

A warm welcome to

The Parish of Christ Church, Lancaster

Sunday 6th October - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity



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worshipping
community

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

Today - Sunday 6th October

8.30am *Holy Communion*

10.30am *Parish Eucharist*

12.30pm *Baptism*

6pm *Taize Eucharist*

*With thanks to Clive, Gary and Brenda for
covering our services today.*

Tuesday

5pm *Evening Prayer*
Via Zoom (see notice)

Wednesday

5.30pm *Meditation and*
6pm *Evening Prayer*

Friday

9.30am *Holy Communion*

Sunday 13th October

8.30am *Holy Communion*

10.30am *Parish Eucharist*

6pm *Evening Prayer*

Prayer for this week

O God, forasmuch as
without you we are not able
to please you; mercifully
grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and
rule our hearts;
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 October

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, Steve Wilkinson, Richard Jones, Ella.

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

Those preparing for Baptism:

Joseph Mooney

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:

Diana Doren-Dean, Mike Seed, Betty Jones, Jane Cross, Andrew Sproxtton

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 Hartington Street, Park Square.

For the work of Lancaster Churches Together

For those preparing for confirmation.

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: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81366929814?pwd=jTDuV7HO8IR7I0nQ9Jrm2BrMxjIqVS.I>.

(Please note the recently changed link.)

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.

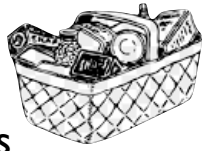
Meeting Up.

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, 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/>



Eco-Group Thought/Action for the Week

 Learn about [Food insecurity and climate change](#) by attending the lecture at University of Lancaster 24th October.

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 Kaarina (or email Rev'd Carol to arrange a convenient time to talk to her). Confirmation Group starts on Saturday 12th October, 5pm - 6pm, in church, for 6 weeks. 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 call in to Office Hour (between 9.15 and 10am each Sunday morning before the 31st October). As Rev'd Carol remains on crutches, if it is impossible for you to come to Office Hour, please contact her by email in the first instance, to make alternative arrangements.

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

A small boy went to church with his Grandma for the first time. Just after they'd found their seats, Grandma knelt down to pray, and the little boy knelt beside her. After a few seconds had passed, he asked anxiously, "Who are we hiding from, Grandma?"

Scripture Readings for our Worship today:



Genesis 2.18-24

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

Psalm 8

1 O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast.

3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained,

5 What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them; mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

6 You have made them little lower than the angels and crown them with glory and honour.

7 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under their feet,

8 All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

10 O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honour,
subjecting all things under their feet.’

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’

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

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark 10.2-16***

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’ He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ They said, ‘Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.’ But Jesus said to them,

‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Prayer after Communion:

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of 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. The next meeting is on 9th October.

Book Group

The church book group next meets on the 4th October, 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



Apple Festival and Harvest Home Weekend

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped support our Apple Festival, Quiz Night and Harvest Festival. It has been great to welcome a team of people from the Diocese of Blackburn to share this with us too. Thank you to all who have already contributed so generously in so many different ways - your time and talents, as well as your donations and purchases. Over the course of the few days, over £900 (gross) was collected, which was amazing.

Out of this there are some expenses to be paid, e.g. for the Quiz Night supper. Should you feel able, it's still possible to make a contribution to help subsidise these events. This can be done by cash to Julie Buckley or Jacqueline Stamper, via online banking (account as above: 06309941 01-54-90), or using the QR code or SumUp machine.

All Souls

As November begins, the church especially remembers the people who have been saints (those who signpost God's love in the world), and remembers those who have died and now know the fullness of God's love. As part of the 6pm Taizé Eucharist on the 3rd November, we remember by name those we have loved - please print their name on the list at the back of church.

Rev'd Kaarina's walk for Refuge - completed!

Rev'd Kaarina has finished her challenge to walk 60 miles in September to raise money for the charity, Refuge. Thank you for supporting her - she will now be collecting her sponsorship money to go to this worthy cause.

Refuge supports thousands of women and children who are survivors of domestic abuse. They can be contacted for free, 24/7 on 0808 2000 247 or at

www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk @RefugeCharity.

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

... meets next on the 9th October. We'll be reviewing the Harvest Home Weekend, and thinking about how Christ Church shares in the life of our wider diocesan family.

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

To live in the world without belonging to the world summarises the essence of the spiritual life. The spiritual life keeps us aware that our true house is not the house of fear, in which the powers of hatred and violence rule, but the house of love, where God resides. *Henri Nouwen*

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.

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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

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!

Harvest Home - Food Collection.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Harvest Collection for the work of Lancaster Homeless Action - more information here: www.ldhas.org.uk or give via the QR code. If you are able to take donations (including of men's coats and clothing) into their base in Aalborg Place, these are very welcome. Items also needed: long-life milk, coffee, baked beans, tinned veg, ketchup, brown sauce, cooking oil, peanut butter, cereals, porridge. *This Sunday is Homelessness Sunday. The theme this year is 'Homelessness ends with Communities' as the role that churches and communities play in ending local homelessness is vital.* <https://housingjustice.org.uk/donate-or-get-involved/homelessness-sunday>

