

Messy Church (Remembrance)

Mixing oil and water experiment - add washing up liquid and they combine – talk about what they represent...



Hand print 'Remembrance Wreaths' - lest we forget.

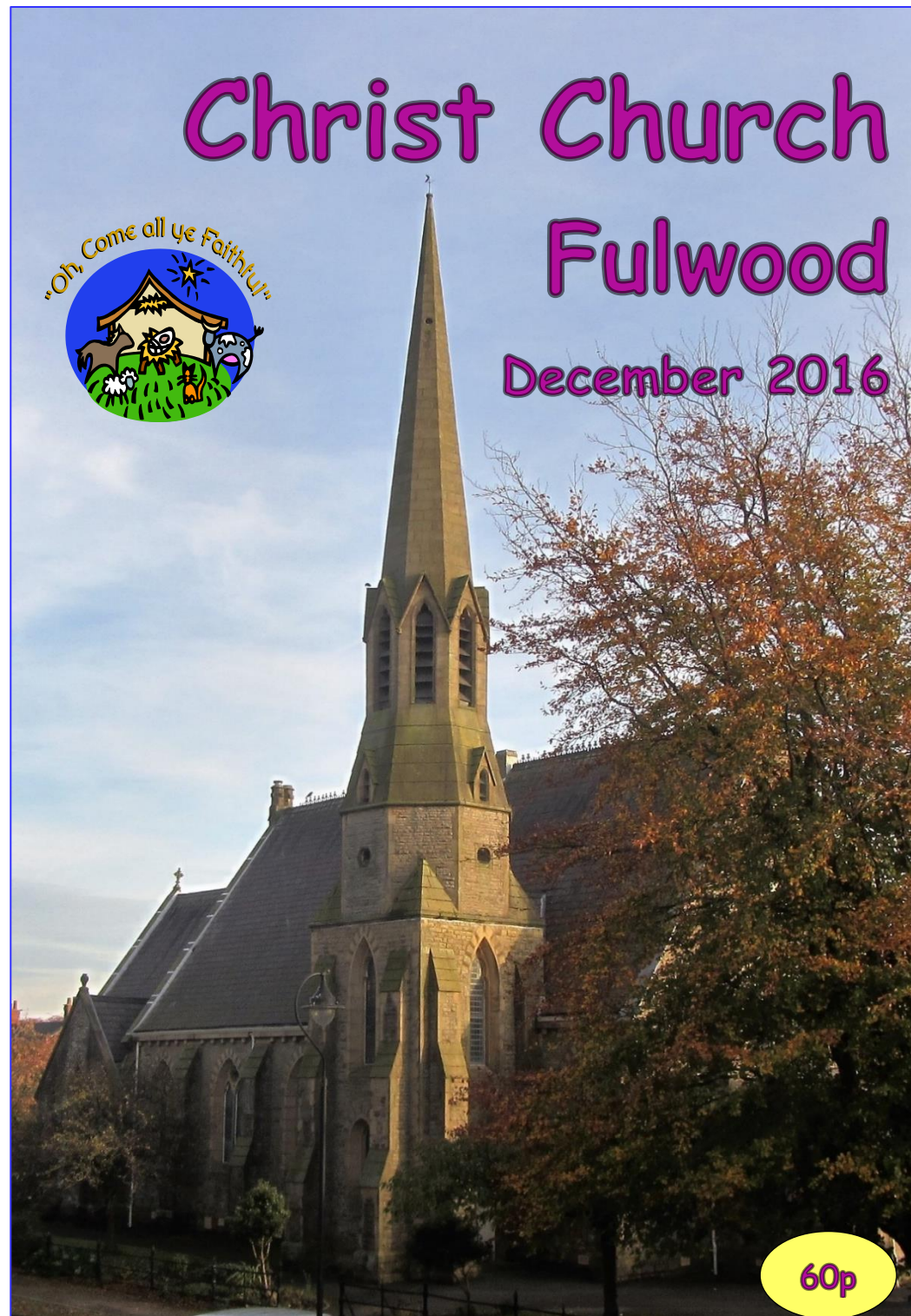


Turning pipe cleaner weapons into tools of peace in our prayer corner
(Chris Hedley)



