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(Lancaster)**



**Easter  
Messy Church**



# Christ Church Fulwood

May 2019





## Christ Church

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**Church Hall** The Church Hall is available for hire, particularly for weekly/monthly events

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## Services at Christ Church

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays in the month)
		All Age Service (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday)
		Morning Worship (when there's a 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday)
	6.30pm	Holy Communion (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month)
		Evening Service (all other Sundays)

**Weekday Service: Thursdays** - 10:30am Holy Communion

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

**Also:** at 7.00pm 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays - Evening Prayers, in 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in Jan, March, May, July, Sept & Nov.

<b>Singers</b>	9.30am	each Sunday in Church (except 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays)
<b>Junior Church</b>	10.30am	Sundays in Church (term time) then in the Hall
<b>Pathfinders</b>	10.30am	Sundays in Church (term time) then in the Hall
<b>Messy Church</b>	2.30pm	approx. bi-monthly on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays, usually in Hall to 4.30pm
<b>Rainbows</b>	5.30pm	Tuesdays in term time in the Hall
<b>Brownies</b>	6.00pm	Tuesdays in term time in the Hall
<b>Guides</b>	7.00pm	Tuesdays in term time in the Hall
<b>Parent &amp; Toddlers</b>	10.00am	Mondays in term time (to 11.30am) in the Hall
<b>New HOPE Grp</b>	7.15 for 7.30pm	In the Vestry: 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays and 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday each month (not Aug).
<b>Crafters</b>	2.00pm	Thursdays in the Vestry
<b>Crossway</b>	7.30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month (not July & August) in Hall
<b>Cake &amp; Company</b>	10.00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday each month in the Hall (to 12noon)

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[Mon 29 April 7.00pm **Reminder:** Annual Meetings in Church, all welcome]

Wed	1 May	7.30pm	New HOPE Group meets in the Vestry – see Pg 6
Thur	2 May	10.30am	Holy Communion Service in Church (each Thursday)
		11.00am	CTFB Clergy mtg
		2.00pm	Crafters meet in Vestry, all welcome (each Thursday)
		7.00pm	Evening Prayers, Vestry (to 7.30pm) – see inside back cover
		7.00pm	Standing Committee meet at the Vicarage
Fri	3 May	9.00am	Prayers in Church each Friday (see inside back cover & Pg7)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5 May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Young people in Church before JunChurch/Pathfinders</b>
Thur	9 May	7.30pm	New HOPE Group Bible Study, Vestry – see Pg 6
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12 May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Café Church in the Hall</b>
Mon	13 May	7.00pm	(New) Church Building Committee meets in the Upper Room
Wed	15 May	7.30pm	New HOPE Group meets in the Vestry – see Pg 6
Thur	16 May	7.30pm	Crossway meets in the Hall - see Pg 6
Fri	17 May	10.00am	Cake and Company in Hall to 12 noon – see Pg7
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19 May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Young people in Church before JunChurch/Pathfinders</b>
		2.30pm	Welcomers Afternoon Tea, in the Hall – see Pg 7
Mon	20 May	7.00pm	PCC meets in Church
Tues	21 May	7.30pm	Bishop's Visitation at St Cuthbert's, Lytham
Thur	23 May	7.30pm	New HOPE Group Bible Study, Vestry – see Pg 6
Sat	25 May	9.30am	Farmers' Market at Fulwood Methodist Church (to 1pm)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>26 May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>NO Junior Church or Pathfinders (school holiday)</b>
Wed	29 May	7.00pm	'Thy Kingdom Come' ecumenical launch at Landmark (Pg5)
Thur	30 May	10.30am	<b>Ascension Day</b> Communion Service
		7.00pm	New Parish Development Group meets in Upper Room

#### Forward Notice for June

Sat	8 June	4.00pm	Afternoon Tea in the Hall – see Pg 7
Sun	9 June	2.30pm	Messy Church
Sat	29 June	PM	Emma & Adam's Priesting, Cathedral, tickets required (Pg3)



**Electoral Roll:** thank you for completing and returning your forms. As you'll maybe know we (and all other Anglican Churches) have to renew the roll every 6 years, 2019 is the time. Sue has appreciated all your assistance as she's been in contact with you and reports that **the new roll now totals 188 parishioners**, THANK YOU. We are obliged to have the completed forms readily available, the file is on the table at the back of church. [Sue Cameron]

**Cost of the Christ Church Magazine** We will be increasing the cost of the magazine to **70p per copy from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**; similarly the annual cost will be £7 for the 11 issues over the year (a saving!). The price has stayed the same for nine years, so we trust that this increase is not too surprising! [Ken Curphey]



In the heart of the law in Exodus there are instructions on how to build the Tabernacle and all the things required for worship. Then in Exodus 32 God says of two people, Bezalel and Oholiab, that he has given them skill, ability and knowledge to make all that is required. They are charged with not just making a space for worship, but with making it beautiful and suitable place for God's people to gather in his presence.

