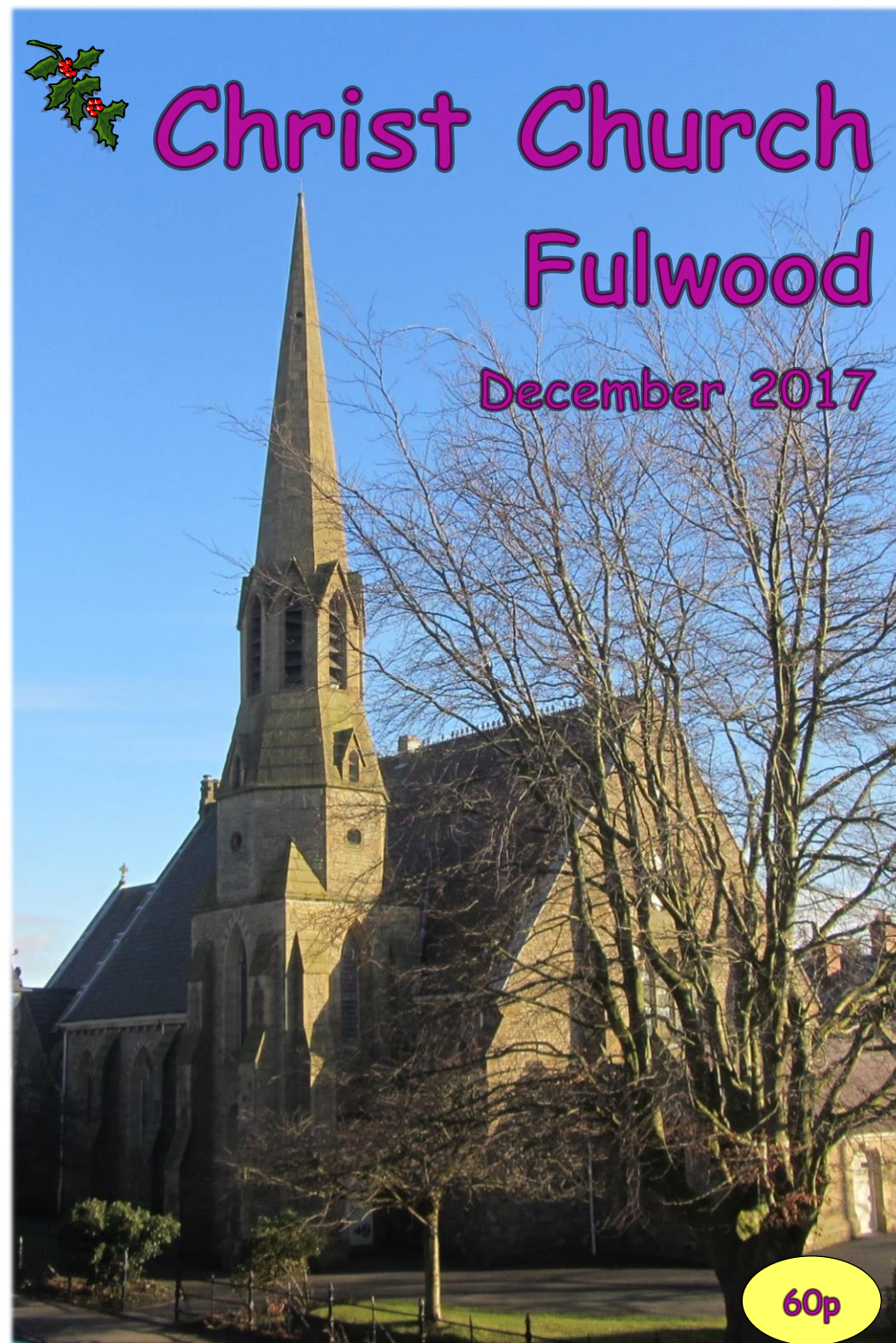


Remembrance Sunday



Our guests, from the Barracks, who laid the wreaths:
Corporal Jay Stewart & Sergeant Mike Bentley

October - Harvest Café Church - starting off the singing! (photo: Clare)



Christ Church

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or Sue Cameron Victoria Rd Tel: 717008
or Parish Office at the Church Hall Tel: 875823



Services at Christ Church

Sunday Worship 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays in the month)



Family Service (2nd Sunday)
Morning Worship (when there's a 5th Sunday)

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
Holy Communion (BCP) (4th 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 Phil, the Curate (Tel: 383490)

Visiting The Curate 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 2nd 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 2nd Sundays: Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov in Hall to 4.30

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 1st & 3rd Wednesdays each month, in the Vestry

Crafters 2.00pm Thursdays in the Vestry

Crossway 7.30pm 3rd Thursday each month (not July & August) in Hall

Cake & Company 10.00am 3rd Friday each month in the Hall (to 12noon)



