

Christ's
Church
Harwood

PARISH PROFILE

2022



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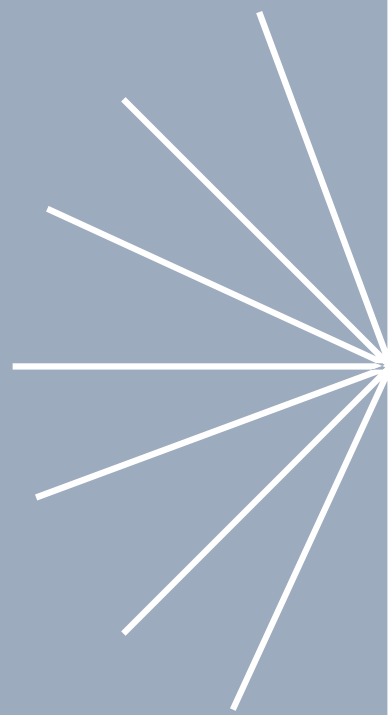
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INTRODUCTION

The last two years have been a difficult time for everyone and, for the members and congregation of Christ's Church, Harwood it has been no different. From the closure of our church building and the suspension of services to the birth of worship via Zoom or website, and finally to re-opening and welcoming people back into our wonderful church, it has been a challenging time to say the least. Prior to the pandemic our congregation was in a reasonably healthy state although numbers had fallen as the congregation aged. Since restrictions lifted and services resumed it is going to take time to build the same attendance that we enjoyed previously. Many of our elderly worshippers have found it difficult to return to what might be perceived as normal. Leading up to and throughout the pandemic, our Vicar struggled with a long debilitating illness leading eventually to her retirement. This put a lot of pressure on our Associate Priests, who did and continue to do a marvellous job ministering to our faithful.

However, it's not all doom and gloom. We have successfully refurbished our church tower and spire owing to wonderful donations from our parishioners. Our various church groups (outlined later) have risen like a phoenix from the ashes. Ecumenical links to the other churches in Harwood led to the resurrection of the Palm Sunday Walk of Witness this year. The Church Lounge Café goes from strength to strength. There are many more examples.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few". Our stalwart volunteers have worked tirelessly in service to the church and its community but we are in need of more, another challenge for the coming year.

God's faithfulness and generosity over this time has been incredible. Yet amidst these challenges we know that there is huge, untapped potential for Christ's Church as we enter a new chapter in our church life.

Christ's Church will need a Vicar who can challenge us as well as nurture and empower us; who can push us out of our comfort zone while building on the strong foundations that have already been laid.

As you read through this profile, we hope that you might prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to take on this key role in the next chapter of Christ's Church's long history. The role is a challenging one, but we know that, for the right person, it has the potential to be deeply rewarding. We are certainly excited about what God might have in store.

Stewart Hargreaves
Churchwarden

WORSHIP & MINISTRY

Ministry Team

Our ministry staff team currently includes:

Associate Priests:

Rev Mike Frost
Rev Heather Molloy
Rev Julia Gordon
Rev Adrienne Morgan

Authorised Lay Ministers:

Gail Spence (Prayer Ministry)
Martin Morgan (Community)
Rebecca Webster (Community)

Services

Our pattern of services is as follows:

1st Sunday:	10.30am (Common Worship) Holy Communion *
2nd Sunday:	8.30am BCP said Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion on screen
3rd Sunday:	10.30am CW Holy Communion with Wholeness and Healing with laying on of hands **
4th Sunday:	8.30am BCP said Holy Communion 10.30am CW Morning Prayer *
5th Sunday:	Variable - if no Holy Communion at 10.30 am there is an 8.30am service
Wednesday:	There is a mid-week Holy Communion on Wednesday morning at 9.15am

* Sunday School are in for the first 15 minutes with a short talk aimed at them.

** Currently there is still no physical contact.

In addition, there are various other services throughout the year including:

Longest Night Service	7.30pm on the first or second week before Christmas (for those who find Christmas difficult)
Carol Service	6.30pm on a Sunday close to Christmas
Christmas Eve	4.00pm Nativity, 11.30 pm Holy Communion
Christmas Day	8.30am Holy Communion, 10am Family Communion
Ash Wednesday	7.30pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Palm Sunday	10.30am Holy Communion 2pm Ecumenical Walk of Witness with a donkey (when possible!) starts with a short service at Christ's Church, calls at St Brendan's RC for hymns, prayers, and Bible readings, finishing at Harwood Methodist Church with refreshments.



