



Andrew, John, David & Norman (+Graham) on the (Mission Month) Men's Walk up Pen-y-Ghent in October - success for all !



Tom, George, Alison, Kath & Brian on the Thornleigh trip to Iona (see Pg1)



Christ Church Fulwood

December 2013



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Church Hall The Church Hall is available for hire, particularly for weekly/monthly events. Contact: Margaret Brown 6 Colebatch Tel: 717008
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Services at Christ Church

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

Weekday Services	9.00am	Morning Prayer each Tues, Wed & Thur during term time
	10.30am	Holy Communion every Thursday
	7.00pm	Evening Prayers each Thursday during term-time

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. Shirley Duggan & Hilda Waring (Our Pastoral Assistants) are also available to visit the housebound (contact details - inside front cover).

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 2 nd Monday in Jan, March, May, July, Sept & Nov.	
Choir Practice	9.45am	each Sunday in Church (except 2 nd Sundays)
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
Youth Club	7.45pm	Mondays in term time at St Cuthbert's
Parent & Toddlers	10.00am	Mondays in term time (to 11.30am) in the Hall
Crafters & Needleworkers	2.00pm	Thursdays in Church
Crossway	7.30pm	3 rd Thursday each month (not July & August) in Hall
H.O.P.E. Group	7.15pm	for 7.30pm, 1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays each month, in Vestry

Magazine

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Church Events in December 2013

Sun	1 Dec	10.30am	Young people in Church before JChurch/Pathfinders
		2.15pm	Masonic Carol Service in Church
Mon	2 Dec	7.45pm	Youth Club at St Cuthbert's (each Monday)
Tues	3 Dec	9.00am	Morning Prayer Service Church (each Tu, Wed, Th)
Wed	4 Dec	7.30pm	HOPE Group meets in the Vestry - see Pg 6
Thurs	5 Dec	10.30am	Holy Communion Service in Church (each Thurs)
		7.00pm	Evening Prayers in Vestry each Thurs (to 7.30pm)
Sun	8 Dec	10.30am	Family TOY Service - Church Parade
		10.30am	HC Service at St Alban's Church, Barracks (pg1)
Mon	9 Dec	7.20pm	Youth Club meet at Lakeside Bowling (last mtg in '13)
Wed	11 Dec	7.30pm	Deanery Standing Committee at Minster Rectory
Thur	12 Dec	7.00pm	Crossway Christmas Party in the Hall - see Pg 6
Sun	15 Dec	10.30am	Junior Church Christmas Party in the Hall
		(eve)	Hall closed for 3 full weeks - please don't go in (Pg6)
Mon	16 Dec	9.00am	Finance Committee (Budget setting) mtg
		7.45pm	NO Youth Club - next one will be in 2014!
Sat	21 Dec	4.00pm	Whalley Abbey - 'Carols for Fun' (to 5pm)
Sun	22 Dec	10.30am	NO Junior Church/Pathfinders (school holiday)
		6.30pm	(Traditional) Carol Service in Church
Tues	24 Dec	4.00pm	Christmas Eve "CRIB Service"
		11.30pm	Christmas Eve 'Midnight' Communion
Wed	25 Dec	8.00am	CHRISTMAS Day Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	CHRISTMAS Day Family Communion
Thur	26 Dec	9.00am	NO Morning Prayer Services until Tues 7th Jan
		10.30am	NO Holy Communion today
Sun	29 Dec	10.30am	NO Junior Church/Pathfinders (school holiday)

Forward notice for January

Sat	11 Jan	10.00am	Making Christingles
Sat	25 Jan	evening	Celebrate Burns Night - Pg 7

And finally ... as we 'journey' to Christmas ...

**Tissue Paper Thin !!!**

In late October I led a Pilgrimage to Iona on behalf of the Thornleigh Travel Company. I was accompanied by four others from Christ Church. (See photo on back cover) Scripted unto the walls of the ancient Abbey were the words of George MacLeod (the founder of the Iona Community). "Iona is a thin place with only a tissue paper separating heaven



and earth". I have pondered that quote often and I am sure that others can remember experiences where God was very close to us, as if a bit of heaven had come to earth.



There is of course one exceptionally "tissue paper moment" which changed the course of

time and history. Over 2000 years ago Heaven literally came to Earth when God sent his Son in to the world in the form of a baby called Jesus.

Because of this God can be close anywhere - Iona, Bethlehem and, yes, even Fulwood.

A very happy, peaceful and I pray "tissue paper moment" filled Christmas.

Love and prayers

Brian



Many will know that there is a Chapel in the Barracks called St Alban. The current chaplain, Colin Butler, is keen to promote worship there. Following a meeting with Colin it was proposed at PCC that we would publicise that there is a service there. On the 2nd Sunday of the month there is a Communion Service @ 10.30am in the Barracks Chapel. For those who would value Communion we would be very happy for them to support the Chapel in the Barracks.

The PCC unanimously supported this proposal.

The 1st opportunity for this is on Sunday 8th December. Brian (Vicar)

Sunday Worship in December

December

1st December Advent Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30am	Holy Communion	Welcome: Bob & Viki Cuthbertson
	Intercessions:	Emma Swarbrick
	Bread & Wine:	Phil & Chris Barton
	Communion Assistant:	Shirley Duggan
Readings:	Romans 13: 11-end	Marie Wylie
	Matthew 24: 36-44	Phil James
Hymns:	31, 024, 343, 28	
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Welcome: Paul Jordan
Readings:	Isaiah 52: 1-12	Brian McConkey
	Matthew 24: 15-28	Paul Jordan
Hymns:	178, 372	Psalm: 9



8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30am	Family TOY Service	with Church Parade (see Pg6)
	Welcome:	John & Elizabeth Bailey
Readings:	to come	Elizabeth Bailey
Hymns:	to come	
6.30am	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Welcome: Paul Jordan
Readings:	1 Kings 18: 17-29	Brent Sutton
	John 1: 19-28	Karen Sutton
Hymns:	31, 334	Psalm: 11

TOYS
You can
help -
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Flowers in Dec



Thur 5 Dec	No extra flowers
Thur 12 Dec	No extra flowers
Thur 19 Dec	All the team
Thur 26 Dec	Jean Clementson & Betty Edmundson

Refreshment Rota

Sun 1 Dec	Mary Fletcher & Marie Wylie
Sun 8 Dec	Mary Fletcher, Gwynneth Greenwood, Joyce Masterton, Alison Tait
Sun 15 Dec	Sue Cameron & Katie McCormack
Sun 22 Dec	Margaret Harrison & Sue Wright
Sun 29 Dec	Rachel Pitches & Phyl Rhodes



HOPE Group Our meeting this month is in the Vestry on the Wed 4th Dec, 7.15 for a 7.30pm start, ending at 9pm. We discuss topics that have relevance to everyone and have some fun, too.

Please note that there will be just this one HOPE mtg in December.

4th December: "Under the Gift Wrap" exploring the gift of Christ and what it means to us. Everyone is welcome, so come along and start Christmas off from here!



Christmas Singers - Following the success of the singing group formed for Christmas last year, Peter and Margot invite anyone who would like to join a 'bolstered' choir that will lead our 6.30pm Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December. Rehearsals will be Wednesday 11th December and Monday 16th December, both 7.45-9.00pm. There will also be a run through on the day 5.30 - 6.00pm. Participants should try to attend at least one of the two evening practices; for more details contact Peter or Margot.

A date for your diary! Celebrate Burns Night, Saturday 25th January, in the Church Hall, Victoria Road. Food and entertainment with a Scottish flavour! Proceeds will be in aid of the 'Christ Church 150' Restoration Fund.

Parish Development Project - Thank you and next steps....

Thank you to all 110 of you who participated in the Mission Month events. We have over 100 comments and ideas which we are currently looking at and developing themes. This fantastic response is really encouraging for us as we continue to work on how we can spread the love of God as widely as possible and grow our Christian community for the next generation and beyond. The next stage of the project is to pull together all the information we have collated and decide on our vision and priorities for the future.



There will be a consultation process on the vision and priorities and we will be letting you know how you can tell us what you think. In the meantime we encourage you to keep an eye on the display boards as well as on the Magazine, church notices and our newly launched web site.

Thanks again Brian, Emma, Graham and Chris

PS - thank you for your financial contributions at the Mission Month events - we have just about broken even - in fact we made a small profit!

Crossway



Our meeting this month is our Christmas Get Together on Thursday 12th December at 7pm (please note the earlier time) in the Church Hall. We do hope that lots of you will come along and join in the party. There will be a buffet meal provided by outside caterers so we are charging £9 per head. Please sign up at the back of church as soon as possible as final numbers are needed by Friday 7th December - the more the merrier!!



TOY Service: please bring to the service **NEW** toys or those in **EXCELLENT** condition which you will donate at this service for passing on to the Salvation Army. In December they receive requests in the 100s from Social Services to give toys to children from needy families in Preston.



"New Wine" - for Ladies on Saturday 15th March there is to be a Women's Day in Harrogate led by a charismatic section of the Church of England called 'New Wine'. For the past 3 years a group has gone from our

Church in shared cars. **If we book before the end of December** the cost will be £22 each for the day plus transport (shared cars?) which will depend on how many ladies wish to go. If you are interested please sign up at the back of Church. For more info please contact Joan on Pr. 716833.

