

A warm welcome to

# The Parish of Christ Church, Lancaster

Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Sunday

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a vibrant, inclusive  
worshipping  
community

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

### Today - 10th November

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Remembrance Eucharist

6pm Evening Prayer

### Monday 11th

10.45am Community Act of Remembrance at  
Miss Whalley's Field

### 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 17th November

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6pm Evening Prayer

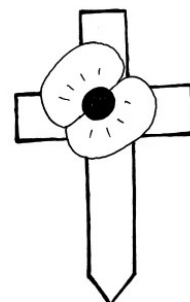
## Prayer for this week

God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when  
wars shall cease and poverty  
and pain shall end,

that earth may  
know the peace  
of heaven

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:**

Betty Jones, Jane Cross, Andrew Sproxtton, 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 Melbourne Road, Woodville Street.

For the staff and residents at Sir Walter Lyon House.

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?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81366929814?pwd=jTDuW7HO8lR7l0nQ9Jrm2BrMxjJqVS.l)

[pwd=jTDuW7HO8lR7l0nQ9Jrm2BrMxjJqVS.l](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81366929814?pwd=jTDuW7HO8lR7l0nQ9Jrm2BrMxjJqVS.l). (Please note the new link.)

**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](mailto:prayer@christchurchlancaster.org.uk) or text the Prayer Chain on 07980 351855.

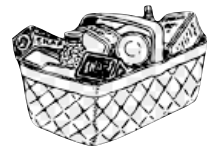
Please ask the person's permission if you'd like them included in the weekly notices.

**Rev'd Kaarina's News**

Rev'd Kaarina has had surgery recently, 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](mailto:hall@christchurchlancaster.org.uk) 07980 351855 for more info.

## In Other News...



### **The Olive Branch Foodbank- Christmas Appeal**

The Olive Branch have made a Christmas Appeal - for mince pies, Christmas cakes, boxes of biscuits, crisps, nuts, coffee, Christmas puddings and other seasonal foods to make up the Christmas parcels. 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**



The Climate Conference (COP 29 - 11<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> November in Azerbaijan) will be attended by UK Ministers Ed Miliband and Kerry McCarthy, and Tearfund Ambassador, Laura Young. She asks us to pray that God grants participants wisdom, compassion and unity in their efforts to address climate change and protect creation for future generations.

### **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) 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.

### **Thank you too!**

.... to all the helpers who came to support yesterday's working party. Not only did the church get cleaned, repaired and decorated, but we enjoyed a fabulous brunch together too!

**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 or more for £6 each.



## **Jonah 3.1-5, 10**

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

## **Hebrews 9.24-28**

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 15: 9-17**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

**Prayer after Communion:**

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life:

look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**



# Community at Christ Church:

## Book Group



The church book group next meets on the 3rd January 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](mailto: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.



## Remembrance at Christ Church

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

## INEQE Audit of Safeguarding in the Diocese of Blackburn

As some of you may be aware, the Church of England are working with a safeguarding organisation called INEQE to roll out a series of audits of safeguarding in each diocese. These have been scheduled to give an independent assessment of the progress of dioceses on implementing much needed changes after the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) and Past Case Reviews (PCR2).

The audit is due to take place in February 2025 and will entail a full scrutiny of work including Bishop's House, the Diocesan Board of Finance and Education and parish work. You're asked to complete a survey produced by INEQE to help gather a picture of what we are doing well and where we might need to develop practice.

<https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/blackburn/>

## 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!

*I bought a cheap wig this morning. - it was a small price toupée.*

## 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](http://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 (Thanks to Pat for suggesting.)

In the dark times, will there also be singing? Yes, there will also be singing about the dark times.  
*Bertolt Brecht (1939)*

### 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](mailto:cliveshaw54@gmail.com)

**Key contacts:**

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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](mailto: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!