



Brian's last St Patrick's Night and Supper here at Christ Church!

With live music

Friday 17 March 2017 at 7pm

In the Church Hall, Victoria Road, Fulwood

Tickets only £12 for adults and £8 for under 16's -
including the meal!

Tickets from Steve Hedley 07917704149

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Proceeds will go towards Christ Church Renovation Funds

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Bring your own bottle and glass

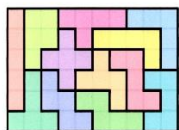


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**CHRIST CHURCH
COURSE FOR LENT**

**SHAPed for
God's Purpose**

Have you ever wished that:

- You understood yourself better?
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- You could serve God better?

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For more information contact our Reader, Mandy Stanton
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Thursdays starting
2nd March 7.30pm
for 6 wks
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Practical
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The Five Marks of Mission Lent in the Minster 2017 Mission

The Preston Area Churches invite you
to the annual Lent Series:

Proclaim: Monday 6th March (at Central Methodist, Lane St)

New Believers: Monday 13th March (Preston Minster, Church St)

Human Need: Monday 20th March (Preston Minster, Church St)

Creation: Monday 27th March (Preston Minster, Church St)

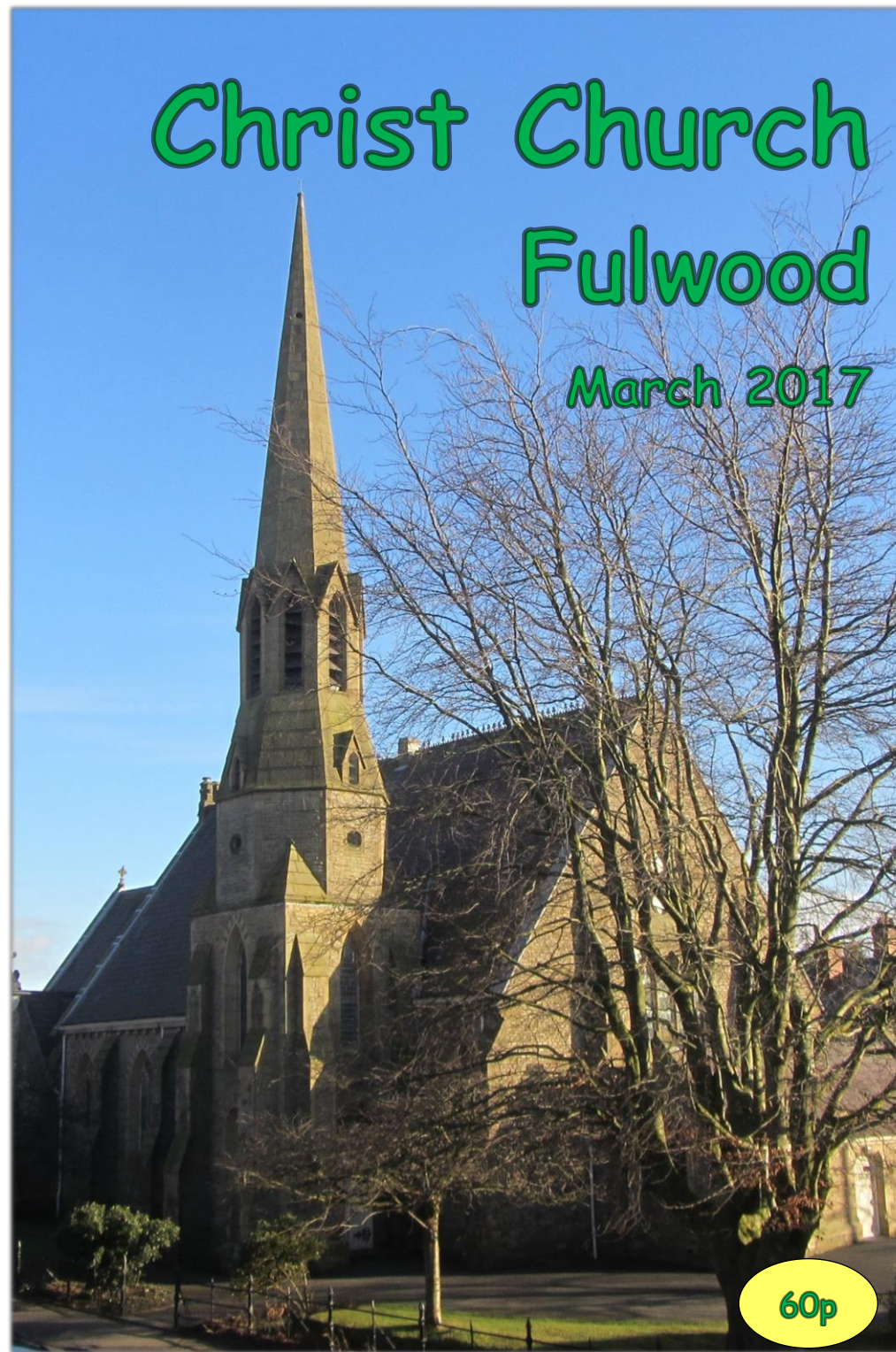
Unjust Society: Monday 3rd April (at Salvation Army, Harrington St)

