

The Messenger



**Christ Church, Longridge "Living for Christ
at the heart of the community"**

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Fine First Performance for 'Choir 1'

With the appropriately named 'Sing', the newly formed Longridge Branch of 'Choir 1' opened their programme of light popular classics at Christ Church on July 4th. From this first song, composed especially for the community based group by musical director David Kennedy, the choir went on to perform a programme of songs for the invited audience of 60 family, friends and supporters from the community. David, originally from Longridge, introduced each item and gave an insight into the forming of the choir in January following on from the forming a Branch in 2014, in Garstang, where he now lives.

The 15 strong mixed voice group, responded well to their musical director, and performed their first programme enthusiastically. From strong unison singing to more adventurous harmonies, all performed with backing tracks prepared by David, the songs ranged from 'Something Inside So Strong', 'I'll Be There' and 'The Climb' to an arrangement of Take That's 'Rule the World'. Their programme concluded with a fine rendition of the spiritual 'Wade in the Water', which demonstrated confident 2-part singing in a relaxed style with finger clicking and swing action.

The evening concluded with tea and cakes, provided by the choir along with an opportunity for the choir to mingle and share the experience with the appreciative audience. Donations on the evening supported the work of St Catherine's Hospice.

'Choir 1' rehearse on Monday evenings from 7.30pm – 9.00pm in Christ Church Hall. Following their summer break, they resume meeting on September 5th. They would be very pleased to welcome new members with a free taster session!

For more information, David Kennedy can be contacted on 07510557081 or email: - davidkennedy4691@hotmail.co.uk

Carol Rose

WWDP (Women's World Day of Prayer)

This date in the calendar of most Christian denominations and in many countries of the world is now firmly established here in Longridge as well. At first called simply 'World Day of Prayer', it was changed to Women's World Day of Prayer at the request of churches mainly in developing countries where women's roles in the churches are not always recognised and certainly not seen as equal in ability and responsibility to those of men. The intention has never been that only women should pray on this day but that the format and liturgies for the day should be prepared by women. Each year a different country is chosen as the focus of the day and an ecumenical committee of women from that country prepares material that will help everyone share their concerns and pray about their country's problems. The material is then distributed around the globe and each local area which wants to join in sets up its own committee of women to plan how the day will run in their area.

Recently discussions have taken place about whether we should return to the original name for the day in order to encourage more men to join in, but our sisters in the developing world in particular, felt that they still needed the leverage of the name to make sure that the men in their churches didn't try to take over this one area over which they feel a sense of ownership and control. Don't let that put anyone in Longridge off, the world needs us all to pray – men, women and children alike.

For a long time, Longridge was simply lumped in with Preston for the celebration of this occasion, but a few years ago Churches Together in Longridge (soon to be known as Churches Together in Longridge and District as we are joined by churches in the surrounding area) decided that we could manage to organise our own celebration and set up a sub-committee comprising one woman from each of our constituent congregations plus an extra person to act as secretary. Since then we have had a number of successful years.

The services always take place on the first Friday in March everywhere in the world. This sometimes makes for quite a busy time as this is usually

in Lent. Until this year the services alternated between St. Paul's and Christ Church as some churches were felt to be too far from the centre and St Wilfrid's already had other commitments at the designated times. However, this year, St Wilfrid's were able to host the event and we had a really thought provoking and enjoyable time.

As well as the services, the national committees prepare material for children and other material about their country. This is distributed some weeks before the main service so that the results can be displayed on the day. This year St Wilfrid's RC Primary School Year 6 were able to take part in the service and children from the school prepared art work which decorated the church; other children acted as stewards and took up the offering. The head teacher and staff were extremely supportive so we hope other schools might be involved in future.

We also had a slight hiccup in the preparations and were greatly helped by a group of students and the chaplain from St Cecilia's RC High School and they are keen to take part again. Those of us who have never been to Cuba, learned a great deal and we are now about to start preparations for next year's event. The women of the Philippines have already done their preparations and I suspect, far fewer of us will have visited their colourful, though often troubled, country so put the date in your diary right now.

