



Timperley Parish News

Christ Church and Holy Cross



Welcome to our new publication!

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This is the twelfth 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.

Christmas 2017 - Longest Night and Carols at the Crossroads



On a Wednesday evening before Christmas, a crowd gathered for our second 'Carols at the Crossroads', at the Frank Sidebottom statue.

Revd Jim [pictured above] told the Christmas story, interspersed with carols, and gave everyone a pebble Jesus to take away - a reminder to find room this Christmas for Jesus in the midst of all our busyness. Although Christmas is often a time for enjoyment and celebration, it can be a difficult time for many people. In December, Revd Jenny led a special 'Longest night' service on the shortest day of the year - this was a simple, reflective carol service for anyone who was struggling at the festive season, and for anyone who just wanted an hour of peace and reflection. It was a very peaceful and reflective way to prepare for Christmas.

Longest Night Service



Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light.

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 **Café worship**, in the parish hall from 9.30am

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 and Holy Cross
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WEDNESDAYS

10am	Communion	Christ Church
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THURSDAYS

7.30pm	Communion	Holy Cross
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For more details and information about special services, please visit our website www.timperleyparish.org.uk

Café Worship



In January, we began a regular Café Worship service on the first Sunday of each month in the parish hall. In a more relaxed atmosphere, and accompanied by hot drinks and food, we gathered to reflect and discuss using some short DVD clips from American pastor Rob Bell's NOOMA series. In January, we thought about getting in tune with God's plan for our lives, and in February we considered why it is sometimes so hard to forgive. With times to sing, think and pray,, it has proved a different way to worship and connect with God and others.If you haven't yet tried Café worship, why not come along on 4th March or 6th May and find out more?!

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Christ Church

Over Autumn, the outside of Christ Church had a bit of a makeover, covered in metal sheeting and scaffolding. Don't panic - we are not closing! It was all done in order to complete some repointing of our stonework and to fix our gutters. Normal service is now resumed!



This Spring, we will be undertaking a Parish Giving Initiative, a chance for us all to think about what we are able to give to God in terms of our time, talents and money. Martin Smith, the Giving Missioner for Chester Diocese will be speaking to us and helping us reflect on God's generosity and our response to it.



Reflecting on *Les Misérables*

Our Churches Together in Timperley Lent services will focus on the musical and book *Les Misérables*. Over five Sundays in Lent, we'll look at the themes of love, forgiveness and salvation seen in *Les Mis*. By watching clips and discussions we will reflect on some of the central characters: Fantine, the Bishop of Digne, Jean Valjean and Javert, and see how they react to love, forgiveness and mercy, all key themes of Lent and Holy Week. All welcome to join us on Sunday nights at Holy Cross - refreshments from 6pm, and service starts at 6.30pm. *Another story must begin!*



The Bible

The latest module of the Pilgrim course was completed over the past few weeks. On 6 Tuesday evenings in January and February, a group from both churches met to discuss and think about the Bible, considering questions such as: what is the Bible for? Is it useful for Christians? How can we read it as part of our daily life? We had plenty of interesting discussions, and came away enthused and challenged to read the Bible more often. If you missed the course, but would like to know more about reading the Bible, contact our clergy, or go to <http://www.pilgrimcourse.org/>

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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LENT, HOLY WEEK

AND EASTER

SERVICES 2018



Mondays in Lent

7.45pm Stations of the cross Christ Church

Fridays in Lent

12.30pm CTiT Lent lunches Timp Methodist

Sundays in Lent

6.30pm CTiT evening service - Reflections on Les Misérables Holy Cross

Sunday 25th March Palm Sunday

8.00am Communion Christ Church

10.45am Communion Christ Church & Holy Cross

6.30pm Compline with reading of the Passion Christ Church

Wednesday 28th March

7.30pm Tenebrae - A reflective, candlelit service journeying towards Good Friday and Easter Sunday Christ Church

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Communion & foot washing Holy Cross

Good Friday

9.00am CTiT Walk of witness Woodlands URC

2.00pm Meditations at the Cross Christ Church

Easter Saturday

8.00pm Easter Vigil and Communion Christ Church

Easter Sunday

8.00am Communion Christ Church

10.45am All Age Communion Christ Church & Holy Cross

6.30pm Compline Christ Church

~~~DATE FOR THE DIARY~~~

Sat 24th March 11am-1.30pm Parish Hall
Easter craft and coffee—get your Easter cards and gifts, make crafts for the kids and enjoy homemade refreshments