Church HALL - As part of the refurbishment of the Hall the floors are being stripped back and then re-polished. Therefore **the hall will be closed** from Sunday evening 15th December for 3 weeks until Monday 6th January 2014. **On no account must anyone enter the hall in this time.**



Christ Church Website - our website www.christchurchfulwood.org has experienced a complete face lift! The new look is intended to be clearer and more attractive for those looking for information about the life and worship of our church. The magazine will also be downloadable from the website each month. It is likely that we will keep adjusting the site and adding new pages to it over the coming months.

15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Holy Communion Welcome: Ken & Joan Curphey
Intercessions: Mary Fletcher
Bread & Wine: Owen & Annette Stevens
Communion Assistant: Chris Hedley
Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10 Chris Hedley
Matthew 11: 2-11 Steve Hedley
Hymns: 27, 0225, 180, 0422
6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) Welcome: Paul Jordan
Readings: Isaiah 5: 8-end Paul Jordan
Acts 13: 13-41 Peter Hamborg
Hymns: 27, 397 Psalm: 12

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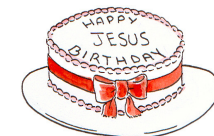
22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Holy Communion Welcome: Ian Greenwood & David Rhodes
Intercessions: Jane Campbell
Bread & Wine: John & Elizabeth Bailey
Communion Assistant: Joan Curphey
Readings: Romans 1: 1-7 Graham Hickey
Matthew 1: 18-end Margaret Brown
Hymns: 131, 0313, 26, 422
6.30pm **Carol Service (Traditional)** Welcome: Paul Jordan
Carols and Readings



29th December Sunday after Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) with Carols
Welcome: Margaret Brown & Michelle Jordan
Readings: Hebrews 2: 10-end Sue Cameron
Matthew 2: 13-end Keith Cameron
Hymns: off Carol Sheet Psalm: 148
6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP) Welcome: Paul Jordan
Readings: Galatians 4: 1-7 Karen Sutton
Matthew: 1: 18 -end Brent Sutton
Hymns: off Carol Sheet



REGISTERS

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Christian Baptism

'We welcome you'

27th October Ryan Robert **TUNNICLIFFE**
Parents: Robert and Nicola, Glebe Close.

27th October James Peter Richard **LOGAN**
Parents: Steven and Kimberley, Victoria Rd



Christian Wedding

'Joined in Christ'

26th October Sam **CUTHBERTSON** and Tina **SMILLIE**

When I arrived at Christ Church Sam was one of our oldest teenagers; how wonderful to see him embrace the big adult decision of marriage to Tina! There was a great sense of joy and celebration about the day which continued at the reception at Bartle Hall. As you well know Sam's parents are an established part of our Church family.



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

Judith **BARRATT** Vicarage Close died 20th Sept
Judith was actually my next door neighbour at the Vicarage. A number of years ago I took her husband's (Gordon) funeral. She is survived by her children Christian and Samantha. Peter, a very good friend of the family, paid tribute to her. The Vicarage Close community were out in force! In recent years she got great company from her pet dog, Diesel! Judith's funeral service was held at Preston Crematorium.

David **LAURIE** Garstang Rd., Broughton died 22nd Oct
Although born in Barrow David grew up in Preston but settled with his family in Galgate. His loves in life were Photography, Motorbikes and Burnley FC! He is survived by his sons Darren, Steven and Graham, his mother Margaret and sister Janice. David's funeral service was held at Preston Crematorium.

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Christian Aid - through the donation tin at the back of church we raised £100 for the Christian Aid Syrian Appeal. Thanks to each of you. [Margaret Harrison].

Christian Aid Christmas Cards are now for sale in Church. [Margaret H]

Charity Christmas Card Board: We will have the charity board again in Church in December where you can pin up a card instead of sending to friends in Church. Last year donations were up on the year before, can we continue that this year? We are very aware of the desperate need of many families in Preston for food and with Christmas coming this is even more acute. Donations will go to the Salvation Army Food Parcels Fund. **Please help all you can.**



John Marler: John Marler thanks all friends at Christ Church for cards, flowers, gifts and visits as well as those who enquired about him during his time in hospital and through his recovery. Also for the many good wishes received on his 'special' birthday recently. All much appreciated. [John]



Betty Edmundson: May I thank everyone for their good wishes, cards and presents on the birth of our much longed for grandson; it has all been very wonderful.
[Betty & John Edmundson, Sally & David]



Thank you - 'CC150' Fund - our most recent fundraising events were the Beer Festival and the Wine Tasting which between them made a profit of about £730. [Steve Hedley]

Thanks

Hall 4 All - Recent Work Carried Out - the upstairs room (known as 'The Upper Room') has been re-decorated. Carpet has been laid in the Upper Room as well as in the back corridor beside the small hall. New stage curtains have been purchased and prepared by the Parish Crafters, the curtains are now ready to be hung. [Keith Cameron]

Hall 4 All