



Lancaster Christ Church Church of England Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter

21.11.2025

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

### Admission Arrangements: Consultation

We are currently consulting on our admission arrangements for 2027.

Proposed admission arrangements can be found [here](#) on the school website, alongside details of who to contact, should you have any comments to make about the proposed arrangements.



### School Worship



This half term, our Collective Worship will focus 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 our theme was ‘Noticing a Need’. On Monday, we revisited the story of Moses - The Baby in the Bulrushes and through about the compassion shown by the Pharaoh’s daughter when she found Moses, as well as Moses’ Mother and Sister, who showed compassion by giving him up in order to keep him safe. On Wednesday, Innes led our Worship, which focussed on the compassion shown by Ruth, who gave up everything to support her mother –in-law, Naomi, during her time of need. Our worship on Thursday was based on Acts 9 and the story of Dorcus, who used her gift of sewing to show compassion for others by making clothes for them to wear. We reflected on how we can use our gifts to show compassion to those in need.

### St. John’s Hospice Elf Run

We are delighted to be supporting the work of St. John’s Hospice by hosting an ‘Elf Run’ in school on **Monday 15th December.**

**All children should come to school in the school PE kit on this day. Elf hats will be provided!**

If you are able to support this event, children will be bringing home sponsor forms next week, or if

preferred, you can donate via our [fundraising page](#).

Many thanks in advance for your support.

### Schoolgateway Important information regarding school communication



Rising costs are making it unsustainable for us to communicate with parents via text message. We kindly request, therefore, that all parents / carers download the School Gateway app which enables us to communicate via message at no extra cost.

The app is available free of charge from [schoolgateway.co.uk](http://schoolgateway.co.uk). Many thanks for your support.



### Friends of Lancaster Christ Church

We are excited to invite all children to **Adopt a Teddy on Wednesday 26th November from 3.15pm** in the school hall.

### Friends of Lancaster Christ Church Christmas Disco

Thursday 4th December 2025

FS/KS1: 5.00 - 5.45pm / KS2: 6 - 7pm

**Only £4 per child!**

*Refreshments available to purchased on the night.*

Parents are welcome to stay (staffroom available for parent refreshments), or to collect their child at the end.

Please note that **all** children must be collected by an adult at the end of the disco. Children in KS2 will not be permitted to walk home without an adult.



We are *living our vision!*

**Work of the week:**

*Congratulations to the children whose work was celebrated this week:*

Rec: **Leah:** Writing

Year 1: **Rocco:** History

Year 2: **George:** English

Year 3: **Finn:** English

Year 4: **Ivan:** History

Year 5: **Leo:** English

**Achievements out of school:**

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

**Ada (Rec): Football award**

**Ivie (Y3): Swimming award**

**Elif (Y4): Dance award**

**Elisie (Y4): Dance award**

**Charlotte (Year 4): Dance award**

**Mark (Y5): Dodgeball award**

*We are so proud of you all!*

**Luke 1:37**

**Sports Friendlies**



Our second fixture against Grosvenor Park took place on a cold, crisp afternoon with some of our Year 5 footballers. A tough but enjoyable

game - we can't wait for the next match!

Well done to Poppy, Ronnie, Rex, Rowan, Leo, Bruce, Toby and Jack - you impressed Miss Fish with your skills, determination and resilience!

**Congratulations!**

The following children have been celebrated in assembly this week:

**Rec:** Ollie Ada

**Year 1:** George Lillie

**Year 2:** Jack Hannah

**Year 3:** Hughie David

Anna-Rae Nancy-May

**Year 4:** Marnie Brigid Ted Rose

**Year 5:** Anaamta Rowan Toby

**House Team of the Week**

The winner of the House Cup this was...



**Ashton**

*Congratulations!*

**Year 3/4 Girls LHSSN Futsal Festival**

It was the second week of the Year 3/4 Girls Futsal Festival this week. The team continued to grow and enjoy lots of football against 5 other local schools.



Well done Marnie, Hazel, Juliette, Elysia and Bella - you were brilliant!

**Congratulations, Jack!**

Congratulations to Jack in Year 5 who attended Bolton Wanderers Lancaster Whites evening on Tuesday and gave the introductory speech in front of 100 people! Despite feeling a little nervous, Jack delivered his speech perfectly! Well done, Jack!

