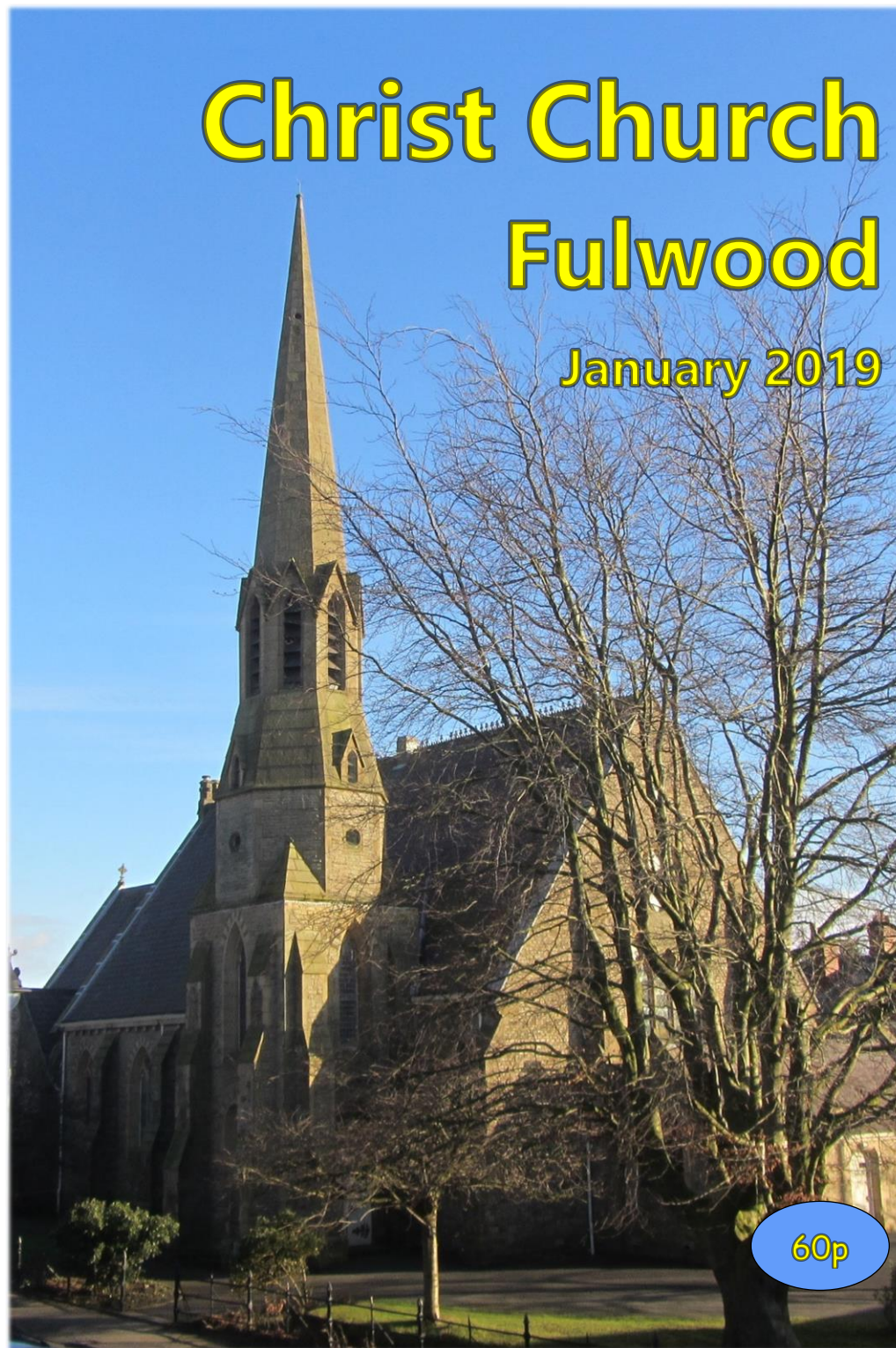


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Christ Church Fulwood

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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)
		All Age 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 Service: Thursdays - 10:30am Holy Communion

Prayers: Fridays at 9.00am in the Vestry (during term time):

Also: at 7.00pm 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays - Evening Prayers, in Vestry;
at 7.00pm on 2nd and 4th Thursdays - Bible Study, in the Vestry.

