



**Messy Church  
in October**



**Remembrance Sunday**



**Graham played the 'Last Post'  
and 'Reveille'**

**The wreath  
was laid by  
Sgt Buckley  
(Fulwood  
Barracks)**



**Tpr Price, L/B Hudson, Sgt Buckley, Canon Brian, UGS Roberts, L/Cpl Wadieh**

# Christ Church Fulwood

**December 2015**



**60p**

## Christ Church

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or	Parish Office	at the Church Hall	Tel: 875823

## Services at Christ Church



<b>Sunday Worship</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays in the month)
		Family Service (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday)
		Morning Worship (any 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays)
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
		Holy Communion (BCP) (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month)

**Weekday Services:** Prayers in the Vestry/Church (during term time):  
Monday - 12:00noon; Tuesday - 9:00pm; Wednesday - 7:00am; Friday - 9:00am  
Thursday: 10.30am Holy Communion and 7.00pm Evening Prayers

## Baptism, Confirmation, Marriages & Funerals

All by arrangement with Brian, the Vicar (Tel: 719210)

**Visiting** The Vicar is always ready to visit the sick at home or in hospital, or anyone else who needs his help. Please inform him if there is anyone you know who would appreciate a visit - a written note is especially helpful. Hilda Waring (our Pastoral Assistant) is also available to visit the housebound (contact details - inside front cover).

## What's on at Christ Church - activities are mainly in the Church Hall.

<b>Parochial Church Council</b>	Normally meets in the Vestry at 7.00pm on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in Jan, March, May, July, Sept & Nov.	
<b>Choir Practice</b>	9.45am	each Sunday in Church (except 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays)
<b>Junior Church</b>	10.30am	Sundays in Church (term time) then in the Hall
<b>Pathfinders</b>	10.30am	Sundays in Church (term time) then in the Hall
<b>Rainbows</b>	5.30pm	Tuesdays in term time in the Hall
<b>Brownies</b>	6.00pm	Tuesdays in term time in the Hall
<b>Guides</b>	7.00pm	Tuesdays in term time in the Hall
<b>Youth Club</b>	7.45pm	Mondays in term time at St Cuthbert's
<b>Parent &amp; Toddlers</b>	10.00am	Mondays in term time (to 11.30am) in the Hall
<b>Crafters</b>	2.00pm	Thursdays in the Vestry
<b>HOPE Group</b>	7.15 for 7.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays each month, in the Vestry
<b>Crossway</b>	7.30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month (not July & August) in Hall

## Magazine

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## Church Events in December 2015

Tues	1 Dec	9.00am	Prayers in Church - weekdays - see inside back cover
Wed	2 Dec	7.30pm	HOPE Group meets in the Vestry - see Pg 6
Thur	3 Dec	10.30am	Holy Communion Service in Church (each Thurs)
		7.00pm	Evening Prayers in Vestry each Thurs (to 7.30pm)
Sun	6 Dec	10.30am	Young people in Church before JChurch/Pathfinders
		12 noon	Rehearsal - Informal Singing Group for Carol Service (Pg7)
		2.00pm	Preston Masonic Carol Service
		2.00pm	Messy Church at Kennington Primary School (Pg7)
Mon	7 Dec	10.00am	Toddler Group Christmas Party in the Hall
Wed	9 Dec	7.00pm	Special Service organised by local undertakers (Pg6)
Thur	10 Dec	7.30pm	Crossway Christmas Party in the Hall - see Pg 6
Sun	13 Dec	10.30am	TOY Service - Family Service - Church Parade
		10.30am	HC Service at St Alban's Church, Barracks
		12 noon	Rehearsal - Informal Singing Group for Carol Service (Pg7)
		2.00pm	Pathfinders Extra in the Hall (Pg7)
Tues	15 Dec	6.30pm	Archbishop Temple School Carol Service at Pr Minster
Wed	16 Dec	7.30pm	HOPE Group meets in the Vestry - see Pg 6
Fri	18 Dec	10.00am	Cake & Company in Hall <u>to 12.30</u> , all welcome (Pg7)
		2.00pm	Wedding in Church
Sun	20 Dec	<del>10.30am</del>	NO Junior Church/Pathfinders (school holiday)
		6.30pm	<b>Christmas Carol Service</b>
Wed	23 Dec	7.00am	Parish Prayers finish, till Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Sun	27 Dec	<del>10.30am</del>	NO Junior Church/Pathfinders (school holiday)



