

A warm welcome to

The Parish of Christ Church, Lancaster

Sunday 23rd June - Fourth Sunday of Trinity

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a vibrant, inclusive
worshipping
community

Everyone is welcome to join us in worship this week:

Today - Trinity 4

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist

12.30pm Baptism

6pm Evening Prayer

Thank you to Rev'd John Rodwell,
Rev'd Alex Logan and Pat Allen for leading
our services today.

Wednesday

5.30pm Meditation and 6 pm Evening
Prayer

Friday

9.30am Holy Communion (Lady Chapel)

Sunday 30th - Trinity 5

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6pm Evening Prayer

Prayer for this week

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to
our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with
your will,
that we may find all things
restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

Children's Church

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

Godly Play - 21st July

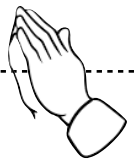
Every 3rd Sunday of the
month at 4pm in Church
for KS1/2 children



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, 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

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

Those who have died recently:

Audrey Crompton, Andrew Bell, Kurt Johnson, Sheelagh Lynch, Ernie Wilson, Joyce Myerscough, Ella Patterson.

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 Elgin Street, Dunkeld Street, Perth Street

For the work of The Gregson Community Centre

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:

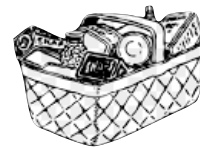
Tuesday 25th June is the next meetings of Prayer4 - 30 minutes of prayer, at 4pm every fortnight. There'll be a short Bible reading, some music, some stillness, and space to pray for the people and places on your heart - all from the comfort of your own sofa. Zoom details: Meeting ID: 806 945 9310 Passcode 942105

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8069459310?pwd=cVJlZDlnNXF2dDVFVWThVa0Z0VWE5dz09>

Meeting Up.

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



June is a time to enjoy the long daylight hours and to listen to nature that is buzzing, singing and rustling all around you. It's a joyful time when all nature is at its best and your sense of well-being improves. Most of all it's a time to witness God's Creation and be moved by the Holy Spirit to play your part in its care.

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.

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!

People say, 'Bill, are you an optimist?' And I say, 'I hope so.'

Bill Bailey

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 25th June.

Scripture Readings for our Worship today:



Job 38.1-11

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

‘Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

‘Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—

when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped”?

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

Psalm 107.1-3,23-32

Refrain: **Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and the wonders he does for his children.**

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

3 And gathered out of the lands from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Refrain:

23 Those who go down to the sea in ships and ply their trade in great waters,

24 These have seen the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep.

25 For at his word the stormy wind arose and lifted up the waves of the sea.

26 They were carried up to the heavens and down again to the deep;

their soul melted away in their peril.

27 They reeled and staggered like a drunkard and were at their wits’ end.

28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.

Refrain:

29 He made the storm be still and the waves of the sea were calmed.

30 Then were they glad because they were at rest, and he brought them to the haven they desired.

31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and the wonders he does for his children.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

Refrain:

2 Corinthians 6.1 - 13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark 4.35-41**

Glory to you, O Lord.

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

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

Prayer after Communion:

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Community at Christ Church:

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 5th July. 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 & 30th 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, and especially over the Jacob's Join lunch to welcome her after the 10:30 Parish Eucharist. All are welcome. If you're also able to bring some food to share, there's a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Thank you!

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>. The deadline is today, 23rd June.

Use of the Sanctuary

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. For the mean time, 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!

Save the Date 2

Our annual Pet Blessing Service will be on Sunday 28th July at 3pm. Please bring your pet in a suitable container, or on a lead. (Or bring a photo!) All creatures great and small welcome, but you're bringing anything larger than a Great Dane, please let Rev'd Carol know. There will also be a collection of blankets, treats, and old towels for Wolfwood. Please invite friends and neighbours along too.

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

... met on the 10th June. We discussed how we function without Churchwardens, 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

Rivers of living water are to be poured out over the whole world, to ensure that people, like fishes caught in a net, can be restored to wholeness.

Hildegard of Bingen, 12th cent, German Benedictine abbess, polymath and composer

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 21st July, 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>. You'll also need to book a place at the service here: <https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/Nzk3NS05/t> (congregation) <https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/Nzk3NS01/t> (clergy and LLMs).

Save the Date!

Pimms and Hymns are back! Join us on Sunday 14th July from 3pm to enjoy cake and refreshments, before a selection of favourite hymns from 4pm. Please vote for your favourite hymns on the sheet at the back of church - two votes per person.