



Christingle: morning
& afternoon services



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Christ Church Fulwood

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Christ Church

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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. Hilda Waring (our Pastoral Assistant) is also available to visit the housebound (contact details - inside front cover).
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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	2.00pm	Thursdays in the Vestry
HOPE Group	7.15 for 7.30pm	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays each month, in the Vestry
Crossway	7.30pm	3 rd Thursday each month (not July & August) in Hall

Magazine

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Church Events in February 2015

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Sun	1 Feb	10.30am	Young people in Church before JChurch/Pathfinders
Mon	2 Feb	11am	York Minster: Philip North consecrated Bishop of Burnley
		7.00pm	Banner: Mtg in Vestry for applique work - all welcome
Tues	3 Feb	9.00am	Morning Prayer Service Church (each Tu, Wed, Th)
Wed	4 Feb	7.30pm	HOPE Group in the Vestry (Pg 6)
		7.30pm	Deanery Synod at St Stephen's Church
Thur	5 Feb	10.30am	Holy Communion Service in Church (each Thurs)
		7.00pm	Evening Prayers in Vestry each Thurs (to 7.30pm)
Sun	8 Feb	10.30am	Family Service - Church Parade
		10.30am	HC Service at St Alban's Church, Barracks
Mon	9 Feb	7.45pm	Youth Club at St Cuthbert's (each Monday)
Thur	12 Feb	8.00pm	Ladies Ecumenical Mtg at Our Lady St Edward (Pg6)
Sat	14 Feb	10.30am	Blackburn Cathedral: Welcome to (new) Bishop Philip
Sun	15 Feb	10.30am	NO Junior Church/Pathfinders (school half-term)
Mon	16 Feb	7.45pm	NO Youth Club at St Cuthbert's (school half-term)
Tues	17 Feb	9.00am	NO Morning Prayer Tues or Thurs this week
Wed	18 Feb	9.00am	Morning Prayer, Church open for prayer til . . .
		12noon	Midday Prayer
		7.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion with Ashing
		7.30pm	NO Lent HOPE Group - see next week (see Pg 6)
Thur	19 Feb	7.30pm	Crossway meets in the Hall - see Pg 6
Sun	22 Feb	10.30am	NO Junior Church/Pathfinders (school half-term)
		5pm for 5.30pm	'Remix': area Youth Event in the Hall, all welcome (Pg3)
		6.30pm	NO Evening Service in Church (Pg3)
Mon	23 Feb	7.30pm	Ecumenical Lent in Preston Minster (1/5) all welcome
Tues	24 Feb	6.30pm	Confirmation Week 1 in the Vestry (adults: 7.30pm)
Wed	25 Feb	7.30pm	Lent: weekly HOPE special in the Vestry (Pg6)
Thur	26 Feb	7.45pm	Deanery Synod Standing Committee in Vestry
Sat	28 Feb	7.30am	leave for 'New Wine' at Harrogate - see Pg6

Forward Notice for March

Mon 16 Mar 7.00am Christ Church Pilgrimage to Iona (to Thurs eve)

Maundy Thursday (2nd April 2015) - once again we are walking to Blackburn Cathedral for the Maundy Thursday Service there, 11 miles setting off at 5.30am, sign-up sheet will be in church soon. This is part of the 'Christ Church 150' celebrations and all are very welcome!! [Ken C]

STAMPS: Thank you to those people who leave used stamps at the back of church. They have been given to 'Deafway', the Preston based Charity, who are able to turn them into cash. We will continue to collect for them. [Keith]

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Plenty of choice this Lent.....

We live in a world with enormous choice and variety. We have come a long way since Henry Ford famously said you can have any colour for your car as long as it is black !

It feels like we have plenty of choice this Lent !

On Mondays there is the Lent Series at the Minster organised by the local churches in Preston, theme is 'Being Bound'.