Maundy Thursday	7.30pm service with the stripping of the church.
Good Friday	10.30am A Service around the Cross, 2.00pm Meditation
Easter Sunday	10.30am Family Communion
Ascension Day	7.30pm Holy Communion
Service of Remembrance and Hope	2.00pm – People bereaved come together to light a candle in memory of their loved one, usually on a Saturday afternoon in June.
Harvest	10.30pm – 2nd Sunday in October. Gifts are shared between local charities and parishioners.
Remembrance Sunday	10.00am – short service is held in church at followed by an Act of Remembrance outside, around the cenotaph. The service is relayed inside for those who aren't able to go outside. This is followed by a short, said Holy Communion for any who wish to stay.
Toy Service	10.30am – 2nd Sunday in December – New toys are donated by the congregation and distributed to local children's charities.

We regularly host services for local schools (assemblies, end of year, Harvest etc)

Prior to Covid our uniformed organisations and their families attended Harvest, Remembrance, Toy Service, and Palm Sunday.

The ministers robe for Holy Communion services but not for Morning Prayer or less formal Services.

We offer a variety of worship ranging from traditional hymns and modern worship to action songs for children. We follow the Book of Common Prayer at our 8.30am services. At all our other services we use a printed booklet specific to that service whether it be Wholeness & Healing, Morning Prayer or Holy Communion. For Family Communion everything is shown on the projector screen.

Pre Covid our 8.30am service usually attracted 20-30 people (occasionally more or less) and our 10.30am between 80 and 120, depending on the type of service. Our Christmas and Easter services could see 150-200 in the congregation, while Wednesday mornings typically saw 10-16.

Post Covid our 10.30am congregation has reduced in number to around 60-80 and we have struggled to increase. This is largely down to deterioration of health in our older members.

During Covid we began to post our weekly 10.30am Sunday service on our website which consists of a pre-recorded sermon by the minister on duty, hymns from YouTube, written intercessions and Bible readings plus a link to Virtual Sunday School provided by 4Front Theatre. This continues to this day.

The number of young families attending church has decreased perhaps due to changes in high school catchment areas, giving families more options for schools and less need for 'points' for Canon Slade school.

We have 3 primary schools in the parish which brings great opportunities for someone new to engage and build new relationships with local families.

Prayer

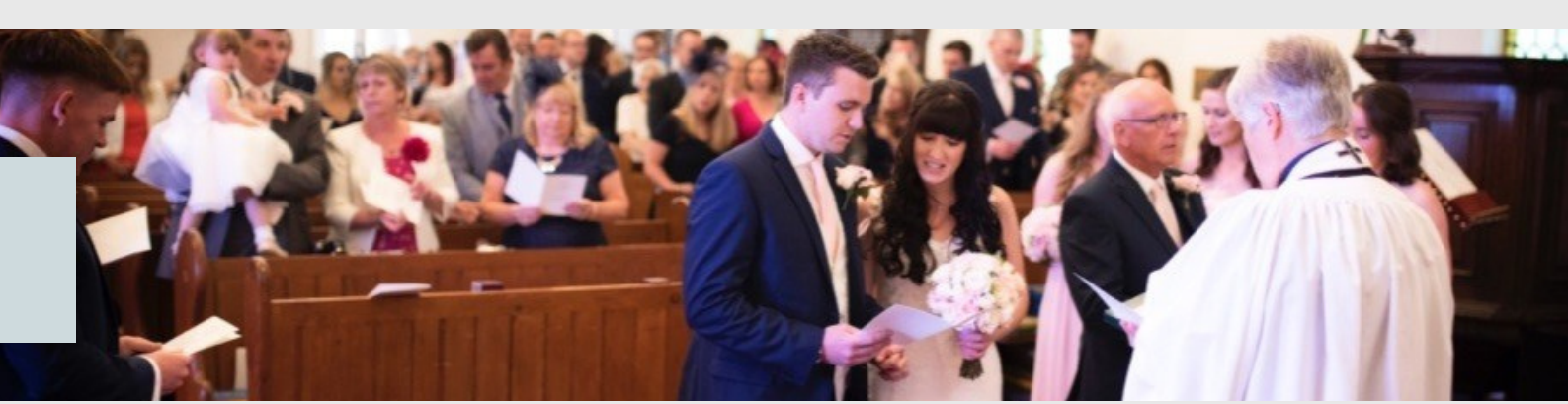
Prayer is an important part of our faith and church life. We encourage everyone to explore prayer through fellowship groups, intercessions, prayer meetings, and personal prayer.

