



Christ Church & St Saviour's Chadderton

Church Family News: 3rd – 10th November 2024

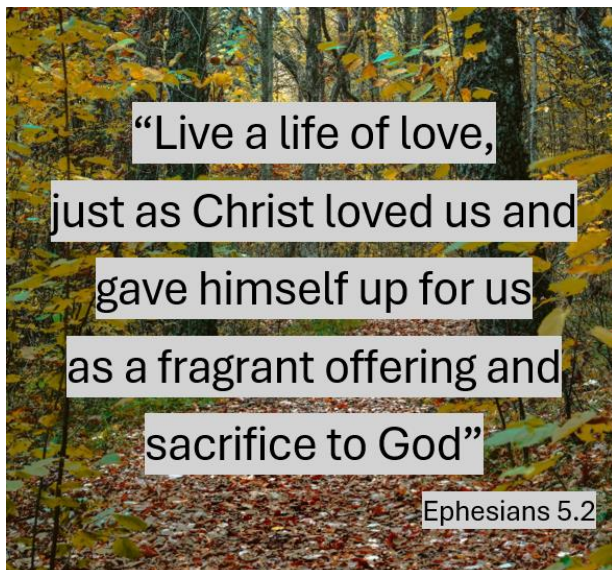
“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God –not by works, so that no-one can boast.”

Ephesians 2: v 8-9

I'm really enjoying our current sermon series in Ephesians and I'm sure you are too. The verse above is one which most of us will be familiar with, not least because it is beautifully written on the archway leading to the chancel at Christ Church. This verse is so central to the gospel and its truths are what sets Christianity apart from any other World religion. It is only by God's grace in sending Jesus to take the punishment that we deserve for ignoring His loving rule in our lives that we can be saved. We cannot work harder to try and please God in the hope that we can earn our way to heaven by being 'good'.

However, we can be so quick to forget these foundational truths and we can easily find ourselves thinking and living in such a way that suggests we are trusting in ourselves and our own efforts to try to gain God's approval and acceptance. Sometimes, this can be in very subtle ways e.g. we might feel by coming to church or reading our Bibles that these have earned us more favour in our standing with God. These are very good things to do as Christians and will certainly help us to know, follow and obey God better but in and of themselves they don't make us more acceptable to Him or save us.

One way to continually remind ourselves of the truths in Ephesians 2: v 8-9 is to learn them off by heart and bring them to mind often. Can I set you a challenge this coming week to see if you can learn these verses and say them each day to remind yourself that it is only by God's grace we are saved?



Lindsey Norman

This week:

Sunday 3 rd	9.30am	Morning worship at St Saviour's
	11am	Morning worship at Christ Church
Wednesday 6 th	2pm	Cake & Chat at Christ Church
Saturday 9 th	9.30am	SOUND at Holy Trinity Platt (<i>meet at Christ Church</i>)
	10am	Northern Women's Convention at King's Church (M1 7HB)
Sunday 10 th	9.30am	All Age Service at St Saviour's
<i>Remembrance</i>	11am	All Age Service and Parade at Christ Church
<i>Sunday</i>	4pm	Youth Bible Study at Christ Church
	6.30pm	Prayer Gathering at St Mary's

Weekly Prayer Gatherings

We will be taking a break today due to the schools' half term holidays . Back as normal next week at St Mary's.

Wednesday and Thursday Evening Bible Study Groups

Back this Wednesday and Thursday night...our Bible study groups are a great opportunity to grow in our faith and get to know one another better. Why not come along and give it a try? We have a range of daytime and evening groups available, and everyone is welcome, even if you have never studied the Bible before! Details of venues and times are below (*in Regular weekly event(s)*).

Youth Bible Study

Our Youth Bible Study will meet next week, 10th November, at 4pm at Christ Church. A chance to meet to learn more about what the Bible actually says, with people your own age. Anyone aged between 14 and 18 who would like to come along is most welcome. Parents, please contact Ben Wilkinson (see back page for contact details) to register young people or for more information.

Operation Christmas Child (Shoebboxes)



Thank you for all your donations so far. We are on target to send at least 80 boxes. As these will cost £5 per box to send, we are still asking for cash donations. Please pass on any of your donations to Karen, Val or Elizabeth or by bank transfer (details on the church family news) using the reference 'Shoe boxes'.

Memorial Service

We will be holding our annual memorial service for those who have died, on Sunday 17th November 2024, 3pm at Christ Church. This is designed to be a quiet, reflective service for all who grieve or are facing loss. If you know of someone who might appreciate this, why not invite them to join you at the service.

Church Flowers

Unfortunately, our flower funds are now depleted. If you would like to make a donation towards this area of church life, please see Gail (at Christ Church), put your donation in an envelope marked 'flowers' and place in the collection box at church or pay direct to the bank with the reference 'flowers' (with CC or SS to indicate which church - *bank details on the back page*)

Readings: Today: Ephesians 4.17-32 Next Week: Romans 5.1-11

Please read ahead

Confirmation Service on 25th May 2025 at St Mary's in Rochdale

Bishop Rob Munro is coming to lead a confirmation service at our sister church, St Mary's Balderstone in Rochdale, in the evening on Sunday 25th May. If you are interested in being confirmed, please speak to Ben or James.

Parish Website

During the last few weeks we have been developing a new website. This website is now live. The website address (URL) is unchanged. If you spot any errors, please let us know.

Safeguarding

We want our churches to be a safe and welcoming environment where everyone is respected and valued. If you see or hear something that doesn't feel right, please don't ignore it. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please contact either our vicar or our Safeguarding Officers, Anne Elliott or Sue Smithies (*contact details on the back page*). If you would prefer to speak to someone outside the church, you can contact the Manchester Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser; Abbey Clephane-Wilson on 0161 828 1451 or email: AbbeyClephane-Wilson@manchester.anglican.org

Regular Mid-Week events:

Monday	9.45am	Noah's Ark Toddler's Group at St Saviour's
	10am	English Language Class at Christ Church
	1pm	King's Kitchen at Christ Church
	1.30pm	Small group Bible study at St Saviour's
Tuesday	10am	Small group Bible study at St Saviour's
Wednesday	6pm	Rainbows at St Saviour's
	6.30pm	Brownies at St Saviour's
	7pm	Guides and Rangers at St Saviour's
	7.20pm	Bible Study at Christ Church
	7.20pm	Bible Study on zoom
Thursday	10.30am	Small group Bible study at Norma Howe's
	2pm	Small group Bible study at Margaret Clow's
	7.20pm	Bible Study at Tim & Lindsey Norman's

How to give to God's work in your church

To give regularly to your church you can do so:

- By Standing Order to Account name: Christ Church Chadderton
Account number: 22384340 Sort Code: 05 06 46
Please pick up a Standing Order Instruction (back of church) or create one online
- Through Stewardship – Find our giving page online at:
<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20090018>
- By giving weekly through our Planned Giving Envelope Scheme (see Margaret Parrett at Christ Church or Richard McPhail at St Saviour's)
- Weekly offering box

And, of course, if you are a UK taxpayer please complete a Gift Aid declaration form enabling the church to reclaim 25p of tax for every £1 given. Forms available from the back of church. For more information, please see Eric Mee at Christ Church or Richard McPhail at St Saviour's.

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