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**Christ Church Aughton Parish Newsletter**

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**Vicar's Viewpoint . . .**

## Room for everyone

**F**OR the first time, children and young people are likely to watch programmes and videos on devices such as laptops and mobile phones, rather than on television screens.

This was one of the main findings of the most recent Childwise report.

"Television sets have been the focal point in a lot of homes for many years, but they are falling out of favour amongst children," commented the Childwise's research director.

It seems that we are no longer viewing television as a family unit but alone as separate individuals.

As Sean Coughlan, the BBC's Education correspondent, observed: "It's also another step towards the shrinking public realm. Communal places, such as post offices, bank branches, corner shops and pubs have disappeared from many neighbourhoods."

So here at Christ Church our mission to be a parish church for all our community continues to be a growing challenge. Against the flow we seek to serve the whole of our community by being a 'communal space.'



Here our Ministry Centre has a particular role. On Tuesday's our Toddler group, on Wednesday's our Luncheon Club for senior citizens, on Thursday our ministry with young people. And of course our Café Vista throughout the week.

After all our key task is to share Jesus with everyone beginning in our community. And that means everyone.

We do so for the simple reason is that this passion to reach out to all people, of every type, of all ages, each social group, whatever, is in the heart of God himself.

Above all we see this at the cross of Jesus himself, his blood shed for everyone and anyone.

So that the apostle Paul ~ totally against the values of his own culture ~ can write: "Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all." - (Colossians 3:11)

So in Christ's name, in our rapidly changing society we continue to hold onto this central principle of being here for all. Here at Christ Church we'll have anyone!

*Ross Moughtin*

## 'Girlie Night In'

OUR increasingly popular 'Girlie Night In' will be hosting a clothes swap on **Friday 16 February, 7.45-10.00pm** in the Ministry Centre.

Bring your unwanted clothes, accessories, jewellery and swap them. Items need to be in good condition. This is a free event. All ladies welcome. For more information contact **Sarah** on **07847 931323**.

## Two visiting speakers

WE welcome two visiting speakers this month to our 10.45am service.

**Rev Frank Cain** was curate at Christ Church for four years from 1987. He is currently vicar of St Luke, Walton, the church which is at the corner of Goodison Park.

Then on **Sunday 18 February** we welcome **Canon Philip Mountstephen**, who has been the executive leader of the Church Mission Society.

## Who fancies a meal at the Kicking Donkey?

ALPHA is moving this term, from the Ministry Centre to the Kicking Donkey. Running for ten weeks every Thursday night beginning on **Thursday, 1 March**, each week commences with a culinary delight presented by Matt and his team at the Kicking Donkey.

If you enjoy a meal out, here's an opportunity for 10 of them on the trot!! Places are limited and will be allocated to whoever applies first, please contact the Church Office to reserve your place.

'Alpha is a wonderful opportunity to question what is really important in life. To try to understand that immense question of "why are we here?" and to make new friends who are as open minded as you.

## Sports Quiz & Curry Night

COME and join us for one of our most enjoyable evenings of the year! This is on **Thursday, 22 February** at 7.30pm in our Ministry Centre.

Bring your own team of eight or join up with anyone else on the night to participate in a multimedia sports quiz presented by

## February 2018

### Sunday, 4 February

8.15am: Holy Communion

10.00am: Church prayer meeting in the Ministry Centre

10.45am: Holy Communion

*We welcome Rev Frank Cain, curate at Christ Church 1987-1991*

6.30pm: Evening Worship

### Wednesday, 7 February

2.00pm: Holy Communion in the Ministry Centre

### Sunday, 11 February

8.15am: Holy Communion

*Breakfast at Café Vista is served between these services*

10.45am: Parade Service

6.30pm: Evening Worship

### Ash Wednesday, 14 February

8.00pm: Informal Holy Communion in the Ministry Centre

*This launches our Lent course*

### Sunday, 18 February

8.15am: Holy Communion

10.45am: Family Service

*We welcome Philip Mountstephen of CMS*

6.30pm: Evening Worship

### Sunday, 25 February

8.15am: Holy Communion

10.45am: Family Service

6.30pm: Holy Communion

### Sunday, 4 March

8.15am: Holy Communion

10.00am: Church prayer meeting in the Ministry Centre

10.45am: Holy Communion

6.30pm: Evening Worship

### Wednesday, 7 March

2.00pm: Holy Communion in the Ministry Centre

Christians in Sport. It's a sports quiz with a difference ~ you don't need to be an expert on sport!

We also have a range of curries on offer produced by the finest chefs in Lancashire or alternative if required. Bring your own liquid refreshments of any variety.

## News from School

### Christ Church School

*David Kennedy, the Head teacher, writes:*



It has been a really exciting first month of 2018 in school.

All the children have been thinking about 'perseverance' as our school value and this has been evident in many ways throughout January.

In particular, a group of 19 year 5 and 6 children and 19 year 3 and 4 children went to the local indoor athletics tournament and put in a superb set of performances. We were very proud of all the children at these events and they really did give their all winning many races on the night.

Our chess team also performed really well at the local chess tournament and have enjoyed their mini-school league. It was also lovely to see all of our stringed instrumentalists perform at a morning concert in school showing how they are progressing with their chosen instrument.

