

This Week and Beyond

NEXT SUNDAY, 20th September

10.30 am Holy Communion

Mid-week Holy Communion:
Wednesdays at 10 am
(A friendly, relaxed style of service)

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Please use this space for your own notes, eg points from the sermon, or items you might wish to pray about personally.



**A very warm
Welcome
to Christ Church**

Weekly Notices for week commencing 13 September 2020

Welcome to our newsletter, even if we can't welcome you into the church. It is challenging to develop new ways of sharing in our worship of God, but we are now linking Zoom with the service in church so members can be present, even if remotely. We all hope that this will be a blessing and continue to hold us together as one family in Christ.

This week at Christ Church

Sunday, 13 September

• 10.30 am

Family Morning Worship
also accessible via Zoom

Readings:

Jonah & the whale (Jonah 1-3)
John 14:5-31

Wednesday, 16 September

• 10.00 am

Holy Communion (CW)

Friday, 18 September

• 10.15 am

Funeral of **Lois Thomas**

Please pre-book your place at any church service so that we can manage social distancing; face masks must be worn.

Our Vision Statement:

A Christ-centred people connecting creatively with all generations to share the Gospel and make 100 new disciples by our 100th anniversary in 2022

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Prayer Ministry - not currently available; however, our prayer WhatsApp is available to join (contact the office).

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 meeting regularly via Zoom to explore the Bible and fellowship together. If you would like to join a Home Group, please contact Simon (01702 582585).

Prayer Items



CHARITY OF THE MONTH:

Christ Church has supported HARP over many years by donations from our Mission & Charities Fund and by church members donating foods stuffs on a regular basis. HARP's mission is to reduce homelessness in Southend-on-Sea by providing emergency housing and long-term solutions that enable people to rebuild their lives and live independently in the community.



Pray for HARP:

- For the many volunteers working in the Day Centre and in other support roles that they may know their volunteer working is part of a team that is changing lives for the better.

Please also pray for:

Our Parish: We remember the residents of Park Lane (East) especially this week.

Our Country:

COVID19 restrictions continue to change and tighten regularly amid increasing infection rates probably due to ever increasing testing. **Pray** that a cure will be found that will enable life to return to normal. Meanwhile there are demands from industries to lessen restrictions.

Pray that an acceptable solution can be found.

As we approach Christmas it seems that traditional family gatherings may be affected.

Pray that we will be able to worship and gather at Christmas as near to normality as can be.

Pray that people will respect and adhere to restriction rules to avoid confrontations.

With the UK set to leave the EU in January, **pray** that a deal acceptable to both sides can be negotiated.

Our World:

There are so many tragic situations worldwide. In the USA, wildfires have taken hold in many states and ruined small towns and agriculture.

Pray that the fires can be contained and crops saved. The images of refugees in Lesbos, Greece fleeing their burning refugee camps with few possessions and nowhere to go have been distressing. **Pray** for the plight of refugees worldwide and that human attitudes to them can be more compassionate.

We are regularly reminded of the way human activity is ruining wild habitats leading to the near extinction of many species. Future famines are forecast because of human activity, greed for land and increases in population. **Pray** that these human activities can be contained and that more concern for the future of the planet we all share can be shown.

Among all these problems may the love and peace of the Lord be with us all.

Notices for this week

LOIS THOMAS

As most of you will know now, Lois Thomas' funeral will be held at Christ Church on Friday, 18 September at 10:15 am, Followed by a short committal at Southend Crematorium at 11.20 (family only).

Please contact the office if you would like to attend the service but space is very limited because of social distancing requirements. We hope to make the service available on Zoom. It is hoped that a Service of Thanksgiving will be held some time next year when more people will be able to attend.

Our fundraising shop is now open again!

Donations welcomed - especially clothing, bric-a-brac and books.

We are quarantining all items for 3 days before sorting. We are pleased to receive gifts of good quality unwanted items but regret we cannot accept videos, duvets or furniture or electrical items at present. We raise money for our church family centre and the community.

We are at 229 Woodgrange Drive
Current reduced opening times are:
Tues, Wed, Fri: 9.30am - 4.30 pm.

Thurs - 1 - 4.30pm

Sat - 9.30 - 1 pm (closed Sunday & Monday)

PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Long term: Belinda, Barbara B, Rita C, Vicky M, Sandra & Tim E, Sue A, Eileen R; Barbara T; Michelle M & family; Jo M; Marina B; Sheila D; Trish & Len; Dick C; Mike & Chris Mol; Beryl S.

Current: Andy T; Jakki and family (son very ill); also Jo E; Angela M & Barbara S (both recovering from broken hips); Les L (recovering from quadruple heart bypass); Dave T's wife Barbara (further treatment planned); Keith R (awaiting treatment for his legs to improve mobility); Henriette (further tests); David C; Stella's friend Brenda H (isolation, recovering from shoulder injury); John H; Stella (X-ray for back pain, Monday); Marie (arthritis); Barbara S (staying with son after another collapse).

Those on the 'front-line': Pray for protection especially for Kieran L, Lorna P, Nathalie M and Kevin B; Revd Jonathon Soro Bully.

Bereaved: Please pray for all those struggling with bereavement and especially for David and Tracey following the recent death of our dear friend Lois (see note above re funeral).

