

Next Week and Beyond



NEXT SUNDAY, 23rd April

9.45am Breakfast in the Lounge followed by
10.30 am **Breakfast Church** / Starblazers
& **Farewell to Karen & Leon Flack**

11.45 am Planning Meeting re Fun Day

6.00 pm Holy Communion

If you haven't yet signed the card for Karen & Leon or donated towards their gift, this is your last chance as next Sunday is sadly their official farewell service. Please see Paula Lucking re donations.

Mid-week Holy Communion:

Wednesdays at 10 am

(A friendly, relaxed style of service)



The flowers in the Chancel this week are given in memory of Richard Pearson.

The Councillors (Thorpe Ward) will hold their surgery during Cafe Hub this Friday (1 - 2 pm).

HARP's Spring Walk Sunday, 23 April at 2 pm

See HARP website for details & to book
(or discuss with Barbara).

Bishop Stephen's 'School for Disciples'

The Southend Deanery event is to be held at St Augustines's on Thursday, 27 April, from 7 pm (7.30 pm start). Open to everyone.

Looking ahead, dates for your diary:

Christ Church Summer Fun Day

Saturday, 10th June

Model Railway Exhibition & Fete

Saturday, 30th September

Book in your diary now!

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A very warm welcome
to Christ Church

Weekly Notices for week commencing
16th April 2017 (EASTER DAY)

Welcome

A very warm welcome, especially to anyone here today for the first time. We hope you enjoy being with us. Please join us in the lounge for tea or coffee following the service.

If you are new to Christ Church and would like further details, please speak to Simon, our Vicar, or one of those involved in leading the service, or one of our Church Wardens.

Today at Christ Church

• 10.30 am



Family Holy Communion
followed by Easter egg hunt
for the children
(refreshments available
before and afterwards)

• 3.30 pm



Easter Sunday Afternoon Tea
(No 6pm service today)

Young People:-

10.30 am:

• Starblazers & Youth
(3 yrs into teens -
meeting weekly)



in main service today

Today's Readings (10.30 am Service):

Acts 10: 34-43

John 20: 1-18

Prayer Ministry is available following services. Please ask the service leader for someone to pray with you.

Prayer Requests may be entered in the book at the back of the Church. A candle on the votive stand may be lit as a symbol of ongoing prayer.

Home Groups meet regularly to explore the Bible and enjoy a time of fellowship together. If you would like to join a Home Group, please contact Simon (01702 582585).

Prayer Items



Our Parish:

We pray especially this week for all the residents in Clivedon Road. If you have the opportunity, walk this road or go online and use a satellite picture to 'see' the homes there as you pray.



"Charity of the month": SAT-7

Christ Church has been supporting **SAT-7** since 2010, sending a donation from our mission and charities fund each year. SAT-7 is a Christian TV network based in the Middle East for people living in the Middle East and North Africa (ME-NA). Television is the most used and trusted source of information in this region. Even in the many refugee camps, there is access to a TV and satellite dish, despite there being little else. Every programme SAT-7 broadcasts, whether it is a drama, a game show, a sitcom or a documentary, presents Christian values and points to Christ.

Unrest and war across the Middle East and North Africa have caused a crisis in childhood education. More than 21 million young people in the region are either out of school or at risk of dropping out. We give thanks for "My School", an educational programme launched by SAT-7 in 2015, aimed at four to seven year olds. We also give thanks for the new 24/7 educational channel "SAT-7 ACADEMY", scheduled to air this summer, with special programmes for children, parents and teachers. Pray that the educational programmes will bring refugees and displaced children hope for their future and provide their parents and teachers with vital support.

Let's pray that the channel's holistic approach will give viewers life-changing skills: that it will help develop positive values and attitudes and help shape a more tolerant, inclusive, creative and democratic society. Pray for all of SAT-7's educational presenters, including school teachers, academics, medical doctors, psychologists and counsellors who give their time while leading already demanding lives.

Our World

EGYPT – the Palm Sunday bombing of two Coptic Christian churches, north of Cairo, was a sad blow to the country, Copts and the interfaith initiatives of Anglican Archbishop Mouneer. 45 died; comfort their families, Lord. 129 were injured; Lord, please bring healing. Enemies come in many guises to confuse, frighten and destroy. We pray for protection over those who love you; for unity in Egypt's Christian community; for endurance in faith and purpose and wisdom for President Sisi to govern well.

Notices for this week

Easter Sunday Celebratory Tea

3.30-5.30 pm in Christ Church Lounge
Suggested donation £3 - leaflets in church

If you have not yet put your name down but would like to come, please speak to Pat or Barbara.

'RISEN'

The film 'Risen' will be shown in church following the Easter tea, ie at approx 5.30 pm.

If you missed the showing of this dramatic film at our last Film Night, here is another opportunity.

**STARTING AFTER EASTER
on Wednesday evenings
from 26th April at 7.30 pm
A new Alpha Course
(Supper included)**



Alpha offers a chance for people to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and informal way with discussions on different relevant issues.

Please speak to Simon for more information. Please book your place with Mary Ann or Joanne Buss for catering purposes.

Cafe Hub reopens this Wednesday 19 April.

The Cross

The Cross is the heart of the Christian message, a symbol of hope, truth and love to the world. Through the Cross, Jesus Christ reconciled us to God and we celebrate this fact again today. "Man of Sorrows what a name, for the Son of God who came, ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah, what a Saviour..." Lift High the Cross" and remember the work of Christ in your life and pray for those who do not know Him.

PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Long term: Belinda, Barbara Blackwell, Marie Bradley, Terry Cann, Peter Colledge, Rita Colledge, Rev. Graham Dear, Heather Reeve, Jakki, Michelle, Sue Ashton, Jo Moore (ME), Jill Seeley, Bishop John, Patricia Clark, Grace White, Eileen, Julie Hughes, Janina Lewandowska & Martin.

Current: Vicky Maynard, Marina (MS) very low; Stuart; also Sandra & Tim Evans (kidney transplant operations).

Bereaved: Pray for the Butterworths and Sandra Greenwood and her family.