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Church Events in December 2017

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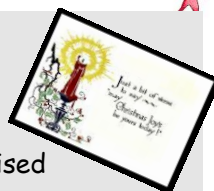
Fri	1 Dec	9.00am	Prayers in Church each Friday (see inside back cover & Pg7)
Sun	3 Dec	10.30am	Young people in Church before JunChurch/Pathfinders
Wed	6 Dec	7.30pm	HOPE Group meets in the Vestry - see Pg 6
Thur	7 Dec	10.30am	Holy Communion Service in Church (each Thurs) Evening Prayers, Vestry (to 7.30pm) - see inside back cover
Sun	10 Dec	10.30am	Toy Service - please bring new toys for gifts (Pg7)
		12 noon	Baptism Preparation Course (meet in Church)
Mon	11 Dec	10.00am	Parent & Toddler Christmas Party in the Hall
Tues	12 Dec	10.00am	Building Development group meets in the Upper Room
Wed	13 Dec	10.30am	Sharoe Bay Christmas Communion (Phil)
		1.30pm	Reflective Service in Church - see Pg 5
		6.30pm	'Fuel' (chat & input for older teenagers) meets - see Pg6
Thur	14 Dec	11.30am	Churches Together Meeting in Church
		12 noon	Christmas Lunch - Barton Grange Hotel - see Pg6
		7.00pm	Bible Study, Vestry (to 8.30pm) - see Pg7
		7.00pm	Lancashire Sings Christmas - BBC Radio Lancashire (Pg4)
Fri	15 Dec	10.00am	Cake and Company in Hall to 12 noon - all welcome
Sun	17 Dec	10.30am	(Carols) Café Church in the Hall
		6.30pm	Traditional Carol Service in Church
Wed	20 Dec	6.30pm	'Fuel' meets - see Pg6
		7.30pm	HOPE Group meets in the Vestry - see Pg 6
Thur	21 Dec	7.00pm	Evening Prayers, Vestry (to 7.30pm) - see inside back cover
Sun	24 Dec	10.30am	Christmas Eve Service of the Word
		4.00pm	Christmas Eve Crib Service
		11.30pm	Christmas Eve 'Midnight Communion'
Mon	25 Dec	10.30am	Christmas Day Holy Communion Service
Thur	28 Dec		NO weekday prayers in church this week (holidays)
Sun	31 Dec	10.30am	NO Junior Church or Pathfinders (school holidays)

Forward Notice for January 2018

Sun	14 Jan	10.30am	Christingle Service - Family Service
Sat	27 Jan	7.00pm	Burns Night Celebration, in the Hall - see Pg5

Christmas Cards a reminder: please don't send cards to your 'church friends'! **INSTEAD donate to charity!!**

From 1st Dec. there'll be a board at the back of church for your Christmas Card and a box for your donation. Last year we raised over **£200** for charity (THANK YOU), will **YOU** join in this year?



Christmas - God is with us



Christmas should be a time of great joy and real celebration for everyone. But many people struggle through it - getting into debt, feeling pressurised or stressed, guilty or lonely - and unable to participate fully in the meaning of Christmas.



Is how we celebrate determined by prevailing traditional customs or by the expectations of others around us; or is our Christmas really about what we want it to be about?

Take Christmas Cards as an example. When you receive yours, do you eagerly open it with joy and thanksgiving, murmuring a prayer for the sender, or does it act as a reminder of how hopelessly disorganised you are again this year and how there's no way you're going to get all the Christmas cards and presents done in time for Christmas; how you wish you were a hedgehog?!?

As we prepare for Christmas, it is often hard to find times of peace and quiet. **#GodWithUs: Your Christmas Journey** has been designed to help us make the most of those rare moments whenever we can. To find out more about this look at churchofengland.org/Christmas or look for the poster in church.

I encourage you to try and find some time this Advent and throughout the Christmas season to explore what the Christmas story might mean in your life. One time you could do this is to join our reflective service on Wednesday 13th December at 1.30pm. This service has been in an evening previously, but with the dark nights upon us, we will try the afternoon instead, with the added bonus of tea/coffee and mince pies to share afterwards. Do try and come to spend some time this Advent, reflecting on what all the preparation is really about.



We hear from readings and Christmas Carols that God is with us. Whatever your plans are for this year, remember that God is with you, and I pray that whatever your travels or journeys might be through December, that they lead you closer to the heart of Christmas - the person of Jesus Christ whose birth we celebrate together.