The actual details of the arrangements – time, venue etc. – have still to be decided. An information day will be held in Preston around October time and we would be glad for any volunteers who could spare a day to attend this session. Please watch the church notices for details of time and place and then contact me if you can help. Those who attend will then report back to our local organising committee and we will get our preparations well under way before Christmas.

Carol Spencer

Circuit Services

Each quarter, on our plan, the Superintendent arranges for one or more services to take place in one of the Churches of the Circuit, to which all congregations are invited to share together in. These services, which can be at 3pm, 4pm or 6.30pm, will be services for Healing and Wholeness or have some other special purpose.

Our stewards have decided to try to support these services where possible, so at Christ Church, in place of our 6.30pm service, we are trying to make these services more accessible for everyone to be able to go. On a Sunday when there is a Circuit Service being held, there will be an opportunity to request transport and where possible, lifts will be arranged. Please sign each time on the notice board, if you would like to go or can offer help with transport.

The dates planned on the next quarter are September 4th at Central Methodist at 3pm, launching the One2One Listening Project and October 30th at Fulwood Methodist at 4pm, which will be a service for Healing and Wholeness.

Carol Rose

Audrey Barnes

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death in June of Audrey Barnes after a relatively short illness. Although Audrey had only been a formal member of Christ Church since just before Christmas, she has been a faithful and lively member of our congregation and numerous church activities for several years. She was always ready to don her apron when help with catering was needed and equally ready to take up pen and paper when someone was needed to take minutes at meetings. She was always friendly and cheerful and will be greatly missed by many friends at Christ Church.

Ministry of Flowers

The ministry of flowers plays a significant role in the life of the Church. Each week we have an opportunity to place flowers in church for our Sunday Worship Services. These are often placed to mark a special occasion, a celebration or in memory of a loved one. We are very grateful to Pam Cliff and Mandy Walker, who have been overseeing this work on our behalf.

We are now revising and updating our rota for the 2017 calendar. If you would like to request a special date for your flower contribution, please fill in the form included in this magazine, indicating whether you wish to place them yourself or donate the cost for your Sunday. The nominated dates will be allocated as fairly and as closely as possible to your preferred date and placed on the notice board and in the notices.

We would also appreciate help with the distribution of flowers. If you are interested in sharing in this important aspect of the flower ministry, please see me.

Grateful thanks are expressed to all who have generously supported this ministry in the past and we invite others to take this opportunity to join in this part of our Church's ministry.

Carol Rose

PS: Small donations towards the purchase of flowers for 'unadopted' Sundays may be placed in the 'Flower Box' in the foyer.

Ministry of Flowers 2017

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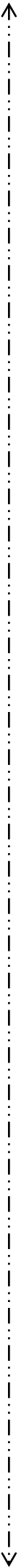
- I wish to request the following date/s for placing flowers in Church.

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- I would like to place the flowers myself. YES/NO
- I would appreciate flowers being placed and will make a donation to cover the cost. YES/NO
- I am willing to help distribute flowers. YES/NO

Please pass your completed form by October 30th to Carol Rose or place in the box on the table. Thank you.



Walk for May - The Tolkien Trail

The focus of this month's walk is a fancy title for a well-known and popular circuit in the Ribble Valley. As a basis, we used a copy of the excellent guide, provided by the council, which connects features found within the works of Tolkien and the landmarks of the area.

Our starting point was at the civic centre at Hurst Green, from where we walked down to the memorial and then out of the village into a field with the domed turrets of Stonyhurst College directly ahead. From here, the path descended to a small stream, followed by a climb up to one of the sports fields. By now we were skirting the perimeter of the college, past the observatory, Hall Bam Farm and St Mary's Hall, with Pendle Hill and Clitheroe Castle in the distance.

