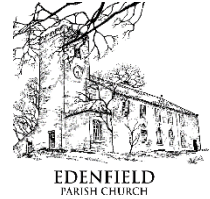


# EPIC 35

(Edenfield Parish Church in the Community)

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021



## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE / *John 4-end* Beloved let us love one another . . .

GOSPEL *St. Luke 16. 19 – end* There was a certain rich man clothed in purple

### TEAM SERVICE TODAY at Edenfield Parish Church

9.30 am HOLY COMMUNION to celebrate the feast Body and Blood of Our Blessed Lord – **CORPUS CHRISTI**

11.00 am ZOOM SERVICE – join from your own home this weekly act of worship.

Meeting ID 407 009 464 BIBLE READING AND PRAYERS

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2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1 . . . do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

Mark 3: 20-35 Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Next Sunday TEAM SERVICE 9.30am HOLY COMMUNION  
at St. Philip's Church, Stubbins

Three Persons in one: to one God alone we offer up our prayers.

We pray especially for all around the world who are suffering at this time and amongst our own we pray for

Dave Jackson, David and Beryl Harper, Pauline Lupton, Granville Barrow and we remember too in our hearts the souls of the faithful departed:-  
Albert Hanson, Elaine Hodginkson, their families and friends.

## Albert Hanson

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May I had the privilege of attending the Burial of Ashes of **Arthur Hanson** into the grave of his mother and father, Arthur and Alice Hanson. Arthur lived at **3 Blackburn Road** (the home now of Mrs Emily Formby and her family). he attended Edenfield School and excelled at cricket both for Edenfield and later for Lancashire County Council. He was a keen and active sportsman.

The service was taken by **the Revd. Stephen Crook** whom many of you will know from his work at the Rossendale Hospice. He is the Master of Ceremonies at The **Light up a Life** commemoration each December and former headmaster of one of Rossendale's schools and now the minister at **Goodshaw Baptist Church**. The service was attended by **Lynn** his widow, his son **Peter**, their family and close friends, numbering about 15 altogether. (Barbara Preston of Market Street was there – too, a cousin of Bert's.)

As we stood around the grave, the sun shone down on us, the blue sky with its puffy white clouds, the budding trees, the song of the birds, the peace of the old churchyard it could not have been a better setting as Bert's ashes were laid gently into the earth. 'God's in his heaven, all's well with the world,' I mused.

The minister began 'The Lord says, **'Do not be afraid, I am the first and the last, I am the living one: for I was dead and now am alive for evermore.'** *Revelation 1 17-18*  
When someone knows our name it means that we matter, what we do and say is in some way significant to that person. When God knows our name it means we matter to Him, even among earth's millions, we matter because He knows us by name and has made us His own. *What great words of comfort for us all.*

A quote from psalm 139 O Lord you have searched me and known me,, you know when I sit down and when I rise . . . in my mother's womb you formed every part of me. . . and in your book is written, all the days of my life – before even one of them came to pass.'

And Isaiah 43v1 The Lord says, **'Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine.'**

***Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.'*** It is hauntingly beautiful and I recalled the children from Edenfield School singing it with their sweet, soprano voices ten years ago. If it is not familiar to you then please listen to it. <https://youtu.be/91qJPW6pXPw>

Prayers and reflections were offered up and finally a blessing:-

**'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, The Lord lift up the face of His countenance upon you and give you peace.'**

*Numbers 6 24-26*

## Bert Hanson died 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

## Community News

I forgot to tell you last week that some members of

### Edenfield Village Residents Association (EVRA)

have worked very hard in the last few weeks to ensure that the Community Centre building is COVID-19 secure and all social distancing is in place. Thank you to them for making the centre safe for all who will come to use it as activities recommence.

### THIS WEEK

Monday 9-11.30am **POP UP CAFÉ**

Tuesday 10.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** at St. Paul's

7.30pm **STUDY GROUP** Meeting ID: 788 098 6689 Password: sunshine

Wednesday 10.30 – 11.30am Church open for **SILENT DEVOTION** or **DROP IN** for **PRIVATE PRAYER**

Next Sunday **TEAM SERVICE** 9.30am **HOLY COMMUNION** at **ST PHILIP'S**

EVERY Tuesday morning Holy Communion  
according to the Book of Common Prayer  
at 10.30 ST. PAUL'S

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our 'Team Churches' are open at **9.30am every Sunday** morning throughout June for a service of Holy Communion:

9.30am 13th June **HOLY COMMUNION** at St Philip's

9.30am 20th June **HOLY COMMUNION** at St Paul's

8.00am 27th June **HOLY COMMUNION** at Edenfield

9.30am 13th June **HOLY COMMUNION** at St Andrew's

21<sup>st</sup> June **ANNUAL FELL RACE**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July **FRIENDLY' CRICKET MATCH**

11 am Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July, **WALK TO WAUGH'S WELL**. start at the bottom of Gincroft Lane

8-11th September **The JIGSAW FESTIVAL** at St Paul's Church

## The CHURCHYARD

A great place to play and explore.