Blessings
Phil



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Sunday Worship in December

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3rd December 1st Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30am	Holy Communion	
	Welcome:	Brenda Woolley & Phil James
	Prayers:	Mandy
	Bread & Wine:	Dave & Beverley Worgan
	Communion Assistants:	Gwynneth Greenwood & Sue Walsh
Readings:	1 Cor. 1: 3-9	Dorothy Bradley
	Mark 13: 24-end	Trevor Sumner
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Welcome: Julia Laing
Readings:	Isa 1: 1-20	Julia Laing
	Mark 13: 24-end	Margaret Ghorri
Psalm:	9	

TOYS - can YOU help?
(see Page 7)

10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30am	TOY Service - ALL Age Service	
	Welcome:	Jim & Linda Clare
	Prayers:	Ann Porter
Readings:	to come	Joyce Masterton
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Welcome: Julia Laing
Readings:	1 Kings 22: 1-28	Phil
	2 Peter 3: 8-15a	Charlotte Taylor
Psalm:	40	

17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30am	Café Carols in Hall	
	Welcome:	John & Elizabeth Bailey
Readings:	to come	Rachel Pitches
6.30pm	Carol Service (Traditional)	
	Welcome:	Margaret Ghorri
	Special Service Sheet	

Refreshment Rota

Sun	3 Dec	Jane & David Dunsmore
Sun	10 Dec	Linda Clare, Joyce Masterton & Pam Young
Sun	17 Dec	(Café in the Hall) Mary Fletcher, Rachel Pitches & Phyl Rhodes
Sun	24 Dec	Sheila Thompson, June & Frank McCandlish
Sun	31 Dec	Sue Cameron, Margaret Harrison & Sue Wright



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Toy Service: 10.30am Sunday 10th December

This is the time when we ask you to bring NEW TOYS for gifts for those in need. Each year, recently, over 400 families in Preston have needed help to bring Christmas joy to their children. This is co-ordinated through the Salvation Army, following referrals from Social Services. We (and other churches) collect the toys which you donate at this Service and pass them to the Salvation Army. Nearer Christmas they take small packs of toys (along with the wrapping paper) to the families in need.

A special challenge is finding new 'items' suitable for teenagers, if you can help with this, please do (e.g. nail varnish, etc.). Anything for teenage boys?

PLEASE HELP by donating as many NEW TOYS as you can. Please DON'T wrap them but if you can send some wrapping paper too, that also helps.



Bible Study in the Vestry - twice a month, on Thursdays

A Bible Study group has started, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month in the Vestry. It's open to anyone, all are welcome; just meet by 7pm in the Vestry. A Bible passage is used and the group discuss thoughts on specific questions related to that passage. It's a self-help group! The plan is for this to be on alternate weeks with the HOPE group (see Pg6). Bible Study will be on alternate Thursdays with . . .

Weekday Prayers in Church

Please note that these will now be on some Thursdays and each Friday. The rota is shown inside the back cover and is in the December Diary (Pg8). Anyone is welcome to come to Prayers, just turn up at the Vestry on the date/time shown. [Phil/Mandy]

The next Cake & Company - our café style drop in for adults will be our - CHRISTMAS SPECIAL PARTY on Friday 15th December, 10am - 12noon in the Church Hall.

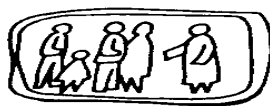
All are very welcome to join us for festive fare, a Christmas sing along, quiz, a special visitor and, above all friendship and fellowship. For more information contact Margaret Harrison on 01772 712869.



Request for Mince pies

After our Traditional Carol Service at 6.30pm on Sunday 17th December mince pies (home made if possible) will be served with tea/coffee. If you'd be willing to provide $\frac{1}{2}$ a dozen (or even a dozen) please sign up in church. [Joan]





What's happening in our PARISH

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Crossway



History was really brought to life by Richard Catmore at our October meeting when he told us about Dickens in the North. His superb talk was varied and dramatic and all enjoyed his opening quiz, which really made us think!

This month our meeting will be a Christmas lunch at Barton Grange Hotel. There has been a wonderful response to it but if you haven't already signed up to come and would like to join us please phone either Margaret (717008) or Joan (716833) a.s.a.p.. Just a reminder to all that we meet at Barton Grange Hotel from 12noon for a 12.30pm meal.



HOPE Group

If you want to prepare for Christmas in a frame of mind (and heart) that will reduce stress and help you to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas, then come to HOPE Group!

6th December - Jesus, the Light of the World! We will explore how Jesus's light can influence our lives especially at Christmas time.

20th December - Back to the Nativity - we will look at some of the characters in this familiar story from their point of view and see what we can learn from that.



HOPE group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. 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 7.15 for a 7.30pm 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)



Fuel

This group started in September and is a chance for teenagers in Year 10 upwards to go deeper in faith together, through chat and input. Alternate Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 8pm. For more information chat to Phil or Graham.

