



Messy Church



Mission Week

The Great British Bake-off



Some of those 'brave enough' to enter the Cake Competition.

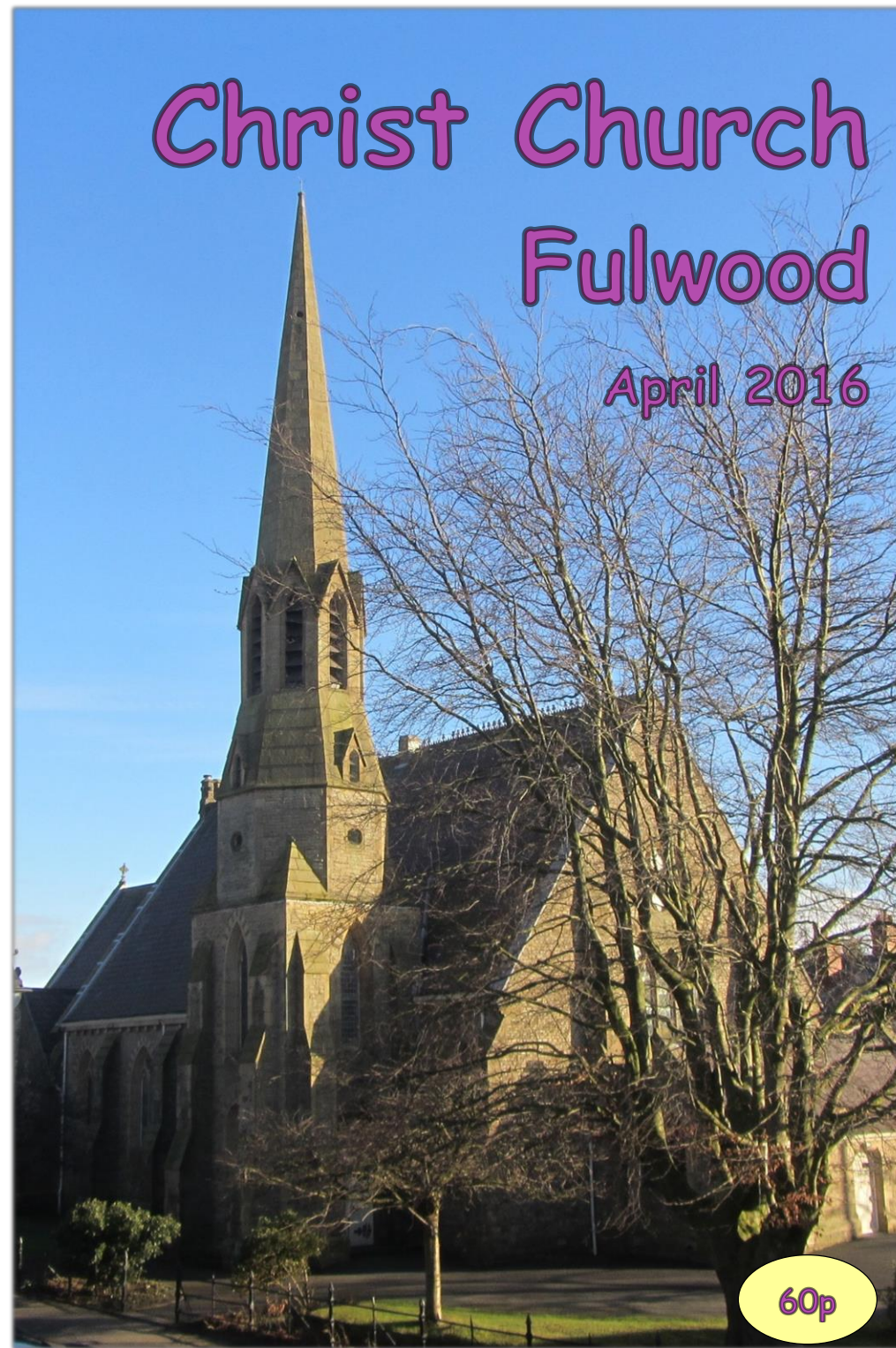
Below: Warren (Ace from the 'Gladiators')



