



Christ Church Life

Christ Church Downend + The Church Centre, Quakers Road

January 2018



Welcome to Christ Church - Happy New Year!

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 Instagram: [@christchurchdownend](https://www.instagram.com/christchurchdownend)
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Youth Website: <http://www.igniteyouth-christchurchdownend.co.uk/>

Items for February's Christ Church Life - Email **Sue Richardson** on life@christchurchdownend.com by **11am on Thursday 18th January** or call **07584 281 605**

Sundays in January

January 7 [Mark 1.4-11](#)

9.15am Morning Worship

@ Church Centre Rev Chris Dobson

10.30am Morning Worship

@ Christ Church Juniors Rev Jo Vickery & Rev Chris Dobson

6.30pm Holy Communion

@ Parish Hall Rev Jo Vickery & Peter Misselbrook

January 14 [John 1.43-51](#)

9.15am Holy Communion

@ Church Centre Rev Jo Vickery & Peter Misselbrook

10.30am Holy Communion

@ Christ Church Junior School Rev Jo Vickery & Peter Misselbrook

6.30pm Celtic Worship

@ Parish Hall Anita Dobson & Rev Jo Vickery

January 21 [John 2.1-11](#)

9.15am Morning Worship

@ Church Centre Rev Paul Peterson

10.30am Morning Worship

@ Christ Church Junior School
Rev Paul Peterson & Rev Jo Vickery

6.30pm Holy Communion

@ Parish Hall Rev Jo Vickery

January 28 [Mark 1.21-28](#)

9.15am Holy Communion

@ Church Centre Rev Jo Vickery & Nigel Stowe

10.30am Morning Worship

@ Christ Church Junior School
Rev Paul Peterson & Nigel Stowe

6.30pm Spirit Space

@ Parish Hall Rev Jo Vickery & team

Open Doors monthly prayer meeting is on **Tuesday 16 January** @ 9.30am at 39 Cleeve Hill.

Church library If you would like to borrow or return a book, speak to **Alex Clark**. You can see the books here on the website:

www.christchurchdownend.com/library

Weekly Events

Mondays

09.15am Morning Prayer @ Youth Hub

Tuesdays

10am-1pm Open Church @ Youth Hub

11.00am Bible Study

3.15pm Tuesday Drop in @ Youth Hub for Yrs 6 & 7

Wednesdays

07.00am Morning Prayer @ Youth Hub

2pm Stroke Gardening Group @ Youth Hub

6.30pm Elev8 @ Youth Hub

8pm -9.15pm Elev8+ @ Youth Hub

Thursdays

09.15-11.30am 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

7 January Jenny Wookey

14 January Brenda & Geoff Greet

21 January Molly Lovell

28 January Vacant

Prayer Link

If you know of an urgent or serious situation for prayer, contact **Mary Freestone**, who will pass on the request to a group of praying people, who pray as soon as they receive the message. Remember to check with the person concerned. **If you would like to be on the list of those receiving requests for prayer**, give your details to Mary and she will add to her list. 9566630

ianandmaryfreestone@gmail.com

New Bible Course

The Big Picture starts this month. The initial meeting is on **Monday 8 January** at 7.45 pm at 2 Coronation Rd Downend to find out more. There will be a decision on which night is best for everyone. If you want more info, get in touch with **Peter Misselbrook** at peter@misselbrook.org.uk

Bible Reading Challenge for 2018 Peter Misselbrook has prepared a New Testament in a Year resource, with daily readings and explanation of the text for personal or group study, so you can read the NT cover to cover. You can access the readings on www.christchurchdownend.com/passage-for-the-day/ and/or we are hoping verses can be sent to your email inbox automatically.

Co-op & Building4Life Building4Life has been chosen by Co-op for 2017/18 as one of their Community Good Causes. Register your support for Building4Life on the Co-op website. We will then receive a proportion of the carrier bag sales and community donations from the Co-op. Search for Building 4 Life @ Christ Church Downend at membership.coop.co.uk/causes

First Aid Training for Children and Youth Leaders Gary Smart is running a free 1-day Emergency First Aid at Work course with additional content for youth and children's workers. It's on **Saturday February 3 at Resound Church (10-5)**. The Certificate is valid for 3 years. Please contact **Diane Paddon or Helen Buick** to book.

A Big Thank You to Fishpond's Trees (by Huntsman pub) for donating the beautiful Christmas tree we're sharing with the Junior School. It's been decorated beautifully.

Mothers' Union meeting is on Wednesday 3rd January at 2.15 in the Parish Hall. Jan & Richard Bacon are talking about Kumi.