Twiddlemuffs are being knitted by the Crafters. These will be passed on to be used by people with dementia. (Adrienne)

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Christ Church Fulwood

December 2016



Christ Church

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Church Hall The Church Hall is available for hire, particularly for weekly/monthly events. **Contact:** Margaret Brown, Colebatch Tel: 07926 374863
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Services at Christ Church

Sunday Worship	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (1 st , 3 rd & 4 th Sundays in the month)
		Family Service (2 nd Sunday)
		Morning Worship (when there's a 5 th Sunday)
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
		Holy Communion (BCP) (4 th Sunday in the month)

Weekday Services: Prayers in the Vestry/Church (during term time):
Monday - 12.00noon; **Tuesday** - 9.00pm; **Wednesday** - 7.00am; **Friday** - 9.00am
Also: Thursday - 10:30am Holy Communion and 7.00pm Evening Prayers

Baptism, Confirmation, Marriages & Funerals

All by arrangement with Brian, the Vicar (Tel: 719210)

Visiting The Vicar is always ready to visit the sick at home or in hospital, or anyone else who needs his help. Please inform him if there is anyone you know who would appreciate a visit - a written note is especially helpful.

What's on at Christ Church - activities are mainly in the Church Hall.

Parochial Church Council Normally meets in the Vestry at 7.00pm on the 2nd Monday in Jan, March, May, July, Sept & Nov.

Choir Practice	9.45am	each Sunday in Church (except 2 nd Sundays)
Junior Church	10.30am	Sundays in Church (term time) then in the Hall
Pathfinders	10.30am	Sundays in Church (term time) then in the Hall
Rainbows	5.30pm	Tuesdays in term time in the Hall
Brownies	6.00pm	Tuesdays in term time in the Hall
Guides	7.00pm	Tuesdays in term time in the Hall
Youth Club	7.45pm	Mondays in term time at St Cuthbert's
Parent & Toddlers	10.00am	Mondays in term time (to 11.30am) in the Hall
Crafters	2.00pm	Thursdays in the Vestry
HOPE Group	7.15 for 7.30pm	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays each month, in the Vestry
Crossway	7.30pm	3 rd Thursday each month (not July & August) in Hall

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Church Events in December 2016

[Wed	30 Nov	7.00pm	Advent - 'Because of Bethlehem' 1/4 in Vestry (see Pg7)]
Thur	1 Dec	10.30am	Holy Communion Service in Church (each Thurs)
Fri	2 Dec	9.00am	Prayers in Church each weekday (see inside back cover)
Sun	4 Dec	10.30am	Young people in Church before JunChurch/Pathfinders
		2.00pm	Preston Masonic Carol Service in Church
Mon	5 Dec	10.00am	Building Committee meets in church
		7.00pm	Preston City Carols at Preston North End (Town End) Stand
Wed	7 Dec	7.30pm	NO mtg of the HOPE Group (instead see tomorrow) Pg 7
Thur	8 Dec	11.00am	Christ Church hosting Preston Church Leaders
		7.00pm	Advent - 'Because of Bethlehem' 2/4 in Vestry (to 8pm)
Sun	11 Dec	10.30am	Family TOY Service - Church Parade - see Pgs 1&2
Wed	14 Dec	7.00pm	A.T.S. Carol Service at Preston Minster
Thur	15 Dec	12noon	Crossway Parish Lunch' at Barton Grange HOTEL, see Pg 6
		from 6.30pm	'Lancashire Sings Christmas' - Ribble Lodge Pub (see Pg4)
		7.00pm	'Lancashire Sings Christmas' on BBC Radio Lancashire
		7.00pm	Advent - 'Because of Bethlehem' 3/4 in Vestry (to 8pm)
Fri	16 Dec	10.00am	Cake & Company in Hall to 12 noon (Christmas Special) Pg5
Sun	18 Dec	10.30am	NO Junior Church/Pathfinders
		10.30am	Café Carols in the Hall
		6.30pm	Carol Service in Church
Thur	22 Dec	7.00pm	Advent - 'Because of Bethlehem' 4/4 in Vestry (to 8pm)
Sat	24 Dec	4.00pm	Crib Service in Church
		11.30pm	'Midnight' Holy Communion
Sun	25 Dec	10.30am	Christmas Day Family Communion
		6.30pm	NO evening service
Mon	26 Dec		NO Daily prayers in church this week