Again in 1 Kings 6 we read of Solomon building a temple for the worship of God. The temple is magnificent and designed to fill people with awe and wonder as they come to worship and pray. Solomon does not feel God owes him for building such a great Temple, nor does he believe the Temple holds God's presence, Heaven and Earth are not sufficient to contain God (see 1 Kings 8 v27). Yet Solomon builds this Temple as a place that is set aside for God and where people can consciously come into God's presence as a sign of his personal devotion and that of the whole nation.

Later Jesus would say to the Samaritan woman in John 4 that true worshippers don't need a temple of holy places but will worship in Spirit and truth. There is a real danger that buildings and holy places can limit our worship by encouraging us to think that they are the only places we can worship or pray. This temptation must be resisted. Yet, throughout scripture, and deep within our experience is the realisation that our souls benefit from having places where we can come in devotion to God. Though they should not be seen as limiting us or God they are precious places for us and our communities.



Church buildings in general, and our church here at Christ Church, are very much part of this. Making our church building both suitable and practical for our worship, and beautiful and awe inspiring is worthy and good. You will have heard that we need to do some extensive work on the East Wall and Window. There are two things that need doing. Firstly, there is immediate work to make the loose pointing safe and secure the window there. This is a temporary measure to make things safe in the short term. In the longer term we need to raise significant funds in order to correct the bulging in the wall and prevent further creep. Doing these is an important part of our devotion to God and in making sure that our wonderful building remains a holy place, not just for ourselves, but also for the generations to come. You will hear more about the details of the project and fundraising as time goes by but for now please keep this issue in your thoughts and prayers and be assured we do this to enhance and preserve Christ Church as a place of worship.

God Bless

Chris 

## Sunday Worship in May

### 5<sup>th</sup> May Sunday – Easter 3

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Welcome:	Margaret & Norman Harrison
	Prayers:	Mandy
	Bread & Wine:	Sue & Bex Walsh
	Communion Assistants:	Adrienne Clarkson & Sue Walsh
Readings:	Acts 9 v 1-6	Maria Whiteside
	John 21 v 1-19	Adrienne Clarkson
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	
Readings:	1 Peter 2 v 19-25	Julia Laing
	John 10 v 11-16	Margaret Ghori
Psalm:	30	



### 12<sup>th</sup> May Sunday – Easter 4

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30am	Café Church in the Hall	
	Welcome:	Adrienne Clarkson & Phill James
	Prayers:	Julia
Readings:	Acts 9 v 36-43	Chris Hedley
	John 10 v 22-30	Steve Hedley
6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Readings:	1 Peter 2 v 11-17	Brent Sutton
	John 16 v 5-15	Karen Sutton



### Christian Aid week

will soon be here and I hope all those of you who collected last year will be willing to do so again this year? We raised well over £1000 for this extremely worthy charity. All the money you raise goes to Christian Aid – there is no middle man “taking a slice of the action”, all the collectors and organisers are volunteers.

Christian Aid week is 12-18May: if anyone reading this feels they could help, there are a few roads on our patch that are not covered at present, so please get in touch, my number is 01772 717001 or 07780 715803.

**Thanks you all for your willingness to help – even if that is just putting your donation in an envelope!** [Viki Cuthbertson]

**Our next Cake & Company café** for adults will be on **Friday 17 May** from 10am to 12noon in the Hall. All are very welcome. We have good company, a quiz and other activities to challenge the mind! Contact Margaret Harrison 01772 712869 or Steve Hedley 01772 652475 for further information.



### Refreshing our Welcoming – an invitation to Afternoon Tea

Sunday 19th May 2.30 – 4.30pm in the Church Hall. All our Sidespeople (Welcomers) will be receiving a personal invitation to come together to share in an Afternoon Tea and to have an opportunity to talk about what we do as Welcomers – what we do well and things we might do better. This is also an opportunity for our Welcomers to join in fellowship and for us to say “thank you” to them for what they do. If you are considering joining the Welcoming Team, and would like to find out more about what it involves, you are very welcome to come along – just sign up at the back of church or contact Chris Hedley on 01772 652475 or email: the\_hedleys@btinternet.com.

Romans 15:7 ‘Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.’

**Charities:** Following the PCC decision on Giving at the end of 2018, we have agreed to support 4 charities this year: Open Doors which works amongst the persecuted church; Mosamaria which supports people with AIDS in South Africa; Gift ‘92 which supports homeless people in Preston and Preston Street Pastors who work amongst the young people in our city at night. These are in addition to the special collections at times through the year.

