

A warm welcome to

The Parish of Christ Church, Lancaster

Sunday 3rd November - *Feast of All Saints and All Souls*

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a vibrant, inclusive
worshipping
community

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

Today - Sunday 3rd November

8.30am *Holy Communion*

10.30am *Festal Eucharist*

6pm *Taize Eucharist for All Souls*

Monday 4th

12.30 *Funeral*

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 10th November

8.30am *Holy Communion*

10.30am *Remembrance Eucharist*

6pm *Evening Prayer*

Prayer for this week

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in
every age: as we rejoice in
the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their
example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

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 - 17th
November**

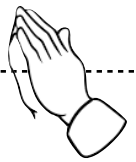
Every 3rd Sunday of the month at
4pm in Church for KS1/2 children.



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, Lucas Calvert, Ron Holmes, Ann Boss, Geoffrey Heywood, Christine McCrann, Steve Wilkinson, Richard Jones, Ella, Rev'd Kaarina.

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

Those who have died recently:

Mike Seed, Betty Jones, Jane Cross, Andrew Sproxton, May Bailey, Margaret Broad

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 Mill House Mews, St Peter's Mews.

For our link diocese of the Free State in South Africa

For Innes, beginning work as our Children's Ministry Leader

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.

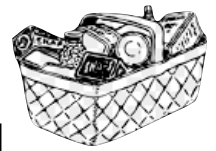
The clergy are available for pastoral support and spiritual direction, so please don't hesitate to be in contact. If you or someone you know is going through a difficult time or is seriously ill, please let us know as soon as possible, to arrange prayers, home communion, a hospital visit, or anointing 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 News

Rev'd Kaarina has had surgery this week, and we keep her in our prayers as she recovers. It is likely to be after Christmas before she returns to ministry at Christ Church, so please direct any enquiries or pastoral conversations to Rev'd Carol in the first instance.

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.

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



Our local charity MfM works to help local communities prepare better to face the increasingly frequent natural disasters to which Madagascar is subject. It is now co-leading an initiative with [Solar United Madagascar consortium](#) to develop projects using solar to improve education, health, and livelihoods. To learn more, please come along to a presentation in church on Tuesday 12th at 7.15pm.

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.**

Concert for Gaza - 29th November

At 6pm on Friday 29th November, local musicians will be hosting a short concert in Christ Church to raise funds for a well in Gaza. Please do support them if you can, and if you can help with refreshments on the night, please speak to Rev'd Carol

Solar Solutions to poverty and the environmental crisis - talk

Get inspired by Solar Solutions to poverty and the environmental crisis in an engaging talk by Irenée Rajaona-Horne from the international development and conservation charity, Money for Madagascar, on 12th November at 7:15pm in church.

Craft Group

.... meets in the Hall on the second Tuesday of each month (and sometimes others - including 5th November) at 11.30am. Everyone welcome - bring your own project, or share in one of the others on the go! No prior experience needed.

Thank you!

To members of the Craft Group for helping restore our 70+-year-old red altar frontal. The goldwork has required painstaking restoration - we hope it will last for many more decades to come! A huge thank you also to all in our local community who made poppies for a display in church next Sunday. If you'd like to buy a poppy brooch, they are available for £3.50 at the back of church.

Help needed - cleaning/DIY morning (and brunch) - 9th November

Please could you spare half-an-hour or more to help clean, de-clutter, do odd DIY jobs around church and in the hall on 9th November between 9:30 and 11.30am. Brunch provided? Thank you in advance.

Scripture Readings for our Worship today:



Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Psalm 24

*Refrain: **The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.***

1 The earth is the Lord's and all
that fills it, the compass of the world
and all who dwell therein.

2 For he has founded it upon the
seas and set it firm upon the rivers of
the deep.

*Refrain: **The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.***

3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the
Lord, or who can rise up in his holy
place?'

4 'Those who have clean hands and
a pure heart, who have not lifted up
their soul to an idol, nor sworn an
oath to a lie;

5 'They shall receive a blessing from
the Lord, a just reward from the God
of their salvation.'

6 Such is the company of those
who seek him, of those who seek
your face, O God of Jacob.

*Refrain: **The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.***

Revelation 21.1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth
had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new
Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned
for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'

Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said

to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To

the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 11.32-44***

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said
to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When

Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was
greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid

him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews

said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened
the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone
was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the

dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead
for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you

would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked

upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you

always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so
that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a

loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet

bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them,

'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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

Prayer after Communion:

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints
made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have
shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in
heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Community at Christ Church:

Book Group



The church book group next meets on the 1st November, and then on the first Friday 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. 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.

Remembrance at Christ Church

On Sunday 10th, our 10.30am service will be a Remembrance Parade. On the 11th November, there's a warm invitation to join the Friends of Miss Whalley's Field at the Memorial Stone in Derwent Road for a Community Act of Remembrance, gathering from 10.45am

Welcome Innes!

We're pleased to announce that Innes Heron-Stamp has been appointed as our new Children's Ministry Leader, and began this week. The post is for 22.5 hours a week, to lead and grow our work with children and their families, both in the parish and in church. Innes brings extensive experience as a youth worker and leader. Please keep Innes in your prayers

Advent Calendars

Fairtrade Divine Chocolate calendars will soon be available - please sign up on the list at the back if you'd like to order one for more for £6 each.

Christ Church Preserves!

There's a wide range of delicious jams and chutneys available for sale at the back of church, some recipes including churchyard apples! Please do support the church by buying a jar or two!

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

My nickname at school was Scarface - I was really good at knitting.

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

... meets on the 11th November. We will be discussing Safeguarding at Christ Church - both what is practically in place to keep people safe, and also the culture of our community.

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

Before you speak of peace, you must first have it in your heart.

St. Francis of Assisi

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, please have a chat with Rev'd Carol. Confirmation Group runs on Saturdays 5pm - 6pm, in church. Suitable for adults of any age, and for children in Year 6 and above.



Christ Church Choir

... always welcomes new singers! Please contact Clive on cliveshaw54@gmail.com

Key contacts:

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Christ Church School	Miss Emma Simpson 01524 60955

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. If you can offer one Sunday morning each a month (or more if possible) please have a word with Innes. An Enhanced DBS check will be arranged.

Godly Play! 4pm on the third Sunday of each month (17th November)

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!