

Christ Church Fulwood

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A thought from the Vicar - Easter

I am writing this at the beginning of Lent, though by the time you read it we will be half way through and Easter will be approaching. As I write the news makes for hard reading or viewing, with increases in knife crime, failures in our leaders to deal with racist allegations in their parties and the continual backdrop of Brexit. It leaves us to wonder if humanity really does have the answers that our comfortable western existence lulls us into thinking we have.



In some ways Lent and Easter are very appropriate times as we consider a Christian response to what is happening around us. Lent is a time given in the church's year for contemplation on our own fallen nature and the ways we fall short of God's goodness. The events in the news just underpin this. Our response is often to question God's goodness, but whenever we point the finger it is worth remembering that three (fingers) always point back. The way as humans we structure our societies, handle conflict and seek our rights before those of our neighbour exacerbates any disaster. The reflection of God's goodness in us all, marred as it is by our sin, still comes out in the generosity of people's response but sometimes it feels like we are bolting the stable door after the horse has bolted. The damage of our sin is already done.



This is the bad news, but Lent is not a time for us to look inward and give up because Lent leads us to Easter. Though we in ourselves cannot deal with sin, the message of Easter is that God deals with it for us. On the cross Jesus subjected himself to the power of sin and death. He faced it and through his resurrection overcame it. This

does not mean the capacity for sin and evil is gone; one look at the news headlines or our own hearts will tell us this. But it does mean that the power of sin to imprison us and hold us is broken. We have been shown a better way, and through the resurrection are given hope beyond death. In this life we have the hope of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us and help us change.

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Sunday Worship in April



7th April **Sunday: Lent 5**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome: Joan & Ken Curphey

Prayers: Liz

Bread & Wine: Dave & Mary Sergeant

Communion Assistants: Gwynneth Greenwood & George Appasamy

Readings: Judges 15

John 12 v 1-8

Margaret Harrison

Joyce Masterton



2.30pm Messy Church (see Pg5)

6.30pm Evening Service

Readings: Philippians 1 v 12-26

Luke 22 v 1-13

Margaret Ghori

Julia Laing

Psalm: 30



14th April **Palm Sunday**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am All-age Service of the Word

Welcome: Keith & Sue Cameron

Prayers: Elizabeth

Readings: Psalm 118 v 1-2, 19-29

Luke 19 v 28-40

Michael Lenton

Elsie Lenton

6.30pm Evening Service

Readings: Isaiah 5 v1-7

Luke 20 v 9-19

Brent Sutton

Karen Sutton

Psalm: 69 v1-20



Refreshment Rota

Sun 6 Apr

Margaret Brown, Jean Preston & Bev Worgan

Sun 13 Apr

Linda Clare, Mary James & Doris Sellers

Sun 20 Apr

Margaret Ghori, Julia Laing & Sheila Thompson

Sun 27 Apr

Dorothy Bradley, Carole Knight & Elsie Lenton





Holy Week – EXTRA Services in CHURCH – see Pg4

Thurs 18 Apr 7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri 19 Apr 10.00am	Good Friday Service (NOTE the time)
2.00pm	Good Friday Meditative Service

21st April EASTER Sunday

**6:30am SONrise Service at
Preston's College**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome: Elizabeth & John Bailey

Prayers: Graham

Bread & Wine: Jean Preston & Phyl Rhodes

Communion Assistants: Mandy Stanton & Julia Laing

Readings: Acts 10 v 34-43 Sue Walsh

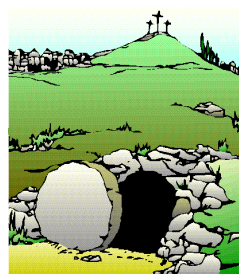
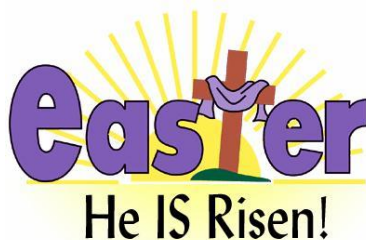
Luke 24 v 1-12 Marie Wylie

6.30pm Holy Communion

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15 v 1-11 Michael Higgins

John 20 v 19-23 Phil McClenaghan

Psalm: 66 v 1-11



28th April Sunday: Easter 2

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Holy Communion

Welcome: David & Jane Dunsmore

Prayers: Chris H.

