# Christ Church news

# Christ Church is open for Holy Communion at 9.30am

and will be open for Private Prayer and reflection on Wednesdays between 10.30 and 11.30am

Please remember in your prayers, Tony and Stella Good, Joan Sprout, Judith Lewis, Lesley Youngman, Sarah Hinks.

# Collect for Sunday 21 March 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who
suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of
his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of
his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our
Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

### Bible Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, asys the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## Bible Reading: John 12: 20 - 33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

As Christ Church is now open on Sunday mornings we would appreciate help welcoming parishioners to the 9.30am service, on a rota basis, please contact the office on 492169 or email <a href="mailto:cch.office@yahoo.co.uk">cch.office@yahoo.co.uk</a>. We would also welcome anyone wishing to take part in the readings and intercessions.

Our **APCM** will be held on Sunday 16 May after the morning service.

The service at **St Margaret's** was videoed on Sunday 14 March. An edited service can be viewed via the following link https://youtu.be/zWX8t1U8 Jk

### **Supporting Christ Church**

We are always looking for ways to support Christ Church through giving. Here are two ways you can give to Christ Church without it costing you a penny. When you buy something online through **Amazon** please consider changing the way you do this by going through **Smile Amazon**. This is completely free, all you need to do is use the link below and select the name of the charity you wish to support — Christ Church is listed under the following name: **The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Christ Church Heaton** (please be aware there are a lot of churches listed under the PCC title, so look carefully). When you shop through Smile Amazon Christ Church will receive a small percentage of every transaction from Amazon. You only need to search and save the account once then it will remember your choice.

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https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/christchurchheaton

If you wish to continue to support Christ Church with your regular giving and wish to set up a standing order through your bank please contact the Office for account details.

We also have a **Just Giving** account which you can donate through - justgiving.com/christchurchheaton/Donate

The funeral service of **Norman France** was videoed and can be viewed via the following link: https://youtu.be/2J9hAMxmyz4

#### **Easter Services at Christ Church:**

**Maundy Thursday**, 1 April, 7.30pm Holy Communion to commemorate the Last Supper, in Church.

**Good Friday**, 2 April, 9.30am a meditation on the Cross, in Parish Centre. **Easter Sunday**, 4 April, 9.30am Family Communion for Easter, in Church.

The Diocese of Manchester have partnered with Christian Aid in a recent appeal titled "Giving thanks for our Vaccine". Funds from the appeal are helping vulnerable communities around the world access soap, water, food and vital health information in the face of the pandemic. Many communities around the world face an uncertain wait for a vaccine as questions remain around the cost and timing of a global vaccine programme. The Diocese is asking whether you would be able to give to this appeal as an expression of thanksgiving for your own vaccine. Please copy and paste this link into your browser to donate: <a href="https://giving.tapsimple.org/page/christian-aid/giving-thanks-for-our-vaccines-in-the-diocese-of-manchester">https://giving.tapsimple.org/page/christian-aid/giving-thanks-for-our-vaccines-in-the-diocese-of-manchester</a>. More information about the appeal can be found here: <a href="https://www.manchester.anglican.org/news/latest-news/sharing-the-benefits-of-your-covid-vaccination.php">https://www.manchester.anglican.org/news/latest-news/sharing-the-benefits-of-your-covid-vaccination.php</a>

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