



Timperley Parish News

Christ Church and Holy Cross



Welcome to our new publication!

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This is the third edition of our 'new-look' quarterly Timperley Parish News, sharing some of what's going on at Christ Church and Holy Cross. If you'd like to continue to receive Timperley Parish News, either in paper or electronic form, please contact Revd Jim Bridgman on 980 4330 or timperleyparishoffice@gmail.com.

Breakfast Club is 1!



In September, we celebrated the first birthday of our breakfast club with a special party, including cake and games. Breakfast club is held on the third Sunday of the month at 8.45am and is designed to be accessible to busy families, who are often not able to come to church later on a Sunday morning.

We meet for breakfast and while the parents catch up with one another over coffee, the kids are free to play together. At 9.30am everyone gathers together to sing songs, watch a Youtube clip on the theme of the morning, listen to a short talk, and play games. The morning ends at 10am, and families are then free to spend the rest of the day together.

This was also a particularly special occasion, as we had our first baptism during the morning. Sophie Blackman (3) and her parents [pictured] have been involved with the service since its launch, and so it was fitting that she was baptised at this service. The congregation is growing steadily, with new families attending each time and a usual congregation of around 35 adults and 30 children. Newcomers attend to enquire about baptism for their children, but end up returning in the months following their baptism. Often they appreciate the opportunity to come to church as a family, and to experience worship in a relaxed and informal setting. New people are always welcome!

Timperley Country Fair



In September we had a stall at the Timperley Country Fair, selling a selection of homemade produce. We had a number of winners in the various competitions: in the Craft section, Marie Woolley came 1st with her greetings card and Carole Birch came 2nd with her wall hanging. And Janet Courtney and Purdey came 2nd in the Best 6 Legs category of the Dogs' Show! Thanks to all who helped and supported us.



REGULAR SERVICES

SUNDAYS

8am	Communion	Christ Church
10.45am	Communion	Christ Church and Holy Cross
6.30pm	Evening service	Christ Church

*The 1st Sunday of each month is a joint **All Age service**, which alternates between the two churches.*

***Sunday school** meets at Christ Church on the 2nd Sunday of the month.*

***Breakfast Club** meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Parish Hall (Holy Cross), starting at 8.45am*

MONDAYS

9.30am	Morning Prayer	Christ Church
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WEDNESDAYS

10am	Communion	Christ Church
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THURSDAYS

7.30pm	Communion	Holy Cross
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Halloween Light Party



For Halloween, we held a Light Party at Holy Cross: no tricks, just treats! There were biscuits to decorate, crafts, halloween games (apple bobbing and eating doughnuts off the string, as pictured!) hot chocolate, games of tennis and bowling on the Wii, and lots and lots of light and warmth on a cold, dark night. And plenty of chocolate too! During the two hours, over 50 people dropped in to enjoy the fun.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Centre

In November, the parish launched a Duke of Edinburgh Award centre at the parish hall. The centre will provide training for the Bronze and Silver awards on a Thursday evenings. The DofE awards include: expeditions together with a requirement for learning a new skill, a physical activity, and volunteering in the local community. We will be basing our centre upon the successful group set up at Bowdon Church. Bowdon DofE is in its fourth year of operation and has grown from 40 to over 100 participants. The centre is being set up by Andy Allan [pictured with Revd Jim and Lucy, a DofE participant] and his wife Kirsty who were part of the team at Bowdon. Andy said "it has been tremendously rewarding to see so many people completing their expeditions and going on to receive their awards. A number of volunteers have already come forward to help us set up the new centre and this has given us the confidence to launch at both Bronze and Silver level." For more information on the Timperley DofE Awards Centre contact Andy Allan at dofetimperley@gmail.com or via Facebook at www.facebook.com/timperleydofe



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Mother's Union Celebration



In September members of our parish Mothers' Union and supporters [pictured] gathered to celebrate 30 years of the MU in Timperley. We also awarded a Certificate of Long Service to 5 members who have been part of the MU for over 50 years. There was a festive atmosphere as we shared in a service of Holy Communion, followed by nibbles, cake and Bucks Fizz in the Parish Hall.

Contact us

For enquiries about **weddings, baptisms and funerals**, as well as for pastoral or general enquiries, or for more information about the events detailed here, please contact the clergy:

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2015

All welcome!

Sunday 13th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00am Communion *Christ Church*
10.45am Children's nativity and Communion *Christ Church*
10.45am Communion *Holy Cross*
3.00pm Christingle *Holy Cross*
come dressed as a character from the Christmas story!
6.30pm Evening Prayer *Christ Church*

Sunday 20th December 4th Sunday of Advent

8.00am Communion *Christ Church*
10.45am Communion *Christ Church & Holy Cross*
6.30pm 9 lessons and carols *Christ Church*

Christmas Eve

5.00pm Christingle *Christ Church*
come dressed as a character from the Christmas story!
11.30pm First Communion of Christmas *Christ Church & Holy Cross*

Christmas Day

8.00am Communion *Christ Church*
10.45am Family Communion *Christ Church & Holy Cross*

Sunday 27th December

8.00am Communion *Christ Church*
10.45am Joint Communion *Holy Cross*

Sunday 3rd January

8.00am Communion *Christ Church*
10.45am Joint All Age Communion *Christ Church*
6.30pm Evening Prayer *Christ Church*

Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus!