

Christ Church Newsletter



Sunday, 12th January-
Saturday, 18th January
2025

Watchword 2025



"The Joy of the Lord is our Strength" (Nehemiah 8:10)
One of the many wonderful designs by the children of Parbold Douglas
Created by: Eleanor C & Georgina C

Sunday, 12th January, 2025

8am Communion Service- Michelle Plant to preside

10.30am Sunday Service

Leading: Lin Milne **Preacher:** John Mountain

Theme: New Watchword for 2025

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RefreshmentsPlease be aware that refreshments served may affect those with allergies.

Soul Action Café 6-7.30pm meeting tonight 12th January.SAC is for young people in year 7 and above, meeting outside at the Hut. For more information, contact Jenny:

Celebrations for week beginning 12th January, 2025

13thJanuary - Harry Baybut, Andrew Roberts

18thJanuary - Julie Barlow

To add a birthday or anniversary contact:

Joanna Ashcroft iashcroft@christchurchparbold.co.uk

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Service of Light Sunday 9th February 4.30pm - A joint service with All Saints. This gentle service is for families and friends who have lost loved ones and is a time to come together to remember and give thanks for their lives. The service will have well known hymns and music and names of those being remembered will be read out and candles lit. This year we are again hosting the service with Massam and Marshall.

Parbold Coffee Association runs every two weeks between 9.30 - 12 noon at the Village Hall. 14 & 28 Jan.11 & 25 Feb,11 & 25 Mar, 8 & 29 Apr, 13 & 27 May, 10 & 24 Jun.

Parbold Coffee Association lunches 2024 -12 noon start- 4thFeb.4 Mar. 1 Apr.6 May, 3 Jun.

Contact Sue Halton on 01257 463703 for further details.



Request

If anyone has any spare toilet rolls could you bring them to church please, as we are needing them for children's craft activities.Thank you.

Sunday, 19th January, 2025

No 8am Communion Service

9.30am 'Muddy Church' at the Hut. An hour of fun and craft activities learning outdoors about God **where this time we'll be looking to make a difference in 2025.** There will be Crazy blindfold games, Crumpled art, Bubble blow painting, Kingdom builder me, the Heart building challenge, Egg Zip Lines and there'll be our Special Tots Table as usual, we'll have s'mores and fire and plenty more.

10.30am Sunday Service:

Leading: Kaye Fairbairn **Preacher:** Sue Timmins

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House GroupsSmall groups meet weekly on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and on Thursday afternoons. If you'd like to join a group or want more information, contact Olwen.

Exploring Christian Healing

Would you like to understand more about prayer for healing or gain confidence in praying with others? We're running a 6 session 'in-person' course starting in the new year. It will be 'held in the daytime and include discussion, bible study, practical exercises, short videos (and a bit of homework!). For more information speak to Olwen.

Coming Up

Tuesday14th January 9 - 9.40am. Online Prayer Meeting
Details to join the meeting at bottom of page 3.

Wednesday, 15th January, 10.30am. Holy Communion service at Parbold WI, 2 Station Road Parbold WN8 7NU.

10th Feb.12.15pm-Prayer lunch at Jan's. No meeting in January.

Save the Date – Saturday, 1st March, aBeetle Drive at the WI from 7- 9pm.More information to follow.

PRAYER CHAIN. If you would like special prayer, the first point of contact is **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.

Provision for children, young people and families

Sunday, 12th Jan. Junior Church – (for 4-13year olds). The children will be coming into church for the beginning of the service and then returning towards the end.

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Junior Church & Tots' Area Provisions: We have a blend of provision each month to suit everyone:

For 4-13yrs, **Junior Church** meets approximately every fortnight in the Scout Hut. On other Sundays, at the 10.30am service, there's a **Resource Table** and children can help themselves to activities provided. Also, there is a Lending Library in the children's corner at the back of church.

For 0-3yrs (accompanied by parents) there are Tots' activities in the children's corner. Also, there is a side room at the front of church with activities that parents can take Tots into if they wish.

Plus of course, our **Monthly Muddy Church** and family services for all ages.

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There is a 'Whatsapp' group for a reminder each week of what is planned for our young people:

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

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 green display board.

Safeguarding: All church volunteers involved in leading our children's and youth work are 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 attend Church.

All Saints Church have a number of groups running <https://allsaintschurch.co.uk/> Look under the section "groups"

Bereavement Cafe - Massam and Marshall invite you to their **Bereavement Cafe**, which runs on the first Saturday of every month, at their Funeral Home on **3, Station Road, Parbold**, where they provide a safe space for people to come together and talk. If you would like to know more or to ask some questions, please feel free to contact them on 01257 462222 or email david@massamandmarshall.co.uk

Word for Today. The February, March, April 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

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 also via this QR Code

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.



Easy Fundraising: Shop online or through the app with over 7,000 well known stores and the church receives a donation from the retailer. For more information and to help support us please click here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/christ-church-parbold?&utm_term=A23I



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? Christ Church has an approved legacy policy which will ensure that money left to us is used to support your interests. 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

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

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

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>

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 Potatoes, Tinned carrots, Tinned peas, Tinned Fruit, Tinned custard Fray 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 - email christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com**

Next Collections dates: 23rd Jan, 6th & 20th Feb. 6th & 20th Mar. 3rd & 17th Apr. 1st, 15th & 29th May, 12th & 26th 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>

Shevington Community Pantry - St Anne's: <https://www.facebook.com/ShevCommPantry/>

Contacts:

Vicar: Rev. Sue Timmins. Please note that Sue's usual day off is Friday. Email: revsuetimmins@gmail.com

Tel: 01257 752242.

Parish Administrator: Geoff Birchmore. Contact Geoff for all website amendments & updates. email christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com

Safeguarding Officer – Margaret Monaghan. For further information please see our website or speak to Margaret.

safeguarding@christchurchparbold.co.uk

Soul Action Café contact Jenny. icwelsby@christchurchparbold.co.uk

Anything for the Notices - contact Phil and Carol Prescott by Tuesday, 5pm. philandcarol@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 in the North aisle.**

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 - 9:40am.**
- **Live Virtual Services**
- **Let Geoff know please, if you have any difficulties accessing these & check your phone tariff before using.**

Thinking of being confirmed? Confirmation is an important step in the faith journey for many adults and young people. It means confirming your adult profession of faith at a special service. For some, who have come from other church backgrounds, it's a way of marking their membership of this church. You can be a youth of School Year 9 (13/14 years) or older or an adult of any age. The 2025 **Confirmation Service, with Bishop Jill is on 24th March at 7:30 pm here at Christ Church.** Please see Sue by **9th March** if you are interested. For more details visit: <https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/confirmation>