Some of the older generation may not approve of this but I do!

Last Saturday I had my three granddaughters aged 3, 7 and 9 for a sleepover. I had some jobs I wanted to do at church so off we all went. The middle child is learning to ride a two wheeler bike and has no confidence whatsoever – her elder sister is an accomplished cyclist, can cycle to Haslingden without stopping unlike her Granny who gets off and walks up the hills. She does have 7 gears on her bike, mine only has three and first gear doesn't work!

So the girls all took their bikes, the little one happily sitting astride her bike pushing herself along. From the lych gate to the tower is a great straight path to learn to ride a bike. Keep to the left and if you are going to fall off, fall into the grass and let go of your bike. More help needed in this department but I am determined that this summer the middle child will become competent.

After ten minutes of trying and falling she came into church and said Granny can I Hoover I don't want to be on my bike anymore, so she hoovered as I pulled out the hassocks and replaced them. Great team work. The other two came in to see what we were doing. They quickly reached for a duster and went round dusting the pews. When all was hoovered and dusted I suggested we go out into the churchyard and gather some sticks and fallen branches ready to have a bonfire in the donkey field on the next church work day. We made neat piles of twigs around the churchyard trees ready for the next bonfire and I promised we would bake some potatoes and toast marshmallows.

Next a game of Hide and Seek, so many places to hide on the southside of church – behind trees, in the long grass by the Barker's fence, underneath the tabletop graves. I couldn't believe that when the clock struck 8 we were still there and hadn't even had our tea. By the time we reached home and cooked a meal it was nine o'clock, ten o'clock by the time they were bathed and ready for bed. Eleven o'clock by the time we had read three stories, one for each child and said our prayers. Lights out GOOD NIGHT !!!

As I am walking down stairs three voices cried out, 'Granny, Granny, when can we go to church again?'

'In the morning at ten to eight I called back, NOW GET TO SLEEP.' *(Thinks: it was not a good idea to let them sleep in one room, I should have insisted they each had their own, but they were on holiday.)*

Downstairs I start to wash up then hear three voices again, 'Granny, Granny, can we have a midnight feast?'

'No you can't, now get to sleep all off you,' and to my horror I glanced at the kitchen clock and saw that it was almost midnight and all three were still wide awake chattering and laughing.

'Get to sleep now, you'll never be up for church!' I said in my sternest Granny is cross voice. OK they giggled back.

Dishwasher loaded, kitchen table cleared, all quiet. Right off to the study, get EPiC sent out. I was tiptoeing up the stairs, avoiding the creaky step half way up when a loud voice from the top of the stairs called out.

'Granny, granny, I need a wee.'

'Go on then quick you little mop.' I said, telling the other two to turn their bedside light off.

'I can't pull my pyjama bottoms off, can you help me?'

'Pardon?'

'Can you help me PLEEEEEEEEEEEASE!'

'Right. Come on now back into bed and not another sound from any of you.' GOODNIGHT

Off to the study, open EPiC 34 – so glad I had started it earlier in the week but to my horror there was very little done. Five am before it was sent out and I was falling asleep at the computer. Crawled into bed set the alarm for 6.45 am - got up, gently woke the girls by drawing back their covers. One little mop could not be woken so we left her in bed whilst the rest of us had breakfast and got ready for church.

Little Moppet did not want to get up, but with gentle cajoling and coaxing, threats and promises all three were breakfasted, clean and ready to set off.

'Phew I thought, this is like deja-vu. 40 years ago getting three youngsters ready for church. I looked at my watch and was horrified, it was already 8 o'clock. We flew down the road breathless and entered church just as Andy was reading the Gospel. How chastened I felt, the number of times I have said to my son, 'Why on earth can't you all get to church on time? Just get up earlier!!!'

Humbly I knelt and confessed my sins and shortcomings, my lack of understanding and made a secret vow never to have any of my grandchildren stay over again when I need to be at an eight o'clock Holy Communion Service.

## A GAELIC BLESSING – John Rutter

(one of Keith (Hotham's) favourite composers)

<https://youtu.be/JJKq-qTPwg>

**If you would like to share a favourite hymn or psalm then please email me and I will do my best to find it and provide a link for all subscribers to enjoy.**

and finally ...  
From one woman to another, Doctors' receptionists should have  
sorted out Covid 19 - it would have been over and done with  
last year!!!

Apologies for lack of photos, pictures, cartoons etc. this week but the internet is so poor I am still waiting for Sue Holdway's e mail with current readings to download. Also sorry to Gill Dean Lofthouse who sent in a photo of people enjoying the treats of the pop up café, I could view it on my phone but not get it to download / upload (no idea what the difference is) but you can imagine just how slow it is in the Dumfries and Galloway area. Send BT OPENREACH up here to sort them out!!!

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