Intercessions

We have a small team of intercessors who are responsible for preparing and writing their own prayers for each church service.

Parish prayers

Prior to Covid a small group of people attended a short service of Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer (depending on the time of day); this was said in the Lomax Chapel on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.



Prayer ministry

During and after Sunday's 10.30am Holy Communion Service prayer ministry is usually available in the Lomax Chapel. 2 members of our Prayer Ministry team are there to offer personal, private, and confidential prayer to anyone who asks for it. This ministry was appreciated and well used before Covid but, as yet, has not been reintroduced.

Prayer tree

Our 'prayer tree' in the Lomax Chapel holds the names of people with long term illnesses, children who have been baptised, people who have requested prayer, and thank you messages for answered prayer.

Prayer chain

The prayer chain is an important part of our church life; it gives people the opportunity to request special or urgent CONFIDENTIAL prayer for a person, or situation, they are concerned about, in the knowledge that it will only be passed onto the members of the chain. The prayer chain is very busy and over the years we have experienced some amazing, answered prayer. There are currently three chains, with possibly the need to add another one.

Call to prayer

This happens once a month and is a time for people to take time out of their busy lives to focus on a situation, a Bible passage, or just sit with their own thoughts and meditate. Usually there is a mixture of led prayers/meditation by a member of the Ministry Team, or a printed sheet is given as a guide. Again, before Covid, this time (usually on a Saturday morning) was appreciated by many. Emergency Call to Prayer sessions have also been set up at short notice for situations around the world or within our community. It is hoped to re-start Call to Prayer to give people a place and time to come for peace and quiet, and space to spend time with God.

Frugal lunch

This is a Lenten devotion held over the 6 weeks of Lent - a simple lunch followed by reflection/meditation, led by a member of the Ministry Team, on the last week of Christ's life.

Alternative prayer course

Two of our Authorised Lay Ministers ran a 4 week course looking at alternative ways of praying. Each week there was an opportunity to explore prayer. The course received a Highly Commended award from the Diocese. The hope is that this course could be repeated.

Messy Church

This is held monthly on Mondays from 4.00pm - 6.00pm at the Elderdale Community Centre, and works together with the Withins Action Group. Messy Church enables people of all ages to belong to Christ together in a way that is particularly suited to families, but welcoming to all.

House Groups

Our 5 house groups feature Bible study, prayer, and fellowship each week. They offer stimulating discussions and a chance to learn more about the Christian faith, ask questions, and deepen one's faith. It is also a time to offer prayer and support for specific needs. With several groups to choose from there's a place, time, and style to suit everyone.

The Alpha Course

The Alpha Course is well known across the world and has been offered for many years to people at Christ's Church. Many people in our congregation, and some who have moved away, have come to, or strengthened, their faith as a result of attending an Alpha course.

MISSION & OUTREACH

As our Vision Statement says:

“Christ’s Church is inspired by the love of God to seek, serve and transform our community”
and there are many ways in which we try to communicate and engage with the wider community as well as the congregation.

We have improved our website and social media connection, allowing us to reach out and meet the needs of many people, particularly during the pandemic. Our online Sunday service is still popular and the main focus of our website. We also get a lot of enquiries for weddings, baptisms, and other general information via the website email address, which shows that when people want to get in touch, or know more about us, they are heading to the website for information. As well as the website we use Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to share information, as well as good old face-to-face conversation.

We produce a bi-monthly church magazine which is hand-delivered by an army of volunteers to homes around the parish. Even during COVID we continued to produce the magazine as we saw it as a vital way of keeping in touch. We include articles written by members of the congregation, reports from various committees to ensure that people are kept aware of what’s going on (PCC, eco-church etc), thought-provoking articles, as well as articles from our Ministry team, funnies, and Bible quotes. In fact, just about everything. Our only cost is the cost of printing.

