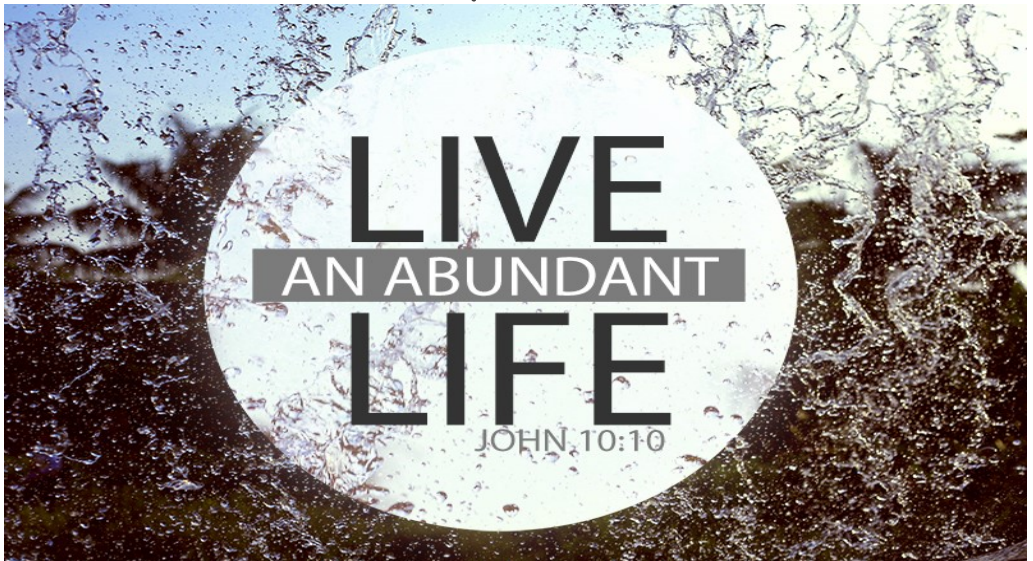




Christ Church Life

Christ Church Downend + The Church
Centre, Quakers Road

May 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 teachers in the Welcome Space at about 10.50am.

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

www.christchurchdownend.com

Prayer

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

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 June's Christ Church Life - Email **Sue Richardson** on life@christchurchdownend.com by 6pm on Tuesday 23 May or call 07584 281 605

Sunday Teachings In May

April 30 - Burning Hearts & Broken Bread

[Luke 24:13-55](#) & [1 Peter 1:17-23](#)

9.15am @ Church Centre

Jo Vickery & Nigel Stowe

10.30am @ Christ Church

Jo Vickery & Nigel Stowe

6.30pm Healing Service

Jo Vickery & Nigel Stowe

May 7

Unusual Satisfaction

[John 10:1-10](#) & [Psalm 23](#)

9.15am @ Church Centre

Nigel Stowe

10.30am Helen Barnett & Youth Team

6.30pm Holy Communion

Paul Peterson & Peter Misselbrook

May 14

The Gathered Church

[Ephesians 3:14-21](#)

9.15am - Holy Communion

Church Centre

Paul Peterson

10.30am Jo Vickery & Paul Peterson

6.30pm Celtic Worship Jo Vickery

May 21

The Scattered Church

[Ephesians 6:10-20](#)

9.15am @ Church Centre

Paul Peterson, Jan & Richard Bacon

10.30am Jo Vickery

6.30pm Holy Communion Paul Peterson

May 28

Praying 'Thy Kingdom Come'

[Matthew 6: 5-15](#)

9.15am - Holy Communion

Church Centre

Paul Peterson & Nigel Stowe

10.30am Paul Peterson & Nigel Stowe

6.30pm Spirit Space

Weekly Events

Mondays

09.15am Morning Prayer

Tuesdays

09.15am Morning Prayer

10am-1pm Open Church

11.00am Bible Study

Wednesdays

07.00am Morning Prayer

2pm Stroke Gardening Group

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

Roy Pope's Thanksgiving

There will be a thanksgiving service for the life of Roy Pope on **Tuesday 9 May** at 2pm.

Altar Flowers

Given in memory of loved one or a special anniversary

23 April: Mollie Carter

30 April: Sue Riddle

7 May: Marguerite Luck

14 May: Moira Staley

21 May: Maria Henderson

28 May: Helen Stretton

Paul's Birthday BBO

Paul is hosting a 50th birthday BBO at 15 Glendale on **Bank Holiday Monday 1 May** from 4.30-8.30pm, to which you are all invited. RETRAK total is now £1800.

Heatree Youth Weekend

We're on the lookout for someone to co-ordinate catering for this year's Youth Weekend from 30th June -2nd July. Fully equipped kitchen, great location on the edge of Dartmoor and a chance to serve our wonderful young people. Speak to Martin Brown or Diane or Gary if you want to know more.

