

A warm welcome to

The Parish of Christ Church, Lancaster

Sunday 11th August - Eleventh Sunday of Trinity - Blessed Virgin Mary



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**Everyone is welcome to join us
in worship this week:**

**Today - 11th August
Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8.30am *Holy Communion*

10.30am *Festal Eucharist*

1.30pm *Christening*

6pm *Evening Prayer*

Tuesday

4pm *Prayer4* (on Zoom)

Wednesday

1pm *Wedding*

5.30pm *Meditation and*

6pm *Evening Prayer*

Friday

9.30am *Holy Communion*

Sunday 18th August

8.30am *Holy Communion*

10.30am *Parish Eucharist*

4pm *Godly Play*

6pm *Evening Prayer*

Prayer for this week

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of
the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose
her to be the mother of your only
Son: grant that we who are
redeemed by his blood may share
with her in the glory of your
eternal kingdom; 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's Church

Are taking a summer break.

Godly Play - 18th August

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, Christine McCrann, Diana Wickens, Steve Wilkinson, Richard Jones, Diana Doren-Dean.

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

Those preparing for marriage:

John Lyth and Barbara Perrott, Richard Verden and Louise Hulse

that God will bless them in their new life together.

Those preparing for Baptism:

Maya Pedder

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

Those who have died recently:

Ella Patterson, Linda Davison, Mary Tredennick.

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 St Andrew's Close, Quernmore Road, Campbell Drive.

For the work of our Cathedral, St Mary and St Paul in Blackburn

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

For our Parish Barbecue, and the people we will invite

that God's loving kindness is found and shared.

Zoom Prayer:

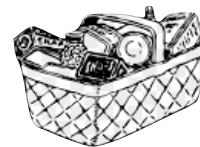
Tuesday 13th August is the next meetings of Prayer4 - 30 minutes of prayer, at 4pm every fortnight. There'll be a short Bible reading, some music, some stillness, and space to pray for the people and places on your heart - all from the comfort of your own sofa. Zoom details: Meeting ID: 806 945 9310 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

 Butterflies and moths aren't doing too well at the moment but you can help by planting flowers which provide all year round pollen and nectar, as well as larval food plants for caterpillars. <https://www.gardenersworld.com/plants/10-plants-for-butterflies/>

Recycling at Christ Church - from the Eco Group

On the first Sunday of the month, we collect 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. **No bottle tops please.**

Fairtrade Church

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

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 is on 13th August.

Book Group

The church book group next meets on the 6th September, and then on the first Friday of each month at 4 pm in the church hall. Books are provided. Anyone who enjoys reading and discussion 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



Scripture Readings for our Worship today:



Isaiah 61.10-end

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

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

Psalms 45, 10 - end

*Refrain: **Behold our defender,
O God, and look upon the
face of your anointed.***

10 Hear, O daughter; consider
and incline your ear; forget your
own people and your father's
house.

11 So shall the king have pleasure
in your beauty; he is your lord, so
do him honour.

12 The people of Tyre shall bring
you gifts; the richest of the people
shall seek your favour.

13 The king's daughter is all
glorious within; her clothing is
embroidered cloth of gold.

14 She shall be brought to the
king in raiment of needlework;
after her the virgins that are her
companions.

15 With joy and gladness shall
they be brought and enter into the
palace of the king.

16 'Instead of your fathers you
shall have sons, whom you shall
make princes over all the land

17 'I will make your name to be
remembered through all
generations; therefore shall the
peoples praise you for ever and
ever'

*Refrain: **Behold our defender,
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Galatians 4.4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 1.46-55***
Glory to you, O Lord.

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

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

Prayer after Communion:

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption



you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Community at Christ Church:

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. 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!

Christmas Tree Stands and Lighting Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported this appeal so generously - the stands are on order, and this year's festival will be better than ever! If you can still help with the costs of lighting, please speak to Julie Buckley.

Hall Chairs

Thanks to a generous donation, we have new-to-us chairs in the hall, which are safer and stack better. So if you can offer a home to some (or all) of the 25 old stacking chairs, please have a word with Rev'd Carol

Thank you!

.... to everyone who came to help with the cleaning/DIY morning yesterday!

Harvest Home 26th-29th September 2024

A weekend of special events at Christ Church to welcome people to our church family, and to share the love of God as we give thanks for the Harvest. Please take a card to help you pray for the church and our guests in the coming weeks:

Dear God, give me courage to invite my friends, family, neighbours, and colleagues to our Harvest events. Give them an open heart to this invitation, and may they grow closer to your love. May our church be a welcoming community where we see Christ at work in each person. Help me to share what church means to me, and speak of the hope I find in Christ. Amen.

Thursday 26th September 6.30pm Harvest Supper and Quiz Night at the Gregson Centre, Moor Lane. (£3 per person for supper)

Friday 27th September Look out for the Christ Church team's special events at the livestock market, LRGS, HMP Lancaster Farms, and Christ Church Primary School

Saturday 28th September 2-4pm Apple Festival at Christ Church
Apple juicing, Music, Storytelling, Games, Stalls, Refreshments, Competitions for home-baking. Free entry.

Sunday 29th September Harvest Festival

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am All Together to Share the Harvest

With a collection of tins and long-life food for Lancaster Homeless Action

6pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service

I'm going - it's going to be great! Would you like to come with me? Shall I pick you up?

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 9th September. If there are aspects of church life, worship, and work in our parish which you'd like discussed, please speak to Rev'd Carol or Julie Buckley, or one of your PCC reps.

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.***



Sponsor a Hymn

If you'd like to suggest and sponsor a hymn, to be sung within the 10.30am Eucharist, please fill in one of the blue forms from the noticeboard.

Thought for the Week

Whenever we look to Mary, we come to believe once again in the revolutionary nature of love and tenderness. In her we see that humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak but of the strong, who need not treat others poorly in order to feel important themselves.

Pope Francis

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

Did you hear Handel has teamed up with Hinge and Bracket? They've formed The Doors! *Tim Vine*

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

Promoting a Safer Church

If you believe that someone is at risk of immediate harm please call emergency services on 999. Any safeguarding concerns in a parish should be brought to the attention of your Parish Safeguarding Officers, Debbie Steele and Emma Muckalt, who can be contacted as above. Concerns can also be raised directly with our Diocesan Team, Tel: 01254 503088 or email safeguarding@blackburn.anglican.org

Safeguarding Training Saturday 17th August

If you'd like to know more about how we make churches safe communities, or if you do a role at church where you need to complete the Foundation training, as well as the Domestic Abuse Awareness training, please come to the Hall between 9am and 12.30. Everyone welcome (although if you prefer you can do these online).

Gardening- first Friday of every month

Our gardening group meet next on Friday 6th September between 12 and 2pm. They love to welcome new members! Please bring gloves and secateurs if you have them - and contact Liz Mills if you'd like 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 18th August, at 4pm. Everyone welcome!

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