

A warm welcome to

The Parish of Christ Church, Lancaster

Sunday 15th September - Sixteenth Sunday of Trinity

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a vibrant, inclusive
worshipping
community

Everyone is welcome to join us in worship this week:

Today - 15th September

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist

12.30pm Baptism

4pm Godly Play - CANCELLED

6pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday

5pm Evening Prayer

Via Zoom (see notice)

Wednesday

5.30pm Meditation and

6pm Evening Prayer

Friday

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd September

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6pm Family Evening Prayer

Prayer for this week

Almighty God, whose only Son
has opened for us a new and
living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and
steadfast wills to worship you
in spirit and in truth; 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

welcomes primary-aged children during
the 10.30am service during term time.
Parents/guardians are also welcome to
join in. Please see back-page notice.

Godly Play - 20th Oct

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



Loop
facility



Wafers available



Breastfeeding
Welcome Here



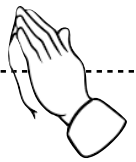
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& Baby Changing



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.

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

Those preparing for Baptism:

Macey Moffatt

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

Those preparing for marriage:

Georgia Walker and Matthew Atkinson

that God will bless them in their new life together.

Those who have died recently:

Jeanette Woodhead, Susan Allen, Diana Doren-Dean.

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 Stone Row Head, Coleman Drive.

For those living in sheltered accommodation and those supporting them.

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

that God's loving kindness is found and shared.

Tuesday Evening Prayer

At 5pm each Tuesday, Rev'd Carol and Rev'd Kaarina say Evening Prayer over Zoom. If you'd like to join them to give thanks for the day past, readings from the Scriptures and prayer, the details are: Meeting ID: 806 945 9310 Passcode 942105

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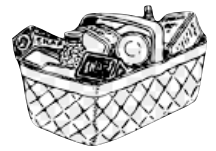
Taizé Eucharist - 6th October

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. 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.

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, long-life 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/>

Eco-Group Thought/Action for the Week



We are all aware of the devastating effects of the climate crisis around the world and remember those who have lost their harvest through fire, drought or flood. Pray that while there are many difficulties to be resolved in the world, Government leaders keep climate change high on their agendas.

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.**

Confirmations

Would you like to take a next step in faith? Would you like to start receiving communion? On the 24th November, Bishop Jill will be with us for a Confirmation Service at 10.30am. If you'd like to be Confirmed (and/or Baptised) as part of this special occasion, or are curious, please have a chat with Rev'd Carol. There will be 6 preparation classes beforehand. Suitable for adults of any age, and for children in Year 6 and above.



Ripley Supplementary Forms

If your child is applying for Ripley St Thomas School this year, please ask Rev'd Carol to complete the Supplementary Form with you during Office Hour (9.15am-10am on Sunday mornings). The deadline for forms is the 31st October.

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

Comedian at the Edinburgh Fringe: "Can you all hear me?"

Guy at the back of the hall: "Aye, I can - but I'd be very happy to swap places with someone who can't."

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.

Scripture Readings for our Worship today:



Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious. I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up..

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

Psalm 116

*Refrain: **Gracious is the Lord and righteous.***

1 I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

2 The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held.

3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

*Refrain: **Gracious is the Lord and righteous.***

5 The Lord watches over the simple; I was brought very low and he saved me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been gracious to you.

7 For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

8 I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

*Refrain: **Gracious is the Lord and righteous***

James 3.1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark 8: 27-38***
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

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

Prayer after Communion:

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Community at Christ Church:

We're recruiting!

Do you have experience of working with children and families? Are you joyful and confident in your own Christian faith, and would like to share this with others? If so. We'd like to hear from you. Please contact Rev'd Carol for an informal chat, and apply here: <https://pathways.churchofengland.org/en/jobs/children-s-ministry-leader/1409>. (The closing date is 24th September.)

Apples

Our orchard is full of ripe apples - if you can help collect these, wrap them in newspaper and store them ready for the Apple Festival, all help is gratefully appreciated!

Help Needed!

If you can help for an hour (or more) on the 28th September to set up, run, and/or clear away with the Apple Festival, please sign up at the back of church. Donations of food, and tombola prizes also needed.

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 and poster 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 - please sign up at the back of church)

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 Service

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

... met on the 9th September. We discussed the churchyard trees, the mission weekend, finance, and the Choir Church project with our school.

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

As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud [person] is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.

C S Lewis

Heritage Open Weekends

Thank you to everyone who has helped keep the church open for the Heritage Open Weekends!

Sponsored walk in aid of Refuge

Rev'd Kaarina is seeking sponsorship for the challenge she is undertaking in support of Refuge, a charity supporting women and children who are survivors of domestic abuse. There's more information and a sign-up sheet at the back of church - please support her and this very important cause if you are able to do so.

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If you'd like to keep in touch with Christ Church news, events, services and prayer requests, please complete one of the contact cards in the pews and return to Rev'd Carol

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

Gardening- first Friday of every month

Our gardening group meet next on Friday 4th October between 12 and 2pm. Please bring gloves and secateurs if you can - and contact Liz Mills if you'd like details.

Children's Church

... is an important part of our church life, and one of the ways children learn more about Christian faith. We're looking for helpers for Children's Church for the new term. If you can offer one Sunday morning each a month (or more if possible) please have a word with Rev'd Carol. An Enhanced DBS check will be arranged.

Godly Play! 4pm on the third Sunday of each month - 20th October

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). Everyone welcome!
Many apologies that this month's session has had to be cancelled at short notice.

Harvest Home - Food Collection.

As part of our Harvest services, we'll be taking a collection of the following items to support the work of Lancaster & District Homeless Action Service - more information here: www.ldhas.org.uk. Items needed: Long-life milk, Coffee, Baked beans, Tinned Veg., Ketchup, Brown Sauce, Cooking Oil, Peanut Butter, Cereals, Porridge