






Next Sunday 28 April		5 th Sunday of Easter	
9.30am	Family Communion		
6.30pm	Evensong		
Parish Timetable			
Mon	22 Apr	9.00am 9.30am 7.15pm	Morning Prayer in Church Parish Office open until 12noon Mission and Ministry Meeting in Vestry
Tues	23 Apr	9.30am 2.00pm	Parish Office open until 12noon Open Garden at 24 Thornton Ave
Wed	24 Apr	9.30am 10.30am	Parish Office open until 12noon Holy Communion in Centre
Thurs	25 Apr	9.00am 10.30am	Morning Prayer in Church Thursday Group at St Margaret's
Fri	26 Apr	10.00am	MU Knitting Club in Vestry
Sat	27 Apr	6.00pm	Chocolate Bingo in Centre
Altar Flowers Rota: 21 Apr: R Bradbury; 28 April: Vacant			
All items for the news sheet should be with Victoria by 11am on Tuesday please.			
The Grub Tub box is in the Centre and there is an extra box at the back of Church into which donations of food items can be placed. Young Church children place items in the " Grub Tub " in the Centre each week. We would like to get more people involved and hope more of the congregation will help. Please contact Julie Steele 845240 if you need further information on what to provide.			
	An induction loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T"		
Contact Details			
Vicar ALM (Worship)	Rev Dave Thompson Jennifer Royle	01204 748251	 DONATE VIA Just Giving Just Giving charge a small processing fee.
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Parish Admin	Victoria Tattersall	01204 492169	 justgiving.com/christchurchheaton/Donate
Centre Manager	Vacant		
We now have the facility for contactless payments – the machine is situated at the back of Church or you can use the QR code below. Please contact one of the Church officers if you need help.			
Christ Church Heaton, Markland Hill, Heaton, Bolton, BL1 5AF Email: cch.office@yahoo.co.uk www.christchurchheaton.org.uk Facebook.com/ChristChurchHeatonBolton			 Standing Order and Gift Aid forms available from the Office and at the back of Church.

Christ Church news

Sunday 21 April 2024
4th Sunday of Easter

A warm welcome to Christ Church Heaton today. If this is your first visit, please make yourself known to one of our clergy or members. We would love to introduce ourselves. **In term time, when it is not a Parade service, children are invited to go to Groups after the first hymn. There is a crèche in the Choir Vestry for pre-school children; Reception children upwards meet in the Centre.** Children should be supervised by their own adult when in church. We encourage you to take this newsheet home with you to note and pray for our many activities. **Please let the clergy or churchwardens know if you require a Gluten-free wafer at Communion or if you need to receive the elements in your pew.**



Please remember in your prayers Aelwyn Ngamaleu, Sandra Glancy, Sue Critchley, Brian Southwood, Nancy Johnson and John Leather.

Collect:

Almighty God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
 raise us, who trust in him,
 from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
 that we may seek those things which are above,
 where he reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer:

Merciful Father,
 you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
 and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
 keep us always under his protection,
 and give us grace to follow in his steps;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

9.30am	Family Communion	Common Praise: 555, 517, 589, 453
11.00am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Centre	

Please come and join us for coffee, tea and refreshments after the 9.30am service in the Centre.

Readings for this Sunday

Bible Reading: Acts 4: 5-12

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Bible Reading: John 10: 11-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

The **Annual Parishioners' Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place today at 11am in the Centre. Nomination forms for Church Wardens, Deanery Synod and PCC members are at the back of Church. Completed forms should be placed in the box at the back of Church or given to the Vicar prior to the meetings. Only those on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to vote at the APCM. Copies of the Annual Report and Financial Statement have been emailed out.

Open Garden at 24 Thornton Ave BL1 5PJ this Tuesday, St George's Day, weather permitting, between 2pm and 4.30pm. Donations welcome, in aid of Church funds. Let's hope the bulbs are still in flower!

The next meeting of **The Thursday Group** is at St Margaret's this Thursday at 10.30am – midday (*approx*) when Cath Cole will share her varied experiences with us in a talk entitled, "**Why did I ever start this?... From bed pans to the Palace.**" Everyone within our local community is welcome to attend these meetings so please let them know. We invite speakers representing local projects and charities to explain their work, together with occasional practical workshop sessions. Our meetings are set in an informal Christian setting with cake and coffee of course. Contact Jennifer Royle for information.

A **Chocolate Bingo** social event is being held in the Centre this Saturday at 6pm. Fun for all the family! Tickets (£6 for adults/£3 for children - to include a hotpot supper) are available from Pam Knight. Juice available or bring your own drink.

There is a **joint meeting of the MU and the MCC** on Tuesday 30 April at 7.30pm. The Vicar will be speaking on "Half a Life in Ministry." We will meet in Church. All are welcome.

There will be a service at St Margaret's on the first Wednesday of each month for 30mins from 6.30pm. This is intended for **children and families** who may struggle to attend Church on a Sunday but all are welcome. The first service will take place on **Wednesday 1 May**.

We are holding a **Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid** in the Centre on Sat 11 May 10am – 12noon. This will include a quiz, raffle and various stalls including bottles, books, bric-a-brac and cakes. Please leave donations for all stalls in the boxes at the back of church or in the Centre. If you are able to provide cakes, biscuits etc and/or help on a stall, please sign the list at the back of church.

In addition to the Coffee Morning, we are also hoping to **deliver envelopes** in the surrounding roads. Please sign the list at the back of Church if you are able to help with this. Please note that this year there is no requirement to collect the envelopes, as a new system is in place.

The day after the Coffee Morning we will be holding our Parade Service at which **James Watterson from Christian Aid** will be our guest speaker. Envelopes will be given out at this service.

Any item for the next edition of the **Christ Church Chronicle** should be passed to the Vicar as soon as possible.

We are looking for a **Centre Manager**/someone to do practical jobs on an ad hoc basis within the Parish Centre. If anyone is interested in this voluntary role, please contact the Vicar or the Wardens.

