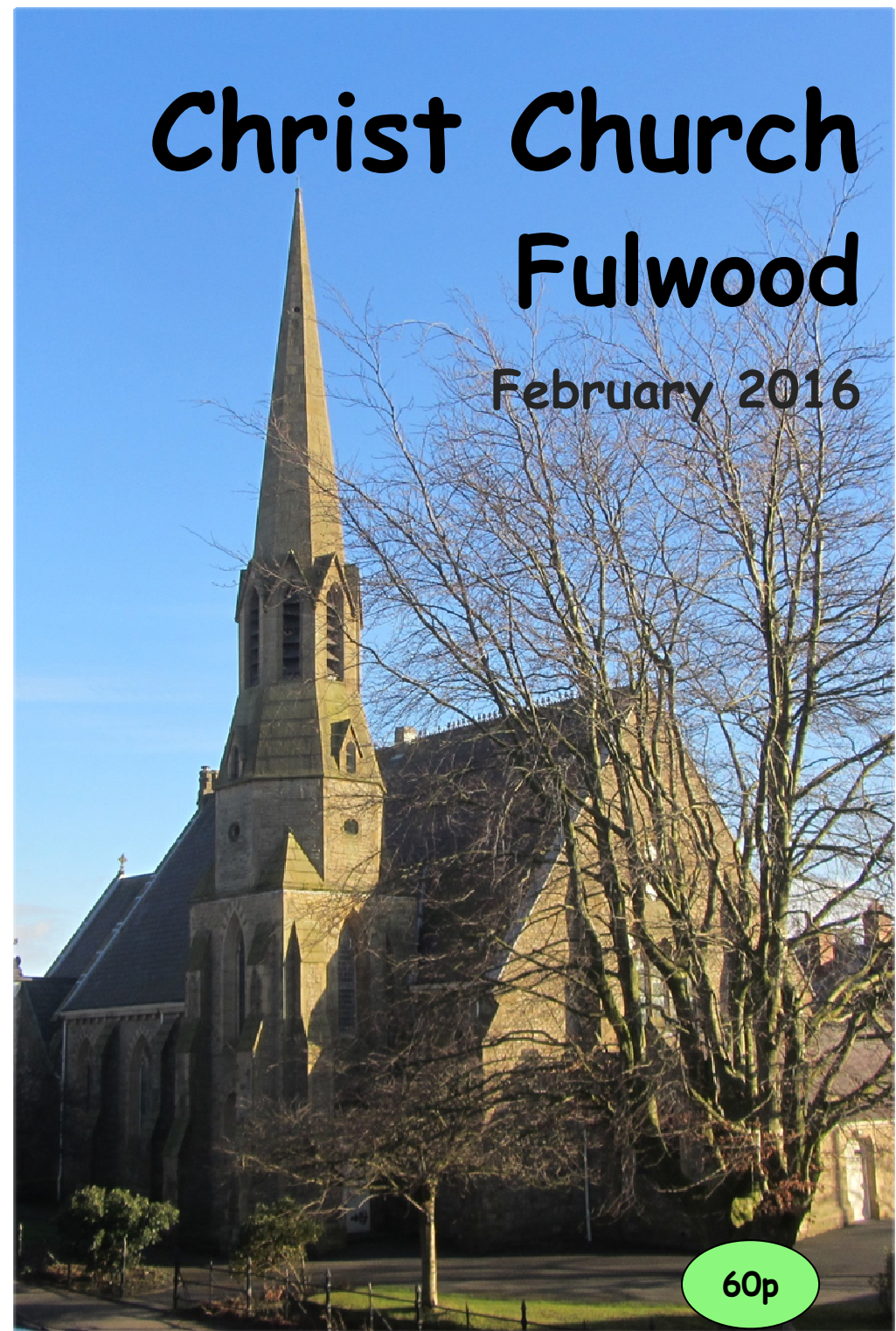




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Christ Church Fulwood

February 2016

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 Worship (when there's a 5 th Sunday)
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
		Holy Communion (BCP) (4 th 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.