We support Urban Outreach with the Grub Tub in church and with delivering food parcels. We support several charities on a regular basis as well as some at specific times, eg our Christmas Toy Service provides gifts for children in care and families in need.

This last Christmas we had the support of our local pub, our local restaurant, and a local funeral directors in collecting gifts. We also support Fortalice, a local Refuge for women at risk, and their children. Our Mothers’ Union also donate generously to this Refuge. Members of our congregation are always generous when there is a call for help, from whoever, and wherever.

Our Lounge Cafe opened in 2018 with the aim of creating a community and outreach hub every Friday. This proved very successful, attracting non-church visitors as well as church members, all having the opportunity to meet and chat over a coffee, cake, or toasted snacks. A team of volunteers run the Cafe and there is a team of volunteer bakers. The Cafe income contributes to the church finances, but its main contribution is in reaching out and serving the community and welcoming everyone to our Cafe.

Pastoral visiting is offered to the housebound and to the sick. Sometimes names are given to the clergy by parishioners, or the clergy hear of a need through contacts with friends and family.

Bereavement support and home visits are offered by our Bereavement Visiting Team to all who come to us for a funeral. On the first anniversary of the death a card is sent to the family, and the bereaved are prayed for at all the services on that day. Each year a Service of Remembrance and Hope is held to which all those bereaved in the last 5 years are invited.

We consider both these ministries to be of great importance in order to offer support to those in need and to share the love of God with all. The Pastoral Visiting Team and the Bereavement Visiting Team consist of volunteers who have been trained over a six week period with a member of the clergy. The training is well resourced and the emphasis is on listening skills. We are aware that we are offering care and support and prayer, not professional counselling. The clergy approach those who they discern to be called to one of these two ministries.





We would like to develop these ministries, perhaps to include links with other organisations – debt counselling, working with dementia, building confidence for those who've not been out during COVID, being aware of difference and diversity and making our church welcome to all, but the clergy and the volunteers are aware they need more training in these areas.

We collaborate with local community groups. We hold our Messy Church in the Elderdale Centre with help from members of the Withins Action Group and also with a new church plant, New Life Church in Brightmet.

We hold annual family parties at the local golf club (this is in addition to all the other church events which happen throughout the year). The aim of these is to try and reach the children and families who are not necessarily church families.

We support, financially and in prayer, and take part in an annual activity weekend to Yorkshire for 20-22 disadvantaged children, in collaboration with St. James' Church, Brightmet.

A team of people are working together to develop projects to help us to become an Eco church. This initiative is still in its early days but we are all becoming more aware of how we should be thinking differently to protect our world.

As we emerge from restrictions we want to re-invigorate all of the above and grow them. We are finding it difficult to recruit volunteers as many of our older generation are finding it too difficult now, or have not yet returned to church, and the pressure is on the few stalwarts we have left. We have many events in the pipeline but we need to keep our focus on including the community, not just our own established church family.

- guided by God's Spirit through worship, prayer and His Word,
- to go out and develop relationships, built on trust and respect,
- welcome and nurture people of all ages, colour, race, gender or sexuality,
- encourage generosity and commitment to actively help others"

Ways in which we communicate and engage with the wider community as well as the congregation:-

- improved website and social media connection.
- Lounge Café providing support and company to anyone feeling isolated as well as great coffee and home baked cakes.
- Collaboration with a local community group, Withins Action Group, where we hold our Messy Church, with the help of the Withins Action Group members and also with a new church plant, New Life Church in Brightmet.
- Eco Church.
- Support Urban Outreach with grub tub and delivering food parcels.
- Activity weekend annually to Yorkshire for 20-22 disadvantaged children, in collaboration with St James Church, Brightmet.
- Alpha/online Alpha
- Annual family parties at the local golf club

BUILDINGS

Christ's Church, Harwood was built in 1839 of rough gritstone from a local quarry and originally roofed with flags, the plain simplicity of its architecture in keeping with its location in a village of cottages, farms and small-holdings. Its position on the hill meant it was visible from most parts of the parish and even from the centre of Bolton. Originally a district chapel of the parish of Bolton it became an independent parish in 1857.

