

# Welcome to Christ Church



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

**Sunday 18 March 2018**

**Passion Sunday**

## Today's Services

**08.30 am Holy Communion**

President: Rosemary Donovan, Preacher: Gordon Mylchreest  
Exodus 2: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (p745) John 12: 12-16 (p103)

**10:00 am All Age Worship and Baptism Welcomes**

Preacher: Rosemary Donovan, Minister: Sue Curtis

**5:00pm Youth Group**

**6.30pm EMBRACE Celtic Communion**



## Collect for the week

**Holy God, in the Saviour's cross your boundless love meets human sin: strengthen and deliver us that we may know the victory is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Diary for next week

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March

9:00am Morning Prayer  
7:00pm Good Friday passion play rehearsals  
8.00pm Baptism Preparation Evening

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

9.00am Morning Prayer  
8.00pm Home Groups

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

9.00am Morning Prayer  
10:00am Wheels & Squeals, Easter Egg Hunt  
Toddler Group in hall  
1.00pm Bell Ringing  
8.00pm Bell Ringing practice

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

9.00am No Morning Prayer  
7.45pm Choir Practise

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

9.00am No Morning Prayer

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March

9:00am Christ Church United and Shooting Stars at Blenheim School.  
1.00pm Good Friday Passion Play rehearsal

### Next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion  
10.00am All Age Worship on the Wells estate see Lent flyer or CCN  
5pm Youth Club bowling trip



*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**

We look at another less well known biblical character today in our All Age series 'Who do you think you are?' namely that of Judas who will play an important role in the passion narrative that will unfold over the next few weeks. Hero or villain you decide?

## **For intercessions**

- ❖ For our congregation that we can be welcoming all ages especially teenagers or those new to Church.
- ❖ For the powerful message of the Passion to impact on our local community during this Easter season through our witness and example.
- ❖ For members of our Church family and their families,

## **Prayer Tree**

Please write requests on a dove shape and hang 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. Last chance for using the Christmas trees as a focus for the season as we get #heartready for Easter.

## **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 special Lent giving to **Tearfund's** water and sanitation projects.

**March Lectionary & CCN** available at the back of the Church.

**Easter Office Opening Hours** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April. *The Parish Office.*

## Christ Church Notice

**LADIES BOOK CLUB** will be meeting is at 8pm on **Monday 19th March** at Anne Fraser's home, 58 Skinners Lane, ASHTEAD, KT21 2LY. We will be reading "A Year of Marvellous Ways" by Sarah Winman.



**The UK swaps to British Summer Time on Sunday March 25 at 1:00 am**, which means you should put your clock **forward** an hour for the **Palm Sunday Celebrations on the Wells, 25th March**

Meet by the well at 10:00am to bless and pray for our local community joining in celebrating Epsom 400 before processing to the centre for an all age service.

*No 10am service at Christ Church NB 8:30 Traditional Communion as usual.*

**Agape Supper Maundy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March in Church Hall at 8pm**

Do come and share in a simple supper and service of Communion as we recall the events of *The Last Supper*. All welcome, bring family and friends along.

Thank you to members of Home groups who are setting up, providing food and clearing. Please sign list in church so we have some idea of numbers

A donation will be taken to cover expenses and contribute to our Lent Appeal for *Tear Fund*.

### Epsom Passion Play – Jesus Crucified in Epsom

The Passion of Jesus will be staged in Epsom on **Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**. Starting at 9.50 at the car park opposite the Fire Station. Following Jesus on the road to his crucifixion, arriving in the Market Square at around 10.30. The drama will end by about 11.00. There will then be hot cross buns at the Epsom Methodist Church. There will be a tent for information, prayer and reflection in the Market Square until 1pm.

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> March** we are handing out fliers promoting Epsom Passion Play in the Market Place and library. There will be a display of photos of previous productions and fliers in the library. We could still use help, for an hour from 9 - 4pm in the market Square and from 2- 4pm in the library. Please contact Meryl Smith at [meryl\\_smith@hotmail.com/07932386427](mailto:meryl_smith@hotmail.com/07932386427)

**Help needed with staging for Good Friday drama.**

Please contact Berwick Curtis if you can help 01372 210492 [berwick@ntlworld.com](mailto:berwick@ntlworld.com).

We need some people to help with the following:- **22<sup>nd</sup> March**: 2pm to meet at Southfield Park School and help load staging and unload at Christ Church.

**24<sup>th</sup> March**: to erect staging **from 2pm** at Christ Church for tech run.

**29<sup>th</sup> March**: at **6.30pm** to load staging in vans for transport.

**30<sup>th</sup> March**: **8.30am** to unload and erect staging in Market Square and strike and load into vans at **11am**. To unload staging at Christ Church from **3pm**.

**16<sup>th</sup> April**: to load staging at Christ Church and unload at Southfield Park School time tbc. The production is a team effort and we pray it makes a real impact on the people of Epsom. Thanks in anticipation!

**Children's Workshop, Good Friday 30th March 11:45am – 1:45pm Parish Hall**  
Fun story, games, music, and craft activities for primary aged children including light refreshments. Cost £2 please book via parish office by Palm Sunday.



### **Easter Sunday Dawn Communion 6.30 am**

A chance for a brilliant start to your Easter day celebrations. We will gather for worship around a bonfire at **6.30 am** at **The Vicarage** and then progress to share Communion on the grass near the Wells Shop. Do then come for breakfast at 38 C Woodlands Road. All welcome

### **Church Electoral Roll**

This is now being revised. A copy is available at the back of the church. Please carefully check your entry and if necessary complete a correction slip. If you wish to join the electoral roll please complete an application form.

The roll will close on **2nd April** and remain closed until after the Church APCM on **29<sup>th</sup> April**. *Martin Shipton 812175*

## **Other Notices**

**Easy Access Church (EACH)** A place where all are welcome, included and encouraged. A short church service especially geared for those with disabilities but open to all – followed by refreshments. **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March and 22 July 2018 3pm** at All Saints Church Hall, Fulford Road, West Ewell KT19 9QY. For more information please contact Paula Smith [Paula.smith@mybroadbandmail.com](mailto:Paula.smith@mybroadbandmail.com)  
02083372957 or 07702421345.

**Final Lent Lunch Friday 23rd March.** in the upper hall in Church House at St Martins Church. Lunch will be available from 12 – 1 pm. Then from 1 pm – 2 pm we will share a Bible Study on the *'I am Sayings in St John's Gospel'* and what they can say to us in our Christian lives in modern times.

### **The Meaningful Fairtrade Easter Egg**

The new look 2018 Real Easter Egg range is available to order now. The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and which supports charitable projects. Cost £4.50 each. Email Tricia Rutter on [talclimber@ntlworld.com](mailto:talclimber@ntlworld.com) or see Tricia or Peter at church to place your orders for eggs. Last date for collection will be next **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March**.

### **Epsom Common Association, All welcome to: -**

**AGM** with a talk about hedgehogs - Christ Church Parish Hall @ 8pm 18<sup>th</sup> April;  
**Walks** from stew ponds: - **6<sup>th</sup> May** 7.30am Bird Walk, **1<sup>st</sup> July** 2pm. Butterfly Stroll, **8<sup>th</sup> July** 2pm Wild Flower Wander, **22<sup>nd</sup> July** 2pm Bush Cricket Hop.

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