Having left the vicinity of the college, we were now in a landscape of fields and woodland, enjoying the splendid walking weather and clear views. Soon, we crossed from a pasture into a deep wooded valley which led us down to the River Hodder. From here we headed west along a good path, passing Hodder Place, a splendid period property and down to the main road at Cromwell's Bridge. On this stretch, the wildlife was in abundance, including a Heron perched on a log in the middle of the river.

After a short stretch of road walking, we re-entered the fields, climbing over a hill and descending down to Winckley Hall Farm and back to the Hodder and our favourite lunch stop. Here is a well-positioned seat, overlooking the confluence of the Hodder and the Ribble, giving splendid views. This part of the river is very popular with fishermen and a number of them were out today.

We next started to follow the Ribble Way. The terrain was, by now, perfectly dry.

At one point, we were walking on a path about fifteen feet above the level of the river, but to our right was a hedge, about ten feet high, full of debris from the winter floods, so, back in January, the river level would have been some four feet above my head!

After passing the impressive viaduct across the river, we left and started the climb through the woods and across pastures containing lots of newly- born lambs. Eventually, we arrived at the Shireburn Arms and the end of the walk.

The publication of the Tolkien leaflet has obviously increased the interest in the area of Stonyhurst and this splendid walk. We saw a number of walkers carrying the instructions, some even walking in the reverse direction. Also, it was good to see that the landscape has finally dried out after the awful winter and that we can return to the sort of walks that we all enjoy.

Linda & Eddie Grange

Friday Coffee Rota

Sep 2nd	Mrs L Grange	Nov 4th	Mrs S Lawson
Sep 9th	Mrs S Lawson	Nov 11th	Rev E Hodgkiss
Sep 16th	Mrs E Marven	Nov 18th	Mrs L Grange
Sep 23rd	Rev E Hodgkiss	Nov 25th	Mrs M Cook
Sep 30th	Mrs L Grange		
Oct 7th	Mrs M Cook	Dec 2nd	Claire Tuffin
Oct 14th	Claire Tuffin	Dec 9th	Mrs E Marven
Oct 21st	Sandra Ashcroft	Dec 16th	Sandra Ashcroft
Oct 28th	Mrs E Marven		

Please use spare biscuits in tin first.

Flower Rota

Sep 4th	Margery Cook	Nov 6th	<i>Vacant</i>
Sep 11th	Esther Wolstenholme	Nov 13th	Kath Keighley
Sep 18th	Hazel Scott	Nov 20th	<i>Vacant</i>
Sep 25th	<i>Vacant</i>	Nov 27th	<i>Vacant</i>
Oct 2nd	Sue Lawson	Dec 4th	Esther Wolstenholme
Oct 9th	Megan Crew	Dec 11th	Kath Keighley
Oct 16th	<i>Vacant</i>	Dec 18th	<i>Vacant</i>
Oct 23rd	<i>Vacant</i>	Dec 25th	<i>Vacant</i>
Oct 30th	Brenda Head		

Walk for July - Warton Crag

Warton Crag is sometimes referred to as the Lake District's introduction card as, when travelling north, this rocky prominence stands out when looking towards the Lakes. The limestone crag is a popular walking venue, forested, with many paths leading in all directions.

We started the walk from Carnforth station, passing Steamtown, where a Black Five loco, was being prepared for the days' run, before turning down a quiet lane following the River Keer and eventually arriving at the road down to Warton. We followed this road for a short distance before entering a track that pointed towards the crag. This path soon joined a very steep field up to Crag Lane and on to the nature reserve.

From the reserve, we started the long, steady climb up and across the southern flank, the view getting increasingly better as we got higher. The final ascent was a bit of a challenge, having to scramble up a couple of rocky gullies until, at the end, we had a choice of two paths and as the group was being led from the back, the wrong one was chosen and this turned out to be awful, massively overgrown and even the experienced Chindits would have been impressed with our collective grit and determination!

Once at the top, we settled down for a leisurely lunch and took time to admire the fantastic view across Morecambe Bay and the Lakes before starting our descent down much easier paths. Occasionally, the undergrowth opened up to reveal equally splendid views towards the east and the Dales. Eventually, we emerged from the forest and took a quiet lane down to Warton, a village with links to President George Washington. From Warton, the ideal route back to Carnforth is across the flood plain of the River Keer. Often this path is flooded and we have to return by the road, but today our luck was with us and we crossed the fields, a little boggy in places and back to the station.

