



# 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 and Maud Waters.

Collect for Sunday 25 April 2021

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Today we welcome **Revd Canon Dr Chris Bracegirdle** and thank him for his ministry

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

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

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**Bible Reading:** Acts 4:5-12

The next day their 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

"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 service at **St Margaret's** was videoed on Sunday 18 April. An edited service can be viewed via the following link –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpPUswGyAfU>

Our **APCM** will be held on Sunday 16 May at 11.30am **on ZOOM only** due to government restrictions.

We are looking for two **Churchwardens** – please consider if this could be you! If you are interested in finding out more please contact Philip Burman on 01204 298833 or 07833 289143 or contact the Office 01204 492169.

To be eligible to vote at the APCM you need to be on the **Electoral Roll**. Forms are available at the back of Church or from the Office.

**Message from David Thomas of Christian Aid** - Following my visit to you last Sunday, which I enjoyed very much, I understand that currently there is no-one with responsibility for promoting the work of Christian Aid. As I hope was clear from my sermon, the need to support the work of Christian Aid is as vital as ever. With Christian Aid week approaching fairly soon now (10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May), it would be very good if someone could undertake at least some of the following tasks:

- Order Christian Aid envelopes to be given out to those who attend church (as well as those on the Electoral Roll perhaps) and others you know who are sympathetic to the work of Christian Aid.
- Order Prayer Cards for all members of the congregation to inform their prayers for the work of Christian Aid at this time.
- Consider setting up a Just Giving Page through which donations can be channelled, or donate directly to Christian Aid on line. You can do so through [caweek.org](http://caweek.org)
- If you need any help with any of this, do ring the Christian Aid Office at Warrington - 01925 573769, **Darren Staunton** Church Engagement Fundraising Officer, North West [Gr. Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside]

Thank you for your interest and support.

**David Thomas**