



Christ Church Newsletter

21st April – 27th April 2024



Watchword 2024

Matthew 5: 14-16

Sunday 21st April

No 8am Communion Service.

9.30 am **'Muddy Church'** at the Hut. An hour of fun and craft activities learning about God outdoors where this time the theme is 'Easter Resurrection'. We'll be tinsel flying, CD spinning, tornado making, prayer crafting and much more. Plus enjoying a fun fire with tasty s'mores.

10.30am Sunday service

Leader: Sue Timmins Preacher: Brian McGucken

Junior Church and Little Fish: next meeting Sunday 28th April

A resource table at the back of church also provides activities for children.

As part of the 10.30am service – The APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting).

This is our annual MOT to make sure everything is running smoothly and where we make new appointments for the year. If you would like to offer to stand for Church Warden, Deanery Synod or Parochial Church Council please have a word with Sue, Derek or Brian. Also, if you are not already on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please speak to Derek.

Refreshments will be provided at the end of the service. Please be aware that refreshments served in church may affect those with allergies. Parents need to supervise children's choice of refreshments and adults need to check the contents of refreshments if they have concerns about allergies.

Soul Action Café, next meeting 28th April. SAC is for young people in year 7 and above, meeting between 6-7.30pm outside at the Hut. For more information contact Jenny Welsby. jcwelsby@christchurchparbold.co.uk



News from the Diocese: 'Fired by the Spirit of Jesus' is the umbrella title for Bishop Jill's series of six 'conversation starters' taking us from Easter to Pentecost. View it here:- [Join Bishop Jill for her new six week Easter to Pentecost course 'Greater Things: Fired by the Spirit of Jesus' | The Diocese of Blackburn \(anglican.org\)](#)

The next Bishop of Burnley, Rev. Dr Joe Kennedy, has sent this new message to parishes and schools across Lancashire:- [Next Bishop of Burnley sends video greeting to parishes across Lancashire | The Diocese of Blackburn \(anglican.org\)](#)

Sunday 28th April

8am Communion Service: John Mountain to preside.

10.30am Sunday service and Holy Communion

Leader: Kaye Fairbairn Preacher: Wendy Williams

Junior Church and Little Fish provision: The children will be coming into church for the beginning of the service and then returning before Holy Communion.

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Coming Up:

Saturday 20th April-Prayer breakfast 8.00 am - meeting at the back of church and in the Little Fish area.

Sunday, 28th April, 7.30pm 'Encounter' in church. The speaker will be Kaye Fairbairn.

Save the date. On Saturday, 12th October, from 9.30am to 4.30pm. - For a 'Festival of Healing and Renewal' in Blackburn Cathedral. For more information, click here:- [Festival of Healing and Renewal - Blackburn Cathedral | The Diocese of Blackburn \(anglican.org\)](#)

Celebrations for week beginning 21st April

22nd April - Marc Hickling

24th April - Jean Arnold,

Julian & Bev Baker (WA)

27th April - Stephanie Higgins, George Dell

To add a birthday or anniversary contact:

Joanna Ashcroft jashcroft@christchurchparbold.co.uk



Young People's Library:

There are lots of good books about God for 2-14 year olds in the children's corner at church. To borrow one just sign your name in the notebook on the white bookshelves and take it home to enjoy!

We'd be grateful for donations of pre-loved Christian children's books (good condition) for ages 0-14years to stock the church lending library. Children's Bibles, Bible stories



The new named yearly boxes of Weekly Envelopes are at the back of church. If you wish to start giving this way, please see Lin Milne and get a new box.

Coming up week beginning Sunday, 21st April 2024

Tuesday, 23rd April 2024 9.00 - 9.40am. Online Prayer Meeting. Details to join the meeting at bottom of page 3.

Wednesday, 24th April 2024 10.30am Holy Communion service at Parbold WI, 2 Station Road Parbold WN8 7NU

Compline Service - a pre-recorded 10 minute quiet service for a good night's sleep. You can use this link anytime, any day, as often as you want! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=141Dxy3wQHs>

Provision for children, young people and families



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Safeguarding: All church volunteers involved in leading our children's and youth work have been successfully DBS checked.

Faith Reference. If you need a Faith Reference for school admissions, please make sure you sign the Faith Reference Book on the entrance table each time you're here.

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Noah's Ark Baby and Toddler Group Wed. 9.30 -11am Term Time only at Parbold Douglas Academy

The group is for children from birth to five years and their parents/carers with just a donation of £2 per family.

There will be free play, songs, crafts, snacks and a brew (for grown-ups!). Entry via the pupil entrance, beside large green display board.