Parish Safeguarding Officer Role

Do you have a concern for the care and wellbeing of all God's people, good people skills and an eye for detail? You could be the person we're looking for to fill this vital role. Training provided. Please speak to Kathy Prosser or one of the clergy if you want to know more.

Other May Events

3 May Mothers' Union 2.15pm
7 May Connected Team meeting 12pm
9 May Fellowship at 7.45pm
Photos set to music with John Parsons
13 May Dynamic Youth
(meet at Hub 6.45pm)
15 May Craft group @ 1.30pm
15 May PCC meeting @ 7.15pm
16 May Prayer for Persecuted Christians
9.30am 39 Cleeve Hill
17 May Messy Church @4.30pm
21 May Car wash @10.30am for Uganda
trips for Wilson family & Jonny Dobson
23 May Bereavement group 2.30pm

Women's Quiet Day - 6th May

Please book by 1 May.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 13 May

Sign up lists at the back of church or email men@christchurchdownend.com

Christenings

Jack Matthews and Finn McCann will be christened in the 10.30 service on 30 April and Robert Algate on 20 May.

Mothers' Union

Next meeting is 3 May. It's an Open Meeting & visitors are invited from other local groups. The speaker is Margaret Adams with "Living with the Boss". Afterwards we have tea and cake.

PCC

The following were elected to PCC at this week's APCM.

Church Wardens:

Andy Smith and Roger Cholmondeley
Deanery Synod:

Andy, Roger and Richard Ward

PCC: Helen Barnett, Jonny Dobson,
Julian Cox, Pete Tiltman, Deb Turpin,
Martin Brown, Jamie Paddon, Ian Giles,
Bryan Ashton and Miriam Parfitt.

Celebration Banquet

On **Sunday 4 June** please join us for a celebration banquet at midday for all our congregations as we mark the 15th Anniversary of Jo & Shahne coming to Christ Church.

Building4Life - it is really happening!

As we heard at the Annual Meeting, everything is in place to move from vision into action as we seek to follow Christ's exciting purposes for the reordering of Christ Church. We are so thankful that God has provided almost two thirds of our total costs so far, estimated to be around £1m. A final cost plan and drawings will be shown on Sunday 14th May when we will be inviting everyone to prayerfully discern how we might respond to this amazing opportunity to give joyfully and generously so that God's work can be completed by Spring 2018. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures. **B4L Team**

#ThyKingdomCome

Special week of 7am prayer every day
Monday 22 to Saturday 27 May. Come and pray together for those you long to turn to Christ. This is part of the Archbishop of Canterbury's annual call to pray for others to come to faith in Christ. In preparation for this week, can you pledge to pray for 5 friends/family? Look out for the leather wristbands to help you remember them in prayer. Could you focus on this in your prayer triplets throughout May and June, forming new triplets if you don't yet belong to one? On Tuesday evenings in June we will look at practical ideas and inspiration for sharing our faith.

Our **Doorways Group** here at Christ Church are hosting an evening with Alice Kemp, the Disability Advisor for Bristol Diocese on Monday 22 May 7-9pm called "**How Safe and Welcome is our church?**" We are doing well on this journey but Alice will inspire us with a world of possibilities. All are welcome. Please book a free place with family@christchurchdownend.com
Open to other churches so do invite friends.

Footsteps of Christ booklet – If anyone is interested in having one of the Footsteps of Christ booklets that accompanied the beautiful posters of the Stations of the Cross used at the 24 hour day of prayer they are £4 each. Please let me know if you would like one. Many thanks, **Maggie**

Easter flowers

Many thanks to all of you who donated a lily in memory of a loved one for Easter. It is always a great privilege to arrange such beautiful flowers. **Maggie**

Christian Aid Week

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week> is 14-20 May. Please speak to Anne Castle or Paul Peterson if you can help out to raise much needed funds for Christian Aid projects across the world.

May Messy Church is on Wednesday 17 May, 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.

Team India are having a Grand Auction & curry night on Friday 19 May. Tickets £5 for adults, Children free, (Curry or burger with your ticket) from Diane & Gary. If you have something to offer for the auction of promises please speak to the team.

Brunel Brass are back again for a concert at Christ Church on Sat 20 May raising funds for the Christ Church Mission Partners and for Brunel Brass. Tickets £5 (U13 free) from the Parish Office. It's an opportunity to hear National Competition level Brass Band music with Alan & Luke Campbell & Reuben Jenkins.

Sparklers children (age 3-5) are in need of 2 new leaders from September. How often? Roughly once a month during 10.30 service. What would I have to do? Nothing scary! Bring fruit for about 8 children and help with craft/play activities. You would be part of a team with someone else taking responsibility. Why? Because teaching the next generation is so important. And because it's always fun! Please contact **Belinda Stowe** 0790 1894471
belindajstowe@gmail.com