

## The Parish of Christ Church, Lancaster

*A vibrant inclusive worshipping community*

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Twentieth Sunday of Trinity

*We welcome Rev'd Keith Brockbank and Rev'd Gary Bowness who will be presiding and preaching today.*

#### Collect

God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation  
the joys of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### Readings

##### Isaiah 53.4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.  
But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.  
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.  
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.  
They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.  
Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.  
Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many  
righteous,

and he shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.  
*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

##### Psalm 91:9-19

**Refrain: Keep me as the apple of your eye.**

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the Lord your refuge  
and the Most High your stronghold,  
<sup>10</sup> There shall no evil happen to you,  
neither shall any plague come near your tent.  
<sup>11</sup> For he shall give his angels charge over you,  
to keep you in all your ways.  
<sup>12</sup> They shall bear you in their hands,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
<sup>13</sup> You shall tread upon the lion and adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample  
underfoot.

**Keep me as the apple of your eye.**

<sup>14</sup> Because they have set their love upon me,  
therefore will I deliver them;  
I will lift them up, because they know my name.  
<sup>15</sup> They will call upon me and I will answer them;  
I am with them in trouble,  
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.  
<sup>16</sup> With long life will I satisfy them  
and show them my salvation.

**Keep me as the apple of your eye.**

##### Hebrews 5.1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

'You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you';  
as he says also in another place,  
'You are a priest for ever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he

suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to (Mark 10.35-45) Glory to you, O Lord.*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ*

#### **Post Communion:**

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world

from the darkness of ignorance:

let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding

that we may know the way of life,

and walk in it without stumbling;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

#### **Prayers**

*Please remember in your prayers:*

**Those who are sick:** Olive Niccolls, Youngblood McCray, Ernie Wilson, Pat Brooks, Ivy Buckley, Stephen Gardner, Ann Gilbride, Thea Harris-Ellis, Thomas Platt, Janet Ball, Dorothy Eidsforth, Ella Patterson, Barry Pickering, Sitar Rose, Heather McFadden, Maddison Crompton, Irene Forrester, Sister Jocelyn OHP, Galiba Sijarič.

**RIP:** Elly, Hadžira Mehmedović

#### **Parish Cycle of Prayer:**

Those who live and work in Rydal Road and Windermere Road; GPs, nurses, health visitors, midwives and other community health professionals.

Please also pray for Hughie James to be baptised on 17<sup>th</sup> October

And Olivia Evelyn, to be baptised on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Also for Darryl Flynn and Helen Rawlinson, whose Banns are being read.

#### **Prayer and Worship this week:**

*Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October*

8:30 am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

10:30 am Parish Eucharist with Children's Church (in church, then uploaded to YouTube\*)

12 pm Christening Service

6 pm Eucharist – *St Luke* (Lady Chapel)

*Tuesday*

4 pm Prayer4 (on Zoom)

*Wednesday*

5:30 pm Meditation, followed by

6 pm Evening Prayer (Storey Chapel)

*Friday* 9:30 am Holy Communion

*Saturday* 9pm: Compline (YouTube\*)

*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October*

8:30 am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

10:30 am Parish Eucharist with Children's Church (in church, then uploaded to YouTube\*)

3 pm Christening Service

6 pm Evening Prayer (Lady Chapel)

\*The Christ Church YouTube channel is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPoAvGj4K9085RV8zo0ZS9Q>

#### **Zoom Prayer**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October is the next meeting of Prayer4 - 30 minutes of prayer, at 4pm every fortnight. There'll be a short Bible reading, some music, some stillness, and space to pray for the people and places on your heart - all from the comfort of your own sofa. Zoom details:

<https://zoom.us/j/8069459310?pwd=TIV6QUQ5UVdiK0p1MQQ0cE0vRXIvUT09> Meeting ID: 806 945 9310 Password: ChristChch. Dial in: 0208 080 6591 Meeting ID: 806 945 9310 Password: 310771 (Any queries see Rev Carol)

#### **All Saints and All Souls - 31st October**

As part of our commemoration of All Saints and All Souls this year, there will be the following services:

- 3pm Memorial Service for those who have died in the last two years, especially inviting the families of

those who have had a church funeral recently. A simple service of reflection and comfort, with opportunities to light candles and name loved ones.

- 6pm All Souls Eucharist - praying for the faithful departed. If you would like a loved one remembered at this service, please PRINT their name on the list at the back of church.

### Taizé Eucharist

The next Taizé Eucharist will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm until 6.45pm, with music, stillness and prayer inspired by the ecumenical Taizé Community in France. As we approach COP26, the service will also include prayers for the climate crisis. Everyone welcome!

### Reading Luke's Gospel in 2022

The sessions are led by Dr Karl Möller 6th November 2021 9.30-3.30pm St Thomas Church Lancaster, Marton Street, Lancaster LA1 1XX. To book, visit: [karlmoeller.net/reading-lukes-gospel-in-2022/](http://karlmoeller.net/reading-lukes-gospel-in-2022/). Costs are free but donations of £10 appreciated.

