



Christ Church Life

Christ Church Downend + The Church
Centre, Quakers Road

August 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.

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

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Items for July's Christ Church Life - Email **Sue Richardson** on life@christchurchdownend.com by **6pm on Tuesday 29 August** or call **07584 281 605**

Summer Sundays

July 23

Peter Gets a Shock [Luke 5:1-11](#)

9.15am Holy Communion @ Church Centre
Jo Vickery & Nigel Stowe

10.30am @ Christ Church
Jo Vickery & Nigel Stowe

6.30pm Spirit Space

Sunday 30 July

Peter Gets Out The Boat [Matthew 14:22-33](#)

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

August 6

Peter is Dazzled [Luke 9:28-36](#)

9.15am @ Church Centre
Paul Peterson

10.30am @ Christ Church
Helen Buick & Paul Peterson

6.30pm Holy Communion
Jo Vickery & Nigel Stowe

August 13

Peter Learns What Love Looks Like

[John 13:1-17](#)

9.15am Holy Communion @ Church Centre
Chris Dobson

10.30am Holy Communion @ Christ Church
Jo Vickery & Chris Dobson (Commission Team India)

6.30pm Celtic Worship
Anita Dobson & Jo Vickery

August 20

Peter Cracks Under Pressure [John 18:1-27](#)

9.15am @ Church Centre
Nigel Stowe

10.30am @ Christ Church
Jo Vickery & Nigel Stowe

6.30pm Holy Communion
Jo Vickery & Peter Misselbrook

August 27

Peter Gets a Second Chance

9.15am @ Church Centre
Jo Vickery & Nigel Stowe

10.30am @ Christ Church
Jo Vickery & Nigel Stowe

6.30pm Spirit Space

Weekly Events

Many of our weekly events in term time are stopping for the Summer holidays. Here are the one's that are continuing...

Mondays

09.15am Morning Prayer (not 7 or 28 Aug)

Tuesdays

11am-1pm Open Church

Wednesdays

07.00am Morning Prayer

2pm Stroke Gardening Group

Thursdays

09.30-12pm Holy Communion & Open Church

August Altar Flowers - Given in memory of loved one or a special anniversary

6 August Maggie Nichols

13 August Brenda & Geoff Greet

20 August June Joynes

27 August Kath & Matt Horne

Jigsaw and other little ones, look. We are having a "Summer At Home for our under 5s" Meet Ups from 10-11.30am at 25 Ducie Rd. Staple Hill, BS16 5JZ on **Fri 28 July, Tue 8 Aug & Fri 11 Aug**

Open Church Tuesdays: we're having lots of worship & sharing from the Psalms every Tuesday starting on 25 July 11-1pm (bring your sarnies and stay for lunch.)

Wednesday 7am prayers are continuing over the summer... Something to consider taking up for the holidays?

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 to take 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>

Open Doors

Open Doors have their Annual Fellowship and Prayer Day at Blagdon on **5 August**. Please contact Mary Massey on 9572 447 for details. The usual monthly prayer meeting is on Tuesday 15 August @ 9.30am at 39 Cleeve Hill.

Cream Tea Anyone? Caroline and Angela are hosting a cream tea for the Building4Life fund on Tuesday 25 July from 2-4pm in the Welcome Space.

Christ Church Fellowship "At Home" Tuesday 8 August @ 7pm - 6 Sidelands Road, everyone welcome – drinks provided. Call Maggie for details.

Summer Sunday's

10.30am services during the summer (from 23rd July) will be shorter and geared for all ages. The children are going to the Parish Hall for fun activities whilst a 'stimulating' sermon is preached in church!

A (Closing) Window of Opportunity

We are getting closer every week; and the vision of a Parish Church that can facilitate the building of community, celebrate creativity and deepen Christianity is becoming a reality! With a target of £952,000 to reach by the start of September, the amount needed has reduced considerably and we now need £212,870. So very special thanks to everyone who has generously given or made pledges already which total £122,371.19 with over £4,000 being tithed to support the ministry of Pastor Misa in Moldova. For those who are still considering giving or making a pledge please use the response form in the Building4Life leaflet available in church or do it online via our web home page. We are praying that some grant funding will help bridge the gap but it must be stressed that if we are to engage the contractors to start in October the remaining monies need to be pledged or given before the beginning of September. If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Nichols at the following email address: building4life@christchurchdownend.com Please continue to pray as the tenders are considered by four Contractors over the next few weeks. We trust in the God who is sovereign over all.

