



Christ Church Life

Christ Church Downend + The Church Centre, Quakers Road

2 April 2017

Passion Sunday



- 9.15am Holy Communion - Lent 5
Church Centre
Dead or Alive
[John 11: 1-45](#)
Chris Dobson
- 10.30am Morning Worship - Lent 5
Christ Church
Dead or Alive
[John 11: 1-45](#)
Paul Peterson & Chris Dobson
- 6.30pm Holy Communion
[Psalm 30](#) & [Matthew 20:17-end](#)
Paul Peterson & Kathy Prosser

Prayer Focus

- Please pray for Christ Church Infants as it has its church schools inspection (SIAMS) on Monday 3 April. Thank God for the amazing work and dedication of all those involved in the school who work hard to embed and live out Christian values.
- Thank God for the children who come along to Sunday groups, Bible Clubs and Messy Church. Pray for their faith to grow and for them to be courageous as they live out their faith.
- Thank God too for gifted and dedicated leaders in Sparklers, Crèche and Connected. Pray for new leaders to be inspired to join Children's ministry, each age group needs extra leaders.

Charlie Walker – Children's Ministry

Prayer

If you would value prayer, please go to the sanctuary (by the Altar) after the morning service.

Welcome to Christ Church

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

There are children's groups that take place during part of the Service. You will be able to follow the teachers from the Welcome Space at about 10.50am.

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

www.christchurchdownend.com

Silent prayer

A time agreeable to those who expressed a desire for it is Tuesdays from 9.15 to 9.45 in the church during Lent. Come for a time when silence will be golden! We will start and end with a prayer and let God speak to us in the space between.

24-7 prayer is back for 24 Hours

By popular demand, there will be another chance to pray, seeking God's presence and his power for ourselves and our community. Easter Saturday 15th April 9am to Easter Sunday 9am in the church. You can book a slot online <https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/f28879>, on the paper rota in the Welcome Space or just turn up. We expect it to be full.

This forms part of our Easter celebrations.

Here are all the Easter events in one list:

Friday 7 April - The Passion at Christ Church

Good Friday, 14 April

10.30am Experience Easter Together

2pm "At the Foot of the Cross"

Easter Saturday @ 9am to Easter Sunday @

9am 24 hours of silent prayer in Christ Church.

Easter Saturday Vigil - 8pm to 9pm

"Awaiting the light". A special time of Taize chants and anticipating Easter Joy.

Easter Sunday

9.15am Traditional Easter Day Holy

Communion at The Church Centre

10.30am Family Easter celebration, including

Holy Communion in the Spiritual Garden and

6.30pm Traditional Easter evening celebration of Holy Communion.

New Appointments to the Parish Office

Miranda Mingay will be joining as our Administration Assistant working Monday to Thursday as from early April.

Charlie Walker will be joining as Assistant Parish Administrator working Thursday and Friday starting 20th April.

Maggie Nichols will continue to work as Administration Assistant on Fridays but in a new role as part of our staff team.

Welcome to the team!

This Week

Monday 3 April

09.15am

Morning Prayer

7.30pm

Safeguarding Training

Tuesday 4 April

09.15

Lent Silent Prayer

10.00-1pm

Open Church

11.00am

Bible Study

Wednesday 5 April

07.00am

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer

2.15pm

Mothers' Union - More than just friendship - Martyn Poole

6.30pm

Elev8 @ Youth Hub

7.45pm

Elev8+ @ Paul Peterson's

Thursday 6 April

09.30am

Holy Communion

10.30-12pm

Open Church

6.30pm

Ignite youth

8.00pm

Ignite +

Friday 7 April

Parish Office Closed

09.45am

Jigsaw Toddlers

3.30pm

Youth Drop in @ Youth Hub

7.30pm

The Passion Play

Sunday 9 April

Palm Sunday

9.15am

Morning Worship - Lent 6
Church Centre

Provocative Power

[Matthew 21:1-11](#)

Rob Stewart

10.30am

Morning Worship - Lent 5
Christ Church

Provocative Power

[Matthew 21:1-11](#)

Nigel Stowe & Helen Barnett

6.30pm

Celtic Worship

Dave & Barbara Tooby & Nigel Stowe

Exam Prayer List

Each year we create a prayer diary for all those with exams in May & June. If you have a young person with school or University exams coming up and they want to be included, please send your exam subjects, dates and times to helenmbarnett@gmail.com

Mothers' Union Meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday 5 April at 2.15pm. Martyn Poole is speaking on "The work of our Parish Council - and other things".

Mothers' Union Annual Summer Outing

Cardiff Bay and Llancaiach Fawr Manor (Nr Pontypridd). **Wednesday 14th June 2017**

Cost £22 including cream tea..

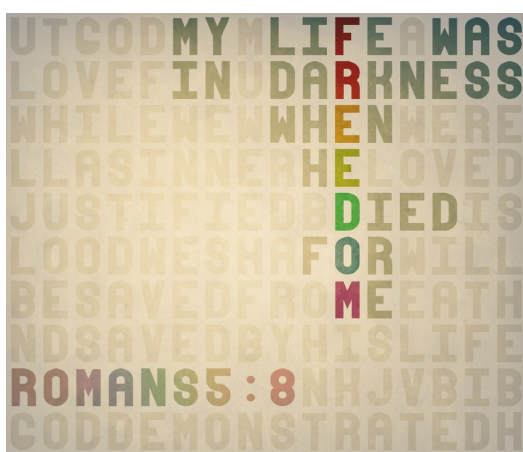
All friends welcome. If interested please contact Joan Wynne Jones. 9569161

Noise 2017

Booking forms are available to pick up from the Youth Hub. Anyone from our church family is welcome to join in community social action projects on Saturday 29 April and Monday 2 May. Cost is £5 for one or both days. There are more details and a promo film <https://goo.gl/EHaUme> or see Gary or Diane for more info.