In the curriculum, all of the children in school have been enjoying coaching sessions with our P.E specialist that have started this term. In particular, year 3 and 4 have been learning about orienteering and map work through our outdoor education provision.

The children have also all started new topics this term and are enjoying the work they are now undertaking.

Year 6 are learning about the changes in Liverpool as a city and year 5 are immersing themselves in the time period of the Victorians. They are looking forward to learning about Victorian life as they visit Liverpool and experience a Victorian school in their role play day.

Reception children are continuing to astound everyone as they continue their first year of school and they learn about all of the people who help us.

Finally, it was wonderful to have Archdeacon Jennifer in school this term to present the 'School and Church Partnership Award 2' after being awarded this last term.

Everyone at Christ Church and in our school have worked hard towards the award for the last two years. The presentation was

part of a lovely worship and celebration of all the links that exist between Christ Church and our school. We look forward to continuing to see these links thrive as we head on through 2018.

*Friday 2 February*

Discos at school infants 5:00pm – Juniors 6:15pm

Year 5 Victorian Day

Year 4 orienteering

*Monday 5 February*

Online Safety week

Book fair in school this week

*Thursday 8 February*

Reception Library Visit

*Friday 9 February*

Year 3 trip to Buddhist Centre

Year 3/4 orienteering

Last day of School – break up for half term.

*Monday 19 February*

School reopens

Dance Talent performance for parents in Key Stage One

*Tuesday 20 February*

Year 1 castle workshop

*Thursday 22 February*

Superstars athletics event

*Tuesday 27 February*

Year 1 Class Assembly

*Wednesday 28 February*

Parents Evening

## News from the Guides

THE level of activity within our Guiding units remains high.

Badge work continues involving lots of different activities and new experiences. A key part of the Guiding programme is that young members have a clear say in what they do.

There isn't enough room here to list all activities over the past few months across all our sections and units but here is a taste: the Guides have been trampolining, hosted cake sales for a Leprosy charity, manned a craft stall plus game at the Christmas fair, had an instructor led Zumba evening and Christmas bake off (but not the sort that Paul H and Mary B would recognise and certainly a lot messier).

The four members working towards their Baden Powell badge have developed their skills by organising events for other members including an International evening, cooking competition, cooperative games night plus a party for one of the Rainbow units.

Brownies have been out and about visiting Tesco's for their Farm to Fork visit (being locked in the freezer was a particular highlight) and Pets at Home to learn about looking after animals.

One very engaging evening involved a real live Clown visiting to teach lots of different circus skills.

There have been coffee evenings held to raise funds for various charities. One of these was engineered as a cover for a leaving party for one of our volunteers who was retiring after over 60 years involvement with Girlguiding (she joined as a Brownie). Her support will be missed but wanting to spend time with her young grandchildren who live on the other side of the world prevented her continuing in her role.

The usual Pack Holidays have taken place. Unfortunately the one just before Christmas had to be cut short due to the amber weather warning for snow which then didn't fall. That was frustrating for everyone but everyone made the best use of the time that they were away.

The Rainbows have continued with their many different crafts, games and singing. Current themes have one unit looking at the Seasons and the other considering how we can cut down on the use of plastic.

Finally, for our Thinking Day this year we will be welcoming units from the wider area and walking onto the hill for a candle lit service. Keep a look out for us on 23 February (and pray for kind weather please).

**Café Vista will be reopening this month after an extensive refit on Thursday 8 February.**

**From then on from Tuesday to Friday, 10.30am–3.30pm with cooked breakfast being served Saturday mornings, 10.00–12 noon.**

**A great place to meet up with friends and of course, open to everyone and not just church members!**

## **“I am the resurrection and the life”**

NO less than four church members went to glory last month ~ and we miss them.

Long-standing church member **Stan Livesley** who for a while was a bell-ringer as well as a sidesman and **Pat Gregory**, who featured on a recent edition of the Champion for celebrating her 100th birthday. Both were regular members of our 8.15 congregations.

Our church's year revolved around three dates: Easter, Christmas and 22 July, the birthday of the remarkable **Christine Thompson**. We bless God for her warmth, enthusiasm, encouragement, loyalty and wry humour. As clergy we learnt to avoid asking rhetorical questions!

**Don Campbell** was a quiet, godly man with a warm sense of humour. For several years he ran our Men Alive group with diligence and a genuine pastoral care for others. He and his wife **Colette** ~ who died last year ~ were regular members of our 6.30 congregation.

We extend our sympathies to all their families and friends.

## **From the Registers**

### **Baptisms**

21 Jan: **Caitlin Fae Critchley**, daughter of Stuart and Caitlin

21 Jan: **Sophie Whalley**, daughter of David and Carol

### **Funerals**

10 Jan: **Stanley Joseph Livesley**, of Dicconsions Farm, Halsall

10 Jan: **Patricia Gregory**, of High Wray residential home

15 Jan: **Christine Elizabeth Thompson**, of Claremont Drive

15 Jan: **Paul Jason Roberts**, of L'pool Road

26 Jan: **Don Campbell**, of Deyes Lane

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