Baptism, Confirmation, Marriages & Funerals

All by arrangement with Chris, the Vicar (Tel: 715202)

Visiting Chris (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 3rd 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
Messy Church	2.30pm	as arranged (approx. bi-monthly), usually in Hall to 4.30pm
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
HOPE Group	7.20 for 7.30pm	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays each month, in the Vestry
Crafters	2.00pm	Thursdays in the Vestry
Crossway	7.30pm	3 rd Thursday each month (not July & August) in Hall
Cake & Company	10.00am	3 rd Friday each month in the Hall (to 12noon)

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Wed	2 Jan	7.30pm	NO meeting of the HOPE Group – see Pg 6
Thur	3 Jan	10.30am	Holy Communion Service in Church (each Thursday)
		2.30pm	NO Crafters group mtg today
		7.00pm	Evening Prayers, Vestry (to 7.30pm) – see inside back cover
Fri	4 Jan	9.00am	Prayers in Church each Friday - see inside back cover
Sun	6 Jan	10.30am	NO Junior Church or Pathfinders (school holiday)
Mon	7 Jan	10.00am	Parent & Toddler Group re-opens
		10.00am	Building Development Group meets in the Upper Room
Thur	10 Jan	2.30pm	Crafters meet in Vestry, all welcome (each Thursday)
		7.00pm	Bible Study, Vestry (to 9pm)
Sat	12 Jan	10.00am	Marthoma Church in Church and Hall
Sun	13 Jan	10.30am	Christingle All-age Service
Wed	16 Jan	7.30pm	HOPE Group meets in the Vestry – see Pg 6
Thur	17 Jan	7.00pm	Evening Prayers, Vestry (to 7.30pm)
		7.30pm	Crossway meets in the Hall - see Pg 6
Fri	18 Jan	10.00am	Cake and Company in Hall to 12 noon – all welcome
		7.30pm	First of the Unity Week Services in F&B - see Pg7
Sun	20 Jan	10.30am	Young people in Church before JunChurch/Pathfinders
Mon	21 Jan	7.00pm	PCC meets in Church
Thur	24 Jan	7.00pm	Unity Week Service at Christ Church - see Pg7
Sun	27 Jan	10.30am	Young people in Church before JunChurch/Pathfinders
Mon	28 Jan	7.30pm	Preston Deanery Synod meets at St Stephen's

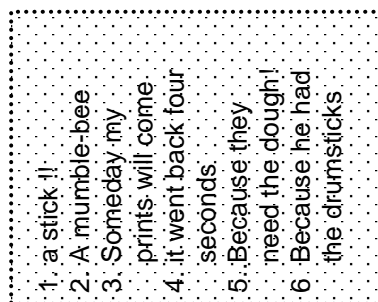


Advance Notice: Bishop Jill (Lancaster) will be joining us for our morning service on the **17th March**. She is an energetic and personable speaker, well worth coming to hear. Do put this date in your diary.

BISHOP

Cracker 'jokes' (from the Church Lunch):

1. What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?
2. What bee can never be understood?
3. What did Cinderella say when the chemist lost her photos?
4. What did the clock do when it was hungry?
5. Why do bakers work so hard?
6. Why did the turkey join the band?



A thought from the Vicar – **New Year, New Me?**



A reflection on change . . .

A man sits alone in a bar. It is late on January the 2nd. It's almost January the 3rd. He turns round and says to no-one in particular: "It's not my fault you know. I couldn't help it. You see it's all in the genes. We're pre-programmed. Like a computer chip. The moment you pop into the world that's it. Clever or stupid. Fat or thin. Artistic, sporty or just plain lazy. Nothing you can do about. You might as well try and change the colour of your hair. You can dye it red but deep down it's still mousy. You can't change. I couldn't help it. "She came up to me and said she'd take me back if I apologised and promised never to do it again. I tried to explain that there was nothing to apologise for. It's not my fault. I'm just not made to be ... whatsit monotonous? no monogamous, that's it. Anyway I tried to explain in a caring and loving way that I had nothing to apologise for and she threw my drink over me. I don't blame her. It's in her genes. "The sad thing is I miss her. I guess that's in my genes too. It's like we're being punished for something that's not our fault. I mean it isn't as if I meant anything by it. It was just one of those things. Not my fault. I can't change. Can I?"

Modern culture seems fascinated by changing. **At New Year** we traditionally make the effort to change. A new year. A new beginning. A new me.



Self-help books and courses abound. "Let me be your guru in helping you be slimmer/cleverer/more desirable, etc...." they cry out. But despite the adverts on TV they seem to change so little. A new year but still the same



old people. At New Year we make a resolution. On January the second we break it. Whether the wisdom is ancient or modern it changes little. We want to change. But can we change?

Actually, we are always changing. It is harder to stand still than it is to change. If we consciously try to stay the same, then we have changed because we become less open etc... For us there has been a lot of change. A new house, new friends and a new church. For Christ Church there has been change too. New ideas from the odd new vicar. New ways of doing things. Sometimes change isn't about new things but about rediscovering old ones.