The church opened her doors on 18th October 1840 so as of 2022 will have been at the centre of the community for 182 years. As a fitting celebration of the 175th anniversary a new stained glass window was installed in the Lomax Chapel, completely funded by the parishioners.

The building is quite small compared to other churches in the area but it is full of character and warmth. The interior has 24 rows of wooden pews and an open area with chairs to the rear underneath the balcony which also has access to the toilet. The balcony has an area for chairs and access to the tower. There are potentially spaces for 200 worshippers.

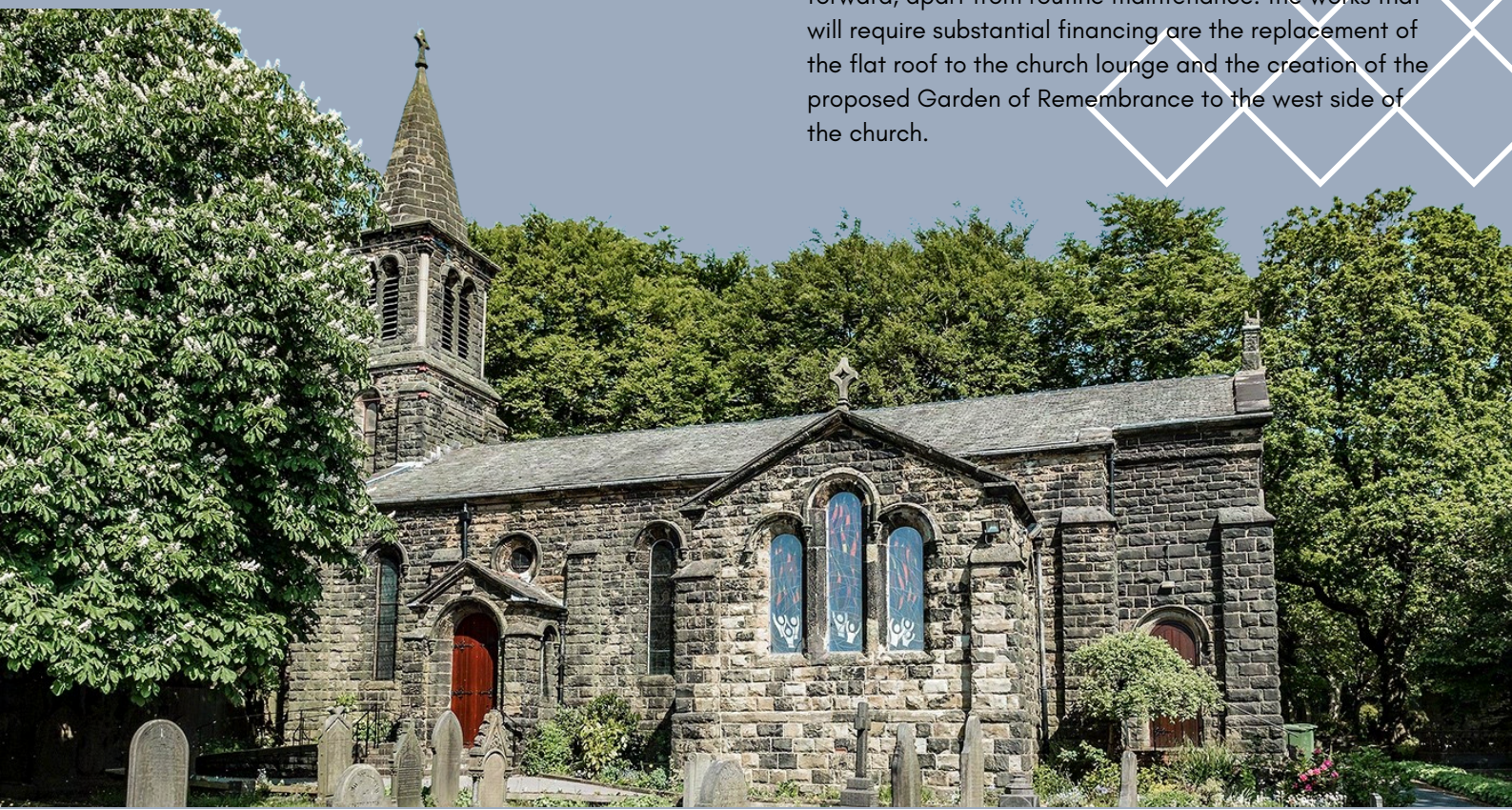
The church contains several interesting items of antique oak furniture. The pulpit was made for the Chapel Royal of St James's Palace in 1660 and is said to be from where King Charles II heard his first sermon after his restoration. The lectern, a magnificent carved eagle, is thought to be medieval and brought from a cathedral in the Pyrenees. The communion table is thought to be from a Lutheran church in Nuremberg and bears the