Guest Speakers include: Steve Bell, Ron Farrington,
Anton Muller, Stephen Garsed, Peter Lunaden & Nate Turner

Each evening: 7.20 for 7.30pm, finishing by 9pm for refreshments

"Lent in the Minster"
see Page 7 & poster
in entrance porch
to Church

Christ Church Fulwood March 2017



60p

Christ Church

Victoria Rd Fulwood PR2 8NE

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Parent & Toddler Group	Rev Brian McConkey	Vicarage Close	Tel: 719210

Church Hall The Church Hall is available for hire, particularly for weekly/monthly events. **Contact:** Margaret Brown, Colebatch Tel: 07926 374863
or Tel: 717008
or Sue Cameron Victoria Rd Tel: 717304
or Parish Office at the Church Hall Tel: 875823

Services at Christ Church

Sunday Worship 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays in the month)
Family Service (2nd Sunday)
Morning Worship (when there's a 5th Sunday)
6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
Holy Communion (BCP) (4th Sunday in the month)

Weekday Services: Prayers in the Vestry/Church (during term time):
Tuesday - 9.00pm and **Friday** - 9.00am
Also: 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.

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

Parochial Church Council Normally meets in the Vestry at 7.00pm on the 2nd Monday in Jan, March, May, July, Sept & Nov.

Choir Practice 9.45am each Sunday in Church (except 2nd Sundays)
Crafters 2.00pm Thursdays in the Vestry
Crossway 7.30pm 3rd Thursday each month (not July & August) in Hall
HOPE Group 7.20 for 7.30pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays each month, in the Vestry
Junior Church 10.30am Sundays in Church (term time) then in the Hall
Pathfinders 10.30am Sundays in Church (term time) then in the Hall
Rainbows 5.30pm Tuesdays in term time in the Hall
Brownies 6.00pm Tuesdays in term time in the Hall
Guides 7.00pm Tuesdays in term time in the Hall
Parent & Toddlers 10.00am Mondays in term time (to 11.30am) in the Hall

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Church Events in March 2017

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Wed	1 Mar	Lent begins - have you got your Christian Aid Lent Calendar (Pg1)?
		from 9am Ash Wednesday: Church open for prayer to 4pm (see Pg5)
		12noon Ash Wednesday: Midday Prayer in the Vestry (Pg5)
		7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service & Imposition of Ashes (Pg5)
Thur	2 Mar	9.00am Weekday Prayers in Church (new rota - see Page 5)
		10.30am Holy Communion Service in Church (each Thurs)
		7.00pm Passion Play Choir meets at Lea Methodist PR2 1UN (Pg7)
		7.00pm Evening Prayers in Vestry each Thurs (to 7.30pm)
		7.30pm 'SHAPed for God's Purpose' (week 1) (Pg1) - sign up
Fri	3 Mar	12.30pm 'Simple' Lunch at Fulwood Methodist Church and/or . .
		1.30pm Women's Day of Prayer at Fulwood Methodist Church (Pg6)
Sun	5 Mar	10.30am Young people in Church before JunChurch/Pathfinders
Mon	6 Mar	7.00pm Parish Development Group meets in Upper Room
		7.20 for 7.30pm: 'Lent in the Minster' (1) at Central Methodist Ch.
Thur	9 Mar	7.30pm 'SHAPed for God's Purpose' (week 2) (Pg1)
Sun	12 Mar	10.30am ** Holy Communion Service - see Page 2 **
		Young people in Church before JunChurch/Pathfinders
		2.30pm Messy Church - see Page 7 - Messy Lent
Mon	13 Mar	7.20 for 7.30pm: 'Lent in the Minster' (2) at Preston Minster (Pg7)
Wed	15 Mar	7.30pm HOPE Group meets in the Vestry - see Pg 6
Thur	16 Mar	7.30pm Crossway meets in the Hall - see Pg 6
		7.30pm 'SHAPed for God's Purpose' (week 3) (Pg1)
Fri	17 Mar	10.00am Cake and Company in Hall to 12 noon - all welcome (Pg7)
		7.00pm Brian's last St Patrick's Night & Supper (see back cover)
Sun	19 Mar	10.30am Young people in Church before JunChurch/Pathfinders
Mon	20 Mar	7.00pm PCC in the Vestry
		7.20 for 7.30pm: 'Lent in the Minster' (3) at Preston Minster (Pg7)
Thur	23 Mar	7.30pm 'SHAPed for God's Purpose' (week 4) (Pg1)
Sun	26 Mar	10.30am MOTHERING SUNDAY: Family Service, Church Parade
Mon	27 Mar	7.20 for 7.30pm: 'Lent in the Minster' (4) at Preston Minster

