

A warm welcome to

# The Parish of Christ Church, Lancaster

on Sunday 19th June 2022 First Sunday of Trinity

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## Everyone is welcome to join in prayer and worship this week:

### Today - 19th June

8:30 am *Holy Communion* (Lady Chapel)

10:30 am *Parish Eucharist*

6 pm *Evening Prayer* (Lady Chapel)

### Tuesday

4 pm *Prayer4* (on Zoom)

### Wednesday

5:30 pm *Meditation and Evening Prayer*

### Friday

9:30 am *Eucharist* (Lady Chapel)

### Next Sunday - 26th June Trinity 2

8:30 am *Holy Communion* (Lady Chapel)

10:30 am *Parish Eucharist* (uploaded to  
Youtube after)\*

1230 *Baptism*

1.30pm *Baptism*

4 pm *Messy Church* (in the Hall)

6pm *Evening Prayer* (Lady Chapel)

\*Our YouTube channel is at: [https://](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPoAvGj4K9085RV8zo0ZS9Q)

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## Prayer for the Week:

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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**

## Children and Youth

### Tiddlers

Every Friday from 10.30am in the Hall  
For under 5s and their parents/carers

### Children's Church

Every Sunday during the 10.30 service  
For KS1/2

### Monthly Messy Church

Crafts, stories, song and a meal together  
4pm on 26th June in the Hall for KS1/2

### Youth Group (KS3+)

Fortnightly on Fridays at 4pm in the Hall



Loop  
facility



Please ask the Stewards for directions and assistance.

Please send items for inclusion in this newsletter to Jacqueline Stamper by Thursday lunchtime. Many thanks.

## Scripture Readings for our Worship today:



### Isaiah 65.1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

### Psalm 22

*Refrain:* **Be not far from me, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> Be not far from me, O Lord;  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

<sup>20</sup> Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my poor life from the power of the dog.

<sup>21</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth,  
from the horns of wild oxen.

You have answered me!

*Refrain:* **Be not far from me, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> I will tell of your name to my people;  
in the midst of the congregation will I  
praise you.

<sup>23</sup> Praise the Lord, you that fear him;

O seed of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> For he has not despised nor abhorred  
the suffering of the poor;

neither has he hidden his face from them;  
but when they cried to him he heard  
them.

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great  
congregation; I will perform my vows in  
the presence of those that fear you.

<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;  
their hearts shall live for ever.

*Refrain:* **Be not far from me, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall  
remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall  
bow before him.

<sup>28</sup> For the kingdom is the Lord's  
and he rules over the nations.

*Refrain:* **Be not far from me, O Lord.**

### **Galatians 3.23-end**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

28 There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to* **Luke** (Luke 8.26-39)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.'

So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

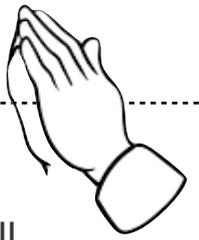
*This is the Gospel of the Lord.* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### **Prayer after Communion:**

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## Please remember in your prayers:



### Those who are sick:

Youngblood McCray, Ernie Wilson, Ivy Buckley, Stephen Gardner, Ann Gilbride, Thomas Platt, Janet Ball, Dorothy Eidsforth, Sitar Rose, Istok Bratić, Yan Connell, Barbara Cocker, Lori Guerrard, Pauline Green TOHP, Niki Artega, Molly Saylor, David Morris

**Those who have died recently:** Susan Edwards, Sheila Gaskell, Alan Liver, Lindsey deLao

**Those being baptised:** Luan Gander, Alina Pilkington, Devon Parker

**Those preparing for marriage:** Sam Robson and Ella Hall

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Langdale Place, Melrose Street.

