

A warm welcome to

# The Parish of Christ Church, Lancaster

Sunday 15th June *Trinity Sunday*

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a vibrant, inclusive  
worshipping  
community

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

## **Today - 15th June**

8.30am *Holy Communion*

10.30am *Parish Eucharist*

4pm *Godly Play*

6pm *Evening Prayer*

## **Tuesday**

5pm *Evening Prayer via Zoom*

## **Wednesday**

5.30pm *Meditation* and 6pm *Evening Prayer* in the Storey Chapel

## **Thursday**

6pm *Corpus Christi Eucharist & Benediction*

## **Friday**

9.30am *Holy Communion*

## **Sunday 22nd June**

8.30am *Holy Communion*

10.30am *Parish Eucharist*

12.30pm *Christening*

4pm *Messy Church*

6pm *Evening Prayer*

## **Prayer for this week**

Holy God, faithful and  
unchanging: enlarge our minds  
with the knowledge of your  
truth, and draw us more  
deeply into the mystery of  
your love, that we may truly  
worship you, Father, Son and  
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  
welcome to join in.

## **Godly Play - today**

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

## **Messy Church - 22nd June**

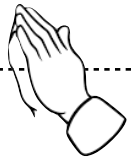
Every 4th Sunday of the month at  
4pm in the Hall for KS1/2 children



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, Richard Jones, Rev'd Kaarina, Liz Hilton, Marlene Phillips, Jamie Haxby, Mary Peel, Valerie Lawrence, Rev'd David Heap, Nicola

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

### Those who have died recently

John McCafferty

***may they rest in peace and rise in glory.***

### Those preparing for Baptism

Teddy Freeman

***may they shine as lights in the world.***

### In our parish, we ask God to bless and provide:

For those who live and work in Elgin Street, Dunkeld Street, Perth Street.  
For The Gregson Community Centre

***that God's loving kindness is found and shared.***

### Tuesday Evening Prayer

At 5pm most Tuesdays, the clergy say Evening Prayer over Zoom. If you'd like to join to give thanks for the day past, readings from the Scriptures and prayer, the details are:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81366929814?pwd=jTDuVW7HO8IR7I0nQ9Jrm2BrMxjlqVS.I>.

### 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.

### Choir Church

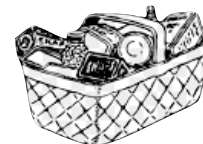
Our recent service in school was a great success, with 40 people attending! Our children's choir sounded fantastic. If you're able to help with the 4th July's service at 3.15pm in school, please have a word with Innes or Rev'd Carol. Thank you.

### 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.

## In Other News...



### The Olive Branch Foodbank

The Olive Branch badly needs all kinds of long-life food and drink (cans of vegetables, meat, fish, pulses; packets of rice, pasta, biscuits, crisps, bars, cereals; jars of pasta sauce, jam, peanut butter; coffee, tea, hot chocolate; cartons of juice milk) and various toiletries. You can also give money for them to buy what people need: <https://www.the-olivebranch.org.uk/donate/>



### Gardening Group

Our friendly gardening group meets on the first Friday of each month (4th July) between 12noon at 2pm to keep our church garden looking lovely. New members welcome - whether for all or part of the time. If you can, please bring gloves & secateurs.

### Book Group



The church book group meets on the first Friday of each month (4th July) 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)

### Craft Group

.... meets in the Hall most Tuesdays at 11.30am. Everyone welcome - bring your own project, or share in one of the others on the go! No prior experience needed. Please talk to Julie Buckley if you'd like more info.

### Eco-Group Thought/Action for the Week



This is a month when the natural world is alive with energy: from birds nesting and feeding their young to insects buzzing and wildflowers blooming. Sit quietly and take notice of all around you and marvel at it.

**Pathfinders & Voyagers - summer holiday clubs** - Innes will run activities for Pathfinders (age 4+ Tuesdays) and Voyagers (age 8+ Thursdays) each week during the summer holidays (10am to 12 noon). All youngsters welcome! See the flyers.

### Pimms and Hymns - is back!

Save the date for Sunday 29th June - with a Cream Tea at 3pm, and Christ church's favourite hymns at 4pm. There's a pink voting sheet in church - please use your two votes per person wisely!