Forward Notice for April

Sun 2 April 10.30am **Brian's farewell service**

Mon 10 April HOLY WEEK

Fri 14 Apr 10.00am GOOD FRIDAY Service in Church (note time) . . . and
11.30am Preston Passion Play starts from Winckley Square (Pg7)



Love Life Live Lent

- that was the title of an initiative

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which began in Birmingham Diocese in 2006, and has since been taken up much more widely. It focused on doing something positive every day through Lent to make the world a better place, rather than just giving up luxuries. Here are some ideas you might like to try, to mark Lent this year:

Count Your Blessings with Christian Aid - Sue Walsh writes: This year, why not join Christian Aid in their Lent journey and 'Count your Blessings'. Based on the hymn 'When I needed a neighbour, were you

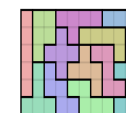


there?' the Lent Calendar suggests inspiring ways for us to give, act and pray for our global neighbours and suggests ways in which we can give thanks daily for all our blessings. There are two versions of the calendar available, one for Adults and one for our younger members so everyone can get involved. The calendars will be available at the back of church.



Pray more - Praying on our own or with others can help us to draw closer to God. Prayer can change things - it can change us! You might like to try different ways of praying on your own (there are some ideas on the Diocese of Blackburn website, under Discipleship); get together with a couple of friends to support each other in prayer; or come to some of the midweek prayer times at Christ Church, Tuesdays at 9 p.m., Thursdays at 7 p.m. or Fridays at 9 a.m.

Explore your calling - Everyone is called by God; everyone has gifts and skills that can be used for God's kingdom. If you would like to find out more about yourself, and what God may be calling you to do (which could be what you're doing already!), come to the 'SHAPed for God's Purpose' course on Thursday evenings from 2nd March to 6th April at 7.30 p.m. (after prayers), to explore your Skills, Heart's Desire, Abilities, Personality and Experience, and what they mean for your own calling. You will get the most out of the course if you come to most or all of the sessions, and do a little preparation beforehand. Sign up at the back of church.



Read a good book - SPCK and Church House Publishing both have a wide range of excellent Lent books, including Stephen Cottrell's 'The Things He Did' - meditations on the story of Holy Week and the things Jesus did, from his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday until his arrest on Maundy Thursday; the 'Lent for Everyone' books by Tom Wright; and 'Reflections for Lent 2017' by Jeff



Astley, Libby Lane and Helen-Ann Hartley. Or browse in the Christian Book Centre in Fox St, Preston for more ideas. *Let's make Lent at Christ Church a time when we all grow in discipleship and draw closer to God.*

Mandy Stanton

Sunday Worship in March



5th March The First Sunday of Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Welcome:	Frank & June McCandlish
	Prayers:	Phil
	Bread & Wine:	Paul & Michelle Jordan
	Communion Assistant:	Adrienne Clarkson
Readings:	Rom. 5.12-19	Joan Curphey
	Matt.4. 1- 11	Ken Curphey
6.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Welcome: Graham Hickey
Readings:	Deut. 6. 4-9, 16-end	Graham Hickey
	Luke. 15. 1-10	Chris Hartnett
Psalm:	50:1-15	



Please NOTE: MOTHERING SUNDAY is on Sun 26th March, so as usual, the family service (including Church Parade) has been moved to that date.