Our Craft group are having a break in August. We're restarting on Mon 4 Sept 1.30pm. Thank you for all the donations of cards, we don't need any more at the moment! **Kathy & Molly**

Help needed on the Projection Rota

Can you offer to do projection on Sunday 13 or Sunday 20 August? All our team are on holiday. Training is available. Please email helenmbarnett@gmail.com

Everything Else in August

Wed 2 Aug Mother's Union Cream Tea & Garden Party

Fri 4 Aug Men's Event (Cricket Somerset v Gloucestershire)

Sat 5 Aug Open Doors Annual Event Blagdon

Tue 8 Aug Fellowship at Home 6 Sidelands

Tue 15 Aug 2.30pm Bereavement Group

Tue 15 Aug 9.30am Prayer for Persecuted Christians 39 Cleeve Hill

Team India away from 18 Aug to 3 Sept

CAP Centre News - Jane White will be retiring from her role as Centre Manager in May 2018. Due to the training dates on offer from CAP Head Office we are now in a position to advertise this 20 hours a week role. For a job description please email paulpeterson@christchurchdownend.com Letters of application with a CV and details of two referees should be returned to the Parish Office for the attention of Paul Peterson by Sunday 3rd September.

Moldova Visit - 5 members of the Christ Church family will be in Moldova from 12-19 September for the official opening of the new church building in Ursoaia, funded by the generosity of church members. Subject to final approval from Air Moldova we have been asked to take supplies of children's shoes to distribute to local families. Please bring any contributions of outgrown shoes to Christ Church or Church Centre on Sunday 10 September. Paul Peterson

Uganda - Jonny Dobson, Joseph Porter & Chris Dobson are in Uganda for 3 weeks from Sunday 23 July to Saturday 12 August. They are with a team from Bradley Stoke. Their blog is:

<http://bradleystokeparish.org.uk/category/uganda17/>

Kathy Prosser's new email address, from 4 September 2017, when she starts her new Chaplain role) will be

chaplain@christchurchdownend.com

Co-ordinating Pastoral work at CCD

Kathy Prosser has stepped down from her role and we have not been able to replace her. In the interim there will be a core team of pastoral co-ordinators who will receive queries and concerns and pass on to the visiting team and clergy. The team is made up of Deb Turpin, Peter & Liz Misselbrook, Barbara Tooby and Frances Kirby. If you have pastoral concerns for you or someone else, you can email

carecoordinators@christchurchdownend.com

and one of the team will be in touch. Jo Vickery will oversee the group. We are very grateful to the team for moving into this role and we'll review the system in a few months.

Children's Work

Charlie Walker is stepping down from leading the Children's Ministry, but we're delighted she'll continue as a Connected Leader. We have been blessed by Charlie's ministry and we pray for her and she discerns God's calling for the future. We are hopeful of filling this Children's ministry vacancy from among our Church family, so if anyone is interested in working in our Children's Sunday groups either as a helper or as one of the leaders please speak to Jo Vickery, by Monday 31 July.

Team India - Diane Paddon, Gary Smart, Richard Hawkes, Jamie Paddon, Pheobe Grout, Ian Malschuk, Katie McNeil, Josh Paddon, Luke Paddon, Eloise Phillips, Lucy Plummer & Georgia Tooby are going to India to Haven Home. Their blog is: <http://team-india.weebly.com/the-blog> or check the Christ Church Facebook page.

Other young people for your prayers helping at Camps - Thomas Clark at Scripture Union: Live Wires 30 July - 6 Aug, Iona Clark & Susie Dobson at Scripture Union: Curtains Up 28 July - 5 Aug, & Matt Brydon, Oli Porter and Dave Moller are all leading on week C at Haslemere 17-25 August.