Welcome to St Mary Magdalene Clitheroe Parish Church

Notices for 22nd November 2026

Christus Rex

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 22nd November

8.00 am Holy Communion - Rev Paul Sherwood
9.30 am Sung Eucharist – Rev Paul Sherwood

Monday 23rd November – Office Closed

9.00 am Morning Prayer
9.15 am St Mary's Playgroup – SMC Lower Hall
7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday 24th November

9.00 am Morning Prayer
2.15 pm Ladies Group – Mutual Room, SMC
7.30 pm Choir Practice – Choir Vestry

Wednesday 25th November

9.00 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Mid Week Communion
4.30 pm Choir Vestry in Use until 7.30 pm

Thursday 26th November

9.00 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th November

8.00 am Holy Communion - Rev Paul Sherwood
9.30 am Sung Eucharist - Rev Paul Sherwood

PLEASE PRAY FOR: *those who are ill*:
Tom Price, Dala Brown, Lily Ferris, Neil Wallace, Christopher Eccles, Muriel Ashcroft, Catherine Bailey, Keith Jackson, Simone



Praying Together for our Mission & Ministry to Clitheroe - join us in the Alleys Chapel after this morning's service as we pray together for ten minutes. Bring your coffee with you! Do read the prayers from earlier weeks which you will find on the board in the chapel.

Prayer composed by those praying after the morning service for the Ministry and Mission of our church

Heavenly Father, we pray that you will guide our Parish Safeguarding Officer and all who support him in his work. Help each one of us to be sensitive to the needs of others so that everyone who comes into contact with us is accepted and safe in our Church family.
As Christmas preparations are underway, grant that we may do all we can to share the knowledge of your great love for us in sending us Jesus, our Saviour and Friend.
May we see Christmas not as an end, but as a beginning. Help us to look outward especially to young people and to pursue plans for the Manga Café so that we can build on past successes. **In Jesus' Name, Amen**

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 24th November – **Ladies Group** - "Getting your Garden ready for the Winter" – John Foley, Holden Clough – 2.15pm, St Mary's Centre, Mutual Room

Friday 4th December – **Coffee Morning** – 10.30am – 12.30pm – SMC Mutual Room – see poster for info

Sunday 6th December – **Ladies Group Christmas Fayre** – after **both** morning services - more details coming soon!

Monday 14th December - **Ladies Group AGM** 11.00am, at the Calf's Head followed by the **Christmas Meal – arrive by 10.45am**

Live Streaming of Services – please note, our 9.30am service is being live streamed, recorded for our online congregation and is then available on YouTube via our website. The filming area covers the first 8 rows of pews directly either side of the central aisle and the chancel area. By entering this seating area, you consent to being filmed. Please sit anywhere outside these areas if you do not wish to be filmed. During the giving of communion all filming is stopped. Thank you.

Safeguarding - our **Parish Safeguarding Officer** is Luke Lowry, **contact via the Church Office.** If no reply, please leave your contact details and we will get back to you. If your safeguarding need is more urgent then please try the diocesan contacts below or follow the link to safeguarding support on our church website – www.stmarysclitheroe.co.uk.
Our diocesan safeguarding contacts: Telephone: 01254 503088
Email: safeguarding@blackburn.anglican.org; Email: safeguarding.training@blackburn.anglican.org

CHURCH OFFICE: 9.30am to 3.30pm, Mondays & Thursdays Email: admin@stmaryclitheroe.com Tel: 01200 422828
Fr Paul - 07534796838, vicarofclitheroe@yahoo.com

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Please sign up to sponsor Fr. Paul as he attempts to grow a moustache during the month of November. All money raised will go to the **Movember** charity that supports men's health through prevention – focused work across mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer. Sponsor Form at the back of church.



Posada 2026 – Mary and Joseph are in search of accommodation on their Advent journey to the crib. If you would like to host the figures for a night, please sign the sheet on the table at the back of church.





Remember Going Carol Singing? As the Town Crib is being dedicated on a different day to Clitheroe's Late-Night Shopping Evening this year, we thought we might try to put the Christ back into Christmas a little by carol-singing in town at the latter event on **Thursday 3rd December**. We'd love anyone who's free to come and meet up at Church at **5pm** and then go down to the library and start there. It will be about as polished as the performances we used to have when carollers came to the door and you listened standing in the hall, so every voice will be welcome. Please wear something **red (scarf, hat, gloves?**) to give us a group feel and be ready to stand and/or walk for about an hour. We have carol sheets, but you'll need to bring your own torch. We'll have flyers for Christmas events to hand out too. We won't be asking for money. *Linda Ainsworth/PCC*

Wrap Up East Lancashire – thank you to everyone who donated – 2159 coats and jackets were collected by Rotary Clubs across Lancashire and distributed via various agencies, including The Salvation Army. You helped fill the donation box in church twice!

For the **Ladies Group Christmas Fair**, donations of cake and/or chocolates and bottles for the Tombola are requested. Please sign the forms at the back of church.



Thank you in advance!

Ribble Valley Food Bank would be very grateful for items for the Christmas parcels and thank you for supporting those in need this Christmas.

Please pick up a list from the back of church - items will be collected after the 9.30am service on Sunday 29 November.

Ribble Valley Foodbank
Together with Trussell

If you would like to receive the weekly notices and readings by email each week, please email admin@stmaryclitheroe.com and ask to be added to the list.

Clitheroe Christians in Partnership November Prayer Theme – is Charis Ministries Africa led by Mel Welch and Mandy Hunter. They have been working alongside Mozambican Christians since 2007 and Ethiopian partners since 2020. On 21st November they are holding a Charis Africa Evening at St James' Church at 6.30PM. Scroll down the Church's home page to click the Clitheroe Christians in Partnership logo or visit https://www.loveclitheroe.com/prayer

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