### Forward Notice for January

Tues	5 Jan	9.00pm	Parish Prayers recommence
Sun	10 Jan	2.30pm	Messy Church in the Hall
		4.00pm	Christingle Service in Church

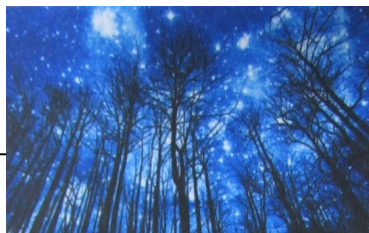


And finally . . with Christmas coming . .

Life is not a race but a journey,  
to be savoured each step of the way;  
yesterday is history,  
tomorrow is a mystery  
and today is a gift.



Good  
friends are like stars,  
you don't always see them but  
you know where there are!



## Je suis Refugee ?



A little boy was drawing a picture of the nativity story - on the picture there was Jesus, Mary and Joseph and what looked like a little squiggle on the picture - when asked what it was he said it was the flea in to Egypt !!



Although we like the very peaceful and sanitised picture of the Christmas story, Mary and Joseph's escape to Egypt from Herod and his mass genocide of any children two and under is pretty horrific!

It is not stretching a point to describe the Holy Family as refugees. We are entering that time of year of colder weather, of leaving for work in the dark and coming home in the dark. This Christmas as we reflect on the first century refugees our thoughts must not be far away from those Syrian refugees making their way across Europe in deteriorating weather conditions.

Early in 2015 the slogan "Je suis Charlie" was formed as a response to the murder of 12 people who worked at the offices of a satirical French Newspaper. Je suis Charlie meant that we stood alongside those victims. Our slogan for this Christmas in particular ought perhaps to be "Je suis Refugee"!



I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Christmas services as we celebrate the Birth of the One who stands alongside us at the different stages of our life.



With my love, prayer and a very peaceful Christmas.

Je suis **Brian**




## Sunday Worship in December



### 6<sup>th</sup> December 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion


 Welcome: Chris & Steve Hedley  
 Intercessions: Graham Hickey  
 Bread & Wine: Dave and Beverley Worgan  
 Communion Assistant: Ken Curphey

Readings: Philippians 1: 3-11 Keith Cameron  
 Luke 3: 1-6 Sue Cameron

Hymns: 391, 028, 180, 28

12.15pm Baptism in Church BAPTISM

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP) Welcome: Paul Jordan

Readings: Malachi 3: 1-4 Michael Higgins  
 Luke 1: 1-25 Paul Jordan

Hymns: 131, 23(t. Conditor alme) Psalm: 75



**TOYS - can YOU help?**  
 (see Page 5)

### 13<sup>th</sup> December 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am **Family TOY Service with Church Parade**  
 (see page 5)

Welcome: George Tait & Joyce Masterton

Readings & Hymns: to come Margaret Harrison/David Dunsmore

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP) Welcome: Paul Jordan

Readings: Zeph. 3: 14-end Paul Jordan  
 Luke 1: 57-66 Brian McConkey

Hymns: 331, 26 Psalm: 62



### Flowers in December

Thur 3 & 10 Dec No Flowers

Thur 17 Dec All (Christmas Decorations)

Thur 24 & 31 Dec Barbara Barber & Judith Rawson

### Refreshment Rota

Sun 6 Dec Rachel Pitches & Phyl Rhodes

Sun 13 Dec Gwynneth Greenwood, Joan Curphey, Alison Tait

Sun 20 Dec Adrienne Clarkson & Doris Sellers

Sun 27 Dec Margaret Brown & Bev Worgan



**Christmas Carol Service** - anyone who would like to join an informal singing group to work towards singing as part of the Carol Service on Sunday 20th December in the evening, would be welcome to come along on the following two dates and times - **ALL AGES WELCOME!!**



**Sunday 6th Dec and Sun 13th December at 12noon (to 12.30pm) in the church hall.**



No singing experience necessary - just lots of enthusiasm and fun. Come to both of the rehearsals or just one if that's all you can manage. For more information talk to Phil.