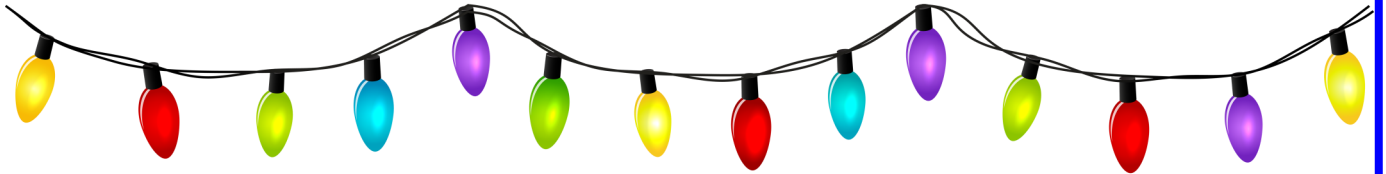


## Key dates for your diary:

Term dates for the 2025 - 2026 academic year are available to view on our school website

**Friday 19th December 2025:** Last day of Autumn term

**Monday 5th January 2026:** School reopens for Spring term



### Reminder: INSET DAY

Just a reminder that school will be closed to all children on **Friday 5th December** for INSET.



### KS2 Christmas Concert

Children in **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6** will be hosting a **Christmas Concert** for parents / carers on:



**Wednesday 10th December at 9.30am**

in the school hall.

The Concert will give the children the opportunity to showcase some of the work that they have been doing in music with Mrs Smith.

**Coffee and mince pies will be served from 9.15am.**

Tickets will be available to purchase via Parent Pay from **Monday 1st December**, priced at £1 each and will initially be limited to **one per key stage 2 family** due to availability of space.

### Foundation / KS1 Nativity

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will present 'A Wiggly Nativity' on:

**Tuesday 9th December (2pm / 5.30pm) &**

**Wednesday 10th December (5.30pm)**

In the school hall.



Tickets will be available to purchase via Parent Pay from **Monday 1st December**, priced at £1 each and will initially be limited to a **total of 3** due to availability of space.

### Christmas Service

Parents and Carers are warmly welcomed to join our **Christmas Service** at Christ Church Church on **Wednesday 17th December** at

**1.45pm**, during which we will draw the term to a close with a celebration of 'Jesus' as 'The Light of the World'.



### Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

**Thursday 18th December** is our school **Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day**.



Children may come to school wearing a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper.

Information about Christmas Lunch will be sent home next week.

### Reminder: Spring term

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



### Lancaster on Ice: Breakfast with Santa

Lancaster on Ice are hosting 'Breakfast with Santa' events on the 13th, 20th, 22nd and 23rd December 2025 at the Tipi Bar.

Further details and booking information can be found

[here](#).

# 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 Festal Eucharist with *Confirmations*
- 4pm *Messy Church*
- 6pm Evening Prayer



## Midweek services:

- Wednesday 5.30pm Meditation
- Wednesday 6pm Evening Prayer
- Friday 9.30am Holy Communion

## Advent

At Christ Church, Lancaster

Join us as we prepare to celebrate Christ's coming as light of the world

**Advent Quiet Morning**  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 9.30am-10.30pm

**Advent Choral Evensong**  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 4pm

**Advent Reading Group** - 'Women of the Nativity' by Paula Gooder - watch out for more info

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## LITTLE SEEDLINGS

A stay and play baby and toddler group  
9-10.30am every Tuesday

CHRIST CHURCH HALL  
WYRESDALE RD,  
LANCASTER  
LA1 3EA

9-10AM STAY AND PLAY  
9.15-9.30AM SINGING  
SNACKS AND STORIES  
NO COST, BUT DONATIONS WELCOME

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
A warm, welcoming inclusive space with prayer, coffee and chat for grown ups

Prin and wheelchair accessible with changing facilities

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Join us to celebrate the

## Feast of Christ the King

### With Confirmations

Service led by the Bishop of Burnley, the Right Rev'd Joe Kennedy  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025  
10.30am  
Followed by refreshments

## Messy Church

Fun Stories  
Next meets in the Church Hall at 4pm on the:  
**4th Sunday of each month**  
K51 82  
Crafts

@ChristChurchLancaster  
www.christchurchlancaster.org.uk  
Wyresdale Road, Lancaster, LA1 3EA  
More details please contact: Iona (Children's Ministry Leader)  
07852 791776 @christchurchlancaster.org.uk

## Quiet Morning

A quiet morning exploring prayer through bread and beads

**Saturday**  
22<sup>nd</sup> November  
8.30am - 1.30pm  
Finishing with a light lunch

Christ Church Lancaster  
Wyresdale Road.

