



# Christ Church Life

Christ Church Downend + The Church  
Centre, Quakers Road

September 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 leaders in the Welcome Space at about 10.45am.

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

[www.christchurchdownend.com](http://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](mailto:office@christchurchdownend.com)

Web: [www.christchurchdownend.com](http://www.christchurchdownend.com)

Instagram: [@christchurchdownend](https://www.instagram.com/christchurchdownend)

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Youth Website: <http://www.igniteyouth-christchurchdownend.co.uk/>

Items for October's Christ Church Life - Email **Sue Richardson** on [life@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:life@christchurchdownend.com) by 6pm on **Tuesday 26 September** or call **07584 281 605**

# Sundays in September

## September 3

Following Jesus Wherever He Leads

[Matthew 16:21-28](#)

9.15am Holy Communion @ Church Centre  
Jo Vickery

10.30am @ Christ Church  
Jo Vickery

6.30pm Holy Communion  
Jo Vickery & Colin Cooper

## September 10

Living Together Well [Matthew 18:15-20](#)

9.15am @ Church Centre  
Chris Dobson & Peter Misselbrook

10.30am @ Christ Church  
Paul Peterson & Jonny Dobson

2.00pm Baptisms

6.30pm Celtic Evening Worship  
Chris Dobson

## September 17

Am I in the place of God? [Matthew 18:21-35](#)

9.15am @ Church Centre  
Nigel Stowe

10.30am @ Christ Church  
Nigel Stowe

6.30pm Evening Worship  
Peter Misselbrook

## September 24

Are you right to be angry? [Matthew 20:1-16](#)

9.15am Holy Communion @ Church Centre  
Paul Peterson & Paul Larcombe (CAP)

10.30am Holy Communion @ Christ Church  
Nigel Stowe & Paul Larcombe (CAP)

6.30pm Uganda Celebration  
Paul Peterson, Chris Dobson & Bishop of Uganda

# Weekly Events

## Mondays

09.15am Morning Prayer

## Tuesdays

10am-1pm Open Church

11.00am Bible Study

## Wednesdays

07.00am Morning Prayer

2pm Stroke Gardening Group

6.30pm Elev8

7.30pm Elev8+ @ Paul Peterson's

8.00pm Elev8+ @ Youth Hub

## Thursdays

09.15-12pm Holy Communion & Open Church

6.30pm Ignite Youth Group

8pm Ignite+ Youth Group

## Fridays

09.45am Jigsaw Toddlers Group  
(starts again on 8 September)

3.15pm Youth Drop in @ Youth Hub

## September Altar Flowers

3 September Stan & Doreen Cruse

10 September Alison & John Moore

17 September Doreen Honey

24 September Hazel Roberts

## PCC Minutes

Latest approved minutes from the PCC are on the website <http://christchurchdownend.com/parochial-church-council/>

**Open Doors** event in Birmingham on 14 October. Details from Ann Travers or Mary Massey or on the website:

[http://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/upcoming\\_events.php](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/upcoming_events.php)

## Moldova Visit

Paul Peterson, Bryan Ashton, Pete Tiltman & Geoff Staley are visiting Moldova 12-19 Sept, to meet with Pastor Misa and see first hand the church that has been built from the tithes we have made through Building4Life. Over £60,000 has been given to complete the work and £6000 will go towards Pastor Misa's ministry.

## Open Church

May Ann Taylor has been at the forefront of our ministry of hospitality at Christ Church for very many years. Both she and Stephen have opened their home and garden on numerous occasions and blessed so many with their warm generosity. On Thursdays, Open Church after communion has been filled with cakes and coffee, laughter and love, with May Ann's encouragement and leading. At the end of August we said a huge thank you to May Ann and Stephen as she handed over this coordinating role to Ann Castle. We are grateful to all who continue this ministry week by week and make such a big difference through many small but significant acts of kindness.

**Downend Soup**, our community micro funding outreach is back for a second helping on Tuesday 3 October. We will have the same format, 3 groups will pitch for funding, we all enjoy some lovely soup, a local artist brings some entertainment and all the door takings (suggested donation is £5 per waged person) go to one of the 3 groups. Find out more and book your ticket via [www.downendsoup.com](http://www.downendsoup.com) or ask for a ticket at the Parish Office

## Prayer

If you would like to receive deeper prayer ministry, please contact Pauline Pearce for an appointment on 0117 9563917.



