

<b>Next Sunday 10 March</b>		<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	
		<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	
8.00am	BCP		
9.30am	Family Communion and Parade		
6.30pm	Evensong		
<b>Parish Timetable</b>			
Mon	<b>4 Mar</b>	9.00am 9.30am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer in Church Parish Office open until 12noon Lent group at St Margaret's
Tues	<b>5 Mar</b>	9.30am	Parish Office open until 12noon
Wed	<b>6 Mar</b>	9.30am 10.30am  7.15pm	Parish Office open until 12noon Holy Communion in Centre followed by Lent group and soup lunch PCC Meeting in Vestry
Thurs	<b>7 Mar</b>	9.00am 10.30am	Morning Prayer in Church Lent Mystery Knitalong at St Margaret's
<b>Altar Flowers Rota:</b> No flowers during Lent			
All items for the news sheet should be with Victoria by 11am on <b>Tuesday</b> please.			
The <b>Grub Tub</b> 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 " <b>Grub Tub</b> " 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"		
<b>Contact Details</b>			
Vicar Authorised Lay Minister (Worship)	Rev Dave Thompson Jennifer Royle	01204 748251	 DONATE VIA <b>Just Giving</b> Just Giving charge a small processing fee.
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Parish Admin	Victoria Tattersall	01204 492169	
Centre Manager	Vacant		
<b>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.</b>			
<b>Christ Church Heaton, Markland Hill, Heaton, Bolton, BL1 5AF</b> Email: <a href="mailto:cch.office@yahoo.co.uk">cch.office@yahoo.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.christchurchheaton.org.uk">www.christchurchheaton.org.uk</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchHeatonBolton">Facebook.com/ChristChurchHeatonBolton</a>			
		Standing Order and Gift Aid forms available from the Office and at the back of Church.	

# Christ Church news

**Sunday 3 March 2024**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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, Richard Latham, Sue Critchley, Eileen Bannister and Brian Southwood and those who mourn the loss of Malcolm Bohm, Sheila Brierley and Barbara Whyatt.

**Collect:**

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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.**

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

9.30am

Family Communion

Mission Praise: 79, 988, 16, 935

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

### Readings for this Sunday

#### **Bible Reading:** Exodus 20: 1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

#### **Bible Reading:** John 2: 13-22

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The **Thursday Group** are hosting a Lent Mystery Knitalong every week during February and March at St. Margaret's from 10.30am until noon with refreshments. Everyone is welcome to listen, discuss and reflect on their Lenten journey of faith this year. On Easter Day we will display our completed work in Church. The group's programme of events for 2024 is available from the Office. Contact Jennifer Royle for further information on 01204 841308.

Our **Lent groups** continue this week – every Monday evening at St Margaret's at 7.30pm and every Wednesday at Christ Church after the 10.30am service followed by a soup lunch. We will be using material from the Church of England's Lent books called 'Watch and Pray.'

**Bacon/sausage butties** will be served in the Centre after the 9.30am service on Sunday 17 March. If you would like either of these please complete the form and leave it in the box at the back of church.

**Mothers' Union subscriptions** for 2024 are now due. The cost is £30 for members and £31 for indoor members. Please contact Ruth Syddall for details. Any new members or members transferring to the branch will be admitted at the Mothering Sunday service on 10 March. New members are most welcome. A series of events during the year have been arranged and will be announced in Church and in the notice sheets.

The **2024 Real Easter Egg** – the egg that shares the Easter Story is now available to order. Included in the egg is a 24 page Easter story-activity book – an ideal present for children. Please contact the Vicar if you wish to order. The closing date for orders is next Sunday. Please note these will not be available in the shops this year. There is a poster in the Centre detailing other items from the Meaningful Chocolate Company. Alternatively view their website for details.

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.

The **Order of William Temple** is given to lay members of the Diocesan family by the Bishop of Manchester to recognise those who have made exceptional contributions over a long period of time. Geoffrey Tattersall is being admitted into this Order at evensong in Manchester Cathedral tonight at 5.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend and acknowledge Geoffrey's service to the Church.