### Monthly Lunch and Open Church - 6th July

On one Sunday of each month there is a free soup, bread and cheese (or vegan alternative) lunch, and the church will be open during the afternoon. Please come along and bring someone. If you can help serve, wash-up, etc., thank you!

## Scripture Readings for our Worship today:



### **Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31**

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?  
On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she  
cries out:

‘To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of  
long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the  
earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no  
springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been  
shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— when he had not yet  
made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on  
the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he  
established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its  
limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he  
marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a  
master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

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

### **Psalms 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!**

## **Romans 5.1-5**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 16.12-15***

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

### **Prayer after Communion:**

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



## **Community at Christ Church:**

### **Christ Church Choir**

..... sings at the 10.30 service about once a month, plus other special occasions, and practices 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](mailto:cliveshaw54@gmail.com)



### **Admissions to Communion**

If your child is regularly attending Christ Church, and would like to start receiving communion (bread, and wine with parent's permission) - please let Rev'd Carol or Innes know. There will be two preparation classes - the second today - 15th June - before children are formally admitted on the 29th June, and children need to be Christened/Baptised first. This is a step before Confirmation, and is a sign of being part of the church community.

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

*Q. What did one hat say to the other? A. You wait here. I'll go on a head.*

### **Thought for the Week**

A person with *ubuntu* is open and available to others, affirming of others, does not feel threatened that others are able and good, for he or she has a proper self-assurance that comes from knowing that he or she belongs in a greater whole and is diminished when others are humiliated or diminished. *Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

### **Christians at Pride - 22nd June.**

Everyone in our churches is welcome to come and join the local Christians taking part in Lancaster Pride on Sunday 22nd June. The Parade starts at 11am from outside The Cornerstone in Dalton Square. There will be a short act of worship at 10am in The Cornerstone, followed by coffee, and a Celebration Communion there at 4pm. If anyone loves baking and can provide cup cakes or traybakes to give away, that would be great. Bring them on the day, or leave in The Cornerstone kitchen fridge during Friday, or Saturday morning. Please provide a list of ingredients with your bakes, to safeguard those with allergies.

### **Let's be Blunt campaign**

You may be interested in supporting a national campaign to reduce knife crime through practical everyday actions, including swapping to blunt-ended kitchen knives from those with pointed ends. The campaign was started last month by Leanne Lucas, a survivor of the Southport knife attack last year, in conjunction with the Ben Kinsella Trust. Find out more at: <https://www.letsbeblunt.co.uk/>



## 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.

### EasyFundraising

Did you know you can support Christ Church when you shop online? Register using <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and the brand's commission will go to church.

### PCC

Our PCC met on Monday 2nd June. We discussed quotes to repair the church chimney, upgrade the Hall kitchen, and reviewed the monthly lunch. If there are items you'd like discussing as part of the church's worship and community life - Please do talk to your PCC reps about any aspect of life at Christ Church, and pray for the PCC in its work this year. You might want to use the following prayer:

*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.***

**Thank you!** ....to everyone who led and supported the Rejoice Concert last Sunday!

### Bible Course

Following on from the Sponsored Scripture Read, we will be running The Bible Course, a fantastic way to learn more about the Bible's context and history, as well as how to understand God's words today. Starting on Sunday 29th June after the 10:30 service, everyone is welcome!

### 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 information.

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If you'd like to keep in touch with Christ Church news, events, prayer and worship, please complete a contact card from the pew-end 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. *All children need to be accompanied to church by a parent/guardian, please.*

**A Pint of Theology - next on 8th July**

On the second Tuesday of the month, at 7:30pm, everyone is welcome in the Olive Bar at the Gregson for an hour's discussion (with or without a pint) on aspects of Christian theology and its place in our contemporary world. Please share with others who might be interested, and contact Innes if you'd like to know more.

**Corpus Christi**

This Thursday 19th June, the church keeps the feast of Corpus Christi, giving thanks for the gift of Christ present with us in the Eucharist. There will be a Eucharist with Benediction at 6pm. Benediction is a beautiful service of prayer, stillness and blessing - all are welcome.