Forward Notice for January

Sun	1 Jan	Services as usual, including evening Communion (Pg3)
Sun	8 Jan	2.30pm Messy Church in the Hall
		4.00pm Christingle Service in Church (pg5)



And finally - just a reminder that the Display Board for your Christmas Cards will be available from Thursday 1st Dec. at the back of church. Please just pin, on there, a card for all your friends at Christ Church and make a donation in the charity box [a 'silent' donation would be really appreciated? (!!)] Thank you.

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Brexit, Donald Trump and Baby Jesus!

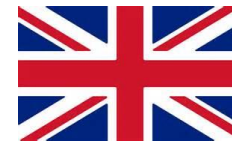
What a year 2016 has been !

If you had said to me that our country would vote to leave Europe and that Donald Trump would be the most powerful man in the world by the end of 2016 I would have thought you were mad.



I have two very good American friends, both clergy in this country. They both voted against Brexit and for Hilary Clinton and movingly feel out of step with fellow citizens both sides of the Atlantic.

But we live in a democracy and I guess whether we like it or not we have to live with the consequences. This is a freedom we remembered over our Remembrance Sunday that has been won for us by so many.



Both Brexit and USA elections have highlighted divisions in communities - it is our task to pray and work towards a way forward and unity for all people.



At this time of year we remember that God's son, Jesus, was born in a stable in Bethlehem not just for some but for all. Thankfully for Americans and British but also for Mexicans and Europeans and indeed for the whole world.

Who knows what 2017 will bring for us but before then please come and join us for our Christmas Worship as we rejoice in the 'Word Made Flesh' who brings 'Joy to the whole World'.



Wishing you and your loved ones a very Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love and prayer
Brian



TOY Service - 10.30am Sunday 11th December.

Once again we're asking for you to donate NEW toys for children in Preston, who will get very little this Christmas; Please DON'T wrap them, but bring along the wrapping paper separately if possible. Items for teenagers are particularly appreciated. Christ Church parishioners have been very generous in previous years, thank you. **ESPECIALLY items for teenagers please !!**

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Sunday Worship in December

4th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Holy Communion
	Welcome: Paul & Michelle Jordan
	Prayers: Brian/Phil
	Bread & Wine: Dave & Beverley Worgan
	Communion Assistant: Shirley Duggan
Readings:	Rom 3.1-12 Betty Edmundson
	Matt 3.1-12 Mary Fletcher



12.30pm	Baptism
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6.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (BCP) Welcome: Graham Hickey
Readings:	I Kings 18. 17-39 Graham Hickey
	Matt 3.1-12 Phil McClenaghan
Psalm:	11; (28)



TOYS - can YOU help?
(see Page 1)

11th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
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10.30am TOY Service with Church Parade (please donate NEW Toys - see Page 1)

	Welcome:	Keith & Sue Cameron
Reading:	to come	Linda Koziarska
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Welcome: Graham Hickey
Readings:	Isa 5.8-end	Michael Higgins
	Acts 13.13-41	Graham Hickey
Psalm:	12; (14)	



Flowers in December

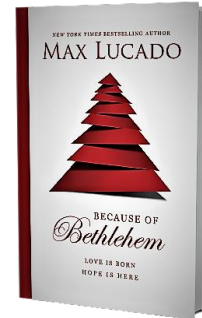
Thur 1 Dec	Plants
Thur 8 Dec	Plants
Thur 15 Dec	Team for Christmas
Thur 22 Dec	Judith Rawson & Joyce Masterton

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Because of Bethlehem

Every year Advent invites us to prepare our hearts once more for the gift - the gift that is seemingly too good to be true born in Bethlehem. Each year we have the opportunity to say yes to that invitation; to prepare our hearts for the miracle of Immanuel, "God with us".

