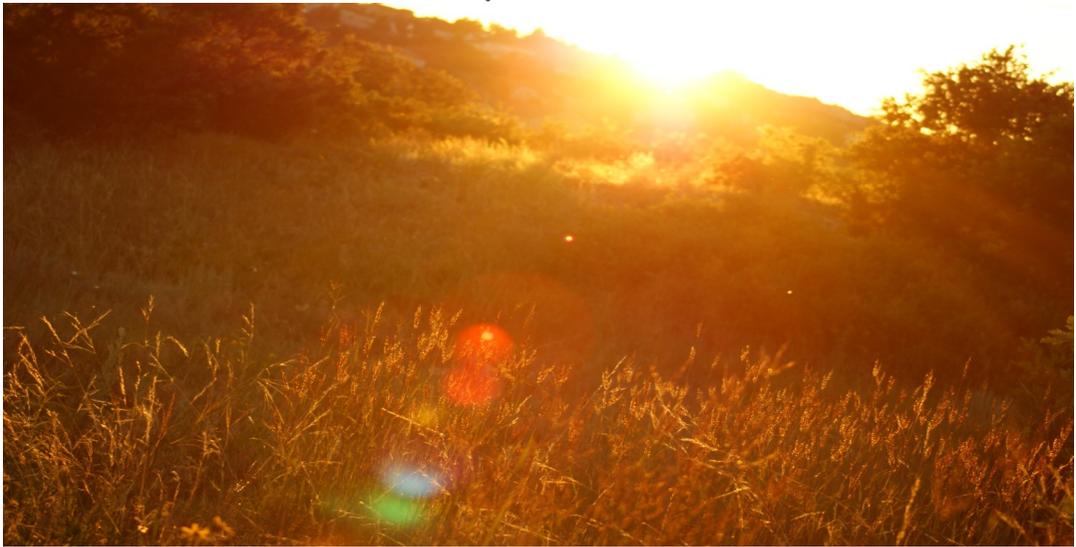




Christ Church Life

Christ Church Downend + The Church
Centre, Quakers Road

July 2017



Welcome to Christ Church

If you are here for the first time, please do make yourself known to one of the welcomers after the service and complete one of our 'Welcome' cards.

There are children's groups that take place during part of the Service. You can find out where your child goes from one of the leaders in the Welcome Space at about 10.45am.

More details about the life of the church can be found on the website:

www.christchurchdownend.com

Prayer

If you would value prayer, we would love to have the opportunity to pray with you after the service, please speak to the service leader or preacher.

Contact the Parish Office on 0117 908 9867 email: office@christchurchdownend.com

Web: www.christchurchdownend.com

Instagram: [@christchurchdownend](https://www.instagram.com/christchurchdownend)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchdownend>

Twitter: [@ChristChDownend](https://twitter.com/ChristChDownend)

Youth Website: <http://www.igniteyouth-christchurchdownend.co.uk/>

Items for July's Christ Church Life - Email **Sue Richardson** on life@christchurchdownend.com by **6pm on Tuesday 18 July** or call **07584 281 605**

Sunday Teachings In July

July 2

Receiving & Giving [Matthew 10:40-end](#)

9.15am @ Church Centre

Paul Peterson

C in the Park @ 11am @ King George
Playing Field - No 10.30am service

6.30pm Holy Communion Jo Vickery

July 9

Really? Learning to be Wise by Coming to
Christ [Matthew 11:16-19](#) & [25-30](#)

9.15am Holy Communion @ Church Centre
Jo Vickery & Helen Buick

10.30am Holy Communion @ Christ Church
Jo Vickery & Helen Buick

6.30pm Celtic Worship
Jo Vickery

July 16

The Mystery of Growth
[Matthew 13: 1-9](#) & [18-23](#)

9.15am @ Church Centre Jo Vickery

10.30am @ Christ Church
Helen Buick & Jo Vickery

6.30pm Holy Communion
Chris Dobson

July 23

Learning to Wait

[Matthew 13:24-30](#) & [36-43](#)

9.15am Holy Communion @ Church Centre
Jo Vickery

10.30am @ Christ Church
Nigel Stowe & Jo Vickery

6.30pm Spirit Space

Sunday 30 July

9.15am @ Church Centre
Paul Peterson

10.30am @ Christ Church
Baptisms with Jo Vickery & Paul Peterson

2.00pm Baptisms

6.30pm Healing Service
Jo Vickery

Weekly Events

Mondays

09.15am Morning Prayer

Tuesdays

10am-1pm Open Church

11.00am Bible Study

15.20pm Drop in for Year 6 CCJ @
Youth Hub

Wednesdays

07.00am Morning Prayer

2pm Stroke Gardening Group

6.30pm Elev8

7.30pm Elev8+ @ Paul Peterson's

8.00pm Elev8+ @ Youth Hub

Thursdays

09.15-12pm Holy Communion & Open
Church

6.30pm Ignite Youth Group

8pm Ignite+ Youth Group

Fridays

09.45am Jigsaw Toddlers Group

3.15pm Youth Drop in @ Youth
Hub

Altar Flowers

Given in memory of loved one or a special
anniversary

2 July Frances Kirby

9 July Ruth Rounsley

16 July Joan Wynne Jones

23 July Debbie Paragreen

30 July Marguerite Luck

Changes to Kathy Prosser's role

Read about Kathy's new role on the
website,

[http://christchurchdownend.com/kathy-take-
new-role/](http://christchurchdownend.com/kathy-take-new-role/) Paper copies are available if you

can't get online. Kathy is on Sabbatical
for July and August so is not available
during this time. Kathy's email address
from 4th September 2017 will be

chaplain@christchurchdownend.com

Kathy Prosser, Chaplain

Alpha

Our Autumn Alpha course is for anyone who wants to find out more about faith. It starts with a supper on **Monday 25 September**. Post cards are available from the start of July. Please take some for your friends and family, and pray about who you might invite. Let's put the Come and see teaching into practice. **Paul Peterson**

Men's event 20/20 cricket @ County Ground. We have a limited number of tickets for the **Gloucestershire v Somerset** match on Friday evening **4 August**. Tickets just £12 for adults, £3 for under 19s. Sign up sheet in Welcome Space or email men@christchurchdownend.com

Spring Harvest Local on **27 September** at St Michael's Stoke Gifford Tickets are already on sale.

