

Consider

Christ Church Aughton Parish Newsletter

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‘You’re welcome here’

WELCOME’ is a powerful word. It can resonate with many people and stir up different emotions. We all know what it feels like to be welcomed and equally we know the opposite, feeling unwelcome. Being genuinely welcomed anywhere is always going to be a positive affirming experience. When a friend or stranger crosses the threshold of someone’s home after an invitation, the word declares that the host is pleased to see them. Using the word also implies acceptance, friendship, even love.

Here at Christ Church we want to ensure that everyone in our community knows that they are welcome. We hope that the welcome begins before you even enter the Church or Ministry Centre. The words on our notice board situated on the A59, highlight different messages and Bible passages each month. We hope they convey the welcome and love that can be received

as you are welcomed and as we share our faith in Jesus beginning in this community.



Words of welcome can be found in the Old Testament Psalms, notably in Psalm 34:8-9, which express what each of us are invited to discover of God. The words from the Message Translation *“Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see how good God is. Blessed are you who run to him. Worship God if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness”* indicate that the Christian journey is one of gradual discovery. And so at the start of this new year we welcome you all to come on a journey of ‘taste and seeing’, discovering what Christ Church has to offer, but more importantly “The plans that God has for you” Jeremiah 29:11

Throughout this edition of Consider we have included all the events and activities that happen in a typical week at Christ Church and special events throughout February and March. We very much hope that there is something that appeals to you. Of course our Café Vista is also a place of welcome from Tuesday-Saturday, why not enjoy the landscape, the food and the company of our volunteers. If you

use social media you can follow us on Facebook @ Christ Church Aughton. In April we will be launching a new video so you can get a glimpse of all the activities that happen in the church and the things we are involved in, in the community.

In the meantime why not accept this personal invitation, know that "Wherever you're from, wherever you're going, you're welcome here".



Through the week at Christ Church

If you would like to access any of the groups/activities listed please contact the Ministry Office and they will pass on your details to the relevant contact

SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

every Sunday morning at 8.15am

9.45am **CHOIR PRACTICE** (Ministry Centre)

10.45am **FAMILY SERVICE**

First Sunday with Holy Communion

Second Sunday with uniformed organisations

Third Sunday with Baptism or

Thanksgiving for the birth of a child

Fourth Sunday Family Service

Fifth Sunday informal worship service in the Ministry Centre

TINY CHURCH

This supervised crèche is provided in the choir vestry for the under 3's during the 10.45am service.

DIDDY DISCIPLES (3-5) meets in the Ministry Centre when there is not all-

February and March 2019

Sunday, 3rd February

8.15am: Holy Communion

10.45am: Holy Communion

4.00pm: St Michael's, Aughton

Wednesday, 6th February

2.00pm: Holy Communion in the Ministry Centre

Sunday, 10th February

8.15am: Holy Communion

10.45am: Parade Service

4.00pm: Evening Prayer

Sunday, 17th February

8.15am: Holy Communion

10.45am: Family Service

4.00pm: St Michael's, Aughton

Sunday, 24th February

8.15am: Holy Communion

10.45am: Family Service

4.00pm: Holy Communion

Sunday, 3rd March

8.15am: Holy Communion

10.45am: Holy Communion

4.00pm: Service of Hope

Wednesday, 6th March

2.00pm: Holy Communion in the Ministry Centre

Sunday, 10th March

8.15pm: Holy Communion

10.45am: Parade Service

4.00pm: Evening Prayer

Sunday, 17th March

8.15pm: Holy Communion

10.45am: Family Service with Baptism

4.00pm: St Michael's, Aughton

Sunday, 24th March

8.15pm: Holy Communion

10.45am: All-Age Service

4.00pm: Holy Communion

Sunday, 31st March

8.15pm: Holy Communion

10.45am: Mothering Sunday

age worship at 10.45 - Charlotte Chappell

XPLORE (6 – 11) meets in the Ministry Centre when there is not all-age worship at 10.45 - Jane Lake

MOMENTUM, for those of secondary school age - Fiona Craig

4:00pm **EVENING SERVICE**
Second, Fourth, Fifth Sunday with Holy Communion on Fourth Sunday

MONDAY

10.00am **KNIT AND NATTER** meets on the 4th Monday of each month in the Ministry Centre - Eileen Evans/Irene Critchley