24th December

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Service of the Word

Welcome:

Dorothy Bradley & Trevor Sumner

Prayers:

Elizabeth Bailey

Readings:

Romans 16: 25-end

Chris Hedley

Luke 1: 26-38

Steve Hedley

4.00pm

Crib Service

Welcome:

Margaret Ghori

Special service

(No 6.30pm Service)

11.30pm

'Midnight' Holy Communion

Welcome:

Julia Laing

Readings:

Isa 9: 2-7

Julia Laing

Luke 2: 1-14

Phil Maudsley



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Christmas Eve
Communion



Monday 25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Holy Communion

Welcome:

Adrienne Clarkson & Rachel Pitches

Prayers:

Phil / Mandy

Bread & Wine:

(John & Elizabeth Bailey?)

Communion Assistants:

(George Appasamy & Chris Hedley?)

Readings: Isa 52: 7-10

Graham Rawson

John 1: 1-14

Judith Rawson



31st December

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

Service of the Word (5th Sunday)

Welcome:

Margaret Brown & Marie Wylie

Prayers:

Graham Hickey

Readings:

Gal 4: 4-7

Keith Cameron

Luke 2: 15-21

Sue Cameron

6.30pm

Holy Communion (BCP)

Welcome: Margaret Ghori

Readings:

Gal 4: 1-7

Brent Sutton

Matthew 1: 18-end

Karen Sutton



Flowers in December

Thur 7 Dec

Advent

(Toy Service)

Thur 14 Dec

Advent

(Carol Service)

Thur 21 Dec

Whole team

Thur 28 Dec

Barbara Barber & Judith Rawson



Christian Wedding 'Joined in Christ'

18th Nov Jay STEWART and Hannah GILES

My first wedding service as a priest and so one that will have a special memory as much for me as for Jay and Hannah. A lovely occasion shared with family and friends, but especially with Reece and Zane their sons. [Phil]

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." (Colossians 3:12)



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

18th Oct Dorothy FONTENELL Dovedale Ave died 26th Sept

Having moved to Preston from the South, Dorothy had connections with Christ Church and Ingol, and it is therefore fitting that Canon Eddie Burns conducted the service here and at the Cemetery. She is greatly missed by Greson, her son, and his family who were able to join us for our All Souls Service.

6th Nov Kerry Peacock Garstang Road died 29th Oct

Kerry's funeral was conducted by Canon Eddie Burns, and Kerry is deeply missed by his wife, Barbara. For us his service will be remembered for the music played at the start and finish - Billy Fury is not something we often hear at Christ Church.

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**THANK YOU** Judith Frake thanks you for all the cards, flowers and love you gave her after the death of her husband, Don, at the end of October. [Judith]



**Our next Messy Church** will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2.30 - 4.30pm starting in the Church Hall. Come and explore what the Bible says about making promises and keeping them, with fun games and activities. As always we will share a meal together. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact Chris Hedley on 01772 652475.



## Lancashire Sings Christmas- 7pm Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December

Each year BBC Radio Lancashire broadcasts "Lancashire Sings Christmas". This countywide initiative is to get the Christmas message across through carols and speakers. Tune in at 7pm (for an hour) on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec or follow the online links at: <https://lancshiresingschristmas.co.uk/> to see local venues.



## Vacancy update



The closing date for applications was the 17th November but as this Magazine went to press before that date please see 'Pew News' in church for the latest situation. The interviews are due to take place on 16th January. We will keep you informed on the outcome of the process as soon as we possibly can. If we do not appoint on this occasion we will go out to advert again until the right person comes along for us, and us for them. We continue to pray for a positive outcome - no matter how long it takes. [Chris Hedley]

## Stewardship - report on the 2017 Stewardship Campaign

THANK YOU to those (many) of you who completed and returned your Stewardship Forms. The Church Recorder is presently collating the 'Giving' forms, thank you. We ask that your New Giving starts from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018. Most replies are from those willing to increase their giving and have asked church to contact their Bank, which will be done. On the other hand if you responded that you will make contact with your Bank, please do so before the end of December. Parishioners who contribute through 'white envelopes' please collect your new box of envelopes from Church, in the second half of December.

The 'How can I help' forms have been collated and we now have 32 new offers of help. THANK YOU. This follows on from the wonderful experience we had in church through August and September when a series of people were interviewed at the end of the services.

Soon we will be letting group leaders know which parishioners have offered to be involved in their activity. These leaders will then make contact with those who have now offered to help.



## Reflective Service - 1.30pm on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Our reflective service this month will be on Wednesday 13th December at 1.30pm. This service has been in an evening previously, but with the dark nights upon us, we will try the afternoon instead. The added bonus will be tea/coffee and mince pies to share afterwards!

## Burns Night Celebration.

**Saturday 27 January 2018, 7pm in the Church Hall**  
Celebrate in traditional Burns Night style with music, a little Scottish dancing, traditional Scottish meal, Burns' poems and entertainment. All for only £12.50 per person. More details from Steve Hedley 07917 704149.

