



## Christ Church Newsletter

28<sup>th</sup> Sept – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025



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**8am Communion Service – Michelle Plant to preside.**

**10.30am All Age Harvest Festival Service and Pop-up Youth Band**

**Leader: Joanna Ashcroft Preacher: Graham Fairbairn Junior Church** (for 4-13year olds) next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> October.

**Extra Provision for children - Resource table. For more information, see page 2 – Provision for children.**

**Refreshments** . Please check for allergy information.

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

[icwelsby@christchurchparbold.co.uk](mailto:icwelsby@christchurchparbold.co.uk)

**Pop Up Band** If any of our young people play an instrument or would like to sing in the band, you're invited to join us. We'll be playing 'Lord I lift Your Name on High'. Please let Graham [lancsgraham@googlemail.com](mailto:lancsgraham@googlemail.com) know if you can come so that we can have the right mics set up, then practice at home and turn up at 10am for a quick run through.

### Celebrations for week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> Sept.

No birthdays this week

**To add a birthday or anniversary contact Joanna:**

[jashcroft@christchurchparbold.co.uk](mailto:jashcroft@christchurchparbold.co.uk)

### Coming Up

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of September Harvest Flowers for church - Can you Help?** At 12.30 pm we will be decorating the church for Harvest. We would be very grateful for any volunteers willing to come and help us set things out. We would also be grateful for donations of greenery and fruit and flowers from people's gardens, which could be used for the displays. The greenery can be left outside the church door on Thursday or brought in on Friday.

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 9 - 9.40 am. Online Prayer Meeting Details to join the meeting at bottom of page 3.**

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 10.30 am. Holy Communion at Parbold WI, 2 Station Road Parbold WN8 7NU.**

**Sun.19<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm, Encounter** - Kaye speaking.

**The next prayer newsletter will be sent out on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October.** If you want anything including please can you send it to Lin Milne by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.**

**Harvest Appeal 2025** Our Harvest appeal this year will be to raise funds for 'Stable Lives' (Parbold) and 'Iris Fortaleza' (Andrew Fanstone). Please give what you can to these wonderful charities. All the collections made in church on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October (marking your envelope Harvest) and those via the card reader, will be sent to them. You can also give online to: Sort Code: 08-92-99, Account Name Christ Church Parbold, Account Number 65994889, reference 'Harvest'.

## 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, 5<sup>th</sup> October

**8am Communion Service – Sue Timmins to preside.**

**10.30am Sunday Service**

**Leader: Joanna Ashcroft Preacher: Wendy Williams Junior Church** (for 4-13year olds) next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> October.

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### On the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025 we will be celebrating our church's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

We would like to make a photo collage to commemorate the changing times of our church and memories of the clergy at different times.

If you have any pictures of the church building, clergy or congregation of a Sunday or at a special event/service, or can recall any memories of anything in particular, we would be grateful if you could either email these to me or put them in one of the two marked trays at the back of church. I will then scan these and return them, so please make sure they have your names on. Rachael - [rlvanstone@aol.com](mailto:rlvanstone@aol.com)

### Parbold Coffee Association

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

**14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Nov, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

**Parbold Coffee Association lunches 2025**

**12 noon start- 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

**Friendship Café.** Massam and Marshall invite you to their new style drop ins on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12 Noon and 1.30pm at their Funeral Home on 3, Station Road, Parbold, where they provide a safe space for people to chat. For more information or to ask some questions, please feel free to contact them on 01257 462222 or email [david@massamandmarshall.co.uk](mailto:david@massamandmarshall.co.uk)

**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 at 6.30pm but in emergencies will be sent out as soon as the request is received.

**House Groups** Tues. & Wed. evenings and on Thurs. afternoon. Contact Olwen for more information.

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## Provision for children, young people and families

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.30am All Age Harvest Festival Service and Pop-up Youth Band**

**Junior Church** (for 4-13year olds) next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> October.

**6-7.30pm Soul Action Café meeting tonight** SAC is for young people in year 7 and above, meeting outside at the Hut. For more information, contact Jenny. [jcwelsby@christchurchparbold.co.uk](mailto:jcwelsby@christchurchparbold.co.uk)

### 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.

**Soul Action Café 6-7.30pm** SAC is for young people in year 7 and above, meeting outside at the Hut. For more information, contact Jenny. [jcwelsby@christchurchparbold.co.uk](mailto:jcwelsby@christchurchparbold.co.uk)

**There is a 'Whatsapp' group** with a reminder to parents each week of what is planned for our young people: Please let Geoff know if you would like to be included [christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com)

**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 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** has a number of groups running <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 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 info. and to help support us please click here:-

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/christ-church-parbold?utm\\_term=A2302](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/christ-church-parbold?utm_term=A2302)

**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](mailto:lmilne@christchurchparbold.co.uk)



**Word for Today.** The August, September, October booklets are now available and can also be accessed through the Church. Website: [christchurchparbold.co.uk](http://christchurchparbold.co.uk) All booklets are free. See [https://www.ucb.co.uk/signup?utm\\_term=](https://www.ucb.co.uk/signup?utm_term=) For further details. Contact Jean on 01257 254004 or Geoff

**Church website:** [christchurchparbold.co.uk](http://christchurchparbold.co.uk) (Has all the latest news and details of services plus Faith Moments, Prayers and plenty more.)

**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 long-life milk, powdered/tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables and tomatoes, tinned meat, sugar, coffee, soup, pasta/rice, cordial and long-life fruit juices, toiletries, cereal.

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](mailto:christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com)

**Next Collections dates: 2nd, 16th & 30th Oct, 13th & 27th Nov, 11th Dec.**

**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](mailto:revsuetimmins@gmail.com)

**Tel: 01257 462350.**

**Churchwarden - Derek Ashcroft** [dashcroft@christchurchparbold.co.uk](mailto:dashcroft@christchurchparbold.co.uk)

**Deputy Wardens - Barbara Long, Joanna Ashcroft, Chris Fishwick and Andrea Hart.**

**Parish Administrator: Geoff Birchmore.** email [christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com) Tel: 01257 752242

**Safeguarding Officer – Margaret Monaghan.** For further information please see our website or speak to Margaret. [safeguarding@christchurchparbold.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@christchurchparbold.co.uk)

**Soul Action Café contact Jenny.** [icwelsby@christchurchparbold.co.uk](mailto:icwelsby@christchurchparbold.co.uk)

**Anything for the Notices - contact Phil and Carol Prescott** by Tuesday, 5pm. [philandcarol@christchurchparbold.co.uk](mailto:philandcarol@christchurchparbold.co.uk)

Please note: **Our main services are video recorded:** A recording link is emailed to church members. If you don't want yourself or your child to be on the recording, please stay out of the camera range, i.e. 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.**