Flashmob Carol Singing

If you've not already seen it, take a look at the video of CCD Flashmob carolling at Co-op in Downend https://youtu.be/LV_A-S_NHeo

Fellowship Group is meeting on **Tuesday 9 January** for a talk by Ian Caksie on "The SS Great Britain, from launch to re-launch" 7.45pm, Christ Church Parish Hall. New members always welcome.

CARE with Naked Truth are organising a **Pword Conference** in Cardiff on Saturday 27th January. It claims to offer a 'practical Christian response to pornography for leaders. Details are at www.pwordconference.com

Storytelling Training Day for Children's leaders on Saturday 27 January 11am-3.30pm @ Pendennis Good News Church. To book contact Helen Buick helenmbuick@gmail.com or book on their website <http://pendennisgoodnews.com/>

Children's Ministry Dates for 2018

Lent Family Pancake Brunch - Saturday 17 February from 9am to 11am
Family Lunch @ the Vicarage Sunday 22 April
Family Lunch @ the Vicarage Sunday 20 May
Family Forest Day in Wales Saturday 9 June
C in the Park Sunday 24 June

Christmas Newsletter from Ben and Katy Ray

A big thank you to all who bought items from our recent sale of Neema Crafts. More than £650 was raised. You can read their latest Christmas newsletter here <https://goo.gl/AUqkYN>. The BBC showed the Neema Cafe which is run by profoundly deaf workers; that can be seen here: <https://goo.gl/diZvaA> Ben and Katy are flying back to the UK and they hope to be in church on **Sunday March 11**.

CAP Urgent Request

Because we've given a record number of CAP Christmas hampers this year, the store cupboard food supplies are extremely low. Please donate food if you can at either 9:15am Quakers Road service, 10:30am service in the School Hall or see me at 9:30am Communion on a Thursday. Thank you for your continued support. **Jane**

Christ Church Reading Group will be meeting on **Thursday 11 January @ 7.45pm @ 36 Leap Valley Crescent** discussing *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan, **8 February** (*Too Busy not to pray* by Bill Hybels) & **8 March** (discussing *Battlefield of the Mind* by Joyce Meyer).

Help Raise Money For Building4Life

Have you got things that need to be cleared out of your wardrobe? Clothes for a Cause will give money in exchange for clothes, footwear, handbags and belts. All items must be clean and dry and placed in bin bags. Footwear is particularly welcome as the revenue is calculated by weight. Deliver your donations to 5 Peache Road, Downend on Wednesday 17 January for collection the next day. Thanks **Rosie Brydon**

Please don't forget to use the **Easy Fundraising** when you shop online <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> We'll get a donation towards our Building4Life fund.

Building4Life Update In case you missed the update meeting, there has been an amazing response from members of CCD with income from giving & pledged giving, an interest free loan, a legacy & the sales of assets. We've had £1.1m in income. But there has been a disappointing response from grant applications. We've received £20,000 for the flat roof, £50,000 from the Bristol Archdeaconry Trust, and were waiting to hear from two more grants. The original tender figure was just over £1.3m so we have a shortfall of £225k plus VAT. The Building4Life team has considered phasing the work and have drawn up a range of reductions to the initial scheme, excluding items that can be added back into the build later such as external paths, balcony works, repairs to leaded windows & the Grace Room. There have also been some reductions in scope, such as different floor coverings. The PCC have approved these and now we have all the necessary approvals, a final contract is being drawn up to be signed early in the New Year. More information can be found on the website - <http://christchurchdownend.com/building-4-life-december-update/> If you can be part of a small fundraising team in the New Year, contact Maggie at building4life@christchurchdownend.com

Churchyard and Memorial Garden Access

During our time away from the church building the churchyard is now closed. For those wishing to visit the Memorial Garden, access can be arranged with **Maggie Nichols** on 07790 250853

Youth News

Tuesday Drop-In restarts **9 January**

Wednesday Elev8 in Youth Hub restarts **10 January**

Thursday Ignite restarts **11 January**

Friday Drop-In restarts **5 January**

Sunday Faith restarts 7 January and Elev8 are having an "Away Day" with the Freedom In Christ Course on Saturday 27 January

January Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 3 Mothers' Union with Richard & Jan Bacon talking about working in Uganda

Monday 8 The Big Picture: Bible Course taster evening 7.45pm

Tuesday 9 Christ Church Fellowship: The SS Great Britain, from launch to re launch @ 7.45pm

Thursday 11 Christ Church Reading Group 7.45pm

Monday 15 Craft group 1.30pm

Tuesday 16 Bereavement group 1-3pm

Tuesday 16 Prayer for Persecuted Christians 9.30am 39 Cleeve Hill

Wednesday 20 Messy Church 4.30pm

Saturday 27 Elev8 Away Day

Sunday 28 Spirit Space @ Parish Hall 6.30pm

Tuesday 30 PCC meeting 7.15pm

Latest approved PCC minutes: <https://goo.gl/d19X4X>