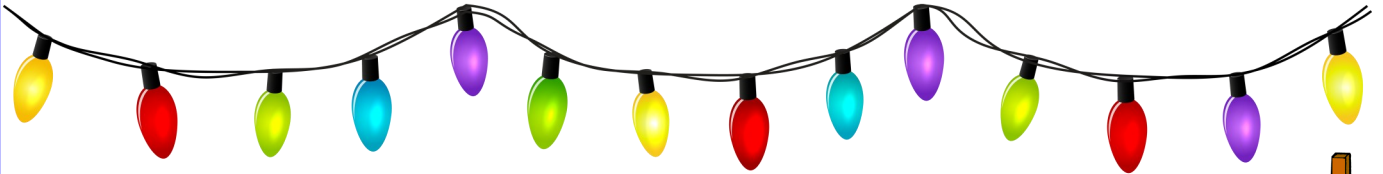




Have Faith... In yourself... In others... In God.



Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year

As we reach the end of a busy term, we would like to say a huge thank you, as always, for your continued engagement and support. The run up to Christmas has been very enjoyable, packed

with festivities, and we have been delighted that parents and families have been able to join us for various events.

Children have today brought home a copy of the Bible Society's Christmas Story as a gift from school, as well as a selection box, very kindly gifted by Mrs Watson, our Chair of Governors.

All of the staff at Lancaster Christ Church would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We return to school on Monday 5th January 2026.

St. John's Hospice Elf Run

A huge well done to all of our children for participating in the Elf Run in support of St. John's Hospice this week, despite the weather.



Donations can still be made via our [fundraising page](#).

Please return all sponsor money by **Friday 9th January** so that it can be forwarded on to the Hospice as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your support.



School Worship



This half term, our Collective Worship has focussed on the value of **Compassion**

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you.”

Colossians 3:12-13

This week we have enjoyed a ‘Countdown to Christmas’, finding out about the role of angels as messengers within the Christmas story, revisiting the story of the shepherds and thinking about Christmas as a birthday celebration.



Huge thanks to all who were able to attend our Christmas Service at Christ Church on Wednesday afternoon where we celebrated Jesus as ‘the Light of the World’.

We have ended the term this afternoon with our whole school ‘Carols by Candlelight’, during which we shared the Bible Society’s Christmas story - “The Amazing Advent-ure” along with a range of our favourite Christmas carols and hymns.



Christmas Lunch

A huge THANK YOU to all of our wonderful kitchen staff who served a delicious Christmas Lunch on Thursday for children and staff.

The children looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers and enjoyed having their lunch served to them by school staff.



We are *living our vision!*

Peer awards:

The following children have been recognised by their peers this week:

Orla (Y6), Seb Mc (Y3)

Achievements out of school:

Congratulations to the children whose achievements outside of school were celebrated this week:

Arthur (Y2): Beavers badges

Hughie (Y3): Swimming award

Henry (Y5): Writing award

We are so proud of you all!

Luke 1:37



After School Clubs

The following clubs will run for the first half of the Spring term.

Places should be directly using Parent Pay.

Monday (3.15 - 4pm): Multi Sports with Miss Fish.
Years 2 - 6 (max 16 children).

Football will run on a Wednesday . Places can be booked directly via Mr Lofthouse.

Lancaster Music Centre will continue to run at Lancaster Christ Church from **3.45pm** on a **Thursday**.

Further details are available here:

<https://www.lancashiremusicclub.co.uk/site/get-involved/lancaster-music-centre-2/>

Christ Church are committed to ensuring that finance does not become a barrier to participation in Sport. If your child would like to take part but you would require financial support, please speak to Miss Simpson.

Reminder: Spring term

School reopens for all children on **Monday 5th January 2026.**



House Team of the Week



The winner of the House Cup this was...

Garbett

Congratulations!

The House Team winners this half term were:



Ashton

Congratulations!

Children in **Bartlett** may come to school in non-uniform on **Monday 5th January** as a reward (please bring trainers if you have PE that day!).

PE Days: Spring 1 2026

Reception: Mon & Friday **Year 1:** Mon & Wednesday

Year 2: Wed & Friday **Year 3:** Thurs & Friday

Year 4: Wed (swimming) & Friday

Year 5: Mon & Thursday **Year 6:** Tue & Thursday

All children must wear school PE kit on PE days.

School PE comprises:

A zip up school hoodie, a house coloured t-shirt,
Plain black or navy shorts, joggers or leggings and trainers.



Jewellery of any kind is not permitted for PE and long hair must be tied back.

Congratulations Clara!

Huge congratulations to Clara in Year 3 who was surprised by a visit from the Mayor of Lancaster, Margaret Pattison on Tuesday.

Clara entered the Mayors annual Christmas card competition, open to all children across the district, as was selected by the Mayor as the winner! Her card has now been sent to a range of dignitaries, including His Majesty the King!

We are so proud of you, Clara!



Christ Church, Lancaster

A vibrant, inclusive, worshipping community

You're warmly invited to join us for:



Services this Sunday:

8.30am Holy Communion (*said service*)
10.30am Parish Eucharist with *Children's Church*
4pm Carol Service



Midweek services:

Wednesday 4pm Crib Service
Wednesday 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Thursday 8.30am and 10.30am
Eucharist with Carols



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9.30AM SAID EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 28TH

10.30AM SERVICE ONLY



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On behalf of all of us at Christ Church, we wish you a very blessed Christmas and happy New Year!

Traditional Christmas
Carol Service
Sunday 21st December 4pm
Everyone welcome!



Sunday 4th January 6pm Epiphany Eucharist

With prayers for the churches
of Lancaster and Morecambe Deanery,
and for our Diocese of Blackburn
in its Centenary year.



President and Preacher:
Rt Rev'd Philip North,
Bishop of Blackburn

Everyone welcome
Refreshments served afterwards
Christ Church, Wyresdale Road, LA1 3EA

Do you have admin skills?
Are you looking for a 14h/week paid post?

If so, Christ Church are looking for a Parish Administrator to support Rev'd Carol and the church with admin and comms.

For an informal chat, please contact Rev'd Carol
More details, and the application form are
available at:

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/general-vacancies>

Deadline: 16th January

For enquiries about Christenings, Weddings and Funerals;
and for pastoral and faith support, please contact:

Rev'd Carol Backhouse
Vicar, Christ Church, Lancaster
revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com. 07857 449724

Our Prayer for this week:

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your
Son, so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age to see, with her, our great
salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



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DUE TO OUR HALL KITCHEN
REFURBISHMENT, THERE WILL BE
NO LITTLE SEEDLINGS BETWEEN
23RD DECEMBER AND 6TH
JANUARY.

RE-STARTING 13TH JANUARY!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

9-10AM: STAY AND PLAY.

10-10.30AM: SINGING, SNACKS AND STORIES.

No cost, but donations
welcome



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Tuesday 30 December
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**CHRISTMAS
WARM SPACE 2025**

**AT
LUNE PARK FAMILY HUB
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LANCASTER
LA1 2LN**



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make yourself at home,
whether you fancy a cuppa,
a bite to eat, a chat,
our doors are open.



It's free, friendly, and a great way
to feel part of the community.

10am - 11am

**Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd
Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th
and
Wednesday 31st
December 2025**