date 1561. The current organ dates from 1895, and although it has been through a few refurbishments there is still a significant part of it from the 19th Century.

The church has a good sound system, with radio microphones, and a large projector and moveable screen which is often used for family services. Remembrance services, conducted outside at the memorial, can be broadcast back into church for parishioners who cannot stand outside. There is also a hearing loop system.

In the churchyard, just behind the church, is the Church Lounge. Originally the vicarage built in 1910-11, in 1977 it was destroyed by a fire and after a rebuilding project the present Church Lounge came into being. Consisting of a large room and small kitchen it now houses the Lounge Café, open every Friday, and provides a place where the church youth groups can meet. It is also used for various other groups such as art, craft and child-minding groups.

The main focus of attention for 2021 was the repairs to the tower and spire and the underpinning of capstones to the east of the church. This was achieved through the wonderful generosity of our congregation and grants applied for which more than covered the £66,000 cost. The kitchen area to the church lounge was refurbished which due to the generosity of individuals both for time and materials was completed with minimal costs to the church. Other minor works carried out during this period included:- cleaning of church gutters and downspouts, new locks and new alarm, minor repairs to church organ and temporary repairs to church lounge roof. Looking forward, apart from routine maintenance, the works that will require substantial financing are the replacement of the flat roof to the church lounge and the creation of the proposed Garden of Remembrance to the west side of the church.





THE VICARAGE

The Vicarage was built in the late 1970s. It's a stone built, five bedroom house with gardens to front and rear. Upstairs is a bathroom with shower and separate W.C. with washbasin and a washbasin in one of the bedrooms.

Downstairs comprises study, large lounge, dining room, kitchen, pantry and utility room, and cloakroom with W.C. and washbasin.

Since it was built, it has been home to two families, each with several children, and latterly home to our last incumbent and Churchwarden.

The house enjoys open aspects to the rear and side with ample lawns. It is set back from the road and on the Limetree Drive entrance has a driveway and a garage. It is a short 2 minute walk from the Church.

The surrounding area hosts a number of retail outlets including a Spar, 2 local post offices, a Morrisons Supermarket, several restaurants, bars, hairdressers, barbers and estate agents. The Vicarage is conveniently located on a main bus route into Bolton.



TIME & TALENTS



As with all churches it often seems that it's the same people who do everything. This is true to an extent, in that often the same people are willing to help with everything, but we do have a large number of people who work away, often unseen, doing the more mundane jobs. Some of these groups may have been mentioned elsewhere in the Profile.

We have 5 groups of cleaners (10 people) who clean the church every week, throughout the year. There is a small team of people who take turns to 'set up' for Holy Communion each Sunday in the chancel, wash up, and put everything away after the Service.

A group of ladies, each Monday, take the flowers which have decorated church the previous Sunday to someone in the parish who is ill, feeling troubled, or has been bereaved.

A team of people work on a rota basis to help prepare, welcome, and tidy away for baptism services.

A very busy team of people bake cakes for both the

Friday Cafe and for any other event that requires food... Usually all of them!!

Our Churchyard Maintenance Team meet every week to keep on top of the weeds, fallen branches, dead plants, constantly-growing grass, hedges, and to keep our churchyard tidy. The weather has to be dire for them not to turn up. Or is it the coffee and cakes that entices them?!!

We have a very small team of people who work on our sound desk each Sunday, and for other services, to ensure that the service can be heard by everyone. We desperately need more people to come forward to help with this.

All of the above can be seen as ministries, and there are many more people who serve our church and are always willing to give their time and use their talent for that purpose, but we are very aware that there is a lot of talent still untapped. We look forward to even greater things happening.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Where we're at...

