

## This Week and Beyond

### Next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October

10:30 am Holy Communion and APCM  
(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) next **Sunday 25 October** in the hall following a short 10.30 am Holy Communion 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 to also 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 before **SUNDAY 25 October**. Please speak to Mary Ann or Andrea if you require a form or further details.

Whilst votes from 'zoomers' at APCM are not legally acceptable, the Chair will note zoomers' votes as a consensus of the church and they will be recorded separately. In the event of the Chair having to cast a vote that consensus would be applied

*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 of Holy Communion on 25 October, unless there are further restrictions imposed around Covid.*

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A very warm  
**Welcome**  
to Christ Church

Weekly Notices for week commencing

## 18<sup>th</sup> 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, 18<sup>th</sup> October

10:30 am

Holy Communion

(also accessible via Zoom)

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October

10:00am

Holy Communion

Sunday's Readings

Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10

Matthew 22: 15 - 22

Please pre-book your place at any church service so that we manage social distancing; face coverings 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

Christian Aid has, for over 70 years, been standing with the poorest of our neighbours, working with people of all faiths and none, to stand up for dignity, equality and justice. In Latin America and the Caribbean, they help promote gender justice in Brazil and peace building in Colombia, and support marginalised communities to earn a living in El Salvador. In the Middle East it includes defending rights in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, protecting women at risk of violence in Iraq and providing humanitarian assistance to refugees in Lebanon.

### Please also pray for :

**OUR PARISH:** We remember the residents of Warwick Road especially this week.

**OUR COUNTRY:** Sadly Covid-19 cases and hospital admissions continue to rise. Essex is now under new Tier 2 measures! There is division within Government and regional areas.

**PRAY** for the PM and Government in their difficult decisions; let there be understanding and harmony within our leadership.

**PRAY** urgently for Brexit talks/deals to be fruitful.

**PRAY** for the NHS; those agencies helping with child poverty, mental health, domestic abuse, and the economy! Many put their trust in a vaccine to bring "normal" life. Our priority is to make our faith an anchor and to energise us in reaching out to others.

**OUR WORLD: Conflicts:** Pray for dialogue and resolution of the ongoing Afghanistan/Taliban war and restarted fighting in Armenia and Azerbaijan.

**Tear Fund** in Colombia, with a local healthcare group, work to ensure that vulnerable pregnant refugee women (mainly Venezuelan), receive prenatal personal care, essential goods to help their babies and training for motherhood. **PRAY** for Tear Fund and all those helped.

**USA:** is a country of many diverse groups which have the potential to divide the nation.

**PRAY** with purpose for President Trump to have a real encounter with God; for Joe Biden, the election and the aftermath.

## Notices for this week

### The Archbishop of York

The Most Reverend Stephen Cottrell, will be enthroned as the 98th Archbishop of York at a service of Evensong at 4pm on Sunday 18 October at York Minster.

**Livestreaming :** The service will be streamed via York Minster's and the Church of England's national social media channels on Sunday 18 October from 4pm.

To access the service please see use this link: [www.yorkminster.org](http://www.yorkminster.org) and [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)

### 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, 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 test Sunday 18/10); Stella; Marie (arthritis); Barbara S; also Jo E (now in hospital for treatment for 4-6 weeks); Vicky M.

**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.