The staff, volunteers and patients at St John's Hospice

### Zoom Prayer:

Tuesday 21st June 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://us06web.zoom.us/j/8069459310?pwd=cVJlZDlnNXF2dDVFVWThVa0Z0VWE5dz09>  
Meeting ID: 806 945 9310

### Taizé

On the first Sunday of every month at 6pm, there is a beautiful service of prayer, music and stillness in the style of the Taizé Community. The next will be on 3rd July - everyone welcome! If you'd like to join the music group (singing or instrumental), the rehearsal starts at 4.30pm. Do see Julian if you'd be interested.

### Thought for the week

There are three stages to every great work of God; first it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done.

*James Hudson Taylor*

### 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.

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.

## In Other News...



### 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/>



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

Enrich the lives of others by offering trips out, if you are able, to those who can no longer reach the beautiful countryside and experience the joy of nature.

### Recycling at Christ Church

The next collection of crisp packets, used toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, and blister packets of tablets will be on Sunday 3rd July, and the first Sunday of every month.

### Cross Bay Walk for Madagascar

The Eco-Group are supporting a local charity, Money for Madagascar, as part of their work to reduce the effects of climate change. In addition to the fundraising bookstall at the back of church, you may also wish to join some of the group to do the Cross Bay Walk this coming Saturday, 25th June, leaving Arnside at 3pm.

If you have booked your place and would like a lift, please tell Rev'd Carol. The walk costs £12/adult, and £2/dog, plus money for train fare. If you'd like an MfM t-shirt, these are £5

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

Whoever invented knock-knock jokes deserves a no-bell prize.

### Study Group

If you would enjoy exploring our weekly Bible readings and sermons further, all are welcome to an informal study group meeting after the 10:30 Eucharist on Sundays, starting today, 19th June. The groups will meet either in the Hall or the Storey Chapel.

### PCC Meeting

The next Church Council meeting will be on 22nd June - if there are ideas, suggestions or issues you'd like discussing, please let Rev'd Carol/Julie Buckley know.

### Thank you!

..... to the generous anonymous donor who helped fund the purchase of a roving microphone, which will enable children's and others' voices around the church to be heard by everyone during services, etc.

## **Community at Christ Church:**

### **Christ Church Crafting**

... will meet next on Tuesday 12th July at 11:30am in the Hall - all welcome! Bring your own craft project, or help with a community banner. Future meetings will be on the second Tuesday of the month at the same time. Contact Marion Cowan for further details.

### **Gardening Session**

The next church gardening session will be this Friday, 24th June, 2-3 pm. All welcome!

### **Next Saturday 25th June - Help Needed!**

From 9.30-12.30am next Saturday, help is needed to clean and tidy the church and hall, along with some basic DIY. Please bring gloves and old clothes, and wear closed-toe shoes. Come for 30 minutes, or longer if you're able; children welcome to help too. Brunch will be provided!

### **Lancaster Pride 26th June**

Everyone in our churches is welcome to come and join the local Christians taking part in Lancaster Pride Parade next Sunday 26th June. It starts at 11am so you might want to attend worship earlier, or in the evening? Meet at The Cornerstone at 10.45am, or look out for the 'Big Jesus' puppet coming from Liberty Church, Blackpool and gather around him in the parade. Banners, placards or flags with words of love and inclusion are optional extras, as is colourful dress. The important thing is to be there if you believe that God loves LGBTQ+ people and that Jesus welcomes them in his church. We hope to see lots of you.

### **Help buy mobile 'phones for asylum seekers - RAIS**

RAIS and St T's Asylum Seeker & Refugee Support Network currently have about 50 asylum seekers waiting to let their family know they've arrived safely. Help us to provide them with a 'phone - often their only way of staying connected to their home and family. Any support would be greatly appreciated! You can give via <https://gofund.me/615ac706>, or please see Pat or Jacqueline.

### **Gaia**

Luke Jerram's Gaia, The Festival of the Earth, at Lancaster Priory between 24 June until 17 July, 10am - 5pm. An illuminated planet Earth sculpture and programme of events. Adults £3, Children £1. <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing?eid=27689&>

### **Concert at Christ Church**

Lancaster Royal Grammar School's end of term concert will be on Wednesday 29th June at 7pm in church, £3 on the door, with a retiring collection. Everyone welcome. Please note: Evening Prayer that day will be at the Vicarage.