On Tuesdays, as our preparation for Confirmation on Easter Day, candidates will be doing "The Pilgrim Course", looking at what it means to be a follower of Jesus today.

Whilst primarily for Y7 and teenage candidates, adults wishing to explore the Christian faith are most welcome. Perhaps you may well consider Confirmation too.

On Wednesdays, like last year, the HOPE group is meeting every Wednesday in Lent (apart from 18th March). We will be using material from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland called **Walking and praying with Christians of the Middle East!** This sounds a fascinating course.

Information on all three of these is elsewhere in this magazine.

With my love and prayer
Brian



HOPE in LENT

We will have weekly meetings starting on 25th February and ending on the last Wednesday in March (except for 18th March). Our theme is Walking and Praying with Christians of the Middle East. The present conflicts and political instabilities in countries such as Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Israel and the Palestinian Territories have had a profound impact upon ancient Christian communities that can trace their origins back to the very beginnings of Christianity. Many Church leaders in the region believe that without a Christian presence, the future of the Middle East looks bleak indeed. Yet at the same time . . . (continued on Pg7)



Sunday Worship in February

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1st February 4th Sunday of Epiphany (Septuagesima)

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Visiting Preacher: Canon John Hall
 Welcome: Sue McConkey & Sue Walsh
 Intercessions: Joan and Ken Curphey
 Bread & Wine: Frank & June McCandlish
 Communion Assistant: Chris Hedley

Readings: Revelation 12: 1-5a Ian Greenwood
 Mark 1: 21-28 Gwynneth Greenwood

Hymns: 143, 180, 088, 0142

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP) Welcome: Paul Jordan
 Readings: 1 Samuel 1: 19b-end Michael Higgins
 Hebrews 4: 11-end Paul Jordan
 Hymns: 025, 031 Psalm: 118



8th February 2nd Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima)

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am Family Service with Church Parade
 Welcome: Jim & Linda Clare

Readings: To come Sue & Keith Cameron
 Hymns: to come

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP) Welcome: Paul Jordan
 Readings: Genesis 2: 4b-end Brent Sutton
 Luke 8: 22-35 Karen Sutton
 Hymns: 162, 19 Psalm: 19



The Foxton Centre: "I am writing to thank everyone connected with Christ Church who contributed so magnificently to the Christmas Card Project raising £273.58 for the work of The Foxton Centre at Christmas time.

This was a very welcome and much appreciated donation.

We were open nearly every day over the Christmas and New Year holidays. Our highest attendance at our day time Community Café was 82, just before Christmas. On Christmas Day we served dinner to 65 people. Therefore we were able to continue to support rough sleepers and other homeless or vulnerable adults and help them to enjoy some Christmas cheer. This was made possible because of the generous support of many people and organisations. Thank you for supporting us."

THANK YOU

Confirmation 2015 on Easter Day

We are having a very special Confirmation this year as it is on **Easter Day Sunday 5th April**. Candidates will be doing part of a National Church of England Course called **PILGRIM**, looking at what it means to follow Christ. Please contact Brian if you wish to be confirmed. Young people have to be in Year 7 or above - they too in their own session will explore what it means to be a Pilgrim!



HOPE in Lent (continued from Pg1)

Yet at the same time knowledge in the Western churches of these Christian communities remains minimal and often we are unaware of who Middle Eastern Christians are and what issues they face in today's world. In popular perceptions of the Middle East, Arab equals Muslim and rarely Christian. Our knowledge of our Christian sisters and brothers in the region is an important factor in their survival.

HOPE

Lent is a crucial time to remember the lands in which Christianity has its roots - Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Israel, Palestine and above all Jerusalem are names that remind us of crucial events in the Bible, but also names that dominate our news today. Please join us to find out more.