Bread & Wine: Keith & Sue Cameron

Communion Assistants: Elizabeth Bailey & Graham Hickey

Readings: Acts 5 v 27-32 Phyl Rhodes

John 20 v 19-31 Margaret Brown

6.30pm Evening Service

Readings: Isaiah 52v13 – 53v12 Ruth Shrubshan

Luke 24 v 13-35 Chris Hedley

Psalm: 16



Christian Baptism

3rd February

'We welcome you'

Hugo Ryan MARTIN

Christian Funeral

27th February

'In Christ all will be brought to life'

Connie ALLEN



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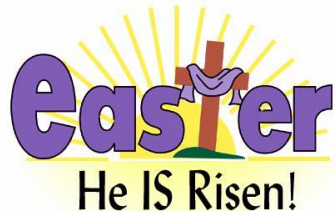


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Therefore, as we hear of the power of sin through the media let us remind ourselves that God is still good. He loves us and has shown this through the message of Easter. And in what remains of Lent, let us look to our own lives and ask God to show us new things that we can change in our lives that we might be more and more part of the solution and not the problem.

God Bless

Chris



Easter Services

Please note the following plans for Easter services:

Palm Sunday 14 April 10:30am – All Age Celebration

Wed 17 April 11.00am - Lunch for the Older Generation in the Hall

Maundy Thursday 18 April 7:30pm – Service and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday 19 April

10.00am - Good Friday Service (NOTE the TIME)

11.30am - Good Friday 'Procession of Witness' from St George's Church

2:00pm – Hour at the cross meditative service

Easter Sunday 21 Apr 6:30am – SONrise Service at Preston's College

8:00am – (BCP) Holy Communion

10:30am – All Age Easter Celebration with Holy Communion

6:30pm – Holy Communion

**We are also going to open the church with prayer stations each day in holy week.
See Pew News for more details. [Chris]**

NOTE THE DATE - Fri 26th April

Our next **Cake & Company** café for adults will be on Friday 26th April 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.

(We've changed this to the 4th Friday as the previous week is Easter Week)



Maundy Thursday Chrism Eucharist at the Blackburn Cathedral



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

The Diocesan Chrism Eucharist will be held on Maundy Thursday, 18 April at 11.00am in the Cathedral. Bishop Julian will preside, preach and consecrate the oils. All are welcome and there is a sign up list in church for those who would like to go and share in lunch afterwards. [Chris]

Archbishop

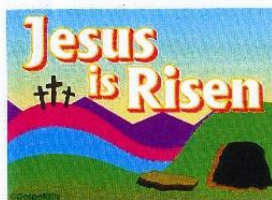
Dr John Sentamu: we write to invite all Christians to be united in prayer for many to come to faith in Jesus Christ and look ahead to another opportunity to pray together in early June.

'Thy Kingdom Come' is a global prayer movement. Focussed in the days between Ascension and Pentecost, it invites Christians from all around the world to pray that the good news of the gospel might be heard and more people might come to know Jesus Christ.

[Ascension Day - Thurs 30th May & Pentecost is Sunday 9th June, more details next month]



This time we're learning about the Easter Story with lots of activities and games....



Sunday 7th April 2019

2.30 - 4.30 pm starting in the Church.

Everybody is very welcome!

Children must bring an adult.

We will share our tea together.

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 or the Church Office | 01772 875823

Crossway It was great having Chris with us in February when he gave us an interesting and frank account of 'What makes a Vicar tick' explaining to us how he had been drawn into the ministry feeling that God was guiding him along the way. Everyone really enjoyed the evening and the numbers who attended were very encouraging.

So we don't clash with Maundy Thursday, our meeting this month is on **11th April which is the second Thursday** at 7.30pm in The Church Hall. We are delighted to welcome another of our parishioners to give a presentation – Mike Young talking about 'Life as a Journalist'. This should be very interesting owing to Mike's experience and we hope many of you will come along to support him. Members will note that this is a slight change to the yearly programme as Mike should have come in May.



New HOPE Group

We are delighted to announce that our Wednesday Hope Group and our Thursday Bible Study Group are joining forces as New Hope. There will be a meeting every week on either a Wednesday or a Thursday and you are all welcome at any or all of them.

The Wednesday meetings facilitated by Elizabeth will start with a broad discussion topic or theme and we will look to the Bible to find support and guidance.

The Thursday meetings facilitated by Julia will start with a Bible reading and we will explore what it means and how it applies to our lives.

New Hope is not a course so it doesn't matter if you've not been before or missed a week or two. Our New Hope meetings will give us all a fantastic opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth and we do hope you will join in.

We will meet in the vestry 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start, ending no later than 9pm.

The first meeting of New Hope is after Easter on Thursday 25th April.

We look forward to seeing you then.

The New HOPE Prayer

Dear God, we pray for your Spirit to lead us at this meeting of our New Hope group. We ask that you will guide our discussions and help us to understand your word. Let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honoured by our lives, and others would be drawn to you. Amen.



Lent Course – God’s Way – Peter’s Story through Acts

Continuing on Wednesdays through Lent at 7pm for 7:30pm in the Vestry.
All welcome and if you can’t make it please feel free to take a copy of the study booklet for use at home.

