



11 November

Armistice Centenary

Readings · 1 Kings 17⁸⁻¹⁶ · Hebrews 9²⁴⁻²⁸ · Mark 12³⁸⁻⁴⁴

Psalm 146 · **I will praise the Lord as long as I live**

Gospel acclamation · **Let all the world
in every corner sing: 'My God and King'**

The **Armistice Centenary displays** are open in all four churches this afternoon from 2pm to 4pm. You are invited to visit all four during the afternoon. *Many families have items passed down from the Great War. Please do bring them along at 2pm to add to your local display (which will be supervised throughout), and collect them at 4pm.*



The **Armistice Centenary Beacon** will be lit on top of Sellet Bank Whittington later today at 7pm prompt. Gather from **6pm onwards** at Sellet Hall (Wellingtons and torches recommended) for refreshments, plus raffle, cake stall, and drinks, in aid of Help For Heroes.



There are just **eight days left** to bid in the auction for the original of the Chas Jacobs painting on the Hornby Charity Christmas Card – details at these4parishes.co.uk. Bidding closes at 10am on **Monday 19 November**.

Wednesday 21 November 7.30pm [Hornby PCC](http://these4parishes.co.uk) Institute

Sunday 25 November 3pm Choral Concert
'From Darkness to Light' with Divers Voyces
plus refreshments *Gressingham Church*



Could you spare a couple of hours every six weeks?
Saint Margaret's has spaces that need filling on its cleaning rota. Please speak to José on 21071.



PEACE
is our theme

It's a year since our **Stewardship Renewal**. Please do review your giving again a year on.

The details you need are:
Whittington PCC 01-04-81 83241760
Arkholme PCC 01-01-60 94800464
Gressingham PCC 01-01-60 75562375
Hornby PCC 09-01-53 01663289

For anyone who needs to establish or update their **safeguarding training** for working with children and young people, you can obtain or update both Level 1 and Level 2 (C1&C2) in a single session at Holy Trinity, Bolton-le-Sands, 10am to 1pm this coming Saturday 17 November. No charge, book online at goo.gl/DJY7Ys

Whalley Abbey is launching a new programme of monthly quiet days *and* monthly residential retreats. The full programme is online at goo.gl/ioCM5P

SUNDAY SERVICES

Hornby 10.45am Parish Communion *every Sunday*
8am Holy Communion on 18 November and 2 December

Whittington Arkholme Gressingham

18 November	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	-
25 November	-	-	9.30am HC
2 December	9.30am SoP	9.30am HC	9.30am HC
9 December	9.30am HC	9.30am HC	8am HC

SoP – Songs of Praise; HC – Holy Communion

Youth-led service 10.45am in Hornby church
first Sunday of every month (2 December, 6 January)

Midweek communion every Wednesday 10am *Hornby*

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PEACE AND JUSTICE WEEK

5TH TO 9TH NOVEMBER

WHAT A WEEK IT HAS BEEN

We have had five stimulating and inspiring evenings and there is so much on which to follow up in the weeks and months ahead.

Reports of the first four evenings have been circulated round the village in the daily updates - and can be seen online at the benefice website these4parishes.co.uk.

Here's a report on the final evening.

After news from Israel-Palestine, local refugee support groups, Christian Aid and Cafod, and the front-line of church-sponsored work in Lancaster and Morecambe, we spent Friday evening looking at the new phenomenon of young people choosing gender transition - so many young people that it is now affecting virtually every high school in the country.

We began the evening with a series of video pieces in which young trans folks could speak for themselves. Most were accompanied by their parents, who had themselves been on a long journey of discovery. The youngsters had been "insistent, consistent, and persistent" – from an early age – that they knew their gender, and were increasingly bewildered, confused, and distressed, that everyone else was telling them the opposite, and demanding that they behave accordingly. This set the agenda for the evening.

Chris Newlands, vicar of Lancaster Priory, spoke movingly about being alongside trans folks in their spiritual journey, and how he had taken, all the way to national General Synod, a motion in support of church services to recognise gender transition.

Our own Fr Luiz talked about his work as head of education for the Diocese of Lancaster, in which he oversees twelve catholic high schools across Lancashire and Cumbria. All twelve have trans pupils. Fr Luiz challenged the prevalent individualistic assumption that makes 'identity' into something an individual declares, reminding us of the higher ideal whereby our identity develops and is nurtured within a community of mutual love and trust.

Kirsty Allan described how the theatre has satirised gender norms for more than three thousand years, from the ancient Greeks to Shakespeare, and from pantomime to burlesque. In each show, the host encourages the nervous performers and encourages applause as affirmation; and in the theatre of the church, Christ is the host, and we are all both nervous performers in need of affirmation, and the supportive community that gives affirmation to each other.

Finally Dr Lewis Turner of Lancashire LGBT talked about his work providing training and support services to Lancaster's schools, colleges and universities, and his delight that even the most remote rural primary school can rally round to be the confident community of love, trust and support that a trans young person needs.