

Christ Church Newsletter

24th – 30th November. 2024



House Groups Small 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. ohigham@christchurchparbold.co.uk

Sunday 24th November

8am Communion Service. Michelle Plant to Preside
10.30am. Sunday Service with Holy Communion.

Leading and Presiding- Michelle Plant
Preaching- Peter Wood

Junior Church (for 4-13year olds). The children will be coming into church for the beginning of the service and then returning for Holy Communion.

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

Refreshments Please be aware that refreshments served may affect those with allergies.

Soul Action Café 6-7.30pm meeting tonight at Stable Lives in Parbold where they' be helping to wrap presents. Please note change of venue
Contact Jenny. icwelsby@christchurchparbold.co.uk

Sunday 1st December - **First Sunday in Advent – Hope**

8am Communion Service. Sue Timmins to Preside.

10.30am All Age Sunday Service

Leading – Joanna Ashcroft Preaching – Rev. Sue Timmins
To include Pop up band and Paul Plant and Jonathan Hickling- Stewardship campaign.

Next Junior Church - 8th December

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Soul Action Café 6-7.30pm next meeting 8th Dec. SAC is for young people in year 7 and above, meeting outside at the Hut. For more information contact Jenny.

Encounter at 7.30pm in Church.

Sunday 1st December Pop-up Band at our 10.30am service.

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 'City on a Hill' and 'Away in a Manger', music sheets are available from Rev Sue. Would you please let Sue know by 4pm on Saturday 30th November if you can come, so that we can have the right mics set up. Then just practise at home and turn up at 10am for a quick run through. **Next dates after this are:- Tuesday 24th December during our 6pm Christingle service and Sunday 5th January during our 10.30am service.**

Thinking of being confirmed? See details on page 3.

This week we give thanks for, Leaders & Preachers, Readers & Intercessors, Sidespersons, Communion Assistants and the Refreshments team, asking God's blessing on them as they serve God in this place.

Christmas Party. You are all invited to our Church Family Christmas Party on **14th December 5-9pm** at the WI, Parbold. There will be a 'Bring and share' tea at 5.30pm with fun and games for all ages. All welcome. Free entry by ticket only, available following the 10.30am service on the **24th November.** and subsequent weeks.

Manchester Baroque, is staging a performance of Handel's Messiah with the Manchester Cathedral Choir at **7pm on Saturday November 30th in Manchester Cathedral.** For more information and tickets, please refer to the poster with the notices or in church or visit their website:-manchesterbaroque.co.uk

Celebrations for week beginning 24th November

24th November- Eva Hampson

26th November – David Green

To add a birthday or anniversary contact:

Joanna Ashcroft jashcroft@christchurchparbold.co.uk



Would you like to be part of the Christingle team this Year on 24th December at 6pm?

The Christingle service will be again led by our young people. Each child can either have a small reading or prayer to say or help welcoming people as they enter or help the younger children choose their nativity costumes. Your child may prefer to purely come and enjoy the Christingle, there's no pressure at all. Please let me know by 6th Dec (or earlier) if your child would like to take part. I'll send you the info on their part. There'll be 'help yourself' nativity costumes for the little ones available as they enter church so that, should they choose, they can be part of the nativity story picture during the service. If you're not sure whether you can be there, your child can always just turn up by 5.40pm and help with welcome on the night. Geoff: christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com

Coming Up

Tuesday, 26th November , 9 - 9.40am. Online Prayer Meeting. Details to join the meeting at bottom of page 3.

Wed. 27th November , Mid-week Holy Communion service at Parbold WI, 2 Station Road Parbold WN8 7NU.

Saturday, 30th November - Prayer Breakfast at 8am.

Sat. 30th Nov. 11am-2pm.- All Saints Church Christmas Fair. Come along and join in with all the family fun at All Saints School for a real start to the Christmas season.

Wed. 4th Dec. from 6pm Carols Around the Tree in the Parbold Village Hall car park. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served (6.30pm start) All welcome.

Sunday 15th Dec. at 4pm, All Age inclusive Community Carol Service. Sadly, our usual Carols by Candlelight service won't be going ahead this year. Instead, we'll be having a simple 40min All age inclusive Community Carol Service, to which everyone is welcome. Then on **Sunday 22nd December, there'll be carols and readings during our 10.30am service.**

Provision for children, young people and families

Well done to Celeste & Beatrice Morton, Harpur, Daniel Greenwood, Annabel Conroy who all 'Made it' round this month's Muddy Church bases.

Sunday 24th November 10.30am Sunday Service with Holy Communion. Junior Church (for 4-13year olds). The children will be coming into church for the beginning of the service and then returning for Holy Communion.

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 meeting tonight (24.11.24) at Stable Lives in Parbold where they'll be helping to wrap presents. **Please note change of venue.** Contact Jenny. icwelsby@christchurchparbold.co.uk

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

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

Parbold Coffee Association runs every two weeks between 9.30 - 12 noon at the Village Hall. 26th Nov. 17th Dec. 14 & 28 Jan. 11 & 25 Feb

Parbold Coffee Association lunches 2024

12 noon start- 10th Dec. 7 Jan, 4 Feb.

4 Mar. 1 Apr. Contact Sue Halton on 01257 463703 for further details.



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.

Please note, we are in the process of revising the Prayer chain. If you would like to be included or removed from the chain please let John Mountain or Lin Milne know as soon as possible.

Word for Today. The November, December and January 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.

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> or use the QR code



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=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? 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 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: 5th & 19th Dec. 9 & 23 Jan, 6 & 20 Feb.

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. jcwelsby@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, ie. the North aisle.**

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>

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 (13/14years) 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>.