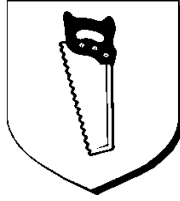




**THE PARISH OF
S. PHILIP & S. JAMES
UP HATHERLEY**



Dear Parishioners,

Another year seems to have flashed by and your Parish Church continues to serve the people of Up Hatherley Parish and the usual life events of baptism and confirmation, weddings and funerals. Since we last wrote the church and centre have been fitted with a new audio system which has greatly enhanced our capabilities for worship, services and community support.

We were very happy to welcome a whole host of young people to the church, everyone from local pre-school groups to the children from both of our local primary schools - Lakeside and Greatfield Park - for schoolwork and various services over the year. Last Christmas the church hosted, for the first time, a superb Panto performance of 'A Lad in a Manger' by Lakeside Years 5&6 pupils. Recently, the church was again full to the brim for Greatfield Park's Harvest Festival service. We look forward later this year to the Year 6 Remembrance service and celebrating Nativities, Christingle making and carol services.

Have you logged on to our parish website? There you will find our colour Magazine and useful information concerning services, hall hire and the wider community. Our updated and revamped Facebook page is filled with events, articles and connections with the life of our parish and beyond. Well worth a visit.

In these difficult financial times we continue to support the local community via the Lakeside Community Project and Christian Aid.

Earlier in the year we began a monthly Supper and Bingo night on the last Thursday in the month to which all are invited to come and share a simple meal and have some fun. To take part just see our website for details.

In December we look forward to welcoming a return visit from Bishop Paul Thomas to baptise and confirm new Christians into the faith. If, through a recent event or consideration, you have been thinking about your faith and would like to explore more why not pop along to church on a Sunday morning at 10:00 or contact me for a chat. The faith family of S. Philip & S. James look forward to giving all our visitors a warm and friendly welcome. God bless you.

Father Mark L. Catherall SSC, Parish Priest & Vicar.