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

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Church Events in February 2016

Mon	1 Feb	12noon	Prayers in Church each weekday (see inside back cover)
Wed	3 Feb	7.30pm	HOPE Group meets in the Vestry - see Pg 6
Thur	4 Feb	10.30am	Holy Communion Service in Church (each Thurs)
Sun	7 Feb	10.30am	Young people in Church before JChurch/Pathfinders
Tues	9 Feb		Shrove Tuesday
Wed	10 Feb	10.00am - 3.00pm	Ash Wednesday - Church open for prayer
		7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service
		8.00pm	HOPE Lent Group in Church (1/5) - see Pg 6
Thur	11 Feb	12noon	Crafters' Lunch @ The Italian Orchard, sign up - see Pg7
Sun	14 Feb	10.30am	Family Service with Church Parade
			(Brian leading worship at Ribchester, currently vacant)
		pm	Pathfinders Extra: trip out - Bowling in Preston (see Pg7)
Mon	15 Feb to 19 th Feb		NO Parish Prayers this week
Mon	15 Feb	7.20pm	Lent in the Minster (1/5) - see Pg5
Wed	17 Feb	7.30pm	HOPE Lent Group in Church (2/5) - see Pg 6
Thur	18 Feb	7.30pm	Crossway meets in the Hall - see Pg 6
Fri	19 Feb	10.00am	Cake and Company in Hall to 12 noon- all welcome (Pg5)
Sun	21 Feb	10.30am	NO Junior Church/Pathfinders (school holiday)
Mon	22 Feb	7.20pm	Lent in the Minster (2/5) - see Pg5
Tues	23 Feb	7.30pm	Worship Planning for March, in the Vestry - see Pg 7
Wed	23 Feb	7.30pm	HOPE Lent Group in Church (3/5) - see Pg 6
Sun	28 Feb	10.30am	Young people in Church before JChurch/Pathfinders
Mon	29 Feb	7.20pm	Lent in the Minster (3/5) - see Pg5

Forward Notice for March

Sun	6 th March	10.30am	MOTHERING SUNDAY - Family Service (NOTE)
Sun	13 March	2.30pm	Next Messy Church, in the Hall, sign up (see Pg 5)
Wed	16 March		Mission Week: A British Bake-off tea & cake (Pg7)
Fri	18 March	eve	Mission Week: Christ Church Cabaret Night (Pg7)

And finally . . .



**GOD is there
for you
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to get
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to see
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HOPE

Early Lent !!!

Dutifully we put our Christmas Tree, etc. away on the 12th Night of Christmas and before I knew it Lent is just around the corner with Easter almost as early as it possibly can be.



Bishop Julian last year launched the Diocese of Blackburn's new growth strategy ... 'Vision 2026: Healthy Churches Transforming Communities'.

The Parish Development Plan which we have already been working towards dovetails very well with the Diocesan Vision. One of the Vision resources provided is a 'Vision 2026 Study Course'. This has been designed so that it can be used by churches which are just starting to embrace the Vision, but because we are already partway down the road, we are adapting the course and using it on Wednesday evenings during Lent to review our current plan, to see whether new things need to be introduced and existing priorities adapted.

It launches on Ash Wednesday 10th February at 7.30pm with a short Communion Service followed by our 1st session. Following sessions continue on Wednesday evenings in Lent, a 7.30pm start with a commitment to finish at 9.00pm. Fuller details page 7.

One good piece of news to announce is that Phil, our Curate, is to be Ordained Priest on Saturday 2nd July at 2.30pm at Blackburn Cathedral with his first Holy Communion the next morning followed by a Celebration Lunch. That Sunday also happens to be his birthday - a great weekend for Phil and his family.

With love and prayer for a good Lent.

Brian

OUR DIOCESAN VISION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we embrace your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders. Give us the eyes to see your vision, ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Sunday Worship in February

7th February

Sunday next before Lent

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	
	Welcome:	John & Elizabeth Bailey
	Intercessions:	Steve and Chris Hedley
	Bread & Wine:	Frank & June McCandlish
	Communion Assistant:	Chris Hedley
Readings:	Exod. 34. 29-end	Ken Curphey
	Luke 9, 28-36	Margaret Harrison
6.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP) Welcome: Paul Jordan	
Readings:	Exod. 3.1-6	Paul Jordan
	John 12. 27-36a	Brian McConkey
Hymns:	248, 215	Psalm: 89.1-18



