



Christ Church Newsletter

19th – 25th October 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, 19th October

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10.30am Sunday Service

Leader: Lin Milne Preacher: Sue Timmins

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7b – 10

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7.30pm, Encounter - Kaye will be speaking.

Celebrations for week beginning 19th October.

19th October - Emily Barlow

20th October - Mary Atherton

21st October - Andrea & David Woodward (WA)

23rd October - Ellen Glover

To add a birthday or anniversary contact Joanna:

jashcroft@christchurchparbold.co.uk

Autumn Grounds Tidy Up

All are welcome to join in our Autumn tidy up of the church grounds on Saturday 25th October between 10.00 and 2pm. Refreshments are available during this time and a lunch break of Bacon Butties. We need to make sure the paths and other areas around the church are clear of leaves - we do have some tools, but if you have a rake etc, please bring them.

Hope to see you there!

We will also be doing another clear up on Saturday 15th November.

A big thank you to the Beavers who spent some time recently clearing the leaves in the Graveyard. They did a great job!

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.

Sunday, 26th October – 150th Church Anniversary

8am Communion Service – John Mountain to preside

10.30am All Age Sunday Service with Holy Communion

Pop up Band

Leader: Joanna Ashcroft

Presiding and Preaching: Sue Timmins

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

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Coming Up

Tuesday, 21st October, 9 - 9.40 am. Online Prayer Meeting Details to join are at bottom of page 3.

Wednesday, 22nd October, 10.30 am. Holy Communion at Parbold WI, 2 Station Road Parbold WN8 7NU.

Wednesday 5th November 5pm for 6pm - Fireworks on the Field, organised by Lindsay House. Tickets are available from Lindsay House and also at the back of the church. The price of the ticket is £5 each. Hot food and light refreshments are available (cash only). See Geoff or the poster at the back of the church for info.

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. Please let Graham lancsgraham@googlemail.com know if you can come so that we can have the right mics set up, Practice at home and turn up at 10am for a run through.

Parbold Coffee Association

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

28th Oct, 11th & 25th Nov, 16th Dec.

Parbold Coffee Association lunches 2025

12 noon start- 4th Nov, 9th 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

Provision for children, young people and families

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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.

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

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

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

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



Word for Today. The August, September, October booklets are now 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

Church website: 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

Next Collections dates: 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

Tel: 01257 462350.

Churchwarden - Derek Ashcroft dashcroft@christchurchparbold.co.uk

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

Parish Administrator: Geoff Birchmore. email 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

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. 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.**