

The Messenger



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

Travelling to God.... with a suitcase

A series of meetings on Mondays in Lent from 7.20 to 9.00pm followed by refreshments at Preston Minster. A different speaker and subject each week including Fiona Castle (widow of Roy) on March 5th. This meeting will, for one week only, be at Central Methodist Church, Lune Street.

Details of all meetings on Church Noticeboard

Please pick up a leaflet in church for more details of our morning services in Lent and don't forget to bring your flowers to decorate the Cross on Easter Sunday morning.

Thank you to everyone for their generous support for the Shoebox Appeal at the end of last year. We have just received an email to tell us that our boxes have gone to Belarus.

The Market Café on February 15th raised £197.20 with a further £17.70 from Marmalade and Crafts for the Sierra Leone project. Grateful thanks to everyone involved.

Condolences

Our sincere condolences go to our Minister, the Rev Ray Borg and his family on the death of Ray's father and also to Ben Riley and Jason McMahon and their family on the death of Ben's father, Mark. Please continue to support them in your prayers.

Guild Meetings

After a successful Christmas meal, we took a break in January.

In February we had an excellent slide show of Mr Jim Atkinson's walk along the Coast to Coast walk.

The next meeting on March 5th at 7.30pm by Rev Norman Pearson is a talk entitled 'Humour in the Pulpit'. The following meetings are:

April 9th 7.30pm - John Spencer 'More Tales from Sierra Leone'

May 14th 7.30pm - Muriel Anderson and 'Grace Notes'

Plessington Court

Currently major repairs are being done to the Lift in Plessington Court. It is not clear how long this will take. There are temporary stair-lifts for residents, but they need care assistants to help them come and go. This is the reason why the monthly services are not taking place. It is not possible for there to be enough staff on duty on Sundays and other people cannot be allowed to act in their place. In January, some of our Pastoral Visiting Team visited some of our folk in their flats. It is hoped to continue this on the third Sundays of the month until the lift is back in use, but please designated Pastoral Visitors only.

Thank you.

CHRIST CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT

Friday May 18th

7.00pm

Teams of 4

Spectators welcome!

To book your team: please contact
John Spencer 01772 782829

All proceeds to Christian Aid



Walk for December - The Guild Wheel

The proposed walk for this month was intended to be a circular route from Chipping, but after the endless heavy rain, it appears that every field contains anything from a pond to a lake, so we decided to fall back on this splendid all-weather track and walk a section that many consider the best and most attractive.

Bus passes in hand, we boarded the No. 1 at Longridge and headed down to the start of the walk at the Crematorium. From here, we followed the avenue into Red Scar Woods and down a steep path into the Lancashire Wildlife Reserve at Brockholes. As we were a little ahead of schedule, it was decided that we would walk a lap of the reserve and have a look at the wildlife, followed by a coffee at the visitors' centre. (We are knocking on a bit). From the reserve, we headed along the pleasant riverside path towards Walton-Le-Dale where we stopped for lunch at a well-positioned picnic table.

The next section of the Wheel took us along the Boulevard. The weather was excellent with bright Sun and blue skies, most welcome after what we had experienced in recent weeks. The end of the walk was at Avenham Park, but as our party included a group of Boltonians, we extended it to include a tour of Preston, starting with a rest in Miller Park followed by a climb up to the East side to exit by the original Mr Booths splendid house and a visit to the viewpoint that overlooks a bend in the Ribble that I regard as the best view in Preston.

All that we had to do now was walk across town to the bus station and head back. Once again, we had been saved by the wheel. Unfortunately, our part of Lancashire is poorly served by solid tracks. (Such as Beacon Fell). However, the Bolton area enjoys an extensive network of paths, thanks to United Utilities and we may increasingly utilise these for future walks when necessary.

Linda & Eddie Grange

Friday Coffee Rota March - May 2018

Mar 2	Sandra Ashcroft	Apr 20	Margery Cook
Mar 9	Claire Tuffin	Apr 27	Claire Tuffin
Mar 16	Margery Cook	May 4	Sandra Ashcroft
Mar 23	Sue Lawson	May 11	Liz Marven
Mar 30	<i>No Coffee</i>	May 18	Sue Lawson
Apr 6	Liz Marven	May 25	Linda Grange
Apr 13	Linda Grange	Jun 1	Margery Cook

Church Flowers - Spring 2018

Mar 4	Carol Rose	May 6	Margery Cook
Mar 11	Claire Tuffin	May 13	Hazel Scott
Mar 18	Linda Grange	May 20	Sue Lawson
Mar 25	Alison Bainbridge	May 27	Beryl Murrant
Apr 1	Sue Lawson	Jun 3	Carol Rose
Apr 8	Megan Crew	Jun 10	Claire Tuffin
Apr 15	Jason McMahon	Jun 17	Church Flowers
Apr 22	Val Fletcher	Jun 24	Val Fletcher
Apr 29	Margaret Mohyla		

Thank you to everyone who donates, arranges or distributes flowers. If anyone would like to be involved in assisting in any way, please see Claire Tuffin or fill in one of the forms at the back of church. Alternatively, donations towards the cost on 'Church flowers' weeks are always welcome and can be placed in the flower fund tin.

Thank you

Walk for January - Around Lancaster

As the awful walking conditions still persist, we looked back through the archives and decided that this tour of Lancaster would be a suitable candidate for the January walk. This town walk could be described as the Lancaster equivalent of Preston's Guild Wheel.

