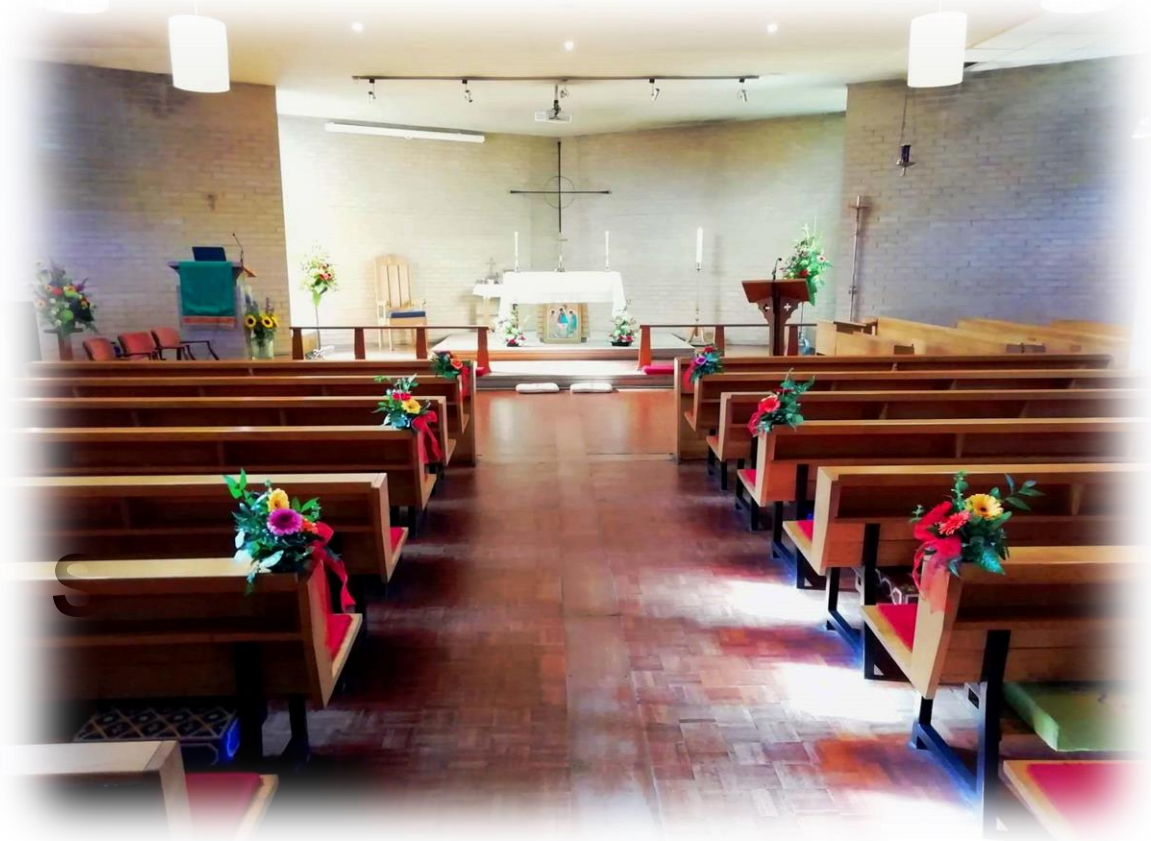


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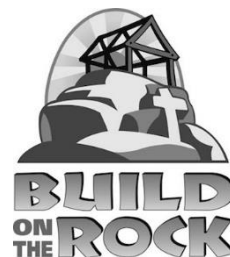
We have held two marriage thanksgivings recently, for couples who have this year been able to celebrate with more family and friends



We have held a baptism service nearly every week since the end of July, as we are clearing something of a backlog!



‘I will build my Church’



Welcome to our first edition of the church magazine since February / March 2020. It has been a while.

My basic message is – ‘we are still here.’ Church life has been quiet, and our numbers are still a lot lower than they were before the pandemic. We either decide to get things moving again, or we allow St Christopher’s to fizzle out. I am sure you will agree that we would not wish to see the latter.

So our program of autumn activities is looking quite full; with Harvest Festival, Harvest Supper, Remembrance Sunday, a confirmation service with the Bishop, and a Christmas Fair. The Church Fellowship group has restarted, Alpha continues on Tuesday evenings, and we have a new social group called ‘Tuesday Brews’ every other week on a Tuesday afternoon (see page 13). The church hall is also getting well-used by outside groups.

