

## This Week and Beyond

**Next Sunday 17th January**  
**10:30 am Holy Communion Service**  
(Only available via Zoom)

**No Mid-Week Holy Communion**  
**until further notice**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January**  
**10:30am Holy Communion Service**  
(Only available via Zoom)

### The Fundraising Shop

Unfortunately due to the current national lock down, our fundraising shop is closed until further notice. We will provide a further update in due course.

## Blank for your Notes

Please use this space for your own notes, eg points from the sermon, or items you might wish to pray about personally.

### 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

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A very warm  
**Welcome**  
to Christ Church

Weekly Notices for week commencing

**10th January**

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 10<sup>th</sup> January  
First Sunday in Epiphany

10:30am Holy Communion  
(Only available on Zoom,  
Same line comma, emailed out on  
request)

No Mid-Week Holy Communion until  
further notice.

Today's Reading

Acts 19: 1 - 7



**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:

#### MERCY SHIPS

Each year, 18.6 million people die due to lack of access to surgical care, 93 per cent in Africa. As COVID-19 threatens the stability of already fragile healthcare systems globally, the need to provide basic life-saving care is greater than ever, especially in low-to-middle income countries. **Mercy Ships**, a faith based global organisation powered by charitable donors and volunteers, has been providing world-class surgical care to those in need for more than 40 years, free of charge.

**Global Mercy** is a new hospital ship under construction described as a “modern marvel”; a fully custom-built hospital ship with customised instruments, state-of-the-art technology and highly-trained talent of a modern hospital. **MORE ON THIS NEXT WEEK.**

#### Please also pray for

**Our Parish** We remember those residents of Greenways, especially praying for all the schools pupils and staff.

#### Our Country

The COVID situation has become worse and the latest news and changes of direction by politicians indicate a degree of panic. **Pray** that people will accept the necessity of the current lockdown and obey the rules. **Pray** for people who will have difficulty in home schooling their children due to a lack of space, equipment, education or financial resources.

**Give thanks** for those who are helping with charitable donations.

The new variant of COVID-19 has illustrated the need to get as many people vaccinated as quickly as possible. This need for speed raises challenges for administration, supply and medical skills. **Pray** that God will make the roll out as efficient as it can be and that people and patients will be co-operative.

When the virus is defeated, many people in the country will be working differently 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.

The scenes we have seen from the USA with Republicans occupying Congress and the outgoing president not accepting defeat are very worrying. The message and example that this gives to other parts of the world where the western nations are always encouraging the growth of democracy could seem somewhat hypocritical. **Pray** that the current problems over the change of administration will subside without further violence.

## Notices for this week

### Poetry & Paintings that point to Jesus

We are using the arts to explore different aspects of the Christian faith. The group takes place weekly on Zoom, hosted by Sandra Evans.

**Next Session Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> JAN**

**Time 10:30am**

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact the office for details.

### Church open for private prayer

If you would like to use the church for individual private prayer, contact the office and we can arrange a time to open up the church for you. You will be required to wear a face mask and to use hand sanitizer on entering the church. Unfortunately due to the current national lock down we are unable to receive visitors at the office. If you need to contact us, please do call or email and we will respond accordingly.

### Vision Groups

Now that a new year is upon us and our 100 year Centenary is a year away, we would like to start meeting on Zoom in our vision groups to discuss ideas. We will contact group members in due course to make arrangements for meetings. There are still a few people not in groups yet, if you would like to join a group, please let us know. During the cold weather and lock down, what better time to start thinking about ideas for the Centenary and to move our church vision forward.

### 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; Jo E; Vicky M; and Trevor H.

**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.

