

# Welcome to Christ Church



**'Christ Church as a Living Well, Christ Church Living Well'**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

## Today's Services

**08.30 am Holy Communion**

Revelation 19: 6-10 (255)

John 2: 1-11 (p89)

**10:00 am All Age Worship – 'Timothy'**

Minister - Rosemary

**5.00pm CTIE Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Baptist Church**

**5:00pm Youth Group**

## Collect for the week



**Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to the glory hidden through past ages and now made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Diary for next week

### **Monday 22nd January**

9.00 am Morning Prayer

12.00 noon Funeral of  
Charlotte Hutchinson

### **Tuesday 23rd January**

9.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Home Groups

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

9:30am Holy Communion with  
Ministry of Prayer

1.00pm Bell Ringing

8.00pm Bell Ringing practice

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

9.00am Morning Prayer

7.45pm Choir Practise

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

No Morning Prayer

### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

9.00am Christ Church United and  
Shooting Stars at Blenheim School

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

5pm Youth Club

*An especially warm welcome to newcomers or visitors. Please do make yourself known to the sides-people and collect a Welcome Pack from the desk at the back.*

*Everything you need for worship will be given to you, including a service booklet, notice sheet and small offertory cards for those who give regularly by standing order. Hymn books and Bibles are in the chair pockets. Large print versions are available on request. The church is also fitted with a hearing loop. If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer at Communion, please let a sides-person know before the service.*

## **From the Vicar**

Picking up on the title of the popular BBC series '*Who do you think you are?*' we are going to be exploring some of the less well known biblical or historical Christian characters beginning with a companion of St Paul today, the young man Timothy. He was called by God to encourage and instruct the early church. Pray that we too will listen to the voice of the young people in our church today.

## **For intercessions**

- ❖ For those young people away at university that they may find supportive Christian friends and fellowships.
- ❖ For the adverts and recruitment process for a Youth and Families worker and Director of Music.
- ❖ For our ecumenical relationships across Epsom.
- ❖ For members of our Church family and their families;

## ❖ **Prayer Tree**

Please write requests on a dove shape and hang it on the tree in the Chapel for Peace & Reconciliation. These will be offered during Morning Prayer the following week. Candles can also be lit for loved ones during the Sunday services.

## **Prayer Chain**

This group will pray for any concerns with an assurance of total confidentiality. Phone Joan 720634 or Sue 724080.

## **Morning Prayer 9.00 – 9.30**

This is held in the Peace and Reconciliation Chapel. Please enter through the vestry door which will be open. It is a short service of 30 minutes and all are welcome.

## **Pastoral Visits**

If you would like to speak to someone in confidence or know of someone in need who would value a visit, please speak to either a member of the Clergy, Sue Matthews, (Pastoral Co-ordinator 724080), or Jo Woolfe, (Pastoral Secretary 726782).

This month's Mission Focus is our **Spinnaker** championed by Jose and Colin Taylor and next Sunday we welcome Martin Sweet as our preacher.

**January Lectionary, CCN and Call to Pray are all available at the back of the Church.**

## Christ Church Notices

### Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCIG)

On the **Sundays 28<sup>th</sup> January, 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February** we shall be following a mini sermon series that focuses on mission and evangelism especially appropriate in the Epiphany season. This CPAS initiative has been particularly successful in encouraging churches to be more strategic in going for growth. It is so good I have done the course twice and taken the leadership team from Christ Church on a 3-day residential too. Many of the principles and teachings will be familiar as it is hopefully what we do but it doesn't hurt to refresh ourselves particularly as we move towards the next stages of our 2020 vision.

*Rosemary*

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. Material for 2018 was produced in the Caribbean and uses Exodus 15, a song of triumph over oppression, as the motif of the Week of Prayer. Resource booklets are available on the table by the post point.

There will be a joint Churches Together in Epsom service next week **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 5pm at the Baptist Church**. No *EMBRACE* at CC in January.

The **Ladies' Book Club** will be meeting at 8pm on **Thursday, January 25th** at Hazel's house, 97, Church Side, Epsom KT18 7SY. We are discussing, "*Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?*" by Jeanette Winterson. Newcomers welcome.

*Hazel Rose*

The February book club will be taking place at Sue Sevier's home, 89 The Greenway in the Wells on **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm**. We will be reading 'A Boy made of Blocks' by Keith Stuart.

*Sue Sevier*

### Youth and Families Worker

We are currently recruiting for a full-time employee to help develop our children's and youth ministry. Salary £21-24,000 depending on qualifications and experience for 35 flexible hours a week including Sunday's, currently funded for 3 years. Advert on the noticeboard at the back of church, in CCN and full application pack online. Please do pray that the right person will apply.

### Director of Music

We are also seeking to employ an organist, choir director and band leader to continue the good work Julie and others have done in broadening and developing our music ministry. Ideally this would be one person but maybe the angel Gabriel is busy, so we would be open to exploring other combinations. Full job description in the vestry and application pack online. Again, please pray that the right person will apply.

## **Wheels and Squeals**

Has begun again for the new term dates are Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January. 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March. *Sarah Sear*

## **Brass Cleaning - Help Needed**

Can you spare an hour every other month to help clean the brass in church? If two friends tackle this together it is a worthwhile project and an opportunity to chat! Please speak to Avril Shipton 01372 812175 or Liz Pullinger 01372 723406.

## **Other Notices**

**Vicar:** The Revd Rosemary Donovan (*Day off - Friday*); [vicar@christchurcheppsom.org.uk](mailto:vicar@christchurcheppsom.org.uk) (01372 720302)

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