**Friday's
Cabaret
Night**

Christ Church Fulwood

April 2016



60p

Christ Church

Victoria Rd Fulwood PR2 8NE

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Church Hall The Church Hall is available for hire, particularly for weekly/monthly events. **Contact:** Margaret Brown, Colebatch Tel: 07926 374863
or 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 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
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 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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Fri	1 Apr	9.00am	Prayers in Church each weekday (see inside back cover)
Sun	3 Apr	10.30am	Young people in Church before JunChurch/Pathfinders
Mon	4 Apr	7.00pm	Parish Development Group meets in Upper Room
Tues	5 Apr	7.30pm	Mtg of the Junior Church Leaders in Vestry
Wed	6 Apr	7.30pm	HOPE Group meets in the Vestry - see Pg 6
Thur	7 Apr	10.30am	Holy Communion Service in Church (each Thurs)
		11.30am	Churches Together
		7.00pm	Evening Prayers in Vestry each Thurs (to 7.30pm)
Sat	9 Apr		Brian leading Day of Prayer @ St Cuthbert's re Interregnum
Sun	10 Apr	10.30am	Family Service - Church Parade
Mon	11 Apr	7.00pm	Annual General Meetings - see Pg 1
Fri	15 Apr	10.00am	Cake and Company in Hall to 12 noon - all welcome
Sun	17 Apr	10.30am	NO Junior Church/Pathfinders (school holiday for some)
Tues	19 Apr	10.00am	Buildings Group Meeting in Upper Room
Wed	20 Apr	7.30pm	HOPE Group meets in the Vestry - see Pg 6
Thur	21 Apr	2.00pm	Ladies Ecumenical Mtg at St Martin's (to 4pm) see Pg 4
		7.30pm	Crossway in the Hall - see Pg 6 - Party for Queen's 90th
Sat	23 Apr	10.00am	Farmers' Market at Fulwood Methodist Church (to 2pm)
Sun	24 Apr	10.30am	Young people in Church before JunChurch/Pathfinders
Tues	26 Apr	7.30pm	Deanery Synod at St Cuthbert's - see Pg 1
Fri	29 Apr	7.30pm	Sponsored Sing by Cursillo at Church, proceeds 50/50 (Pg3)

Forward Notice for May

Sat	7 May	9.30am	PCC "Away Day" at St Cuthbert's (to 12.30pm) see Pg 5
Fri	13 May	eve	Wine Tasting event in the Hall - tickets (£15) Lisa/Linda
	15 th -21 st May		Christian Aid Week (see Pg5)
Thur	19 May	12.50pm	Crossway Trip to Leighton Hall, back by 5.30pm - see Pg6

And finally . . .

God has **not** promised . . . sun without rain, joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

GOD has promised . . .



strength for the day,
rest for the labour,
light for the way
grace for the trials,
help from above,
unfailing sympathy,
undying love.



God's strength, light, grace & help are made available
through that great gift of his unfailing love . . . prayer.

A.G.Ms. (Annual General Meetings)

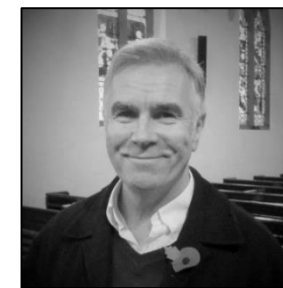
Certain meetings in the life of the Church of England have had a bad reputation.

For years people described Deanery Synods, for example, as a "group of people waiting to go home" - suffice it to say that that is not the case under the current regime!! [PS (for our reps) our Synod meets on 26th of this month!].

Our Annual General Meetings are on Monday 11th April, beginning at 7pm and ending with some refreshments and nibbles.

There is no reason for the A.G.M. to be a dour event because it will be a celebration of all that has been achieved in our Parish in 2015 - The Reports from our Groups echo that! The receiving of accounts are a testimony to God's provision for us, meeting our needs and not necessarily our wants.

This year will see the appointment of a new Church Warden - an exciting opportunity for someone - I look forward to working with whoever is elected. We must though give thanks, in particular, to **Paul Jordan** whose four year term of office comes to an end. Paul has served with a great sense of duty, a common sense approach mixed with a good sense of humour and a light touch.



Thanks Paul

April sees my neighbouring colleague Rev'd Eric Bossward move to pastures new in Oxford. He has had a short but influential ministry here in Fulwood and we will miss him. Please remember Eric, Lynn and the Parish of St Cuthbert as they begin their interregnum.