Here at Christ Church we are replacing our Thursday evening prayer during Advent with four times of devotion - a chance to take time out of the busyness that we so often find ourselves in as we approach Christmas, and to turn our focus back to Bethlehem and beyond. The four sessions will be inspired by the new book by Max Lucado - "Because of Bethlehem"



The themes and dates are as follows:

Hope	<u>Wednesday</u> 30 th November 7-8pm
Peace	Thursday 8 th December 7-8pm
Joy	Thursday 15 th December 7-8pm
Love	Thursday 22 nd December 7-8pm

We do hope you will be able to join us in the Vestry as we prepare for the glorious celebration of our Saviour's birth and as we remember that love was born, and hope is here. For more information, speak to Phil

HOPE - following on from Phil's note above, we agreed at the last HOPE mtg, that there won't be HOPE mtgs on Wednesdays in December. Instead we invite you to join Phil on Thursdays. HOPE mtgs begin again on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

HOPE

Pathfinders Extra - after a very successful trip to Preston Trampoline Club at half term (no-one fell off!!), we will be meeting for a Christmas get-together/party sometime during the week between Christmas and New Year. Details are yet to be confirmed, but keep checking Pews News for updates. Please speak to Phil if you are interested and are aged between 11 and 18 (high-school), and have never experienced Pathfinders Extra before.

THANK YOU (2) - the impromptu Fairtrade Stall in the Vestry on Sunday 6th Nov raised an amazing £124.80 [Margaret H.,



THANK YOU (3) - our 9th Preston Rainbows and Guides raised £83+ for BBC's 'Children in Need' in November.



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Crossway Angela Danby's return visit to us in October was a great success as she is such an eloquent speaker - we just look forward to her 'Part 3' (when she can find time to write it!)



Crossway's meeting this month is a Christmas Lunch as Barton Grange Hotel on Thursday



15th December - 12 for 12.30pm. There has been a wonderful response to this - so we all look forward to a delicious meal with good company. Just a word of warning, traffic can be very busy going up the A6 so please set off in good time!

Christmas Choir - Many thanks to all of those who attended a very successful singing afternoon on Sat. 12th November. We had 37 people in attendance with people coming from Fulwood, Ribbleton and even as far as Tarleton! It's my hope that we can build on this in the future...

This being the case... Christmas is fast approaching and so it's that time of year when I start getting musicians together for the various Carol Services going on over the festive season. This year, our Carol Service will be on Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm. We're hoping to gather together a choir to form the basis of our new Celtic Choir. We did sing a couple of the songs that we will be performing as part of our recent singing afternoon. It doesn't matter if you attended the singing afternoon or not, if you're in the choir or First Sunday Singers or not. All are welcome to join us! We will be trying to sing in parts (but don't let that put you off!) and we'll be doing a couple of items on our own. Wouldn't it be lovely to pack the choir stalls?!!

Rehearsals are: Tuesday 22nd November, 7:30pm-9pm
Tuesday 6th December, 7:30pm-9pm
Sunday 11th December, 12noon-1:30pm
Saturday 17th December, 2pm-3:30pm

If you miss any rehearsal, please do feel free to come along to the others. Thank you in anticipation of your support! [Chris Hartnett]



THANK YOU (1) - the profit from the October Harvest Ceilidh and supper was £188, thanks to all for your support. [Chris & Steve]

Church Windows - the 2 section which are away for repair at present will soon be back in place. Further work is due before & after the New Year. [Steve H]

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18th December 4th Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Café Church in the Hall

Welcome: Phil James & Brenda Woolley

Readings: (to come) Frank McCandlish & Irene Hurst

Special Service Sheet

6.30pm Christ Church Carol Service

Welcome: Graham Hickey

Special Service Sheet



Saturday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00pm Crib Service in Church

11.30pm 'Midnight' Holy Communion



25th December CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Holy Communion - Welcome: Alan Powell & Jean Preston

Prayers: Brian/Phil

Bread & Wine: John & Elizabeth Bailey

Communion Assistant: Chris Hedley

Readings: (to come) Steve & Chris Hedley

~~6.30pm~~ **NO EVENING Service**

(the next Evening Holy Communion is 6.30pm Sunday 1st Jan '17)

Refreshment Rota

Sun	4 Dec	Elizabeth Bailey, Viki Cuthbertson & Sue Wright
Sun	11 Dec	Adrienne Clarkson, Joyce Masterton & Alison Tait
Sun	18 Dec	Margaret Brown, Doris Sellers & Irene Hurst
Sun	25 Dec	(please) whoever is there!