5.45pm **BROWNIES** (for girls 7+) - Jill Ryan

6.00pm **RAINBOWS** (for girls 5+) - Charlotte Chappell

7:00pm **TABLE 49** meets at the Weatherspoons pub, Ormskirk
Talk about topical issues. All welcome

7.15pm **GUIDES** - Alison Perry

7.30pm **BELL RINGERS** Paul Coggon
(First Monday in the month)

7:30pm **FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**
every fortnight 7.30pm -9.00pm
meets in the Ministry Centre - Carolyn Barker

TUESDAY

10:00am **CAFÉ VISTA** is open from Tuesday – Friday 10:30am – 3:30pm

10.00am **PARENTS AND TODDLERS**
Ministry Centre - Wendy Arthur

2.00pm **MOTHERS' UNION** (monthly - second Tuesday) - Audrey Laird

6.00pm **RAINBOWS** - Sue Kerrigan

7.30pm **SCOUTS** - Annette Marshall

8.00pm **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**
(monthly - second Tuesday)

8.00pm **WIVES GROUP** – fortnightly, 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month in the Ministry Centre - Lynn Seddon

WEDNESDAY

12.30pm **LUNCHEON CLUB** in the Ministry Centre, for senior citizens – lifts available – Pauline Welsh

2.00pm **HOLY COMMUNION** in the Ministry Centre, first Wednesday.
All welcome

5.00pm **BEAVERS 1** - Pauline Taylor

5.45pm **BROWNIES** - Victoria Foster

6.00pm **BEAVERS 2** - Pauline Taylor

7.00pm **CUBS** - Steve Hull

7:30pm **YOUTH GROUP** meets in the Ministry Centre (year 7-9) - Fiona Craig

8.00pm **EXPLORER SCOUTS** - David White

8:00pm **GROWING ROOTS AT THE OAKS**. Newly formed group meeting at the Royal Oak topical discussions over a drink. All welcome.
Cian O'Donoghue/Lynn Armes

THURSDAY

6.30pm **CUBS** - Jeff Roberts

7:30pm **VELOCITY** youth group year 9+ - Louise Kelly

FRIDAY

11.00am **FACT** (Feeling alone come together) meet for a coffee and chat in the Ministry Centre - Bridget Wainwright

7.45pm **'GIRLIE NIGHT IN'** (3rd Friday of the month except July, Aug) Ministry Centre - Lesley Stewart

SATURDAY

10.00am -12 noon **Breakfast** is served in
Café Vista – John Shaw/Nell
Marshman

Forthcoming events

Girlie Night In

Our next Girlie Night In is **Friday 15th February** 7.45-10.00pm. We will be showing the film *'Mama Mia: Here we go again'*. We will also be joined by our very own super trooper trio, so put the date in your diary ladies. Ice creams will be available to purchase.

Save the date – 'Girlie Night In'.

Friday 15th March 7.45- 10.00pm

Bible course

Thursday 28th February until **Thursday 25th April** 7:30-9.00pm or **Tuesday 5th March – Tuesday 23rd April** 1.30-3.00pm

During Lent we will be running the Bible course from the Bible Society, **Thursday 28th February** until **Thursday 25th April** 7.30-9.00pm in the Ministry Centre. Tea and coffee will be provided. The Bible course is open to everyone whether you're new to faith, have no faith and want to know more or have been a Christian for a long time. The same course will also run on Tuesdays from 1.30-3.00pm in the Ministry Centre starting **Tuesday 5th March**.

Using a unique storyline, the course shows how the key events, books and characters all fit together. You'll get to see the BIG picture and discover how the Bible applies to your life. As a church we

are inviting everyone to commit to this course, which will replace house group meetings for 8 weeks. The course requires everyone to purchase a handbook priced £4.99. Please sign up to the course either via e-mail to the office.

ChristChurchAughton@gmail.com

Sunday 3rd March Service of Hope

Bereavement can affect us all at some point in our lives. On **Sunday 3rd March** at 4.00pm in church we are offering a service of Hope for those who have experienced loss. Whether you lost a loved one a long time ago or are recently bereaved you are welcome.

We will be remembering loved ones with the lighting of candle and offering words of Hope. Refreshments will be served after the service. Members of our pastoral team will also be available if you want to talk.