**A date for your diary...** The Social & Fundraising Committee are having an Afternoon Tea on Saturday 8th June at 4pm, tickets £8.50 and proceeds towards church funds. There will be a sign-up sheet in church. [Elsie Lenton & Chris]



**Messy Church – Save the date!** Sunday 9th June 2.30 starting in church – when we will be exploring the meaning of the ‘Fruits of the Spirit’ – Galatians 5v22-23. Contact Chris Hedley 01772 652475 the\_hedleys@btinternet.com for more information.

**Stewardship 2019** – thank you to all who responded to the Stewardship Appeal. **We have had a fantastic response - with an increased giving of over £4,500 per year pledged so far.** Though there is still a shortfall in budget this is a fantastic response and we celebrate it. May we ask any who have not yet increased their giving to do so, if possible?

We can see the financial challenge of the East Window ahead of us **but for the last number of years our week by week giving has not been enough to cover the bills;** and now our reserves are gone. Can we ask for your prayers over this?

**Crossway** Firstly many thanks to everyone who donated glasses for Sheila Booth, there was a wonderful response and **we gave her 144 pairs of glasses.** Sheila's husband Peter also came to our March meeting and they gave us a wonderful insight into the great work they are doing, they must have given sight to thousands of people. God is certainly working through them.



**We are looking forward to our meeting on Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm in The Church Hall as Dermot Gethings is presenting his talk **'The Goodwill Moon Rock'**. Dermot writes:

*"In 1972 I was selected by NASA and the US State Department to be the United Kingdom's representative for the Apollo 17 moon mission which was the last in the Apollo programme. I was custodian to the Goodwill Moonrock which was returned from the lunar surface by the astronauts. It is now on display at the Natural History Museum, London"*

We do hope that you will come along to, what sounds like will be, a fascinating meeting.



**New HOPE Group** – meet in the Vestry – 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

**Wednesday 1st May – who am I?** The core question of identity goes far beyond the information that may be contained on an identity card. We will explore who we are in our New Hope Group. Come and join in the discussion.

**Thursday 9th May – New Hope Bible Study**

**Wednesday 15th May – where is God when bad things happen?** We will explore some of the difficult times in life and what God may be accomplishing through them. Things don't always work out the way we want them to. You are welcome to join the discussion.

**Thursday 23rd May – New Hope Bible Study**

[Elizabeth Bailey]

[NOTE: next meeting is after the school half term holiday - Wednesday 5th June]

**THANK YOU – Pamper Night** Sylvia would like to thank everybody who participated (and / or donated) to the Pamper Night held to raise funds for the East Window Fund . . . we raised an amazing £110 on the night, and subsequently a couple of skincare orders raised an additional £4.85. Please watch this space for another event, for those who were unable to attend the first one. Thank you, Sylvia Poll



## 19<sup>th</sup> May Sunday – Easter 5

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome: Chris & Steve Hedley

Prayers: Chris

Bread & Wine: Sheila Dickey & Sheila Thompson

Communion Assistants: Shirley Duggan & Mandy Stanton

Readings: Acts 11 v 1-18

John 13 v 31-35

Bob Cuthbertson

Viki Cuthbertson

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Readings: James 1 v 17-21

John 16 v 5-15

Michael Higgins

Phil McClenaghan

Psalm: 16

## 26<sup>th</sup> May Sunday – Easter 6 (Half-term)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome: Alan Powell & Jean Preston

Prayers: Liz

Bread & Wine: Ann Porter & Adam White

Communion Assistants: Graham Hickey & George Appasamy

Readings: Acts 16 v 9-15

John 14 v 23-29

Ian Greenwood

Gwynneth Greenwood

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Readings: James 1 v 22-27

John 16 v23-33

Ruth Shrubshall

Chris Hedley

Psalm: 40 v1-9

## Refreshment Rota

Sun	5 May	Steve Hedley, Sue Cameron & Sue Walsh
Sun	12 May	Bex Walsh, Elizabeth & John Bailey
Sun	19 May	Sue Dewhurst, Sue Wright & Pam Young
Sun	26 May	Viki Cuthbertson, Marie Wylie & Phyl Rhodes

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Easter

*Easter is the only  
time of the year  
when it is safe to  
put all your eggs  
in one basket*

**Ascension  
Day  
Thursday  
30<sup>th</sup> May**

(see pages 5 & 8)



**On Saturday 29th June** Emma and Adam will be Ordained as Priests at Blackburn



Cathedral. If anyone would like to attend the afternoon Service there is a sign-up sheet at the back of Church. Numbers were needed by 19th April but if anybody was unable to sign-up please speak to Chris and we can see if there are any spare tickets. Otherwise please keep both Emma and Adam in your prayers at this time. [Chris]





## Christian Wedding 'Together in Christ'

**29<sup>th</sup> March:** Ian **McGonigle** and Amanda **Ibrams**  
**13<sup>th</sup> April:** Christopher **White** and Laura **Burgess**



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

**22<sup>nd</sup> March** Vera **Atherton** died 6<sup>th</sup> March  
 Vera was a cheerful lady with a strong faith and generous outlook in life. For many decades a big part of Christ Church, she is remembered for her treacle toffee and cakes, as well as her love and friendship.

