



Christ Church Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

Have Faith...



St. John's Hospice Reindeer Rush

We are delighted to be supporting the work of St. John's Hospice by hosting a 'Reindeer Rush' in school on **Monday 16th December**.

All children should come to school in their school PE kit on this day

Children have brought home a sponsor forms for the event, or if preferred, you can donate via our [fundraising page](#)

Many thanks in advance for your support.



KS2 Christmas Concert

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be hosting a Christmas Concert for parents / carers on **Tuesday 17th 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 Miss Dougherty.

Coffee and mince pies will be served from 9.15am.

Tickets will be available to purchase from the school office from Tuesday 10th December, priced at £1 each and will initially be limited to one per key stage 2 family.

Please come along if you can!

Friends of Lancaster Christ Church



Thank you to all who supported the Christmas Bingo on Wednesday, either by attending or donating prizes.

It was a brilliant success!

Huge thanks goes especially to Sarah, Mum of Elif in Year 3, for all her hard work in organising and running the event - your time and energy is really appreciated, Sarah!

School Worship

Our Christian Value this half term is



Patience

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him..."

Psalm 37:7

This week we have added 3 new decorations to our Jesse Tree... a harp to remember David; a shepherd boy who became a king, a temple arch to remember Solomon and his wisdom, and a scroll to remember Josiah, who helped God's people to find their lost stories and laws. We will continue our journey next week, focusing on 'Reaching to the future.'

Friends of Lancaster Christ Church

Christmas Disco

Tuesday 17th December 2024

FS/KS1: 5.30 - 6.30pm / KS2: 6.45 - 7.45pm

Only £3 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.*



Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Thursday 19th 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.

Your Friends Need You!

Lancaster Christ Church are incredibly grateful for the support of our wonderful school Friends, who in the past year, have raised around £8000 in support of school and local charities.

The school Friends have contributed significant sums to the redevelopment of the FS/KS1 playground, as well as enabling school to upgrade iPads and subsidising the cost of trips. £550 was raised this year for Macmillan, along with £700 for Breast Cancer Now.

In summary, we really couldn't do without them, **however...** The Friends is currently been run singlehandedly by Sarah, Mum and Elif in Year 3, and this is not sustainable.

The Friends desperately need your help!

We are in need of committee members as well as volunteers who can commit to supporting particular events throughout the school year.

Please contact Sarah:

friends@christchurch-lancaster.lancs.sch.uk

If you could offer some much needed support to our wonderful Friends.

Lancaster Christ Church turns 150 years old!



Lancaster Christ Church are delighted to be working in collaboration with Dr Matt Cole, a local historian, to prepare for the celebration of Lancaster Christ Church school's 150th birthday in January 2025.

If you, or any family members, have photographs or memorabilia associated with the school, we would be delighted to see them! Items can be emailed or dropped into the school office.



Prayer spaces

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, the whole school participated in Advent Prayer Spaces in order to deepen our understanding of the journey through advent. Classes visited the hall one at a time, with children visiting each station in groups of 3 or 4.

It was a very calm, moving experience and we are so grateful to the volunteers who gave their time as facilitators, including some of our very own Year 6 pupils. Without their support, the event would not have been able to run.

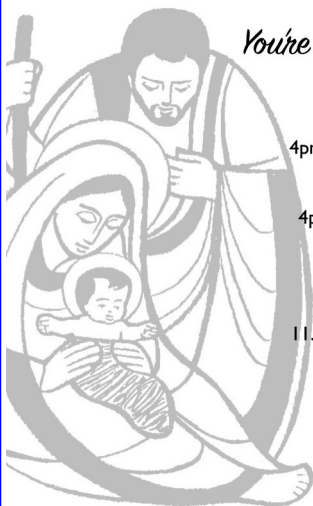
Huge thanks also to Mrs Smith for the time and care that went into preparing for, setting up and running the days.

We are looking forward to another prayer space event in the Summer, which will focus on the outdoors.



A Christmas Celebration

Parents and Carers are warmly welcomed to join our Christmas Celebration at Christ Church Church on **Thursday 19th December at 2pm**, during which we will draw together the themes of our Jesse Tree and the story of Jesus' birth.



You're invited to celebrate this Christmas in prayer and worship

Sunday 15th
4pm Christingle Service

Sunday 22nd
4pm Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Eve
4pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Eucharist with carols

Sunday 29th
10.30am Parish Eucharist with carols

Everyone welcome!

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We are *living our vision!*

Work of the week:

Congratulations to the children whose work was celebrated this week:

Rec: Theia: Expressive Arts

Y1: Joshua: DT

Y2: Finn: English

Y3: Matilda: RE

Y4: Bobby: English

Y5: Freddie: RE

Y6: Tia: RE

Peer awards:

The following children were recognised by their peers this week:

Edward (Y5), Arna (Y1), Delilah (Y3), Bella (Y1), Summer (Y5), Lucas (Y5)

Achievements out of school:

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

Maisie (Y1): Gymnastics award

Hughie (Y2): Football trophy & Swimming award

Juliette (Y2): Gymnastics award

Rose (Y3): Swimming award

Brigid (Y3): Swimming award

Elysia (Y3): Swimming award

Matilda (Y4): Swimming award

Evelyne (Y4): Gymnastics award

Alexa (Y6): Gymnastics award

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received, to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in it's various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

Congratulations!

The following children have been celebrated in assembly this week:

Reception: Rosa Olive

Year 1: Sam Eva

Year 2: Kai Hughie

Year 3: Elsie Archie

Year 4: Henry Ronnie

Year 5: Rory Edward

Year 6: Elise Timi Alexa

House Team of the Week

The winner of the House Cup this week was...

