

## This Week and Beyond

### Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

10:30 am

(Also available via Zoom)

### VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR NOTICE SHEET PRAYERS

We are currently seeking someone to share in writing the prayers for the weekly 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 **14<sup>th</sup> Dec** for further details.

### CHURCH SERVICES

Services in the church will resume next week starting with Midweek communion on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and the Sunday service on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Places will still need to be pre-booked at with the office as there is still a limit of 30 people (or less depending on social distancing)

The Sunday service will continue as before and be available via Zoom.

**Face coverings must be worn inside the church.**

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A very warm  
**Welcome**  
to Christ Church

## Weekly Notices for week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> November  
First Sunday in Advent  
Sunday Service  
10:30 am

(Accessible via Zoom this  
week)

Midweek Communion resuming  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Today's Reading  
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9  
Mark 13 : 24 - 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 Ambleside Drive, especially this week.

#### Our Country

There appears to be agreement between the leaders of all UK countries about a temporary and limited easing of the lockdown for Christmas. **Give thanks** that families will be able to celebrate together and that it may be possible to attend church services. **Pray** that people will respect restrictions still in place. **Pray** that there will be no increase in COVID infections from Christmas gatherings. **Pray** that progress towards an effective vaccine will continue. **Pray** for people alone or infirm this Christmas.

When our prayers are answered and the virus is defeated, many people in the country will be working in different ways or in different jobs. **Pray** that people will be able to adjust to the new workplace norms and their new roles in society.

#### Our World.

Throughout our world there are reports of some countries that seem to have contained the virus. Examples are New Zealand and Australia, especially Victoria while in other parts of the world, the spread is worse than in the UK. **Pray** that lessons learned from countries that have contained Covid19 can be used for containment in other countries.

Worldwide, bad news about habitat destruction is still endemic. An example is the Indonesian side of New Guinea where thousands of acres of rainforest have been replaced by palm oil cash crops. **Pray** again that people will recognise that this destruction can simply not continue. **Pray** for peace between factions and nations.

## 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 29th 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.

### CHRIST CHURCH FUNDRAISING SHOP

We are pleased to announce that the shop will be open again from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

We are at 229 Woodgrange Drive  
Current reduced opening times are:  
Tues, Wed, Fri: 9.30am - 4.30 pm.  
Thurs - 1 - 4.30pm  
Sat - 9.30 - 1 pm  
(closed Sunday & Monday)

### ADVENT BOOKS

There are two Advent books with daily readings available for those that are interested. If you would like further details please visit the Christ Church website where you will find the information under **learning and worship resources**.

We hope to run a weekly zoom meeting offering and opportunity for discussion. Please email the office for the link and give us the title of your selected book.

### 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; David C; Stella; Marie (arthritis); Barbara S; also Jo E, 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.

