



Christ Church Newsletter

13th April – 19th April 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.

Palm Sunday, 13th April

8am Communion Service - Michelle Plant to preside

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Leader and Preacher: John Mountain

Reading: Mark 11:1-11

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7.30pm. Encounter. Peter Wood to speak.

Celebrations for week beginning 13th April

16th April – Jean Berry

To add a birthday or anniversary contact:
Joanna jashcroft@christchurchparbold.co.uk



New Electoral Roll.

This year 2025, we are required to create a new electoral roll of church members. You must also be on this roll in order to be elected to any official church capacity. Please fill in your name & address in capitals, tick the appropriate box, sign & date the form. Forms should be received by Sunday 27th April to create the new roll in time for our APCM on Sun 18th May.

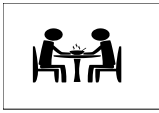
Completed forms emailed with an electronic printed signature are acceptable. Email it back to Derek , derekashcroft@christchurchparbold.co.uk.

A limited number of paper copies are available in church.

Lent 2025 Devotionals: To complement and support the Diocesan Year of Prayer, this year's devotionals are entitled 'Hear our Prayer', and are seen as a help and encouragement for our own prayer lives and will be focusing on the prayer lives of five Old Testament characters, and of Jesus. The weeks are separated by a Psalm. To read the online version please click here:- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P_DIfI0MD67_fgWJ4_CjMAQk2arDRTBM/view?usp=sharing It's also available through the app which can be downloaded using its full name 'Fruitful: The Diocese of Blackburn'.

Parbold Coffee Association runs every two weeks between 9.30 - 12 noon at the Village Hall. 29th Apr, 13th & 27th May, 10th & 24th Jun.

Parbold Coffee Association lunches 2024 -12 noon start- 6th May, 3rd Jun.



Easter Sunday, 20th April

8am Communion Service – Sue Timmins to preside

10.30am. All Age Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion.

Leader: Joanna Ashcroft

Preacher and to Preside: Sue Timmins

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At the end of the service there will be an Easter egg hunt for both school and pre - school children.

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House Groups Tues. & Wed. evenings and on Thur.

afternoon. Olwen. ohigham@christchurchparbold.co.uk

Coming Up

Tuesday, 15th April 9 - 9.40am. Online Prayer Meeting
Details to join the meeting at bottom of page 3.

Wednesday, 16th April 10.30am. Holy Communion service at Parbold WI, 2 Station Road Parbold WN8 7NU.

Thursday 17th April 7pm Maundy Thursday Service at AllSaints Appley Bridge A simple meal of soup and a roll.

Friday, 18th April 10.30am Good Friday Service

Leader: John Mountain Preacher: Sue Timmins

April 18th. On the afternoon of Good Friday, the professional group 'Manchester Baroque' will be playing at Manchester Cathedral to perform Bach's St. John Passion with the Manchester Cathedral Choir.

Tickets for the concert start at £10. To book for the St. John Passion:- <https://shorturl.at/kowtW> They are offering a 25% discount for tickets booked through Churches using the code CHURCHDISCOUNT on Eventbrite only. For more info:- <http://www.manchesterbaroque.co.uk/>

Save the date - Surfstage 4th - 6th July:- The Christian celebration of music, food and fun is taking place on the Wayfarer Field, Parbold. For more info. and times please refer to their website:- <https://www.surfstage.co.uk/>

Save the Date - Saturday 12th July. This year's Parbold Village Show is taking place from 12 noon and, as usual, the church will be having a stall. Could you offer an hour to help staff it between 12 and 4pm or help set up from 11am? Please let Geoff know if you can, either in church or by email: christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com

Provision for children, young people and families

10.30am Palm Sunday Service

Leader and Preacher: John Mountain, Bible Reading: Mark 11:1-11. Extra Provision for children - Resource table.

Junior Church next meeting 27th April

No Muddy Church this month.

Junior Church (for 4-13year olds). The children will be coming into church for the beginning of the service, 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.

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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.

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"

Bereavement Café.

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

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=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

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>

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.

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 Mash, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Fruit, Tinned meat, Tinned Vegetables and Tomatoes, Sugar, Coffee, Soup, Pasta/Rice, Cordial and Long-Life Fruit Juice, Toiletries, Cereals, 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: 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. 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 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.**