We have experience of building children and youth teams. Currently we provide groups for children and youth from ages 4-18. We have links with our local primary schools and, prior to the COVID pandemic, we held our Fish group (children from 4-10) sessions at a local school.

FAMILIES: Our 10.30am service runs parallel with Fish. Each 1st and 4th Sunday in the month the children come into church for the initial 15 minutes of the service, they then move over to the Church Lounge for their specific Sunday School session. Every second Sunday we hold a Family Service, structured around our families and including children's action songs. Numbers for Fish and our monthly Family Service were encouraging but, post COVID, have not re-established them. This is an area that we know could be better covered. In the past, at different times, we have invited specialists to focus on families and youth. We created a strong vision for our children and youth ministry but COVID stopped us in our tracks, and we were unable to fully implement this.

Our previous incumbent was a great support, encouraging children and youth participation across all events. We held regular ChYP (children and young people) meetings to reflect and plan, and we have a dedicated team of leaders.

Although the vast majority of the congregation are supportive, there are pockets that are less enthused. Change is difficult, and efforts to re-organise the service times was not fully backed and therefore not implemented (a driver in wanting to change the service times was to recognise that children also have busy lives and competing interests).

Where we meet - utilising the school allowed more room and for us to be more flexible in how we structure the sessions. Since COVID, we have not recovered our numbers and are using the Church Lounge which is a much smaller space.

Can you help us...?

We believe in investing in children and young people because they are integral to the church of today, and vital for the church of tomorrow.

Working alongside our Fish leaders and Youth Worker, growing this ministry across all ages?

Reach out and re-establish links to local schools (in particular, Harwood Meadows).

Assist in executing our Vision for our Children and Youth Groups?

Our numbers for children up to 11 years are at a healthy level, but the challenge is keeping them at 11+.

Our church also works in, and alongside, St. Catherine's primary school. Before COVID we ran a very successful After School Club, *Awesome*, but this has not re-started for various reasons. We have, however, been able to have all the children back in church for special services - Christmas, Easter, and at the end of the school year when the church presents each leaver with a special book. Members of our Ministry Team take assemblies in school, so when the children come into church they already know 'the person at the front'. It is always a joy to have our church completely filled with children singing choruses and fully engaging in prayer and worship. Members of the Ministry Team also go into Hardy Mill primary school to take assemblies.

We have Rainbows, Brownies, and Guides, as well as Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts, all with dedicated and committed Leaders. During COVID, Harwood Meadows school, which was the meeting place for all these groups, stopped allowing them to use the premises. So, after Lockdown, the Scouts built an outdoor shelter, the girls' groups found a new meeting place, and the Beavers and Cubs now use the Elderdale Centre where our Messy Church takes place. There's no stopping them! We are very proud of our young people and their leaders, who are teaching them important skills for life.

For many years (approx. 40!) during the Summer holidays, we have held a week of activities based on Christian teaching. The maximum number of children who could attend was 100, and this number was always quickly reached! King's Club has been open to all children of primary age and organised by a team of volunteers from our church. Each day (10am - 3pm) would include learning choruses, crafts, games, stories, visits, team-building, exercise, and lots more, all based around a specific theme. A mammoth task for the volunteer team. Sadly, this has not taken place for the last two summers due to COVID.

Moving forward

We feel we need to re-engage our young people with church life, as the last two years have caused so much disruption for them. As has happened with some of our older members of the church family, many of our young families have not returned to regular worship. Hopefully, a new incumbent would feel enthused about working with all our young people, and encouraging family worship.



COMMUNITIES & GROUPS

Our PCC and Standing Committee are extremely supportive and encouraging to all the various working groups and committees at Christ's Church, whilst also bearing in mind the many rules and regulations we have to adhere to. Every year any vacancies are filled and all meetings are well attended. Everyone feels able to speak out and everyone is listened to. Many members also serve on the various sub-committees which feed back to PCC meetings.

The Events Committee is always busy organising family, ecumenical, indoor, outdoor, outreach, Christmas, special celebrations; every kind of event imaginable! The Buildings Committee look after the boring stuff - gutter cleaning, minor and major repairs to any of the church buildings, servicing of all appliances, etc. but without them we'd be in trouble. Their huge success recently was organising and overseeing the repair and restoration of the church spire and tower at a cost of £66,000. Our Committee worked hard to secure grants and our amazing congregation and friends did the rest. All this during the time of Covid.

