



Testimony

You have probably seen Wendy Dundas at church in the last few months, often with Valliant, her black Labrador and maybe James her son. Wendy has been coming to the 10.30 service at Christ Church for a few months. She works in Child Protection. I asked Wendy what God is doing in her life at the moment. She says, "It's been a painful but exciting time. I am beginning to know God on a deeper level. I'm learning about my shortcomings. It's not been a smooth path."

So what has brought Wendy to this new sense of God working in her?

"It was the series of services on Values. I began to feel a sense of discomfort about my life and faith. I realised that I didn't tell people that I went to church."

Wendy describes that although it has been painful, she feels she is on a learning curve and she is experiencing a whole new way of faith. She's experiencing a sense of joy and thankfulness as she seeks what God wants to do in her and through her at the moment.

She asks us to pray that she will know what to do when someone with a need comes her way. She has a heart for the lonely and is a good listener.

Thank you Wendy for all the ways you have already blessed us.

Prayer

After the success of the Early prayer times at Pentecost, there is now a 7 am prayer

meeting each Wednesday in church. Come and pray for the Spirit's work in our lives and in our community.

Faith in Homes

Care for the Family Event for families with a child with additional needs: follow the link:

<http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/family-life/parent-support/parenting-additional-challenges/additional-needs-support/just-for-you-events-2016>

Do you feel like your family is Thriving or Surviving? Read this research and see how it tallies with your own experience.

<http://www.4children.org.uk/page/thriving-or-surviving>

Invitation

The Joy of the Gospel- the joy of invitations

Do you like receiving invitations? Thought so. Then why do we find it so hard to give them? Believe wholeheartedly that Jesus is alive? Why then do some of us find it so hard to invite people to come and see? I am about to read a book about how to become a person who invites others to "Come and see" at church or other events. I'll let you know how that goes. But those of us who aren't so good at this can already get started. Why not invite someone to:

One of the men or women's events (see below)



A Sunday service – check the web site if you want to pick one that might suit particularly.

Messy Church; the Forest Family Day; (see below)

The Big Lunch at Page Park on Sun 12th June

And see if you can go with them. It can make all the difference.

Opportunities to serve

Serving is growing more like Jesus.

We love all the ways you serve people out there in your daily life. But we also love it when you are able to serve the church community. Here are some current opportunities:

- Messy Church: preparing or helping children with crafts; Catering; Registering people on arrival
4 – 6.30 pm on the 4th Wed of the month
- Join the Welcome team – extend a welcome to newcomers at the 10.30 service and make them feel at home.
- Book keeper for church finances -see Christ Church Life for details.
- A couple who would like to host one or two couples at home for the Marriage Course – you make them feel welcome, give them a meal, show them the DVD, pausing at intervals for them to discuss in private the questions set in the manual. A 5 week course. No training needed. I would support you with admin, prayer and issues arising.

Diary Dates

Men's events:

20/20 Cricket - Gloucestershire v Somerset Bristol's County Ground 6.30pm start on Friday 17th June. £10 for adults and £3 for under 19s. Reserve your ticket by signing the list in the Welcome Space or emailing men@christchurchdownend.com or see this link on Church website <http://christchurchdownend.com/event-items/twenty-20-cricket-gloucestershire-v-somerset/>

River Cruise in July! (There is a link on Church website to this event) <http://christchurchdownend.com/event-items/river-cruise/>

All aboard for a one hour history and wildlife cruise around the docks. The boat is covered and heated (no worries about catching a chill). Refreshments available to purchase on board and there's even a toilet. Places are limited to 36 people, so first come first served. The boat is operated by Number Seven boats. Contact: Jamie Paddon t:07758 385277

Women's events:

Walk and pub supper: Wed 15th June Meet 6 pm on the road outside Badminton Rd Methodist for a lovely walk along the river, or meet us at the Golden Heart, Winterbourne Down at 7 pm for a meal.

<https://www.thegoldenheartwinterbourne.co.uk/> Check out the pub menu here.

Sign up on the list in the welcome space or email Laura Green by Monday night

women@christchurchdownend.com



or call Laura 07796 157479 or Anita
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Forest Family Day Sat 11th June

It's not too late to book for this Royal day out for families in Brecon, Wales. See Anita and Christ Church Life for details.

By Wednesday 8th please so there will be enough barbecue tea for everyone.

Messy Church June 22nd July 20th (a week early due to the holidays)

Questions? Feedback? Ideas to share? Please contact me

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