New Church Administrator and Music Director



It is with great joy that we are able to announce that **Jan Fletcher** has been (re-)appointed as Church Administrator and **Abigail Ainsworth** has been appointed as Musical Director. By the time of publication they will both be in post.



Our thanks go to **Margaret** for her great work in the office and helping me settle into the work here in Fulwood. I know Margaret has often gone above and beyond the call of duty and I have appreciated her support and advice.

Thanks also to everyone who has supported and helped with our music while we have sought a new Musical Director, especially to **Graham, Margot and Michael** who have done the majority of playing.

The title of Musical Director was chosen as opposed to Organist as it is hoped that Abigail will be able to advise on and help develop the musical side of our worship.
[Chris]

Lunch for the Older Generation - Once again Wednesday in Holy Week (April 17th) will be special as there will be a lunch for the ‘Older Generation’ in The Church Hall which will be preceded by Holy Communion. If you would like to come along please sign up at the back of church. Everyone is welcome.

World Day of Prayer 1st March - There was a very moving service for the ‘World Day of Prayer’ held in our Church in March. Liz Boland led the Service which had been written by women in Slovenia. A collection of £200 was raised.

Singers – now that Abigail is Musical Director, she would like rehearsals for the Service to be at **9.30am** each Sunday in Church, please note the earlier time. Everyone who enjoys singing is welcome: come and join in.



Church Events in April 2019

Mon	1 Apr	7.30pm	Preston Ecumenical Lent Series at Central Methodist 4/5
Wed	3 Apr	7.30pm	Church Lent Course in the Vestry 4/5 (Guidance) – see Pg7
Thur	4 Apr	10.30am	Holy Communion Service in Church (each Thursday)
		2.00pm	Crafters meet in Vestry, all welcome (each Thursday)
Fri	5 Apr	9.00am	Prayers in Church each Friday - see inside back cover
Sun	7 Apr	10.30am	NO Junior Church or Pathfinders (school holiday)
		2.30pm	Messy Church, starts in the Hall
Mon	8 Apr	7.30pm	Preston Ecumenical Lent Series at Central Methodist 5/5
Wed	10 Apr	7.30pm	Church Lent Course in the Vestry 5/5 (Trust) – see Pg7
Thur	11 Apr	7.30pm	Crossway meets in the Hall - see Pg 6
Sun	14 Apr	10.30am	Palm Sunday - NO Junior Church or Pathfinders
From Mon 15 th Apr			HOLY WEEK – church open at times (Pg4) see Pew News
Wed	17 Apr	11.00am	Lunch for the Older Generation in the Hall (Pg7) sign up
Thur	18 Apr	11.00am	Maundy Thursday Service at Blackburn Cathedral, then
		1.15pm(approx.)	lunch at Norman Jepson – see Pg7 – sign up
		7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service and Stripping of the Altar
Fri	19 Apr	10.00am	Good Friday Service (NOTE the TIME) – see below
		11.30am	Good Friday 'Procession of Witness' from St George's Church
		2.00pm	'Hour at the Cross' Meditative Service – see Pg4
Sun	21 Apr	6.30am	Easter Sunday SONrise Service at Preston's College
		10.30am	EASTER SUNDAY
			NO Junior Church or Pathfinders (school holiday)
Thur	25 Apr	7.30pm	** New HOPE group meets in the Vestry – see Pg6 **
Fri	26 Apr	10.00am	Cake and Company in Hall to 12 noon – all welcome
Sun	28 Apr	10.30am	Young people in Church before JunChurch/Pathfinders
Mon	29 Apr	7.00pm	Christ Church AGMs – see below – all are invited

Notice of the AGMs – Monday 29th April at 7pm in Church

Do please put this date in your diary and come if you can. It is an important event in the life of the church, celebrating the past year and looking forward to what God will do in the coming 12 months. Please note that in order to vote at these meetings you have to be on the Church Electoral Roll, please therefore return your form by Sunday 7th April. [Chris]

Procession of Witness – held annually in the City Centre.

On Good Friday (19 April) meet at St George's Church (at the bottom of Lune Street) by 11.30am. Walk in procession to the Flag Market for a 12noon Service, finishing by 12.30pm. An ecumenical event, with churches from across the City. [To enable parishioners to go we will start the Good Friday Service at 10am. (Chris)]



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	Holy Communion (2 nd 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 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.

Singers	9.30am	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	approx. bi-monthly on 2 nd Sundays, 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
New HOPE Grp	7.15 for 7.30pm	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays and 2 nd & 4 th Thursday each month (not Aug), 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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Churches Together World Day of Prayer Service, led by Liz Boland



March Café Church "Superheroes"

