

# Christ Church Newsletter



20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024

You are the  
light of the  
world.  
Let your light  
shine



This week we're thanking God for our teams, asking God's blessing on them as they serve God in this place. This week's teams are, Safeguarding, Vulnerable Adults, Wardens/Deputies and Verger, PCC (current members), PCOT Trustees. H&S.

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October

**Please note: No 8am. Communion Service**

**9.30am 'Muddy Church' at the Hut.** An hour of fun and craft activities learning outdoors about God. **We'll be believing in God's word (with the house on the rock parable)** There will be Rock & Water pistols, Painted Rock Prayer Stones, MYO Compass & Prayer Fridge Magnets, Bread painting, Oobleck slime and there'll be our Special Tots Table, S'Mores and fire and plenty more.

### 10.30am. Sunday Service

Leader –Graham Fairbairn Preacher – Rev. Sue Timmins  
**Extra Provision for children - Resource table. For more information, see page 2 – 'Provision for children.'**

**Refreshments** will be provided at the end of the service. Please be aware that refreshments served in church may affect those with allergies.

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

## Celebrations for week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> October

20<sup>th</sup> October - Mary Atherton

21<sup>st</sup> October - Andrea & David Woodward (WA)

23<sup>rd</sup> October - Ellen Glover

26<sup>th</sup> October - Helen Mercer, Seth & Yvonne Holden (WA)

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

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

**Events Team** We're planning to arrange some social events in order to help people at church get to know each other a bit better. Mostly these will be for all ages and free of charge, costs being covered by voluntary donations. Would you like to be part of the team arranging these? If so, please speak to Olwen as soon as possible [ohigham@christchurchparbold.co.uk](mailto:ohigham@christchurchparbold.co.uk)

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October

**8am Communion Service.** John Mountain to preside.

**10.30 am Sunday Service with Holy Communion.**

Leader: Joanna Ashcroft

Michelle Plant to preach and preside.

**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.'**

**Soul Action Café 6-7.30pm next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> Nov.** SAC is for young people in year 7 and above, meeting 6-7.30pm outside at the Hut. For more information contact Jenny. [jcwelsby@christchurchparbold.co.uk](mailto:jcwelsby@christchurchparbold.co.uk)

**Encounter in church 7.30pm. in church.**



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

## 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>.

## Coming Up

**Saturday 19th October 10am-4pm Rekindling the Fire at St George's Church, Chorley-** Offering the light to a post Christian nation. Please see the poster at the back of church for more information and how to order tickets.

**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October Refresh – at Joyce's** - meet from 10.45am for 11am start.

**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 9 - 9.40am. Online Prayer Meeting.** Details to join the meeting at bottom of page 3.

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Mid-week 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>

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 8am** - Prayer Breakfast in church.

**Saturday 9th November 5.30pm for 6pm - Fireworks on the Field,** organised by Lindsay House. Please see the poster attached to the notices for more information.

**Date for your diary - Church Family Christmas Party for everyone on Saturday 14th December from 5pm till 9pm at Parbold W.I.**

## Provision for children, young people and families

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October - 9.30am – Muddy Church. (see front page for details.)**

**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.** SAC is for young people in year 7 and above, meeting fortnightly, between 6-7.30pm outside at the Hut. For more information contact Jenny Welsby.

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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 large 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. 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>& 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

**Parbold Coffee Association lunches 2024,**

**12 noon start- 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

**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](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 [christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com](mailto: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. 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.**

- **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](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](mailto: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 on 01257 752242 or email [christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchparbold.admn@gmail.com)**

**Next Collections dates: 24th Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 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. (Please note Rev.

**Parish Administrator: Geoff Birchmore.** Contact Geoff for all website amendments & updates.

Tel. 01257 752242 .

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

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

**Church website:** [christchurchparbold.co.uk](http://christchurchparbold.co.uk) (with all the news, recordings of services etc.)

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

### **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.**