



Christ Church Life

Christ Church Downend + The Church
Centre, Quakers Road

November 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 most weeks. You can find out where your child goes from one of the leaders at the Welcome Desk at about 10.45am. 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 or one of the welcome team.

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

Web: www.christchurchdownend.com

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Items for December's Christ Church Life - Email **Sue Richardson** on life@christchurchdownend.com by 6pm on Tuesday 28 November or call 07584 281 605

Sundays in November

November 5

9.15am Morning Worship @ Church Centre
Chris Dobson

10.30am All Age Worship & Baptisms
@ Christ Church Jo Vickery

6.30pm Confirmation Service
@ Stoke Gifford

November 12

Remembrance Sunday

Worship inspires everyday speech

9.15am Holy Communion @ Church Centre
Jo Vickery & Peter Misselbrook

10.30am Holy Communion
@ Christ Church Junior School
Paul Peterson & Peter Misselbrook

6.30pm Remembering with Thanksgiving
@ Parish Hall Jo Vickery & Paul Peterson

November 19

Worship Focuses our Wavering Hearts

Mission Sunday - Sale of Neema Crafts

9.15am Morning Worship @ Church Centre
Chris Dobson

10.30am Morning Worship
@ Christ Church Junior School
Jo Vickery & Chris Dobson

6.30pm Holy Communion @ Parish Hall
Paul Peterson & Nigel Stowe

November 26

9.15am Holy Communion @ Church Centre
Paul Peterson

10.30am Morning Worship
@ Christ Church Juniors
Jo Vickery & Paul Peterson

6.30pm Spirit Space @ Parish Hall

Mothers' Union - 1 November @ 2.15pm
Speaker is Richard Spalding on the
Winterbourne Medieval Tithe Barn.

Weekly Events

Mondays

09.15am Morning Prayer @ Youth
Hub

Tuesdays

10am-1pm Open Church @ Youth Hub

11.00am Bible Study

3.00pm Tuesday Drop in @ Youth
Hub for Yrs 6 & 7 from CCJ

Wednesdays

07.00am Morning Prayer @ Youth
Hub

2pm Stroke Gardening Group
@ Youth Hub

6.30pm Elev8 @ Youth Hub

7.30pm Elev8+ @ Paul Peterson's

8.00pm Elev8+ @ Youth Hub

Thursdays

09.15-12pm Holy Communion & Open
Church @ Parish Hall

6.30pm Ignite Youth Group

8pm Ignite+ Youth Group

Fridays

09.45am Jigsaw Toddlers Group @
Parish Hall

3.15pm Youth Drop in @ Youth
Hub

Altar Flowers

5 November May Ann & Stephen Taylor

12 November Helen Stretton

19 November Still Available

26 November Still Available

Although we won't be in Church from end
October, we'll still be having flowers, albeit a
smaller version at all services. Thanks

Maggie

Open Doors monthly prayer meeting is
on Tuesday 21 November @ 9.30am at 39
Cleeve Hill. The International Day of Prayer
for the Persecuted Church is Sunday 19
November. You can find resources here:

<https://goo.gl/Uzjhsp>

Global Leadership Summit from Willow Creek will be on **Friday 3 & Saturday 4 November** at Woodlands Church, Bristol. World class teaching on leadership in any context; leadership in the whole of life, not just church. Here's a taste of last year: <https://goo.gl/Ba1EyH> We have a few tickets available that CCD has already paid for. Come on the Friday or Saturday or both days. Tickets normally cost £45 for 2 days. Please contact Maggie Nichols to book as part of our church group. Tel: 07790 250 853
Email: margaret.nichols2@btinternet.com

Shoebox Appeal Shoeboxes will be collected from the Parish Hall on Sunday 5 November. Call Angela Avent on 0117 957 3558 or 07921 504854 if you can't make that Sunday.

Join in Planning For C in The Park As one of the biggest churches, we'd love to get more people involved in planning C in the Park. Come along to the meeting on 19 November at 8pm at Resound. Talk to **Sally Bartram** or **Paul Peterson** for more info.

Macmillan Coffee Morning/Evening

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning/Evening on 6 October. We raised **£143.07** for Macmillan Cancer Support. This includes money from the sale of Phoenix cards and donations into the "Macmillan Box". Many thanks, **Alex**.

