

'Christmas' Lunch



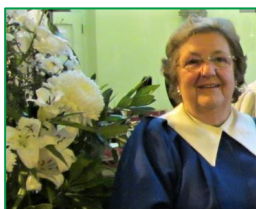
Café Carols



Christmas Cake & Company

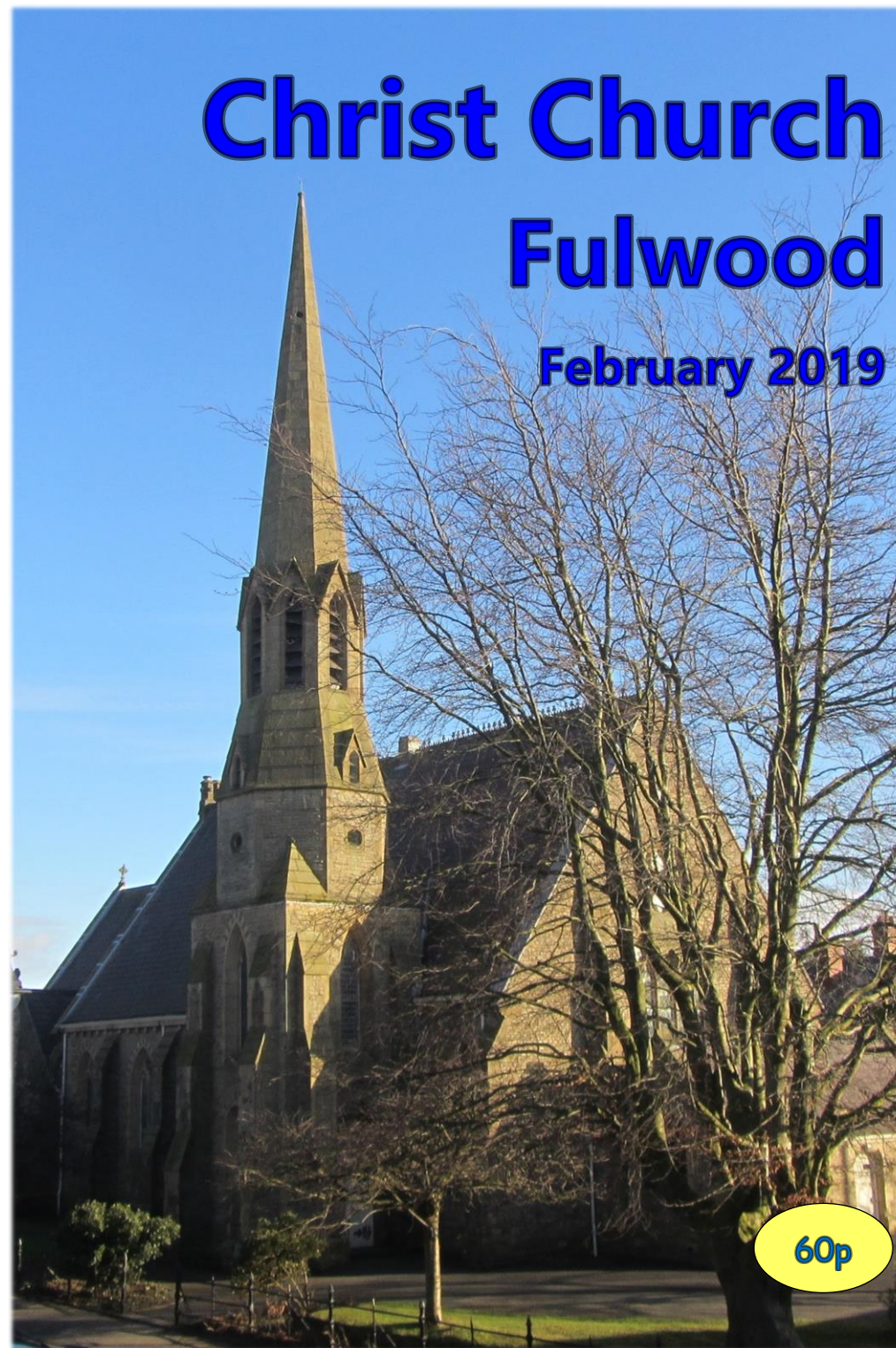


**A thank you to
Jean – see Page 8**



Christ Church Fulwood

February 2019



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Christ Church

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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
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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 Service, except . . . 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 Church 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 (not August) in the Vestry
Crafters	2.00pm	Thursdays in the Vestry
Crossway	7.30pm	3 rd Thursday each month (not July & August) in the Hall
Cake & Company	10.00am	3 rd Friday each month in the Hall (to 12noon)