Meet in the vestry at 7.15 for a 7.30 start finishing at 9pm. We look forward to seeing you. For further information see the website or email Elizabeth on: eabailey@blueyonder.co.uk

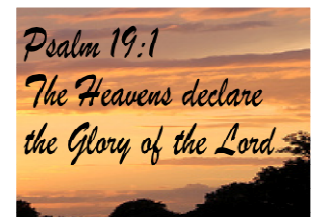


365 Exhortations This year I wanted to give myself some time each day to reflect and dwell on God. I also love taking pictures of nature and so I combined both joys, to take a picture every day and use that to stimulate a reflection on God. I find it amazing how sunrises and sunsets can be so beautiful and certainly declare the glory of the Lord.

I've set up a blogging website to encourage myself to continue with this goal and if it can do anything I hope it will encourage - exhort - as many to follow Christ as their and our saviour.

Website: 365exhortations.wordpress.com

God bless, Graham (Hickey)





What's happening in our PARISH

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Crossway At our Christmas gathering we once again all had a pleasant evening and enjoyed a delicious meal at Vincents, Preston College - we can certainly recommend it to all.

At our February meeting on Thursday 19th February at 7.30pm in The Church Hall, we welcome two members of our congregation - Chris Hedley and Keith Cameron who will be giving us a presentation titled "**Our Nepalese Adventure**". "Chris Hedley and Keith Cameron were part of a small team of local Rotarians who visited Nepal last May to see some of the projects supported by the Preston based charity, Deafway, in that country. This is the story of that visit." We do hope that many of you will be able to come and support them. Everyone is very welcome.

HOPE Group Everyone is welcome at our February HOPE Group meetings. Don't worry if you haven't been before or can't make it to every meeting - it's not a course! We enjoy fun and fellowship as well as taking opportunities for spiritual growth with our discussions.

HOPE

Wednesday 4th February - exploring what Jesus means when He says "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth" [Matthew 5:5]
Wednesday 18th February - join us in church for the Ash Wednesday Service with Ashing; the HOPE Group meeting has been moved to next week . . .

Wednesday 25th February - the first of our Lent meetings - we begin with a focus upon the Christians of Syria. We will hear a story from that country and are reminded of the contrast with the Covenant of God with Noah and the actions of humankind: compassion, love and forgiveness versus violence, intolerance and hatred.



Ladies Ecumenical Meeting Just a reminder: the Ecumenical meeting at Our Lady and St Edward's Church, Marlborough Drive is on Thurs 12th Feb. There will be a short service at 8pm, followed by a talk and a light supper. If you want to go please sign up a.s.a.p. at the back of church

New Wine - for Ladies On Saturday 28th Feb there is to be a Women's Day in Harrogate led by a charismatic section of the Church of England called 'New Wine'; if you'd like to go please have a word with Joan (716833).



15th February Sunday next before Lent (Quinquagesima)

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8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Welcome: Paul Koziarski & Brenda Woolley
Intercessions: Mary Fletcher
Bread & Wine: Neil & Kirsty Cockcroft
Communion Assistant: Lisa Rogerson
Readings: 2 Corinthians 4 : 3-6 Betty Edmondson
Mark 9: 2-9 Paul Jordan
Hymns: 0422, 025, Eddie BURNS (new) Hymn, 192
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion (BCP) Welcome: Paul Jordan
Readings: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10 Brian McConkey
Mark 4: 1-11 Michael Higgins
Hymns: 262, 224

NOTE:

Evening
Communion
Service is
this week;
Youth Event
5.30pm next
week in Hall

22th February 1st Sunday of Lent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Welcome: David Rhodes & Shirley Duggan
Intercessions: "This time tomorrow"
Bread & Wine: Keith & Sue Cameron
Communion Assistant: Joan Curphey
Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17 Joyce Masterton
Mark 1: 9-15 Alison Tait
Hymns: 0418, 0245, 0300, 235



5pm for 5.30 p.m. 'REMIX': area Youth Event in the Hall, all welcome

Special Christian youth event in the Hall, with food, music and games; all are welcome at this lively event, with a special guest appearing