A spot of mild anxiety remains in the background, with the possibility of illness through covid not having completely gone away, along with the possibility that the winter months could see the reintroduction of some restrictions if there is a surge in cases. But what we have now is probably as good as it is going to get, with the vaccine having significantly reduced the impact of the virus (praise God).

I am reminded of the words spoken by Jesus to the apostle Peter:

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it (Matthew 16:18).

It is going to take more than a pandemic to defeat God’s church, especially if we take a global perspective. The Good News of the Gospel is still changing lives, and the church continues to be built up around the world as God works through ordinary people. Let us take courage from this.

Peter

Times of Regular Worship

Sundays in the month

1 st Sunday	9.30 am	Family Communion service with Junior Church
2 nd Sunday	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Junior church
3 rd Sunday	9.30 am	Family Communion service with Junior Church
4 th Sunday	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Junior Church
5 th Sunday	9.30am	Family Communion service with Junior Church

Thursdays

10.30 am Midweek Holy Communion Service

Festivals and Special Services

All Age Harvest Festival - Sunday 10th October 9.30am

Flowers in Church

Would you like to sponsor flowers for the church to commemorate a family occasion, an anniversary, a birthday, or as a remembrance of a loved one? You could have a flower arrangement in church on the nearest Sunday to the appropriate date (but check the list on the notice board). The cost of this is dependent on the type of flowers requested. If you would like to participate in this sponsorship please have a word with Mary Clarke (729690).



Midweek Activities

Mondays

7.30 – 9.00 pm Guides (term-time)

All Contact for Rainbows, Brownies and Guides at - Girlguiding.org.uk and register your daughter.

Tuesdays

1.30 – 3.30 Tuesday Brews 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month

6.00 – 7.30 pm Cubs (term-time)

7.30 – 9.00 pm Scouts (term-time)

Contact for Cubs and Scouts is via their Facebook page



Facebook:
2nd Lea Scouts'

Wednesdays

7.30 – 9.00 pm Fellowship Group – 2nd Wednesday in month
contact Suzanne Wharton 492951

6.30 – 9.30pm Women's Institute – 3rd Wednesday of the month
contact Val Owen 736396

Thursdays

6.00 – 7.30 pm Slimming World *Gaynor Balshaw 07437 777588*

Fridays

9.00 – 10.30 am Slimming World *Gaynor Balshaw 07437 777588*

4.30 – 5.30 pm Rainbows (term-time)

6.30 – 8.00 pm Brownies (term-time)

Saturdays

9.00 – 10.30 am Slimming World *Gaynor Balshaw 07437 777588*

Booking on website AxPerience Axe Throwing
Terry Watters 07929 538804 (axperience.co.uk)

CHURCH WEBSITE:

www.stchristopherslea.org



FACEBOOK:

“St Christopher's Lea”

Harvest Festival Service



Our harvest service is being held on Sunday 10th October, 9.30am.

Please consider bringing non-perishable foods in support of the Luv Preston Food Bank.



We will also be taking up a collection for the 2021 Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

This year our churches and schools will be raising money in support of the Mosamaria Trust. Mosamaria is a charity which works with those most in need in our link diocese of The Free State, specifically supporting those who are impacted by the AIDS epidemic either directly or indirectly.



This year's appeal will focus on two specific aspects of their work, their Orphans and Vulnerable Children Programme (OVC) and their Adherence Programme.

The OVC Programme looks after children who have been orphaned by the various illnesses

associated with AIDS. Often these children are looked after by their grandparents and live in the townships on the outskirts of cities like

Bloemfontein. Mosamaria holds after school clubs which provide food and education for these children. They teach through games and songs and help with homework. They also run a sports programme which is designed to develop their leadership and teamwork skills



and gives opportunity to discuss things as simple as good hygiene.

The Adherence Programme is mostly aimed at adults who must take their antiretroviral medicines. This sounds simple enough but often the state clinics are run during the day and people must choose between working and receiving their medicines. For families on the breadline this is often a very difficult choice. The adherence programme encourages people to attend the clinics and is able to support families and individuals by allowing people to come to their own clinics before or after work. This means people do not have to make that choice between being fed and staying well, and has a huge, long-term impact on the wellbeing of these families.

We hope you will consider showing generous support for the Harvest Appeal.



HARVEST SUPPER

Wednesday 13th October
7.00 pm to 9.00 pm
at St Christopher's.