Magazine

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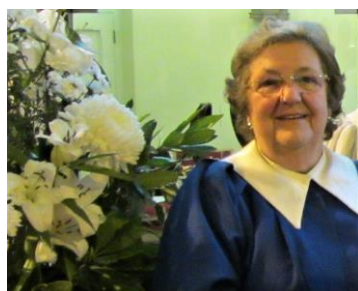
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Fri	1 Feb	9.00am	Prayers in Church each Friday - see inside back cover
Sun	3 Feb	10.30am	Young people in Church before JunChurch/Pathfinders
Mon	4 Feb	7.00pm	Shrinking the Footprint Project Group meets (Chris Hedley)
Wed	6 Feb	7.30pm	HOPE Group meets in the Vestry – see Pg 6
Thur	7 Feb	10.30am	Holy Communion Service in Church (each Thursday)
		2.00pm	Crafters meet in Vestry, all welcome (each Thursday)
		7.00pm	Evening Prayers, Vestry (to 7.30pm) – see inside back cover
Sat	9 Feb	10.00am	Marthoma Church in Church and Hall
Sun	10 Feb	10.30am	All-age Service
		2.30pm	Messy Church, starting in Church – see Pg 7
Mon	11 Feb	10.00am	Building Development Group meets in the Upper Room
Thur	14 Feb	7.00pm	Bible Study, Vestry
Fri	15 Feb	10.00am	Cake and Company in Hall to 12 noon – all welcome
Sun	17 Feb	10.30am	NO Junior Church or Pathfinders (school half-term)
Wed	20 Feb	7.30pm	HOPE Group meets in the Vestry – see Pg 6
Thur	21 Feb	7.00pm	Evening Prayers, Vestry (to 7.30pm)
		7.30pm	Crossway meets in the Hall - see Pg 6
Sun	24 Feb	10.30am	NO Junior Church or Pathfinders (school half-term)
Thur	28 Feb	7.00pm	Bible Study, Vestry

Forward Notices for March

Friday	1 March	(Page 6)	World Day of Prayer Service
Tues	5 March		Shrove Tuesday
Wed	6 March		Ash Wednesday, start of Lent
Mon	11 March	7.30pm	Week 1/5 Ecumenical Lent Series in City Centre Church
Sun	17 March	10.30am	Bishop Jill will be preaching at Christ Church



THANK YOU Jean 'After many years, Jean Clementson, has taken the difficult decision to step down from co-ordinating the Flower Arranging Team. Jean has worked tirelessly making sure that our worship is enhanced by the beautiful displays and, as always there is so much more involved than we see – such as organising, planning, providing support to many

weddings, and enhancing our special festivals plus encouraging others to be involved including our younger folk. Our thanks go to Jean and our support goes to the remaining members of the team especially during this period of change.' **Chris**



Giving Generously in Faith and Hope

On Sunday 27th January we begin a mini sermon series on Giving. Here I want to outline the series and encourage you, whether you are able to make our 10:30am services or not, to reflect on your own giving. Of course, our giving is not just about our money, it is about the way we use our gifts and how we spend our time as well. However, I believe it was John Wesley who quipped that the last thing to be converted in a person's life is their wallet! The way we use our money and the need to think carefully and prayerfully about this, is an important part of the way we live our faith.



ONE: We give in response to God's generosity to us.

God is the great giver. He has given us a wonderful world to live in. He has given us good laws that allow us to flourish. And he has given us his Son to open up the way to knowing him. All that there is, is God's and he gives to us from it. And when we come to look at our own lives, though there will be struggles, we can also see great gifts from God. Gifts that we can use in our lives and in the church. God has given us so much.



As we reflect on this, we acknowledge that our response should be to look at what we have received, whether gifts that involve money or gifts of skills and talents, and use them in building up the church. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12 that there are many gifts (because God is a generous giver) but one Lord and so we should use our gifts to build each other up.



TWO: We give as a sign of our love for God and others.