With my love and prayer

Brian

**You are invited -
7pm Monday 11th April**

Sunday Worship in April



3rd April 2nd Sunday of Easter

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Welcome: Norman & Margaret Harrison

Prayers: Elizabeth Bailey

Bread & Wine: Dave & Mary Sergeant

Communion Assistant: Shirley Duggan

Readings: Rev. 1. 4-8 Ian Greenwood

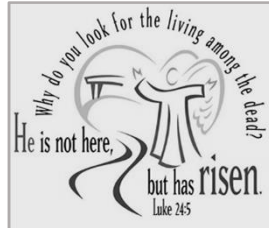
John. 10. 19-end Gwynneth Greenwood

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP) Welcome: Paul Jordan

Readings: Gen.3.8-15 Paul Jordan

Gal. 4.1-5 Michael Higgins

Psalm: 85



10th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am **Family Service with Church Parade**

Welcome: Dave & Bev Worgan

Readings: to come Frank McCandlish

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP) Welcome: Paul Jordan

Readings: Isa. 38: 9-20 Brent Sutton

John 11. 17-26 Karen Sutton

Psalm: 86

Flowers in April

Thur 31 Mar	Judith Rawson & Barbara Barber
Thur 7 Apr	Hilary Catchpole & Barbara Barber
Thur 14 Apr	Joyce Masterton & Shirley Duggan
Thur 21 Apr	Alison Tait & Judith Rawson
Thur 28 Apr	Hilary Catchpole & Joyce Masterton

Refreshment Rota

Sun 3 Apr	Elizabeth Bailey, Adrienne Clarkson & Doris Sellers
Sun 10 Apr	Carole Knight & Joan Curphey
Sun 17 Apr	Viki Cuthbertson, Joan & Ken Curphey
Sun 24 Apr	Margaret Brown, Irene Hurst & Bev Worgan



Confirmation

We have been allocated **Sunday 5th June** as our day for Confirmation. We are delighted that Bishop Geoff of Lancaster (a familiar face to our Parish) is to be our confirming Bishop.

For those considering Confirmation for their Child (here, at Christ Church, normally Year 7 and above) please contact me directly.

Increasingly more adults are being Confirmed and many too having the full initiation of Baptism with Confirmation. If any adults want to speak about Confirmation then please again speak directly to me. [Brian]



Our next **Messy Church** is on **Sunday 8th May** in the Church Hall, 2.30 - 4.30pm. Names to Emma Pr. 722948 christchurchreader@hotmail.co.uk or sign up at the back of Church.

Our next **Cake & Company** coffee morning drop in for adults is on **Friday 15th April**, 10am-12 in the Church Hall. All are very welcome!



PCC "Away Day" - PCC members please book the date:

Sat 7th May at St Cuthbert's 9.30am-12.30pm. [Chris Hedley]

ATS - Colour Dash - 6.30pm Friday 20th May
- see poster in Church entrance.

Gill Jackson (Headteacher) says: "Join us for our first annual family 'Colour Dash', being held at Archbishop Temple School from 6.30pm. It will be run over either 6km or 3km (your choice). We're hoping this will be a great event for the community which supports the work of the school as an effective fundraiser. Hot food will be available after the race. Tickets (£5) are available from the school: phone 01772 717782 or email info@archbishoptemple.com."





What's happening in our PARISH

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Crossway



We were all amazed at the dangerous work Colin and Alison are willing to undertake in order to take Bibles into Laos - everyone's enthusiasm was shown by the questions at the end and the magnificent donation members gave on the night of £82 so with the Crossway donation it was a grand total of £132 (see Pg 5).



Our April Crossway meeting is on the Queen's 90th Birthday so we are going to have a **90th Birthday Celebration** - to which everyone is invited. The evening (Thursday 21st April) will begin at 7.30pm in the Church Hall when we will have a light supper (what would a party be without food?); anecdotes relating to the Queen including Joyce Masterton showing us her MBE; a quiz and photographic memories. Please come and help us celebrate.

A forward notice - our annual outing this year is on Thursday 19th May when we will have an afternoon trip to Leighton Hall which is just north of Carnforth. We will have a tour of the house, see the flight of the birds of prey, enjoy a walk through the extensive gardens (optional) and enjoy a cream tea. Leaving Fulwood at 12.50pm, returning by 5.30pm at a cost of £20 per person. Everyone is welcome - just sign up at the back of Church.



HOPE Group - Hope Group meets in the Vestry on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month starting at 7.30pm and ending at 9pm.

Over the next 7 meetings we will be rediscovering and revealing God's kingdom through 7 sacred places. You are welcome to any or all of them - it's not a course. If you've never been to a Hope Group meeting before, perhaps you could give it a try? Here's an opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth not to be missed!

[Elizabeth Bailey]

HOPE: Wed 6th April: The Cell - a place to be alone with God
Exploring the importance of a personal prayer life

HOPE: Wed 20th April: The Chapel - a place to pray with others
Exploring how we are enriched by our experience of worship

HOPE

17th April

8.00 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

4th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Communion

Prayers:

Bread & Wine: Jean Preston & Marie Wylie

Communion Assistant: Joan Curphey

Readings:

Rev. 7. 9-end

John. 10. 22-30

Michael Lenton

Elsie Lenton

12.30 p.m.

