

A warm welcome to

The Parish of Christ Church, Lancaster

Sunday 6th July 2025 *Third Sunday after Trinity*



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

Today - 6th July

8.30am *Holy Communion*

10.30am *All Together Eucharist*

6pm *Taizé Eucharist*

Tuesday

5pm *Evening Prayer via Zoom*

Wednesday

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

Friday

9.30am *Holy Communion*

11am *John McCafferty's Memorial
Service*

Sunday 13th July

8.30am *Holy Communion*

10.30am *Parish Eucharist*

6pm *Evening Prayer*

Prayer for this week

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your
promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
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 - 20th July

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

Messy Church - 27th July

*Please bring your pet, or a photo of your
favourite animal.*



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, Nicola, Ron Holmes, Ann Boss, Geoffrey Heywood, Christine McCrann, Richard Jones, Rev'd Kaarina, Liz Hilton, Marlene Phillips, Jamie Haxby, Mary Peel, Rev'd David Heap, Robert Patterson

may God's healing, wholeness and peace be with them.

Those who have died recently

John McCafferty

may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Those preparing for Baptism

Lennon Regan.

may they shine as lights in the world

Those preparing for Marriage

Laura Bleackley and Kiernan Pedder

may God bless them in their new life together

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

For those who live and work in Park Avenue, Fenham Carr Lane.

For our school leavers and school community

For the preparations for our Summer Holiday Clubs - Voyagers and Pathfinders

may God's loving kindness be 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=jTDuV7HO8IR7I0nQ9Jrm2BrMxjlqVS.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 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

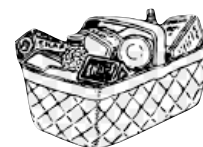
Our recent service in school was a great success, with 40 people attending! Our children's choir sounded fantastic. Thank you for your prayers and support!



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 (1st August) 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 (1st August) 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

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



Be part of the 'Plastic Pollution Solution' by signing up to [Plastic Free July](https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/) <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

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.

Monthly Lunch and Open Church - today - 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:



Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her—
that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;

your bodies shall flourish like the grass;

and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

Galatians 6: 7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey

the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 10:1-11***

Glory to you, O Lord

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.”’

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

Prayer after Communion:



O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Community at Christ Church:

John McCafferty

John's Memorial Service will be at Christ Church this Friday, 11th July, at 11am, followed by refreshments in the Hall. Please keep Jean and the family in your prayers

Save the Date! Pet Blessing service 27th July

Join us on Sunday 27th July for our Pet Blessing service at 4pm. All creatures great and small welcome - on a lead or in a container please. If you're bringing anything larger than a Great Dane - please let Rev'd Carol know. There will be a collection of tinned/packet pet food and used blankets and towels for Wolfwood, Please invite friends and neighbours too!

Save the Date! Christ Church Bug Hunt

We're going on a bug-hunt - I'm not scared! Join friends from the North Lancashire Wildlife Group at 2pm on Sunday 3rd August in the Hall and Garden to look for all the creatures which make a home in our church grounds. Families welcome - children must be accompanied.

140 Years of the Gregson Centre

Celebrating 140 years since plans were laid for the building of the Gregson Centre on Moor Gate, and we'd like you to help if you know anything about the building. The Gregson has been relied on through wars, recessions and good times. If you ever came here, or if you remember anything you were told about the building and its surroundings in the past, we'd love to hear about it to contribute to the history we're building. If you can help us with any recollections, documents or photographs, please contact us in any of the following ways: by email: m.r.cole@outlook.com; by mobile: 07762176035; at the Gregson itself by post or by leaving a note at the bar downstairs.

Thank you !

... to all who came and supported the Pimms and Hymns gathering last Sunday. Although it wasn't planned as a fundraising event, you kindly contributed over £160 to church funds, which is both much needed and much appreciated.

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

Apparently, soul singer Bill Withers had a brother called 'Bear'. He's the guy who wrote the music you hear on the phone when you've been put on hold. (Bear Withers - geddit?)

Thought for the Week

Our job is to love others without stopping to enquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business and, in fact, it is nobody's business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbours worthy.

Thomas Merton

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.

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 Wednesday 2nd July. We discussed plans for a new Hall kitchen, the installation of fibre broadband, plans for music at Church, and much more. Please do talk to your PCC reps about any aspect of life at Christ Church, and pray for the PCC in it's 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.***

Bible Course - Sundays

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. Meeting in the Hall after the 10:30 service for a lively discussion - 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 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

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 - 8th July meeting cancelled.

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. Unfortunately the meeting on 8th July has had to be cancelled, but all being well, the next will happen on 12th August.