**Pathfinders Extra** - is a new group which started in October. It's aimed at young people aged between 11 and 18, and runs once a month on a Sunday afternoon. Last month's trip to Laser Land in Chorley was great fun for all who came along, including the leaders!! The next session will be on **Sunday 13th December at 2pm** in the Church Hall. We will be having a Christmas dinner party and games, with the staff team acting as waiters. For more information contact Phil in the usual way.



**Our next Cake & Company** for adults is our **CHRISTMAS PARTY SPECIAL** on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**, 10-12.30 in the Church Hall. There will be live music and festive cheer. All are very welcome! [Chris H]

**Our next Messy Church** is on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December** in Kennington School, 2.30 - 4.30pm. Names to Emma on Pr. 722948, [christchurchreader@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christchurchreader@hotmail.co.uk) or sign up at the back of Church. [Chris H]



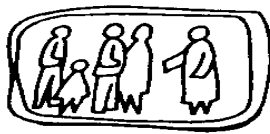
### 2016 - Messy Church in January

Come along to our first **Messy Church** of 2016 on **Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Jan** in the Church Hall, 2.30 - 4.30pm. Names to Emma as above.

The 10.30am Service that Sunday, 10th January, will focus on the Children's Society and the work they do.

**At 2:30pm Messy Church will meet in the hall and then at 4:00pm everyone is invited to a short 30 minute Christingle service.** [Brian]





# What's happening in our PARISH

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## Crossway



At our October meeting we were reminded of summer as Malcolm Tranter gave a good presentation on various Gardens in the North West - some being real hidden gems. It was a relaxing evening and enjoyed by all.

December is our Christmas Get-together and hopefully you'll be coming along to it on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7pm** in the Church Hall - please note the earlier time for starting. We are looking forward to a lovely buffet and we'll all have fun together. Everyone is most welcome, tickets £10 each - please sign up in Church by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at the very latest.



## HOPE

**HOPE - Wed 2nd December:** the theme is "Lord I believe; help my unbelief" !! Do you have times of doubt? Come and be part of the discussion.



**Wed 16th December** is our Christmas party quiz night "Just a minute - it's Christmas". Come and join in this fun evening.

Everyone is welcome to join in either or both evenings; we meet in the Vestry at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start finishing at 9pm. We look forward to seeing you. For further information see the website or email Elizabeth on [eabailey@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:eabailey@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Junior Church Leaders** We currently have a fantastic team of volunteers to plan, organise and run our Junior Church on Sunday mornings. There is always space for more volunteers to share the workload. Anyone interested in being a part of this vital ministry please talk to Brian or Phil for further details. Training can be given so experience not needed but a DRB check will be necessary in line with Diocesan policy. [Phil]

## Special Service organised by local undertakers

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December (at 7.00pm) there will be a Special Service in Church, organised by local undertakers, to remember loved ones. Whilst the Service is primarily for funeral directors anyone is welcome. [Brian]



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## 20<sup>th</sup> December 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Welcome: Adrienne Clarkson & Jean Preston  
Intercessions: Emma  
Bread & Wine: Si and Jess Miller  
Communion Assistant: Gwynneth Greenwood  
Readings: Hebrews 10: 5-10 Rachel Pitches  
Luke 1: 39-45 Irene Hurst  
Hymns: A mixture of Hymns and Carols



## 6.30 p.m. Christmas Carol Service

(singers - see invite from Phil, Page 7)