14th February

First Sunday in Lent

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30am	Family Service with Church Parade	
	Welcome: Angela Crook & Shirley Duggan	
Readings:	Rom 10. 8b-13	Chris Hedley
	Luke 4. 1-13	Steve Hedley
6.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP) Welcome: Paul Jordan	
Readings:	Jonah ch.3	Brent Sutton
	Luke 18.9-14	Karen Sutton
Hymns:	135, 343	Psalm: 119.73-88



Flowers in February

Thur 4 Feb	Barbara Barber
Thur 11 Feb	Lent - no flower displays in Church
Thur 18 Feb	Lent - no flower displays in Church
Thur 25 Feb	Lent - no flower displays in Church

Worship Planning

In December and January some of us had an experiment of meeting and looking at the readings for the following month and in doing so talked about what hymns/ songs might be suitable. Our February Worship Planning meeting for March Services is **Tues 23rd at 7.30pm** in the Vestry, ending with Night Prayer at 9pm.

HOPE

"Vision 2026 Study Course" - see Pg6 Wednesday's in Lent



Wed 10th February - **Ash Wednesday** including Holy Communion

followed by "Healthy Churches" Lent Course (Brian)

Wed 17th February "Transforming Communities" (Mandy)

Wed 24th February "Making Disciples of Jesus Christ" (Adam)

Wed 2nd March "Being witnesses to Jesus Christ" (Phil)

Wed 9th March "Growing Leaders for Jesus Christ" (Emma)

Please come 7.15 for 7.30pm start with a commitment to be finished by 9.00pm
All meetings will take place in church, so room for everyone! [Brian]

Crafters' Lunch

- all ladies of the parish are invited to join us for lunch on Thursday 11th February at The Italian Orchard, Broughton; 12noon for 12.30pm meal. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or phone Jean (Clementson) on Pr. 717302.

PATHFINDERS EXTRA - Sunday 14th February - TRIP OUT to Bowling in Preston. To attend this you will need your parents to fill in a consent form and return it by Sun 7th February. Cost will be £4.50 PLUS you will need extra on the day for drinks and snacks. If this is a problem in any way, talk to me as I wouldn't want this to stop you from coming along. [Phil]

Preston Mission Week

- as part of this week, Christ Church is organising two events which are aimed at being a chance to invite along someone who might not normally be part of church. More details of the whole week will be in the next magazine, but for now please keep the following dates free. Any offers of support or help would be gratefully received - talk to Phil or Chris Hedley [Phil]

Wednesday 16th March: A British Bake-off tea & cake (early afternoon)

Friday 18th March: Christ Church Cabaret Night (evening).



What's happening in our PARISH

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Crossway

This year Crossway is celebrating its 20th Anniversary, does it seem like 20 years since we started??



On Thursday 18th February at 7.30pm in The Church Hall, Victoria Road, we will welcome Colin Dudgeon to be our speaker;



his presentation will be entitled 'Down the River'.

I think that 'our eyes will be opened' at the work of Colin, as he takes Bibles into Asia. His most recent trip was last November so the talk will be very up to date. Please come along and hear about the wonderful work he undertakes. Everyone is most welcome.

HOPE Group in February - see Pg7 Vision 2026 Study Course

There will be a Hope Group meeting every Wednesday during February as we will be hosting The Bishop of Blackburn's Vision 2026 Study Course during Lent facilitated by Brian and his team.

H O P E

Wednesday 3rd Feb: Shared Ministry - what can we learn from John 4:1-26 the account of Jesus talking with a Samaritan woman?

Ash Wednesday 10th Feb Vision 2026 part 1 - Healthy Churches - this topic will be included in the Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Service in church at 7.30pm

Wednesday 17th Feb Vision 2026 part 2 - Transforming Communities

Wednesday 24th Feb Vision 2026 part 3 - Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

Everyone is welcome. Don't worry if you haven't been before or can't make it to every meeting. We enjoy fun and fellowship as well as taking opportunities for spiritual growth.