Tuesday 5th March The Big Pancake Party

Join us on **Shrove Tuesday** for our 'Big Pancake Party' 6.00pm-7.30pm in the Ministry Centre. Eat pancakes and joining us for fun and games in doing so you will also be helping us to support our local food banks and other end hunger initiatives. Nearly a million adults use a food bank every year in Britain and 5% of adults say that have missed a meal as they were unable to afford food. So come and join us for lots of fun!



Friday 8th March 12:30 -2:30pm Campaign to End Loneliness

Join us as we campaign to end loneliness in our community. On **Friday 8th March** we will be hosting a lunch and opportunity to chat. We are also hoping to offer light entertainment. If you feel you would like to meet other people then this event is for you, young and old.

We recognise that social isolation and loneliness are well known as causes of depression, mental health problems and physical illness. They are conditions usually associated with older people, who may experience the profoundly isolating effects of retirement, loss of a partner and children moving away. But loneliness is also something that affects young people.

To this end we would like to highlight the need for communities to come together to support one another. On **Friday 8th March** we have invited the new **Bishop Of Warrington, Beverley Mason** to attend the event.

If you wish to join us please contact the Ministry Centre Office. We have 100 tickets. If you need transport places, through dial a ride, will be given on a first come basis. Dial a ride provides a door-to-door wheelchair accessible minibus service for people who are unable to use, or don't have any, regular bus services. The bus does not follow a set route or timetable but can be flexible to respond to individual as well as repeat requests.



News

We have a new vicar. On Sunday 9th December it was announced that **Rev Sarah O'Donoghue**, previously our curate will be the next vicar of Christ Church Aughton. Sarah writes: *"I am thrilled to be the new vicar of Christ Church and look forward to serving people in the community and church"*.

Sarah will be licensed in a special service held at Christ Church on **Sunday 7th April**, 3.00pm. All welcome

Advance Notice: Café Vista Easter Closure

Café Vista will be closing at the end of *Café Vista* service on Saturday 6th April and will re-open on Tuesday 23rd April.

Preparation of a new Electoral Roll 2019

Every six years each parish is required to prepare a new electoral roll. The Church electoral roll is the foundation of the whole structure of synodical government in the church. It contains the names and addresses of everyone who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which will be on **Sunday 28th April**.

The amended electoral roll list will be displayed two weeks before 28th April. If you are currently on the electoral roll and wish to continue please collect and complete the form from the Ministry Centre Office. If you are not on the electoral roll and would like to be added please see below:

Who can be on the electoral roll?

To be on the electoral roll a person needs to have been baptised, be at least 16 years old and either:

- Living in the parish and a member of the Church of England or a Church in communion with the Church of England
- Not resident in the parish but is a member of the Church of England (or a Church with which the Church of England is in communion) and has regularly attended worship in the parish during the six months prior to enrolment
- A member in good standing of a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and they are prepared to declare themselves a member of the Church of England, having regularly attended worship during the six months prior to enrolment

Monday Family Support Group

This group meets every fortnight 7.30pm -9.00pm in the Ministry Centre

(Next meeting-Monday 11th February)

We come together and pray for family unity and love. We pray for Ormskirk, and surrounding areas that God will help us to eliminate drugs, violence and apathy towards our youth and police forces. We cover and discuss any pressing cares or worries, this could cover anything from bullying, addiction / mental health to debts and illness or bereavement. No subject is out of bounds as long as it

affects the family unit. For more information contact the Ministry Centre Office and ask for Carolyn Barker.



FACT

FACT (Feeling Alone Come Together) has been happily growing since our first meeting in July, 2018. We are a friendly, sociable group always interested in meeting newcomers, male or female. We have lively chats over tea, coffee and biscuits. Discussions, exchange of books and a monthly visit from an Age UK representative, which is providing us with some extremely useful information and an excellent, friendly link to the organisation. If this sounds like fun, please come and join us each Friday, 11.00am to 12 noon upstairs in the Ministry Centre, in the meeting room next to Café Vista. For more information contact the Ministry Centre Office and ask for Bridget Wainwright.

Opportunities at Christ Church

Do you enjoy meeting people and have a few hours to spare?

Café Vista is a key part of our ministry at Christ Church and is run by a wonderful team of volunteers.

We are looking *Café Vista* for friendly, reliable people who will be welcoming to customers. You should be able to carry out instructions as well as being able to use your own initiative. You won't be required to do any cooking. Hours are flexible between 10.00am and 4.00pm. You don't have to work all day, even an hour or two would be really helpful. We are especially looking for people to work on Thursdays.

