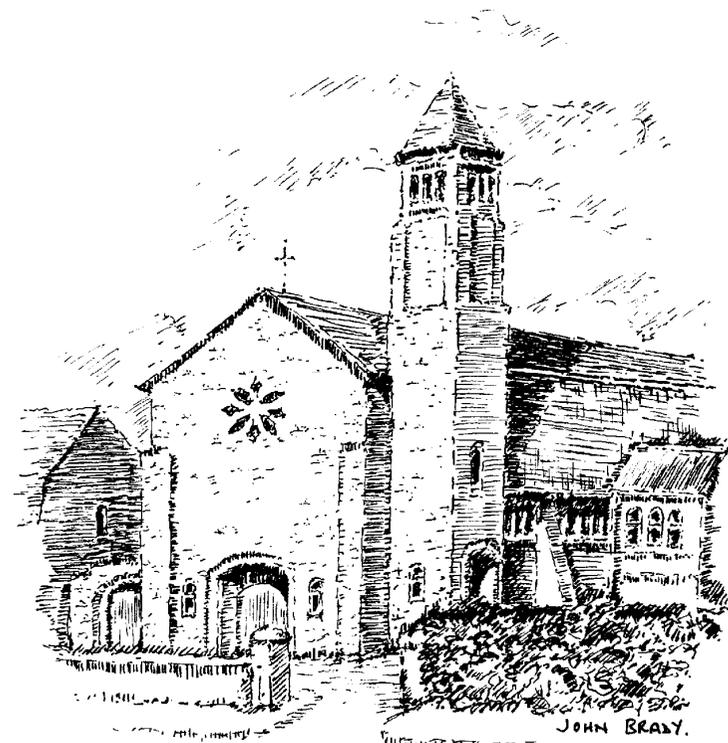


REGULAR CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Morning Prayer is prayed at 9.50am before weekday Mass or service of the Word and Communion at 10am

SUNDAY	1 st Sunday of the month Coffee/Tea & cakes in the Hall after 9am Mass	1 st Sunday of the Month Wellspring collection
MONDAY	Rosary 9.30am	Divine Mercy Group 2pm in the Meeting Room. Choir practice 7.45pm in the hall
TUESDAY	Rosary 9.30am	Baptisms/Marriages arrangements 7.30 - 8.30pm in the Church Office
WEDNESDAY	Rosary 9.30am	
THURSDAY	Rosary 9.30am	Serra meetings 1 st & 3 rd Thursdays in the Hall 7.30pm
		Ladies Club: 2 nd & 4 th Thursdays in the Hall starting at 8pm April to July, 2pm Sept to March
FRIDAY	Rosary 9.30am	
SATURDAY	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 11.30 – 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 6 – 6.20pm

Christ Church Heald Green



Parish Directory 2017 Edition

We hope this directory is a useful summary of our church and its activities. We aim to keep it up to date.

For corrections or additions, please contact the Church Office (0161 437 5042) or Collette McAndry (0161 437 7968)

Mission Statement

Christ Church is the local Catholic community, which celebrates Christ's presence by its active responsibility and concern for the growth of the whole person in the Spirit.

Second Patron

Our Second Patron is Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, on whose feast day, December 8th in 1962 the Parish celebrated its First Mass in the Church.

As part of the Shrewsbury Diocese the Parish supports the Shrewsbury Diocese 'Covenant with the Poor' and has agreed its own 'Covenant with the Poor'.

Welcome

Welcome to all new Parishioners. We hope that you will find opportunities to become fully involved in our Parish. Please complete a registration form (available in the porch or on our website) to help us get to know you.

Parish Priest

Father Paul Lomas

0161 437 5042

christchurchhg@yahoo.co.uk

Christ Church Presbytery, Finney Lane,

Heald Green, Cheadle SK8 3DY



Church Hall

The Church Hall is used on a regular basis by many groups, and can be booked by contacting Father Paul on 0161 437 5042 or by email (christchurchhg@yahoo.co.uk). Hall Manager: Mark Connolly 0161 498 8976

Parish Social Life

During the course of the year Father Paul aims to have events such as Quizzes, Strawberry Teas, etc. to extend the social atmosphere in the parish. Each year a party is held for our senior church members, with great food and entertainment, it is a very popular event, especially for those who don't get out of their house often.

