

A warm welcome to

# The Parish of Christ Church, Lancaster

Sunday 9th November 2025 Remembrance Sunday

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a vibrant, inclusive  
worshipping  
community

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

**Today - 9th November**

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Remembrance Parade with All Together Eucharist

12noon Confirmation Group  
6pm Evening Prayer

**Tuesday**

5pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

**Wednesday**

5.30pm Meditation and 6pm Evening Prayer

**Friday**

9.30am Holy Communion

**Sunday - 16th November**

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist

12noon Confirmation Group  
12.30pm Baptism  
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**

**Little Seedlings**

Every Tuesday from 9am in the Church Hall for under 4s and their parents/carers

**Children's Church**

welcomes primary-aged children during the 10.30am service during term time. Parents/guardians are welcome to join in.

**Messy Church - 23rd November**

On the 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, Nicola, Ron Holmes, Ann Boss, Geoffrey Heywood, Christine McCrann, Richard Jones, Marlene Phillips, Mary Peel  
**may God's healing, wholeness and peace be with them.**

### **Those who have died recently**

Lizzy Hilton

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

### **Those preparing for Baptism**

Rupert Barnes-Hartley, Carter Driver.

**May they shine like lights in the world**

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

For those who live and work in Melbourne Road, Woodville Street.

For the staff and residents at Sir Walter Lyon House.

For those preparing for Confirmation

For Rev'd Kaarina, as she prepares for her priesting on the 17th January.

**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=jTDuVW7HO8IR7I0nQ9Jrm2BrMxjQVS.I>.

### **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 [revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com](mailto:revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com). Please ask the person's permission if you'd like them included in the weekly notices.

### **Quiet Morning - Saturday 22nd November**

All are warmly invited to a Quiet Morning on 22nd November, exploring prayer through bread and beads. Refreshments provided, and the morning will end with a light lunch. For more information, see the flyer, and/or contact Rev'd Kaarina.

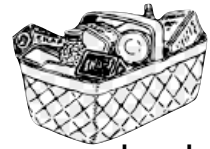
### **Confirmation Group**

Ready to take the next step in faith? Confirmation is a special event, where we welcome a Bishop to confer the gift of God's Holy Spirit, and confirm for ourselves the faith in Christ. We'll be welcoming Bishop Joe on Sunday 23rd November at 10.30 am.

### **Remembrance**

Please come along to the community Act of Remembrance on Tuesday 11th November at the Memorial Stone on Miss Whalley's Field, Derwent Road. We will gather at 10.45am, ready for the two minutes' silence.

## In Other News...



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

The Olive Branch badly needs all kinds of long-life food and drink, as always, but has also launched its annual Christmas appeal for Christmas foodstuffs, toiletries, toys and goodies. They will distribute gift bags from 1st December, so the earlier they receive such items the better. (See the flyer.) 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 December) between 12noon and 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 December) 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 year's Climate Conference takes place in Brazil, 10-21 November. COP30 will focus on implementation, specifically on concrete action and accelerating progress towards 2030 goals outlined in the Paris Agreement. Please pray for wisdom, compassion and unity for the participants as they try to address climate change and protect creation for future generations.

### **Choir**

Our Choir resumes rehearsals on Thursday 13th November at 7pm in Church. We're a friendly and supportive bunch who welcome new singers. There's lots of exciting music as we prepare for the Advent season, so please contact [grahamtoft1@aol.com](mailto:grahamtoft1@aol.com) if you'd like to know more.

### **Advent Course - Wednesday evenings or Sunday afternoons**

Our course this year is based on Paula Gooder's book, *Women of the Nativity*. The course will run at two different times from the first week of December: Wednesdays at 6.30pm and Sundays at 12.30pm to give people a choice of times. There are sign-up sheets at the back of church to indicate your interest.

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

*Have you ever tried eating a clock? It's really time-consuming - especially if you go for seconds.*

## Scripture Readings for our Worship today:



### **Job 19.23–27a**

- that my words were written down!
- that they were inscribed in a book!
- that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

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

### **Psalms 17.1–9**

- 1 Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint; listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes behold what is right.
- 3 Weigh my heart, examine me by night, refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards; I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast in the ways of

your commandments; my feet have not stumbled in your paths.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.