Hot pot, and yummy dessert.
**QUIZ, BINGO, RAFFLE,
AND FUN.**

Adults £7.00
Children £3.00
Family ticket £15
(2 adults +2 children)

**Numbers will be capped at 48
people. First come, first served.*

Please get in touch with Debbie Williams for tickets
(see contact list at back of magazine).

Church Fellowship Group

The group met in September for the first time in 18 months. Everybody enjoyed meeting with friends and catching up. At the meeting the group discussed the meeting time and decided on the following:

November – April Meeting time 2.30pm -4.00pm (DAY TIME)

May – October Meeting Time 7.30pm – 9.00pm (EVENING)

All meetings will take place in the church hall.

Our talk was entitled 'Tales from the Preston Tourist Information office' and was highly entertaining and enjoyed by all. We finished the evening with tea and biscuits.

Looking Forward....

October 13th – 7.00 pm Church Harvest Supper (*Church Social Group*) **Please note earlier start**

November 10th – 2.30pm – Tales of a Sewer Rat

December 8th – 2.30 pm Christmas Jacob's Join with a surprise!

An excellent programme lined up - Come and join us!



Church Calendar

October

Sunday 3rd October - 18th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Family Communion Service (Prayer Course wk 4) with Junior church

Tuesday 5th October

7.00pm Alpha Course at Lea Club – Week 3 ‘Why did Jesus die?’

Thursday 7th October

10.30 am Midweek Holy Communion Service

Sunday 10th October– Harvest Festival 19th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am All-Age Family Service

Tuesday 12th October

1.30 pm Tuesday Brews – to 3.30 pm

700 pm Alpha Course at Lea Club – Week 4 ‘How can we have faith?’

Wednesday 13th October

7.00 – 9.00pm Harvest Supper

Thursday 14th October

10.30 am Midweek Holy Communion Service

Sunday 17th October – 20th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am Family Communion Service (Prayer Course wk 5) with Junior Church

Tuesday 19th October

7.00 pm Alpha Course at the Lea Club – Week 5 ‘Why and how do I pray?’

Wednesday 20th October

6.30 pm – Women’s Institute

Thursday 21st October

10.30 am Midweek Holy Communion Service

Sunday 24th October – 21st Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Service of the Word (Prayer Course wk 6) with Junior Church

Tuesday 26th October

1.30pm - Tuesday Brews to 3.30pm

*No Alpha this week (half term break)

Thursday 28th October

10.30 am Midweek Holy Communion Service

Sunday 31st October – All Saints and All Soul's Day

9.30 am Family Communion Service (Prayer Course wk 7) with Junior Church

November

Tuesday 2nd November

7.00pm Alpha Course – Wk 6 'Why and how should I read the bible?'

Thursday 4th November

10.30am Midweek Holy Communion Service

Sunday 7th November – 3rd Sunday before Advent

9.30 am Family Communion Service (Prayer Course wk8) with Junior Church

Tuesday 9th November

1.30pm – Tuesday Brews – until 3.30pm

7.00pm Alpha Course at Lea Club – Week 7 'How does God guide us?'

Wednesday 10th November

2.30pm – 4.00pm Fellowship – 'Tails of a Sewer Rat'+

Thursday 11th November

10.30 am Midweek Holy Communion Service

Saturday 13th November

Alpha Away Day. More details to follow.

Sunday 14th November – Remembrance Sunday

9.30 am All -Age Family Service

Tuesday 16th November

7.00pm Alpha Course at the Lea Club – Week 8 'How can I resist evil?'

Wednesday 17th November

6.30pm – Women's Institute

Thursday 18th November

11.00am Margaret Clarkson's Thanksgiving Service
(replaces midweek communion service)

Sunday 21st November – Christ the King

9.30 am Family Communion Service with Junior Church

Tuesday 23rd November

1.30pm – Tuesday Brews – until 3.30pm

7.00pm Alpha course – Week 9 ‘Why and how should I tell others?’

Wednesday 24th November

7.30pm – Parochial Church Council Meeting

Thursday 25th November

10.30 am Midweek Holy Communion Service

Saturday 27th November

Christmas Fair – details TBC.

Sunday 28th November – 1st Sunday of Advent

9.30 am Service of the Word with Junior Church

4.30pm Confirmation Service with Bishop Jill Duff

6.00pm Confirmation Service with Bishop Jill Duff

Tuesday 30th November

7.00pm Alpha Course at Lea Club - Week 10 ‘Does God heal today?’

