

Easter Edition



Sunday 9 April Palm Sunday

9.15am Morning Worship - Lent 6
Church Centre
Provocative Power
[Matthew 21:1-11](#)
Rob Stewart

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Christ Church
Provocative Power
[Matthew 21:1-11](#)
Nigel Stowe & Helen Barnett

6.30pm Celtic Worship
Dave & Barbara Tooby & Nigel Stowe

Sunday 16 April Easter Sunday

8am Sunrise Service and Easter
breakfast around the brazier

9.15am Easter Holy Communion
Joy breaks out!
[John 20:1-18](#)
Church Centre
Paul Peterson

10.30am All age celebration
with Holy Communion
JOY in unexpected places
[John 20:1-18](#)
Anita Dobson & Jo Vickery

6.30pm Easter Evening Holy
Communion
Chris Dobson

Prayer Focus

- Get involved in our 24 hours of prayer from 9 am Easter Saturday to 9 am Easter Sunday as part of the Easter weekend. Please pray that people who didn't have the confidence or opportunity to come last time will come and experience God's peace, strength and guidance.
- Also pray for the Good Friday morning "Experience Easter Together" event which will take a new format: pray for the right marketing and content and that it will draw people of all ages to encounter the cross.
- We continue to look for new support for the women's events team: please pray for clear discernment and for the right person. I also am seeking another person to join the Jigsaw team so that I can take more of an oversight role.

Anita Dobson — Discipleship

Prayer

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

No Lent Silent prayer Until May 2
Since it's proving to be a special time, we'll resume again on 2 May.

Prayer Triplets

If you are interested in forming a prayer triplet and are not sure who to ask, please find Anita after the 10.30 service in the welcome space, or get in touch by phone or email. We have a special reason to want as many prayer triplets as possible to form this year as we pray for friends, family and neighbours to come to faith.

24-7 prayer is back for 24 Hours

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.

Messy Church

will be celebrating Easter on

Wednesday 26 April from 4.30pm to 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. Why not join us for crafts, friendship, worship and a hot meal together?



Easter Prayer

Please pray for those from our congregation away from home or overseas during this Easter season. Jan & Richard Bacon are away with Mission Direct in Kumi, Uganda, Bryony Pannell who is a GP working in Malawi with Aids patients, and Iona Clark, working on the island of Iona.

This Week & Next

Tuesday 11 April

7.45pm Christ Church Fellowship

Wednesday 12 April

2.00pm Stroke Recovery Gardening Group

Thursday 13 April Maundy Thursday

09.30am Holy Communion

10.30-12pm Open Church

Friday 14 April Good Friday

10.30-12pm Experience Easter Together
Come when you are ready - open from 10.30am to 12pm

2.00pm At the Foot of the Cross

Saturday 15 April

09.00am 24 Hours of Prayer until Sunday @ 9am

8.00pm Awaiting the Light Vigil

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Tuesday 18 April

9.30am Prayer for persecuted Christians
39 Cleeve Hill

2.30pm Bereavement group

Wednesday 19 April

2.00pm Stroke Recovery Gardening Group

Thursday 20 April

9.30am Holy Communion

10-12pm Open Church

Sunday 23 April

9.15am Holy Communion Church Centre
Going forth in peace - John 20: 19-31
Paul Peterson

10.30am Morning Worship - Christ Church
Going forth in peace - John 20: 19-31
Helen Barnett & Paul Peterson

6.30pm Spirit Space - Martin Brown

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 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

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. Nomination 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.



Bake to bring hope after heartbreak

Aquila course starts Tues 25th April for 7 weeks on Tuesday evenings in the Hub, helping those who've been through divorce. Could you bless the course members with a yummy cake one week? Get in touch with **Angie Moller** if so, on 07969 061191 angie.r.m@hotmail.com. To book on the course 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**

Don't forget that the Church will be filled with lilies from Easter Saturday, we are so grateful to Maggie and the flower team who offer their talents to make the church ready for Easter Sunday.

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 1 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.

Electoral Roll Update and APCM

If you consider yourself a part of Christ Church and would like to be included on our Electoral Roll, please fill in a membership form by 11 April.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our APCM will take place in the context of worship and celebration on **Wednesday 26th April** at 7.30pm. Along with electing wardens and PCC members, we'll be hearing inspiring stories of God at work and some insight into the priorities for the year. Coffee served from 7.10pm and we'll aim to finish no later than 9.15pm. Please make every effort to attend and arrange lifts where necessary.

Parish Safeguarding Officer Vacancy

At the end of June Kathy Prosser will be stepping down from her role as Head of Wholeness and Pastoral Care, and will instead be commissioned as a lay chaplain continuing much of her ministry to care homes, in home communions and hospital visiting. For the last couple of years Kathy has also fulfilled the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) ensuring that we have robust and compassionate policies for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. As she relinquishes this role we will be making it a priority to appoint a new PSO to oversee this vital aspect of Christ Church's life. Could you be that person? A full role description is available and support and training will be provided to ensure a smooth transition. Speak to Paul, Jo or Kathy to find out more.

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/>

Fellowship

The next Fellowship Meeting will be on Tuesday 11 April at 7.45pm in the Parish Hall. We will be learning about Village life in Mid-Victorian Times with Rose Hewlett. Everyone welcome.

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

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