**22<sup>nd</sup> March** John **Whittall**, died 8<sup>th</sup> March  
 [with thanks to Canon Eddie Burns for taking the funeral service]

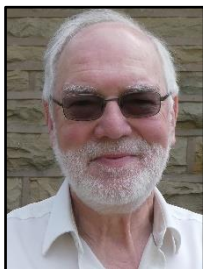
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**Adrienne Clarkson writes:** 'Many thanks to everyone at Christ Church for their cards, flowers and kind words of comfort and especially your prayers. I am glad to say my daughter Wendy is healing and seems fine. Our son John is doing well now at home, mother, father and family are much happier. Love, Adrienne.'  
 [Apologies: this was missed from April's Magazine, Ken]



**Thank you to Steve** - as many people will know, Steve Hedley is chair of the Building Group which has a particular responsibility for the Quinquennial Report – this is a five-yearly external assessment of the work we are required to do on the church building. Inevitably the

group has taken on a range of other responsibilities like raising funds to have works done and dealing with large urgent maintenance matters. Steve, along with the group members, has done this work for the past eight years and we have seen many improvements to our building including the protection and restoration of the windows, roof repairs, new external notice board, improved lighting, replacing venting grills and so on. Steve has been particularly good at



keeping us informed of where things are up to by presenting regular reports to the PCC. Steve is not giving up this work and he will become a member of the newly-formed Church Building Sub-Committee of which the Quinquennial report will be a part. Other members of the original group will carry on too. But, in the meantime, it seems right that Steve is thanked for the many hours he has spent dealing with contractors, applying for faculties, researching building materials, working with our Architect on-site and so on. [Chris]

## Thy Kingdom Come

A copy of this letter from +Jill is on the notice board in Church. The Launch is 7pm on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May** at 'Landmark', the home of Crossgate Church (it was the site of Halfords) PR1 5BA, all are welcome, there is parking on site.



**The Bishop of Lancaster**  
 The Rt Revd Dr Jill Duff

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

**Thy Kingdom Come: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

I heard great things about last year's response in Lancashire to the *Thy Kingdom Come* prayer initiative of the Archbishop of Canterbury, for ten days of prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost. This initiative is in its fourth year and, astonishingly, it has caught light around the world in 114 countries, across 65 different denominations.

I'm already hearing of plans across Lancashire, such as 24-7 Prayer rooms and the new "Family Prayer Adventure Map" which will be distributed to 330,000 children in years 4,5 & 6 attending C of E and Methodist schools.

This letter is to encourage you in your praying. It is humbling and often perplexing that Jesus teaches us to ask, when God our Father already knows what we need (Matthew 6.6-13). But I so much want to take him at his word (John 4.50). I was fired up at the November's Diocesan Conference to be praying, as +Julian put it, "not for an Archdeacon's visitation, or a Bishop's visitation but a visitation of the Holy Spirit on the people of Lancashire".

We're working with Christians across Lancashire, so we will book-end our ten days of prayer with an **Ecumenical service**, on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm** kindly hosted by Crossgate Church in Preston at 7pm, concluding with a **Beacon Service on Pentecost Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm** at Blackburn Cathedral.

But these are just a side show. The main prayer happens in secret and in our local context: schools, churches, workplaces, prisons, hospitals, homes. Pray in your own way. You could set up prayer stations, offer times of Benediction, run a 24-7 Prayer Room, distribute leather bands with five knots to prayer for five friends to know Jesus. There's some helpful resources on line where you can also register your events at [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global). To join in the conversation on Twitter use #TKC2019 @cofelancs, and to let us know about local events you are holding emailing: [Karen.Ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:Karen.Ashcroft@blackburn.anglican.org) let us know.

Since Lancashire has been a county of beacons, on Pentecost Sunday, why not light a beacon symbolising our prayers for men, women and children across Lancashire to be on fire with the Spirit of God so people can hear the gospel in their own languages. Beacons could be as simple as giving out candles to everyone at your Pentecost Sunday service, or to build something more sizeable on a prominent place. I leave it to your creativity!

On a personal note, I am deeply thankful and conscious of the wave of your prayer that has supported me in my first nine months as Bishop of Lancaster. It is a delight and privilege to be partners in the gospel with you in Lancashire.

Come Holy Spirit,

+Jill Lancaster

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