### Children's Church

Children's Church continues to meet regularly during the 10:30 Eucharists on Sundays (or in Christ Church: All Together services). We look forward to seeing you and your children/grandchildren there!

### Giggle (or Groan) of the week - suggestions welcome!

- Q. What sort of lights were on Noah's Ark?  
A. Floodlights.

### Baptisms and Confirmations 2021

If you are interested in being baptised and/or confirmed, or know someone who would like to be, please let Rev'd Carol know. There will be a confirmation service with Bishop Jill on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November, with preparation classes beforehand. Confirmation is a public declaration of faith in Christ, and the Bishop represents the whole church in giving the gift of the Holy Spirit. It may (but not necessarily) be a time to begin receiving Holy Communion. Children may be in Year 6 or above.

### Tiddlers Group

The Tiddlers group runs each Friday, All pre-school-age children and their carers (parents/grandparents, etc.) are very welcome to come for activities, a chat, etc., at 10:30 am in the Hall. Please contact Julie Tinnion for more details.

### Pray and fast for the climate

Please join in praying for climate justice and climate action ahead of CoP26 in Glasgow in November. A global movement of Christians is praying and fasting on the first Sunday of each month for climate justice. [christchurchlancaster.org.uk](http://christchurchlancaster.org.uk)

We hope to hold a vigil here sometime in October, ahead of the Glasgow summit. You can find out more at <https://prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk>

### Christ Church: 70 trees for the Treebilee

The Eco-Group are encouraging each of us to sponsor or plant a tree as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. You can either arrange your own sponsorship, through organisations such as the National Trust or Woodland Trust: for £5 per tree <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/plant-a-tree>; or £6 <https://www.treesforcities.org/get-involved/donate>. Or become a member of the Woodland Trust, which will count as five trees or buy membership as gifts. If you prefer to give through Church, please give £3 to the Eco-Group collection, who will then arrange for trees to be planted in the National Forest. <https://www.nationalforest.org/donate> There will be a display at the back of church to show how many trees have been planted in the name of Christ Church - so if you make your own arrangements, please add your name to it!

### Threads through Creation

A stunning exhibition of huge silk panels re-imagining the Genesis story at Lancaster Priory. 29th September to 3rd November Mondays - Saturdays 10-4. Admission free.

### Legacies at Christ Church.

Gifts in Wills are an important part of Christian stewardship, and dedicating a gift is one way to thank God for blessings received. If you're considering writing a Will and leaving a gift to the church, there is a lilac leaflet available near the offertory box which explains more. The PCC have recently passed a Legacy Policy to ensure that gifts are used well to support Christ Church's mission and ministry, whilst taking into account a donor's wishes. If you wish to speak to Rev'd Carol or Jacqueline Stamper in confidence, or for further details, please see [www.churchlegacy.org.uk](http://www.churchlegacy.org.uk).

### PCC Away Day

On 20th October, the PCC are having an away day - to pray and discuss and plan our longer-term sense of where God is calling Christ Church in the years to come, and how we best use our time, talents and resources to support that work. Please keep the PCC in your prayers, and if you have any queries please let Rev'd Carol know.

### Deanery Synod Invitation – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October

On Thursday 21st at 7.30pm, Deanery Synod will be meeting at Christ Church - everyone's welcome to come and hear more about what's going on in the [www.facebook.com/christchurchlancaster](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchlancaster)

churches of our deanery, and to hear speakers from local organisations supporting asylum seekers and refugees in our area. It will be followed by Compline.

**The next PCC meeting**

... will be on the 10th November. If there are issues or concerns you'd like to raise, or things you'd like to see the Church doing, please let Julie Buckley/Rev Carol know.

**Thank you!!**

To everyone who helped with, and supported the Apple Festival - it was lovely to see so many from the local community as part of our Harvest Celebrations. We raised just under £540 for church funds.

**Meeting up**

The clergy are available for pastoral support and spiritual direction, please don't hesitate to be in in contact.

If you or someone you know is going through a difficult time or is seriously ill, please let us know as soon as possible, to arrange prayers, home communion, a hospital visit, or anointing of the sick.

**Advent Calendars**

The Real Advent Calendar will be on sale at church in coming weeks - please sign up on the welcome table if you'd like one (or more!). It contains Fairtrade milk chocolate, and also a story book to help get ready for Christmas. Suggested donation: (£5?) Each.

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**PLEAS OF THE WEEK**

**Night Shelter News – volunteers needed!**

The Winter season will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> November. If you'd be interested in supporting and/or volunteering with the Shelter this winter, please contact Jan Norbury, lead co-ordinator (details on back page). There will be a briefing session for volunteers on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 12noon until 2pm in the Church Hall. A soup lunch will be provided.

**LDHAS Winter Appeal**

Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service are making their Annual Winter Appeal. Cheques payable to LDHAS can be sent to Edward Street, Lancaster, LA1 1QH, or bank transfers to LDHAS, 40-52-40, 00031967 (reference 'Shelter2021') Thank you.