<https://www.ecevents.uk/tour-2017/bristol/Site/Register>

Newcomer Welcome Meal

Thursday July 13 @ 25 Ducie Road Staple Hill @ 7.30pm

If you're new to Christ Church or nearly new, join us for a meal and a chance to ask questions and hear a bit more about our vision. If you would like to come, please contact **Anita Dobson 07753 233950**

July Messy Church is on **Wednesday 19 July** we gather for crafts, games and drinks at 4.30pm in the Parish Hall. There is a time of interactive worship at 5.30pm and then we have a hot meal together. Everyone welcome.

We are looking for new caterers to prepare food for Messy Church from September. Can you help? It's a vital part of this exciting ministry to 20 or so families, most of whom are new to church and exploring faith for the first time.

A Window of Opportunity

We're moving steadily towards seeing the vision realised – a church building that can build community, celebrate creativity and deepen Christianity. With a target of £952,000 to reach by September, the amount needed has reduced to £266,000 as of June 20. Updates will be given regularly over coming weeks. So very special thanks to everyone who has generously given or made pledges already. You can do this using the response form in the Building4Life leaflet available in church or online at the website. In addition, we are aware that a significant amount of grant funding is out there and that our vision for Christ Church will appeal to a number of specific Trusts and Charitable Foundations. To maximize this potential we are asking anyone who has experience in approaching funding streams or writing bids to get in touch. Interested? Please contact Maggie Nichols at the following email address:

building4life@christchurchdownend.com

We continue to bring all these things to the Lord in prayer trusting in the faithfulness of the God who provides.

Youth Drop In

Friday Drop In's started 3 years ago, and they have become such an amazing group, and they don't want to stop coming, so the Youth team are starting a new "Year 6 Drop In" on Tuesdays starting on Tue 28 June. 3.15-4.30pm. Speak to **Diane Paddon** or **Emma King** if you want to join this team.

Christian Aid Week A big thank you to everyone who collected on a street on two, we collected £1844.71.

Rosemary Lancaster says thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, kind wishes, flowers and gifts following her operation.

Everything Else in July

Sat 1 July Fellowship Day Out

Sun 2 July no 10.30am service at Christ Church - we'll all be at... C in the park @ King George V Park Downend @ 11am.

Sun 2 July 6.30pm Annual Fellowship Service

Mon 3 July 1.30pm Craft group

Wed 5 July 2.30pm Mothers' Union with Kath Sugden

Sat 8 July 6.45pm Dynamic Youth Summer Party

Sun 9 July Connected End of Year party

Tue 11 July 7.45pm Fellowship evening: Bristol Zoo History & Conservation

Thur 13 July 7.30pm End of term BBQ at Ignite

Fri 14 July 6.30pm The Mix youth event

Sun 16 July Church Picnic (with Chernobyl Children's Lifeline) & last Sunday children's groups.

Mon 17 July 1.30pm craft group

Tue 18 July 9.30am Prayer for Persecuted Christians 39 Cleeve Hill

Tue 18 July 2.30pm Bereavement Group

Tue 18 July 7.15pm PCC Meeting

Wed 19 July 4.30pm Messy Church

Thur 20 July Youth Leaders social

Children's Ministry (Creche, Sparklers & Connected)

is a place where children and the adults have fun and grow in their faith. It's a frontline on your doorstep (with back up). We are looking for more leaders in all groups to make sure that our children receive excellent care and teaching on Sunday mornings. We want our children and their parents to continue to have spiritual input on Sundays and that means more helpers. If you can only commit to once a term rather than once a month, this is very welcome. I can guarantee you will be blessed and see blessings. Please see Charlie Walker wcharlie289@gmail.com

July Faith on the Frontline Prayers

This month we are praying for those working in admin and retail. Please let us know if you are in this group and tell us how we can pray for you and for your workplace. What are the pressures, the opportunities? Anita anitadobson@christchurchdownend.com

Prayer Opportunities

Remember the peace and closeness to God that you felt back in January at the 24/7 prayer week and the decision you made to make prayer more central in your life? You can ask to access to the prayer chapel at any time. You can come to the regular prayer times at church: 9.15am Monday, 7 am Wednesday, or to find stillness on Tuesday mornings when the church is open 10 -1, or Thursdays after Communion until around 12. Get in touch if you would like to find out more.

Spring Harvest 2018

There is a church group booking so if you want to join, speak to Charlie, Dawn or Wendy or contact Spring Harvest.

Haslemere @ Danehill

If you have a child who will be in school years 6, 7 or 8 in the autumn, why not encourage them to attend

Haslemere @ Danehill, a 3 night residential holiday in East Sussex - great teaching, fantastic food, heated swimming pool, adventure activities and much more. Speak to **Paul Peterson** for more details.

CAP Befrienders Needed.

Would anyone who is willing and able to help in the work of CAP in our local area please contact Jane on 0753 090 0957 or email janewhite@cap.uk.org.

Congratulations!

Many special congratulations to Helen Barnett and Peter Buick on their marriage on June 24. May the Lord's blessing be upon their future together.