Most of the change that the world offers is centred on the self. "Be slimmer and be happier". "Take charge of your life and be more successful". It is about . . .

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Sunday Worship in January

6th January 2nd Sunday of Christmas

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am Holy Communion
 Prayers: Chris
 Welcome: Bob & Viki Cuthbertson
 Bread & Wine: Brian Haworth & John Marler
 Communion Assistants: Adrienne Clarkson & Sue Walsh
 Readings: Isaiah 60 v 1-6 Margaret Harrison
 Matthew 2 v 1-12 Frank McCandlish
 6.30pm Evening Prayer
 Readings: Isaiah 60 v 1-9 Margaret Ghori
 John 2 v 1-11 Julia Laing
 Psalm: 98



13th January Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am **CHRISTINGLE All-age Service**
 Welcome: Chris & Steve Hedley
 Prayers: Liz
 Readings: Isaiah 43 v 1-7 Linda Koziarska
 Luke 3 v 15-17, 21-22 Sue Walsh
 6.30pm Evening Prayer
 Readings: Isaiah 55 v 1-11 Brent Sutton
 Romans 6 v 1-11 Karen Sutton
 Psalm: 46



Flowers in January

Thur 3 Jan All the team
 Thur 10 Jan Hilary Catchpole & Joyce Masterton
 Thur 17 Jan Hilary Catchpole & Joyce Masterton
 Thur 24 Jan Shirley Duggan & Judith Rawson
 Thur 31 Jan Judith Rawson & Barbara Barber



CRAFTERS "The Crafters would like to thank all those who so generously supported the Craft Fair. We raised a magnificent **£1707.04** which goes towards helping with the upkeep of the Church building. A record 'Craft Fair' total! [Linda, Adrienne & Elsie]"

CTF&B Unity Week Services

The Churches Together in Fulwood & Broughton Services for Unity Week are:

Friday 18th Jan 7:30 pm Our Lady & St Edwards
Saturday 19th Jan 10:30 am St. John Baptist
Sunday 20th Jan 6:30 pm St. Cuthbert's
Monday 21st Jan 7:00 pm St. Clare's
Tuesday 22nd Jan 7:30 pm F. Free Methodist Church
Wednesday 23rd Jan 10:30 am Fulwood Methodist
Thursday 24th Jan 7:00 pm Christ Church



You are invited to any (or all!). Please especially note the one at Christ Church, we look forward to seeing you.

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New Year, New Me?

..... doing what it takes to make the self happier. God offers a different way. He says that this focus on the self is the problem. God calls it sin. God says that to change we must focus on him first and others as we focus on ourselves. Then we can change. He doesn't promise it will be easy. But he does promise to give us help. His Holy Spirit is a spirit of change. The type of change that turns the world upside down and leaves it the right way up for once.

What changes will this year bring? I don't know. Hopefully there will be times to pause and reflect on what has already happened, but I also hope and pray that we will not just look back but also look forward.

God Bless,

Chris



Crossway

Happy New Year to everyone – we pray that this year will be happy & healthy for you all!



Looking back to last November we had a wonderful 'eye – opener' when Steve Halliwell showed us the beautiful grounds of Gresham Hall with so many unusual shrubs and flowers – a place quite a few people decided they would like to visit – maybe this year.

The Committee have hopefully planned a very varied programme for you all this year – starting this month with one of our own parishioners – **Bob Cuthbertson** who's presentation has a fascinating title - "**Bob - how do you fancy going to the Philippines ...?**" As many of you may be aware Bob has spent a few years in the Philippines – so please come along and find out all about it – the date is **Thursday 18th January at 7.30pm in The Church Hall.** Everyone is so welcome. Just a reminder that yearly subs are due in January and they will be £12 for the year – or people can pay for individual monthly meetings at £2.50 on the door

HOPE Group

Wednesday 2nd January – no meeting

Wednesday 16th January – A time to laugh. If you've been on this planet for more than a few years, you know life isn't one big laugh. It's filled with difficult trials. Even so, the Bible declares there is "a time to laugh." We will explore ways of filling our lives with more laughter in 2019.

Hope group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month except for August. 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 at church at 7.20 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

HOPE



Our next Messy Church will be on Sunday 10th February, 2.30 – 4.30pm starting in the church. This is so close to Valentine's Day that we are going to have 'LOVE' as our theme and explore what Jesus meant when he said 'love your neighbour as yourself'.

We will have our usual fun games and activities and share our tea together. Further details next month, please just book the date!