**The Olive Branch Foodbank**

... is in particular need of tins - including meat, fish, vegetables and pies., as well as donations of rice (*not* pasta or baked beans). All other items, including toiletries, are also gratefully received!

Or you can give money for them to buy what is needed: <https://www.the-olivebranch.org.uk/donate/>

**Recycling Sunday**

Please bring your blister packs, used dental products (brushes, toothpaste tubes, etc) and crisp packets next on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, ready for recycling.

**Church Repair Fund**

We recently launched our Church Repair Fund to help keep our buildings in good condition so that they can continue to be used for ministry and outreach in the years to come. There are several big projects on the Porch, East Wall, and Hall, which are in need of urgent work. If you'd like more details about what is going on, please pick up a leaflet - and if you are able to make a donation, there are envelopes available. If you're able to give of your time and talents to plan or help with some fundraising events - please keep an eye on the notices for more details!

You can also contribute online via the Give a Little website: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/1c7889a9-7ef8-4730-a84a-2d434726c909>

**Supporting Christ Church**

If you would like to support Christ Church's work and worship regularly, or you already do - please consider giving by Direct Debit. Christ Church is now taking part in the Parish Giving Scheme, which allows us to offer direct debit as an option. This national Scheme takes a lot of hassle out of claiming gift aid, and ensures that any donation is covered by guarantees. It also allows you to easily review how much you give depending on circumstances. There are no costs or overheads to the parish. For more information, the QR code takes you to our page on the scheme:



Online at [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk)

By telephone 0333 002 1271 Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm. Postal forms available on request. For any of these methods our PGS code 030603240 ensures that your gift goes to our church.

**Christ Church Crafting:**

... will meet next on Tuesday 24th October at 11:30am in the Hall - all welcome! Bring your own craft project, or make a pennant for the community bunting. We will be looking at creating decorations/hangings for one of the Advent Christmas trees on 4<sup>th</sup> December, so bring ideas too. Future meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the same time. Contact Marion Cowan for further details.

### Gardening Day

This Friday, 22nd October, 12noon onwards. Everyone welcome, stay as long as you can! Please bring gardening gloves and, if possible, secateurs.

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### Prayers & our Newsletter

If you, or someone you know would like to receive this newsletter, either electronically or a paper version - do let Jacqueline/Rev Carol know and we will endeavour to keep in contact with people. We will be praying daily for all who are suffering in the current crisis. If you would like us to pray for you, or for someone you know, for any reason, please email your request to [prayer@christchurchlancaster.org.uk](mailto:prayer@christchurchlancaster.org.uk) or text the Prayer Chain on 07980 351855. Please ask the person's permission if you'd like them included in the weekly notices.

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### Thought for the week

Pray, and let God worry. *Martin Luther*

### Eco-Group Thought/Action for the Week

Please clean bird feeders to protect winter migrants from disease, and clean nest boxes for shelter for birds on cold winter nights. Try building a hedgehog house or pile leaves up in a quiet corner to provide a hibernation spot.

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### COVID-19 – latest update from Rev'd Carol

Now that regulations on Covid precautions have changed, much advice has been issued by the government, national church and local health authorities, with each Vicar being responsible for plans and arrangements in each church building. After discussion at PCC on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, Christ Church asks that everyone continues to:

- Wear a face covering within the building, unless medically exempt
- Keep a safe distance - with some pews remaining closed to help this
- Use the Track and Trace code, or the paper sign-in sheet for each service
- Use hand gel on arriving in the building, and before receiving communion

*In addition:*

1. - At the 1030 service, communion will now be received from the rail; please kneel or stand to receive. Afterwards, please return to your seat via the Lady Chapel - The common cup (chalice) may be shared \*if desired\*. If you wish to receive, please remain at the rail after receiving the bread. The person administering will wear a face covering, and please \*do not\* touch the chalice with your hands, and \*do not\* intinct your wafer (dip it into the wine). The chalice will be wiped with an alcohol sanitiser between use.
2. Congregational singing will restart at the Sunday 10:30 Eucharist, with other services remaining said.
3. The 10:30 Service will continue to be recorded for those who wish to watch and worship at home.
4. Face-to-face gatherings can resume, outdoors where possible and with ventilation/face coverings *in situ* where not.

As a church community, we are called to act for the benefit of all, and especially the most vulnerable. We wish our church community to be safe, accepting and welcoming for all, regardless of health, or vaccine-status. Although regulations have lifted, I strongly encourage everyone to continue to take precautions and continue the good habits we have got into in recent months.

All of us will feel differently about the lifting of regulations - some ecstatic, some anxious. I'm more than happy to listen and hear your own views on this, and talk through what will help you feel safe and continue to be part of the church in coming weeks. There is a range of quieter and busier services at Christ Church so you may also wish to consider something different to your usual pattern. Please be mindful that some may not be as ready to be as close-up as others, and that is absolutely fine, so please don't be afraid to say, 'Please may I have space?' if you need it, knowing that no questions will be asked.