## From Broken Dreams to New Beginings

Saturday 16 September at Harnhill Christian Centre. This day course will explore the hidden work God does in us, through dashed dreams, and how we can turn them into rich service to others. <http://www.harnhillcentre.org.uk/index.php?url=/41/Programme-of-Events> or speak to Ruth McNeill for more info.

## Music this autumn:

Susie Dobson is launching her first EP in September. She is performing at Bristol Folk Club on Sunday 17 Sept. Ticket in advance £9 <http://www.fancourtmusic.co.uk/presentssusiedobson>

Matt Redman is at the Forum in Bath on Friday 17 November at 7.30pm Tickets £17.50 follow this link for more info: <https://bigchurchlive.com/events/matt-redman/bath-november-17-2017>

Jonathan David Hesler & Cageless Birds from Bethel are at Woodies Tue 28 Nov at 6.45pm tickets £12.50 <https://bigchurchlive.com/events/jonathan-david-hesler-the-cageless-birds/bristol-november-28-2017>

# Christ Church Life Dates for the diary

**Monday 4 September** 1.30pm Craft group

**Wednesday 6 September** 2.15pm Diane & Team India @ the Mothers' Union

**Thursday 7 September** PCC meeting @ 7pm

**Saturday 9 September** 3pm Elissa & Keith's blessing at Frenchay Church

**Tuesday 12 September** Team Moldova set off

**Tuesday 12 September** 7.45pm Fellowship "Almost like being in Love"  
Terry Merrett-Smith

**Thursday 14 September** The Bible Course

**Sunday 17 September** Soup and a roll lunch for Youth & Parents

**Monday 18 September** Craft group 1.30pm

**Tuesday 19 September** Prayer for Persecuted Christians 9.30am 39 Cleeve Hill

**Tuesday 19 September** Bereavement Group 2pm

**Wednesday 20 Sept** Messy Church 4.30pm

**Monday 25 September** Alpha Supper 7.45pm

**Wednesday 27 September** Spring Harvest Live at St Michael's Stoke Gifford

**Tuesday 3 October** Downend Soup 7.15pm

**Tuesday 10 October** Parish Harvest Supper 7.45pm

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## My greatest adventure



Watch Bear's story  
[Alpha.org](http://Alpha.org)

Alpha

**TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER, 7.15PM**  
PARISH HALL, NORTH STREET BS16 5SG



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community crowdfunding

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THREE GREAT IDEAS  
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## 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**

**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

The usual monthly prayer meeting is on Tuesday 19 September @ 9.30am at 39 Cleeve Hill.

**Global Leadership Summit** from Willow Creek will be on **Friday 3 & Saturday 4 November**: Held at Woodlands Church, Bristol. World class teaching on leadership in any context. Tickets cost £45 for 2 days: Please contact Maggie Nichols to book as part of our church group. Call 07790 250853 or email [margaret.nichols2@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret.nichols2@btinternet.com).

## Harvest Supper

The Parish Harvest Supper will be held on **Tuesday 10 October** at the Church Hall - 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. Tickets £8. Buy from Maggie Nichols 0117 3050711, Marguerite Luck 0117 9572377 or at the Parish Office.

## Prayer opportunities:

Remember the peace and closeness to God & the decision to make prayer more central in your life? Ask for access to the prayer chapel at church at any time or come to regular prayer times at church: 9.15am Monday, 7am Wednesday, or find stillness on Tuesday mornings 10 - 1, or Thursdays after the communion service until around 12. Speak to Anita for more information.

## The Bible Course

If you are some way along the journey of faith but feel you don't really understand how to use and understand the Bible, sign up for a new course on Thursday evenings starting 14th September with Peter Misselbrook. Time and venue tbc Contact Peter if you would like to join the group: [mispar@btinternet.com](mailto:mispar@btinternet.com). Find out more about the course here: <http://www.thebiblecourse.org/>

## Chaplain Role - Kathy Prosser

As you know Kathy Prosser's role has changed. Her email from 4 September will be [chaplain@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:chaplain@christchurchdownend.com)

**Elissa Murphy**, our Parish Administrator, is shortly getting married abroad but is also having her wedding blessed at Frenchay Parish Church on Saturday 9 September at 3pm. Everyone who knows her from past or present is very welcome to attend and share in this special occasion.

