

A warm welcome to

The Parish of Christ Church, Lancaster

Sunday 9th June - *Second Sunday of Trinity*

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a vibrant, inclusive
worshipping
community

Everyone is welcome to join us in worship this week:

Today - Trinity 2

8.30am *Holy Communion*

10.30am *All Together Eucharist*

6pm *Evening Prayer*

Tuesday

4pm *Prayer4 (Zoom)*

Wednesday

5.30pm *Meditation and*

6 pm *Evening Prayer*

Friday

9.30am *Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)*

Sunday 16th June - Trinity 3

8.30am *Holy Communion*

10.30am *Parish Eucharist*

4pm *Godly Play in Church*

6pm *Evening Prayer*

Prayer for this week

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love
are nothing worth:

send your Holy Spirit

and pour into our hearts that
most excellent gift of love, the
true bond of peace and of all
virtues, without which whoever
lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son
Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive
and reigns with you, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. **Amen**

Children's Church

Every Sunday of term time
during the 10.30 service for
KS1/2 children

Godly Play - 16th June

Every 3rd Sunday of the
month at 4pm in Church
for KS1/2 children



Please ask the Stewards for directions and assistance.

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

Please remember in your prayers:



Those who are sick:

Youngblood McCray, Ernie Wilson, Thomas Platt, Yan Connell, David Foster, Susanna Michaelis, Lucas Calvert, Ron Holmes, Ann Boss, Geoffrey Heywood, Mary Tredennick, Sheila Parsons, Christine McCrann.

that God's healing, wholeness and peace are with them.

Those preparing for Baptism:

Willow Swales

Those being Received into Communion today:

Oliver, Bella, Alice, Lottie

- may they grow in faith and shine as lights in the world

Those who have died recently:

Juliann Dougherty, Audrey Crompton, Andrew Bell, Kurt Johnson, Sheelagh Lynch

- may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

In our parish, we ask God to bless and provide:

For those who live and work on Langdale Place, Melrose Street

For the work of St John's Hospice.

For our September mission weekend and the people we invite to share our church community.

For Kaarina, as she prepares for ordination, and for Bishop-Designate Joe (Burnley)

For the appointment of a Children's Ministry Leader

- that God's loving kindness is found and shared.

Zoom Prayer:

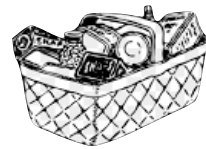
Tuesday 11th June is the next meetings of Prayer4 - 30 minutes of prayer, at 4pm every fortnight. There'll be a short Bible reading, some music, some stillness, and space to pray for the people and places on your heart - all from the comfort of your own sofa. Zoom details: Meeting ID: 806 945 9310 Passcode 942105

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8069459310?pwd=cVJI ZDlnNXF2dDVFVWThVa0Z0VWE5dz09>

Meeting Up.

The clergy are available for pastoral support and spiritual direction, so 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 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

The foodbank continues to be in great need of tins of fish, meat, vegetables and fruit. Also biscuits, crisps, multipacks of cake, cereal, jam, pasta sauce; packs of hot chocolate, coffee, tea, sugar, cordial, longlife juice, and many types of toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, toilet rolls, etc.) Or you can give money for them to buy what is needed: <https://www.the-olivebranch.org.uk/donate/>

Donations for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Donations of washing powder, laundry liquid, men's toiletries, men's hats and gloves needed. Please leave donations in the box at the back of church for RAIS.

Eco-Group Thought/Action for the Week



Sign up for one of the Great Big Green Week events this week <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/> or join our bug hunt today to learn about the wildlife in our church garden and share the ways that you help nature in your garden.

Recycling at Christ Church - from the Eco Group

On the first Sunday of the month, we collect plastic bottle tops/lids, plastic toothbrushes and electric brush heads, covers and flosser nozzles, also flossing sticks, interdental brushes and dental tape containers, We can still take medical blister packs, but owing to the large quantities, please take your own to Superdrug if you can.

Lunch and Bug Hunt

Join volunteers from North Lancs Wildlife Group on Sunday 9th June for a bug hunt in our garden. Please bring some food for to share for a picnic lunch, and the fun begins at 1pm. Part of the Churches Count on Nature project and the Big Green Week! Please bring some cash with you for leaflets as part of the bug hunt. Thank you!

Fairtrade Church

We are now a Fairtrade Church - as a sign of our care for creation, and our support for better working practices for farmers. If you buy items for church events, please check for the Fairtrade logo first.

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

I went to buy a watch, and the man in the shop said, 'Analogue?'
I said, 'No - just a watch, thank you.'

Tim Vine

Scripture Readings for our Worship today:



Genesis 3.8-15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent,

'Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.'

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

Psalm 130

Refrain: **My soul waits for the Lord.**

1 Out of the depths have I cried to you,
O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears
consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is
done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?