~~6.30 p.m. NO Holy Communion Service~~

Flowers in February

Thur 5 Feb Joyce Masterton & Hillary Catchpole
Thur 12 Feb Alison Tait & Shirley Duggan
from Thur 19 Feb It's **Lent** - no flowers in church

Refreshment Rota

Sun 1 Feb Margaret Harrison & Sue Wright
Sun 8 Feb Chris Banik, Margaret Brown & Doris Sellers
Sun 15 Feb Rachel Pitches & Phyl Rhodes
Sun 22 Feb Adrienne Clarkson & Doris Sellers



Christian Wedding 'Joined in Christ'

We had two weddings over the Christmas period; the Church looked beautiful and many guests commented on it.

23rd Dec Jason **BARNES** and Melanie **GRAVELL** from Preston

30th Dec Neil **COCKCROFT** and Kirsty **WILLIAMS** from Leyland



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

2nd Jan Lyle **PEACOCK** Preston Private Nursing Home died 22nd Dec. Lyle was a fellow Irishman from Clough outside Ballymena. Like many of his generation he came to England to find work. He worked as a Steel Erector. He never forgot his Irish roots and we had two classic Irish folk songs at the service. He is survived by sons Kerry and Patrick.

7th Jan Michael **THOMPSON** Melrose Avenue died 23rd Dec. Michael is survived by his wife Sheila and their children Alan, Christine & Diane. He was devoted to his family but also devoted to his sport especially golf where he was a former Captain of Preston Golf Club and previously Curling where he represented England. His recent years were robbed by Alzheimer's - the family really appreciated everybody's presence at the Funeral Service and their support.

8th Jan Margery **DIXON** Shirebank Crescent died 24th Dec. Margery was visiting her family over Christmas, took ill and sadly died whilst there. She is survived by her daughters Joyce and Elaine. Margery and her late husband Ken lived for over 50 years on Shirebank Crescent; she was though a farmer's daughter and a country girl at heart. The family appreciate all the help and support the Shirebank community gave to their Mum.

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Hall 4 All Work continues on the refurbishment of the Hall. A new cooker has been purchased and installed.

The kitchen has been tiled and decorated and new equipment provided. Elsewhere the stairs to the Upper Room have been carpeted and spring taps fitted to the wash hand basins in the toilets to reduce our consumption of water. A new heater, with time switch, has . . . (continued across)

Hall 4 All



The 150 Acts of Kindness Challenge

During 2014 a young man called Luke Cameron challenged himself to do an act of kindness on every single day of the year. He did it to celebrate the life of a friend who had died of cancer and to honour her lifelong selfless attitude towards helping others. Luke did things like giving clothes to charity, making biscuits for his colleagues, giving a hot drink to a homeless person, doing his father's ironing and helping an elderly lady to cross a busy road.

In this year of celebration of 150 years of worship at Christ Church we are also challenging ourselves to carry out new Acts of Kindness - 150 to be precise during the period of Lent (18th Feb - 2nd April) and instead of 'giving something up' we are asking ourselves to 'give something away' - that is our time and effort to help someone else with something they need no matter how big or how small.



All we are asking is that you take a photo of your act of kindness (with permission of course) or write a note about it so that we can make a display and share our collective efforts. This is not a competition - the ultimate prize is the joy of knowing that we are doing what Jesus has asked us to do - "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you..." [John 15.12]

Luke Cameron achieved his 365 acts of kindness and, if you want inspiration, you can see what he did on his Good Deed Diary blog: www.thegooddeediary.com

There are information sheets at the back of church or from Christine Hedley, 01772 652475, email: the_hedleys@btinternet.com

Let's see if we can make the 150 and more . . !

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. . . (continued) been installed to provide hot water to the basins in the toilet and kitchen in the small hall.

Hall 4 All

We are grateful to the Lancashire Environment Fund for the grants that have enabled this work to be carried out. [Keith Cameron]