Gregson

Congratulations!

Well done, Jack!

Congratulations to Jack in Year 1 who won the Marketgate Shopping Centre Halloween Colouring Competition and was awarded a hamper of sweets!

Well done Jack!

Sporting congratulations

Congratulations to the following children who have represented school at various events brilliantly this week:

Christmas Multiskills @ LMC:

Hazel, Kai, Ernie, Clara, Anna-Rae, Ewan, Georgia, Bella, Kent, Juliette, Thomas

Sportshall Athletics @ LMC:

Ruairi, Elysia, Lark, Katy, Peggy, Orla, Laurie, Sullivan, Oliver H, Zac, Jack S, Edward





Key dates for your diary:

[Term dates](#) for the 2024 - 2025 academic year are available to view on our school website

Monday 16th December 2024: Reindeer Rush in support of St. John's Hospice

All children in PE kit please!

Tuesday 17th December 2024: KS2 Christmas Concert for Parents (9.30am)

Tuesday 17th December 2024: Year 3 / 4 Disney Active Literacy and Multiskills @ LMC

(Children will receive a letter if they have been selected to represent school at this event)

Tuesday 17th December 2024: Friends Christmas Discos (5.30pm / 6.45pm)

Monday 23rd December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025: Christmas holidays

Thursday 9th January 2025: Year 2 ChildSafe / Year 6 RoadSense (Lancaster Fire & Rescue)

20th—24th January 2025: Lancaster Christ Church Primary School's 150th Birthday Celebrations

Friday 24th January 2025: Sportshall Athletics League @ LMC

(Children will receive a letter if they have been selected to represent school at this event)

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 Advent Eucharist
with Children's Church
4pm Christingle Service



Midweek services:

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

Join us for

Christingle

on Sunday 15th December
at 4pm

Sharing the light of Christ
and raising funds for the
Children's Society
this Christmas



Sunday 15th December 10.30am Toy Service

We'll be collecting new, and good-quality second hand toys for Morecambe Salvation Army to share with local families in need this Christmas. Please bring your gift to the service, or let Rev'd Carol know to arrange collection.

Our Prayer for this week:

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Traditional Christmas
Carol Service
Sunday 22nd December 4pm
Everyone welcome!

Christmas Craft Sale

Saturday 14th December

9.30am-1pm

in the Church Hall
Festive Refreshments

gifts, handbags, crafts
and craft-making
equipment

Tables available for £20
for other crafters
to share their wares

Contact Julie
01524 37229

Christmas Services at Christ Church

Sunday 22nd
December 4pm
Traditional
Christmas Carol
Service

Christmas Eve
24th December
4pm Crib Service
(with children's
rehearsal at 2pm)

11.30pm Midnight
Mass

Christmas Day
8.30am Said
Eucharist

10.30am Parish
Eucharist.

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. 01524 942105

Advent At Christ Church
A season of watching and waiting for
Christ, the Light of the World.



Sunday 1st December 4pm

Choral Evensong for Advent

Friday 6th 12noon- 6pm
Saturday 7th 10am-4pm
Sunday 12noon-4pm

Christ Church
Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 8th December 4pm

Darkness to Light Service,
candlelit among the trees.

Tuesday 10th December 7pm

Memorial Service to remember loved ones
at Christmas

Sunday 15th December 4pm

Christingle Service
for all the family

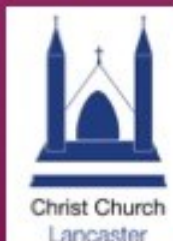
Sunday 22nd December 4pm

Christmas Carol Service.

Join us for the Advent Study Group in the Hall every Sunday
after the 10.30am Eucharist from Sunday 1st December, looking
at John Bell's book, Life in the Comma

Please pick up a leaflet or borrow a book from church for some
food for thought and prayer during the Advent season

Why not consider a reverse Advent Calendar?
Set aside one tin/packet of food for the
Olive Branch Foodbank every week or every day.





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Every Christmas, Christ Church Lancaster supports the work of the Children's Society by holding a Christingle service, and collecting money to help make a difference to the lives of children and young people in the UK.

In the next few days, your child may bring home a collection candle for donations to the work of the Children's Society. More information about the work of this national charity (including how to give online) is given below.

Please return the collection candle to school by the 16th December, or you can bring it to the Christ Church Christingle Service on the 15th December at 4pm, where we will share the light of Christ in a beautiful family 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 Pensom 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 today to give a gift.

Join us for



Christingle

A large, stylized illustration of a Christingle. It is a round orange fruit with a red horizontal band around its middle. Several wooden sticks are inserted into the fruit, each with a small, light-colored object (like a nut or a piece of wood) attached to its end. The fruit is set against a white, curved, crescent-like shape that forms the bottom of the word "Christingle".

*on Sunday 15th December
at 4pm*

*Sharing the light of Christ
and raising funds for the
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this Christmas*





*Traditional Christmas
Carol Service*

Sunday 22nd December 4pm

Everyone welcome!





The 2nd Annual
Lancaster Area Schools
**Elizabeth Burns
Memorial
Children's
Poetry Prize**

are you a poet?

Competition with Prizes for the Best Poems!

WRITE ABOUT JUSTICE, PEACE OR HISTORY

Open to the following age categories 4-7, 8-11 & 12-18

Entries through your school teacher using a word document to
info@litfest.org or by post to 60 Windermere Road Lancaster LA1 3EZ

Please state your age and use the subject heading/mark envelope:

'Elizabeth Burns Memorial Children's Poetry Prize'

Home schooled children can enter through their parent/guardian

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PRIZES

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ENTRY DEADLINE
14th February 2025
@ midnight
Winners announced
7th March 2025

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