Sunday 12th March: Holy Communion

Sunday 26th March: Mothering Sunday Family Service

12th March The Second Sunday of Lent

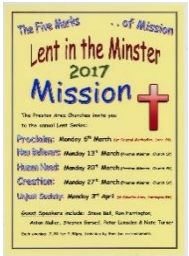
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Welcome:	David Rhodes & Phyl Rhodes
	Prayers:	Joan & Ken Curphey
	Bread & Wine:	Susan Dewhurst & Carol Knight
	Communion Assistant:	Joan Curphey
Readings:	Gen. 12. 1-4a	Sue Cameron
	John. 3. 1-17	Keith Cameron
6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)		Welcome: Graham Hickey
Readings:	Num. 21. 4-9	Phil McClenaghan
	Luke 14. 27-33	Michael Higgins
Psalm:	135: 1-14	

Family Service
is on 26th March
(Mothering Sunday)

'Lent in the Minster' - Mondays 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March & 3rd April

This annual ecumenical series continues in 2017 with talks each Monday in Lent; the theme is 'MISSION'. Through the 5 stages of Mission we'll explore aspects of: Proclaiming, New Believers, Human Need, Creation and Unjust Society. Our guest speakers include Steve Bell, Ron Farrington and Nate Turner. Some speakers will update us on local Christian action relevant to each week's theme.

All are welcome, do come along, it's not a course so come when you can. Five Mondays through Lent from 6th March to 3rd April (inc.): mainly at Preston Minster, 7.30pm to 9pm. (NOTE: the first one, on 6th March, is at Central Methodist Church) - see poster on back cover & in Church porch.



"Preston Passion Play" - seeking choir members

Graham Hickey will be leading the music for the **Passion Play** in the City Centre on **Good Friday (14th April)** and he is asking for volunteers to join the choir singing for this 'on the street' performance. It starts at 11.30am.

The music is all ready and rehearsals have just begun. He's looking for a body of people from all the Preston Churches to lead the singing of mostly well-known songs. If you are interested just email Graham on ghickey9087@gmail.com or phone him on 07469 963837 to find out about the rehearsals. Next rehearsal is Thursday 2nd March at 7pm at Lea Methodist Church on Birkdale Drive, PR2 1UN.

Graham says: A few people have said they would love to sing but don't have much confidence - just come along and have fun, after all Jesus tells us; John 16³³ these things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have troubles: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.



Our next Messy Church is on **Sunday 12th March** 2.30 to 4.30 pm. We will be exploring what happened to Jesus in his 40 days in the wilderness. As usual, we will be sharing a meal together after our worship. Contact Chris Hedley (01772 652475) for further information.

Our next Cake & Company café style drop in for adults will be on Friday 17th March from 10 am to 12 in the Hall. Contact Margaret Harrison (01772 712869) or Steve Hedley (01772 652475) for further information.





Crossway At our January meeting everyone really enjoyed the performance given by Joanne Halliwell as the Housekeeper. She is a wonderful actress and kept us amused with her anecdotes - we look forward to her returning sometime soon.

Malcolm Tranter returns on 16th March to give us the presentation of photos and some sound tracks 'From Port Sunlight to Rivington - the life of Lord Leverhulme'. He was a remarkable man and created the company which is now UniLever. When Malcolm came last time his presentation was excellent, so we hope to see many of you in The Church Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th March.

Looking forward to May - we are having a trip to the Lake District on FRIDAY 12th May instead of our monthly meeting on the Thursday evening. We plan to leave Fulwood at 9.30am; travel to Windermere where you will have the opportunity to either visit Lakeland Plastics or have a short walk; travel on to Rydal Hall where, after time to look around the lovely gardens have lunch. We will then travel onto Ambleside when, either, you will have time to wander around Ambleside or go straight to Hayes Garden Centre. We aim to be back in Fulwood by 5.30pm. The cost for coach travel and lunch will be £25 each. If you wish to join us please sign up at the back of church and take a booking slip.

HOPE Group: Wed 1st March: ASH WEDNESDAY - NO MEETING - instead come to the Ash Wednesday Service in Church.

Wed 15th March: the parable of the budding fig tree.

We are familiar with lots of the parables of Jesus, but here's one you may not know. Come to Hope Group and we will hear the parable of the budding fig tree and learn together what it means.

Hope group meets in the vestry at church 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

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope' (Romans 15:13)

Friday 3rd March Women's World Day of Prayer

There will be a service for Women's World Day of Prayer at **Fulwood Methodist Church**, Watling St Rd, at 1.30pm on Friday 3rd March. This annual Service, celebrated in most countries throughout the world, has been written this year by the Christian Women of the Philippines. Everyone is very welcome. Also: You are invited to go earlier, at 12.30pm, to share lunch of soup and bread. [Joan Curphey]