7 Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, from my enemies who surround me to take away my life.

### **2 Thessalonians 2.1–5, 13–17**

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple

of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to **Luke 20.27–38***

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

*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:**

### **Save the Date!**

#### **Rev'd Kaarina's Ordination and First Eucharist - 17/18th January**

Rev'd Kaarina will be ordained Priest on Saturday 17th January 2026, at Colne St Bartholomew. We're planning to hire a coach so that as many as possible can attend from church. On Sunday 18th, she will celebrate the Eucharist for the first time at the 10:30 am service - and we'll have a celebration to follow!

#### **Christmas Tree Festival - 5th-7th December**

Please save the date of the 5-7th December for Christ Church's famous Christmas Tree Festival! If you run a local business (or have used a local business recently) - please collect an invitation to sponsor a tree. Half the money raised will support Lancaster Homeless Action, with the rest going to church funds. And if you're part of a community group (music, sport, charity, craft or social) - please consider decorating a tree to show off your work. We'd love you to be part of this fabulous event!

#### **Christmas Tree Festival Planning and Preparation - 11th November**

We need lots of willing hands to make the Festival a success. There's a final planning meeting on 11th November at 6:30pm in church - please join us to help finalise plans for the week beforehand, the weekend itself, and selling trees afterwards. It's important that we encourage more (repeat) visitors to this important community and fundraising event. There's also a sign-up list at the back of church for stewards, help with refreshments, etc.

#### **Christian Aid Quiz Night - 14th November**

Lancaster and area Christian Aid group are having a quiz on Fri 14th November at Lancaster Methodist Church Scotforth Road at 7 pm to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Christian Aid. Everyone Welcome!

#### **Craft Sale - Saturday 15th December**

Looking for a unique gift? Like to support local artists and crafters? Come along to the Craft Sale on Saturday 15th November, 10am-2pm in Church, with refreshments in the Hall.

#### **Fairtrade Stall - 30th November**

There will be a Fairtrade stall at the back of church after the 10:30 am Eucharist on 30th November - a great opportunity to stock up with fairly-traded gifts and goodies,

#### **MAGIC morning - Thank you!**

Thank you to everyone who helped with yesterday's Maintenance and Gardening in Church - it was a great effort and much appreciated!

#### **Thought for the Week**

Jesus' total, unlimited, unconditional participation in the suffering of the world has opened to us the possibility of living in this world and facing its painful realities without becoming its victim.

*Henri Nouwen*

## 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 for free 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 5th November. We discussed: ensuring our budget reflected our mission and ministry priorities; refreshing our vision for our buildings; developing children and families' ministry; refurbishing the hall kitchen; and affirming our commitment to inclusion. 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***

### 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 Jacqueline on [hall@christchurchlancaster.org.uk](mailto:hall@christchurchlancaster.org.uk) 07808 765364 for more information.

### Choir Church

Thank you for your prayers and support! The next service is on the 12th December at 3.15pm in school - please save the date. Everyone welcome to join us for the Eucharist in school, led by our fantastic school choir!

### Sunday Lunch - today!

Join us for a simple lunch after the 9th November's 10:30am service - if you can help, thank you. Do bring a friend!

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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.*

**Appeal for Children's Books**

Ahead of our Christmas Tree Festival, we're looking for donations of good condition children's books (suitable for a range of ages). If you're having an autumn clear out - please bring your books to church! Thank you !

**Advent Calendars**

Fairtrade Advent Calendars are for sale at the back of church - £5 each with all money raised going to church funds. Dark or Milk Chocolate, and contains a Christmas story

**Little Seedlings - New Group for 0-4 year olds and their carers.**

We have launched a baby and toddler group called Little Seedlings, which will meet 9-10.30 every Tuesday from 4th November in the Church Hall. If you know anyone with a child 0-4 who would like to come along with their carers, please pass it on. Free!