God has entrusted much to us; the way we use this reveals our heart. In 1 Corinthians 13 Paul reflects on the nature of love and how the gifts we have received should be used in a loving way. If we see those in need and do not help when we could, how can we say the love of God is in us? If we look only to our own wants and do not use what we have to further God's mission how can we say the love of God is in us? What we do with what we have, displays our love.

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Sunday Worship in February

3rd February 5th Sunday before Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Welcome:	Phill James & Brenda Woolley
	Prayers:	Chris H
	Bread & Wine:	Mike & Pam Young
	Communion Assistants:	Gwynneth Greenwood & Shirley Duggan
Readings:	1 Corinthians 13 v1-13	David Rhodes
	Luke 2 v 22-40	Bill Seddon
6.30pm	Evening Service	
Readings:	Haggai 2 v 1-9	Graham Hickey
	John 2 v 18-21	Phil McClenaghan
Psalm:	122	



ALL-AGE WORSHIP

10th February 4th Sunday before Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30am	All-age Service	
	Welcome:	Rachel Pitches & Ann Porter
	Prayers:	Graham H.
Readings:	1 Corinthians 15 v12-20	Graham Rawson
	Luke 6 v 17-26	Judith Rawson
2.30pm	Messy Church – starts in Church	
6.30pm	Evening Service	
Readings:	Philippians 3 v 7-11	Margaret Ghori
	Matthew 5 v 21-37	Julia Laing
Psalm:	6	



Flowers in February

'The Flower Arranging Team have met to talk about, amongst other things, the impact of the temporary closure of the sanctuary on their work. They have made the decision to provide a display on the font which they will do between them as they go along. Their rota will be reinstated once the sanctuary is open again.' (Chris Hedley)



Further note re. flower arrangers: see Page 8



Family Film Night 6.30pm Tuesday, 19th February

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The first of our Church Family Film Nights will be held on Tuesday, 19th February in the Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. for serving of food and drinks, and the film will start at 6.30 p.m. **YOU are asked to come and support this new initiative.** Tickets will be £5 each, to include a Hot Dog, or a Family Ticket (4 people) for £15. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes will be available as well as a Raffle. Tickets available from Chris Boland or Margaret Brown. [Sue Cameron]

Electoral Roll

Every 6 years each of the churches in the Church of England has to renew its Electoral Roll. The last renewal was in Spring 2013, so ... 6 years is up! At the end of February new Electoral Roll forms will be sent to those who worship at Christ Church and be available in Church. You'll be asked to complete and return the form to church. More details later but please watch out for them coming. [Sue Cameron]



Our next Cake & Company

café for adults
will be on

Friday 15th February 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.



Christ Church
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We're exploring how Jesus teaches us to love each other.....



Sunday 10th February 2019

2.30 - 4.30 pm
starting in the Church.

All are very welcome!

Children must bring an adult.

We will share our tea together.

....with loads of fun games and activities!

CONTACT: Chris Hedley | 07899 994975
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 or the Church Office | 01772 875823

Crossway



Our annual Christmas lunch at Barton Grange Hotel was really enjoyed by all. The food was excellent and this year over 50 attended – our largest group yet. We've booked again for this coming December as everyone seemed in favour – it's just a good time when we can all join in fellowship together.

We have a special guest this month as **our own vicar, Chris**, is coming along, with the title of his talk **"What makes a Vicar tick?"** Come and hear Chris give his account of his journey to Fulwood with some personal stories, whimsical thoughts and observations from his experience. The date is Thursday 21st February at 7.30pm in The Church Hall. We do hope that many of you will come along to hear Chris.



HOPE Group

Wednesday 6th February - Treasure in Heaven: Are we taking as much care and giving as much time to our spiritual lives as we do to our possessions? Come and join in the discussion.

HOPE

Wednesday 20th February - This is not the one: People saw David as an insignificant shepherd boy. His story reminds us how easy it is to make false judgements and assumptions about others. What can we learn from David?

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.