20th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (see page 7)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Prayers:	Mandy
	Welcome:	Alan Powell & Jean Preston
	Bread & Wine:	Beverley Worgan & Hilda Waring
	Communion Assistants:	Joan & Ken Curphey
Readings:	1 Corinthians 12 v1-11	Maria Whiteside
	John 2 v 1-11	Adrienne Clarkson
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	
Readings:	Number 9 v 15-23	Graham Hickey
	1 Corinthians 7 v 17-24	Ruth Shrubshan
Psalms:	33	

27th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Welcome:	Dave Sergeant & Sue Walsh
	Prayers:	Elizabeth
	Bread & Wine:	Frank & June McCandlish
	Communion Assistants:	Elizabeth Bailey & George Appasamy
Readings:	1 Corinthians 12 v12-31a	Chris Hedley
	Luke 4 v 14-21	Steve Hedley
6.30pm	Holy Communion	
Readings:	Acts 7 v 44-50	Michael Higgins
	John 4 v 19-29a	Chris Hedley
Psalms:	34	



Refreshment Rota

Sun	6 Jan	Christine Banik, Margaret Harrison & Rachel Pitches
Sun	13 Jan	Adrienne Clarkson, Jean Preston & Maria Whiteside
Sun	20 Jan	Phyl Rhodes, Joan & Ken Curphey
Sun	27 Jan	Doris Sellers, Mary James & Margaret Brown



New 2018 Rotas - New rotas start from January for: Welcomers, Readers, Intercessors, Communion Assistants, those who Clean Church and for those taking forward the Bread & Wine. If you're involved in any of these please ensure you have received a new rota (if not ask Graham, Chris H or Ken).

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

21st November Harry WICKHAM died 10th Nov

Harry was born in Tarleton on 27th September 1921 and became well known in our local area through his work at Preston Hospital as an Ear, Nose and Throat Consultant. A sociable person who loved going out, he is much missed by all who knew him and especially his family.

4th December Terry BROMLEY

Born in Sheffield, Terry retained a deep love of his birth county, even after moving to Lancashire. An active outdoor person he took a great delight in helping others and in being there for his family. He is survived by his wife and three sons.

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Our next Cake & Company café for adults will be on Friday 18th January from 10 am to 12 in the Hall. All are very welcome. We have good company, live music, a quiz and other activities to challenge the mind! Contact Margaret Harrison 01772 712869 or Steve Hedley 01772 652475 for further information.



Stewardship

In November the PCC set its budget for the coming year and it was not comfortable reading. We are going to have to look hard at ways to increase our income as well as looking at being prudent with our spending. At the end of January we will be looking in more detail at this in a Sermon series of Stewardship but here are some initial thoughts based around Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 9.

ONE: Why should I give?

Last Christmas I heard a debate on the radio about the rights and wrongs of re-gifting. That is taking an un-opened gift you have received and do not want and passing it on to someone else. In 2 Corinthians Paul reminds us of God's generosity to us and elsewhere in scripture we are reminded that all we have comes from God (I am of no doubt that this would have been in Paul's mind as he wrote this). When we give to God we are in essence re-gifting what

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Stewardship

. he has already given to us. We give in response to God's generosity to us.

Paul also then draws on two further personal reasons to give. He reminds the Corinthians of a pressing need in the church at the time (Christians in Jerusalem were in need) and that their giving was an expression of their discipleship in following God. How can we claim to follow God if we won't seek to help where there is a need and seek to give to the one we follow?

TWO: How should I give?

Having said this, Paul also reminds us that there are different ways people give. Some give grudgingly and others generously. Paul reminds us of God's goodness because he knows that God doesn't just look at what we put in the offering plate, but also at the heart of the giver. By remembering God's goodness to us we are able to give cheerfully and generously, trusting God to provide for us in the future.



THREE: What should I give?

Good Stewardship is not just about money. But does include money. The verses in 2 Corinthians 9, as well as giving deep principles in giving, are also very practical. Paul encourages us to look at what is needed and give appropriately. This involves our time and energy as well as our wallets. But in all cases it also involves sacrifice. The idea that our giving is an expression of our love for God and others (sacrifices were a love offering to God) and should cost the giver to show their worth. Sacrifices were both regular and spontaneous expressions of thanks. Our giving (in all its forms) should be regular and thoughtful with a place given to extra gifts in response to a particular need or to give thanks for a particular event.



At church we will hear of the need facing our church as we need to increase our giving and how we can do so by use of Gift Aid, regular giving through the envelope scheme or direct debits, as well as re-examining how much we can give. I hope you will join me in looking at how we use what God has given to us and deepen our following of him.

God Bless
Chris