Church Social Group

At last, we can have some social events where we can meet up, once again.

There are a couple of events planned for the current year.

Wednesday 13 th October	Harvest Supper	7.00 pm
Saturday 27 th November	Christmas Fair	TBC

WHAT'S ON AT EMMANUEL – Events coming up in 2021

Saturday 9 th October	6.00 pm	Seaside Special
Saturday 13 th November	11.00 am	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 10 th December	7.45 pm	Band Concert

Everyone is welcome to join with our friends from Emmanuel church at the above event, to be held at the Plungington Community Centre.

Margaret Clarkson's Thanksgiving Service



Due to the pandemic, we were not able to mark the passing of Margaret Clarkson last year as we would have wished to.

In recognition of this, we will be holding a thanksgiving service in memory of Margaret on Thursday 18th November at 11.00am. This

will be exactly a year to the day since she died. Margaret was a big part of our church's life for many years, and we look forward to remembering her with fondness, and to thanking God for her life. The service will be followed by a buffet and social time in the hall.

LUV PRESTON FOOD BANK



Debra Foster continues to take on the role of transporting food to the Food Bank and assisting them on a Friday. Thank you to Debra for continuing with this role.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE FOOD BANK

Baptisms



Christian Baptism 'We Welcome You'

Sunday 25th July – Georgina Louise WHITTLE

Parents: Louise and Leighton, Summertrees Avenue, Lea

Sunday 1st August – Brody Mac UNWIN

Parents: Katy and Richard, Latchford Road, Cottam

Sunday 15th August – Lewie David Harold CLOUGH-SMYTH

Parents: Alana and Stuart, Norcross Avenue, Lea

Sunday 29th August – Lily May PEACOCK

Parents: Gemma and John, Tag Lane, Ingol

Sunday 29th August – Harper Grace DUMBELL

Parents: Chris and Kimberley, Savick Avenue, Lea

Sunday 5th September – Grace Elizabeth POWIS

Parents: Rebecca and James, Murdock Avenue, Ashton

Sunday 26th September – Alfie Jack LISHMAN

Parents: Kelly and Christopher, Beaminster Avenue, Cottam

What's in this Magazine?

Following the magazine questionnaire that was undertaken in July we anticipate some changes to this magazine. However, a new magazine team has not yet been formed, so in the meantime Peter and Hilary have produced this edition in order to communicate some information.

TUESDAY BREWS

AT ST CHRISTOPHERS
COMMUNITY HALL ON

THE 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH. COMMENCING

14TH SEPTEMBER 1-3pm

COME IN AND JOIN US FOR
BREWS, BISCUITS & CHAT

EVERYONE WELCOME



ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Saturday 27th
November**

More details to follow



Confirmation Service

Sunday 28th November 4.30pm & 6.00pm



We have booked Bishop Jill Duff for two confirmation services on November 28th as we anticipate a lot of candidates this time round.

Confirmation is for young people and adults who have been baptized as children and now wish to recognise their

own faith. It is also traditionally viewed as a step taken before receiving Holy Communion.

Preparation sessions for the young people will be held on Tuesdays after school – 2nd Nov, 9th Nov, 16th Nov, and 23rd Nov. Games and refreshments on arrival, with each session running from 4.00 – 5.00pm, then pizza at 5.00pm with collection at 5.30pm.

If you or someone you know are interested in being confirmed in November then please contact the vicar.

All  Service

Sunday 31st October 6.30pm in the Plungington Community Centre.



Emmanuel will be hosting an All Souls service on Sunday 31st October, to which all are welcome.

Anyone

can attend this special service for remembering loved ones who are no longer with us, and giving thanks for them.

Within the service we read out the names of those whom we wish to remember, candles are lit, and prayers are said. If you plan to attend and you would like any names included on the list of the faithful departed, please let Peter know and he will get the names added.

Remembrance Sunday 14th November



Our Remembrance Sunday service on 14th November will include an Act of Remembrance with a two minute silence. The service will start at 9.30am as usual, which will mean that our silence does not land at 11.00am (but it will be no less meaningful).

Toy Collection - Sunday 5th December

We will be supporting the Salvation Army Christmas toy appeal again this



year, on Sunday 5th December.

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Families being able to celebrate together again has brought much joy



Meal time at Alpha

