.

In particular, our role in hosting hustings can facilitate a healthy conversation between opposing points of view and help gain some clarity on where the truth lies between claim and counter claim. This page on the Diocesan website (Home - Communications - General Election) has helpful information and links in relation to arranging hustings.

So I hope you will be able to encourage others to engage in the process and listen carefully to the party manifestos, so that we can then discern for ourselves what lies behind all the arguments before taking our responsibility to vote on June 8 and what will promote the advance of the Gospel and the Kingdom of God in our country at this time. As ever in Christ,  
Bishop Julian

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**PARISH MAGAZINE** - Today is the deadline for material for the June edition of The Messenger. Contributions please to acvgibson@sky.com or to Chris Gibson.

### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14-20 May 2017**

Thank you to everyone who gave their support to the week. For information about the impact of our efforts, visit [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk). We really are helping to transform lives.

**CHORAL EUCHARIST** is on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May** at **7.00 pm** in **St Peter's Church** and **CHORAL EVENSONG** is on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June** at **6.30 pm** in **All Saints Church**.

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### **FORTHCOMING MUSICAL TREATS**

**IOLANTHE** performed by St Leonard's Gilbert & Sullivan Group from **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May** to **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May** at **7.30 pm** in **Leyland Methodist Church Hall**.  
Tickets £9. Ring 01772 612030.

**ORGAN & TRUMPET RECITAL** by Gordon Blackledge, Peter Morrison, Alan Winstanley and Ian Hunter in **St Joseph's Church**, Harpers Lane on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** at **12.30 pm**.  
Retiring collection in aid of St Catherine's Hospice.

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**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP** - Annual lunch, **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** at The Owls, Standish, **1.15pm**. Cost £10. Please let Bill/David know if you intend to attend and whether you require transport. A warm welcome is extended to all men who worship at St George's.

**THE SUMMER QUIZ: BREEDS OF DOG** - Just 40 answers to find this time. The closing date is **9<sup>th</sup> July**, so lots of time to complete the quiz! Copies, priced £1 from Pam and Bill Walker. Proceeds to the Restoration Fund.

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### **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation classes will continue from **10.00 am to 2.00 pm** on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June**.

**The Confirmation Service will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at St Paul's Adlington.**

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**FISHING FOR TIDDLERS** - 5p pieces are collected at the end of the service on **Parade Sundays**, by the Organizations, in aid of children's charities.

**THE FOOD BANK** - Please keep contributing items which are "well within date".

**HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE** - In the event that the church needs to be evacuated, you will be directed by one of our Sides-persons to leave the church through one of our designated emergency exits. In most cases it is likely to be through the same door by which you entered church. Note also that the fire alarm may be tested at any time without warning.