We started out from St. Georges Quay, a significant port long before Liverpool existed, but now something of a building site, as the old industries are demolished and the warehouses converted into apartments. Walking east, we headed for the central area, following the river through the city until our comfort stop at Sainsbury's. Leaving the store, without nectar points, we continued to follow the river until we reached the famous aqueduct, designed by Rennie and very impressive from top or bottom. We chose the path to the top and stopped to admire the splendid view in all directions before continuing on the towpath through the centre of the city which has been socially well developed and it was here that we stopped for lunch in the pleasant sheltered forecourt of an apartment block.

On our way again, we passed the water-bus stop, not operating at this time of year and the path gradually opened out to the pleasant countryside until we arrived at Aldcliffe, where we left the canal and continued along quiet country lanes and descended to join the old Glassen rail track and our first encounter with floods, having to paddle through standing water a few times. The final part of the walk took us along the track, which wasn't too bad and gave us splendid views of Morecambe Bay until, after seven and a half miles, we arrived back at the Quay.

This is one of the dependable walks that can be relied upon at any time. Unbelievably, considering how awful the weather has been this winter, we couldn't have had a better day, with sun and clear skies and not too cold. Now, it is back to the archives to dig out the February walk!

Linda & Eddie Grange



Christ Church 'MUSIC IN THE AFTERNOON'

(Edition 15)

Featuring

'Longridge Junior Band' & 'Continental Brass'

(Director: Matthew Balson)

Sunday May 13th at 2.30pm

Tickets: £5 incl. refreshments

(or pay at the door)

Proceeds supporting Christian Aid

More Information: Carol Rose 01772 783680

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Christ Church Worship and Events

(Sundays 10.45am & 6.30pm unless otherwise stated)

Friday March 2nd

- 12.00 3rd Lenten Lunch at Christ Church run by C of E
2.15pm Women's World Day of Prayer at St Cecilia's School
Rehearsal for participants at 1.30pm

LENT 3

Sunday March 4th

- AM Mrs Kate Bosman
PM Rev John Fisher

Friday March 9th

- 12.00 4th Lenten Lunch at Christ Church

LENT 4 - Mothering Sunday

Sunday March 11th

- AM Rev Ray Borg (Holy Communion)
4-6pm Circuit 'Space' at Fulwood Methodist Church

Friday March 16th

- 12.00 5th Lenten Lunch at St Wilfrid's

Friday March 16th/Saturday March 17th

Christ Church Spring Clean
please see notices for how you can help.

LENT 5 - Passion Sunday

Sunday March 18th

- AM Rev Mark Slaney
PM Dr Carol Spencer

Friday March 23rd

- 12.00 6th Lenten Lunch at Christ Church run by C of E

LENT 6 - Palm Sunday

Sunday March 25th

AM Mr Henry Rose

3pm Rev Ray Borg (Plessington Court TBC)

Monday March 26th

NO CRAFT CLUB

Thursday March 29th - Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Rev John Maiden (Holy Communion)

Friday March 30th - Good Friday

11.00am Rev Ray Borg

followed by CTLD prayers at Towneley Gardens

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday April 1st

6.00am Circuit Sunrise Service on Beacon Fell (Time TBC)

AM Mr Tony Bonser

PM Rev John Fisher (Holy Communion)

Monday April 2nd

NO CRAFT CLUB

Sunday April 8th

AM Mrs Carol Poole

4-6pm Circuit 'Space' at Fulwood Methodist Church

Monday April 9th

Christ Church Guild

Sunday April 15th

AM Rev Nigel Lemon

3pm Rev Ray Borg (Plessington Court)

Sunday April 22nd

AM Rev Dr Kevin Savage (Holy Communion)

PM Rev Ray Borg

Saturday April 28th

Lancashire District Synod

Sunday April 29th

AM Mr Martin Beck

PM Circuit Service for Healing and Wholeness (time & venue TBC)

Sunday May 6th

AM Rev Ray Borg (Holy Communion)

PM Circuit Easter Offering Service at Bamber Bridge

Wednesday May 9th

‘Thy Kingdom Come’ - details to follow see notice boards

Thursday May 10th

Circuit Service for Ascension Day (time & venue TBC)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Sunday May 13th

AM Carol & John Spencer

2.30pm ‘Music in the Afternoon’

with Longridge Junior Band & Continental Brass

4-6pm Circuit Space at Fulwood Methodist Church

Thursday May 17th

9am-1pm Longridge Market Café for Christian Aid

Friday May 18th

7pm Quiz Night at Christ Church

CTLD WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Please see notices for details

PENTECOST

Sunday May 20th

AM Rev Ron Lewis
3pm Rev Ray Borg (Plessington Court)
6.30pm CTLD service at St Paul's

Thursday May 25th

7.30pm District One Mission Evening 'The World is my Parish'
at Lamack Methodist Church

TRINITY

Sunday May 27th

AM Mrs Carol Rose
PM Rev Katharine Bland

Monday May 28th

NO CRAFT CLUB

JUNE has been designated Bible Month with special focus on the Book of Jonah

Sunday June 3rd

AM Rev Ray Borg (Holy Communion)
12.30pm Christ Church Annual General Meeting



LONGRIDGE MARKET CAFE



Thursday May 17th

9.00am - 1.00pm

Lunches ~ Various Stalls

**Hosted by Christ Church
in support of Christian Aid If
you are able to help, please see
John Spencer.**

Services Festival Activities

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 Paul's in 2018

10.00am Coffee Morning

7.00pm Music Makers*

*As announced – please see notices

SATURDAY

9.30am Christ Church Ramblers*

*As announced – please see notices

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