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Christian Baptism 'We welcome you'

6th Nov Freddie Joseph PYE
Parents: Matthew and Joanne, Dodgson Place



Christian Funeral 'In Christ all will be brought to life'

Margaret WILLIAMS Gorton, Manchester died 13th Oct
The funeral was held at Preston Crematorium and was attended by many of Margaret's relatives and friends. Margaret had a love for holidaying with her family and made many trips back to Preston to visit her beloved Grandchildren, Simone and Sara and our thoughts and prayers go out to them.

Dr Dharmaarajan SENATHIRAJAH, Oakwood Drive, died 18th Oct
Dharmaarajan was born in Sri Lanka which is where he trained in medicine. In 1969 he married Thillainayakie (Tilly); they moved to England in 1984, living in Southport and then, from 1986, in Preston. He was a strong believer in the Hippocratic Oath, and is described as a pragmatic man. He is deeply missed by Tilly, his son Udhi and daughter Archie. The service was held in Preston Crematorium.

7th Nov Richard HALSALL, Chipping died 29th Oct
Richard was a very outgoing individual who had two main passions in life: the game of Rugby and his love of cars. Richard made many trips to Twickenham to watch his beloved game. Cars became his career as he made his living selling them and by the time he retired was running the Bowker BMW garage. Richard leaves behind his wife Ellie, our prayers and thoughts go out to her.

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## BBC "Lancashire Sings Christmas" - 7pm Thurs 15th December

Every year BBC Radio Lancashire hold an event called "Lancashire sings Christmas". This is a countywide initiative to get the Christmas message across through carols and speakers. This year the main event is being held at Blackburn Cathedral but organisations and churches are invited to tune in for the one hour radio show on Thursday 15th December at 7pm, and host their own event. One such event that we, as a church, have been invited to is being hosted by our neighbouring parish, Ribbleton, in the Ribble Lodge pub on Ribbleton Avenue starting at 6:30pm with light entertainment, the radio broadcast which we can all sing along to, then some light Christmas music and a quiz to round off the evening (and I'm told we may ... (continued Pg5) ...



Our next Cake & Company is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and it is our Christmas Special! You are warmly invited to come along to the party from 10am to 12noon in the Hall. We will have Christmas fayre, carols and songs and a special visitor....

Please let us know if you would like to join us on 01772 875823 (you can leave a message) or sign up at the back of church or just drop in! [Chris Hedley]

## Messy Church is for everyone.....

We had a very special Messy Church on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November when we took the significance of Remembrance Sunday and looked at what peace means to us. We talked our way through the issues in the relevant Bible stories whilst making origami peace cranes, edible poppies, turning pipe cleaner weapons into tools, building a peace wall of prayer and a very large cardboard box peace bridge! Our worship centred on remembering those who have sacrificed so much to help us live in peace and those who are still trying to do that. Then we shared a good old WW2 meal - corned beef hash and bread and butter pudding! **Messy Church is for everyone - young and old** and we want to extend a very warm invitation to you to come along and join in the learning, fellowship and worship. Feel free to give it a try and come along next time on Sun 8<sup>th</sup> January starting at 2.30pm for our Messy Christingle where will look at what Christ meant when he said 'I am the light of the world'. We will be making our own Christingles (and some spares) for our Christingle Service at 4pm - or just come along for the service.



For more information go to: [www.messychurch.org.uk](http://www.messychurch.org.uk) or visit the Christ Church web site: [www.christchurchfulwood.org](http://www.christchurchfulwood.org) [Chris Hedley]

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... even be treated to some famous Lancashire Hot Pot - no promises on this one though). You never know, Radio Lancashire may even turn up after the Cathedral broadcast as they tour parts of the county exploring what different parishes and organisations are doing for the 'Big Sing'.

PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE SIGN UP SHEET AT THE BACK OF CHURCH IF YOU ARE INTENDING TO ATTEND.

Thanks in anticipation!

[Chris Hartnett]

