

This Week and Beyond

Next Sunday 18th October

10:30 am Holy Communion
(also available via Zoom)

Mid-week Holy Communion:

Wednesdays at 10 am
(A friendly, relaxed style of service)

IMPORTANT DATE (Please diarise)

APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on **Sunday 25 October** in the hall following a short 10.30 am Family Service. This is an important meeting in the life of the church when church members can and should have a vote but you need to ensure you are on the new electoral roll (already emailed out). As with church services, places must be pre-booked, we will be socially distanced and face masks must be worn. For those unable to attend in person we are hoping also to show it on Zoom.

Important Notice : APCM

The electoral roll is now closed, therefore no further amendments can be made until after the APCM.

We have three vacancies for Deanery Synod representatives and one vacancy for a PCC representative. If you would like to stand for one of the vacancies, please submit your completed nomination form with proposer and seconder details by **SUNDAY 11 October**. Please speak to Mary Ann or Andrea if you require further details.

Please do not forget that you will need to book your places for the APCM which will be held after the 10.30 am short service on 25 October, unless there are further restrictions imposed around Covid-19..

Children's Society Collection Boxes

The Children's Society boxes are due back now. Please leave them at the back of church or in the office. If you would like to consider having a collection box please speak to Mike Mason or email him via the office email. Thank you.

Vicar, Rev Simon Roscoe, 01702 582585,
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A very warm
Welcome
to Christ Church

Weekly Notices for week commencing

11th October

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, 11th October

• 10.30 am

Family Service

(also accessible via Zoom)

Wednesday, 14th October

• 10.00 am

Holy Communion (said)

Today's Readings:

Phillipians 4: v 1-9

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

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: CHRISTIAN AID



The work of Christian Aid takes them to some of the world's most vulnerable communities in 27 countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

In Africa it includes strengthening peace-building in South Sudan, promoting resilient farming in Kenya and challenging inequality in Sierra Leone.

In Asia, they have programmes which promote women's rights in Afghanistan, help rebuild lives after the Philippines typhoon, and ensure people can access the services they need in Bangladesh.

See next week for further information

Please also pray for :

Our Parish: We remember the residents of Thorpe Esplanade especially this week

OUR COUNTRY:

PRAY for Clive on his chaplaincy in the Royals/ High Street-crucial in these hard times.

Charities and churches: Giving dropped markedly this year over Covid-19. **PRAY** for the spirit of Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. ...

Education: PRAY for children and teachers to be able to learn and enjoy their days in spite of Covid-19 difficulties.

Government: PRAY for wisdom and guidance for our PM and all involved with decision making.

OUR WORLD:

Prayer Points: Our Father, we give thanks for the release of kidnap victims in Mali after four years.

Lebanon and Israel, which remain formally at war, are to hold talks over a maritime border dispute.

Resolution by dialogue for renewed fighting between Armenia and Azerbaijan (after a 25 year ceasefire),

PRAY for President Trump, the elections, the lessening of Covid-19 numbers and the sinking economy.

Simchat Torah: (10/11 Oct.), A Jewish festival which shows a love and reverence for the Old Testament scrolls and joy in studying the Word. May it be an inspiration for us to revere, study and gain understanding from God's word and practice it in our daily lives.

Notices for this week

THE GREAT SOFA ?UIZ NIGHT

Christ Church invites church family & friends to our **Second Zoom Quiz Night**

Date: **THIS SATURDAY** 17th October

Time: log on at 7:20 pm for 7.30 pm start

Grab a drink and some nibbles and play along from the comfort of your sofa

Mystery Prize for the winner(s).

Donations towards a new sofa for the centre lounge would be greatly appreciated (please mark up as "Quiz").

Please register your interest with Mary Ann or Andrea so that we can email you the Zoom link: admin@christchurchsouthend.org.uk.

Christmas Gift Shoeboxes



With Christmas approaching, the time has come for us to think about Operation Christmas Child and shoebox gifts.

Because of the impact of COVID-19 this year, you may want to consider building a shoebox online rather than at home (£20 per box). To learn more or start building, please visit the website:

<https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk>
It would be good to be able to report how many Shoeboxes have been donated by Christ Church members (if you can let us know). We have a few (unfilled) shoeboxes if anyone would like to fill them personally (50p each).

PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:

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

Current: Andy T; Jakki and family (son very ill); Les L (recovering); Dave T's wife Barbara; Keith R (for mproved mobility); Henriette (further tests but praise God that it is not cancer); David C (further tests); Stella; Marie (arthritis); Barbara S (further tests); also Jo E (now in hospital for treatment for 4-6 weeks).

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 Wanda, Wendy & family following the recent death of their father/grandfather and the more recent death of their mother/grandmother.