The Mothers Union with a membership of 32, some of whom are members of other churches, meets each month in the Church Lounge and has a mixed diet of interesting speakers, Holy Communion, parties, church services, celebrations, meals out, and great fellowship. They generously support many causes, both practically and financially, locally and worldwide.

Both the Craft Group and Art Group meet every week in the Lounge and, as well as creating masterpieces, have attracted non-churchgoers to their numbers. Before Covid we had a church parent and toddler group which had just become established but has, unfortunately, not re-started. The PCC is currently looking at the re-formation of a similar group. As well as the above we have various incidental committees which 'pop up' whenever necessary eg. the Flower Festival committee, the Stained Glass Window Committee etc.



FINANCE

Mel Wadd took over as Treasurer in the middle of 2015. The accounts are now all online. Pre-pandemic our church had many events that were extremely well-attended and raised a large amount of funds for us. Our Lounge Cafe was opened in Jun 2018 and had an immediate impact on funds reflected in our ability to pay 100% of our Parish Share for the following 2 years until 2020.

During 2017 our organ urgently needed repairs totalling almost £3000 which was raised within months by our congregation.

When our tower and spire needed repairing in 2019/2020 we made the difficult decision to funnel funds that would have gone to Parish Share into tower repairs. Yet again our congregation came to our rescue and raised over £35,000.00

Unfortunately since the pandemic like many churches we have seen a vast reduction in giving. Now is the time to be inspiring the congregation into increasing their giving during these very difficult financial times. As we hope you can see, we are so grateful that funds are raised for a specific reason when required, but increasing general giving continues to be challenging.

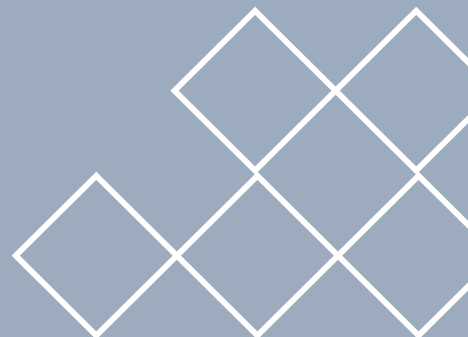
In addition to the Church Café we raise funds through events - the staples being Summer and Christmas fairs, and an annual dinner dance. Just before covid we held a family disco which we'd like to try again, and we're always trying new things such as ladies nights, craft fairs, quiz nights etc. We also earn a small amount from the hiring out of the Church Lounge.

PARISH SHARE

2015	87%	£69,000	2018	100%	£64,658*			
2016	90%	£66,675	2019	100%	£65,680*	2021	65%	£45,084
2017	100%	£67,082	2020	46%	£30,250*	*after 2% discount		

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Gross Income	£137.58k	£126.33k	£116.20k	£119.27k	£106.01k
Total Expenditure	£126.82k	£141.09k	£115.77k	£118.79k	£ 95.93k



STRENGTHS & CHALLENGES

STRENGTHS

- Welcoming
- Cater for all across our services – age groups and traditions, variety of worship styles
- Outreach – vast number of groups
- Online and Social Media presence
- Popular for weddings & baptisms
- Enthusiastic team of supportive and dedicated volunteers
- Experienced and capable ministerial team who will share in liturgical and spiritual leadership and are eager to collaborate with the new vicar
- Supportive and experienced church warden and PCC
- Sound system with hearing loop, retractable screen, radio mics
- Outdoor space with electricity

CHALLENGES

Where you can make a difference!

- Ageing congregation and depleted young families
- Engagement with uniformed organisations
- Integration between old and young
- Music – no worship band, organist vacancy (but retired minister plays twice a month)
- Premises (lack of indoor space)



MEET THE TEAM



STEWART HARGREAVES
Churchwarden



REV JULIA GORDON
Associate Priest



REV ADRIENNE MORGAN
Associate Priest



REV HEATHER MOLLOY
Associate Priest



REV MIKE FROST
Associate Priest



REBECCA WEBSTER
Authorised Lay Minister

MEET THE TEAM



MARTIN MORGAN
Authorised Lay Minister



GAIL SPENCE
Authorised Lay Minister



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