3 But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you shall be feared.

Refrain: **My soul waits for the Lord.**

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for
him; in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than the night watch for the
morning, more than the night watch for
the morning.

Refrain: **My soul waits for the Lord.**

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him is plenteous
redemption and he shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.

Refrain: **My soul waits for the Lord.**

2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5.1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know

that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to: **Mark 3.20-35***

Glory to you, O Lord.

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

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



Prayer after Communion:

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Community at Christ Church:

Christ Church Choir

..... sings at the 10.30 service about once a month, plus other special occasions, and practises in church on Thursdays, 7-8:15 pm. New members always welcome; if you're not sure, come along and give it a try for a few weeks! Have a word with Clive or contact him via

cliveshaw54@gmail.com



Craft Group

.... meets on the second Tuesday (and sometimes others!) of each month at 11.30am in the Hall. Everyone welcome - bring your own project, or share in one of the others on the go! No prior experience needed, next meeting 11th June.

Book Group

The church book group meets on the first Friday of each month at 4 pm in the church hall. Books are provided. The date of the next meeting is 7th June.

Anyone who enjoys reading and discussion books is very welcome to join us.

You can just turn up on the day, speak to Joyce, or send an email to

joycelynch1946@gmail.com

Date for your diary - 29th June!

We are blessed that Kaarina will be ordained Deacon on 29th June in Blackburn Cathedral at 10.30am. Rev'd Kaarina will then join Christ Church as Curate for the next few years to train further in ministry. If you would like to support her at her ordination, there are lifts available to the Cathedral. You can also welcome her in the Sunday services the following day.

Children's Ministry Leader

This post is being re-advertised. Please encourage people you think might be interested in leading and growing our work with children and families to apply, and please share with likely candidates and through your networks. <https://pathways.churchofengland.org/en/jobs/children-s-ministry-leader/1087>. *Closing date for applications: 12 noon, 23 June 2024.*

Use of the Sanctuary

Last week, a large chunk of plaster fell into the Sanctuary, from a height of at least 60ft. We're awaiting a specialist to inspect the roof and chimney to find out whether water has got in, and what work needs to happen to stop further issues. In the meantime, we will be worshipping in the Lady Chapel and/or using a freestanding altar in the Nave. Please don't walk on the carpet in front of the high altar!

Supporting Christ Church

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 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.

PCC

... next meets on the 10th June. We will be discussing how we function without Churchwardens, and with working groups for finance, care of our grounds and buildings, safeguarding, and social life. If there are items of business which you'd like discussed, please speak to Rev'd Carol or Julie Buckley.

We ask you to pray this prayer 'this time tomorrow' after a Sunday service - wherever you are. (Why not put a reminder in your phone?)

Lord God, Together with you by our side, we can bring growth to our Church. Send your Holy Spirit to give us good planning, wise actions, joy in worship and our welcome, the right words when we speak to others. Help our Church grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thought for the Week

You are called to be truly human, but it is nothing short of the life of God within you that enables you to be so, to be remade in God's image. As C. S. Lewis said, ... next to the sacrament itself your Christian neighbour is the holiest object ever presented to your sight, because in him or her the living Christ is truly present.

The Rt. Rev'd Dr NT (Tom) Wright

Hall for Hire - Don't forget that the Hall is available for hire, especially at weekends and during the day. £24/first hour and £12 for each subsequent hour/part-hour. Please contact Pat on hall@christchurchlancaster.org.uk 07980 351855 for more info.

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If you would like to receive the notices by email, please contact Jacqueline Stamper.

Gardening

If you can spare some time to help weed and tidy the church garden, our gardening group meet next on Friday 5th July between 12 and 2pm (and the first Friday of every month). Please bring gloves and secateurs if you have them - and contact Liz Mills if you'd like more details.

Godly Play! 4pm on the third Sunday of each month

Godly Play shares Scripture stories with children, and helping them wonder about faith, using a Montessori approach, with crafts and a snack to share too. It's free, and especially suitable for primary age children (accompanied by an adult please). The next gathering is on Sunday 16th June, at 4pm. Everyone welcome!

Date for your diary - 19th July!

The Bishop of Burnley Designate, the Rev'd Dr Joe Kennedy, will be consecrated at 11 am on 19th July in York Minster. To book a seat on the (free!) coach leaving from St John's Ellel at 8am, please click here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bishop-of-burnleys-office/diocese-of-blackburn-north-coach-journey/2024-07-19/08:00/t-avkxdmj>

Election Hustings - Tuesday 18th June

If you'd like to hear more about the local candidates to be our next Member of Parliament, their policies and how they would respond to key issues - please save the date for Tuesday 18th June at St Thomas' Church - doors open from 7pm for questions to be submitted, and the opening speeches begin at 7.30pm. This is hosted by Lancaster Churches Together. All welcome - bring your questions to ask the candidates!