Trunk or Treat This crazy way to celebrate the light of Jesus on Hallowe'en night, 31st Oct comes from the States, hence the name. Come to the church car park between 5.30 and 6.30 pm to see what treasures lie inside our car boots! Bring torches, a bag to put your goodies in, a happy pumpkin lantern if you like, fancy dress (nothing scary or gloomy) and of course, some friends! No unaccompanied children. The car park will still be active: we will do our best to keep everyone safe but please be responsible for your own children. For more information speak to **Helen Buick** 07817 077141 **Anita Dobson** 07753 233950.

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 Deanery Confirmation service at 6.30pm at St. Michael's, Stoke Gifford with Bishop Lee. For anyone 9 years old & upwards.

Men's Breakfast We're delighted that **Marvin Rees**, Bristol's Mayor will be our guest at the next breakfast at the Kendleshire golf club on Saturday 4 November 8-9.30am. Cost £10 - book by signing up on lists at Christ Church or Church Centre or by emailing men@christchurchdownend.com before 1 November

November Messy Church is on Wednesday 15 November. 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.

November Faith on the Frontline Prayers

This month we are praying especially for those working in **Social Services and the Council**. Is this you, or someone you know? Tell us what you would like us to pray for you or for those working in that industry. What are the pressures, the opportunities? Get in touch with Anita
anitadobson@christchurchdownend.com

Church library

We have moved the church library to a temporary home during the building works. If you would like to borrow or return a book, speak to Alex Clark. You can see the books here on the website: <http://www.christchurchdownend.com/library/>

Rice & Beans Christmas Meal Uganda style, **Saturday 2 Decemeber** 7pm at The Church Centre. £5 per ticket from Richard & Jan Bacon & the Parish Office. Stalls from MU & Mercy Ships, and a talk from Richard & Jan about their work in Africa.

Building4Life: a Call to Pray Trust in the Lord with all your heart - **Proverbs 3. 5**

We can trust the Lord because He is faithful, He is trust-worthy! So as we pray at this crucial stage of our building project, let us do so with thankfulness for God's provision to this point, and trust for all that is to come. Let us as a church be united in our prayer, fervent in our prayer, faith-full in our prayer. Let us take St Paul's words to heart - Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests **Eph. 6. 18.** I believe deeply that the Lord is calling us to pray with simple trust. He knows all our needs; let us all commit ourselves afresh to prayer as the Spirit leads us into His future. **Jo Vickery**

Prayer Link

You hear of someone in crisis and you want the church to get praying. How? Call or email **Mary Freestone** 0117 956 6630 ianandmaryfreestone@gmail.com and she will pass on the prayer request to a group of praying people, who will pray as soon as they receive the message. Remember to check with the person concerned that they are happy for the prayer request to go public. **Do you believe in the power of prayer and want to be one of these prayer warriors?** Give your details to Mary and she will add to her list. If possible, your email address is best, but for those not on email you can give your phone number. We would love more people to join in because prayer works! (This used to be called the prayer chain, and we are so grateful to Pat Hocking for running this ministry for several years.)

Churchyard and Memorial Garden Access

During our time away from the church building, the churchyard will be closed from 30th October. This is due to safety rules set by the contractors. For those wishing to visit the Memorial Garden, access can be arranged with **Maggie Nichols** on 07790 250853

November Dates For Your Diary

- 1 November - Mothers Union 2.15pm a talk about Winterbourne Medieval Tithe Barn
- 2 November - First Thursday Open Church at Parish Hall
- 3 & 4 November - Global Leadership Summit at Woodlands Church
- 4 November - Men's Breakfast - Marvin Rees
- 5 November - Move out last things from Christ Church & last 10.30am service
- 5 November - No evening service - Confirmation service at St Michael's Stoke Gifford.
- 6 November - Craft group at Parish Hall @ 1.30pm
- 11 November - Setting up at Christ Church Juniors @ 2pm
- 12 November - Remembrance Sunday - First Sunday at CCJ for 10.30am service
- 12 November - Remembering with Thanksgiving, First 6.30pm service at Parish Hall
- 14 November - Fellowship Beekeeping - Past & Present with Richard Dalrymple Smith @ 7.45pm
- 15 November - Messy Church @ 4.30pm
- 16 November - Mercy Ships Christmas card sale from craft group @ Parish Hall @ 10.30am
- 17 November - Matt Redman at Bath Forum 7.30pm (Tickets £17.50 / £16.50)
- 18 November - Alpha Away Day
- 20 November - Craft group @ Parish Hall @ 1.30pm
- 21 November - Prayer for Persecuted Christians 9.30am 39 Cleeve Hill
- 21 November - Bereavement group @ Parish Hall from 1 to 3pm
- 28 November - Jonathan Hesler (Bethel) at Woodies at 6.45pm Tickets £12.50