

Welcome to Christ Church



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

Sunday 16th September

Harvest Festival

Today's Services

08.30am Holy Communion

President: David Fox-Branch & Preacher: Berwick Curtis

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (p172) Psalm 126 (p584)

Matthew 6 25-33 (p6)

10:00am All Age Worship with Baptism Welcomes – Messy Harvest

Minister & Preacher: David Fox-Branch

5.00pm Youth Club

6.30pm EMBRACE Evening Contemplative Service – Harvest Communion

Collect for the week



Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Diary for next week

Monday 17th September

9.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 18th September

9.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Home Groups

Wednesday 19th September

9.30am Holy Communion

With Ministry of Prayer

10.00am Wheel and Squeals

8.00pm Bell Ringing

Thursday 20th September

9.00am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Choir Practice

Friday 21st September

9:00am Morning Prayer

Saturday 22nd September

10.00am Safeguarding Training

Next Sunday 23rd September

8.30am Holy Communion

10:00am Parish Communion

- Vision Update

5.00pm 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

Harvest is one of the most wonderful times of celebration in the church year. There are obvious lessons about caring for the world which has been entrusted to us. At harvest time we thank God, for all the gifts which have been given to us, and all of the opportunities made available to us from the world and its resources. Yet this planet is not ours to do what we want with. It is made by God and we are privileged to have a time here to look after and enjoy it. As we continue to focus on creation this month we will be looking at creative ways of supporting bird and insect life during our Messy Harvest and offering our gifts so that more can enjoy the fulness of life.

For intercessions

- ❖ For more families with teenagers to attend Christ Church.
- ❖ For our local Foodbank and work of City Farms for Children.
- ❖ For all who work in agriculture and food production or retail.
- ❖ For the workers from Videlio as they begin work on upgrading our facilities.
- ❖ For members of our Church family and their families

Prayer Tree

Please write requests on a butterfly 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.

Prayer Chain

This group will pray for any concerns with an assurance of total confidentiality. Phone Jose 721448 or Sue 724080.

Morning Prayer 9.00 – 9.45

This will be held in the **Upper Hall** during the AVL works. Please ring the bell for entry. It is a simple said service, 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).

Mission Focus for September - This month's mission focus is our Harvest Appeal, **City Farms for Children**.

TODAY Harvest Festival

We will be giving a cash donation to support the work of this charity, City Farms for Children. Any food gifts brought to our Harvest Festival will be passed to the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank. Current needs are:- Tinned meat, tinned fruit, powdered milk, long life juice, rice, cooking sauces, (not pasta) sponge puddings, tinned meat pies.

September Lectionary and CCN are at the back of the Church and on line.

Christ Church Notices

AVL works in church Mon Sept 17 to Fri 26 Oct

Whilst the work to improve lighting, speakers and screens takes place the church will effectively be a building site and the church will be under the control of our main contractor Videlio. You should not enter the church unless you have specific permission to enter. This applies to all of us even if you are a key holder: special arrangements will be made for access to the vestry, sacristy and safe. If you find you still need to access church you should first seek permission from clergy, a church warden or a member of the Premises Team who will be able to advise you of the Health & Safety precautions you must follow whilst you are in church. We are looking forward to the enhancements that the completion of this part of our 2020 Vision will bring to our worship at Christ Church and thank you for your patience and understanding whilst the works take place.

Jim Smith (on behalf of Church Wardens and premises team)

RIP Irene Finlayson

Irene's funeral will take place at **Randall's Park Crematorium at 11.45 on Wednesday 19th September**. To be followed by refreshments at Woodlands Park Hotel.

RIP Cynthia Mason

Cynthia's funeral will be held at Kingston Crematorium on **20th September at 1.40pm**. Some of her friends and family are meeting at Mathias House for tea after the funeral. Cynthia used to attend Christ Church before she became frailer and we kept contact with her in Mathias House.

Sue Curtis

Book Club, Monday 24th September Meeting at 3 St Martin's Avenue Epsom, KT18 5HT at 8.00pm. We will be reading '*Birdcage Walk*' by Helen Dunmore. Available from the library.

Jessica Walls



URGENT help needed with Coffee rota. Colin Taylor is critically ill and unable to oversee this ministry at the moment if someone could take this over temporarily please speak to one of the church wardens today. Many thanks.

Knitted Poppies. Thank you to those who are assisting with this project we currently have 60 that I have squirreled away for safe keeping. Target is minimum 115.

Church Boundaries Tidy in partnership with Epsom Common Association

On **Saturday 29th September** Stewart Cocker one of the rangers is willing to facilitate a small team to work together in opening up our vista onto the common so the church is more visible to walkers and locals. This is part of our 2020 Vision and fits in well with the Season of Creation. So why not come along and get stuck in? All equipment and training will be provided. Limited numbers for health and safety reasons but it would be good to have about 10 volunteers from the church. The timing is 10am – 4pm even if you could only do a couple of hours many hands would

make light work. Please sign up with David Fox-Branch by next Wednesday 26th.
Thanks
Rosemary

Other Notices

Carers Afternoon Tea and Evensong Thursday 11th October

3.30pm Welcome to Tea and Cake in the Refectory, 4pm Motivation by Music – Gospel Choir, 5.30pm Evensong Service: following the reception we welcome anyone who would like to stay and join the Evensong service in the Cathedral which we will dedicate to Carers in the Diocese.

Are you a carer or former carer? Do you offer support to carers? Do you attend a carers support group? Everyone is welcome including those who are currently being cared for. For catering purpose please book your place, so that we know how many cakes to bake! Book online: www.cofeguildford.org.uk/whats-on/events/details/carers-afternoon-tea or return the form below / or via email to emma.beswick@cofeguildford.org.uk Tel: 01483 790324

Good Friday 2019: 19th April A Passion Play has taken place for the last six years on Good Friday. It is an excellent team effort across the Christian Churches in Epsom and a powerful portrayal of the Christian narrative of Good Friday and Easter. If we are to continue to stage this in its current form, we need to find more actors and someone to recruit and organise road stewards. We have a meeting of Churches Together in Epsom in October and will decide on whether this production is viable by the end of September, as currently we do not have enough potential performers to mount a successful performance. If you can volunteer to act, organise road stewards, steward, sing or work as crew, moving staging, please reply to **Sue Curtis by the end of September.** sacsac@ntlworld.com 01372210492

If anyone is interested in going on the following Christian Holidays with the Revd. Haydon Wilcox then please contact him on email: haydonwilcox@mac.com or Tel. 01252 621639 for a brochure: South Korea in May 2019, The Holy Land September 2019, Iona May 2020 and Oberammergau Passion Play June 2020

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