Welcome: Paul Jordan



## Christmas Service Times

Carol Service is Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

### Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service for All Ages

11.30pm 'Midnight' Holy Communion

### Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion (Traditional)

10.30am Family Communion

**Please Come Along And Bring A Friend!**



## 27<sup>th</sup> December 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Welcome: Margaret Brown & Phyl Rhodes  
Intercessions: Brian/Phil  
Bread & Wine: John & Elizabeth Bailey  
Communion Assistant: Chris Hedley  
Readings: Colossians 3: 12-17 Elsie Lenton  
Luke 2: 41-end Michael Lenton  
Hymns: from the Carol Sheet  
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP) (NOT Holy Communion) Welcome: Paul J  
Readings: Isaiah 61 Paul Jordan  
Luke 2: 15-21 Michael Higgins  
Hymns: 39, 40 Psalm: 132





## Christian Funeral 'In Christ all will be brought to life'

Joan Flintoff Holme Slack Lane died 15<sup>th</sup> October

Joan was Preston born and bred, she was married to Norman who died in 2005. They were lovers of ballroom dancing and she was a self-confessed shopaholic. She is survived by her son Alan and daughter-in-law Trish.

30<sup>th</sup> Oct Roland Cornwell Westgate died 16<sup>th</sup> October

Born in Preston Roland did National Service followed by a career at English Electric as a machine tool fitter. He was married to Kath who sadly passed away in 1989. His great passion was football and in particular the red part of Liverpool. He enjoyed socialising with his friends at the Grey Friars. He is survived by his two children Ian and Julie. His son-in-law Phelim paid a great tribute at the funeral service. He will be missed by his children and grandchildren.

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**POSADA** - is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity.



**Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph** who travel from place to place. This gives each 'host' the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives in the busy run up to Christmas.

During Advent and leading up to our Crib Service on Christmas Eve, nativity sets of Mary and Joseph are travelling round our church community visiting different homes. The time Mary and Joseph 'stays' provides a great opportunity to invite guests around to share together the true meaning of Christmas with a time of fellowship, prayer, Christmas carolling and CAKE!!

Don't be worried about the prayer aspect as this is provided with the sets. It's also a great way to get to know other members of our church family.

Sign-up sheets are now finished but if you would still like to be a part of this please contact Phil in the usual way. Likewise if there is anyone you know who can't make it to church to sign the sheet but who might like to take part please let us know.

[Phil]



## Christmas Cards and TOYS



**Christmas Cards** - from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December the board in Church will be available for parishioners to pin up their Christmas card to their friends at Church. At the same time you are asked to make a **generous** donation to the 'The Salvation Army' (collection tin available by the board). Thank you.

**TOY Service** - 10.30am Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**TOYS - can YOU help?**

Once again we're asking for you to donate new toys for children in Preston who will get very little this Christmas; see ideas below. Please DON'T wrap them, but send along the wrapping paper separately if possible. Items for teenagers are particularly appreciated. **Christ Church parishioners have been very generous in previous years, thank you.**



Preston  
Salvation Army  
Church and Community Centre

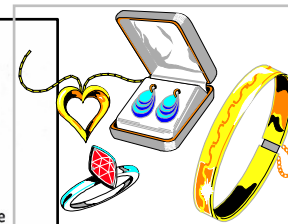
During Christmas time we run a toy appeal and give gifts for the people in need and the homeless.

This is one of our busiest times of the year as we help by providing toy parcels or food parcels to over 500 families throughout Preston.

We accept any donations during this time of year, but we run particularly low on certain products.

These are listed below

- Baby toys or gifts
- Teenage gifts
- Selection boxes
- Craft items
- Books
- Wrapping paper
- Gift bags
- Perfumes/aftershaves
- Jewellery
- Make up sets
- New baby clothing
- Baby blankets
- Teddy bears
- Coffee, sugar, long life milk



Once again we would like to say thank you for your continued support. Without your help we would not be able to run these projects.