Meet in the vestry or 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)

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21st February

Second Sunday in Lent



8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Welcome: Ken & Joan Curphey
		Intercessions: to come
		Bread & Wine: Neil & Kirsty Cockcroft
		Communion Assistant: Lisa Rogerson
Readings:	Phil 3.17-4.1	Joyce Masterton
	Luke 13.31-end	Sue Walsh
6.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Welcome: Paul Jordan
Readings:	Jer. 22. 1-9 & 13-17	Paul Jordan
	Luke 14. 27-33	Michael Higgins
Hymns:	237, 235	Psalm:

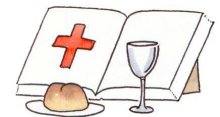


28th February

Third Sunday in Lent



8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Welcome: Adrienne Clarkson & Michelle Jordan
		Intercessions: Joan & Ken Curphey
		Bread & Wine: Keith & Sue Cameron
		Communion Assistant: Ken Curphey
Readings:	Isa 55. 1-9	Marie Wylie
	Luke 13. 1-9	Adrienne Clarkson
6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Welcome: Paul Jordan
Readings:	Eph 5.1-14	Karen Sutton
	Luke 11. 14-28	Brent Sutton
Hymns:	126, 15	



Refreshment Rota

Sun 7 Feb	Jane Dunsmore & Elsie Lenton
Sun 14 Feb	Chris Banik, Margaret Brown & Doris Sellers
Sun 21 Feb	Chris & Steve Hedley
Sun 28 Feb	Mary Fletcher & Marie Wylie



Christian Wedding 'Joined in Christ'

18th Dec Steven **TAPPENDEN** and Hannah Katherine **EVANS**
Christmas-time weddings always have a special feeling and the Christmas tree made a lovely backdrop for the photographs!

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

17th Dec Norman **ASHCROFT** Allenby Avenue died 8 Dec
The funeral of Norman took place just over 12 months after the funeral of his late wife Hilda. He is survived by his daughters Gill and Barbara. Norman and Hilda had a son Graham who sadly predeceased them.

Karen **MOORE** Southport died 8 Dec
Karen died young, at the age of 55. She is survived by her daughter Kate and son Lewis. Special thanks to her sister Susan who took care of her in her final few weeks at her home in Southport. Kate and Lewis's family home was our former Vicarage on Watling St Rd.

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**THANK YOU** - I would like to say 'thank you' to all my friends for their prayers, good wishes and messages during the last few weeks when I've been unwell; they were much appreciated. Love, Dorothy [Cliff]



**THANK YOU** - your donations in lieu of Christmas Cards raised £286 for The Salvation Army's work with those in desperate need at Christmastime. Thank you. Trust that if you didn't receive a card from someone at church you will appreciate the gesture which has been made instead.



**THANK YOU** - similarly thanks for all the Toys which were collected at the Toy Service in December. They were all transported down to The Salvation Army (thanks Phil) and distributed to particularly needy families for Christmas. Those working with distributing to the families were aware that there were many gifts suitable for younger children but only a relatively small number for teenagers. This was discussed at PCC in January and we agreed to set this as a priority in 2016. Can we therefore ask that you start to think ahead??!!!!



Our next **Messy Church** is on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March** in the Church Hall, 2.30 - 4.30. Names to Emma 01772 722948 [christchurchreader@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christchurchreader@hotmail.co.uk) or sign up at the back of Church.

**Thank you** to those who made the Christmas party for 'Cake & Company' such a success. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, especially receiving a present from Father Christmas! [Jean Preston]



Our next **Cake & Company** coffee morning drop-in for adults is on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February**, 10-12 in the Church Hall. All are very welcome!

## Lent in the Minster 2016

Please set aside the 5 Mondays of Lent for the annual Preston Area Churches 'Lent in the Minster' Series. Dates are: Mondays - 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 29<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7<sup>th</sup> March & 14<sup>th</sup> March; each 7.20 for 7.30pm and finishing before 9pm.

The theme of '**MERCY**' considers responses to one of the dilemmas our country seems to be experiencing; the reflections will be on: **Mercy, Exodus, Refugee, Conflict and Your Response(?)**. Those involved are from across the ecumenical spectrum of Churches Together and as Christ's body in the Preston Area we look forward to worshiping and reflecting together. All are welcome, further details are on the poster in the church porch. If you'd like to talk about how to get to the Preston Minster please just have a word with me. [Ken]

