

This Week and Beyond

NEXT SUNDAY, 13th September

10.30 am All Age Morning Worship

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 6 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, 6 September

• 10.30 am

Holy Communion (CW)
also accessible via Zoom

Readings:

Romans 13:8 - end
Matthew: 18:15-20 (opt)

Wednesday, 2 September

• 10.00 am

Holy Communion (CW)

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.
- That financial needs will be met to maintain its services and fulfil its mission.

And pray for the homeless people that HARP works with, that their lives may be rebuilt to live independently in the community with purpose and hope.

Please also pray for:

Our Parish: We remember the residents of Rutland Avenue especially this week.

Our Country:

It is September which means schools are reopening for students of all ages. Life inside our schools is however going to be different due to the virus with staggered starts and end times. Continue to **Pray** that the pupils, parents/carers and teachers will adapt to the changes and for a smooth transition.

COVID19 itself continues to dominate society with rules changing seemingly daily. **Pray** that sufficient testing facilities will become available and that a vaccine will be found and tested.

The UK is facing major constitutional change with final exit from the EU in January and demands from Scotland for a referendum on independence that will break up the UK. **Pray** for a mutually acceptable deal with the EU and tolerance on both sides for any future relationship with Scotland.

Our World:

The COVID19 virus is badly affecting parts of the world such as India and other countries where people live in close proximity to each other. **Pray** again that a cure can be found for the pandemic and that third world poverty can be alleviated.

Throughout the world there are political, racial and poverty problems that could be helped by the adoption of Christian values. **Pray** for Christian organisations such as Tearfund and Christian Aid that they will be able to increase their influence throughout the world.

Notices for this week

LOIS THOMAS

As most of you will know now, Lois Thomas died on Sunday, 16 August. Her 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 livestream the service. It is hoped that a Service of Thanksgiving will be held some time next year when more people will be able to attend.

PRAYER WHATSAPP

If you would like to join our vibrant church prayer WhatsApp group, please email Mary Ann in the office a request, quoting your mobile number.

Now Offered

Christ Church News WHATSAPP

If you would like to join our Christ Church news WhatsApp group (to receive these newsletters and other information), please email the office a request, quoting your mobile. This is limited to church members only at this stage and will be subject to receiving sufficient requests for it.

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, and her sisters-in-law, Margaret & Debbie; Trish & Len; Dick C; Mike & Chris Mol; Beryl S; James.

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).

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).

