

A warm welcome to

The Parish of Christ Church, Lancaster

Sunday 20th October - Twenty First Sunday after Trinity

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a vibrant, inclusive
worshipping
community

Everyone is welcome to join us in worship this week:

Today - Sunday 20th October

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist

4pm Godly Play

6pm Evening Prayer

With thanks to Rev'd Alex and Fr. Gary 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

Saturday

5pm Confirmation Group

Sunday 27th October

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6pm Evening Prayer

Prayer for this week

Grant, we beseech you, merciful
Lord, to your faithful people
pardon and peace, that they may
be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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.



Loop
facility



Wafers available



Breastfeeding
Welcome Here



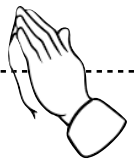
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& Baby Changing



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, 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 newly married:

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 Sproxton, May Bailey

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 Grasmere Road, Ullswater Road.

For those beginning half term this week.

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=jTDuVW7HO8IR7I0nQ9Jrm2BrMxjqVS.I>.

(Please note the new link.)

Taizé Eucharist - 3rd November

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.

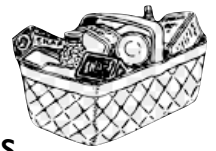
Meeting Up.

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.

Rev'd Kaarina's Sponsored Walk - last call for sponsorship donations

If you haven't yet given Rev'd Kaarina your sponsorship money for her walk in aid of the charity, Refuge, this is your **final** opportunity to do so. Many thanks from Rev'd Kaarina for your support.

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



If you haven't done so already make sure your nest boxes are clean and stock up on bird food, not forgetting clean water.

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 runs on Saturdays 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!

I always take my wife morning tea in my pyjamas. But is she grateful? No! She says she'd rather have it in a cup.
Eric Morecambe

Craft Group

... meets on the second Tuesday of each month (and sometimes others - including 22nd October) 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.

Scripture Readings for our Worship today:



Isaiah 53.4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

Psalm 91.9-16

*Refrain: **Keep me as the apple of your eye.***

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge and the Most High your stronghold,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your tent.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

*Refrain: **Keep me as the apple of your eye.***

14 Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them; I will lift them up, because they know my name.

15 They will call upon me and I will answer them; I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation.

*Refrain: **Keep me as the apple of your eye.***

Hebrews 5.1 - 10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark 10.35-45***

Glory to you, O Lord.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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

Prayer after Communion:

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in 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



Book Group

The church book group next meets on the 1st November, and then on the first of each month at 4 pm in the church hall. 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



Christmas Tree Festival

On the 6-8th December, we'll be hosting our fourth Christmas Tree Festival - raising funds for Lancaster Homeless Action and Church, and showing off the work of lots of local groups. If you're part of a local business which might like to sponsor a tree - please collect an invitation from the back of church - we'd love to hear from you! We'll also be inviting local community groups to decorate a tree - if this might be you, please contact Julie Buckley.



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.

Christ Church Trees

In the week of the 28th October, extensive work will be happening in the churchyard. This includes removing saplings which have become diseased, pruning back trees which are now too big for our small site, and removing shrubs which are starting to cause damage to retaining walls. TPO and faculty permission has been sought for this work - and in the longer term, we plan to replant with smaller, native species which will be easier to manage! If you'd like to make a donation towards the cost of this work, please speak to Rev'd Carol

Christ Church Tower

Work will happen the same week to clean out and pigeon-proof the south tower. This will make access to the roof safer when other repairs are needed!

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

If you're able to support Christ Church via a direct debit donation, you can do this via the Parish Giving Scheme. Every penny goes to our church, and it's easy to 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 October. We discussed lighting in the Hall and Sanctuary, plus our environmental health rating, as well as reviewing the Harvest Home weekend and how Christ Church shares in the life of our diocese.

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 maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others.

Pope John Paul II

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!

Christ Church Primary School at 150!

On the 25th January 2025, our school will celebrate its 150th anniversary! Originally founded by Rev'd Philip Bartlett on Moor Lane, it moved to its Derwent Road site in the early 1990s. If you have photos or other memorabilia which you'd like to share for their history project, please drop this into the school office (labelled, so they can return it to you!).

There'll be a special service for the school on the 19th January, and then our 10.30am service on the 26th January will have an open invitation to past pupils and staff to celebrate this fantastic milestone!