This role would be particularly suitable for a person who is looking to gain some work experience or for someone who has

a few hours spare.

We are also looking for people who enjoy gardening to help with our church grounds. For more information contact the **Ministry Centre office (424 530)**

What's happening in our community?

News from Girl Guides:

Sue Kerrigan writes

The autumn term was, as would be expected, a busy one for all the Girlguiding units at Christ Church. The activities undertaken have included: campfire cooking, firework confectionery, spa and Zumba nights, Diwali evenings, trampolining, treasure hunts, Christmas bingo and film nights. We have made our own advent calendars, Poppy wreaths, Catherine wheels and lanterns.

The theme of 'Being Well' has also been explored by a couple of units. Guides have decorated a harvest window in Church plus provided sweets for the Church Christmas Party.

Also, the Rainbows have celebrated their new flag. How much fun can be had by taking turns to carry it around the room!

Girlguiding was represented by members of various ages at the Aughton Parish Council's Remembrance Service. We have started to move over to our new Programme. This has seen a revamp to our badges. The essence of Girlguiding is very much unchanged but some of the individual activities have had a refresh with some new areas being introduced. The main change has been in the way that the programme is structured. For Guides, their significant achievement for

many years was gaining their BP award, this is now being replaced with a Guide Gold Award. There are also Gold awards for Brownies and Rainbows.

The Leaders have undertaken quite a bit of training plus attended various meetings to get ready to implement the programme so thanks to them for their continued commitment.

Finally, we have moved the meeting night for our 10th Aughton Brownie unit.

This has been brought about by changes to the work schedule of our Leaders. To put it simply, it was either move evenings or close, so our Tuesday night Brownies have now become our Wednesday night Brownies.

Unfortunately not all members have been able to move nights but the majority of those have been able to continue their Guiding journey at units nearby which is great. So here's to a new year ahead with plenty of camps and pack holidays and many other adventures!

News from the Scout Group:

Annette Marshall writes

The Scout Group is back into the swing of a new term and the Beavers have already had a visit to the Mayor's Chambers. Finding out about their community is part of their World Challenge Badge and they prepared questions which they were able to ask the Mayor. The Scouts and Explorers have taken part in the annual 'Moonlight' event which is a hike across country in teams, with catchers after the teams. The Scout Solo team came first, only losing one life!



West Lancashire Debt Advice

This has been established in Ormskirk for over seven years and in that time has supported nearly 100 people with small and, sometimes, very substantial debts. The service is supported by local churches.

There are nine advisors operating from offices in Emmanuel Methodist Church on both Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons. The service is completely free and is face to face. We start by compiling a budget, a simple list of income and expense, and then a list of money owed. We contact creditors on the client's behalf and ask for a period of grace in order to give us time to determine an appropriate way of dealing with the debts.

We deal with the creditors directly so relieving the client of that worry. Many clients are now either debt free or well on the road to recovery. These clients represent families whose lives have been radically changed by volunteers who give their time freely.

If we can help you, or someone close to you, please get in touch by calling our voice line on **07731 482120** and asking for an appointment, we will return your call or email us debtadvice@wlda.org.uk.

The hardest step is the first one!

Growing Roots at The Oaks

We meet on a Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Royal Oak pub to discuss topics linked to theology, over a drink.

Some of the topics we have discussed recently are: Social Media, Addictions, New Years resolutions, letting go and forgiveness, Gifts, Lifespan and ending the year, Intelligence and Faith, Election issues.

These have led to questions such as:

Do you think it more likely that humanity will ever evolve beyond the need for war, or that humanity will destroy itself by means of war? Discuss your reasoning.

Why are humans so susceptible to addictions? Are churches or religious institutions helpful in guiding people to find a healthy way to manage or be freed from addictions? Can religion be an addiction?

If you have an opinion and would like to part of the discussion, then please feel free to come along on a Wednesday for a pint, glass of wine or just a soft drink and a chat.

Funerals

6th December: ALAN ANGUS, Cottage Lane, Ormskirk

10th December: CHRISTINE McCORMACK, Rosehill Drive, Aughton

13th December: BETTY MARSHALL, Moorgate, Ormskirk

Baptisms

20th January: TIAN HOLROYD, DOLORES EDWARDS

Ministry Centre Office

This is open Monday to Friday, 9.00am-1.00pm. For any information, including requests for baptism and thanksgiving services, weddings, funerals and room bookings, call in or

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or email:

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