Ladies Club

We meet in the Church Hall on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, at 8pm during April to July and 2pm-4pm from September to March. Our meetings vary in style and flavour, including speakers, demonstrations, and outings. All ladies welcome. Contact: Collette McAndry on 0161 437 7968

Gift Aid and Planned Giving

You can support the church financially by setting up a Standing Order or using our offertory envelopes. If you pay tax, the church can claim this back to increase the value of your donations. Just fill in a Gift Aid form and we do the rest. Contact: Church Office 0161 437 5042 or Jane Handley on 07925340252.

Parish Draw

Application forms for membership are available each year in September and October. The first monthly draw takes place in November each year at the Parish Meeting. Half the money raised is given to a previously agreed charity. The other half is prize money.

Organisations involving or supported by Christ Church

Local Pastoral Area [LPA]

The team consists of the priest and lay representatives from the three parishes in Cheadle - St Chad's, St Ann's & Christ Church working together. Contact: Joan Bleackley 0161 437 4435.

Churches Together www.healdgreenchurches.org.uk

The churches in Heald Green work together to provide opportunities for witness to Christ through spiritual and social occasions. Contact: Denise Hardman 0161 437 3316.

Justice and Peace

This group is part of the local Churches Together. It aims to engage with the world's poverty, the world's oppression, the world's injustice. Why not join our ecumenical group? We seek to inform ourselves and keep up to date and to promote wide awareness of the issues. Contact: Ann Taylor 0161 428 2683

St Ann's Hospice www.sah.org.uk

Eucharistic Ministers take Holy Communion every day to any Catholic patients who have indicated they would like to receive Holy Communion. We pray for patients, volunteers, and staff every day. Father Paul is the Voluntary Catholic Chaplain for the Hospice. Throughout the year, we have Memorial Services for family members to come along and remember loved ones who were cared for in the Hospice.

Wellspring www.thewellspring.co.uk (Resource Centre for homeless & disadvantaged people – based in Stockport)

On the first Sunday of each month there is a collection of dried or tinned foods for the Wellspring Kitchen. Please leave your donations in the cupboard at the back of the Church. A check list is on the Notice Board in the porch indicating preferred items.

Volunteers always needed to help at the Centre.

Contact: Moira Murray via the Church office.

Mass Times

Saturday	6.30pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	9am and 11am (Children's Liturgy)
Tuesday - Friday	10am
Holy Days of Obligation	7.30pm (Vigil Mass) and 10am

Service of the Word and Communion

Monday	10am in Church
Morning Prayer	9.50am Weekdays

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday	11.30am -12md and 6 - 6.20pm
During the week	by appointment

Exposition

There is an opportunity to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays, after the morning Mass and Rosary, until 11am. Everyone is welcome.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Monday	2pm in the Meeting Room
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Rosary Group

This group prays the Rosary in the Church each week day at 9.30am before morning prayers. All welcome.

Bereavement Support

Please contact Father Paul if you are in need of support, practical or otherwise

Information & Administration

Baptisms & Marriages Arrangements

Forms for baptism are available on the website or in the porch. Come on a Tuesday between 7.30pm - 8.30pm to discuss arranging a baptism or marriage with Andrea Lomas.

Church Office – 0161 437 5042

The church office is located off the porch at the back of church. It is open each week day morning from 9.30 to 11.30am and is staffed by volunteers. When closed, a message can be left on the answerphone. Further information on many of the topics in this directory can be obtained via the office, or if we don't know the answer, we will find someone who does!

Parish Monthly Meetings

These are open to any member of the parish who wants to come along and discuss all aspects of our parish life. Decisions are made as to the everyday running of the parish, both liturgically and socially. Financial matters are also discussed.

Usually on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Meeting Room.

Look out for meetings dates in the Newsletter....Why not come along?

Parish Website www.christchurchhg.co.uk

The weekly newsletter, forms and other information can be found on our website, along with links to other catholic websites. You can also access the link to see live video of Mass/services for times when you are unable to attend church.

Porch Notice Boards & Newspapers

Further information on many activities and organisations are displayed in the porch on various noticeboards. A selection of Catholic newspapers and publications are displayed, some free and some for sale. Contact: Denise Hardman 0161 437 3316.

Organisations receiving prayer & financial support

Missio (Association for the Propagation of the Faith) www.missio.org.uk

The Missionary work supported by Missio (formerly APF) is by the "Red Box" contributions. If you would like a collecting box for your home, please contact Angela Dennehy on 0161 428 8190.

Caritas (formerly Catholic Children's Society) www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk

Collecting boxes for your home, are also used for contributions to the work of Caritas, Diocese of Shrewsbury. Contact: Eileen Stephens 0161 439 0345

Serra

We are a group of men and women who meet to develop our own spiritual lives; to work together to foster vocations to the priesthood and the religious life; and for friendship. We meet in the Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month, from 7.30 to 10pm. We celebrate Mass, share a simple buffet, and then listen to a talk. New members are always welcome.

