

This Week and Beyond

Next Sunday 29th November

10:30 am

(Available via Zoom until further notice)

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR NOTICE SHEET PRAYERS

We are currently seeking someone to share in writing the prayers for the weekly the notice sheet, this would be on a rota basis. if you feel this is something you would enjoy being involved with please contact Andrea at the office .

ZOOM CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGING EVENING

We are unable to get together and decorate the church this year. Instead we are planning to get together on Zoom and make a Christmas table arrangement



Date: Monday 21st December

Time: 7:30pm

All materials will be supplied i.e flowers, tray, floral foam, candle plus holder and baubles. The cost will be £10 to £15 depending on the cost of the flowers

If would like to take part, please contact Andrea at the office before **14th Dec** for further details.

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS QUIZ

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

Date: NEXT 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 22nd 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 22nd November

Christ the King

Sunday Service

10:30 am

(Accessible via Zoom until
Further notice)

Midweek Communion cancelled
during lockdown

Today's Reading
Ephesians 1:15-end
Matthew 25:31-end

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 Collier Way, especially this week.

Our Country

The COVID-19 lockdown continues although thankfully there is some respite on the horizon with testing of more than one vaccine. **Pray** that these tests will be successful and that a vaccination programme will commence as soon as possible. However, the problems of isolation and loneliness are growing in the community and can only become worse during the traditional family gathering and celebration time of Christmas. **Pray** for comfort for the lonely and give thanks for the people who try to mitigate loneliness. **Pray** that we all become aware of these problems in our society and accept any opportunities for personal action. Additionally, **pray** that people will help social services to help people in difficulty with poverty, housing and unemployment.

Our World.

Despite all the UK problems mentioned above we never have to look far to find worse situations in the world. Two recent examples are the hurricanes that have caused devastation in central America and the news that children are being taken from new mothers in parts of Africa and sold on the streets. Civil and international wars are endemic as are religious confrontations. **Pray** that attempts to resolve these problems succeed. **Pray** that people will understand that they and the ethnic and sectarian groups to which they belong must share the world and its resources with others. **Pray** that people can find ways of living together in harmony or settling disputes without fighting. **Pray** for the victims of these conflicts.

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.

Next Session: Saturday 21st 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.

Last Opportunity for 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 need to deliver any filled shoeboxes received by THIS Monday 23rd November/**LAST CHANCE** to 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 .

