

This Week and Beyond

Next Sunday 22nd November

10:30 am

(Available via Zoom until further notice)

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR NOTICE SHEET PRAYERS

We are currently seeking another willing volunteer who would be prepared to write the prayers for the weekly the notice sheet, this would be on a rota basis. Writing the weekly prayer is an important task, if you feel this is something you would enjoy being involved with please contact Andrea at the office or Simon & Mary Ann for further details, your valuable contribution would be very much appreciated by everyone.

The Trussell Trust

Due to Covid-19 we are currently unable to receive donations of food at the church for Harp. Instead, if you would like to make a donation to the Southend food bank, please mark your donations with Trussell Trust and it will be passed on.

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.

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS QUIZ

We would like to invite you to join our Christmas Zoom quiz hosted by Chris & Mike Molineaux.

Date: Friday 27th November

Time: log on 7:20pm for a 7:30pm kick off.

Our previous Zoom quiz's have been great fun, so grab a drink and some nibbles and play along from the comfort of your sofa.

There will be a small prize for the winners and any donations towards a new sofa for the lounge would be much appreciated.

Please contact the office to book your space.

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A very warm
Welcome
to Christ Church

Weekly Notices for week commencing 15th November

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 15th November
Sunday Service
10:30 am

(Accessible via Zoom until
Further notice)

Midweek Communion cancelled
during lockdown

Today's Reading
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
(Matthew 25: 14-30)

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:

THE TRUSSELL TRUST

Southend Food Bank is supported by the Trussell Trust: an anti-poverty charity founded on Christian principles whose mission is to bring communities together to end hunger and poverty in the UK by providing compassionate, practical help with dignity whilst challenging injustice. **Pray** for

individuals and families in Southend and across the UK locked in poverty. **Pray** that they would have the courage and strength to seek help so that their lives may be transformed. Praise God for the work of the Food Bank: for sharing food with vulnerable people in our community and providing practical and emotional support

Please also pray for

Our Parish We remember the residents of Woodgrange Drive especially this week.

Our Country

The COVID19 lockdown has been mitigated to some extent by news of some successful testing of a potential vaccine. For this, **Thank God**. There is however a lot of testing and planning required. **Pray** that these steps will be successful

and accomplished in a timely fashion.

Meanwhile, problems with employment and social problems are continuing. **Pray** that these problems can be contained with help and compassion. **Pray** for opportunities for us all to display acts of kindness to others.

Exit from the EU gets closer every day and there is no sign of any deal amid dire warnings of the consequences should an exit deal not be negotiated. **Pray** for a mutually acceptable deal to be agreed so trade can continue.

Our World

In a lot of the world, natural disasters continue to prove catastrophic for already poor people. An example is the latest cyclone in The Philippines. We seem to hear every week of floods, plagues and other disasters that make already dreadful poverty worse. **Pray** that the Lord will mitigate these disasters and resultant poverty. Sadly, human beings continue to be locked in political conflicts that degenerate into international and civil wars. **Pray** that we humans can find ways of living together in harmony or settling disputes without fighting. **Pray** for all the victims of these conflicts. **Pray** for an end to nationalism in politics and that countries will take an internationalist view of problems to avoid conflict throughout the world.

Notices for this week

Poetry and Paintings that Point to Jesus

We would like to invite you to a new church group where we will use the arts to reflect on different aspects of the Christian faith. It will take place weekly on Zoom, hosted by Sandra Evans.

First Session: Saturday 14th November

Time 10:30am

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Andrea via the office and she will send you the details and Zoom link.

Christmas Gift Shoeboxes



With Christmas approaching, please 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 still have a few (unfilled) shoeboxes if anyone would like to fill them personally (50p each).

We need to deliver the shoeboxes by Monday 23rd November, please contact the office asap to make arrangements for delivery.

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: Jakki and family (son very ill); Les L (recovering); Dave T's wife Barbara; Keith R (for improved mobility); Henriette (further tests) David C; Stella; Marie (arthritis); Barbara S; also Jo E (now back in St Bart's) Vicky M; and Trevor and Julie H and family.

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 and the friends and family of Andy T.