All Saints Church: We have a number of groups now running at All Saints Church, for more information -
<https://allsaintschurch.co.uk/> Look under the section 'groups'

Weekly Offering:

Thank you to all who give so generously to the work of our church. Some already give online but if you would like to give within a church service, we will be passing the collection plate again during the service. You can still also give via the giving box/collection plate/or contactless giving machine. all at the back of the church. If you'd rather not touch the collection plate as it comes around, please just allow it to pass by you.

The best way to give is by standing order or bank transfer. The details you will need are:

- **Co-op Bank Sort Code: 08-92-99 Accounts: Christ Church Parbold.**

- **Account Number: 65994889 and please quote your name as the Reference.**

Just Giving: The Church has a Just Giving account which means that you can easily make one off card donations and Gift Aid them too. For more information and to make a payment, just click here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/parboldpcc>

Wills and Legacies -remembering your church family in your will

Money left to the Church in wills helps to secure our church and its ministry to Parbold village for generations to come.

A gift can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God, and can help keep your local church alive, and help transform its future. Why not consider leaving the Church something in your will and set up a legacy?

Further information can be found on the Church of England Legacy web site:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/church-legacy>

If you would like further information, or to discuss this or any other aspect of giving, please contact Lin Milne –

email: lmilne@christchurchparbold.co.uk

Charities and other organisations needing support

Oaks Foodbank Skelmersdale:

If you are able to donate any items for the Oaks Foodbank in Skelmersdale, then please now bring them on a Sunday morning and leave them in the box at the back of the church.

The Foodbank is in desperate need of: Tinned spaghetti hoops, Jars of Pasta sauce, Tinned Meat, Tinned Tuna fish, Tinned carrots, Tinned peas, Tinned Fruit, Tinned custard Fry Bentos pies, Instant mash, Sponge puddings, Tea bags, UHT milk, Dried Pasta, Juice /cordial, Pot noodles, Bars of chocolate/ snacks /crisps, Shampoo and Conditioner, Shower Gel, Washing up liquid, Washing powder/pods, Deodorants (male & female), Razors, Shaving Foam, Bars of soap, Carrier bags

Thank you to everyone who donates. It's really appreciated as it helps so many people. **For anyone requiring a home pick up, please contact: Geoff on 01257 752242 or email christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com**

Next Collections dates: 25th April, 9th & 23rd May, 6th & 20th June

Cash Donations to: Account name: Skelmersdale and District Foodbank: Account number: 67222096 Sort Code 08-92-99 quoting your name as the reference.

The Brick: Working with poverty and the homeless <https://www.justgiving.com/thebrick-project>

PRAYER CHAIN. If you would like special prayer, the first point of contact is **Brian/Frances 01257462058**. If they are not available, then it's **Lin 01257463523** or **John Mountain 01257 463919**. The requests go out to the chain at 6.30pm but in emergencies will be sent out as soon as the request is received.

Word for Today.

The May, June and July booklets available and can also be accessed through the Church.

Website: christchurchparbold.co.uk All booklets are free. See https://www.ucb.co.uk/signup?utm_term= for further details. Contact Jean on 01257 254004 or Geoff christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com

Parbold Coffee Association runs every two weeks between 9.30 - 12 noon at the Village Hall.

In 2024 - 30thApr, 14th & 28thMay, 11th & 25thJun.

Parbold Coffee Association lunches 2024, 12 noon start- 7th May, 4th Jun.

Contact Sue Halton on 01257 463703 for further details.

Contacts:

Vicar: Rev. Sue Timmins. Please note that Sue's usual day off is Friday. Email: revsuetimmins@gmail.com
Tel: 01257 462350. Please note **Sue will be away 15th- 20th April.**

Parish Administrator: Geoff Birchmore. Contact Geoff for all website amendments & updates.
Tel. 01257 752242 .

email christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com

Safeguarding Officer – Margaret Monaghan. For further information please see our website or speak to Margaret.
safeguarding@christchurchparbold.co.uk

Please note: Our main services are video recorded:

A recording link is emailed to church members and posted on our church website. **If you don't want yourself or your child to be in the recording, please stay out of the camera range, ie. the North aisle.**

Anything for the Notices - contact Phil and Carol Prescott by Tuesday, 5pm. philandcarol@christchurchparbold.co.uk

Church Meeting Place Details :-For each of the services below use

New Webex: <https://mrs-osu.my.webex.com/meet/christchurchparbold2>

****Please ensure that if you are using this account to log out properly when finished.**

Meeting Number: 163 174 1534

- **Online prayer meeting every Tuesday morning 9-10am.**
- **Live Virtual Services**

Let Geoff know please, if you have any difficulties accessing these & check your phone tariff before using.

Church website: christchurchparbold.co.uk (with all the news, recordings of services etc.)

Follow us on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/christchurchparbold/>