'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)

World Day of Prayer Friday 1st March

The World Day of Prayer (formerly the Women's Day of Prayer) is being held this year at our Church on Friday 1st March. This service is always very meaningful, which is why it's now just the World Day of Prayer, so that hopefully men will feel more able to join us. Each year a different country is chosen to write the service – this year it's been written by the women in Slovenia. As the Magazine goes to print it's not been decided what time the service will be held – so please look out for the time in Pew News, in the poster and in next month's Magazine. Everyone is welcome to join us. [Liz Boland & Joan Curphey]



17th February 3rd Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am Holy Communion
 Welcome:
 Prayers:
 Bread & Wine:
 Communion Assistants:
 Readings: 1 Corinthians 15 v35-50
 Luke 6 v 27-38
 6.30pm Evening Service
 Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4 v13-18
 Matthew 6 v 1-8
 Psalm: 37 v1-11, 40, 41

Half-term week

John Bailey & Julia Laing
 Julia
 David & Debbie Riggall
 Chris Hedley & Julia Laing
 Joyce Masterton
 Rachel Pitches

Brent Sutton
 Karen Sutton



24th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am Holy Communion
 Welcome:
 Prayers:
 Bread & Wine:
 Communion Assistants:
 Readings: Psalm 65
 Luke 8 v 22-25
 6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
 Readings: Philippians 2 v 5-11
 Matthew 6 v 25-34
 Psalm: 147

Jim & Linda Clare
 Mandy
 Linda Koziarska & Chris Barton
 Graham Hickey & Mandy Stanton
 Julia Laing
 John Fletcher

Michael Higgins
 Ruth Shrubshan

Refreshment Rota

Sun 3 Feb Dorothy Bradley, Elizabeth & John Bailey
 Sun 10 Feb Linda Clare, Sue & Bex Walsh
 Sun 17 Feb Sue Cameron, Julia Laing & Margaret Ghorri
 Sun 24 Feb Elsie Lenton, Sheila Thompson & Marie Wylie





No new entries to the Parish registers last month.

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THREE: We give as a sign of the faith that gives us hope.

Finally, we give as a sign of the hope and faith we have. Because of Jesus we know that what we have here and now is not the whole story. We have a hope of resurrection, and faith in God who can raise the dead. We can therefore have confidence in the future. Our giving is marked by a sense of sacrifice and generosity because of our trust in this God.

In each sermon I will be exploring these themes in more detail but I hope having them here will provoke your thoughts and prayers.

God Bless

Chris



Stewardship

Following from Chris's comments above and his planned services' sermons you'll realise that we're holding a mini Stewardship Appeal!

The letters will go to all associated with church during w/b 3rd February. Please prayerfully consider your giving to Christ Church. We have reached a crunch point financially and have to ask all who worship at Christ Church to noticeably increase their giving, if possible. Please carefully and prayerfully read the letter when it comes and then complete and return the enclosed form. [Ken]



Fair Trade – THANK YOU

Many thanks, I've just had confirmation that the FairTrade stall in November raised £108.50 which we're very pleased with, so thanks to all who bought/donated. [Margaret Harrison & Anne Garsed]

Thanks from Phil

Many thanks to all who sent messages, cards, best wishes, gifts, etc. as I left for Manchester. My final service on 2nd December will stay with me for a long time, especially being wrapped and put in a cardboard box!! Thanks again to all who supported me during my Curacy over the last 3+ years. Blessings, Phil



THANK YOU - Toy Service and Foodbank – THANK YOU



**Preston
Salvation Army
Church and Community Centre**

Claire Bowerman
Community Centre Co-Ordinator

Tel: 01772 555425
info.sapreston@gmail.com

Date: 3rd January 2019.
Ref: Christmas Thank You

Dear Friends,

We would like to say an extremely big Thank you for your help and support this year with our Annual Christmas Appeal.

This year we helped 291 families with food hampers, families ranging from 1 to 9 members. 908 bags of food were given out in total.

We provided toys for 387 0-10 year olds, and gifts for 171 10-16 year olds. A total of 558 children were given toys/gifts. On average each child was given about 10 items making the total around 5580 toys/gifts that were given out.

The food bank was also extremely busy in December which saw us giving out 1113 bags of food/toiletries to people in need.

We got quite worried at one point of our appeal as our tables were bare! But the donations then flooded in and we were able to provide all families referred to us with food or gifts, and we have had a wonderful start to January's food bank (another very busy month for us!)

Without all the wonderful donations we received we would have been unable to help as many families as we did.

Thank you all once again, and may we wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Kind Regards,

Claire

Claire Bowerman
Community Centre Co-Ordinator

A copy of this letter is on the board at the back of church – thank you.