



Christ Church Newsletter

10th – 16th March 2024



Watchword 2024

Matthew 5:14-16



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8am Communion Service. Michelle Plant to preside.

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Celebrations for week beginning 10th March

12th March - Pete Whitby, Jan Edmonds

13th March - Lily MacRae

Joanna Ashcroft jashcroft@christchurchparbold.co.uk

Coming Up:

Wednesdays, 20th March 7.30pm to 9pm

Informal Lent Course final meeting, at the Vicarage (5 Tan House Lane, Parbold). Chance to look at Scripture together, discuss with others & take personal time for prayer. The sessions will develop over the three evenings but if you can't make all of them just come to what you can! RSVP please to Rev. Sue.

revsuetimmins@gmail.com for numbers.

11th March at 12.30pm - Prayer lunch meeting at Jan's (Wood Lane). All are welcome. Contact Kaye for info.

Monday 18th March 7.30pm – Confirmation Service, with Bishop Jill.

Sunday 21st April as part of the 10.30am service –

The APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting). This is our annual MOT to make sure everything is running smoothly and where we make new appointments for the year. If you would like to offer to stand for Church Warden, Deanery Synod or Parochial Church Council please have a word with Sue, Derek or Brian. Also if you are not already on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please speak to Derek. All reports to be emailed to Yvonne Holden by **28th March** please.

Saturday, 23rd March 8am Prayer Breakfast - meeting at the back of church and in the Little Fish area.

Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday Service, 10.30am.

Sunday 24th March, 7.30pm. - Encounter

Sunday 17th March, Fifth Sunday in Lent

8am Communion Service. Michelle Plant to preside.

9.30am. - Muddy Church at the Hut.

An hour of fun and craft activities learning about God outdoors **where this time the theme is 'Preparing for Easter'**. We'll be mark missing, nail boarding, egg rolling, bubble painting, secret message writing, LED lighting, prayer crafting and much more. Plus enjoying a fun fire with tasty s'mores.

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The Brick in Wigan is looking to recruit 3 new trustees.

Please pray that the right people will be found for this important role and if you think you might be one of those 3, then please have a word with Paul Plant.

paul.plant@thebrick.org.uk

There are more details about these posts on the poster attached to these notices.

Lent 2024 Devotionals:

Lent 2024 Devotionals Booklets, which includes contributions from around the Diocese, will be at the back of the church from this Sunday. Entitled 'Journey to Freedom' it takes us through the book of Exodus, if you prefer the online version it's:- Journey to Freedom Lent 2024.pdf (anglican.org) For more ideas and resources from the Diocese, including Bishop Philip's Lent Course, please click here:- Our Lent and Easter 2024 resources page, including Bishop Philip's Lent Course | Coming Up The Diocese of Blackburn (anglican.org) and there's now a newly introduced app which can be downloaded from your app store using its full name 'Fruitful: The Diocese of Blackburn'

Young People's Library- See page 2.

Watch this space: You'll see an area of the lower church field fenced off, this is being used by 'Barrk Training' to support our church finances.

Coming up week beginning Sunday, 10th March 2024

Tuesday, 12th March 2024 9-10am. Online Prayer Meeting. Details to join the meeting at bottom of page 3.

Wednesday, 13th March 2024 10.30am Holy Communion service at Parbold WI, 2 Station Road Parbold WN8 7NU

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>

Provision for children, young people and families

Young People's Library: There are lots of good books about God for 2-14 year olds in the children's corner at church. To borrow one just sign your name in the notebook on the white bookshelves and take it home to enjoy! We'd be grateful for donations of pre-loved Christian children's books (good condition) for ages 0-14years to stock the church lending library. Children's Bibles, Bible story books and children's books of prayers only please.



Safeguarding: All church volunteers involved in leading our children's and youth work have been 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're here.

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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 large green display board.

All Saints Church: We have a number of groups now running at All Saints Church, for more information - <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. If you'd rather not touch the collection plate as it comes around, please just allow it to pass by you.

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 PCC**

- **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>

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: Jars of Pasta Sauce, Instant Mash, Tinned Sweetcorn, Tinned fruit, Tinned meat, Fray Bentos, Pies, Cordial, Sugar (large and small bags), Pot noodles, UHT milk, Tinned spaghetti hoops, Cereal, Washing-up liquid, Washing powder, Razors, Toilet rolls, Shampoo and conditioner

They also need Carrier bags if anyone can spare them.

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 on 01257 752242 or email christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com**

Next Collections dates: 14th & 28th March. 11th & 25th April, 9th & 23rd May.

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/>

Word for Today.

The February, March and 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 **Prayer Chain**

PRAYER CHAIN. If you would like special prayer, the first point of contact is Brian/Frances 01257462058. If they are not available, then it's 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.

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

In 2024 - 12th & 26th Mar, 16th & 30th Apr, 14th & 28th May, 11th & 25th Jun.

Parbold Coffee Association lunches 2024, 12 noon start- 9th Apr, 7th May, 4th Jun.

Contact Sue Halton on 01257 463703 for further details.

Contacts:

Vicar: Rev. Sue Timmins. Please note that Sue's usual day off is Friday. Email: revsuetimmins@gmail.com
Tel: 01257 462350.

Parish Administrator: Geoff Birchmore. Contact Geoff for all website amendments & updates.
Tel. 01257 752242 .
email christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com

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

Anything for the Notices - contact Phil and Carol Prescott by Tuesday, 5pm. philandcarol@christchurchparbold.co.uk

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 9-10am.
- Live Virtual Services

Let Geoff know please, if you have any difficulties accessing these & check your phone tariff before using.

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

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