At the station, we had to enter into, "Brief Encounter," mode and headed to the famous station tearoom. Whilst climbing the ramp up to the main platform, we came across a TV camera in position next to a group of people, one of whom was TV personality Julian Clary, who was interviewing the granddaughter of Celia Johnson, a star of the film, for SKY TV.

This turned out to be a very enjoyable walk, a little challenging in places, but the weather and ground conditions couldn't have been better. And those Virgin trains don't half move through Carnforth Station!

Linda & Eddie Grange

Christ Church Worship and Events

(10.45am & 6.30pm unless otherwise stated)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH

AM Rev Ray Borg (Holy Communion)
Church Council and Meeting after morning service – all welcome

4pm Circuit Service at Central Methodist

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH

Lancashire District Synod at Bamber Bridge Methodist Church

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH

AM Mrs Carol Poole (Guild Service)
PM Mrs Carol Rose

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH

Methodist Circuit Meeting at Penwortham

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH

AM Mr Henry Rose (Harvest Celebration)
3pm Rev Elizabeth Hodgkiss (at Plessington Court)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH

AM Rev Ron Lewis
PM Rev Elizabeth Hodgkiss (Holy Communion)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH

Christ Church Market Café Day (provisional)
CTL Harvest Supper

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2ND

AM Rev Ray Borg (Holy Communion)
PM Mr John North

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9TH

AM Mr David Evans
PM Mr Mike Prendergast

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16TH

AM Mr Steve Gregory
3pm Rev Ray Borg (at Plessington Court)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23RD

AM Mr Harry Duckett
PM Rev Elizabeth Hodgkiss (Holy Communion)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 30TH

AM John and Carol Spencer (Shoebox Service)
4pm Circuit Service for Healing and Wholeness
(at Fulwood Methodist)

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

AM Rev Elizabeth Hodgkiss
PM Mr Les Kelsall

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13TH

10.15am Mrs Carol Rose (Remembrance Day Service)
12noon CTLAD Prayers at Townley Gardens
(arrangements to be confirmed in the notices)
PM Mr Mike Prendergast

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19TH

10am–3pm Crafts Fair

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20TH

AM Rev Ray Borg (Loved and Lost Communion)
3pm Rev Ray Borg (at Plessington Court)

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27TH

AM Dr Carol Spencer
PM Rev Elizabeth Hodgkiss

ADVENT SUNDAY

(Holy Communion)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH

AM Rev Ray Borg
PM Mr Henry Rose

ADVENT 2

(Holy Communion)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH

AM Dr Carol Spencer
PM Rev Elizabeth Hodgkiss

ADVENT 3

THURSDAY DECEMBER 15TH

Lancashire Sings Christmas

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18TH

AM Mrs Carol Rose
3pm Rev Ray Borg

ADVENT 4

(Carol Service)
(Carol Communion at Christ Church)

FRIDAY DECEMBER 23RD

(no CTL morning prayers)

10am-12 Coffee Morning

1230pm-1pm Christmas Shoppers Carol Service (TBC)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 25TH

11am Rev Ray Borg

CHRISTMAS DAY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31ST

3pm Rev Ray Borg

NEW YEAR'S EVE

(at Plessington Court)

Services at St Wilfrid's Church A

SUNDAY

10.45am Morning Worship &
Junior Church

3.00pm Afternoon Worship*

*Normally 3rd Sunday at Plessington Court

6.30pm Evening Worship

MONDAY

10.00am Craft Club

7.45pm The Guild*

*1st Monday of month

FRIDAY

7.45am CTL Morning Prayers*

*At St Wilfrid's in 2016

10.00am Coffee Morning

7.00pm Music Makers

SATURDAY

9.30am Christ Church Ramblers*

*As announced – please see notices

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