**Own a Pew!** If anyone would like to buy one of our pews, please get in touch with Maggie Nichols at [building4life@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:building4life@christchurchdownend.com)

## A Window of Opportunity

The Building4Life team met this week you can read an important update here: <http://christchurchdownend.com/september-update-building4life-project/> (Paper copies in the Welcome Space). Please pray too for our PCC who will be making plans and decisions on Thursday 7 September.

**Baptisms** by full immersion will be taking place at our 10.30am service on **Sunday 5 November**. If you haven't been baptised and would like to know more, please speak to Jo or Paul. This will be followed by a Deanery4Life Confirmation service at 6.30pm at St. Michael's, Stoke Gifford with Bishop Lee. For anyone 9 years old & upwards.

**September Messy Church** is on Wednesday 20 September, 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. We are so pleased to have a new catering manager (Shaun) and would like to find a couple of extra kitchen helpers or people who would cook a dish for 8 and drop it off around 4.30 - 5.30 pm on the day. It's a vital part of this exciting ministry to 20 or so families, most of whom are new to church and exploring faith for the first time. If you feel called to be involved, please get in touch Anita 07753 233950 as soon as possible.

**September Faith on the Frontline prayers** This month we are praying especially for those working in education. Is this you, or someone you know? Please let us know if you are in this group. Tell us what you would like us to pray for you and for your workplace. What are the pressures, the opportunities? Get in touch with Anita [anitadobson@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:anitadobson@christchurchdownend.com) and add your red dot to the map in the Welcome Space so we can pray for you.

**Haslemere@Danehill** - if you have a child who will be in school years 6, 7 or 8 in the autumn, why not encourage them to attend Haslemere@Danehill, a 3 night residential holiday in East Sussex - great teaching, fantastic food, heated swimming pool, adventure activities and much more. (23-26 October half term) Speak to Paul Peterson for more details.

**Can You Help In Children's Ministry?** We're looking for people who can help out once a month or even once a term - contact Helen Buick if you are interested.

**Changes to the Children's Ministry** **Charlie Walker** is stepping down from leading the Children's Ministry on 1 September, after a little over a year of blessing and leading our Children's teams. We are very grateful to Charlie for all she has done and we pray God's leading on her future.

**Emma King** is taking up a paid post as a Children and Families worker in Keynsham. She has played an important part in building relationships with our Church Schools, and served with our Baptism ministry and Messy Church. We pray for God's blessing as she and the family begin a new chapter in their lives:

"We just wanted to say a huge Thank you to all of our Christ Church family for all the love, encouragement and prayers over the time we have been at Christ Church. It has been a huge honour and blessing getting to know everyone and you will all continue to be in our prayers over the coming months and years as we venture into this new exciting part of our journey with Jesus. Becoming Children and Families Worker in Keynsham Parish is going to be a huge challenge but also an exciting one but I know Myself, Dan, Milly and Alice will be surrounded in prayer. God Bless All of you and keep having fun with Jesus by your side!!! Emma King xxx

**Helen Buick** has heard the call to leave the Creative Media role and move into Children's Ministry and will be working out the details of the transition with Charlie and our team of Children's leaders. There are still many details to be decided, we will let you know more in the next few weeks. There will be some gaps to fill in the communications team, so if this is the time for you to step into a new area of ministry, do speak to either Jo Vickery or to Helen Buick to find out more about the openings in Creative Media. You can reach Helen on 07817 077141 or 0117 305 0948 or [helenmbuick@gmail.com](mailto:helenmbuick@gmail.com)

**CAP Befrienders Needed** Please contact Jane on 0753 090 0957 or email [janewhite@capuk.org](mailto:janewhite@capuk.org) if you can help CAP in our local area. CAP Befrienders accompany Jane, our CAP Debt Manager on home visits, and they can also be in contact for social events and to encourage each new CAP client as they undertake each step on their journey to becoming debt free.