



Christ Church Newsletter
31st March – 6th April 2024
Watchword 2024
Matthew 5: 14-16



British Summer Time starts on the last Sunday in March. Remember the clocks move forward by one hour at 1am. on Sunday 31st March.



Sunday 31st March, Easter Sunday



8am Communion Service: Sue Timmins to preside.

10.30am All Age Easter Sunday Service & Holy Communion

Leader: Joanna Ashcroft Presiding: Sue Timmins
 Our traditional Easter day service, after which will be Easter Egg Hunts on the church field, for both school and pre-school children. Please have suitable footwear.

Junior Church and Little Fish meeting again Sunday, 14th April.

A resource table at the back of church provides activities for the children.

Refreshments will be provided at the end of the service. Please be aware that refreshments served in church may affect those with allergies. Parents need to supervise children's choice of refreshments and adults need to check the contents of refreshments if they have concerns about allergies.

Soul Action Café, Next meeting Sunday, young people in year 7 and above, meeting between 6-7.30pm outside at the Hut. For more information contact Jenny Welsby. jcwelsby@christchurchparbold.co.uk



The Easter prayer newsletter is available on Easter Sunday, 31st March.

Coming Up:

Friday, 29th March-Good Friday 10.30am Service in church. 'An Hour at the Cross.' After the service, for anyone who is able, there's an optional walk up Parbold Hill, with the Cross.

Good Friday 29th March, Manchester Baroque will be playing at Manchester Cathedral to perform Bach's St. Matthew Passion with the Manchester Cathedral Choir at 4.30pm. Tickets are available at Eventbrite and start at £10. For more information please contact Mike Emmerich 07919 381009 or see the poster attached with the notices.

Easter Monday, 1st April Family Church Walk - There's a planned family walk this Easter Monday starting at 1pm from the church car park. All are welcome and please wear suitable clothing.



Sunday 7th April

8am Communion Service: Michelle to preside.

9.30am Family Service: Sue Timmins and Team

10.10am Family Connection Time - Refreshments

10.45am Sunday Service

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We will be decorating the Church for Easter from 2pm on Good Friday

We welcome anyone who would like to help with the decorating, tea making, tidying or anything else that needs doing. We also need greenery if anyone else is able to bring some on the day.



Celebrations for week beginning 31st March

31st March - Carrie Byrom

3rd April - Charlotte Long

4th April - Angela Worthington

5th April - Geoffrey & Denise Butts (WA)

To add a birthday or anniversary contact:

Joanna Ashcroft jashcroft@christchurchparbold.co.uk



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.



The new named yearly boxes of Weekly Envelopes are at the back of church. If you wish to start giving this way, please see Lin Milne and get a new box.

Coming up week beginning Sunday, 31st March 2024

Tuesday, 2nd April 2024 9-10am. Online Prayer Meeting. Details to join the meeting at bottom of page 3.

Wednesday, 3rd April 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

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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.

Well done to Zach Holmes, Annabel Conroy, William & Henry Bond who all 'made it' through our March Muddy Church.

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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.

- 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: Tinned spaghetti hoops, Jars of Pasta sauce, Tinned Meat, Tinned Tuna fish, Tinned carrots, Tinned peas, Tinned Fruit, Tinned custard Fry 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**

Next Collections dates: 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>

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. 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 - 16th & 30thApr, 14th & 28thMay, 11th & 25thJun.

Parbold Coffee Association lunches 2024, 12 noon start- 9th April, 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/>