Baptism

6.30 p.m.

Evening Prayer (BCP)

Readings:

Isa. 63.7-14

Luke. 14.35-49

Welcome: Paul Jordan

Paul Jordan

Michael Higgins

Psalm:

113; 114

BAPTISM



24th April

8.00 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

5th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Communion

Prayers:

Bread & Wine: Margaret Ghorri & Julia Laing

Communion Assistant: Chris Hedley

Readings:

Acts. 11. 1-18

John. 13. 31-35

Julia Laing

Margaret Ghorri

6.30 p.m.

Holy Communion (BCP)

Readings:

James. 1. 17-21

John. 16. 5-15

Welcome: Paul Jordan

Brent Sutton

Karen Sutton

Blackburn Cursillo's annual Sponsored Sing: 29th April.

At the end of April, we are hosting Blackburn Cursillo's annual Sponsored Sing. You are warmly encouraged to get involved, either by sponsoring your favourite hymn to be sung, or by volunteering to play/sing with the Cursillo Blackburn band and Choir, or by offering to be on front of house or refreshments.

It costs £3.00 to sponsor your favourite hymn and the proceeds are split equally between Happening (the youth version of Cursillo) and Christ Church. For further information about any of this, please speak to Chris Hartnett. To sponsor your favourite hymn, please let me know by **Sat 16th April at the latest**. I look forward greatly to seeing as many of you as possible on **Friday 29th April in Church at 7:30pm**.

[Chris Hartnett]



Christian Baptism 'We welcome you'

28th Feb Matilda Cherry **HAWORTH**
 Parents: Robert and Claire, Alert St., Ashton

Daisy **BOND-SLINGSBY**
 Alice **BOND-SLINGSBY**
 Parents: Richard and Melanie-Anne, Squires Wood



Christian Funerals

It has always been the case in Ministry with the bereaved that it can be "feast or famine". Recent months have seen us virtually with no Funeral Ministry. This is most welcome but I did not want the Parish to feel that we had not been recording Funerals in the Magazine anymore! [Brian]

We have though to report the death of another of our ex-curates:

Rev Keith Kent Penwortham died 29th Feb,
 whose funeral was held on 11th March at St Andrew, Leyland.



Keith was Curate at Christ Church from 1958 to 1960.

The official notice from the Diocese says:
 Revd Keith Kent was ordained in the Diocese of Blackburn in 1958 and served his first curacy at Christ Church Fulwood until 1960. He then served in a variety of parishes in Liverpool until moving to Beddgelert in 1986 for five years. He retired in 1991 and returned to the Diocese and has held 'Permission to Officiate' since then.

Photo: Rev Keith Kent, 1958

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## Ladies Ecumenical Meeting 2pm Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> April at St Martin's

St John Baptist, Broughton, Mothers' Union invites all ladies to an:  
**Open Afternoon on Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2pm - 4pm at St Martin's, Broadway.** There will be a short service and talk giving plenty of time to circulate afterwards and have a cup of tea. If you would like to go, please sign up at the back of Church by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

## 15th - 21st May Christian Aid Week 2016



Yes it's that time of year again!  
 Christian Aid Week is the single biggest act of Christian witness in the British Isles. For thousands of people it is a way of answering Jesus' call to help those in need; it also shows the community just how much good the church is doing in the world.

"To knock on somebody's door and look them in the eye on behalf of the world's needy is a wonderful work of witness," said The Right Reverend Dr. Alastair Redfern, Bishop of Derby and Christian Aid board member.

**If anyone is interested in helping for the first time please contact Lindsey Evans on 01772 860939 or 07518 528955, thank you.**

And, for those who help each year, sets of leaflets for distribution will be in Church from early May.

**Children's Society** - see letter on notice board in entrance to Church. Over the years many parishioners have given donations for The Children's Society through gift boxes at home. The most recent boxes have been counted: thank you to those who raised the £79.27. If you still have a Children's Society gift box at home please bring it to Church and hand it to one of the Church Wardens (Paul, Julia or Margaret). **THANK YOU.**



## Clothes for children please

The inspiring talk by Colin and Alison Dudgeon to the February Crossway meeting about their '**Pilgrimages to Laos**' prompted Pam Young to start helping Alison collect clothing for children in that destitute country. At risk of imprisonment or even worse if they were caught, Colin and Alison would 'smuggle' into the anti-Christian country bibles crammed into their rucksacks among their clothes under the guise of being tourists.



**Children there desperately need clothes and Pam would welcome spare items** plus contributions from all those knitters in our congregation, which she will pass on to the couple. Thank you to the Crafters who have already said they will knit garments. Pam is in church most Sundays or on 01253 712154.