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## Christmas Tree Festival

FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> AND SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 12-6PM

SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 12-4PM WITH A CANDLELIT ADVENT SERVICE AT 4PM

Free Hungarian Stollen & Mince Refreshments

TABLES ARE SPONSORED AND DECORATED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

PLUNGE IN AND HELP SUPPORT LANCASTER AND DISTRICT HOMELESS ACTION SERVICE

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](mailto:revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com). 07857 449724

**Our Prayer for this week:**  
God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory **Amen.**

Join us this Advent as we  
explore Paula Gooder's

# Women of the Nativity

Wednesdays: 3, 10  
& 17<sup>th</sup> December at

6.30pm

Sundays: 7, 14 &  
21<sup>st</sup> December at

12.30pm

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WITH A  
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*Free Admission  
Stalls Music Refreshments*

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AND DISTRICT HOMELESS ACTION SERVICE

**Christ Church School Christingle Service**  
**17th December 2pm in Christ Church, Wyresdale Road.**

Families welcome as we share this special service  
to remember the light of Christ.

As part of the service,  
a collection is taken for the work of the Children's Society.  
In the next few days, your child may bring home a collection candle - and you're  
invited to support the work of this national charity by returning the candle and a  
donation at the service.

*"It was really  
hard to find the  
courage to ask  
for help. But The  
Children's Society  
took so much  
pressure off.  
The bad feelings  
disappeared."*

Naomi



**Thank you so much for  
Christingling to support  
children like Naomi.**

The funds you raise through your  
Christingle make such a huge  
difference to the lives of so many  
young people in this country.

Thanks to incredible people  
like you, together, we can protect  
every childhood.



The  
Children's  
Society

## What is a Christingle?

**Christingle is a joyful celebration  
that brings families and  
communities together to have  
fun, share the light of Jesus,  
and spread a message of hope.**

Christingle was originally started  
by the Moravian Church, and in  
1968, John Pearson of  
The Children's Society held a  
Christingle celebration in Lincoln  
Cathedral as a way of raising funds  
to help children and young people.

Since then, thousands more  
churches, schools, and  
communities across the country  
have joined the tradition and  
come together each year to sing,  
celebrate, and help the young  
people who need someone  
to be there for them.



**Christingles are easy to make,  
and each element has a special  
meaning, helping to tell the  
Christian story:**

- The orange represents the world.
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ.
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations.
- The lit candle represents Jesus' light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

During the service, each person  
takes a Christingle and the candles  
are all lit to create a warm glow.  
This symbolises the light of Christ  
and bringing hope to people living  
in darkness. It's a really special  
moment and is usually one of the  
highlights of the celebration.

The money you raise through  
your Christingle makes a  
huge difference for young  
people – it means we can  
be here for them when  
they need us most. Visit  
**[christingle.org/donate](http://christingle.org/donate)**  
today to give a gift.



# CHRISTMAS

## *at Christ Church Lancaster*

JOIN US TO SHARE IN GOD'S JOY, HOPE AND PEACE  
IN THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

4PM CRIB SERVICE  
FOR ALL THE FAMILY

11.30PM MIDNIGHT MASS



### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

8.30AM SAID EUCHARIST

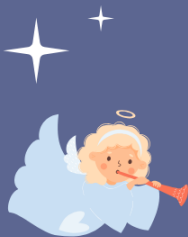
10.30AM EUCHARIST  
WITH CAROLS

### **BOXING DAY**

9.30AM SAID EUCHARIST

### **SUNDAY 28TH**

10.30AM SERVICE ONLY



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# Christ Church Choir

Fancy singing some amazing music and joining a community of supportive singers?

Why not give Christ Church Lancaster's choir a whirl this winter?

The choir will sing at:

- \* Advent Choral Evensong @4pm Sunday 30th November
- \* Christmas Tree Festival @4pm Sunday 7th December
- \* Lessons & Carols @4pm Sunday 21st December



**REHEARSALS ON THURSDAYS 7-8.15PM  
IN CHRIST CHURCH LANCASTER,  
WYRESDALE ROAD.**



**13TH, 20TH & 27TH NOVEMBER  
11TH & 18TH DECEMBER**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: [GRAHAMTOFT1@AOL.COM](mailto:GRAHAMTOFT1@AOL.COM)

IMAGINATION  
GAMING



# Healthy Holiday Activities

Carnforth  
Community Primary  
School  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec  
Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan  
10am-2pm

Come and join us for lots of fun this Christmas holiday... learning and playing some of the coolest, smartest, fast witted and amusing board games from across the world.

Lots of amazing new games that are hot off the press, ready for you this festive period! As well as the usual favourites that you all enjoy.

Lunch is Included!

It's going to be Snow much fun!

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& MUSIC

Saturday 6 December  
4pm—7.15pm / More Music



**29 and 30  
November  
10am-4pm  
FREE**

# **LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS**

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at the Lantern Festival on Sat 6 December**

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