

Welcome to St Mark's & St Peter's with St Andrew, Levenshulme

October 2026



'Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.' – 2 Corinthians 9:10

Our Regular Activities for October

	Zoom	St Mark's	St Peter's
Tuesdays & Thursdays	9.15am Morning Prayer		
Tuesdays			1-3pm Open Church
Wednesdays (from 9 th)	7.45pm Bible Group	10am Tots Group	7.45pm Bible Group
Thursdays			3.30pm Brick Church

Thursdays 7.30pm Home Group

Sunday 4 th		10am HC	11.15am MW
Sunday 11 th		10am MW	11.15am HC
Sunday 18 th		10am HC	11.15am MW
Sunday 25 th		10am Children & Family	11.15am HC

HC = Holy Communion; MW = Morning Worship

News & events

As of September, we need to be in a position in both of our churches where there are always 2 adults in the room with the Children's (Sunday school) groups . This need is to protect both adults and the children. Could you volunteer, even if only for one Sunday, to be the 'extra adult'? Please talk to George or Katie. We will be putting out a sign-up sheet for this really exciting and vital ministry.
4 th October will be our Harvest Festival . We are collecting items for Boaz. Additionally, any financial gifts for Boaz should be in an envelope marked 'Boaz' or 'Harvest'.
We will be having a bring and share Harvest lunch at St Peter's on 4 th October after the morning service. All are welcome.
On 3 rd October the Men's Breakfast moves to be at St Peter's church. Arriving for 8.45am for food, discussion and prayer. All men are very welcome. If you able to let Ralph, Paul Bishop or Peter Gibson know that you are coming, that would be helpful (but not essential)
Holy Communion at Moseley Court will be at 2pm on Thursday 8 th October
On 10 th October at 9.30am there is a work morning at St Peter's . There are tasks for all capabilities.
On 17 th October at 9.30am there is a work morning at St Mark's . There are tasks for all capabilities.
The Ladies breakfast is on Saturday 31 st October at 9am at St Peter's church. All ladies are very welcome. Please see Val P or Harriet for more.

Prayers

God's healing and restoration for: Samantha, Claire, Julie, Nora, Paul, David, Judith, John, Jerry, Galina and Slaviana.

Prayers: Faithful God, at harvest time we remember your goodness. Thank you for the wonderful things we have: the beauty of your creation, the kindness of others and the hope you give us in every season of my life. We're grateful for moments of joy, for the people who walk with us in life and for your love. Help us to hold onto that gratitude, even during hard times, and to share that hope with other people. Amen.

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by John

As autumn brings the gathering of the leaves, so, time brings the gathering of the years. As I hold the leaves of my life in my arms and examine them one by one, I see some still remain green while others have turned black (or were they always black?)

So, I realise how well they represent individual years of my life.

Some remind me of missed opportunities, but some of those missed opportunities eventually turned out to really be detours ordained by God to lead me into more pleasant or productive pastures.

Leaves that early fell (my early years) are twisted and discoloured and remind me, as well they might, of stupid mistakes made while young. While lately, fallen leaves remain colourful and bright, representing times when God has felt very close.

So, what have I learned over the last 80 years? Mainly this, time spent seeking God and obeying His calling have yielded more rewarding times and experiences. God reveals His plans for us in Jeremiah 29v11:

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Also, even the dark leaves of suffering have yielded a rich compost that can help new life. This suffering has often deepened my faith and caused me to lean much harder on my Saviour's breast.

I have recently been reading 2 Corinthians chapter 12. The apostle Paul suffered painful disabilities (some think it was eye problems). He had asked God to heal him on many occasions. God made the following reply in v9: ,

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Paul made the following response: *"Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."*

In conclusion, my prayer for you all is that God may give you His grace and lead you into His perfect will whatever age you are.

With every blessing

John Baker