## Save the Dates: Please pick up a flyer!

25th June 9.30am .....	Church Cleaning, Tidying and DIY
25th June 3pm .....	Cross Bay Walk (see notice for booking details)
29th June 7pm .....	LRGS School Concert in Christ Church
24th July - 3pm .....	Pet Blessing Service
31st July - 3pm .....	Pimms and Hymns Service celebrating our favourite hymns
14th August 10.30am .....	Feast of the Assumption, followed by Barbecue in the Church grounds.
9-18th September.....	Heritage Open Days
24th September - 2-4pm .....	Community Apple Festival
1st October .....	Ceilidh
8th October .....	Parish Bounds Walk
2nd October .....	Harvest Festival
1-4th December.....	Christmas Tree Festival

## Supporting Christ Church

### Church Repair Fund

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



### Sponsored Sundays

If you would like to Sponsor a Sunday hymn (perhaps in memory of a loved one), please fill in one of the blue forms from the noticeboard at the back of church, and give it to Rev'd Carol with at least a month's notice before the Sunday you'd like to sponsor. You can nominate a hymn if you wish. Please place your donation in an envelope labelled 'Sponsored Sundays', and place it in the offertory box. It is up to you how much you wish to give!

### Supporting Christ Church - One-off Gifts



If you would like to make a one-off donation to the church as an offering, to pay a fee, or as a gift to regular funds, you can give through our 'Give a little' page: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/f63a0655-b270-4d05-bf35-3994747785d0> This will also give you the option to Gift Aid your donation (if you pay tax in the UK), enabling the church to get an extra 25p back from the taxman for every £1 you give.

### Supporting Christ Church - Regularly

Christ Church is now taking part in the Parish Giving Scheme, which enables you to give regularly by Direct Debit, and to easily review how much you give depending on circumstances. Online at [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) Or by telephone 0333 002 1271 Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm. For any of these methods our PGS code 030603240 ensures that your gift goes to our church.



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**A prayer for our new Bishop of Blackburn**

(Bishop Julian retires in August, and so we pray for the discernment process and those involved in appointing his successor. We pray too for Bishop Julian and Heather as they prepare to leave the diocese).

Heavenly Father, we pray for a bishop full of your Holy Spirit: a disciple who makes disciples, a bold witness to Jesus, and a Christ-like leader, able to inspire children and young people with the transforming message of your gospel. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**New Assistant Archdeacons**

Please hold in your prayers: Rev'ds Fleur Green, Leah Vasey-Saunders, and Sarah Gill (our new Assistant Archdeacons) and Rev'd Anne Beverley as Dean of Women's Ministry. Rev'd Sarah will be commissioned Assistant Archdeacon in Blackburn Cathedral on 5th July.

**Ordinations**

Please hold in your prayers those in our Diocese preparing to be ordained priest or deacon on 2nd and 3rd July: Jordan Bentliffe, Amy Bland, Sam Dickinson, Andrew Downes, Lloyd Etheridge, Alan Gault, Liz Gethin, Nathaniel Gilmour, Simon Griffiths, Barbara Houghton, Simon King, Martin McDonald, Jordan McDermott, Ian McGrath, Bryn Naylor, Tristan Meares, Ryan Otley, Matthew Rowley, Anna Walker, Mark Wooding, and Matteo Zambon.

**Buildings Update!**

Repair works on the Lady Chapel roof will soon be completed; resetting slates and damaged caused by Storm Arwen, as well as sealing the gulleys to reduce leaks. Work to resurface the Hall Roof (where the bitumen has deteriorated) will begin this week. This work will not interrupt Hall users. Grateful thanks to Andy Steele for his generous help.

Both projects have been possible through grant funding, donations and insurance. Thank you to everyone who has generously supported the Church Repair Fund!

Special thanks to Susan Brooks who has been repainting doors, gates and railings!