19th March The Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Welcome:	John & Elizabeth Bailey
	Prayers:	Chris Hartnett
	Bread & Wine:	John Haworth & Cathy Thomas
	Communion Assistant:	Shirley Duggan
Readings:	Rom. 5. 1-11	David Rhodes
	John. 4. 5-42	Bill Seddon
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	
	Welcome:	Graham Hickey
Readings:	Eph. 6. 10-20	Brent Sutton
	John 2. 13-22	Karen Sutton
Psalm:	40	



26th March MOTHERING Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30am	MOTHERING Sunday Family Service, Church Parade	
	Welcome:	Steve & Chris Hedley
Readings:	to come	(Linda Koziarska)
6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	Welcome:	Graham Hickey
Readings:	Gal. 4. 21-end	Chris Hartnett
	John. 6. 1-14	Graham Hickey



Refreshment Rota

Sun 5 Mar	Janette Clarke, Joan & Ken Curphey
Sun 12 Mar	Linda Clare, Jean Preston and Elizabeth Bailey
Sun 19 Mar	Bev Worgan, Mary James and Margaret Brown
Sun 26 Mar	Sue Cameron, Jane & David Dunsmore



Flowers in March -

No flowers in Church in Lent, except:
Thurs 23rd March - all the team - for Mothering Sunday



Christian Baptism 'We welcome you'

5th Feb Charles Sean HOLLY
Parents: Andrew and Danielle, Moor Park Ave.



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

Barbara WILD Dukes Meadow, Ingol died on 23rd Dec
Barbara is remembered as a hard worker which came from working on the family farm in her childhood. Always ready to enjoy a laugh even when things went wrong!! Her great love of animals continued throughout her life. She is deeply missed by sister Joyce, Colin and Pauline, and Steven and Bina, and all the grandchildren, and the memory will always remain of Storm Barbara passing overhead as she passed away. Funeral service was held at the Crematorium.

Kevin John STRICKLAND Lychgate, Preston died on 27th Dec
Kevin was born in Preston and lived here all his life. He was a great Newcastle United fan and named his son after one of his great hero's; Kevin Keegan. Kevin had a bubbly character and was a wonderful father and wanted only the best for his children. Kevin & Rhiannon. Funeral service was held at the Crematorium.

25th Jan **Irene HURST** The Turnpike died on 14th Jan
Funeral service was held here at Christ Church and was attended by many of Irene's long standing friends, as Irene was a long term member of the Christ Church congregation taking an active part in the choir when she was needed and also a member of the Crossway Group, attending many trips, as well as attending study and prayer groups. Irene loved to travel (she was in Paris just last Autumn) and visited many countries throughout her life, working both in New Zealand and Canada. Irene will be sadly missed by all.

27th Jan **Jean Ann STOTT** The Handbridge died on 12th Jan
The funeral service, at Christ Church, focussed on Jean's three great passions in life: family, cats and flowers. The later took her all over the country and in later years to many different parts of the world as she became an active member of NAFAS and she rose through the ranks to become a national judge. Our thoughts go out to Jean's family at this difficult time.

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Betty Edmundson: "Betty would like to thank everyone for their good wishes while she's ill and sends her love to all her dear friends at Christ Church"



The Children's Society - there a few collection boxes left but I have had a letter thanking us for the £220 raised though the boxes at the Christingle Service in January.

"Christ Church Fulwood should feel proud of the difference your gift is making to children's lives"
Mo Baldwin Head of Church and School Partnerships.
[Mo is the wife of Shaun Baldwin, Vicar of Broughton.]



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Weekday PRAYER in Church - with my imminent departure, sustaining our current pattern of prayer will prove difficult.
From Monday 6th March there will be prayers:

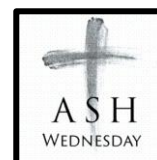
TUESDAYS at 9pm

THURSDAYS at 7pm

FRIDAYS at 9am



There will be **NO PRAYERS** in Church on **MONDAYS OR WEDNESDAYS.**
Brian



Ash Wednesday - 1st March. We will be having our normal Communion Service at 7.30pm with the imposition of ashes. As well as this, the church will be open during the day from 9am until 4pm, for personal prayer - stay for as much time as you wish. There will be a prayer guide and the thread running through our prayers is reflecting on what we can do personally to help our church through our vacancy and onto the next stage of our Christian lives together. There will also be someone available to go through the prayers with you if you wish. MIDDAY PRAYER will be at 12noon. [Chris Hedley]

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Edith BILLINGTON Grange Road, Preston died on 1st Jan
The service took place at Preston Crematorium. Edith was born and bred in Preston and was a very keen Preston North End fan. Although Edith was a small lady in stature she had a strong personality and a great sense of humour. Our thoughts go out to her children and grandchildren.