Contact: Gerard & Elizabeth Humphries 0161 428 2335

Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child

Christ Church is a branch of SPUC and so helps to raise funds for the main society and to support the work and ideals of SPUC through prayer. Contact: Father Paul 0161 437 5042.

Life

This society exists to offer real alternatives to those who are considering abortion. Contact: Father Paul 0161 437 5042

Third World

The Parish is registered as a Fairtrade parish with the Fairtrade foundation & with CAFOD. We also support the work of CAFOD and Concern Universal through prayer, collections, and fund-raising activities. Contact: Church Office 0161 437 5042

Cleaning & Maintenance

The church, hall and grounds are cleaned and maintained mainly by volunteers. New people are always needed.

If you are willing to help with church cleaning please contact Pat Whitehead 0161 428 3991. Usual time: Monday from 10:30am.

Laundry of church linen and Church Hall cleaning are on a rota basis, with times to suit individuals. Contact: Church Office

Ad Hoc cleaning & maintenance – see newsletter for details

Piety Stall

The Piety Stall at the back of Church is open after the Saturday Vigil Mass, Sunday Masses and after most weekday Masses. New stock, special items and books can be ordered on request. Catalogues are available from the stall-holders.

Contact: Pat Whitehead 0161 428 3991

Transport

Several of our parishioners bring someone to Church who would otherwise be unable to attend Mass. If you could spare some time, it would help to spread the load.

Contact: Angela Dennehy on 0161 428 8190.

Children & Young People

Schools

Cheadle Catholic Infants' School	0161 485 8733
Headmistress	Mrs. K. Lofthouse
Cheadle Catholic Junior School	0161 485 3754
Headmaster	Mr. K. Platt
St. James High School	0161 486 9211
Headmaster	Mr. T. Beesley
Aquinas College	0161 483 3237
Principal	Mr. D. Pearson

Children's Liturgy

The Infant Stage children celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in the Church Hall and the Junior Stage in the Meeting Room during the 11am Mass, both groups rejoining the service at the Preparation of the Gifts.

Contact: (Infant Stage) Christine Bodley 0161 428 4174

(Junior Stage) Maire Hutchins 0161 437 3979

First Sacraments

For those children preparing for their first sacraments of Forgiveness and First Holy Communion, a programme of events and meetings is organised for the children and their families. Contact: Father Paul.

For those children attending non-Catholic schools, please contact Father Paul 0161 437 5042 or Rachel Hughes 0161 437 5424

Confirmation

Each year, the young people in Year 9 of secondary education, or older, follow a programme of preparation for Confirmation. New helpers are always welcome.

Contact: Christine Bodley on 0161 428 4174.

Altar Servers

Any young person who has already made their first Holy Communion is welcome to serve.

Contact: Father Paul or Joan Bleackley 0161 437 4435

Rainbows

All girls aged between 5 and 7 years are welcome. We meet in the Church Hall on Thursday evenings from 6 to 7pm

Contact: Karen Brady 0161 437 2261
or Moya Pratt 0161 498 9235

Brownies

All girls aged between 7 and 10 are welcome. We meet in the Church Hall on Monday evenings from 6 to 7.30pm

Contact: Carolyn Kodsy 07986525327.

Getting Involved in Parish Life - *Volunteers are always welcome.*
Contact the team leader or Church office for more information.

Welcomers

Welcomers provide a friendly face to welcome everyone and help distribute Mass leaflets and the newsletter. We help on a rota basis at all the weekend masses.

Contact: Cath Cohen 0161 610 8621

Eucharistic Ministers

As well as assisting with the distribution of the Eucharist at Masses, we take Communion to any members of our community who are unable to attend Mass in the Church. This can be on a daily basis.

Contact: Father Paul 0161 437 5042

Readers

Readers assist at all Masses on a rota basis. New readers are always welcome.

Contact: Peter & Delia Lucas 0161 428 0597

Flower Arrangements

Flowers decorate the church to enhance our worship and for special occasions. Donations most welcome, please contact the office. Contact: Rita Fitzsimmons on 0161 437 8352

Choir

The choir has an important place in our worship. We have regular rehearsals (Monday evenings in the church hall) in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. New voices are needed. Previous experience is not necessary, just enthusiasm! We are waiting to welcome you.

Contact: Ann McKeigue 0161 282 7494 or speak to a choir member