



# Orthodox Christian Church of the Holy Apostles

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## **Newsletter November 2017**

### **MESSAGE FROM FATHER D**

Standard bearing poles.

Our Archbishop Gregorios has kindly given us two poles with stands that are suitable for processional banners, similar to the one we have in church of the Holy Apostles.

They require crosses to go on top and suitable banners. We have received a donation for a cross, and while we could transfer the existing cross and banner that we have, we are open to suggestions. A banner is likely to cost a minimum of £100, (and a cross about £50) please see Christos or myself if you'd like to consider donating one of the items.

God bless you  
Fr Dionysios.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School will recommence on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26 November.

### **BOOK REVIEW BY KIM MURDEN**

A while ago now, Andy and I were able to join Father Dionysius and Rebecca on a visit to the Romanian Orthodox Church in Birmingham on a Sunday afternoon after liturgy.

The church there were hosting Sister Magdalen from the monastery in Essex, a much sought-after speaker on raising children in the faith and a great support to parents grappling with the challenge of living Christian in a secular world.

What impressed me most about her message was the powerful combination of compassion for young people and a desire to provide strong guidance for them in life. She emphasised the importance of functional family life where children feel valued and listened to. But she also did not shy away from reminding parents of their responsibilities and the need to provide children with boundaries. She cautioned us to stay calm and to avoid outrage when our children get into trouble or start to push the boundaries. She spoke of times when we might have to let our children do something we don't really want them to do, citing the example of the mother who lets her fifteen-year-old daughter go to a party having explained her concerns and asking the daughter to stay safe. The mother, she said, would spend the night of the party in prayer and the daughter would feel glad that her mother trusted her and hopefully respond by behaving well. She said we should be careful of presenting God as the one who wants to spoil all their fun.

There are copies of sister Magdalen's books in the library.

The smaller volume, Children in the Orthodox Church Today, is a practical easy to read guide to raising children in the faith. It included ideas for praying at home and making the most of feast days and fast days as well as tips for coping with the various challenges that parents will face over the years.

The second book is longer, more intense. It is full of illustrations from Sister Magdalen's many years counselling and teaching children and young people as well as some quite meaty theology and doctrine. It explains the nature of a child's spiritual development and looks at how we use scripture and the teachings of the church to address their needs and build their faith at each stage of growth.

### **ROOF FUND APPEAL**

We need to raise about £4000 for repairs and re-roofing to the flat roofs around the church hall and other general repairs to the outside walls as a matter of urgency. Please give to this appeal if you are able, letting Gregory know it is for that purpose. Cheques should be made out to "Holy Apostles Orthodox Trust" and sent to 58 Kingswood Rd, Leyland, PR25 2UN. You may donate via Bacs: Lloyds TSB Sort Code: 30-96-85, Account 03316001, Ref: Your Surname, Roof fund. If you are a UK tax payer, please maximise your giving by completing the Gift Aid declaration.

Thank you Fr Dionysios

### **FOOD BANK**

There is now a collection box for the foodbank in the narthex as well as the church hall. Please add extra items that you may not have thought about donating are boxes of carton milk, tinned meat, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes etc.

***XPOVIA POLLA AND HAPPY NAME DAY TO THOSE CELEBRATING THEIR SAINT'S DAY IN NOVEMBER.*** Anyone who has not given Pres Rebecca their name day details please do so.

8 November	Archangel Michael	Alan Mellow  Michael Pratsas  Angi Adams  Michael Morcos
16 November	St Matthew	Biju Mathew  Matthew Emmett
23 November	St George	George Galegashuili
25 November	Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria	Ekatirini Aliri  Katerina Moraitakis  Andreea Fard
30 November	St Andrew	Andrei Davidson  Anda Marinescu  Andreas Evangelos  Andrew Pratsas  Andrew Deaconos

## ***NEW DETAILS?***

Please let me know if you have moved house, have a new telephone number or changed email address. Many thanks.  
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## ***MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE UNWELL***

If you or anyone you know from church is unwell please do let me know so that we can help in whatever way we can. Thank you.

## ***CHURCH HALL***

We are happy to let you know that our church hall is being utilised on a regular basis, but if you know of anyone who is looking for hall space then please speak to a member of the committee. It has also been decided to make the hall available for children's birthday parties, so please spread the word! There will be a leaflet printed shortly which may be used to advertise the hall for the parties. If you would like some then please speak to a member of the committee.

## ***NEWSLETTER INCLUSIONS***

The deadline for any announcements, news, Christian book reviews or articles is the 26<sup>th</sup> of each month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. If you wish for it to be included for more than one month, then please specify the length of time. All items may be emailed to Nicky at [ntpratsas@yahoo.com](mailto:ntpratsas@yahoo.com).

<b>Services and Events for November 2017</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service/Event</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> November	7:00pm	Vespers
5 <sup>th</sup> November	10:30am	Holy Liturgy
8 <sup>th</sup> November	7:00pm	Vespers
12 <sup>th</sup> November	10:30am	Holy Liturgy Sunday school
15 <sup>th</sup> November	7:00pm	Vespers
19 <sup>th</sup> November	10:30am	Holy Liturgy
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	7:00pm	Vespers
26 November	10:30am	Holy Liturgy Sunday school
29 <sup>th</sup> November	7:00pm	Vespers

**\*No services in Dalton-in-Furness this month.**