

This Week and Beyond

Sunday 9th May

**10:30 am Holy Communion Service
(Only available via Zoom)**

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

Sunday 16th May

**10:30 am Holy Communion Service
(Only available via Zoom)**

Ladies Self Defence Class

One of the regular hall users Meridan Kung Fu, will be holding some one off Self Defence classes here at Christ Church. These classes will run at the following times:

Sun: 27/06 2pm - 4pm and 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Sat: 03/07 3pm - 5pm

These classes are free of charge and there are a few extra spaces available. If anyone is interested in joining one of these sessions please contact the office and we will give you the booking link.

Christ Church reaches 100 years in 2022

We would like to produce a calendar for the Centenary and it would be great if church members could provide any photos, drawings or paintings. We would also like any church family or individual photos along with a short text advising why you love Christ Church, for a display in church. The images would need to be good quality for printing, If you have anything you would like to submit for possible inclusion, please email it to the office.



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Christ Church
'the family hub'
in the Parish of Southchurch

**A very warm
Welcome
to Christ Church**

Weekly Notices for week commencing 2nd May

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

2nd May

5th Sunday of Easter

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

No Mid-Week Holy Communion
until further notice.

Sunday's Readings

Acts 8: 26-End

(John 15: 1-8)

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 - If you would like prayer for you in person and have concerns that you would like to keep private please contact Simon.

Prayer Requests - On WhatsApp we join together to pray for each other, the church and the world. If you would like to request prayer in that group (or to join) please contact Simon or the office. To access this you will need a Smart phone.

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:

SOUTHEND TOWN CENTRE AND ADVENTURE ISLAND CHAPLAINCIES

Clive Baggallay gives thanks to God that he has finally returned to the Royals Shopping Centre in person to continue his chaplaincy role and outreach in Southend, engaging with people face-to-face; also for his colleague, Sarah, chaplain for Adventure Island. Please pray that vulnerable people in Southend who need a safe space to talk would approach Clive and Sarah: such as those suffering with physical or mental health, or bereavement. **Pray** that Clive and Sarah would be a listening ear, offer them emotional support and signpost them to other groups and counsellors where necessary.

MORE ON THIS NEXT WEEK

Please also pray for:

Our Parish We remember the residents of Elizabeth Road, especially this week.

Our Country

The Covid-19 virus seems to be coming under control with over half the population inoculated and hospitalisations and fatalities decreasing. Give thanks that some restrictions have been lifted. **Pray** that people will respect restrictions in place and relevant numbers will continue to improve so that other restrictions can end as scheduled on 21 June. Give thanks for the medical and volunteer staff that enable vaccination centres to function. Give thanks that schools are open and other institutions and family life are gradually returning to normal. **Pray** that places of worship will open as scheduled for the services and the social interaction that is so important for us all. Despite mainly good news in our country regarding Covid-19, many problems will remain with people having lost jobs and families living in poverty. There will be additional social and relationship problems to resolve. **Pray** for God's help and wisdom in helping to overcome these problems and give thanks for people who are trying to resolve relationships and alleviate poverty.

Our World

Despite the progress being made in the UK and other parts of the developed world, Covid-19 and related problems are problems for the whole of humanity and as seen in India in the past week or so, new infections and virus variants are inherent throughout the world. We must not be complacent in our own part of the world or borders. **Pray** that the aid required in India, Brazil and other countries will be given. **Pray** that people will understand that this is a world-wide problem.

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 01/05

Time 10:30 am

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



Cafe Hub Lite

Cafe Hub lite is now open outdoors (Weather permitting) Check with the office if unsure.

Tuesday 10am - 12pm

Wednesday 10am - 12pm

We will be serving tea, coffee and cakes, so if you fancy popping down for a cuppa and a chat, it would be lovely to see you.

Cash only please.

Servant Group

The Servant group meets once a month for bible reflection and prayer. The next meeting will be on Monday **17/05** at 9:00 for 9:10 start. Contact the office for details.

PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Long Term: Trish & Len A, Dick C, Sandra & Tim E, Eileen R, Rita C, Sheila D; Sue A; Belinda; Beryl S; Jo M; Marina B; Michelle M; Vicky M; Stella R; Barbara S; Henriette M; Keith R; Pat's brother-in-law Fred, (multiple health problems).

Current: David C (in isolation); Ange E; Jo E; Sandra & Tim E; Marie L (arthritis); Trevor H; Barbara T; Mike Mol; Derek R (Macular degeneration); Phil Smee's daughter Verity & family; Clive W (In hospital for lung infection); Irene W; Pat's cousin Rose (100 yrs, old now in care); & Sally's Aunt Janet.

Those on the front line: Pray for protection especially for: Lorna P and Nathalie M. In a difficult situation in Uganda, Rev. Jonathon Soro Bully.

Bereaved: Please pray for all those who are struggling with bereavement, especially Sandra & Kev B & family.

