

Welcome to Christ Church



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

Sunday 19th November 2017

2nd Sunday before Advent

Today's Services

8:30 am Holy Communion (CW2)

I Thessalonians 5: 1-11 (p 202) Matthew 25 14-30 (p 27)

10:15 am All Age Worship with Baptism Welcomes

Justice and Care

Matthew 25: 31-40 (p 27)

Minister's – Berwick & Sue Curtis

6.30pm EMBRACE: Annual Memorial Service

Collect for the week



Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: revive us from inaction, restrain us from excess and stir in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diary for next week

Monday 20th November

9.00 am Morning Prayer

7.00 pm Baptism preparation meeting

Tuesday 21st November

9.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Home Groups

Wednesday 22nd November

9:30am Holy Communion with Ministry of Prayer

10.00am Wheels and Squeals

12.00noon Bell Ringing

8.00pm Bell Ringing Practice

Thursday 23rd November

9.00am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Choir practice

Friday 24th November

No Morning Prayer

Saturday 25th November

9.00am Christ Church United and Shooting Stars

Sunday 26th November

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

12.00 noon Baptism of Chloe and Charlie Wilson and Chloe Vogado

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

Throughout 2017 we have explored each the holy habits of *living well* in more depth at our All Age Worship and today we consider the final of these Justice and Care. The parable of the sheep and the goats is a hard message to hear as we respond to the challenge to love and care for all we meet as if they were Jesus.

living well sign up for paperless bills or bank statements.

For intercessions

- ❖ For our congregation that we can be welcoming all ages especially teenagers or those new to church.
- ❖ For the people and nation of Zimbabwe.
- ❖ For all who mourn that they might be comforted by God's embrace.
- ❖ For members of our Church family and their families; Andy & Jane Hards, Lucy Healy, Nicolette Hijmans, Mark Hodgson, Sam & Stacy Hollingworth, Carol & Leslie Jamieson, Sherine John, Mary Jordan-Chambers, Kim & Yuan Karpeta, Michal Keefe, Daniel Korboe, Edna & Marigo Kyriakides, Ros Lee, Dola & Ray Leigh, June Leitch, Betty Lewsey, Irene Loveridge, Elizabeth & Richard Martin.

❖ **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. Please see the seasonal installation as focus for devotion.

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** African Revival championed by Alison North. *Missions Group*

November Lectionary and Christ Church News is available at the back of the Church.

Christ Church Notices

EMBRACE Annual Memorial service, Tonight at 6:30pm

An open invitation for anyone who has experienced loss or bereavement and would appreciate the opportunity to have space to remember, reflect and light a candle.

We invite families of funerals the Staff Team have been involved with during this past year, so this is an outreach initiative as well as a pastoral one so it's always good to have regular members of the congregation here too.

Please invite any who might find this helpful.

Pastoral Team

KNITIVITY

A Massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who has contributed squares or decorations towards our knitted Christmas Tree, our final total is more than 700. Construction of the tree will begin - if anyone can help with decorating the church ready for the Christmas Tree festival on either Thursday 30th November or Friday 1st December please see Rosemary. Also does anyone have old buttons or pictures of Christmas trees that Kate Bond can use in her display.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS - OUR MAJOR YEARLY OUTREACH Each year, together we undertake to deliver Christmas cards with information about our Christmas services, to every home in the parish. This year we'll be delivering cards in November in time to invite people to our **Christmas Tree festival which starts with the concert on Saturday 2nd December.** The cards are available at the back of church, If you are mobile, please TAKE A LOT of cards - not just ones for your own immediate neighbourhood. Some of our church family are very willing but not so mobile, so please help by doing their share of this work as well as your own!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, EVERYONE.

Jenny Power

Our Carol Service this year on Sunday 17 December at 6:30pm is a community 'Big Sing' event and will be the culmination of the Christmas Tree Festival installed in the church through Advent. The choir will also be joining the Wandle Hand Bell Ringers in a concert to open this festival on Saturday 2 December. In addition, we will be carol singing at local pubs after rehearsals have concluded in December. Full details are below. Singers are also welcome at Midnight Communion.

Thursday 23rd November 8.30pm Thursday 30th November 8.30pm

Saturday 2nd December Advent Concert – 7pm – please take a flyer and invite friends and neighbours

Thursday 7th December 8.30pm

Thursday 14th December No rehearsal

Sunday 17th December 3.30pm for 6.30pm with bring and share tea

Thursday 21st December 8.15pm Carol Singing at local pubs.

Please let Julie know by email if you would like to sing in the Christmas Choir. It is not necessary for everyone to attend every rehearsal if you can make a good number of Thursdays and the rehearsal on the day. Please do come and sing!



Advent Candles Thank you for your support on 29th October. If you missed this sale they are now for sale at the back of church, price £4 each in aid of waterways chaplaincy.

Richard Martin.

Ignatian Spirituality, a personal journey

Come and hear Cari Brigden, Ignatian Spiritual Director and member of Christ Church, provide an insight into the Ignatian process at our Mothers' Union Meeting on **Thursday 7th December**. Everyone is welcome at this event – non-members too. The meeting will take place upstairs in the church hall from 10.15 a.m., starting with tea/coffee and mince pies! There will be some creative interaction too! Bring a packed lunch to enjoy with fellowship after Cari's talk. For further enquiries, please contact Gill Glasspool in church or at gill_glasspool@hotmail.com.



Christmas Cakes For our outreach to those who have been unwell, bereaved or are housebound this Christmas, we are seeking bakers to make our usual small fruit cakes which are so appreciated by their recipients. Simple decoration welcomed, but I can decorate if necessary. We need just over 40 this year. Please indicate on the sheet at the back of church on the table by the pigeon holes how many you can provide. Please bring your cakes to the 10am service on 10th December. Many thanks. Jo Woolfe (726782).

Christmas Card Stamps

Could you all please save the stamps from your Christmas cards this year, and put them in the box on the shelf at the back of the church. These are used to raise funds for the RNIB. Please make sure you leave about half an inch of envelope around each stamp, otherwise they can't be used. Any queries to sarahsear@btconnect.com

Help needed

We are looking for 4 people who would be willing to help at the school Christmas carol services this year. They are for Southfield Park **12th December** and Stamford Green **19th December**. If you can help, please telephone the office 743133. Thank you.

Parish Office

Other Notices

Singers wanted! Following great feedback from last year, **Southfield Park School** have requested Christ Church and family/friends to provide some singers again this year for their **Christmas Fair on Saturday 2 December**. They will undertake to provide amplification for us for two 20 minute carol singing sessions at 12.30 and c. 13.15. Please can you let me know ASAP if you would like to take part. Free entry for singers! Jackie jackiembrazier@gmail.com

Epsom Common Association

An opportunity to work on clearing scrub from the margins of the ponds. November 19th /20th at 9.30am Great Pond, meet at Stew Pond notice board. Weds 29th November. 'A review of the Butterfly Year' – an illustrated talk at Christ Church Hall 8pm followed by refreshments

Vicar: The Revd Rosemary Donovan (Day off - Friday); vicar@christchurchepsom.org.uk (01372 720302)

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