Christ Church PCC - is God calling you?

The PCC (Parochial Church Council) is the church's governing body and sees its task as 'cooperating with the vicar in promoting the whole mission of Christ Church with a particular responsibility for ensuring wise and faithful stewardship of the church's resources, to enable vision to become reality' In other words it plays a key oversight role and we need godly men and women to serve on it from the APCM onwards. The PCC meets 6 times a year usually on midweek evenings, and induction is provided for new members. Induction forms are available from Sunday 26 March, together with leaflets explaining a little more of what is involved. On a wider level we also need up to 4 people to serve on the deanery synod, a body which seeks to encourage the flourishing of the wider church.



Aquila Course

Aquila course is back - helping people find hope after heartbreak.

The course helps you find a deeper sense of wholeness and confidence through discussion and helpful material facilitated by trained peers who have been through divorce themselves.

Starts Tuesday 25th April for 7 weeks on Tuesday evenings in the Youth Hub. For info visit <https://www.hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk> or call confidential number **07807 058 479**

Easter Lilies

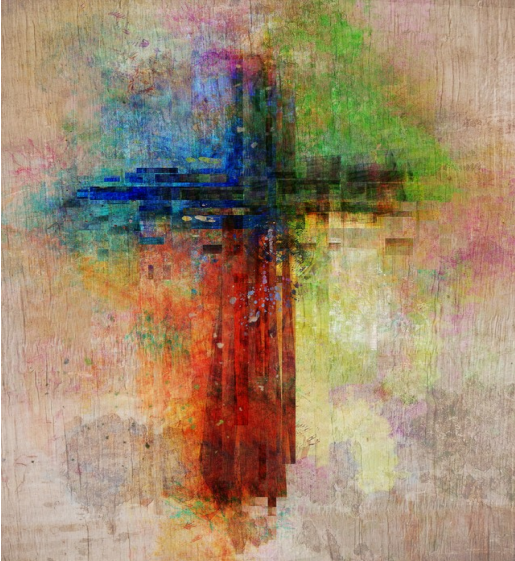
We will be decorating our Church for Easter with lilies. If you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, then please put your name on the lists that are at the Church Centre and the Parish Church. Lilies will cost £6 each. Please put your money in an envelope with your name on thanks **Maggie**

Passion Play at Christ Church

This weekend is your last chance to buy tickets to the Passion Play. Buy online here <https://goo.gl/wxOoxg> or from the Parish Office, Melanie's Kitchen in Downend or Helen Barnett, Diane Paddon, Maggie Nichols or Anne Castle.

Neema Crafts Update

Latest News From Ben & Katy Ray at Neema Crafts in Tanzania on the website - <https://goo.gl/MJHa8j>



First Step Home

In anticipation of his forthcoming 50th birthday, Paul Peterson will be walking 50+ miles from his birthplace in Taunton to Downend on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th April in aid of Retrak's 'First Step Home' campaign. Retrak works with street children in Africa and is a cause dear to Paul's heart. You can sponsor him at <http://www.justgiving.com/Paul-Peterson2>. If anyone fancies joining Paul and others for part of the ramble please let him know.

Spring Harvest & Haslemere

We pray God's blessing on all our Christ Church families who will be enjoying Spring Harvest or young people and young leaders at Haslemere. We look forward to seeing you all back on Good Friday.

Governors at Christ Church Schools

Charlie Walker is stepping down as a Foundation Governor at the infants, and Andy Pound is leaving the Juniors Governing body after 10 years. We are very grateful to God for their input into our Church Schools. Both posts are becoming vacant from the summer. If you are interested please speak to Paul or Jo. (Other Church members who are governors are Jo and Belinda Stowe (CCI) and Paul, Mark Walker & Graham Ball (CCJ)

Bigger Tescos, and some Morrisons and some Waitrose will be stocking **Real Easter Eggs** this year or you can order them online <http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk/shop/>

Fast Food

If you have not yet found a Lenten Study, there is still time to use the pack from Open Doors called "Fast Food". There are copies at both ends of the Parish. See Mary Massey if you want one.

Electoral Roll Update and APCM

It's that time of year again. A copy of the Church's electoral roll, the nearest we get to an official membership list, is displayed at the back of Christ Church and the Church Centre. Please check your details and if you're over 16 and new to Christ Church or missed out last time round, please complete one of the forms provided by 11 April to make sure your name's added.

Save The Date

The Annual Parochial Church meeting will be different this year. It will take place on **Wednesday 26th April** at 7.30pm, and the usual elections and reports will take place in the context of a celebration of Parish Life. More details to follow.

Fellowship Weekend Away

We pray God's blessing on Jo Vickery & the Church Fellowship as they take their annual weekend away (31 Mar- 3 April) to the Fishguard Bay Hotel.

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

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

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